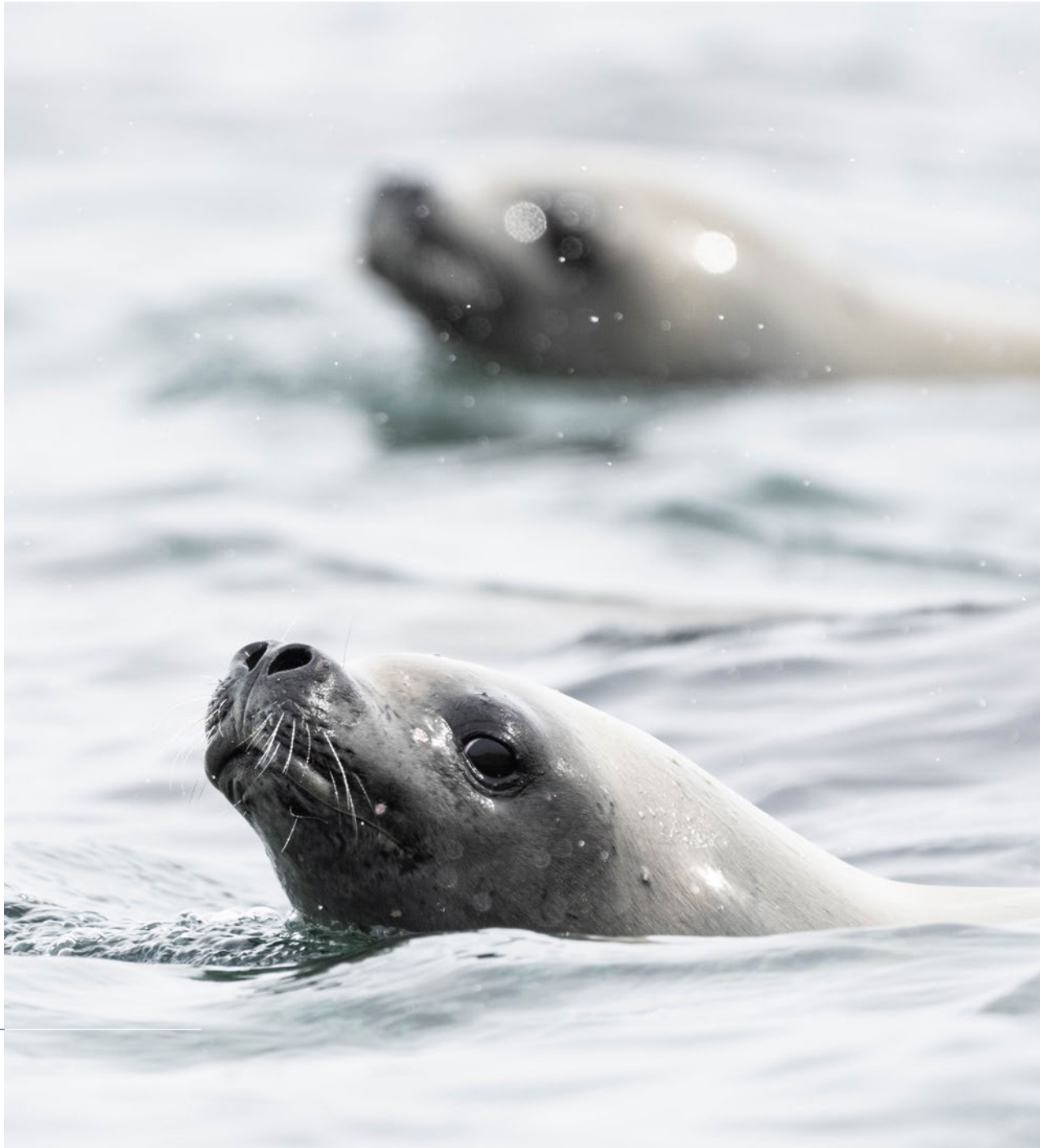


# Antarctica Active

Aboard *Greg Mortimer* | 21 November – 4 December 2025

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## Antarctica Active

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# Ushuaia | Embarkation day

DAY 1 | Thursday 21 November 2025

**Latitude:**  
54°53.7' S

**Longitude:**  
67°38.6' W

**Course:**  
Alongside  
**Speed:**  
15 knots

**Wind Speed:**  
18 knots NW

**Barometer:**  
1025 hPa

**Air Temp:**  
9°C

Here we are in the picturesque town of Ushuaia, 'the end of the world'. Our day began with breakfast at the hotel, overlooking the Beagle Channel and the pier, where the beautiful *Greg Mortimer* was already alongside, preparing to welcome us on board.

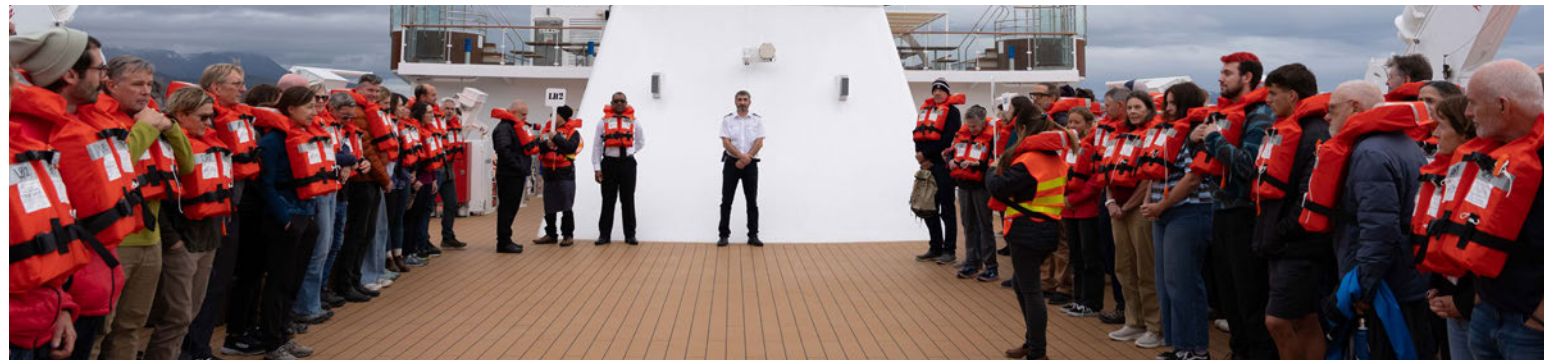
Early morning, we set out from Ushuaia and crossed the southernmost foothills of the Andes toward Lake Fagnano, surrounded by forests and dramatic mountain views. After enjoying the scenery and taking photos, we continued to Las Cotorras, a rustic lodge where we savoured a traditional Argentinian barbecue lunch. The wild beauty of Tierra del Fuego made for a perfect start to our adventure.

Later, we headed to the pier and finally stood before the *Greg Mortimer*. Catherine, our Expedition Leader, Photographer Fiona, Expedition Manager Lelia, together with other

members of the Expedition Team, greeted us warmly, checked us in, and took a photo for the expedition board.

An embarkation buffet awaited us in the Elephant Island Bar, and the Hotel Team guided us to our cabins, our home away from home. Soon after, Catherine welcomed everyone in the lecture theatre, sharing a short video featuring Greg Mortimer himself. He spoke about the innovative X-Bow design and Aurora's spirit of adventure. Catherine then outlined what to expect in the coming days, before introducing our multiskilled Expedition Team.

Altogether, we are 107 Expeditioners from around the world, joined by 81 crew members and 23 Expedition Team members ready to share their knowledge. After many hours of travel, it is time to relax, breathe in the sea air, and look forward to the adventures ahead.









# Drake Passage

DAY 2 | Saturday 22 November 2025

**Latitude:**

56°46.7' S

**Longitude:**

65°31.0' W

**Course:**

163°

**Speed:**

13.1 knots

**Wind Speed:**

11 knots W

**Barometer:**

1023 hPa

**Air Temp:**

4°C

Crossing the infamous Drake Passage, named after Sir Francis Drake, we faced a modest 2–3 metre swell, Beaufort 4 winds, and with stabilisers deployed the *Greg Mortimer* carried us smoothly southward. Our morning began with Expedition Leader Catherine's briefing on IAATO, the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators. Founded in 1991, IAATO promotes safe and environmentally responsible travel. We learned strategies to minimise our impact: keeping respectful distances from wildlife, giving Adélie penguins the right of way, and maintaining biosecurity. Inspecting clothing and gear for seeds or soil, then cleaning with Virkon, helps prevent introducing foreign species.

Zodiac manager Nacho gave a safety briefing, demonstrating boarding techniques, proper life jacket use, and how

overtrousers over Muck Boots keep us dry. After the lessons, we cleaned gear and were shown our lockers, jackets, and boots in the mudroom.

In the afternoon, kayak guides Elo and Gabriel built excitement for paddling adventures. Gregory shared his passion for seabirds, introducing us to wandering albatrosses, giant petrels, prions, and penguins. Out on deck, binoculars in hand, we spotted royal and black-browed albatrosses, giant petrels, fulmars, Wilson's storm-petrels, Cape petrels, and blue petrels.

At recap, Catherine outlined the coming day's weather, while Fiona announced a photo competition. Spirits were high as we edged closer to the icy continent.









# Drake Passage

DAY 3 | Sunday 23 November 2025

**Latitude:**  
65°18.3' S

**Longitude:**  
59°56.3' W

**Course:**  
153°

**Speed:**  
11.4 knots

**Wind Speed:**  
21 knots NW

**Barometer:**  
994 hPa

**Air Temp:**  
-7°C

Sunday morning brought the ship's gentle roll as we neared the Antarctic Peninsula, fog cloaking the horizon. Seabirds followed along the Antarctic Convergence, while we longed for more than open sea.

After breakfast we gathered for briefings, where Darren, Freya, and Alan introduced snorkelling with enthusiasm. Eyes widened at the sub-zero water, but Darren's promise of a 'penguin's eye view of Antarctica' reassured the group.

Momentum continued with Dan and Dave's snowshoe briefing. Many had tried snowshoeing before, but Dan's vivid storytelling made even the familiar feel exciting. By the end, we felt ready to march confidently onto the snowy continent.

Lunch provided a welcome breather. In the afternoon, Mac and Monica, the camping duo, introduced us to the realities of sleeping on Antarctic ice. The revelation we would camp without tents sent disbelief around the room, but Mac's explanations of gear, technique, and the 'emergency only' portable toilet policy held attention.

The evening recap tied the day together: Catherine outlined our course, Antoine unveiled geology beneath the Drake, Mac explored the Antarctic Convergence, Ed shared stories of privateer Drake, and Greg reported on our seabird companions. It was a full, fascinating day of fog, birds, laughter, and Antarctic insight.







# Chutney Cove / Curtis Bay | Mikkelsen Harbour

DAY 4 | Monday 24 November 2025

**Latitude:**  
64°2.89' S

**Longitude:**  
60°45.6' W

**Course:**  
Drifting

**Speed:**  
0.3 knots

**Wind Speed:**  
1 knot SW

**Barometer:**  
1002 hPa

**Air Temp:**  
1°C

We woke to rare sunshine at sea. After days of thick fog, blue skies over Curtis Bay felt like a reward, and everyone emerged from cabins dazzled, blinking like penguins in a spotlight. With the weather gods in a generous mood, all activities went ahead: snowshoeing, paddling, snorkelling. The snowshoers set off first, clomping their way up gentle slopes. The kayakers were thrilled to find calm water dotted with brash ice and bergy bits. Snorkellers, bold in neoprene armour, lowered themselves into water cold enough to make ancestors shiver. Their reward was an underwater world sparkling with ice, bubbles, and bragging rights.

Wildlife sightings delighted us. Penguins made appearances throughout the morning, some swimming, some waddling,

all seemingly judging our balance. A few Weddell seals lounged nearby, perfectly embodying the Antarctic philosophy of 'do nothing but look great doing it'.

After lunch we arrived at Mikkelsen Harbour, where bright sunshine and crisp scenery felt like an upgrade. The Expedition Team whisked guests to chosen adventures with smooth efficiency. A landing at a historic site with an old hut, whale bones, and boat remains reminded us of the hardiness of earlier researchers.

The afternoon was a parade of paddlers, hikers, snorkellers, and wildlife. The mood on board afterward was euphoric, as if we had stolen an entire perfect day.







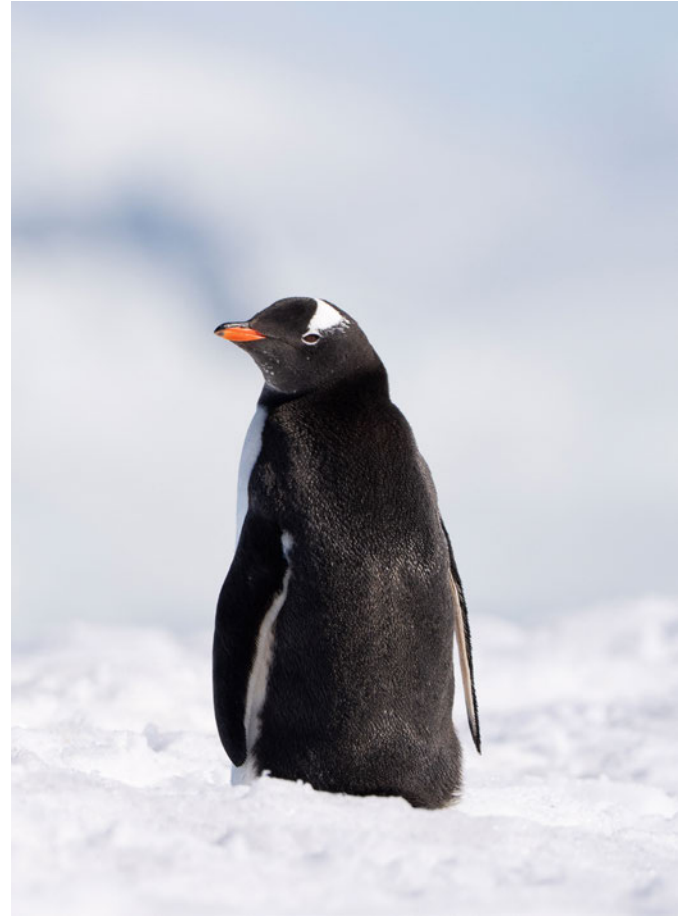
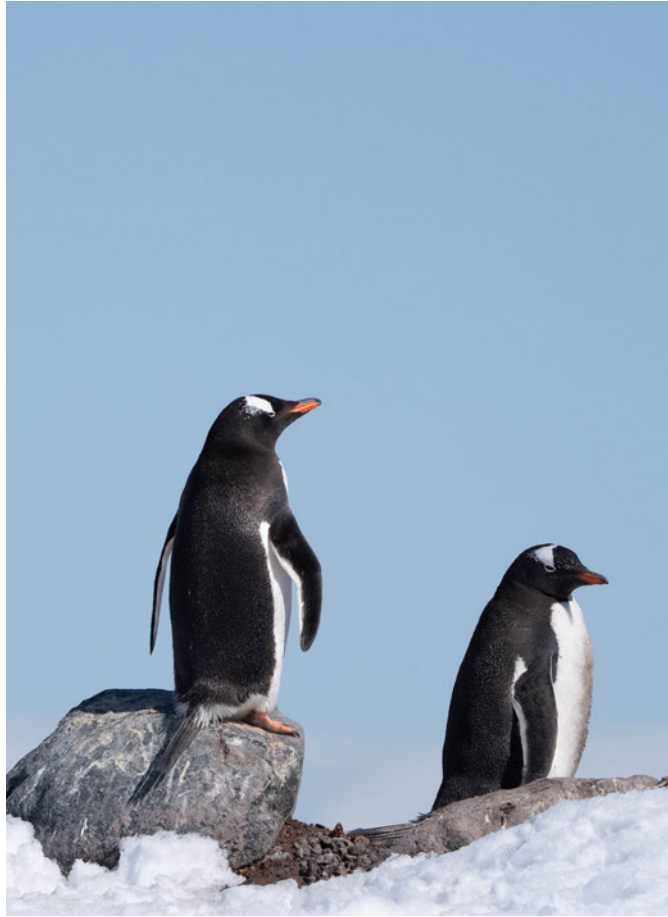
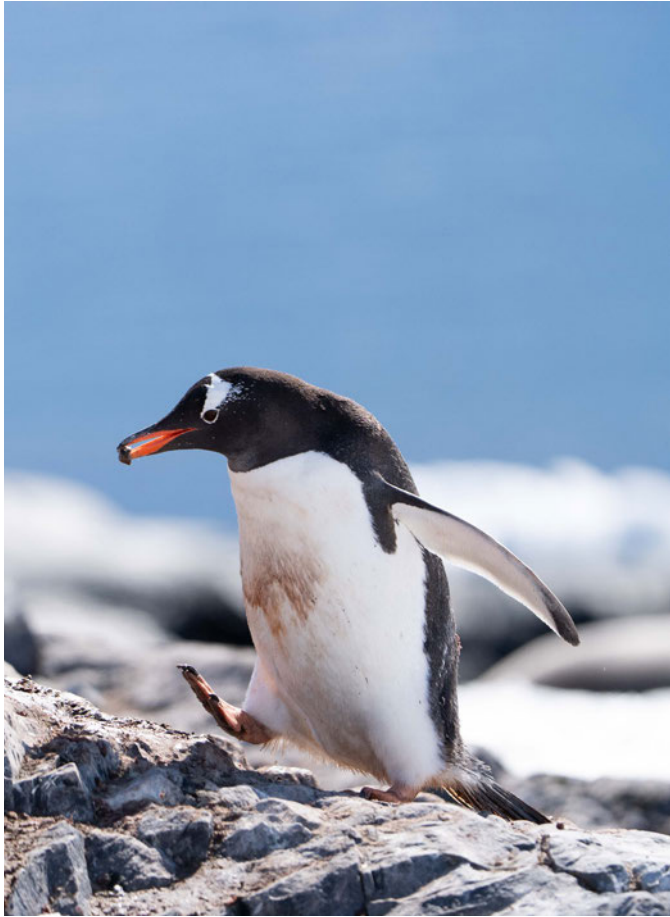
















# Davis Island | Recess Cove

DAY 5 | Tuesday 25 November 2025

**Latitude:**  
64°5.73' S

**Longitude:**  
61°59.38' W

**Course:**  
drifting

**Speed:**

**Wind Speed:**  
1 knot NE

**Barometer:**  
1009 hPa

**Air Temp:**  
-3°C

We started the day with a cool, cloudy morning, a noticeable shift from yesterday's bright skies. After breakfast, we prepared for operations and soon found ourselves cruising by Davis Island for a Zodiac outing. Even with muted light, the scenery was impressive, with high ice cliffs and calm grey water creating a classic Antarctic backdrop. Several Zodiacs had memorable moments when curious humpback whales approached, giving guests a close and unforgettable look. Snorkellers and paddlers also made the most of the conditions, enjoying time in the water surrounded by ice and the quiet atmosphere of the area.

Once back on board, lunch was a warm welcome. The dining room filled with stories of whale encounters, icy explorations, and shared excitement. It was clear the morning had made a strong impression on the group.

In the afternoon we repositioned to Recess Cove, where light winds and occasional flurries of snow created a calm and scenic setting. Conditions were ideal for our next highlight: a continental landing. For many guests, stepping onto the Antarctic continent was a major milestone, and a few proudly announced they had completed their seventh continent.

Snowshoers explored the terrain and enjoyed the views. Paddlers returned to the water for another relaxed session, while snorkellers spent time among ice formations and spotted seals resting along the rocky shore.

As we wrapped up the day and settled back into the ship, the atmosphere on board was upbeat and social. Guests gathered with drinks, compared photos, and exchanged stories from both outings.

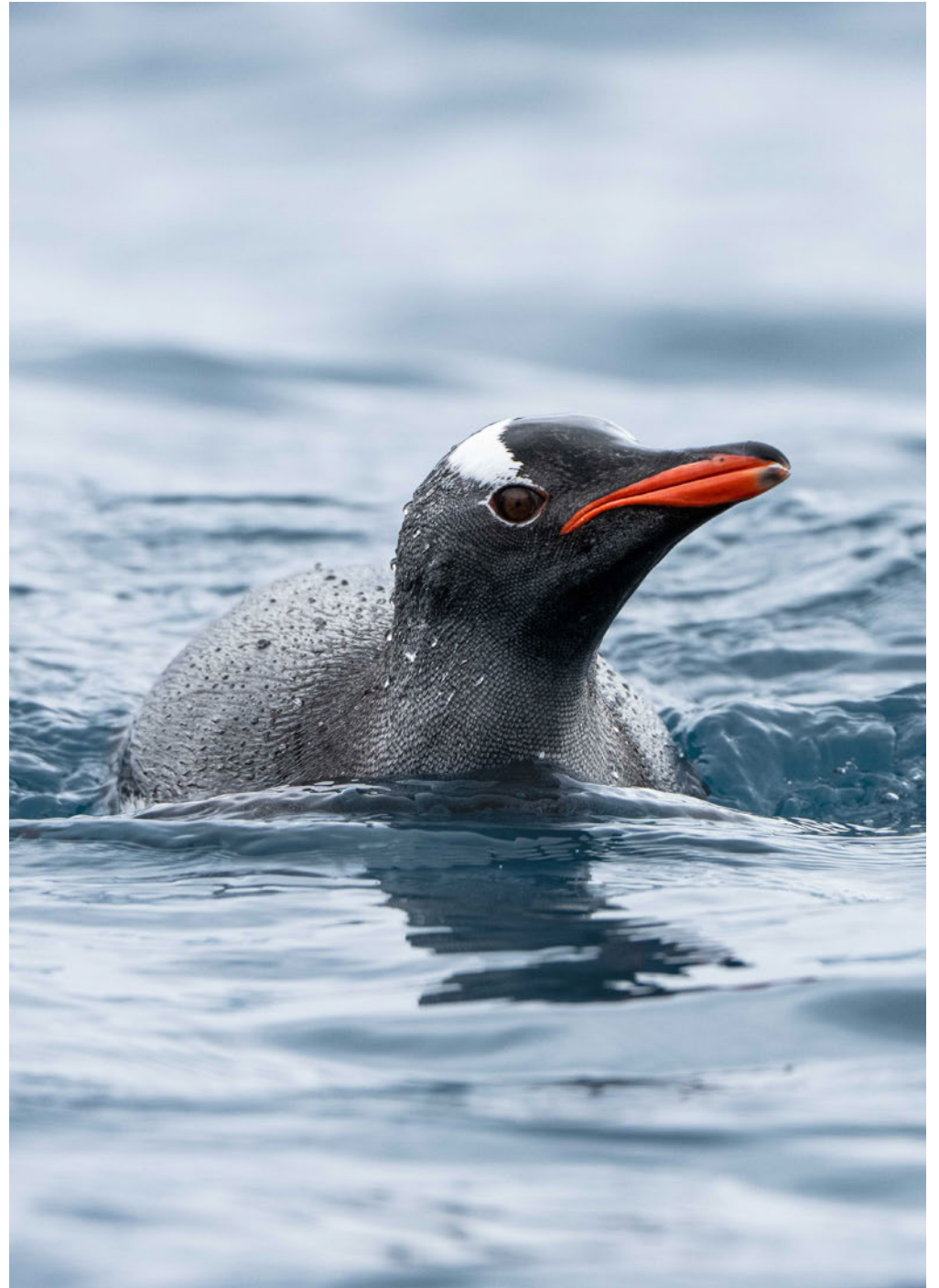




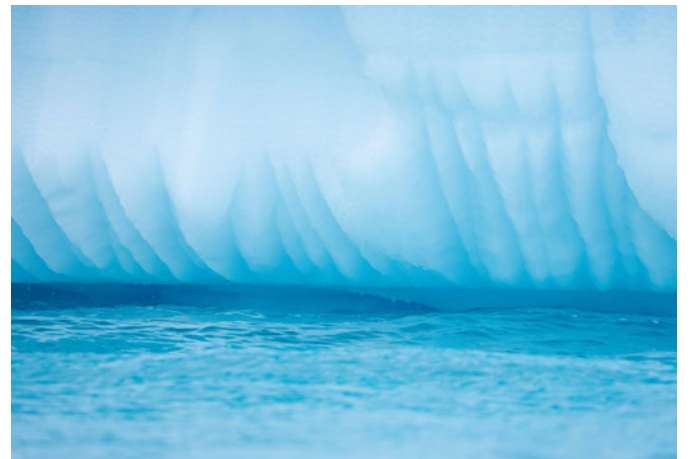






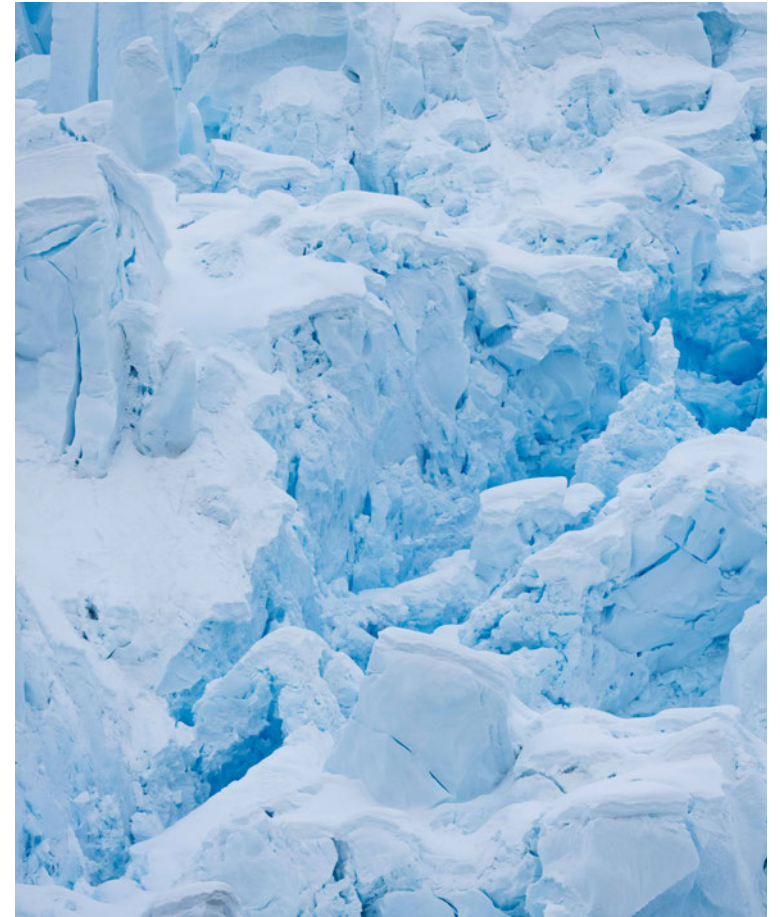
















# Portal Point | Enterprise Island | Foyn

DAY 6 | Wednesday 26 November 2025

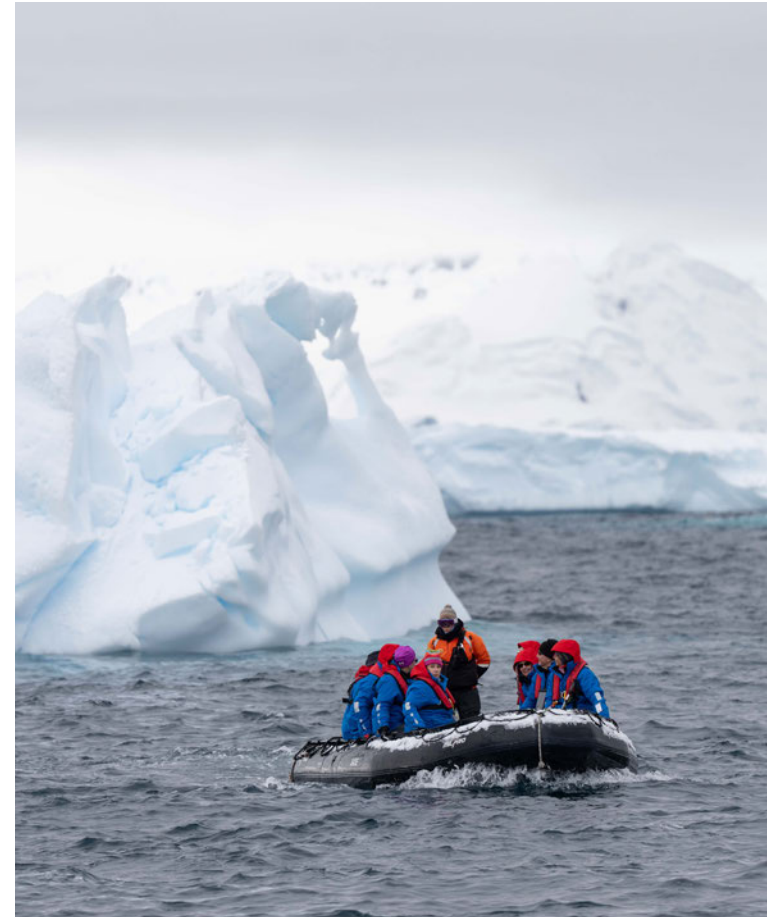
Latitude: 64°29.3' S	Wind Speed: 4 knots NNE	By 0630, the breakfast buffet was already alive with activity. Surrounded by scenery that made even the earliest starts worthwhile, there was a quiet, shared excitement in the air: today promised adventure.	At lunch we watched the Expedition Team and crew exchange gear with Aurora's sister ship, the <i>Sylvia Earle</i> , a rare Southern Ocean rendezvous by Zodiac that showed the teamwork behind remote expeditions.
Longitude: 61°45.0' W	Barometer: 1010 hPa	At 0800 we set out for our first excursion at Portal Point. It was one of those crisp, blue-tinged mornings where everything felt sharply defined: the ice, the silence, even the cold. Snorkellers and kayakers found sheltered pockets of water where they drifted peacefully among icebergs and glaciers. Snowshoers tackled the climb with determination, gaining height and earning sweeping views that stretched into forever.	Our afternoon outing took us to Enterprise Island and Foyn Harbour, home to the wreck of the <i>Guvernøren</i> . In 1915, this whaling factory ship caught fire during crew celebrations. The Captain ran her aground to save lives, but the vessel was lost. Today, her rusted ribs rise hauntingly from the water, visible to kayakers, snorkellers, Zodiac cruisers, and snowshoers alike.
Course:	Air Temp: -3°C	By 1100 we were back on board, warming our hands with fresh coffee as we gathered for Jay's lecture, 'Why is it cold in Antarctica?', a perfectly fitting topic after our brisk outing.	We ended the day with cocktails and recap, the room buzzing with anticipation. Tonight, some of us camped on Antarctic snow, trading cabin warmth for an epic experience.
Speed: At anchor			

• Position at 0700



















# Danco Island | Paradise Bay

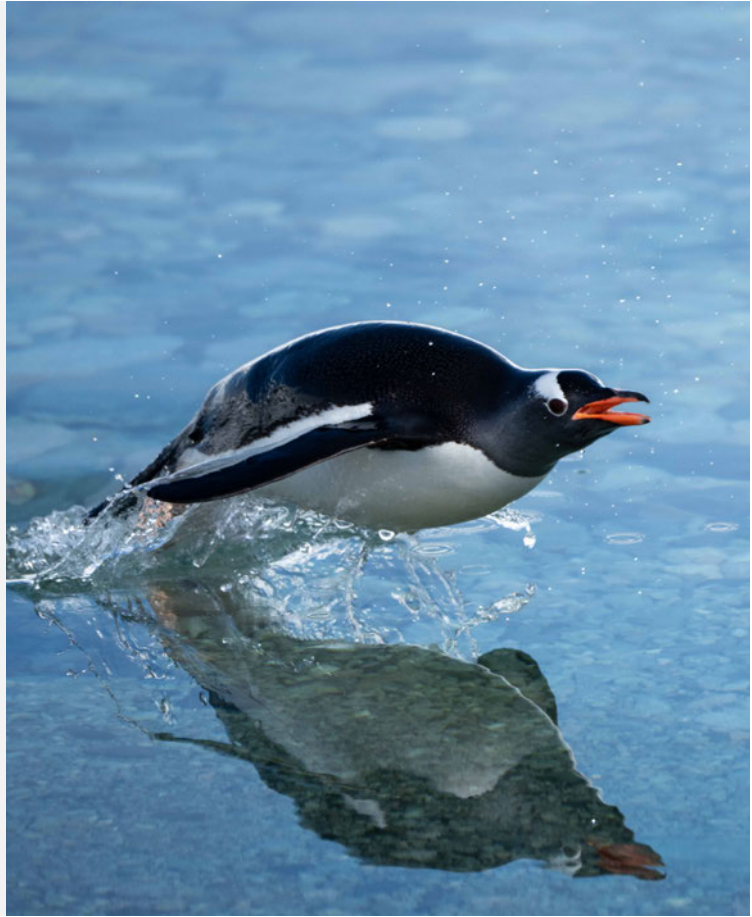
DAY 7 | Thursday 27 November 2025

<b>Latitude:</b> 64°51.8' S	<b>Wind Speed:</b> 4 knots E	After spending a calm and quiet night anchored off Nansen Island, our day began early with the soft glow of the Antarctic dawn touching the horizon. At 0600 we set out to pick up the campers who had spent the night on shore. Wrapped in layers, they returned on board with stories before we gathered for breakfast to fuel the day ahead.	bustling gentoo penguin colony, their chatter adding a lively soundtrack. Those who reached the summit were rewarded with a breathtaking view across the Errera Channel.
<b>Longitude:</b> 62°49.6' W	<b>Barometer:</b> 1015 hPa	We repositioned toward Danco Island. Conditions could not have been more perfect: clear skies stretched above us, the air was still, and on our approach a group of humpback whales surfaced gracefully near the vessel. Their slow, powerful movements set the tone for an unforgettable day.	After lunch, an announcement from Expedition Leader Catherine brought excitement: orcas ahead. Everyone rushed to deck 8, where dozens passed the ship, their fins slicing through calm water. Later, another call brought us to the lecture room. Plan B was the Polar Plunge. Eighty-one brave Expeditioners leapt into the -1°C water as spectators cheered.
<b>Course:</b> at anchor	<b>Air Temp:</b> 3°C	Once ashore, paddlers set off across calm waters, snorkellers slipped into the icy sea, and snowshoers explored the terrain. Others enjoyed a walk through the	After dinner, we waved goodbye to campers heading to Leith Cove, ending the day beneath a soft Antarctic sunset, humpback whales breathing around us, a magical close to an extraordinary day.
<b>Speed:</b>			

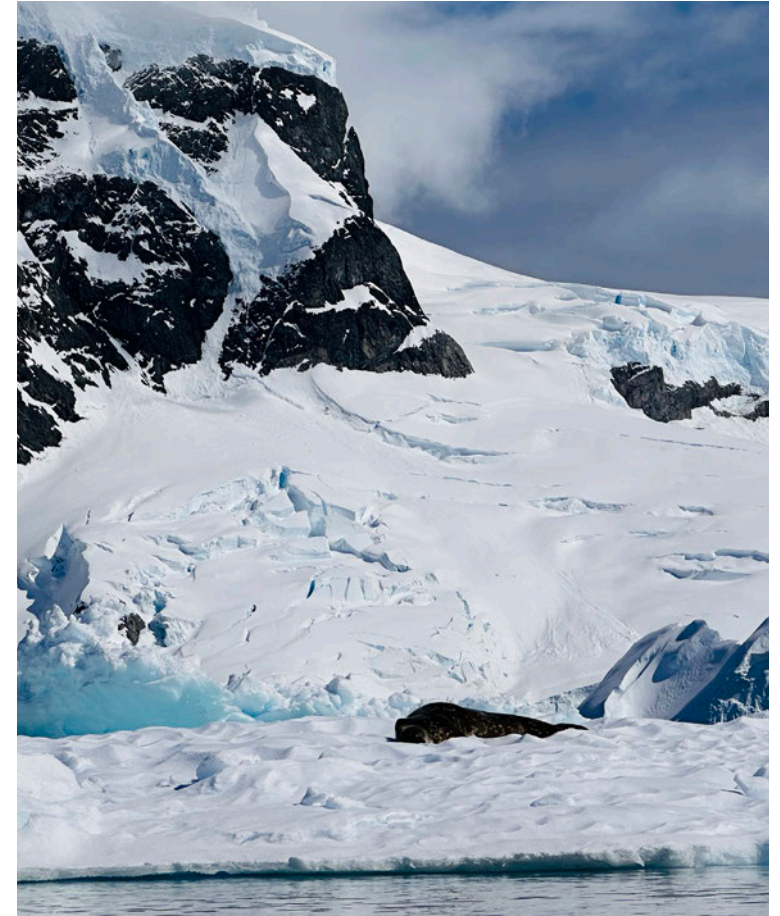














# Lemaire Channel | Petermann Island

DAY 8 | Friday 28 November 2025

Latitude:

64°51.2' S

Longitude:

62°49.6' W

Course:

VAR

Speed:

Wind Speed:

0 knots E

Barometer:

1015 hPa

Air Temp:

0°C

We awoke this morning in the calm of Paradise Bay, arriving to pick up 40 happy campers from Leith Island. Their night on the snow was spectacular, with humpback whales nearby, crystal skies, and scenery so magnificent it bordered on impossible. They returned glowing, laughing, and already nostalgic.

The morning continued with a spirited presentation from Jay and Antoine, our resident French duo on the Expedition Team. They treated us to an engaging journey through the heroic age of Antarctic exploration and the early years of geological discovery. Their enthusiasm was contagious, and the highlight came when they recreated the famous photograph of Charcot raising a glass of champagne on the sea ice, to everyone's delight.

Soon after, we entered one of Antarctica's crown jewels: the Lemaire Channel. It offered perfection, with no wind, mirror-like seas, and a dramatic barrier of ice at the entrance. Jagged cliffs covered in hanging glaciers rose on either side, while bergs floated serenely around us.

After lunch we continued to Petermann Island, where Jean Baptiste Charcot overwintered in 1909 with his ship *Pourquoi Pas?*. Walking among penguins and rocky shores added a sense of continuity, our steps joining a tradition of exploration.

We closed the day with a barbecue on deck 8, the sun shining bright and warm. As we enjoyed good food and company, we passed the southernmost point of our journey (65°11'8" S). All the while, humpback whales accompanied us through sunset, their blows catching the last golden light.





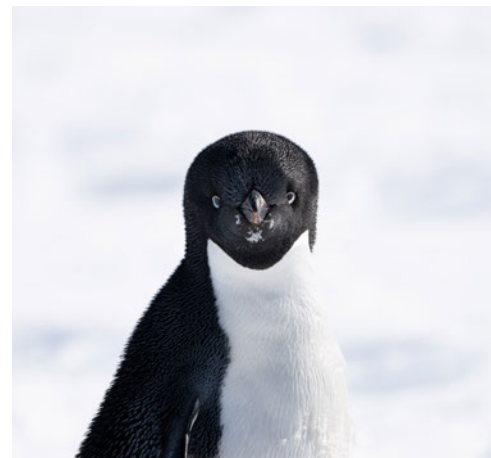












# Damoy Point | Chiriguano Bay

DAY 9 | Saturday 29 November 2025

**Latitude:**  
64°48.5' S

**Longitude:**  
63°29.8' W

**Course:**  
VAR

**Speed:**

**Wind Speed:**  
0 knots E

**Barometer:**  
1021 hPa

**Air Temp:**  
-5°C

We began the day waking to gentle snowfall drifting across the decks, a peaceful start to our Antarctic morning. After warming up with breakfast, we prepared for the first outing. As clouds lifted and snowfall eased, we landed at Damoy Point, a scenic and historic site surrounded by snowfields and sweeping glacier views.

We boarded Zodiacs and visited the lively gentoo penguin colony, where chicks and adults busied themselves with their usual antics, happily posing for photographs. A highlight was stepping inside the well-preserved British refuge hut, once used as a transit station for scientists and pilots. Many passengers imagined what life might have been like during past field seasons spent here.

Operations moved smoothly in sequence: snorkellers, snowshoers, Citizen Science participants, photographers,

paddlers, and then all remaining passengers ashore. This made for a comfortable and enjoyable landing for all.

After lunch we gathered in the lecture theatre for the afternoon briefing. Catherine outlined plans for tomorrow, followed by a special session with Mac, who shared personal photographs from his time at the Damoy hut. His stories added a memorable layer to the morning's experience.

At 1600, we launched into our afternoon Zodiac cruise through Chiriguano Bay. Towering icebergs, intricate blue sculptures, and seals lounging on floes created a peaceful atmosphere. Many described it as one of the most beautiful experiences of the voyage.

Back on board, cocktails and canapés awaited, followed by a relaxing à la carte dinner. Campers prepared for another night out, ending an extraordinary Antarctic day.

















# Melchior Islands

DAY 10 | Sunday 30 November 2025

**Latitude:**

64°26.9' S

**Longitude:**

61°52.0' W

**Course:**

256°

**Speed:**

9.9 knots

**Wind Speed:**

4 knots SW

**Barometer:**

1015 hPa

**Air Temp:**

-2°C

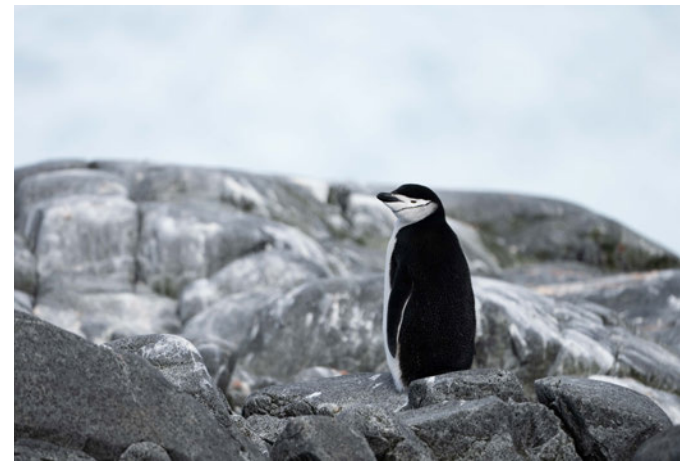
This morning began with two very different wake-up views. Some of us opened our eyes in warm cabins, while others unzipped sleeping bags after a night of camping on the ice, greeted by soft Antarctic light and the quiet beauty of fresh snow. No matter where we slept, a hearty breakfast in the dining room brought everyone back together and set the tone for a day of learning and adventure.

Our educational journey began with Gregory's engaging lecture on penguins, exploring their behaviours, colours, feeding strategies, and the quirks that make these birds such iconic Antarctic residents. This was followed by a fascinating session with Antoine, who guided us through the geology of Antarctica: from deep time to drifting continents, towering peaks to shifting ice. The morning left us with a new appreciation for both creatures and landscapes.

After lunch, we geared up for an afternoon in the Melchior Islands. Some Expeditioners set off on a Zodiac exploration, weaving through narrow channels and among small islands, passing the Argentine station and out toward the lighthouse. Along the way, we spotted Weddell seals resting on ice and admired dramatic rock formations. Others opted for adventure on foot or in the water: snowshoeing, snorkelling, and paddling, taking full advantage of calm conditions.

Back on board, we gathered in the lounge for Catherine's briefing, which brought exciting news about the days ahead. After dinner, the theatre came alive with trivia night. Teams formed, questions asked, and laughter echoed through the ship, the perfect way to round off a day of discovery and shared joy.









# Deception Island

DAY 11 | Monday 1 December 2025

Latitude:

62°59.6' S

Longitude:

60°27.9' W

Course:

019°

Speed:

3.4 knots

Wind Speed:

11 knots SE

Barometer:

1015 hPa

Air Temp:

-2°C

Today began early as the ship passed through Neptune's Bellows, the dramatic entrance to Deception Island's flooded caldera. Despite the hour, many gathered outside to watch. The geology was unmistakable: dark volcanic slopes, crater-like formations, and snow patches highlighting the contours of this remarkable landscape. Entering the caldera felt like stepping into a different world that was shaped by fire.

Once ashore, we worked off buffet meals and desserts by walking along the black sand beaches or climbing the rim of a crater. The route took us past frozen lakes to a high viewpoint where the full sweep of the caldera opened below. Despite the volcanic setting, the cold wind reminded us we were still deep in the Southern Ocean.

The views were spectacular, offering a striking contrast to

the gentler scenery of the Antarctic Peninsula. At the landing beach, a gentoo penguin and a chinstrap penguin made brief appearances, adding an unexpected touch of wildlife.

In the afternoon, Leo delivered a lecture on his experiences as a researcher in Antarctica. He shared stories of life on stations, fieldwork with seals and penguins, travelling by snowmobile, and the realities of scientific work. His tale of being bitten by an elephant seal, later recorded in a children's book of fieldwork fails, drew laughter.

Later, during recap, Linda and Jay led a light-hearted game of animal sound imitations for Freya to guess. The elephant seal's burping rendition will echo through the ship for a long time. By dinner we were into the next adventure, the return over the Drake Passage with seabirds and whales by our side.



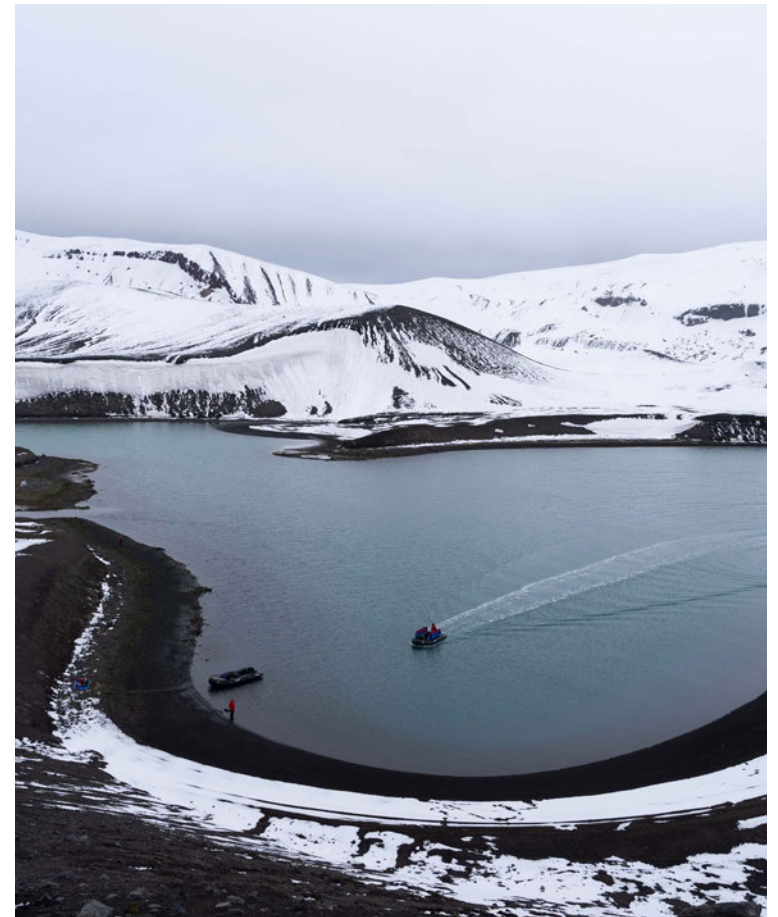












# Drake Passage

DAY 12 | Tuesday 2 December 2025

**Latitude:**  
59°22.4' S

**Longitude:**  
61°28.81' W

**Course:**  
34°

**Speed:**  
14.4 knots

**Wind Speed:**  
7 knots SW

**Barometer:**  
1005 hPa

**Air Temp:**  
0°C

Today was a full sail day across the Drake Passage to Ushuaia, and an eventful one. Overnight the seas were lively, causing a bit of rock and roll, but by morning conditions had calmed. It felt glorious to enjoy a leisurely lie-in, free from Catherine's usual wake-up call. Her voice over the public address system is pleasant and friendly, making it easier to rise each day.

With the sun breaking through the clouds, the day offered the first genuine chance for reflection on the Antarctic adventure. As countless photos were scrolled through, thoughts turned to how best to convey the experience to friends and family back home. Yet it quickly became clear that Antarctica cannot be done justice through pictures or

words. Majestic icebergs, vibrant waters, and captivating wildlife must be felt firsthand to be fully appreciated.

As the day unfolded, bridge tours were organised, offering a chance to witness the technology that drives the ship. It was fascinating to see the systems that allow us to navigate vast and unpredictable waters. Questions led to insightful discussions with the crew.

Several engaging presentations followed, including wildlife and Citizen Science, and focused on how to take our experiences home to make the world better. These discussions encouraged us to share the wonders of Antarctica through personal stories and emotional impact.









# Drake Passage | Beagle Channel

DAY 13 | Wednesday 3 December 2025

**Latitude:**  
55°15.9' S

**Longitude:**  
65°43.8' W

**Course:**  
292°

**Speed:**  
6.4 knots

**Wind Speed:**  
11 knots NW

**Barometer:**  
1006 hPa

**Air Temp:**  
5°C

As we opened our eyes after our second night of the Drake crossing there was a collective sigh of relief. Catherine had warned us of a weather system moving from west to east that could cross our path, but thankfully it did not eventuate.

On the way to breakfast we spotted hills covered in green, a colour noticeably absent over the last 12 days. We had made great progress overnight, the Drake Passage was ending, and the Beagle Channel lay ahead. Magellanic cormorants flew around the *Greg Mortimer*. We had become used to the blue-eyed shag on the Peninsula, but this change in fauna was as striking as the rise in temperature as we neared South America.

Lelia gave us a rundown of how the sad day of disembarkation would unfold. Leo delivered a lecture on his

work with mummified seals in the Weddell Sea.

After lunch we headed to the observation lounge and deck 8 to watch wildlife as we entered the Beagle. At 1400, dusky dolphins were spotted off the bow, with multiple groups feeding as terns and shags followed behind. Antoine conducted a Citizen Science cloud survey as satellites passed overhead. Later, we watched the pilot boat come alongside to guide us safely through the channel.

We met in the Elephant Bar for farewell cocktails before gathering in the lecture theatre for our Captain's Farewell, which included a captivating slideshow from expedition photographer Fiona. Dinner was spent reflecting on what an epic expedition we had shared.







# Ushuaia

DAY 14 | Thursday 4 December 2025

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Course:

Alongside

Speed:

Alongside

Barometer:

1008 hPa

Air Temp:

9°C

Disembarkation at 0800

Aurora Expeditions thanks you for joining us aboard  
*Greg Mortimer*. We hope to see you on the high seas  
again someday!

• Position at 0800



BBQ





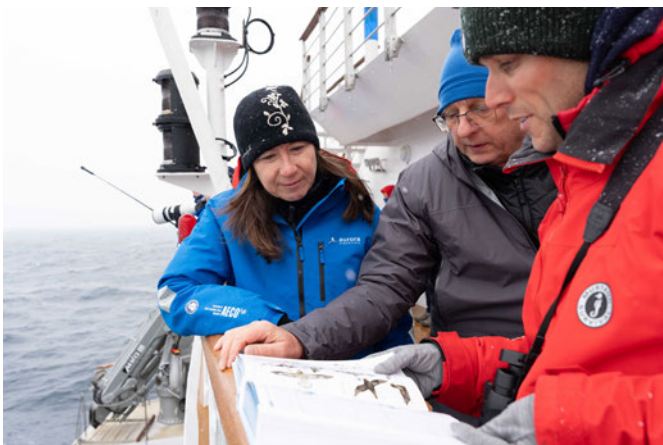




# Citizen Science









# Polar Plunge



































# Camping Log

Guides: Alan McPherson, Monika Bischof

26 November 2025, EVE:  
Nansen Islands

**64°32.1' S, 062°03.6' W**

In the afternoon at Enterprise Island, Expedition Leader Catherine and the camping guides found a campsite on Nansen Island. A simple Zodiac landing led to a 50-metre scramble up to a snow platform.

The location was safe, with no avalanche or icefall hazards. Access was limited to a single entry point, as the rest of the perimeter was bordered by a steep 2–3 metre snow wall.

We experienced a mix of weather conditions throughout the evening, with winds up to 15 knots, light rain, and later snowfall. Campers enjoyed watching both a Weddell seal and a leopard seal that lingered nearby, and we were also visited by snow petrels and Wilson's storm petrels. Most people enjoyed the stay, though everyone was glad to see the Zodiac arrive for pickup at 6 a.m.

27 November 2025, EVE: Leith  
Cove

**64°51.7' S, 062°48.4' W**

After a glorious morning visit to Danco Island, the ship navigated through ice to reach Leith Cove. After dinner, forty campers made their way by Zodiac to the small island within the cove.

We enjoyed the long twilight and the sight of numerous humpback whales feeding nearby. Later in the evening, small glacier calvings echoed from the back of the cove, adding to the atmosphere.

Most people slept well through the mild, calm night. A few campers were even reluctant to leave when the first Zodiac arrived for pickup at 0600.



#### Number of Campers:

1st group 36

2nd group 40

3rd group 15

#### Total Camping Outings:

3 nights

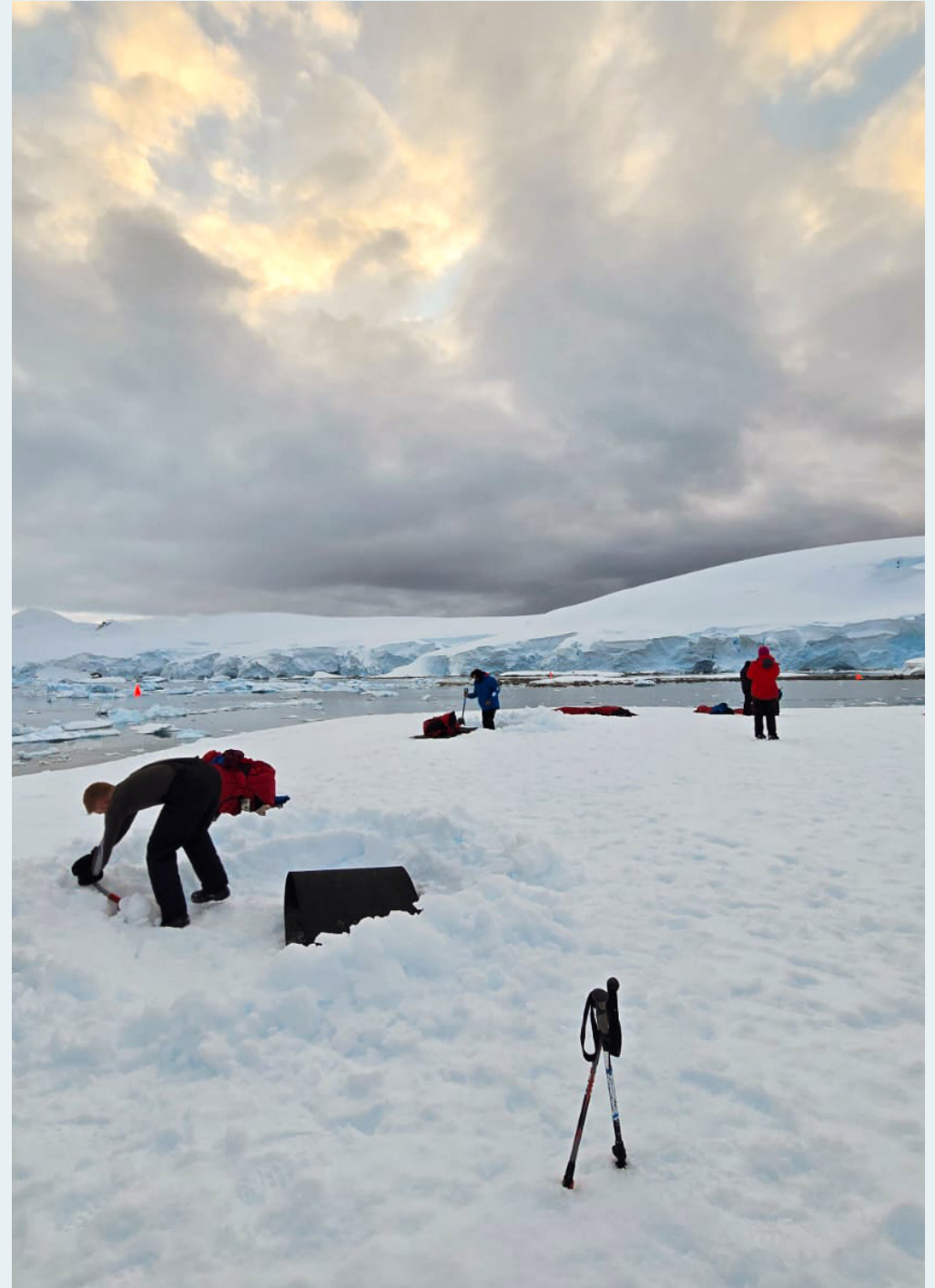
### 29 November 2025, EVE: Portal Point

**64°30.1' S, 061°45.9' W**

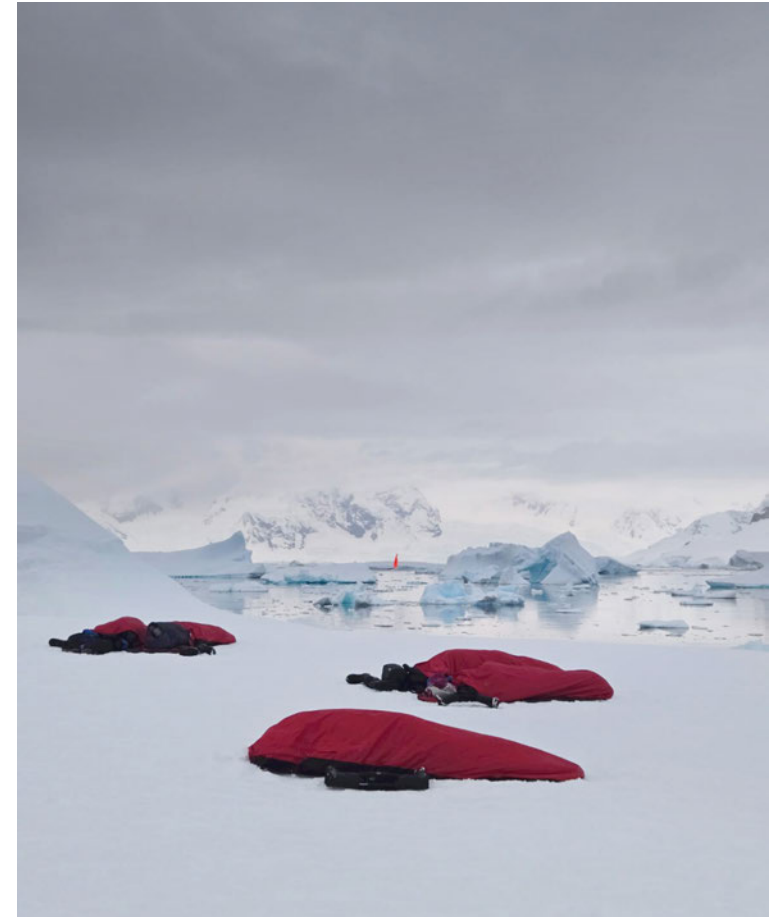
The best weather for camping greeted us at Portal Point. We had an easy Zodiac landing on the rocky shoreline of the continental headland. The bay was dotted with small icebergs, and the granite slabs around the landing site made for an interesting landscape to see.

Fifteen campers came ashore and settled into a snow-covered saddle nestled between two beaches. Everyone crafted their own camping spot, most of them facing south toward the iceberg-filled bay. The wind was lighter than forecast, and a gentle snowfall during the night left a fresh layer of snow covering our bivvy bags by morning.

Camp was tidied efficiently, and the group returned to the ship in time for an early breakfast.





















# Snowshoeing Log

Guides: Dan Philips, Dave Stark

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24 November 2025, AM: Skua Point, Curtis Bay

**64°02.9' S, 043°09.5' W**

Monday morning we woke to blue skies and sunshine. Our first excursion of the trip was significant as it was the first landing on the continent of Antarctica. Our original plan of landing was thwarted by big swell, so we relocated to Curtis Bay and more sheltered waters. Skua Point was a first for Expedition Team staff and the Expeditioners. A small loop took us to the stunning glacial wall and then back around to our landing. We saw skuas and a small group of gentoo penguins who were mildly amused by our presence.

24 November 2025, PM: Tetrad Island, Mikkelsen Harbour

**63°54.8' S, 060°44.3' W**

Tetrad Island arrival had a welcoming committee of Weddell seals basking on the snow. Above us on the snow slopes were giant petrels, skuas and a rookery of penguins. A scenic loop took us around the island, and we had some incredible views in all directions. After our Zodiac pickup we had time to head to Mikkelsen Harbour to the landing to see remnants of the whaling days and breeding gentoos on Bombay Island.



Number of Snowshoers: 106  
Total Outings: 10

## 25 November 2025, PM: Recess Cove, Meusnier Point

**64°31.8' S, 61°36.3' W**

After a morning Zodiac cruise, the team set out in the afternoon under cloudy skies with light precipitation. We donned snowshoes and traversed a lower ledge before beginning a steep ascent towards the glacier edge. Snow conditions were deep and wet, making trail breaking difficult, yet everyone persevered and reached a high point with sweeping views. From above we looked down to the landing and saw other Expeditioners exploring below. Seals swam close to shore, adding to the experience. The descent was equally demanding as we carefully made our way down the steep slopes to the beach. It was a rewarding day.

## 26 November 2025, AM: Portal Point

**64°30.0' S, 61°46.2' W**

Much to our delight upon arrival at the turbulent landing, we realised the snow surface was frozen and firm. This allowed easy travel up the steep shoulder of Portal Point. A crisp cool morning for an excursion on the continent of Antarctica. We headed up the slopes and over the narrow neck with seas on both sides. Great views down to the south with Weddell seals lounging on the ice. Our high point was 70 m above sea level. We followed our tracks back down and turned on the glacial plateau to head to the normal landing where we picked up our Zodiac ride back to the ship. We travelled just under five kilometres.

## 26 November 2025, PM: Enterprise Island

**64°32.1' S, 61°59.9' W**

Our excursion today was up the long ridge of Enterprise Island above the wreck of the whaling ship Guvernøren. We set out at a later than normal time in the day at 1500, just as the clouds started lifting with the promise and hint of blue skies somewhere above us. The team was quick to gear up, and the pace was brisk. Enterprise Island is heavily glaciated with steep icy cliffs on the west side. Our ascent was just about 100 m above sea level and total distance was four kilometres. Snow was firm and allowed good, easy travel. An awesome trip and keen snowshoers.

## 27 November 2025, AM: Danco Island

**64°44.0' S, 62°35.0' W**

We awakened to sunny skies with scattered clouds draping the nearby peaks. The Errera Channel was calm as we approached Danco. After landing we donned snowshoes, attached ourselves to the rope line and ascended the steep shoulder of Danco Island, wrapping around to the southern plateau. The views were incredible, surrounded by glacier-clad peaks of the Arctowski Peninsula. We reached the summit, removed the snowshoes, greeted the high-altitude penguins of Danco and made our way back down to the landing on the regular trail. It was a fine day with bright sunshine and remarkable views.





28 November 2025, PM:  
Hovgaard Island

**65°06.9' S, 64°04.1' W**

It was a stunning day to cruise through the steep-walled Lemaire Channel, with blue skies and calm seas. After lunch we set off to the northern tip of Hovgaard Island, a small island marked by striking glaciation. Ascending the slopes to a high viewpoint on the upper shoulder of the peak felt almost tropical. From there the ship was barely discernible to the south, while jagged peaks on Booth Island provided a dramatic backdrop. A quick descent brought us back to the landing and then to our home on the seas for an upper deck barbecue. It was a memorable day for all.

29 November 2025, AM: Damoy  
**64°49.0' S, 63°30.2' W**

Morning arrived with a fresh dusting of snow and cloud cover. Our destination for the morning was Damoy Base, a British transit point for those going on to Rothera Base. A small hut was restored from its 1973 to 1993 operational era. Above the hut is a broad high shoulder which at one time served as an airstrip and today would be our snowshoe trek. We made the steep climb to the ridge and were rewarded with a clear view down to Port Lockroy, another historic restored British base. The trek took us along the ridgeline and then back for a visit in the hut. A very fun site with some interesting history to it.

29 November 2025, PM:  
Chiriguano Bay, Brabant Island

Chiriguano Bay was our destination today. It was a short time slot, and we had to relocate to the east side of the island due to some ice. The bay was named after an Argentine naval vessel which worked in the region in 1948 and 1949. It was a pleasant round trip of about 1.93 nautical miles. A short but sweet trip to a seldom visited site.

30 November 2025, PM: Zeta  
Island, Melchior Island group

**64°19.1' S, 062°55.9' W**

Another beautiful day in the Antarctic. We were to the west of Brabant Island in the Melchior Island group. We ascended the north end of Zeta Island, climbing the steep slopes to a fine vantage point overlooking Kappa Island and a standout view of the high peaks of Brabant Island. After a relaxed walk along the summit plateau, we dropped back down to the Zodiac pickup point. A wonderful way to finish off our snowshoe program in the Antarctic.



















# Snorkelling Log

Guides: Darren Clarke, Freya Dooley and Alan Keller

## 24 November 2025, AM: Curtis Bay

What a great start to the trip, with some nice sunshine and our first look at a typically beautiful peninsula landscape, with the glaciers dominating the skyline. This combined with deep water meant we had to go to the offshore islands to find a safe snorkel site. Tucked behind a low island 2 km offshore we had our first introduction to snorkelling in Antarctica, clear waters with plenty of krill, limpets and smaller species made for a gentle but exciting start to the adventure. Added highlights were some chinstrap penguins dotted along the islands.

## 24 November 2025, PM: Mikkelsen Harbour

The sun was shining as we left the boat and headed out of the bay towards the islands on the edge of the Gerlache Strait. It was not long

before we spotted multiple small rafts of penguins transiting through the channels and had a nice view of the snowshoers heading out on their excursion. We decided to try a lovely shallow channel and see what would unfold, and we were delighted when a few curious and playful gentoo penguins arrived to check out the snorkellers. A great way first day.

## 25 November 2025, AM: Davis Island

It was an atmospheric morning with a breeze from the north that reminded us we were in Antarctica. The transit to the snorkel site did not disappoint, as we slowed down to watch some humpback whales passing by. A low string of islands gave us enough shelter to get into the water and experience the challenge of snorkelling in Antarctica. Reports of some fish, krill, limpets, a ctenophore and colourful rocks helped get the day off to a good start.





Number of Snorkellers: 92  
Total Outings: 13

## 25 November 2025, PM: Recess Cove

Recess Cove rarely disappoints and this was no exception. With some gentoo penguins and two crabeater seals as a backdrop, and various bergy bits bobbing around to cement the atmosphere, it was a wonderful Antarctic experience. The clear waters enabled the snorkellers to enjoy the underwater landscape, so much so that most did not want to get out. Eventually the draw of a continental landing proved too strong, and setting foot on the mainland topped off a fantastic second day of snorkelling.

## 26 November 2025, AM: Portal Point

It was an overcast morning as we approached Portal Point. The wind and moderate swell did little to deter our eager snorkellers, who were keen to experience Antarctica's icy waters

for the first time. In the mudroom we wrestled into drysuits, laughing as we tugged and twisted until sealed in and ready for the cold.

Once everyone was suited up, we loaded into the Zodiacs and headed for our snorkel site. Portal Point offers a sheltered area behind the landing site, shallow, calm and perfect for a first dip. We finished gearing up, squeezing into our hoods and gloves and fitting our fins, masks and snorkels before receiving a final briefing on what to expect. One by one, we slid into the water and began to explore. A small berg in the bay gave us the rare chance to see ice from below the surface, and we were pleasantly surprised by the amount of life on the seafloor: sea stars, limpets, kelp and algae thriving in the frigid water. After braving the cold for about 30 minutes, we flopped back into the Zodiacs and returned to the ship, just in time for a well-earned warm lunch.

## 26 November 2025, PM: Enterprise Island / Foyen Harbour

After lunch, we were ready for our second snorkel of the day. We loaded the Zodiacs and headed toward Enterprise Island to begin our afternoon exploration. This site is home to the wreck of the *Guvernøren*, an old whaling vessel that caught fire in 1915 while the crew celebrated the end of a successful season.

After a short cruise around the wreck and its impressive backdrop of ice cliffs, we found a protected bay to snorkel. We slipped into our remaining gear and eased into the water. We explored a couple of small bergs and watched streams of bubbles escape from the ice. The shallow coastline was teeming with life: limpets, sea stars and even a lone amphipod. A few lucky snorkellers were treated to the sight of penguins darting through the water.

## 27 November 2025, AM: Danco Island

We woke to a crisp Antarctic morning, clear blue skies and still air. Our destination was Danco Island, home to a bustling gentoo penguin colony and a shallow shoreline ideal for snorkelling. We boarded the Zodiacs and cruised past towering icebergs toward our snorkel site. This morning's goal was to find a spot close to penguins in hopes of seeing them underwater.

We slipped into the last of our gear and slid into the water. The seafloor was alive with colour and movement, and our patience paid off when a few penguins zipped past like torpedoes of black and white gliding with a grace that contrasts their endearing clumsiness on land. After about 40 minutes in the chilly water, we climbed back into the Zodiacs, buzzing with excitement from our first true Antarctic wildlife encounter.



### 27 November 2025, PM: Petermann Island

After a stunning morning cruising through the Lemaire Channel, we arrived at our afternoon destination, Petermann Island. This site is home to Adélie penguins, another brushtail species to tick off the list. Once again, the weather was on our side with bright blue skies and perfect visibility. We boarded the Zodiacs, dodged scattered ice, and made our way to a small cove around the corner from the landing site. Penguins porpoised nearby, and the crystal-clear water promised excellent visibility.

After gearing up, we rolled into the water. Beneath the surface, we found a surprising abundance of life: krill, seaweed, sea stars and, of course, our familiar friends the limpets. Those who stayed calm and still were rewarded with close-up encounters as penguins cruised past, curious and unbothered by our presence.

After about 40 minutes of exploring, we headed back to the ship, ready to warm up and share stories from another unforgettable Antarctic adventure.

### 29 November 2025, AM: Damoy Point

After an amazing day of weather before, we were greeted with an Antarctic welcome at our new location. It was a snowy day at Damoy Point, with towering ice cliffs surrounding us in a breathtaking landscape. The air was a little breezy, prompting us to seek out a suitable spot for snorkelling. We managed to find, along the shore, a lively penguin colony active both on land and in the water. Once we had our briefing, we kitted up and slid into the water in buddy pairs. We had the exhilarating opportunity to watch these delightful creatures swim gracefully beneath the surface. Additionally, we

encountered some floating ice nearby, including a growler that drifted close to the penguin colony. It was a truly unforgettable experience amidst nature's Antarctic wonderland.

### 29 November 2025, AM: Chiriguano Bay

The ice cliffs and wind greatly restricted our choices during this morning's operation. After a brief search we came upon one location, but before long winds swept in brash ice, compelling us to relocate. As we circumnavigated the island, we eventually came across a tranquil area where the group of snowshoers had disembarked for their adventure. The sheltered waters had a rocky shallow reef beyond, which shielded the underwater ecosystem from the hazards posed by drifting icebergs and scraping ice. We were fortunate to observe some penguins coming ashore, and as the snorkellers emerged from the

water, the remaining few were thrilled by the curious crabeater seals that approached to investigate them.

### 29 November 2025, AM: Melchior Islands

The sun shone brightly over the breathtaking Melchior Islands, adorned with picturesque glaciers and towering ice cliffs. However, the presence of icebergs in the surrounding bays and coves posed a challenge, obstructing our plans for snorkelling. The strong winds further limited our options, as we wanted to remain close to the ship to avoid getting too cold during the Zodiac ride back. Amidst the stunning scenery, we were fortunate to spot a majestic humpback whale, which gracefully displayed its fluke. Eventually, we discovered a sheltered rocky shore that offered the perfect snorkelling spot, where we encountered algae, seaweed and lively krill.













# Kayaking Log

Guides: Elo Berrier, Gabe Wackernagel

## 24 November 2025, PM: Mikkelsen Harbour – 3.47km

It was a stunning day at Mikkelsen Harbour, with clear skies, calm seas and the glaciated peaks of southern Trinity Island rising from sea level to thousand-metre heights. Scattered islets framed the bay, home to gentoo penguins, kelp gulls, Antarctic terns and a Weddell seal hauled out nearby. After a short Zodiac ride and kayaking tips from Gabriel, our team of eight set off to explore. We paddled among sculpted icebergs and growlers, pushing gently through brash ice. In the shallows, colourful seaweeds swayed with the swell while translucent salps and tiny ctenophores drifted past. Near D'Hainaut Island, a raft of penguins swam close as we circumnavigated to see the Argentine base, whale bones and gentoo colonies. A wonderful summer paddle.

## 25 November 2025, AM: Tiege Island, Macleod Point – 2km

This morning began with a truly authentic Antarctic atmosphere, with light snow falling, cold air, low clouds and a steady breeze sweeping across the bay. We found a sheltered area where the wind eased and the landscape felt calm. After layering up, we prepared for a fresh morning exploration by kayak. Our one-hour paddle took us along a peaceful stretch of coastline, where scattered pieces of ice invited us to practise gentle manoeuvring. Penguins appeared in the distance, some porpoising in and out of the water, others resting quietly on a small iceberg. Ahead, towering glaciers rose in dramatic blue walls, reminding us of the immense power of this environment. Covering 2 km at an easy pace, we enjoyed the silence, the textures of the ice and the contrast between wild Antarctic weather and the calm beauty of protected waters.



Number of Kayakers: 8 daily  
Total Kayak Outings: 11  
Total Distance Paddled:  
30.66 km

### 25 November 2025, PM: Recess Cove – 2.2km

It seemed like the weather gods were watching over us. When we first entered the bay the fog was thick and the wind a crisp 10–14 knots, yet as we left *Greg Mortimer* on the Zodiac with kayakers in tow, the breeze eased and sunlight began to break through. The mountain-surrounded cove opened beautifully, inviting our group to explore. In our kayakers we practised strokes with Gabe's pro tips, synchronising like the light-mantled albatross, and paddled among sculpted icebergs glowing white and blue. Around one berg we found a Weddell seal hauled out, resting quietly, while three gentoo penguins porpoised past. Deeper in the cove we navigated grounded icebergs, reaching 400 m from the glacier front. Finally, the weather guided our choice: stepping ashore on the Antarctic Peninsula, our seventh continent..

### 26 November 2025, AM: Portal Point, Recluse Peninsula – 3km

This morning greeted us with true Antarctic character: cold, windy and brushed by light snow and sleet. Outside Portal Point the sea was lively, with rolling waves pushing against us as we prepared for our outing. Fortunately, we knew this site well and trusted that once we rounded the point, the sheltered bay would provide calmer waters. After towing the kayakers through the bigger waves, we slipped into protection and gathered for a safety briefing. Launching into the bay, we paddled among brash ice, bergy bits and glacier fronts, savouring the contrast between rough exterior seas and the serenity inside. Over 3 km we enjoyed the raw beauty and vastness of the landscape, ending with a delightful surprise: a lone Adélie penguin among gentoo companions, a memorable finish to our morning adventure.

### 26 November 2025, PM: Enterprise Island, Foyr Harbour – 2.2km

From the ship the sea state looked unsettled, yet conditions proved calm once we towed the kayakers into Foyr Harbour. Here lay the wreck of the *Guvernøren*, a Norwegian factory whaling ship that caught fire during end-of-season festivities in 1915 and has remained beached ever since. Embarking nearby, our team quickly grew confident with sweep strokes, even racing to spin kayakers the fastest. Snorkellers explored beneath the surface while I rolled over for a brief underwater glimpse, echoing techniques of Inuit kayakers. We paddled past rocky coastlines and icy slopes, investigated old whaling boats now covered in snow and hosting Antarctic terns, and admired ocean-carved icebergs shaped by ancient weather. To finish, we observed a cormorant colony and courting kelp gulls.

### 27 November 2025, AM: Danco Island – 3km

This morning gave us one of those classic Antarctic gifts: bright sunshine, calm waters and perfect conditions for a smooth boarding from the Zodiac straight into our kayakers. Once everyone was settled, we slipped away from the ship and began exploring Danco Island. We paddled among small, scattered icebergs, softly sculpted and blue tinged in the morning light. Soon we spotted a Weddell seal resting on an ice floe, barely stirring as it slept, breathing steadily while the floe rocked beneath it. From there we continued toward the coast, where penguin highways were alive with gentoo penguins marching to and from the water. To finish, we entered brash ice, weaving slowly through shimmering fragments. Pausing for five minutes of silence, we absorbed the peace and quiet power of Antarctica.





### 28 November 2025, PM: Petermann Island – 3.6km

At 65°10' south we reached our furthest point of the trip. The sea was strewn with ice of all sizes, from towering bergs and growlers to brash. In the sunny, warm conditions, air parcels trapped for centuries popped audibly as the ice released them, while reflections doubled the pristine scenery on the calm surface. Our paddling began easily as we explored the northern tip of Petermann Island, weaving amongst icebergs before heading south toward the gentoo and Adélie colony. Three crabeater seals surfaced nearby, indifferent to our presence, while nesting Antarctic terns and kelp gulls occupied a small island. In Circumcision Cove we observed thousands of breeding pairs around the Argentine hut. Testing our kayaks against brash ice, we eventually returned to the ship, rewarded with a BBQ on deck 8.

### 29 November 2025, AM: Damoy Point, Neumayer Channel – 2.42km

This morning we explored the waters around Damoy Point, a site steeped in Antarctic history. For decades this small peninsula served as a crucial airstrip and transit point for British operations. Before the construction of modern runways in Rothera, aircraft would land on the natural ice runway at Damoy, and personnel would then travel by ship to and from other stations. The restored Damoy Hut, built in 1975, still stands as a beautifully preserved reminder of that era of logistical ingenuity and isolation.

We paddled for 1 hour and 15 minutes through a landscape dotted with brash ice and drifting floes, weaving our kayaks between frozen patches that crackled softly as we passed. Along the coastline we observed penguin

highways, neat carved paths in the snow used by gentoo penguins entering and exiting the sea. Many were heading out to forage, while others returned, carefully taking turns with their partners as they incubated eggs. It was a quiet glimpse into the rhythm and coordination of gentoo family life.

Venturing farther from the coast we hoped to encounter whales, as this area often hosts feeding humpbacks later in the season, but today the ocean kept its secrets. Instead, dozens of curious penguins swam around our kayaks, porpoising beside us and surfacing so close we could hear their breaths in the still air. The dark, stormy skies created a dramatic backdrop, with occasional snowfall dusting our decks, yet the sea remained calm and steady. A beautiful and atmospheric outing in one of the Peninsula's most historically meaningful locations.

### 29 November 2025, PM: Chiriguano Bay – 3.3km

The clouds hung heavy and a crisp breeze blew across Chiriguano Bay. Conditions for paddling didn't seem all too enticing; however, we geared up. With three base layers under the drysuit, we felt toasty and ready to take on the adventure. Towing the kayaks behind the Zodiac, we found some shelter to embark. Keeping our bows into the wind and paddling deeper into the bay, the wind eased and the sea state calmed.

We watched Wilson's storm petrels fly low overhead and prance, fishing on the surface nearby. A cormorant flew past, landing on a rocky headland. Black and white heads popped up below, two chinstrap penguins resting, which took our attention next as we noted each other's behaviour. High above, we were observed by both nesting kelp gulls and skuas, both predatory birds in their own right.



After exploring weathered icebergs grounded near the point, we changed course, paddling across the bay to the north, where the glaciated peaks of Brabant Island towered high into the clouds. Turning back east and heading for the ship, the majestic backdrop of the Antarctic Peninsula reminded us how amazing it is to paddle here, surrounded by ice from this cold continent.

### 30 November 2025, PM: Melchior Islands – 2km

This afternoon we enjoyed a memorable paddle around the Melchior Islands, a small archipelago at the entrance of Dallmann Bay. These islands were first charted by the French Antarctic Expedition under Jean-Baptiste Charcot in the early 1900s and later became a strategic site for Argentine scientific presence. The remains of Base Melchior, established in 1942 as one of Argentina's earliest Antarctic stations, sit quietly in the area, a reminder of

the long history of exploration and research in these waters.

We launched into a maze of giant icebergs and dramatic glacier fronts, with a gentle but steady swell rolling through the channels. The moving ice created a dynamic, ever-changing environment that made each paddle stroke feel alive and intentional.

During our exploration we were lucky to spot both an Adélie penguin and a chinstrap penguin perched confidently atop separate icebergs, each one surveying the frozen landscape like tiny sentinels of the Antarctic. Near the end of our paddle, the wildlife encounters continued as we observed a Weddell seal resting calmly on the ice and a juvenile southern elephant seal hauled out nearby, an unexpected and special sighting for this part of the Peninsula.

A short but powerful outing, rich in history, ice and wildlife - classic Melchior.

















































# Bird Sightings

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# Mammal Sightings

Mammal Species	November										December			
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Southern Elephant Seal				•							•			
Crabeater Seal					•	•	•	•	•					
Weddell Seal				•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Leopard Seal						•	•	•	•					
Minke Whale			•											
Sei Whale													•	
Fin Whale			•					•						
Humpback Whale			•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•			
Orca										•				
Beaked Whale									•					



# Map

1. Ushuaia
2. Curtis Bay
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