

Spirit of Antarctica

Aboard *Greg Mortimer* | 28 October – 7 November 2024





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Ushuaia

DAY 1 | Monday 28 October 2024

Latitude:
54° 48.28' S
Longitude:
68° 17.59' W

Wind Speed:
27 knots W
Barometer:
1001 hPa

Course:
108°
Speed:
Alongside

Air Temp:
4°C

Here we are in the picturesque town of Ushuaia, 'the end of the world'.

Our morning was spent leisurely in Ushuaia before many of us we made our way to the optional catamaran cruise in the afternoon. We enjoyed sailing through the Beagle Channel towards the city's iconic Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse, where we observed local wildlife against panoramic views of the surrounding mountain range.

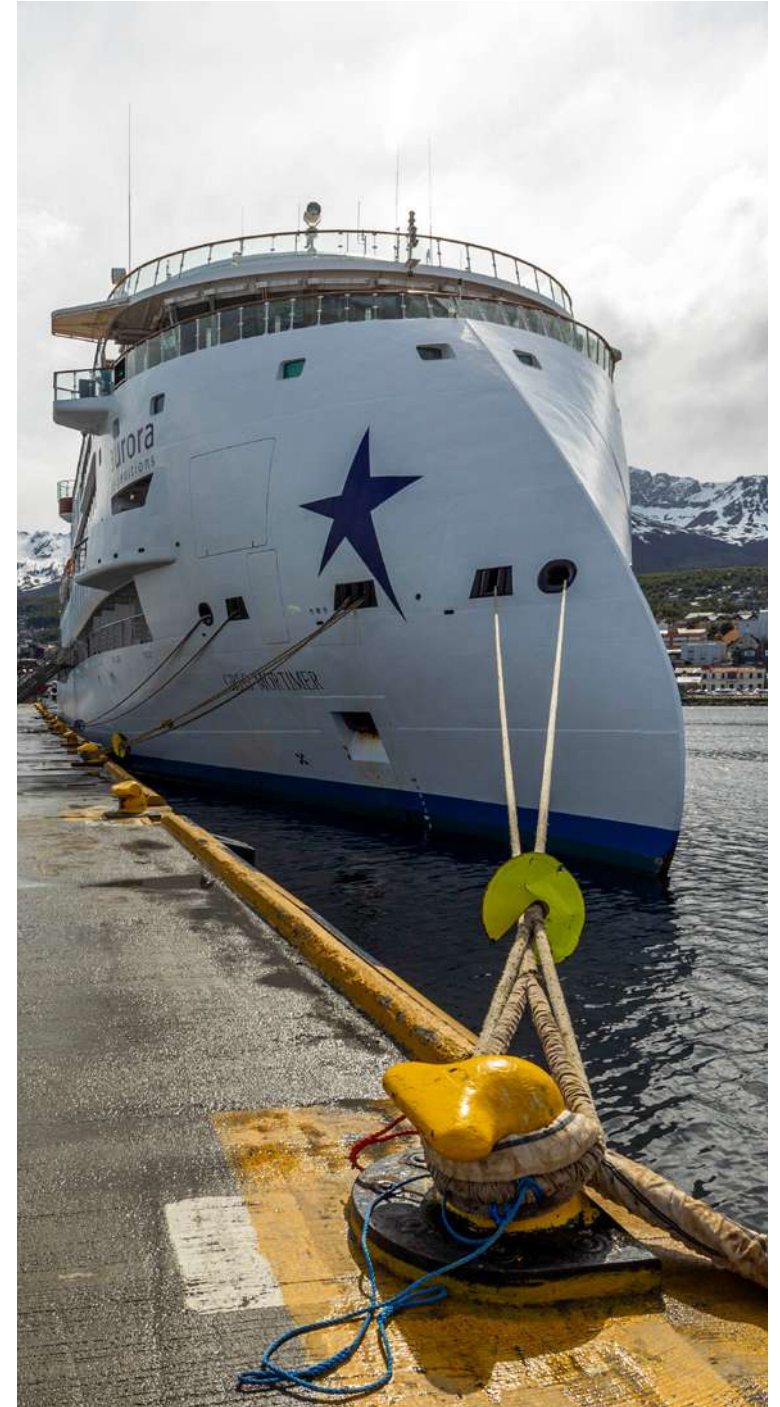
Upon our arrival at the wharf, members of the Expedition Team—Laura, Edu, and Marius—greeted us and accompanied us on foot along the pier to the ship. After

a brief walk, we found ourselves standing in front of the *Greg Mortimer*. First, we met Assistant Expedition Leader Leo, followed by Onboard Expedition Manager, Justine, and Photographer, Adrian, who checked us off and took a memorable photo for the photo board.

An embarkation buffet awaited us in the Elephant Island Bar, then our hotel team helped us navigate the decks to our cabins and settle into our 'home away from home'.

Due to an intense weather system, the decision was made to delay our departure by 20 hours.





Ushuaia, Beagle Channel

DAY 2 | Tuesday 29 October 2024

Latitude:
54° 48.28' S
Longitude:
68° 17.59' W

Course:
108°
Speed:
Alongside

Wind Speed:
12 knots NNW
Barometer:
1006 hPa

Air Temp:
5°C

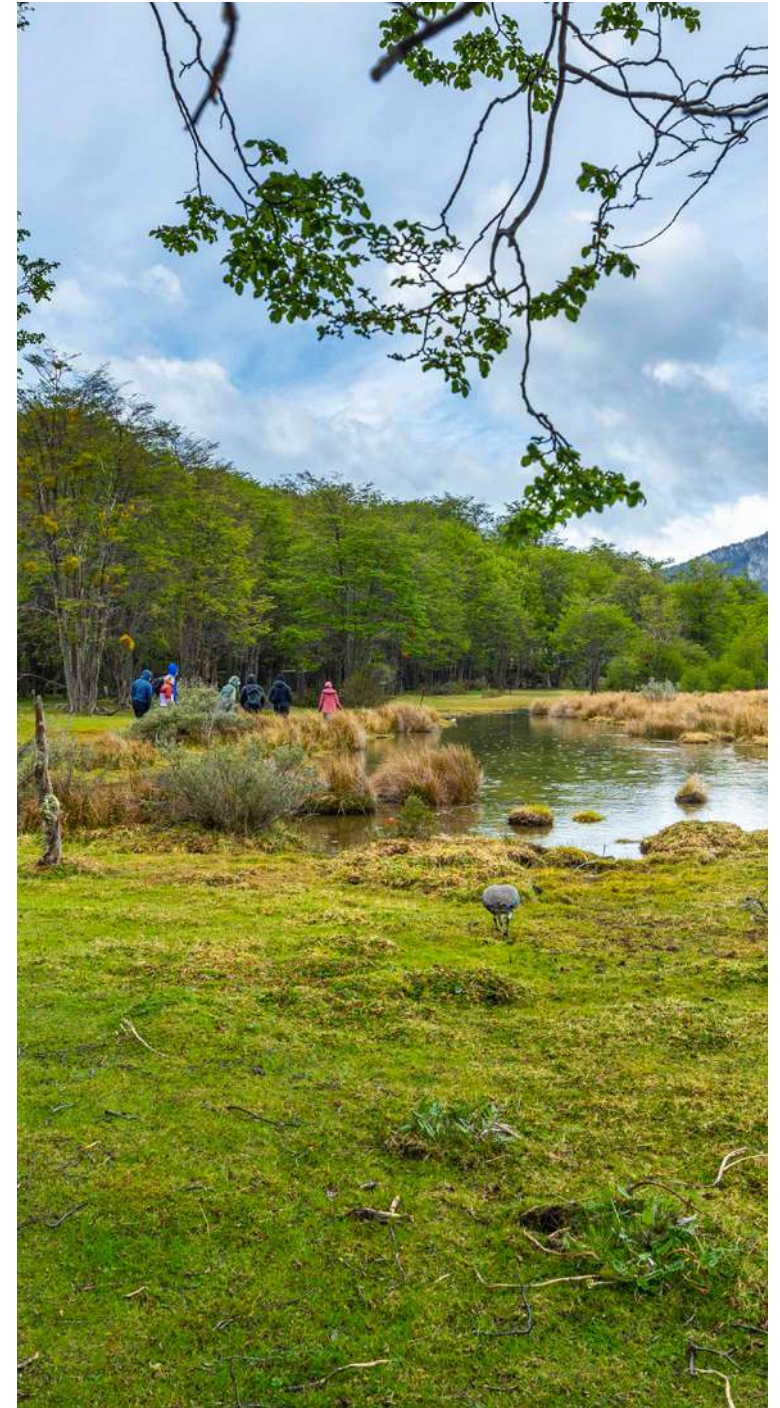
After breakfast, we went out to visit Tierra del Fuego National Park, a stunning expanse of dense forests, with lenga trees, lakes, and snow-capped mountains. Exploring this landscape, we enjoyed a short walk through the vegetation, with wild berries such as the famous calafate around us. Lucky enough, we spotted several upland geese, and an Andean condor soaring over our heads. We then arrived at the 'End of the World', Bahia Lapataia, starting point of the Panamerican highway that runs all the way from Tierra del Fuego to Alaska.

Around noon everyone was back on board to enjoy a refreshing lunch, offered by our amazing galley team.

Early in the afternoon, we had our mandatory safety drill. We gathered at the muster station for a demonstration of the essential procedures to ensure that all passengers are familiar with the emergency protocols. Safety is paramount in these remote waters, and this drill instills a reassuring sense of readiness among us all.

By then, we had departed Ushuaia, and the *Greg Mortimer* was on the way to Antarctica through the historical Beagle Channel. Named after Charles Darwin's voyage on the HMS *Beagle*, this scenic waterway is flanked by rugged cliffs, secluded coves, and icy waters, where wildlife abounds. Some black-browed albatross and fulmars were spotted from the decks, as well as a humpback whale.







Drake Passage

DAY 3 | Wednesday 30 October 2024

Latitude:
56° 12.7' S
Longitude:
64° 55.6' W

Course:
146°
Speed:
11.6 knots

Wind Speed:
5 knots NW
Barometer:
1012 hPa

Air Temp:
5°C

In the early hours of the morning, we left the Beagle Channel and made our way into the open ocean. Even though many of us were sleeping, we certainly felt the motion: the pitch and roll of the ship as we headed into the waves. We were finally on our way.

It was the perfect moment for Linda's morning lecture, which told us all about the very same seabirds gliding past us. We learned about their adaptations, feeding and breeding habits, and the conservation efforts taking place to protect these beautiful creatures. Following the lecture was the first eBird survey of the trip, and we grabbed the opportunity to get some fresh air and observe the birds we had just learned about.

Black-browed albatrosses, cape petrels, and grey-headed albatrosses dipped and twisted among the rolling waves of the Southern Ocean. It was mesmerising, and more than one of us envied the way those birds surfed the stormy waters.

In the afternoon, our photographer, Adrian, gave us a bunch of great tips for capturing the wild places we'll be encountering.

It was useful to learn different ways of portraying the things we photograph, whether it's how we focus the camera or how much light we let into the frame.



Drake Passage | Half Moon Island

DAY 4 | Thursday 31 October 2024

Latitude:
60° 34.7' S
Longitude:
60° 57.7' W

Course:
155°
Speed:
11.3 knots

Wind Speed:
28 knots W
Barometer:
1009 hPa

Air Temp:
-4°C

WE MADE IT! As our crossing of the legendary Drake Passage came to a close, things began to calm down and the weather was looking up! All over the horizon we could now see ICE! Let's see who won the official iceberg contest.

We enjoyed three wonderful lectures to keep our minds sharp while we waited. Right before the third lecture, Mario surprised us with the wonderful news that the conditions were cooperating, and we would be able to have our first landing this evening.

Dinner was moved up and excitement was in the air. We put all our layers on for the first time and loaded up the

Zodiacs. We felt the refreshing antarctic breeze on our cheeks and couldn't stop smiling. We learned how to carefully slide, spin, and 'sailors grip' our way out of the Zodiacs onto the rocky beach as the waves crashed.

Stepping onto the pristine shores of Half Moon Island felt surreal. The sight of the glamorous gentoos with their lipstick and eye shadow, and chinstrap penguins waddling across the snow, was delightful. We observed their playful antics and waited patiently at times for them to use their penguin highway or take a long look at us. Their iridescent white bellies shimmered as the sun set.













Fort Point, Deception Island

DAY 5 | Friday 1 November 2024

Latitude:
62° 34.4' S
Longitude:
58° 43.5' W

Course:
083°
Speed:
7.3 knots

Wind Speed:
17 knots NE
Barometer:
999 hPa

Air Temp:
-5°C

The explorers and the snowshoers wove their way between the groups of gentoo and chinstrap penguins, who seemed as curious about us as we were about them; an Adélie penguin even made a special guest appearance. The landing site boasted stunning blue ice formations that glistened even under the light snowfall. The skiers went out for a first ride and came back just in time for the last Zodiac. The ride over was a wet one, sending sprays that woke us up faster than any coffee could, but no one minded too much — it's all part of the antarctic charm; it's an expedition after all!

By late afternoon, the Zodiacs were back in action,

whisking us to Deception Island. Snowshoers, skiers, kayakers and walkers scattered to explore, with some of the walkers heading to Neptune's Window. We took in the view from this natural lookout while the kayakers were 80 metres below us on the water. Meanwhile, snowshoers and skiers wandered through haunting whaling station ruins.

The bay's shelter offered a break from the morning's biting wind, and while gentle snow fell, the air carried an eerie quiet that made the ruins feel frozen in time. Penguins darted by, occasionally stopping to eye us with what felt like knowing curiosity. Every glance and detail added layers to the story we were living.









Portal Point, Foyn Harbour

DAY 6 | Saturday 2 November 024

Latitude:
64° 16.9' S
Longitude:
61° 51.8' W

Wind Speed:
19 knots NE
Barometer:
989 hPa

Course:
208°
Speed:
7.3 knots

Air Temp:
-3°C

After an overnight transit through the Gerlache Strait, everyone awoke this morning with great anticipation of stepping foot on the Antarctic continent today. Our morning destination was to be Portal Point.

The option of Zodiac exploration and setting foot on the Antarctic Peninsula definitely had everybody fizzing with adventurous spirit. The weather gods delivered beautiful, big feathery snowflakes that landed silently on eyelids and hats, making for an incredibly spectacular start to the morning exploration. The skiers were buzzing with the fresh powder lines.

After a well-earned, hearty lunch, the afternoon adventures were announced. Enterprise Island. Team ski and snowshoe were relishing the excitement of more powder

turns and steps, respectively.

The kayakers once again were eager to immerse themselves among the beautiful blues of icebergs on the ocean, and the Zodiac explorers were heading out to take it all in from a different angle. The light on the water looked set to provide some amazing photos, as the skies cleared a little and Mother Nature even delivered a few rays of sunshine. With some tricky Zodiac navigation through ice, the skiers and snowshoers arrived and were not disappointed with the knee-deep powder they encountered as they stepped ashore! Zodiac explorers were enamoured with all the different types of ice out there and had many questions for the drivers.









Paradise Bay, Neko Harbour

DAY 7 | Sunday 3 November 2024

Latitude:
64° 51.3' S

Longitude:
62° 54.3' W

Course:
Varied course

Speed:
5.5 knots

Wind Speed:
24 knots SW

Barometer:
988 hPa

Air Temp:
-6°C

We started the day with a landing at Brown Station in Paradise Bay. Being the first ship to arrive here this season, we had to make our way through lots and lots of fresh snow. Our skiers and snowshoers paved the way as they climbed to high altitudes, disappearing from view as if they'd ventured into the clouds above. We still had to plough our way through the fresh snow, but it was worth the effort. Soon we were standing on top of a ridge, looking over the entire bay. The sun started to make an appearance and the view got better every second, astonishing! We also got to enjoy some lovely gentoo penguins, Weddell seals, blue-eyed shags and cheeky snowy sheathbills.

In the afternoon, at Neko Harbour, the sight of the enormous glacial scenery was breathtaking and many gentoo penguins were awaiting our visit. While some of us were enjoying the sight of these little creatures, others were off in a Zodiac collecting phytoplankton for Citizen Science. It was a splendid afternoon full of sunshine, amazing scenery and lots of fun activities.

The day did not end there. No, we got quite warm in this lovely weather. And therefore, we decided it was time to cool off during the polar plunge! A staggering 33 of us jumped into the frigid waters, while others were more content cheering from the comfort of the ship.













Artwork

By Morgan Van Overbroek



Cuverville Island, At Sea Heading North

DAY 8 | Monday 4 November 2024

Latitude:
64° 38.2' S
Longitude:
62° 35.3' W

Course:
Drifting at Errera
Channel
Speed:
0.4 knots

Wind Speed:
Calm
Barometer:
992 hPa

Air Temp:
-3°C

The weather was atmospheric. With only a very light breeze the water was dark and glassy, and fat snowflakes fell gently. Through the snow and cloud the ice seracs of the nearby glacier appeared as ghostly figures from the ocean, and large rocky summits loomed above as.

News came back from our scout team that there was too much ice at our landing site to reach the shore, but with numerous icebergs surrounding us combined with the still ocean, it was a primo area for a Zodiac exploration.

A dedicated citizen science Zodiac headed out, with a Secchi disc reading reaching a depth of 17m!

As we disembarked the Zodiacs for the last time and entered through the side door of the ship, a cup of hot chocolate was immediately thrust into our hands. This was most welcome! Particularly for the kayakers who had a cold but "peaceful and perfect" paddle.

The anchor came up for the last time, and we were on our way to Ushuaia.

We have learned a lot about ice on this voyage, observed the beauty of it but also witnessed the limitations of it, so Kelsey's lecture about 'another ship stuck in ice' - the story of the fascinating Nordenskjöld expedition, was timely.







Drake Passage

DAY 9 | Tuesday 5 November 2024

Latitude:
61° 56.2' S
Longitude:
58° 42.2' W

Course:
333°
Speed:
0.4 knots

Wind Speed:
Calm
Barometer:
992 hPa

Air Temp:
-3°C

We woke up to our first full day at sea heading north back to Ushuaia. The sun was up with cumulus clouds scudding by, and the sea state was in the fun zone.

Later in the morning we had the opportunity to sign up for an organised bridge tour. Groups were called up one by one to enjoy the fascinating area of the ship that we don't usually get to see. The range of technology and the unparalleled views from the bridge, which assist the Captain and his team in safely navigating around icebergs and into tight, shallow harbours, were truly impressive.

After lunch Meli presented a very interesting lecture about 'What we don't see when we look at Antarctica'. We learned about plate tectonics and the recent history

of Continental Drift theory – the earth's shape is actually a geoid – and how geology as a science is relatively new and under 100 years old. Who knew there were so many lakes in Antarctica?

Afternoon tea was a treat of freshly sautéed crepes, which led us into the afternoon indoor activity of Trivia Time, hosted by Jay and his assistants, Tarn and Laura. It was a tight tussle between the Bergs and Bird;, Get Me Off The Drake!; and The Jennifers, through the early rounds on biodiversity and geography. After five rounds, the eventual winners were Get Me Off the Drake, streaking ahead with impressive knowledge on the Expedition Team, being able to recognise staff hats and hilarious and cute, grainy childhood photos.





Drake Passage, Beagle Channel

DAY 10 | Wednesday 6 November 2024

Latitude:
57° 38' S
Longitude:
64° 02.8' W

Course:
329°
Speed:
12.2 knots

Wind Speed:
7 knots W
Barometer:
1009 hPa

Air Temp:
1°C

We woke up to sunshine and relatively calm waters for the last part of our Drake crossing. The icebergs are gone, but the seabirds remain, coasting next to the ship and skimming the waves.

Our morning started with a presentation from some of our activity guides, who told us about their previous adventures around the globe. Their stories transported us to Svalbard, Greenland, Peru, Mongolia, and East Antarctica. Our guides have been around!

Next up it was time for Linda's phytoplankton workshop in the library, where we got to marvel at the microscopic worlds found in the sea. After lunch, she hosted the last

eBird survey of the voyage, and it was great to get out on deck in the fresh (and warmer) air.

It was an afternoon of goodbyes and shared laughs: a bittersweet feeling. The ski, snowshoe, and kayak groups had their final get-togethers, and eventually it was time for the Captain's Farewell festivities, where we heard from our lovely Captain, Alex, and our intrepid Expedition Leader, Mario. We settled in to watch the voyage slideshow: a wonderful celebration of our entire journey together. What a way to wrap things up!



Ushuaia

DAY 11 | Thursday 7 November 2024

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



BBQ



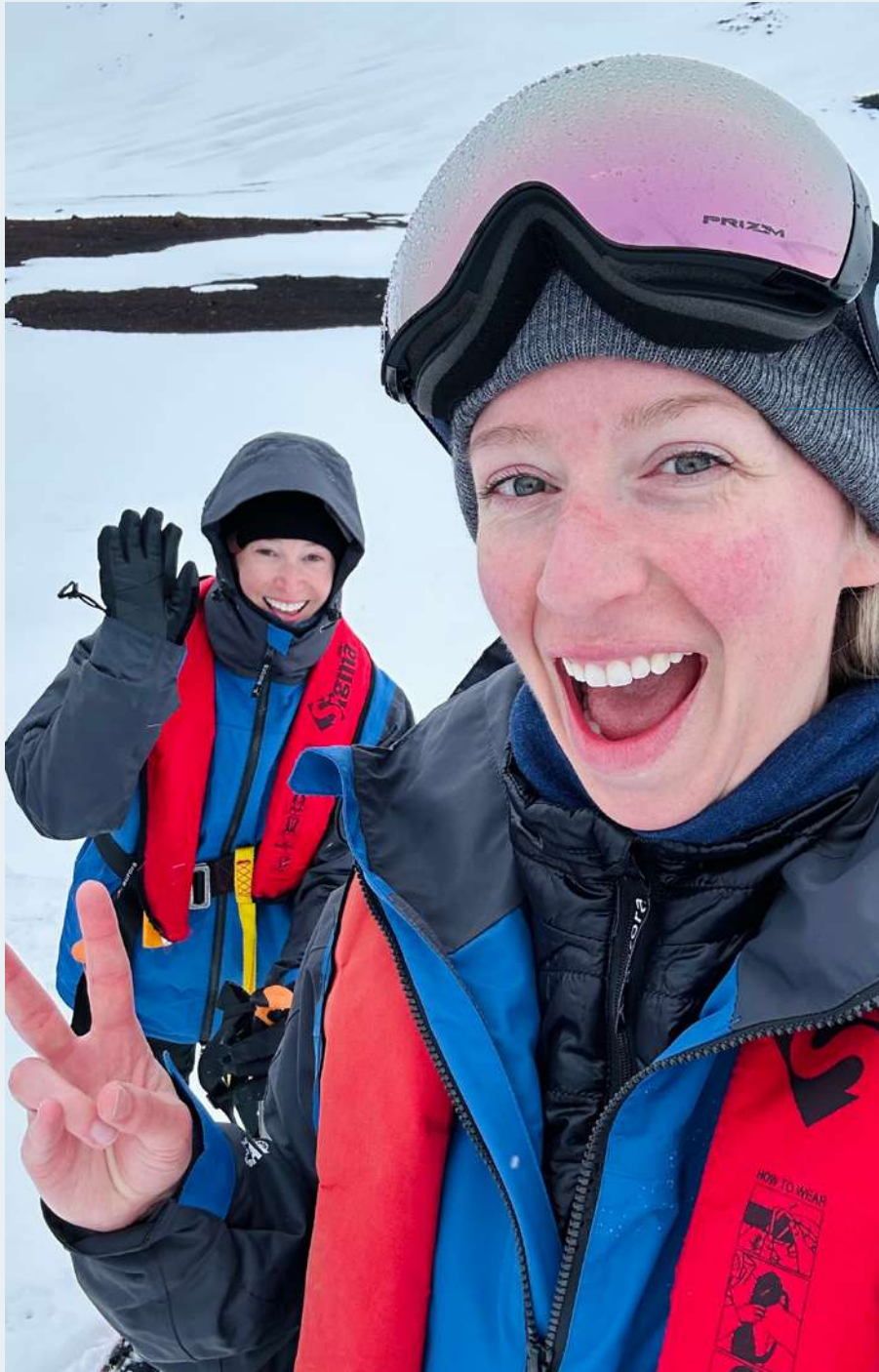


Polar Plunge









Snowshoeing Log

Guides: Tarn Pilkington, Marius Bron, Paula Roberts, Bronwen Waters

1 November, AM: Fort Point, Greenwich Island

Our first snowshoe around the peninsula of Fort Point. The weather was wild! Snow and wind were our constant companion on this outing as we got used to the snowshoes while walking around the chinstrap penguin colonies. We followed the coastline, with waves crashing all the way up to the snowy bank, the water an icy turquoise blue from all the crushed ice that had fallen into the ocean from nearby seracs and the broken-up icebergs. The beach was a mix of rounded rocks and rounded ice balls.

1 November, PM: Whalers Bay, Deception Island

We stepped off the Zodiacs onto a black beach made up of tiny stones and there was a slight smell of sulphur in the air from the volcanic Deception Island; very different from our last landing! Tarn led the way up the hill, over knolls and through wind scoops behind the whaling station ruins of Whalers Bay.



Number of Snowshoers: 11

Total Outings: 6

Snowshoers:

Courtenay Gardner

Lisa Kream

Amanda Lennon

Nick Lennon

John Paul (JP) Lotuaco Tivoli

David Martin

Mackenzie Oman

Ron Tidd

Cindy Williams

Josephine Wong

Jennifer Yuwono

2 November, AM: Portal Point, Antarctic Continent

We weren't entirely sure if we would be able to reach Portal Point this morning as there was a lot of ice in the bay, but the Zodiac drivers were able to find a way through the bergy bits and growlers to our first continental landing on Portal Point. We snowshoed up onto a thin bridge of land between two small bays, with a great view down onto the ocean and glacier front.

3 November, PM: Enterprise Island

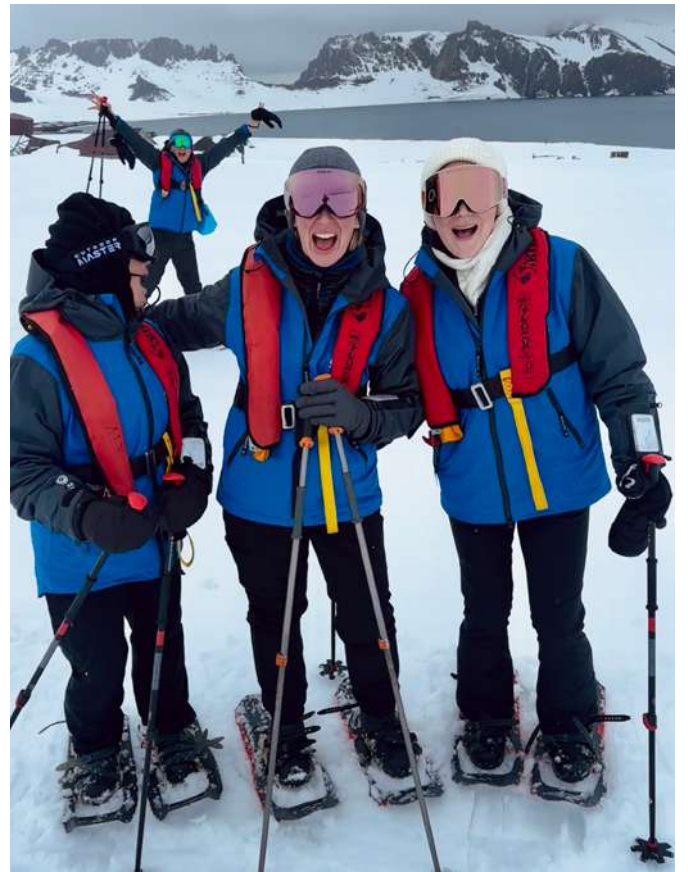
Our ascent up a ridge on the small Enterprise Island was windy, but as we gained the top of the island the weather cleared, the sun came out and we reached views far in the distance over the top of the island. There were many layers of cloud that the sun's rays made their way through, creating lots of texture and shadows in the view. It was spectacular!

3 November, AM: Brown Station, Paradise Bay, Antarctic Continent

Our Zodiac pulled up at a small wharf and a steep staircase led to cute orange buildings of this Argentine base, currently unoccupied by people, but many penguins residing in colonies around the buildings. After passing the colonies we started a steep ascent up the hill behind the colony, zig-zagging our way up. We then reached a plateau where we made a loop, stopping at a viewpoint high above the bay. We even witnessed a serac fall, causing an avalanche far over the other side of Skontorp Bay. A wonderful and varied sunny snowshoe this morning.

3 November, PM: Neko Harbour

A very sunny and warm snowshoe this afternoon! We made our way up the broad ridge above the main landing site, slowly and steadily rising to a vantage point where we could look down onto the glacier, clearly seeing the crevasses and seracs, which looked like they were about to drop off into the sea.





Skiing Log

Guides: Tarn Pilkington, Marius Bron, Paula Roberts

1st November, PM – Whalers Bay, Deception Island

After a transit the ship negotiated the entrance to the sheltered waters of Deception Island's caldera. The skiing group climbed high above Whalers bay to the cloud base at 350 metres, and descended back down for a short tour of the derelict station.

2nd November, AM – Portal Point

The ship arrived in Charlotte Bay in low cloud and to plenty of brash ice and small bergs over the entire bay. A short scout saw the E-Team confirm a landing was possible at the tip of Portal Point. The skiing party headed off along the point's ramp up towards the large glacier on the Reclus Point. The snow conditions were soft and deep, and a great descent to the standard landing was enjoyed by the skiers.



Number of Skiers: 6
Total Paddle Outings: 7

Skiers:
Gustave Sexaver
Katrina Sexaver
Scott Barrett
Liz Barlow
Jiayu Liu
Lin Wang

2nd November, PM – Enterprise Island, Bancroft Bay

The second outing for the day was on Enterprise Island. Both groups shared the landing and ascended summit of the island to be rewarded with glimpses of sun and soft light on the sea and surrounding area. The snow quality was excellent and the skiers enjoyed the fantastic powder back to the landing.

3rd November, AM – Paradise Harbour, Leith Peak

After arriving in Paradise Harbour the skiers left the ship for Leith Peak, a short, 2-kilometre Zodiac transit to the north. The ascent to the summit at 400 metres was completed in two hours. The views from the summit are outstanding as it affords a panorama of the larger summits on the continent and the islands flanking the waterways between them. The snow quality for the descent was variable but some superb snow lay in the sheltered bowl below the saddle ridge. Some brash and bergs made the pick-up challenging for Tarn at the shore cache, but the group was easily extracted from the standard landing in Leith Cove.

3rd November, PM – Neko Harbour

The sun shone and the clouds parted for a truly spectacular outing at Neko Harbour. The skiers and snowshoers landed and quickly departed for the upper slopes high above the harbour. The snow was wind affected but the descent overlooking the harbour was simply stunning. Neko is an impressive location for skiers and snowboarders to get incredible images, with impressive Antarctic backdrops.

4th November, AM – Selvik Cove – Spiggot Bowls

The original plan to ascend Mt Tennant was shelved due to low cloud and light snow showers. Selvik Cove turned out to be a fantastic Plan B, as the first chinstraps were arriving to the rocky nesting sites above the cove. There was one solitary chinstrap high on the summit ridge, which the skiers got to meet shortly before descending for their second run. The snow quality was fantastic with 10 – 15cms of light, dry snow. A very successful morning before our departure back to Ushuaia.





Kayaking Log

Kayak Guides: Peter Wainwright & Eduardo Larranaga

1 November, PM – Whalers Bay, Deception Island 2.6km

It's amazing to think that our first kayak excursion was inside the caldera of an active volcano - Deception Island, within the South Shetland Islands. Often a very windy place, we were lucky this day that the wind allowed us to explore the shores of Whalers Bay, and then continue out into the open sea through Neptune's Bellows, the entrance and exit of this gigantic boiler. The landscape in this part of the island is truly impressive. We paddled next to colossal volcanic stone cliffs, and through a narrow surge channel between Cathedral Stack and the caldera's outer rim. Here we could feel the power of the Southern Ocean and the tidal currents, despite how calm it was compared to how turbulent and churning these waters

often are. This is a challenging paddle even for experienced paddlers, so it felt very rewarding to do our first paddle here.

2 November, AM – Portal Point 3.3km

ICE! There was no shortage of ice for our first proper paddle on the Antarctic Peninsula. We paddled through brash ice, and weaved our way around growlers, bergy bits and even small icebergs while keeping a wide berth from any medium or large bergs. Picking a meandering way through the maze of icebergs was a challenge, and we weaved back and forth linking leads, and occasionally having to just forge a path through the ice with our kayaks. The fresh snow falling on the surface was also creating new grease ice and early pancake forms. We also saw a



Number of Kayakers: 9
Total Paddle Outings: 5
Total Distance Paddled:
21.2 km

Kayakers:
David Cass
Matthew Cass
Natalie Gillespie
Scott (Toby) Harner
Elizabeth Imperiale
Kerry Mooneyham

Carolyn Steiner
Skip (John) Steiner
Morgan Van Overbroek

surprising number of krill feeding on phytoplankton on the underside of some of the remnant chunks of pack ice. Surprisingly the landing site at Portal Point was relatively ice free, and after checking out the fast ice just past the headland we climbed into a Zodiac to be dropped off on shore and to make our first steps on the Antarctic continent. A wonderful outing.

2 November, PM – Foyn Harbour 2.1km

This afternoon we paddled to a beautiful spot on the outskirts of Wilhelmina Bay, Enterprise Island. It was quite cold and as we began to explore the place, the wind started picking up. Some wind gusts exceeded 20 knots, so we were paddling the entire time in the most sheltered areas of the island. Foyn Bay, where the wreck of the whaling ship 'Governoren' is located, was

still covered in sea ice, so the wreck could only be seen from afar. We continued exploring the area, trying to control our kayaks between blocks of ice and the rocky shore of the islets off Enterprise Island until finally the wind got too high to continue. Luckily for us, the sun came out for a few minutes while we rested, sheltered from the wind in a small cove. After enjoying those pleasant rays of sunshine, we loaded back into the Zodiac to return to the comfort of the *Greg Mortimer*.

3 November, PM – Neko Harbour 4.2km

Finally we were rewarded with some sun, and completely calm winds – the type of conditions that kayaking dreams are made of! And the wintry weather of the last few days made us appreciate our luck even more. And we couldn't ask for better scenery to revel in with such perfect weather:

All around us, glaciers cascaded down mountainsides in all manner of broken, contorted and cracked shapes and forms. It was truly spectacular, and we had an almost perfect reflection of this jaw-dropping landscape in the millpond surface of the water. Twice we stopped paddling and sat in blissful silence for five minutes, just opening our senses to the sounds of the birds, the lapping of water at the icebergs and the occasional crack from an ice front or the collapsing of a serac from a hanging glacier. It was mesmerising. Eventually, though, it was time to load in the Zodiac and hustle back to the ship to strip off our drysuits, don bathing suits instead, and plunge into the icy waters off the back of the ship!

4 November, AM – Cuverville Island 9km

Our last paddle was truly magical! It snowed the entire time, so our kayaks

ended up completely snow-covered and white. The sea conditions were perfect for kayaking, windless and glassy. In front of Cuverville island there was a lot of ice, so the *Greg Mortimer* had to stay well away from it. This made our exploration much more interesting as we had to make our way through icebergs and brash ice. Furthermore, the dense fog did not allow us to see the island, so we had to navigate for a long time with the GPS until we finally arrived. We coincided with the arrival of many gentoo penguins, which were beginning their reproductive season. After taking many photos of the penguins and enjoying the peace of this place, we paddled back to the *Greg Mortimer* to end our incredible time on the Antarctic Peninsula.





Bird & Mammal Sightings

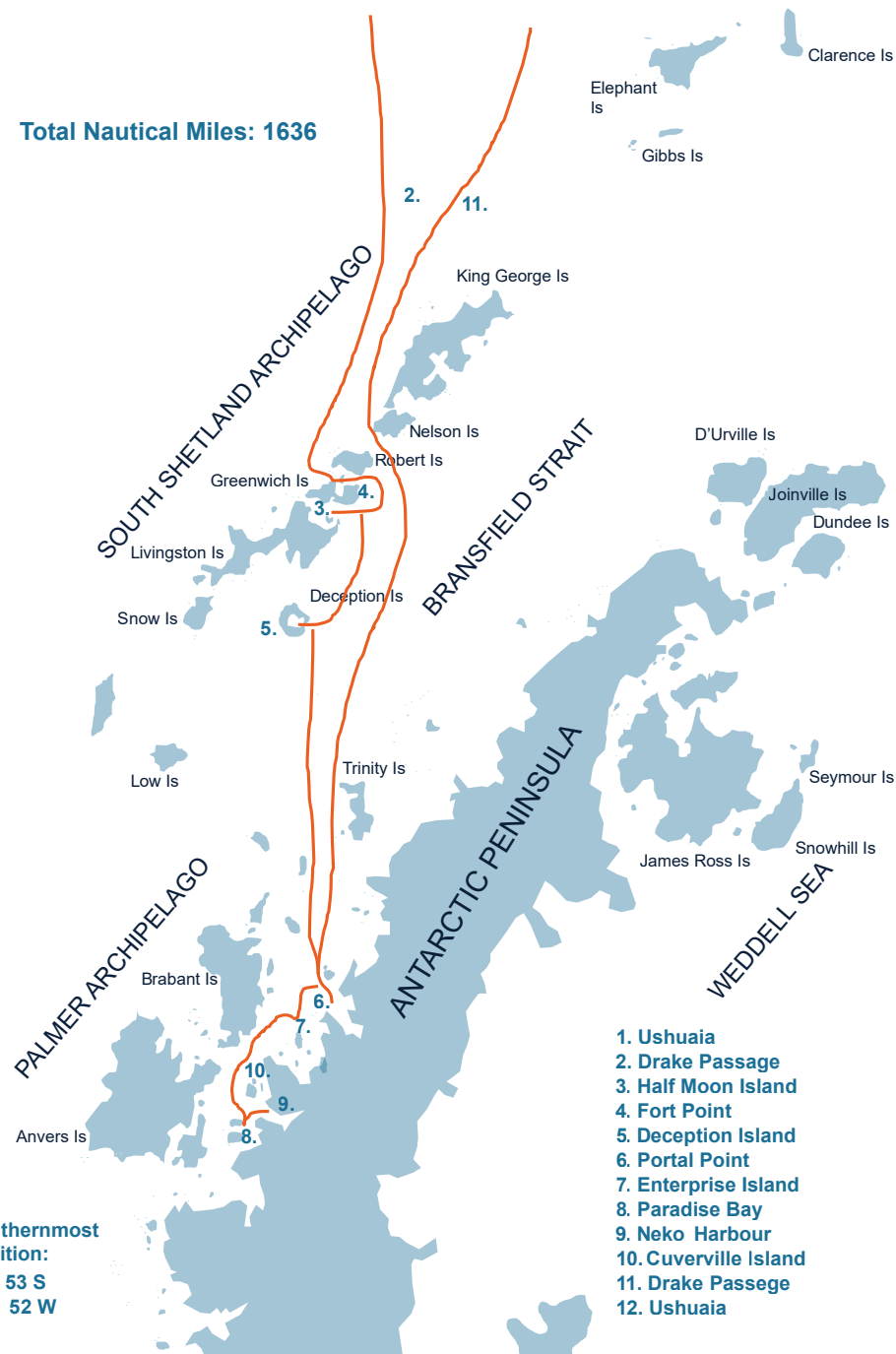
Bird Species	October/November										
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Gentoo Penguin				•	•		•	•			
Chinstrap Penguin				•	•			•			
Adélie Penguin					•						
Wandering/Snowy Albatross			•	•							•
Royal Albatross (Southern/Northern)			•								
Black-browed Albatross		•	•							•	•
Grey-headed Albatross			•								
Light-mantled Sooty Albatross			•	•							
Giant Petrel sp. (Northern and/or Southern)	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
Antarctic Petrel				•				•	•		
Cape Petrel			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Snow Petrel				•		•	•	•			
Antarctic Fulmar (Southern)		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	
Blue Petrel			•						•		
Prion sp. (probably mostly Antarctic)			•	•					•	•	
White-chinned Petrel		•	•								•
Wilson's Storm-petrel								•			
Imperial Cormorant (blue-eyed)				•	•	•	•	•			

Bird Species	October/November										
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cormorant sp. (unidentified)	•										•
Snowy Sheathbill				•	•		•	•			
Chilean Skua	•	•									•
Skua (Brown and/or South Polar)				•	•			•			
Kelp Gull				•	•	•	•	•			
Tern (probably mostly Antarctic)				•	•	•	•	•			
South American Tern		•									•
Dolphin Gull	•	•									•
Andean Condor	•										
Black-faced Ibis	•										

Mammal Species	October/November										
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Antarctic Fur Seal	•										
Weddell Seal				•			•				
Leopard Seal						•					
Humpback Whale		•		•	•		•	•			
Unidentified Whale									•	•	
Unidentified Seal				•		•		•			

Map

Total Nautical Miles: 1636



1. Ushuaia
2. Drake Passage
3. Half Moon Island
4. Fort Point
5. Deception Island
6. Portal Point
7. Enterprise Island
8. Paradise Bay
9. Neko Harbour
10. Cuverville Island
11. Drake Passage
12. Ushuaia

Southernmost
Position:
64° 53 S
62° 52 W

Spirit of Antarctica

28 October – 7 November 2024



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Paul Ellis

Janet Elson

Stacey Gallagher

Courtney Gardner

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