

Antarctica Explorer Express

Aboard *Sylvia Earle* | 11–17 February 2024



Ushuaia

DAY 1 | Sunday 11 February 2024

Position at 1900 on 11 Feb

Latitude: 54°53.6'S

Course: 090°

Wind Speed: 15 knots

Air Temp: 7°C

Longitude: 067°45.3'W

Speed: 10 knots

Barometer: 1010 hPa

Here we are in Ushuaia, "el fin del mundo", the southernmost city in the world, and our final taste of civilisation before we journey to the inhospitable south.

We stepped off the catamaran into the chilly wind of an Ushuaian late summer, but the warm *Sylvia Earle* awaited us with cocktails and a welcome spread of snacks.

Once everyone was checked in, it was time for the all-important safety drill.

The sound of seven short, one long rings from the ship's signal system was our cue to don warm clothes, bulky orange lifejackets and gather at the muster station to sample our safety gear. Our safety officers and crew guided us up to the lifeboats to get us familiar with their whereabouts.

Next, we met our Expedition Leader, Christian, in the lecture theatre, and were introduced to our Expedition Team. There are 20 'E-Team' in total, with various specialities including ornithology, marine biology, geology, glaciology, photography, history, medicine, kayaking and snorkelling.

In addition to our E-Team, we have 85 wonderful ship's crew, from all corners of the world, here to look after everything from your cocktail order to the navigation of the ship.

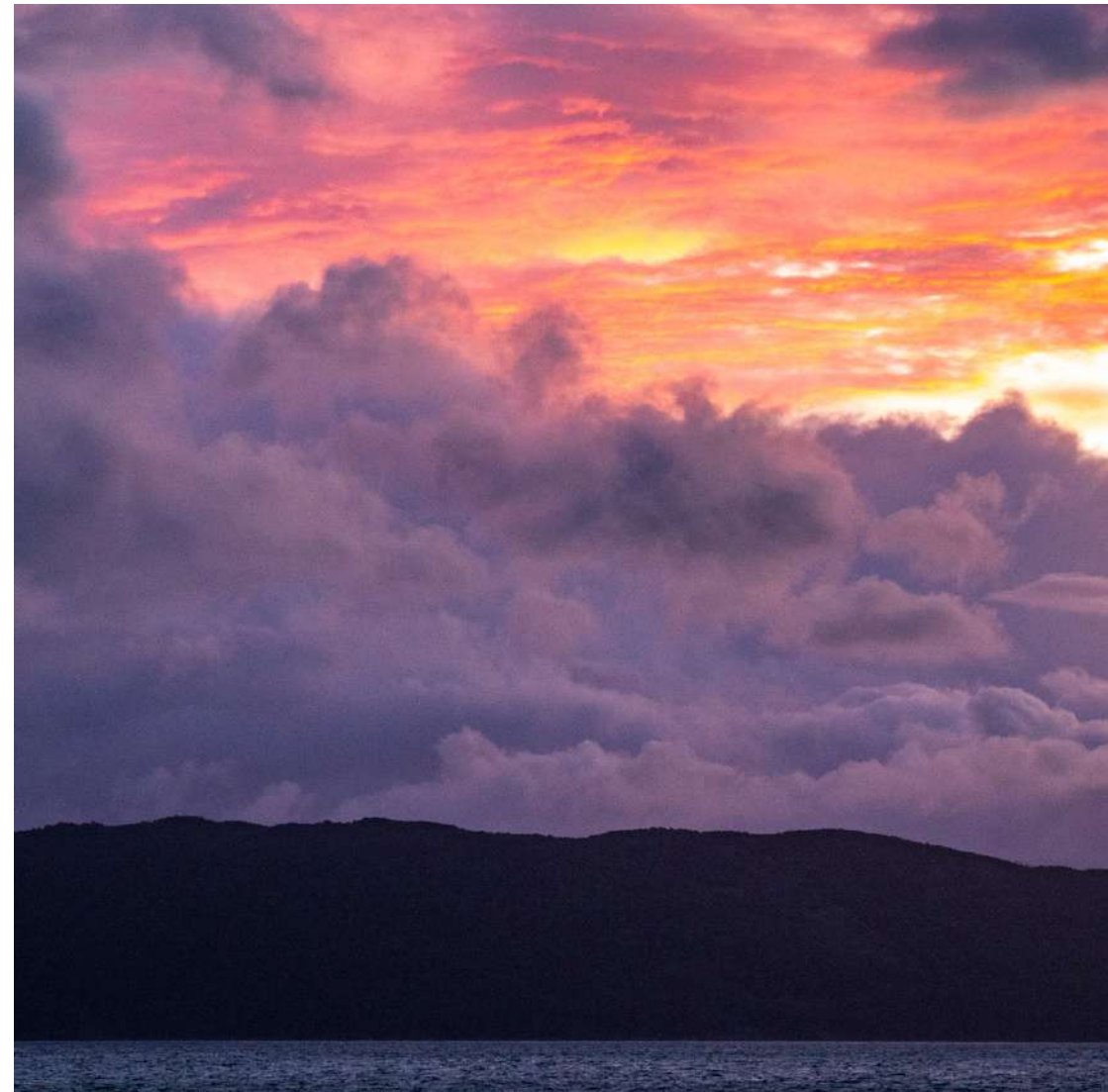
We total 119 Expeditioners: 1 Hungarian, 1 Irish, 1 Russian, 2 Brazilian, 2 Belarusian, 2 Chinese, 2 German, 2 Dutch, 4 Canadian, 4 Lithuanian, 7 British, 10 Australian, and 81 American.

After introductions and a welcome briefing, we had a little time to relax at the bar or unpack our bags before heading into the dining room for our first meal on board.

As we dined, we cruised along the Beagle Channel on the border between two countries: Argentina on our port side, and Chile on our starboard. The rolling green hills are a stark contrast to the landscapes we will experience in days to come.

As we left Tierra del Fuego in the distance, the sea rose to meet us in long, gentle swells, while the breeze kicked up, bringing with it more pelagic species, giant petrels, and black-browed albatross.

Night-time found us rolling in a very manageable Drake, tired from our long journeys to Ushuaia, but excited for the adventure to come.



Drake Passage

DAY 2 | Monday 12 February

Position at 0700 on 12 Feb

Latitude: 62°17.5'S

Longitude: 063°45.8'W

Course: 169°

Speed: 13 knots

Wind Speed: 25 knots NW

Barometer: 980 hPa

Air Temp: 6°C

Greetings from the Southern Ocean! It is day two of our expedition cruise to Antarctica, and what an exciting journey it has been so far. As we sail towards the white continent, each moment is filled with anticipation and wonder, as we embark on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

Our day began with an essential introduction to IAATO (International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators), highlighting the importance of responsible tourism in this pristine environment. Led by Christian and Leo, we received a comprehensive Zodiac briefing, ensuring that we are well-prepared for our upcoming excursions. Following this, we participated in a biosecurity session, emphasising the critical need to protect Antarctica from invasive species. With meticulous care, we cleaned all our gear, readying ourselves to disembark onto the untouched landscapes of Antarctica.

In the afternoon, our thirst for knowledge was quenched by our dedicated Expedition Team members – Maude, Olivia and Marcos. Through engaging educational activities, we delved into the fascinating world of Antarctic geology, the majestic whales that roam these waters, and the diverse seabirds that call Antarctica home.

Despite the notorious reputation of the Drake Passage, we have been fortunate to experience smooth sailing, with gentle swells welcoming us on our journey. As we traverse this legendary stretch of water, the sense of camaraderie among fellow explorers grows stronger, united by our shared passion for discovery.

Our day culminated in a delightful cocktail reception, where we had the pleasure of meeting the Captain and his team. Surrounded by panoramic views of the Southern Ocean, we toasted to the adventures that lie ahead and exchanged stories of past expeditions.

But the excitement didn't end there! After dinner, the Expedition Team organised a thrilling iceberg competition, led by the enthusiastic Nicole in the observatory lounge on deck 8. Armed with nautical charts, we eagerly plotted the exact coordinates, date and time of our anticipated first sighting of an iceberg – a moment we eagerly await with bated breath.

As we retire to our cabins for the night, the anticipation of what tomorrow holds fills the air. Crossing the Drake Passage is not just a physical journey; it's also an emotional one, evoking the spirit of exploration that has captivated adventurers for centuries. Together, we embrace the thrill of being modern-day explorers, charting new territories and forging unforgettable memories in the heart of Antarctica.





Drake Passage, Melchior Islands

DAY 3 | Tuesday 13 February

Position at 0700 on 13 Feb

Latitude: 62°17.5'S

Longitude: 063°45.8'W

Course: 169°

Speed: 13 knots

Wind Speed: 25 knots NW

Barometer: 980 hPa

Air Temp: 6°C

Our wake-up call was followed by breakfast. The night was pretty calm.

No wind outside, a little swell and some fog who was playing with us all morning.

At 9.30am it was time for a photography lecture with Scott. We could learn everything about photography from our smart phones. That is a good feeling to know we can explore Antarctica and take amazing pictures with our phones!

Then we had an introduction to the Citizen Science programs with Marcos, Olivia, Maude and Nicole. They explained to us about the Clouds app, Happywhale, eBird, FjordPhyto and Secchi Disk surveys. It is so exciting to know we can participate in one or a few programs during our trip, from the ship or during a Zodiac cruise.

And at 11.45am was time to do our first eBird survey outside from deck 7 to count and identify all the birds we can in 30 minutes. We saw not so many birds due to the lack of wind, but instead we saw some whales on the way!

Time for lunch!

The afternoon followed with a cloud survey with Marcos on the outside deck, and at 3pm a lecture with Kelsey about the expedition of the *Belgica* in Antarctica.

Christian explained to us we were going to put Zodiacs in the water at 6pm for an exploration around Melchior Islands. Meanwhile, the fog disappeared a bit and we had the pleasure of viewing an amazing show, with some humpback whales feeding, and huge icebergs!

The Zodiac exploration went really well.

We were all so happy to explore Antarctica for the first time. Antarctic fur seals on the snow, cormorants, kelp gulls.

Ice everywhere! We even saw our first Argentinian station. Magical!

We Zodiaced back to the ship, just in time for dinner.

And when we thought the day was over... The Expedition Team called us to come outside because we had orcas in sight.

It was an amazing encounter; even the naturalists went crazy about it. The orcas came literally to us, played around the ship and even did vocalisations. After long minutes with us, the orcas decided to leave. We were so thankful for this magical moment. Welcome to Antarctica, everybody!





Paradise Harbour & Port Lockroy

DAY 4 | Wednesday 14 February

Position at 0700 on 14 Feb

Latitude: 64°52.7'S

Longitude: 062°53.4'W

Course: Variable

Speed: Variable

Wind Speed: SW, force 6

Barometer: 976 hPa

Air Temp: 4°C

Our morning started with a Zodiac exploration of Skontorp Cove in Paradise Harbour: truly one of the most scenic places in Antarctica.

Steep glacial walls poured down around us, and brightly coloured moss decorated the cormorant-occupied cliffs. Even though it was a bit wavy and windy, we stayed relatively dry compared to yesterday's rainy evening.

We watched gentoo penguins waddle on bobbing icebergs, and some of us were lucky enough to see the fluke of a humpback whale. Brash ice and growlers decorated the bay, and it was impressive to listen to the crackle and pop of the ice as it melted in the water.

Our lunch on board the *Sylvia Earle* was very romantic, complete with beautiful heart-shaped cakes that no one dared to cut. It was also pizza day—love was in the air! Now and then, we could look out the dining room windows and be treated to whale sightings.

After warming up, it was time to head out again for our afternoon excursion. Our destination was a place called Goudier Island: a small island in the harbour of Port Lockroy, containing a British base with the same name. This area was first discovered by Jean Baptiste Charcot during the Francais Expedition in 1904. He was a dreamer who loved exploring remote areas, and his stories are maybe lesser known because – for the most part – everything went right!

We spent some time observing the penguins and cormorants perched on the cliffs. The snorkelling team headed into the water, while the kayakers paddled around the coves. We had to fight the waves and wind on our way back to the ship, but spirits were high—it was a true Antarctic experience. Some of the team members from the Port Lockroy Museum visited the ship, and gave us the chance to buy souvenirs and postcards to mail from Antarctica. Later on, we heard from Maude, Olivia and Marcos at recap, who gave us some insight into the world of ice, penguin plumage, and orcas.

Finally, in the spirit of Valentine's Day, it feels appropriate to write a love letter to Antarctica: the muted blues of the ice, the sharp mountain ridges, the salt spray of a sea that's teeming with life. The vastness and extremity of this landscape captures our hearts and calls to our imaginations. What lies around the next corner? What secrets are held in the glaciers? There is so much beyond our reach. And for that, Antarctica is a lover we'll never get over.





Portal Point & Recess Cove

DAY 5 | Thursday 15 February 2024

Position at 0700 on 15 Feb

Latitude: 64°27.6'S

Longitude: 061°45.5'W

Course: Variable

Speed: Variable

Wind Speed: SW, force 6

Barometer: 976 hPa

Air Temp: 4°C

It was a busy day!

Our morning landing was at Portal Point – a narrow point of land on the Reclus peninsula. This was our chance to set foot on Antarctica's mainland, and for many of us to achieve our 'Seventh Continent'.

We hiked up to the top of the promontory for some incredible views over Charlotte Bay. There were a few Weddell seals hauled out on the shore, as well as the much more agile Antarctic fur seals.

The Zodiac trip to and from the landing was pretty special too. We watched pods of humpback whales bubble-net feeding, gulping krill from the surface.

We had been mentally preparing ourselves since yesterday evening, as we knew what was coming next... the polar plunge! We had an amazing turn out of Expeditioners who braved the icy water.

Perhaps there were doubts in some minds, as we waited in the mudroom with a chilly wind blowing up our dressing gowns. But peer pressure and good dose of FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) did the trick, and in the end a massive 45 of us took the plunge!

After re-fuelling and re-warming ourselves over lunch, we headed out for our next landing at Recess Cove.

The whales absolutely stole the show again, giving us an amazing view of their feeding.

At Recess Cove we did another hike, giving us stunning glacial views, and explored in Zodiacs amongst the brash ice.

During recap, Nicole announced the long-awaited results of our iceberg competition. Congratulations to Jenny, for guessing within 40 minutes of the actual time!

We donned our silly hats and celebrated an excellent day with a BBQ on deck 8.

As we ate, the humpbacks continued to feed around us.

It's a reminder of just how amazing and fragile our ecosystem is – these gentle giants depend on eating huge quantities of these tiny krill, to survive the harsh conditions and survive their long migrations.







Polar Plunge

DAY 5 | Thursday 15 February 2024













Telefon Bay & Half Moon Island

DAY 6 | Friday 16 February 2024

Position at 0700 on 16 Feb

Latitude: 62°18.3'S

Longitude: 058°42.2'W

Course: Variable

Speed: Variable

Wind Speed: NW, 12kts

Barometer: 998 hPa

Air Temp: 4°C

The ship passed through the narrow entrance way to rest her engines within the caldera at Telefon Bay. Although the entirety of the trip has been filled with dramatic landscapes, the contrasting colours from the volcanic ash and snow monochrome against a blue sky was haunting.

Far to the other side of the bay beyond our floating home, the clouds displayed their effortless ability to change form as we endured the perseverance of the gusts of wind that helped that sky canvas change.

The trip over to the land seemed effortless and fast, yet as we boarded the Zodiacs to return to the warmth and comfort of the *Sylvia Earle*, the romance of warm volcanic groundings was quickly lost.

The seas gave us the extraordinary experience of adventure as our drivers navigated the rough ocean back to the ship. We were grateful for the endless surplus of hot teas, coffees and hot chocolate.

The quick changers were graced with the comforts, enjoying a wonderful view through the steamy glass of the sauna.

As we made our way out of the volcano and steamed forwards to Half Moon Island, the weather began to smooth out and the sky clear (at least from the protection of the observation lounge) ever so slightly. Scott managed to wrangle us all on the same deck at the same time for a group photo.

There was a sense of community and contentment. Antarctica is not a place that humans are native to; we can only survive here from community and good preparation. The energy aboard the ship was ecstatic, contagious excitement.

The afternoon in Half Moon Island was beautiful. Arriving to the bluest sky we have encountered all trip truly gave the ice-capped mountains a surreal sculpture-like appearance; arguably they have appeared like this all week. I keep needing to pinch myself. The afternoon was filled with clear water, sunshine, perky penguin personalities (both in the colony and in the human peers around) and fur seals... also sporting some unique and rather quirky characteristics.

After a stretch of the legs, and for some a snorkel in the algae, we boarded the ship for what we thought was full of bittersweet reminiscing. The exchanging of contacts, photos, memories, perhaps some hidden tears were accompanied by the bar team's exquisite potions, readying us for the final goodbyes.

Little did we know the clouds had different plans for us when we woke.





Frei Station, Antarctica

DAY 7 | Saturday 17 February 2024

Position at 0800 on 17 Feb

Latitude: 62°16.1'S

Longitude: 058°48'W

Course: At Anchor

Speed: At Anchor

Antarctica left a restless longing in my heart beckoning towards an incomprehensible perfection forever beyond the reach of mortal man. Its overwhelming beauty touches one so deeply that it is like a wound.

—Edwin Mickleburgh, Beyond the Frozen Sea

Wind Speed: 3 knots NE

Barometer: 981 hPa

Air Temp: 6°C

The entire Aurora Team thank you for joining us on this adventure, and we hope to see you on the high seas again!





Kayaking & Paddling Log

Kayak Guides: Tim, Hodei, Eamon, Vanja, Anula

Number of Kayakers: 11

Total Outings: 5

Number of Paddlers: 8

Total Distance Paddled: 23.54 km

Kayakers

Mark Brewer

Robyn Brewer

Sylvia Caira

Mark Cavanaugh

Mary Cavanaugh

Natalie De Normandie

Jill Johnson

Larry Kellis

Jaime Moreno

Wendy Smith

Paddlers

John Bell

Pamela Bell

David Gibbons

Nadja Grobe

Vilas Nair

Maya Suresh

Emma Weissmann

Cora Wen

14/02/2024 AM: Paradise Harbour. Distance 3.6 km

We were excited to set out for our first paddle and kayak in this stunning site. The wind was strong at the ship, so we needed to use the Zodiacs to find a sheltered spot. The kayakers were lucky and glided onto the water underneath the shelter of a cliff with nesting shags. The cliff here has malachite in the rock, which makes it unusually green. Just past the shags was the Argentinian Brown Station. There were a couple of people still there, but they were well outnumbered by the gentoo penguins, that also call the base home. Further on and the kayak group saw a resting Weddell seal on the rocks. Now against the wind we used Zodiacs to tow back to the ship, which had moved further into the harbour. The wind and swell proved too much for the paddle group and they were happy to watch a humpback from the Zodiac.

14/02/2024 PM: Port Lockroy – Goudier Island. Distance 2.2 km

The ship had to anchor a far way out from this site. So, we towed all the kayaks in closer to the shelter of the small islands. Around the rocky islands it was calmer but still windy, so we stayed in close to the rocks. We were entertained by the antics of the penguins here. There is a large gentoo colony on these islands and watching them via kayak was ideal. We could also see the whale bones scattered on the shore. Some seals lazed on the rocks, not bothered by us at all. It was a bumpy but a fun tow back to the ship, and some warm food.

15/02/2024 PM: Recess Cove. Distance 5.24 km

We were blessed with calm conditions and no wind this afternoon at Recess Cove. Large, stranded icebergs greeted us as the ship came to anchor in this beautiful cove. Everyone was keen to get into their kayaks. The paddling team started with exploring around the small rocky island. Here we surprised a curious fur seal as we drifted around the corner. He or she was happily swimming around oblivious, when suddenly aliens in colourful crafts appeared. The kayak group went further, exploring the rocky channels along the shore. Here we experienced paddling past big and small bergs, one of which collapsed; it was exciting, but we were well away from it. Towards the end, some people decided to go to land while others stayed on the water to explore more. A memorable outing.

17/02/2024 AM: Potter Cove. Distance 6.8 km

As we were waiting an extra day, we had a couple of bonus paddles. The ship stayed at King George Island but found an interesting bay with an impressive glacier. As for kayaking, it was perfect to explore our way through the rocky stacks and islands here. Both the kayak and paddle groups headed out to the point to explore the maze of rocks and channels. Elephant and fur seals lazed on the rocky beaches and occasionally raised their heads to watch us. The rocks here were a variety of colours with all the lichens and mosses growing on them. The kayakers paddled much further and earned their lunch today.

17/02/2024 PM: Hennequin Point. Distance 5.7 km

At first glance the landing at Hennequin Point looked like a long, featureless beach with maybe a few elephant seals on it. On closer inspection as we approached, we saw that at the eastern end were some very interesting rock stacks and features we could explore. As this was likely our last outing, everyone was keen to paddle. The kayak group made some distance and paddled down towards a spectacular glacier. The paddle group enjoyed the rock channels and then headed into some thicker brash ice. Both groups later said they had a moment of silence and reflection; it was that sort of place. An interesting and picturesque outing.









Snorkelling Log

Snorkel Guides: Eddie, Katia and Pete

Number of Snorkellers: 17

Total Outings: 6

Snorkellers:	Mike	Ben	Natha
Jonathon	Zdanas	Amy	Pavel
Jessica	Gabrielle	Andy	Alex
Lorenzo	Astrid	Iana	
Teri	Martin	Phil	

14/02/2024, AM: Paradise Harbour | Skontorp Cove

At 8am the snorkel team were ready to go, fully kitted in their drysuits with a mixture of excitement and nervous anticipation as we head out for our first snorkel expedition.

We start with a cruise along the coastline by the Argentine Brown Station, a seasonal research station on the shore of Paradise Harbour. Gentoo penguins watch as we manoeuvre through the bergy bits of ice moving gently with the current.

We pass Shag Rock, a large nesting site for cormorants; one flies just a couple of metres over the Zodiac for a while, keeping station with us as we cruise along. On the cliff face we see a streak of blue, a vein of copper mineral deposit running vertically down the cliff face.

Rounding a corner, Skontorp Glacier appears, massive, towering and imposing in the distance. As we get closer, it is easy to see the crevasses and fissures along its leading edge – ready at any moment to collapse into the tranquil bay.

In the distance, we hear that another group has been joined by a humpback whale, but we have turned and are moving towards the northern side of Brown Station for our check-out (to make sure all our equipment is functioning correctly) and then to explore amongst the ice and along the shoreline. Some of the penguins join us in the water; how clumsy we must look to them as they effortlessly streak past, twisting and turning as they go.

After half an hour or so, the intrepid snorkellers return to the Zodiacs, a little cool, but excited about our first time in the water. It takes about 10 minutes from the comments to change from 'I'm cold' to 'When can we do it again?'

We cruise back towards the *Sylvia Earle*, which has repositioned towards the glacier. Back on board, it's time to sort out our equipment for the next trip, then hot drinks followed by lunch.

14/02/2024, PM: Port Lockroy | Jougla Point

Port Lockroy is a bay forming a natural harbour on the north-western shore of Wiencke Island in the Palmer Archipelago. The Antarctic base with the same name, situated on Goudier Island in this bay, has located upon it the most southerly operational post office in the world. Jougla Point is a rocky peninsula with many small coves. It was first mapped in 1903 by a French Antarctic expedition and forms the entrance to Alice Creek.

We commence the exploration from the *Sylvia Earle* cruising in our Zodiacs towards the historical buildings of Port Lockroy. We are unable to go ashore because of the current avian flu situation – the island is home to large colonies of penguins.

Navigating round the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust buildings, we enter the water in the shelter of Jougla Point; whalebones above and below the surface of the water speak to the darker history of this part of our world.

Back on board, staff from Port Lockroy talk about their work and provide us the opportunity to purchase some of their UKAHT merchandise, all profits going to the charity to fund further conservation efforts.

15/02/2024, AM: Portal Point

Portal Point is a narrow point in the northeast part of Reclus Peninsula, on the west coast of Graham Land.

After a relatively calm Zodiac ride from the ship, we arrive at Portal Point and achieve our first continental landing; for many people, their first footsteps on what is often known as 'the seventh continent.'

Following an exploration on foot, we return to the Zodiacs, kit up into our snorkelling gear and enter the water in an area where the waves surge and ebb against an outcrop of large flat rocks. We christen this place 'the washing machine' – it looks like it will be fun! Fun it is, not just for us, but also for the seals that join us to play in the water, twisting and turning with grace around us.

Rounding the outcrop of rocks, we snorkel around some grounded ice, marvelling at the changing textures and colours above and below the waterline.

Having reached the limits of our ability to remain in the water, reluctantly we climb back into the Zodiacs ready to transit back to the ship. Suddenly, in the distance, we see a whale-spout. A quick decision is made to detour in that direction and, as we move into Graham Passage, we see the outline of a pod of humpbacks. Bringing the Zodiac to a halt well ahead of the whales' position, we stop and watch. Slowly, mesmerisingly, the pod moves closer towards us, the sound of their breathing hissing across the water. We are transfixed as they glide past, then their tail flukes arch towards the sky as they dive under the surface, leaving us all with smiles that we can't seem to lose.

15/02/2024, PM: Recess Cove

Recess Cove is approximately 4 kilometres wide and lies in the eastern side of Charlotte Bay, along the western coast of Graham Land.

We cruise into the tranquil bay between small islands and grounded ice; much of the surface of the sea is covered with smaller pieces of ice, probably from a recent calving event. In the background, ice-covered mountains reach up and disappear into the clouds high above us.

We decide to snorkel around a small island with many ice formations, exploring them and the shoreline as we fin through the water. Back in the Zodiacs, we visit the other side of the island, home to seals and the odd penguin. We are watched, perhaps with curiosity as we pass; we are not a threat, just something different for the locals to see and maybe talk about afterwards.

Back to the ship for a BBQ on the deck – a BBQ with a backdrop like none other.

16/02/2024: Half Moon Island

Half Moon Island is located between Greenwich and Livingstone islands and forms a 2-kilometre-long crescent with raised cobbled beaches, backed by ice and snow-covered mountains.

The *Sylvia Earle* moored close to the northern end of the crescent, only a few hundred metres from the beach. The sky was blue, the sun was shining, the water was clear – what a location for the last snorkel adventure of this trip.

After a walk on the shore, careful not to disturb the chinstrap penguins that clearly own the hillside, we kitted up in the Zodiacs and slipped into the water in front of a rock-face that descended in front of us. Visibility was a good 12 metres and the sun's angle in the sky allowed its light to penetrate the water, casting shadows and rippling effects on the seabed.

We drifted south with the wind, rounding the end of the wall and into an open beach area. The undulating bottom rose and fell over large boulders, seaweed fronds swaying and small fish darting in and out of the shadows.

All too soon we had to leave the water for the final time and say 'bye for now' to the watery environment that we have come to love.

17/02/2024: Potter Cove

A bonus day! For some people, flight delays mean stress; for our team, it means another opportunity to get in the water!

Potter Cove lies on the south-west side of King George Island, the largest of the South Shetland Islands. An island of many names, King George Island is also known as Isla 25 de Mayo by Argentina and Vaterloo by Russia.

The ship anchored in Potter Cove, with the imposing Fourcade Glacier just off to the port side. The water looks milky, possibly from the meltwater, so we decide to explore along the coastline and see what we can find.

We are not disappointed by the wildlife: colonies of gentoo penguins watch us from in front of Carlimi Station, elephant seals wallow, clustered in their scrapes and, further round the headland, by Elephant Shelter, we spot a solitary king penguin amongst the gentoos on the foreshore.

Turning back, we elect for a quick snorkel around one of the many reefs that break the tranquil surface of the water. Donning the rest of our equipment, we slip over the side to see what we can see. Unfortunately, very little is the answer! Even up close, the water is just too milky. Undeterred, we swim for a while before launching ourselves back into the Zodiac, some straight over the sponson, some electing for the more elegant ladder exit technique.

As far as bonus sessions go, this one was pretty good.





Bird and Mammal Sightings

Bird Species

11 - 17 February 2024

	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Gentoo Penguin				●		●	●
Chinstrap Penguin			●	●		●	●
Magellanic Penguin	●						
King Penguin							●
Wandering Albatross (Snowy)		●					
Black-browed Albatross	●	●				●	
Giant Petrel sp. (Northern or Southern)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Antarctic Petrel							
Cape Petrel				●		●	●
Snow Petrel			●				
Antarctic Fulmar (Southern Fulmar)			●				
Wilson's Storm-petrel			●	●	●	●	●
Imperial Cormorant	●						
Antarctic Cormorant/Shag			●	●	●	●	●
Skua (Brown or South Polar)			●	●	●	●	●
Kelp Gull			●	●	●	●	●
Antarctic Tern			●	●	●	●	●
Dolphin Gull	●						
Snowy Sheathbill				●		●	

Mammal Species

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	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Antarctic Fur Seal			●		●	●	●
Southern Elephant Seal							●
Weddell Seal				●	●		●
Leopard Seal							●
Minke Whale			●				
Sei Whale		●					
Humpback Whale			●	●	●	●	●
Orca			●				
Dusky Dolphin	●						

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