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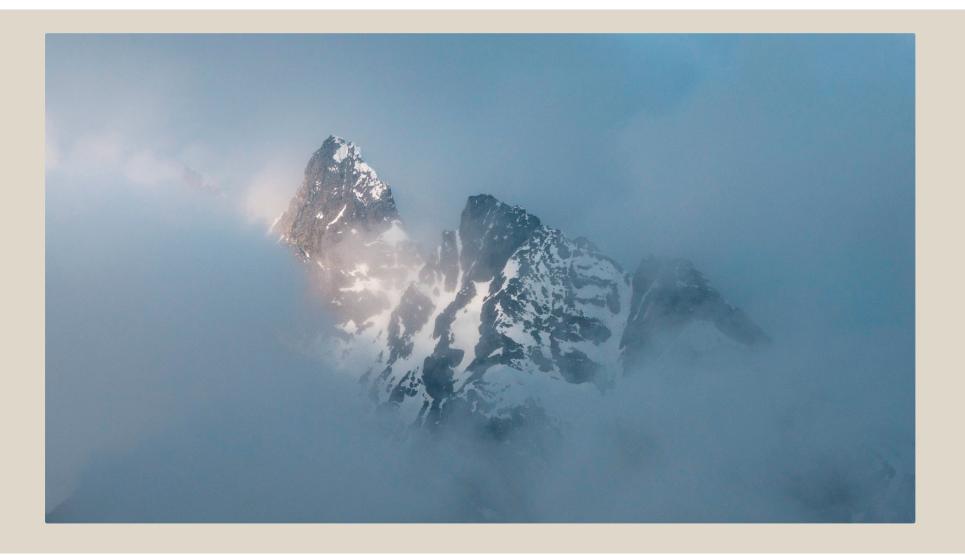
Punta Arenas Antarctic Circle

Legend v Driving

Ushuaia - Embarkation Day

After a lot of anticipation, MS Fridtjof Nansen welcomed our guests on board for the first Antarctic trip of the season! After our mandatory

safety drill we enjoyed scenic views and the first moments of relaxation aboard.



Sea Day: Drake Passage

Today we were lucky with the wind and waves being milder than forecast. The ship gently rocked as we enjoyed scenic views of the dramatic Drake Passage. We had plenty of activities on board

introducing our Science and Education Programme and the expedition experiences upcoming in Antarctica.





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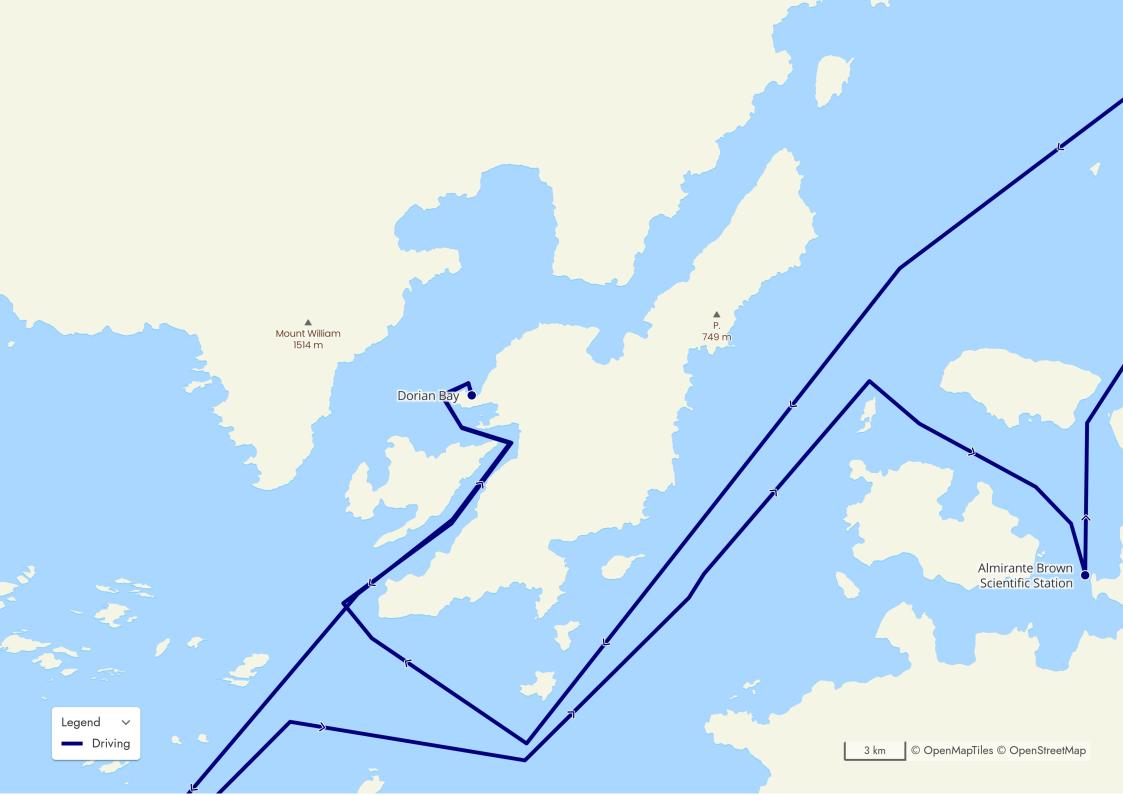
Sea Day: Drake Passage

The anticipation for Antarctica continued to build today as we attended the mandatory IAATO briefing and prepared our gear, following biosecurity standards. We sailed through a thick fog that eventually lifted and gave us our first view of Antarctica! Icebergs

bobbed along the horizon, and the evening sunrays painted the most stunning vistas.







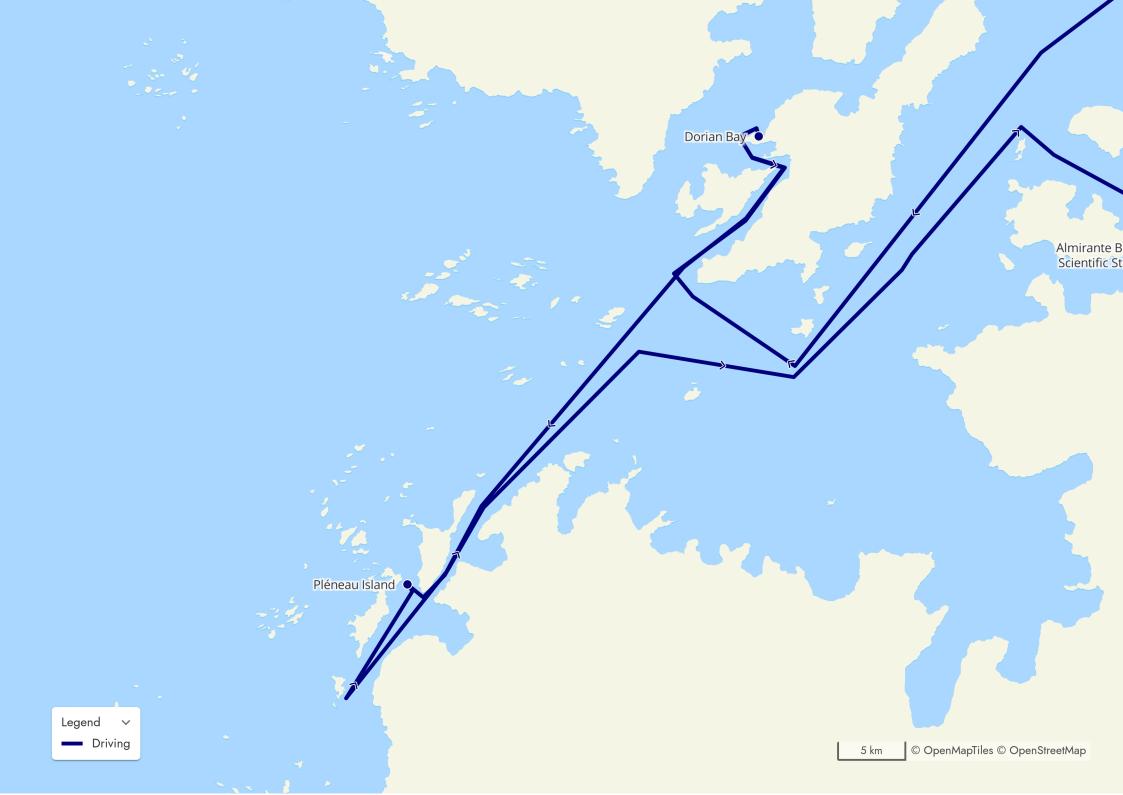
Damoy Point

After a few shaky days crossing the Drake, we finally arrived in Antarctica! It was an action-packed day: guests went snowshoeing, kayaking, joined the science boat, and everyone enjoyed a landing. We also had the opportunity to step inside the historic Damoy Hut and glimpse what life was like for those who lived and worked here in the past. Damoy Point offered perfect snow conditions for a beautiful

walk to a gentoo penguin colony and a scenic viewpoint overlooking the jagged mountains surrounding our landing site. In the evening, our campers headed out for their overnight adventure. Whether on land or aboard the ship, everyone got to enjoy a spectacular cotton-candy sunset with a full moon hanging low over the mountains.







Pléneau Island

The famous Lemaire Channel, also called the 'Kodak Gap', lived up to it's reputation as one of the most scenic places on the Antarctic Peninsula. We braved the fierce winds on deck to watch our skilled Bridge Team navigate us through the dense ice between steep mountains. After lunch, we arrived at Pléneau Island, where we had

both a landing with spectacular views and penguins, and small boat cruising through a majestic iceberg graveyard. We also had science boat outings from here, where we collected oceanographic data and plankton samples.







Brown Station

Today we officially made it to the Antarctic continent! After an incredibly beautiful sailing into Paradise Bay, the ship settled near the Argentinian Almirante Brown research station for the day's activities. On land we had steep and slippery conditions, but perseverance up the hill was rewarded with panoramic views of glacier faces cascading off rugged mountains. Many people used their arrival at the landing site to celebrate their seventh continent — congratulations

to you! We went small boat cruising through the ice, where we saw many gentoo penguins, blue-eyed shags collecting nesting material, and seals — both Weddel and Antarctic fur. After our busy day outside we enjoyed scenic cruising through Paradise Bay, which had the photographers on board smiling ear to ear.





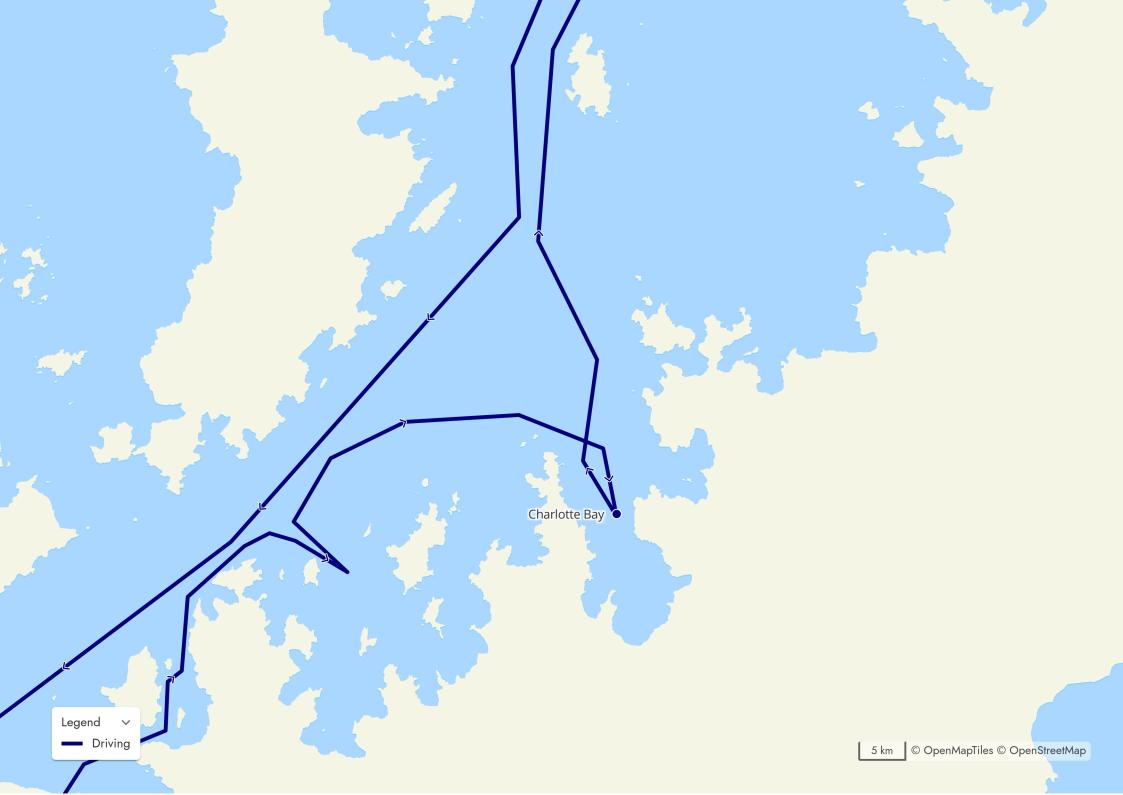
Charlotte Bay

Today can only be described as the perfect day in Antarctica. We had warm temperatures and no wind, and the frigid ocean looked like a mirror. The clear blue sky created a gorgeous contrast to the icy white mountains and drifting ice. Early in the day we were treated to two juvenile emperor penguins on the ice near the ship! This was an incredibly rare siting that had everybody buzzing. We went out small

boat cruising in the dream-like landscape and had various wildlife observations: penguins, minke whales, and seals were enjoying the beautiful day alongside us. Guests also went discovery kayaking and sea kayaking to explore the tranquillity of the day from sea level. We ended the day with about half of our guests taking a polar plunge from the ship into the frigid water!









Telefon Bay - Deception Island

Today we had some authentic Antarctic weather! The wind howled and the snow blew, - — and we went out and explored anyway! After sailing through the narrow passage of Neptune's Bellows we entered the caldera of an active volcano. The black volcanic rocks in contrast with the white snow and stormy ocean created an otherworldly atmosphere that was very different than anywhere else we'd seen on

our voyage so far. We went ashore at Telefon Bay, where we saw a mother Weddell seal nursing her calf and some curious gentoo penguins waddling about. After getting everybody back on board and warming up, we sailed through Neptune's Bellows again and enjoyed seeing chinstrap penguins nesting on shore.







Sea Day

Thankfully the seas were calmer than forecast, but crossing the Drake Passage was a bit bumpy none-the-less. We had a full onboard program with lectures, art workshops, and plenty of beautiful birds

soaring around our ship. Our crew band, The Rolling Waves, fit right in with the day's events and kept us dancing late into the night.





Final Sea Day

What a 'Drake Shake' we had in the Drake Passage overnight! The morning started slowly as people adjusted to our rocking ship, but as the seas settled, we had another busy day on board. We finally got to look into the microscopic world of plankton that we collected during

our science boat outings. The evening ended with a farewell from the Captain and crew and a spectacular video from our onboard photographer who had documented our journey.









