

A wide-angle photograph of a rugged, snow-covered mountain peak in Antarctica. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The mountain's ridges and valleys are covered in white snow, with some dark rock visible. The lighting suggests a bright day, with soft shadows.

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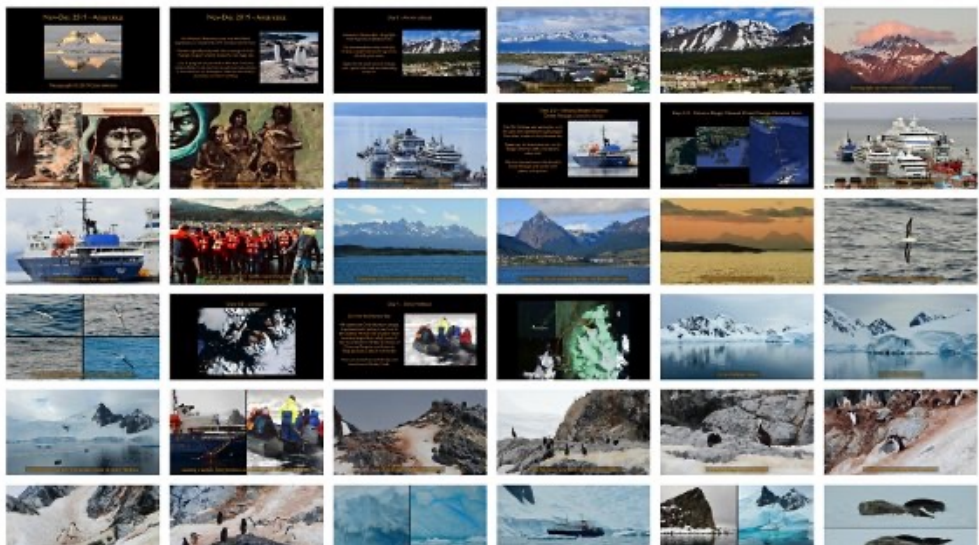


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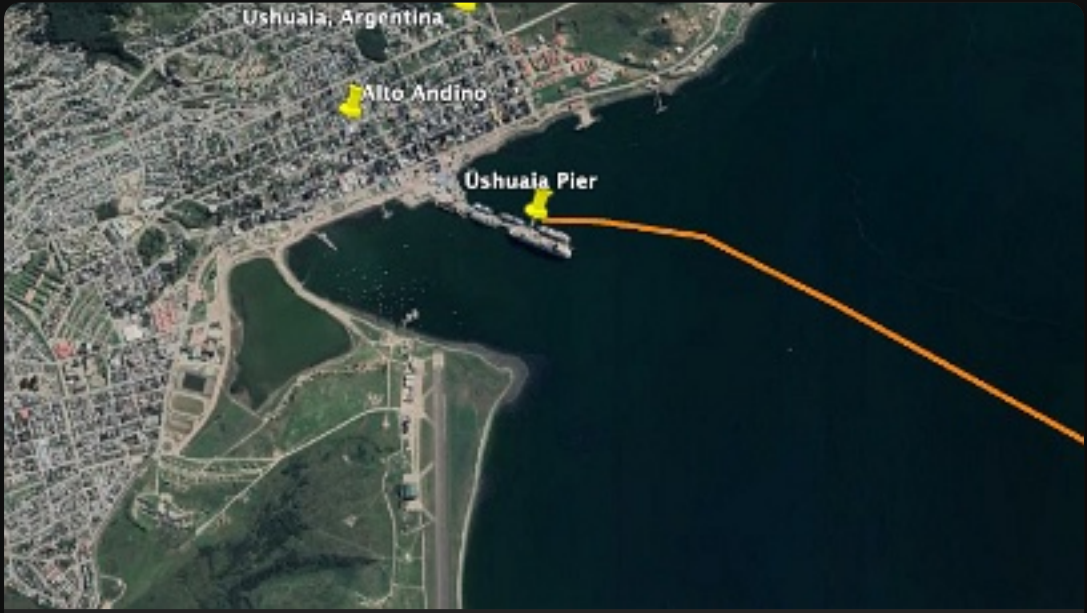
Evening light on nearby mountains off Damoy Point



Arrival, Ushuaia to Gerlache Strait

Pre-trip (22-23 Nov 2019); Days 1-3 (24-26 Nov 2019)

Arrived in Ushuaia after long flight from Australia via Buenos Aires. Explored the small town of Ushuaia with great crab meal and interesting street art. Departure for Antarctica via the Beagle Channel, with mandatory safety drill, and across the dreaded Drake Passage which was quite calm and smooth for us. Lots of birds but hard to get good photos of them.



Arrival (22-23 Nov 2019) Ushuaia airport, Alto Andino (accommodation) and Ushuaia pier

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Antarctic ships at Ushuaia pier on return from their cruises



The Martial Mountains close to Ushuaia



View southwestwards from Alto Andino with Chilean mountains on south side of the Beagle Channel



Evening light on the mountains from the Alto Andino



Street art in Ushuaia depicting indigenous Yaghan people



Street art in Ushuaia



Day 1 (24 Nov 2019) Ushuaia and Beagle Channel

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Days 1-3 (24-26 Nov 2019) Ushuaia to Gerlache Strait

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Ortelius and other Antarctic cruise ships at the pier



Ortelius getting ready for departure



Departing Ushuaia eastwards along the Beagle Channel



Departing Ushuaia eastwards along the Beagle Channel



Clouds, our expedition leader, supervising the mandatory safety drill on departure from Ushuaia



Evening light on the Beagle Channel



Petrel in the very calm Drake Passage



Albatross in the very calm Drake Passage



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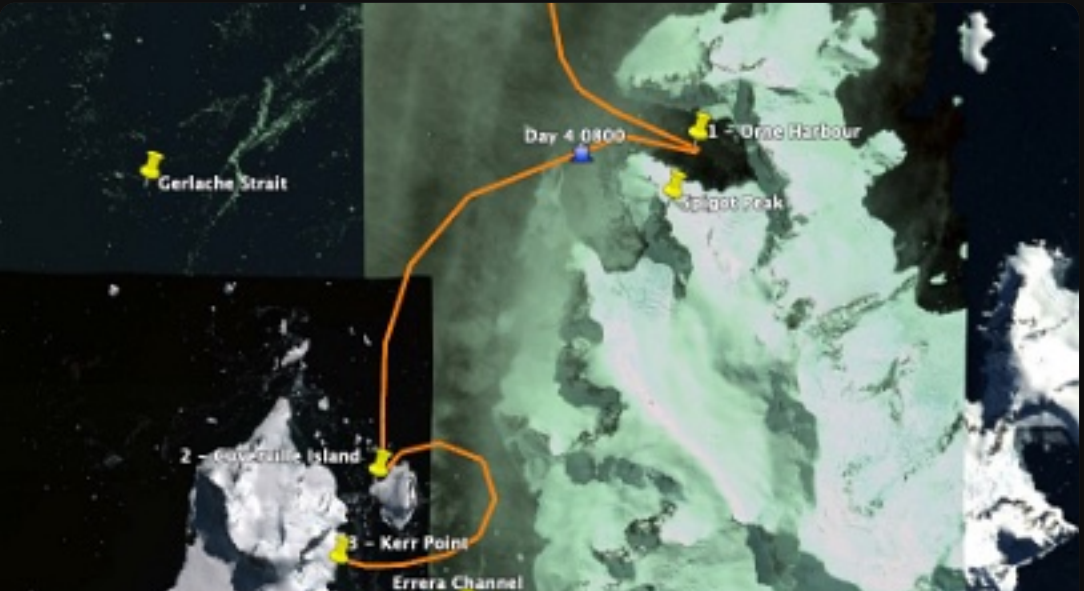
Orne Harbour and Cuverville Island

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Our first real Antarctic day! We sailed into Orne Harbour and got acquainted with getting in and out of the zodiacs. We saw lots of great views including Spigot Peak which some of the mountaineers climbed. Colonies of Chinstrap Penguins and Antarctic Shags greeted us (loud and smelly). Then we cruised around the bay and found some Weddell Seals. Our next stop was on Cuverville Island - our first landing. Here we saw lots of Gentoo Penguins and enjoyed the evening light off Kerr Point where some were camping!



Days 4-8 (27 Nov to 1 Dec 2019) Locations
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Day 4 (27 Nov 2019) Orne Harbour and Cuverville Island
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Orne Harbour views



Orne Harbour views



Getting ready for our first zodiac cruise at Orne Harbour



Loading a zodiac from Ortelius



Zodiac with Clouds at the helm



Spigot Peak from the Ortelius



Our first sight of a penguin colony



Antarctic Shags and other birds on rocky ledge



Antarctic Shags on rocky ledge



Chinstrap Penguins at Orne Harbour



A pair of Chinstrap Penguins



More Chinstrap Penguins on snow and rocks



Blue Ice in Orne Harbour



Blue Ice in Orne Harbour



Ortelius close to shore in Orne Harbour



Twin peaks, blue ice and reflections in Orne Harbour



Weddell Seals on the ice



Weddell Seals on the ice



Ortelius in light sea ice



Blue ice in tilted block



Nice reflections in Orne Harbour



Spigot Peak from a zodiac



Leaving Orne Harbour



Gentoo Penguins at Cuverville Island



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Gentoo Penguin at Cuverville Island



Several penguin colonies on hills and rocks with well-trafficked highways between them



Gentoo Penguins near the sea



Penguins going for a swim with Ortelius in background



Kayakers with penguins swimming and on shore



Group of Gentoo Penguins on rocks



Gentoo Penguin just swimming over the snow



Blue ice sculptures off Cuverville Island



Evening light near Kerr Point



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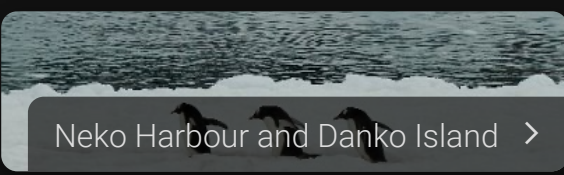
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Well-crevassed glacier in evening light near Kerr Point



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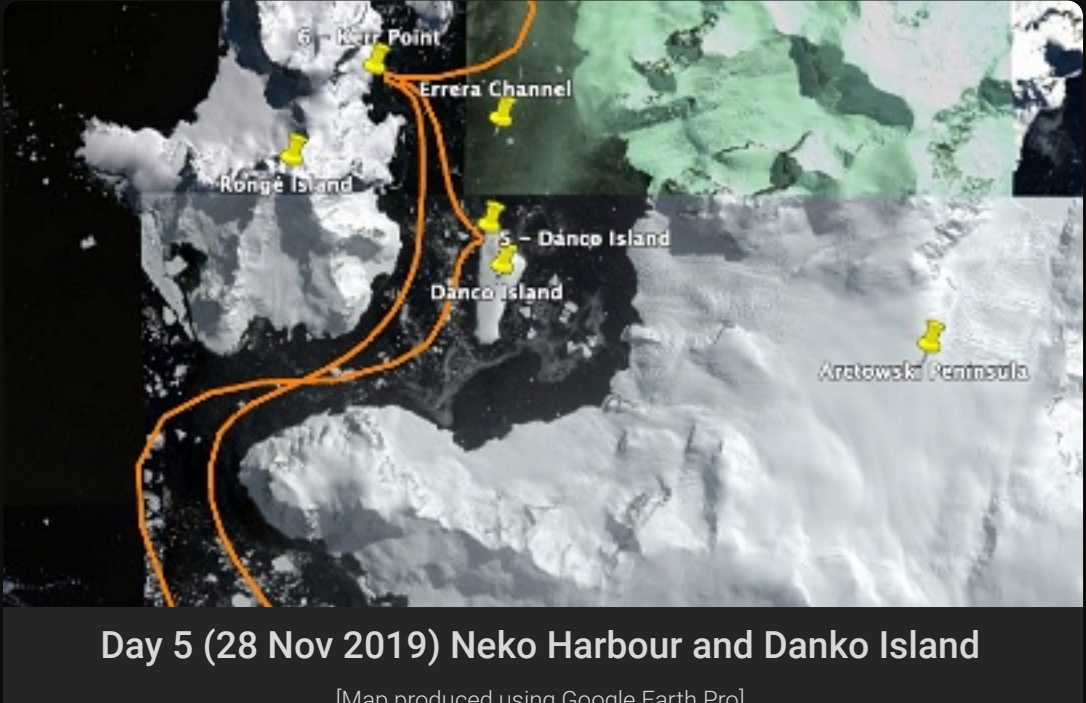
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Neko Harbour and Danko Island

Day 5 (28 Nov 2019)

From Kerr Point we sailed down to the end of Neko Harbour where we made a wet landing (experts now) and met many Gentoo Penguins while some enjoyed a nice kayak experience. Our return journey was blessed with lovely smooth water and hence great reflections. On Danko Island we were greeted by many more Gentooos and great views. We had a great BBQ on the heli deck in the evening.

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Day 5 (28 Nov 2019) Neko Harbour and Danko Island
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Wet landing from a zodiac at Neko Harbour



Look this Gentoo can almost fly



Gentoo Penguin at Neko Harbour



A pair of Gentoo Penguins off for a walk



Ortelius waiting patiently in Neko Harbour



Zodiacs waiting for return trip at Neko Harbour



Kayakers at Neko Harbour



Ortelius still waiting patiently in Neko Harbour



Neko Harbour scene



Gentoo Penguins coming down the highway with waiting photographers



Gentoo Penguins heading down for a swim in Neko Harbour



Time for a swim



Gentoo Penguins on a rock at Neko Harbour



Gentoo Penguins on their nesting site with glacier foot behind



Here I am with a special pebble for you!



Mountaineers making their way up a snow-covered glacier



And I've got a better one



Reflections



Reflections and ripples



Reflected mountains and snow with small ice on the water



En route to Danko Island (with Le Boreal coming into view)



Reflected mountains and snow



Reflections with large ice block



More reflections



Reflections



Le Boreal - French Antarctic cruise ship



Gentoo Penguins going fishing



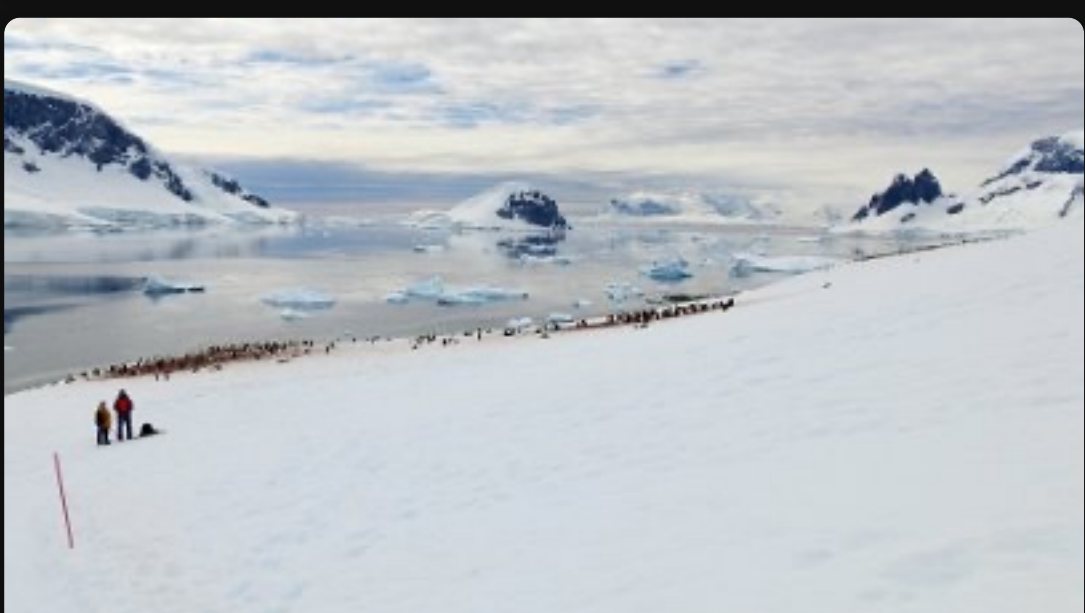
Ortelius waiting offshore from Danko Island (note curious shore features on Rongé Island)



Zodiacs at Danko Island landing point with some climbing up the hill



Danko Island Gentoo Penguin colony with view



Danko Island Gentoo Penguin colonies from the hill



Where is everyone?



Evening light off Kerr Point



Evening light off Kerr Point



Evening light off Kerr Point



Evening light near Kerr Point



Eroded and upturned ice block near Kerr Point



Antarctic BBQ on the heli deck



Antarctic BBQ on the heli deck



Evening light off Kerr Point



Late evening light off Kerr Point



Day 6 (29 Nov 2019) Neumayer Channel, Port Lockroy and Damoy Point

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Ice cave near Kerr Point



Mountains from Gerlache Strait



Floating ice



Floating ice in the Neumayer Channel



Floating ice underwater colours



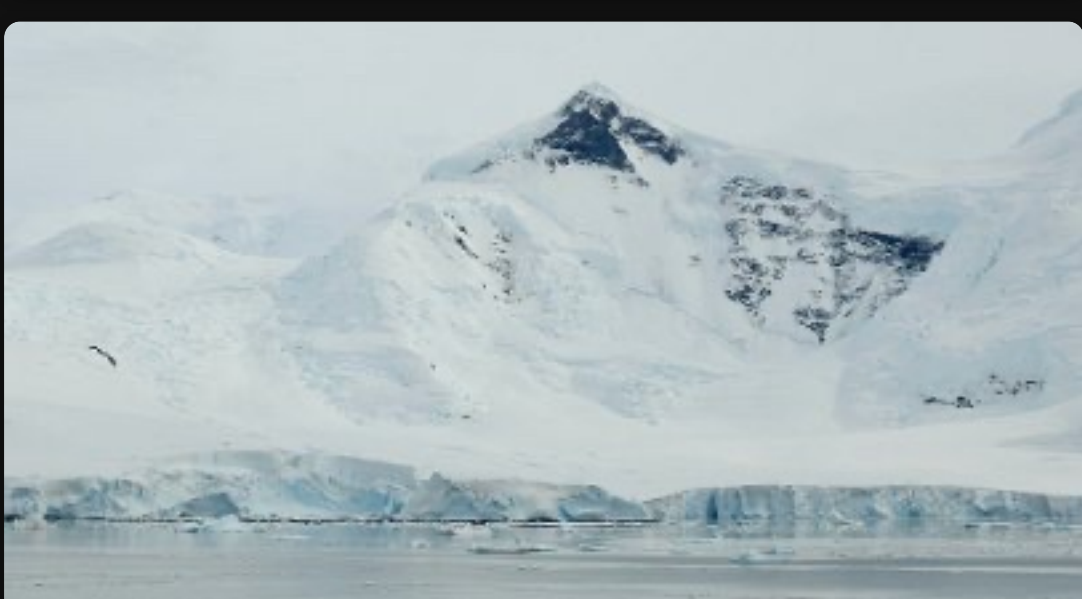
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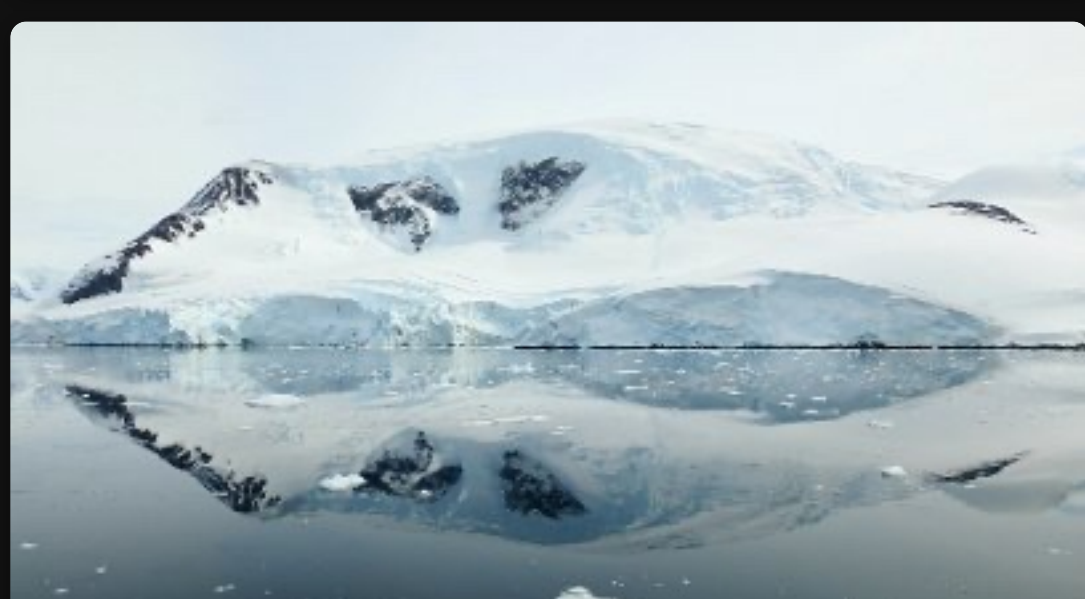
Eroded floating ice



Neumayer Channel



Hardy souls on the foredeck of Ortelius in the Neumayer Channel



Reflections in the Neumayer Channel



Reflections in the Neumayer Channel



Neumayer Channel



Reflections in the Neumayer Channel



Reflections in the Neumayer Channel



Glacial meltwater cave in the Neumayer Channel



Reflections in the Neumayer Channel



Reflections in the Neumayer Channel



Reflections in the Neumayer Channel



Seals and penguins in the Neumayer Channel



Floating ice with underwater colours



Port Lockroy scenery



Ortelius, zodiac train and path up to Port Lockroy



Gentoo Penguin sitting on egg and arranging the furniture



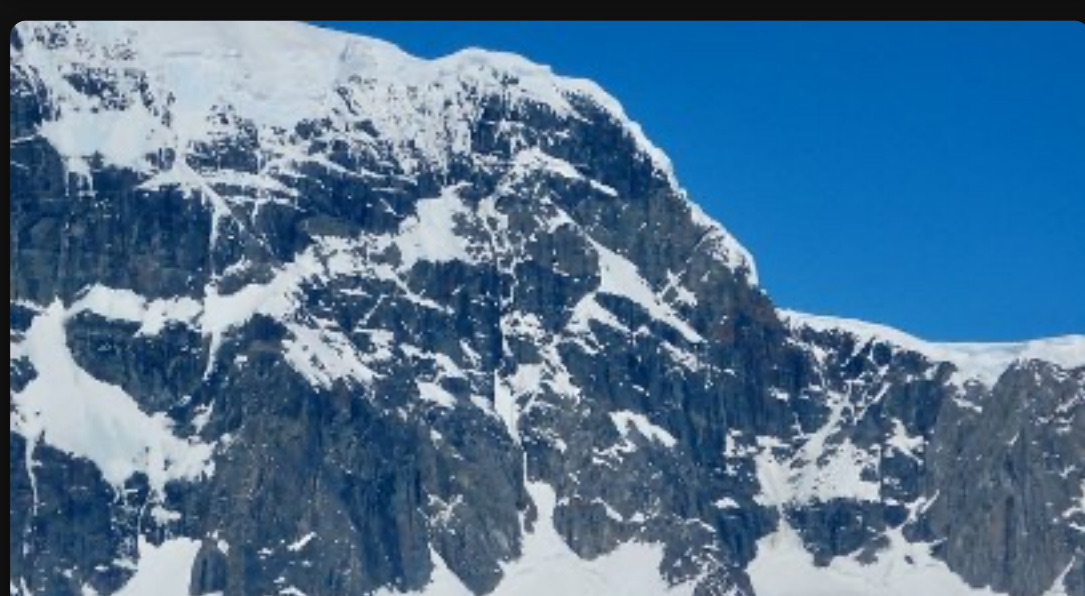
The Gentoos have taken over Port Lockroy



UK flag flying at Port Lockroy run by United Kingdom Antarctic Heritage Trust



Port Lockroy scenery



Gentoos on the rocks at Port Lockroy



Gentoos on the rocks at Port Lockroy



Port Lockroy scenery from a zodiac



Antarctic Shags on a colony near Port Lockroy



Antarctic Shag colony near Port Lockroy



Port Lockroy buildings with ice sheet and mountains behind



Glimpse of Ortelius through an ice window



Glimpse of Port Lockroy buildings through an ice window



Underwater ice colours and shapes



Port Lockroy scenery



Port Lockroy scenery



Ortelius just offshore from Port Lockroy



Floating ice colours and patterns



Damoy Point approaching sunset



Damoy Point approaching sunset



Damoy Point approaching sunset



Campers setting up in evening light at Damoy Point



Evening light on floating ice and mountains



Evening light on nearby mountains off Damoy Point



Evening light on distant scenery



Lemaire Channel and Gerlache Strait

Day 7 (30 Nov 2019)

We sailed south from Damoy Point to the Lemaire Channel. Here it was quite foggy and we did not see much of the scenery except for occasional glimpses. An iceberg at the southern end of the channel forced a turn around and a change of plans. We sailed back across the Gerlache Strait to Leith Cove in Paradise Bay.



Day 7 (30 Nov 2019) Lemaire Channel and Gerlache Strait

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A foggy day in the Lemaire Channel



Still foggy in the Lemaire Channel



Iceberg in the fog near the southern end of Lemaire Channel



Back across the Gerlache Strait through sea ice



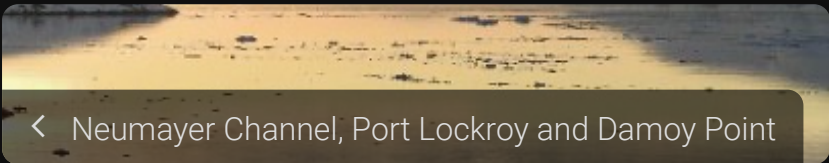
More sea ice and glimpses of the shore



Weddell Seal on a large piece of ice



Blue sea ice in the Gerlache Strait

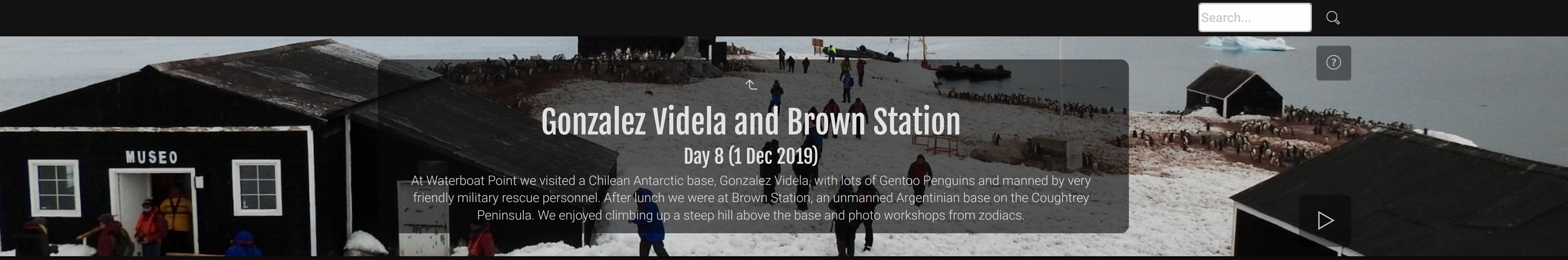


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Gonzalez Videla and Brown Station >





Day 8 (1 Dec 2019) Paradise Bay, Gonzalez Videla and Brown Station

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I try to keep clean



Just going for a walk



Gentoos examining the scenery



Gentoos on a rock



Penguins escaping from the main crowd



Please let me in



Signpost to many places at Gonzalez Videla



Buildings at Gonzalez Videla with tourists and penguins



Dave in the tower at Gonzalez Videla

[Robin Capper photo]



Waiting for an ice fall at Gonzalez Videla



Chilean flag and many loyal penguins at Gonzalez Videla



Some hardy kayakers, a sailboat and of course lots of penguins at Gonzalez Videla



Dave back on board Ortelius after our trip to Gonzalez Videla

[Robin Capper photo]



Zodiacs off Brown Station



Looking down on Bown Station and Ortelius in the bay



Ortelius off Brown Station loading kayaks



Glacier foot well broken up and with meltwater cave



Climbing up, sitting on or sliding down the hill above Brown Station



Looking down on Brown Station buildings



Melting ice shapes and colours



Ortelius from zodiac among the ice blocks



Blue ice shapes



Nice blue ice colours



The Sphinx, blue ice and our mountaineers in background



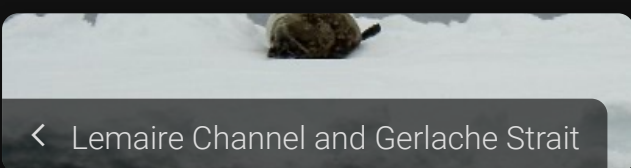
The Sphinx, blue ice and Ortelius through the gap



Rocky cliffs near Brown Station



Lichen and small plants on rocky cliff near Brown Station



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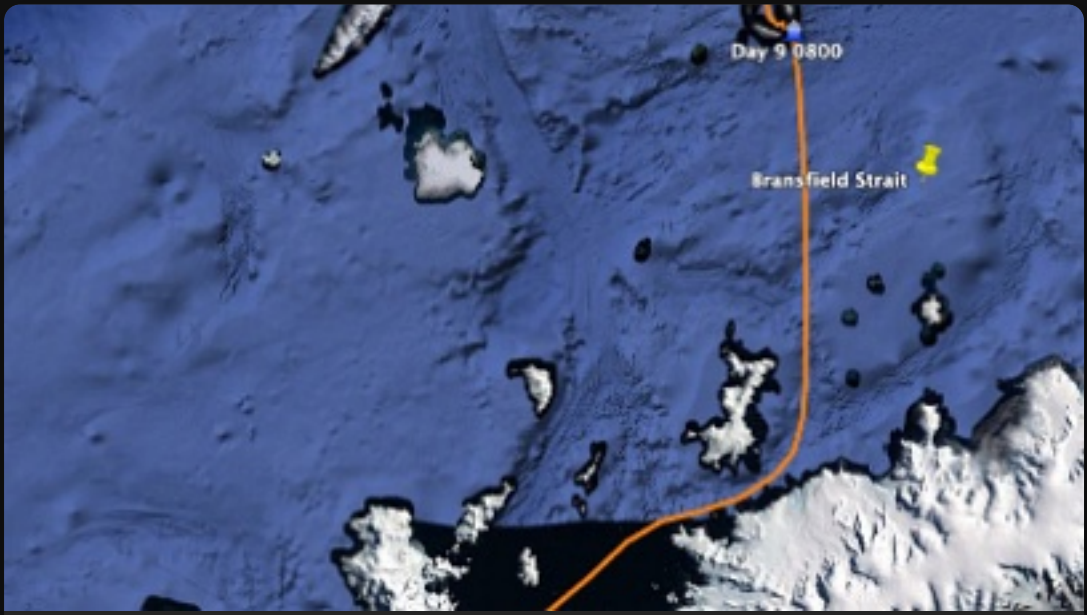


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Day 9 (2 Dec 2019)

Our arrival at Deception Island was in light fog which lifted through the day. Lots of petrels and other seabirds plus many krill washed up on the shore. The island has a long volcanic history and now forms an almost complete circle with a narrow entrance, Neptune's Bellows. As we left we passed the Greg Mortimer which later in the season had such a hard time with Covid-19.



Day 9 (2 Dec 2019) Gerlache Strait to Deception Island
[Map produced using Google Earth Pro]



Day 9 (2 Dec 2019) Deception Island
[Map produced using Google Earth Pro]



Arriving at Deception Island with fog behind



Deception Island with fog behind



Distant view of Neptune's Bellows, the entrance to Deception Island, with fog



Entering Neptune's Bellows with Livingstone Island above the fog



Through Neptune's Bellows towards Whalers Bay



Krill on the beach at Whalers Bay



Cape Petrels at Whalers Bay



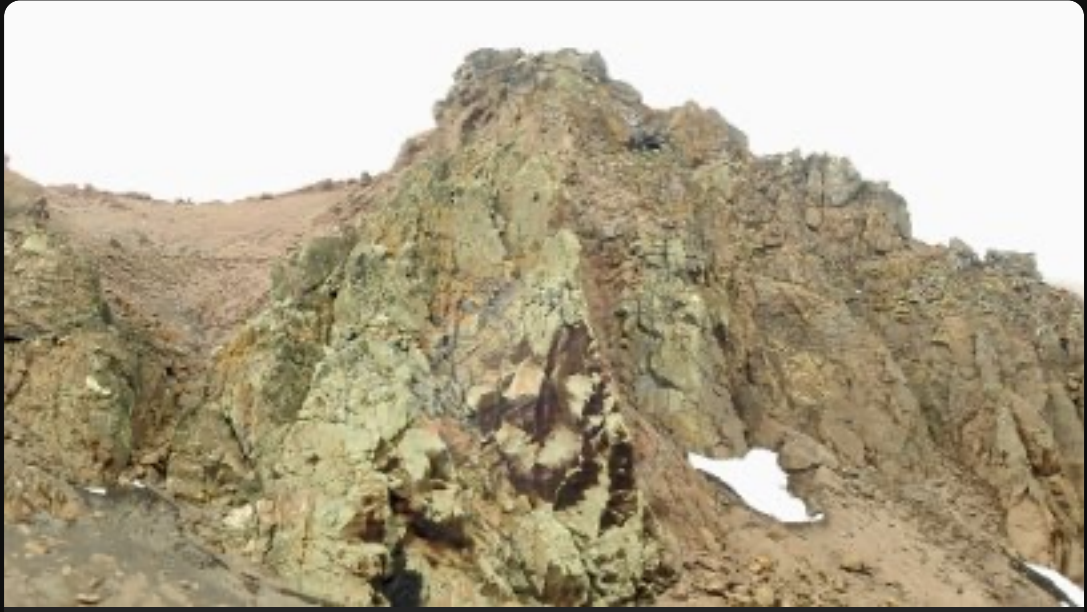
Cape Petrel at Whalers Bay



Cape Petrel at Whalers Bay



Old boats at Whalers Bay



Coloured volcanic rocks above Whalers Bay



Old buildings at Whalers Bay



Climbing up towards Neptune's Window with view towards southern side of the island



Ortelius waiting for us in Whalers Bay



Telefon Bay (polar plunge site)



Seals and others at Telefon Bay



Leaving Deception Island through Neptune's Bellows



Aurora's Greg Mortimer in Whalers Bay



View from Neptune's Bellows to Whalers Bay with zodiacs



Western side of Neptune's Bellows



Western side of Neptune's Bellows



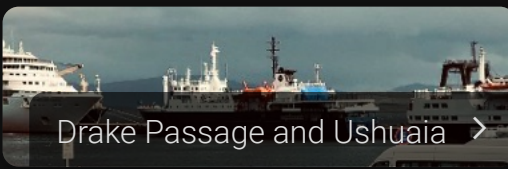
Eastern side of Neptune's Bellows with rock pillar and kayakers



Neptune's Window with kayakers



◀ Gonzalez Videla and Brown Station



Drake Passage and Ushuaia ▶



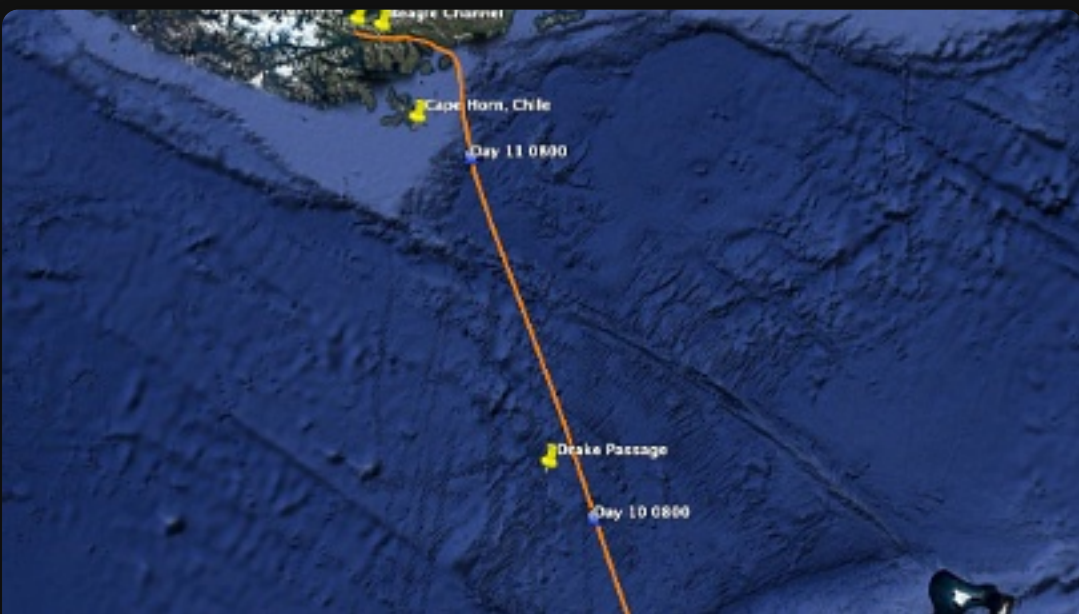
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Drake Passage and Ushuaia

Days 10-12 (3-5 Dec 2019)

Our return journey across Drake Passage was not quite so smooth as the first time - lots of one hand for the ship and the patches worked fine! We arrived into Ushuaia in heavy rain. Then back to Australia via Buenos Aires again. Included are images of the expedition team, my certificate and useful reference material.



Days 10-12 (3-5 Dec 2019) Deception Island to Ushuaia

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South America after our not quite so smooth crossing of Drake Passage



Ortelius and other cruise ships at Ushuaia pier on our return after the rain

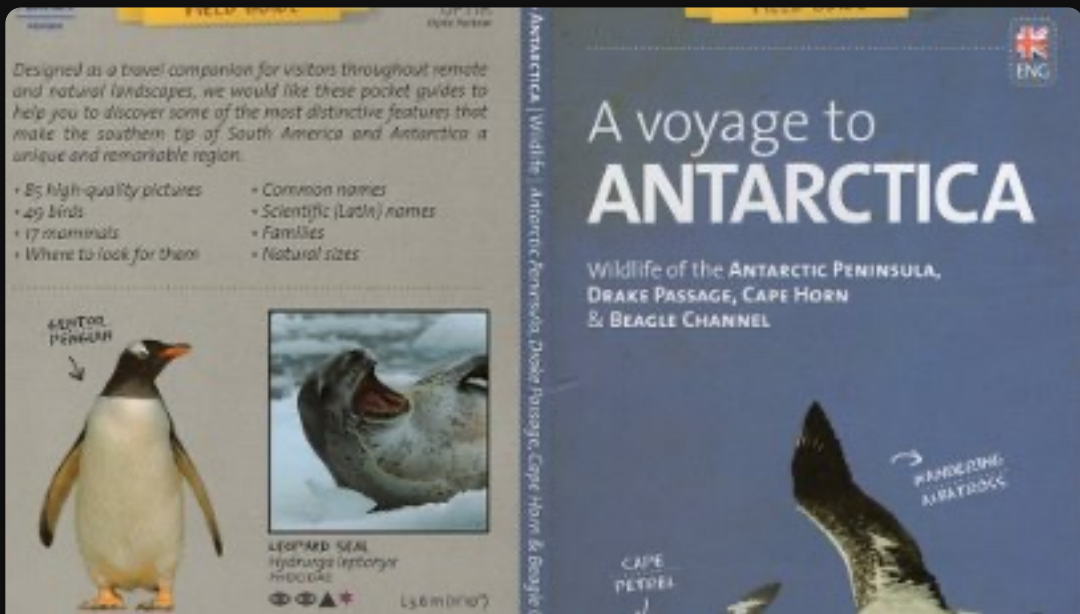


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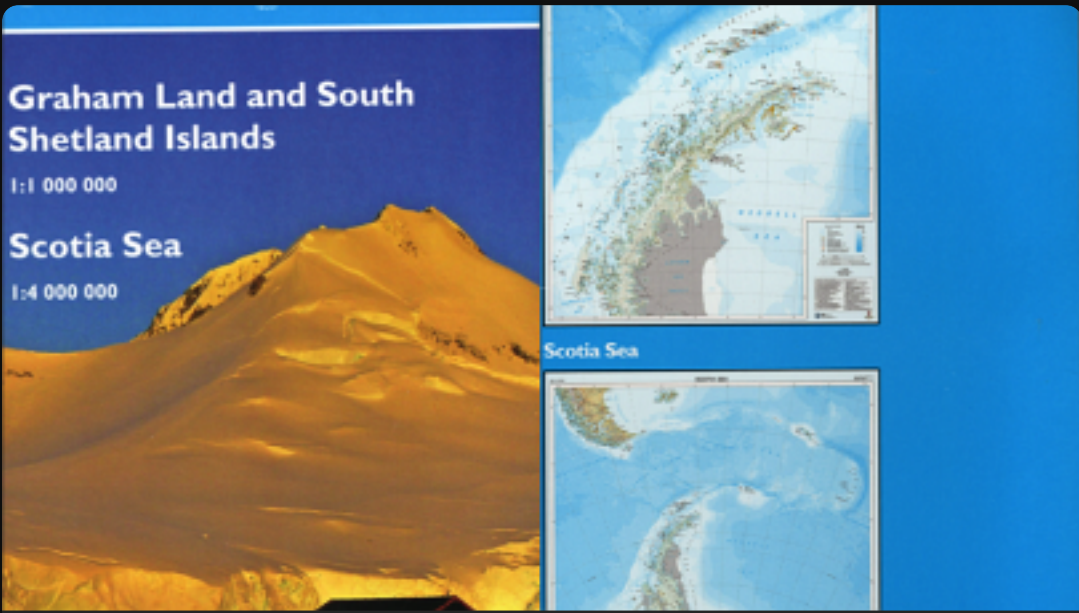
[Werner Kruse Oceanwide photo]



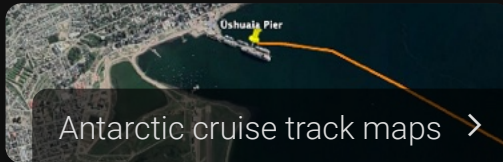
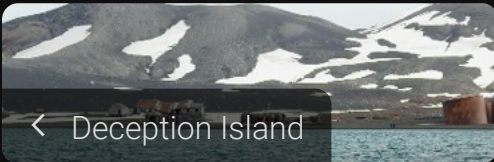
Antarctic Expedition Certificate



Voyage to Antarctica field guide



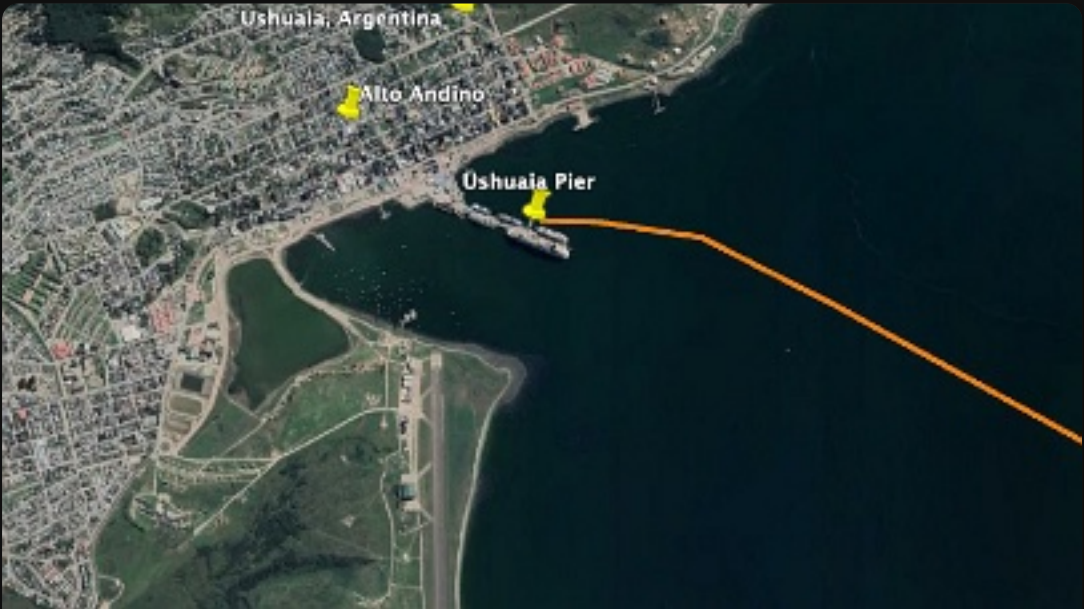
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Antarctic cruise track maps

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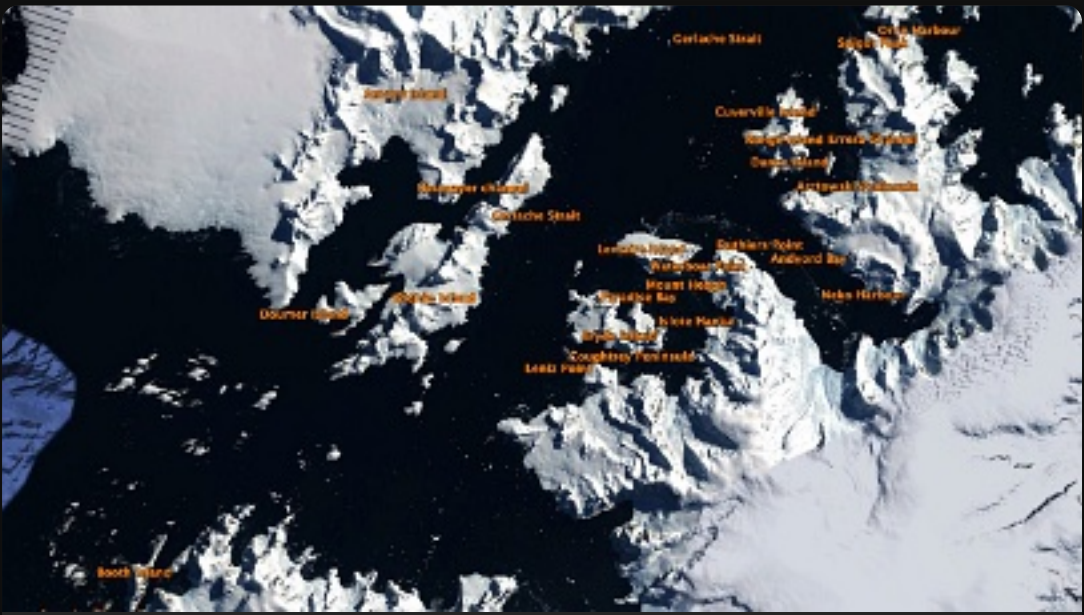
Day 1 (22-26 Nov 2019) Ushuaia - airport, hotel and pier



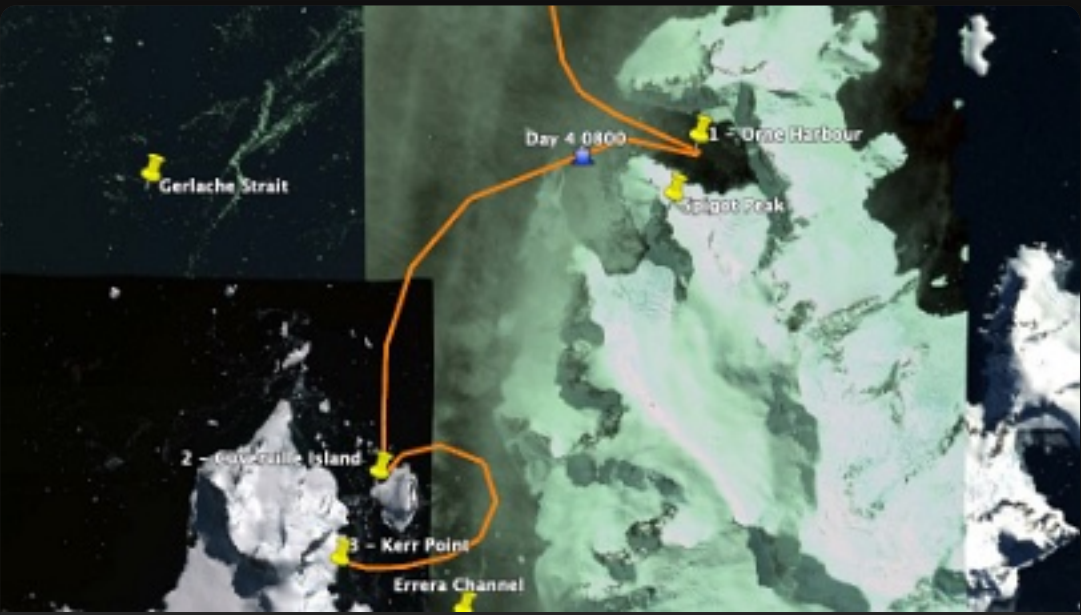
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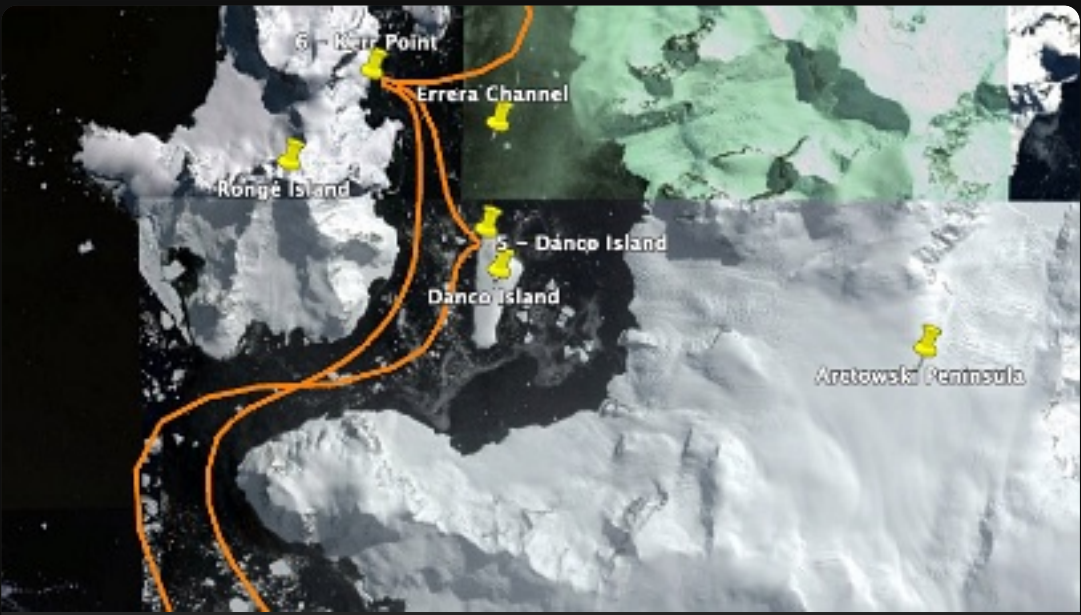
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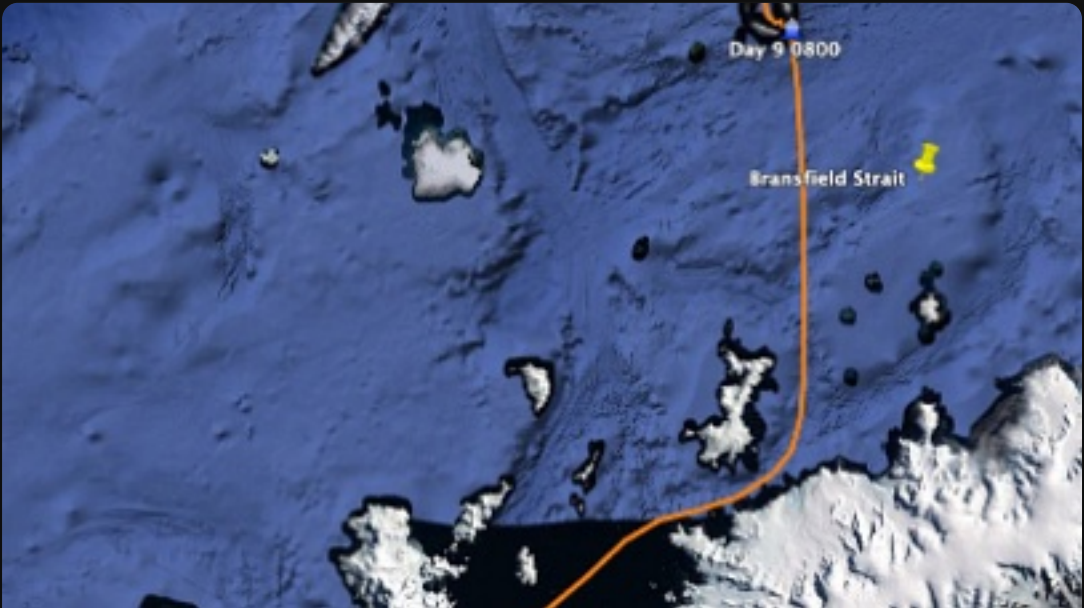
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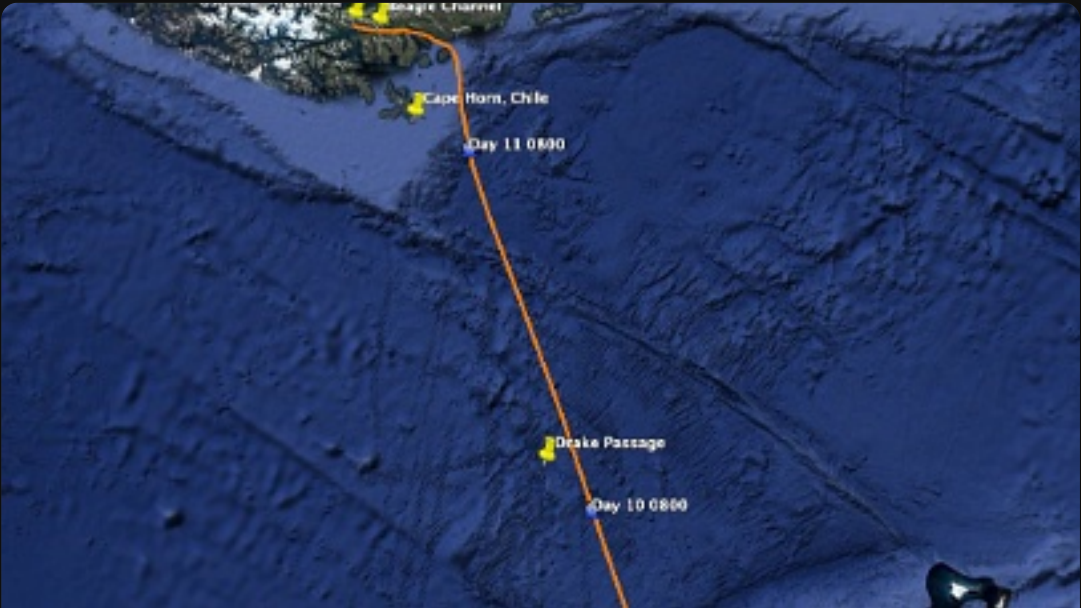
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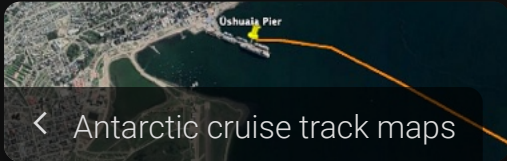
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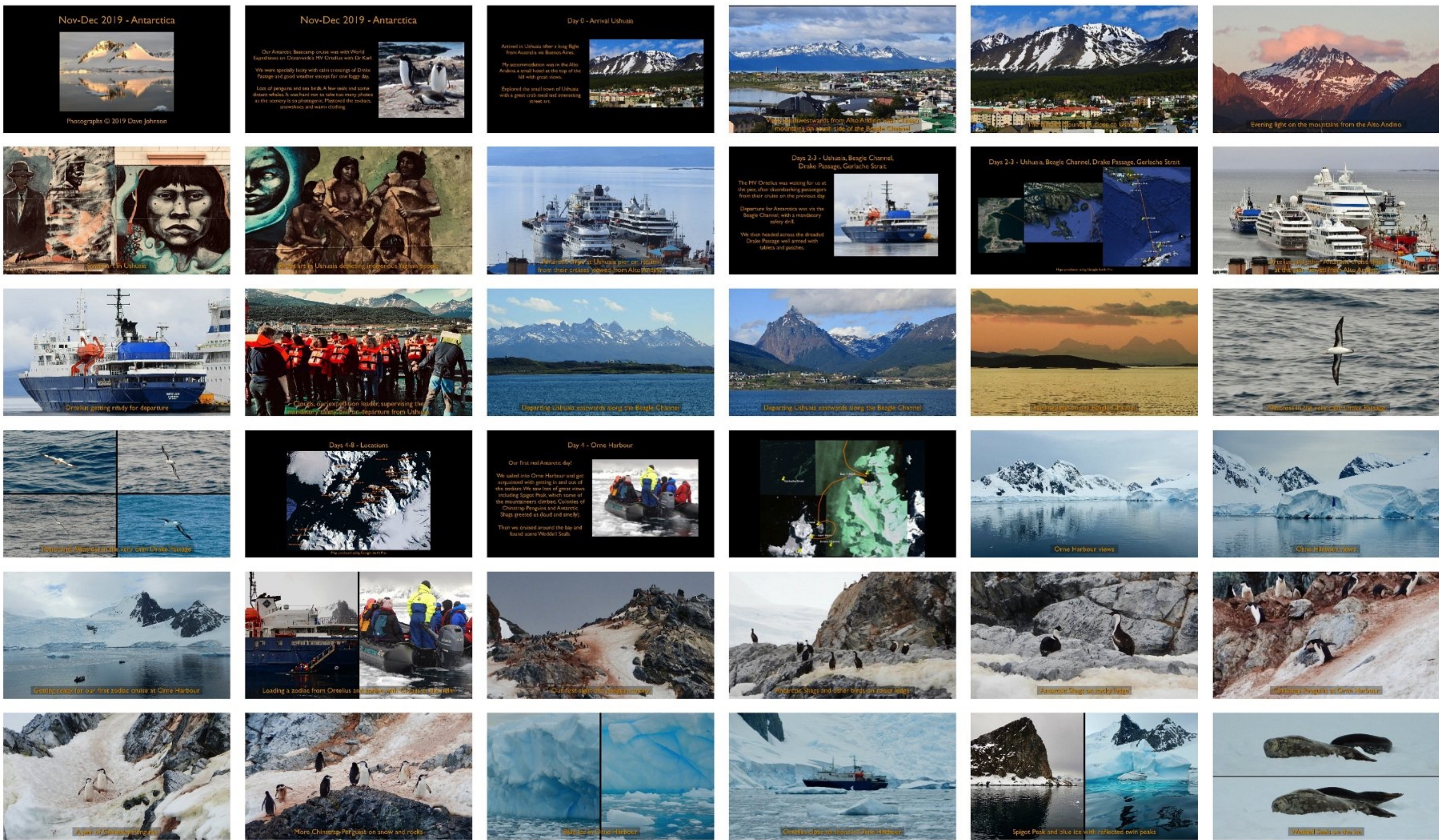


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Ortelius in high-level ice.



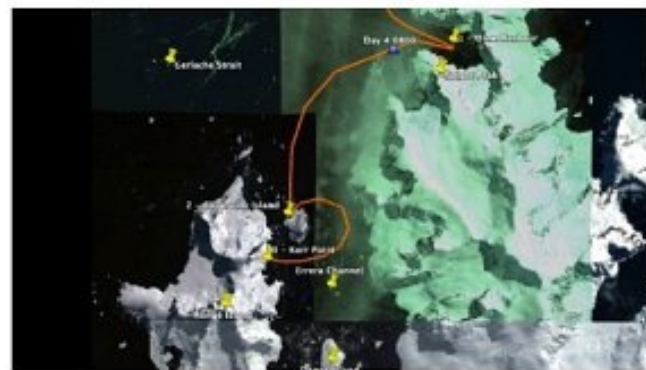
Nice reflections in Ortelius Harbour.



Large Peak from a cockpit.



Leaving Ortelius Harbour.



Gannet Penguins on Caversville Island.



Gannet Penguins on Caversville Island.



Some penguin colonies on hills and rocks with undisturbed lightning towers above them.



Gannet Penguins near the sea.



Penguins going for a swim with Gannets in background.



Kayakers with penguins swimming and on shore.



Group of Gannet Penguins on rocks.



Gannet Penguin just swimming over the shore.



Blue ice sculptures off Caversville Island.



Evening light near Kerr Point.



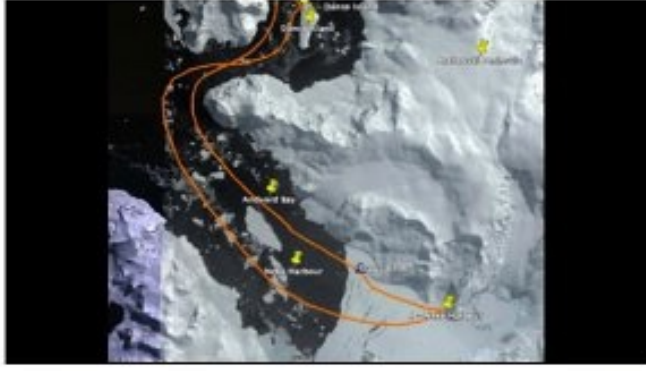
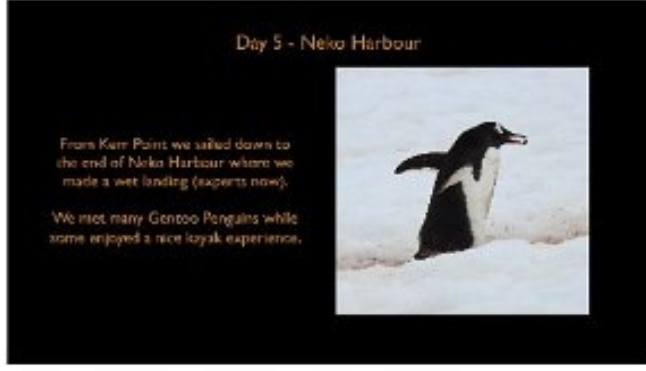
Evening light near Kerr Point.



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Wellwood Island at evening light near Kerr Point.



Map showing the route from Kerr Point to Neko Harbour.



We arrived from a kayak at Neko Harbour.



Gannet Penguins at Neko Harbour.



Ortelius sailing past Neko Harbour.



Zodiacs and kayakers in Neko Harbour.



Neko Harbour scene.



Gannet Penguins walking down the highway with viewing photographs.



Gannet Penguins heading down for a swim in Neko Harbour.



Gannet Penguins on a rock at Neko Harbour.



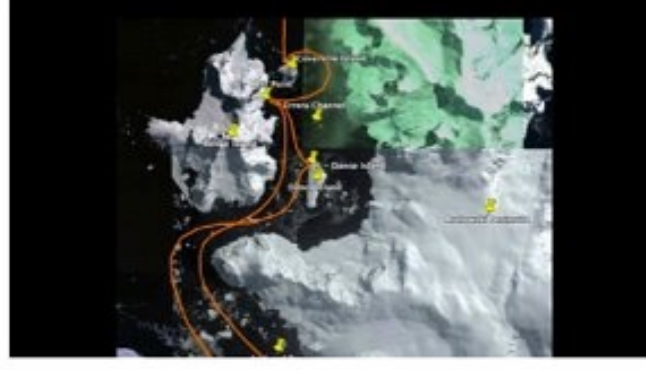
Gannet Penguins on their nesting site with glacier back behind.



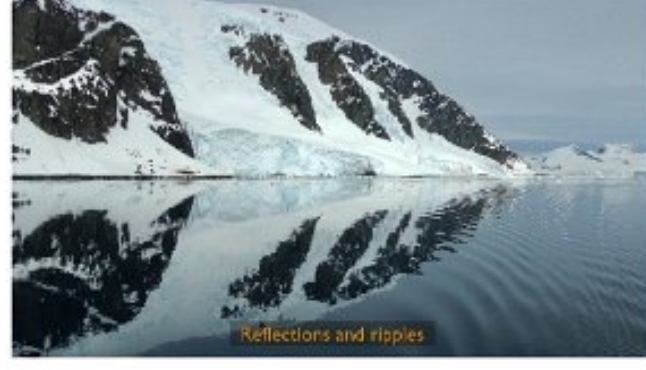
Here we are with special habitats for you!



Polariswires melting their way up a snow-covered glacier.



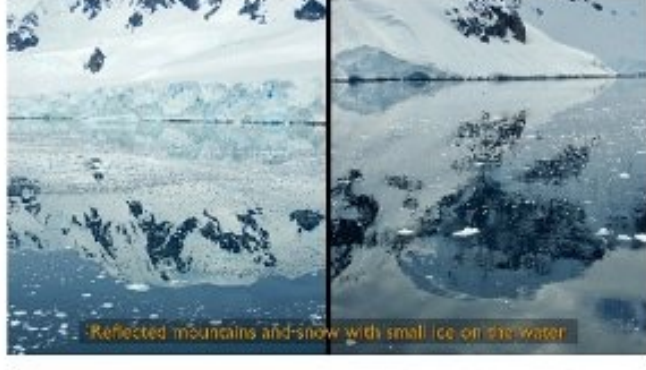
Reflections.



Reflections and ripples.



En route to Dinko Island (with Dinko Island coming into view).



Reflected mountains and snow with small ice on the water.



More reflections on way to Dinko Island.



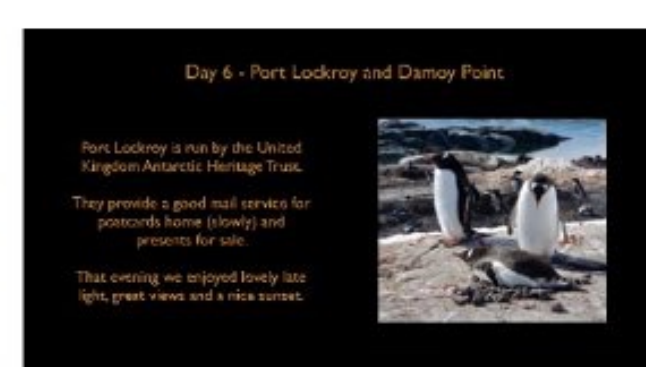
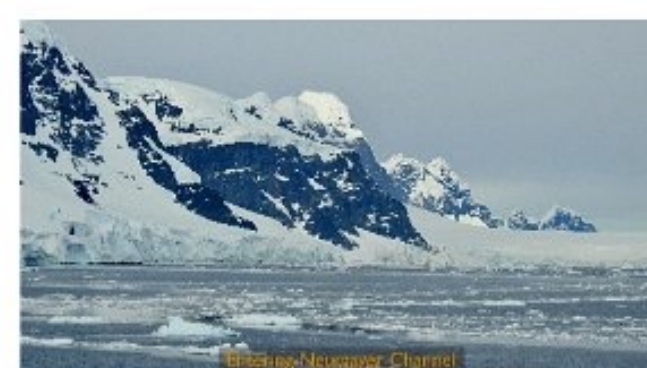
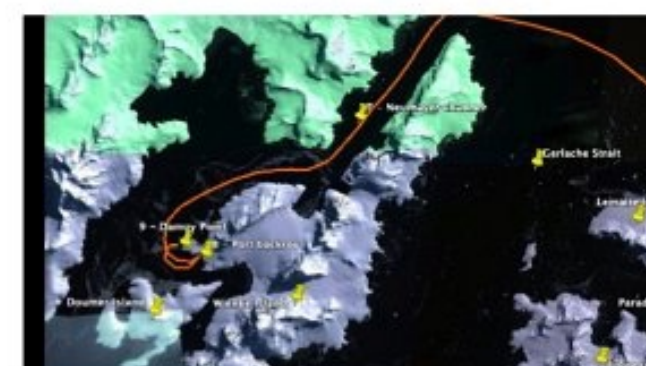
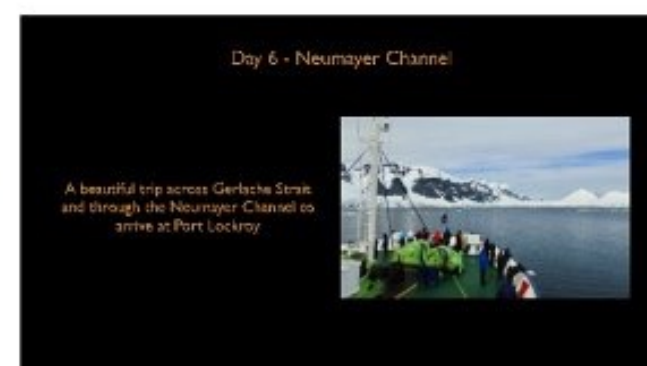
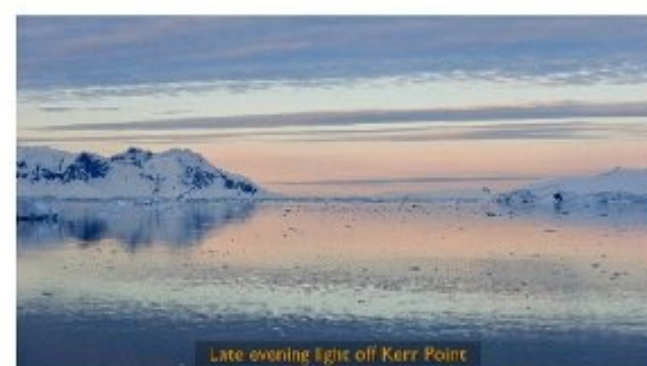
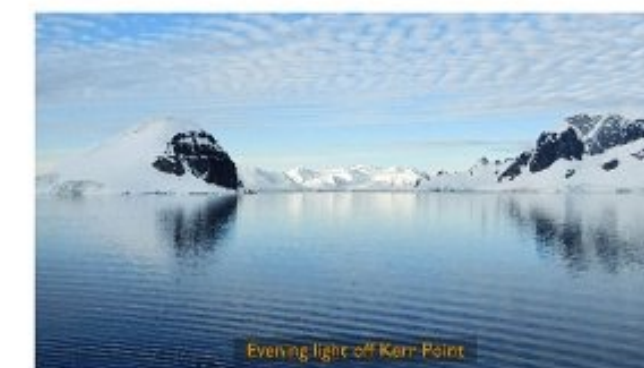
Reflections.



Le Bourvel - French Antarctic cruise ship.



Gannet Penguins going fishing on Dinko Island.





Antarctic Shags on a rocky shore near Port Lockroy



Antarctic Shag colony near Port Lockroy



Close-up of Orkney dog's face looking out a window



A large ice window in a glacier



Port Lockroy scenery



Orkney dog's face looking out a window



Underwater ice colours and shapes



Dunrobin Point approaching sunset



Dunrobin Point approaching sunset



Dunrobin Point approaching sunset



Gentoo penguins resting on a snowy slope



Evening light on floating ice and mountains



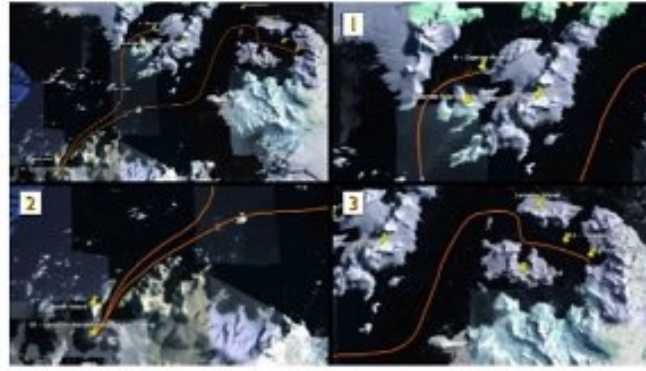
Evening light on distant scenery



Evening light on mountains off Dunrobin Point



Day 7 - Lemaire Channel and Gerlache Strait



A foggy day in the Lemaire Channel



Still foggy in the Lemaire Channel



Iceberg in the fog near the southern end of Lemaire Channel



Boat across the Gerlache Strait on a foggy day



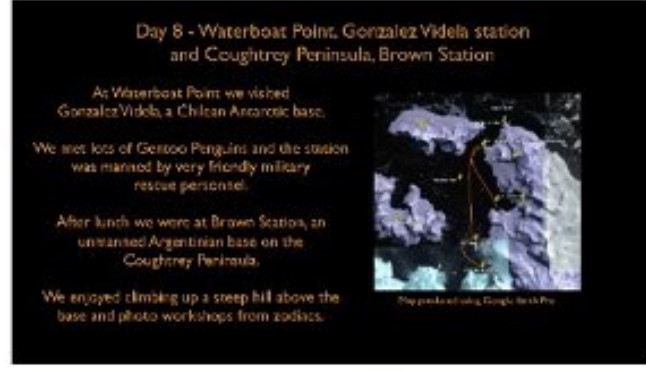
More sea ice and glimpses of the shore



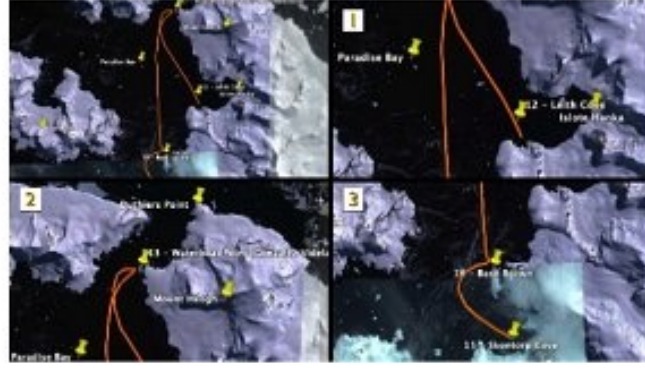
Weddell seal on a large piece of ice



Blue sea ice in the Gerlache Strait



Day 8 - Waterboat Point, Gonzalez Videla station and Coughtry Peninsula, Brown Station



Gentoo penguins on a rocky shore



Gentoo penguins on a rocky shore



Two penguins standing on ice



Penguins standing on ice



Penguins standing on ice



A signpost with various directions



A large iceberg in the water



Waiting for an ice fall at Gonzalez Videla



A large iceberg in the water



Some very noisy kayakers, a school and of course lots of penguins at Gonzalez Videla



Dave in the tower at Gonzalez Videla and back on board Orkney



Zodiacs off Brown Station



A large iceberg in the water



A large iceberg in the water



Looking down on Brown Station and Lemaire Bay



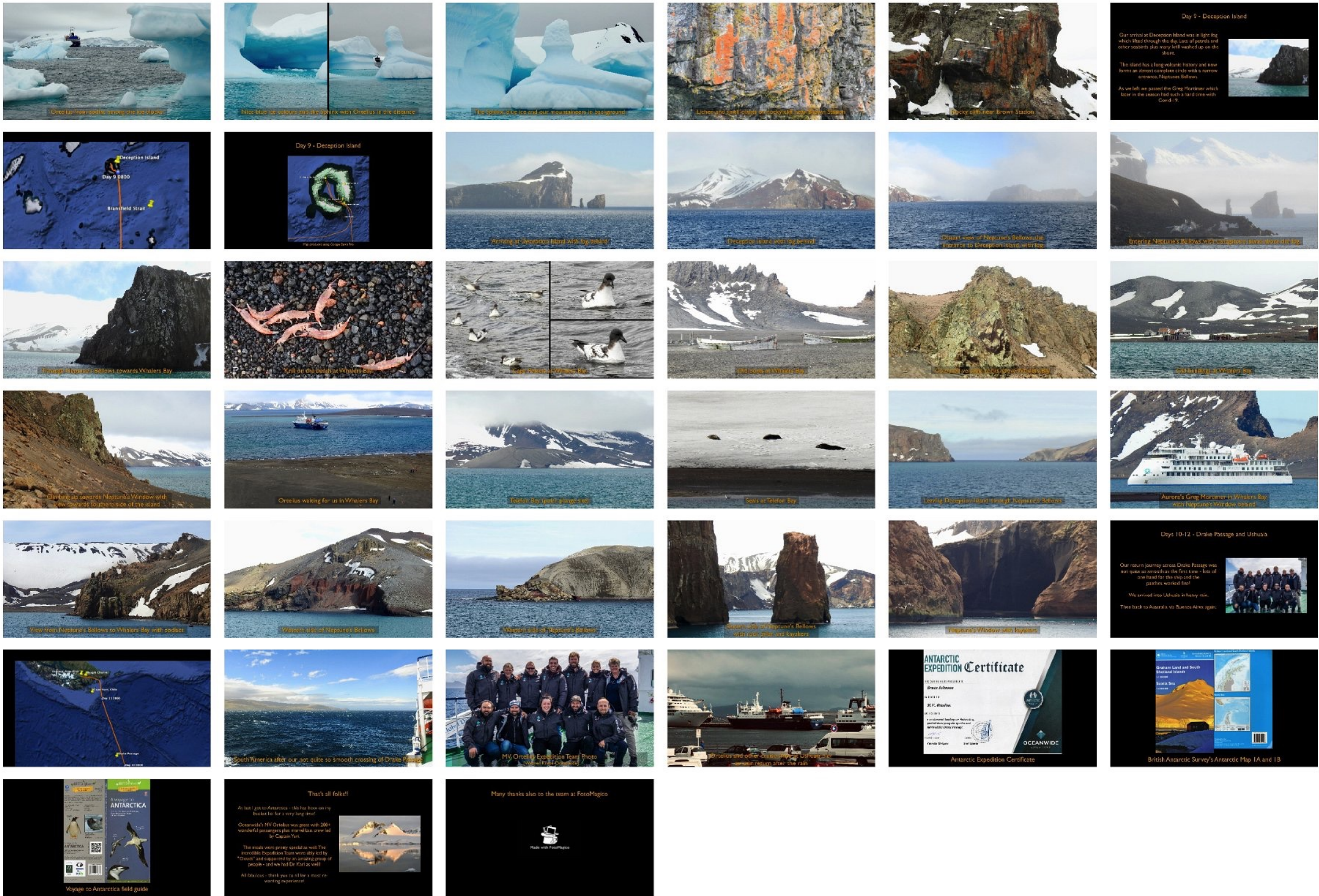
A large iceberg in the water



Looking down on Brown Station buildings



A large iceberg in the water





Evening light on nearby mountains off Damoy Point