

M/V HONDIUS

ANTARCTICA INCLUDING DECEPTION ISLAND

10 NIGHTS | TRIP CODE: HDS24-23

7th - 17th DECEMBER 2023

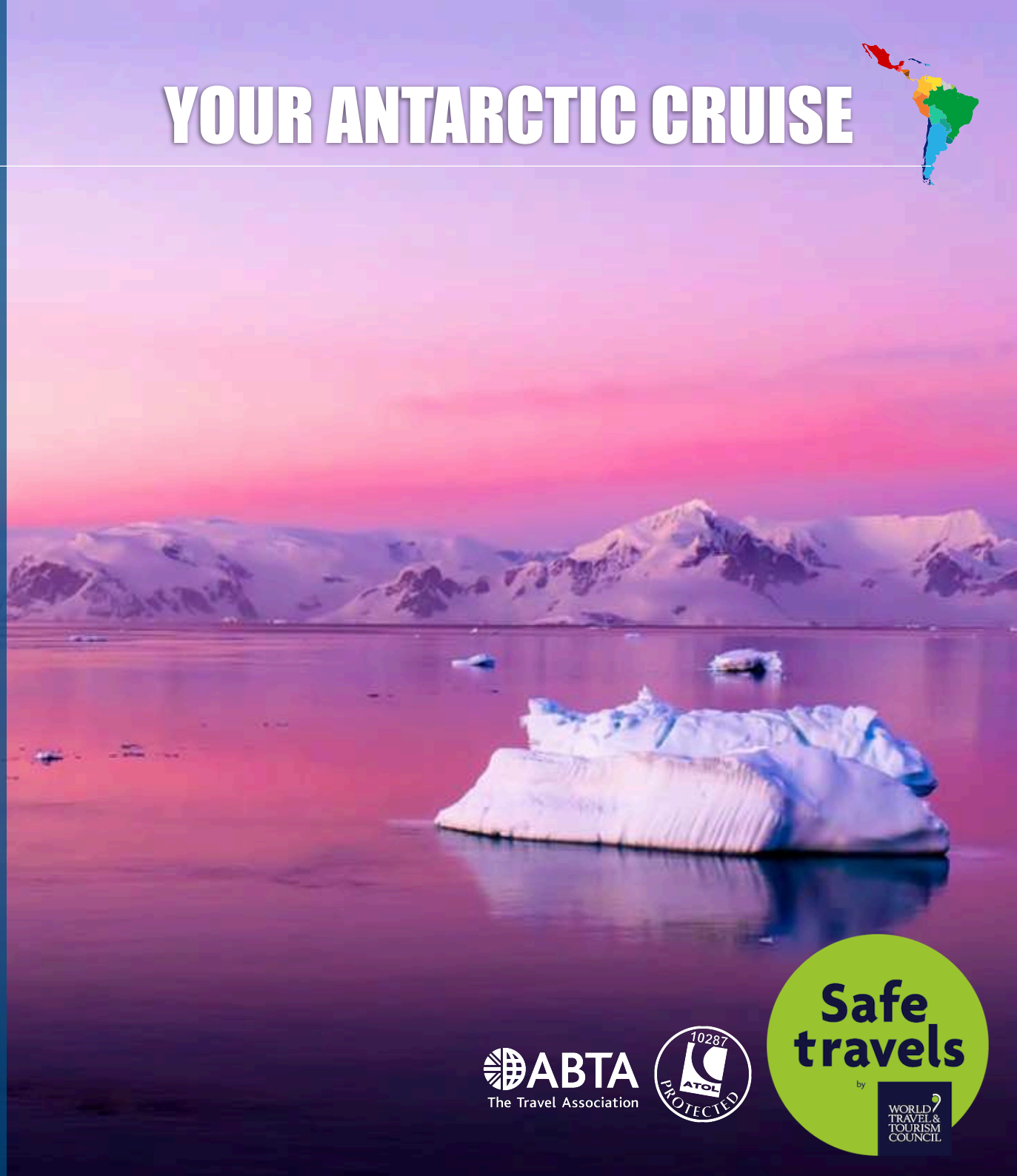
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This Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands cruise delivers you into a landscape of dark rugged rock, pure white snow, and a fantastic variety of wildlife. Come say hello to whales, seals, and thousands of penguins.

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YOUR ANTARCTIC CRUISE



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M/V HONDIUS - ABOUT THE SHIP

Hondius is the world's first-registered Polar Class 6 passenger vessel, making her among the most structurally fortified and technologically advanced polar cruise ships on the seas. This vessel fully complies with the mandatory requirements of the Polar Code as adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for safe and environmentally sound ship operation in the polar regions.

Using some of the latest sustainable technology, Hondius employs LED lighting, steam heat, biodegradable paints and lubricants, and flexible power management systems to keep fuel efficiency high and CO2 emissions low. Hondius is also equipped with stabilisers that make her highly suitable for swift, safe, and nimble exploration of Arctic and Antarctic waters.

Hondius offers comfortable accommodation for 170 passengers in six grand suites with balconies, eight junior suites, eight superior cabins, 11 twin deluxe cabins, 14 twin window cabins, 27 twin porthole cabins, two triple porthole cabins, and four quadruple porthole cabins.

One deck of Hondius is reserved for multi-language lectures and presentations in a large observation lounge as well as in a separate lecture room. But while the ship's interiors are cozy and classically conceived in mid-century modern décor, her tough small-scale design enables her to react quickly to moment-by-moment weather changes and wildlife opportunities.

Oceanwide's main focus is always exploration, wildlife, and outdoor activities. For this reason, Hondius carries a powerful fleet of Zodiac boats to guarantee swift and safe transit from ship to shore. She also has two separate gangways for efficient outings as well as an indoor Zodiac boarding area that can also be used for special outdoor activities such as kayaking.

While cruising, Hondius carries 72 crew and staff members, including expedition and hotel staff, all of whom will be at your service during your polar expedition trip. Hondius is equipped with two main engines and can reach a maximum speed of 15 knots.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Length: 107.6 meters

Breadth: 17.6 meters

Draft: 5.30 meters

Ice class: Polar Class 6 (equivalent 1A-Super)

Displacement: 5,590 tonnes

Propulsion: 2 x ABC main engines; total 4,200 kW

Speed: 15 knots

Passengers: 170 in 80 cabins

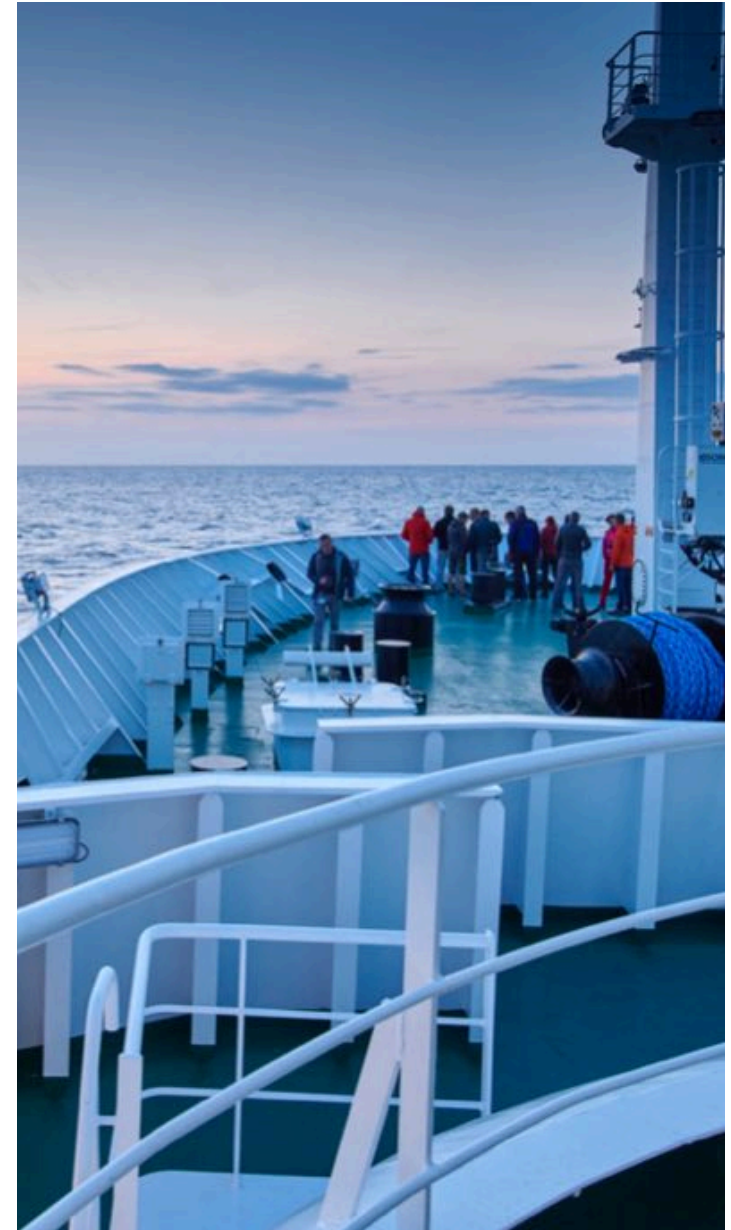
Staff & crew: 72

Registered: The Netherlands

New build 2019

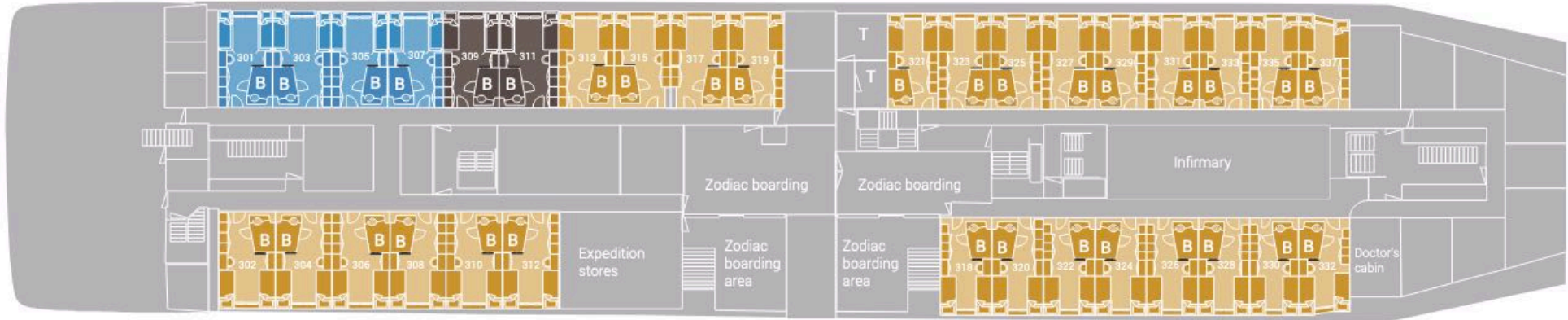


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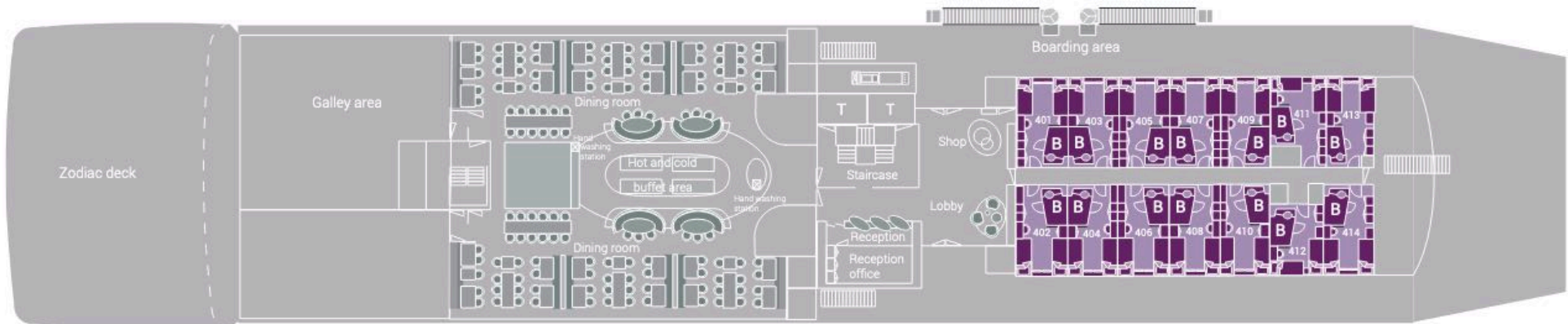


M/V HONDIUS - DECK PLANS

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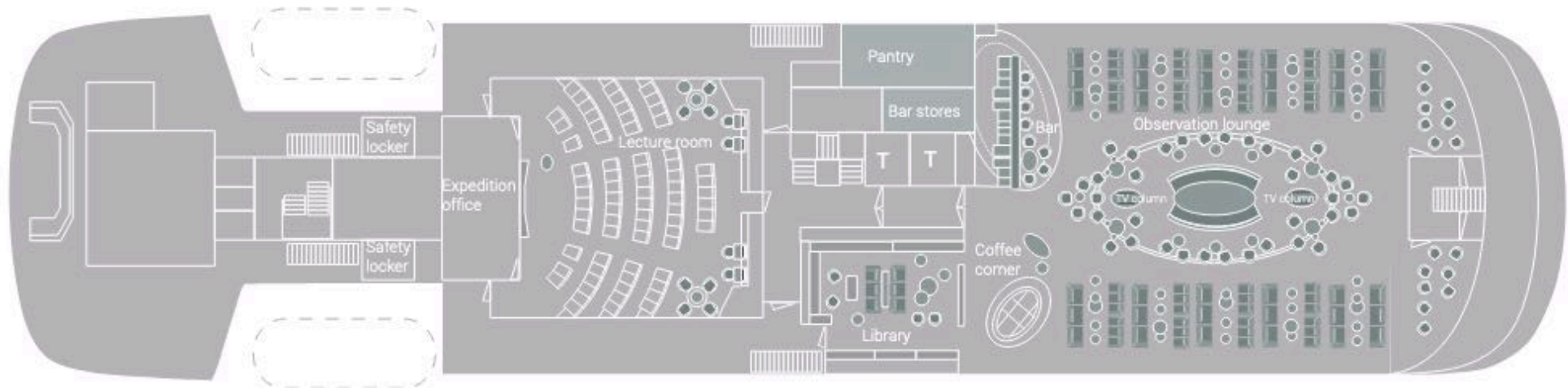


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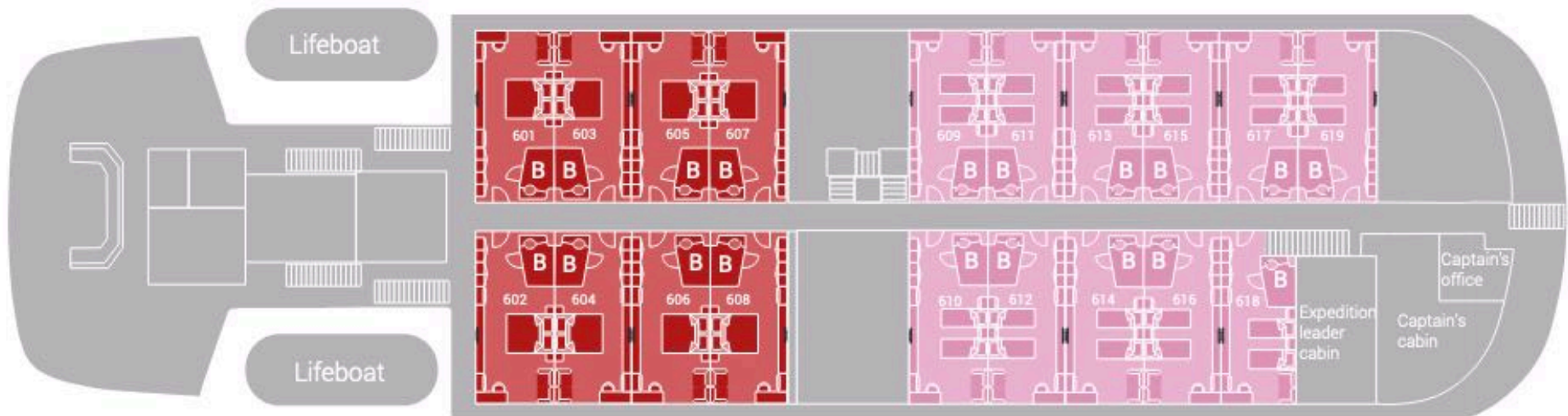


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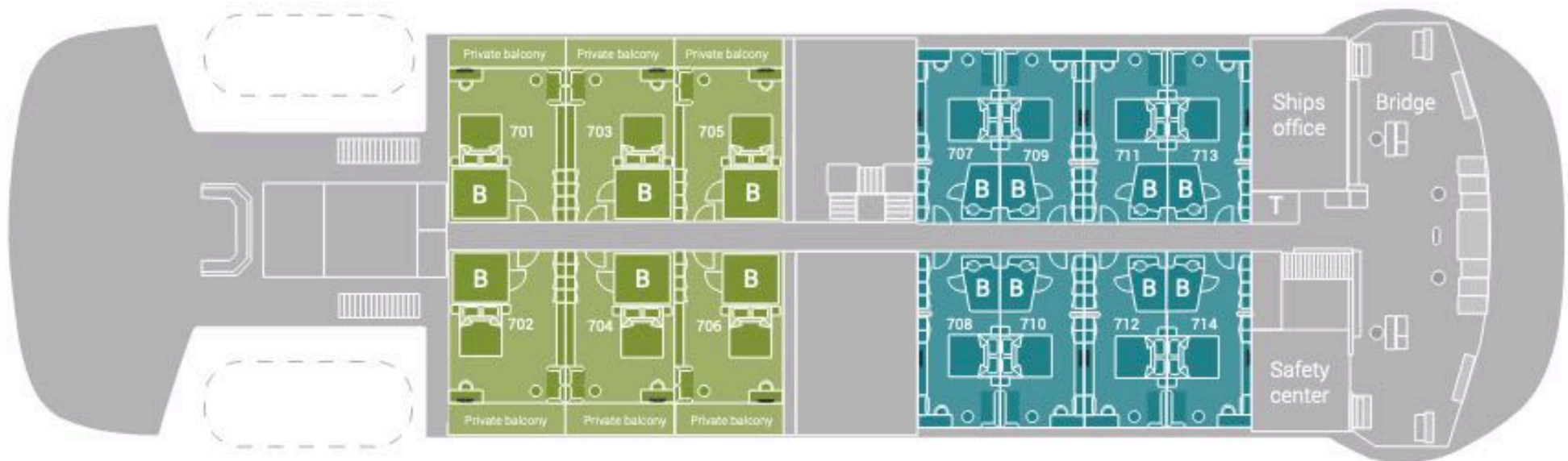


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


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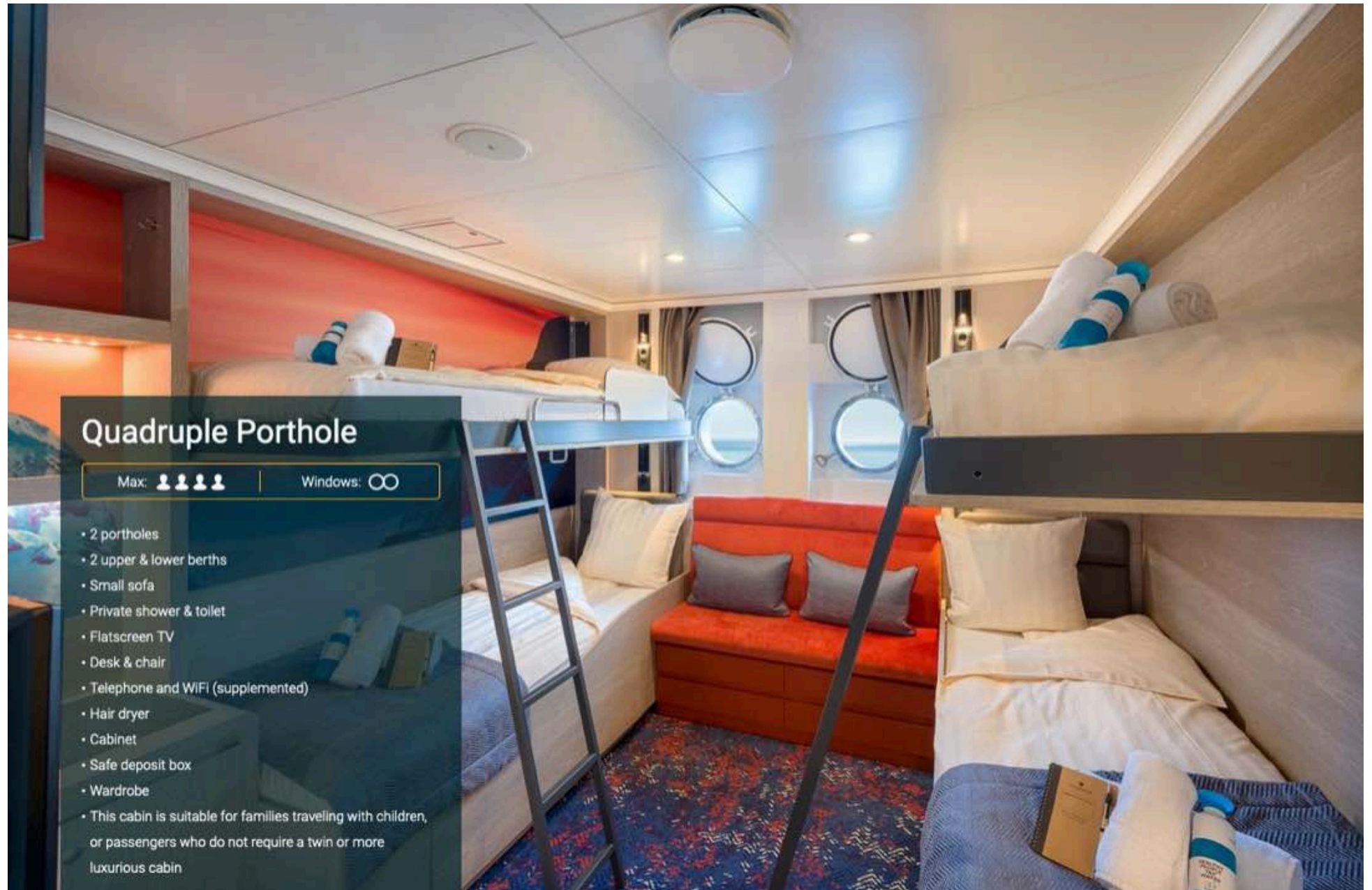
DECK 7



KEY

m/v Hondius deck plan Oceanwide Expeditions			
 Grand Suite with private balcony	 Twin Window	 Upper / lower berths	 Double bed
 Junior Suite	 Twin Porthole	 Lower berths	 Toilet
 Superior	 Triple Porthole	 2 separate lower berths	 Bathroom
 Twin deluxe	 Quadruple Porthole		





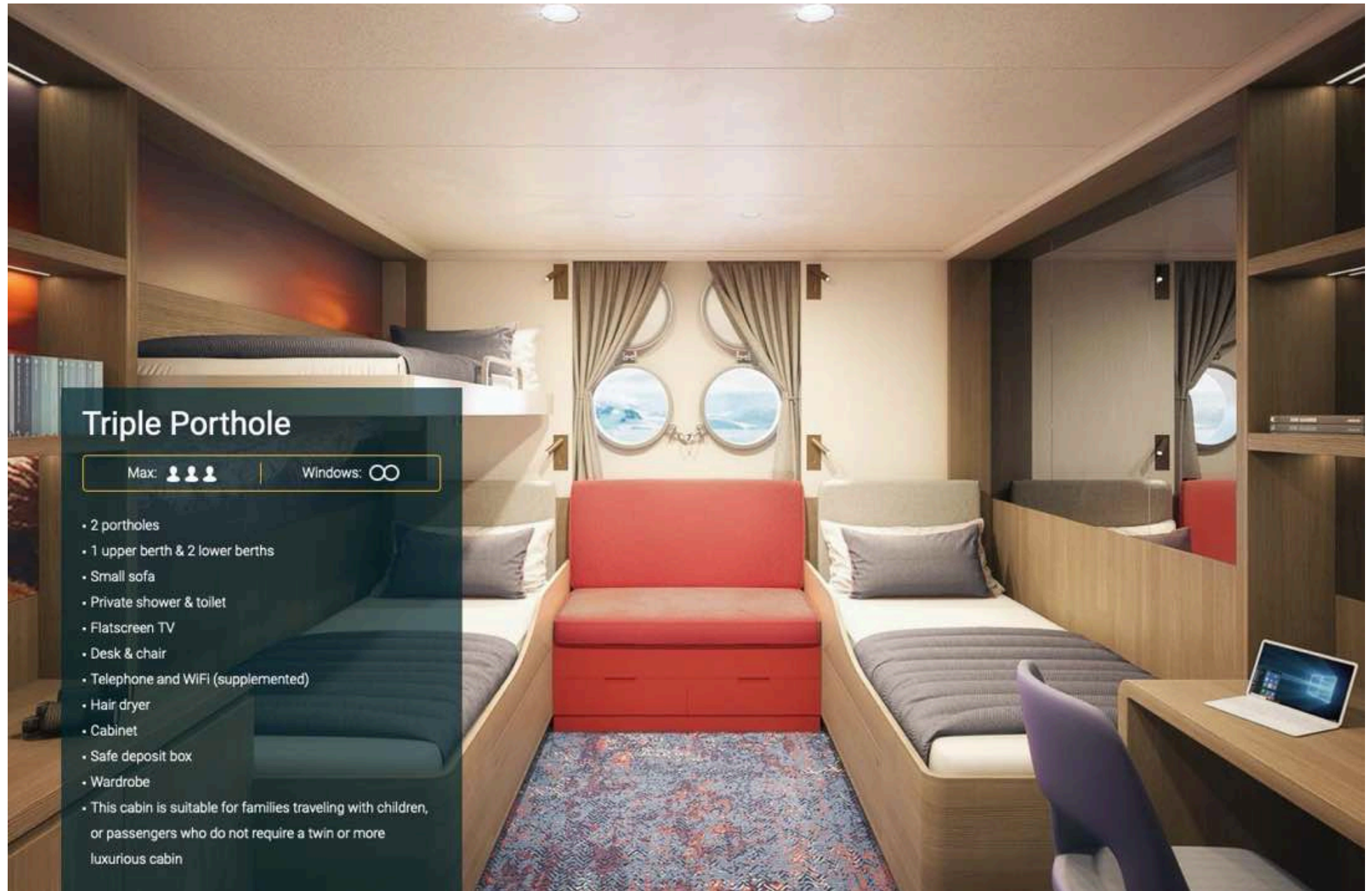
Quadruple Porthole

Max: 

Windows: 

- 2 portholes
- 2 upper & lower berths
- Small sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WIFI (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe
- This cabin is suitable for families traveling with children, or passengers who do not require a twin or more luxurious cabin





Triple Porthole

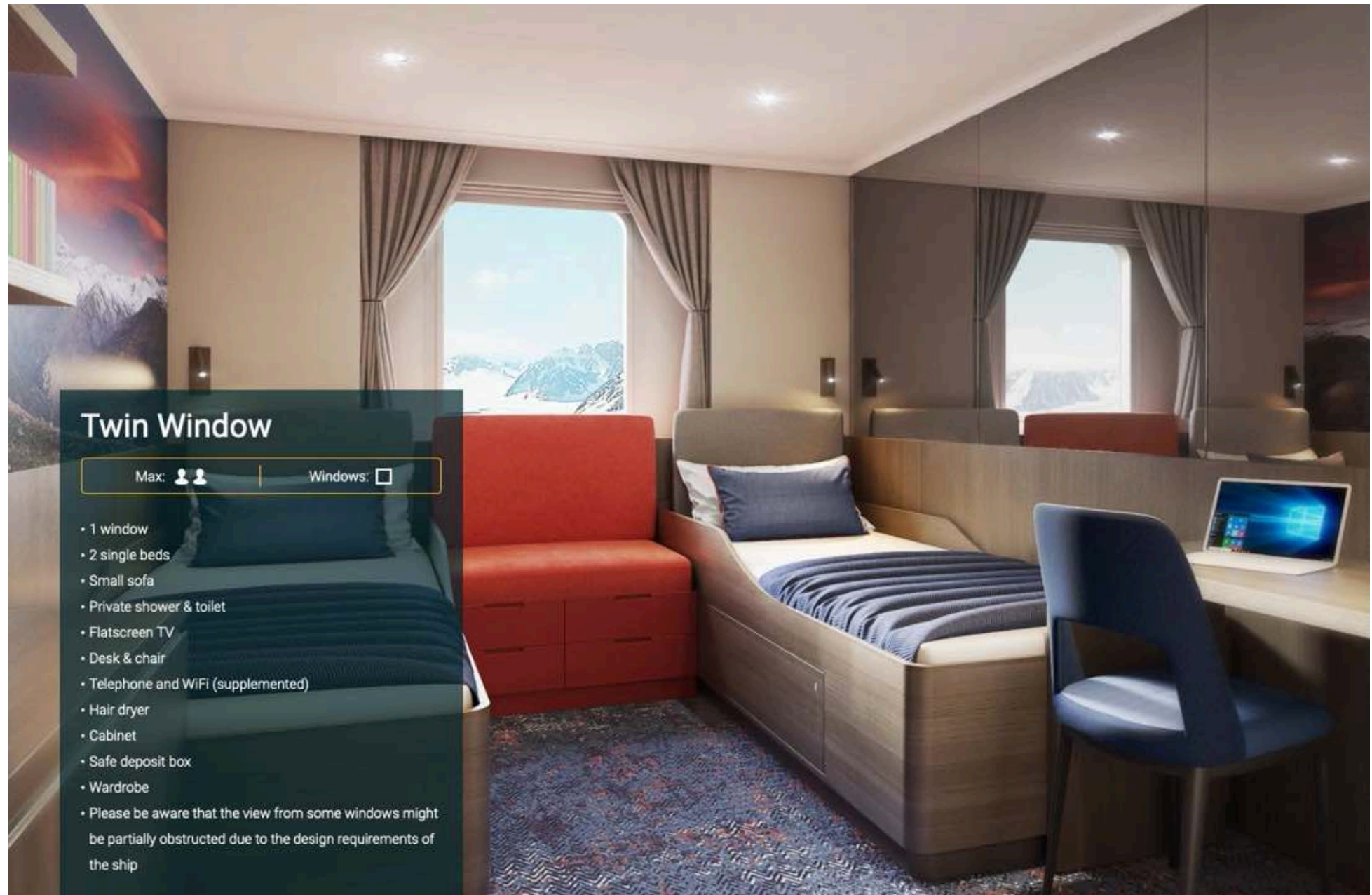
Max: 

Windows: 


- 2 portholes
- 1 upper berth & 2 lower berths
- Small sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe
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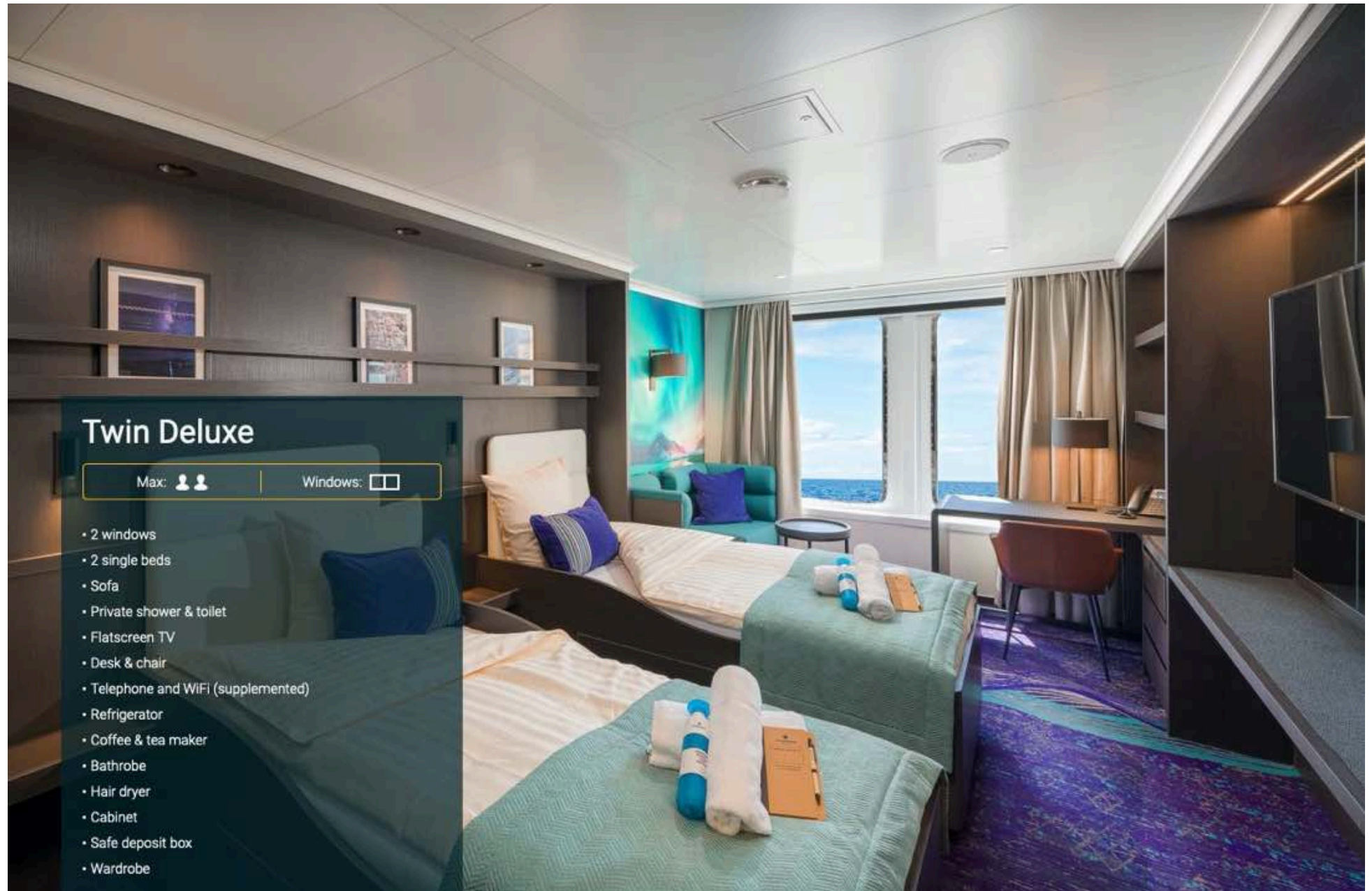
Twin Window

Max: 

Windows:

- 1 window
- 2 single beds
- Small sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe
- Please be aware that the view from some windows might be partially obstructed due to the design requirements of the ship





Twin Deluxe

Max: 

Windows: 

- 2 windows
- 2 single beds
- Sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe





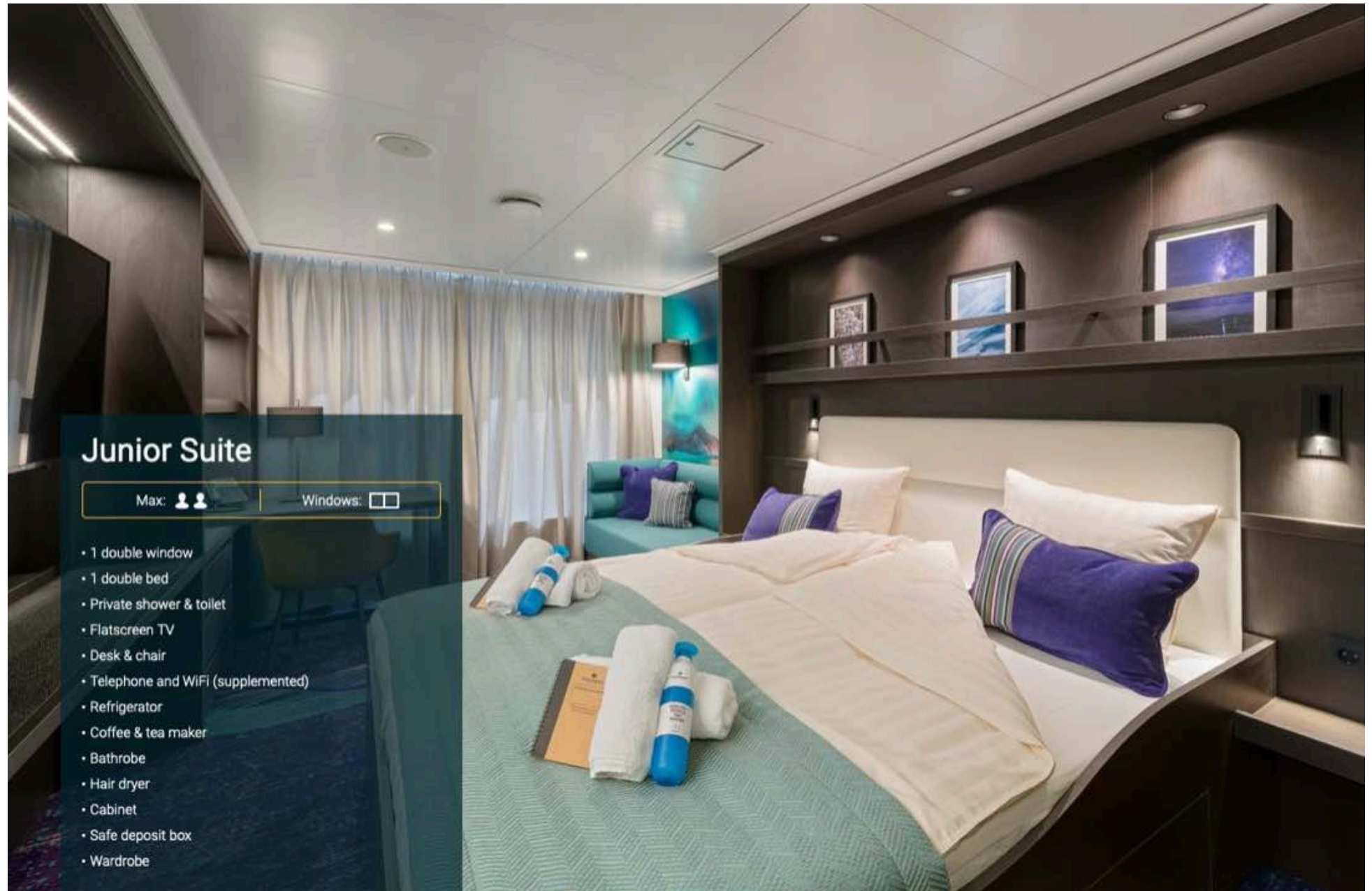
Superior

Max: 

Windows: 

- 2 windows
- 1 double bed
- Sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
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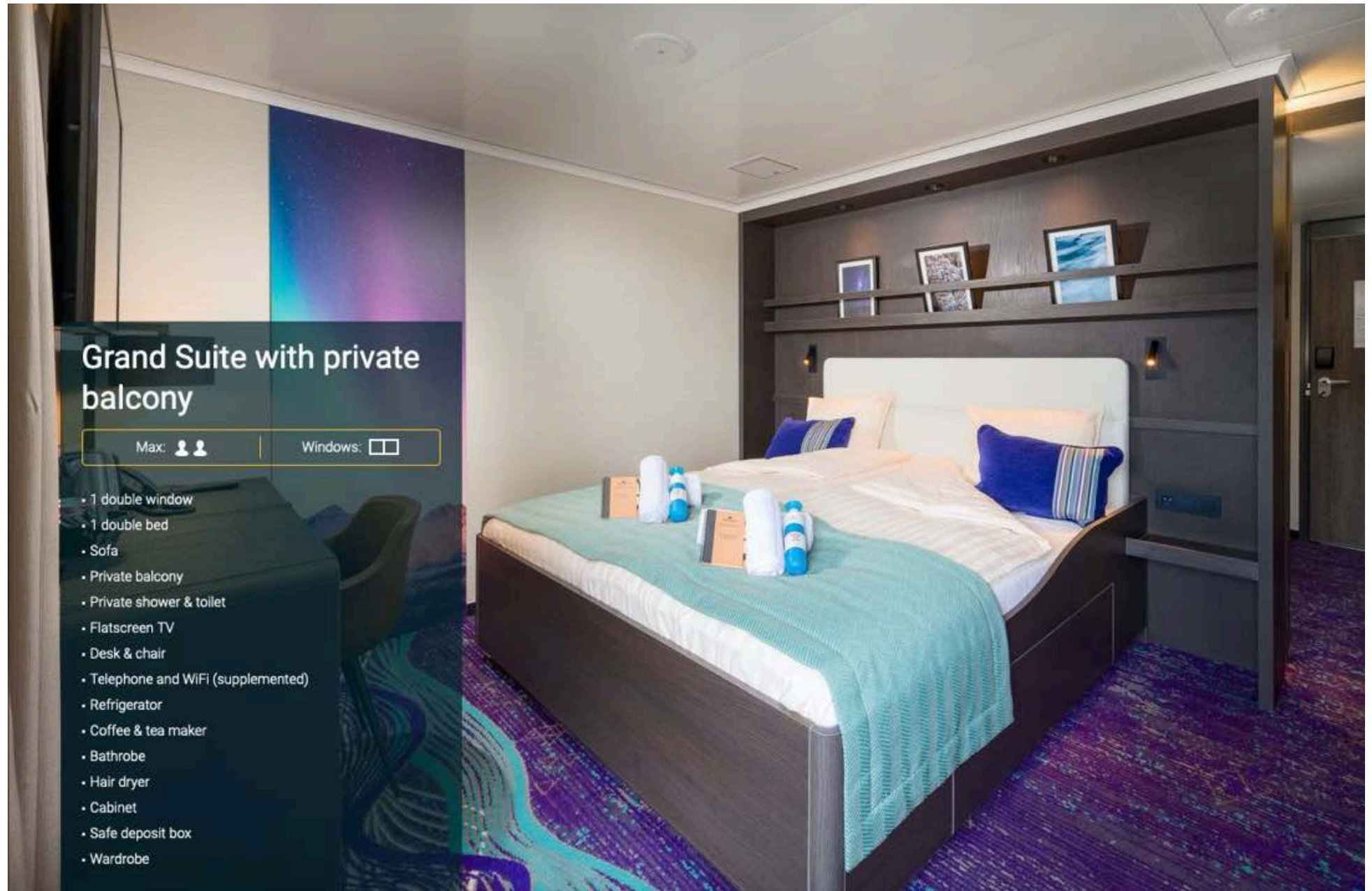
Junior Suite

Max: 

Windows: 

- 1 double window
- 1 double bed
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe





Happier passengers, healthier polar environment

Not only will the numerous amenities and on-board entertainments help make your Hondius voyage truly memorable, this ship also gives you the peace of mind that comes with choosing one of the most environmentally friendly vessels on the polar seas. Hondius uses LED lighting, steam heating, bio-degradable paints and lubricants, and state-of-the-art power management systems that keep fuel consumption and CO2 levels minimal. This means that when you sail aboard Hondius, you get to enjoy the exotic landscapes and wildlife as much as possible while impacting them as little as possible.

Hotel comfort, expedition class

Please be aware that a small number of cabins may have a partially obstructed view due to the size of the windows and the design requirements of the ship. For example, some windows may be partly obstructed in the lower half by a gangway. The best view is always on the outer deck or the bridge. Hondius offers high-quality accommodation for 170 passengers in six grand suites with balconies (27 square meters, 291 square feet), eight junior suites (19 to 20 square meters, 205 to 215 square feet), eight superior cabins (20 to 21 square meters, 215 to 226 square feet), 11 twin deluxe cabins, (19 to 21 square meters, 205 to 226 square feet), 14 twin window cabins (12 to 14 square meters, 129 to 151 square feet) as well as 27 twin porthole cabins, two triple porthole cabins, and four quadruple porthole cabins that vary in size from 12 to 18 square meters, or 129 to 194 square feet. One deck consists of a large observation lounge and separate lecture room, which are reserved for a wide variety of interactive workshops, exhibitions, and performances particular to Hondius. Though elegantly designed in stylish mid-century modern décor, this vessel holds true to Oceanwide's distinctive cozy and informal atmosphere.

Swift & safe ship-to-shore operations

It is our philosophy to keep sea time short so that we can focus instead on fast, effective access to shore and near-shore activities. To give you the maximum contact with the nature and wildlife you traveled so far to see, we employ a tough fleet of rigid-hull inflatable Zodiac boats that guarantee swift and safe landing operations for the passengers. Hondius has two separate gangways and a sheltered indoor Zodiac boarding area that can also be used for special outdoor activities, such as kayaking.

The fast, flexible, friendly heart of the polar regions

Our top priority is taking advantage of every wildlife and terrain opportunity as it occurs. To keep our itineraries flexible itineraries and our response time rapid, Hondius is equipped with advanced stabilisers and two main engines capable of powering the vessel up to 15 knots. But Hondius sacrifices no warmth to achieve its keen polar edge: You will have 72 crew and staff members (including expedition and hotel staff) at your service while on board, ensuring that what little time you do spend on the ship you will spend comfortably entertained.

Age and nationality

Passengers on a typical voyage range from in their 30s to their 80s, with the majority usually between 45 — 65. Our expeditions attract independent travellers from around the globe who are characterised by a strong interest in exploring remote regions. The camaraderie that develops on board is an important part of the Oceanwide experience, and many passenger groups include several nationalities.



M/V HONDIUS - USEFUL INFORMATION

What to wear

In keeping with the spirit of expedition, dress on board is informal. Bring casual and comfortable clothing for all activities, and keep in mind that much of the scenery can be appreciated from deck — which can be slippery. Bring sturdy shoes with no-slip soles, and make sure your parka is never far away in case one of our crew shouts “Whales!” over the loudspeaker and you have to dash outside in a moment's notice. Opt for layers, as it is comfortably warm aboard the ship though often cold on deck.

How to pay on board

Refreshments and souvenirs will be charged to your cabin. The day before departure you can settle your bill with the hotel manager, paying by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or cash (euro, or in some cases dollar). We cannot, however, accept checks. Though the prices and standard currency on board is in the euro, other currencies may be accepted at the discretion of the hotel manager, at prevailing rates.

Electric current

The electrical supply aboard ship is 220v, 60Hz. Electrical outlets are standard European with two thick round pins, so some passengers may need a 220v/110v converter.

Gratuities

The customary gratuity to the ship's service personnel is made as a blanket contribution at the end of the voyage and is divided among the crew. Tipping is a personal matter, and the amount you wish to give is at your sole discretion. As a generally accepted guideline, we suggest 8 — 10 euros per passenger per day. It is better for the crew if you give cash.

Non-smoking policy

We have a non-smoking policy inside all our vessels, though you can smoke in certain designated areas. We ask that you please respect the wishes of non-smokers.

Your physical condition

You must be in good overall health and be able to walk several hours per day. The expedition is ship-based and physically not very demanding, but we spend as much time as possible on shore. You are, however, welcome to remain aboard the ship if you prefer. To join most excursions you must be able to get up and down the steep gangway — from the ship to the water level — to board the Zodiacs. Staff will assist you in and out of the boats, and boarding will become progressively easier with practice, but conditions on shore can be slippery and rocky. Remember, you will be traveling in remote areas without access to sophisticated medical facilities, so you must not join this expedition if you have a life-threatening condition or need daily medical treatment.



M/V HONDIUS - FACILITIES

LECTURE THEATRE



BAR LOUNGE



DINING





YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1

7th DECEMBER 2023

JOIN SHIP

END OF THE WORLD, START OF THE JOURNEY SOUTH

Your voyage begins where the world drops off. Ushuaia, Argentina, reputed to be the southernmost city on the planet, is located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, you embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego, nicknamed “The End of the World,” and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.

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 **Meals Included:** Dinner.

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DAY 2

8th DECEMBER 2023

AT SEA

PATH OF THE POLAR EXPLORERS - CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Over the next two days on the Drake Passage, you enjoy some of the same experiences encountered by the great polar explorers who first charted these regions: cool salt breezes, rolling seas, maybe even a fin whale spouting up sea spray. After passing the Antarctic Convergence – Antarctica’s natural boundary, formed when north-flowing cold waters collide with warmer sub-Antarctic seas – you are in the circum-Antarctic upwelling zone.

Not only does the marine life change, the avian life changes too. Wandering albatrosses, grey-headed albatrosses, black-browed albatrosses, light-mantled sooty albatrosses, cape pigeons, southern fulmars, Wilson’s storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels are a few of the birds you might see.

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DAY 3

9th DECEMBER 2023

 **AT SEA**

CONTINUE ACROSS THE DRAKE PASSAGE

THE DRAKE PASSAGE Sailing south from the entrance of the Strait of Magellan, Spanish navigator Francisco de Hoces discovered this passage in 1525, making him the first European to pass through it. For this reason, it appears as Mar de Hoces in most Spanish and Spanish American maps and sources.

The passage received its English name from the 16th-century privateer Francis Drake during his circumnavigation. After passing through the Strait of Magellan with Marigold, Elizabeth, and his flagship Golden Hind, Drake entered the Pacific Ocean and was blown far south in a tempest. Marigold was lost, and Elizabeth abandoned the fleet. Only Drake's Golden Hind entered the passage. This incident demonstrated to the English that there was open water south of South America.

The first recorded voyage through the passage was that of Eendracht, captained by the Dutch navigator Jacob Le Maire in 1616, naming Cape Horn in the process.

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DAY 4

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ANTARCTICA

A WELCOME ARRIVAL TO THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Gray stone peaks sketched with snow, towers of broken blue-white ice, and dramatically different wildlife below and above. You first pass the snow-capped Melchior Islands and Schollaert Channel, sailing between Brabant and Anvers Islands. Over the next few days, subject to weather conditions you may see the following

Danco Island: Activities here may focus on the gentoo penguins nesting on the island, in addition to the Weddell and crabeater seals that can be found nearby.

Neko Harbour: An epic landscape of mammoth glaciers and endless wind-carved snow, Neko Harbour offers opportunities for a Zodiac cruise and landing that afford the closest views of the surrounding alpine peaks.

Paradise Bay: You may be able to take a Zodiac cruise in these sprawling, ice-flecked waters, where there's a good chance you'll encounter humpback and minke whales.

Port Lockroy: After sailing through the Neumayer Channel, you may get a chance to visit the former British research station – now a museum and post office – of Port Lockroy on Goudier Island. You may also be able to partake in activities around Jougla Point, meeting gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags.

There are great opportunities also for **kayaking** and **camping** in this area, and when conditions are right, you can even snowshoe around the shore and to the old ski-way at nearby Damoy Point.

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DAY 5

11th DECEMBER 2023

ANTARCTICA

CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULAR

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Port Lockroy is a former Antarctic base located on a scenic bay on Goudier Island, southwest of Wiencke Island, Antarctic Peninsula. French explorer Jean-Baptiste Charcot discovered the bay after which was named during his 1903 -1905 expedition, naming Port Lockroy after the politician who helped finance his expedition.



Neko Harbour - whaling ship Neko, is where this Antarctic bay got its name. Gentoo penguins breed on the hill above Neko Harbour, while Weddell & fur seals often haul out on the beach. But even if the Neko Harbour wildlife does not make an appearance, the scenery is nevertheless fantastic.

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DAY 6

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CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULAR

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Paradise Bay is where glaciers tower out of the steel-blue sea, shattered icebergs shimmer along the shoreline, and there's a fair chance you can spot whales, gentoo penguins, or crab-eater seals as well. There are few places that will give you the classic Antarctic experience more than a brisk Zodiac cruise around Paradise Bay.



Shore-Based Walking. Our guides are selected for their knowledge and experience in the field. They will lead the shore excursions and will decide where to go and what to do. The Polar Regions can be hostile with specific dangers. Therefore passengers are never allowed to go on individual walks or excursions.

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DAY 7

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CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULAR

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Cuverville Island stands at the entrance of Errera Channel and is flanked by the precipitous mountains and glaciers of the Antarctic mainland. The island is a 252-meters high (826 feet) rock with a long shingle beach at its foot, home to about 6,500 breeding pair colony of gentoo penguins.



Deception Island is the top of a volcano with a diameter of about 15 km and has a narrow entrance on one side, Neptune's Bellows. Through this spectacular passage ships can sail into the flooded crater, a unique phenomenon. The caldera has a narrow entrance, just 230 metres (755 feet) wide, called Neptune's Bellows.

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DAY 8

14th DECEMBER 2023

SOUTH SHETLAND

VISIT THE SOUTH SHETLANDS & DECEPTION ISLAND

The volcanic islands of the South Shetlands are windswept and often cloaked in mist, but they do offer subtle pleasures: There's a wide variety of flora (mosses, lichens, flowering grasses) and no small amount of fauna (gentoo penguins, chinstrap penguins, southern giant petrels).

In Deception Island, the ship plunges through Neptune's Bellows and into the flooded caldera. Here you find an abandoned whaling station, and thousands of cape petrels – along with kelp gulls, brown and south polar skuas, and Antarctic terns. A good hike is a possibility in this fascinating and desolate volcanic landscape.

As an alternative, you may be able to engage in activities near Half Moon Island. Here chinstrap penguins and Weddell seals often haul out onto the beach near Cámara Base, an Argentine scientific research station. Conditions on the Drake Passage determine the exact time of departure.

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DAY 9

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AT SEA

HEAD BACK ACROSS THE DRAKE PASSAGE TO USHUAIA

Your return voyage across the Drake Passage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, you're again greeted by the vast array of seabirds remembered from the passage south. But they seem a little more familiar to you now, and you to them.

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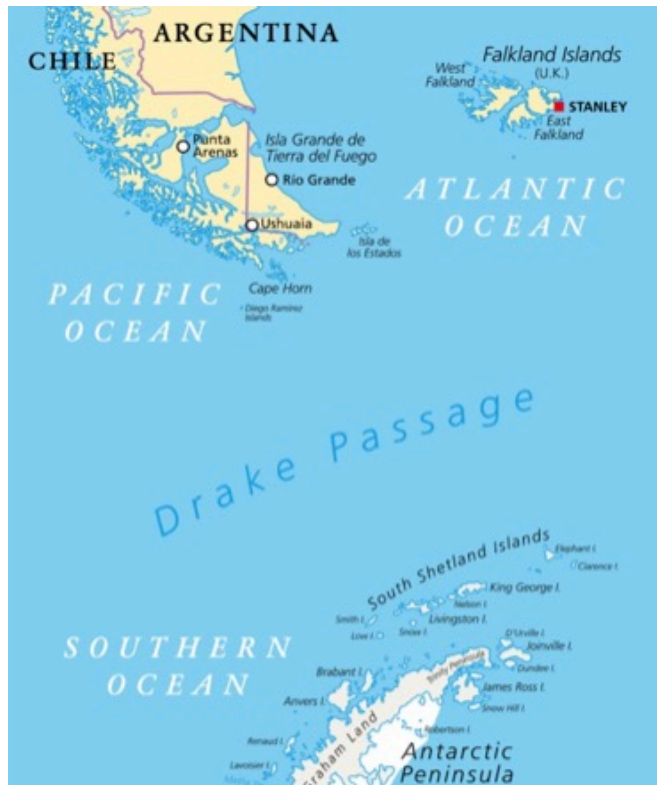
DAY 10

16th DECEMBER 2023

 **AT SEA**

LAST DAY ON THE DRAKE BEFORE ARRIVAL IN ARGENTINA TOMORROW

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DAY 11

17th DECEMBER 2023

USHUAIA

ARRIVAL BACK IN ARGENTINA

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. It's now time to disembark in Ushuaia, but with memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.

On arrival a transfer to your hotel with the rest of the day free to get used to dry land again!

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.



LATC Founder Chris

"Antarctica is without doubt the most amazing trip I have made anywhere in the world and totally unique from every aspect and I will be going back to see more of the frozen continent on a regular basis. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to be able to send our clients."



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flora & fauna
INFOGRAPHIC

ANIMALS:

hourglass dolphin, weddell seal, crabeater seal, leopard seal, ross seal

SEA LIFE:

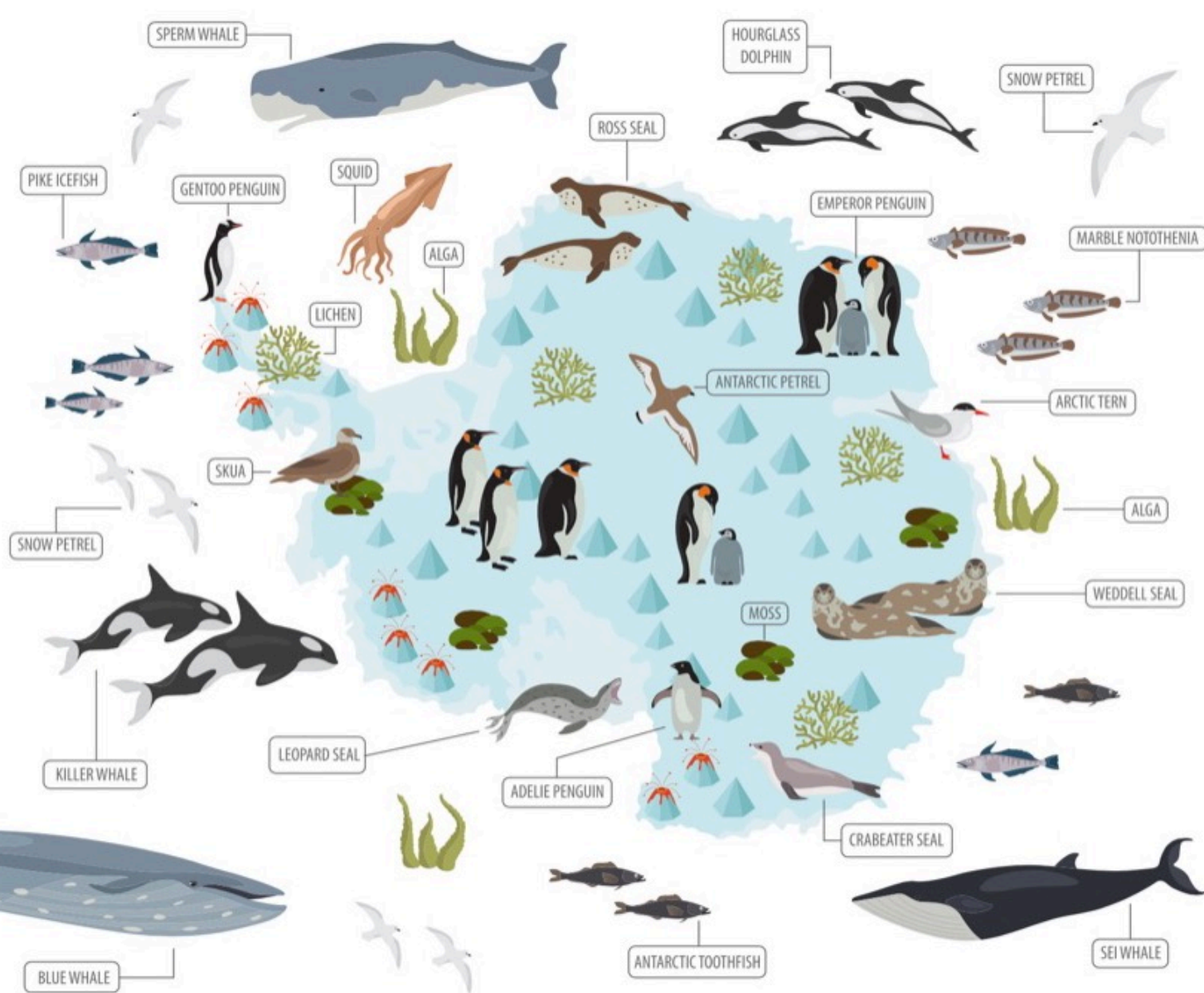
sperm whale, blue whale, killer whale, squid, sei whale, marble notothenia, antarctic toothfish, pike icefish

BIRDS:

emperor penguin, adelic penguin, gentoo penguin, antarctic petrel, snow petrel, skua, arctic tern

PLANTS:

lichen, moss, alga



TRIP CODE: HDS24-23: ANTARCTICA INCLUDING DECEPTION ISLAND - START & FINISH DATES

Starts Ushuaia 7th December 2023 and Finishes Ushuaia 17th December 2023 - Guided in: English

CABIN	EURO	GBP**	USD**
4 berth Quadruple Porthole - price per berth	€6,400	£5,760	US\$7,040
3 berth Triple Porthole - price per berth	€7,700	£6,930	US\$8,470
Twin Porthole - price per berth	€8,350	£7,515	US\$9,185
Twin Porthole - single occupancy	€14,195	£12,776	US\$15,615
Twin Window - price per berth	€8,700	£7,830	US\$9,570
Twin Window - single occupancy	€14,790	£13,311	US\$16,269
Twin Deluxe - price per berth	€9,250	£8,325	US\$10,175
Twin Deluxe - single occupancy	€15,725	£14,153	US\$17,298
Superior - price per person (only double bed)	€9,950	£8,955	US\$10,945
Superior - single occupancy	€16,915	£15,224	US\$18,607
Junior Suite - price per person (only double bed)	€10,650	£9,585	US\$11,715
Junior Suite - single occupancy	€18,105	£16,295	US\$19,916
Grand Suite + balcony - price per person (only double bed)	€11,950	£10,755	US\$13,145
Grand Suite + balcony - single occupancy	€20,315	£18,284	US\$22,347

NOTE: If you book a berth as a single person in a shared cabin the other occupants of the cabin will be of the same gender.

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■ ANTARCTIC CRUISE:

✓ 10 night / 11 Day Antarctic Cruise on the M/V Hondius - Cabin TBC.

Cruise Includes:

- ✓ Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary
- ✓ All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea.
- ✓ All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.
- ✓ Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.
- ✓ Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes.
- ✓ Luggage transfer from pick-up point to the vessel on the day of embarkation, in Ushuaia.
- ✓ Pre-scheduled group transfer from the vessel to the airport in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation).
- ✓ All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.
- ✓ Comprehensive pre-departure material.

Cruise Excludes:

- ✓ Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights
- ✓ Pre- and post- land arrangements.
- ✓ Passport and visa expenses.
- ✓ Government arrival and departure taxes.
- ✓ Meals ashore.
- ✓ Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is strongly recommended).
- ✓ Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges.
- ✓ The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).

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