



OCEAN NOVA SHIP BOOKLET

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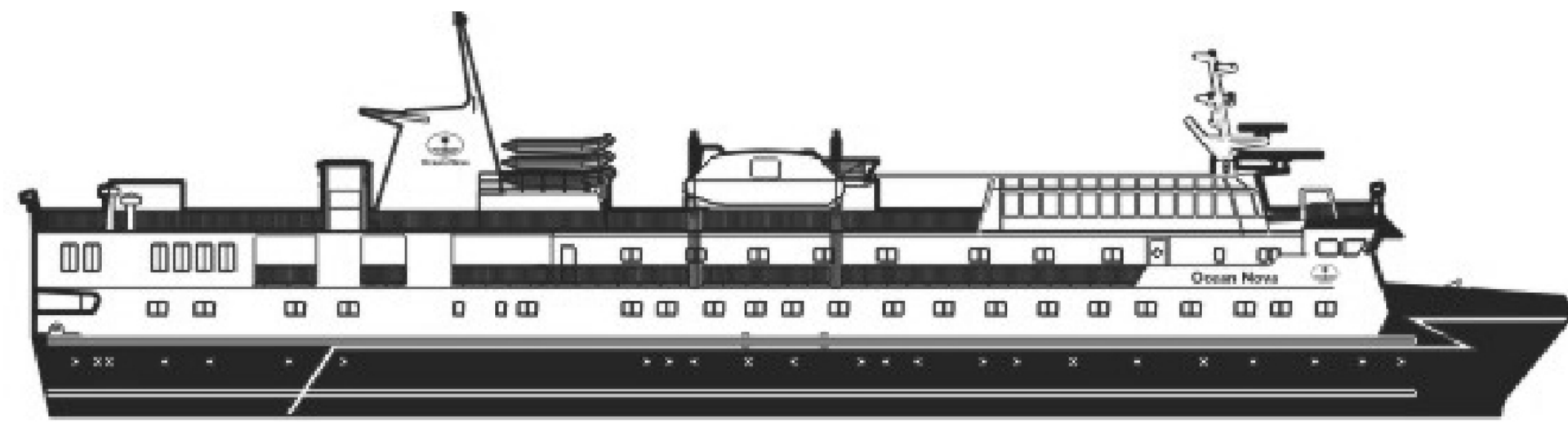
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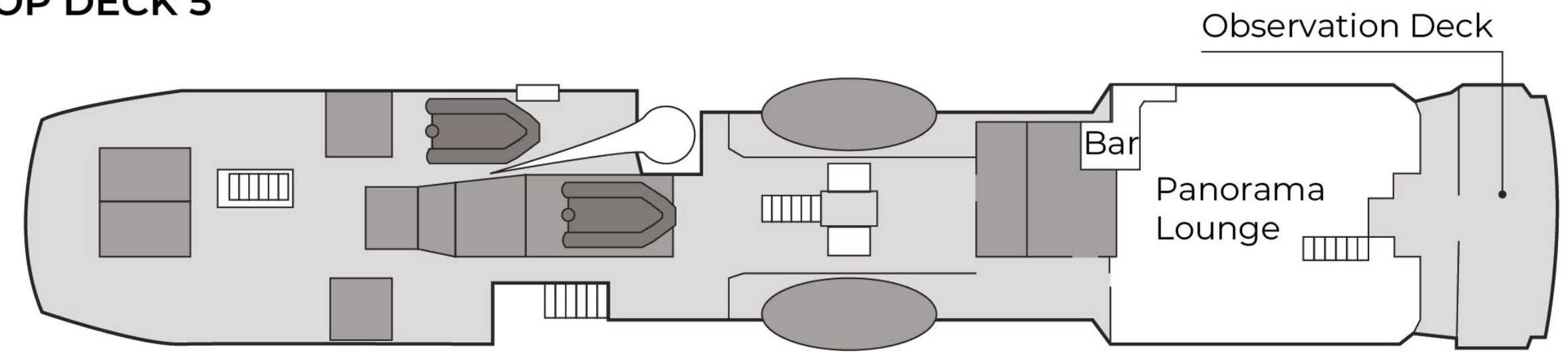


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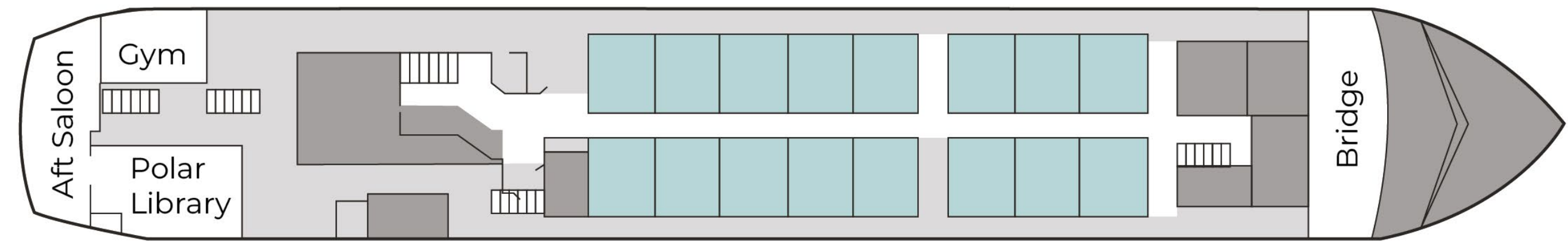


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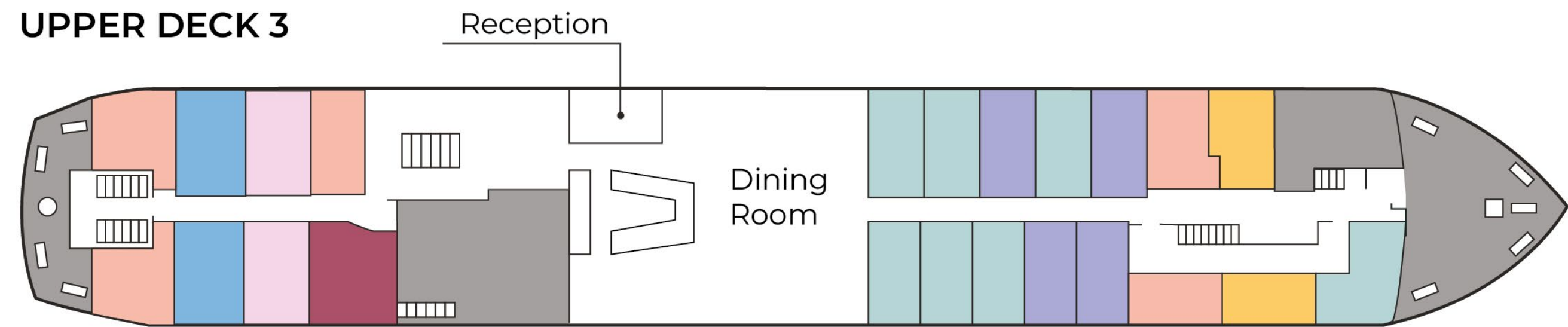
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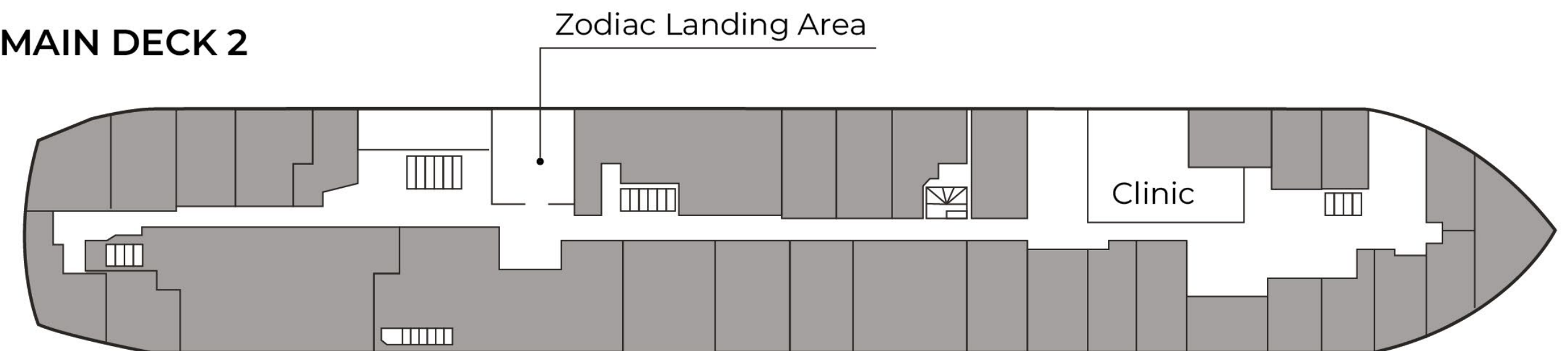
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UPPER DECK 3



MAIN DECK 2



Welcome Aboard!

During your expedition, the Ocean Nova will be your home away from home!

This Ship Booklet will help you to find your way around the Ocean Nova and get acquainted. It includes important information about the facilities available onboard and the procedures to adhere to while at sea. Our passionate Expedition Team and crew can't wait to show you around the ship and take you to places most people only dream about!

Every day, you will be presented with a new and exciting adventure. An early wake-up call might signal the sighting of nearby whales, while a Zodiac cruise in the afternoon introduces you to the intense blues of passing icebergs. Below you will find some technical information about our ship: the Ocean Nova.

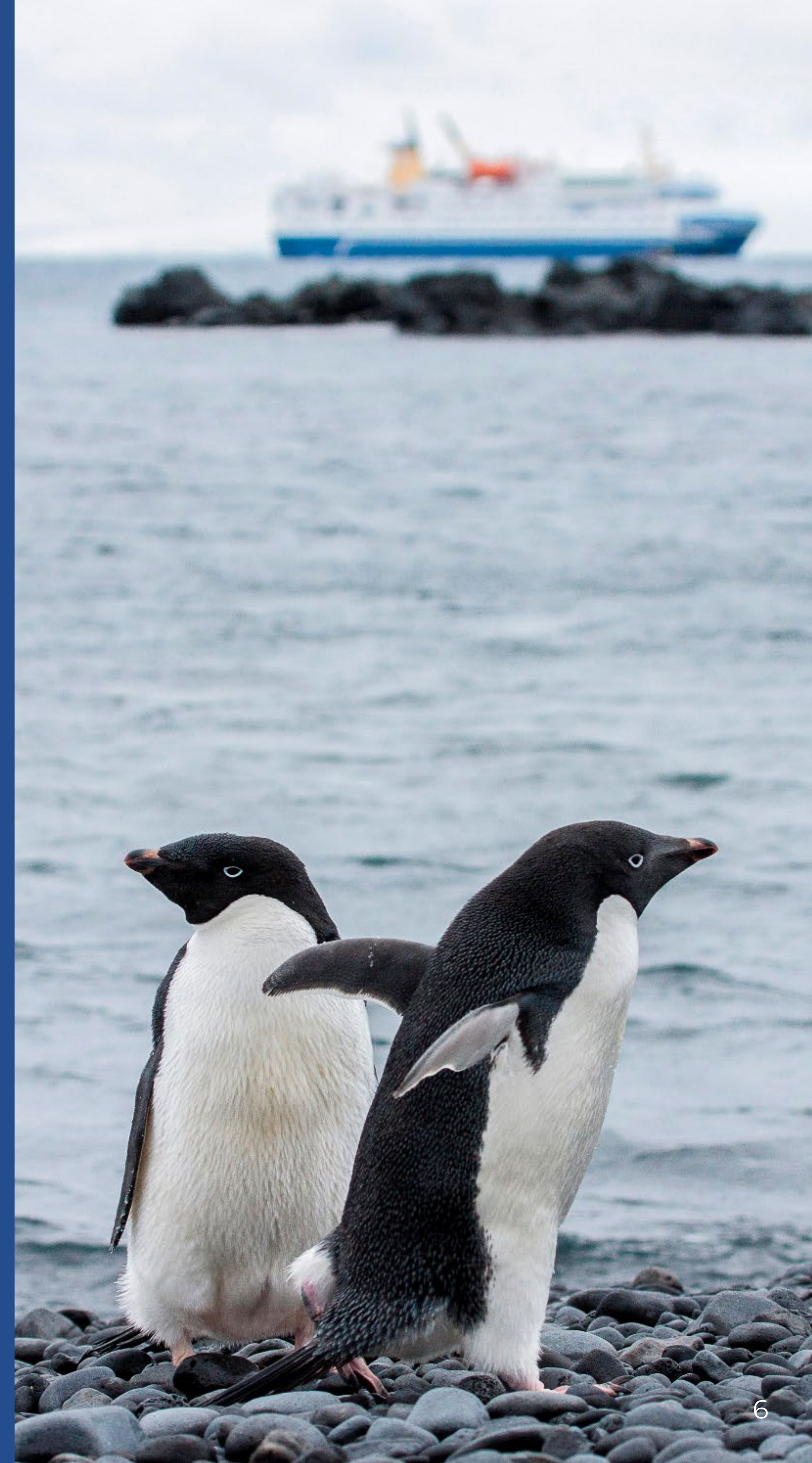
ABOUT THE OCEAN NOVA

The Ocean Nova offers a classic Antarctic expedition experience. Designed for intimate and immersive journeys, this nimble and sturdy ship accommodates just 80 guests. Your expedition focuses on discovery, enriched by a close-knit community of fellow travellers. The Ocean Nova's compact size allows access to remote coves, bringing you closer to Antarctica's stunning landscapes and wildlife.

Cosy cabins feature large windows for breathtaking views, while the Panoramic Lounge offers 200-degree vistas and insightful presentations from our expert Expedition Team. With one of the best guide-to-guest ratios, the Ocean Nova is perfect for those seeking an enriching Antarctic adventure.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Year Built:	1992	Decks:	4
Ice Class:	1B, EO (Hull Ice 1A)	Guest Cabins:	39
Length:	73 metres (239.5 ft)	Passenger Capacity:	80
Draft:	3.7 metres (12.1 ft)	Number of Crew:	32
Beam:	11.0 metres (36.1 ft)	Lifeboats:	2 fully enclosed lifeboats and 4 life rafts
Cruise Speed:	11 knots	Zodiacs:	8
Propulsion:	Diesel engines, 2,000-horsepower		



I CABIN INFORMATION

Cabins have the essential amenities you'll need to feel comfortable throughout your Antarctic voyage. Our friendly staff at reception or your cabin attendant will be happy to help with any additional bedding you need for your cabin.



Willing to share (same gender) at no extra charge.

All cabins include the following amenities:



STUNNING VIEWS

All cabins are located on the ship's exterior and feature large picture windows, allowing you to take in the awe-inspiring Antarctic scenery.



WARDROBE STORAGE

Each cabin includes one or two wardrobes, offering plenty of space to store your belongings during your expedition. Cabins also offer additional under-bed storage for suitcases.



WRITING DESK & CHAIR

A functional desk and chair provide the perfect space for journaling or enjoying quiet moments whilst on board.



PRIVATE BATHROOM

All cabins have a private bathroom with a shower, toilet, washbasin and hairdryer. Bathrobes and towels are provided.



TELEPHONE & INTERCOM

Our Expedition Team will announce exciting wildlife sightings, lectures and other ship activities through the intercom.



CABIN TEMPERATURE CONTROL

Individual cabin heat can be controlled for your comfort.



Explorer Double

Cabin Information

All cabins aboard the Ocean Nova are designed with comfort and functionality in mind. Each cabin features an exterior location with a picture window, allowing you to enjoy scenic views from the privacy of your cabin.

Inside, you'll find a writing desk with a chair, a private bathroom equipped with a shower and hair dryer, and an individually controlled heating system to ensure your comfort.



SINGLE
8 m² / 87 ft²

The Single cabin on Upper Deck 3 features one lower single and one upper single berth. It is perfect for solo travellers seeking comfort and privacy.



CLASSIC TWIN
8 m² / 87 ft²

Situated on Upper Deck 3, Classic Twin cabins offer two comfortable berths - one lower single and one upper single. The Classic Twin cabin provides a cosy retreat, ideal for guests travelling together.



EXPLORER TWIN
10 m² / 106 ft²



Located on Upper Deck 3 and Bridge Deck 4, Explorer Twins are designed for two guests and feature two lower single and two upper single berths. Our mid-size cabins offer a comfortable setting for two guests.



EXPLORER DOUBLE
10 m² / 106 ft²

Situated on Upper Deck 3, Explorer Double cabins offer a lower double bed and two upper single berths, making them ideal for couples.



COMFORT TWIN
14 m² / 150 ft²

This spacious cabin on Upper Deck 3 features two lower single berths and two upper single berths, making it ideal for those seeking extra space and comfort. Two wardrobes provide generous storage space for all your expedition needs.



TRIPLE
14 m² / 150 ft²



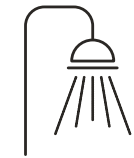
Our spacious Triple cabin features two lower single berths and two upper single berths. Located on Upper Deck 3, these larger cabins offer two wardrobes and plenty of space to relax.



QUAD
14 sq. m / 150 ft²

Our Quad cabin, located on Upper Deck 3, is perfect for families or groups of friends. It features two lower single berths, two upper single berths, and two wardrobes for ample storage.

Cabin Information



CABIN BATHROOMS

Cabins have a private ensuite bathroom with shower, toilet and wash basin. Shampoo and shower gel are provided for your use. Please only flush toilet paper down the toilet due to the sensitive mechanism. Tissues, paper towels, hygiene products, etc. should be placed in the bin.



HAIRDRYERS

A hairdryer is available in each cabin.



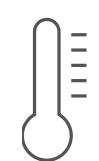
BATHROBES

Bathrobes in your cabin are available for use throughout your expedition.



VALUABLES

We recommend you travel with as few valuables as possible. If you've brought anything you need to keep safe, please speak to the Hotel Manager to store your valuables in the ship's safe.



CABIN TEMPERATURE

Cabin air flow can be controlled by adjusting the vent. If you are sharing a cabin with other travellers, please be considerate of their temperature preferences as well.



WILLING TO SHARE CABIN COURTESY

Some travellers elect to share a cabin with guests they may not have previously met. All guests have their own schedules and preferences so please be mindful of your cabin mates. Travellers choosing Willing to Share will also share a hotel room for their included night's accommodation on Day One.



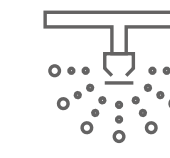
HOUSEKEEPING SERVICE

Your cabin will be serviced daily. Your towels and bed linen will be changed, subject to the length of the voyage and in accordance with The Ocean Nova's sustainability practices. Guests can request changing of towels and bed linen by placing signs on cabin door handles.



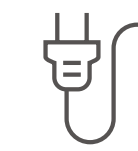
LAUNDRY

The use of the onboard laundry service is subject to a small fee. Request forms and bags are available in your cabin. Laundry is collected in the morning, please allow 48 hours for your laundry to be returned. Ironing services are also available at a minimal charge. We encourage you to take advantage of the laundry services, as it will mean you can pack fewer articles of clothing. Dry cleaning services are not available.



SPRINKLER SYSTEM

The sprinkler heads located throughout the ship, and in your cabin, are very sensitive. The slightest touch can activate them so please do not hang any items from the sprinkler heads, or smoke and vape anywhere on the ship outside the designated smoking area. Guests activating the sprinkler system may be responsible for damages that occur.



ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

The electrical outlets found in your cabin and around the Ocean Nova accept standard European two round pin plugs, so you may need to bring a travel adapter. Electricity supply may not be sufficient to power your electronic devices at all times so please be aware of this. Please check the voltage of your device before plugging it in, as the device may become damaged if the incoming voltage is higher than that for which it is manufactured.

The electrical supply on board is 220 volts, 50 Hz. Guests coming from the USA and Canada may need to bring a small 220v/110v converter. Please check your electronics as most modern cameras, computers and devices are already compatible to use 220/110 volts before purchasing a converter.

PUBLIC SPACES

RECEPTION

Situated on Upper Deck 3. You can purchase access for internet, email or phone calls here, arrange for a wake-up call and settle your onboard ship account at the end of your voyage.

POLAR LIBRARY

On the Bridge Deck 4 there is a small library of polar books, reference and general reading material. Open 24 hours a day, the Polar Library includes books covering subjects like wildlife, history, marine biology, ecology and geology. This includes a collection of field guides, reference and picture books.

TOILETS

Marine toilets are very efficient but also very sensitive. Please treat them gently and do not put anything into them except small amounts of toilet paper. Dispose of used tissues etc. in the garbage cans provided.

POLAR BOUTIQUE

For essentials and souvenirs, our Polar Boutique offers a limited selection of expedition gear such as base-layer clothing, waterproof pants, and gloves, as well as gifts to remember your Antarctic adventure. The boutique is open at designated times during your voyage.

BAR

You will find the bar in the Observation Lounge on the Top Deck 5. In the bar soft drinks, water, wine, beer, and spirits are available for purchase. You will also find a machine for complimentary hot drinks (coffee/ tea/cocoa) where you are welcome to help yourself.

PANORAMA LOUNGE

Our spacious Panorama Lounge, located high and forward on Top Deck 5, accommodates all guests onboard and serves as our main lecture space for presentations and movies, offering education and enjoyment. The Panorama Lounge also features a selection of games for your entertainment.

AFT SALOON

Located at the very aft of the ship on Bridge Deck 4, the Aft Saloon provides access to the outer decks. With comfortable seating and a coffee station, it offers spectacular sea views, making it the perfect spot to relax while the ship cruises.

LECTURES

Lectures are held in the Panorama Lounge and announced in the daily program. The Polar Library and Aft Saloon are occasionally used for intimate presentations.

GYM

Our small gym is located on the Bridge Deck 4. Gym hours are posted at the door. Facilities are on a first come, first served basis. Please do not bring glass bottles into the gym. Please take care when using the facilities and leave them clean.

OBSERVATION DECK

The Observation Deck, located on the Top Deck 5 of the ship, is generally open for viewing wildlife and enjoying the open ocean. Our outer decks offer plenty of open space and are accessible at any time, except when weather or sea conditions make it unsafe.

CLINIC

The Clinic is located on the Main Deck 2. In case of emergency, the Doctor is available 24 hours a day. Contact the Doctor via reception or any member of the Expedition Team.

CREW AREAS

Please respect the privacy of the designated crew areas and note that they are not accessible to guests.



PANORAMA LOUNGE (TOP DECK 5)
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DINING ROOM (UPPER DECK 3)



DELICIOUS MEALS DAILY



POLAR LIBRARY (BRIDGE DECK 4)





ONBOARD DINING

DINING ROOM

Our Dining Room, with large windows for wildlife viewing while you dine, is located on Upper Deck 3. If there's one constant at sea you'll enjoy, it's the delicious meals. Meal times are subject to change due to excursions and wildlife encounters but three meals a day will always be served. Dining times will be posted around the ship.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER SERVICE

Our Dining Room has an open seating policy for all guests at breakfast, lunch and dinner.

SNACKS & COCKTAIL HOUR

Assortments of fresh-baked cookies and/or pastries are available every afternoon. There is also a selection of hot and cold snacks available in the Panorama Lounge during cocktail hour, expedition activities permitting.

BAR & WINE SERVICE

The well-stocked bar on the ship is open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates. A selection of liquors, spirits, beer, wine and champagne is available and can be charged to your onboard ship account. Please note: it is the Ocean Nova's policy to not serve alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 18 years.

PERSONAL ALCOHOL POLICY

Consuming personal alcohol is prohibited anywhere on the Ocean Nova.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS & ALLERGIES

For vegetarians, there is a wide selection of vegetables, pasta, grains and fruit available. The Ocean Nova can accommodate most special dietary requests including vegan diets; please clearly indicate your needs on the required Cruise Enrolment forms sent to you prior to your voyage departure.

Menus will be clearly labeled for vegetarian and gluten-free options, but please do notify your server of the dietary restrictions you indicated on your form. Regretfully, Kosher food cannot be prepared.

FOOD PREPARATION

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are a la carte. À la carte meals are made to order, allowing our Chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs. Our Chefs take great pride in all meal preparation ensuring you receive high quality meals throughout your expedition.

DRESS CODE

Casual attire (expedition style) is the accepted apparel on board. Clothing should be comfortable and versatile. You are welcome to dress up a little for the Captain's Welcome Reception. Please refer to the Antarctic Travellers Guide for more detailed information.

ONBOARD PROCEDURES

WATER

Filling stations are available on the Ocean Nova so that you can refill your water bottle as needed. We recommend bringing your own water bottle from home.

SHIP ON BOARD ACCOUNTS

For ease, items purchased on board including the Polar Boutique, bar, laundry, postage, communication charges, and paid adventure options (space permitting) as well as gratuities are charged to your onboard ship account.

This can be settled at reception towards the end of your expedition. US dollar is the standard currency onboard and Visa or MasterCard credit cards are accepted. Personal cheques, AMEX or Diners are not accepted forms of payment.

LIFE VESTS

A life vest to be used in the case of ship emergency is provided for every guest on board. The onboard team will advise where these are stowed during the safety briefing and lifeboat drill.

GRATUITIES

We like to think that we have some of the best Expedition Team and Crew in the world working with us, and while they are all paid a competitive wage, they spend a great deal of time at sea; away from their families; making sure that this trip is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for you.

Gratuities are entirely up to you, and how much you give is a personal decision. Full details will be provided in your final travel documents, and any gratuities can be settled through your onboard account. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated and shared equally among our entire hospitality team and Expedition staff, from cabin stewards to bar staff.

ITINERARY & PROGRAM CHANGES

This is an expedition cruise to the world's most remote region so the weather and conditions are unpredictable. Our itineraries are carefully planned to ensure an exciting and memorable expedition. Sometimes due to weather and ice conditions, changes will need to be made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements in English (only) over the ship's public address system will alert you to wildlife sightings, itinerary modifications, and excursion instructions for going ashore. They can be heard in cabins and all public spaces. Out of courtesy to other guests, we ask that you remain quiet during all announcements.



On Board Procedures

SAFETY BRIEFINGS & LIFEBOAT DRILL

By International Maritime Law, it is mandatory to participate in an emergency drill. Upon embarkation, a safety briefing to outline appropriate behaviour on board will take place, including emergency procedures. A drill will be conducted to familiarise you with the location of lifeboats, life vests, and emergency evacuation routes. This compulsory drill will be scheduled as soon as possible by the Chief Officer. Full details will be provided by the onboard team following embarkation.

Please note: Safety briefings, drills and emergency evacuation announcements are conducted in English (only). It is a requirement that all guests understand basic English for their own safety.

BRIDGE VISITS

Access to the Bridge, where you can observe how the Captain and Bridge Officers sail and navigate the ship, may be granted during the voyage. However, access is restricted during port arrivals, departures, and complex navigation. As the Bridge is an important working area on the ship, we ask that you keep noise to a minimum to avoid distracting the Officers from conducting their jobs efficiently. Please respect the Bridge etiquette whilst enjoying this area.

LOST & FOUND

Please bring any misplaced items to reception or give them to a member of the Expedition Team. If you lose anything yourself, please advise our team.

BATTERY DISPOSAL

Please bring old batteries to reception for disposal do not throw old batteries in your cabin garbage.

SMOKING & VAPING

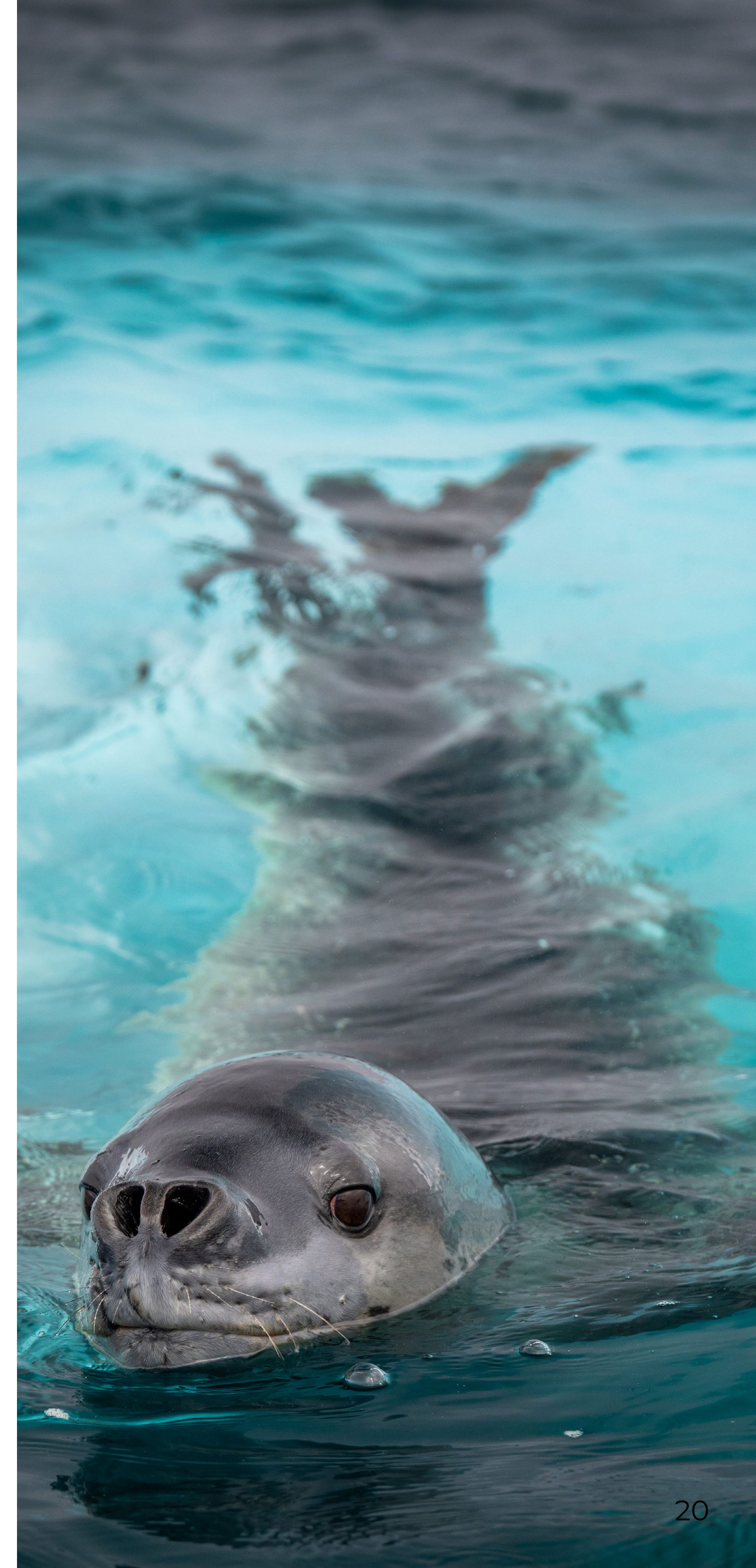
For health and safety reasons, The Ocean Nova maintains a non-smoking and vaping policy in the interior of the ship including cabins, public spaces, and while on Zodiac excursions and shore landings. Please only smoke or vape in the designated area which your Expedition Team can direct you to. Always ensure cigarettes are extinguished properly and dispose of them in the proper receptacle. Please, never throw cigarettes overboard.

MAIL

Sending polar mail is still a rare and memorable way for loved ones to receive a memento from your voyage. Mail may be posted from the ship and will be charged to your onboard account. Please deposit your mail at reception with your cabin number and name noted clearly in the upper right hand corner of each card or letter.

It may occasionally be possible to post mail from a research base. If we are unable to post the mail during your voyage, staff will attempt to do so on subsequent voyages.

Please note: delivery can take many months and cannot be guaranteed.





Onboard Procedures

STAYING IN TOUCH WHILE ON BOARD

It is possible to stay in touch whilst on board. The Ocean Nova is equipped with the latest available satellite communication equipment for our areas of operation providing us the possibility of Internet, phone reception.

While we are pleased to offer these services, please understand that our ship communications are affected by the ship's position, satellite coverage and local weather conditions. It may take several attempts before you are successful in making contact. Please keep in mind, you are travelling the most remote part of the world. There may be periods of time (hours/days) where phone and Internet are not available.

A pre-paid PIN Card will also be required for making telephone calls. Voice PIN cards allow calling from your cabin or guest telephones to shore telephones at various rates per minute dependent on location and type of phone you are calling (calling mobile phones tends to be more expensive). Current prices for these optional services will be posted onboard the ship or can be requested from your booking agent.

Please note: refunds are not provided for unused voice or data cards.

ONBOARD MEDICAL FACILITIES

We have an Clinic on board and an English-speaking, emergency trained Doctor to provide routine and emergency health care.

Please ensure you bring an additional two-week supply of any life sustaining or essential medication you take regularly. Because we operate in an extremely remote part of the world, there is limited opportunity to restock medical supplies. We cannot accept responsibility for not having a specific brand or type of drug on board.

Should you fall ill, the Doctor will refer to the Medical Forms that you completed as part of your Cruise Enrolment, so please ensure that the information you provide is complete and accurate. We must be advised if any health information changes after this information is submitted to us.

Should there be a charge for medications, the Doctor will issue an invoice and a medical report that you can present to your travel insurance provider if applicable. This will be delivered to your cabin in an envelope prior to the end of your voyage and can be settled via your onboard account.

POLAR EXPLORATION

We are an IAATO Operator and operate under and comply with the IAATO (International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators) guidelines in promoting and practising safe and environmentally responsible travel to the Antarctic. IAATO, in cooperation with other Antarctic ship operators, has established extensive procedures and guidelines that ensure appropriate, secure, and environmentally sound travel to the Antarctic.

It is mandatory for all passengers to review the IAATO documents provided.





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