



Albatros Expeditions launches new 'Citizen Science Projects' program

Danish expedition cruise operator encourages guests' active involvement in scientific collaborations during its Arctic and Antarctic Seasons starting 2020

Dec 1, 2019, **Copenhagen** – As part of Albatros Expeditions growth in both Arctic and Antarctic regions, the company proudly announces its new "Citizen Science Projects" Program, a series of events in collaboration with guest experts and scientists associated with the Center for Permafrost and the British Antarctic Survey. This initiative aims to contribute to the research of scientists onboard during specific voyages, as well as to educate guests by raising environmental and scientific knowledge. An additional benefit is the involvement of Albatros knowledgeable Expedition Team in these events, and the fact that their lectures and workshops will also profit from the interactions and experiences.

Hans Lagerweij, president of Albatros Travel International, explains: "As part of the expeditions, tourists will get hands-on experience on Antarctic fieldwork, and science results will be shared and discussed onboard the ship". There are currently three Citizen Science Projects planned for 2020, but follow-ups will be announced.

The scientists inaugurating this program are Dr. Elise Biersma, an evolutionary biologist working at the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge, UK, Prof. Bo Elberling, a soil scientist working at the University of Copenhagen, and author Govert Schilling, a Dutch science journalist who writes about astronomy and space science for newspapers and magazines in the Netherlands and abroad.

The current events programmed are the science trip: "Science and Tourism - Hand in Hand", January 05, 2020, a study of greenhouse gas budgets linked to the turnover of nitrogen and phosphorus by penguin colonies on South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula. The aim of the research done on board this trip is to study and quantify the impact of penguins on soil formation, soil nutrient cycles and greenhouse gas emissions. The scientists and guests will be sampling soil and making greenhouse gas measurements along a transect near penguin colonies at each relevant landing site.

The second event is scheduled onboard Ocean Atlantic, on August 24, 2020: A series of lectures and excursions with a focus on climate change, as well as discussions onboard regarding this subject and specifically greenhouse gases in the Arctic region, led by Bo Elberling, including a visit to the Arctic Station in Disko Island's Qeqertarsuaq.

The third event programmed is guidance and education on Albatros Expeditions' Solar Eclipse Voyage onboard Ocean Atlantic, commencing on November 23, 2021 from Ushuaia. A series of lectures and conversations with Govert Schilling to provide in-depth scientific guidance and education on the spectacle of total solar eclipses in general – and especially on the 4th December total eclipse in the South Atlantic, visited by Albatros Expeditions.

Albatros Expeditions additionally collaborates in other Citizen Science Projects as part of its membership with AECO and IAATO and has established collaboration with several organizations throughout the year as part of its CSR program to promote wildlife protection and scientific research.

Learn more by visiting: <https://albatros-expeditions.com/activities/citizen-science-projects>

###

Notes to Editors: About Albatros - From its humble beginnings of providing African safaris since 1985 to adventurous Danes, Albatros Travel has established offices and operations on three continents. Its core business remains outbound travel from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Poland, however inbound operations and specialized offerings such as arctic cruises since 1996 and safari experiences, not to mention the internationally renowned marathon events such as the Great Wall Marathon and the Polar Circle Marathon, have securely placed Albatros Travel on the global scene. Albatros is also the leader in Greenland travel, offering the largest selection of cruises, land programs, adventure opportunities and owned hotels and lodging options.

For all press enquiries please write to: media@albatros-expeditions.com

www.albatros-expeditions.com