

ULTIMATE WHALE EXPEDITION

TRAVEL WITH US FROM TROMSØ TO SEE AND PHOTOGRAPH HUMPBACK WHALES
AND KILLER WHALES DATE: JAN 29 - FEBR 2 2018





Humpback Whale and sunrise.



Humpback Whale from low angle photography.



WHALES OF THE NORTH

Arctic Wildlife Tours wish to welcome you for an experience difficult to forget. In the areas around “Kvaløya”, “Arnøya” and “Skjervøya” near the city Tromsø. We depart from the harbour in Tromsø by m/s Strønstad, a small passenger ship sailing in the harsh waters around Lofoten and northern Norway.

We follow the Humpback Whales and Killer Whales during 5 days and nights. Sleeping on board the ship, ready for photographing whales at dawn every morning. Being on board a ship makes the possibilities more flexible for where we can find the whales. We are not so vulnerable for bad weather conditions where smaller rib-boats would have to stay in the harbour. In sheltered fjords it's possible even in bad weather to photograph the whales from the ship.

In the evenings we try to find places anchoring or in a harbour where we can see the Aurora Borealis and photograph it in the surrounding landscapes. Inside a warm ship, maybe listening to the whales diving nearby, we can rest and be ready for next morning when following the whales again. The crew will have contact by radio with the nearby fishing boats and they will give us information about where to find the whales next morning.



Travel with norwegian photographer Svein Wik

Killer Whale following the boat.



Killer Whale following the boat. Photographed with a fill flash with red filter.



Humpback Whales close to the boat. Snow covered mountains in the background.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: EMBARKING IN TROMSØ

Our expedition starts in Tromsø and we sail out in the morning and start searching for whales immediately. Participants will bring their equipment to their double cabins and we will do a briefing about what will happen and security on board. We work all day during daylight before we find a good place to anchor or in a harbour. In the evening we look for northern light.

DAY 2 - 4: SEARCHING FOR WHALES

We search for whales in daytime until it gets dark. Do lectures on board and rest. In the evenings we look for northern lights and finding good spots to photograph it from on land.

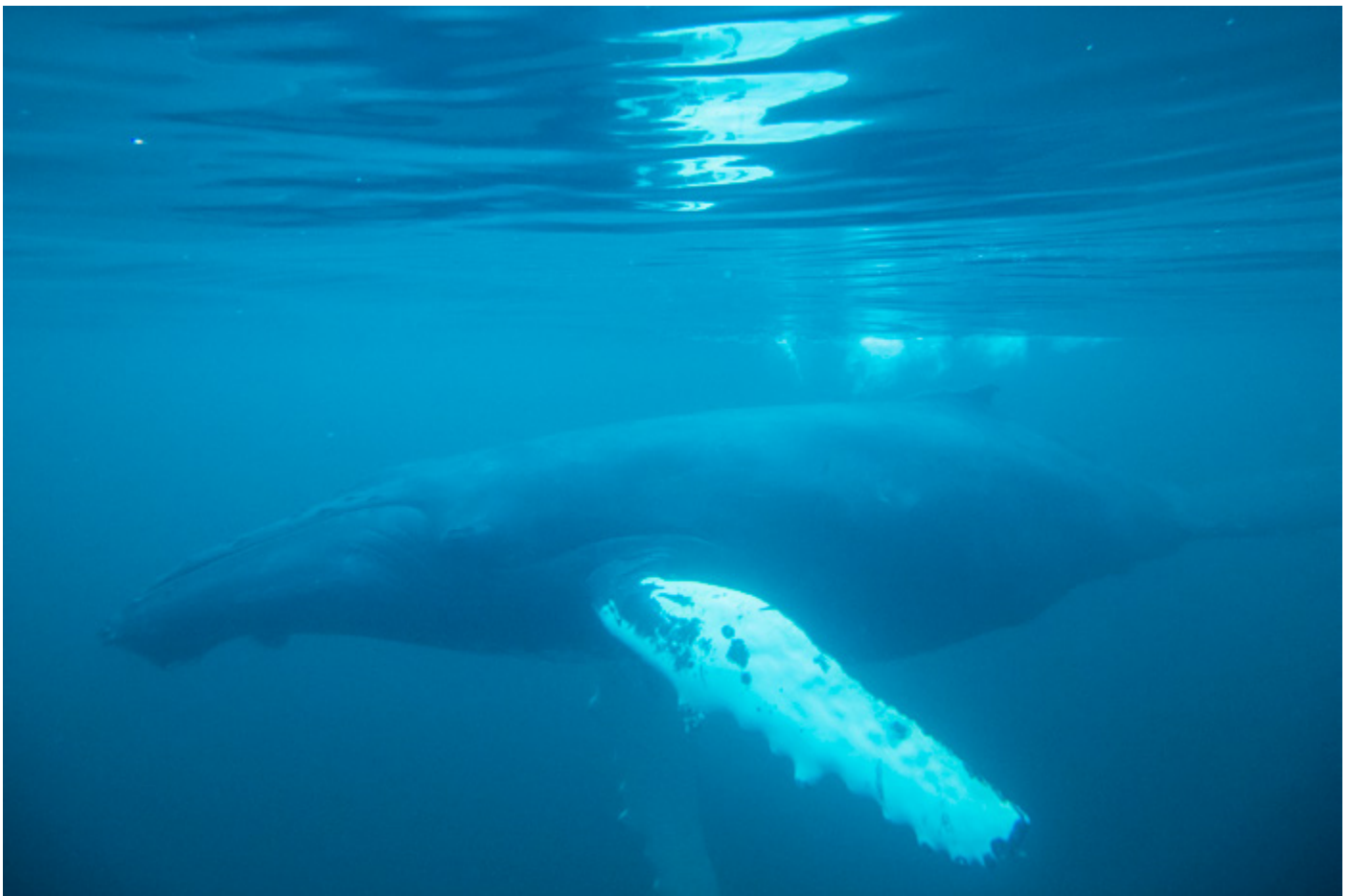
DAY 5: WHALES AND DISEMBARKING

We search for whales in daytime. We start our journey back towards Tromsø during the day and

will disembark in afternoon. All participants will be transported to airport for flights back home.

GENERALLY

Weather conditions will decide where we can go and what we can do. Really bad weather can occur, but we will use the fjords to find shelter. It is important to understand that according to that, changes in the itinerary and program may have to be done



Humpback Whale underwater photography. It is possible to do that during this expedition

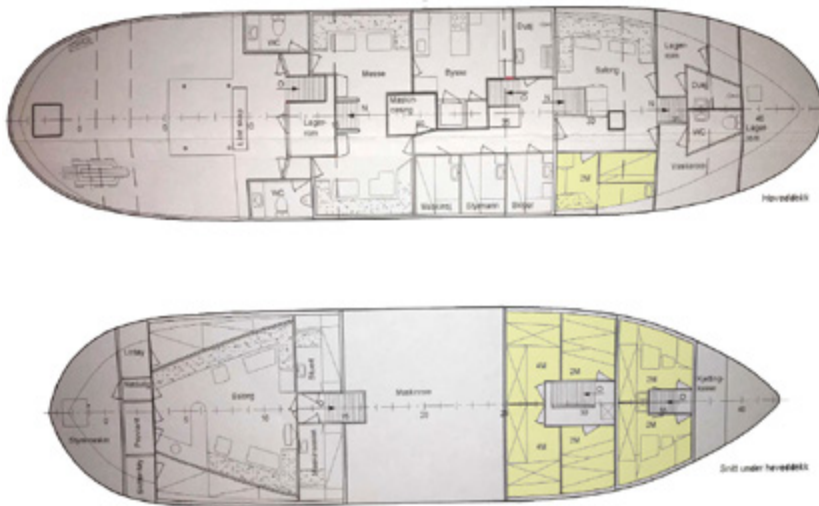


Northern lights. The island "Musvær" not far from "Kvaløya", Tromsø.



Northern lights. Tromsø.

m/s Strønstad



Built in 1955 M/S Strønstad is a typical local ferry and passenger ship sailing the harsh and though waters around Lofoten and northern Norway. She was built in southern Norway at P. Høyvolds shipyard and refitted in 1993. The interior has a nice wooden details giving her a warmth feeling. Today she is equipped as a comfortable yet functional expedition vessel.

Creating comforts include central heating, washing machine, showers and flushing toilets. The layout places all passenger accommodation in the forward half of the vessel.

M/S Strønstad is now part of the fleet of the shipping company Arctic Explorer in Tromsø and she is ideally suited for extended voyages in comfort and safety anywhere in the waters around Northern Norway.

The M/S Strønstad is today a beautiful and exclusive little ship only carrying a maximum of 18

passengers in outside cabins, with upper and lower berth. She provides comfortable accommodation for 16 passengers, two guides and up to six crew. The owner and crew of the ship have long experience and are dedicated for the preservation of the unique nature and wildlife that the nature here in this part of the world offers.



Main saloon for dining.



Aft saloon and bar.



Front saloon.



Single cabin.



Double cabin.



Sleeping saloon. Four berths.

Technical information.

Length: 29,2 meters

Breadth: 6,8 meters

Depth: 3,23

Cabin: 5 x 1 beds, 4 x 2 beds. 2 x 4 beds. Sleeping Saloon Digermulen aft for 16 pax.

Shower x 3

WC x 4

Washing room

Main saloon, front saloon and aft bar.

Fresh Water: 10.000 liter

Main engine: 375 HP

Generator x 2 perking



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