The ice-strengthened vessel “Ortelius” is an excellent vessel for Polar expedition cruises in the Arctic and Antarctica, providing us with possibilities to adventure in remote locations such as the Ross Sea and Franz Josef Land.

“Ortelius” was built in Gdynia, Poland in 1989, was named “Marina Svetaeva”, and served as a special purpose vessel for the Russian Academy of Science. The vessel is re-flagged and renamed “Ortelius”.

As Plancius, Ortelius was a Dutch / Flemish cartographer. Abraham Ortelius (1527 – 1598) published the first modern world atlas, the Theatrum Orbis Terrarum or Theatre of the World in 1570. At that time, the atlas was the most expensive book ever printed.

The vessel has the highest ice-class notation (UL1 equivalent to 1A) and is therefore very suitable to navigate in solid one-year sea ice and loose multi-year pack ice. “Ortelius” is a great expedition vessel for 108 passengers with lots of open-deck spaces.

The vessel is manned by 20 highly experienced international nautical crew, 19 international hotel crew, including stewardesses, 7 expedition staff in Antarctica (1 expedition leader and 6 guides/lecturers), for the Arctic we will have 8 expedition staff (1 expedition leader and 7 guides/lecturers) and 1 doctor.

The vessel offers simple but comfortable cabins and public spaces • 4 quadruple cabins with bunk beds (these can also be used as triple or twin cabins) • 2 triple porthole cabins with bunk beds (these can also be used as quads or twin cabins) • 26 twin port-hole cabin with 2 single lower berths • 12 twin cabins with windows and 2 single lower berths • 2 twin deluxe cabins with windows and 2 single lower berths • 6 superior cabins with double beds. All cabins are spacious outside cabins with a minimum of two port-holes or windows per cabin and all cabins have private shower and toilet.

“Ortelius” offers a comfortable hotel standard, with two restaurants, a bar/lecture room. Our voyages are primarily developed to offer our passengers a quality exploratory wildlife program, trying to spend as much time ashore as possible. As the number of passengers is limited to approximately 108 on the “Ortelius”, flexibility assures maximum wildlife opportunities.

**ABOUT THE SHIP**

**Registered:** The Netherlands  
**Length:** 90.95 meters  
**Breadth:** 17.20 meters  
**Draft:** 5.4 meters  
**Ice class:** UL1 (equivalent to 1A)  
**Displacement:** 4,090 tons  
**Propulsion:** 6 ZL 40/48 SULZER  
**Average cruising speed:** 10.5 knots  
**Passengers:** 108 in 52 cabins  
**Crew, guides, doctor:** 41 / 8 / 1  
**Various decks refurbished 2012-2017-2019**

**SPECIFICATIONS**

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