

M/V PLACIUS

SHIP DETAILS



OCEANWIDE
EXPEDITIONS



ABOUT THE SHIP

m/v Plancius was built in 1976 as an oceanographic research vessel for the Royal Dutch Navy and was named Hr. Ms. Tydeman. The ship sailed for the Dutch Navy until June 2004 when it was purchased by Oceanwide Expeditions.

Plancius is a Dutch flagged completely rebuilt and converted passenger vessel, complying with the latest SOLAS- regulations, classed by Lloyd's Register in London. The name Plancius is a tribute to the predecessor of Oceanwide Expeditions (Plancius Foundation, 1981-1996), the first cruise operator on a yearly base in Spitsbergen, offering voyages with a small cruise vessel named Plancius.

Plancius is 'basecamp' for our activity program. Oceanwide Expeditions offers an exploratory educational travel program in the polar regions spending as much time ashore as possible. Special interest activities are available on selected voyages: kayaking, hiking, snowshoeing, mountaineering, polar camping, ski trekking, polar diving and Zodiac cruising. Please check if they are offered on your voyage.

Comfortable and welcoming, but not overly luxurious, Plancius was made for explorers. The ship is spacious yet retains a small ship character, combining comfort & style with modern technology.

Plancius is the perfect platform for various polar expedition cruise activities, including being the base camp for active, adventure and wildlife-minded modern explorers. Aboard you will find four quadruple porthole cabins, nine twin porthole cabins, 25 twin cabins with window and two twin deluxe cabins, - all (ca. 15 m²), and 10 superior cabins ca. 21 m²).

All cabins offer lower berths (either two single beds or one queen-size bed), except for the four quadruple cabins (two bunk beds). While aboard, you can enjoy the comfort of the restaurant and lecture room, and a spacious observation lounge, complete with bar. Here, you will find large, full panoramic windows, offering superb views of the polar world.

Plancius has large open deck spaces (with full walk-around possibilities on deck, giving excellent opportunities to enjoy the scenery and wildlife. The ship is equipped with 10 Mark V inflatable Zodiacs, including 40 HP 4-stroke outboard engines. She has two gangways on her starboard side, ensuring swift Zodiac operation.

SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH:
89 meters

BREADTH:
14.5 meters

DRAFT:
5 meters

ICE CLASS:
100A1 Passenger ship, Ice Class 1D at a draught of 5 meters)

DISPLACEMENT:
3,211 tonnes

PROPULSION:
3× Diesel-Electric

SPEED:
10.5 knots average cruising speed

PASSENGERS:
108 passengers in 50 cabins

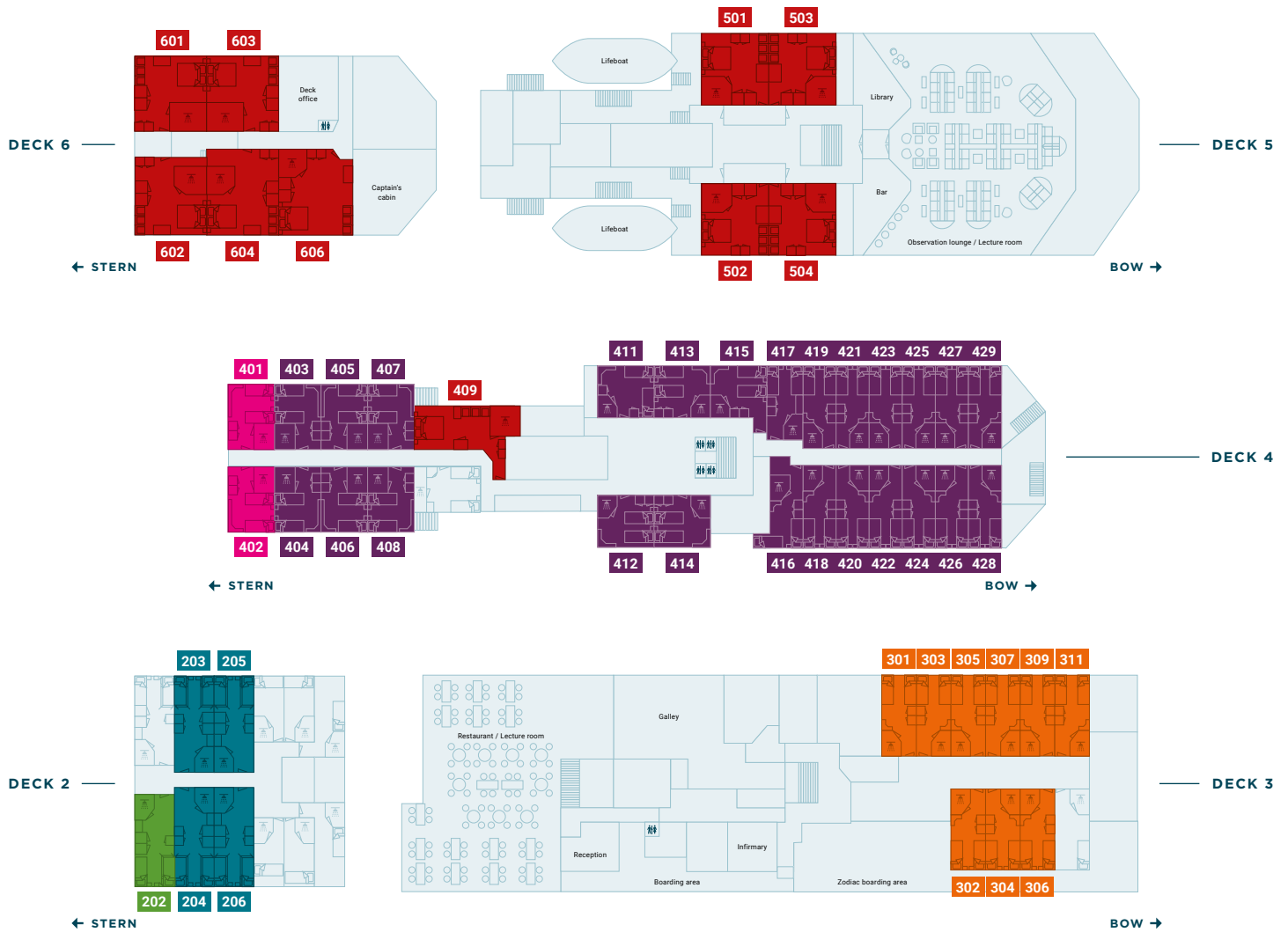
CREW, GUIDES, DOCTOR:
40 / 8 / 1

REGISTERED:
The Netherlands

VARIOUS DECKS
REFURBISHED
2009-2018-2019



DECK PLAN



CABINS & PUBLIC AREAS



Superior cabins



Standard cabins



Bar & Observation lounge



Dining room



Reception



Library