

## - Our Base Vessel, the Plancius

### Plancius

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The 267-ft Plancius was built in 1976 for the Royal Dutch Navy as an oceanographic research vessel, the Hr. Ms. Tydeman. This ship is ice-strengthened with bow and stern thrusters for maneuverability. It is went through complete reconstruction to commence Polar cruises and Antarctic adventure tours for 112 guests in October 2009. The cruise vessel has been designed as a setting for passengers interested in an exploratory educational experience on their Antartctica vacations, looking to spend as much time on the Antarctic shore as possible rather than in luxury accommodations. The cruise ship complies with the latest SOLAS (Safety of Life At Sea) regulations. It travels 10 to 12 knots in open water.

### Deckplan

**Amenities** - The vessel offers a restaurant/lecture room on deck three and a spacious observation lounge with bar and library on deck five. Large windows offer a full panorama view of Antarctica, and the ship has large open deck spaces, including one walk-around deck for exercise or photography during your Antarctic adventure.

**Dining** - The ship's dining room has windows on two sides and seats all passengers in one sitting. Breakfast and some lunches are served buffet-style. The rest of the meals are by table service. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate are available around the clock.

**Services** - The cruise ship is manned by thirty international crew members, six hotel staff, six Antarctic expedition staff (an expedition leader and five guide/lecturers), and a doctor. Equipped with shore adventures gear, the vessel has ten Mark V Zodiacs, including HP 4-stroke outboard engines and two gangways starboard for a smooth zodiac operation.

**Cabin Accommodations** - M/V Plancius can accommodate 112 passengers in 54 passenger cabins with private toilet and shower in 4 triple private cabins, 40 twin private cabins (ca. 15 square meters) and 10 twin superior cabins (ca. 21 square meters). All cabins offer lower berths

(either two single beds or one queen-size bed), except for the 4 triple cabins (bunk beds and 1 lower bed).

Triple private (bunk beds and 1 lower bed) – 4 cabins

Twin private (either two single beds or one queen-sized bed) – 40 cabins – 160 square foot

Superior (either two single beds or one queen-sized bed) – 10 cabins – 226 square foot