

Sarah Keenan Expedition Leader Canada



Sarah grew up on the islands of the Pacific Northwest and now resides on Vancouver Island, where she has dedicated over a decade to working in eco-tourism on the ocean and in the mountains of British Columbia. She began her career as a snowshoe guide, seeking new challenges that eventually led her to captain whale-watching vessels. Along the way, she earned her 60-ton Master's Limited ticket, enabling her to teach boat handling skills to her colleagues.

With a passion for exploring both snow-capped mountains and remote ocean wildernesses, Sarah turned her attention to Antarctica. After earning certifications in Advanced first aid, sea kayaking, and crevasse/avalanche rescue, she joined the G Adventures Expedition team as a kayak guide, mariner, and marine naturalist. That same year, she became one of the first-ever whale-watching captains to operate in the Graveyard of the Pacific, the treacherous waters between Bamfield and Cape Flattery where her work focused on facilitating research, conservation, and encounters with a variety of whale species. Her summers navigating these challenging seas were complemented by winters in Antarctica, both places satisfying her love of marine wildlife and ocean exploration.

Through her work, Sarah aims to support science, educate travelers, and mentor the next generation of guides. As the founder of Rogue Wave Expedition Academy, she now provides training, certification, and mentorship to those seeking careers in expedition guiding. Sarah's vision for Rogue Wave is to provide aspiring guides with the tools they need to explore the world's most remote regions as skilled and environmentally responsible expedition guides. www.roguewaveacademy.com

Meru Ferrari

Assistant Expedition Leader

Argentina



Meru was born in 1990 in the quiet neighborhood of Parque Patricios, Buenos Aires. She pursued a degree in Tourism and was awarded a United Nations scholarship to specialize in Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development.

With over 14 years of experience in the tourism industry, Meru's career spans roles with the Argentinean Tourism Board, operations management, guiding local tours in Buenos Aires, and leading adventures across South America. Her passion for exploration led her to work with

Antarctic expedition ships, where she initially focused on operational logistics before embracing her love for the polar regions by joining expeditions as an onboard guide.

Meru is deeply passionate about history, nature, and conservation. She thrives in the outdoors, particularly in Patagonia, which she fondly calls her “paradise on Earth.” When she's not guiding, you'll find her rock climbing or hiking in mountain regions. Her Italian heritage shines through in her love of pasta, and when discussing her favorite topics—especially the Polar regions—she may throw in a few animated hand gestures!

Today, Meru splits her time between guiding Antarctic and consulting on community-based and sustainable tourism projects in Argentina, and rock climbing wherever mountains call her. She believes in the power of connection to nature, convinced that people can only protect what they love. By sharing her experiences in these pristine environments, she hopes to inspire you to love and help protect them by becoming a steward of these places.

Storm Simpson
England/Canada
Expedition Co-ordinator



Storm (yes, that really is her name) hails from Lancaster in the north of England. Eight years ago, she seized the opportunity to move to Canada—and hasn't looked back.

Her career has taken her to some of the most spectacular and remote places on Earth- from guiding G Adventure tours across the Canadian Rockies, spending time in Aotearoa (New Zealand) as a Glacier Guide on the iconic Fox Glacier to coordinated logistics at a scientific research station in remote British Columbia, spending seven months off-grid monitoring wild Pacific salmon.

Storm loves sharing wild places across the world with guests, inspiring a love for adventure and helping them create unforgettable memories. A proud Antarctica Ambassador, she's passionate about connecting guests to the polar regions through understanding, respect, and a sense of stewardship for these remote and fragile environments. Whether on a glacier, in the mountains, or at the edge of the map, she thrives on helping guests experience the wonder and adventure of true expedition travel.

In her spare time, you will find her in the mountains that surround her home of Canmore, Alberta either climbing, hiking or snowboarding. If not there though, she will be curled up in front of the fire, bar of chocolate in hand, binge watching her all-time favorite Gilmore Girls.

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Sofia Green

Photographer In Residence

Ecuador



Sofía Green is a marine biologist from Ecuador specializing in conservation and ecology, with a focus on whale shark behaviour and ecology. She holds a master's degree in marine Biological Resources from Ghent University, where she concentrated on Conservation and Ecology. She calls the Galapagos Islands home, where she has been actively working towards shark research and ocean conservation as part of the Galapagos Whale Shark Project.

Sofía's professional experience is diverse and includes working as a naturalist and SCUBA dive guide in the Galapagos Islands where she provides scientific and environmental education while expanding citizen science projects. She is also dedicated to environmental education, leading programs for the local youth. Her work has been featured in webinars, conferences, and documentaries, where she shares her commitment to marine conservation and education.

In addition to her scientific endeavors, Sofía is a skilled wildlife photographer, contributing to various expeditions, hoping to share the beauty and rawness of the wild world, as well as human impacts on it to connect people with nature and create a shift in perspectives.

She began working as a polar guide in 2024 as a way to continue with environmental education during these life changing voyages, connecting guests to these remote locations and their day to day lives.

Anastasiia Ezhova

Historian

Russia



Anastasiia grew up in Saint Petersburg, Russia, where her love for adventure was sparked by books about faraway lands and cultures. Despite graduating with honors in Statistics from St. Petersburg University of Finance and Economics, her passion for exploration never waned. She began her tourism career guiding tours and managing a hostel in her hometown before embarking on a journey that led her across the world.

Since 2015, Anastasiia has been working as an expedition guide in Antarctica while living in southern Patagonia, including Punta Arenas, Chile, and Ushuaia, Argentina. Currently, she is studying tourism in Ushuaia and pursuing a diploma in Antarctic Law and Antarctic Studies, further deepening her connection to the region she loves. She takes great joy in sharing her knowledge of Patagonia and Antarctica's history and wilderness with others.

Her travels have taken her to over 50 countries, where she's hitchhiked across Latin America, climbed volcanoes in Central America, hiked the Peruvian Andes, and sailed around Tierra del Fuego. When not guiding expeditions, Anastasiia enjoys trekking, kayaking, skiing, and playing chess. She speaks English, Spanish, Russian, Portuguese and a bit of French.

Pepper Cook
Geologist
United States of America



At 35, Pepper has spent over seven years living and working at the ends of the Earth. With experience as both a polar guide and a science support specialist, she has split her career between expedition ships and research stations in the high latitudes.

She has wintered at McMurdo Station, worked at New Zealand's Scott Base, supported deep-field science on the "Doomsday Glacier", aka Thwaites Glacier on the West Antarctic Ice Sheet, and spent time collaborating at Italy's Mario Zucchelli Station.

When she isn't guiding in Antarctica, Pepper works as a Science Technician on the Greenland Ice Cap at Summit Station, where she helps facilitate atmospheric and climate research at one of the most remote year-round field bases on the planet.

Her career reflects a passion for connecting people with polar environments, and she thrives on sharing the stories of the landscapes, wildlife, and science that define Earth's frozen frontiers.

Eric Wong **Camping Master** **Hong Kong**



Eric Wong is an alpinist and documentary photographer from Hong Kong who specialises in landscape, mountaineering and wildlife photography in the Alps, Himalaya and Polar region.

In 2016, he became the first foreigner graduated in the Khumbu climbing centre and qualified as professional ice climber with other local Sherpa climbers. In 2017 he started his climbing projects in various mountain ranges. During

2017 and 2018, he successfully completed several remarkable projects which included Eiger, Matterhorn and Grand Jorasses in the Alps, speed ascent North America highest peak, Denali (6190m); solo climb Winter Fuji (3778m); solo climb Winter Island Peak (6189m); and solo climb Ama Dablam (6812m).

In 2019, Eric started his Polar guide career with Expedition. As a polar guide works in both the Arctic and Antarctica area, the role requires plenty of outdoor expertise including kayaking, zodiac driving, hiking, and coordinating camping activities for guests .

Also as an documentary photographer, Eric's works has been published in National Geographic, Leica Fotografie International Gallery Master Shot and several lifestyle travel magazines.

Matt Burnaby **Marine Mammals Specialist** **Canada**



Matt has spent his entire life seeking nature, since before any consideration of making it his career. An obsessive passion for knowledge about the natural world led him to begin working for local marine biologists at the age of 15. This gave him the idea to create education programs that connected aspiring youth with local scientists using it as a new model for alternative high school curriculum in the Southern Gulf Islands.

Since that time, he has worked numerous eco-tourism, education and research programs including tracking whales through the foggy Pacific Graveyard and

seeking Kermode/Spirit Bears deep in the Great Bear Rainforest all the way to alpine snowmobile guiding near Whistler/Blackcomb mountains. He attributes his quirky personality to some years where he may have spent more time on the ocean with whales and seals than other human beings.

In 2010, Matt had his 20th birthday sailing to Antarctica for his first season onboard MS Expedition where he feels his passion for adventure, education and marine wildlife can be satisfied all at once.

As the founder and instructor for Rogue Wave Expedition Academy, he hopes to channel 20 years of experience into aspiring guides who hope to make a career as mariners and educators in the Expedition Cruise Industry.



Joy Le Pesquer
Naturalist
French-Cuban



Of French-Cuban origin, Joy lived in France but does not stay in one place! Graduating in anthropology and specializing on cultural and environmental dynamics, she is passionate about science, people and poetry. While working in the Amazonian Park of Guyana Joy lived immersed in the Amazonian rainforest for a year with the Teko and Wayampi Amerindians peoples on the banks of the Oyapock but also with the Shipibo of Peru for two months during a trip.

Finding her balance in movement and discovery, she is now a qualified sailor which has allowed her for example to cross the North Atlantic

on a race boat from the USA to France. It's with a deep desire to share and wonder that she is now prepared and excited to explore the South Pole.

Martin Narvaez

Kayak Guide

Ecuador



Martín Narvález is a marine biologist, expedition guide, and photographer based in the Galapagos Islands. With a specialized focus on cetaceans and marine wildlife interpretation, Martín combines scientific expertise with a passion for visual storytelling to connect guests with the world's wildest environments.

Martín holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Biology from the Universidad San Francisco de Quito.

His research career has taken him from the tropical waters of Hawaii to the Galapagos Marine Reserve, where he currently serves as a Research Associate for the Cetacea Galapagos Program. In this role, Martín leads a citizen science network, monitoring the population dynamics of whales and dolphins across the archipelago.

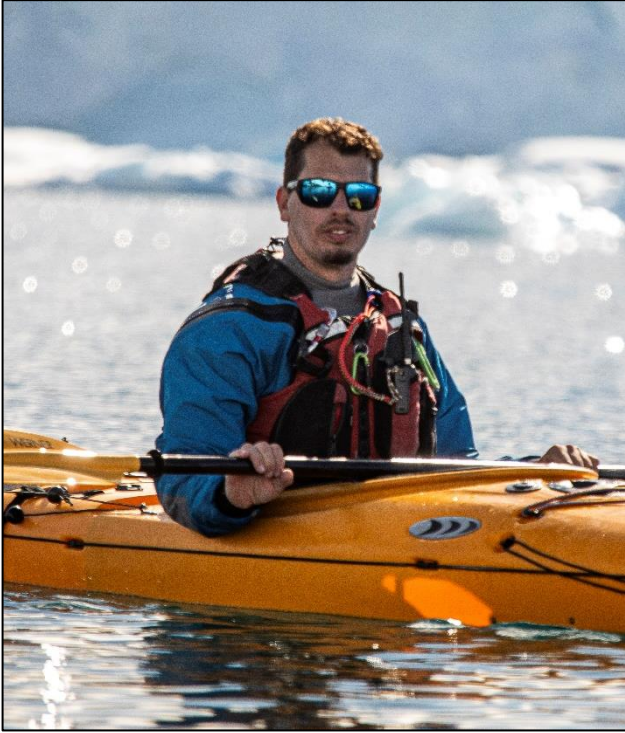
As an expedition guide, Martín is at home in remote and dynamic environments. He has worked in outdoor education in Galapagos and as a photographer for whitewater rafting and kayaking expeditions in the Andes and Amazon.

When not scanning the horizon for wildlife, Martín is an avid waterman and content creator. He is a certified PADI Divemaster, AIDA Level II freediver, UAVs pilot and Zodiac driver.

Mauricio Martinez

Kayak Master

Argentina



Born and raised in Rosario, on the banks of the majestic Paraná River, Mauricio's connection with nature began early. The river was his playground, and it sparked a lifelong love for the outdoors. At just 12 years old, he received his first kayak as a birthday gift, and from that day on, he was hooked. Since then, Mauricio has paddled countless waterways.

His passion for adventure led him to become a licensed kayak guide in 2015. But even before that, another world had caught his attention, the one beneath the surface. After his first dive in 2013, he discovered a new

dimension of exploration and earned his Dive Master certification two years later.

Mauricio has spent summers guiding kayak, trekking, and 4x4 tours amid the glaciers of El Calafate and Chalten in Patagonia, and winters diving in North Patagonia, Brazil, and Colombia. In 2018, his compass pointed north again, this time to Iguazú Falls. What began as a one-year plan soon became home. Today, he works as a Tour guide and naturalist in the heart of the Atlantic Rainforest, still filled with awe every time he steps into the jungle.

When he's not guiding, you'll likely find him chasing another adventure, snowboarding, trekking, mountain or road biking, kayaking, diving, or capturing the beauty of it all through his lens. Above all, Mauricio is a true lover of nature and motion — always outdoors, always exploring.

Vanessa Tse

Camping Assistant

Hong Kong



Vanessa has been working in the field of environmental education for over 12 years since her graduation from the University of Essex with a degree in Ecology.

From guiding school and public educational programs in Hong Kong's one and only theme park with animal exhibits, to leading ecotours showing people the lesser-known beautiful side of Hong Kong's nature, Vanessa is always passionate to share her expertise and love of nature to her participants.

She strongly believes that one would not start appreciating thus conserving the nature until they first have the chance to build connections with it. Therefore, Vanessa is dedicated to creating an enjoyable experience to her participants while promoting respectful practices in nature when guiding ecotours.

In her spare time, Vanessa enjoys hiking a lot, not only in her hometown, but also different countries like Japan, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Norway, etc.

Devi Rouse

Naturalist

United States of America



I was born and raised in Ohio, but I have spent nearly 15 years immersing myself in the stunning landscapes of Chile. I now reside in Punta Arenas, just a four-hour flight south of Santiago or an 8 to 10-hour bus ride to Ushuaia. This last decade for me has been dedicated to living and working amidst the rugged beauty of Patagonia, where I have served as a Lead Expedition Guide and Porter. My expertise is centered on navigating the “Eighth Wonder of the World”, Torres del Paine, and the vast Southern Patagonian Ice Field, which means everything from 11-day camping and trekking expeditions to just one full-day adventure.

To balance the cold environments, I occasionally work as a trekking and bike guide in San Pedro de Atacama, the driest non-polar desert in the world, which offers a different but equally stunning terrain. Over the years, I have accumulated more than a decade of hands-on experience leading adventures in some of the world’s most remote and spectacular regions.

Now, I am embarking on an exciting new chapter of my life—shifting from mountain expeditions to lake and sea expeditions. Since 2025, I am currently in my second season guiding as a *General Naturalist + Zodiac Driver* in the Great Lakes, Chilean Fjords, Falklands, South Georgia, and Antarctica. I am also a proud member of the Antarctic Ambassadors Program, I have completed various PTGA assessments and actively participate in citizen science projects such as eBird, CloudObserver, iNaturalist, and FjordPhyto.

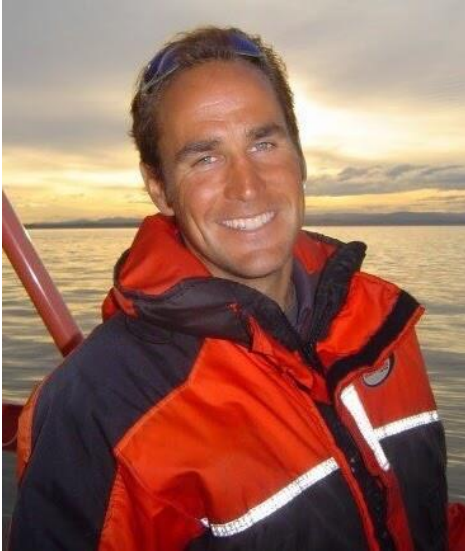
While I do not have formal scientific training, I have taken courses in ornithology, geology, and glaciology. My passion for nature is profound, and I love sharing my knowledge with guests, which I believe gives a deeper appreciation for the environments we visit or live in.

Throughout my career, I have led a diverse array of adventures beyond just mountain expeditions, including biking, city walking tours, stand-up paddleboarding, and even horseback riding. My multifaceted experience has deepened my appreciation for nature, and hopefully my enthusiasm for the natural world continues to inspire those I have the pleasure to guide. Whether on land or at sea, I am committed to creating memorable, educational experiences that connect people with the extraordinary environments I am privileged to work in and explore.

Brad Mason

Naturalist

Canada



For the past 20 years, Brad has dedicated his professional life to the Whale Watching Industry as a Zodiac Skipper, 60 Tonne Captain, Naturalist and Operations Manager. He is an active member of the Pacific Whale Watch Association and helps promote environmental stewardship and the protection of whales and their habitat. He also can be found leading expeditions in the coastal waters of British Columbia. Whether it's exploring the Great Bear Rain Forest looking for the elusive Spirit Bears and other wildlife or visiting the many cultural sites of Haida Gwaii and Gwaii Haanas National Park, Brad is happiest when he is on a boat.

He is a graduate of Westcoast Adventure College having completed the Level II Adventure Tourism Program. Brad also shares his expertise as a part time Instructor there, teaching a small vessel operator course and assisting in the sailing program.

Having grown up in Northwestern Ontario, Brad has always had a love for the outdoors and a passion for adventure. With a strong connection to the marine environment, he actively promotes environmental awareness, and has a genuine appreciation for wildlife and cultural diversity. It only seems natural that Brad would find himself drawn to the pristine beauty of Antarctica.

Blaise Guld **Musician** **United States of America**



Blaise Guld has always had an affinity for nature, wilderness and the unknown and is proud to be a guide to some of the most remote regions of the world. With over half a decade's experience as a Zodiac-driving naturalist in Polar Regions, Blaise is ready to take on any adventure.

Based out of San Diego, California, Blaise is a full-time professional musician when he is not sailing. Drawing on his experiences from working in

both Antarctica and the Arctic, he has even written a few polar-themed songs. Who doesn't love a good shanty at sea??

Blaise believes in treating the environment with the respect that builds on a healthy relationship with nature and the wildlife that inhabits it; and, that by inspiring world citizens who have travelled to Antarctica to leave as "ambassadors", they will help to ensure its pristine beauty for generations to come.

Blaise also loves hiking, all things weird and unusual, and the sounds of the wild outdoors.

John Kernan

Ornithologist

United States of America



John Kernan has been working in the expedition cruise industry for the past 32 years as a lecturer, naturalist, Zodiac driver, and expedition leader. He has led trips to all seven continents and over one hundred countries, with a keen focus on the polar and tropical regions. Since 1991 he has traveled the high Arctic during the northern summer, splitting time equally between the North Pacific (Alaska and Siberia) and the North Atlantic (Svalbard and Greenland). During the austral summer months, he makes his way deep south to Antarctica, where he recently completed his 250th trip (but who's counting) to the great white

continent.

He graduated from Humboldt State University in 1989 with a BS double major in Marine Biology and Zoology. He focused graduate work on invertebrates of the Pacific Northwest while working as a docent at the California Academy of Science's Steinhart Aquarium in San Francisco. While traveling with the organization as a guide and lecturer he found his natural calling as an expedition staff member. In his spare time he enjoys birding, botany, astronomy, invertebrate zoology, photography, writing, backpacking, scuba diving, and skiing. He currently makes his home in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Brandon Kleyn

Naturalist

South Africa



Born and raised in the vibrant and coastal city of Cape Town, South Africa, Brandon developed a deep connection to nature and from an early age. Growing up surrounded by the region's remarkable coastline, diverse wildlife and dramatic landscapes fostered a lifelong passion for the natural world and exploration. With nearly two decades of luxury hospitality and guiding experience in remote and challenging environments, Brandon has dedicated his career to sharing these environments and their stories with others.

Brandon has an academic background as a high school teacher, specializing in Social Science, with a focus on geography and African history. He began his professional career as a high school teacher, where he cultivated a passion for education and story telling. In 2018, Brandon transitioned to a life at sea, beginning in the expedition industry as a kayak guide and general naturalist. A qualified Lead Kayak Guide, Bear Guard and Wilderness First Responder he brings a strong foundation in safety, leadership and guest experience. His academic background, combined with his guiding experience, allows him to create meaningful and engaging experiences for guests all around the world.

Today, Brandon leads expeditions to some of the worlds most remote and captivating regions, including Antarctica and South Georgia in the southern summer, the Arctic in the northern summer specializing in Greenland and Svalbard, as well as the wild and untamed coastlines of West and East Africa. He is passionate about connecting guests with these extraordinary places, sharing both the natural beauty and the rich history that make each destination unique.

When not at sea, Brandon can be found overlanding across Southern Africa in his beloved old Land Rover Defender, which he has carefully built into the ultimate offroad adventure vehicle. When not overlanding, he enjoys camping, hiking and exploring the renowned wine regions of the Cape, always seeking new ways to experience and appreciate the natural world.