

POSITION:

**NATURALIST  
GUIDE**

NATIONALITY:

**AMERICAN**



# JEN MANNAS

Jen is a wildlife biologist with a Master's degree in Wildlife Management. She resides outside of Seattle and grew up on the east coast of the U.S. where she spent a lot of time outdoors hiking, camping and fishing with her family. There, she developed a great appreciation for wild spaces and an interest in the wildlife that inhabit them. She spent most of her career studying a variety of wildlife species across the U.S. and in Antarctica. In her last six years as a field biologist, Jen focused on the management and conservation of marine mammals and seabirds.

Jen realized her passion for polar environments on her first trip to Antarctica in 2006, when she lived in a remote field camp outside of McMurdo Station and worked on a Weddell seal population study. She continued to be a part of the United States Antarctic Program for 5 more seasons; studying Weddell seals in Erebus Bay and the seabirds that inhabit the Antarctic Peninsula. During which she camped on Avian Island, home to one of the largest Adélie penguin colonies, and is one of only a handful of people who have stepped foot on the southernmost Adélie colony on the Antarctic peninsula at Charcot Island.