Figure 1. Vertical structure of Organic Lake. (**A**) Parameters that varied unimodally with depth showed two zones: an aerobic mixed zone above 5.7 m and a denser suboxic deep zone below. (**B**) Additional factors that revealed stratification within the deep zone. The peak in concentration at 6.5 m for ammonia was also observed for all other nutrients assayed except nitrate and nitrite (see Table 1). σT = (1000−density); cond, conductivity; DO, dissolved oxygen; turb, turbidity.

Figure 2. Diversity of (**A**) Bacteria and (**B**) Eucarya from each size fraction (0.1, 0.8 and 3.0 µm) at each sample depth (1.7, 4.2, 5.7, 6.5 and 6.7 m) of Organic Lake aggregated according to class. The x-axis shows counts of SSU sequences normalized to average reads acquired per sample filter. Taxa that belong to the same higher rank are shown grouped with a square bracket in the legend. Abundant taxa are labeled in the plot with a number that corresponds to the numbered boxes in the legend. (**C**) Composition of abundant bacterial classes.

Figure 3. Heatmap and biclustering plot of the SSU composition of size fractionated (3.0, 0.8 and 0.1 µm) samples from a depth profile (1.7, 4.2, 5.7, 6.5 and 6.7 m) of Organic Lake. SSU were classified to the lowest taxonomic rank that gave bootstrap confidence > 85% until the rank of genus. SSU counts were normalized and square root transformed. Taxa that comprised <2% of the sample were not included.

Figure 4. Vertical profiles of genetic potential for (**A**) carbon (**B**) nitrogen (**C**) and sulfur conversions in Organic Lake for each size fraction. The y-axis shows sample depths (m) and the x-axis shows counts of marker genes normalized to 100 Mbp of DNA sequence. The 0.1, 0.8 and 3.0 µm size fractions are shown as blue, red and green respectively. Counts for marker genes for the same pathway or enzyme complex were averaged and those from different pathways were summed. For marker gene descriptions see Table S1 and Table S3. AAnP, aerobic anoxygenic photosynthesis; rTCA, reverse TCA; WL, Wood-Ljungdahl; DNRA, dissimilatory nitrate reduction to ammonia; DSR, dissimilatory sulfate reduction, DMSO dimethylsulfoxide; ASR, assimilatory sulfate reduction; DMSP, dimethylsulfoniopropionate.

Figure S1. Map of the Vestfold Hills showing Organic Lake (circled in red), fjords, bays and meromictic lakes (numbered). Inset is the position of the Vestfold Hills relative to Australia and other Antarctic coastal oases. Meromictic lakes, black fill; seasonally isolated marine basins and other lakes, lined fill; the Southern Ocean, gray fill; continental ice sheet; stippled. The lakes are: 1. unnamed lake 2; 2.Organic Lake; 3. Pendant Lake; 4. Glider lake; 5. Ace Lake; 6. unnamed lake 1; 7. Williams Lake; 8. Abraxas Lake; 9. Johnstone Lake; 10. Ekho Lake; 11. Lake Farrell; 12. Sheild Lake; 13. Oval Lake; 14. Ephyra Lake; 15. Scale Lake; 16. Lake Anderson; 17. Oblong Lake; 18. Lake McCallum; 19. Clear Lake; 20. Laternula Lake; 21. South Angle Lake. Map is adapted from Gibson *et al.*, 1999.

Figure S2. Bathymetry of Organic Lake 9 November 2008.

Figure S3. Vertical profiles of physical and chemical parameters of Organic Lake taken *in situ* at the deepest point in the lake on 9 November 2008. σT (1000−density) was calculated from temperature and conductivity.

Figure S4. Epifluorescence microscopy images of Organic Lake microbiota (<20 µm) filtered onto 0.01 µm polycarbonate membrane and stained with SYBR Gold. (**A**) 1.7 m, (**B**) 4.2 m, (**C**) 5.7 m, (**D**) 6.5 m, (**E**) 6.7 m. Scale bar = 20 µm. Figure S5. PCA analysis of physico-chemical parameters and cell/VLP counts of Organic Lake profile. Data points are the sampling depths 1.7, 4.2, 5.7, 6.5 and 6.7 m. The overlaid vector diagram shows the relative contribution of the variables to explaining the difference between samples. PC1 explained 74.3% and PC2 14.7% of the variation between samples. Abbreviations: cond, conductivity; temp, temperature; turb, turbidity.

Figure S6. Phylogenetic tree of rhodopsin homologs including proteorhodopsin, bacteriorhodopsin, actinorhodopsin and xanthorhodopsin. *Halobacterim salinarum* R1 halorhodopsin was used as an out-group. The tree was computed from a 78 amino acid region spanning the motif involved in ‘spectral tuning’ using the neighbor-joining algorithm. Organic Lake sequences from this study are shown in red and marked with an asterisk (\*). Numbers in parentheses are counts of sequences which clustered with the Organic Lake homolog shown in the tree with 90% amino acid identity. Sequences with confirmed activity are shown in bold. Accession numbers from top to bottom are: EAZ99241, EDP63929, EGF32634, ZP\_09955974, AEG32267, EDY76405, EDY88259, YP\_445623, ACN42850, EIC91904, ZP\_02194911, AAZ21446, AAT38609, AEE49633, EAS71907, sequence from John Bowman (personal correspondence), EAQ40507, EAQ40925, EAR12394, EHQ04368, EAZ94876, EIA08356, AEE20201, EEG43331, ZP\_09501337 and YP\_001689404.

Figure S7. Genomic maps of Organic Lake scaffolds containing the OL-R1 rhodopsin homolog. All genes surrounding OL-R1 had best BLAST matches to *Octadecabacter* sequences. The scale below shows the number of base pairs. The sample depth and filter from which the scaffold was assembled is shown in parentheses beside the scaffold ID. Figure S8. Phylogenetic tree of DddD DMSP lyase homologs. *E. coli* carnitine coenzyme A transferase was used as an out-group. *Dinoroseobacteria shibae* DFL 12 and *Ruegeria pomeroyi* DSS-3 homologs are non-functional outgroup (Todd *et al.*, 2011). The tree was computed from a 75 amino acid region within the conserved amino-terminal class III coenzyme A domain (CaiB) using the neighbor-joining algorithm. Organic Lake sequences from this study are shown in red and marked with an asterisk (\*).Numbers in parentheses are counts of sequences which clustered with the Organic Lake homolog shown in the tree with 90% amino acid identity. Sequences with confirmed DMSP lyase activity are shown in bold. Accession numbers from top to bottom are: EBA01716, AEV37420, ACY01992, ADZ91595, EAQ63474, ABR72937, ACV84065, ACY02894, ABI89851, YP\_002822700, EEE36156, ABV95365, AAV94987 and EGB36199.

Figure S9. Phylogenetic tree of DddL DMSP lyase homologs from Organic Lake and public databases. The tree was computed from an 84 amino acid N-terminal region using the neighbor-joining algorithm. Organic Lake sequences from this study are shown in red and marked with an asterisk (\*). Numbers in parentheses are counts of sequences which clustered with the Organic Lake homolog shown in the tree with 90% amino acid identity. Sequences with confirmed DMSP lyase activity are shown in bold. Accession numbers from top to bottom are: EEB86351, ADK55772, EAQ07081, EEE47811, EAV43167, EAU41122, EAQ10619, ABV95046, EAQ04071, ABA77574 and EHJ04839.

Figure S10. Phylogenetic tree of DddP DMSP lyase homologs from Organic Lake and public databases. The tree was computed from a 129 amino acid C-terminal region including the predicted catalytic sites using the neighbor-joining algorithm. Organic Lake sequences from this study are shown in red and marked with an asterisk (\*). Numbers in parentheses are counts of sequences which clustered with the Organic Lake homolog shown in the tree with 90% amino acid identity. Sequences with confirmed DMSP lyase activity are shown in bold. Accession numbers from top to bottom are: ZP\_01755203, YP\_167522, YP\_613011, YP\_682809, EAP77700, ZP\_01741265, ZP\_01036399, ZP\_01881042, ZP\_05063825, AFO91571, YP\_509721, ZP\_01448542, AEQ39103, AEQ39091, XP\_001823911, XP\_389272 and ACF19795.

Figure S11. Phylogenetic tree of DmdA DMSP demethylase homologs from Organic Lake and public databases. The tree was computed from a 128 amino acid region using the neighbor-joining algorithm. Organic Lake sequences from this study are shown in red and marked with an asterisk (\*). Numbers in parentheses are counts of sequences which clustered with the Organic Lake homolog shown in the tree with 90% amino acid identity. Sequences with confirmed DMSP lyase activity are shown in bold. Accession numbers from top to bottom are: EDZ60447, YP\_265671, EDZ61098, EAU51039, YP\_003550401, EDP61332, EAQ26389, ABV94056, AAV94935, AAV95190, EDY79173, EDY89914, EAW42451, AAV94935 and AAV97197.

Table 1. Physico-chemical properties, cell counts and VLP counts of Organic Lake samples. ND, data not determined; SRP, soluble reactive phosphate; TOC, total organic carbon; DOC, dissolved organic carbon; TN, total nitrogen; TDN, total dissolved nitrogen; TP, total phosphorus; TDP, total dissolved phosphorus; TS, total sulfur; TDS, total dissolved sulfur; VLP, virus like particles. One standard deviation shown for cell and VLP counts.

Table 2. The contribution of different taxonomic groups to counts of marker genes involved in carbon, nitrogen and sulfur conversions. The values shown for each taxon are the average number of matches from all samples to marker genes for a process expressed per 100 Mbp of metagenomic sequence. Counts from the taxonomic group with the greatest contribution to each process is shown in bold. Genes used as markers for each process are the same as given in Figure 4.

Table 3. Counts genes involved in DMSP catabolism and photoheterotrophy in Organic Lake, Ace Lake and GOS metagenomes per 100 Mbp of metagenomic sequence. Percentages shown in parentheses are calculated from ratio of each homolog to the single-copy gene *recA*.

Table S1. Full list of KEGG Orthologs (KO) involved in carbon, nitrogen and sulfur conversions that were searched for in the Organic Lake metagenome. Abbreviations: rTCA, tricarboxylic acid cycle; WL, Wood-Ljungdahl pathway; AAnP, aerobic anoxygenic phototrophy; DNRA, dissimilatory nitrate reduction to ammonia; anaerobic ammonia oxidation; ASR, assimilatory sulfate reduction; DSR, dissimilatory sulfate reduction; SRB, sulfate-reducing bacteria.

Table S2.Summary of metagenomic data for Organic Lake samples.

Table S3. Sequences used in this study as BLAST queries for retrieving homologs in the Organic Lake metagenomes. (%ID) is the minimum amino acid sequence identity for matches to be considered a homolog.

Table S4. Microbial taxa detected in the Organic Lake water column profile by analysis of SSU sequences shown in phylum, class and genus ranks as defined by the SILVA taxonomy except RF3 is placed with the *Firmicutes* according to Tajima *et al.* (1999).SSU sequences were classified to the genus level or to the lowest rank with bootstap confidence >85% (see materials and methods). a The best BLAST matches to environmental 16S clone sequences are shown for the abundant candidate divisions RF3 and OD1.