

**SPITSBERGEN - INTRO TO SPITSBERGEN 2022 | ULTRAMARINE**



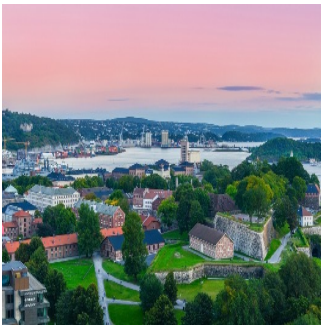
**INTRODUCTION**

Explore the mysteries of Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Svalbard archipelago. Discover the immense beauty of the remote Norwegian Arctic, from immense glaciers, fjords and more. A realm of natural beauty where immense natural landscapes are home to unique and hardy wildlife including walrus and the legendary polar bear. Explore the large settlement of Longyearbyen, where colourful houses stand solitary among the stark backdrop of Arctic hills.

**ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: Arrive in Oslo, Norway**

Your arctic voyage begins in Oslo, Norway’s vibrant capital city. If you arrive early, there are many museums, restaurants and green spaces to keep you busy before retiring at your included airport hotel.



**DAY 2: Embarkation Day in Longyearbyen, Svalbard**

This morning, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen’s largest settlement, where you’ll have some time to explore before embarkation. As your ship sets sail, enjoy your first view of the island’s rugged, glacier-topped mountains rising majestically from icy waters.



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**DEPARTURE**

08/05/2022

**DURATION**

10 Days

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### DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen - Day 3 to 9

You'll cruise around this magical island on a constant search for wildlife. Your expedition will cover western Spitsbergen as well as stunning fjords and outlying islands to the north. From polar flora to immense glaciers, the natural landscape here is just as varied as the wildlife. Each expedition presents new opportunities and different weather and ice, so there is no fixed itinerary; however, some of the places we may visit include the 14th of July Glacier, Smeerenburg, Alkefjellet and the Hinlopen Strait. The destinations visited will be selected for optimum wildlife viewing with an appreciation of the history and geology of Spitsbergen. The island offers multiple opportunities for wildlife photography. Spotting polar bears is more likely here than almost anywhere else, as the Svalbard archipelago is one of their preferred hunting areas. The towering cliffs of Alkefjellet provide homes to thousands of Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murres). Coming across a walrus haul-out is a moment you won't soon forget. These giant pinnipeds of the Arctic create quite a noisy scene as each walrus vies for a choice spot of coastline. If you're itching to experience a more intimate view from the water, you can book the sea kayaking or paddling excursion adventure options. In Spitsbergen, there is no shortage of natural beauty. The tundra can be surprisingly colourful in summer, with wildflowers bursting for a taste of sunshine. Each day, you'll see something interesting, whether it is unique arctic wildlife a polar bear resting between hunts, or abandoned sites from centuries ago.



### DAY 10: Disembark in Longyearbyen & Fly to Oslo

The time to say goodbye to your Expedition Team and shipmates has come. Your adventure ends as it began, in the historic frontier-style settlement of Longyearbyen. From here, we'll transfer you to the airport for your return group charter flight to Oslo.



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### INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin on board ship
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>Cabin accommodation on board ship            All meals whilst on board            All scheduled landings and excursions            Guiding and leadership by expert exploration team and crew</p> <p><b>Exclusions</b>            International flights            Visa fees (if applicable)            Travel Insurance            Beverages (other than tea and coffee)            Mandatory Transfer Package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Oslo airport hotel, with breakfast</li> <li>• Charter flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen</li> <li>• Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen</li> <li>• Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Oslo</li> </ul>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request.
<b>Notes</b>	Please note this itinerary is subject to weather and ice conditions.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure date, season and availability.

### SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as

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much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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