



#### TRIP CODE

ACQESPH

**DEPARTURE** 

10/06/2022

DURATION

14 Days

LOCATIONS

Not Available

# INTRODUCTION

This 14 day expedition is a perfect way to explore the pristine Norwegian Arctic. On board the latest polar expedition vessel, the Ultramarine, you will undertake a true expedition experience as your itinerary is flexible and tailored to search for polar bears and other elusive wildlife. Immerse yourself in the natural wonders of Spitsbergen, from snow-capped mountains, massive glaciers and deep fjords.

# **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: Arrival In Oslo

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 in Longyearbyen

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.





DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen - Day 3 to 13

Spitsbergen is graced with an unspoiled beauty that's just waiting to be discovered. On this oneof-a-kind cruise, you'll sail along the west coast of this magical island, exploring the coastal fjords and smaller, outlying islands. Each day will be a surprise, treating you to spectacular new sightings and experiences. Like true explorers, we'll let the wildlife and pack ice—not a set schedule—guide our route! Our small expedition ship allows us to navigate shallower waters and tighter spaces, so we expect to explore the more hard-to-reach areas frequented by the elusive polar bear. A haven for present-day explorers, Spitsbergen and the surrounding area offer unforgettable polar experiences that will keep you and your camera active for the duration of the expedition. Although 60 percent of the landscape is covered in glaciers and much of the terrain is mountainous, Spitsbergen (which means "pointed mountains") surprises visitors with stretches of colourful tundra that burst with wildflowers in summer. Optional hiking activities get you up close—though never obtrusively—to the abundant wildlife. At day's end, you'll have plenty of prized photographs and exciting stories to share with your shipmates.



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DAY 14: Disembark in Longyearbyen and Fly Oslo

Your adventure ends in the frontier-style settlement of Longyearbyen. From here, we'll transfer you to the airport for your return group charter flight to Oslo.



# **INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship



Inclusions	Cabin accommodation on board vessel All meals on board Leadership and guiding by experienced expedition staff All scheduled landings and excursions by zodiac Complimentary waterproof boots for duration of voyage Transfers Longyearbyen town center to port on embarkation/disembarkation day Expedition parka (yours to keep)  Exclusions International flight Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Personal expenses such telecommunications Any adventure options not listed as included Mandatory Transfer Package:  One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Oslo airport hotel, with breakfast  Charter flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen  Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen  Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Oslo
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality and availability

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## **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



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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