



## INTRODUCTION

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Explore the mysteries of Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Svalbard archipelago. On board the Ultramarine you will 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 colorful houses stand solitary among the stark backdrop of Arctic hills.

*\*All offers aboard the Ultramarine end 30 Sept 2022 and are subject to availability. Discounts vary and apply to selected departures and selected cabin types. Not combinable with any other promotion. Prices are subject to change based on currency fluctuations. Discounts are applied to the regular retail price. No discount applies to the transfer packages. Further conditions apply, [contact us](#) for more information. Pay in full within 30 days from time of booking to receive the 5% early payment bonus (included in discounted price).*

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Arrival and Overnight in Helsinki

Your Arctic adventure begins in Helsinki, renowned for its extraordinary architecture and intriguing mix of eastern and western influences. If you arrive early, explore the many museums, galleries and restaurants, relax at a Finnish sauna or wander the vibrant Design District before retiring at your included hotel.



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### DEPARTURE

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### DURATION

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## 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.



## 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 murre). 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.



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## DAY 10: Fly Longyearbyen to Helsinki

The time to say goodbye has come. Your Arctic adventure ends as it began, in the frontier-style settlement of Longyearbyen. From here, we'll transfer you to the airport for your return group charter flight to Helsinki, included in the transfer package.



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 activities by zodiac                      Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition crew                      Expedition parka                      Loan of expedition boots                      Comprehensive pre-departure material                      Transfers to/from ship on embarkation and disembarkation days</p> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b>                      International Flights                      *Mandatory Charter Package                      Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)                      Travel insurance                      Any pre or post land arrangements not mentioned in itinerary                      Customary gratuity for staff and expedition crew                      *Mandatory Charter Package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Helsinki airport hotel, with breakfast</li> <li>• Charter flight from Helsinki to Longyearbyen</li> <li>• Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen</li> <li>• Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Helsinki</li> </ul>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available on request. Please contact us for more information.
<b>Notes</b>	Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather, ice and sea conditions.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure date, seasonality and availability. Please note price is subject to change and availability at the time of booking.

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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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