

THE ARCTIC - SPITSBERGEN HIGHLIGHTS | OCEAN ADVENTURER



INTRODUCTION

Undertake a voyage in the same sea-faring routes like the explorers of old on this incredible voyage along the west coast of Spitsbergen. Embark in Longyearbyen, before setting out to discover a vast landscape of raw beauty, a magical island, painted with diverse landscapes, from towering cliffs, snow capped mountains, massive glaciers and deep fjords. Observe unique wildlife like the polar bear, hike in colourful tundra or zodiac through immense fjords. This is a true Arctic expedition into one of the most remote and magical places in all of the Arctic.

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15/05/2024, 25/06/2024
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7 Days
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DAY 1: Arrive in Helsinki, Finland

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.



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 great vistas of the mountainous landscape that serves as a backdrop for this historic town.



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DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen - Day 3 to 6

You'll sail around the shores of this magical island, constantly searching for polar bears and other natural wonders. Covering western Spitsbergen, your expedition will afford ample opportunities to view immense glaciers, deep fjords, soaring mountains and unique flora and fauna. Sailing north into Krossfjord, have your camera handy, ready to capture some of the best glacier calving in Spitsbergen. Deep in the fjord, the highly active Lilliehöök Glacier awaits. Listen in awe to the growling as big chunks break off into the icy waters below. A Zodiac excursion to nearby Ny London, an abandoned mining settlement, provides an ideal place for a guided walk. Encounters with wildlife, such as the indigenous Svalbard reindeer, are possible here. After cruising overnight, wake up to the stunning sight of the magnificent Monaco Glacier, another prolific iceberg producer. To make this even more thrilling, help your Expedition Team to scan the shorelines and ice edge for marine mammals. Possible landing sites include Texas Bar, Worsleyneset and the Andoyane Islands (where polar bears have been known to roam). At 80°N, you'll reach a walrus sanctuary on the tiny, crescent-shaped Moffen Island. Watching from the water as large groups of these lumbering giants jockey for space is an unforgettable experience, so be ready with your binoculars. At Smeerenburg you can see the remains of an abandoned settlement that was established by Dutch whalers nearly 400 years ago. Here, at one of Europe's most northerly outposts, you'll have time to explore ashore and learn about Spitsbergen's whaling history. Afterwards, cruising to Magdalenafjord rewards you with panoramic vistas of snow-capped mountains and massive glaciers reflected in the crystal-clear waters. During your last full day of your arctic adventure, you may visit the Russian mining town of Barentsburg, home of the world's northernmost brewery. We hope to round out the day in Alkehornet, taking in the towering cliffs teeming with nesting seabirds, such as fulmars and Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murre). Encounters with reindeer might be possible here too. Later, in the evening, swap stories with your shipmates and crew one last time, at the captain's dinner.



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DAY 7: Disembark & Fly to Helsinki

The time to say goodbye has come. Your 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.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation Cabin on board ship

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INCLUSIONS

Cabin accommodation on board vessel
 All meals whilst on board
 All scheduled landings and excursions by zodiac
 Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition cruise
 A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
 Expedition parka (yours to keep)
 All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
 Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
 Transfers between Longyearbyen town center and port on embarkation and disembarkation day

Mandatory Transfer Package*

One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Helsinki airport hotel, with breakfast
 Charter flight from Helsinki to Longyearbyen
 Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen
 Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Helsinki

EXCLUSIONS

International flights
 Arrival and departure transfers in Helsinki
 Passport and visa expenses
 Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above
 Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
 Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
 Additional overnight accommodation
 Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities

Inclusions

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available on request. Please contact us for more information.

Notes

Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather, ice and sea conditions.

Price Dependent upon

Departure date, seasonality and availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY

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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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