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INTRODUCTION

This 14 day expedition departing from Helsinki 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.

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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.



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 one-of-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: Fly Longyearbyen to Helsinki

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 Helsinki, included in the transfer package.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship

Cabin accommodation on board vessel
 All meals whilst on board
 All scheduled landings and activities
 Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition team
 Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes
 Luggage transfer from pick-up point to the vessel on the day of embarkation, in Ushuaia
 Pre-scheduled group transfer from the vessel to the airport in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation)
 All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme
 Comprehensive pre-departure material

EXCLUSIONS

International Airfare
 Pre- and post- land arrangements
 Passport and visa expenses
 Government arrival and departure taxes
 Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is strongly recommended)
 Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges
 The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided)
 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
PACKAGE PRICE: \$995 USD

Inclusions



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Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available on request. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	<p>Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather, ice and sea conditions. Excludes 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 PACKAGE PRICE: \$995 USD*subject to change</p>
Price Dependent upon	Departure dates, seasonality, availability & currency fluctuation.

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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](#)