

THREE ARCTIC ISLANDS SOUTHBOUND | OCEAN ADVENTURER




INTRODUCTION

This award-winning expedition cruise takes you to Scorsbysund, on the northeast coast of Greenland, Iceland, and high above the Arctic Circle in Spitsbergen, Norway. Departing from Helsinki you will connect via a charter flight to Svalbard and cruise along Spitsbergen where iconic Arctic animals such as the polar bear, musk ox, reindeer and walrus are commonly seen. No other Arctic adventure takes in such varied destinations ranging from active volcanoes to massive glaciers. If you want to experience the Arctic in all of its beauty, then you must venture to these three Arctic islands.

*Please note departure 13 Aug 2023 runs in reverse, starting in Reykjavik and ending in Helsinki.

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TRIP CODE
ACQETAHL
DEPARTURE
13/08/2023, 26/08/2023
DURATION
15 Days
LOCATIONS
Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland


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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 Day in Longyearbyen, Svalbard

After breakfast, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement. As you embark this afternoon, you'll enjoy great views of the mountainous landscape that serves as a backdrop for this seaside town.



DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen, Svalbard - Day 3 to 6

Exploring Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Norwegian Svalbard archipelago, rewards you with abundant wildlife and austere beauty. Here, you'll visit spectacular glacier fronts and steep-walled fjords, with walrus, polar bears and Svalbard reindeer amongst your possible wildlife sightings. Birders will be thrilled to see arctic terns, skuas, long-tailed ducks, kittiwakes and ivory gulls. If conditions allow, you could sail within 10 degrees of the North Pole!



DAY 7: At Sea - Day 7 & 8

While sailing south through the Greenland Sea, your Expedition Team will teach you about the wildlife and history of Greenland, your next stop. On deck, you'll learn to identify seabirds on the wing. Take in a lecture, share your photos, sip an icy cocktail in the bar or watch a movie—there are many things to do during your time at sea.



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DAY 9: Exploring East Greenland - Day 9 to 12

During your tour of Greenland’s remote eastern coast, you’ll enjoy Zodiac cruises and shore visits to several locations. Explore the remains of ancient Thule settlements and keep an eye out for grazing muskoxen—40 percent of the world’s muskoxen population lives here. Finally, you will sail through spectacular Scoresbysund, the birthplace of many icebergs and, some say, the most beautiful fjord system in the world.



DAY 13: At Sea - Day 13 & 14

As we cruise south, the Denmark Strait is your pathway toward Iceland. Your Expedition Team will keep you informed and entertained with presentations about the history of exploration in the Arctic and the seabirds you’ll see soaring above your ship.



DAY 15: Depart Reykjavik, Iceland

You’ll disembark in Reykjavik, Iceland’s capital, at the end of your journey. If you have booked post-expedition accommodation, we provide a transfer to a central downtown location.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
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Inclusions	<p>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</p> <p>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</p>
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

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

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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.

Quark expeditions undertake a number of sustainable initiatives dedicated to environmental protection and education. Charities supported include Polar Bears International, which undertakes conservation efforts to save the endangered species and 'Clean up Svalbard' which aids in collecting refuse from beaches and wilderness areas on the island. Technical elements on vessels include the use of Marine Gas Oil (MGO) a low emission factor fuel. as well as the use of recyclable water bottles and acid-free paper. 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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