




INTRODUCTION

Undertake this incredible expedition across Spitsbergen, Greenland, and Iceland. This unforgettable 15-day voyage will depart from Longyearbyen and take you through the incredible highlights of the Arctic. After a pre-departure night in Oslo, you will board a charter flight bound for Longyearbyen, here you will be immersed in the small arctic community before boarding the Sea Spirit. As you explore Svalbard you will embrace true Arctic Wilderness - from dramatic mountainscapes to glaciers and remote whaling stations. Svalbard is also home to incredible wildlife including reindeer, arctic fox, marine mammals, and perhaps you may even spot the elusive polar bear.

As you cruise down towards Greenland, you will enter the legendary Franz Joseph Fjord and Scoresby Sund. Deep fjords, narrow channels, and ice-capped peaks reach far into the heart of Greenland. Between these mountainous peaks are colossal icebergs and multicoloured tundra. The Inuit village of Ittoqqortoormiit will be the only sign of civilisation along your journey - home to less than 500 people, this community insight will give you a unique look into the lives of these people, who live in one of the most remote corners of Earth.

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DAY 1: Arrival and Overnight in Oslo


Welcome to Oslo, which in 2019 was awarded the prestigious title "Green Capital of Europe". Enjoy your stay at the hotel, which has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the itinerary. You will then be free to explore the charming city center. Have you seen many large cities with urban farms and dedicated highways for bees? In the Botanical Garden you can visit the first climatic house in the Northern region and see an exhibition about the climate and its change. And in addition to everything, more and more restaurants are emphasizing an environmentally friendly menu.



DAY 2: Embarkation in Longyearbyen

Today you have a flight to Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Svalbard and starting point of our Arctic expedition! At the Longyearbyen airport, you will be greeted by our staff and transferred to the pier where we will warmly welcome you aboard the deluxe expedition vessel M/V Sea Spirit. Get settled in your spacious suite and explore the ship that will be your comfortable home during the extraordinary adventure to come. Once underway, a full schedule of events kicks off with informative briefings and introductions from your expedition staff. After the first of many delicious dinners on board, step out onto the open decks to admire the gorgeous scenery in endless evening light as we pass through the wildlife-rich waters of Isfjorden, one of the largest fjords in Svalbard.

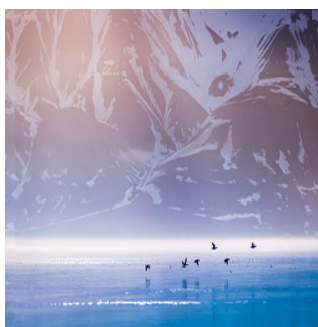


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DAY 3: Exploration of Svalbard - Day 3 & 4

Svalbard is a true High Arctic wilderness and this part of the voyage is a real expedition. Our route and exploration opportunities here are heavily dependent on the weather and sea ice conditions we encounter. Our experienced captain and expedition leader decide the itinerary and continually adjust plans as conditions and opportunities warrant. You can be sure that the best possible advantage will be taken of the circumstances presented to us by Nature in this wild and remote corner of the Arctic. We anticipate exploring in the northwestern part of the island of Spitsbergen. This area contains the archipelago's most impressive scenery and some of the Arctic's best wildlife viewing opportunities. Deep fjords and narrow channels are flanked by jagged snowy mountain peaks. Immense tidewater glaciers calve icebergs into turquoise waters. Fields of flowering tundra are home to grazing reindeer and playful Arctic fox. Bountiful inshore and offshore waters are home to a wide variety of marine mammals. Polar Bears can be spotted anytime, anywhere in and around Svalbard. Also in this area is Ny Ålesund, a former mining town that is now home to an international community of Arctic researchers, complete with museum, gift shop, and post office. This was also a staging area for historic attempts to discover the North Pole.



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DAY 5: Across the Greenland Sea - Day 5 & 6

From Svalbard we head southwest across the Greenland Sea toward East Greenland. In these far northern latitudes it is possible to encounter sea ice any time of the year. All along the way we remain vigilant for sightings of marine mammals such as whales, seals, and the majestic polar bear. As we head south, darker nights create a high possibility of seeing aurora borealis.




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DAY 7: East Greenland - Day 7 to 12

This is expedition cruising at its most authentic. Our itinerary and exploration opportunities in East Greenland are dependent on weather and sea ice conditions. Again you can be sure that our experienced captain and expedition leader will take advantage of every opportunity to experience excellent wildlife viewing, to discover incredible scenery, and to go ashore wherever possible. The Franz Josef Fjord and Kong Oscar Fjord systems are part of Northeast Greenland National Park, the world’s largest national park. Scoresby Sund is the largest and longest fjord system in the world. We anticipate exploring these fjord systems to the extent made possible by ever-changing ice conditions. This whole area contains some of the Arctic’s most impressive scenery. Deep fjords and narrow channels, flanked by ice-clad peaks up to 2000 meters high, reach far into the mountainous heart of Greenland. Tidewater glaciers create colossal icebergs that float with wind and tide throughout the fjord system. On shore, fields of multicolored tundra are home to musk oxen and Arctic hare. The landscape—vast, open, and seemingly untouched since the beginning of time—is a hikers’ paradise. Throughout this area we also find ancient Thule archeological sites, historical trappers’ huts, and modern Inuit hunters’ cabins. The Inuit village of Ittoqqortoormiit is the only permanent settlement in the region. The community boasts an excellent museum, a gift shop, a post office, an abundance of Greenlandic sled dogs, and of course the opportunity to meet Inuit people. The days are filled with memorable excursions, sumptuous meals, presentations by our experts, and enough stunning scenery to fill your camera and overwhelm your emotions. Each night brings new possibilities for incredible displays of aurora borealis—the Northern Lights. This is the perfect time and one of the world’s best places to experience this otherworldly celestial phenomenon.

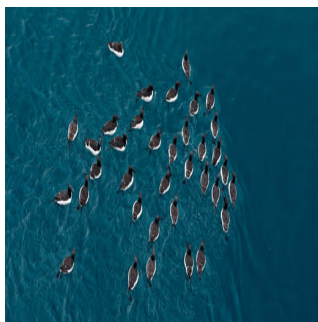


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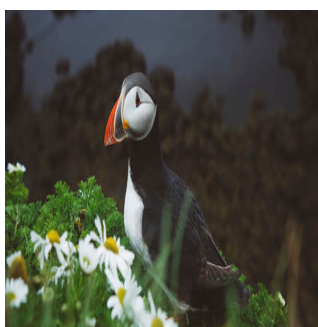
DAY 13: Denmark Strait

After our amazing time in East Greenland we cross Denmark Strait toward Iceland, crossing the Arctic Circle on the way. Presentations and workshops by our expert staff, as well as our range of onboard recreation facilities, ensure that this day at sea is not idly spent. Seabird viewing and whale sightings can be enjoyed from panoramic open decks as well as exterior stateroom windows and balconies.



DAY 14: Westfjords, Iceland

Our last expedition day is spent in the beautiful Vestfirðir (Westfjords) of Iceland. This remote and sparsely populated region of crenulated coastlines, voluminous waterfalls and rugged mountains sees only 10% of Iceland's visitors. Deep fjords are home to whales while estuaries abound with seals and birdlife.



DAY 15: Disembarkation in Reykjavik

After breakfast we say farewell in Reykjavík, the capital of Iceland and ending point of our expedition. We provide a transfer to the airport or to the city center if you wish to spend another day or more in Iceland before flying home. Reykjavík is home to a wealth of cultural institutions such as museums, galleries, and the Hallgrímskirkja church. Leisure possibilities inside the city include parks, gardens, and thermal baths. You can also take advantage of Reykjavík's wide range of shopping possibilities, excellent dining options, and famous nightlife. And of course the entire country of Iceland is accessible through day tours or longer journeys by rental car. The options for additional adventures are endless!



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin accommodation on board Ship

Inclusions	INCUSIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen; • 1 pre-voyage night on Day 1 in the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel, Oslo Gardermoen; • Group transfer to the ship for embarkation on Day 2; • Shipboard accommodation; • All meals on board throughout the voyage; • Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily; • All scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions); • Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team; • Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka; • Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise; • Welcome and Farewell cocktails; • All port fees; • Group transfer to airport or central location right after disembarkation; • Pre-departure materials; • Digital Voyage Log; • Wi-Fi on board. EXCLUSIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airfare from Reykjavik; • Transfers from the airport to the hotel if arriving prior to Day 1 of the program; • Visa and passport fees (if applicable); • Luggage and trip cancellation insurance; • Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations; • Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges; • Mandatory Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of US\$ 200,000 per person; • Kayaking; • The cost of any applicable medical tests (such as COVID-19) or vaccinations required either by a national government or Poseidon Expeditions before, during or after the cruise; • Staff gratuities.
	Difficulty Rating 2 (light easy)
	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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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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