

## THE ARCTIC - SPITSBERGEN IN DEPTH | OCEAN ADVENTURER



### INTRODUCTION

Explore the Norwegian archipelago extensively on this 14-day journey where you'll witness iconic Arctic wildlife like walrus, reindeer and polar bears, a glimpse into 16th-century maritime culture at secluded landing sites, and the rare chance to appreciate breath-taking views at the birdwatching utopias 14th of July Glacier and Alkefjellet. Shore excursions by Zodiac will enable you to set foot in places few humans have. Photograph the long tusks and distinctive whiskers of a walrus, small herds of reindeer loping across the tundra, and that most iconic of Arctic creatures roaming the edges of the pack ice – the polar bear.'

*\*Offer & Discounts are correct at the time of publishing and are only available for sale on selected cabins and departures. Discounts are subject to change, availability will be confirmed at time of booking. Advertised prices may not be combinable with other promotions. Prices are subject to change based on currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges, and other external factors. No discount applies to any transfer packages, additional activities or pre/post services. The below prices may also include a 'Pay in full at time of booking' which is a 5-10% early payment bonus. Further conditions may apply, [contact us](#) for more information.*

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#### DEPARTURE

07/07/2023, 10/07/2024

#### DURATION

14 Days

#### LOCATIONS

Spitsbergen



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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 your first view of the island’s rugged, glacier-topped mountains rising majestically from icy waters.



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### DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen - Day 3 to 13

Expect a new adventure every day as we begin our circumnavigation by heading north and around the island of Spitsbergen, exploring smaller, outlying islands. We plan to circumnavigate Spitsbergen, but if conditions are favourable, we will also attempt a circumnavigation of the whole Svalbard archipelago. Every expedition will be different, depending on the weather and ice, but some of the places we may visit include the 14th of July Glacier, Ny London, Phippsøya, Alkefjellet and the seldom-visited Kvitøya. These names may seem strange to you, but each site has its own unique appeal. There is no shortage of natural beauty in Spitsbergen, where colourful tundra meadows are complemented by immense glaciers. For birders, the 14th of July Glacier is home to puffins, purple sandpipers, common eiders, barnacle geese and arctic terns, while Alkefjellet's cliffs are teeming with nesting Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murre). Always on the lookout for wildlife, be sure to have your camera ready to capture reindeer when we visit sites like Ny London, Sundneset and Alkhornet. Searching for the iconic polar bear is a constant activity for your Expedition Team. Phippsøya and Isbukta are two of the bears' preferred places for hunting, which translates into great potential for you to view and capture them in action. A big part of appreciating Spitsbergen comes from understanding the culture—not just how people live today, but also how this land was first explored. Whaling was a key industry, and you will see remains of outposts from the 16th century, plus other evidence of whaling at landing sites such as Smeerenburg.



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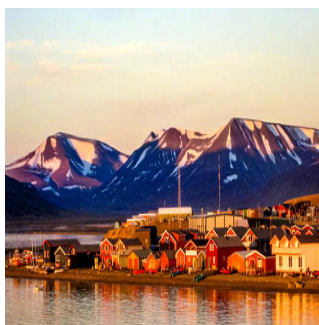
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### DAY 14: Disembark in Longyearbyen & Fly to HEL

Disembark in Longyearbyen and Fly 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
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### INCLUSIONS

Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders  
 All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program  
 Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping  
 All shore landings per the daily program  
 All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible.  
 Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)  
 Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock  
 Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and special guests as scheduled  
 A photographic journal documenting the expedition  
 A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions  
 An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep  
 Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin  
 All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program  
 All luggage handling aboard the ship  
 Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person  
 Transfers between Longyearbyen town centre and port on embarkation and disembarkation day

### Inclusions

### EXCLUSIONS

Mandatory Transfer Package\*  
 International airfare  
 Arrival and departure transfers in Helsinki  
 Passport and visa expenses  
 Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above  
 Meals ashore unless otherwise specified  
 Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended  
 Excess-baggage fees on international flights  
 Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned  
 Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified  
 Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may vary by location)  
 Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew  
 Additional overnight accommodation  
 Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities  
**\* (USD 995) includes:**  
 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

### Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Available on request. Contact us for more details.
Notes	Not Available
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability.

## SUSTAINABILITY

We appreciate that voyages to the Antarctic to have an impact on this pristine environment. In light of this, all our voyages are double carbon offset. In addition, we strive to eliminate as many single use plastics as possible from our supply chain. In choosing this voyage you are also supporting the fantastic work done by the Antarctic Science Foundation (ASF) and their work in understanding and protecting this unique destination. In addition all voyages support the Mawsons Huts Foundation (MHF). The MHF support the legacy of Sir Douglas Mawson, the legendary Antarctic explorer and scientist. As a member of IAATO we follow strict guidelines appointed by the Antarctic Treaty System to go above and beyond in support of minimizing negative impacts on this pristine landscape. We also encourage clients to look to book pre-and post-accommodation with us, where local businesses will be supported. Our clients also receive restaurant recommendations which support locally owned restaurants.

We carefully select all ships we work with and choose smaller sized vessels to create less impact. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in the Antarctic’s delicate ecosystem. We view the voyage to the Antarctic as an expedition, not a sightseeing trip. Smaller ships such as ours can navigate narrow waterways and are far less polluting than the larger ships in Antarctic waters. By carrying less passengers, we have far less waste. The waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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