

# THE ARCTIC - BEST OF SVALBARD | SEA SPIRIT



## TRIP CODE

ACPEBOS

## DEPARTURE

06/07/2023

## DURATION

12 Days

## LOCATIONS

Arctic, Spitsbergen



## INTRODUCTION

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Longyearbyen

Welcome to Longyearbyen, the administrative capital of the Norwegian territory of Svalbard and starting point of your expedition. After arriving via scheduled commercial flight service, you are free to explore this fascinating Arctic settlement. Be sure to see the excellent Svalbard Museum and take advantage of quality shopping and dining opportunities in the town center. Your hotel for the night has been arranged and is included in the price of the voyage.



### DAY 2: Embarkation in Longyearbyen

In the afternoon you will be welcomed aboard your luxury expedition vessel M/V Sea Spirit. Explore the ship and get comfortable in your home away from home for the extraordinary adventure to come. Savor the anticipation of your Arctic dreams coming true as you slip the moorings and sail into a true wilderness where wildlife abounds. The scenery as you sail through Isfjorden on your first evening is spectacular and there is already the possibility of marine mammal encounters.




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DAY 3: Exploration of West Spitsbergen - Day 3 - 11

This is a real expedition in a true High Arctic wilderness. As such, your route and exploration opportunities here are heavily dependent on the weather and sea ice conditions you encounter. Your experienced captain and expedition leader decide the itinerary and continually adjust plans as conditions and opportunities warrant. Polar bears and other quintessential Arctic wildlife can be spotted in and around Svalbard. You will exploit every opportunity to experience excellent wildlife viewing, to discover incredible scenery, and to walk in the footsteps of the historic polar expeditions that came before. You can anticipate exploring the spectacular fjords, coasts, and islands in the north-western part of Svalbard. 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. Prepare to see amazing wildlife such as the walrus, arctic fox, arctic reindeer, seals and of course the infamous polar bear. To complete the Arctic experience, you will also explore places rich with history. Our area of exploration contains the historical remnants of whaling camps, coal mining operations, trappers’ cabins, staging areas for historic attempts to discover the North Pole, and even an abandoned polar research station. Human habitation in this area can be found only at Ny Ålesund, a former mining town that is now home to an international community of Arctic researchers.



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DAY 12: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen


After breakfast you will say farewell to the crew and your fellows passengers in the town of Longyearbyen, where your journey started. You will be provided a transfer to the airport or to the town centre if you wish to spend more time here. As you look back on your wonderful experience in Svalbard, you may already be looking forward to your next incredible adventure to the ice!



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	<p><b>INCLUSIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flight from Longyearbyen to Oslo;</li> <li>• 1 pre-voyage night on Day 1 in Radisson Blu Polar Hotel Spitsbergen in Longyearbyen;</li> <li>• Group transfer from the airport to the hotel on day 1;</li> <li>• Group transfer to the ship for embarkation on Day 2;</li> <li>• Shipboard accommodation;</li> <li>• All meals on board throughout the voyage;</li> <li>• Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily;</li> <li>• All scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions);</li> <li>• Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader &amp; Expedition Team;</li> <li>• Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka;</li> <li>• Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise;</li> <li>• Welcome and Farewell cocktails;</li> <li>• All port fees;</li> <li>• Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation;</li> <li>• Pre-departure materials;</li> <li>• Digital Voyage Log;</li> <li>• Wi-Fi on board.</li> </ul> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airfare to Longyearbyen;</li> <li>• Transfers from the airport to the hotel if arriving prior to Day 1 of the program;</li> <li>• Visa and passport fees (if applicable);</li> <li>• Luggage and trip cancellation insurance;</li> <li>• Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations;</li> <li>• Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges;</li> <li>• Mandatory Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of US\$ 200,000 per person;</li> <li>• Kayaking;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Staff gratuities.</li> </ul>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details

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## SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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