

# THE ARCTIC - SPITSBERGEN HIGHLIGHTS: JOURNEY INTO THE ARCTIC WILDERNESS | ULTRAMARINE



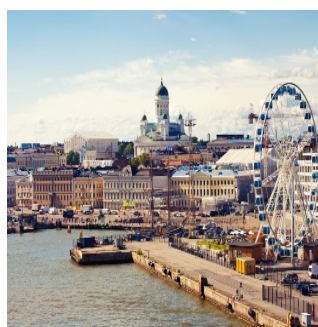
## INTRODUCTION

You will experience amazing Arctic wilderness on this spectacular voyage that you would never have imagined possible, and you will have all the adrenaline of an epic Arctic cruise in just seven days. Despite the mountains and glaciers covering this stony island, a vibrant and varied ecosystem may be found in the fjords and high cliffs. By covering as much ground as you can, you will have the best chance of seeing the walrus, with its long tusks and characteristic whiskers, the hardy and majestic Arctic birds, and the polar bear, the most recognisable of all the animals in the region.

## ITINERARY

### 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.



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### DEPARTURE

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### DURATION

7 Days

### LOCATIONS

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### DAY 2: Fly to Longyearbyen, Svalbard and Embark

This morning, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement.



### DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen - Days 3 to 6

You'll sail around the shores of this magical island, constantly searching for polar bears and other natural wonders. Covering western Spitsbergen, your expedition will afford ample opportunities to view immense glaciers, deep fjords, soaring mountains and unique flora and fauna. Sailing north into Krossfjorden, have your camera handy, ready to capture some of the best glacier calving in Spitsbergen. Deep in the fjord, the highly active Lilliehöök Glacier awaits. Listen in awe to the growling as big chunks break off into the icy waters below. A Zodiac excursion to nearby Ny-London, an abandoned mining settlement, provides an ideal place for a guided walk. Encounters with wildlife, such as the endemic Svalbard reindeer, might be possible here. After cruising overnight, wake up to the stunning sight of the magnificent Monaco Glacier, another prolific iceberg producing glacier. To make this even more thrilling, help your Expedition Team to scan the shorelines and ice edge for marine mammals. Possible landing sites include Texas Bar, Worsleyneset and Alicehamna. At Smeerenburg you can see the remains of an abandoned settlement that was established by Dutch whalers nearly 400 years ago. Here, at what was once one of Europe's most northerly outposts, you'll have time to explore ashore and learn about Spitsbergen's whaling history. Afterwards, cruising to Magdalenefjorden rewards you with panoramic vistas of snow-capped mountains and massive glaciers reflected in the crystal-clear waters. We hope to round out the day in Alkhornet, taking in the towering cliffs teeming with nesting seabirds, such as fulmars and Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murre). Encounters with reindeer are possible here too. Later, in the evening, swap stories with your shipmates and crew one last time, at the captain's farewell dinner.



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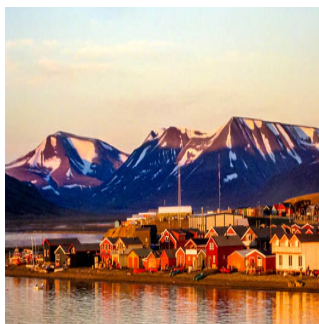
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**DAY 7: Disembark in Longyearbyen and Fly to Helsinki**

The time to say goodbye has come. Your adventure ends as it began, 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. Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin on board ship & Hotel
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Cabin accommodation on board ship  
 All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.  
 Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock  
 All scheduled landings and excursions  
 Guiding and leadership by expert exploration team and crew  
 A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions  
 An Expedition parka (yours to keep)  
 A photographic journal documenting the expedition  
 Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person  
 Transfers between Longyearbyen town center and port on embarkation and disembarkation day  
**MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE (INCLUDED)**  
 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

### Inclusions

## EXCLUSIONS

International flights  
 Arrival transfer in Helsinki  
 Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above  
 Passport and visa expenses  
 Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above  
 Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended  
 Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned  
 Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew  
 Meals ashore unless otherwise specified  
 Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights  
 Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified  
 Optional Adventure Activities

**Difficulty Rating** 2 (light adventure)

**Single Surcharge** A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

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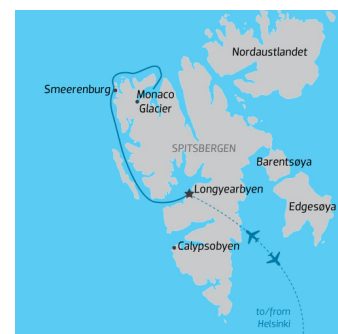
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<p><b>Notes</b></p>	<p>Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, quad, triple, and twin cabins.          Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.          All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.          Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.          Includes charter flights from Helsinki to Longyearbyen and return back to Helsinki</p>
<p><b>Price Dependent upon</b></p>	<p>Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.</p>

## SUSTAINABILITY

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