

THE ARCTIC - 83 DEGREE FARTHEST NORTH SPITSBERGEN EXTREME | HONDIUS



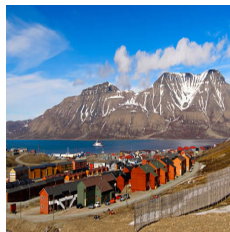
INTRODUCTION

Discover a variety of environments and come across a wide range of marine species while exploring the stunning fjords and coastline of Spitsbergen. Heading north past Phippsøya, you'll enter the sea ice, a frozen, floating realm where you can see walrus and polar bears. After that, you can explore the breathtaking flora and fauna of Bell Sund and learn about the interesting whaling history of Ytre Norskoya.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Embarkation in Longyearbyen

You find yourself in Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Svalbard archipelago. Enjoy strolling around this former mining town, whose parish church and Svalbard Museum make for fascinating attractions. Though the countryside appears stark, more than a hundred plant species have been recorded here. In the early evening, the ship sails out of Isfjorden, where you might spot the first minke whale of your voyage.



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DURATION

10 Days

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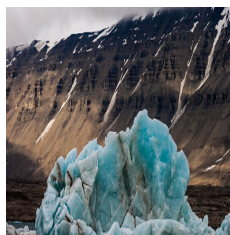
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DAY 2: 83 Degree, North Pole Exploration - Day 2 to 9

In the coming days, as we journey toward the North Pole (83° latitude), you'll have the opportunity to witness incredible wildlife at sea and explore various landing sites. Below is an excerpt of what awaits you. *Excursions are weather-dependent, and their order may vary based on ice conditions. Kongsfjorden and Blomstrandhalvøya: Blomstrandhalvøya, located on the northern side of the fjord, offers shelter and the opportunity to change plans if the weather changes. In the afternoon, you visit Ny Ålesund, one of the northernmost settlements on Earth. Once a mining village served by the world's most northerly railway - the tracks are still visible - Ny Ålesund is now a research center. If you're interested in the history of Arctic exploration, visit the anchoring mast used by polar explorers Amundsen and Nobile in their airships Norge (1926) and Italia (1928). In the evening, we will head north along the coast, looking for whales. The immense Monaco Glacier: Depending on the weather, you could sail into Liefdefjorden, land at Texas Bar, and cruise within sight of the 5-kilometer-long (3.1 miles) face of the precipitous Monaco Glacier. The waters in front of this glacier are a favorite feeding spot for thousands of kittiwakes, and the base of the ice is a popular polar bear hunting ground. Another possibility is the mouth of Wijdefjorden, boasting both the tundra landscape and the glacier front of Nordbreen. Or Sorgfjord, a reminder of hard times: You may turn to Sorgfjord, with sunken French and Dutch ships (17th century) lying deep below the surface. You have the chance to find a herd of walruses someway west of the graves of 17th-century whalers at Eolusneset. A nature walk here can bring you close to families of ptarmigans. The opposite side of the fjord at Heclahamna is also a beautiful area for an excursion in a semi-desert region. A stop at the Seven Islands: At Phippsøya in the Seven Islands, you reach about 80° 30' north, just 870 km (540 miles) from the geographic North Pole. Polar bears and walruses inhabit this region. From here the ship sails northeastward toward the pack ice. The northernmost point at 83 North: In the evening, we expect to reach our northernmost point at the edge of the sea ice or some way into it. The landscape within the pack ice is a beautiful and moving world. At this latitude, it makes its way from the Polar Basin to the southwest and southward along the coast of Greenland. In the fringes of the sea-ice: Sailing southwest along and sometimes in the sea ice, we will enjoy fantastic opportunities to see bears, seals, various species of whale, and sometimes even the visually striking narwhal. On earlier voyages in this area, we have even encountered Ross's gulls, which winter in the Polar Sea. Whalers from ages past: At Zeeuwse Uitkijk on Ytre Norskøya, the remains of a whaling station can be found. Here, once Europe's most northernmost outpost, Dutch whalers processed whale blubber and buried their dead. We are not allowed to visit the vicinity of their gravesites, but we may walk to the top of the island, which offers splendid views across the open sea and on the kittiwake colony on the east side. Bell Sund's flora, fauna, and haunting history: Today, you find yourself in Bell Sund, one of the largest fjord systems in Svalbard. The ocean currents make this area slightly warmer than other areas in the archipelago, which shows in the relatively lush vegetation. Here, there are excellent opportunities to enjoy both history and wildlife.



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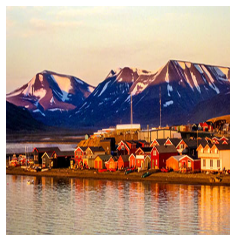
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DAY 10: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. You disembark in Longyearbyen, taking home Arctic memories that will accompany you forever. The pioneering spirit you will have experienced with us will stay with you wherever your next adventure lies.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin On Board A Ship
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All meals on board including snacks, coffee and tea.
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 Onboard lecture program from Expeditions Team and Naturalists.
 All applicable shore excursions and Zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost).
 Use of rubber boots & snowshoes.
 Transfers and baggage handling between the airport, hotels and ship only for those passengers on the group flights to and from Longyearbyen.
 All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.
 AECO fees and governmental taxes.
 Comprehensive pre-departure material.
 Access to 1.5 GB of free internet connectivity per person, which resets every 24 hours. Supplementary vouchers available to purchase on onboard. Subject to satellite coverage.

Inclusions

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International or internal flights unless specified.
 Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified.
 Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information.
 Pre and post land arrangements .
 Visa & passport fees (if applicable).
 Travel insurance (compulsory).
 Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings.
 Additional optional activities.
 Tobacco, alcoholic or beverages (other than coffee and tea).
 Meals ashore.
 Personal expenses such as laundry & bar.
 Miscellaneous extras.
 Gratuities for the crew (guidelines will be provided).
 Government arrival or departure taxes (if applicable).

Difficulty Rating

2 (Light Adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request. A supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

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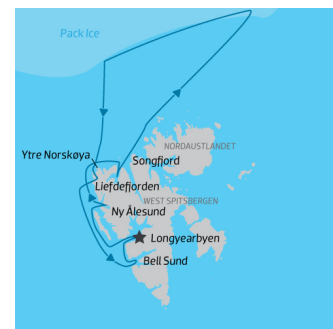
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Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, and vary from twin share cabins. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.</p> <p>Please note this itinerary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

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