

## THE ARCTIC - SVALBARD ODYSSEY 2022 | GREG MORTIMER



### TRIP CODE

ACAESOD

### DEPARTURE

09/07/2022

### DURATION

12 Days

### LOCATIONS

Arctic, Spitsbergen



## INTRODUCTION

Embark on an extraordinary voyage to the incredible Svalbard. On board the Greg Mortimer you will spend 11 days reveling the incredible diversity of the region. Explore incredible coastline against a backdrop of snow covered peaks. Immerse yourself in the raw history of the region as you visit abandoned whaling settlements. Search for unique wildlife including walrus, arctic fox, reindeer and a vast array of migratory bird including, auks, gillems and puffin.

## ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival and Overnight in Oslo

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### DAY 2: Fly to Longyearbyen and Embark

Fly to Longyearbyen (flight ticket not included in voyage fare), and upon arrival, you will be met by a representative of Aurora Expeditions to commence a tour of Longyearbyen. On the drive to Camp Barentz located in Advent Valley, your guide will give you an introduction to Longyearbyen's fascinating history. At Camp Barentz enjoy a presentation in the large 'lavvo' - a traditional building common in northern Norway. You will also have the opportunity to meet the friendly huskies and perhaps pick up some souvenirs. A visit to the Svalbard museum is included back in town before embarking the vessel in the late afternoon. You'll have time to settle into your cabin prior to the compulsory briefings. Your voyage commences, cruising out of the beautiful Isfjorden, escorted by gliding fulmars and perhaps the occasional puffin. Find a spot in one of the observation areas watching seabirds, including graceful ivory gulls, kittiwakes and guillemots. They rise and fall skilfully, using the air currents created by the ship to gain momentum. NOTE: Sometimes our ship is unable to dock in Longyearbyen port due to space and capacity. In these instances, we reach the ship by Zodiac. Please ensure that you keep your wet-weather gear in your hand luggage to use in the Zodiacs, if the situation arises. Please ensure your cabin luggage tag is completed clearly showing your cabin number and name. Our crew will deliver your luggage directly to your cabin.



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### DAY 3: Svalbard Archipelago - Day 3 to 11

Svalbard offers Arctic wilderness at its best. Our experienced expedition team, who have made countless journeys to this area, will use their expertise to design our day-to-day itinerary, choosing the best options based on the prevailing weather, sea-ice conditions and wildlife encounters. Phenomenal fjords, magnificent mountains ranges and a polar desert rich in fossils set the stage for heroic tales of early exploration. See walrus hauled-out on sea ice or on beaches. On land, stretch our legs on walks across tundra coming out in brightly-coloured wildflowers. We visit towering cliffs noisy with nesting guillemots and puffins, and scree slopes that hold Svalbard's largest little auk colonies. Most memorable are encounters with the majestic polar bear on pack ice. Your expedition team is just as keen as you to find them— they will be on constant watch to spot these inspiring creatures. If you have chosen an optional activity such as kayaking, you'll have the option to enjoy the activity when conditions allow. For those who are enthusiastic to participate in a polar plunge, as soon as conditions are suitable, you'll hear the announcement to prepare for an exhilarating plunge, a memory you'll savour for years to come.



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### DAY 12: Disembarkation In Longyearbyen

During the early morning we cruise back into Longyearbyen. Farewell your expedition team before further enjoying explorations of fascinating Longyearbyen to learn the town's history, its geology, flora, fauna and the modern community that call the place home. Visit Svalbard Museum and Galleri Svalbard, Office of the Governor, Svalbard Church, Nybyen (new town), some of the town's mines including Santa Claus Mine, and make a quick photo stop at the famous beware of polar bear street sign. Afterwards, transfer to the airport to continue your journey. At the conclusion of the voyage, we do not recommend booking flights departing prior to 12.00 pm on the day of disembarkation in case there are delays. Important note: In the spirit of expedition travel, we encourage exploration and adventure offering flexibility in challenging environments. This itinerary is only a guide and is subject to change due to weather, sea, pack-ice and other conditions beyond our control.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	<p>Cabin accommodation on board Greg Mortimer            One night hotel accommodation in Radisson Blu Oslo            Airport hotel including breakfast            Group arrival transfer from airport to the Greg Mortimer on Day 2            Group sightseeing tour of Longyearbyen on day 2 prior to embarkation            Group transfer from ship to airport in Longyearbyen on day 12            All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during voyage            Beer, house wine and soft drinks with dinner            All shore excursions            Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic (initial consult)            A 3-in-1 waterproof polar expedition jacket            Complimentary use of muck boots during the voyage            Port surcharges, permits and landing fees            Comprehensive pre-departure information</p> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b>            International or domestic flights. Flight between Oslo and Longyearbyen (in both directions) is not included in the voyage price            Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary            Airport arrival or departure taxes            Passport, visa, and vaccination charges            Travel insurance or emergency evacuation charges            Hotels and meals not included in itinerary            Optional excursions not included in the itinerary            Optional activity surcharges            All items of a personal nature including but not limited to: alcoholic beverages and soft drinks (outside of dinner service), laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, Wi-Fi, email or phone charges</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Itinerary subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, season and availability.

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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 structured 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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