

THE ARCTIC - GREG MORTIMER



TRIP CODE

ACAESOTN

DEPARTURE

7/07/2021, 18/08/2021

DURATION

13 Days

LOCATIONS

Arctic, Spitsbergen



INTRODUCTION

EARLY BIRDS: Book and Save up to 20%* on select cabins. Conditions apply, contact us for more details.

Embark on an incredible journey to the mysterious and pristine Svalbard. On board the Greg Mortimer you will undertake a mysterious odyssey before finishing in Norway. Explore the incredible West Coast of Spitsbergen as you enjoy views of sweeping glaciers and dramatic tundra. Keep your eyes peeled for unique wildlife including polar bears, walrus and even reindeer. Undertake zodiac cruises in deep fjords whilst majestic sea birds fly overhead and feed in the waters. This is a truly unique and serene experience.

Please Note: Departure date 18Aug2021 is going in the opposite direction.

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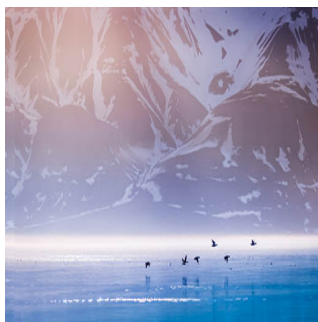
DAY 1: Embarkation in Longyearbyen

Enjoy a guided group tour of colourful Longyearbyen, the capital of Svalbard. Boarding is scheduled for the late afternoon. This Norwegian settlement is a unique little town. While the arctic environment is dominant, it is also a surprisingly cosmopolitan place, with art galleries, pubs, long wine lists at restaurants, stores and a mini-mall. Longyearbyen is often called an antidote to the stress of modern day life and is a prime destination for adventure travellers.



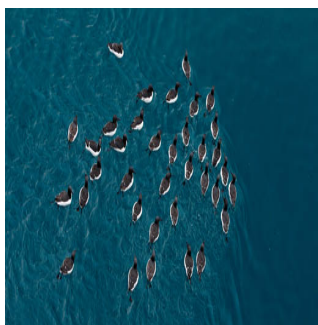
DAY 2: West Spitsbergen - Days 2 to 11

Cruise northwards along the west coast of Spitsbergen. There's ample time ashore for hiking on the lush tundra among the summer flowers and observing remarkable bird cliffs. As we work our way along the north coast, we explore rarely visited places in search of the mighty polar bear. From zodiacs we enjoy magnificent views of sweeping glaciers winding their way into the sea. We may walk on smooth raised beach terraces to a superb viewpoint or hike in the mountains on the tundra where coloured wildflowers and lichen grow and where reindeer graze. We may visit trapper huts of yesteryear where Russians would hunt and survive the cold harsh winters, all the while remaining alert for wandering polar bears and their cubs. We might come face-to-face with the formidable pack ice of the Arctic ocean, keeping our eyes peeled for walrus feeding on clams or hauled out on the beach in wallows. We will listen to the cacophony of seabirds and see them feeding. If conditions allow, we may push north into the pack ice in hopes of finding polar bears ranging over the frozen landscape on the hunt for seals.



DAY 12: Crossing the Barents Sea

Crossing the Barents Sea to Kirkenes offers some good opportunity to encounter whales and certainly plenty of opportunities to photograph seabirds. You may enjoy final presentations from our team of experts, spend your time editing photos or simply relaxing and reflecting on the amazing memories you have made with your fellow passengers.



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DAY 13: Disembarkation in Kirkenes

Arrive in the northeastern Norwegian town of Kirkenes where we will disembark the vessel. You will be transferred to the airport for flights home or onwards to new destinations.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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| Accommodation | Cabin on board ship |
| Inclusions | <p>Cabin accommodation on board Greg Mortimer</p> <p>All meals whilst on board</p> <p>All scheduled landings/excursions</p> <p>Guiding and lectures by English-speaking expedition leader and team</p> <p>All port fees</p> <p>All landing fees</p> <p>Complimentary polar expedition jacket</p> <p>Complimentary boot rental during cruise</p> <p>Comprehensive pre-departure info</p> <p>Exclusions</p> <p>Airfares to and from embarkation/disembarkation city</p> <p>Visa fees (if applicable)</p> <p>Travel insurance</p> <p>Personal expenses such as laundry, on board communication</p> <p>Gratuities for the crew</p> <p>Pre or post cruise travel expenses</p> <p>Optional activities</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. |

SUSTAINABILITY

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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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