

## THE ARCTIC - SPITSBERGEN HIGHLIGHTS: EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



### INTRODUCTION

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Discover the highlights of Spitsbergen on this exciting 7-day Arctic adventure. Cruise along the west coast in search of wildlife and through the pack ice to 80°N, to a walrus sanctuary on Mofen Island. Encounter dramatic calving glaciers, deep fjords and towering cliffs littered with birds. Visit abandoned whaling settlements and mining settlements. We may see whales and seals, Svalbard reindeer and maybe the most iconic of Arctic wildlife - the majestic polar bear.

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Arrive in Oslo, Norway

Your arctic voyage begins in Oslo, Norway's vibrant capital city. If you arrive early, there are many museums, restaurants and green spaces to keep you busy before retiring at your included airport hotel.



#### DAY 2: Embarkation Day in Longyearbyen, Svalbard

This morning, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement, where you'll have some time to explore before embarkation. As your ship sets sail, enjoy great vistas of the mountainous landscape that serves as a backdrop for this historic town.



#### TRIP CODE

ACQESHEB

#### DEPARTURE

06/06/2020

#### DURATION

7 Days

#### LOCATIONS

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### DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen - Day 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 Krossfjord, 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 indigenous Svalbard reindeer, are possible here. After cruising overnight, wake up to the stunning sight of the magnificent Monaco Glacier, another prolific iceberg producer. 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 the Andoyane Islands (where polar bears have been known to roam). At 80°N, you'll reach a walrus sanctuary on the tiny, crescent-shaped Moffen Island. Watching from the water as large groups of these lumbering giants jockey for space is an unforgettable experience, so be ready with your binoculars. At Smeerenburg you can see the remains of an abandoned settlement that was established by Dutch whalers nearly 400 years ago. Here, at one of Europe's most northerly outposts, you'll have time to explore ashore and learn about Spitsbergen's whaling history. Afterwards, cruising to Magdalenafjord rewards you with panoramic vistas of snow-capped mountains and massive glaciers reflected in the crystal-clear waters. During your last full day of your arctic adventure, you may visit the Russian mining town of Barentsburg, home of the world's northernmost brewery. We hope to round out the day in Alkehornet, taking in the towering cliffs teeming with nesting seabirds, such as fulmars and Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murre). Encounters with reindeer might be possible here too. Later, in the evening, swap stories with your shipmates and crew one last time, at the captain's dinner.



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## DAY 7: Disembark in Longyearbyen & Fly to Oslo

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 Oslo.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Standard
<b>Inclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shipboard accommodation</li> <li>- All meals whilst on-board including snacks</li> <li>- Beer and wine during dinner</li> <li>- Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock</li> <li>- All shore excursions and zodiac cruising (*excluding forward facing zodiac)</li> <li>- Guiding and lectures by expedition team and team</li> <li>- English-speaking expedition team</li> <li>- Free use of rubber boots on land</li> <li>- Wind and water resistant expedition jacket</li> <li>- All Port taxes</li> </ul> <p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Airfares to/from embarkation and disembarkation city</li> <li>- Visa fees (if applicable)</li> <li>- Travel Insurance</li> <li>- Beverages (other than coffee and tea)</li> <li>- Personal expenses such as laundry, on-board communication (telephone calls, faxes, email service)</li> <li>- Gratuities for the crew (recommended US\$15.00 per person per day)</li> <li>- Optional Activities whilst on-board</li> </ul> <p><b>**Mandatory Transfer Package includes;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Oslo airport hotel</li> <li>• Charter flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen</li> <li>• Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen</li> <li>• Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Oslo</li> </ul> <p>*Package Price: USD\$895 per person</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request
<b>Notes</b>	Contact us for more details
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Season and availability

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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 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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