

THE ARCTIC - SPITSBERGEN IN DEPTH 2022 | OCEAN ADVENTURER



TRIP CODE

ACQESID

DEPARTURE

07/07/2022

DURATION

14 Days

LOCATIONS

Arctic, Spitsbergen



INTRODUCTION

The Svalbard archipelago is a wild, remote and untouched wilderness, home to incredible wildlife and scenery. On this Arctic voyage, we will attempt to circumnavigate Spitsbergen, the largest island of the archipelago, lying entirely within the Arctic Circle. To the west are dramatic glaciers and fjords, and to the east the barren high Arctic wilderness. Learn about the region's history and culture and discover why Spitsbergen is not only the land of the polar bear, but also the 'wildlife capital of the Arctic'.

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.



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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 your first view of the island's rugged, glacier-topped mountains rising majestically from icy waters.



DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen - Day 3 to 13

Expect a new adventure every day as we begin our circumnavigation by heading north and around the island of Spitsbergen, exploring smaller, outlying islands. We plan to circumnavigate Spitsbergen, but if conditions are favourable, we will also attempt a circumnavigation of the whole Svalbard archipelago. Every expedition will be different, depending on the weather and ice, but some of the places we may visit include the 14th of July Glacier, Ny London, Phippsøya, Alkefjellet and the seldom-visited Kvitøya. These names may seem strange to you, but each site has its own unique appeal. There is no shortage of natural beauty in Spitsbergen, where colourful tundra meadows are complemented by immense glaciers. For birders, the 14th of July Glacier is home to puffins, purple sandpipers, common eiders, barnacle geese and arctic terns, while Alkefjellet's cliffs are teeming with nesting Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murre). Always on the lookout for wildlife, be sure to have your camera ready to capture reindeer when we visit sites like Ny London, Sundneset and Alkhornet. Searching for the iconic polar bear is a constant activity for your Expedition Team. Phippsøya and Isbukta are two of the bears' preferred places for hunting, which translates into great potential for you to view and capture them in action. A big part of appreciating Spitsbergen comes from understanding the culture—not just how people live today, but also how this land was first explored. Whaling was a key industry, and you will see remains of outposts from the 16th century, plus other evidence of whaling at landing sites such as Smeerenburg.



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DAY 14: Disembark in Longyearbyen & Fly to Oslo

Your adventure ends 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

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	<p>Cabin accommodation on board World Explorer</p> <p>All meals whilst on board</p> <p>All scheduled landings & excursions</p> <p>Arrival & disembarkation transfers</p> <p>Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition leader & crew</p> <p>Expedition parka (yours to keep)</p> <p>Use of waterproof boots during course of voyage</p> <p>All port taxes</p> <p>Exclusions</p> <p>International airfares</p> <p>Visa fees (if applicable)</p> <p>Travel insurance</p> <p>Beverages other than tea & coffee</p> <p>Personal expenses such as laundry & on board communication</p> <p>Gratuities for crew</p> <p>Pre or post cruise travel expenses</p> <p>Optional activities, refer to optional activities section</p> <p>Mandatory Transfer Package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Oslo airport hotel, with breakfast • Charter flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen • Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen • Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Oslo
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us to discuss.
Notes	Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.



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Price Dependent upon Departure date, season & availability.

SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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