


THE ARCTIC - THREE ARCTIC ISLANDS



TRIP CODE
ACQETAIN
DURATION
15 Days
LOCATIONS
Arctic, Spitsbergen, Greenland


INTRODUCTION

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This award-winning expedition cruise takes you to Scorsbysund, on the northeast coast of Greenland, Iceland, and high above the Arctic Circle in Spitsbergen, Norway. Iconic Arctic animals such as the polar bear, musk ox, reindeer and walrus are commonly seen. No other Arctic adventure takes in such varied destinations ranging from active volcanoes to massive glaciers. If you want to experience the Arctic in all of its beauty, then you must venture to these three Arctic islands.

GREEN POINTS!

- The World Explorer uses Marine Gas Oil, a clean burning and low emission fuel
- Serve only sustainable seafood
- Use eco-friendly laundry chemicals and cabin amenities
- Provide every passenger with reusable water bottle
- Use of only recycled, acid free paper onboard and limit paper
- Aligned with several charities that not-for-profit organisations that help the environment.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrive in Reykjavik, Iceland

Your Arctic expedition begins in Reykjavik. Arrive in the Icelandic capital in the morning and make your way to your included hotel. You will have the day to explore the city on your own.



DAY 2: Embarkation Day in Reykjavik

This afternoon, you'll board your vessel and begin your expedition. Get ready for a great adventure ahead!



DAY 3: At Sea - Day 3 & 4


While sailing north through the Denmark Strait, your Expedition Team will teach you about the wildlife and history of Greenland, your next stop. You'll learn about the history of exploration in the Arctic, as well as polar politics, glaciology and climate science. You'll also learn about the incredible sights, geology and ecology you will soon explore.



DAY 5: Exploring East Greenland - Day 5 to 8

During your tour of Greenland's remote eastern coast, you'll enjoy Zodiac cruises and shore visits to several locations. Explore the remains of ancient Thule settlements and keep an eye out for grazing muskoxen—40 percent of the world's muskoxen population lives here. If conditions allow, you may also visit Ittoqqortoormiit, the most remote community in East Greenland.



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DAY 9: At Sea - Day 9 & 10

As we continue to cruise north, the Greenland Sea is your pathway toward Svalbard. On deck, you'll learn to identify seabirds "on the wing." Take in a presentation, share your photos, sip an icy cocktail in the bar or watch a movie—there are many things to do during your time at sea.



DAY 11: Exploring Spitsbergen - Day 11 to 14

Exploring Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Norwegian Svalbard archipelago, rewards you with abundant wildlife and austere beauty. Here, you'll visit spectacular glacier fronts and steep-walled fjords, with walrus, polar bears and Svalbard reindeer amongst your possible wildlife sightings. Birders will be thrilled to see arctic terns, skuas, long-tailed ducks, and kittiwakes. When conditions are right, you could sail within 10 degrees of the North Pole!



DAY 15: Disembark in Longyearbyen & fly to Oslo

The time to say goodbye has come. 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

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Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shipboard accommodation - All meals whilst on-board including snacks - Beer and wine during dinner - Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock - All shore excursions and zodiac cruising (*excluding forward facing zodiac) - Guiding and lectures by expedition team and team - English-speaking expedition team - Free use of rubber boots on land - Wind and water resistant expedition jacket - All Port taxes - Transfer from Longyearbyen town center to port on embarkation day - Group transfer to downtown Reykjavik on disembarkation day - Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax
	Exclusions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Airfares to/from embarkation and disembarkation city - Visa fees (if applicable) - Travel Insurance - Personal expenses such as laundry, on-board communication (telephone calls, faxes, email service) - Gratuities for the crew (recommended US\$15.00 per person per day) - Optional Activities whilst on-board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **Mandatory Transfer Package includes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Oslo airport hotel • Charter flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen <p>*Package Price: USD\$595 pp</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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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

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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.

Quark expeditions undertake a number of sustainable initiatives dedicated to environmental protection and education. Charities supported include Polar Bears International, which undertakes conservation efforts to save the endangered species and 'Clean up Svalbard' which aids in collecting refuse from beaches and wilderness areas on the island. Technical elements on vessels include the use of Marine Gas Oil (MGO) a low emission factor fuel, as well as the use of recyclable water bottles and acid-free paper. 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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