

THE ARCTIC - THREE ARCTIC ISLANDS



INTRODUCTION

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A Quark Expeditions exclusive. 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.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive in Oslo, Norway

Your arctic adventure begins in Oslo, where you may arrive at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Upon arriving in this splendid capital city, known for its green spaces and museums, you will check into your included airport hotel.



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15 Days

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DAY 2: Embarkation Day in Longyearbyen, Svalbard

After breakfast, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement. As you embark this afternoon, you'll enjoy great views of the mountainous landscape that serves as a backdrop for this seaside town.



DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen, Svalbard - Day 3 to 6

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, kittiwakes and ivory gulls. If conditions allow, you could sail within 10 degrees of the North Pole!



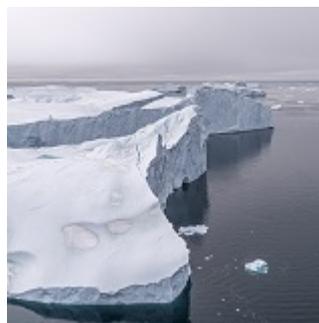
DAY 7: At Sea - Day 7 & 8

While sailing south through the Greenland Sea, your Expedition Team will teach you about the wildlife and history of Greenland, your next stop. On deck, you'll learn to identify seabirds on the wing. Take in a lecture, 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 9: Exploring East Greenland - Day 9 to 12

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. Finally, you will sail through spectacular Scoresbysund, the birthplace of many icebergs and, some say, the most beautiful fjord system in the world.



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DAY 13: At Sea - Day 13 & 14

As we cruise south, the Denmark Strait is your pathway toward Iceland. Your Expedition Team will keep you informed and entertained with presentations about the history of exploration in the Arctic and the seabirds you'll see soaring above your ship.



DAY 15: Depart Reykjavik, Iceland

You'll disembark in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, at the end of your journey. If you have booked post-expedition accommodation, we provide a transfer to a central downtown location.



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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 <p>Exclusions:</p> <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; • One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Oslo airport hotel • Charter flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen <p>Arrival transfer in Longyearbyen *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

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.

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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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