

THE ARCTIC - CIRCUMNAVIGATING SVALBARD



INTRODUCTION


Discover the remote, untouched wilderness and incredible wildlife of the spectacular Svalbard archipelago as you circumnavigate Spitsbergen aboard the MS Spitsbergen. To the west are dramatic glaciers, jagged mountains and deep fjords as well as cultural relics from the first inhabitants of Svalbard. To the east is the barren high Arctic wilderness. Spitsbergen is the land of the polar bear and the midnight sun, the 'wildlife capital of the Arctic', home to Svalbard reindeer, Arctic foxes, colonies of walruses, whales, seals and thousands of migratory seabirds nesting on coastal cliffs not to mention over 3,000 polar bears!

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Oslo - Longyearbyen

Before your evening flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen, spend the day in the museums, parks and cafes of the Norwegian capital. When you arrive in Svalbard, you will discover an entirely different world: a tiny town perched on the edge of the vast Arctic tundra. On arrival, we transfer you to your hotel for an overnight.



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DAY 2: Longyearbyen – Embarkation

After an overnight stay in one of our hotels, you can join an exciting excursion to get to know this unique town and the surrounding area. The mighty Arctic wilderness dominates life here, but the town maintains a lively cultural life in spite of its remote position. Longyearbyen is often called an antidote to modern-day life and serves as a prime destination for adventure travelers. Enjoy the singular atmosphere of this colourful frontier outpost before boarding your ship.



DAY 3: North West Spitsbergen National Park - Day 3-5

The North West Corner is scattered with lovely islands, fjords and beaches. If conditions allow, we will explore Svalbard's rich history in the area. We may visit Kongsfjorden, one of the most beautiful fjord areas in Spitsbergen, with mighty glaciers calving icebergs into the sea, framed by stunning mountain formations. We hope to call on the former mining settlement of Ny-Ålesund, now an international centre for research, with a picturesque mix of old and new buildings. There will be exciting landings and scenic kayaking opportunities as we go further north.



DAY 6: Eastern Svalbard Nature Reserve - Day 6-8

Eastern Svalbard boasts the highest population of polar bears on the archipelago – and we have high hopes of spotting one on this journey! The ocean is full of drifting ice and the frozen landscape changes constantly. This is true wilderness, so the captain will work with the elements to decide where we can safely land or sail. We aim to cross 80° N, and possibly head even further north to Sjuøyane (Seven Islands), at the extreme of the Svalbard archipelago. We may also sail east of Nordaustlandet to Kvitøya, before continuing towards Edgeøya, the third-largest island in the Svalbard archipelago.



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DAY 9: South Spitsbergen & Bellsund - Day 9 & 10

We make our way to the southern cape and the southernmost tip of Spitsbergen, where Hornsund hosts a wonderfully varied landscape and geology. Ice pushed into the fjord early in the season attracts polar bears that hunt on the floes, so with a bit of luck, we may spot some of these magnificent predators



DAY 11: The Isfjord

We will spend the day exploring the Isfjord, the most prominent fjord system on Svalbard. In the inner parts of Isfjorden, the landscape changes constantly. The immense U-shaped valleys, carved out of the mountains by the giant glaciers that covered the area some ten thousand years ago, are home to large populations of the Svalbard reindeer.



DAY 12: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

Our return to the colourful town of Longyearbyen marks the end of a remarkable voyage that brought us just a few hundred miles from the Geographical North Pole. A transfer vehicle will take you to the airport for your night flight. Arrival early in the morning in Oslo.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Standard

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Inclusions	Return flights in economy class between Oslo and Longyearbyen
	Overnight in Longyearbyen hotel before the expedition cruise, including breakfast and lunch
	All transfers in Longyearbyen including an excursion before the expedition cruise
	Expedition cruise in a cabin of your choice
	Breakfast, lunch and dinner including beverages (house beer and wine, sodas, and mineral water)
	Complimentary tea and coffee
	Complimentary Wi-Fi on board. Be aware that we sail in remote areas with very limited connection.
	Complimentary reusable water bottle to use at water refill stations on board
	English-speaking Expedition Team who organise and accompany activities on board and ashore
	Escorted landings with small expedition boats
	Loan of boots, trekking poles, and all equipment for activities
	Complimentary wind and water-resistant expedition jacket
	Exclusions
	International flights
	Travel insurance, visas, any items of a personal nature
	Luggage handling
	Optional shore excursions with our local partners
	Optional small-group activities with our Expedition Team
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.
- 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

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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 structures 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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