



### **TRIP CODE**

ACGAEGS

#### DEPARTURE

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### DURATION

14 Days

### LOCATIONS

Greenland and Spitsbergen

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# INTRODUCTION

Sail into a part of the world few ever venture, into the unspoiled wilderness of Greenland and Spitsbergen. On board the MS Expedition, your adventure will go beyond the deck of the ship, as you explore with zodiac and undertake landings into this incredible glacial paradise. From exploring Northeast Greenland National Park to taking in frigid ocean horizons to a stop at the community of Ittoqqortoormiit, this journey shows you how those  $\hat{a}$  whether person or polar bear  $\hat{a}$  make the Arctic their home.

# ITINERARY

DAY 1: Embarkation in Longyearbyen

Longyearbyen can be spotted from above as a colourful collection of buildings set against the dramatic landscape of Norway's northern reaches. This small coal-mining town turned gateway to Arctic exploration offers visitors a look into life beyond the Arctic Circle. Explore fascinating museums, get to know the locals, and gear up for your expedition. Transfer from Longyearbyen to the G Expedition for a late afternoon embarkation.





DAY 2: Northeast Greenland National Park - Days 2-8

Spend several days exploring the massive fjord system of Northeast Greenland National Park. Take to Scorsbysund, the tree-like fjord system marked by winding branches of iceberg-dotted fjords. Sail through and land on some of the most spectacular fjord country in the world while exploring rarely visited glaciers, bays, and inlets. Here, in the vast, untouched wilderness of the park, you will be overwhelmed by the changing light of a polar sunrise or sunset draping the mountains in lavish colours. Dark nights allow for star-gazing and the possibility of spotting the aurora boreal when in calm waters. Occasionally, orca, humpback, or minke whales may be spotted, so keep a keen lookout. Bring your binoculars and dress for the polar chill. Be immersed in the full experience with educational lectures by expedition staff.

#### DAY 9: Greenland Sea and Ittoqqortoomiit

After several days traversing the far reaches of Greenland's awe-inspiring wilderness, visit the community of Ittoqortoormiit. Although small and far from other inhabited towns, the vibrance of life here is evident in the brightly coloured buildings, the eager Greenlandic husky puppies, the purr of the ATV engines racing along unpaved roads, and the warmth of the people who call Ittoqortoormiit home.

DAY 10: Greenland Sea and Spitsbergen - Days 9 to 13

Take advantage of local ice and weather conditions to explore the Northwest Spitsbergen National Park, one of those rare places on Earth blessed with both an awe-inspiring landscape and compelling history. The Svalbard archipelago sits halfway between Norway and the North Pole, at the intersection of the Arctic Ocean, the Norwegian Sea, and the Greenland Sea. Fascinating flora and fauna populate the dramatic mountains and valleys of this island chain known by many early explorers as the last outpost en route to the North Pole.





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DAY 14: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

On the departure day, there will be transfers available to the Longyearbyen airport for all passengers with flights scheduled.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	All meals during cruise accommodation in shared inside/outside cabins English speaking expedition team Shore landings by Zodiac Complimentary use of boots all port fees taxes and tariffs <b>EXCLUSIONS</b> International flight Travel Insurance Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Tips and gratuities Any activities not mentioned as included in itinerary
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality and 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 <u>HERE</u>

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