

FAROE ISLANDS, ICELAND AND SPITSBERGEN



INTRODUCTION

Undertake this incredible late Spring voyage as you island hop in and around the Arctic. Discover unforgettable emerald islands as the region bursts to light in full floral bloom. Starting in Bergen, Norway you will sail to Lerwick, Scotland before continuing to the Faroe Islands, northern coast of Iceland and finally the remote and isolated Jan Mayen Island. From lush green landscapes to incredible bird and whale-watching opportunities, this journey offers a perfect Arctic expedition adventure.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Embarkation in Bergen

Explore Bergen’s historic harbour area with its fish market and UNESCO-listed Bryggen wharf of colourful wooden warehouses that date back to the 1300s. You can also board a funicular up nearby Mount Fløyen. There, you’ll enjoy views over Bergen, and maybe even spot your ship, MS Spitsbergen, docked below.



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DAY 2: Lerwick - Centre of Scotland's Shetland Islands

Built on the herring trade in the 17th century, Lerwick has grown in Scotland's northernmost town and is home to a third of the Shetland Islands' population. Visit local boutique shops along Commercial Street, wander along the waterfront with its sandstone buildings, or visit the museum to learn more about the town's Norse heritage.



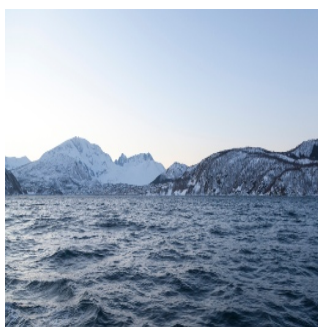
DAY 3: Elduvik - Charming Village of The Faroe Islands

Located in the Funningsfjordur inlet in the Faroe Islands, the village of Elduvík lies by the shore at the end of a long, lush valley surrounded by stunning green mountains and with the river Stóra running through the middle. Just 23 people inhabit the village, complete with a school, church, dock, pier, and colourful houses.



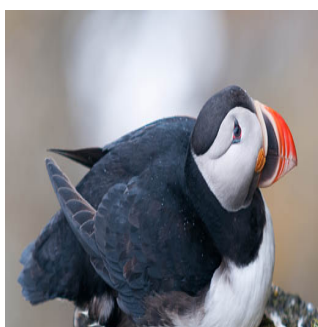
DAY 4: At Sea

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea with onboard lectures from the Expedition Team while we set course towards Iceland.



DAY 5: The Land of Elves

Bakkageroi is one of Iceland's smallest hamlets, a quiet haven well off the tourist track. The place is so well-known for its fairy-tale-like natural beauty, the locals have come to call the region 'The Land of the Elves'. Many puffin colonies also line the nearby fjord, making it a popular place for birdwatching.



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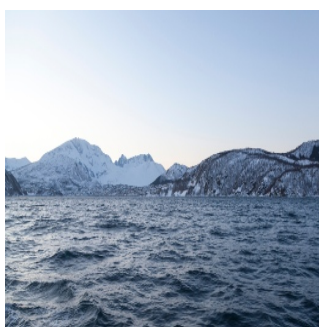
DAY 7: Akureyri

Welcome to Iceland's largest community outside of Reykjavík. Expect comfy cafés, restaurants, and chic art galleries. There are also various museums of interest, distinct churches, and the botanical gardens which will be in full bloom at the time of your visit. Akureyri is also close to natural treasures, such as lake Mývatn and Godafoss waterfall.



DAY 8: At Sea

Days at sea are an opportunity to wind down and watch the waves, or enjoy a lecture or two from the Expedition Team.



DAY 9: Jan Mayen Island

The Norwegian island of Jan Mayen has two main areas. The north is dominated by ice-capped Beerenberg, the northernmost active volcano on earth. The south is flatter and unglaciated, and where 30 people live at a weather station. The island is a breeding site for large numbers of seabirds such as fulmars, auks, and guillemots. Visits to Jan Mayen are incredibly rare. You will be one of the few travellers to attempt a landing on this mysterious and isolated island.



DAY 10: At Sea

The day is at your leisure aboard the ship. Relax while gazing out at the view, learn more from the knowledgeable Expedition Team in our lecture series, or swap experiences of the expedition so far with your fellow explorers.



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DAY 11: Spitsbergen National Park - Day 11 to 12


Summertime in the Svalbard Archipelago is when polar bears trek along the coast’s drifting ice on the hunt for seals. With a bit of luck, we hope to spot one or more of these top predators in the national park. Depending on the movement and thickness of the sea ice, we might visit Kongsfjord’s mighty glaciers and catch sight of icebergs calving into the sea. We also plan to call on Ny-Alesund, a former mining town now transformed into an international science centre. Here, you’ll find 16 permanent research stations from 10 countries dedicated to the study of glaciology, wildlife, and climate change.



DAY 13: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

Your journey ends in lively Longyearbyen, the capital of Svalbard situated next to a fjord and surrounded by rugged mountains as far as the eye can see. It is a surprisingly modern and cosmopolitan settlement with a small and welcoming international community. Transfer from the ship to the airport for your flight to Oslo.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	Cabin accommodation on board ship All meals on board All scheduled landings and excursions Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition staff and crew Flight economy class Longyearbyen - Oslo day after cruise Transfer ship to airport in Longyearbyen after cruise EXCLUSIONS International flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel and medical insurance Any activities not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

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