


THE ARCTIC - EXPLORE THE NORWEGIAN FJORDS | MS EXPEDITION



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DURATION
13 Days
LOCATIONS
Arctic


INTRODUCTION

Set sail from Edinburgh to discover the remote Orkney and Shetland Islands and the rugged coastline and stunning fjords of Norway on this 13-day adventure. Cruise into Olden Fjord and hike to Briksdalbreen glacier before visiting Geirangerfjord, Norway's most beautiful fjord. Visit the viewpoint at UNESCO Dalsnibba and explore Bymarka Nature Reserve before continuing north along the coast to UNESCO Vega Island. Witness the sheer spectacle of the glaciers of Svartisen and Lovund, see the globe structure that marks Vikingen as a point on the Arctic Circle, before exploring the enchanting area of the Lofoten archipelago. Cruise into the short but dramatic Trollfjord before disembarking in Tromsø, the capital of northern Norway, and "Gateway to the Arctic".

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Edinburgh/Kirkwall

This expedition cruise departs in the late afternoon, sailing towards Kirkwall.



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DAY 2: Kirkwall/Orkney

Visit historic and mystical sites by coach on this remote island. Explore the Standing Stones of Stenness, the intriguing Ring of Brodgar, and the village of Skara Brae.



DAY 3: Shetland Islands

Continue northwards to the remote Shetland Islands. Opt to visit Jarlshof or join the Puffin Bus to focus on puffins and seabird photography at Sumbrugh Head (weather dependent). Enjoy additional time to explore Lerwick.



DAY 4: Bergen


Cross the famous North Sea to reach Norway. Opt for a historical walking tour of the city, or enjoy a funicular ride for amazing views of Bergen, then explore on your own for the afternoon.



DAY 5: Flåm

Hop on the Flam Railway, travelling through valleys and mountain passes to reach the scenic fjord of the Flam district.



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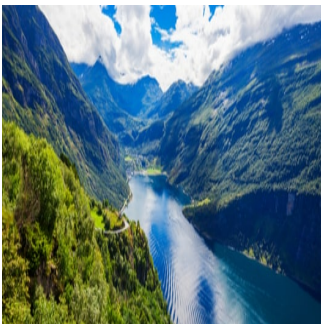
DAY 6: Olden (Fjord Cruise)

Cruise into the Olden Fjord before a short bus ride to the Birksdal area. Enjoy a moderate hike to Briksdalbreen glacier, or, for an easier option, take a trolley ride with a shorter walk to make it to the glacier lake.



DAY 7: Geirangerfjord

Sail deep into one of Norway's most beautiful, and most visited, fjords. Enjoy a coach tour to Dalsnibba, soaking in the views at this UNESCO World Heritage site. For the more adventurous, opt for a 10km mountain hike exploring the area and taking in amazing views of the fjord from above.



DAY 8: Trondheim


Continue on to Trondheim. Choose between hiking in Bymarka Nature Reserve before visiting the Sverresborg Folk Museum, or enjoying a city tour including the Folk Museum and the elaborate Nidaros Cathedral, built between 1070 and 1300. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore the area on your own.



DAY 9: Torghattan/Vega

The rugged coastline of central Norway features some of the world’s most beautiful scenery. Hike up to the famous hole in the mountain, with fantastic views of the region. Keep an eye out for Norway's mythical trolls. In the afternoon, head to the quaint and picturesque Vega Island, a UNESCO site. Wander the fishing villages, go on a guided nature hike, and appreciate the slow pace of life.



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DAY 10: Svartisen/Vikingen/Lovund

Visit Svartisen, Lovund, and Vikingen, to see beautiful glaciers and a globe sculpture which marks Vikingen as a point directly on the Arctic Circle.



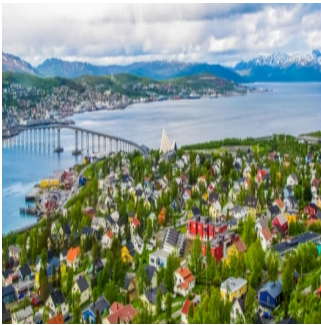
DAY 11: Lofoten

The Lofoten archipelago is an enchanting area of picturesque villages by the sea backed with jagged peaks. Go ashore by Zodiac for a day trip of the area. Start by visiting the Tørrfiskmuseum to learn about traditional work of the islands before visiting Nusfjord, one of Norway's oldest and best-preserved fishing villages for lunch at a local restaurant. After, stop in Henningsvær for time to see local art or explore the quaint fishing village. In the evening, stay on deck as you cruise into one of Norway's most famous fjords, the short yet dramatic Trollfjord. Search the cliffs on your continuing quest to spot trolls.



DAY 12: Tromsø

Tromsø, the capital of northern Norway, is known as the 'Gateway to the Arctic' as it was the embarkation point for many Arctic expeditions. Learn about past Arctic expeditions and opt for some hiking or to explore the city on your own.



DAY 13: Tromsø

Disembark your expedition cruise in the morning.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	Shipboard accommodation All meals whilst on voyage Meeting point to ship transfer Zodiac and land excursions with expert expedition team Lectures and educational programs Insulated, waterproof boots Expedition parka
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 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.