

ARCTIC - NORWEGIAN ARCTIC ENCOMPASSED



INTRODUCTION

This incredible 15-day itinerary sees you sailing from Edinburgh to Orkney Island and the Shetlands in search of puffins. Then it's on to Norway with the chance to take the Rauma Railway to the dramatic Romsdalen mountains and hike in the Bymarka Nature Reserve from Trondheim. Cruising along Norway's rugged coastline, you explore Vega Island, a UNESCO site and the glaciers of Svartisen and Vikingen on the Arctic Circle. Further north still brings you to the enchanting islands of Lofoten with their backdrop of jagged peaks. From Tromsø, sail past mist-shrouded Bear Island and on to Hornsund with its massive ice sheets. Then to the icy wonderland of Svalbard, home to reindeer, Arctic foxes, walrus, seals and polar bears, before disembarking in Longyearbyen.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Edinburgh/Kirkwall

The G Expedition 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.



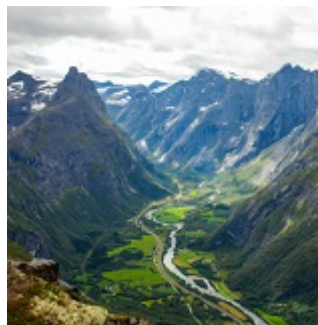
DAY 4: Ålesund

Cross the famous North Sea to reach Norway. Spend the afternoon exploring the beautiful Art Nouveau district of Alesund, or take the 418 steps up to Fjellstua for the best view of the city, islands and bay. Opt to visit the Alesund Museum and learn about the culture and history of the town, including the fire which destroyed the city in 1904.



DAY 5: Åndalsnes

A full day to explore the town of Andalsnes and the surrounding mountains. Board the Rauma Railway taking you into the dramatic scenes of the Romsdalen mountains, or explore on foot in 'The Alp town by the fjord'.



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DAY 6: 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.



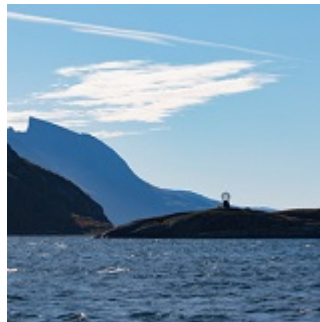
DAY 7: Torghatten/Vega

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.



DAY 8: Svartisen/Vikingen

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



DAY 9: Lofoten Islands

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.



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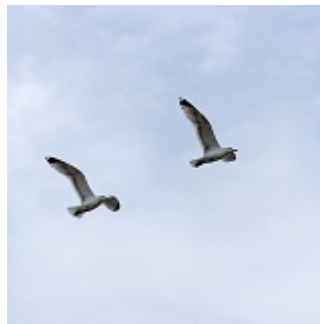
DAY 10: Tromsø

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 11: At Sea/Bjørnøya

Sail past mist-shrouded Bjørnøya (Bear Island) – a birdwatcher's paradise featuring spectacular views.



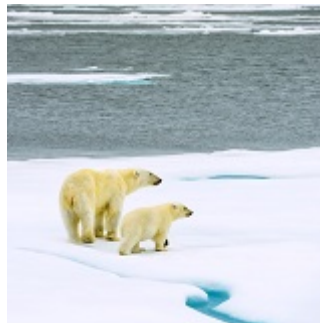
DAY 12: Hornsund

Explore this archipelago of deep fjords, mountains and massive ice sheets. Keep your eyes open for walruses, seals, reindeer, Arctic foxes and, of course, polar bears.



DAY 13: Svalbard

Soak in the sights and sounds of Svalbard. Glaciers, nesting birds, sea mammals like polar bears, walruses and whales plus land mammals like the Arctic fox and reindeer all call this region home.



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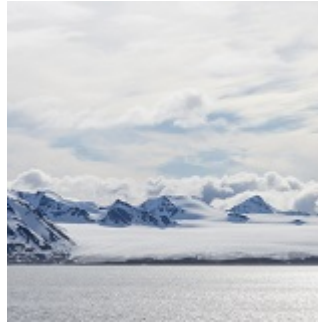
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DAY 14: Svalbard/Longyearbyen

Continue exploring the icy wonderland of Svalbard.



DAY 15: Longyearbyen

Disembark the G Expedition 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

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

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- 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 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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