

THE ARCTIC - THREE PEARLS OF THE ARCTIC | SEA SPIRIT



INTRODUCTION

Join us on this unforgettable Arctic expedition as you cross the Arctic circle and experience the best of Iceland, Jan Mayen and Spitsbergen. Starting in Reykjavik, you will experience the dramatic scenery of Iceland's Westfjords - a breathtaking coastline of coastal fjords, jagged bird cliffs and tiny fishing settlements. The tiny island of Grimsey follows, here majestic basalt rocks are home to large colonies of Atlantic puffins.

Furthermore you will explore the solitary island of Jan Mayen. This uninhabited island is home to the Beerenberg, the worlds northernmost active volcano. As you continue north you will spend several days exploring the high arctic wilderness of Spitsbergen. You will expect to explore the western part of Svalbard, Spitsbergen's largest archipelago, home to spectacular fjords, coasts and isolated islands. Here deep fjords are flanked by jagged, snow-capped peaks that break into immense fields of Arctic tundra. Not only do immense colonies of Arctic birds await, Arctic reindeer, Arctic Fox an the elusive polar bear can be spotted on this incredible adventure.

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DAY 1: Arrival in Reykjavik

Welcome to Reykjavík, the capital of Iceland and starting point of our expedition. After arriving via scheduled commercial flight service, you are free to explore this fascinating city. Reykjavík is home to a wealth of cultural institutions including museums, galleries, and the Hallgrímskirkja church. Leisure possibilities inside the city include parks, gardens, and thermal baths. You can also take advantage of Reykjavík’s wide range of shopping possibilities, excellent dining options, and famous nightlife. Your hotel for the night has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the voyage.



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16/06/2023
DURATION
12 Days
LOCATIONS
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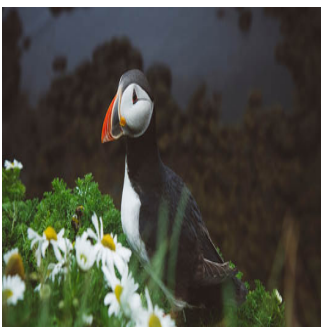
DAY 2: Embarkation in Reykjavik

In the afternoon, we welcome you aboard the luxury expedition ship M/V Sea Spirit. Explore the ship and get comfortable in your home away from home for the extraordinary adventure to come. Savor the anticipation of your Arctic dreams coming true as we slip our moorings and sail out of the harbor.



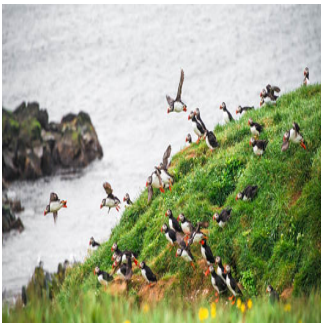
DAY 3: Westfjords, Iceland

Our expedition day in the Westfjords area reveals the rare beauty of the part of Iceland where mass tourism disappears — only about 10% of Iceland’s visitors ever see the region. Taking advantage of every weather favorable condition, we choose the best places to discover breathtaking coastal fjords, jagged bird cliffs, and tiny fishing villages embracing traditional ways of life.



DAY 4: Grimsey Island

The tiny island of Grimsey lies exactly on the Arctic Circle. Grimsey is remarkable for majestic basalt rocks and bird colonies where one can see the Atlantic puffins, known also as the 'clowns of the sea'.



DAY 5: Jan Mayen

Jan Mayen hosts the landscapes of breathtaking beauty and northernmost subaerial active volcano on the planet – the Beerenberg. The island is wild and uninhabited not including members of Norwegian weather station. The signboard at the entrance door says (translated from the Norwegian): “Theory is when you understand everything but nothing works. Practice is when everything works but nobody understands why. On this station, we combine theory and practice in a way that nothing works and nobody understands why”. Northern fulmars, Kittiwakes, and Brünich’s guillemots breeding on steep cliffs and slopes represent the birdlife of Jan Mayen.

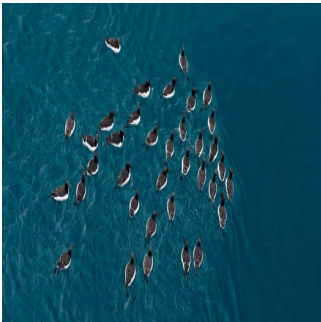


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DAY 6: At Sea

The lectures of our invited speakers prepare us for meeting with the unique Arctic wildlife and awesome landscapes of Spitsbergen



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DAY 7: Exploring Spitsbergen - Day 7 to 11

This is a real expedition in a true High Arctic wilderness. As such, our route and exploration opportunities here are heavily dependent on the weather and sea ice conditions we encounter. Our experienced captain and expedition leader decide the itinerary and continually adjust plans as conditions and opportunities warrant. You can be sure that the best possible advantage will be taken of the circumstances presented to us by Nature in this wild and remote corner of the Arctic. Polar bears and other quintessential Arctic wildlife can be spotted anytime, anywhere in and around Svalbard. We exploit every opportunity to experience excellent wildlife viewing, to discover incredible scenery, and to walk in the footsteps of the historic polar expeditions that came before us. We anticipate exploring the spectacular fjords, coasts, and islands in the western part of Svalbard. This area contains the archipelago's most impressive scenery and some of the Arctic's best wildlife viewing opportunities. Deep fjords and narrow channels are flanked by jagged snowy mountain peaks. Immense tidewater glaciers calve icebergs into turquoise waters. Fields of flowering tundra are home to grazing reindeer and playful Arctic fox. Bountiful inshore and offshore waters are home to walrus and a wide variety of whales. The whole area is alive with migratory birds, including numerous rare species, taking advantage of summer's fecundity in 24-hour daylight. To complete the Arctic experience we also explore places rich with history. Our area of exploration contains the historical remnants of whaling camps, coal mining operations, trappers' cabins, staging areas for historic attempts to discover the North Pole, and even an abandoned polar research station. Human habitation in this area can be found only at Ny Ålesund, a former mining town that is now home to an international community of Arctic researchers. This is one of the world's most northerly settlements, complete with museum, gift shop, and post office. The days are filled with memorable excursions, sumptuous meals, presentations by our experts, and enough stunning scenery and wildlife to fill your camera and overwhelm your emotions.



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DAY 12: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

After breakfast we say farewell in the town of Longyearbyen, the administrative capital of the Norwegian territory of Svalbard. We provide a transfer to the airport or to the town center if you wish to spend more time here. In this case, be sure to see the excellent Svalbard Museum and take advantage of quality shopping and dining opportunities in this fascinating Arctic settlement.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
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Inclusions	INCLUSIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pre-voyage night on Day 1 in the hotel in Reykjavik; • Group transfer to the ship on day 2; • Shipboard accommodation; • All meals on board throughout the voyage; • Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily; • All scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions); • Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team; • Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka; • Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise; • Welcome and Farewell cocktails; • All port fees; • Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation; • Pre-departure materials; • Digital Voyage Log; • Wi-Fi on board.
	EXCLUSIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airfare; • Visa and passport fees (if applicable); • Luggage and trip cancellation insurance; • Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations; • Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges; • Tips for the local guides and drivers; • Emergency evacuation insurance to a minimum coverage of US\$ 200,000 per person; • The cost of any applicable medical tests (such as COVID-19) or vaccinations required either by a national government or Poseidon Expeditions before, during or after the cruise; • Staff gratuities.
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available on request. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather, ice and sea conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is

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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 [HERE](#)

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