



INTRODUCTION

SAVE UP TO 25% ON SELECTED 2023 DEPARTURES & CABINS

SAVE UP TO 20% ON SELECTED 2024 DEPARTURES & CABINS

Discover the incredible wildlife of Spitsbergen, a remote, untouched wilderness and the 'wildlife capital of the Arctic'. Departing from Helsinki, you will board the Ocean Adventurer in Svalbard to explore the islands to the north and cruise along the western edge of this magical island where jagged mountains, deep fjords and dramatic glaciers provide a stunning backdrop. Spitsbergen is the land of the polar bear and the midnight sun, home to Svalbard reindeer, Arctic foxes, colonies of walruses, whales, seals and thousands of migratory seabirds. There are opportunities to sea-kayak, and to snowshoe to a historic memorial to the whalers who lost their lives in the 17th and 18th centuries. This is a classic Arctic itinerary.

**Offers are correct at the time of publishing and are only available for sale on selected cabins and departures until 04 April 2023 or until sold out. Discounts are subject to change, availability will be confirmed at time of booking. Only combinable with Shackleton Club Past Passenger offers. Prices are subject to change based on currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges, and other external factors. No discount applies to any transfer packages, additional activities or pre/post services. Excludes Triple and Single Cabins. The below prices may also include a 'Pay in full at time of booking' which is a 5-10% early payment bonus. Further conditions may apply, [contact us](#) for more information.*

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TRIP CODE

ACQESAH

DEPARTURE

04/06/2023, 22/06/2023,
28/05/2024, 15/06/2024,
30/06/2024, 30/07/2024

DURATION

12 Days

LOCATIONS

Spitsbergen



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DAY 1: Arrival and Overnight in Helsinki

Your Arctic adventure begins in Helsinki, renowned for its extraordinary architecture and intriguing mix of eastern and western influences. If you arrive early, explore the many museums, galleries and restaurants, relax at a Finnish sauna or wander the vibrant Design District before retiring at your included hotel.



DAY 2: Embarkation Day in Longyearbyen, Svalbard

This morning, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen’s largest settlement, where you’ll have some time to explore before embarkation. As your ship sets sail, enjoy your first view of the island’s rugged, glacier-topped mountains rising majestically from icy waters.



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DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen - Day 3 to 11

Explore western Spitsbergen as well as stunning fjords and outlying islands to the north. From polar deserts to immense glaciers, the natural landscape here is just as varied as the wildlife. As you cruise around this magical island located above the Arctic Circle, your Expedition Team will constantly be searching for wildlife. Each expedition presents new opportunities and different weather and ice, so we have no fixed itinerary; however, some of the places we may visit include the 14th of July Glacier, Smeerenburg, Phippsøya, Alkhornet and the Hinlopen Strait. The destinations visited will be selected for optimum wildlife viewing with an appreciation of the history and geology of Spitsbergen. The island offers multiple opportunities for wildlife photography. Spotting polar bears is more likely here than almost anywhere else, as the Svalbard archipelago is one of their preferred hunting areas. The towering cliffs of Alkefjellet provide homes to thousands of Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murrelets). Coming across a walrus haul-out is a moment you won't soon forget. These giant pinnipeds of the Arctic create quite a noisy scene as each walrus vies for a choice spot of coastline. If you're itching to experience a more intimate view from the water, you can book the sea kayaking or paddling excursion adventure options. In Spitsbergen, there is no shortage of natural beauty. The tundra can be surprisingly colourful in summer, with wildflowers bursting for a taste of sunshine. Each day, you'll see something interesting, whether it is unique arctic wildlife a polar bear resting between hunts or abandoned sites from centuries ago.



DAY 12: Disembark and Fly Helsinki

The time to say goodbye has come. Your Arctic adventure ends as it began, in the frontier-style settlement of Longyearbyen. From here, we'll transfer you to the airport for your return group charter flight to Helsinki, included in the transfer package.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	<p>Cabin accommodation on board ship All meals whilst on board All scheduled landings and activities by zodiac Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition crew Expedition parka Loan of expedition boots Comprehensive pre-departure material Transfers to/from ship on embarkation and disembarkation days</p> <p>EXCLUSIONS International Flights Mandatory Charter Package Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Any pre or post land arrangements not mentioned in itinerary Customary gratuity for staff and expedition crew Mandatory Charter Package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Helsinki airport hotel, with breakfast • Charter flight from Helsinki to Longyearbyen • Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen • Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Helsinki
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 due to weather and sea conditions once on board. Prices may be subject to change and availability at the time of booking.
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 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

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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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