

# THE ARCTIC - SPITSBERGEN HIGHLIGHTS | OCEAN EXPLORER



## INTRODUCTION

Undertake a voyage in the same sea-faring routes like the explorers of old on this incredible voyage along the west coast of Spitsbergen. Embark in Longyearbyen, before setting out to discover a vast landscape of raw beauty, a magical island, painted with diverse landscapes, from towering cliffs, snow capped mountains, massive glaciers and deep fjords. Observe unique wildlife like the polar bear, hike in colourful tundra or zodiac through immense fjords. This is a true Arctic expedition into one of the most remote and magical places in all of the Arctic.

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## ITINERARY

| TRIP CODE  |
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| ACQESHH  |
| DEPARTURE  |
| 15/05/2024, 25/06/2024   |
| DURATION   |
| 7 Days   |
| LOCATIONS  |
| Spitsbergen  |
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## DAY 1: Arrive in Helsinki, Finland

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 great vistas of the mountainous landscape that serves as a backdrop for this historic town.



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## DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen - Day 3 to 6

You'll sail around the shores of this magical island, constantly searching for polar bears and other natural wonders. Covering western Spitsbergen, your expedition will afford ample opportunities to view immense glaciers, deep fjords, soaring mountains and unique flora and fauna. Sailing north into Krossfjord, have your camera handy, ready to capture some of the best glacier calving in Spitsbergen. Deep in the fjord, the highly active Lilliehöök Glacier awaits. Listen in awe to the growling as big chunks break off into the icy waters below. A Zodiac excursion to nearby Ny London, an abandoned mining settlement, provides an ideal place for a guided walk. Encounters with wildlife, such as the indigenous Svalbard reindeer, are possible here. After cruising overnight, wake up to the stunning sight of the magnificent Monaco Glacier, another prolific iceberg producer. To make this even more thrilling, help your Expedition Team to scan the shorelines and ice edge for marine mammals. Possible landing sites include Texas Bar, Worsleyneset and the Andoyane Islands (where polar bears have been known to roam). At 80°N, you'll reach a walrus sanctuary on the tiny, crescent-shaped Moffen Island. Watching from the water as large groups of these lumbering giants jockey for space is an unforgettable experience, so be ready with your binoculars. At Smeerenburg you can see the remains of an abandoned settlement that was established by Dutch whalers nearly 400 years ago. Here, at one of Europe's most northerly outposts, you'll have time to explore ashore and learn about Spitsbergen's whaling history. Afterwards, cruising to Magdalenafjord rewards you with panoramic vistas of snow-capped mountains and massive glaciers reflected in the crystal-clear waters. During your last full day of your arctic adventure, you may visit the Russian mining town of Barentsburg, home of the world's northernmost brewery. We hope to round out the day in Alkehornet, taking in the towering cliffs teeming with nesting seabirds, such as fulmars and Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murre). Encounters with reindeer might be possible here too. Later, in the evening, swap stories with your shipmates and crew one last time, at the captain's dinner.



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DAY 7: Disembark & Fly to Helsinki

The time to say goodbye has come. Your 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.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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| Accommodation | Cabin on board ship |
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| Inclusions | <b>INCLUSIONS</b><br>Cabin accommodation on board vessel<br>All meals whilst on board<br>All scheduled landings and excursions by zodiac<br>Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition cruise<br>A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions<br>Expedition parka (yours to keep)<br>All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program<br>Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person<br>Transfers between Longyearbyen town center and port on embarkation and disembarkation day<br><br><b>Mandatory Transfer Package*</b><br>One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Helsinki airport hotel, with breakfast<br>Charter flight from Helsinki to Longyearbyen<br>Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen<br>Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Helsinki<br><br><b>EXCLUSIONS</b><br>International flights<br>Arrival and departure transfers in Helsinki<br>Passport and visa expenses<br>Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above<br>Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned<br>Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew<br>Additional overnight accommodation<br>Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities |
|            | <b>Difficulty Rating</b> 2 (light adventure)   |
|            | <b>Single Surcharge</b> Available on request. Please contact us for more information.  |
|            | <b>Notes</b> Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather, ice and sea conditions.   |
|            | <b>Price Dependent upon</b> Departure date, seasonality and availability.  |

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