

SPITSBERGEN - THREE ARCTIC ISLANDS SOUTHBOUND | OCEAN EXPLORER




INTRODUCTION

This award-winning expedition cruise takes you to Scorsbysund, on the northeast coast of Greenland, Iceland, and high above the Arctic Circle in Spitsbergen, Norway. Departing from Helsinki you will connect via a charter flight to Svalbard and cruise along Spitsbergen where iconic Arctic animals such as the polar bear, musk ox, reindeer and walrus are commonly seen. No other Arctic adventure takes in such varied destinations ranging from active volcanoes to massive glaciers. If you want to experience the Arctic in all of its beauty, then you must venture to these three Arctic islands.

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ITINERARY

TRIP CODE
ACQETAHL
DEPARTURE
25/08/2024, 07/09/2024
DURATION
15 Days
LOCATIONS
Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland


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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

After breakfast, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement. As you embark this afternoon, you'll enjoy great views of the mountainous landscape that serves as a backdrop for this seaside town.



DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen, Svalbard - Day 3 to 6

Exploring Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Norwegian Svalbard archipelago, rewards you with abundant wildlife and austere beauty. Here, you'll visit spectacular glacier fronts and steep-walled fjords, with walrus, polar bears and Svalbard reindeer amongst your possible wildlife sightings. Birders will be thrilled to see arctic terns, skuas, long-tailed ducks, kittiwakes and ivory gulls. If conditions allow, you could sail within 10 degrees of the North Pole!



DAY 7: At Sea - Day 7 & 8

While sailing south through the Greenland Sea, your Expedition Team will teach you about the wildlife and history of Greenland, your next stop. On deck, you'll learn to identify seabirds on the wing. Take in a lecture, share your photos, sip an icy cocktail in the bar or watch a movie—there are many things to do during your time at sea.



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DAY 9: Exploring East Greenland - Day 9 to 12

During your tour of Greenland’s remote eastern coast, you’ll enjoy Zodiac cruises and shore visits to several locations. Explore the remains of ancient Thule settlements and keep an eye out for grazing muskoxen—40 percent of the world’s muskoxen population lives here. Finally, you will sail through spectacular Scoresbysund, the birthplace of many icebergs and, some say, the most beautiful fjord system in the world.



DAY 13: At Sea - Day 13 & 14

As we cruise south, the Denmark Strait is your pathway toward Iceland. Your Expedition Team will keep you informed and entertained with presentations about the history of exploration in the Arctic and the seabirds you’ll see soaring above your ship.



DAY 15: Depart Reykjavik, Iceland

You’ll disembark in Reykjavik, Iceland’s capital, at the end of your journey. If you have booked post-expedition accommodation, we provide a transfer to a central downtown location.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship

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Inclusions	INCLUSIONS Cabin accommodation on board vessel All meals whilst on board All scheduled landings and activities Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition team Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes Luggage transfer from pick-up point to the vessel on the day of embarkation, in Ushuaia Pre-scheduled group transfer from the vessel to the airport in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation) All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme Comprehensive pre-departure material Mandatory Transfer Package 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 EXCLUSIONS International Airfare Pre- and post- land arrangements Passport and visa expenses Government arrival and departure taxes Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is strongly recommended) Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided)
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.

SUSTAINABILITY

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