

SPITSBERGEN - SPITSBERGEN PHOTOGRAPHY | OCEAN ADVENTURER



INTRODUCTION

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The largest island in the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard, Spitsbergen, is where guests will spend the Arctic summer during this one-of-a-kind 11-day cruise. Instead of sticking to a predetermined route, we'll go around the coast and inner fjords to witness Spitsbergen at its best and most lively in late July. As the ice melts and the area becomes more accessible, the Arctic summer is unlike any other. The snow-free tundra will allow you to take walks and take advantage of any photo opportunities with seasonal flowers like purple saxifrage. Given that the lengthened daylight in the Land of the Midnight Sun maximises wildlife sightings, you'll love the chance to observe spectacular wildlife, including polar bears. Additionally, we'll be on the lookout for walruses, whales returning to ice-free fjords, the elusive arctic fox that will be out hunting, and a flurry of bird activity on the towering cliff sides.

Chris Linder, an award-winning photographer, filmmaker, workshop instructor, and lecturer who transitioned from a naval officer and oceanographic researcher to a visual storyteller, will inspire you on this journey through the snow-topped mountains, enormous glacier fronts, deep-walled fjords, and vast swaths of uninhabited tundra. "July is a fantastic time to visit Svalbard," says Chris, who has documented more than 50 scientific missions. "The light-filled summer days feed a brief but dramatic explosion of life from small tundra flowers to polar bears, walruses, and whales." This excursion is a photographer's paradise because of the variety of subjects and beautiful low-angle light.

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5-10% early payment bonus. Further conditions may apply, [contact us](#) for more information.

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DAY 1: Arrive 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: Fly to Svalbard & Embark

This morning, the group will transfer to the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen’s largest settlement, where you’ll have 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 the frigid waters.



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DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen

The unspoiled beauty of Spitsbergen is the focus of this one-of-a-kind voyage along the west coast of the island, which is the largest in the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard. Each day will be a photographic surprise as we explore the costal fjords and smaller, outlying islands, and venture into the colourful tundra during shore and Zodiac excursions. The weather and, at this time of year, the melting ice will influence our route and shore landings, where you'll be able to photograph stunning scenery, wildlife, birds and historical sites. And, of course, magnificent landscape shots are just at your fingertips as 60 percent of Spitsbergen (which means "pointed mountains") is covered in glaciers and much of the terrain is mountainous. After the long cold winter, Spitsbergen is virtually invaded by birds which migrate here in vast numbers to nest. The waters surrounding the archipelago, a rich food source for marine life, attract walrus, seals and whales. As with many regions of the world, summertime offers a greater diversity of land-dwelling wildlife to photograph, including polar bears, arctic foxes, Svalbard rock ptarmigan and Svalbard reindeer. Summertime visitors will be surprised to find themselves photographing what's at their feet — a palette of brightly coloured wildflowers that grace the summer tundra. One of the main features of Spitsbergen Photography: Under the Midnight Sun will be the presentations and hands-on learning opportunities with award-winning guest photographer Chris Linder, whose expertise extends to science and conservation. You'll be able to learn from Chris about the two most important aspects of photography—composition and light—as he covers lens choices, perspective, composition, and how to make the most of various lighting and weather situations. You'll gain insight on photographing popular polar subjects such as polar bears—as well as unique polar landscapes, flora and lesser-known species. The goal is for all guests—regardless of skill level or equipment—to expand on and improve their photography on the voyage. Chris will also demonstrate how photographers of all levels can use photo storytelling to advance conservation goals and polar ambassadorship. In addition to presentations titled Composition and Light, and Journeys of a Science Photographer, Chris will present Science on Ice and the Big Thaw, using images from his book of the same name. "My goal for the guests on this expedition is to not only help everyone return home with great photographs," says Chris, "but also to improve their photography skills. Through lectures and hands-on lessons, I will explain how perspective, light, composition, and story work together to make compelling images. My focus will be on artistic considerations more than technical ones, in the hope that photographers of all skill levels can benefit." Presentations by other onboard experts, who specialize in marine biology, ornithology, glaciology, and history, will complement the photography sessions and help prepare you for the adventures that await.



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DAY 11: Disembark & fly to Helsinki

Your adventure ends 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.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	<p>INCLUSIONS</p> <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 *Mandatory Charter Package</p> <p>EXCLUSIONS</p> <p>International Flights 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</p> <p>*Mandatory Transfer 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.

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Notes

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy – and excitement – of expedition travel. There are no guarantees that we can achieve everything we set out to accomplish. A measure of flexibility is something all of us must bring to a voyage.

Please note that price may be subject to change and availability at the time of booking.

Price Dependent upon

Departure date, seasonality and availability. Price is subject to change and availability at the time of booking.

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 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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