# **SPITSBERGEN** - THREE ARCTIC ISLANDS SOUTHBOUND | ULTRAMARINE



**TRIP CODE**

ACQETAHL

**DEPARTURE**

25/06/2028

**DURATION**

15 Days

**LOCATIONS**

Spitsbergen, Greenland & Iceland

## 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.

## ITINERARY

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.



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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.



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. We plan to visit Ittoqqortoormiit, the most remote community in East Greenland.



DAY 13: At Sea

As we sail 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.



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DAY 14: The Westfjords: Icelands Hidden Gem

The seldom-visited Westfjords, where land meets sea in the most dramatic fashion, are often known as “Iceland’s best-kept secret.” This rugged peninsula at the country’s remote northwestern tip is rife with fjords, mountains, tumbling cliffs, gushing waterfalls, colorful beaches, rolling green hills, high moorlands dotted with rocky outcrops, small lakes, and the occasional shaggy Icelandic sheep or grazing pony. A few modest outposts of civilization, in the form of small fishing communities nestled along the fjords and shores of the Denmark Strait, face out into the mighty Atlantic, keeping alive a maritime heritage that stretches back to the Viking days. The Westfjords are the least developed of Iceland’s coastal areas and, consequently, the wildest. Depending on the conditions, guests will venture into this territory on a Zodiac cruise or a guided shore landing at unspoiled wilderness sites where they can hike and explore on foot. One of the many highlights is Mongufoss, one of Iceland’s most remote and beautiful waterfalls.



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.



## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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| **Inclusions** | **INCLUSIONS**<br>Cabin accommodation on board ship<br>All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.<br>Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock<br>All scheduled landings and excursions<br>Guiding and leadership by expert exploration team and crew<br>A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions<br>An Expedition parka (yours to keep)<br>A photographic journal documenting the expedition<br>Transfers between Longyearbyen town center and port on embarkation and disembarkation day<br>**MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE (INCLUDED)**<br>One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Helsinki airport hotel, with breakfast<br>Charter flight from Helsinki to Longyearbyen<br>Arrival transfer in Longyearbyen<br>Arrival transfer in Reykjavik to central downtown location<br><br>**EXCLUSIONS**<br>International flights<br>Arrival transfer in Helsinki<br>Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above<br>Passport and visa expenses<br>Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above<br>Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended<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>Meals ashore unless otherwise specified<br>Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights<br>Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified<br>Optional Adventure Activities |
| **Difficulty Rating** | 2 (light adventure) |
| **Single Surcharge** | Available upon request, a supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please Contact Us for more information. |

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| **Notes** | Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, triple, and twin cabins.<br>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.<br>Any promotional discounts mentioned, including percentage discounts are off of berth costs only, with no discount on taxes, mandatory flight or transfer packages.<br>All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.<br>**Includes one way charter flights from Helsinki to Longyearbyen**<br><br>Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions. |
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