THE ARCTIC - SPITSBERGEN CIRCUMNAVIGATION: A RITE OF PASSAGE | ULTRAMARINE



TRIP CODE
ACQESC
DEPARTURE
30/06/2027, 13/06/2028
DURATION
15 Days
LOCATIONS
Svalbard

INTRODUCTION

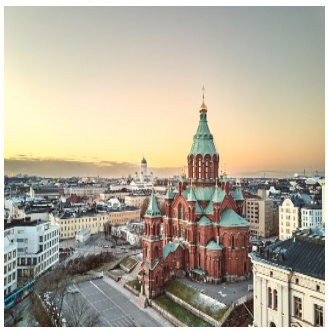
Embark on a voyage through Spitsbergen in the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard, where you'll encounter iconic Arctic wildlife like walrus, reindeer, and polar bears.
Explore 16th-century maritime culture at remote landing sites and enjoy birdwatching at stunning locations such as the 14th of July Glacier and Alkefjellet. If conditions allow, you'll attempt to circumnavigate the archipelago, a true Arctic enthusiast's rite of passage.

Capture unforgettable memories and photos of polar bears on pack ice, reindeer on the tundra, walruses with their distinctive tusks, and a variety of Arctic birds. Zodiac shore trips offer rare access to seldom-visited sites, making this journey the ultimate adventure for nature lovers.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive in Helsinki, Finland

Helsinki, known for its remarkable architecture and fascinating blend of eastern and western influences, is the starting point for your Arctic trip. Explore the numerous museums, art, and dining options. You can also unwind in a Finnish sauna or stroll through the bustling Design District before checking into your hotel.



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DAY 2: Fly to Longyearbyen, Svalbard and Embark



The group will head to the airport this morning to catch our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, the biggest municipality in Spitsbergen. Admire the island's rocky, glacier-capped mountains as they rise magnificently from icy waters for the first time as your ship sets sail.

DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen - Days 3 to 13

As we start the tour by travelling north and circumnavigating the island of Spitsbergen, discovering smaller, outlying islands, you may anticipate a new adventure every day. We want to circumnavigate Spitsbergen, but if circumstances permit, we will also try to circumnavigate the entire archipelago, which includes many of the Svalbard archipelago's outer islands. The 14th of July Glacier, Ny-London, Phippsøya, Alkefjellet, and the rarely visited Kvitøya are some of the locations we may visit, though each excursion will be unique based on the weather and ice. You may find these names odd, yet each site has a distinct charm of its own. With its vast glaciers and vibrant tundra meadows, Spitsbergen is a place of unending natural splendour. Birdwatchers can see puffins, purple sandpipers, black-legged kittiwakes, pink-footed geese, and barnacle geese in 14th of July Bay, and Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murres) nesting on the cliffs of Alkefjellet.. When we visit places like Ny-London, Sundneset, and Alkhornet, get your camera ready to catch reindeer. We're constantly on the lookout for wildlife. Your Expedition Team is constantly on the lookout for the recognisable polar bear. Because sea ice, the bears' preferred hunting habitat, is frequently found in Phippsøya and Isbukta, you have an excellent chance of seeing and photographing them in action. Understanding Spitsbergen's past—not just how people live there now, but also how this region was first explored—is essential to appreciate it. Remains of 16th-century outposts and other whaling-related relics can be found at landing sites like Smeerenburg, where whaling was a major activity.



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DAY 14: Disembark in Longyearbyen and Fly to Helsinki

The frontier-style community of Longyearbyen is where your journey comes to a finish. As part of the transfer package, we will then drive you to the airport for your return group charter flight to Helsinki.



DAY 15: Onward Flight Home

After breakfast, you can either head to the airport for your next trip home or, if you have made other plans, stay to independently explore Finland's culturally rich city.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin On Board Ship & Hotel

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Cabin accommodation on board ship. All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage. Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock. All scheduled landings and excursions. Guiding and leadership by expert exploration team and crew. A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions. An Expedition parka (yours to keep). **EXCLUSIONS** Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above. Passport and visa expenses. Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above. Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended. Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned. Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew. Meals ashore unless otherwise specified. Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights. Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified. 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	**PLEASE NOTE: **2025 departure** is one day less, and does NOT include the last night of post-tour accommodation in Helsinki, so **14 days** instead of 15 days for the 2026 departures. *Contact Us for full itinerary details.* Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, triple, and twin cabins. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Any promotional discounts mentioned, including percentage discounts are off of berth costs only, with no discount on taxes, mandatory flight or transfer packages. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. Includes charter flights from Helsinki to Longyearbyen on a return basis. Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions*
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability. Any promotional discounts mentioned, including percentage discounts are off of berth costs only, with no discount on taxes, mandatory flight or transfer packages.

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SUSTAINABILITY

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