

SPITSBERGEN - SVALBARD EXPLORER: BEST OF HIGH ARCTIC NORWAY | OCEAN EXPLORER



INTRODUCTION

A taste of everything that Spitsbergen has to offer, starting with its main community, Longyearbyen, is offered by this intriguing excursion. On this exciting journey, we show you why the largest island in the Svalbard archipelago is referred to as the "wildlife capital of the Arctic."

This 11-day journey will have a major emphasis on searching for the region's plentiful animals, such as walrus, reindeer, and the most famous Arctic resident, the polar bear, in their natural habitat while taking in the bizarre experience of constant daylight. Join us on an engrossing journey to a far-off, unforgettable region as we explore the distinctive Arctic landscape, trek the wide and colourful tundra, and discover the history and geology of this lonely environment.

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.



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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 your first view of the island's rugged, glacier-topped mountains rising majestically from icy waters.



DAY 3: Exploring Spitsbergen - Day 3 to 9

You'll cruise around this magical island on a constant search for wildlife. Your expedition will cover western Spitsbergen as well as stunning fjords and outlying islands to the north. From polar flora to immense glaciers, the natural landscape here is just as varied as the wildlife. Each expedition presents new opportunities and different weather and ice, so there is no fixed itinerary; however, some of the places we may visit include the 14th of July Glacier, Smeerenburg, Alkefjellet and the Hinlopen Strait. The destinations visited will be selected for optimum wildlife viewing with an appreciation of the history and geology of Spitsbergen. The island offers multiple opportunities for wildlife photography. Spotting polar bears is more likely here than almost anywhere else, as the Svalbard archipelago is one of their preferred hunting areas. The towering cliffs of Alkefjellet provide homes to thousands of Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murre). Coming across a walrus haul-out is a moment you won't soon forget. These giant pinnipeds of the Arctic create quite a noisy scene as each walrus vies for a choice spot of coastline. If you're itching to experience a more intimate view from the water, you can book the sea kayaking or paddling excursion adventure options. In Spitsbergen, there is no shortage of natural beauty. The tundra can be surprisingly colourful in summer, with wildflowers bursting for a taste of sunshine. Each day, you'll see something interesting, whether it is unique arctic wildlife a polar bear resting between hunts, or abandoned sites from centuries ago.



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DAY 10: Fly Longyearbyen to Helsinki

The time to say goodbye has come. Your Arctic 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, included in the transfer package. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



DAY 11: Depart Helsinki

After breakfast, you can make your way to the airport for your onward flight home, or stay to explore Finland's culturally-rich capital on your own if you've made prior arrangements.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship & Hotel

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	<p>INCLUSIONS</p> <p>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) A photographic journal documenting the expedition Transfers between Longyearbyen town center and port on embarkation and disembarkation day MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE (INCLUDED) 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</p> <p>EXCLUSIONS</p> <p>International flights Arrival transfer in Helsinki 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</p>
<p>Inclusions</p>	<p>Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)</p>
<p>Single Surcharge</p>	<p>Available upon request, a supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please Contact Us for more information.</p>

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Notes	<p>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. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. Includes charter flights from Helsinki to Longyearbyen and return back to Helsinki</p> <p>Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p>
Price Dependent upon	<p>Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.</p>

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