

THE ARCTIC - ARCTIC ODYSSEY SOUTHBOUND | SEA SPIRIT



INTRODUCTION

This 14 day voyage departs from Longyearbyen and launches into a three-part Arctic odyssey. It's a rare opportunity to experience the full diversity of this icy frontier, beginning with the towering glaciers of Svalbard, exploring the Inuit culture of East Greenland, and concluding along Iceland's dramatic coastline.

These regions are rich in wildlife, offering the chance to encounter polar bears, Arctic foxes, musk oxen, and a wide variety of marine mammals. With luck, you may even catch a glimpse of the mesmerising Northern Lights. During the long summer days, enjoy extended opportunities for hiking across vibrant tundra and Zodiac cruising past massive icebergs and through mountain-walled fjords.

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DAY 1: Arrive Longyearbyen

Welcome to Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Svalbard and starting point of our Arctic expedition! At the Longyearbyen airport, you will be greeted by our staff and transferred to a quality hotel, which has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the itinerary. You will then be free to explore the charming, walkable town center. We recommend starting your discovery of this fascinating Norwegian High Arctic territory at the excellent Svalbard Museum, where you can also purchase hard-to-find polar books and maps. Afterward, you can enjoy an excellent dinner at one of Longyearbyen’s many delightful restaurants. If you are still awake at midnight, you will notice the sun has not set. In fact, the sun will not set for the entire duration of our time in Svalbard.



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DAY 2: Embarkation in Longyearbyen

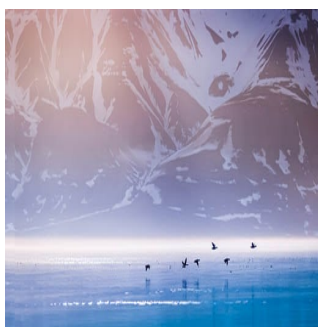
After breakfast at your hotel, the morning is yours to enjoy Longyearbyen. Take in the views of icy fjords and glaciated mountains surrounding this historic former coal-mining town. Take advantage of shopping for souvenirs or some last-minute necessities such as cold-weather gear. Just remember, you will soon receive your very own parka to keep and waterproof boots to borrow on board the ship. For lunch, Longyearbyen offers quick and easy meal options including the most northerly pizzas and kebabs in the world. In the afternoon, you will be transferred to the pier where we will warmly welcome you aboard the deluxe expedition vessel M/V Sea Spirit. Get settled in your spacious suite and explore the ship that will be your comfortable home during the extraordinary adventure to come. After getting underway, a full schedule of events kicks off with informative briefings and introductions from your expedition staff. After the first of many delicious dinners on board, step out onto the open decks to admire the gorgeous scenery in 24-hour daylight as we pass through the wildlife-rich waters of Isfjorden.



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DAY 3: Exploration of Svalbard - Day 3 & 4

Svalbard is a true High Arctic wilderness and this part of the voyage is a real expedition. Our route and exploration opportunities here are heavily dependent on the weather and sea ice conditions we encounter. Our experienced captain and expedition leader decide the itinerary and continually adjust plans as conditions and opportunities warrant. You can be sure that the best possible advantage will be taken of the circumstances presented to us by Nature in this wild and remote corner of the Arctic. We anticipate exploring in the northwestern part of the island of Spitsbergen. This area contains the archipelago's most impressive scenery and some of the Arctic's best wildlife viewing opportunities. Deep fjords and narrow channels are flanked by jagged snowy mountain peaks. Immense tidewater glaciers calve icebergs into turquoise waters. Fields of flowering tundra are home to grazing reindeer and playful Arctic fox. Bountiful inshore and offshore waters are home to a wide variety of marine mammals. Polar Bears can be spotted anytime, anywhere in and around Svalbard. Also in this area is Ny Ålesund, a former mining town that is now home to an international community of Arctic researchers, complete with museum, gift shop, and post office. This was also a staging area for historic attempts to discover the North Pole.



DAY 5: Across the Greenland Sea - Day 5 & 6

From Svalbard we head southwest across the Greenland Sea toward East Greenland. In these far northern latitudes it is possible to encounter sea ice any time of the year. All along the way we remain vigilant for sightings of marine mammals such as whales and seals



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DAY 7: East Greenland - Day 7 to 12

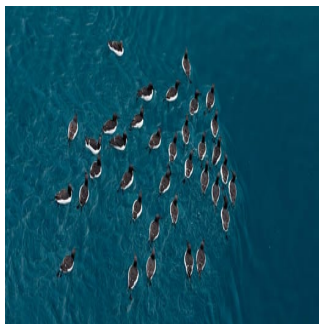
This is expedition cruising at its most authentic. Our itinerary and exploration opportunities in East Greenland are dependent on weather and sea ice conditions. Again you can be sure that our experienced captain and expedition leader will take advantage of every opportunity to experience excellent wildlife viewing, to discover incredible scenery, and to go ashore wherever possible. The Franz Josef Fjord and Kong Oscar Fjord systems are part of Northeast Greenland National Park, the world’s largest national park. Scoresby Sund is the largest and longest fjord system in the world. We anticipate exploring these fjord systems to the extent made possible by ever-changing ice conditions. This whole area contains some of the Arctic’s most impressive scenery. Deep fjords and narrow channels, flanked by ice-clad peaks up to 2000 meters high, reach far into the mountainous heart of Greenland. Tidewater glaciers create colossal icebergs that float with wind and tide throughout the fjord system. On shore, fields of multicolored tundra are home to musk oxen and Arctic hare. The landscape—vast, open, and seemingly untouched since the beginning of time—is a hikers’ paradise. Throughout this area we also find ancient Thule archeological sites, historical trappers’ huts, and modern Inuit hunters’ cabins. The Inuit village of Ittoqqortoormiit is the only permanent settlement in the region. The community boasts an excellent museum, a gift shop, a post office, an abundance of Greenlandic sled dogs, and of course the opportunity to meet Inuit people. The days are filled with memorable excursions, sumptuous meals, presentations by our experts, and enough stunning scenery to fill your camera and overwhelm your emotions.



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DAY 13: Denmark Strait

After our amazing time in East Greenland we cross Denmark Strait toward Iceland, crossing the Arctic Circle on the way. Presentations and workshops by our expert staff, as well as our range of onboard recreation facilities, ensure that this day at sea is not idly spent. Seabird viewing and whale sightings can be enjoyed from panoramic open decks as well as exterior stateroom windows and balconies.



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DAY 14: Disembarkation in Reykjavik

After breakfast we say farewell in Reykjavík, the capital of Iceland and ending point of our expedition. We provide a transfer to the airport or to the city center if you wish to spend another day or more in Iceland before flying home. Reykjavík is home to a wealth of cultural institutions such as museums, galleries, and the Hallgrímskirkja church. Leisure possibilities inside the city include parks, gardens, and thermal baths. You can also take advantage of Reykjavík’s wide range of shopping possibilities, excellent dining options, and famous nightlife. And of course the entire country of Iceland is accessible through day tours or longer journeys by rental car. The options for additional adventures are endless!



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Inclusions	<p>INCLUSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 pre-voyage hotel night on Day 1 in a hotel in Longyearbyen Group transfer to the ship for embarkation on Day 2 Group transfer to airport or central location right after disembarkation Cabin on board the Sea Spirit Group transfer from the airport to the hotel on Day 1 All meals on board throughout the voyage All-inclusive beverage package that includes soft drinks, house wine and beer, and house spirits AECO fees, governmental taxes, and port fees 24-hour tea and coffee station Scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions) Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team Expeditions parka to keep Rubber boots for use for shore landings during the cruise Pre-departure materials A Digital Voyage Log with photos and a memorable video from our expedition photographer Wi-Fi on board <p>EXCLUSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International or internal flights unless specified Transfers from the airport to the hotel if arriving prior to Day 1 of the program; Visa fees (if applicable) Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges Travel insurance Mandatory Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of US\$ 200,000 per person Kayaking is an optional activity with limited availability and must be booked separately for an additional charge Staff gratuities
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	<p>Subject to availability upon request, contact us for more details.</p> <p>Sharing is available in Triple, Main Deck, Classic, and Superior Suites. If you prefer a cabin for yourself, the following categories are available with the single supplement at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x1.7 for Main Deck, Classic, and Superior Suites x2 for Deluxe, Premium, and Owner's Suite

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Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, and may be based off triple/or twin share cabins* (please contact us for more details).</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>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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