THE ARCTIC - FOUR ARCTIC ISLANDS: SOUTHBOUND JOURNEY | OCEAN ALBATROS



TRIP CODE
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DEPARTURE
29/08/2027, 21/08/2028, 14/09/2028
DURATION
13 Days
LOCATIONS
Svalbard, Greenland & Iceland

INTRODUCTION

This trip offers the ideal opportunity to take in the beauty of the Arctic's late summer. In some of the planet's northernmost islands, you can anticipate stunning landscapes. Leave Svalbard behind as you set course for Jan Mayen, a remote island dominated by Mt. Beerenburg, the world's northernmost volcano. Here, fulmars, kittiwakes, and gulls flock to the dramatic black volcanic cliffs. Ocean Albatros will continue toward East Greenland, stopping at the welcoming settlement of Ittoqqortoormiit and then venturing into the largest fjord system on Earthâ□□Scoresbysund! Here, vibrant tundra, immense glaciers, and towering mountains rise from the icy waters, making this one of the most breathtaking destinations in the Arctic.

The journey concludes in Reykjavik, Iceland's lively capital, after crossing the Denmark Strait. This is the perfect gateway to explore Iceland, the land of fire and ice.

Please Note: From Price Listed Does NOT Include the Mandatory Flight Transfer Package (One-way Flight from Oslo - Longyearbyen and Group Transfer from Longyearbyen Airport to the vessel. $500 USD p/p (approx **$760 AUD**) **is payable on top of the cost of the cruise in your chosen cabin.** No discounts or promotions apply to mandatory charter flights.

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DAY 1: Arrive Longyearbyen & Embarkation



Arrive in Longyearbyen, Svalbard—the northernmost town on Earth. Despite its remote Arctic location, Longyearbyen offers warm Nordic hospitality. Upon arrival, you're greeted by crisp polar air, dramatic mountain views, and a polar bear warning sign reminding visitors of their wild new location. Your expedition ship Ocean Albatros awaits you in the harbor; toast your departure from civilization as you sail into the Arctic wilderness, on course for adventure!

DAY 2: Kongsfjorden Area



During the Arctic “night,” we sail past Prins Karls Forland to the stunning Kongsfjord, framed by glaciers and the dramatic Three Crowns mountains. The first stop is Ny-Ålesund, Earth’s northernmost settlement, known for its scientific stations and historic role as a base for legendary polar explorers like Amundsen and Nansen. This remote outpost continues to support vital research amid its breathtaking surroundings.

DAY 3: Expedition Northwest Spitzbergen



Northwest Svalbard, a National Park since 1973, preserves a rich history of early Arctic exploration and whaling. First visited by William Barents in 1596, the area became a hub for Dutch and English whalers, whose haunting remnants, such as the blubber ovens and graves of young sailors at Smeerenburg, remain visible. Now heavily protected, the region has been reclaimed by nature, hosting Arctic flowers, seabirds, walrus, and polar bears, making it once again a pristine wilderness and haven for wildlife.

DAY 4: Expedition South Svalbard



On our final day on Svalbard, our expedition enters the greener, warmer fjords of Bellsund and Hornsund, nourished by Atlantic currents. These fertile valleys support reindeer, Arctic foxes, nesting seabirds, and drifting icebergs from nearby glaciers. Rich in wildlife and history, the area offers highlights like Alkhjornet’s bird cliffs and the historic sites of Calypsobyen and Bamsebu, making it one of Svalbard’s most diverse and captivating regions.

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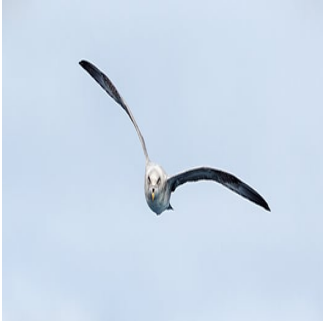
DAY 5: At Sea, en Route to Jan Mayen - Day 5 & 6



Departing Svalbard, Ocean Albatros heads southwest across the Greenland Sea towards Jan Mayen. Cold currents drifting down from the Arctic Ocean mix with the last gasp of the Gulf Stream, creating vast biological productivity. During sea days, guests can enjoy fascinating lectures, indulgent spa treatments, or simply relax and watch seabirds from the ship's hot tubs.

DAY 7: Jan Mayen



The active volcanic island of Jan Mayen is on the MidAtlantic Ridge, the 'spine' of the Atlantic Ocean. This enigmatic and isolated island is the only active volcano in Norway, and the northernmost active volcano on Earth. Jan Mayen is inhabited by only around 18 people, a mixture of scientists and Norwegian troops. The volcanic origin is visible all over with cinder cones, lava flows, and the Fuji-esque peak of Beerenberg looming above, while creeping tundra plants and squabbling seabirds eek out a living in the rugged cliffs.

DAY 8: At sea, en route to Scoresbysund



From Jan Mayen, Ocean Albatros will sail on towards the coast of the largest island on Earth. The sea ice in East Greenland is some of the most persistent in the Arctic; even in midsummer, the coast can be icebound, creating the perfect habitat for ice-loving species such as polar bears and belugas. If we are lucky, we will catch a glimpse of this vast icy wilderness during our passage towards Scoresbysund.

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DAY 9: Ittoqqortoormiit

The only settlement in this region, Ittoqqortoormiit is among the most remote communities on Earth. While the establishment of the town by Danish authorities in 1925 was challenging, residents continue a subsistence hunting lifestyle, essential when supply ships arrive only once or twice per year. Ittoqqortoormiit is a town with a strong sense of community and traditional culture, hosting an excellent museum, a beautiful traditional church, and locals often welcome visitors wearing colourful traditional costumes. Ittoqqortoormiit is the perfect introduction to the culture and lifestyle of Greenland.



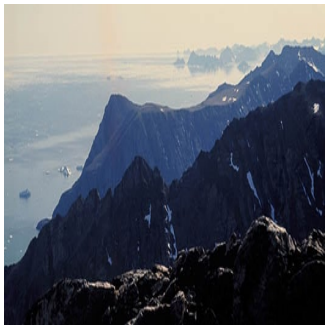
DAY 10: Expedition Scoresbysund

Venturing deep into the maze of fjords and islands that comprises Scoresbysund, it is easy to see why this region is spoken of with awe by even experienced explorers! The exact locations we visit in Scoresbysund will be dictated by Mother Nature - this far north, all human activity is subject to wind, sea and ice conditions. Options include the Bjørne Islands, a labyrinth of skerries which trap vast icebergs in their rocky net, the sweeping basalt mountains of Cape Brewster, and the abandoned remains of European and Inuit settlements. Wherever we visit in the depths of Scoresbysund, adventure is guaranteed!



DAY 11: Blosseville Coast

The Ocean Albatros will sail south along Greenland's Blosseville Coast, a rugged landscape shaped by volcanic activity around 50 million years ago. First surveyed by explorer Ejnar Mikkelsen, this area has long been navigated by the Inuit. If conditions allow, we may land in this now-uninhabited region of breathtaking beauty.



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DAY 12: At Sea

During our time at sea approaching Reykjavik, relax and reflect on your thrilling Arctic adventure. Attend final lectures from the Expedition Team, relive your adventure at the voyage slideshow, and celebrate your voyage with new friends at the Captain's Farewell Cocktail Party.



DAY 13: Disembark in Reykjavik

Hallgrímskirkja Church towers over Reykjavik, a vibrant city known for Nordic cuisine, unique museums, and excellent shopping. Such a bustling capital may feel strange after the remote wilderness of the Arctic! After a hearty breakfast, it is time to bid a fond farewell to the Crew and Expedition Team and descend the gangway back to dry land with memories of the voyage of a lifetime.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Inclusions

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Accommodation onboard the Ocean Albatros in booked cabin category
All meals on the ship (full board): breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks
"Welcome" and "Farewell" cocktail parties
Complimentary house wine, beer, and soft drinks at dinner (selected labels and brands)24-hour access to tea, coffee, and 'Grab and Go' comfort food
500MB WiFi card for use on your personal devices
Expedition Parka, yours to keep
Use of rubber style muck boots, on loan for the duration of your expedition
English-speaking Expedition Team
Briefings and educational lectures by the Expedition Team
All scheduled landings and excursions
Citizen Science program
Photography Coach available throughout the voyage
Participation in the Polar Plunge
Access to onboard medical clinics
Access to onboard fitness centres
All port taxes and landing fees
Digital Expedition Memento, including a curated selection of photos, videos, expedition log and map, and wildlife list

INCLUDED ON BALCONY SUITE (B) AND ABOVE
Wine and fruit on arrival
In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages
Complimentary laundry service
In-room espresso machine

EXCLUSIONS

Mandatory Transfer Package: Flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen, and Group Transfer to the ship **at extra cost of USD$500 per person**
International or internal flights other than specified
Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified
Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information
Pre or post cruise travel expenses other than specified
Visa (if applicable) and passport fees
Travel insurance (compulsory)
Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings
Paid adventure options and all personal expenses
Tobacco, or selected premium beverages
Miscellaneous extras
Laundry and communication charges on board, except as listed in inclusions
Gratuities for Expedition team and crew
For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets, waterproof outer shell jacket, and boots
For guests who require larger sizing; Waterproof outer shell jacket and rubber boots

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Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Contact Us for details. Single occupancy cabins are available with a surcharge or for those willing to share you can be matched with someone of the same gender in selected cabins and pay the twin share price. Subject to availability.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions. **Mandatory Transfer Package:** Flights from Oslo to Longyearbyen and Group Transfer between Longyearbyen Airport and the vessel. To be booked 11 months prior departure at additional cost. No Discount applies to Optional Transfer Package In rare and unforeseen situations, an operator may apply a fuel surcharge after your booking has been confirmed and paid. This is outside our control and uncommon, but transparency with our travelers is important to us.
Price Dependent upon	Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

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