

## THE ARCTIC - THREE ARCTIC ISLANDS: EXTENDED PASSAGE | DISCOVERER



### INTRODUCTION

**This itinerary showcases the varied Arctic environments with expedition-style exploration of Iceland, East Greenland & Svalbard.** The expedition begins in Reykjavik, sailing across the Denmark Strait toward East Greenland's remote coastline where you will spend several days exploring the vast fjord systems that are known for their stunning scenery. The experience is very immersive including shipboard programming, educational talks, shore landings, short tundra hikes, wildlife spotting from deck and adventures out cruising coastal inlets by Zodiac. Wildlife searches may include muskoxen, Arctic foxes, and seabirds, and a visit to the isolated community of Ittoqqortoormiit offers insight into local life in the High Arctic.

From Greenland, the ship continues north and east toward Svalbard, where the focus shifts to navigating among fjords, islands, packed sea ice and protected wildlife areas in search of polar bears, walrus, reindeer, numerous bird colonies and other marine animals that have adapted to life in this extreme ecosystem. Landings and cruises focus on wildlife viewing, historical sites, and varied Arctic landscapes, with flexible routing based on ice and weather. Throughout the journey, you can join guided hikes of varying difficulty, attend expert-led lectures, participate in citizen-science initiatives and receive professional photography support so that you can connect with this very unique part of the world that once felt so remote.

*\*Please be aware that the precise course of the journey could alter depending on the wind, sea, and ice conditions.*

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### DAY 1: Embarkation in Reykjavik

Hallgrímskirkja Church towers over Reykjavik, one of Scandinavia’s most hip capitals, world-renowned for Nordic cuisine, quirky museums, and lively shopping streets. Embark your expedition vessel in the heart of the city in the afternoon: after completing mandatory safety drills, join your Expedition Team on the outer decks and toast your departure from Iceland as we set sail towards East Greenland.



### DAY 2: At Sea Crossing the Denmark Strait

Separating Iceland and Greenland is the Denmark Strait, a turbulent stretch of chilly ocean which teems with rich marine life. Grab your binoculars and join your Expedition Team on the outer decks to watch for wildlife. When you need to warm up, join your team to discover insights on Arctic ecology, geology, and wildlife, as well as briefings preparing guests for Zodiac operations and polar bear safety in the wilderness of Greenland.



### DAY 3: Expedition East Greenland

On the third day of our expedition, the rugged coast of Greenland comes into view. Your Expedition Leader and Captain will carefully plan their approach and aim to take guests exploring on the Zodiacs to experience the majesty of Earth’s largest island first-hand, taking advantage of the best local conditions to find thrilling spots to explore. Grab your camera and binoculars and get ready to explore!



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### DAY 4: Ittoqqortoormiit

Ittoqqortoormiit is among the most remote communities on Earth, and the only settlement in this region. Meaning 'People who Live in Big Houses' (referencing the town's establishment in 1925), supply ships only visit once or twice a year, and most residents continue a subsistence hunting lifestyle which has changed little for millennia. Ittoqqortoormiit is a town with a strong sense of community and traditional culture, Hosting an excellent museum, several small shops and a beautiful traditional church, locals often welcome visitors wearing colourful traditional costumes, and are justifiably proud of their strong sense of community and deep connection to their traditional culture. Ittoqqortoormiit is the perfect introduction to the culture and lifestyle of Greenland - remote, wild, yet brimming with staggering beauty, both human and natural.



### DAY 5: Northeast Greenland National Park - Day 5 & 6

From Ittoqqortoormiit, we enter the Northeast Greenland National Park — the world's largest protected land area, spanning nearly a million square kilometres and encompassing the northernmost land on Earth. The region was once home to nomadic Inuit hunters, but today is uninhabited save for a few small Danish military bases. Our voyage through the Park will be a true polar expedition: due to the unpredictable Arctic conditions and extreme isolation of the area, our exact destinations are flexible and dictated by weather, wind, sea, and ice. The Captain and Expedition Leader determine daily plans, which are announced the evening before. Potential highlights include vast cliffs and fjords, fascinating historical sites, thriving wildlife hotspots, and vast glaciers producing enormous icebergs. Throughout your time in the Park, your Expedition Team will provide engaging lectures, friendly discussions, and share insights onshore and on the Zodiacs, all while searching the breathtaking landscape for Arctic wildlife. In this remote and pristine wilderness, guests are promised an experience rich in natural beauty, discovery, and adventure.



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### DAY 7: Crossing the Greenland Sea - Day 7 & 8

The next step on our expedition lies across the vast and icy Greenland Sea. Here, the last gasp of the Gulf Stream mixes with cold currents drifting down from the Arctic Ocean, creating vast biological productivity - so be sure to grab your binoculars and join your Expedition Team on deck to watch for wildlife! During sea days, guests can enjoy fascinating lectures, indulgent spa treatments, or simply relax and watch seabirds from the ship's hot tubs.



### DAY 9: Expedition South Svalbard

Closest to Greenland lie the green fjords of southwest Svalbard, such as Bellsund and Hornsund, nourished by balmy 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 the historic sites of Calypsobyen and Bamsebu, and the bustling bird cliffs of Gnålodden, making it one of Svalbard's most diverse and captivating regions.



### DAY 10: Expedition Northwest Svalbard

Northwest Svalbard preserves a rich history of early Arctic exploration and whaling, and has been protected as a National Park since 1973. First visited by William Barents in 1596, the area was quickly pounced upon by whalers from Holland and England, whose haunting remnants, such as the blubber ovens and graves of young sailors at Smeerenburg, remain visible. The region has been reclaimed by nature and is once again a pristine wilderness haven thanks to being heavily protected in law, and holds a rich ecosystem of Arctic flowers, seabirds, walrus and polar bears amongst many other species.



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### DAY 11: Expedition Northeast Svalbard

Next we enter the icy wilderness of north-eastern Svalbard, a stark polar desert kept cold by the absence of warming ocean currents. Our exploration plans depend on rapidly changing sea, wind, and ice conditions, embodying the dynamic and unpredictable essence of true polar adventure. Here, vast glaciers descend into ice-choked waters, surrounding rugged landscapes which appear barren, yet teem with life. Hundreds of thousands of seabirds nest on cliffs above, while Arctic foxes prowl the chilly shores below. These cold coastal waters are rich in shellfish, attracting the walrus which are common in the area.



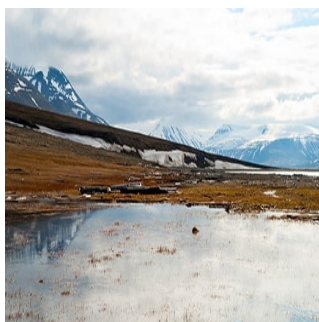
### DAY 12: Kongsfjorden Region

As the weak Arctic sun rises, we sail into the breathtaking Kongsfjord, a vast fjord system framed the dramatic Three Crowns mountains, mantled with creaking glaciers. Here we will visit Ny-Ålesund, Earth's northernmost settlement. This quirky community is known for historic role as a base for legendary polar explorers such as Amundsen and Nansen, and more recently for its plethora of international research stations. This remote outpost continues to support vital research amid its breathtaking surroundings, blending the frontiers of science and exploration.



### DAY 13: West-Central Svalbard

As we slowly venture towards Longyearbyen, we will explore the sheltered bays and lonely beaches of central Spitzbergen and its surrounding islands. Destinations may include Poolepynten, inhabited by herds of walrus who can be seen (and smelled!) from a distance. These large mammals flaunt their tusks and whiskers, as well as their considerable bulk. During the afternoon, we will venture towards Isfjorden, all the while on the lookout for wildlife and spectacular views as we return to civilization.



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## DAY 14: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

On the final morning of our expedition, we arrive back in Longyearbyen. After days of isolation in the wilderness of the Arctic, even this small city will feel like a metropolis! After bidding a fond farewell to the Expedition Team and Crew of Discoverer and your fellow Arctic explorers, enjoy some time exploring the world's northernmost city before making your way to Svalbard Airport to fly back to the Norwegian mainland- with memories to last a lifetime.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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| <b>Accommodation</b> | Cabin on board a ship |
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All meals onboard the Discoverer (full board): breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks  
 Complimentary house wine, beer, and soft drinks at dinner (selected labels and brands)  
 24/7 tea, coffee & and 'Grab and Go' comfort food on the ship  
 Accommodation onboard the Discoverer in booked cabin category  
 1 GB WiFi card for use on your personal devices  
 Waterproof Expedition jacket, 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 EXCLUSIVELY ON SUITES**  
 Wine and fruit on arrival  
 In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages  
 Complimentary laundry service

**Inclusions**

**EXCLUSIONS**

Extra excursions and activities not mentioned in the itinerary  
 International Flights  
 Meals not on board the ship  
 Beverages (other than coffee and tea and dinner-drink package)  
 All items of a personal nature  
 Customary gratuities for staff/crew  
 Any pre or post cruise accommodation  
 Any pre or post cruise travel extensions  
 Travel insurance  
 Parkas are not included

**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.

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| <b>Notes</b>                | <p>Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/twin share.</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> |
| <b>Price Dependent upon</b> | <p>Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality &amp; Availability.</p>   |

**SUSTAINABILITY**

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