

THE ARCTIC - ICELAND TO SVALBARD | SH VEGA



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DEPARTURE
30/05/2027
DURATION
12 Days
LOCATIONS
Iceland, Jan Mayen & Svalbard


INTRODUCTION

This Arctic expedition links the natural wonders of Iceland and Svalbard, offering a balance of scenic cruising, shore landings and wildlife viewing. Visit remote islands, coastal communities and spectacular natural landmarks while keeping watch for whales, puffins and other seabirds that thrive in these northern waters. Days at sea provide time to learn more about the region through onboard presentations and observation opportunities as you journey toward the High Arctic. Arriving in Svalbard, discover a landscape of glaciers, sea ice and rugged fjords, with expedition experiences designed to bring you closer to one of the world's most fascinating polar environments.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive Reykjavik

Upon arrival in Reykjavik, you will be met by a representative and transferred to the hotel included in your package. Spend the evening exploring the city while preparing for your adventure.



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DAY 2: Embarkation

Make sure there is sufficient time to explore this diminutive but dramatic capital city. Despite its small size, you won't be short of things to see and do. To get your bearings, take the elevator to the top of Hallgrímskirkja. This church, designed by famed Icelandic architect Guðjón Samuelsson is one of the most distinctive buildings in town. When you return to earth, visit the city's other renowned building Harpa Concert Hall, located at the heart of Reykjavík's regenerated harbour - also the home of the Maritime Museum. Speaking of cultural spaces, tour the National Museum to learn the story of Iceland from past to present. The Reykjavík Art Museum houses an impressive contemporary collection including eye-catching pieces by Erró. And, of course, just 50 kilometres outside the city lies Thingvellir National Park, the site of Iceland's original Viking parliament.



DAY 3: Dynjandi Waterfall

Considered one of Iceland's most impressive falls, the thunderous Dynjandi waterfall in the Westfjords region gives the impression of a bridal veil as it spreads down ever-growing cascades.



DAY 4: Husavik

Húsavík, overlooking Skjálfandi Bay, is famed for whale watching, especially the endangered blue whale. The town's Whale and Exploration Museums focusses on Viking history and Apollo astronaut training, taking place nearby. The town also marks Iceland's first house from 860 AD. Húsavík is on the Arctic Coast Way and the start of the Diamond Circle route. Nearby, Kaldbakur pond is a popular geothermal swimming spot oddly populated with goldfish.

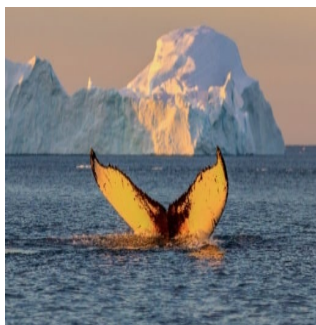


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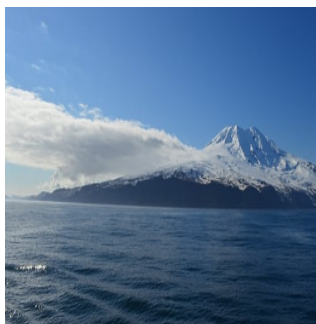
DAY 5: At Sea

Sea days are rarely dull. Take the time to sit back and let the world go by. The ship's observation decks provide stunning views of the passing ocean. A day at sea gives you the opportunity to mingle with other passengers and share your experiences of this incredible trip or head to our library which is stocked full of reference books. Get an expert's view in one of our on-board lectures or perhaps perfect your photography skills with invaluable advice from our onboard professional photographers.



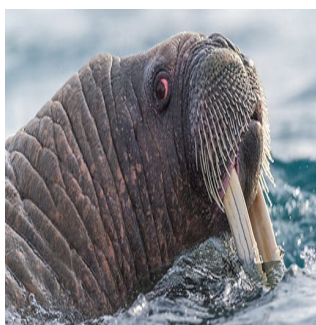
DAY 6: Jan Mayen Island

The snow-covered stratovolcano Beerenberg dominates the ice cap and glaciers at the northeast end of Jan Mayen Island. Halfway between Svalbard and Iceland, this Norwegian island's only residents are the Norwegian Armed Forces or meteorological station staff. Purple saxifrage and endemic dandelions grow next to the black sands, while northern fulmars, Brünnich's and black guillemots and little auks make Jan Mayen an important birding area.



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DAY 8: Explore Svalbard - Day 8 to 11

Svalbard is the kingdom of the polar bears, deep in the Arctic Circle, featuring varied polar landscapes and gargantuan glaciers. Beyond magnificent fjords in the north, the remaining sea ice serves as prime hunting grounds for polar bears. Closer to Longyearbyen, tundra and beaches replace snow and ice. Alongside 600 polar bears, this Arctic hotspot is home to walrus, Svalbard reindeer, ringed seals and arctic fox.



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DAY 12: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

Today, your cruise concludes in Longyearbyen. After disembarkation, you will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight to Copenhagen. The world's most northerly town, Longyearbyen, on Spitsbergen, Svalbard's largest island, also claims the most northerly high street and pub. It's home to The North Pole Expeditions Museum chronicling early pole-reaching efforts by air. Arctic waters around are populated by whales, including bowheads and narwhals, while walrus are regularly seen hauling out.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship & Hotel
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Cabin accommodation on board ship in selected stateroom
 All meals onboard throughout your voyage.
 Complimentary hot & cold beverages, beer, wine & spirits
 24-hour room service
 24/7 self-service laundry
 All scheduled expedition landings
 One selected shore excursion per port of call
 Lecture programs by expedition team and guest speakers
 A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
 A branded parka (yours to keep)
 Waterproof backpack and refillable water bottle (yours to keep)
 A Memory Package documenting the expedition
 Onboard gratuities & port taxes
 Entry level WI-FI (upgraded packages available)
MANDATORY CRUISE PLUS PACKAGE (INCLUDED)

Inclusions

Group return transfers from airport to cruise port and hotel
 One night pre-cruise accommodation in a 4/5-star hotel with breakfast in Reykjavik
 Includes economy class one-way charter flight from Longyearbyen to Copenhagen on disembarkation

EXCLUSIONS

International flights
 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
 Meals ashore unless otherwise specified
 Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
 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

Prices are based on per person, and vary from single and twin cabins.
 Any Promotional Pricing has already been applied to the published 'From' price
 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 economy class one-way charter flight from Longyearbyen to Copenhagen on disembarkation

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.

SUSTAINABILITY

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