SPITSBERGEN - FOUR ARCTIC ISLANDS: NORTHBOUND JOURNEY | OCEAN ALBATROS



TRIP CODE
ACPLFAIN
DEPARTURE
02/09/2028
DURATION
13 Days
LOCATIONS
Iceland, Greenland & Svalbard

INTRODUCTION

Experience four distinct Arctic regions in one remarkable expedition from Iceland to Svalbard, delivering an in-depth polar experience onboard the Ocean Albatros. This voyage combines East Greenland's dramatic fjords, including sailing through Scoresbysund, the world's largest fjord system, then off to the remote volcanic island of Jan Mayen and finally the wildlife-rich landscapes of Svalbard, offering excellent opportunities to spot whales, walrus, reindeer, seabirds and polar bears. Explore remote regions by Zodiac, join guided walks ashore through tundra landscapes and keep watch for Arctic wildlife. Along the way, learn about Arctic history, geology and local culture from the expedition team while visiting places few travellers ever reach.

Please Note: From Price Listed Does NOT Include the Mandatory Flight Transfer Package (One-way Flight between Longyearbyen - Oslo and Group Transfer from the vessel to Longyearbyen Airport. $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.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Embarkation in Reykjavik



Hallgrímskirkja Church towers over Reykjavik, a vibrant city known for Nordic cuisine, unique museums, and excellent shopping. Such a bustling capital will welcome you to your expeditions across the Arctic! 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!

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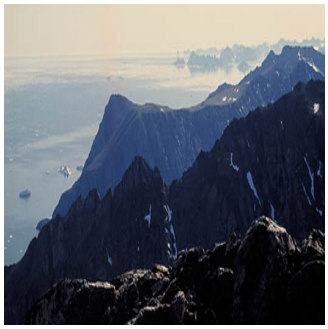
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DAY 2: At Sea, En Route to East Greenland



Leaving Iceland astern, Ocean Albatros sets course across the Denmark Strait toward the wild coast of East Greenland. These productive waters, where currents from the Arctic mingle with the northern reaches of the Gulf Stream, are rich in seabirds and marine life, so keep watch from the deck for fulmars, whales, and the first drifting icebergs. Settle into life aboard as the Expedition Team begins its program of lectures, or simply relax in the spa, sauna, or panoramic hot tubs as you sail toward the world's largest fjord system.

DAY 3: 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.

DAY 4: Expedition Scoresbysund



Venturing deep into the maze of fjords and islands that comprise 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!

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DAY 5: 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 6: At Sea, En Route to Jan Mayen

From Scoresbysund, Ocean Albatros will sail on 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 Mid-Atlantic 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 eke out a living in the rugged cliffs.



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DAY 8: At Sea, En Route to Svalbard - Day 8 & 9

Leaving Jan Mayen astern, Ocean Albatros sets a northeasterly course across the Greenland Sea toward the high Arctic archipelago of Svalbard. These are rich waters, where cold polar currents meet the last of the Gulf Stream to fuel abundant marine life. Join the Expedition Team for lectures on the wildlife and history ahead, take part in citizen science, or relax in the spa and panoramic hot tubs as the polar seascape drifts by and Svalbard's snow-crowned peaks draw near.



DAY 10: Expedition South Svalbard

In 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.



DAY 11: 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.



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DAY 12: 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. Our next and last 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. During our time at sea approaching Longyearbyen, 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: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

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. 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. Upon disembarkation, you will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight to Oslo.



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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
1GB 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 Flight Transfer Package (One-way Flight between Longyearbyen - Oslo and Group Transfer from the vessel to Longyearbyen Airport. $500 USD p/p (approx $760 AUD) **at extra cost**
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
Gratuities for Expedition team and crew
Smaller puffer jackets, outer parka jackets and muck boots **may not be available** for minors, depending on size requirements. Additionally, a lifejacket that meets our safety standards is mandatory for all minors 15 years and under and **must be provided by the parent/guardian**. Please contact your booking agent for details.

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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. From Price Listed **Does NOT Include** the **Mandatory Flight Transfer Package** (One-way Flight between Longyearbyen - Oslo and Group Transfer from the vessel to Longyearbyen Airport. $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. 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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SUSTAINABILITY

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