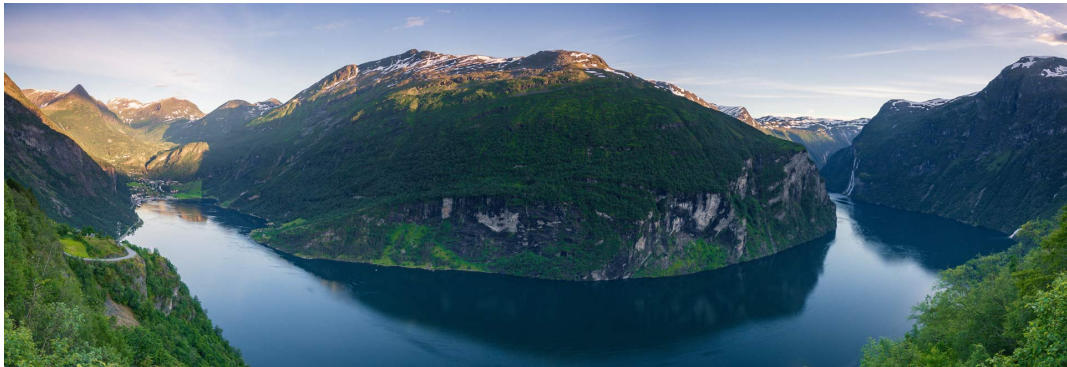


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INTRODUCTION

Journey from Norway's spectacular fjords to the wildlife-rich wilderness of Svalbard on this early-season Arctic expedition. Aboard the small HANSEATIC nature, sail through some of Norway's most dramatic coastal landscapes before venturing north towards the ice edge, where opportunities may arise to spot whales, seals and polar bears, while increasing daylight fuels one of the Arctic's most active wildlife periods, with guillemots, kittiwakes, fulmars and little auks gathering at nesting cliffs throughout the Svalbard archipelago for the breeding season.

Zodiac excursions, guided shore landings and walks on the tundra provide an immersive introduction to the Arctic environment, while the midnight sun extends your time for exploration, wildlife observation and photography across one of the world's most remarkable polar regions.

From Price based on a **Platinum Fare:** Includes economy class one-way charter flights from Longyearbyen, Norway to Germany* upon disembarkation.

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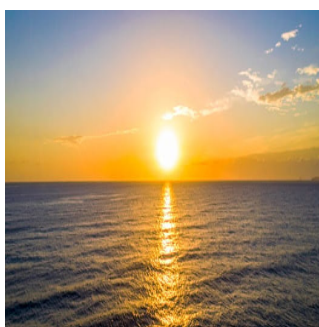
DAY 1: Arrive Hamburg

Upon arrival in Hamburg, you will be met by a representative and transferred to the cruise ship for embarkation. After check-in, settle into your cabin, meet the crew and expedition team, and attend an introductory briefing about the journey ahead. As the ship prepares to set sail, get ready for the adventure of a lifetime.



DAY 2: At Sea

Today is a day to settle into life on board. Enjoy the ship's amenities and take in the open views of the ocean. Keep watch for seabirds and marine life as the adventure begins to unfold.



DAY 3: Bergen - Norway

Bergen welcomes you to a Scandinavian gem. Over the years, the city's wealth has been built on seafaring, trade and fishing. Today, the city's past is reflected in the Hanseatic quarter of Bryggen with its narrow streets: with its colourful, historic merchants' houses lined up next to one another on the quayside, the area has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The picturesque fish market is also worth a visit. Mount Floyen, one of the city's seven hills, rises up to 300 m (984 ft) above the centre – on a walk you will see from the top why Bergen is known as the “gateway to the fjords”.



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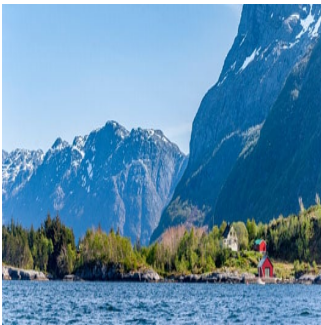
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DAY 4: Maloy - Vagsoy

At the foot of a mighty chain of mountains lies the charming coastal town of Maloy. The town has a rich maritime history, which is still alive today. Fisheries and aquaculture are the mainstays of the local economy. The street art here is as creative as the surrounding scenery is beautiful. Discover the murals inspired by island life as you walk around independently. The exhibition in the Maloyraidsenteret (Maloy raid centre) tells the extraordinary tale of the events that took place in 1941 during the Second World War. Set in the middle of idyllic, unspoilt nature, Maloy is the ideal starting point for exploring the surrounding countryside. Enjoy some relaxing moments on the many open deck areas when the small ship cruises through the Nordfjord. A labyrinth of sea inlets that shape Norway’s character in a myriad of ways. Majestic mountains rise up steeply out of the clear, deep-blue water, and along the shores you will see the changing scenery of steep cliffs, gentle slopes and idyllic villages.



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DAY 5: Geirangerfjord

Your small expedition ship will also take you to the famous Geirangerfjord as it hugs the coastline. The UNESCO World Heritage Site seems unreal and will draw you under its spell with its majestic mountains and cliffs rising up to 1,000 m (3,280 ft) out of the water. Numerous waterfalls plunge into the fjord, including the “Seven Sisters” with a drop of 250 m (820 ft). Legend has it that the “Suitor” waterfall on the opposite bank had its eye on the beautiful sisters, but its desires remained unfulfilled because of the fjord that kept them apart. Out of frustration, it took to the bottle, which is now apparently reflected in its shape like a liquor bottle. You too will be intoxicated by the sight of this natural wonder, which will stay in your memory forever. From the little town of Geiranger at the end of the fjord, you can take the opportunity to go on a variety of excursions*.



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DAY 6: Torghatten

Norway is legendary in the truest sense of the word. Many of its impressive landscapes are closely linked with legends and Norwegian mythology. A particularly fascinating story comes to life when your ship heads for Torghatten, the striking mountain with a hole in the middle. According to legend, this hole was created when the King of the Somna's hat was pierced by an arrow fired by a wild troll prince. See it for yourself when you walk through the hole and enjoy breathtaking views of the surrounding coastal scenery and the sea. Your team of experts on board will explain the actual story behind the special geological feature.



DAY 7: Svolvaer - Lofoten

Skerry landscape, stockfish archipelago and expedition territory: the Lofoten Islands impress with dramatic landscapes and idyllic fishing villages. See what life is like here on the main island of Austvagoya and in its main town, Svolvaer. Once the ship has docked, take a stroll around the little town. Everywhere you go, you will see frames for drying stockfish, which is exported all over the world from the archipelago. Rather than the town itself, it's the symbiosis with the surrounding mountains that makes this place so appealing. Its main landmark is the mountain of the same name, Svolvaer, with two rocky peaks standing a good 1.5 metres (5 ft) tall at the top. The extraordinary light and colour here have attracted many artists to settle in the town. That's why Svolvaer is now an art centre.



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DAY 8: Tromso

Once described by seafarers and polar explorers as the “Paris of the North”, Tromso has not lost any of its charm to this day. A lively city in idyllic natural surroundings. Playground of the midnight sun in summer and dance floor of the Northern Lights in winter. The city’s landmark, the Arctic Cathedral*, is a prime example of how strong an influence the Arctic has on the city’s architecture. Aluminium-coated concrete panels give the roof its striking design, making it look as if ice floes have been pressed up on both sides. The 23 m (75 ft) high stained glass window is also impressive. The exhibitions at the Polaria centre and the Arctic fish and other species at the aquarium will enhance your knowledge of the polar habitat. A number of museums bring to life the legendary polar explorers, for whom Tromso was the “gateway to the Arctic”.



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DAY 9: Honningsvag

Honningsvag is the maritime centre of the North Cape region. Its colourful houses are huddled together on the slopes of the local mountain, Storfjellet, which stands at a height of around 300 m (984 ft). Walk from the port to the little shops and restaurants offering Nordic specialities or visit the church built in 1885. When the town was destroyed by German occupying forces in 1944, only the whitewashed church remained undamaged. Take a hike in the surrounding hills to appreciate the idyllic sight of the town today. Honningsvag is also a starting point for visiting the legendary North Cape. Here, black slate cliffs rise up about 300 metres (984 ft) out of the sea and are topped by a huge globe symbolically marking the end of the European mainland. The rugged beauty of the countryside, combined with the powerful waves in the sea, create an unforgettable atmosphere when your ship cruises off the legendary North Cape. The most northerly point on the European mainland is on a majestic cliff 307 m (1007 ft) above the ocean. The North Cape is a geographical point, as well as a symbol of the spirit of adventure that will also come to life in you.



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DAY 10: At Sea

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DAY 11: North-West Svalbard Exploration

registered in Spitsbergen. This site is one of the oldest and comes from a time when whaling was still operated from the shore. Prins Karls Forland is an extraordinarily long island, mostly glaciated on the north-eastern side. The wild mountain scenery includes several peaks over 1,000 m (3,280 ft). The land is very barren in the open, with the tundra becoming bright green only near cliffs full of birds. Unforgettable wildlife sightings await on the gently sloping coastline, where walrus like to relax – a great photo opportunity for you. The small settlement of Ny-Alesund is known for its great polar history and international research. The world’s northernmost year-round research station is devoted to meteorology and research into global warming and the Northern Lights. Around 30 people live here in the winter and about 120 people in the summer. In Ny-Alesund, you can find the world’s northernmost post office. In the Liefdefjord, the majestic Monacobreen glacier will catch your eye. Blocks of ice keep falling into the fjord from the 5 km (3.1 mi.) wide front. Take a look from the deck or from a Zodiac. The glacier was named in honour of Prince Albert I of Monaco, who explored the area in 1906 and 1907 with Gunnar Isachsen. The Arctic leaves nobody out in the cold – especially not at the thermal springs at Bockfjord. Limestone sinter terraces have formed around the hot springs, the only place you can see them in Spitsbergen. The water in the springs is groundwater, which is so hot that the temperature at the surface stays above 20 °C (68 °F) all year round. The Raudfjord will surprise you with its colourful accents and mountain slopes that shimmer in striking red. These red sandstone mountains are what give the fjord its name, meaning “red fjord”. Go ashore with the Zodiacs and enjoy the Arctic silence and solitude.



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DAY 16: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

Upon arrival in Longyearbyen, you will disembark and say farewell to the expedition team and fellow travelers. You will then be transferred to the airport for your return charter flight. Your journey comes to an end, leaving you with unforgettable memories of an extraordinary adventure. Please Note: *Approximately three months before departure, you will be informed at which German airport the charter flight will land. Connecting flights and possible hotel accommodation subject to a surcharge.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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INCLUSIONS

Cabin accommodation on board ship in selected stateroom
 All meals onboard throughout your voyage. Complimentary hot & cold beverages including soft drinks
 All scheduled expedition landings (dependent on weather & government permits)
 Lecture programs by expedition team and guest speakers
 Use of the interactive Ocean Academy with individual knowledge formats
 OCEAN SPA with Finnish sauna with an ocean view, steam sauna, indoor and outdoor relaxation area (spa treatments and hairdresser at a surcharge)
In every cabin: champagne to welcome you, mini bar restocked daily with non-alcoholic beverages (additional selection in Grand Suites and Junior Suites), coffee machine (tea on request), 24-hour cabin service
 Entry level Wi-Fi (free of charge for one hour per guest a day, satellite-dependent especially in polar areas)
On loan for your voyage:
 One pair of binoculars
 Two sets of Nordic Walking poles
 Warm parka
 A pair of waterproof expedition boots for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions

PLATINUM FARE INCLUSIONS

Includes economy class one-way charter flights from Longyearbyen, Svalbard to Germany*.
 Group transfers from the cruise port in Longyearbyen to the airport after disembarkation.
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EXCLUSIONS

International flights
 Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above including transport to onward arrangements for any connecting flights and possible hotel accommodation needed for change of supplier charter flight prior to the 3 months 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
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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.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, and vary from single and twin cabins. 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. From Price based on a Platinum Fare: Includes economy class one-way charter flights from Longyearbyen to Germany* upon disembarkation. <i>*Approximately three months before departure, you will be informed at which German airport the charter flight will land. Connecting flights and possible hotel accommodation subject to a surcharge. We recommend booking international flights or onward arrangements at least one day post this charter flight to allow enough time to make connections from supplier chosen city.</i> Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions* 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 and availability.

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