

THE ARCTIC - NORTHWEST PASSAGE | HANSEATIC SPIRIT



INTRODUCTION

Cross the legendary Northwest Passage on an expedition through some of the most remote and wildlife-rich regions of the Arctic. Travelling from Alaska to Greenland aboard HANSEATIC spirit, this voyage combines dramatic coastal scenery, Arctic communities, abundant birdlife and the historic waterways that have challenged explorers for centuries. The expeditionary nature of the journey means that ice, weather and wildlife opportunities may influence the route, creating a uniquely dynamic experience shaped by the conditions encountered along the way.

Daily Zodiac excursions, guided shore landings and expert-led presentations provide opportunities to explore rarely visited locations, search for whales, polar bears, musk oxen and Arctic foxes and gain deeper insight into the region's history, culture and biodiversity. Concluding among Greenland's fjords, icebergs and coastal settlements, this is one of the world's most rewarding and immersive Arctic expedition experiences.

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

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Please Note: The ice conditions determine the course, the itinerary depends on official approval, weather and ice conditions. The natural experiences and wildlife sightings described are possibilities on this expedition and are not guaranteed. The captain & crew will decide on the best possible routing depending on local conditions at the

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time of sailing and will inform you of any flexibility this requires within the published itinerary.

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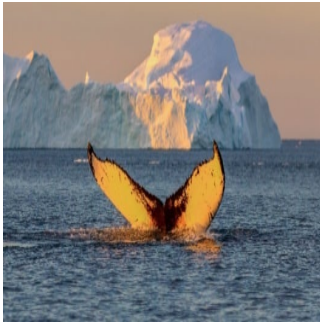
DAY 1: Arrive Seward, Alaska

Upon arrival in Reykjavik, you will be met by a representative and transferred to the cruise



DAY 2: At Sea

As the ship sails from Alaska toward the North-West passage, enjoy the day at sea before reaching the northern ice floes. Take in the ocean views, watch for seabirds and marine life, and relax on board as excitement builds.



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DAY 3: Alaska Peninsula - Day 3 to 5

Some impressive chapters of your expedition lie ahead on the coast of Alaska. Land and sea, humankind and nature join together in an abundance of unspoilt scenery. Where the coasts are undisturbed, the animal kingdom untamed and the culture mysterious, your small expedition ship will take you to some truly exciting experiences. The cliffs teeming with sea birds when cruising off Kak Island will stir up your anticipation of what lies ahead. Your gaze will be drawn back to the sky time and again as millions of sea birds, including auks, guillemots, kittiwakes and horned puffins, nest and breed on the coastline of Alaska. You will be able to identify the different species together with your experts. When you arrive on the Alaska Peninsula, meet the locals and gain insights into the life of the residents in the small fishing town of Chignik. The name of the town means “strong wind” in the Alutiiq language – and yet there’s a certain serenity in the air here. You will feel the close bond between the Alutiiqs and the land and sea when you encounter this little community. The volcanic island chain of the Aleutian Islands stretches into the Pacific like a great arc. At the southern edge of the Bering Sea, it is lonely, vast and unspoilt. A side of nature that is rarely seen. The community of Sand Point on Popof Island owes its name to a special feature: several vast sandy beaches are a great place for a walk. Explore the surrounding area on hikes with your experts, with a chance to spot cormorants, kittiwakes and puffins. The island is also home to bison, which were brought here in 1955. The picturesque Russian Orthodox church is testament to the fact that many inhabitants still follow this religion. The majestic bald eagle is the undisputed king of the sky. Follow its call when it circles over Unalaska Island. History is in the air on a visit to Dutch Harbor and the oldest Russian Orthodox church in North America. Part of the fascinating legacy of Russian America, as Alaska was called until the mid 19th century.



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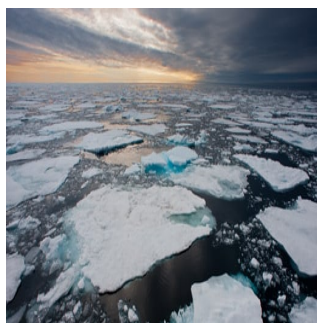
DAY 6: Saint Paul Island

Exciting Zodiac rides and landings promise thrilling expedition moments as you discover the wildlife of far-flung islands. The Pribilof Islands are situated north of the Aleutian Islands in the Bering Sea. The island group consists of the two inhabited islands of Saint Paul and Saint George, as well as three uninhabited islands. On a hike along the coast of Saint Paul Island, you may be lucky enough to spot a colony of northern fur seals, accompanied perhaps by the cries of countless crested auklets, parakeet auklets and horned puffins. Your sightings will be enriched by the interesting knowledge of your experts or by your own studies in the Ocean Academy.



DAY 7: At Sea

As the ship sails toward Nome, enjoy the day at sea before reaching the next continent. Take in the ocean views, watch for seabirds and marine life, and relax on board as excitement builds for your arrival in Antarctica.



DAY 8: Nome

Just like rich experiences have drawn you to this region, it was gold that was the magnet in Alaska in the early 1900s. In 1889, gold was found near the town now known as Nome. This resulted in the rapid development of a settlement, which by 1899 already had more than 10,000 inhabitants. Although little remains of the original architecture from the gold rush era, the town still bears the marks of its history: with disused steam trains, tracks and gold dredges. The scent of history and adventure is like something out of a Jack London novel. It's fitting therefore, that huskies also have an important role to play here – Nome is the home of the famous Iditarod, the longest dog sled race in the world.



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DAY 9: At Sea - Day 9 to 11

Today is a day to settle into life on board as we sail through the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea. 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.

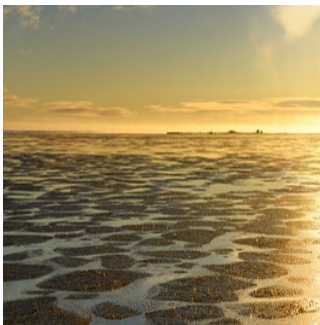


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DAY 12: Beaufort Sea to Lancaster Sound - Day 12 to 25

The adventure of the Northwest Passage: to this day, fascinating legends surround this famous waterway. Your manoeuvrable expedition ship is simply made for this. With the highest ice class and an experienced expedition crew, enjoy an exceptionally up-close experience of the fascinating Arctic. Although the route is carefully planned, the weather and ice often determine the actual course, with the captain and the team adjusting the details each day. To start your adventures, the rarely visited Herschel Island sets the scene. If the local conditions permit, you can explore the former whaling station. With a little luck, rough-legged buzzards will herald your arrival and the timid Arctic fox might even make an appearance. Franklin Bay is enveloped by the history of Franklin the explorer and the phenomenon of the Smoking Hills: The smoky effect is caused by layers of rocks within the hills that contain pyrite and have ignited themselves – a Zodiac ride gives you unique perspectives of this spectacle. On Victoria Island, you might have the chance to see musk oxen weighing up to 400 kg (882 lb). Will you perhaps even see polar bears here? A great voice echoes on Jenny Lind Island, which owes its name to a Swedish opera singer from the 19th century. As well as opportunities for birdwatching, you may also find yourself surprised by Arctic hares, Arctic foxes and caribou. As the ship cruises in Victoria Strait, the dramatic scenery will reflect the moving history of this area: for a long time, this was said to be the resting place of the missing Franklin ships. Find out about the fate and the unflinching courage of those who braved the forces of nature back then with your experts on board. The ice conditions will decide whether your adventure continues by cruising in Peel Sound. Zodiac rides and landings are possible throughout the habitat of whales, seals and polar bears. For example, Prince of Wales Island invites you to hike through the untouched nature. Follow in the footsteps of past explorers on Beechey Island: A walk to the graves of members of the Franklin expedition will bring its historic significance to the fore. On the world’s largest uninhabited island, Devon Island, you will be welcomed by a vast wilderness – an abandoned station of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police reinforces the impression of silent isolation. As the ship then sets sail from Lancaster Sound for Greenland, you’ll have completed the feat and be among the few people who can say they have conquered the Northwest Passage.



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DAY 26: At Sea

As the ship sails toward Greenland, enjoy the day at sea before reaching the next continent. Take in the ocean views, watch for seabirds and marine life, and relax on board.



DAY 27: West Coast of Greenland - Day 27 to 29

In the magical Arctic light, the wonders of the west coast of Greenland will be illuminated north of the Arctic Circle. A vast and silent landscape, home to relics of a 4,500-year-old culture – seemingly almost forgotten by the world. Uummannaq welcomes you with colourful houses and an astonishing creativity of nature. The heart-shaped mountain above the town glows in countless shades of red in the sunlight. In the small settlement, a museum recalls the ice expeditions of Alfred Wegener, a German who conducted research in Greenland. A hike with your experts will take you to “Santa’s summer house”, the setting of a Danish TV series. The Disko Bay will provide even more memorable moments: ice sculptures in all manner of forms drift slowly through the vast area. Enjoy this natural spectacle from your front-row seat on deck – or take a Zodiac ride to the centre of the action. Illuminated by the sunlight, the ice gleams in a fascinating play of colours from white to azure blue. If conditions allow, you will also visit the world-famous Ilulissat Icefjord. Here you can witness one of the world's most active glaciers releasing majestic icebergs into the vastness of the fjord – an incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site. In Sisimiut, where the remarkable old town seems like a museum village, the oldest settlement traces date back over 4,000 years, deep into the Saqqaq culture. Join your experts to hike over rocks and through tundra – to relics from the whaling era. A hike to Tele Island will also take you back thousands of years to see ancient ruins and graves, crowned by magnificent views of Sisimiut and the coast.



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DAY 30: Disembarkation in Kangerlussuaq

Upon arrival in Kangerlussuaq, 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, Austrian or Swiss airport the charter flight will land. Connecting flights and possible hotel accommodation subject to a surcharge.



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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 Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Germany* upon disembarkation. Group transfers from the cruise port in Kangerlussuaq 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
 Other personal charges unless specified
 Optional Adventure Activities

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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 Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Germany* upon disembarkation. * Approximately three months before departure, you will be informed at which German, Austrian or Swiss 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. 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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