

**THE ARCTIC - ULTIMATE ARCTIC ODYSSEY NORTHBOUND: SVALBARD, LOFOTEN, EAST GREENLAND & ICELAND | DISCOVERER**



INTRODUCTION

**Experience various Arctic regions on one of the most comprehensive expedition routes in the North Atlantic and High Arctic.** Travelling from Iceland to Svalbard during the height of the Arctic summer, this voyage combines East Greenland's immense fjord systems, the remote wilderness of Northeast Greenland National Park, Jan Mayen's volcanic landscapes and the dramatic coastlines of Norway's Lofoten Islands. Zodiac cruises and guided shore landings provide opportunities to observe whales, walrus, Arctic foxes, reindeer, polar bears and thriving seabird colonies during one of the most active periods of the Arctic wildlife season.

Visits to remote communities, expert-led presentations and daily exploration deepen your understanding of Arctic ecosystems, geology and culture. Combining wildlife encounters, remote wilderness, cultural experiences and some of the Arctic's most spectacular environments, this expedition showcases the remarkable diversity of the High North in a single journey.

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

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Embarkation in Reykjavik

Our adventure begins in Iceland’s vibrant capital, Reykjavik. Famous for its modern Nordic culture, excellent food scene, and relaxed atmosphere, Reykjavik is the ideal starting point for our Arctic adventure. After boarding the ship, enjoy your first dinner and champagne on board, and then join your Expedition Team on the outer decks beneath the golden Arctic sun as we set a course for adventure!



DAY 2: At Sea

The Denmark Strait, a narrow passage between Iceland and Greenland, teems with rich marine life. Our onboard experts guide guests in spotting wildlife as we cross these productive waters. Nearing Greenland, the team shares insights on ecology, geology, and wildlife, preparing guests for Zodiac operations and polar bear safety.



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 firsthand, 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

One of Earth’s most isolated settlements, Ittoqqortoormiit is the only settlement in the vast Northeastern region of Greenland. Although the town was only founded in 1925, supply ships only visit once or twice a year, and most residents continue a subsistence hunting lifestyle that has changed little for millennia. Hosting an excellent museum, several small shops and a beautiful traditional church, Ittoqqortoormiit is a town with a strong sense of community and traditional culture. Locals are justifiably proud of their strong sense of community and deep connection to their traditional culture, and often welcome visitors wearing traditional East Greenlandic costumes. remote, wild, yet brimming with staggering beauty, both human and natural, Ittoqqortoormiit is the perfect introduction to the culture and lifestyle of Greenland.



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DAY 5: Northeast Greenland National Park - Day 5 to 7

From Ittoqqortoormiit, we enter the Northeast Greenland National Park — the world’s largest protected land area, spanning nearly a million square kilometers and encompassing the northernmost land on Earth. The region was once home to nomadic Inuit hunters, but today it is uninhabited save for a few small Danish military bases. Potential highlights include vast cliffs and fjords, fascinating historical sites, thriving wildlife hotspots, and vast glaciers producing enormous icebergs. At every turn, the jaw-dropping majesty of this vast wilderness offers something new! Due to unpredictable Arctic conditions and the area’s extreme isolation, our exact destinations are flexible and dictated by weather, wind, sea, and ice - the true essence of polar exploration! Wherever we explore in this remote and pristine wilderness, guests are promised an experience rich in natural beauty, discovery, and adventure. 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 - the real Arctic expedition experience!



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## DAY 8: At Sea

Leaving East Greenland behind, we strike out into the Greenland Sea, en route to Jan Mayen. Here, the last frail gasps of the Gulf Stream mix with chilly water flowing down from the Arctic Ocean. This mixing of water masses promotes exceptional biological productivity, which increases as the water shallows on our approach to Jan Mayen and the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Keep your binoculars handy!



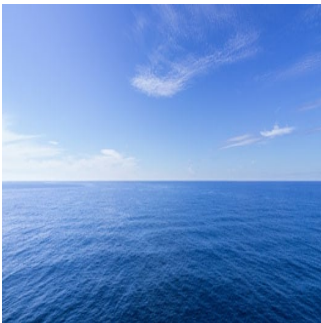
## DAY 9: Jan Mayen

The northernmost volcano on Earth, the island of Jan Mayen is one of the few areas of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the ‘spine’ of the Atlantic Ocean, which poles above sea level. This enigmatic and isolated island is the only active volcano in Norway, and the northernmost active volcano on Earth. Among the most isolated inhabited islands on Earth, Jan Mayen is the temporary home to only around 18 people, a mixture of scientists and Norwegian troops. Creeping tundra plants (many of them hundreds of years old) and flocks of squabbling seabirds eke out a living on the rugged cliffs of the island. Lava flows and cinder cones across the island are testament to the volcano, the Fuji-esque peak of which (Mt Beerenberg) looms above – surely some of the most dramatic scenery anywhere in the Arctic!



## DAY 10: At Sea

As we depart Jan Mayen, watch the mercury rise as Discoverer sails eastward towards the Lofoten Islands. Days at sea are never dull, and are the perfect opportunity to enrich and refresh the mind and body. Join your Expedition Team on the outer decks to watch for wildlife, or join them in the Theatre to hear expertly crafted lectures on local history, ecology, wildlife and more! Work up a sweat in the sleek onboard gym, or simply relax in our hot tubs and watch the soaring fulmars accompany us to the Scandinavian mainland.



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### DAY 11: Svolvær, Norway

Strung across bridges between a plethora of tiny islands, Svolvær is a tiny Arctic Venice, thriving where land meets water. This delightful little town is the largest in Lofoten and offers the quintessential Lofoten experience. Brightly coloured wooden shacks at the water's edge are draped in fishing equipment, cod hang to dry on wooden racks, and fishing and tour boats bob gently in the harbor. While the town is packed with gorgeous galleries, boutique shops, cozy cafes, and slick eateries, undoubtedly the best thing to do in Svolvær is lace up your hiking boots and get out and explore! The town holds a vast network of hiking trails accessible from right in town, and the views simply have to be seen to be believed.



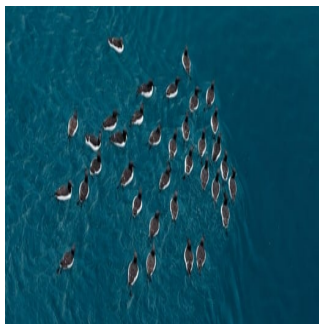
### DAY 12: Reine, Norway

This is it. This is why visitors brave the rain and wind to experience Lofoten. Reine is a small village connected by bridges and causeways between the green islands suspended on the glassy ocean, backed by forbidding saw-toothed mountains. Few places manage to make a mere road seem like a fairytale, but Reine manages it! Although the town is charming, much like Svolvær, undoubtedly the best thing to do in Reine is to explore on foot and embrace Friluftsliv (Norwegian for 'Open Air Living'). While Reine is still a fishing village at heart, it is increasingly popular with hikers and adventure-seekers from all over the world - so you will be in excellent company on the mountains!



### DAY 13: At Sea

Leaving the mainland of Norway behind, we strike north en route to Bear Island and Svalbard. Days at sea are never dull, and are the perfect opportunity to enrich and refresh the mind and body. Join your Expedition Team on the outer decks to watch for wildlife, or join them in the Theatre to hear expertly crafted lectures on local history, ecology, wildlife and more! Work up a sweat in the sleek onboard gym, or simply relax in our hot tubs and watch the soaring fulmars accompany us to the Scandinavian mainland.



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DAY 14: Bjørnøya - Bear Island

Situated halfway between Svalbard and the Norwegian mainland lies Bjørnøya (Bear Island in English). This lonely outpost ironically holds no polar bear population, but the precipitous cliffs are a haven for bird species, including puffins, guillemots, razorbills, and fulmars. Join your Expedition Team to experience this wildlife paradise from the best vantage point – on the water!



DAY 15: Expedition South Svalbard

The green fjords of southwest Svalbard, such as Bellsund and Hornsund, are nourished by mild Atlantic waters, which keep the area mostly ice-free. These fertile valleys backed by creaking glaciers and drifting icebergs support Arctic foxes, nesting seabirds, and herds of tiny Svalbard reindeer. Rich in wildlife and history, highlights include the historic sites of Bamsebu and Calypsobyen, and the bustling bird cliffs of Gnålodden, making it one of Svalbard’s most productive and interesting regions.



DAY 16: Expedition Northwest Svalbard

Northwest Svalbard has been preserved as a national park since 1973, and hosts a rich history of early Arctic exploration and whaling. First visited by William Barents in 1596, the area was quickly seized by whalers from Holland and England, and haunting remnants, such as Smeerenburg’s crumbling blubber ovens and whalers’ graves, remain visible. The region has been reclaimed by nature and is once again a pristine wilderness haven, now heavily protected by law, and holds a rich ecosystem of Arctic flowers, seabirds, walruses, and polar bears, among many other species.



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DAY 17: Kongsfjorden Region

As the weak Arctic sun rises, we sail into breathtaking Kongsfjorden, a vast fjord system framed by 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 its historic role as a base for legendary polar explorers such as Amundsen and Nansen, and more recently for its plethora of international research stations – so whether Ny-Ålesund is a true ‘town’ is up for debate! This remote outpost continues to support vital research amid its breathtaking surroundings, blending the frontiers of science and exploration.



DAY 18: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

On the final morning of our expedition, we arrive back in Longyearbyen. Even this small town will feel like a metropolis after days of isolation in the wilderness of the Arctic! After exploring Longyearbyen and bidding a fond farewell to the crew and fellow Arctic explorers, return to Svalbard Airport and join your flight back to the Norwegian mainland- with memories to last a lifetime.



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| Inclusions        | <p><b>INCLUSIONS</b></p> <p>All meals onboard the Discoverer (full board): breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks<br/> Complimentary house wine, beer, and soft drinks at dinner (selected labels and brands)<br/> 24/7 tea, coffee &amp; and ‘Grab and Go’ comfort food on the ship<br/> Accommodation onboard the Discoverer in booked cabin category<br/> 1 GB WiFi card for use on your personal devices<br/> Waterproof Expedition jacket, yours to keep<br/> Use of rubber style muck boots, on loan for the duration of your expedition<br/> English-speaking Expedition Team<br/> Briefings and educational lectures by the Expedition Team<br/> All scheduled landings and excursions<br/> Citizen Science program<br/> Photography Coach available throughout the voyage<br/> Participation in the Polar Plunge<br/> Access to onboard medical clinics<br/> Access to onboard fitness centres<br/> All port taxes and landing fees<br/> Digital Expedition Memento, including a curated selection of photos, videos, expedition log and map, and wildlife list</p> <p><b>INCLUDED EXCLUSIVELY ON SUITES</b></p> <p>Wine and fruit on arrival<br/> In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages<br/> Complimentary laundry service</p> |
|                   | <p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b></p> <p>Extra excursions and activities not mentioned in the itinerary<br/> International Flights<br/> Meals not on board the ship<br/> Beverages (other than coffee and tea and dinner-drink package)<br/> All items of a personal nature<br/> Customary gratuities for staff/crew<br/> Any pre or post cruise accommodation<br/> Any pre or post cruise travel extensions<br/> Travel insurance<br/> Parkas are not included</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Difficulty Rating | 2 (light adventure)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Single Surcharge  | <p><a href="#">Contact Us</a> 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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Notes</b>                | Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/twin share.<br>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.<br>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.               |
| <b>Price Dependent upon</b> | Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.                                                                                                                                       |

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