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THE ARCTIC



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- **Arctic Complete - Spitsbergen, Greenland & Iceland**
- **Northern Svalbard Explorer**
- **Across the Arctic Circle - Scotland, Norway & Spitsbergen**
- **Cruising the icy waters of the Greenland Sea between Iceland and Spitsbergen**



Arctic Complete - Spitsbergen, Greenland & Iceland

Starting on Spitsbergen, you'll explore its coastline of calving glaciers, towering bird cliffs and pack ice and spot walruses, reindeer and even polar bears. After crossing the Greenland Sea, our ship will follow East Greenland's coastline filled with the largest fjord system in the world, calving icebergs, friendly native communities and untouched tundra-covered valleys, before reaching its finishing point, Iceland.

DAY 1: Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen

Enjoy a tour of Longyearbyen upon arrival, before boarding and setting sail along breathtaking Isfjorden, featuring dramatic bird cliffs, sweeping glaciers and gorgeous mountain ranges.

DAY 2 - 3: West Spitsbergen

Awake as our ship sails along Spitsbergen's west coast and its outstanding aqua-blue ice cliffs. The nutrient-rich Gulf Stream provides us with relatively mild temperatures, a delight for Atlantic puffins and Brünnich's guillemots that have settled on these cliffs. Embark on a thrilling tundra hike, keep an eye out for reindeer and Arctic fox and gaze at the majestic glaciers from our Zodiacs. We also attempt to explore the remains of the 350-year-old Dutch whaling settlement.

DAY 4 - 6: North West Spitsbergen

As we continue our adventure along Spitsbergen's northwest coast in to the Arctic Ocean, whales, pack ice and maybe even polar bears keep us on alert. As our trusty ship continues and turns south into Woodfjorden, we search for ringed, bearded and harp seals and keep an eye out for fascinating walrus haul outs on the beaches. With almost 24-hour daylight, enjoy tundra walks and take the time to observe at the microflora. Depending on ice conditions, we may cross latitude 80° North – a cause for celebration.





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DAY 7 - 8: South East Spitsbergen

Air and sea temperatures start lowering due to the frigid Arctic currents around Spitsbergen's northeast, creating a landscape eroded by severe frost. Even at summer time, there's a chance pack ice could bar our way, but our crew and expedition team ensure we reach the highlights of the European Arctic. We'll attempt to sail through the narrow Hinlopen Strait, where we'll Zodiac cruise along the busy bird cliffs of Alkefjell as well as walk along the east coast's polar desert, filled with stunted glaciers and exposed fossil fields.

DAY 9 - 10: Southern Spitsbergen

Ice conditions and weather changes dictate our expedition plans. We may be able to reach South Cape and head north toward Hornsund and Bellsund, two magnificent deep fjords boasting superb glaciers and wildlife. In case ice stops us, we'll change our itinerary and spend more time exploring the jewels of Spitsbergen's north and west coasts.

DAY 11: Longyearbyen

A midnight cruise of Isfjorden returns us to Longyearbyen, where you'll enjoy a day dog sledding around Spitsbergen interior before setting off again this afternoon on the next leg of our Arctic adventure.

DAY 12 - 13: North West Spitsbergen

As we head back north, we enjoy the last moments in Spitsbergen. We cruise past calving glaciers and land ashore to learn about the area's rich history and observe Spitsbergen's fascinating wildlife. (Note: as this expedition is a combination of two itineraries, these days may stop at some places already visited on the voyage's first leg.)

DAY 14 - 15: Greenland Sea

As our ship sails across the Greenland Sea, we search for fin whales, pack ice and seabirds. Our expert naturalists and guest lecturers provide us with a great interpretation of the Arctic's flora and fauna as well as early explorers' epic adventures through illustrated talks.

DAY 16 - 18: East Greenland

When going to Greenland for the first time, seeing ice is often an awe-inspiring moment. Even in summer time, bays and inlets can still be frozen. However, our experienced Captain and team of expedition experts know alternative options to keep us busy with exploration! In Kaiser Franz Josef Fjord, we enjoy walks across the tundra as we visit old trapper's huts and observe musk ox, Arctic fox and eider ducks; we spend some time admiring the stunning hanging gardens of Kap Humboldt; Kong Oskar Fjord provides gorgeous glacier-carved mountains as a delightful backdrop.

DAY 19 - 21: East Greenland / Scoresbysund

We reach Scoresby Sund, the world's largest fjord. The huge Greenland icecap continuously sweeps down gigantic glaciers, making it the birth place for some of the world's largest icebergs! Our Zodiacs take us through an incredible maze of icebergs, as we head to the shores for some exciting tundra hikes, and a visit to Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the rare villages of the East Greenland coast.



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DAY 22: East Greenland

Keep watch for musk ox and narwhals as we sail along the breathtaking mountains of the Blossville Coast, before our attempt to cruise through Rømer Fjord.

DAY 23: Denmark Strait

We continue on with our Arctic adventure and cruise across Denmark Strait on our way to Iceland. We take time to reflect on our various experiences, gaze at northern fulmars and black-backed gulls, and spot dolphins and whales from the ship's bow.

DAY 24: Reykjavik, Iceland

We dock in Iceland early this morning; after breakfast, there is a group transfer to downtown Reykjavik or the airport to carry one with your further travel arrangements.





Northern Svalbard Explorer

Arctic autumn conditions offer you the opportunity to explore rarely visited northern isles of Svalbard. Pack ice opens up to allow us to attempt landings in some of the farthest reaches of the archipelago, including the outer islands of Nordaustlandet, Storøya and Kvitøya. As we sail past spectacular ice caps and dramatic calving glaciers, we'll keep watch for walrus haul-outs, flocks of ivory gulls and polar bears hunting on pack ice. We'll step ashore to explore the orange-coloured tundra and venture even deeper into the Arctic.

DAY 1: Longyearbyen

Enjoy a guided tour of Spitsbergen's colourful capital of Longyearbyen.

DAY 2: Spitsbergen's northwest coast

Awaken in the Nordvest-Spitsbergen National Park - the rugged north-west corner of Svalbard's largest island, Spitsbergen. Alpine peaks and glacier valleys dominate the landscape which is home to reindeer, walrus and Arctic fox. We'll cruise past spectacular sea-cliffs, watching as the last of the season's seabirds take flight, and explore the region's calving glaciers such as Smeerenburg on Amsterdam Island and discover the remains of ancient whaling stations at Ytre Norskøya.

DAY 3 - 4: Nordaustlandet north coast

We'll traverse the northern coastline, landing ashore for tundra walks amongst the autumn-hues in search of wildlife like reindeer and walruses. If weather and ice permits, we hope to attempt landings or cruises at Sjuøyane (The Seven Isles), the most northerly point of the Svalbard archipelago (and Norway) and home to a large colony of walruses and frequented by roaming polar bears. We also hope to explore the magnificent 40 kilometre fjord at Rijpfjord.

DAY 5 - 6: East of Nordaustlandet

We continue across the top of Nordauslandet towards Svalbard's most easterly islands, Kvitøya and Storøya (also the most easternmost part of Norway), and aim to take a spectacular Zodiac cruise around Karl XII Island - Norway's second-most northern point - on route.





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Over the next two days weather and ice will dictate our journey as we

head further north into the thickening pack ice in search for polar bears and walrus as they hunt and haul-out on the ice and keep watch for the elusive and elegant ivory gull.

DAY 7 - 8: South of Nordaustlandet

Completing our circumnavigation of Nordaustlandet, we'll head north through the Hinlopen Strait. Along the way we may take a Zodiac cruise around Austfonna, an impressively large ice cap with one of the longest glacier fronts in the northern hemisphere. We'll also Zodiac cruise under the impressive sheer cliffs of Alkfjellet, the summer nesting ground of thousands of birdlife as well as explore Isisøya by Zodiac, and make a landing at Murchisonfjorden, both of which are steeped in rich history and amazing scenery.

DAY 9 - 10: Spitsbergen north & west coast

Returning along the stunning north-western Spitsbergen coast, we keep an eye on ice and weather conditions and make as many landings as possible. Possible landing spots include Woodfjord, Liefdefjord, Krossfjord and Kongsfjord.

DAY 11: Longyearbyen

We cruise down Isfjorden and return to Longyearbyen, where we disembark from our journey.





Across the Arctic Circle - Scotland, Norway & Spitsbergen

Follow the Vikings' way from northeast Scotland to the land of the midnight sun. Our historian and expert naturalist reveal the Orkney and Shetland islands, from Stone Age villages and Viking relics, to world class distilleries and spectacular birdlife. We follow migrating whales along Norway's dramatic coast, visit picturesque fishing villages and toast our Arctic Circle crossing. In Spitsbergen, we enter a polar wonderland, where delicate wildflowers adorn tundra and the summer sun never sets. This spectacular wilderness is the breeding ground of walruses, reindeers, various birds and polar bears.

DAY 1: Aberdeen, Scotland

Our staff welcome you aboard of vessel mid-afternoon in Aberdeen, Scotland, before we start sailing north.

DAY 2 - 3: Orkney Archipelago

Among Orkney's archipelago of 70 windswept islands, a treasure trove of archaeology, history and wildlife awaits. We follow the passage of time – from 5000-year-old, World Heritage-listed, Neolithic sites to Viking relics, from reminders of World War II occupation to present-day crofting communities. Imposing sea cliffs teem with seabirds, inviting our Zodiacs and kayakers to explore coastlines. At Fair Isle we visit traditional crofts to admire local knitwear and nearby colonies of fulmars, kittiwakes, guillemots, gannets, shags and puffins.

DAY 4: Shetland Isles

Warmed by Gulf Stream currents and near 24-hours' daylight, the Shetland's 100 islands are peppered with nature reserves and archaeological sites. These include the complex Stone, Bronze and Iron Age settlement of Jarlshof, the world's best preserved broch (fortified Iron Age tower) on Mousa, and remnants of Viking conquest along the coast.

DAY 5: North Sea

As we sail towards Norway, our historian and naturalist delight us with fascinating talks and inspire our birdwatching.





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DAY 6 - 9: Norway

An intricate maze of islands protects Norway's coastline. We celebrate crossing the Arctic Circle and visit special places, like Sør Gjaeslingan, once home to a busy cod-fishing fleet. Today it provides fantastic birdlife, including kittiwakes, terns and skuas that migrate here each summer. Continuing north, we pass by Torghatten, a mountain with a distinctive hole through it, and learn the fable of lost love and a troll's arrow. Majestic scenery delights in Lofoten Islands, from romantic beaches to narrow fjords hemmed by granite walls. Share the water with orcas, the skies with puffins.

DAY 10 - 13: Bear Island & Spitsbergen

We cross the Barents Sea, past often fog-shrouded Bear Island, favourite nesting ground for fulmars, kittiwakes, guillemots and gulls. Beyond Spitsbergen's South Cape, we explore South Spitsbergen National Park, a sanctuary for barnacle geese and eider ducks, before entering the iceberg-laden waters of Hornsund. Surrounded by polar desert on a grand scale, we search for reindeer, ringed and bearded seals and the mighty polar bear. Learn of human history dating back 400 years and if lucky, we'll encounter the elusive beluga whale.

DAY 14 : Spitsbergen

We disembark in Longyearbyen, bid goodbye to expedition staff and are transferred to the airport for our onward journey.





Cruising the icy waters of the Greenland Sea between Iceland and Spitsbergen

While cruising the icy waters of the Greenland Sea between Iceland and Spitsbergen, keep an eye out for whales, sea ice and countless sea birds. Your days will be jam-packed with once-in-a-lifetime moments: we Zodiac cruise amongst gigantic icebergs, revel in gorgeous tundra walks, spot Arctic foxes, musk ox, walrus and polar bears. Greenland's breathtaking mountainous landscapes will leave you speechless as the voyage goes along, and Inuit communities will make you feel at home whilst we stop by their small settlement, Ittoqqortoormiit.

DAY 1: Spitsbergen

We board the ship in the late afternoon and sail down magnificent Isfjorden.

DAY 2 - 3: Spitsbergen

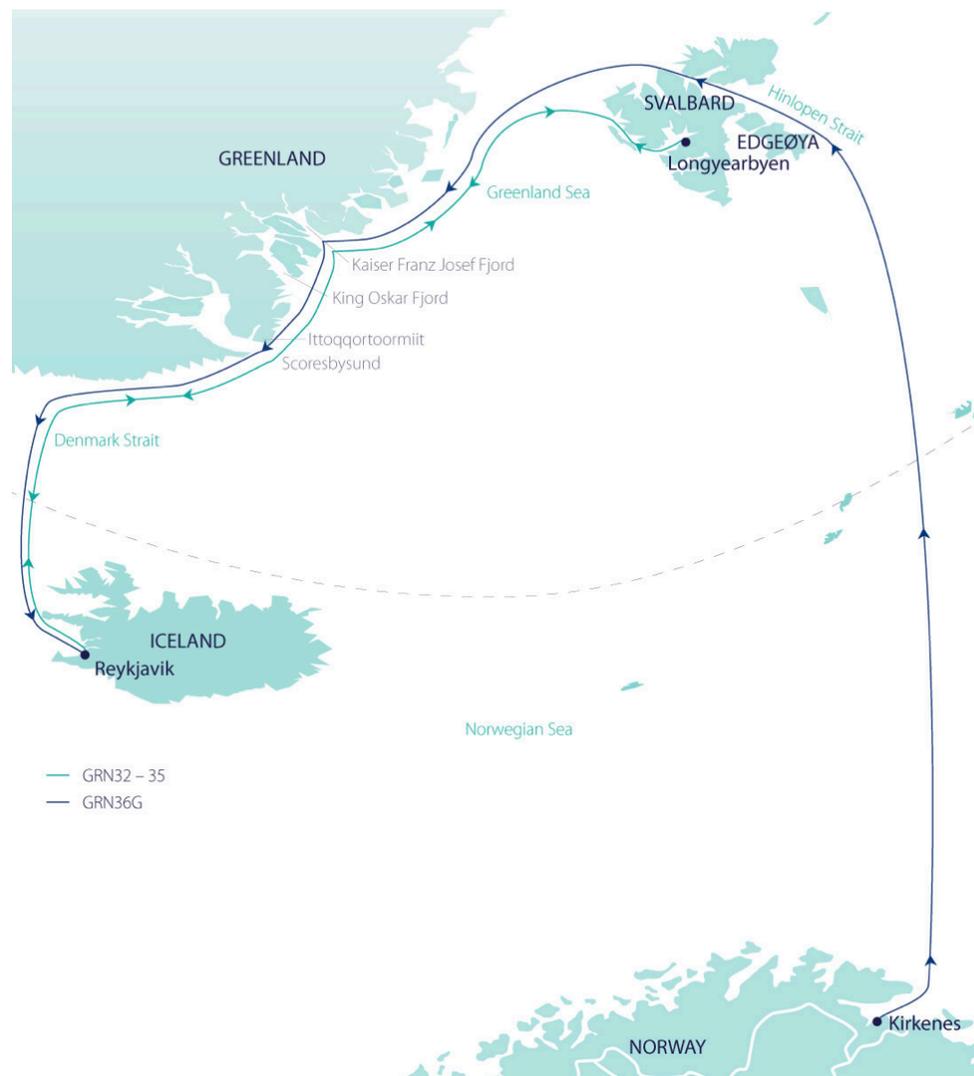
Spitsbergen's northwest coast features calving icebergs, historic whaling stations and trappers' camps. Brunnich's guillemots, little auks and kittiwakes nest in their thousands. Reindeer roam tundra dotted with wildflowers like saxifrage, moss campion and bell-heather. Zodiac to gain fantastic views of ice cliffs, including Monacobreen, one of Spitsbergen's largest glaciers. In the north, we look for walrus and possibly polar bears.

DAY 4 - 5: Greenland Sea

Crossing the Greenland Sea, our expert naturalists and guest lecturers entertain us with fascinating talks on plants, animals and early explorers like Nansen, Andrée and Scoresby. We keep an eye out for fin whales, encroaching sea ice and seabirds. Relax and prepare for a landing, if conditions permit, on Greenland's northeast coast, home to polar bear, Arctic hare and musk oxen.

DAY 6 - 8: Greenland

An ice cap covers 81 per cent of Greenland and pack ice, even in summer, may fill northern bays. Ashore, cosy trappers' huts beckon from across the tundra, where musk ox, Arctic hare and eider ducks roam in Kejsler Franz Josef Fjord. Lively cascades at Kap Humboldt provide a microclimate for spectacular hanging gardens. Kong Oskar Fjord offers spectacular glacier-carved mountains.





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DAY 9 - 11: Greenland

In Scoresby Sund, the world's biggest fjord system, massive glaciers calve explosively, creating giant icebergs. Near Rode Island, our Zodiacs weave through a maze of grounded icebergs, some more than 30 metres high, sculpted with deep green tunnels and aquamarine lakes. Enjoy a warm Ittoqqortoormiit welcome from Inuit happy to share their culture. Our kayakers find ideal paddling conditions, winding their way through interconnected waterways, watching for polar bears and narwhals.

DAY 12: Greenland

Sail south along the Blossville Coast, search for musk ox and narwhals and marvel at the mountain scenery that dominates the skyline. If weather permits, we head for Rømer Fjord, a deep waterway with stunning mountain views.

DAY 13: Denmark Strait

We sail across Denmark Strait, reflecting on our rich experiences and enjoying the antics of northern fulmars, black-backed gulls, dolphins, orcas and other whales.

DAY 14: Iceland

Arrive early morning in Reykjavik.

