SVALBARD, GREENLAND & ICELAND



Abundant wildlife in Svalbard and stunning scenery in East Greenland combine to create a complete Arctic experience. This comprehensive voyage starts in Longyearbyen in the Arctic archipelago of Svalbard and finishes in Reykjavík, Iceland. In Svalbard we experience the stark beauty of Spitsbergen's mountainous northwestern coast while searching for polar bears, marine mammals, and other quintessential Arctic wildlife. We continue to East Greenland for a rare opportunity to explore part of the vast and unspoiled Northeast Greenland National Park. Then, in stunning Scoresby Sund, we discover incredible scenery, enormous icebergs, historical sites, a modern Inuit village, and a wonderful setting for northern lights.



CRUISE DATES -

2025: Aug 10-23, Aug 22-Sep 04*

DURATION - 14 days/13 nights

EMBARK – Longyearbyen, Svalbard

DISEMBARK – Reykjavik, Iceland

*Reverse Itinerary

SHIP - M/V Sea Spirit

From - \$12,236* Double *After 10-15% Savings — Book by Oct. 31, 2024

ITINERARY:

Day 1- ARRIVE LONGYEARBYEN, NORWAY

Welcome to Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Svalbard and starting point of our Arctic expedition! At the Longyearbyen airport, you will be greeted by our staff and transferred to a quality hotel, which has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the itinerary. You will then be free to explore the charming, walkable town center.

Day 2 - EMBARKATION IN LONGYEARBYEN

After breakfast at your hotel, the morning is yours to enjoy Longyearbyen. Take in the views of icy fjords and glaciated mountains surrounding this historic former coal-mining town. Take advantage of shopping for souvenirs or some last-minute necessities such as cold-weather gear. Just remember, you will soon receive your very own parka to keep and waterproof boots to borrow on board the ship. For lunch, Longyearbyen offers quick and easy meal options including the most northerly pizzas and kebabs in the world.

In the afternoon, you will be transferred to the pier where we will warmly welcome you aboard the deluxe expedition vessel M/V Sea Spirit. Get settled in your spacious suite and explore the ship that will be your comfortable home during the extraordinary adventure to come. Once underway, a full schedule of events kicks off with informative briefings and introductions from your expedition staff. After the first of many delicious dinners on board, step out onto the open decks to admire the gorgeous scenery in endless evening light as we pass through the wildlife-rich waters of Isfjorden, one of the largest fjords in Svalbard.

Days 3-5 - EXPLORATION OF SVALBARD

Svalbard is a true High Arctic wilderness and this part of the voyage is a real expedition. Our route and exploration opportunities here are heavily dependent on the weather and sea ice conditions we encounter. Our experienced captain and expedition leader decide the itinerary and continually adjust plans as conditions and opportunities warrant. You can be sure that the best possible advantage will be taken of the circumstances presented to us by Nature in this wild and remote corner of the Arctic.

We anticipate exploring in the northwestern part of the island of Spitsbergen. This area contains the archipelago's most impressive scenery and some of the Arctic's best wildlife viewing opportunities. Deep fjords and narrow channels are flanked by jagged snowy mountain peaks. Immense tidewater glaciers calve icebergs into turquoise waters. Fields of flowering tundra are home to grazing reindeer and playful Arctic fox. Bountiful inshore and offshore

waters are home to a wide variety of marine mammals. Polar Bears can be spotted anytime, anywhere in and around Svalbard.



Also in this area is Ny Ålesund, a former mining town that is now home to an international community of Arctic researchers, complete with museum, gift shop, and post office. This was also a staging area for historic attempts to discover the North Pole.



Days 6-7- CROSS THE GREENLAND SEA

From Svalbard we head southwest across the Greenland Sea toward East Greenland. In these far northern latitudes it is possible to encounter sea ice any time of the year. All along the way we remain vigilant for sightings of marine mammals such as whales, seals, and the majestic polar bear. As we head south, darker nights create a high possibility of seeing aurora borealis.

Days 8-11 - EXPLORING EAST GREENLAND

This is expedition cruising at its most authentic. Our itinerary and exploration opportunities in East Greenland are dependent on weather and sea ice conditions. Again you can be sure that our experienced captain and expedition leader will take advantage of every opportunity to experience excellent wildlife viewing, to discover incredible scenery, and to go ashore wherever possible.

The Franz Josef Fjord and Kong Oscar Fjord systems are part of Northeast Greenland National Park, the world's largest national park. Scoresby Sund is the largest and longest fjord system in the world. We anticipate exploring these fjord systems to the extent made possible by everchanging ice conditions.

This whole area contains some of the Arctic's most impressive scenery. Deep fjords and narrow channels, flanked by ice-clad peaks up to 2000 meters high, reach far into the mountainous heart of Greenland. Tidewater glaciers create colossal icebergs that float with wind and tide throughout the fjord system. On shore, fields of multicolored tundra are home to musk oxen and Arctic hare. The land-scape—vast, open, and seemingly untouched since the beginning of time—is a hikers' paradise. Throughout this area we also find ancient Thule archeological sites, historical trappers' huts, and modern Inuit hunters' cabins.



The Inuit village of Ittoqqortoormiit is the only permanent settlement in the region. The community boasts an excellent museum, a gift shop, a post office, an abundance of Greenlandic sled dogs, and of course the opportunity to meet Inuit people.



The days are filled with memorable excursions, sumptuous meals, presentations by our experts, and enough stunning scenery to fill your camera and overwhelm your emotions. Each night brings new possibilities for incredible displays of aurora borealis—the Northern Lights. This is the perfect

time and one of the world's best places to experience this otherworldly celestial phenomenon.



Day 12 - CROSS THE DENMARK STRAIT

After our amazing time in East Greenland we cross Denmark Strait toward Iceland, crossing the Arctic Circle on the way. Presentations and workshops by our expert staff, as well as our range of onboard recreation facilities, ensure that this day at sea is not idly spent. Seabird viewing and whale sightings can be enjoyed from panoramic open decks as well as exterior stateroom windows and balconies.

Day 13 - WESTFJORDS, ICELAND

Our last expedition day is spent in the beautiful Vestfirðir (Westfjords) of Iceland. This remote and sparsely populated region of crenulated coastlines, voluminous waterfalls and rugged mountains sees only 10% of Iceland's visitors. Deep fjords are home to whales while estuaries abound with seals and birdlife.



Day 14 – REYKJAVIK, ICELAND - DISEMBARKATION

After filling up with one last buffet breakfast on board, we bid you farewell and provide transfer to the airport or City Center. By this time, you may already be making plans for your next amazing trip with us into the polar worlds!



2025 RATES	TRIPLE	MAIN	CLASSIC	SINGLE	SUPERIOR	DELUXE	PREMIUM	OWNER
Rates are per person	CLASSIC	DECK	SUITE	SUITE	SUITE	BALCONY	BALCONY	SUITE
Aug 10 / Aug 22, 2025	\$10,095	\$13,995	\$14,895	\$20,895	\$15,195	\$17,095	\$18,595	\$23,895
Book by Oct. 31, 2024*	\$9,086	\$12,596	\$13,406	\$18,806	\$12,916	\$14,531	\$15,806	\$20,311

RATES ARE PER PERSON AND INCLUDE-

1 pre-voyage hotel night at Longyearbyen; transfer to the ship on day of embarkation; Shipboard accommodation; All meals on board throughout the voyage; Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily; All scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions); Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team; Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka; Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise; Welcome and Farewell cocktails; All port fees; Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation; Pre-departure materials; WiFi onboard; Digital Voyage Log.

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

Visa and passport fees (if applicable); Travel insurance; Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations; Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges; Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of USD \$200,000; Staff gratuities.



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