

# SVALBARD to TROMSO

## Expedition Cruise to the High Arctic



It is the land at the very top of the earth, it is the road less travelled and by far it is one of the most unexplored parts of the world. Leaving the pretty painted houses of Longyearbyen in your wake, embark on the voyage of a lifetime to frozen landscapes and virgin tundra. Search the skyline for the King of the Arctic with Zodiac trips and gaze amazed at the beauty of this polar wonderland.



**DATES:** JUNE 21-30, 2020

**Reverse:** June 30-July 09, 2020

**DURATION:** 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** LONGYEARBYEN, NORWAY

**DISEMBARK:** TROMSØ, NORWAY

**SHIP:** Silver Cloud

**FROM:** \$8,910\*

\*After 10% Early Booking Savings

**Free Economy Air or reduced Business Class**  
Pre- and Post-Cruise tour are available.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 – LONGYEARBYEN - EMBARKATION

Arrive a day or two early to avoid travel problems and see something of Norway and Longyearbyen.



Longyearbyen is the biggest settlement in Svalbard. Seat of the Norwegian administration, it also has the best services and infrastructure in the archipelago. Located deep in the Adventfjord, a sidearm of the Isfjorden (Icefjord), Longyearbyen's airport can be used all-year round, but its harbor is blocked by ice in winter. Most shops, hotels, restaurants and a hospital are within easy walking distance of the port. One of the most prominent buildings in town is the UNIS center, where several Norwegian universities have joined forces to operate and offer the northernmost higher education to both Norwegian and international students. Adjacent to UNIS, and well worth a visit, is the Svalbard Museum, covering the natural history and exploitation of Svalbard. Remnants of the former mining activity can be seen all around Longyearbyen and even in town. Depart at 5:00 PM.



### DAYS 2-4 – SVALBARD NORTHERN REGION, NORWAY

There are several deep fjords and prominent glaciers in the northern reaches of Svalbard, as well as the



northern hemisphere's widest glacier front. Ice conditions will dictate how much can be accessed in terms of cruising bird islets like the Andøyane Islets or approaching glaciers like Monaco Glacier and Seliger Glacier. The Northern Region is also known to have several walrus haul-outs and areas defined as "Arctic Desert". Walks and hikes ashore to have a closer look at flora and wildlife are a possibility in the spectacular Northern Region of Svalbard.



### DAYS 5-8 – SVALBARD'S SOUTHERN REGION

Svalbard's Southern Region and specifically Spitsbergen's west coast is less ice-clogged than the rest



of Svalbard due to the moderating influence of the Gulf Stream. Several fjords cut into the western coast of Spitsbergen and have been used by trappers and hunters, as well as the different mining companies that tried to exploit the riches of the archipelago's largest island of Spitsbergen. Remains of huts and mines, as well as active commercial and scientific settlements can be found and visited. Depending on the time of the season, glaciers can be visited on foot or by sea. Northern places like Magdalenefjorden and Hornsund will reveal fascinating views of geological formations, craggy mountains, spectacular glaciers and a variety of seabirds and seals.

### **DAY 9 – BEAR ISLAND, SVALBARD**

Almost half way between Tromsø and Svalbard is isolated Bear Island – considered the southernmost island of the Svalbard Archipelago. The unglaciated island is an impressive Nature Reserve of steep, high cliffs that are frequented by seabirds, specifically at the southern tip. Brünnich's Guillemots, Common Guillemots, Black Guillemots, Razorbills, Little Auks, Northern Fulmars, Glaucous Gulls, Black-legged



Kittiwakes, and even Atlantic Puffins and Northern Gannets nest along the cliffs south of Sørhamna. Because of the large numbers of birds and the isolated location, Bear Island has been recognized as an Important Bird Area. It was once a hotspot for whaling

and walrus hunting, and at one stage even mining. Bear Island received its name because of a polar bear encountered by early explorer Willem Barentsz. Today polar bears rarely visit the island and its only settlement is a meteorological station manned all-year round on the north side.



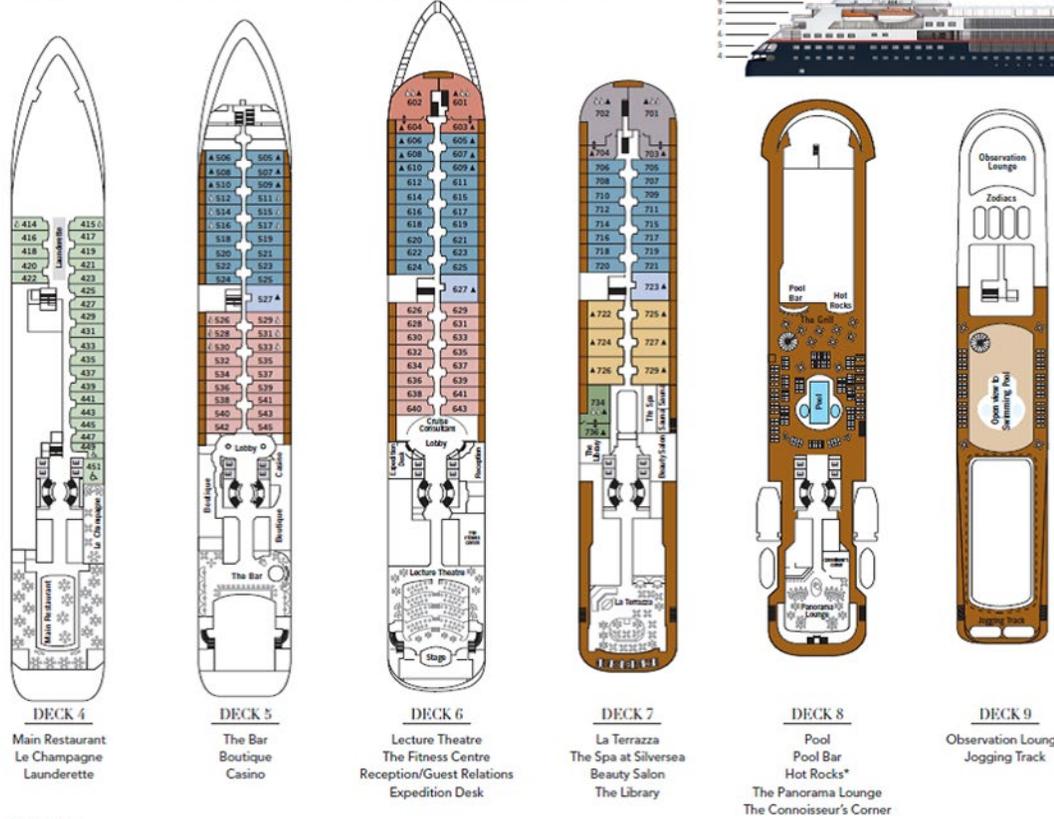
### **DAY 10 – TROMSØ – DISEMBARK**

Tromsø surprised visitors in the 1800s: they thought it very sophisticated and cultured for being so close to the North Pole—hence its nickname, the Paris of the North. It looks the way a polar town should—with ice-capped mountain ridges and jagged architecture that is an echo of the peaks. The midnight sun shines from May 21 to July 21, and it is said that the northern lights decorate the night skies over Tromsø more than over any other city in Norway. Tromsø is home to only 69,000 people, but it's very spread out—the city's total area, 2,558 square km (987 square miles), is the most expansive in Norway. The downtown area is on a small, hilly island connected to the mainland by a slender bridge. The 13,000 students at the world's northernmost university are one reason the nightlife here is uncommonly busy.

**Tours of Norway are available after your cruise.**



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  - Bathub & Separate Shower . . . . . 4
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  - Registry . . . . . Bahamas
  - Ice-class Rating . . . . . 1C
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- \* Please note that Hot Rocks opening hours are subject to weather and destination conditions.

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