



## NORTH ATLANTIC EXPEDITION CRUISE

This voyage is the perfect chance to experience the Arctic region's early summer splendour. You can look forward to magnificent scenery on some of the northernmost islands of the planet. After embarking at Reykjavik onboard Albatros Expeditions' modern vessel, the Ocean Albatros, we begin our spectacular voyage towards the high Arctic as we depart from Iceland's volcanic wonderland. Along our way, we have planned landings at an incredible three Arctic islands: Iceland (Grimsey), Jan Mayen, and Spitsbergen. Our first days will take us by the ragged cliffs of the Icelandic western and northern coasts, including planned visits at the famed "Iceland in miniature", Snaefellness and the large fjord, Ísafjarðardjup. From here, we hope to make a call on the enigmatic island of Jan Mayen before we make landfall at the glaciated islands of Svalbard. We travel in the early summer; which means the air is filled with migrating birds - and the sun never sets. When approaching Svalbard, we will scout for sea mammals and even seal-hunting polar bears on the pack ice. The spring and early summer allows us to enjoy the immense beauty of Svalbard on this high Arctic adventure voyage among whales, walrus and millions of sea birds. There are few wilder, more magnificent and untouched places than the Arctic Islands of the North Atlantic! And few ships better suited than Ocean Albatros for such a voyage.



### ITINERARY

DAY 1 REYKJAVIK, ICELAND. WE EMBARK THE OCEAN ALBATROS

Our journey begins in Iceland where MV Ocean Albatros is moored in Reykjavik. Boarding is in the afternoon, where the cabins are designated. After the mandatory security review and drill, we set our course north towards Iceland's west coast.



#### DAY 2 ICELAND, THE WEST COAST. POSSIBLE LANDINGS AROUND SNAEFELLNESS WITH ZODIAC BOATS

In the morning, we sail along the 100-kilometre long peninsula Snaefellsnes, which with its dramatic cliff coast, hardened lava floods, sandy beaches and volcanic peaks, is a picture of Iceland in mini-format. We round the nest on the peninsula and can enjoy the view of the nearly 1,500-metre-high snow-covered volcano, Snaefellsjokull, which was the centre of Jules Verne's novel, "The Journey To The Center Of The Earth". The volcano with the almost perfect cone shape and the surrounding area became in 2001 the Snaefellsjokull National Park. We will attempt a landing at Snaefellsnes. In the afternoon we will pass Iceland's westernmost point and the huge bird cliffs of Latraberg.

#### DAY 3 ICELAND, THE WEST FJORDS. NORTHWEST ICELAND'S RUGGED COAST WITH ISAFJORDUR

In the morning, we sail around Iceland's rugged West Fjords, possibly into Isafjardardjup to enjoy the view of the steep mountains and see the terrific aerobatics of the Arctic terns. During the day as we leave Isafjardardjup and sail towards the West Fjords, which always offer one unforgettable experience after another. We finish the day sailing along the coast of Hornstrandir, the northernmost part of the West Fjords. From here, there are only 300 kilometres to the eastern coast of Greenland. In 1975, the area was converted into nature reserves, and currently has some of the strictest rules to protect the peculiar and fragile nature. Along the coast, there are good opportunities to see whales and seals, and the mountainside is

alive with the rich bird life. We continue as we pass Hornvik Bay, which is considered one of the most beautiful places in Iceland, where we can see two of the largest bird cliffs in Europe where millions of seabirds breed. We continue along the northern coast towards Siglufjordur and Grimsey.

#### DAY 4 ICELAND, GRIMSEY. SIGLUFJORDUR AND CROSSING THE ARCTIC CIRCLE AT GRIMSEY

In the afternoon, we will have arrived at the island of Grimsey, which is located about 40 kilometres from the mainland and is the only part of Iceland with an Arctic designation. The Polar circle crosses the island at 66 ° 33 'N, and gives the island one full day of 24-hour sunlight every year in June. Over 100 inhabitants reside in the little rocky island, all living close to the harbour in the only city on the island. The fishing banks in the surrounding seas make the economy flourish, the port is expanded, and there is a small airport with daily flights to the mainland and a school for the children. The island has been inhabited right back from the settlement of Iceland and is mentioned in the sagas as an important land, rich in fish and birds. The seabirds far exceed the number of inhabitants on Grimsey, and bird cries can be heard 24 hours a day over the bright Arctic summer. Up to 36 different species breed on the island and have their nests on the rocks. One of Iceland's largest tern colonies is here, and it is said that the runway must be cleared for terns before the aircraft can land. We'll attempt landing by Zodiacs to experience the local life and explore the island's bird life.

#### DAY 5 AT SEA. ENJOY LECTURES ONBOARD EN ROUTE TO JAN MAYEN ISLAND





#### DAY 8 SVALBARD IN SIGHT, IN SEARCH FOR WHALES

During our voyage, our lecturers onboard will make inspiring and enriching presentations about Arctic history and nature, wildlife and climatology.

#### DAY 6 ATTEMPTED SHORE LANDING BY ZODIACS ON JAN MAYEN, AT THE FOOT OF THE 2200 METRE BEERENBERG VOLCANO

Approximately in the middle of the North Atlantic lies the enigmatic volcanic island of Jan Mayen. And if not exactly in the middle, at least it is located precisely on the Mid Atlantic Ridge, the reason for its volcanic existence. And enigmatic it is, not only because of its isolation but also due to the almost perpetual clouds and fog that hovers above it. Jan Mayen belongs to Norway, and the mountain, Beerenberg is one of the higher of Norway's 300 summits above 2,000 metres. The island is inhabited by only 18 persons, running the meteorological station and the Norwegian Defense. We will try to go ashore at the narrowest part of the island, from either south or north, depending on the prevailing wind and surf. The volcanic origin is visible all over with cinder cones, lava flows and the Mount Fuji-like appearance of Beerenberg looming above.

#### DAY 7 AT THE SEA TOWARDS SVALBARD LOOKING FOR SEABIRDS, DOLPHINS AND WHALES

Listen to a lecture from our experienced expedition staff, see a film about Arctic nature, or go out on deck to catch glimpses of migrating birds and hopefully some whales.

We are getting closer towards the islands of Svalbard, but we will first spend some time southwest of the islands - around the continental shelf. This area is rich in krill and gives us the best chance of spotting whales feasting. During the night the ship will sail north along the coast of Spitsbergen.

#### DAY 9 NY ÅLESUND AND NY LONDON

We enter the beautiful Kongs Fjord, renowned for its former mining settlement and captivating beauty. Our first destination is Ny A lesund - a scientific research centre situated even further north than Longyearbyen, though it can be argued whether this constitutes an actual town. Our captain will do their best to bring the boat close to the shore, allowing us to explore the area on foot. Our next destination is the abandoned marble mining settlement of Ny London. It experienced a brief but eventful existence, beginning in a flurry of mining activity reminiscent of the Klondike Gold Rush before being crippled by wars and financial losses just nine years later. We can still see the remains of workshops, locomotives, and cranes that tell the story of the ambitious yet failed enterprise.

#### DAY 10 FORMER WHALING STATION AT SMEERENBURG AND YTRE NORSKØYA

We have now entered North West Svalbard, which was declared a national park in 1973. The day could begin with a cruise in Dansergattet, looking for seals in Virgohamna, before crossing



from Danskøya to Amsterdamøya to make a landing at Smeerenburg, the legendary whaling town of the 17th century. 200-plus men were living - and quite often dying - here in the heyday of blubber production. There are several interesting places to visit in this northwestern corner of Spitsbergen. If conditions allow, we'll make a landing on Ytre Norskøya, where whalers would have their lookout posts.

each voyage are solely dependent on weather and operational conditions to ensure the safety and quality of experience of our guests.

#### DAY 11 ISFJORDEN AND LONGYEARBYEN

Located on the west side of Spitsbergen, Isfjorden is the second-longest fjord of the Norwegian archipelago, Svalbard. At the fjord entrance stand Alkhomet and Daudmannsøyra, a coastal plain. Parts of Isfjorden is included in the Nordre Isfjorden Land National Park of Norway. It is surrounded by several large settlements in Svalbard, including Barentsburg, Longyearbyen (on the Adventfjorden) and Pyramiden. We aim to have a final landing along the coast, before we navigate towards Longyearbyen. We might land at Longyearbyen by evening. Remnants of former mining stations can be seen along the way.

#### DAY 12 LONGYEARBYEN, SPITSBERGEN. DISEMBARKATION

Early in the morning, the ship is at anchor outside Longyearbyen. After breakfast and farewell greetings to the expedition team and crew, disembarkation will take place.

Please Note:

Please keep in mind, the itinerary and outdoor activities during





## YOUR SHIP: OCEAN ALBATROS

**YOUR SHIP:** Ocean Albatros

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

The Ocean Albatros will be deployed to a large selection of expedition cruise destinations, Antarctica, the Arctic, any various exciting new destinations in between. With a total of 95 comfortable staterooms and suites, all with unobstructed sea view, most with their own balcony, the Ocean Albatros will definitely become one of the most popular expedition cruise vessels in the world. Like its sistership, the Ocean Victory, it offers two restaurants, a wellness area, an Albatros Nordic Bar, an open deck dining facility, a modern lecture lounge, and other state-of-the-art amenities. The vessel will have more than a 50% lower carbon footprint than traditional expedition vessels and be one of the most environmentally friendly, implementing the Green Initiative Program, ensuring both absolute comfort and sustainability for our guests. Unlike the Ocean Victory, the Ocean Albatros will also offer a unique panorama sauna, and a total of 12 dedicated solo travel cabins without a single-supplement. The vessel belongs to the greenest generation of cruise ships in the world. Its tier 3 compliant engines give up to 80 percent less emissions and operate on significantly lower fuel consumption. **BRIDGE** Due to its important role as a control center for all nautical and technical

processes, the ship's bridge is a vital, sensitive place. Therefore, the bridge may not be accessible to the public at all times. Conditions permitting, we will be happy to welcome you into the bridge for a visit. Guests must be accompanied by the master or our expedition leader. **STATEROOM SERVICE** Your stateroom is serviced daily. We provide a turn-down service. We provide meal to room only for serious cases of guest being sick. Our suites will have VIP services. **ZODIAC LANDINGS** One feature of our expedition cruises includes landings and excursions aboard Ocean Albatros's fleet of 18 inflatable, motorized rubber "Zodiac" boats. The Zodiac brand has earned a well-deserved reputation as the sturdiest and safest small watercraft available. These boats have a low draft and great stability. Zodiacs are constructed for professional use and are outfitted with a top-quality outboard engine, yet their design minimally impacts the environment. The Zodiacs are designed to provide unrestricted access to the world's last great frontier. Their versatility enables us to make landfall on remote shores, cruise along awe-inspiring coastlines and share breathtakingly close encounters with whales, seals, penguins, seabirds and more. We will come within arm's reach of icebergs and set foot on land discovered by pioneering explorers just over a century ago. Your safety and comfort are our #1 priority, and your expedition leader will carefully plan for as many Zodiac excursions as possible, dependent upon the local weather and prevailing conditions. In each case, the expedition leader makes the final decision if the landing is possible or not. Safety regulations apply on landings. All guests receive a mandatory instruction of the safety guidelines. Life jackets are mandatory to wear. Please



note, we highly recommend the use of waterproof bags in order to protect your personal camera or binoculars, as both hands must be free of everything during boarding. Participation is fairly easy and comfortable for able-bodied guests but can be more challenging for those with physical handicaps. **GRATUITIES** Following international standards in the service industry, it is customary to leave gratuity for the ship's crew at the end of the voyage. All gratuities will be divided among the crew. Typically, a recommended amount is approximately 13.5 USD per person per day. Gratuity is, of course, not required and any gratuity payments are voluntary. **DRESS CODE** The dress code on board is casual. Ties, jackets and evening dresses you may leave at home. It is rather more important to wear the right clothes in order to adapt to the different weather conditions. We recommend comfortable, breathable, waterproof and windproof clothing. Also, you should have a pair of gloves, thermal underwear and sturdy footwear in your luggage. For the captains and farewell cocktail, we recommend a smart casual dress style. **INTERNET / PHONE** Keep in mind, we will be cruising in a very remote region of the world. Where accessible, internet access is available for an extra charge. Mobile phone reception may be possible in select regions along our route. For further details please contact your mobile phone operator. Prices can be found in the information folder in your state room. Please ensure that your 'Data Roaming' function is switched off. **RECEPTION** The daily office hours of the board reception are from 06:00 until 23:00. **ALBATROS OCEAN SHOP** The selection of items available for purchase varies by ship, and may include a range of warm and practical clothing, as well as souvenirs, local arts and postcards at reasonable prices. A small selection of soap, toothpaste and other personal effects are also sold. **HEALTH / MEDICAL EMERGENCY** Each of our vessels has a small medical

facility equipped with the necessary equipment and medicine to handle small emergencies. The infirmary is always staffed by a professionally licensed, English-speaking physician and nurse. Should a serious incident occur, the nearest hospital will be contacted. All guests must have personal travel/health insurance. Although we do not have an official requirement regarding personal fitness, you should be able to move on board and ashore without the help of others. Please be aware that the ship does not provide wheelchair accessible state rooms. Due to safety reasons a cruise is only possible for pregnant women until the 24th week of pregnancy. The state of pregnancy must be presented by a medical certificate. **PHYSICAL DISABILITIES / WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY** Guests with physical disabilities are recommended to travel with an accompanying person. The processes on board should be handled without external help. The gangway can be - depending on the individual disability - a challenge. The angle of inclination of the gangway varies due to tide and different circumstances in the respective port. Please note that the guest's participation in shore excursions as well as the (dis-)embarkation by Zodiac can be denied by the expedition leader due to security reasons. The instructions of the expedition leader must be followed. The ship is not suitable for wheelchairs. **SEASICKNESS / STABILISATORS** The ship is equipped with stabilizers in order to reduce the ship's roll. However, these expeditions are hosted in remote regions, and it is possible to periodically encounter changing environments and climate patterns, including rough seas and large swells. Seasickness patches (Scopoderm or similar) work solely or in part to help cure nausea for most people. These medicines can cause sleepiness. If you are prone to motion sickness, consult with your doctor prior to departure to help ensure your comfort while travelling. **SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS** All meals on board





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the vessel is chef-prepared. If you have special dietary requirements (food allergies, intolerances, health conditions or religious preferences), please inform us as early as possible - ideally, no later than 2 weeks before departure. In order to ensure efficient service, please re-confirm your requirements with the crew upon boarding the ship. LAUNDRY If you wish to have some laundry done while aboard the ship, laundry service is available for an



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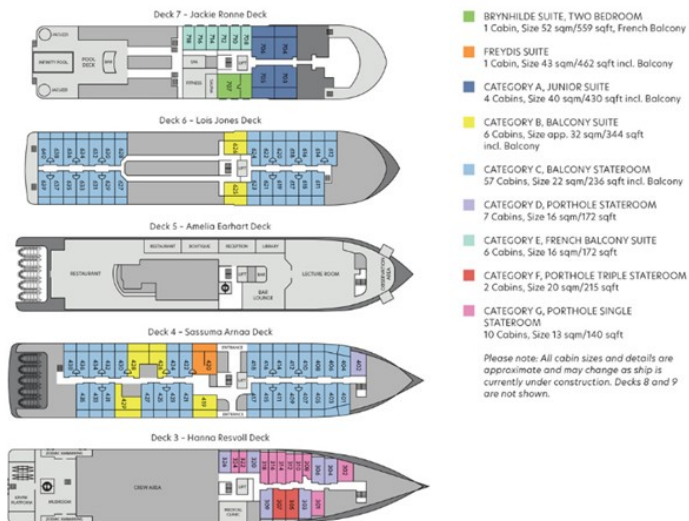
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