

SVALBARD ENCOUNTER EXPEDITION MICRO CRUISE

This shorter length Svalbard summer cruise takes place on our newest vessel, Vikingfjord with just 12 guests. The focus on this expedition is to spend a week exploring the wilderness, glaciers and wild nature in the north of Spitsbergen. Expect 24 hours of daylight, witness an array of Arctic wildlife in its natural home and undertake some short hikes ashore. All this with 2 expert guides and just 12 guests.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Longyearbyen

Your expedition begins in the most Northerly town in the world, Longyearbyen. In the afternoon we embark our expedition vessel at the port of Longyearbyen. After an introduction from our expedition leader and a safety briefing from the Captain, we set sail out through the majestic Adventfjord. As Longyearbyen disappears astern, we wave goodbye to civilisation for the next 8 days. As we sail out through the Isfjord we will spend time on deck watching for the whales that frequent the waters.

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Day 2 Prins Karls Foreland

In the morning we approach Prins Karls Foreland, an uninhabited island of beautiful scenery off the west coast of Spitsbergen. We will drop anchor and launch the Zodiac landing craft to go ashore. There are many walrus colonies in the area and we plan on visiting to get a closer look at this magnificent creatures. In the afternoon we will do a wilderness hike. We frequently spot Svalbard reindeer here and it is a great place to enjoy the wild nature.

Days 3 - 5 Exploring the North-West Coast

Our plan is to sail to the north west of Spitsbergen and explore the area by Zodiac. This area is home to countless glaciers, and we plan to launch the zodiacs to experience these natural monuments up close. These days allow us time to do some shorter length hikes and spend some time outdoors enjoying the nature. The area has many historical sites. When back onboard the ship we will continue our search for polar bears and other wildlife.

Days 6 & 7 Lilliehook Fjord & Kongsfjorden

As we sail back south we explore Kongsfjorden. Expect majestic glaciers, some of Svalbard's most beautiful fjords and scenery from the decks. Here we encounter one of Svalbard's most breathtaking sites, the Lilliehook glacier, one of Svalbard's largest calving glacier fronts. We will spend time here witnessing nature's beauty in its rawest form with lots of options for shore landings and exploring by Zodiac.

Day 8 Longyearbyen

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In the morning we arrive back at the port of Longyearbyen. After breakfast we say our goodbyes after making new friends and sharing a wonderful adventure together.

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Please Note:

The above itinerary is a guide only. A part of any Arctic adventure is the flexibility to take advantage of the weather and ice conditions. Our expedition leader will make sure you see as much a possible.



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MV Vikingfjord is an ice-strengthened expedition vessel for 12 guests with great environmental credentials. MV Vikingfjord entered service in Svalbard for low impact expeditions in May 2023. She offers cruise ship comfort on a small ship with 9 ensuite cabins, an open plan saloon with rear facing windows, and on on deck hot tub and sauna. What we love about Vikingfjord · One of the most environmentally friendly small ships in the polar regions with a 95% reduction in NOX emissions. Large, open plan saloon and comfortable lounge located at the stern with sofas and large rear facing windows to enjoy the view. · 9 Spacious cabins with modern decor, comfortable beds and ensuite bathrooms with a choice between doubles, twins or singles. · Enjoy a sauna or outdoor hot tub on the upper deck. · Lounge area on the bridge with a great view. · Ice strengthened hull with 1B rating for exploring the polar regions. MV Vikingfjord Key Features: · New energy efficient engine and NOX cleaning fitted in 2022 offering the best environmental credentials. Rebuilt from the ground up in 2022 as a modern expedition vessel offering cruise ship comfort. · Accommodates 12 guests in 9 ensuite cabins with windows that are all situated above the waterline. · Modern interior finished to a high standard in 2023. ·

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Equipped with 2 x Zodiac landing crafts for shore landings · Fully staffed with experienced captain, crew and expedition leaders. Interior · Large open plan guest area with lounge, dining and seating area located at the stern. Equipped with TV for presentations, mini bar and hot drink service. · Observation lounge area with seating area on the bridge. · Spacious cabins with ensuite toilet and shower. · Large mudroom and storage spaces for skis, and equipment. Exterior · Outdoor hot tub and sauna with a view on Deck 2. · Large viewing area on the bow. · 4 open decks for lots of viewing options. ·



Accessible bow deck.

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DECK 1

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