

EXPEDITION SVALBARD AND NORWAY (NORTHERN LIGHTS ADVENTURE): ARCTIC, ADVENTURE AND AURORA BOREALIS

The best of two worlds: a combination of expedition experiences on Svalbard and Norway's labyrinth of fjords. Against the backdrop of huge glaciers and in charming coastal towns, with luck your days of discovery will be accompanied by the magical Northern Lights.





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Day 1 Longyearbyen/Svalbard/Norway

Charter flight from Germany to Longyearbyen
Longyearbyen/Svalbard/Norway, departure 19.00 hrs

Days 2 - 6 Adventure in north-west Svalbard

Adventure in north-west Svalbard: enjoy highlights and travel to the ice edge depending on the conditions (including Liefdefjord, Bockfjord, Raudfjord, Ny-Alesund, Prins Karls Forland, Hornsund)

On an adventure in north-west Svalbard, feel the connection with Willem Barents, who discovered the archipelago in 1596. Now, more than 430 years later, you can still expect some stunning expedition experiences on your cruise to the ice edge. Where the route is determined by nature, the weather and the ice, the crew's many years of polar experience and the highest ice class for passenger ships are what really count. Time and again, you will head off in the Zodiacs to admire icy glacial cliffs or go ashore in remote bays. Your team of experts will provide captivating background knowledge during lectures on board and on numerous walks. With a little luck and from a respectful distance, you will be able to spot polar bears, whales, Arctic foxes and walruses. This far north, the Northern Lights season starts in late summer: On starry nights, the aurora borealis is a magnificent spectacle.

In the Liefdefjord, the majestic Monacobreen glacier will catch your eye. Blocks of ice keep falling into the fjord from the 5 km (3.1 miles) wide front. Take a look from the deck or from a Zodiac. The glacier was named in honour of Prince Albert I of Monaco, who explored the area in 1906 and 1907 with Gunnar Isachsen.

The Arctic leaves nobody out in the cold - especially not at the thermal springs at Bockfjord. Limestone sinter terraces have formed around the hot springs, the only place you can see them in Svalbard. The water in the springs is groundwater, which is so hot that the temperature at the surface stays above 20 °C (68 °F) all year round.

The Raudfjord will surprise you with its colourful accents and mountain slopes that shimmer in striking red. These red sandstone mountains are what give the fjord its name, meaning "red fjord". Go ashore with the Zodiacs and enjoy the Arctic silence and solitude.

The small settlement of Ny-Alesund is known for its great polar history and international research. The world's northernmost year-round research station is devoted to meteorology and research into global warming and the Northern Lights. Around



30 people live here in the winter and about 120 people in the summer. In Ny-Alesund you can find the world's northernmost post office.

Prins Karls Forland is an extraordinarily long island, mostly glaciated on the north-eastern side. The wild mountain scenery includes several peaks over 1,000 m (3,280 ft). The land is very barren in the open, with the tundra becoming bright green only near cliffs full of birds. Unforgettable wildlife sightings await on the gently sloping coastline, where walruses like to relax - a great photo opportunity for you.

Forge your way along deserted coasts like the great pioneers before you visit Hornsund, where hundreds of thousands of little auks live on the shore. Blubber ovens, houses and graves are the main remnants of the early European whale industry here: some 50 whaling stations were registered in Svalbard. This site is one of the oldest and comes from a time when whaling was still operated from the shore.

Day 7 Relaxation at sea

Relaxation at sea/Beginning of the Inside Passage through the fjords and islands of Norway

Day 8 Cruising off North Cape

Cruising off North Cape
Honningsvag, 12.00 - 19.00 hrs

The rugged beauty of the countryside, combined with the powerful waves in the sea, create an unforgettable atmosphere when your ship cruises off the legendary North Cape. The most northerly point on the European mainland is on a majestic cliff 307 m (1007 ft) above the ocean. The North Cape is a geographical point, as well as a symbol of the spirit of adventure that will also come to life in you.

Honningsvag is the maritime centre of the North Cape region. Its colourful houses are huddled together on the slopes of the local mountain, Storfjellet, which stands at a height of around 300 m (984 ft). Walk from the port to the little shops and restaurants offering Nordic specialities or visit the church built in 1885. When the town was destroyed by German occupying forces in 1944, only the whitewashed church remained undamaged. Take a hike in the surrounding hills to appreciate the idyllic sight of the town today. Honningsvag is also a starting point for visiting the legendary North Cape. Here, black slate cliffs rise up about 300 metres (984 ft) out of the sea and are topped by a huge globe symbolically marking the end of the European mainland.

Day 9 Tromso

Tromso, 12.00 - 18.30 hrs

Once described by seafarers and polar explorers as the "Paris of the North", Tromso has not lost any of its charm to this day. A lively city in idyllic natural surroundings. Playground of the midnight sun in summer and dance floor of the Northern Lights in winter. The city's landmark, the Arctic Cathedral*, is a prime example of how strong an influence the Arctic has on the city's architecture. Aluminium-coated concrete panels give the roof its striking design, making it look as if ice floes have been pressed up on both sides. The 23 m (75 ft) high stained glass window is also impressive. The exhibitions at the Polaria centre and the Arctic fish and other species at the aquarium will enhance your knowledge of the polar habitat. A number of museums bring to life the legendary polar explorers, for whom Tromso was the "gateway to the Arctic".



Day 10 Svolvaer/Lofoten Islands

Svolvaer/Lofoten Islands, 07.30 - 14.00 hrs

Skerry landscape, stockfish archipelago and expedition territory: the Lofoten Islands impress with dramatic landscapes and idyllic fishing villages. See what life is like here on the main island of Austvagoya and in its main town, Svolvaer. Once the ship has docked, take a stroll around the little town. Everywhere you go, you will see frames for drying stockfish, which is exported all over the world from the archipelago. Rather than the town itself, it's the symbiosis with the surrounding mountains that makes this place so appealing. Its main landmark is the mountain of the same name, Svolvaer, with two rocky peaks standing a good 1.5 metres (5 ft) tall at the top. The extraordinary light and colour here have attracted many artists to settle in the town. That's why Svolvaer is now an art centre.

Day 11 Torghatten

Norway is legendary in the truest sense of the word. Many of its impressive landscapes are closely linked with legends and Norwegian mythology. A particularly fascinating story comes to life when your ship heads for Torghatten, the striking mountain with a hole in the middle. According to legend, this hole was created when the King of the Somna's hat was pierced by an arrow fired by a wild troll prince. See it for yourself when you walk through the hole and enjoy breathtaking views of the surrounding coastal scenery and the sea. Your team of experts on board will explain the actual story behind the special geological feature.

Day 12 Geirangerfjord

Geirangerfjord, 13.00 - 19.00 hrs

Your small expedition ship will also take you to the famous Geirangerfjord as it hugs the coastline. The UNESCO World Heritage Site seems unreal and will draw you under its spell with its majestic mountains and cliffs rising up to 1,000 m (3,280 ft) out of the water. Numerous waterfalls plunge into the fjord, including the "Seven Sisters" with a drop of 250 m (820 ft). Legend has it that the "Suitor" waterfall on the opposite bank had its eye on the beautiful sisters, but its desires remained unfulfilled because of the fjord that kept them apart. Out of frustration, it took to the bottle, which is now apparently reflected in its shape like a liquor bottle. You too will be intoxicated by the sight of this natural wonder, which will stay in your memory forever. From the little town of Geiranger at the end of the fjord, you can take the opportunity to go on a variety of excursions.

Day 13 Cruising in the Nordfjord

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Maloy/Vagsoy, 13.00 - 20.00 hrs

Enjoy some relaxing moments on the many open deck areas when the small ship cruises through the Nordfjord. A labyrinth of sea inlets that shape Norway's character in a myriad of ways. Majestic mountains rise up steeply out of the clear, deep-blue water, and along the shores you will see the changing scenery of steep cliffs, gentle slopes and idyllic villages.

At the foot of a mighty chain of mountains lies the charming coastal town of Maloy. The town has a rich maritime history, which is still alive today. Fisheries and aquaculture are the mainstays of the local economy. The street art here is as



creative as the surrounding scenery is beautiful. Discover the murals inspired by island life as you walk around independently. The exhibition in the Maloyraidsenteret (Maloy raid centre) tells the extraordinary tale of the events that took place in 1941 during the Second World War. Set in the middle of idyllic, unspoilt nature, Maloy is the ideal starting point for exploring the surrounding countryside.

Day 14 Bergen

Bergen, 08.00 - 16.30 hrs

Bergen welcomes you to a Scandinavian gem. Over the years, the city's wealth has been built on seafaring, trade and fishing. Today, the city's past is reflected in the Hanseatic quarter of Bryggen with its narrow streets: with its colourful, historic merchants' houses lined up next to one another on the quayside, the area has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The picturesque fish market is also worth a visit. Mount Floyen, one of the city's seven hills, rises up to 300 m (984 ft) above the centre - on a walk you will see from the top why Bergen is known as the "gateway to the fjords".

Day 15 Relaxation at sea

Day 16 Hamburg

Hamburg, arrival 08.00 hrs
Individual travel arrangements from cruise arrival point

Please Note:

The itinerary depends on official approval, weather and ice conditions. The natural experiences and wildlife or Northern Lights sightings described are possibilities on this expedition and are not guaranteed.



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The HANSEATIC inspiration, spirit and nature are small, state-of-the-art expedition ships with a maximum of 230 guests, offers a perfect blend of adventure and comfort for explorers seeking to uncover the world's wonders. As an international vessel conducting cruises in both English and German, it brings over 30 years of expertise from a market leader in German-speaking countries to every journey. Each expedition is a masterpiece, passionately crafted to reveal far-flung worlds--be it icy realms, tropical paradises, wildlife havens, or cultural gems--making every voyage a unique discovery aboard this exceptional ship. Features of all cabins and suites An ocean view with even more: exclusively outside cabins and suites, almost all with balconies or French balconies Spaciously designed - enjoy a relaxing stay in rooms from 21 m²/226 ft² up to 71 m²/764 ft² in size Exceptionally equipped - for example, with binoculars, Nordic Walking poles, air conditioning, coffee machine and mini bar (free of charge) and 24-hour cabin service Separable beds Rain shower and heated wall in bathroom (e.g. for towels and wet parkas) Extensive infotainment with live broadcast and recordings of expert presentations, forwardview camera, navigation chart, films and much more Restaurants Aboard the HANSEATIC Inspiration and Spirit, a new kind of freedom blends adventure and pleasure with a culinary journey across three exceptional restaurants. The spacious HANSEATIC Restaurant offers flexible mealtimes and a free choice of seating, serving a daily-changing menu of global flavors inspired by local specialties, paired with fine wines and supported by attentive 24-hour cabin service. At the Lido Restaurant, guests can savor breakfast under the open sky or enjoy a perfectly grilled steak from the outdoor barbecue, complete with panoramic views and an open show kitchen. The specialty restaurant Nikkei fuses fine Japanese creations with modern Peruvian cuisine, delivering a unique dining experience that elevates exploration to new heights--all while bars in the Observation Lounge and HanseAtrium offer favorite drinks against stunning backdrops, from Nordic fjords to icy Antarctic vistas. Fitness and Wellness On the HANSEATIC inspiration, an extraordinary time out awaits after thrilling Zodiac rides, challenging hikes, or Arctic adventures. Unwind in the Ocean Spa, where a Finnish sauna with stunning ocean views, a gentle steam sauna, an ice fountain, and a relaxation room rejuvenate your senses, complemented by professional massages, cosmetic treatments, and eco-friendly products made from natural, vegan ingredients. Stay active in the 100 m² fitness room or separate course room--both with ocean vistas--guided by a fitness coach offering personalized advice and a variety of courses, either indoors or on deck. The pool area, with its flexible canopy, invites relaxation year-round, featuring water loungers, a whirlpool, and a bar, ensuring a perfect blend of

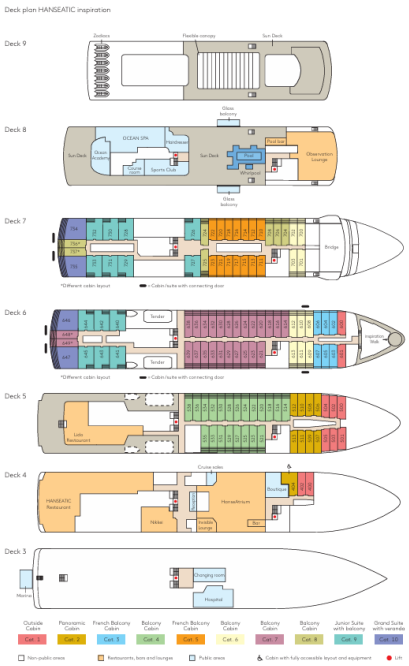
indulgence and revitalization against the backdrop of the open sea. Knowledge Shore excursions and Zodiac rides come alive with deeper context through fascinating presentations in the HanseAtrium, a high-tech lounge where experts share daily precaps and recaps, doubling as an atmospheric evening bar for films and discussions. The Ocean Academy enhances the journey with a Study Wall and interactive poster of scientific insights, microscopes for exploring hidden wonders alongside experts, and Study Seats--with swivel touchscreens--for personal dives into science. Supported by travel diaries and destination videos, this immersive experience broadens horizons with cutting-edge tools and



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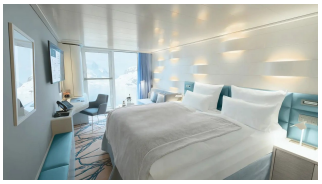
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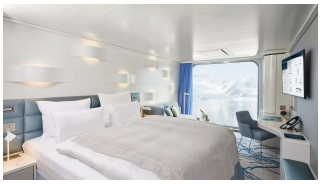
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