

HIGHLIGHTS OF ICELAND EXPEDITION CRUISE

Iceland has captivated explorers for over a thousand years, ever since Norse pioneers set foot on this storied land. Iceland is famed for its dramatic mix of fire and ice -- towering volcanoes, vast glaciers, and frigid coastlines. But beyond these extremes lies a land of vibrant coastal towns, rich wildlife, and entrancing cultural experiences. This expedition begins in Reykjavik, Iceland's lively capital, before heading to Ísafjorður, capital of the Westfjords. From there, we visit Siglufjorður, once Iceland's herring hub, and continue to Grimsey Island, where visitors can stand on the Arctic Circle. Further along the north coast lies Akureyri, Iceland's second-largest settlement, nestled among green hills and wild landscapes. We then explore Husavik, world-famous for whale watching. On Iceland's remote east coast, the charming town of Djupivogur offers historic character, surreal black sand beaches, and breathtaking bird life. Our voyage then sails south to Heimaey, part of the volcanic Westman Islands, where islanders heroically fought a volcano to save their home, before returning to Reykjavik. Travelling in early autumn allows us to avoid peak crowds, explore remote communities, and witness the northern lights as the Arctic winter approaches.



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Day 1: Reykjavik, Iceland – Embarkation

Our adventure begins in Iceland's vibrant capital, Reykjavik. Famous for its modern Nordic culture, excellent food scene, and relaxed atmosphere, Reykjavik is the ideal starting point for our Arctic adventure. After boarding our expedition ship, Ocean Albatros, guests will enjoy dinner and champagne as we set sail out of Faxafloi Bay, following ancient Norse sea routes towards the wild Westfjords.

Day 2: Ísafjörður



Tucked in the heart of the Westfjords, Ísafjörður is surrounded by dramatic basalt mountains and deep fjords. Once a quiet fishing settlement, it became an international trade hub in the 16th century, with its rich waters attracting traders and ships from across the Atlantic. Today, the colourful houses, swanky downtown buildings, and visitors from around the world make a surprisingly cosmopolitan town centre. Chilly breezes and sweeping landscapes welcome visitors to explore the remoteness and beauty of this northern gem.

Day 3: Siglufjörður and Grímsey

Siglufjorður, Iceland's northernmost mainland town, thrived during the herring boom of the mid-20th century, growing from a sleepy village to the hub of the country's fishing industry. Today, the herring still reigns supreme; the charming streets and Herring Era Museum showcase this proud heritage, while its jaw-dropping fjord setting offers rich bird-watching opportunities. Later, we sail to Grimsey Island, the only part of Iceland crossing the Arctic Circle. A guided walk reveals its rugged beauty, curious unafraid seabirds, and the symbolic Arctic Circle marker, 'Orbus et Globus', which is shifted annually to account for tiny changes to Earth's orbit.

Day 4: Akureyri

Nestled at the end of Eyjafjorður, Iceland's longest fjord, Akureyri is known as the "Capital of the North." Despite its small size, the city boasts a unique cathedral, the first botanical gardens in Iceland, massive geothermally heated swimming pools, and a lively cultural scene. Sheltered by surrounding hills from the worst of the Arctic weather, its rich volcanic soils support abundant agriculture, and the frigid waters of the fjord hold rich fish stocks - a treat for the discerning palate!

Day 5: Húsavík

Just beyond Akureyri lies Husavik, Iceland's oldest settlement, founded by the Viking pioneer Nattfari in the late 9th century. Small but bustling, Husavik has fully embraced tourism and is the undisputed whale-watching capital of Iceland. Where whalers once hunted, conservation and tourism now shelter these gentle giants. The town also offers museums, including one dedicated to whale conservation, and another celebrating Iceland's contributions to exploration in the Arctic, Antarctic, and even into space. No trip to Husavik is complete without a soak at the nearby Geosea Spa with sweeping views over Skjalfandi Bay.

Day 6: Djúpivogur

Situated on Iceland's scenic southeast coast, Djupivogur is framed by fjords, mountains, and rich bird habitats. It is the closest port in the country to the Faroe Islands, Scandinavia, and mainland Europe, and is a popular port of call for vessels exploring the North Atlantic. Centered around the harbor, the town dates back to the 16th century and is known for its unique public art, including the Eggin i Gleðivik (Eggs of Merry Bay) sculpture. Hikers and birdwatchers are spoiled for choice, with mile upon mile of nature waiting to be explored. One of Iceland's most beautiful black sand beaches is just a short stroll from town and features a huge variety of bird species.

Day 7: Heimaey and Surtsey, Westman Islands

Next, we visit Heimaey, the largest of the volcanic Westman Islands. Visitors can explore the dramatic lava fields of Eldfell volcano and the world-renowned bird colonies of the island. The residents of Heimaey were severely tested in 1973, when Eldfell volcano began to spew lava, threatening the town and its vital harbour. Heroic locals fought back, cooling the lava with



seawater jets to save their community. Weather permitting, we will cruise past Surtsey on departure, a newly formed volcanic island strictly reserved for scientific research.

Day 8: Reykjavik – Disembarkation

Returning to Reykjavik, we conclude our voyage with lasting memories of Iceland's wild landscapes, vibrant communities, and extraordinary wildlife.

Please note:

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YOUR SHIP: OCEAN VICTORY

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

This stylish cruise ship, built specifically for small ship expeditions to the Polar Regions, features cutting edge technology mixed with great comfort. With a total of 93 comfortable cabins for our guests, all with a view of the ocean, (and 90% with their own balcony), several restaurants, a wellness area, an Albatros Nordic Bar, an open deck dining facility, a modern lecture lounge, and other amenities, the vessel will also be environmentally-friendly onboard, with an implementation of the Green Initiative Program, ensuring both absolute comfort and sustainability for our guests. Now, for the technical details: With the highest Polar code 6 and Ice class 1A, Ocean Victory is the ideal vessel for small-ship cruising due to her sturdy construction and X-Bow®-Infinity class, which provides high stability in rough weather and allows for the smoothest movements on high waves, and a Solas 2012 classification which facilitates a safe return to port. The vessel is part of a brand new generation of low-energy vessels, with 4 diesel engines and 2 electro engines, all controlled electronically to optimize speed and fuel consumption. Restaurant & bar Dinner always starts with delicious hot soups, cold cuts and crisp, fresh salads. Several choices of entrees are offered each evening, to accommodate different tastes and dietary requirements; always including a meat choice, fish choice and vegetarian choice. After dinner, freshly prepared desserts, including ship-made ice cream or cakes are a great way to end a meal and satisfy any sweet tooth. A selection of wines and beers is available to perfectly compliment your visit to our restaurant... and if you're interested in relaxing during your time off from activities and landings, delight onboard Ocean Atlantic by raising your glass to the experience of a lifetime! Our bar is fully equipped with a variety of cocktails, beers, non-alcoholic beverages and more, to quench your thirst and reward the

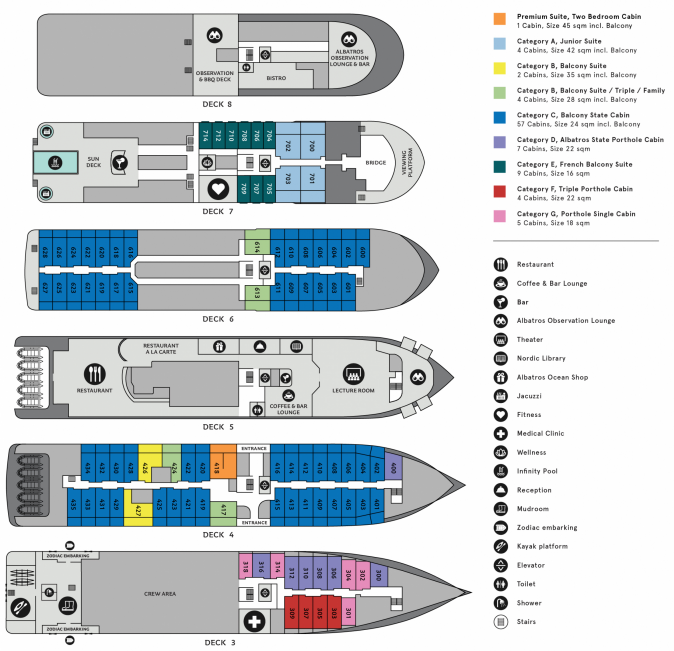




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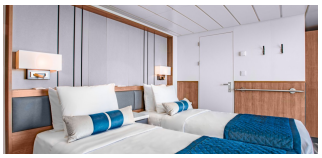
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Balcony Stateroom



Balcony Suite



French Balcony Stateroom



Freydis Suite/Premium Suite



Grand Balcony Stateroom



Junior Suite



Single Stateroom



Superior Balcony Stateroom



Triple Stateroom





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Balcony Stateroom	£9545 GBP pp
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Balcony Suite	£11315 GBP pp
Superior Balcony Stateroom	£9855 GBP pp
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