

IN THE REALM OF THE POLAR BEAR - WEST SVALBARD EXPEDITION CRUISE

Embark on a 10-day expedition through the spectacular landscapes and wildlife-rich wilderness of western Svalbard, from the dramatic fjords and tidewater glaciers of Northwest Spitsbergen National Park to the remote shores of Forlandet and North Isfjorden National Parks. Explore Arctic coastlines, islands and tundra habitats while searching for polar bears, walrus, reindeer, Arctic foxes, seals and whales, with opportunities to visit Ny-Ålesund, one of the world's northernmost settlements, and historic sites connected to Svalbard's early sealers, whalers and polar explorers. The expedition continues north towards Smeerenburg and the edge of the polar pack ice, where flexible routing and time spent along the shifting ice edge maximise opportunities to observe polar bears and seals in their natural habitat.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Longyearbyen, Svalbard (hotel night)

Welcome to Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Svalbard and starting point of our Arctic expedition! At the Longyearbyen airport, you will be greeted by our staff and transferred to a quality hotel, which has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the itinerary. You will then be free to explore the charming, walkable town center.

We recommend starting your discovery of this fascinating Norwegian High Arctic territory at the excellent Svalbard Museum, where you can also purchase hard-to-find polar books and maps. Afterward, you can enjoy an excellent dinner at one



of Longyearbyen's many delightful restaurants. If you are still awake at midnight, you will notice the sun has not set. In fact, the sun will not set for the entire duration of our time in Svalbard.

Day 2: Welcome Aboard!

After breakfast at your hotel, the morning is yours to enjoy Longyearbyen. Take in the views of icy fjords and glaciated mountains surrounding this historic former coal-mining town. Take advantage of shopping for souvenirs or some last-minute necessities such as cold-weather gear. Just remember, you will soon receive your very own parka to keep and waterproof boots to borrow on board the ship. For lunch, Longyearbyen offers quick and easy meal options including the most northerly pizzas and kebabs in the world.

In the afternoon, you will be transferred to the pier where we will warmly welcome you aboard the deluxe expedition vessel M/V Sea Spirit. Get settled in your spacious suite and explore the ship that will be your comfortable home during the extraordinary adventure to come. After getting underway, a full schedule of events kicks off with informative briefings and introductions from your expedition staff. Over the coming days, our expedition will focus on spending as much time as possible in the northern part of Svalbard and along the edge of the polar pack ice, where conditions often provide the best opportunities for unforgettable wildlife encounters. After the first of many delicious dinners on board, step out onto the open decks to admire the gorgeous scenery in 24-hour daylight as we pass through the wildlife-rich waters of Isfjorden.

Day 3-9: West Svalbard and Polar Ice Edge

The itinerary for this voyage focuses on the spectacular fjords, coasts and islands of western Spitsbergen, the main island of the Svalbard archipelago. This area contains Svalbard's most impressive scenery and some of the Arctic's best wildlife viewing opportunities. Our exact schedule and route will be shaped by the weather and ice conditions we encounter. Polar bears and other iconic Arctic animals can be spotted at anytime, anywhere in our area of exploration.

Also on our route is Northwest Spitsbergen National Park, the crown jewel of Svalbard's scenic wonders. Here we find deep fjords flanked by serrated mountain peaks and immense tidewater glaciers calving icebergs into turquoise waters. The whole area is alive with migratory Arctic seabirds. On this voyage, we are just in time to witness the return of millions of murres, guillemots and little auks to the small islands, mountainsides and sea cliffs where they breed within the park. This is also a great area to encounter marine mammals, including various kinds of whales and Arctic seals. Set among this incredible scenery and wildlife activity, we also find evidence of Svalbard's earliest sealers and whalers.

Our area of exploration also includes gorgeous Forlandet National Park. Here we find Prins Karls Forland, one of the best places in Svalbard to observe herds of walrus hauled out on land. Also along the route is North Isfjorden National Park, where we have the chance to observe endemic Svalbard reindeer grazing and Arctic fox romping in lush tundra meadows. Human habitation along our route can be found at Ny-Ålesund, a former mining town and airship base that is now home to an international community of Arctic researchers. This is one of the world's northernmost settlements, where we find a museum, gift



shop and post office.

From Ny-Ålesund, we continue north via historic Smeerenburg and make a special effort to reach the edge of the polar pack ice. We also hope to assess conditions in Hinlopen Strait, which is often closed by sea ice at this time of year but may occasionally be accessible.

At this dynamic boundary between solid sea ice and open ocean, we have an unparalleled opportunity to witness the dramatic interplay between polar bears and seals. While many voyages spend only a short time at the ice edge, our goal is to maximize our time in this extraordinary environment and, conditions permitting, spend at least two days exploring along the ice. To preserve this flexibility, we keep several northern sites in reserve, allowing the expedition leader to adapt our route according to the prevailing ice and weather conditions while prioritizing time in the most rewarding wildlife habitat. We will take the ship as close as safely possible to the jumbled and constantly shifting ice floes in the hope of observing polar bears hunting in their preferred habitat.

The West Svalbard and Polar Ice Edge route offers a stunning variety of Arctic landscapes and animals with minimal sailing time between excursions. Every day offers something new and exciting. We will not miss a single opportunity to encounter amazing Arctic wildlife, to witness incredible polar scenery, and to walk in the footsteps of historic expeditions that came before.

Day 10: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen, Svalbard

After enjoying one final breakfast buffet on board, we bid you farewell in Longyearbyen, the capital of Svalbard and final destination of our expedition. After disembarkation, a captivating sightseeing tour awaits you, showcasing some of the most interesting locations in the world's northernmost city. We provide transfers to the airport or to the town center in case you plan to stay longer in Svalbard.

Please note:
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YOUR SHIP: SEA SPIRIT

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Sea Spirit is a luxury expedition cruise ship, specifically designed to cruise the Polar regions. Carrying a maximum of just 114 passengers in 57 suites, she has the feel of a boutique hotel. Built in 1992, but refurbished several times since, the latest being in 2019, she is just 90 metres long so can navigate the small channels and bays of the Polar regions. Sailing aboard the remarkably comfortable Sea Spirit you will experience the polar regions in grand style with spacious suites. Sea Spirit's spacious suites all have panoramic oceans views. Think king-size or twin beds, en suites, flat screen TVs and DVDs and internet satellite. Many suites have private balconies, lounge areas & dressing tables. There is a lounge, bistro and bar, hot tub, gym, a state-of-the-art presentation room and stabilisers for smooth cruising. There is an open bridge policy so you can join the captain and the officers at any time of day to watch the ship's operations or just check your exact location. Features All-suite ship Smallest suite is a spacious 215 square feet. 15 suites have balconies. Owner's Suite is an outstanding 550 sq. feet. Flat Screen TVs and DVD players in every suite Gymnasium and Hot Tub with seating area and Bistro Library/Games Room Tea & Coffee Station(24 hrs) Elevator Every suite has an exterior view Some cabin plans may vary depending on the cruise, please check for details. Zodiac dockSuperior Suite Owners



Suite Library



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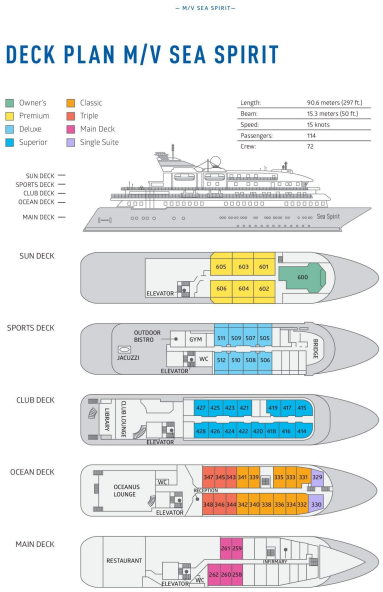
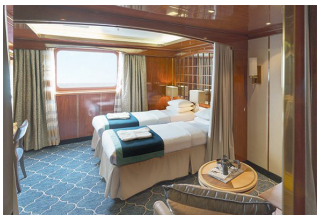


Classic Suite



Deluxe Suite



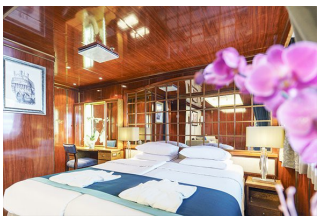
Main Deck Suite



Owner's Suite



Premium Suite



Single Suite



Superior Suite



Triple Classic





PRICING

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Superior Suite	£9998 GBP pp
Classic Suite	£9848 GBP pp
Single Suite	£13848 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£14898 GBP pp
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