

NORWAY'S WILD NORTH: LOFOTEN TO SVALBARD EXPEDITION CRUISE

This carefully crafted voyage begins in the bustling Arctic city of Bodø before entering the legendary Lofoten Archipelago, after which we will sail through the magnificent fjords of Norway to arrive at Tromsø, capital of the Arctic. Next, we explore the incredible bird colonies of Gjesvaerstappan before visiting legendary Nordkapp from the charming village of Skarsvag. Our adventure continues as we strike out into the Arctic Ocean, exploring the wildlife-rich cliffs of Bear Island before arriving on Svalbard, Norway's High Arctic nature paradise. Our voyage concludes with four full, jaw-dropping days exploring this Arctic jewel before finishing in Longyearbyen, one of Earth's northernmost communities. From the fjords and fells of Norway to the glaciers and tundra of Svalbard, this is our most comprehensive Scandinavian itinerary ever!



ITINERARY

Day 1: Embarkation

Gateway to the Arctic and surrounded by dramatic peaks, Bodø is a lively coastal city where modern Norwegian life meets the edge of the wilderness. Just outside town lies Saltstraumen, one of the strongest tidal currents in the world, drawing seabirds and marine life to its churning waters.

Your expedition vessel awaits in the harbor. After embarkation and a mandatory safety briefing and drill, join your Expedition Team on deck as we set sail north toward Norway's legendary Lofoten Archipelago, where your Arctic adventure begins.



Day 2: Lofoten (Reine & Leknes), Norway

Wake to the dramatic landscapes of Norway's legendary Lofoten Archipelago, where towering granite peaks rise straight from crystal-clear fjords and colorful fishing villages cling to the shoreline. Our first stop is Reine, often regarded as one of the most beautiful villages in Norway, its postcard-perfect setting framed by jagged mountains and tranquil water. We continue to Leknes, the vibrant heart of the archipelago, offering a taste of local culture and coastal tradition, with white-sand beaches and incredible hiking waiting to be explored beyond the edge of town.

Day 3: Tromsø

The largest city in the Scandinavian Arctic, Tromsø is the unofficial capital of North Norway, a hub for transport, industry, education, and tourism alike. The city sits on an island, and majestic bridges cross the fjord to the suburbs on the surrounding hillsides, which hold attractions such as the Fjellheisen Cable Car and the Arctic Cathedral. The city has been the jumping-off point for many Arctic expeditions--a heritage visitors can discover at the Polar Museum, a stone's throw from the city's charming main square. With vast tracts of wilderness just outside town, rugged enough for even the most seasoned hiker, visitors are spoiled for choice!

Day 4: Gjesværstappan and Skarsvåg

Near the fishing village of Gjesvaer is a collection of rocky skerries and islets famed throughout the world for their incredible birdlife. Grab your binoculars and join local boat captains to explore these incredible islands, home to everything from guillemots to white-tailed eagles. In the afternoon, we will come ashore at the tiny fishing village of Skarsvag, the northernmost fishing village on Earth and gateway to the world-famous Nordkapp plateau--next stop, Svalbard!

Day 5: Bjørnøya/Bear Island

Despite its name, polar bears are only rare visitors to Bear Island (Bjørnøya in Norwegian)--but don't let that put you off! The precipitous sea cliffs on the island are home to enormous colonies of seabirds, especially fulmars, kittiwakes, and guillemots. Prowling Arctic foxes patrol the flatter areas of the island, so these birds cluster on the rocky cliffs, carefully tending their precious eggs and jostling for space. Join your Expedition Team aboard the Zodiacs to explore this magnificent sight from the water.

Day 6: South Svalbard

Our first landfall in the magnificent archipelago of Svalbard will be amid the lush green fjords of the south. This area is incredibly rich in wildlife and holds numerous historical sites, such as Bamsebu and Calypsobyen. Grassy tundra meadows, such as those found at Varsolbukta, offer food for herds of diminutive Svalbard reindeer and other grazers, such as barnacle geese. With a variety of destinations to visit, our knowledgeable Expedition Leader and Captain will ensure that wherever we visit offers a breathtaking introduction to the High Arctic.

Day 7: Northwest Svalbard

Comprising the mountainous northwestern coast of the island of Spitsbergen and countless fjords, islands, and skerries, this region seems almost purpose-made for exploring! Incredibly, this wild coast was once among the most degraded environments on Earth--English and Dutch whalers and Russian and Norwegian trappers once ran rampant here, slaughtering whales, walruses, bears, and foxes at sites such as



Smeerenburg to make their fortune--often not surviving long enough to collect. Thankfully, nature has rebounded, and the whole region is now protected within Northwest Spitsbergen National Park, making it one of the most stunning, wildlife-rich regions in the Arctic.

Day 8: Into the Ice

To the north of Svalbard lies the enormous, ever-shifting Arctic sea ice, one of Earth's largest habitats, which stretches from Svalbard to Siberia and Alaska. It may seem barren and empty at first glance, but look closer and the wonders of this shifting seascape reveal themselves--from tiny cod-like fish flickering between flakes of ice to flocks of fulmars, eiders, and guillemots, all the way up to snoozing seals and maybe even the King of the Arctic--the legendary polar bear. Bundle up, grab your camera, and join your Expedition Team on deck as we venture into the ice at the top of the world.

Day 9: Kongsfjorden Region

With the midnight sun high in the morning sky, we sail into breathtaking Kongsfjorden--a vast and dramatic fjord system backed by the Three Crowns mountains. The only settlement in this region is the research town of Ny-Ålesund, one of the world's northernmost year-round communities. Once a coal-mining settlement, Ny-Ålesund has been the base for legendary polar explorers, including Roald Amundsen and Umberto Nobile, and the research carried out here today by international scientific stations is critical to understanding the changing face of the polar regions in the modern world.

Day 10: Longyearbyen, Disembarkation

On the final morning of our expedition, we arrive in the charmingly unusual town of Longyearbyen, one of Earth's northernmost communities. Everything here feels superlative--including the excellent local shops, cafes, and restaurants. After a fond farewell to the Expedition Staff, Officers, and Crew of Ocean Albatros, spend some time exploring this remarkable town with your fellow explorers before returning to the airport and the Norwegian mainland with memories of the Arctic adventure of a lifetime.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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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 it's 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

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



additional fee.



INSIDE YOUR SHIP

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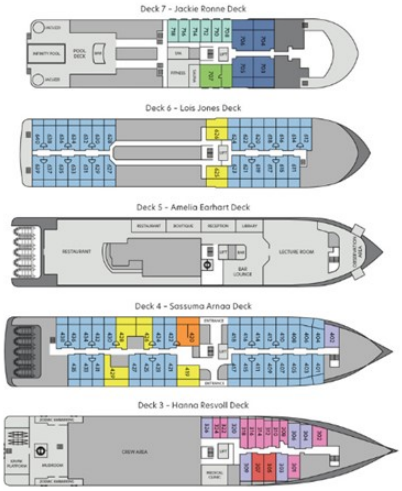

- BRYNHILDE SUITE, TWO BEDROOM
  1 Cabin, Size 52 sqm/559 sqft, French Balcony
- FREYDIS SUITE
  1 Cabin, Size 43 sqm/462 sqft incl. Balcony
- CATEGORY A, JUNIOR SUITE
  4 Cabins, Size 40 sqm/430 sqft incl. Balcony
- CATEGORY B, BALCONY SUITE
  6 Cabins, Size app. 32 sqm/344 sqft incl. Balcony
- CATEGORY C, BALCONY STATEROOM
  57 Cabins, Size 22 sqm/236 sqft incl. Balcony
- CATEGORY D, PORTHOLE STATEROOM
  7 Cabins, Size 16 sqm/172 sqft
- CATEGORY E, FRENCH BALCONY SUITE
  6 Cabins, Size 16 sqm/172 sqft
- CATEGORY F, PORTHOLE TRIPLE STATEROOM
  2 Cabins, Size 20 sqm/215 sqft
- CATEGORY G, PORTHOLE SINGLE STATEROOM
  10 Cabins, Size 13 sqm/140 sqft

Please note: All cabin sizes and details are approximate and may change as ship is currently under construction. Decks 8 and 9 are not shown.

Balcony Suite



Brynhilde Suite



French Balcony Stateroom



Freydis Suite



Grand Balcony Stateroom



Junior Suite



Porthole Stateroom



Superior Balcony Stateroom



Triple Stateroom





PRICING

10-May-2028 to 19-May-2028

Brynhilde Suite	£11085 GBP pp
Freydis Suite	£11625 GBP pp
Triple Stateroom	£6235 GBP pp
Porthole Stateroom	£7235 GBP pp
French Balcony Stateroom	£7699 GBP pp
Superior Balcony Stateroom	£8389 GBP pp
Grand Balcony Stateroom	£8775 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£9929 GBP pp
Balcony Suite	£9545 GBP pp

	MANDATORY CHARTER FLIGHT
ADDITIONAL CHARGES:	500 USD pp