

SCOTTISH ISLES, ARCTIC CIRCLES & SVALBARD - 15 DAY CRUISE

This 14-night itinerary explores Svalbard's polar wilderness, Norway's dramatic coastlines, and Scotland's remote isles. Expect a journey defined by ice, sea, and pristine frontiers - from glacier-filled bays where walrus haul out, seabirds gather in vast colonies, and polar bears roam the ice edge, to Bear Island's soaring cliffs alive with puffins and guillemots, and the jagged peaks of the Lofoten Islands. Along Norway's fjord-lined shores, colorful towns such as Ålesund reflect centuries of maritime tradition. In Scotland, prehistoric stone circles, Iron Age towers, and UNESCO-protected St Kilda -- famed for its seabirds and dramatic landscapes -- reveal the stories of past civilizations, while Staffa and Iona captivate with their basalt cliffs, sea caves, and spiritual heritage.



ITINERARY

Day 1 The Arctic Circle Glasgow

We begin our expedition in the charming Scottish town of Glasgow. Board Aqua Lares and settle into your luxurious suite, prepared for an adventure into the Arctic Circle.

Day 2 The Arctic Circle Iona & Staffa

Today, we discover Iona, a small island with a profound spiritual legacy as the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland, home to a historic abbey set amid tranquil landscapes. After lunch, head to Staffa, famous for its hexagonal basalt columns and dramatic sea caves, including the legendary Fingal's Cave.

Day 3 The Arctic Circle St Kilda



We land on the remote archipelago of St Kilda, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Towering cliffs host vast seabird colonies, while the remains of stone houses tell of a community that once thrived in this isolated environment. The islands' raw beauty mixed with their rich cultural past makes them one of Scotland's most extraordinary destinations.

Day 4 The Arctic Circle Callanish, Isle Of Lewis

On the Isle of Lewis, we explore the Callanish Stones, a prehistoric circle dating back over 5,000 years. Standing on a windswept moor, these enigmatic stones evoke the mysteries of Scotland's ancient past.

Day 5 The Arctic Circle Mousa Broch

We sail into Scotland's Shetland Islands to visit Mousa Broch, a remarkably preserved Iron Age stone tower. The site offers insight into Scotland's early history, while the surrounding coastline offers the opportunity to encounter to seabirds and seals.

Day 6 The Arctic Circle Ålesund

Arrive in Ålesund, renowned for its Art Nouveau architecture. Colorful buildings and sweeping coastal views make this one of Norway's most distinctive urban landscapes.

Day 7 The Arctic Circle Smøla

Wake up to views of the low-lying islands and open seascapes which define Smøla. The scattered islets provide habitat for rich birdlife, including white-tailed eagles. Small fishing hamlets along the coast give a glimpse into Norway's enduring maritime way of life.

Day 8 The Arctic Circle Brønnøysund

Nestled on the Torget peninsula, Brønnøysund is framed by mountains and islands. Offshore lie natural wonders such as the Torghatten granite dome and the Vega Archipelago, recognized for their geology and cultural history. The town itself reflects Norway's close connection to the sea and coastal traditions.

Day 9 The Arctic Circle Reine, Lofoten & Trollfjorden

Wake up to views of Reine in the Lofoten Islands, where jagged peaks, deep-blue fjords, and colorful fishing villages reflect the region's rich maritime heritage and traditional way of life. After lunch, we continue to Trollfjorden, a narrow, majestic fjord flanked by sheer cliffs rising up to a staggering 1,000 meters. Tender excursions bring you close to soaring eagles and curious seals along the fjord's dramatic shoreline.

Day 10 The Arctic Circle Tromsø

We return to Tromso as the ship replenishes itself for the next leg of the journey. Take the day to unwind on board Aqua Lares. Enjoy the social spaces at your leisure, whether it be sipping cocktails in the lounge, a workout in the open air, or a soothing spa treatment. Later in the day, we greet the new guests joining the expeditions onwards.

Day 11 The Arctic Circle Gjesvær & Skarsvåg (Nordkapp)



The day begins with an exploration of Gjesvaer, setting out by tender to Gjesvaerstappan, where puffins, gannets, and kittiwakes gather in one of Europe's largest seabird colonies. In the afternoon, we continue to Skarsvag, one of Europe's northernmost villages, where wild reindeer wander past clusters of colorful houses.

Day 12 The Arctic Circle Rantalabukta (Reinøya)

Step ashore on Reinøya, a secluded island once used by Sami herders for reindeer grazing. Join our expert naturalist guides on walks across raised beaches to witness remarkable geological formations.

Day 13 The Arctic Circle Bear Island

Today, we head out on excursions along the remote cliffs of Bear Island, home to vast colonies of puffins, guillemots, and fulmars. Enjoy close encounters with the destination's remarkable population of seabirds while out on a tender exploration. Learn more about the island's unique ecology from our naturalist guides.

Day 14 The Arctic Circle Samarinvågen

Begin the day exploring Samarinvagen, where a calving glacier fills the bay with ice floes that serve as haul-out sites for bearded seals. Watch seabirds such as little auks, Brunnich's guillemots, and king eiders, and with luck, glimpse a beluga.

Day 15 The Arctic Circle Longyearbyen

Bid farewell to Aqua Lares and the crew after a hearty breakfast on board.

Please note:
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PASSENGER CAPACITY:

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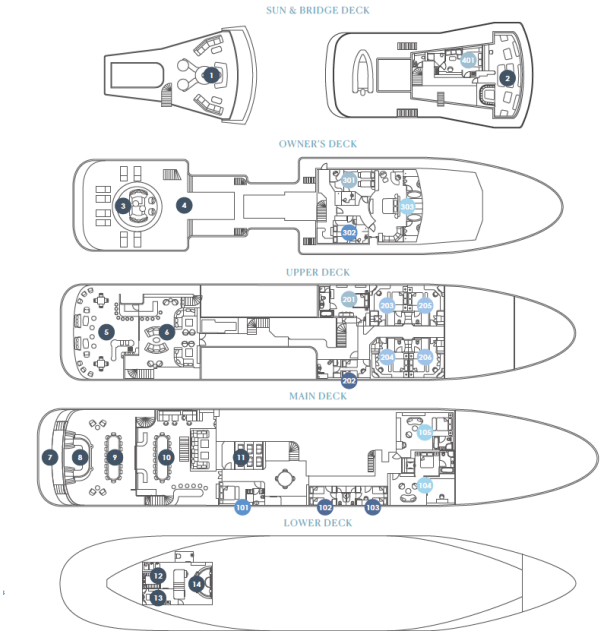
Superyacht sailing in Seychelles & Tanzania An awe-inspiring presence in the Indian Ocean, Aqua Lares is the first superyacht to offer both charter and individual cabin bookings for expeditions to Seychelles & Tanzania. Featuring 15 bespoke cabins, a one-to-one crew-to-guest ratio, and expert-led excursions, Aqua Lares offers a superyacht experience unlike any other in East Africa. While sailing on this small-ship expedition, guests have the opportunity to discover biodiversity hotspots such as Aldabra and La Digue, as well as remote islands including the African Banks which are generally inaccessible to larger cruises. Aqua Lares pairs days of adventure with all the comforts of a five-star hotel, including a curated fine dining experience, highly personalized service, and a range of social spaces for rest and relaxation. Whether it's sipping cocktails on the sun deck, cooling off at the jacuzzi, or indulging in a spa treatment, moments on board can be just as special as those spent exploring the pristine beaches and island towns of Seychelles and Zanzibar. Spread across six decks, Aqua Lares offers a bespoke blend of grandeur and elegance, creating an extraordinary oasis for adventurous exploration and world-class luxury. Accommodating a total of 30 guests, Aqua Lares features 15 elegant design cabins across five categories, including three Owner's Suites sized between 419 and 710 sqft (39 and 66 sqm). The remaining cabins are sized between 139 and 322 sqft (13 and 30 sqm), each one individually designed and custom-furnished down to the smallest detail. Every room features warm interiors, creating an inviting atmosphere, complemented by solid wood veneers, as well as wallpaper and fabrics sourced from Italian renowned Dedar. Their sophisticated, artistic patterns subtly tie into the natural surroundings, reflecting the vibrant cultures and rich textures of both Europe



and Africa.



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