

SVALBARD, ARCTIC CIRCLE & TROMSO - 13 DAY CRUISE

Combining the highlights of our 7- and 5-night expeditions, this 12-night Arctic journey is a comprehensive exploration of Svalbard and the Arctic Circle. Venture deep into fjords such as Kongsfjorden and Raudfjord, where towering glaciers rise above the sea. Follow the drifting pack ice in search of polar bears, seals, and walruses. Islands in the Svalbarg archipelago such as Alkehornet, Bear Island, and Gjesvaerstappan erupt with seabirds in summer, while tundra walks reveal reindeer, Arctic foxes, and traces of historic whaling outposts. From remote islands once used by Sami herders to lively coastal villages at the edge of Europe, this itinerary offers the full spectrum of Arctic wilderness and culture.



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Day 1 The Arctic Circle Longyearbyen & Alkehornet

Board Aqua Lares in Longyearbyen, the northernmost town in the world, and settle into your luxurious cabin. In the afternoon, we visit Alkehornet, a dramatic bird cliff where thousands of guillemots and kittiwakes nest. The tundra below often attracts grazing reindeer and, with luck, Arctic foxes on the prowl.

Day 2 The Arctic Circle Gravneset & Smeerenburg

We begin the day at Gravneset, a headland surrounded by glaciers and mountains, where a historic whaling cemetery tells tales of early Arctic explorers. In the afternoon, our adventure continues to Smeerenburg Fjord and Sorgattet, once the center of 17th-century Dutch whaling. Step ashore at the historic site,



surrounded by Arctic terns, geese, and the stark beauty of the high Arctic coast.

Day 3 The Arctic Circle Pack Ice

After an overnight voyage from Smeerenburg, we venture into the drifting pack ice, a silent expanse stretching toward the horizon. Head out on a tender excursion in search of polar bears, bearded seals, and ivory gulls in their natural habitat -- some of the rarest wildlife encounters on the planet. In the afternoon, take part in a polar plunge and immerse yourself in the frigid Arctic waters.

Day 4 The Arctic Circle Alkefjellet & Bråsvellbreen

Start the day exploring one of Svalbard's most famous bird cliffs. Its basalt walls rise steeply from the sea and are home to over 60,000 pairs of Brunnich's guillemots during the summer breeding season. The cliffs provide nesting ledges for the birds, while Arctic foxes and glaucous gulls are often seen below, preying on eggs or chicks. Later in the day, sail along the Brasvellbreen glacier front, an outlet of the Austfonna ice cap. Stretching nearly 180 kilometers, this is one of the longest glacier fronts of the northern hemisphere. During summer, meltwater streams pour down its face in striking seasonal waterfalls, a distinctive feature of this vast ice wall.

Day 5 The Arctic Circle Hinlopenstretet & Torellneset

In the morning, we navigate Hinlopenstretet, the strait separating Spitsbergen from Nordaustlandet. The passage is bordered by steep cliffs and several tidewater glaciers, an important summer habitat for Brunnich's guillemots, which nest on the cliffs, and the waters may hold bearded seals and drifting pack ice. Polar bears are often sighted in this region, particularly along the ice edge. In the afternoon we land at Torellneset, this gravel spit is a well-known walrus haul-out site, where groups of Atlantic walrus rest on the beach between feeding bouts in the surrounding shallow waters.

Day 6 The Arctic Circle Sorgfjorden

We arrive at Sorgfjorden, located at the northwestern tip of Spitsbergen. The fjord is famous for its dramatic historical events, most notably the naval battle of 1693, when French warships clashed with Dutch whalers. Along its shores, traces of the whaling era remain visible, including graves and blubber ovens from the 17th century. Svalbard reindeer and Arctic foxes are sometimes spotted along the shoreline, while walrus may gather at haul-outs near the fjord entrance. In summer, Arctic terns, geese, and other migratory birds add to the seasonal life of the high Arctic coast.

Day 7 The Arctic Circle Krossfjorden & Kongsfjorden

In the morning, we explore Krossfjorden, where the immense Lilliehookbreen Glacier stretches for more than 12 kilometers. Seals often haul out on the drifting ice, and flocks of kittiwakes soar above. Later in the day, we head onwards to Kongsfjorden, one of the most beautiful fjords in Svalbard. Surrounded by snow-covered peaks and sweeping glaciers, the fjord has long drawn explorers and scientists, its dramatic landscapes offering some of the most striking scenery in the archipelago.

Day 8 The Arctic Circle Longyearbyen



We return to Longyearbyen 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 9 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 10 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 11 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 12 The Arctic Circle Skarsvåg (Nordkapp) & Gjesvær

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

Day 13 The Arctic Circle Tromsø

Savor a final breakfast on board before bidding farewell to Aqua Lares and the crew in Tromsø.

Please note:
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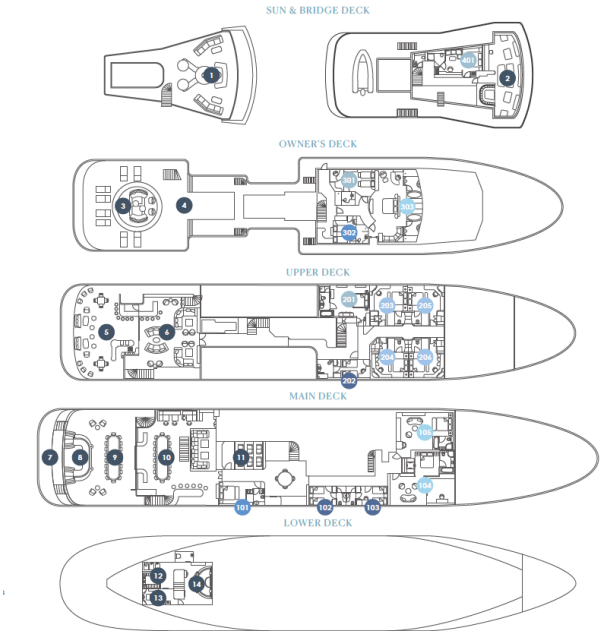
Superyacht sailing in Seychelles & Tanzania An awe-inspiring presence in the Indian Ocean, Aqua Lares is the first superyacht to offer both charter and individual cabin bookings for expeditions to Seychelles & Tanzania. Featuring 15 bespoke cabins, a one-to-one crew-to-guest ratio, and expert-led excursions, 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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