

SVALBARD 12 DAY AUTUMN PHOTO TOUR

The archipelago saves its finest colours for the late season, with sunrises and sunsets painting the landscape in autumnal hues as the wildlife gets ready for winter. Virgil Reglioni is one of the world's premier polar landscape and northern lights photographers. Known for his soulful images of the polar regions - and his mastery of colour and composition - Virgil is the ideal photo guide to have by your side on this autumn adventure to Svalbard. Capture the full spectrum of the Arctic in autumn. This is a season like no other, offering up an entirely different perspective on Svalbard for just a few short weeks each year. At your side on this journey north is one of the most skilled and storied Svalbard photographers there is: Virgil Reglioni. On this expedition, we will explore the east of Svalbard. Our ultimate aim is to capture the meltwater waterfalls of the Austfonna ice cap - the ultimate Svalbard in autumn sight. This rare phenomenon occurs as the ice cap warms during the summer months, causing streams of meltwater to pour over the sheer ice cliffs. Under gorgeous, long-tail sunsets, marvel at the wildlife of Svalbard, from Arctic foxes to whales, reindeer, walruses, and polar bears. But Austfonna, its spectacular ice waterfalls gushing down into the Arctic, serves up the ultimate, documentary-worthy image of this expedition into the sublime.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Longyearbyen

Depart Longyearbyen at 4pm.

Sail past striking Fuglefjella (Bird Mountain), a fine example of plateau mountainous landscape, as we leave Longyearbyen.

Day 2 Smeerenburg & Virgohamna

Sail to Smeerenburg, a former whaling settlement and source of an enduring myth, now home to a walrus colony.

Possible landing in Virgohamna, a historical site, to learn about the attempts to reach the North Pole by air that departed from here and see remains of blubber ovens from the 1600s.

Days 3 - 5 Sail along the continental shelf

Sail along the continental shelf, scouting for fin and blue whales that gather in the upwelling zones.

Scout the ice edge, a dynamic setting of texture and light, home



to seals, seabirds, and polar bears.

Days 6 - 7 Alkefjellet & Storisstraumen

Marvel at Alkefjellet, a stunning bird cliff, nesting location of Brunnich guillemot.

Take a Zodiac cruise to see Storisstraumen and a ship cruise to Brasvellbreen of the Austfonnaice cap, Europe's third-largest glacier by volume and area.

Days 8 - 9 Edgeøya & Kvalvågen

Enjoy the green Kapp Lee headland on Edgeøya, spotting walruses, reindeer, and Arctic foxes, along with remnants of the walrus hunting industry.

Zodiac landing and hike at Kvalvagen, a geologically interesting bay known for its Cretaceous period dinosaur footprints.

Take a Zodiac cruise of Hambergbukta, an attractive bay in south Spitsbergen.

Day 10 Hornsund

See Hornsund, with a landing in Gnalodden to marvel at the scenic bird cliff (home to black-legged kittiwakes) and trapper's hut.

Day 11 Isfjorden

Sail back to Isfjorden and Longyearbyen.

Day 12 Longyearbyen

Disembark in Longyearbyen at 9am.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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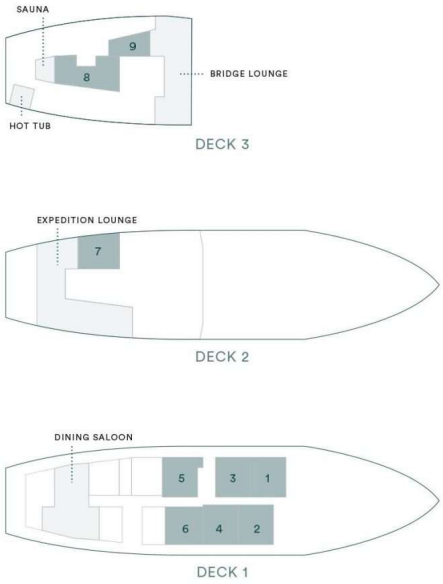
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