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## SVALBARD EXPRESS EXPEDITION CRUISE

Join us aboard the Ocean Albatros on an unforgettable Arctic expedition through Svalbard's breathtaking wilderness, cruising among whales, walrus, polar bears, and millions of seabirds. This ice-class vessel is specially built to navigate the polar pack ice, allowing exploration of remote and pristine environments. Experience the high summer in the Arctic, when reindeer and Arctic foxes prepare for winter and seabird cliffs teem with life. This expedition will sail as close as possible to the northern pack ice, the favoured summer habitat of polar bears, while also visiting accessible locations along Svalbard's coast kept navigable by the warm Gulf Stream. From wildlife hotspots to eerie historical sites, glittering icebergs to breathtaking glaciers, this voyage offers a true immersion into nature's high-Arctic paradise in one week-long voyage, blending staggering scenery, wildlife-watching, and historical discovery.



### ITINERARY

Day 1: All Aboard in Longyearbyen!

Begin your journey in Norway and arrive in Longyearbyen, Svalbard--the northernmost town on Earth. Despite its remote Arctic location, Longyearbyen offers warm Nordic hospitality. Upon arrival, you're greeted by crisp polar air, dramatic mountain views, and a polar bear warning sign reminding visitors of their wild new location. Your expedition ship Ocean Albatros awaits you in the harbour; toast your departure from civilization as you sail into the Arctic wilderness, on course for

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The background image shows a group of people in a zodiac boat on a sea filled with icebergs. The boat is in the foreground, and the people are looking towards the camera. The background features large, jagged icebergs under a cloudy sky. A blue banner is overlaid on the top left of the image.

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adventure!

### Day 2: Northwest Svalbard

Northwest Svalbard, a National Park since 1973, preserves a rich history of early Arctic exploration and whaling. First visited by William Barents in 1596, the area became a hub for Dutch and English whalers. Their haunting remnants, such as the blubber ovens and graves of young sailors at sites such as Smeerenburg, remain visible. Now heavily protected, the region has been reclaimed by nature, rich in Arctic flowers, seabirds, walrus, and polar bears, making it once again a pristine wilderness and haven for wildlife.

### Day 3: Northeast Svalbard

In the morning, the expedition enters the icy wilderness of northeastern Svalbard, a stark polar desert shaped by the absence of warming ocean currents. Here, vast glaciers descend into ice-choked waters, surrounding rugged landscapes which appear barren, yet teem with life. Arctic foxes prowl the chilly shores, while hundreds of thousands of seabirds nest on cliffs above. These cold coastal waters are rich in shellfish, attracting the walrus, which are common in the area. Our exploration plans depend on rapidly changing sea, wind, and ice conditions, embodying the dynamic and unpredictable essence of true polar adventure.

### Day 4: North Svalbard

Next, we strive for some of the northernmost pieces of land on Earth - stark landscapes almost permanently beset by ice. With luck, we may reach the polar desert island of Nordaustlandet, or the smaller islands of Sjuøyane in the far north of Svalbard. The almost vegetation-free, rocky islands are located around 1000 km further north than mainland Norway's famous Nordkapp.

Weather permitting, we will land and walk upon these most northern landmasses. These high Arctic islands are quite barren, and only moss, hardy tundra plants and lichens cover the stones. The birdlife is rich in this area, with flocks of grazing geese and nesting terns and skuas - keep your binoculars handy! At the end of the day, we will start cruising towards the Arctic ice pack which stretches from Svalbard to the North Pole and beyond.

### Days 5: Into the Ice

The Arctic ice pack north of Svalbard is a vast, ever-changing wilderness stretching to the North Pole and beyond to Alaska and Siberia, forming one of Earth's largest and most dynamic habitats. Though it appears empty at first, this icy realm conceals abundant wildlife--from tiny cod-like fish to seabirds and seals, belugas, bowhead whales, and the elusive polar bear, the region's apex predator. Ocean Albatros can navigate these narrow ice channels, offering a rare glimpse into this mysterious, shifting environment where nature's secrets unfold with patience and careful observation.

### Day 6: Kongsfjorden Area

During the Arctic "night," we sail into the stunning Kongsfjord, a vast fjord system framed by glaciers and the dramatic Three Crowns mountains. Here we will visit Ny-Ålesund, Earth's northernmost settlement, known for its scientific stations and historic role as a base for legendary polar explorers such as Amundsen and Nansen. This remote outpost continues to support vital research amid its breathtaking surroundings, blending the frontiers of science and exploration.

### Day 7: Longyearbyen Disembarkation



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On the final morning of our expedition, we arrive back in Longyearbyen. Even this small town will feel like a metropolis after days of isolation in the wilderness of the Arctic! After exploring Longyearbyen and bidding a fond farewell to the crew and fellow Arctic explorers, return to Svalbard Airport and join your flight back to the Norwegian mainland- with memories to last a lifetime.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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## YOUR SHIP: OCEAN ALBATROS

**YOUR SHIP:** Ocean Albatros

**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 its 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

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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

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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.

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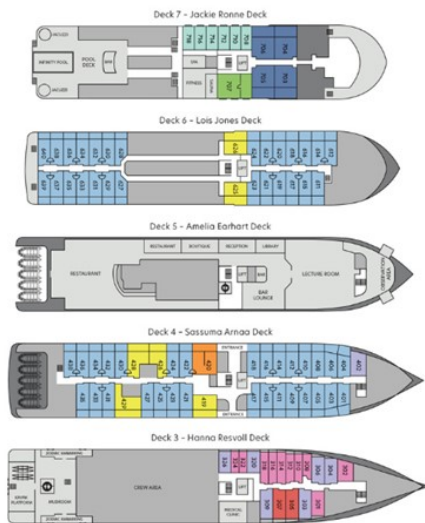
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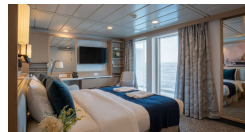
## INSIDE YOUR SHIP

### MV OCEAN ALBATROS



- 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  
7 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





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## PRICING

### 08-Jun-2027 to 14-Jun-2027

Junior Suite	£8469 GBP pp
Balcony Suite	£8159 GBP pp
Grand Balcony Stateroom	£7465 GBP pp
Superior Balcony Stateroom	£7085 GBP pp
Porthole Stateroom	£6235 GBP pp
Triple Stateroom	£5309 GBP pp
Freydis Suite	£9929 GBP pp

### 14-Jun-2027 to 20-Jun-2027

Junior Suite	£8469 GBP pp
Balcony Suite	£8159 GBP pp
Grand Balcony Stateroom	£7465 GBP pp
Porthole Stateroom	£6235 GBP pp
Brynhilde Suite	£12009 GBP pp
Freydis Suite	£9929 GBP pp
Triple Stateroom	£5309 GBP pp
Superior Balcony Stateroom	£7085 GBP pp
French Balcony Stateroom	£6545 GBP pp

### 20-Jun-2027 to 26-Jun-2027

Balcony Suite	£8469 GBP pp
Grand Balcony Stateroom	£7699 GBP pp
Superior Balcony Stateroom	£7389 GBP pp
French Balcony Stateroom	£6775 GBP pp
Porthole Stateroom	£6465 GBP pp
Triple Stateroom	£5545 GBP pp
Brynhilde Suite	£12475 GBP pp
Freydis Suite	£10315 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£8855 GBP pp