

SVALBARD IN SUMMER: TUNDRA, WHALES AND WILDLIFE

Our 11-day Svalbard in Summer: Tundra, Whales and Wildlife is a rare chance to explore the Arctic as it comes fully alive when plant life and wildflowers are at their maximum numbers. It's also possible during the Arctic summer to observe polar bears, walruses, Arctic foxes, and potentially belugas. With warmer temperatures, endless daylight, and snow cover receding, you'll have plenty of chances to explore onshore by foot and by Zodiac to completely immerse yourself in the Arctic environment.



ITINERARY

Day 1 - Arrive in Helsinki, Finland

Arrive in the Finnish capital and make your way to the group hotel located right at Helsinki airport—included in your Charter Flight and Hotel Package You will have the rest of the day to



explore explore the many museums, galleries and restaurants, relax at a Finnish sauna or wander the vibrant Design District. If you do plan to visit Helsinki city center, take advantage of the convenient 40-minute rail service from the airport.

Day 2 - Fly to Longyearbyen, Svalbard, and embark

After breakfast, the group will transfer to the Helsinki airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, as part of the Charter Flight & Hotel Package. Our journey to the High Arctic now truly begins. You will see the coastal and birch forests of southern Scandinavia give way to taiga and tundra environments, the mountains of Norway and northern Sweden, and the convergence of the Norwegian and Barents seas. Approaching Svalbard, you may get your first views of a pure, snow-capped wilderness, complete with ridgelines, glaciers, and perhaps even sea ice in the distance. We land in Longyearbyen, Svalbard's largest settlement, and transfer to the harbor where we will embark on our ship.

Days 3 to 9 - Summer in the Svalbard wilderness

Svalbard is a true Arctic environment, where many iconic species spend their entire lives, entwined with the winter and spring sea ice. But with the arrival of summer—brief as it is—the archipelago bursts to life as countless migratory species settle in to take advantage of the season's endless daylight and abundant food. Chief among Svalbard's summer migrants are seabirds, waterfowl, and other birds, joined by marine visitors such as baleen whales—including the mighty blue whale. Though wildlife sightings aren't guaranteed, these giants are sometimes observed foraging in the rich Arctic waters. Under the midnight sun, plant life also flourishes. While less diverse than in southern regions, Svalbard hosts hundreds of plant, lichen, and moss species, from hardy grasses to vibrant wildflowers. For a few brief months, snow and ice are replaced by pockets of green and splashes of color, framed by snowcapped peaks —a fleeting transformation of the High Arctic landscape. Throughout the summer, sea ice fractures, melts and disperses. Many species that depend on it shift north and east where ice lingers, or remain ashore until it returns in late fall. While ice may be less frequent, the open water offers greater access to the archipelago's northern and eastern reaches. If we do encounter ice, we'll pause to explore it. At this time of year, wildlife is more often spotted in the water, along shorelines, or gathered in bustling bird colonies clinging to the cliffs. Some terrain here is nearly vertical, with seabirds colonizing every possible ledge. Little auks, guillemots, and puffins nest in rocky crevices, spending the brief summer flying back and forth to feed themselves and their chicks before their f irst flights and plunges. Looking upward while seated in a Zodiac, the sky may seem alive with more birds than you can count, and sometimes we'll explore near these cliffs on foot. Keep watch for other iconic species too, such as Arctic terns, common eiders, and the occasional king eider. The sounds are astonishing—an Arctic "silence" feels alive with nature's calls. Standing beneath towering seabird cliffs renders visitors speechless. Summer offers the chance to step ashore and walk on bare ground, though patches of snow can linger. We may hike into foothills, valleys, and Arctic beaches— land shared with polar bears. While sightings are farther inshore, their paw prints in sand or mud tell their story. Take time to look around and underfoot, where hardy vascular plants and wildflowers bloom. You might also spot driftwood—not from ancient Svalbard forests, but carried here by Arctic currents from Siberia, where tree trunks and branches are swept up in the Arctic currents, ultimately coming to rest here. Additionally, we may see reindeer, as they



busily forage on the bountiful summer plant life. Although the weather in midsummer is often cool—even crisp—in midsummer, it's possible to enjoy reasonably warm days in Svalbard. It's a surreal experience—feeling the warmth of the summer sun knowing you're less than 700 nautical miles from the North Pole. As summer warms and sea ice recedes, glaciers come alive—meltwater hastening erosion, tidewater glaciers calving ice with thunderous force. From a Zodiac amid icebergs and brash ice, listen for the crackle of melting ice, the lap of currents, and Arctic terns calling overhead. During summer, if conditions align, it might also be possible to visit some of Svalbard's residents, be they trappers or researchers. There are a number of trappers' cabins dotted across the archipelago, and the stories their occupants tell bring forth a life wrapped in resourcefulness, grit, humor, and hints of something approaching the magic of nature. With seven full expedition days in Svalbard, we aim to explore a wide range of locations. The order of our journey will be shaped by sea ice conditions, which vary daily. Potential destinations include the spectacular fjord systems of Hornsund, Bellsund, Isfjorden, Krossfjorden, Smeerenburgfjorden, Raudfjorden, Woodfjorden, Sorgfjorden, and others. These fjords feature dramatic mountains rising directly from the sea, folding into endless layers. Glaciers spill from the highlands, many reaching the water's edge where they calve into the sea. Throughout Svalbard, we may find previously mentioned seabird colonies and other wildlife, as they are distributed throughout the archipelago of islands.

Day 10 - Disembark in Longyearbyen and fly to Helsinki

The time to say goodbye has come. Your adventure ends as it began, in the frontier settlement of Longyearbyen. From here, we'll transfer you to the airport for your charter flight to Helsinki, and group hotel night. Both are included in your Charter Flight & Hotel Package.

Day 11 - Depart Helsinki

After breakfast at your included hotel, make your way independently to the Helsinki airport for your onward flight home, or spend more time exploring the Finnish capital as prearranged.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



YOUR SHIP: OCEAN EXPLORER

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Ocean Explorer is a modern ship, elegant and purpose-built for polar exploration. The 138-passenger vessel has been designed with the latest in expedition ship technology. One of the ship's key features is the ULSTEIN X-BOW®, a marine engineering innovation that ensures a comfortable and smooth sailing experience thanks to the inverted bow. Located at the bow is the two-story, light-filled library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the expedition ship. Spacious cabins feature a modern, bespoke Scandinavian design and almost all have verandas. Guests can relax and find comfort in the spacious gym, sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis. Ocean Explorer features ample outdoor viewing areas and multi-height outer decks, which are ideal for long-view photography and wildlife viewing. The vessel is equipped with a fleet of 15 Zodiacs that enable guests to get off the ship quickly and safely for off-ship adventures. In addition to the well-appointed and spacious public areas, Ocean Explorer has an industry-leading mix of sustainability systems, including fuel-efficient Rolls Royce engines. Two Story Library Light-filled interior library--at the bow of the ship-- allows guests to sit and relax indoors while taking in the surrounding polar landscapes from their choice of two levels. Leading Edge Sustainability With the latest sustainability technology in polar expedition, the ship features fuel-efficient Rolls-Royce engines and the ground-breaking MAGS gasification system that converts waste into energy, eliminating the environmental impact of waste transportation. ULSTEIN X-Bow In addition to forming the double-story library, the innovative X-Bow design ensures calm, energy-efficient sailing in rough waters. High Observation Outdoor Decks Observation areas on Decks 7 and 8 allow for higher, longer-view landscape photography while contending with less sea spray. Quiet and Comfortable Spacious and luxurious cabins ensure your quiet ambience with no sound disturbance from adjoining cabins--and almost all cabins feature a balcony for outdoor viewing. Stunning Interior Design Each interior element was carefully hand-picked by designers for you to enjoy, from the dramatic two-story forward lounge, the floor-to-ceiling glass refuge in the library, to the grand fixtures and luxe furnishings throughout the ship. Main Dining Room Contemporary meets cozy in this modern dining room with its stylish lighting and contemporary art. Located on Deck 5, the Main Dining Room seats 144 guests, and features expansive floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the spectacular polar wilderness. Private Dining Room Tasteful and intimate. This stylish, private dining room on deck 5 provides a relaxed dining experience--with views of the polar landscape--for up to 36 guests. The Latitude Bar A popular social hub on Deck 5, the beautifully-lit Latitude Bar--with its lush sofas and faux marble-topped end tables--is large enough to seat 46 and is ideal for enjoying a quiet drink on your own or hanging out with

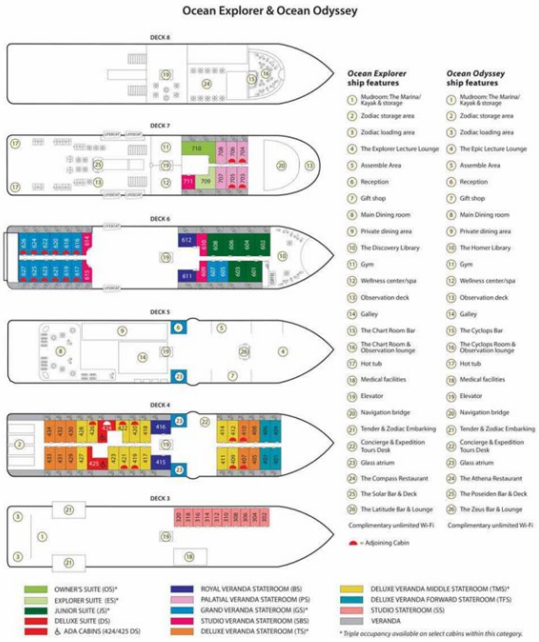
friends. Library Located on Deck 6 at the top of the gorgeous atrium staircase, this beautiful Library with floor-to-ceiling glass, accommodates up to 47 people Dry Sauna After a day of exciting off-ship adventure, guests can relax on the sauna's traditional wood benches while gazing at the polar wilderness just outside the large sauna windows. Accommodates 15 people on Deck 7. Fitness Center Stay fit with the latest work-out equipment in the Fitness Center on Deck 7. Jacuzzis Two outdoor Jacuzzis on deck 7, at the ship's stern, mean you can relax alfresco while soaking up the breath-taking polar views. Observation Lounge This stylish lounge at the top of the ship guarantees incredible views. Guests also frequent this spacious lookout on Deck 8 to enjoy cocktails and conversation with fellow



travelers.



INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Balcony Suite



Deluxe Balcony Suite



Deluxe Veranda Forward



Explorer Suite



Explorer Triple



Junior Suite





Owner's Suite



Owners Suite



Ultra Suite



Veranda Stateroom



Penthouse Suite



Solo Panorama



Veranda Suite



Studio Single



Studio Veranda Single



Terrace Suite



Triple Suite





PRICING

02-Jun-2027 to 12-Jun-2027

Deluxe Veranda Forward	£7824 GBP pp
Veranda Stateroom	£8204 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£10743 GBP pp
Veranda Suite	£8660 GBP pp
Studio Single	£11244 GBP pp
Penthouse Suite	£11928 GBP pp
Studio Veranda Single	£12156 GBP pp
Owners Suite	£12688 GBP pp

09-Jun-2027 to 19-Jun-2027

Explorer Triple	£6760 GBP pp
Explorer Suite	£7900 GBP pp
Balcony Suite	£8660 GBP pp
Deluxe Balcony Suite	£10256 GBP pp
Terrace Suite	£10712 GBP pp
Penthouse Suite	£11472 GBP pp
Solo Panorama	£12156 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£14208 GBP pp
Ultra Suite	£15804 GBP pp

10-Jun-2027 to 20-Jun-2027

Deluxe Veranda Forward	£7900 GBP pp
Veranda Stateroom	£8280 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£10888 GBP pp
Veranda Suite	£8812 GBP pp
Studio Single	£11396 GBP pp
Penthouse Suite	£12004 GBP pp
Studio Veranda Single	£12232 GBP pp
Owners Suite	£12840 GBP pp

17-Jun-2027 to 27-Jun-2027

Explorer Triple	£6912 GBP pp
Explorer Suite	£8128 GBP pp
Balcony Suite	£8964 GBP pp
Deluxe Balcony Suite	£10560 GBP pp
Terrace Suite	£10940 GBP pp
Penthouse Suite	£11700 GBP pp
Solo Panorama	£12460 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£14512 GBP pp
Ultra Suite	£16184 GBP pp



PRICING

18-Jun-2027 to 28-Jun-2027

Deluxe Veranda Forward	£9040 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£11285 GBP pp
Veranda Stateroom	£9524 GBP pp
Veranda Suite	£10009 GBP pp
Studio Single	£12997 GBP pp
Penthouse Suite	£13804 GBP pp
Studio Veranda Single	£14046 GBP pp
Owners Suite	£14692 GBP pp

26-Jun-2027 to 06-Jul-2027

Junior Suite	£11107 GBP pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	£10512 GBP pp
Veranda Stateroom	£11025 GBP pp
Veranda Suite	£11709 GBP pp
Studio Single	£15215 GBP pp
Penthouse Suite	£15984 GBP pp
Studio Veranda Single	£16326 GBP pp
Owners Suite	£17096 GBP pp

04-Jul-2027 to 14-Jul-2027

Deluxe Veranda Forward	£8636 GBP pp
Veranda Stateroom	£9040 GBP pp
Veranda Suite	£9605 GBP pp
Studio Single	£12431 GBP pp
Penthouse Suite	£13158 GBP pp
Studio Veranda Single	£13481 GBP pp
Owners Suite	£14046 GBP pp
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12-Jul-2027 to 22-Jul-2027

Deluxe Veranda Forward	£8636 GBP pp
Veranda Stateroom	£9072 GBP pp
Veranda Suite	£9508 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£11107 GBP pp
Studio Single	£11107 GBP pp
Studio Veranda Single	£12051 GBP pp
Penthouse Suite	£12851 GBP pp
Owners Suite	£13723 GBP pp



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05-Jun-2028 to 15-Jun-2028

Explorer Triple	£8695 GBP pp
Explorer Suite	£10095 GBP pp
Balcony Suite	£11095 GBP pp
Deluxe Balcony Suite	£13095 GBP pp
Terrace Suite	£13695 GBP pp
Penthouse Suite	£14695 GBP pp
Solo Panorama	£15595 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£18195 GBP pp
Ultra Suite	£20195 GBP pp

08-Jun-2028 to 18-Jun-2028

Triple Suite	£8395 GBP pp
Deluxe Veranda Forward	£9395 GBP pp
Veranda Stateroom	£9795 GBP pp
Veranda Suite	£10395 GBP pp
Studio Single	£13495 GBP pp
Penthouse Suite	£14295 GBP pp
Studio Veranda Single	£14595 GBP pp
Owners Suite	£15195 GBP pp