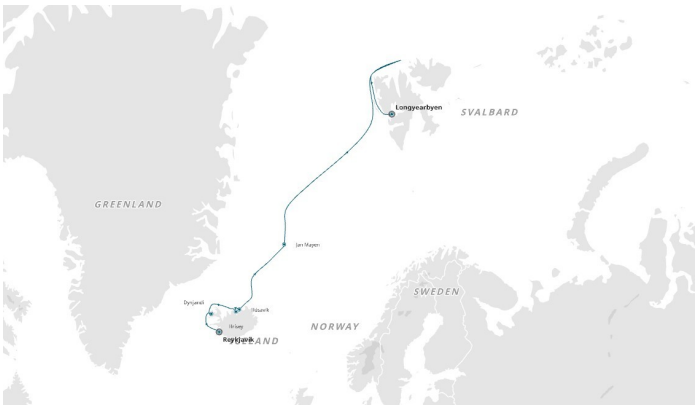


THE ARCTIC EXPLORER: ICELAND TO SVALBARD CRUISE

Begin your Arctic adventure in cosmopolitan Reykjavik before exploring the "land of ice and fire" shaped by waterfalls, volcanic shores, remote islands, and the whale-rich waters around Husavik. Sail toward rarely visited Jan Mayen, a volcanic island where seabirds gather in great numbers. As you cross the Norwegian Sea toward Svalbard, watch for wildlife from the deck and take in a world of glaciers, drifting ice, and polar light before concluding your voyage in Longyearbyen, the world's northernmost town.



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Days 0 - 1 Pre Cruise & Reykjavik

Charter flights to the port of embarkation

One night pre-cruise accommodation with breakfast in a 4/5-star hotel (exemptions apply)

Make sure there is sufficient time to explore this diminutive but dramatic capital city. Despite its small size, you won't be short of things to see and do. To get your bearings, take the elevator to the top of Hallgrimskirkja. This church, designed by famed Icelandic architect Gudjon Samuelsson is one of the most distinctive buildings in town. When you return to earth, visit the city's other renowned building Harpa Concert Hall, located at the heart of Reykjavik's regenerated harbour - also the home of the Maritime Museum. Speaking of cultural spaces, tour the National Museum to learn the story of Iceland from past to present. The Reykjavik Art Museum houses an impressive



contemporary collection including eye-catching pieces by Erro. And, of course, just 50 kilometres outside the city lies Thingvellir National Park, the site of Iceland's original Viking parliament

Day 2. Dynjandi Waterfall

Considered one of Iceland's most impressive falls, the thunderous Dynjandi waterfall in the Westfjords region gives the impression of a bridal veil as it spreads down ever-growing cascades

Day 3. Hrisey Island

Known as the "Pearl of Eyjafjorður," Hrisey is one of Iceland's most enchanting islands. Located in the heart of the fjord, this peaceful haven is a true paradise for bird lovers. Home to vast colonies of Arctic terns, puffins, and eider ducks, the island offers an unforgettable close encounter with Iceland's rich avian life.

Day 4. Husavik

Husavik, overlooking Skjalfandi Bay, is famed for whale watching, especially the endangered blue whale. The town's Whale and Exploration Museums focusses on Viking history and Apollo astronaut training, taking place nearby. The town also marks Iceland's first house from 860 AD. Husavik is on the Arctic Coast Way and the start of the Diamond Circle route. Nearby, Kaldbakur pond is a popular geothermal swimming spot oddly populated with goldfish

Day 5. Day at sea

Sea days are rarely dull. Take the time to sit back and let the world go by. The ship's observation decks provide stunning views of the passing ocean. A day at sea gives you the opportunity to mingle with other passengers and share your experiences of this incredible trip or head to our library which is stocked full of reference books. Get an expert's view in one of our on-board lectures or perhaps perfect your photography skills with invaluable advice from our onboard professional photographers

Day 6. Jan Mayen Island

The snow-covered stratovolcano Beerenberg dominates the ice cap and glaciers at the northeast end of Jan Mayen Island. Halfway between Svalbard and Iceland, this Norwegian island's only residents are the Norwegian Armed Forces or meteorological station staff. Purple saxifrage and endemic dandelions grow next to the black sands, while northern fulmars, Brunnich's and black guillemots and little auks make Jan Mayen an important birding area

Day 7. Day at sea

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Days 8-11. Svalbard

Svalbard is the kingdom of the polar bears, deep in the Arctic Circle, featuring varied polar landscapes and gargantuan glaciers. Beyond magnificent fjords in the north, the remaining sea ice serves as prime hunting grounds for polar bears. Closer to Longyearbyen, tundra and beaches replace snow and ice. Alongside 600 polar bears, this Arctic hotspot is home to walrus, Svalbard reindeer, ringed seals and arctic fox

Day 12. Longyearbyen

The world's most northerly town, Longyearbyen, on Spitsbergen, Svalbard's largest island, also claims the most northerly high street and pub. It's home to The North Pole Expeditions Museum chronicling early pole-reaching efforts by air. Arctic waters around are populated by whales, including bowheads and narwhals, while walruses are regularly seen hauling out

Group return transfers from airport to cruise port and to the hotel (where included)

Please note:
Itineraries are subject to change.



YOUR SHIP: VEGA

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Launched in 2022, this state of the art ship has been designed to journey to off the beaten path destinations and remote polar regions in style and comfort. The ship incorporates a PC5 ice-strengthened hull combined with extra-large stabilisers to make your journey as smooth as possible. Sophisticated Elegance. We know how important outdoor space is, so our spacious, relaxing public spaces provide wide open, unobstructed views throughout the ship. The destination will always be in view. Your Wellbeing. The safety & happiness of our guests is paramount to our 120-strong crew on board as well as our passionate expedition team who'll be serving up thrilling shore excursions and lasting memories. Cabin Types. Our 76 cabins including 6 suites have all the amenities you will need to feel comfortable including dressing gowns, hairdryers, personal safes and minibars. Our stylish cabins all have desks, a dressing area and comfy seating. En suite bathrooms all feature glass-enclosed rain showers. Wheelchair access Guests who use wheelchairs must bring their own, as we have only a small number of wheelchairs stored onboard for emergencies. To ensure ease of movement on the ship, wheelchairs and mobility aids must be no wider than 65cm. All mobility or medical equipment brought on board must be capable of being carried safely and must be declared before sailing. To ensure that all guests can safely evacuate during an emergency, guests requiring a wheelchair can only be accommodated in our ADA-accessible cabins. We offer an Oceanview stateroom on Vega which is specifically designed to be completely ADA compliant and have a fully operable wheelchair-access wet unit. Vega has two lifts, serving every passenger deck apart from the Stargazing top deck, which is, therefore, more difficult to access, as are the Aft Marina and Swan's Nest forward observation platform. Also, we don't have special equipment to access the swimming pool, jacuzzi, or sauna. Otherwise, the ship is entirely at your disposal. Many of the expeditions ashore in remote places are by Zodiac. Boarding these boats and returning aboard can present challenges for wheelchair users, as can navigating uneven terrain. These challenges are by no means always insurmountable, though, and our highly experienced crew is trained to provide reliable advice and assistance. They will make every effort to ensure wheelchair-using guests enjoy a memorable experience at each destination. Our general guidance, however, is to recommend wheelchair users travel with a companion for their ease and enjoyment. If you prefer to remain aboard, our panoramic interiors and ample open decks ensure an immersive, intimate experience of your inspiring





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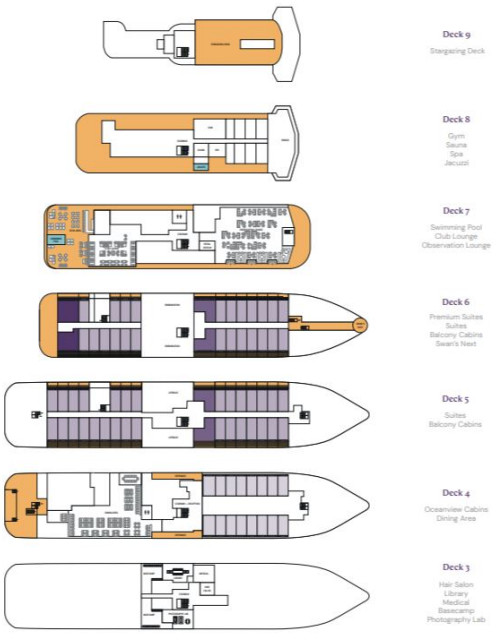


Balcony D5



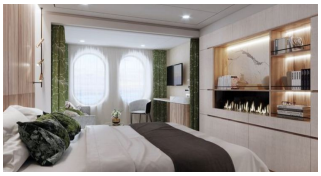
Balcony M5



Oceanview D4



Oceanview M4



Premium Suite



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Premium Suite	**£14555 GBP pp**
Balcony M5	**£8375 GBP pp**
Balcony D5	**£8005 GBP pp**
Oceanview M4	**£7639 GBP pp**
Oceanview D4	**£7275 GBP pp**
Suite	**£12739 GBP pp**