THE BEST OF SVALBARD IN ONE WEEK - WEST SVALBARD EXPEDITION CRUISE

Discover the highlights of western Spitsbergen on this flexible Arctic expedition through glacier-filled fjords, rugged mountains, tundra and historic coastal sites. Explore Hornsund in South Spitsbergen National Park, the whaling heritage of Bellsund, the dramatic fjords and seabird cliffs of Northwest Spitsbergen National Park, and the wildlife-rich landscapes of Forlandet and North Isfjorden. Along the way, Zodiac cruises, shore landings and hikes provide opportunities to encounter walrus, Svalbard reindeer, Arctic foxes, whales, seals and vast colonies of Arctic seabirds, while the expedition team adapts the route to the prevailing weather, sea ice and wildlife activity. A special focus is placed on reaching the Arctic sea ice, with the possibility of approaching fast ice or the polar ice edge in search of polar bears hunting ringed seals.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Longyearbyen, Svalbard (hotel night)

Welcome to Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Svalbard and starting point of our Arctic expedition! At the Longyearbyen airport, you will be greeted by our staff and transferred to a quality hotel, which has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the tinerary.

Take time to explore the compact, walkable town center and enjoy your first views of the surrounding Arctic landscapes.

Day 2: Welcome Aboard!

In the afternoon, you will be transferred to the pier where we will warmly welcome you aboard the expedition vessel M/V Sea Spirit. Get settled in your spacious suite and explore the ship that will be your comfortable home during the extraordinary

adventure to come.

As M/V Sea Spirit sails into Isfjorden, step onto the open decks and watch the mountains and wild coastlines of Svalbard unfold beneath the midnight sun.

Day 3-7: The Best of West Svalbard

During these expedition days discover the highlights of western Spitsbergen: glacier-filled fjords, rugged mountains, Arctic tundra, historic sites, and the everchanging Arctic ice formations. With relatively short distances between exploration sites, the voyage is designed to make the most of each day, offering ample opportunities for shore landings, Zodiac cruises, and wildlife encounters.

There is no fixed daily schedule in the Arctic. Weather, sea ice conditions, and wildlife activity will shape our route, and our expedition team will select the most rewarding landing sites and activities each day.

In South Spitsbergen National Park, we will explore Hornsund, one of Svalbard's most spectacular fjords, where immense glaciers descend between rugged mountain peaks. Along the southern shores of Bellsund, we will discover the remains of historic whaling operations, including old wooden boats, cabins, and thousands of whale bones -- remnants of the region's whaling history. The surrounding tundra also offers excellent hiking opportunities through landscapes rich in Arctic flora, birdlife, and fascinating geological formations.

Farther north, Northwest Spitsbergen National Park features deep fjords, immense tidewater glaciers, and dramatic sea cliffs. During the breeding season, millions of murres, guillemots, and little auks return to the islands and cliffs. Look out for whales and Arctic seals in the surrounding waters.

Our voyage will also take us to Forlandet National Park and Prins Karls Forland, one of Svalbard's best places to observe walruses hauled out on shore. In North Isfjorden National Park, we will look for endemic Svalbard reindeer grazing across the tundra and Arctic foxes roaming the landscape. We will also visit Ny-Ålesund, a former mining settlement and airship base that is now an international center for Arctic research and one of the northernmost permanent communities in the world.

A special focus of the expedition will be exploring the Arctic sea ice. We will make every effort to approach areas of fast ice along the coast or reach the polar ice edge, taking the ship as close as conditions safely allow. These ice-covered environments offer prime opportunities to spot polar bears hunting ringed seals in their natural habitat.

Day 8: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen, Svalbard

After a final breakfast on board, we return to Longyearbyen, where our polar journey comes to an end. After disembarkation, join a guided sightseeing tour and discover some of Longyearbyen's most interesting sites. We will then arrange transfers to the airport or the town center for those continuing their stay in Svalbard. The expedition may have come to an end, but the iconic landscapes, extraordinary wildlife, and serenity of the High Arctic will stay with you long after you return home.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

YOUR SHIP: SEA SPIRIT

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

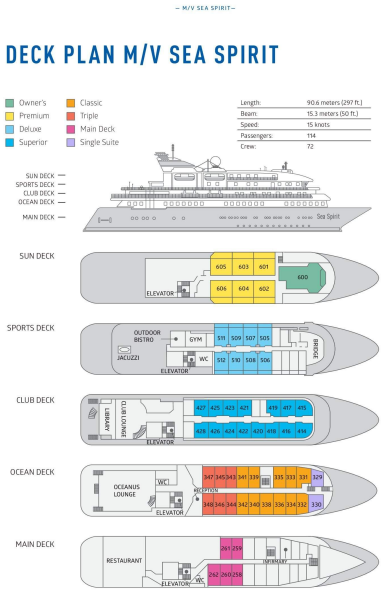
PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

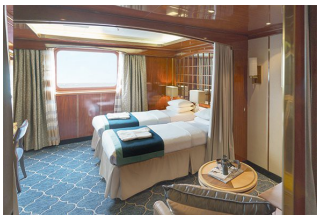
Sea Spirit is a luxury expedition cruise ship, specifically designed to cruise the Polar regions. Carrying a maximum of just 114 passengers in 57 suites, she has the feel of a boutique hotel. Built in 1992, but refurbished several times since, the latest being in 2019, she is just 90 metres long so can navigate the small channels and bays of the Polar regions. Sailing aboard the remarkably comfortable Sea Spirit you will experience the polar regions in grand style with spacious suites. Sea Spirit's spacious suites all have panoramic oceans views. Think king-size or twin beds, en suites, flat screen TVs and DVDs and internet satellite. Many suites have private balconies, lounge areas & dressing tables. There is a lounge, bistro and bar, hot tub, gym, a state-of-the-art presentation room and stabilisers for smooth cruising. There is an open bridge policy so you can join the captain and the officers at any time of day to watch the ship's operations or just check your exact location. Features All-suite ship Smallest suite is a spacious 215 square feet. 15 suites have balconies. Owner's Suite is an outstanding 550 sq. feet. Flat Screen TVs and DVD players in every suite Gymnasium and Hot Tub with seating area and Bistro Library/Games Room Tea & Coffee Station(24 hrs) Elevator Every suite has an exterior view Some cabin plans may vary depending on the cruise, please check for details. Zodiac dockSuperior Suite Owners

Suite Library

INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Classic Suite

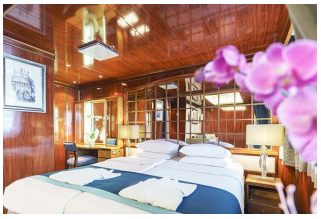


Deluxe Suite

Main Deck Suite

Owner's Suite

Premium Suite



Single Suite

Superior Suite

Triple Classic

PRICING

25-Jul-2027 to 01-Aug-2027

Triple Classic	£6545 GBP pp
Main Deck Suite	£7699 GBP pp
Classic Suite	£8159 GBP pp
Premium Suite	£9855 GBP pp
Single Suite	£11469 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£12319 GBP pp
Superior Suite	£8235 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£9239 GBP pp