

The Arctic - Spitsbergen Circumnavigation: A Rite Of Passage | Ultramarine

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Introduction

Embark on a voyage through Spitsbergen in the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard, where you'll encounter iconic Arctic wildlife like walrus, reindeer, and polar bears.

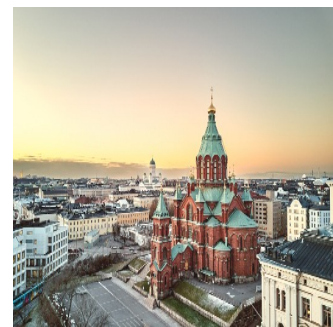
Explore 16th-century maritime culture at remote landing sites and enjoy birdwatching at stunning locations such as the 14th of July Glacier and Alkefjellet. If conditions allow, you'll attempt to circumnavigate the archipelago, a true Arctic enthusiast's rite of passage.

Capture unforgettable memories and photos of polar bears on pack ice, reindeer on the tundra, walruses with their distinctive tusks, and a variety of Arctic birds. Zodiac shore trips offer rare access to seldom-visited sites, making this journey the ultimate adventure for nature lovers.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive in Helsinki, Finland

Helsinki, known for its remarkable architecture and fascinating blend of eastern and western influences, is the starting point for your Arctic trip. Explore the numerous museums, art, and dining options. You can also unwind in a Finnish sauna or stroll through the bustling Design District before checking into your hotel.



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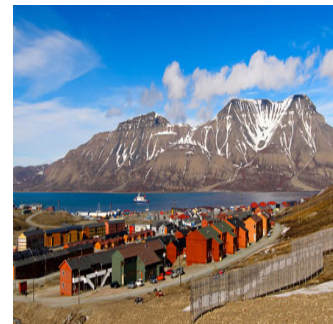
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Duration

15 Days

The group will head to the airport this morning to catch our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, the biggest municipality in Spitsbergen. Admire the island's rocky, glacier-capped mountains as they rise magnificently from icy waters for the first time as your ship sets sail.



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DAY 3 - Exploring Spitsbergen

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As we start the tour by travelling north and

circumnavigating the island of Spitsbergen,

discovering smaller, outlying islands, you

may anticipate a new adventure every day.

We want to circumnavigate Spitsbergen, but

if circumstances permit, we will also try to

circumnavigate the entire archipelago,

which includes many of the Svalbard

archipelago's outer islands. The 14th of July

Glacier, Ny-London, Phippsøya, Alkefjellet,

and the rarely visited Kvitøya are some of

the locations we may visit, though each

excursion will be unique based on the

weather and ice. You may find these names

odd, yet each site has a distinct charm of its

own. With its vast glaciers and vibrant

tundra meadows, Spitsbergen is a place of

unending natural splendour. Birdwatchers

can see puffins, purple sandpipers, black-

legged kittiwakes, pink-footed geese, and

barnacle geese in 14th of July Bay, and

Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murre)

nesting on the cliffs of Alkefjellet.. When we

visit places like Ny-London, Sundneset, and

Alkhorner, get your camera ready to catch

reindeer. We're constantly on the lookout

for wildlife. Your Expedition Team is

constantly on the lookout for the

recognisable polar bear. Because sea ice,

the bears' preferred hunting habitat, is

frequently found in Phippsøya and Isbukta,

you have an excellent chance of seeing and

photographing them in action.

Understanding Spitsbergen's past—not just

how people live there now, but also how this

region was first explored—is essential to

appreciate it. Remains of 16th-century

outposts and other whaling-related relics

can be found at landing sites like

Smeerenburg, where whaling was a major

activity.



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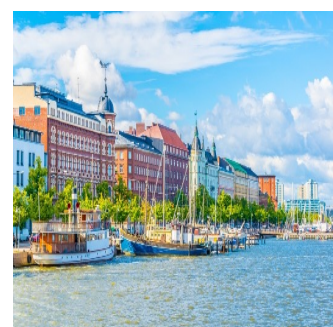
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 DAY 14: Disembark in Longyearbyen and
 Fly to Helsinki
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Locations -mer-style community of
 Svalbard
 Longyearbyen is where your journey comes
 to a finish. As part of the transfer package,
 we will then drive you to the airport for your
 return group charter flight to Helsinki.



DAY 15: Onward Flight Home

After breakfast, you can either head to the
 airport for your next trip home or, if you
 have made other plans, stay to
 independently explore Finland's culturally
 rich city.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin On Board Ship & Hotel

INCLUSIONS

- Cabin accommodation on board ship.
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock.
- All scheduled landings and excursions.
- Guiding and leadership by expert exploration team and crew.
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions.
- An Expedition parka (yours to keep).

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

- Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above.
- Passport and visa expenses.
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above.
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended.
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned.
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew.
- Meals ashore unless otherwise specified.
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights.
- Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified.
- Optional Adventure Activities.

Difficulty Rating

2 (Light Adventure)

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Single Surcharge

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Locations

Svalbard



Notes

Price Dependent upon

Sustainability

Available upon request. A supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

****PLEASE NOTE: 2025 departure** is one day less, and does NOT include the last night of post-tour accommodation in Helsinki, so **14 days** instead of 15 days for the 2026 departures. [Contact Us](#) for full itinerary details.

Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, quad, triple, and twin cabins.

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Includes charter flights from Helsinki to Longyearbyen on a return basis.

Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions*

Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.