

Spitsbergen - Svalbard Express | Ocean Albatros

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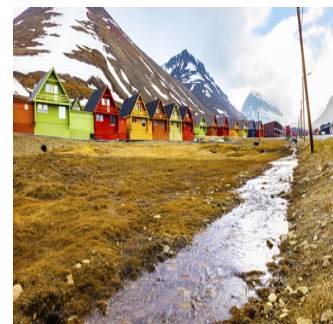
Introduction

Experience Svalbard's stunning beauty on our "express" Arctic adventure cruise aboard the Ocean Albatros. Encounter whales, walruses, polar bears, and countless seabirds in their natural habitat. Embark on a six-day journey through icy waters and rugged landscapes, exploring the unique ecology of this heavily glaciated archipelago up close. Witness Arctic wildlife, from giant whales to tiny snow buntings, and delve into the region's storied history. Join us for an unforgettable voyage on one of the few ships built to navigate pack ice and polar seas. Discover the raw beauty of the southern Svalbard region, with its spectacular scenery and rich biodiversity, warmed by the Gulf Stream's influence.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive Longyearbyen & Embarkation

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 adventure!



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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

Smeerenburg, remain visible. Now heavily

protected, the region has been reclaimed by

nature, hosting 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 but teem with life. Arctic

foxes prowl the chilly shores, while

hundreds of thousands of seabirds nest on

cliffs above. The 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.



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DAY 4: North Svalbard

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Next, we strive for some of the most pieces of land on Earth; stark

Spitsbergen 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. The high Arctic islands are

quite barren, and only moss 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.



DAY 5: Into the Ice

The Arctic ice pack north of Svalbard is a

vast, everchanging 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

barren at first, this icy realm conceals

abundant wildlife; from tiny cod-like fish

and seabirds to seals, belugas, bowhead

whales, and the elusive polar bear, the

region's apex predator. As Ocean Albatros

navigates narrow ice channels, the

expedition offers a rare glimpse into this

mysterious, shifting environment where

nature's secrets unfold with patience and

care.



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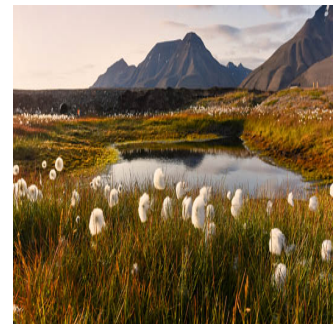
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During the Arctic “night,” we sail into the stunning Kongsfjord, a vast fjord system fringed by glaciers and the dramatic Three Crowns mountains. Here we will visit Ny-Ålesund, Earth’s northernmost settlement, known for its scientific stations and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



DAY 7: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

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.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin on board a ship

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INCLUSIONS

Accommodation onboard the Ocean Albatros in booked cabin category
All meals on the ship (full board): breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks
"Welcome" and "Farewell" cocktail parties
Complimentary house wine, beer, and soft drinks at dinner (selected labels and brands)
24-hour access to tea, coffee, and 'Grab and Go' comfort food
500MB WiFi card for use on your personal devices
Expedition Parka, yours to keep
Use of rubber style muck boots, on loan for the duration of your expedition
English-speaking Expedition Team
Briefings and educational lectures by the Expedition Team
All scheduled landings and excursions
Citizen Science program
Photography Coach available throughout the voyage
Participation in the Polar Plunge
Access to onboard medical clinics
Access to onboard fitness centres
All port taxes and landing fees
Digital Expedition Memento, including a curated selection of photos, videos, expedition log and map, and wildlife list

Inclusions

INCLUDED ON BALCONY SUITE (A) AND ABOVE

Wine and fruit on arrival
In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages
Complimentary laundry service
In-room espresso machine

EXCLUSIONS

Mandatory Transfer Package: Flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen, and Group Transfer to the ship at extra cost of USD\$1000 per person
International or internal flights other than specified
Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified
Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information
Pre or post cruise travel expenses other than specified
Visa (if applicable) and passport fees
Travel insurance (compulsory)
Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings
Paid adventure options and all personal expenses
Tobacco, or selected premium beverages
Miscellaneous extras
Laundry and communication charges on board, except as listed in inclusions
Gratuities for Expedition team and crew
For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets, waterproof outer shell jacket, and boots
For guests who require larger sizing; Waterproof outer shell jacket and rubber boots
2 (light adventure)
Available upon request, a supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [Contact Us](#) for more information.

Difficulty Rating
Single Surcharge

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Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/twin share.

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

Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.

Mandatory Transfer Package: Flights between Oslo - Longyearbyen - Oslo and Group Transfer between Longyearbyen Airport and the vessel. To be booked 11 months prior departure at additional cost. No Discount applies to Optional Transfer Package Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.