



Iceland–Norway–Svalbard

Voyage to the Arctic

15 Jun 2017

15 days

Embarkation: Reykjavik (Iceland)

Disembarkation: Longyearbyen (Spitsbergen)

M/v Sea Spirit

Activities:



Itinerary



Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland

Welcome to Reykjavík, the capital of Iceland and starting point of our expedition. After arriving via scheduled commercial flight service, you are free to explore this fascinating city. Reykjavík is home to a wealth of cultural institutions including museums, galleries, and the Hallgrímskirkja church. Leisure possibilities inside the city include parks, gardens, and thermal baths. You can also take advantage of Reykjavík's wide range of shopping possibilities, excellent dining options, and famous nightlife. Your hotel for the night has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the voyage.



Day 2: Embarkation in Reykjavík

In the afternoon we welcome you aboard the luxury expedition ship M/V Sea Spirit. Explore the ship and get comfortable in your home away from home for the extraordinary adventure to come. Savor the anticipation of your Arctic dreams coming true as we slip our moorings and sail out of the harbor.



Day 3-5: Exploration of Iceland

From Reykjavík we head northwest through the bay of Faxaflói, where it is possible to encounter our first whales. After rounding the dramatic Snæfellsnes peninsula we continue north through Breiðafjörður where seabirds nest on numerous islands. Continuing in a clockwise way around Iceland we encounter the scenic Vestfirðir (Westfjords) where deep fjords and rugged mountains create one of the country's most scenic coastlines. After passing the wild Hornstrandir peninsula we head east through waters known for whales toward Tröllaskagi and the island of Grímsey.

Our exact route and exploration opportunities are dependent on the weather in this surprisingly wild part of Europe. Possible sites of exploration include:

Snæfellsnes – The famous Snæfellsjökull volcano and picturesque Kirkjufell mountain are dominant features in the impressive landscape of the Snæfellsnes peninsula. A rich cultural and literary history and the success of fishermen and merchants are evident in local fishing villages.

Flatey Island – The unassuming island of Flatey has a long and storied history as a cultural and artistic center and was even a hub of commerce with a huge population at one time. The island's "old village" contains some beautifully restored old houses once belonging to these original inhabitants. Today the island is home mostly to various species of migratory bird, especially the puffin.

Látrabjarg – The impressive sea cliff of Látrabjarg is the summer breeding site for millions of seabirds including puffins, northern gannets, guillemots, and razorbills. At 14 kilometers long and up to 440 meters high, this is Europe's largest

bird cliff and a stunning monument of Nature.

Dynjandi – Located in Vestfirðir (Westfjords), these breathtaking waterfalls, also known as Fjallfoss, have a cumulative height of 100 meters. The thundering cataract can be appreciated from the shore or experienced more closely by hiking up along the river.

Siglufjörður – Situated in a narrow fjord on the mountainous Tröllaskagi (“Troll Peninsula”), Siglufjörður is a quiet fishing town with multicolored houses arranged around a pleasant harbor. The popular herring museum pays tribute to the town’s heyday during the herring boom of the 1940s and 1950s with excellent exhibits, reenactments, and tastings.

Grímsey – The small, green island of Grímsey, located 40 kilometers from the mainland, is the northernmost inhabited territory of Iceland. The Arctic Circle runs through the island. Attractions include a historical lighthouse and an old church constructed in 1867 mostly out of driftwood. Seabirds nest on the cliffs that make up almost all the island’s coastline.



Day 6-7: Across the Norwegian Sea

After our amazing time in Iceland we sail east toward Norway, crossing the Prime Meridian on the way. Our crossing of the Norwegian Sea—roughly along the Arctic Circle—coincides with the summer solstice. The sun will not set again for the duration of our voyage. Presentations and workshops, as well as our range of onboard recreation facilities, ensure that these days at sea are not idly spent. Seabird viewing and whale sightings can be enjoyed from panoramic open decks as well as exterior stateroom windows and balconies.



Day 8-11: Exploration of the Coast of Norway

We meet the coast of Norway just north of the Arctic Circle near Saltfjellet-Svartisen National Park, home to the second largest glacier in mainland Norway. We then sail north through Vestfjorden toward the legendary islands of Lofoten. The amazing scenery does not end as we continue past the mountainous islands of Vesterålen, Senja, Ringsvassøy, and Sørøya. Finally we reach Nordkapp at the top of Norway.

Our exact route and exploration opportunities are dependent on the weather along this wild and sparsely-populated coast. Anticipated sites of exploration include:

Saltfjellet-Svartisen National Park – The landscape in the western region of this gorgeous national park is dominated by verdant forests, high mountains, and glaciers. Our goal is the picturesque Engabreen glacier—an arm of the immense Svartisen glacier—situated on a pretty lake accessible via pleasant hiking path.

Lofoten – These famous islands are among the most scenic in the world. Nestled within the stunning scenery are small fishing villages and towns, such as Nusfjord and Leknes, where traditional character merges with contemporary charm. Scenic fjords such as Trollfjord showcase the islands’ wild side.

Tromsø – Historically significant yet attractively modern, Tromsø is major cultural hub distinguished by its centuries-old wooden houses. The Polar Museum reveals Tromsø’s past as a starting point for Arctic expeditions. The city’s architecturally impressive Arctic Cathedral is evocative of a giant iceberg. Altogether this port of call is an excellent primer for our northward explorations.

Hammerfest – Located on Kvaløya in the far northern county of Finnmark, this is one of the northernmost towns in the world. Hammerfest has a long history as a trading port and as a center of indigenous Sami culture. The island of

Kvaløya is visited each summer by thousands of migrating reindeer.

Nordkapp – Situated on the island of Magerøya, the area of Nordkapp (“North Cape”) includes the northernmost point of land on the European continent. The famous Globe Monument is situated at the top of a cliff 300 meters above the sea. A modern visitor center houses a variety of facilities.



Day 12: Across the Barents Sea

From the top of Norway we head north through the Barents Sea toward Svalbard. On the way we encounter the small, remote island of Bjørnøya (“Bear Island”), the southernmost island in Svalbard. The island is so named because Dutch explorer Willem Barents saw a polar bear swimming nearby when he discovered the island in 1596. Welcome to the Arctic!



Day 13-14: Exploration of Svalbard

Svalbard is a true High Arctic wilderness and this part of the voyage is a real expedition. As such, our route and exploration opportunities here are heavily dependent on the weather and sea ice conditions we encounter. Our experienced captain and expedition leader decide the itinerary and continually adjust plans as conditions and opportunities warrant. You can be sure that the best possible advantage will be taken of the circumstances presented to us by Nature in this wild and remote corner of the Arctic.

Approaching Svalbard from the south, our first opportunities for exploration will be on the southwestern part of the island of

Spitsbergen. We take in stunning views of glaciers and towering mountains on our starboard side as we proceed up the west coast of Spitsbergen toward Isfjorden and the town of Longyearbyen.

Polar bears and other quintessential Arctic wildlife can be spotted anytime, anywhere in and around Svalbard. Bountiful inshore and offshore waters are home to walrus and a wide variety of whales. The islands are alive with migratory birds, including numerous rare species, taking advantage of summer’s fecundity in 24-hour daylight.

We exploit every opportunity to experience excellent wildlife viewing, to discover incredible scenery, and to walk in the footsteps of the historic polar expeditions that came before us. Possible areas of exploration include:

Hornsund – One of the most scenic areas in Svalbard, the bay of Hornsund is surrounded by dramatic peaks and tidewater glaciers. At this time of year it is possible to spot polar bears hunting seals on sea ice that lingers in the recesses of the bay. The area is also historically significant, having been used in previous centuries by whalers, trappers, as well as scientific and exploratory expeditions.

Bellsund – The gently sloping tundra plains around Bellsund are rich with wildlife such as reindeer and nesting geese. Excellent walking opportunities abound in this classic Svalbard landscape. The eerie remains of historical whaling and trapping operations can still be seen throughout the area.

St. Jonsfjorden – At the head of this scenic fjord there is an impressive tidewater glacier. Here it is possible to witness the stunning spectacle of icebergs calving from the glacier face. These waters are home to seals and whales. Hikers have an opportunity to gain exceptional views over strongly glaciated terrain.

Alkhornet – The lush tundra slopes below the bird cliffs at Alkhornet in Isfjorden are home to grazing reindeer and playful Arctic fox. The sky and waters are full with seabirds coming and going. One can feel the living heartbeat of the

Arctic in this place.



Day 15: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen, Svalbard

After breakfast we say farewell in the town of Longyearbyen, the administrative capital of the Norwegian territory of Svalbard. We provide a transfer to the airport or to the town center if you wish to spend more time here. In this case, be sure to see the excellent Svalbard Museum and take advantage of quality shopping and dining opportunities in this fascinating Arctic settlement.

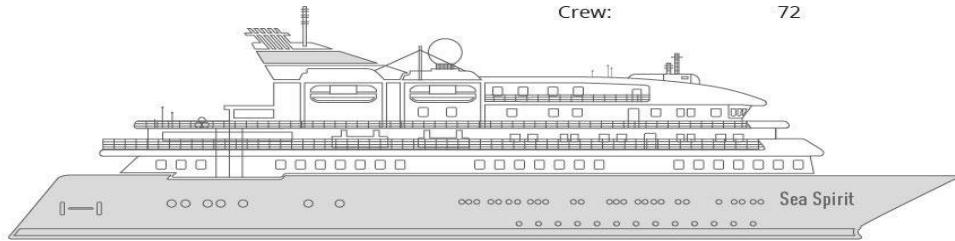
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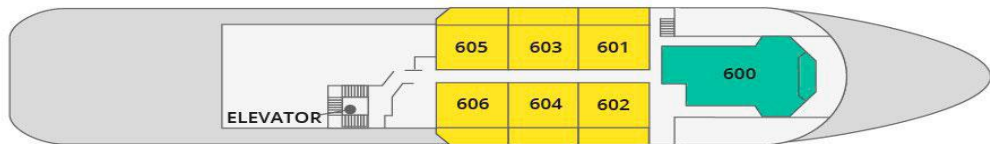
- Owner's
- Premium
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- Superior
- Classic
- Triple
- Main Deck

Length:	90.6 meters (297 ft.)
Beam:	15.3 meters (50 ft.)
Speed:	15 knots
Passengers:	114
Crew:	72

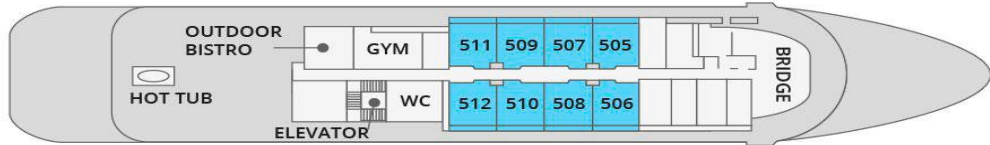
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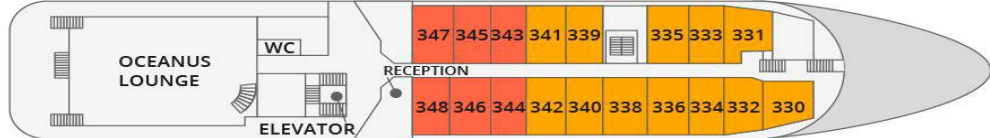
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MAIN DECK



Triple Classic



Averaging 21 square metres/226 square feet, these staterooms have two twins and a comfortable sofa bed. The twins also convert to a King, if desired. Located on Oceanus Deck, these suites have a picture window, two wardrobes and en suite facilities. Amenities include: in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.

Classic Suite



Averaging 21 square metres/226 square feet, these cabins are located on the Oceanus Deck. They feature a picture window, two wardrobes and a choice of either two twin beds or a King Size bed. Amenities include: en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control and hair dryer.

Main Deck Suite



Averaging 23 square metres/248 square feet, Main Deck cabins are equipped with either two twins or a King Size bed. They are located on the Main Deck with a minimum of two portholes for exterior views. Amenities include: en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD individual temperature control and hair dryer.

Superior Suite



Superior Suites are located on the Club Deck. Averaging 20 square metres/ 215 square feet, these cabins feature two twin beds or a King Size bed. The picture window overlooks an outside walkway on the Club Deck. Amenities include: en suite facilities, walk-in closet or wardrobe, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, hair dryer.

Deluxe Suite



The Deluxe Suites with balconies are located on the Sports Deck. Averaging 24 square metres/ 258 square feet means plenty of room. Choose from either two twin beds or a King Size bed. A sliding glass door leads to a private balcony. These suites feature a walk-in closet or wardrobe. Amenities include en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and a hair dryer.

Premium Suite



The Premium Suites are located on the Sun Deck. Averaging a generous 30 square metres/ 323 square feet, with two twin beds or a King Size bed. Access the private balcony by a sliding glass door. Amenities include: en suite facilities, lounge area, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.

Owners Suite



Super-spacious (43 square metres/ 463 square feet) elegant suite on the Sun Deck. Designed for entertaining, the Owner's Suite has a separate living room with game and meeting area. A BOSE stereo system provides background music, or watch videos on the HD plasma TV. Sliding glass doors lead to a private deck. Refresh in the jetted bathtub in en suite facilities. Slumber in the King Size bed. A sofa bed can accommodate a third person.



Sea Kayak Club

Kayaking fee for Arctic cruises 2017:

595 USD

The islands and fjords of the High Arctic closely guard some of the world's most unique and magical sea kayaking opportunities. Experience calving glaciers in Svalbard, cathedral-like icebergs in Greenland, or labyrinthine expanses of sea ice in the Arctic Ocean, all from our sturdy and stealthy sea kayaks. Join us for an unscripted kayaking adventure as we explore rugged coastlines and remote waters that very few people have ever paddled.

Sea Kayak Club is typically offered on voyages that include High Arctic destinations such as Greenland, Svalbard (Spitsbergen), Franz Josef Land, or a combination of these thrilling places.



Photography

Free option

The Polar Regions are perhaps the most photogenic on earth, with countless beautiful scenes presenting themselves every day. Endless expanses of ice, beaches crowded with seals or penguins, sunsets over unbroken horizons, starlit skies, and even the majestic northern lights – they all present fantastic photographic opportunities – and in order to make sure that you come home with some spectacular images we offer you the chance to learn and practice your photography alongside an experienced professional.

Our expert Photographer will be on hand to answer your questions and give advice, both in the form of on-board lectures and workshops on shore. Explore the key elements of photography in a fun and relaxed setting, with plenty of opportunities for questions and feedback. Learn how to see light in a new way and experiment with the techniques of composition and framing.

Rates

Sailing date	Triple Classic	Main Deck Suite	Classic Suite	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite	Premium Suite	Owners Suite
15 June 2017	\$7.395	\$10.295	\$11.095	\$11.295	\$12.595	\$13.595	\$17.895

Rates Include

- 1 pre-voyage night at Grand hotel;
- Group transfer to the ship on day of embarkation;
- Shipboard accommodation;
- All meals on board throughout the voyage;
- Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily;
- All scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions);
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader and Expedition Team;
- Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka;
- Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise;
- Welcome and Farewell cocktails;
- All port fees;
- Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation;
- Pre-departure materials;
- Digital Voyage Log;
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a maximum benefit of US 150,000 per person.

Rates Do Not Include

- Airfare;
- Visa and passport fees (if applicable);
- Luggage and trip cancellation insurance;
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations;
- Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges;
- Staff gratuities.

Terms and Conditions – Expedition Cruises to the Arctic aboard “Sea Spirit”

Rates – Voyage rates are quoted in U.S. dollars/EURO and are based on passengers sharing a cabin. Rates for all Poseidon Expeditions voyages are based on anticipated fuel costs at the time of departure multiplied by a maximum daily usage. There will be no fuel surcharge for voyages aboard Sea Spirit if the price of applicable fuel, delivered locally, does not exceed USD 1,150 per metric ton. Should the price go above this a surcharge, to cover only the increase in fuel costs, may apply. In this case agents will be notified immediately and passengers will have the right to cancel their reservations within 14 days of notice of increase without penalty.

Reservations – To confirm a booking a deposit of 20% of the published rate per person is required. Final payment is due in full 90 days prior to departure. Within 90 days of departure, full payment is required to confirm a booking.

Payments – All payments are to be made in US dollars/EURO. Payments are made via bank transfer.

Booking Cancellations / Refunds – All cancellations must be received in writing. Reservations cancelled more than 120 days prior to departure are subject to a USD 750/EURO 575 per person cancellation fee. Reservations cancelled from 120 to 91 days prior to departure are subject to 20% per person cancellation fee. Reservations cancelled 90 days or less prior to departure are subject to full fare forfeiture.

Voyage Cancellation – In the very unlikely event that a Poseidon Expeditions' voyage is cancelled prior to departure Poseidon Expeditions will provide a full refund of all funds paid to Poseidon Expeditions. Should a voyage cancel while in progress, Poseidon Expeditions will provide a pro-rated refund of the funds paid to Poseidon Expeditions.

Transferred reservations/name changes – Bookings transferred from one departure (more than 90 days prior to departure) to another, for the same passenger can be made at no charge, based on availability. By direct permission, and on a limited basis, name changes on a reservation can be made at a fee of USD 300/EURO 220 per person.

Inventory Service

Upgrades – Periodically to maximize available inventory, passengers may be upgraded into higher level cabins. These unsolicited upgrades are made at no charge, however open inventory in upper level cabins is only filled on an unsolicited basis when needed to secure reservations in other categories. In any event no upgrades will be made without prior notification.

Single supplements – Single occupancy of a twin cabin is available at 1.7 times the twin rate and available only in Main Deck and Classic Suites; single occupancy of a twin cabin is available at 2 times the twin rate in the Superior, Deluxe, Premium and Owner Suites. Cabin share is available only in the following categories: Triple Classic, Main Deck and Classic Suites.

Children – In general, our policy is that children must be at least 12 years of age to participate in a Poseidon Expeditions voyage. However, we may on a case by case basis accept children ages 8-11 with additional screening.

Onboard language – All voyages are conducted in English and German. For groups of passengers speaking other languages Poseidon Expeditions recruits multi-lingual staff members, who assist the passengers during briefings and lectures. Staff varies from voyage to voyage, please check when booking.

On board authority – All passengers are subject to instructions or regulations given by the Captain or the Expedition team.

On board payments – all payments are in US dollars. Passengers may run a tab which must be paid prior to disembarkation. Payments can be made in cash or via CC.

Itineraries – Poseidon Expeditions' captain and expedition team will do everything possible to complete the voyage as outlined in the voyage itinerary. However itineraries (including all scheduled landings and excursions) in Polar Regions are heavily dependent on weather and ice conditions. Occasionally conditions and or safety concerns require Itinerary changes. The Captain and expedition team will accordingly make every effort to find the best alternative to the original itinerary while keeping passengers informed and updated. Itinerary changes are not subject to passenger approval/consent and in the event of such a change no refunds or price adjustments are possible. Placement of a booking with Poseidon Expeditions amounts to an acknowledgement that itinerary changes are possible.

Photography / Video – Poseidon Expeditions reserves the right to use photographs and/or videos taken during the operation of the voyage for promotional purposes for the company and/or its sales agents. Passengers who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to Poseidon Expeditions and its agent, prior to embarkation.

Smoking – There is no smoking inside the ship. There will be a designated smoking place outside in a sheltered area.

Alcohol – Alcohol is available for sale in our bar. Poseidon Expeditions reserves the right to refuse alcohol to anyone deemed to be intoxicated.

Pre-departure forms / requirements

Eligibility – There are no specific physical requirements for travel in the Arctic. However we are traveling to the remote region of the world and we are traveling on a ship which, at times, may be in rough seas. Passengers with certain medical/health issues may not be appropriate for this type of expedition and are advised to exercise appropriate caution. Our medical information form lists a number of these conditions.

Pre-departure forms – Prior to boarding, specific passenger information is required not only for passenger safety, but for international reporting regulations. Required information must be completed in the forms provided by Poseidon Expeditions and in our possession at least 60 days prior to departure. Final documents cannot be issued for passengers whose information has not been received.

Passenger Medical Information – We require all passengers to submit basic medical information prior to departure. Upon receipt of that basic medical information, specific physical conditions may necessitate additional documentation from a passenger's physician certifying fitness to travel on a voyage to the Arctic. If additional medical confirmation is requested, boarding will not be allowed absent receipt of that confirmation. Poseidon Expeditions has a pregnancy policy that women are welcome with explicit doctor's permission and having signed a specific waiver. Pregnancy policies of carriers (ship owners, airlines, bus companies, hotels, etc) may also apply. Please note that medical information will, of necessity, be available to designated Poseidon Expeditions staff.

Please note that regardless of general eligibility there may be instances where environmental conditions require a level of fitness/mobility. In these cases individual participation in the landing(s) in question may be restricted by the Captain, Expedition Leader, or ship's doctor.

Travel Insurance – All passengers are required to carry valid travel insurance. This insurance must contain emergency medical and evacuation coverage of at least \$100,000. For Poseidon Expeditions' 2015 and 2016 Arctic voyages, this emergency medical and evacuation insurance is included in the ticket price (those over the age of 85 must purchase this insurance separately). Trip cancellation insurance is not required, but is strongly recommended.

Pre-departure Assistance

All prices quoted are for cruise only. Our ground agents can assist with arrangements for additional hotel nights, private transfers and land excursions.

Responsibility – The payment of a deposit or full payment for a reservation on this tour shall constitute consent to all the provisions contained herein.

Poseidon Expeditions or its agents are not responsible for any costs or penalties relating to air transport or other services that are cancelled. Poseidon Expeditions is not liable for failure to provide the services or accommodations offered to the extent that such services or accommodations cannot be provided due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond its control.

Poseidon Expeditions is a qualified tour operator that organizes and administers its polar voyages. Poseidon Expeditions will provide services in conjunction with local operators and air and sea operators. The designated operator(s), in turn, acts only as an agent for any transportation carrier, hotel, ground operator, or other suppliers of services connected with these tours ("other providers"), and the other providers are solely responsible and liable for providing their respective services. The passenger tickets in use by the carriers shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger; the carriers are not responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time participants are not aboard their conveyances.

Poseidon Expeditions and its designated service providers shall not be held liable for (A) any damage to, or loss of, property or injury to, or death of, persons occasioned directly or indirectly by an act or omission of any other provider, including but not limited to any defect in any aircraft, watercraft, or vehicle operated or provided by such other provider; and (B) any loss or damage due to delay, cancellation, or disruption in any manner caused by the laws, regulations, acts or failures to act, demands, orders, or interpositions of any government or any subdivision or agent thereof, or by acts of God, strikes, fire, flood, war, rebellion, terrorism, insurrection, sickness, quarantine, epidemics, theft, or any other cause(s) beyond their control. The participant waives any claim against Poseidon Expeditions for any such loss, damage, injury, or death. In the event of Itinerary change due to any unforeseen circumstances or due to force majeure Poseidon Expeditions is not to be held liable for any costs incurred by passengers in this case and no refunds or price adjustments are possible.

By registering for a Poseidon Expeditions voyage, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants. Poseidon Expeditions and its designated tour operator reserve the right in their sole discretion to accept, decline to accept, or

remove any participant from a voyage. Poseidon Expeditions reserves the right, without penalty, to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of participants.

Passengers are not permitted to bring or have onboard any pets or animals, firearms, flammable or hazardous items, controlled or prohibited substances or drugs, contraband or items prohibited by any country or port to be visited.

Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant.

Resolution of disputes – This agreement is subject to applicable UK law. Any controversy or claim arising from/or relating to a Poseidon Expeditions voyage shall be resolved by binding arbitration at the Arbitration Court in London. Acceptance of the initial services to be provided on the trip shall constitute an acceptance by the trip member of these terms and conditions. On advancement of deposit to Poseidon Expeditions, the depositor therefore agrees to be bound by the above recited Terms and Conditions.

Please read – By purchasing this product you accept the above Terms and Conditions. In case you disagree to any of the Terms and Conditions of Operator you will not be able to take part in the expedition cruise.