



## **Franz Josef Land**

### **Arctic for Explorers**

**04 July 2018,**

**06 Aug 2018 & 18 Aug 2018**

**15 / 14 Days**

**Embarkation: Longyearbyen (Spitsbergen)**

**Disembarkation: Longyearbyen (Spitsbergen)**

**M/v Sea Spirit**

**Activities:**



# Itinerary



## Day 1: Longyearbyen, Svalbard

Welcome to Longyearbyen, the Arctic adventure capital of the Norwegian territory of Svalbard and starting point of our expedition. After arriving via scheduled commercial flight, you are free to explore this small but fascinating settlement. Be sure to see the excellent Svalbard Museum and enjoy the shops, cafes and restaurants in the town center. Your hotel for the night has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the voyage.



## Day 2: Embarkation in Longyearbyen

In the afternoon we welcome you aboard the expedition ship M/V Sea Spirit; transfers from the hotel are included. Explore the ship and get comfortable in your home-away-from-home for the extraordinary adventure to come. The long days of summer sunlight illuminate our surroundings as we slip our moorings and sail into a true wilderness where wildlife abounds. The scenery as we sail through Isfjorden on our first evening is spectacular and there is already the possibility of marine mammal encounters.



## Day 3-4: Across the Barents Sea

From Isfjorden we proceed straight to Franz Josef Land across the Barents Sea. Presentations and workshops by our expert staff prepare us for what lies ahead.

In these far northern latitudes, it is possible to encounter sea ice even in summer. Along the way, we'll remain vigilant for sightings of ice-dependent marine mammals such as the elusive bowhead whale, various Arctic seal species, and the majestic polar bear.



## Day 5-11: Exploration of Franz Josef Land

This is expedition cruising at its most authentic. As such, our route and exploration opportunities in Franz Josef Land are heavily dependent on weather and sea ice. Our experienced captain and expedition leader decide our best route and continually adjust plans as opportunities warrant in this wild and remote corner of the Arctic.

Between obligatory initial and final calls at the Russian polar station Nagurskoye in Cambridge Bay we are free to explore the many waterways and islands of this unique Arctic wilderness.

The archipelago, part of the Russian Arctic National Park since 2012, is a nature sanctuary. Polar bears and other quintessential High Arctic wildlife—such as walrus and some rare whale species—can be spotted anytime, anywhere in and around Franz Josef Land. Scree slopes and cliffs around the islands host enormous nesting colonies of seabirds such as guillemots, dovekies, and kittiwakes. We'll take advantage of the 24-hour daylight to exploit every opportunity for wildlife viewing.

Franz Josef Land is dominated by glaciation, which covers 85% of the archipelago. Immense tidewater glaciers and glittering icebergs provide a stunning backdrop to our voyage. Franz Josef Land is also home to some interesting geological features, such as the mysterious stone spheres on Champ Island. Collectors of geographical extremes may take note that Cape Fligely on Rudolf Island is the northernmost point of land in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Franz Josef Land also offers visitors the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of famous polar explorers at well-preserved historical sites. The journals of explorers such as Julius von Payer, Benjamin Leigh Smith, Frederick George Jackson, and Fridtjof Nansen come alive at Cape Norway, Cape Flora, Eira Harbour, and Cape Tegetthoff. Memorials, monuments, crosses and the remains of dwellings are testimony to incredible historical events that are further illuminated by our expert lecturers.

Tikhaya Bukhta is currently a Russian Arctic National Park ranger station occupying Soviet-era research buildings and was also a major base for polar expeditions. Nearby the fascinating columnar basalt cliffs of Rubini Rock are home to thousands of nesting seabirds.



## Day 12-13: Along the coasts of Svalbard

Following our week of exploration in Franz Josef Land, we cross back through the bountiful waters of the Barents Sea and then along the coastal islands of the Svalbard Archipelago. From panoramic open decks, enjoy Arctic landscapes and wildlife sightings. Bountiful inshore and offshore waters are home to walrus and a wide variety of whales.

The crossing also gives our expedition team the opportunity to offer a final presentation or two in the Oceanus Lounge. Weather and timing permit, we'll launch our Zodiacs to have a closer look at wildlife as we head back to Longyearbyen.





### **Day 14: West Spitsbergen**

After a technical stop in Longyearbyen, we explore the spectacular fjords and coasts in the western part of Svalbard. This area contains some of the archipelago's most impressive scenery and wildlife viewing opportunities abound.

Deep fjords and narrow channels are flanked by jagged snowy mountain peaks. Fields of flowering tundra are home to grazing reindeer and Arctic fox, always on the hunt. The whole area is alive with migratory birds, including some rare species, taking advantage of summer's fecundity in 24-hour daylight.

Among the historic sights, there are remnants of whaling camps, coal-mining operations, trappers' cabins, staging areas for historic attempts to discover the North Pole, and the ruins of a WWII weather station.



### **Day 15: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen, Svalbard**

After breakfast we say farewell in the town of Longyearbyen, where we started our expedition. We provide a transfer to the airport, or to the town center if you plan to spend more time here. As you look back on your wonderful experience, you may already be looking forward to your next incredible adventure to the ice!

# M/v Sea Spirit

## DECK PLAN M/V SEA SPIRIT

- Owner's

Premium

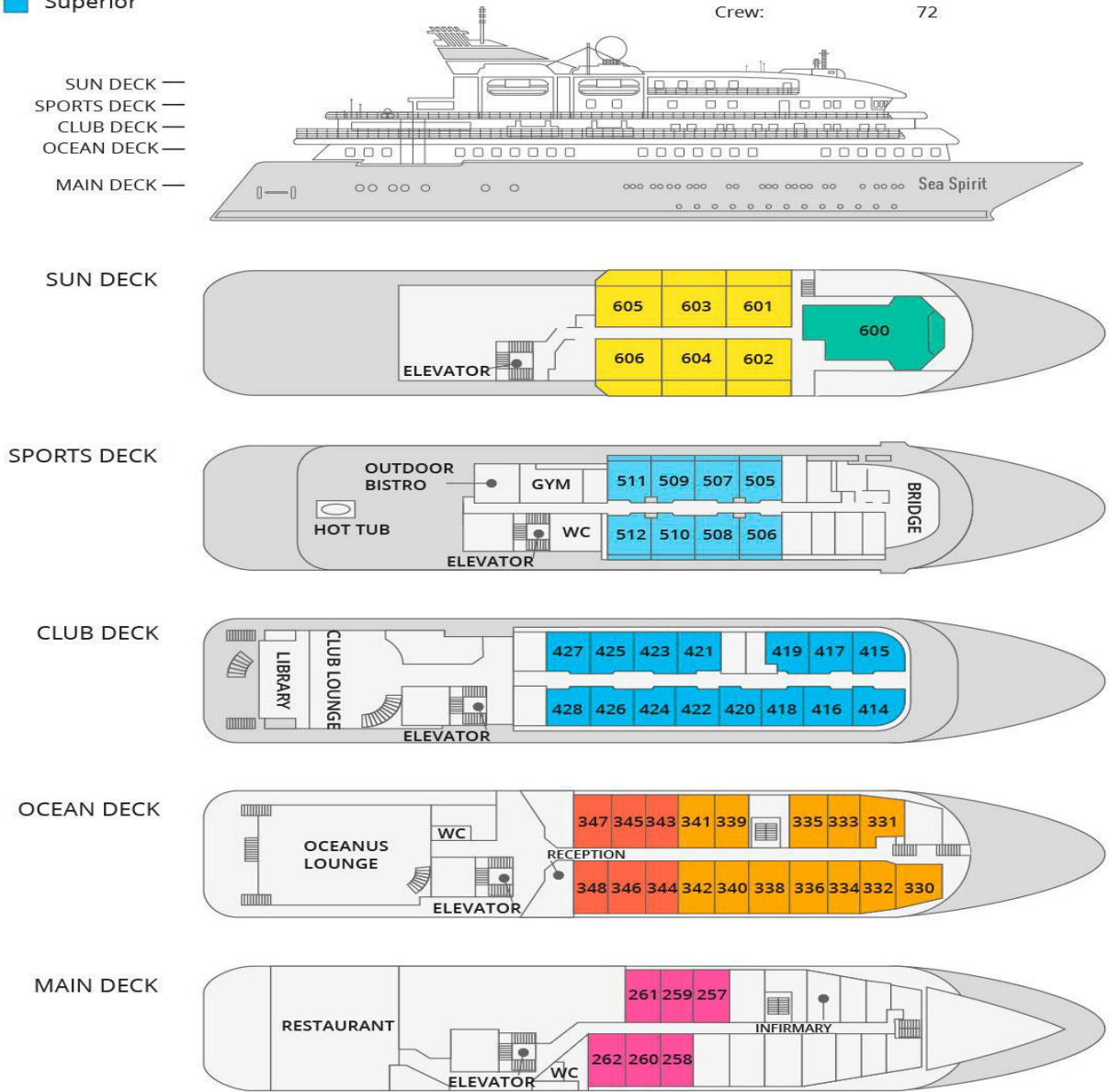
Deluxe

Superior
- Classic

Triple

Main Deck

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



## 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 forentertaining, 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 2018:

*655 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 dates	Triple Classic	Main Deck Suite	Classic Suite	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite	Premium Suite	Owners Suite
04 & 18 Aug 2018	\$9.495	\$12.995	\$13.795	\$14.195	\$15.895	\$17.295	\$22.995
06 Aug 2018	\$8.595	\$11.795	\$12.395	\$12.895	\$14.495	\$15.495	\$20.395

### Rates Include

- 1 pre-voyage hotel night;
- 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 USD 150,000 per person.

### Rates Do Not Include

- Airfare;
- Visa and passport fees. For this trip Russian visa is required. See your country's Russian consulate or embassy for details;
- 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”

By purchasing this product you accept the present 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.

**Rates** Voyage rates are quoted in USD and are based on passengers sharing a cabin. Rates for all voyages are based on anticipated fuel costs at the time of departure multiplied by a maximum daily usage. Poseidon Arctic Voyages Ltd. d.b.a. POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS (Operator hereafter) has the right to add fuel surcharge to the cruise cost in case of a dramatic rise of fuel cost. Operator will do so only in order 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

**Accommodation:** Cruise rates are quoted per person and based on passengers sharing a cabin. Single supplement: 1.7 for Main Deck and Classic Suite, Superior; 2 for Deluxe, Premium and Owner Suite. Triple-share accommodations are restricted to either individual travelers of the same gender or parties of three. Those booking shared accommodations aboard the ship – on either triple- or double-occupancy basis – will also share accommodations at the pre-cruise hotel (if applicable).

**Payments.** All payments are to be made in US dollars. Payments are made via bank transfer or by credit card

**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 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.** Poseidon Arctic Voyages Ltd. d.b.a. POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS (Operator hereafter) reserves the right to cancel any departure due to insufficient reservations up to eight weeks before the date of departure (passengers may be offered alternative cruise dates). Operator also reserves the right to cancel any departure up until the date of that departure due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond the control of Operator that prevents the operation of the tour (this also includes governmental and administrative decisions)

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

Operator or its agents are not responsible for any costs or penalties relating to air transport or other services that are cancelled. Operator 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.

**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 per person.

**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, Classic and Superior Suites; single occupancy of a twin cabin is available at 2 times the twin rate in the Deluxe, Premium and Owner Suites. Cabin share is available only in the following categories: Triple Classic, Main Deck, Classic and Superior 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 Operator recruits multi-lingual staff members, who assist the passengers during briefings and lectures. Staff varies from voyage to voyage, please check when booking.

**Onboard authority.** All passengers are subject to instructions or regulations given by the Captain or the Expedition team.

**Onboard 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 Operator amounts to an acknowledgement that itinerary changes are possible.

**Photography/Video.** Operator 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 Operator 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. Operator reserves the right to refuse alcohol to anyone deemed to be intoxicated.

**Eligibility.** There are no specific physical requirements for travel in Polar Regions. 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 Operator 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 Antarctica. If additional medical confirmation is requested, boarding will not be allowed absent receipt of that confirmation. Operator 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 medical and evacuation coverage and should include cancellation and trip interruption as well. As any potential evacuation from Polar Regions can cost up to \$150,000 we recommend that no policy carry less than this amount of coverage. As part of the pre-departure forms Operator will require information as to carrier, policy number, and a 24-hour contact number.

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

Operator or its agents are not responsible for any costs or penalties relating to air transport or other services that are cancelled. Operator 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.

Operator is a qualified tour operator that organizes and administers its polar voyages. Operator 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.

Operator 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 Operator for any such loss, damage, injury, or death. In the event of Itinerary change due to any unforeseen circumstances or due to force majeure Operator 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 our 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. Operator and its designated tour operator reserve the right in their sole discretion to accept, decline to accept, or remove any participant from a voyage. Operator 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.** 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 Operator, the depositor therefore agrees to be bound by the above-recited Terms and Conditions.