

North Spitsbergen, Polar Bear Special

The best opportunity to spot the King of the Arctic



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Dates / Tripcode: 29 May 2018 (OTL03-18)
 12 Jun 2018 (OTL05-18)
 15 Jun 2018 (PLA06-18)
 19 Jun 2018 (OTL06-18)
 22 Jun 2018 (PLA07-18)
 29 Jun 2018 (PLA08-18)

Duration: 7 nights

Ship: [m/v Plancius & m/v Ortelius](#)

Embarkation: Longyearbyen

Disembarkation: Longyearbyen

Language: English speaking voyage

ITINERARY

PLEASE NOTE: A typical itinerary to North Spitsbergen is illustrated below. This itinerary is for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on local ice and weather conditions, the availability of landing sites and opportunities to see wildlife. The final itinerary will be determined by the Expedition Leader on board. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. Average cruising speed for m/v Plancius is 10,5 knots.

Day 1: Embarkation and departure from Longyerbyen

We arrive in Longyearbyen, the administrative capital of the Spitsbergen archipelago of which West Spitsbergen is the largest island. Before embarking there is an opportunity to stroll around this former mining town, whose parish church and Polar Museum are well worth visiting. In the surrounding area of Longyearbyen, more than 100 species of plants have been recorded. In the early evening the ship will sail out of Isfjorden, where in the mouth of the fjord we may see our first Minke Whale.

Day 2: We sail to Raudfjord on the north coast of West Spitsbergen

We sail to Raudfjord on the north coast of West Spitsbergen, a beautiful fjord dominated by spectacular glaciers and favoured by Ringed and Bearded Seal. The cliffs and shoreline of the fjord also support thriving seabird colonies and a surprisingly rich vegetation, which flourishes in sheltered spots. Polar bear are often seen here.

Day 3: Cruising near the 5km long face of the impressive Monaco Glacier

Depending on the weather we may now sail into Liefdefjorden, cruising near the 5km long face of the impressive Monaco Glacier. The waters of the glacier front are a favorite feeding spot for thousands of Kittiwake. As well, Polar Bear

Included in this voyage

Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary

All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea.

All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.

Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.

Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes.

Transfers and baggage handling between the airport, hotels and ship only for those passengers on the group flights to and from Longyearbyen.

All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.

AECO fees and governmental taxes.

Comprehensive pre-departure material.

Excluded from this voyage

Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights

Pre- and post- land arrangements.

Passport and visa expenses.

Government arrival and departure taxes.

Meals ashore.

have been seen on the glacier, providing wonderful opportunities for photography.

Day 4: We will sail into Hinlopen Strait, home to Bearded Seal

Today we will sail into Hinlopen Strait, home to Bearded Seal, Ringed Seal, Polar Bear, and Ivory Gull. At the entrance there is the possibility to see Blue Whale. We'll navigate the ice floes of Lomfjordshalvøya in our zodiacs and explore the bird cliffs of Alkefjellet with thousands of Brünnich's Guillemot. On the east side of Hinlopen Strait, we'll attempt a landing at Palanderbukta on Nordaustlandet, home to reindeer, Pink-footed Goose, breeding Ivory Gull, and Walrus.

Day 5: At Seven Islands north of Nordaustlandet we will just 540 miles from the geographic North Pole.

We will try reach our northernmost point at Phippsøya, in the Seven Islands north of Nordaustlandet. Here we will be at 81 degrees north, just 540 miles from the geographic North Pole. Polar Bear inhabit this region, along with Ivory Gull. The ship may sit for several hours in the pack ice, before turning west again.

Day 6: We will retrace our route westwards to keep watch for the Polar Bear

Retracing our route westwards, our route takes us through and along the pack ice, keeping watch for Polar Bear and the elusive Greenland Whale (Bowhead). About 40 nautical miles west of Spitsbergen we sail along the edge of the

Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is mandatory).

Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges.

The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).

continental shelf, where Fin Whale forage in summer in the upwelling's along the Spitsbergen banks. At the mouth of the Kongsfjorden we have also good chances to see Minke Whale.

Day 7: Sail into St. Johns Fjord or south to the mouth of Isfjorden

In Forlandsundet at Sarstangen is a haul out place for Walrus. Alternatively we sail into St. Johns Fjord or south to the mouth of Isfjorden and land at Alkhornet. Seabirds nest on its cliffs and Arctic Fox search the cliff base for fallen eggs and chicks, while Spitsbergen Reindeer graze the relatively luxuriant vegetation. At nighttime we arrive in Longyearbyen.

Day 8: The last day of our voyage. We disembark the vessel in Longyearbyen

We disembark in Longyearbyen, the administrative centre of Spitsbergen, for the flights south to Oslo and onward home.

m/v Plancius & m/v Ortelius

The ice-strengthened vessel Plancius is an ideal vessel for polar expedition cruises in the Arctic and Antarctic.

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN

Snowshoeing

FREE



Take a casual stroll along the Polar shores, or challenge yourself with a more advanced trek.

We offer a variety of snow-shoeing treks to suit your experience and your desired level of activity. No snow-shoeing experience? No problem! We'll get you suited up and get you marching across the pristine snows of the Arctic or Antarctic landscapes in no time at all.

CABINS & PRICES

Quadruple Porthole



- 1 porthole
- 2 upper & lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone and Internet connection
- Hair dryer
- Ample storage space

This cabin is suitable for families traveling with children, or passengers who do not require a twin or more luxurious cabin



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

- 29 May 2018 - **3900 USD**
- 12 Jun 2018 - **3900 USD**
- 15 Jun 2018 - **3900 USD**
- 19 Jun 2018 - **3900 USD**
- 22 Jun 2018 - **3900 USD**
- 29 Jun 2018 - **3900 USD**



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

- 29 May 2018 - **15600 USD**
- 12 Jun 2018 - **15600 USD**
- 15 Jun 2018 - **15600 USD**
- 19 Jun 2018 - **15600 USD**
- 22 Jun 2018 - **15600 USD**
- 29 Jun 2018 - **15600 USD**

Twin Porthole



- 1 porthole
- 2 lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone and Internet connection
- Hair dryer
- Ample storage space



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

- 29 May 2018 - **5540 USD**
- 12 Jun 2018 - **5540 USD**
- 15 Jun 2018 - **5540 USD**
- 19 Jun 2018 - **5540 USD**
- 22 Jun 2018 - **5540 USD**
- 29 Jun 2018 - **5540 USD**



Single cabin

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).

- 29 May 2018 - **9418 USD**
- 12 Jun 2018 - **9418 USD**
- 15 Jun 2018 - **9418 USD**
- 19 Jun 2018 - **9418 USD**
- 22 Jun 2018 - **9460 USD**
- 29 Jun 2018 - **9418 USD**



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

- 29 May 2018 - **11080 USD**
- 12 Jun 2018 - **11080 USD**
- 15 Jun 2018 - **11080 USD**
- 19 Jun 2018 - **11080 USD**
- 22 Jun 2018 - **11600 USD**
- 29 Jun 2018 - **11080 USD**

Twin Window



- 1 window
- 2 lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone and Internet connection
- Hair dryer
- Ample storage space



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

29 May 2018 - **5800 USD**
12 Jun 2018 - **5800 USD**
15 Jun 2018 - **5800 USD**
19 Jun 2018 - **5800 USD**
22 Jun 2018 - **5800 USD**
29 Jun 2018 - **5800 USD**



Single cabin

Complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).

29 May 2018 - **9860 USD**
12 Jun 2018 - **9860 USD**
15 Jun 2018 - **9860 USD**
19 Jun 2018 - **9860 USD**
22 Jun 2018 - **9860 USD**
29 Jun 2018 - **9860 USD**



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

29 May 2018 - **11600 USD**
12 Jun 2018 - **11600 USD**
15 Jun 2018 - **11600 USD**
19 Jun 2018 - **11600 USD**
22 Jun 2018 - **11600 USD**
29 Jun 2018 - **11600 USD**

Triple Porthole



- 1 porthole
- 1 upper berth & 2 lower berths
- Private shower & toilet
- Desk & chair
- Flatscreen TV
- Telephone and Internet connection
- Hair dryer
- Ample storage space

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Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

29 May 2018 - **4700 USD**
12 Jun 2018 - **4700 USD**
15 Jun 2018 - **4700 USD**
19 Jun 2018 - **4700 USD**
22 Jun 2018 - **4700 USD**
29 Jun 2018 - **4700 USD**



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

29 May 2018 - **14100 USD**
12 Jun 2018 - **14100 USD**
15 Jun 2018 - **14100 USD**
19 Jun 2018 - **14100 USD**
22 Jun 2018 - **14100 USD**
29 Jun 2018 - **14100 USD**

Twin Deluxe



2 windows
 2 lower berths
 Private shower & toilet
 Desk & chair
 Flatscreen TV
 Telephone and Internet connection
 Hair dryer
 Ample storage space
 These cabins are corner cabins and are slightly more spacious than the normal twin porthole/window cabins



Sharing berth

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Single cabin

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

29 May 2018 - **6150 USD**
 12 Jun 2018 - **6150 USD**
 15 Jun 2018 - **6150 USD**
 19 Jun 2018 - **6150 USD**
 22 Jun 2018 - **6150 USD**
 29 Jun 2018 - **6150 USD**

29 May 2018 - **10455 USD**
 12 Jun 2018 - **10455 USD**
 15 Jun 2018 - **10455 USD**
 19 Jun 2018 - **10455 USD**
 22 Jun 2018 - **10455 USD**
 29 Jun 2018 - **10455 USD**

29 May 2018 - **12300USD**
 12 Jun 2018 - **12300 USD**
 15 Jun 2018 - **12300 USD**
 19 Jun 2018 - **12300 USD**
 22 Jun 2018 - **12300 USD**
 29 Jun 2018 - **12300 USD**

Superior



2 windows
 1 double bed
 1 sofa bed
 Private shower & toilet
 Desk & chair
 Flatscreen TV
 Telephone and Internet connection
 Refrigerator
 Coffee & tea maker
 Hair dryer
 Ample storage space



Single cabin

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

29 May 2018 - **11645 USD**
 12 Jun 2018 - **11645 USD**
 15 Jun 2018 - **11645 USD**
 19 Jun 2018 - **11645 USD**
 22 Jun 2018 - **11645 USD**
 29 Jun 2018 - **11645 USD**

29 May 2018 - **13700 USD**
 12 Jun 2018 - **13700 USD**
 15 Jun 2018 - **13700 USD**
 19 Jun 2018 - **13700 USD**
 22 Jun 2018 - **13700 USD**
 29 Jun 2018 - **13700 USD**