

Arctic 2018

INTRODUCTION

Itinerary All promoted itineraries are for general guidance. Programs may vary depending on ice, weather, and wildlife conditions. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. Landings are subject to site availabilities and environmental concerns per AECO regulations. Official sailing plans and landing slots are scheduled with AECO prior to the start of the season, but the expedition leader determines the final plan.

Rubber Boots Aboard *Plancius* and *Ortelius*, all passengers are provided a pair of sturdy rubber boots to keep the feet warm and dry for all landings. Sizes need to be pre-ordered with Oceanwide Expeditions at least eight weeks prior to departure. A voucher will be sent with final travel documents approximately four weeks prior to departure. Requesting equipment items without a pre-order and voucher is not possible while boarding the vessel. Boots need to be returned to the expedition team at the end of the voyage.

Shore Excursions and Zodiac Cruising Our cruises emphasize active wildlife and nature experiences. Guided shore excursions, walks, wildlife spotting, and Zodiac cruises are included in the fare and offered to all passengers during the voyage.

Bilingual voyages (B) English is the language of the ship. Some German- or French-speaking expedition staff will be on board for bilingual voyages (English – German or English – French). Welcome and safety briefings, announcements, daily briefings, and recaps will be provided in English, German, or French. Lectures in different languages may vary in content. Simultaneous translations of lectures will not occur, but a summary in the secondary language may be given at the end of a lecture. Guidance during on-shore activities will depend on the group each passenger chooses according to their own physical ability. In the Arctic we aim to split into three hiking groups: a strenuous walking group, a medium-paced group with more time for photography, and a leisurely group. A German- or French-speaking staff member will not necessarily be available for each group. During Zodiac cruises, the driver/guide of each boat will not necessarily be bilingual.

Polar Diving (D) Polar divers must be advanced and experienced in dry-suit, cold-water diving. We hope for 1 – 2 dives per day parallel to other activities. Diving depends on local ice and weather conditions. Dive masters and guides are responsible for safety during dive operations. Basic equipment (scuba tanks, compressors, weights, diving essentials) is offered, but divers must bring their own personal gear. For prices, please refer to our Dates & Rates. For more details, please refer to the Activity Manual.

German Speaking (G) Voyages marked with **G** are full German-speaking voyages. All guide-lecturers on the team speak German.

Hiking (H) During hiking voyages, we exceed our normal shore excursion walking program. In general we plan to offer three possibilities to be active on shore: Easy, moderate, and more demanding walks will be offered in the vicinity of the landing sites. We offer walks to suit everyone's capability. In the Arctic we aim for two hikes per day, each 2 – 3 hours long, during the morning and afternoon landings. We also offer several full-day walks (5 – 7 hours) with a packed lunch. The final plan for these hiking options will be made by the expedition leader on the day of the excursion. We recommend bringing a proper pair of ankle-high hiking boots and gaiters. Hiking is free of charge. More details can be found in the Activity Manual and day-by-day itineraries.

Kayaking (K) In general we plan to offer four or more days of kayaking. Basic kayak experience is welcome, but not required. Physical fitness is essential. Parallel to all other activities, there will be kayak excursions during morning and/or afternoon landings. The final plan will be made by the expedition leader on the day of the excursion. Oceanwide Expeditions will provide kayaks and neoprene wet suits. Kayakers must bring their own personal gear. Kayaking is subject to weather and prevailing ice conditions. For prices, please refer to our Dates & Rates. For more details, please refer to the Activity Manual.

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Snowshoeing/Hiking (S) There is still snow on the hills and mountains during early departures at the beginning of the season. For this reason we aim to offer hiking excursions with easy-to-use snowshoes on north Spitsbergen voyages. With snowshoes it is easier and safer to walk on snowy surfaces. Snowshoes will be provided for everybody on board. They fit all boot sizes and can be used in combination with our rubber boots. Snowshoeing is free of charge. More details can be found in the Activity Manual and day-by-day itineraries.

Ski Mountaineering (X) This is a technical and strenuous activity for experienced ski mountaineers. The program involves climbing and skiing (using rope parties if necessary) in steep, snow-covered, glaciated, and potentially dangerous alpine environments. Certified mountain guides are responsible for the safety of the group. Experience and good physical condition is essential and must be substantiated by a health statement. Participants must be able to utilize techniques of alpine skiing in rugged, off-track terrain for both their ascent and descent. Each participant must submit a questionnaire to demonstrate their ski mountaineering experience. The maximum ratio of participants per mountain guide is 8:1. Participants must bring their own personal equipment (Randonnee or Telemark skis and boots, crampons, skins, poles, avalanche receivers, shovel, probe, rope, carabiners, harness, ice axe, etc.) and protective outdoor clothes. If interested, please inquire after a personal registration form and equipment list. This activity is supplemental.

Trips Under Charter (*) Voyages marked with * are currently under charter.

m/v Ortelius and m/v Plancius North Atlantic Islands 2018

North Atlantic Odyssey - *Whale Safari*

OTL02a) S

May 18 – May 29

11 nights

Vlissingen- Longyearbyen
aboard Ortelius

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Day 1: Northward Bound

You board the vessel at midday in Vlissingen, headed north – far north.

Day 2: Sea Life on the Move

Crossing the North Sea, you stand an excellent chance of spotting minke whales, white-beaked dolphins, and harbour porpoises.

North Atlantic Odyssey - *Whale Safari*

OTL02b) S

May 20 – May 29

09 nights

Aberdeen – Longyearbyen
aboard Ortelius



Day 3: Sights of the Granite City

You arrive in Aberdeen, the Granite City, frequent winner of the Britain in Bloom competition. This is the true start of your trip. Several cetaceans, including orcas (killer whales), are native to these seas. To the south you see the lighthouse on Girdle Ness that was designed by the grandfather of Robert Louis Stevenson, the famed Scottish writer who gave us such classics as *Treasure Island* and *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. More passengers join you in Aberdeen.

Day 4: Birds, Seals, and World-Famous Knits

At Fair Isle, in the Shetlands, the roughly seventy inhabitants (renowned for their knitwear) welcome you for a walk to the local bird observatory. This location is a haven for sea birds, though you may also spot grey seals.

Day 5 – 6: Jan Mayen Marine Life

You sail north to the Norwegian island of Jan Mayen,

300 nautical miles northeast of Iceland. Your two days at sea do not pass idly, however. Keep a close lookout for any spouts of water from the surrounding seas, heralding the arrival of a minke, fin, orca, or blue whale.

Day 7: Snow-Capped Seaside Volcano

Jan Mayen is a stark volcanic island crowned by the snow-capped summit of Mt. Beerenberg. From the slopes of this imposing 2,300-meter-high (7,545 feet) volcano, broken glaciers grasp out into the frigid sea. With permission from the Norwegian authorities, you can now visit the weather station. You can also walk to the remains of a 17th century Dutch whaling station amid the thick moss beds of this stark volcanic landscape.

Day 8 – 10: Under the Midnight Sun

Basking in the midnight sun, you sail north along the edge of the sea ice in search of bowhead whales, harp seals, polar bears, and a variety of seabirds. You then change direction after about 79° north, cutting west to the rocky edges of the continental

shelf of west Spitsbergen. Here you have a good chance of seeing fin whales and – near the glacial mouths of the gaping Spitsbergen fjords – surfacing minke whales.

Day 11: Walrus Watching

The wildlife objective this day is walrus watching in Forlandsundet. In the evening you can also land at Alkhorneret, a seabird colony under which you might find reindeer and Arctic foxes moving along the slopes.

Day 12: Journey's End in Longyearbyen

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North Atlantic Odyssey - Whale Safari

PLA03 * S

May 24 – June 04

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Vlissingen- Longyearbyen

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Spitsbergen 2018

North Spitsbergen

OTL03 D S <i>Polar Bear Special</i>	May 29 – Jun 05	07 nights	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen
PLA04 B S <i>Polar Bear Special</i>	Jun 04 – Jun 11	07 nights	aboard Plancius
OTL04 G S <i>Polar Bear Special</i>	Jun 05 – Jun 12	07 nights	aboard Ortelius
OTL05 S <i>Polar Bear Special</i>	Jun 12 – Jun 19	07 nights	aboard Ortelius
PLA06 S <i>Polar Bear Special</i>	Jun 15 – Jun 22	07 nights	aboard Plancius
OTL06 S <i>Polar Bear Special</i>	Jun 19 – Jun 26	07 nights	aboard Ortelius
PLA07 S <i>Polar Bear Special</i>	Jun 22 – Jun 29	07 nights </td <td>aboard Plancius</td>	aboard Plancius
PLA08 B <i>Polar Bear Special</i>	Jun 29 – Jul 06	07 nights	aboard Plancius
OTL07 * <i>Polar Bear Special</i>	Jun 26 – Jul 05	09 nights	aboard Ortelius
PLA15 * <i>North Spitsbergen</i>	Aug 29 – Sep 05	07 nights	aboard Plancius

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Day 2: Route to Raudfjorden

Sailing to Raudfjorden, on the north coast of West Spitsbergen, you take in an expansive fjord spilling with glaciers – and maybe even visited by ringed and bearded seals. The cliffs and shoreline of this fjord also support thriving seabird colonies, rich vegetation, and the possibility of polar bears.

Day 3: The Massive Monaco Glacier

Depending on the weather, you could sail into Liefdefjorden and cruise within sight of the 5-kilometer-long (3.1 miles) face of the precipitous Monaco Glacier. The waters in front of this glacier are a favorite feeding spot for thousands of kittiwakes, and the base of the ice is a popular polar bear hunting ground. If ice conditions prevent sailing here early in the season, an alternate route along the west coast of Spitsbergen can be implemented.

Day 4: Hinlopen Highlights

Today you sail into Hinlopen Strait, home to bearded and ringed seals as well as polar bears. At the entrance there is even the possibility to spot blue whales. After cruising among the ice floes of Lomfjordshalvøya in the Zodiacs, you then view the bird cliffs of Alkefjellet with their thousands of Brünnich's guillemots. On the east side of Hinlopen Strait, you may attempt a

landing on Nordaustlandet. Here reindeer, pink-footed geese, and walrus are likely sights. As with Liefdefjorden, you can take an alternate west Spitsbergen route if ice prevents entry into Hinlopen.

Day 5: Stop at the Seven Islands

The northernmost point of your voyage may be north of Nordaustlandet, in the Seven Islands. Here you reach 80° north, just 540 miles from the geographic North Pole. Polar bears inhabit this region, so the ship may park for several hours among the pack ice before wheeling around west again.

Day 6: Sailing the Shelf

While retracing your route west, keep watch for polar bears and elusive Greenland (bowhead) whales. About 40 nautical miles west of Spitsbergen, you sail the edge of the continental shelf. Here fin whales forage during the summer in the upwelling zones – this is where cold, nutrient-rich water wells up from below the sea’s surface – that run along the Spitsbergen banks. At the mouth of Kongsfjorden, you have a good chance of sighting minke whales.

Day 7: Reindeer, Foxes, and Seabirds

Walrus sometimes haul out in Forlandsundet, your next stop. Alternatively, you might sail into St. Johns Fjord or south to the mouth of Isfjorden, landing at Alkhorneret. Seabirds nest on these cliffs, Arctic foxes search below for fallen eggs and chicks, and reindeer graze the sparse vegetation. You arrive in Longyearbyen later that night.

Day 8: Journey’s End in Longyearbyen

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North Spitsbergen

PLA05 * **B S** Polar Bear Special

Jun 11 – Jun 15

04 nights

Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen

aboard Plancius

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Around Spitsbergen

OTL08 *	Jul 05 – Jul 14	09 nights	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen
PLA09 B D	Jul 06 – Jul 15	09 nights	aboard Ortelius
OTL09	Jul 14 – Jul 23	09 nights	aboard Plancius
PLA10 *	Jul 15 – Jul 24	09 nights	aboard Ortelius
OTL10 *	Jul 23 – Aug 01	09 nights	aboard Plancius
PLA11 *	Jul 24 – Aug 02	09 nights	aboard Ortelius
OTL11	Aug 01 - Aug 10	09 nights	aboard Plancius
PLA12 *	Aug 02 – Aug 11	09 nights	aboard Ortelius
PLA13 B	Aug 11 – Aug 20	09 nights	aboard Plancius

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Day 2: Cruising Krossfjorden

Heading north along the west coast, you arrive by morning in Krossfjorden. Here you might board the Zodiacs for a cruise near the towering blue-white face of the Fourteenth of July Glacier. On the green slopes near the glacier, colorful flowers bloom while flocks of kittiwakes and Brünnich's guillemots nest on the cliffs.

You have a good chance of spotting an Arctic fox scouting for fallen chicks, or a bearded seal paddling through the fjord. In the afternoon you sail to Ny Ålesund, the northernmost settlement on Earth. Once a mining village served by the world's most northerly railway – you can still see its tracks – Ny Ålesund is now a research center. Close to the community is a breeding ground for barnacle geese, pink-footed geese, and Arctic terns. And if you're interested in the history of Arctic exploration, visit the anchoring mast used by polar explorers Amundsen and Nobile in their airships, *Norge* (1926) and *Italia* (1928).

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Day 4 – 5: Stop at the Seven Islands

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Day 7: The Bounties of Barentsøya

The plan is to make landings in Freemansundet, though polar bears sometimes make this impossible. Potential stops on Barentsøya include Sundneset (for an old trapper's hut), Kapp Waldburg (for its kittiwake colony), and Rindedalen (for a walk across the tundra). You might also cruise south to Diskobukta, though Kapp Lee is more likely your destination. On Kapp Lee is a walrus haul-out, Pomor ruins, and the chance for hikes along Edgeøya.

Day 8: Land of the Pointed Mountains

You start the day by cruising the side fjords of the Hornsund area of southern Spitsbergen, taking in the spire-like peaks: Hornsundtind rises 1,431 meters (4,695 feet), and Bautaen is a perfect illustration of why early Dutch explorers named this island Spitsbergen, meaning "pointed mountains." There are 14 sizable glaciers in this area as well as opportunities for spotting seals, beluga whales, and polar bears.

Day 9: Beluga Beach

Today you land on Ahlstrandhalvøya, at the mouth of Van Keulenfjorden. Here piles of beluga skeletons, the remains of 19th century whale slaughter, are a haunting reminder of the consequences of rampant exploitation. Fortunately belugas were not hunted into extinction, and you have a good chance of coming across a pod. Cruising into Bellsund during the afternoon, you can then explore tundra at the head of the fjord, where reindeer like to feed.

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Around Spitsbergen - Kvitøya

OTL12*	Aug 10 – Aug 19	09 nights	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen
OTL13 *	Aug 20 – Aug 28	08 nights	aboard Ortelius
PLA14 B	Aug 20 – Aug 29	09 nights	aboard Ortelius
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Day 4: Soraberget Ascent

Pushing east to Nordaustlandet, you reach the area where the Italian captain Sora tried to rescue the Nobile Expedition in 1928. A possible climb up Soraberget (205 meters, 673 feet) affords a fantastic view of the icecap. Alternatively you can land at Storøya, where you might encounter a group of walrus.

Day 5: Kvitøya Icecap

Today you try to reach the rarely visited Kvitøya, far to the east and close to Russian territory. The enormous icecap covering this island leaves only a small area bare. You land at the western tip of Andréneset, where the Swedish explorer S. A. Andrée and his companions perished in 1897. Another objective for the day is Kræmerpynten, where a sizable group of walrus reside.

Day 6: The Longest Glacier in Spitsbergen

South of Nordaustlandet you may land on Isisøya, formerly a Nunatak area surrounded by glaciers – now an island surrounded by the sea. You then may pass by Bråswellbreen, part of the largest ice cap in Europe and famed for its meltwater waterfalls.

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North Spitsbergen – Farthest North

OTL14 * G

Aug 28 – Sep 05

08 nights

Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen
aboard Ortelius

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Day 2: Finding the Fjords

Sailing to either Raudfjorden or Liefdefjorden, on the north coast of West Spitsbergen, you take in an expansive fjord spilling with glaciers – and maybe even visited by ringed and bearded seals. The cliffs and shoreline of this fjord also support thriving seabird colonies, rich vegetation, and the possibility of polar bears. In the evening you sail by the island of

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Day 4 – 5: Fjord Hikes

You sail through Beverleysundet, formerly navigated by the Swedish-Russian Arc-of-Meridian Expedition in 1898. From here you push east along Scoresby Island into Rijpfjord, where the German Wehrmacht operated the weather station Haudegen (now off-limits) until September 1945. The aim in Zorgdragerfjord is to have one group walk the eastern shore while another walks the north side of Arkvatnet, through Havsuldalen to the entrance of Duvefjorden.

Day 6 – 7: Stop at the Seven Islands

Today you reach Phippsøya, in the Seven Islands north of Nordaustlandet. You're now at 80° north, just 540 miles from the geographic North Pole. Polar bears and walrus inhabit this region. In the afternoon you venture to your northernmost point, near the 82nd parallel. While retracing your route west, keep watch for polar bears and elusive Greenland (bowhead) whales. About 40 nautical miles west of Spitsbergen, you sail the edge of the continental shelf. Here fin whales forage during the summer in the upwelling zones – this is where cold, nutrient-rich water wells up from below the sea's surface – that run along the Spitsbergen banks. At the mouth of Kongsfjorden, you have a good chance of sighting minke whales.

Day 8: Forlandsundet Wildlife Watching

Walrus sometimes haul out in Forlandsundet, your next stop – though this late in the season, they may have already departed. Alternatively you might sail into St. Johns Fjord, or south to the mouth of Isfjorden, landing at Alkhornet. Seabirds nest on these cliffs, Arctic foxes search below for fallen eggs and chicks, and reindeer graze the sparse vegetation. You arrive in Longyearbyen later that night.

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Greenland 2018

Spitsbergen - Northeast Greenland *Aurora borealis*

Longyearbyen – Akureyri

OTL15*

Sep 05 - Sep 19

14 nights

aboard Ortelius

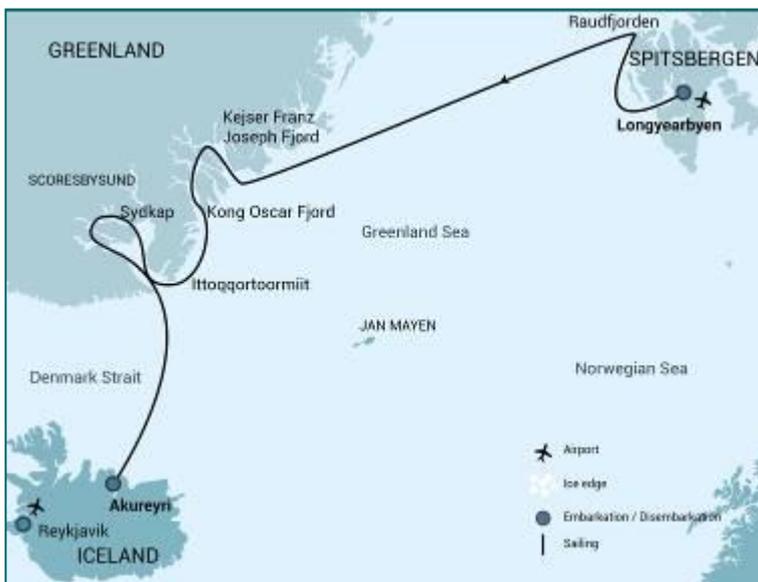
PLA16 B

Sep 05 - Sep 18

13 nights

aboard Plancius

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Day 2: Route to Raudfjorden

Sailing to Raudfjorden, on the north coast of West Spitsbergen, you take in an expansive fjord spilling with glaciers – and maybe even visited by ringed and bearded seals. The cliffs and shoreline of this fjord also support thriving seabird colonies, rich vegetation, and the possibility of polar bears. In the evening you sail by the island of Moffen, where you can find a

large herd of walrus.

Day 3 – 4: On to East Greenland

You may eventually see the jagged edge of the east Greenland sea ice flashing into sight ahead, depending on the conditions. Keep watch for whales and migrating seabirds here.

Day 5: Tundra, Mountains, and Icebergs

In your approach to Greenland, you may sail through the sea ice into Foster Bay and land at Myggebugt. Beyond the old hunters' hut – in the first half of the 20th century, Norwegian trappers hunted here for polar bear and Arctic fox – there is a sprawling tundra populated by musk oxen, with geese floating the small lakes. From here you sail through Kaiser Franz Josef Fjord, surrounded by towering mountains and bright interior icebergs. An alternative route is Sofia Sound, a narrower waterway.

Day 6: Antarctic Sound Islands

You arrive at Teufelschloss (Devil's Castle), a mountain with layered geology. On the other side of the fjord is Blomsterbugt and the landing site. In the afternoon you head into Antarctic Sound, where you find the islands of Ruth, Maria, and Ella. Maria is the most likely spot for a landing.

Day 7: Alpefjord Peaks

In the morning you enter Segelsällskapetets Fjord, with the streaked slopes of the Berzelius Mountains bordering the north side. You land on the south shore, where ancient sedimentary formations lie right at your feet. A hike takes you near a small lake with good chances to see musk oxen, Arctic hares, and ptarmigans. In the afternoon the ship ventures into Alpefjord, aptly named for the spire-like peaks that thrust up around it. You may then embark on a Zodiac cruise around Gully Glacier, which once blocked access to the interior of these waters. Continuing deep into the fjord, you experience a definitive Greenland adventure.

Day 8: Sights of Arctic Autumn

The first half of the day you spend in Antarcitahavn, an extensive valley where you can spot groups of musk oxen. At this time of year, the sparse vegetation is dressed in the fiery colors of autumn.

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Today you reach Scoresbysund, sailing along the glaciated Volquart Boons Kyst. You may also enjoy a Zodiac cruise along one of the glacier fronts, along with a visit to the basalt columns and ice formations of Vikingebugt. In the afternoon the plan is to visit Danmark Island.

Day 10: Colors of the Cape

The goal is a Zodiac cruise near Røde Ø, one of the world's most cherished iceberg attractions: The austere blue-white of the icebergs sets sharp against the brooding red backdrop of the sediment slopes. The afternoon plan is to sail through the northern parts of Røde Fjord, with the chance to see musk oxen and warm autumnal foliage.

Day 11: Enormous Bergs, Arctic Hares

In the morning you encounter colossal icebergs, some over 100 meters (328 feet) high and more than a kilometer (.62 mile) long. Most of them are grounded, as the fjord is only about 400 meters (1,312 feet) deep. You then land near Sydkap, with fine views of Hall Bredning and a good shot of seeing Arctic hares.

Day 12: Scoresbysund Settlement

Today you make a tundra landing on Liverpool Land, in Hurry Inlet. The afternoon stop is Ittoqqortoormiit, the largest settlement in Scoresbysund – about five hundred inhabitants. At the post office you can buy stamps for your postcards, or just stroll around to see the sled dogs and drying skins of seals and musk oxen. In the afternoon you sail south, passing the picturesque landscapes of the Blossville Coast.

Day 13: Sea Life on the Move

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N.B. The **OTL15** itinerary (under charter) is one day longer than PLA16. You spend an extra day in Scoresbysund.

East Greenland - Scoresby Sund *Aurora Borealis*

PLA17 B D K

Sep 18 – Sep 25

07 nights

Akureyri – Akureyri
aboard Plancius

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Day 1: On the Iceland Road

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PLEASE NOTE: This transfer is supplemented, and must be booked and paid for in advance. In the early evening the ship departs from the port of Akureyri, sailing north toward the Denmark Strait.

Day 2: Sea Life on the Move

While sailing north you likely see fulmars, kittiwakes, gannets, and common guillemots. You then cross the Arctic Circle, possibly spotting whales. By evening the first icebergs flash into sight with the approach of the east Greenland coast, near Brewster.

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Day 6: Scoresbysund Settlement

Stopping at a lagoon on the south coast of Jameson Land, you encounter waders and geese gathering for the autumn migration. Musk oxen and collared lemming survive on the sparse vegetation here. Later in the day you visit Ittoqqortoormiit, the largest settlement near Scoresbysund – about five hundred inhabitants. At the post office you can buy stamps for your postcards, or just stroll around to see the sled dogs and drying skins of seals and musk oxen.

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Autumn Whales

OTL16*

Sep 19 - Sep 25

6 nights

Akureyri - Vlissingen
aboard Ortelius

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s/v Noorderlicht Northern Norway 2018

North Norway, Whale Safari - Aurora Borealis

NOO b)	Jan 06 – Jan 13	07 nights	Tromsø – Tromsø
NOO01 *	Jan 13 – Jan 20	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO02 *	Jan 20 – Jan 27	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO03 *	Jan 27 – Feb 03	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO04 *	Feb 03 – Feb 10	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO05 *	Feb 10 – Feb 17	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO06 *	Feb 17 – Feb 24	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
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The coasts and fjords of Norway are renowned for their beauty. In the far north of the country, about 350 kilometers (217 miles) north of the Arctic Circle, lie the islands of Kvaløya and Senja. Enormous schools of herring gather in the fjords around these islands to live out the winter. This abundance of food creates one of the largest concentrations of biomass on Earth, which in turn attracts large numbers of whales. It is these giants of the sea that this voyage is dedicated to finding.

During winter the daylight is limited, but the night time hours are far from wasted: North Norway is one of the best areas in the world to see the northern lights, a magical phenomenon that can only be seen when the sky is clear and dark, with minimal light pollution. This voyage will offer ample opportunities to admire the auroras from the remote bays and fishing villages where you spend the night.

Because of the seasonal occurrence of herring and whales in these fjords, the whale safari cruises take place in winter, when the northern Norway days are short and the nights long. In January and February the herring migrate southward – so too do the whales – often to the northwest coast of Senja and Andfjord. For this reason the expedition leader will adapt the sailing plan to maximize your chances of seeing whales. But please note: Whale watching is dependent on the variable herring stocks in the area, and is ultimately unpredictable.

Day 1: Paris of the North

Your adventure begins in the town of Tromsø, nicknamed “The Paris of the North.” Here the hundred-year-old two-mast schooner, *Noorderlicht*, is waiting in the harbor. You have time to explore the town that evening.

Day 2: In Search of Whales

Early in the morning, you depart from Tromsø. The itinerary depends largely on the weather conditions, the amount of daylight during the voyage, and the expected location of the whales. Therefore you might sail clockwise or counter clockwise around the island of Senja.

Day 3 – 6: Whales of the Shelf

You spend the next several days along the north coasts of Senja and Andfjorden, areas where many whales have been spotted in recent years. Orca, humpback, and sperm whales are all possibilities here. Near Andenes, along the edge of the continental shelf, whales dive particularly deep to feed on giant squid. You may also see white-tailed eagles, one of the largest birds of prey in Europe, vying for their share of the herring. In the afternoon you find a place for the night in one of the scenic fishing villages nearby, such as Skrolsvik, Andenes, Gryllefjorden, or Sommarøy. Once the sun has set, you can make small hikes along the coast – and maybe even catch sight of the aurora.

Day 7 – 8: Under the Northern Lights

Continuing your circumnavigation of Senja, you sail to the small island of Sommarøy. Here there are good opportunities to see the northern lights as well as embark on pleasant hikes. You spend the last morning of the cruise exploring the island’s small bays and white beaches. You can even climb the 211-meter-high (692 feet) Mount Hillesøya, the summit of which affords panoramic views of the rugged coastline. That afternoon you sail back to Tromsø. After spending the night on board, you disembark the following day with memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.

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North Norway, Whale Safari - Aurora Borealis

			Tromsø – Tromsø
NOO30 *	Nov 03 – Nov 10	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO31 *	Nov 10 – Nov 17	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO32 *	Nov 17 – Nov 24	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO33	Nov 24 – Dec 01	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO34	Dec 01 – Dec 08	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht

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Day 2: Storheia Ascent

Early in the morning you depart from Tromsø, sailing northeast into the fjord of Langsundet. The aim is to land at the small village of Hansnes, where you can hike to the 306-meter-high (1,004 feet) hill, Storheia, to admire the view across the fjord. You spend the night in Dyrsfjorden, at the northern tip of the island Ringvassøya.

Day 3 – 5: Whales and White-Tailed Eagles

You spend the next several days in Vengsøyfjorden and Kaldfjorden, areas where many whales have been spotted in recent years. Orca, humpback, and sperm whales are all possibilities here. You may also see white-tailed eagles, one of the largest birds of prey in Europe, vying for their share of the herring. Once the sun has set, you can make small hikes along the coast – and maybe even catch sight of the aurora.

Day 6: Hiking Hillesøya

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Day 7 – 8: Cinching the Circumnavigation

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s/v Noorderlicht & s/v Rembrandt van Rijn Spitsbergen 2018

North Spitsbergen, Early Arctic Spring

			Longyearbyen – Longyearbyen
NOO e) S	Mar 23 – Mar 30	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO08 S , Easter Special**	Mar 30 – Apr 08	09 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO09 * S	Apr 08 – Apr 15	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO10 S	Apr 15 – Apr 22	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO11 * S	Apr 22 – Apr 29	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht

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From Trygghamna you walk to Alkhornet, a large seabird cliff where the birds are scouting out breeding places. Below the cliffs is a common place to spot Arctic foxes, and you may also see reindeer grazing on the lush vegetation if there's not too much snow.

Day 3—4: Earth's Northernmost Community

You head north for Kongsfjorden and Krossfjorden. The landscape is likely to show signs of winter, the crags and slopes still blanketed with snow. Here there are rich opportunities for snowshoeing – we provide the snowshoes – and visiting places of historic interest: Ny London, where you can see the remains of early 20th century marble mining, and Ny Ålesund, the northernmost community in the world. There are also research stations and the famous anchor mast of the dirigible *Norge*, which took the first flight across the North Pole to Nome, Alaska in 1926. Krossfjorden offers views of colossal glaciers and lofty mountain peaks, but ultimately the extent of fjord ice dictates the itinerary here.

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Cutting south between the main island of west Spitsbergen and Prins Karls Forland, you may encounter walrus at Poolepynten, a common haul-out site. You also have views of St. Johns fjorden, near Gaffelbreen. The winter ice may not have loosened its grip on the water here, and seals (ringed and bearded) could be numerous in the area.

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You re-enter Isfjorden and venture into Ymerbukta, possibly embarking on a walk in this mountainous area. Here you find an expansive tundra with its own avifauna (depending on when spring arrives) as well as spectacular geological formations along the coast. Further northeast, near Ekmanfjorden, you have the chance for another hike. Common to this area are myriad glaciers that terminate near or in the sea. In Gipsvika you can go on shore near the cliff of Templet, a mountainous location of eroded sedimentary rock from the Upper Carboniferous period – around 290 million years ago.

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** NOO08: The Easter Special voyage spends two more days in north Spitsbergen.

North Spitsbergen, Arctic Spring

RVR16 S	May 11 – May 18	07 nights	Longyearbyen – Longyearbyen
RVR17 S	May 18 – May 25	07 nights	aboard Rembrandt
RVR18 Hike & Sail S ***	May 25 – June 01	07 nights	aboard Rembrandt

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*** RVR18: Hiking expedition focused on landed walks. N.B.: Deviating program as mentioned in the day-by-day itinerary.

Alpine Peaks of Spitsbergen, Ski & Sail

			Longyearbyen – Longyearbyen
RVR14	X	Apr 27 – May 04	07 nights aboard Rembrandt
NOO12	X	Apr 29 – May 06	07 nights aboard Noorderlicht
RVR15	X	May 04 – May 11	07 nights aboard Rembrandt
NOO13*	X	May 06 – May 16	10 nights aboard Noorderlicht
NOO14*	X	May 16 – May 25	09 nights aboard Noorderlicht
NOO15*	X	May 25 – June 01	07 nights aboard Noorderlicht

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This program is designed for experienced ski mountaineers who have mastered ski techniques both for ascent and descent in challenging snow-covered alpine terrain. A typical day involves ski climbs on mountaintops averaging heights of 700—850 meters (2,300—2,800 feet) and downhill skiing from those points. Accumulated altitude you might climb over a given day can exceed 1,000 meters (3,280 feet). An accurate route cannot be determined in advance due to variable weather, sea, wildlife, and avalanche considerations. The map outlines a possible (but not final) route in the regions of Kongsfjorden, Isfjord, and Prins Karls Forland. This route serves as a rough guide only. The expedition leader makes the final decision as to the daily adjustments. Flexibility is paramount in this type of cruise. Ski mountaineers must bring their own equipment.

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North Spitsbergen

			Longyearbyen – Longyearbyen
NOO16 *Arctic Summer	June 01 – June 12	11 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
RVR19 Arctic Summer	June 01 – June 10	09 nights	aboard Rembrandt
RVR20 * Arctic Summer	June 10 – June 19	09 nights	aboard Rembrandt
NOO17 Arctic Summer	June 12 – June 23	11 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
RVR21 * Arctic Summer	June 19 – June 28	09 nights	aboard Rembrandt
NOO18 Arctic Summer	June 23 – July 04	11 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
RVR22 * Arctic Summer	June 28 – July 08	10 nights	aboard Rembrandt
NOO19 *Arctic Summer	July 04 – July 15	11 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
RVR23 * Arctic Summer	July 08 – July 18	10 nights	aboard Rembrandt
RVR24 * Arctic Summer	July 18 – July 28	10 nights	aboard Rembrandt
NOO23 Arctic Autumn	Aug 29 – Sept 09	11 nights	aboard Noorderlicht

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Arctic foxes, and you may also see reindeer grazing on the lush vegetation. In Forlandsundet you visit a walrus haul-out location at Poolepynten, if sea conditions allow.

Day 3: Remains of the Whalers

You sail into Fuglefjorden amid views of Sviftjodbreen and Birgerbukta, both breeding areas for great skuas as well as likely spots to see a polar bear. On Birgerbukta you can see 17th century Basque ovens once used for cooking whale blubber. The aim next is to visit Ytre Norskøya, a small island that served for many years as a Dutch whaling lookout. Here you can still follow the whalers' tracks to the summit of the island, passing popular bird cliffs on the way. On shore are the remains of more 17th century blubber ovens, while Arctic skuas and common eiders breed among the graves of some two hundred Dutch whalers.

Day 4: Jermaktangen Geology

Raudfjorden, on the north coast of Spitsbergen, is a fine place for gazing over the glaciers. It's also a favorite hangout for ringed and bearded seals, colonies of seabird, and the occasional polar bear and beluga whale. Jermaktangen, at the fjord's eastern entrance, is a geology lesson in the sea's erosion of the land.

Day 5: Wide Open Tundra

If ice conditions permit, you may land on the northern side of Reindyrflya, the largest tundra area of Spitsbergen. The vast and rolling plain is a popular grazing area for reindeer, and several species of waders also breed here. Similarly the lakes afford you a good chance of spotting red-throated divers and king eiders.

Day 6 (not on voyages RVR19, 20, 21): The Massive Monaco Glacier

You sail into Liefdefjorden, where king eiders and grey phalaropes nest. Fjord ice might block the way to the gargantuan front of Monaco Glacier and the warm springs in Bockfjord, but the wildlife along the edge of the ice can include foraging seabirds, bearded seals, even polar bears. If ice conditions prevent sailing here early in the season, an alternate route along the west coast of Spitsbergen can be implemented.

Day 7: On to the Little Auks

In the morning you land at Fuglesangen, where you can observe the spirited communities of little auks. You then sail south to Magdalenafjorden, one of the glacier-filled highlights of Spitsbergen. A shore visit shows you the remains of 17th century English whaling, and you can also see more large colonies of little auks.

Day 8: Earth's Northernmost Community

Today you reach Ny Ålesund, the northernmost community in the world and a center for polar research. This was a former starting point for many North Pole expeditions, such as those of Roald Amundsen and Umberto Nobile. You can see barnacle and pink-footed geese, common eiders, Arctic terns, and several species of wader at close quarters here. The reindeer are smaller in this area than their mainland relatives, and do not form large herds.

Day 9: Life Near the Glaciers

After sailing from Ny Ålesund to the Fourteenth of July Glacier, you embark on a Zodiac cruise. Not far from the glacier is a breeding site for Brünnich's guillemots, auks, and puffins. The guano, shelter, and southward location of these colonies lead to relatively rich vegetation that includes many species of flowering plant.

Day 10: Past Days of Polar Bear Hunting

On your journey south, the goal is a landing at Fuglehuken. Here you see remains from the great era of polar bear hunting. There are also large seabird colonies and a haul-out spot for harbour seals. Alternatively you could land on the coast of Forlandsundet, at Engelskbukta or Sarstangen. Walrus are occasionally seen here, and the tundra is a fine place for a walk.

Day 11 (not on voyages RVR19, 20, 21, 23, 24): Stretching Tundra, Towering Mountains

The next stop is Bohemanflya, an expansive tundra with its own avifauna (depending on when spring arrives) as well as spectacular geological formations along the coast. In Gipsvika you can go on shore near the cliff of Templet, a mountainous area of eroded sedimentary rock from the Upper Carboniferous period – around 290 million years ago.

Day 12 (for voyages RVR23, 24: Day 11 ; for voyages RVR19, 20, 21: Day 10): There and Back Again

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Around Spitsbergen

Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen

NOO20 *	Jul 15 – Jul 30	15 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO21 *	Jul 30 – Aug 14	15 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO22 *	Aug 14 – Aug 29	15 nights	aboard Noorderlicht

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Day 3: Remains of the Whalers

You visit the remains of Smeerenburg, the largest 17th century whaling settlement on Spitsbergen. The aim after this is to visit Ytre Norskøya, a small island that served for many years as a Dutch whaling lookout. Here you can still follow the whalers' tracks to the summit of the island, passing popular bird cliffs along the way. On shore are the remains of 17th century blubber ovens, while Arctic skuas and common eiders breed among the graves of some two hundred Dutch whalers.

Day 4 – 15: Sights of Svalbard

Today you start by sailing either to Sorgfjord or Murchison Bay, on the north side of which lies an extensive tundra home to numerous reindeer – as well as a Swedish research station. Over the following days you continue through Hinlopen Strait, surrounded by icecaps. After this you land in Lomfjord, a beautiful fjord fringed by towering mountains. Augustabukta, an open bay close to a glacier without crevasses, allows for safe and easy walks. On a nearby cliff perch the nests of black guillemots. Reindeer, walrus, even polar bears are often seen in this area.

You next sail toward the majestic blue-white wall of the Bråsvell Glacier. Afterward you might take an excursion on Svartknausflya, a desolate polar desert almost devoid of vegetation. As an alternative you could visit Wilhelmøya, with its raised beaches strewn with sub-fossilised whale skeletons. Polar bears are likely to be seen here. You then sail through the narrow but picturesque Heleysundet, between Spitsbergen and Barentsøya, which can only be done against the current.

Depending on the conditions, you can also sail through Freemansundet. A walk at Kapp Lee may introduce you to a few new reindeer and walrus. You might also visit a large colony of kittiwakes nesting in a canyon in Diskobukta. Arctic foxes and polar bears with their young often roam this canyon, scavenging for birds that fall from the ledges. Sub-fossilized whale bones are scattered across the raised beaches.

You continue your exploration of southern Spitsbergen by sailing into the labyrinth of side fjords around Hornsund. At Brepollen rests a large glacial deposit at the head of the fjord. Sailing along the glacier front will afford you good chances of spotting bearded seals and polar bears. The geological formations in this area are vibrant and mesmerizing.

En route to Longyearbyen, you sail into Bell Sound to Ahlstrandhalvøya. More fascinating geological formations can be seen here, as well as the remains of 20th century beluga hunting. (This is still a good area to see beluga.) If time allows you could then pay a visit to Barentsburg, the only inhabited Russian settlement in Spitsbergen. A side option is Colesbukta, an abandoned Russian coal mining settlement.

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Central Spitsbergen

			Longyearbyen -Longyearbyen
NOO24 *Arctic Autumn	Sep 09 – Sep 16	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO25 Arctic Autumn	Sep 16 – Sep 23	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO26 Arctic Autumn, Aurora borealis	Sep 23 – Sep 30	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO27 Arctic Autumn, Aurora borealis	Sep 30 – Oct 07	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO28 *Arctic Autumn, Aurora borealis	Oct 07 – Oct 14	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht
NOO29 Arctic Autumn, Aurora borealis	Oct 14 – Oct 21	07 nights	aboard Noorderlicht

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The autumn Spitsbergen voyages, just at the onset of winter, are ideal for observing the northern lights.



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Day 2 – 5: Glacial Fjords, Historical Finds

Leaving Trygghamna early in the morning, you sail to the north side of Bellsund. Here you find a fjord system with two major branches:

Van Mijenfjord and Van Keulenfjord – and one smaller side bay, Recherchefjord. The geology has created particularly unique landscapes here, such as the long and narrow island of Akseløya, which blocks Van Mijenfjord almost completely. In Fridtjovhamna, the calving glacier Fridtjovbreen is surrounded by picturesque mountains.

The rich wildlife of this area has attracted hunters throughout the centuries. At Ahlstrandhalvøya you can walk in the hunters' footsteps, examining the remains of their huts. Recherchefjord has one of the highest concentration of historical sites in all of Spitsbergen, ranging from 17th century whaling culture to the mining period of the early 20th century. The glacier Recherchebreen ends at a lagoon, likely to be frozen in October, and several smaller icebergs. Polar bears are commonly sighted all over Bellsund, so keep your eyes open for them and for the belugas that frequent this area.

Day 6: Russian Waypoints

You next pay a visit to Barentsburg, the only inhabited Russian settlement in Spitsbergen. An alternative is Colesbukta, an abandoned Russian coal mining settlement.

Day 7: Chasing the Arctic Chill

Sailing into the inner reaches of the Isfjord system, you can see the new ice that is forming on the heads of the fjords. You may also experience temperatures as low as -10° C (14° F), depending on how clear the sky is.

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s/v Rembrandt van Rijn East Greenland 2018

Spitsbergen - North East Greenland

RVR25 *

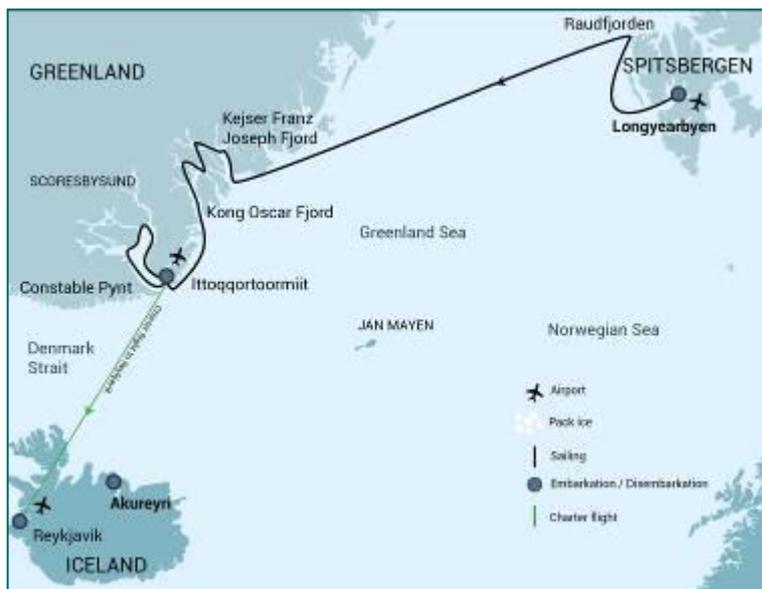
July 28 – Aug 15

18 nights

Longyearbyen – Constable Pynt

aboard Rembrandt

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Day 3 – 4: Fuglefjorden to Raudfjorden

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Day 5 – 7: On to East Greenland

Sailing across the open sea to your ultimate destination, you eventually see the edge of the east Greenland sea ice flashing into sight ahead. Keep watch for whales and migrating seabirds here.

Day 8: Remains of the Trappers

The goal is to sail into Foster Bay, making your first landing at Myggebugten in the late afternoon or evening. Beyond the old hunters' hut – in the first half of the 20th century, Norwegian trappers hunted here for polar bear and Arctic fox – there is a sprawling tundra populated by musk oxen, with geese floating the small lakes.

Day 9: Bright Bergs, Big Mountains

You sail through Kaiser Franz Josef Fjord, enjoying its lofty mountains and bright interior icebergs. In the evening you reach Teufelschloss, a prominent mountain that comprises part of the Eleonora Bay Supergroup: sedimentary rock created

between 950 – 610 million years ago to a depth of 16 kilometers (10 miles). This rust-red multi-layered unique geology defines the scenery over the coming days.

Day 10: The Essential Arctic

Landing at Blomsterbugt, you have a good chance of spotting Arctic hare and musk oxen. Noah Lake is home to great northern divers as well as their young, and the hiking opportunities here are numerous. In the afternoon you venture deeper into Kaiser Franz Joseph Fjord, finding shelter in Renbugten. Colossal icebergs and quintessential Arctic scenery accompany you while passing through this narrow fjord system.

Day 11: Into the Antarctic Sound

Today the aim is to land in Renbugten in search of musk oxen and Arctic hares. Around lunch you head east into the inversely named Antarctic Sound, enjoying views of the ancient sedimentary rock. You should arrive at Maria Island before nightfall.

Day 12: Meeting Menander

You cut into Kong Oscars Fjord for an attempted landing near Menander Øer, a location with lively walking opportunities.

Day 13: Colors of Arctic Autumn

Continuing east, you land in Antarticahavn. You spend the afternoon in this expansive valley, where you can see groups of musk oxen. At this time of year the sparse vegetation is colored with golden fire. Your guide may be able to tell you about the intriguing geopolitics that played out here in the early 1930s between Norway and Denmark.

Day 14: Sailing to Scoresbysund

Spending the day at sea, you make for the largest fjord system in the world: Scoresbysund.

Day 15: Inuit Neighborhood of Yesteryear

Today you reach Scoresbysund, sailing along the glaciated Volquart Boons Kyst. You may also enjoy a Zodiac cruise along one of the glacier fronts, along with a visit to the basalt columns and ice formations of Vikingebugt. At Danmark Island you find the remains of an Inuit settlement abandoned around 200 years ago. The circular stone tent rings indicate the summer houses, while the winter houses can be seen closer to a small cape. The sites are well preserved, with easy identifiable entrances, bear-proof meat caches, and grave sites. During the afternoon you sail along the east side of Milne Land amid a number of scattered icebergs.

Day 16: Nordvestfjord's Enormous Icebergs

You land near Sydkap, where Arctic hares are often seen. During lunch you get a glimpse of the entrance to Nordvestfjord in Scoresby Land. Here you encounter colossal icebergs, some over 100 meters high (328 feet) and more than a kilometer in length (.6 mile). Most of these bergs are grounded, as the fjord is only about 400 meters deep (1,312 feet).

Day 17: Scoresbysund Settlement

Today you make a tundra landing on Liverpool Land, in Hurry Inlet. The afternoon stop is Ittoqqortoormiit, the largest settlement in Scoresbysund – about five hundred inhabitants. At the post office you can buy stamps for your postcards, or just stroll around to see the sled dogs and drying skins of seals and musk oxen. In the afternoon you sail south, passing the picturesque landscapes of the Blossville Coast.

Day 18: Hurry Inlet Hikes

In the morning you stop on the south coast of Jameson Land, at a lagoon near Kap Stewart. Here the waders and geese are collecting for their autumn migration, and musk oxen and collared lemmings survive on the meager vegetation. Further inside Hurry Inlet, you may take a walk near the head of the fjord as well as one of the rivers that terminate here. There's also the chance of a climb up the mountain of J.P. Koch Fjeld, near Hareelv. In this remarkable area, scientists found fossils that linked fish and amphibians in the lower Cretaceous period. You spend the night at anchor off Constable Pynt.

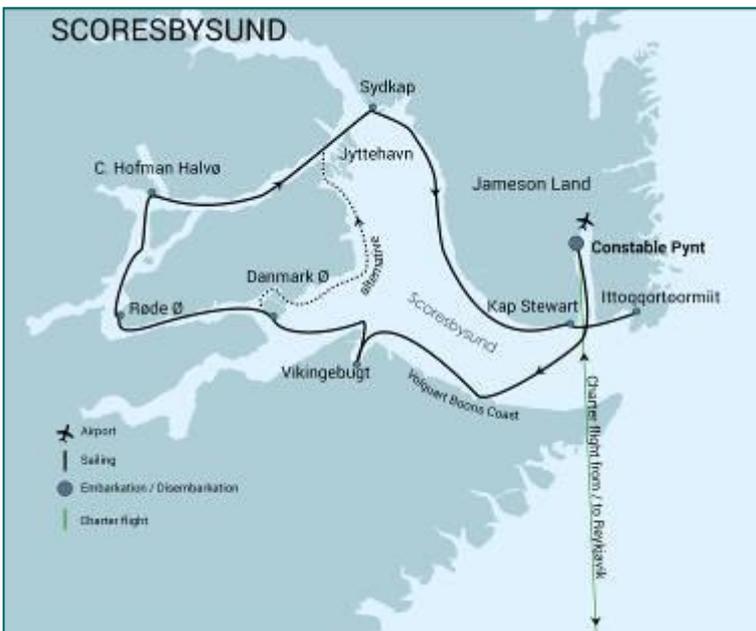
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Scoresby Sund			Constable Pynt – Constable Pynt
RVR26 * B	Aug 15 – Aug 25	10 nights	aboard Rembrandt
RVR27 <i>Aurora Borealis</i>	Aug 25 – Sep 05	11 nights	aboard Rembrandt
RVR28 * <i>Aurora Borealis</i>	Sep 05 – Sep 15	10 nights	aboard Rembrandt
RVR29 * <i>Aurora Borealis</i>	Sep 15 – Sept 26	11 nights	aboard Rembrandt
RVR30 * <i>Aurora Borealis</i>	Sep 26 – Oct 06	10 nights	aboard Rembrandt

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Day 1: Constable Pynt Push-Off

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Day 2: Sailing the Glaciers

Enjoy the sights as you sail the glaciated Volquart Boons Coast. Here you may set out a Zodiac cruise along one of the shoreline glacier fronts, with your first landing near Måne Glacier or in Vikingebugt.

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Day 4 – 6 (Day 4 – 5 on RVR 26, 28, 30): Sights of Arctic Autumn

Sailing through the picturesque berg-filled fjords to the west, the goal is to land on Røde Island. Here you see sandstone formations with basalt intrusions set against a backdrop of dazzling blue-white bergs. If ice conditions allow, you could even navigate Røde Fjord, famed for its beauty. You may find a place to land, walking among the autumn vegetation in search of musk oxen and more quintessential Arctic views.

Day 7 (Day 6 on RVR 26, 28, 30): Colors of the Cape

The goal is a Zodiac cruise near Røde Ø, one of the world's most cherished iceberg attractions: The austere blue-white of the icebergs sets sharp against the brooding red backdrop of the sediment slopes. The afternoon plan is to sail through the northern parts of Røde Fjord, with the chance to see musk oxen and warm autumnal foliage.

Day 8 (Day 7 on RVR 26, 28, 30): Mountain-Fringed Fjord

Today you visit one of the most impressive fjords in the world: Ø Fjord is almost 40 nautical miles long (74 km, 46 miles), with mountains on each side up to 2,000 meters high (6,562 feet), and icebergs that drift over depths of more than 1,000 meters (3,281 feet). Your aim is to find shelter in Jyttehavn, on the Bjørneøer (Bear Islands). You may make a landing in the afternoon.

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Scoresby Sund – Iceland *Aurora Borealis*

RVR31 *

Oct 06 – Oct 16

10 nights

Constable Pynt – Akureyri

aboard Rembrandt

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Day 1: Constable Pynt Push-Off

You arrive by chartered plane from Reykjavik and land at Constable Pynt, the airfield at the head of Hurry Inlet. This area has a remarkably rich geological history.

Day 2: Sailing the Glaciers

Enjoy the sights as you sail the glaciated Volquart Boons Coast. Here you may set out a Zodiac cruise along one of the glacier fronts of the coast, with your first landing near Måne Glacier or in Vikingebugt.

Day 3: Inuit Neighborhood of Yesteryear

You land on Danmark Island, where you find the remains of an Inuit settlement abandoned around 200 years ago. The circular stone tent rings indicate the summer houses, while the winter houses can be seen closer to a small cape. The sites are well preserved, with easy identifiable entrances, bear-proof meat

caches, and grave sites.

Day 4 – 5: Mountain-Fringed Fjord

Today marks a visit to the east entrance of one of the most impressive fjords in the world: Ø Fjord is almost 40 nautical miles long (74 km, 46 miles), with mountains on each side up to 2,000 meters high (6,562 feet), and icebergs that drift over depths of more than 1,000 meters (3,281 feet). Your aim is to land at Jyttehavn and near Sydkaap, where you can see colossal icebergs, some over 100 meters high (328 feet) and more than a kilometer long (.62 mile). Most of these bergs are grounded, as the fjord is only about 400 meters deep (1,312 feet). You can also view the remains of the Thule winter houses. As many as twenty people lived here, hunting Greenland whale and building houses out of their vertebrae.

Day 6: Scoresbysund Settlement

Today you make a tundra landing on Liverpool Land, in Hurry Inlet. The afternoon stop is Ittoqqortoormiit, the largest settlement in Scoresbysund – about five hundred inhabitants. At the post office you can buy stamps for your postcards, or just stroll around to see the sled dogs and drying skins of seals and musk oxen. In the afternoon you sail south, passing the picturesque landscapes of the Blossenville Coast.

Day 7: Remains of the Thule Culture

Your next stop is Stewart Island, an important hunting location for the people of Scoresbysund. It is also a possible area to see narwhals – locals hunt them here – and more houses from the ancient Thule culture.

Day 8: Narwhal Waters, Polar Bear Shores

Turner Sound and Rømer Fjord grant you the opportunity to sail far inland, as they have no glacier front at the head and are not clogged with ice. In this location you have your best shot at spotting narwhals and polar bears.

Day 9 – 10: Under the Auroras

Marvel at the magical lightshow of the aurora borealis while you sail under canvas.

Day 11: Journey's End in Akureyri

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. You arrive at Akureyri, transferring by chartered bus (six-hour drive) to Hotel Reykjavik Centrum, Adalstraeti 16, and then onward – but with memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.

Charters may follow another itinerary in collaboration with the charterer.

North Iceland - Aurora Borealis, Arctic Circle & whales

			Akureyri – Akureyri
RVR32	Oct 16 – Oct 19	03 nights	aboard Rembrandt
RVR33	Oct 19 – Oct 22	03 nights	aboard Rembrandt
RVR34	Oct 22 – Oct 25	03 nights	aboard Rembrandt

All itineraries are for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on local ice, weather, and wildlife conditions. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. Willingness to compromise on comfort is a basic requirement on board a historic sailing vessel. **Important information about the sailing program:** The boat is equipped with sails to be used in good conditions (based on open sea, water depth, wind, and time). This is not guaranteed. The captain decides whether to use the sails or the engine. There is no claim to one or the other propulsion method. If sails are used, the crew operates them. Guests follow the safety instructions of the team. Average cruising speed for s/v Rembrandt van Rijn is 6.5 knots.



Day 1: Out of Akureyri

You embark in Akureyri in the early evening, sailing north toward the island of Grimsey. Arriving late that night, you anchor near town and may catch your first sight of the magical northern lights shining overhead.

Day 2: Step Into the Arctic Circle

Depending on the weather conditions, the goal is a morning Zodiac landing on the island of Grimsey. Afterward you embark on a guided walk across the Arctic Circle. (A sign on the island marks the coordinates at 66:34° north.) The Arctic Circle is the most northerly of Earth's five major circles of latitude. Boarding the ship again, you sail toward the small town of Húsavík. As you cross Skjafandi Bay, you have a good chance of spotting whales. In the evening you arrive near Húsavík, and the ship anchors outside town.

Day 3: Húsavík, Humpbacks, and the High Seas

You enjoy the morning in Húsavík, with ample free time to explore the town and visit the local whale museum (entrance fee not included). Lunch is served on board. In the afternoon you sail across Skjafandi Bay, where humpback and minke whales, white-beaked dolphins, and harbour porpoises may appear. You spend the night at sea.

Day 4: There and Back Again

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. You return to Akureyri in the early morning hours, disembarking after breakfast at 09:00 hours. (There's no bus on this day.) The voyage is over, but you have made memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.