

South Spitsbergen - Bear Island

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Dates:	2 Sep - 7 Sep, 2023
Tripcode:	OTL09x23
Duration:	5 nights
Ship:	m/v Ortelius
Embarkation:	Longyearbyen
Disembarkation:	Tromsø
Language:	English speaking voyage

Possible combinations

This cruise can be combined with other cruises for a better experience and price

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19 Days Ultimate Arctic Discovery Voyage , Iceland – Northeast Greenland – Spitsbergen – Bear Island – Norway

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Embarkation – Disembarkation:	Akureyri – Tromsø
Duration:	5 nights
Price:	7760 USD 20% off from individual cruises

Benefits:

- ✓ More activities
- ✓ More experiences
- ✓ Cheaper in total
- ✓ Chance to see bears!
- ✓ Etc

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Cruises included:

Iceland - Northeast Greenland – Spitsbergen

Enjoy some of the Arctic's most iconic sites and wildlife on a voyage spanning Spitsbergen and northeast Greenland, featuring such highlights as Earth's largest fjord and one of the



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Price: **2700 USD**

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PLEASE NOTE:

Programs may vary depending on ice, weather, and wildlife conditions. Landings are subject to site availabilities, permissions, 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. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. The average cruising speed of our vessel is 10.5 knots.

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Day 1: Largest town, biggest island

You touch down in Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Svalbard archipelago. Enjoy strolling around this former mining town, whose parish church and Svalbard Museum make for fascinating attractions. Though the countryside appears stark, more than a hundred species of plant have been recorded in it. In the early evening the ship sails out of Isfjorden, where you might spot the first minke whale of your voyage.

Day 2: Bell Sund's flora, fauna, and haunting history

Bell Sund is one of the largest fjord systems in Svalbard. The ocean currents make this area slightly warmer than other areas in the archipelago, which shows in the relatively lush vegetation. Here there are excellent opportunities to enjoy both history and wildlife.

One possibility is Ahlstrandhalvøya, at the mouth of Van Keulenfjorden, where piles of beluga skeletons can be found. These 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 may still see them in the area.

In Recherchefjord at Lagerneset, the Dutch had a 17th-century whaling station, and in the Recherche lagoon we see often ringed seals. Alternatively, we may land at Millarodden at the north side of Bell Sund, where we may see walrus hauling out.

Though the bird mountains of Ingeborgfjellet are deserted in September, a landing on the northern shore of Bell Sund makes for a good walk among whale bones, while the southern shore has fantastic geological formations.

Day 3: Spectacular Hornsund

We start the day by quietly cruising Brepollen in the spectacular Hornsund area of southern Spitsbergen, enjoying the scenery of glacier fronts and towering mountain peaks. The mountain of Hornsundtind rises to 1,431 meters (4,695 feet), while the peak of Bautaen testifies to why early Dutch explorers gave this island the name Spitsbergen, meaning "pointed mountains."

There are 14 magnificent glaciers in the area, and we have a fair chance of encountering seals and polar bears. In late afternoon, we will try to reach Palfylodden, a walrus haul-out site at the southern entrance of the fjord.

Day 4: Rarely visited Bear Island

Depending on the prevailing winds, we will sail in the morning along the east coast of Bear Island by Myserifjellet. We also plan to land in Kvalrossbukta, where we will see the remains of a whaling station from early in the previous century. Afterward we may land in the shallow valley of Rendalen, where we still might see great skuas with their fledging young. Just south of this is the rock formation Perleporten, where in very calm weather you can sail through by Zodiac. The high seabird cliffs are deserted by this time.

Day 5: Southward across the Barents Sea

Next we will spend a whole day sailing south on the Barents Sea en route to Norway, possibly encountering different species of whales in the mixing zones of the Gulf Stream and Barents currents. Later in the night, we may have the first chance to see the aurora borealis while the skies get darker.




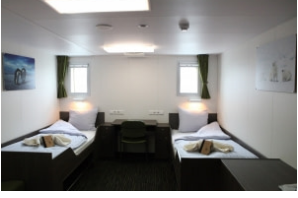
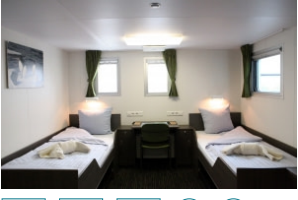

Day 6: Journey's end in Tromsø

You disembark in Tromsø at 09:00 AM at the latest. From here you can take a shuttle to the airport, departing for home or wherever your next adventure lies.

Included in this voyage

- Voyage aboard the indicated
- All meals throughout the voyage
- All shore excursions and activities
- Program of lectures by noted
- Free use of rubber boots and
- Transfers and baggage handling
- All miscellaneous service tax
- AECO fees and government
- Comprehensive pre-departur

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	<p>Quadruple Porthole</p> <p>2 portholes 2 upper / lower berths Private shower & toilet Desk & chair Flatscreen TV Telephone & WiFi (supplemented) Hair dryer Safe deposit box Ample storage space</p>	<p>Complete cabin 10800 USD Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.</p> <hr/> <p>Sharing berth 2700 USD Share your cabin with others for the best price</p>
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	<p>Twin Porthole</p> <p>2 portholes 2 lower berths Private shower & toilet Desk & chair Flatscreen TV Telephone & WiFi (supplemented) Hair dryer Safe deposit box Ample storage space</p>	<p>Complete cabin 7500 USD Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.</p> <hr/> <p>Single cabin 6375 USD Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).</p> <hr/> <p>Sharing berth 3750 USD Share your cabin with others for the best price</p>
	<p>Twin Window</p> <p>2 windows 2 lower berths Private shower & toilet Desk & chair Flatscreen TV Telephone & WiFi (supplemented) Hair dryer Safe deposit box Ample storage space</p>	<p>Complete cabin 8300 USD Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.</p> <hr/> <p>Single cabin 7055 USD Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).</p> <hr/> <p>Sharing berth 4150 USD Share your cabin with others for the best price</p>
	<p>Twin Deluxe</p> <p>3 windows 2 lower berths Private shower & toilet Desk & chair Small sofa Refrigerator Coffee & tea maker Flatscreen TV Telephone & WiFi (supplemented) Hair dryer Safe deposit box Ample storage space</p>	<p>Complete cabin 8800 USD Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.</p> <hr/> <p>Single cabin 7480 USD Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).</p> <hr/> <p>Sharing berth 4400 USD Share your cabin with others for the best price</p>
	<p>Superior</p> <p>2 windows (minimum) 1 double bed 1 single (sofa) bed Private shower & toilet Desk & chair Flatscreen TV Telephone & WiFi (supplemented) Refrigerator Coffee & tea maker Hair dryer Safe deposit box Ample storage space</p>	<p>Complete cabin 9800 USD Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.</p> <hr/> <p>Single cabin 8330 USD Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).</p>