

TOWARDS THE HIGH ARCTIC – from Iceland to Svalbard

11 days | From only USD **3,990** | Departure: 12 June 2021

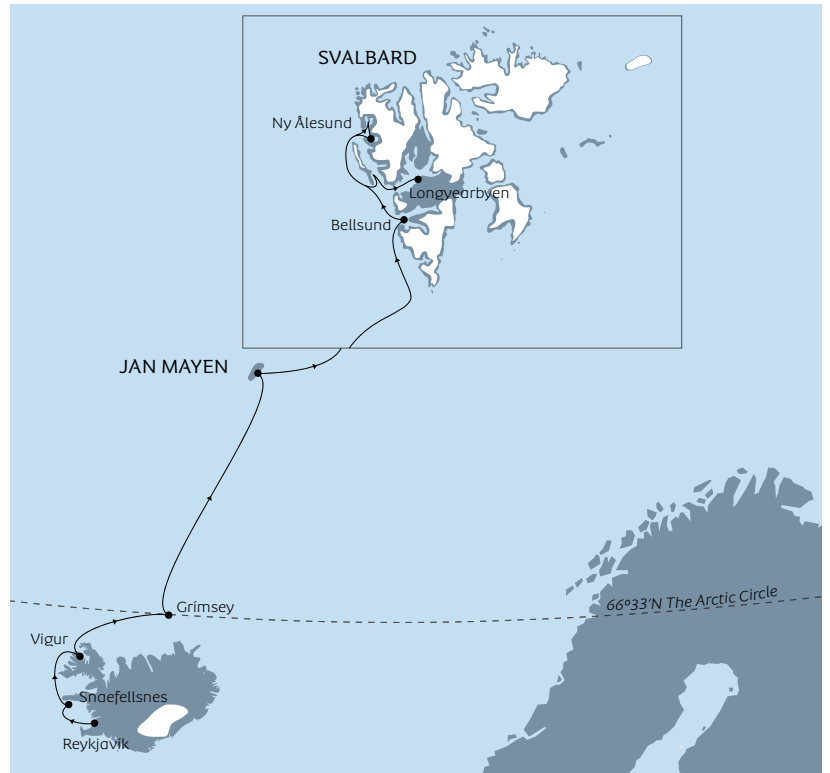


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EXPEDITIONS

After embarking at Reykjavik onboard Albatros Expeditions' vessel Ocean Atlantic, we begin our spectacular voyage towards the high Arctic as we depart from Iceland's volcanic wonderland. Along our way we have planned landings at an incredible four Arctic islands: Iceland, Grimsey, Jan Mayen and Spitsbergen.

Our first days will take us by the ragged cliffs of the Icelandic western and northern coasts, including planned visits at the famed "Iceland in miniature", Snaefellness and the little Vigur island in the middle of the large fjord, Ísafjarðardjúp. From here we will make calls on the enigmatic island of Jan Mayen and the glaciated islands of Svalbard. This is early summer; the air is filled with migrating birds – and the sun never sets. When approaching Svalbard, we will scout for sea mammals and seal-hunting polar bears on the pack ice. The spring allows us to enjoy the immense beauty of Svalbard on this high Arctic adventure voyage among whales, walrus and millions of sea birds.

This voyage is the perfect chance to experience the Arctic region in its early summer splendor. You can look forward to magnificent scenery on the northernmost islands of the planet.



ITINERARY

- Day 1 Reykjavik, Iceland. Embark the Ocean Atlantic
- Day 2 Iceland's west coast with Snaefellness. Landing with Zodiac boats
- Day 3 Northern Iceland's rugged coast with Vigur Island and Hornbjarg Cliff
- Day 4 Whales at Husavik Bay and the Arctic Circle at Grimsey
- Day 5 Enjoy lectures on board en route to Jan Mayen Island
- Day 6 We make a shore landing by Zodiacs on Jan Mayen, at the foot of the 2200 meter Beerenberg volcano
- Day 7 At the sea towards Svalbard looking for seabirds, dolphins and whales
- Day 8 Svalbard in sight. Evening call in beautiful Bellsund
- Day 9 Ny Ålesund, Kongsfjorden and Blomstrandhalvøya
- Day 10 Prince Karls Forland with herds of walrus around Poolepynten and the Icefjord
- Day 11 Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen. Disembarkation

INCLUSIONS

- Charter flight Longyearbyen-Oslo
- 11-day/10-night cruise with Ocean Atlantic in a shared outside/inside double cabin with private bathroom/toilet in the category chosen
- English-speaking expedition team
- Nature hikes and Zodiac cruises per itinerary
- Near-port town walks with expedition team
- Information briefings and lectures by expedition team
- Full board on ship
- Free coffee, tea and afternoon snacks on the ship
- Welcome and farewell cocktails
- Taxes, tariffs and AECO fees
- Special photo workshop
- Welcome and farewell cocktails
- Digital visual journal link after voyage, including voyage log, gallery, species list and more!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Iceland's unique flora and fauna
- Crossing the Arctic Circle at 66 degrees North
- The remote island of Jan Mayen
- Spring in Svalbard; a paradise for bird enthusiasts
- Zodiac cruises in the fjords and nature walks on the tundra.
- Good chances of seeing polar bears as well their main prey, seals.

