

Arctic Ocean Expedition, Fair Isle - Jan Mayen - Ice Edge - Spitsbergen - Birding

Sail the East Greenland ice edge north of Spitsbergen in search for whales, and other Arctic wildlife



Title:	Arctic Ocean Expedition, Fair Isle - Jan Mayen - Ice Edge - Spitsbergen - Birding
Dates:	5 Jun - 14 Jun, 2023
Tripcode:	HDS01b23
Duration:	9 nights
Ship:	m/v Hondius
Embarkation:	Aberdeen
Disembarkation:	Longyearbyen
Language:	English speaking voyage

ITINERARY

PLEASE NOTE:

All itineraries are for guidance only. 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.

Search for whales, and other Arctic wildlife of the land, sea, and air on an adventurous voyage from the Scottish port of Aberdeen to our favorite Arctic island group.

Birding: -

We will have at least one dedicated expedition guide in our team who will share their expert knowledge about bird species and who will be available to help you identify, photograph on deck and learn more about the birds that we see. In addition to outdoor sessions, our guide will focus on species and related information on the birds of the Arctic in re-caps and lectures onboard.

Workshop: Sounds of whales and seals

In this engaging audio workshop, we will provide you the theoretical background of various acoustic tools that we will help you use to locate and interpret the songs of whales and seals. This fun and informative workshop covers both the theory and practice of analyzing marine mammal sounds, requiring you to bring no additional equipment.

Day 1: 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 2: Birds, seals, and world-famous knits

We plan to stay the day on Fair Isle, an island in the Shetlands whose seventy-odd inhabitants are known for their beautiful knitwear. This is a fantastic location with accessible seabird breeding grounds, and you may even spot grey seals.

Day 3 – 4: 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 5: 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 6 – 8: Under the midnight sun & along the ice edge

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 9: The Arctic island of Spitsbergen

Forlandsundet, between the main island of Spitsbergen and the narrow Prins Karls Forland, is a place of great beauty and fascinating wildlife. Walrus sometimes haul out here. Alternatively, you might sail into St. Johns Fjord or head 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.

Day 10: Journey's end in Longyearbyen

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. You disembark in Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Spitsbergen, taking home memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies. But if you're still craving additional chances to spot the Arctic's most iconic apex predator, stay on board for our seven-night north Spitsbergen voyage, "in search of polar bears & pack ice."

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN



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CABINS & PRICES



Quadruple Porthole

2 portholes
 2 upper & lower berths
 Small sofa
 Private shower & toilet
 Flatscreen TV
 Desk & chair
 Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
 Hair dryer
 Cabinet
 Safe deposit box
 Wardrobe
 This cabin is suitable for families traveling with children, or passengers who do not require a twin or more luxurious cabin



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

11000 USD



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

2750 USD



Triple Porthole

2 portholes
 1 upper berth & 2 lower berths
 Small sofa
 Private shower & toilet
 Flatscreen TV
 Desk & chair
 Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
 Hair dryer
 Cabinet
 Safe deposit box
 Wardrobe
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Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

9900 USD



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

3300 USD



Twin Porthole

2 portholes
 2 single beds
 Small sofa
 Private shower & toilet
 Flatscreen TV
 Desk & chair
 Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
 Hair dryer
 Cabinet
 Safe deposit box
 Wardrobe



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

7800 USD



Single cabin

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

6630 USD



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

3900 USD



Twin Window

1 window
 2 single beds
 Small sofa
 Private shower & toilet
 Flatscreen TV
 Desk & chair
 Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
 Hair dryer
 Cabinet
 Safe deposit box
 Wardrobe
 Please be aware that the view from some windows might be partially obstructed due to the design requirements of the ship



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

8400 USD



Single cabin

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

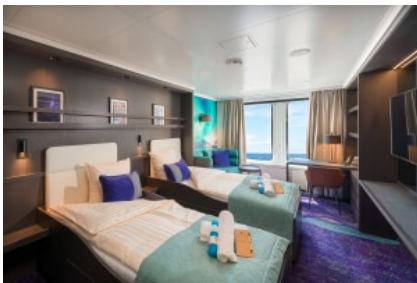
7140 USD



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

4200 USD



Twin Deluxe

- 2 windows
- 2 single beds
- Sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

9000 USD



Single cabin

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

7650 USD



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

4500 USD



Superior

- 2 windows
- 1 double bed
- Sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

10000 USD



Single cabin

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

8500 USD



Junior Suite

- 1 double window
- 1 double bed
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

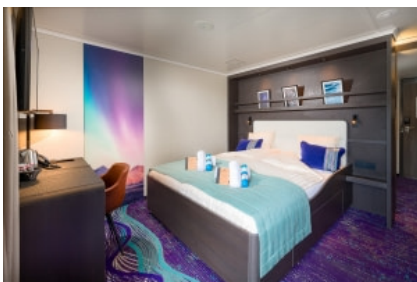
10700 USD



Single cabin

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

9095 USD



Grand Suite with private balcony

- 1 double window
- 1 double bed
- Sofa
- Private balcony
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
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Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

12300 USD



Single cabin

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

10455 USD

