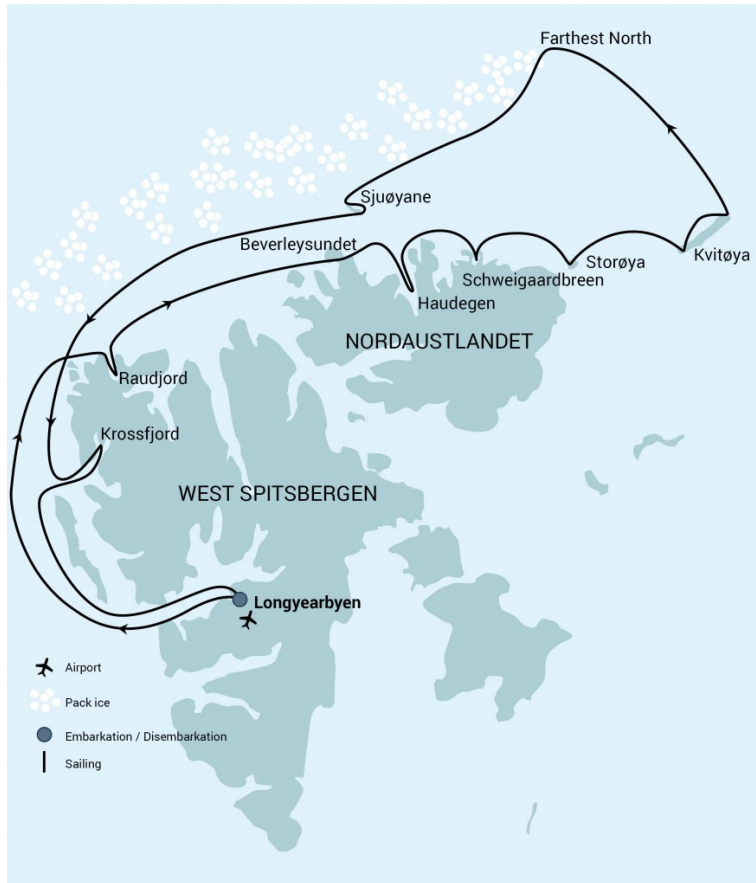


North Spitsbergen - Kvitøya - Farthest North

Sailing Farthest North including Kvitøya



Title:	North Spitsbergen - Kvitøya - Farthest North
Dates:	19 Aug - 27 Aug, 2023
Tripcode:	HDSXX23
Duration:	8 nights
Ship:	m/v Hondius
Embarkation:	Longyearbyen
Disembarkation:	Longyearbyen
Language:	English speaking voyage
Important:	Kayaking is an optional activity

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.

Join our expedition to the north of Svalbard to take in the lovely landscapes and wonderful wildlife. We will attempt to land on Kvitøya, a site of historical significance, and home of a large walrus population.

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: The first of the fjords

Sailing to Raudfjorden, on the north coast of 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 walruses.

Day 3: Fjord-fueled hikes

You next 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 4: The great glacier front of Schweigaardbreen

Pushing east to Nordaustlandet, you reach the area where the Italian captain Sora tried to rescue the Nobile Expedition in 1928. The focus here is the great glacier front of Schweigaardbreen, though you may also land at Firkantbukta, getting the chance to gain some altitude and take a few higher- elevation photos. Alternately we sail to Behounekodden (the telegraphist of Nobile) and Soraberget.

Day 5: Ice cap at Kvitøya

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

Day 6: Farthest North

We sail due North toward the North Pole and if sea ice allows, we expect to reach your northernmost point, at the 82nd parallel. While retracing your route southwest, keep watch for polar bears and elusive Greenland (bowhead) whales and a very rare narwal. This is the time of year when we have seen Ross's gulls in the area.

Day 7: Stop at the Seven Islands

In the Seven Islands at Rossøya we could land at the northernmost land in Spitsbergen. On Vesle Tavleøya we can see the marks of the Swedish-Russian Arc of Meridian Expedition (1899). On Phippsøya we usually meet a flock of walrus. Polar bears inhabit this region, so the ship may park for several hours among the pack ice before wheeling around west again.

Day 8: Incredible Krossfjorden scenery

Today we sail into Krossfjorden in the main island of Spitsbergen, where you'll pass through staggeringly scenic alpine mountaintops, active glaciers, and rich vegetation.

Day 9: There and back again

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. You disembark in Longyearbyen, taking home memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN



Kayaking

FREE

Basic kayaking experience is of advantage, but it is not a requirement. Physical fitness is essential. Kayaking is subject to weather and prevailing ice conditions.



Swarovski Binoculars

FREE

Terms of this limited-time offer

- For new bookings on select cruises only
- Cannot be combined with other offers, past or future
- Guests receive voucher at booking to use for collecting binoculars on board
- One pair of binoculars per newly booked guest
- Each guest free to choose between the option of a cash discount or binoculars
- Offer continues only while supply lasts

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.

18400 USD



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

4600 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.

17100 USD



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

5700 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.

12800 USD



Single cabin

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

10880 USD



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

6400 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.

13800 USD



Single cabin

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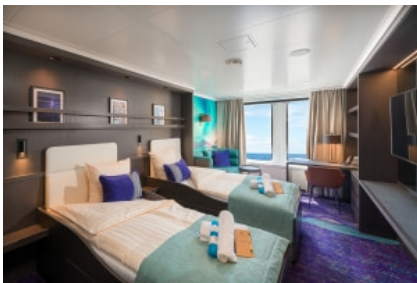
11730 USD



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

6900 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.

14600 USD



Single cabin

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

12410 USD



Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

7300 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.

16600 USD



Single cabin

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

14110 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
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- Wardrobe



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

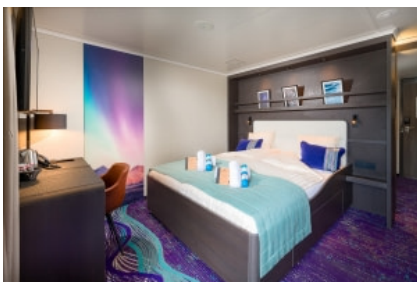
17700 USD



Single cabin

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

15045 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
- Wardrobe



Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

20600 USD



Single cabin

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

17510 USD

