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SVALBARD CIRCUMNAVIGATION MICRO CRUISE

As the sea opens up under the midnight sun, take the unique opportunity to circumnavigate Europe 's last great wilderness. Sailing in the summer, this in-depth 12-day expedition sets out to circumnavigate Svalbard and explore its remotest reaches, including the Austfonna ice cap. Svalbard comes alive with wildlife at this time of year, with reindeer, whales, Arctic foxes, and polar bears spotted against a backdrop of fairytale fjords, calving glaciers, and snow-capped mountains. An all-encompassing adventure to see Svalbard come alive with wildlife. On this summer expedition, as the sea ice opens up around Svalbard, we take the unique opportunity nature presents us with and set out to circumnavigate the archipelago. Our aim is to reach the remoter areas of Svalbard, including the mammoth Austfonna ice cap, with its famous, horizon-stealing ice wall. Along the way, we will explore every corner of the archipelago, the last stop before the North Pole, marvelling at its magnificent creatures and stunning scenery, under the light of the midnight sun. The warmth of the sun invites migratory species back to Svalbard and encourages resident animals to come out from their wintery hiding places, making summer the best season to spot whales, seabirds, walrus, and polar bears in their natural habitat. Head out on Zodiac cruises and hikes amid the Arctic majesty of picturesque fjords, mountains, and icebergs. Search for walrus haulouts on remote beaches, and scour the sea ice for polar bears. This is the Arctic experience you've been searching for.





ITINERARY

Day 1 Longyearbyen

Depart Longyearbyen at 4pm.

Sail past striking Fuglefjella (Bird Mountain), a fine example of plateau mountainous landscape, as we leave Longyearbyen.

Day 2 Poolepynten

Explore Poolepynten, a headland on Prins Karls Forland, home to a walrus colony and a burial site.

Days 3 - 4 Ny-Ålesund Research Station & Kongsfjorden

Visit Ny-Ålesund Research Station, the world's northernmost year-round research facility, and Kongsfjorden, with landings and cruises to its two glaciers, Kronebreen and Kongsbreen.

Sail to Smeerenburg, a former whaling settlement and source of an enduring myth, now home to a walrus colony.

Possible landing in Virgohamna, a historical site, to learn about the attempts to reach the North Pole by air that departed from here and see remains of blubber ovens from the 1600s.

Day 5 Sailing Spitsbergen

Sail along the continental shelf, scouting for fin and blue whales that gather in the upwelling zones.

Search the ice edge, a dynamic setting of texture and light, home to seals, seabirds, and polar bears.

Days 6 - 10 Alkefjellet, Heleysundet & Edgeøya

Marvel at Alkefjellet, a stunning bird cliff, nesting location of Brunnich guillemot.

Take a Zodiac cruise to see Storisstraumen and a ship cruise by Brasvellbreen of the Austfonna ice cap, Europe's third-largest glacier by volume and area.

Sail through the narrow sound of Heleysundet.

Zodiac landing at Teistpynten in the bay of Mohnbukta, taking in views of Hayesbreen glacier.

Enjoy the green Kapp Lee headland on Edgeøya, spotting walruses, reindeer, and Arctic foxes, along with remnants of the walrus hunting industry.

Zodiac landing and hike at Kvalvagen, a geologically interesting bay known for its Cretaceous period dinosaur footprints.

Take a Zodiac cruise of Hambergbukta, an attractive bay in south Spitsbergen.

Day 11 Hornsund

See Hornsund, with a landing in Gnalodden to marvel at the scenic bird cliff (home to black-legged kittiwakes) and trapper's hut.

Sail back to Isfjorden and Longyearbyen.

Day 12 Longyearbyen

Disembark in Longyearbyen at 9am.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



YOUR SHIP: FREYA

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| YOUR SHIP: | Freya |
| VESSEL TYPE: | Ice Class Small Ship |
| LENGTH: | 45 meters |
| PASSENGER CAPACITY: | 12 |
| BUILT/REFURBISHED: | |

Open bridge policy with seating area to observe operations
Interior \- Guest lounge with comfortable sofas and library \-
Large saloon with bar and dining area for 18 seated persons \-
Classic style interior with a cosy charm \- Spacious cabins all
above deck

with ensuite

Explore the Arctic in style aboard our small expedition ship, the MV Freya. With a recently upgraded interior and a solid ice strengthened hull, this vessel is perfect for traversing Arctic waters, whilst retaining first class comforts. Originally used as a lighthouse-building vessel, MV Freya boasts spacious cabins and multiple viewing decks to immerse yourself in the wonders of the Arctic. What we love about Freya \- The highest strength ice class hull ensures it is a go anywhere expedition ship. \- Classic style expedition ship with lots of space. \- All cabins have en-suite with comfortable beds. \- Large bridge area where guests are welcome to observe. \- On deck hot tub and sauna to warm up in after a day exploring. \- Multiple deck heights and viewing areas. Key Features \- Accommodates 12 guests in 1 x double, 5 twin & 2 single cabins with windows and en-suite \- All cabins are spacious and cosy \- Large dining saloon with bar \- Passenger lounge with sofas. \- Equipped with 2 Zodiac landing crafts for shore landings \- Ample deck space to enjoy the view \- Fully staffed with experienced captain, crew and expedition leaders Exterior \- On deck hot tub \- Multiple decks for wildlife viewing and photography with great vantage points \- Semi enclosed decks at the stern \- Accessible bow area \-



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