

# SVALBARD, ICELAND & GREENLAND'S EAST COAST

17 Days | Expeditions in: Jun |

See the majestic setting that the lordly polar bear freely roams as we explore the Svalbard archipelago, pulling the ship's bow up to blue-veined glaciers, alighting on islands where caribou drift like smoke across the tundra. Our day by day itinerary is flexible, following nature's course for wonderful surprises.



## DAY 1-2: U.S./Fly Overnight to Oslo, Norway

Fly overnight to Oslo. On arrival, check into the The HUB Hotel. This afternoon explore this charming city. Stroll amid Oslo's famed Vigeland sculptures —hundreds of life-size human figures set in parkland. Visit the Fram Museum, dedicated to the wooden ship sailed by Norwegian polar explorers Nansen and Amundsen. The evening is at leisure. (Day 2: B,D)



## DAY 3: Oslo/Longyearbyen/Embark

Depart Oslo on a charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)





#### **DAY 4-16: Exploring Svalbard, Greenland & Iceland**

Our day-by-day itinerary, in keeping with the nature of an expedition, will be a thoughtfully considered framework based on our long experience in this dynamic arctic region. We'll take full advantage of our 'human resources'—our experienced Captain, expedition leader and naturalists—as well as our technological resources. Armed with the latest satellite imagery, we'll chart where the ice is impenetrable, and where there are leads guiding us to exciting discoveries. We have an ice-strengthened hull and forward-searching sonar, plus agile Zodiacs and kayaks, allowing us to make forays among the icebergs. The Undersea Specialist will deploy the ROV, bringing back imagery few, if any, have ever seen. And with unforgettable days in the ice and two photographers on board, you'll have assistance to get your best photos ever.

We begin in Svalbard, Norway—a place of deep fjords, snowcapped mountains, and massive ice sheets. Nowhere can the polar bear be seen more reliably in its natural environment than here. Venture to the foot of vast tidewater glaciers, kayak among sparkling icebergs, hike the tundra, and explore fjords that split the coastline.

Svalbard's wonders are a prelude to days ahead of discoveries on unknown shores, following the ice's edge. Our quest is to discover the Arctic's grand wilderness. Be on deck as our captain navigates between icebergs that drift from the calving glaciers. And if the ice yields, we'll aim for Scoresbysund, on the east coast of Greenland, still awakening from winter's long icy grip. If the ice is unrelenting, we'll head to Iceland.

The finale of our journey is the west coast of Iceland: Isafjörður, a picture postcard of Icelandic life; the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, home to a huge population of razorbills; and Flatey Island, a former trading post. (B,L,D)



#### **DAY 17: Reykjavík/Disembark/Home**

Our grand adventure takes us to Iceland's lively capital city, Reykjavík. Have a guided overview of the old town, and visit the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths, prior to our flight home. (B,L)

### **(1) Travel Protection Plan**

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. and Canadian residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased.

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### **(2) Cancellation Plan**

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### **Important Flight Information**

Please confirm arrival and departure dates prior to booking flights.

#### **Sample Airfares:**

Economy: from \$900

Business: from \$2,800

Charter(Oslo/Longyearbyen): from \$380

Airfares are subject to change

#### **Cost Includes:**

One hotel night in Oslo; Accommodations; meals indicated; alcoholic beverages (except premium brands); excursions; services of Lindblad Expeditions' Leader, Naturalist staff and expert guides; use of kayaks; entrance fees; all port charges and service taxes; gratuities to ship's crew.

#### **Cost Not Included:**

Air transportation; personal items such as emails, laundry, voyage DVD etc.