

## **SVALBARD PIONEER**

Join us on a truly unique in-depth 14-day Svalbard circumnavigation cruise. As the sea around Svalbard opens up from the ice during the summer months it gives us the opportunity to take you on our most detailed exploration of the archipelago. The focus on this trip is on exploring the nature and searching for wildlife viewing opportunities. We will be making daily shore landings with our expedition leader and guide to experience the raw beauty and majestic nature of Svalbard. Our aim is to circumnavigate Spitsbergen and to explore the Austfonna Ice Cap depending on conditions.



### **ITINERARY**

## Day 1 and 2 Longyearbyen and Prins Karls Foreland

Our Svalbard circumnavigation cruise departs from the port of Longyearbyen in the afternoon. The overall schedule is flexible to





allow us to see as much as possible and will be led by our highly experienced leader. Taking advantage of the beautiful 24-hour sunlight we will sail out of the Isfjord and towards Prins Karls Foreland where we will do shore landings and visit a walrus colony on day 2. Our plan is to sail north and attempt a clockwise circumnavigation of Spitsbergen.

## Days 3-5 Ny-Alesund, Kongsfjord and Ice Edge

As we head north we plan to call at the scientific community of Ny-Alesund, the most northerly inhabited settlement on earth which is home to an interesting historical site and museum. We will explore the majestic Kongsfjord and the fjords that branch into it. We will sail close to an impressive calving glacier face and there will also be an opportunity for hikes ashore with our expedition leader. If the conditions allow we will then sail north and attempt to reach the edge of the sea ice which extends all the way to the North Pole, a really impressive sight.

### Days 6-8 Nordaustlandet and Hinlopen Strait

We will sail along the north coast of Spitsbergen keeping a lookout for wildlife including polar bears that inhabit the area. Depending on the sea ice conditions, we aim to continue along the north coast to reach the island of Nordaustlandet and cruise along the Austfonna Ice Cap, a truly breathtaking sight. If the sea ice doesn't allow us access then the other option is to head south through the Hinlopen Strait. We aim to make shore landings on a daily basis to explore the majestic wilderness of this area.

#### Days 9 - 13 Southern Spitsbergen

We will follow the compass south and explore the region along the south coast of Spitsbergen. We will visit rarely visited landing sites and have lots of chances to take in the breathtaking nature, wildlife, and scenery. As we round the southern tip of Spitsbergen, we will enter the area around Hornsund where we will have a day to explore and do some wilderness hikes. We will then set sail north along the coast towards Longyearbyen.

## Day 14 Longyearbyen

Safely back in the port of Longyearbyen after our epic 14-day Svalbard circumnavigation cruise, we will enjoy a final breakfast together. We say our goodbyes and disembark in the morning after making new friends and sharing an incredible adventure together.

#### Please Note:

The above itinerary is a guide only. A part of any Arctic adventure is the flexibility to take advantage of the weather and ice conditions. Our expedition leader will make sure you see as much a possible.





## YOUR SHIP: FREYA

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VESSEL TYPE: Ice Class Small Ship

LENGTH: 45 meters

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 12

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

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 \- 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





# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**

Signature Penthouse (Double) Signature Single





Signature Single - Cabins 6–7 Signature Twin - Cabins 1–2 & 4–5





Signature Twin/Double Type A - Double with En-Suite

Type B - Twin with En-Suite Type C - Single with En-Suite



## **PRICING**

26-Jul-2024 to 08-Aug-2024

Type B - Twin with En-Suite	£15050 GBP pp
Type A - Double with En-Suite	£15050 GBP pp
Type C - Single with En-Suite	£15050 GBP pp

#### 14-Jul-2025 to 25-Jul-2025

Signature Twin - Cabins 1–2 & 4–5	£12859 GBP pp
Signature Single - Cabins 6-7	£15395 GBP pp

## 15-Jul-2025 to 28-Jul-2025

Signature Twin/Double	£14665 GBP pp
Signature Penthouse (Double)	£17589 GBP pp
Signature Single	£17589 GBP pp

## 26-Jul-2025 to 08-Aug-2025

Signature Twin/Double	£14665 GBP pp
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