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Heimaey Island

Join us for this circumnavigation of Iceland which we are offering in conjunction with our associates at Hapag-Lloyd Cruises and their five-star vessel, the Hanseatic Inspiration. There is nowhere better to see nature in the raw than Iceland, the 'Land of Ice and Fire' and during this expedition we will witness huge icecaps and glaciers, active volcanoes, gurgling mud pools, steaming hot springs and lava fields. If this were not enough, the immense scale of the landscape is dominated by towering snow-capped mountains, thundering waterfalls and spontaneous erupting geysers.



Europe's least populated country offers the visitor an unparalleled experience of elemental forces at work and we will take advantage of weather conditions and possible sightings to achieve the maximum with our time. Early summer is the optimum time for this expedition, the skies and rocks will be filled with the sights and sounds of puffins, guillemots and gannets, the wildflowers will be prevalent and the seas will hopefully be rich with whales and marine life. In addition to the wildlife, the island also provides a unique historical, cultural and geological experience. Under the surface, Iceland simmers with the sparks that are the tell-tale signs of its youthfulness as Europe's most recent geological addition, only 16-20 million years old. Iceland is continuously being created; some of its newest land is a mere 40 years old.

A journey by small ship is the ideal way to get up close to nature and explore areas inaccessible to larger vessels and an expedition such as this can only be undertaken by a special vessel with the self-sufficient qualities of the Hanseatic Inspiration. With her expert expedition team and fleet of Zodiacs we will be able to land on remote beaches and cruise close to shorelines and cliffs crowded with birdlife. Our circumnavigation of Iceland will take us to some of its most dramatic areas and, whilst we sail its waters, we will look out for humpback whales, orcas, white-beaked dolphins and observe the colonies of seabirds.

Expedition Highlights

- Experience a complete circumnavigation of Iceland
- Enjoy excellent bird & whale watching opportunities including the waters off Husavik, Iceland's whale watching capital
- Discover the island's cultural heritage in Seydisfjordur & Siglufjordur
- Cross the Arctic Circle on Grimsey
- Explore Latrabjarg & the smaller fjords which the larger ships are unable to access
- Enjoy guided hikes along the way as well as a choice of activities
- Travel with an experienced expedition team bringing knowledge of the flora and fauna, geology & cultures of Iceland



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Dettifoss



Latrabjarg cliffs



The Itinerary

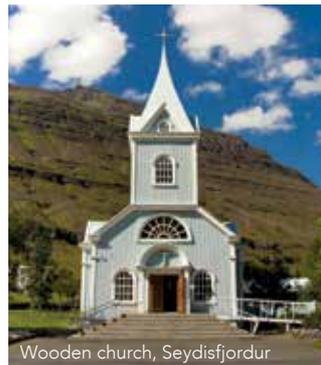
Flexibility is key to a successful expedition in Iceland. Although we have outlined an itinerary below, this is only a preliminary plan and the exact route will depend on the weather conditions and wildlife encountered. Please note that with the exception of Zodiac excursions, shore excursions are not included in the price and details of what excursions will be available along with prices will be sent to you three months before departure.

Day 1 London to Reykjavik, Iceland. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the Hanseatic Inspiration and embark. Set sail this evening.

Day 2 Heimaey & Westman Islands. Our exciting circumnavigation begins with the Westman Islands where in 1973, the Eldfell volcano erupted on Heimaey, the largest island, covering it in lava streams. At this northern edge of Europe, nature makes its mark with contrasts of heat and ice and geological extremes - very few places give such a direct glimpse into primeval forces. Take a scenic flight above the volcanoes and waterfalls and see the black fields stretch out below you, combining with the icy blue and the white of the glaciers to form a sea of colour, or simply be enchanted by beautiful, mystical landscapes, deep fjords and fascinating wildlife. Travelling in the Nordic summer, we have a good

chance of seeing humpback and fin whales that have returned after the winter.

Day 3 At Sea. Enjoy a day at sea as we cruise towards Iceland's east coast. Join one of the lectures in the HanseAtrium or relax and enjoy the facilities on board.



Wooden church, Seydisfjörður

Days 4 & 5 Iceland's East Coast: Seydisfjörður & Bakkagerdi. Marvel at the fishing town of Seydisfjörður, located at the end of a fjord surrounded by snow-capped peaks where the historic wooden buildings provide great photo opportunities. The Vestdalur Valley is also an enchanting sight and provides interesting walks with its flourishing plant variety. Next, we visit Iceland's magical side as the "island of mythical creatures and trolls" is revealed in Bakkagerdi where legend has it that the queen of the elves reigns over Borgarfjörður

and the bird-inhabited cliffs where countless puffins learn to fly.

Days 6 to 8 Iceland's North Coast: Husavik, Grimsey, Akureyri, Hrisey & Siglufjörður. The feeling of a true expedition will develop on Iceland's north coast. Together, the fjords and the sea create a natural canvas that is at once remote and soul-stirring. Visit Husavik, the European capital of whale watching where we hope to spot these gentle giants of the seas in the ice-blue bays before heading ashore. The waterfalls of the north are a wonder to behold such as Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall cascading around 45 metres. A hike in Asbyrgi Canyon will take you down into a plunge pool and while the myth says that an enormous horse made this impression in the earth, the canyon was probably hollowed out by icefall. The expedition route also takes us to a magical destination: the northern Arctic Circle on Grimsey. Here we discover the striking basalt columns as the onboard experts provide insights into the geology and wildlife of this volcanic island. Continue on to Akureyri, a true pearl of the north sitting on a long fjord where we will have plenty of time to explore the old town, the lively cultural scene and the famous botanical gardens at leisure. The rugged north of Iceland provides a fascinating contrast, with volcanic forces bubbling on the earth's surface.

Visit Godafoss, the "waterfall of the gods" where following their Christianisation, the Icelanders are said to have consigned their pagan idols to the thundering waters. Alternatively, explore the remote, inhospitable and lunar-like settings of the Askja volcano, Viti crater lake and Iceland's highlands in a jeep, or you can experience nature up-close with a ride on Icelandic horses, known for their gentle demeanour and special tolt gait. Perhaps see out the day's adventures in one of Akureyri's restaurants or cafes and enjoy the ambience of an evening by the fjord. Weather permitting, we also hope to land on the small island of Hrisey which is known for its rich and diverse bird life. Finally, set off on a trip back through time in Siglufjörður, the world's former capital of herring fishing; until the 1960s, huge shoals brought the region an unprecedented economic upturn.

Days 9 & 10 Iceland's West Coast: Cruising in the western fjords and off Latrabjarg & Grundarfjörður. Experience Iceland's astounding biodiversity as we continue our voyage through the western fjords – fjords which stretch out into the Atlantic like fingers on a hand and create an extraordinary landscape. Witness the sheer cliffs of Latrabjarg, Europe's most westerly point and a nesting ground for millions of puffins, guillemots and auks



as well as the famous mountain of Grundarfjordhur. Here in the western peninsula of Snaefellsnes, all of Iceland's characteristic natural elements are brought together: cooled lava flows, steep fjords and snow-covered volcanoes serve as reminders of the elemental power of creation. Perhaps board a snowcat for a glacier experience on Snaefellsjokull and travel through fields of snow until you

reach 1,400 metres. At the top, you will see the crater of the cone-shaped stratovolcano that Jules Verne described as the starting point of Journey to the Center of the Earth, a fitting end to such an unforgettable expedition.

Day 11 Reykjavik to London.
Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Deck	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
1	Outside cabin	4, 5 & 6	£6695	£6395
2	Panoramic cabin	4 & 5	£6895	£6595
3	French balcony cabin	6	£7195	£6895
4	Balcony cabin	5	£7595	£7295
5	French balcony cabin	7	£7595	£7295
6	Balcony cabin	6 & 7	£7895	£7595
7	Balcony cabin	6	£8295	£7995
8	Balcony cabin	7	£8695	£8395
9	Junior suite with balcony	6 & 7	£9495	£9195
10	Grand suite with veranda	6 & 7	N/A	N/A
2	Panoramic cabin for sole use	4 & 5	£7995	£7695

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 10 nights aboard the Hanseatic Inspiration on a full board basis • Mini-bar with soft drinks in your cabin restocked each day • Zodiac excursions • Expedition team including onboard lectures • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes • Airport taxes • Loan of waterproof boots & parka during cruise.

Not Included: Travel insurance, shore excursions (details will be available to pre-book three months before departure and payment will be made on board).



Humpback whale



Puffins

HANSEATIC INSPIRATION



HanseAtrium Bar



Junior Suite



Hanseatic Restaurant

Operated by our German associates, Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, the Hanseatic Inspiration is a new five-star expedition ship due to launch in autumn 2019. With a maximum of just 230 passengers (199 passengers in Antarctica), this unique vessel offers an informal and relaxed atmosphere on board with more open deck space than any other expedition ship. There is a qualified expedition team of naturalists who will accompany you ashore and provide informative talks in the comfort of the well-designed HanseAtrium, and a crew of 175 offering the most exquisite and attentive service on board.

Your Cabin/Suite

There are a total of 120 cabins and suites. All cabins/suites feature a comfortable sleeping area with separable beds, a heated wall in the bathroom, a rain shower, TV, a coffee machine and a mini bar with soft drinks refilled daily. They are also equipped with binoculars and Nordic walking poles and 24-hour cabin service is available. The Outside Cabins, Panoramic Cabins and French Balcony Cabins all measure between 21 to 23 square metres and the Balcony Cabins measure 27 square meters including the balcony. The Junior Suites are approximately 42 square meters including the balcony and offer panoramic views, a comfortable living and sleeping area and a separate dining area. They also benefit from the addition of a bathroom with two sinks, a steam sauna and butler service. The Grand Suites are approximately 71 square meters including a private veranda with space heaters. They feature a sleeping area with panoramic views and a comfortable living area as well as a separate dining area. Additional facilities include a bathroom with two sinks, free standing bath, rain shower, steam sauna, balcony access and butler service.

Your Space

The vessel has three spacious restaurants, two bars, a library, Sun Deck with swimming pool and pool bar, fitness room, hair salon and a small boutique. Whilst relaxing on deck and watching for passing wildlife, the excellent service team offer little touches like exotic fruit skewers and cooling cloth towels. There is also a hospital on the lower deck and it is in the HanseAtrium that the expedition team will hold lectures and briefings. The vessel has been designed taking inspiration from nature to reflect the expeditionary theme of the voyages and to provide interplay between the interiors and the world outside. Exciting vistas are guaranteed in the Observation Lounge thanks to the 180-degree panoramic view which can be enjoyed while relaxing with an aperitif at the bar and listening to the music. Another design highlight is the two extendable glass balconies on the Sun Deck from which passing wildlife can be viewed on the ocean surfaces. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the bridge whenever the local regulations and conditions allow, by prior arrangement with the officer on duty.



Lido Restaurant



French Balcony



Observation Lounge

Please note that the images shown are artist impressions. Whilst the décor may differ slightly, the overall look and design of the vessel once launched will be very similar to the images shown.

Your Dining

Highly trained chefs will surprise you every day with their skill and attention to detail. Diverse and classic delicacies will be available at every meal, whether you are enjoying a quick breakfast or a relaxed evening meal. There is a choice of three spacious open-seating restaurants including the Hanseatic Restaurant with its relaxed atmosphere, the Lido Restaurant offering both indoor and outdoor seating, and the Speciality Restaurant where you will be taken on a culinary voyage of discovery with Japanese and Peruvian creations. The Hanseatic Restaurant and Speciality Restaurant are à la carte whereas the Lido Restaurant offers a buffet-style service. Spend your days and evenings however you wish thanks to flexible mealtimes, a free choice of seating and attentive 24-hour cabin service.

Life On Board

With your every need attended to, there is nothing to do but relax and enjoy the experience aboard the Hanseatic Inspiration. After a Zodiac excursion, you will be welcomed back on board with hot drinks and snacks, drinks will be handed to you as you stand on deck viewing magnificent icebergs and the crew will think of everything and enhance your cruise in every way possible. Highly qualified, knowledgeable experts will accompany you throughout the cruise; discovering unknown territory and seeing amazing wildlife will be a lot more rewarding with an expert by your side. Whether a naturalist or ornithologist, their passion and enthusiasm will be conveyed through talks on board and during excursions. The onboard fleet of 17 Zodiac landing craft enables guests to reach every spectacular sight, no matter how remote and, due to their manoeuvrability, these inflatable craft allow us to truly immerse ourselves in nature. You can be feet away from glaciers, spectacular birdlife and explore otherwise inaccessible fjords and waterways.

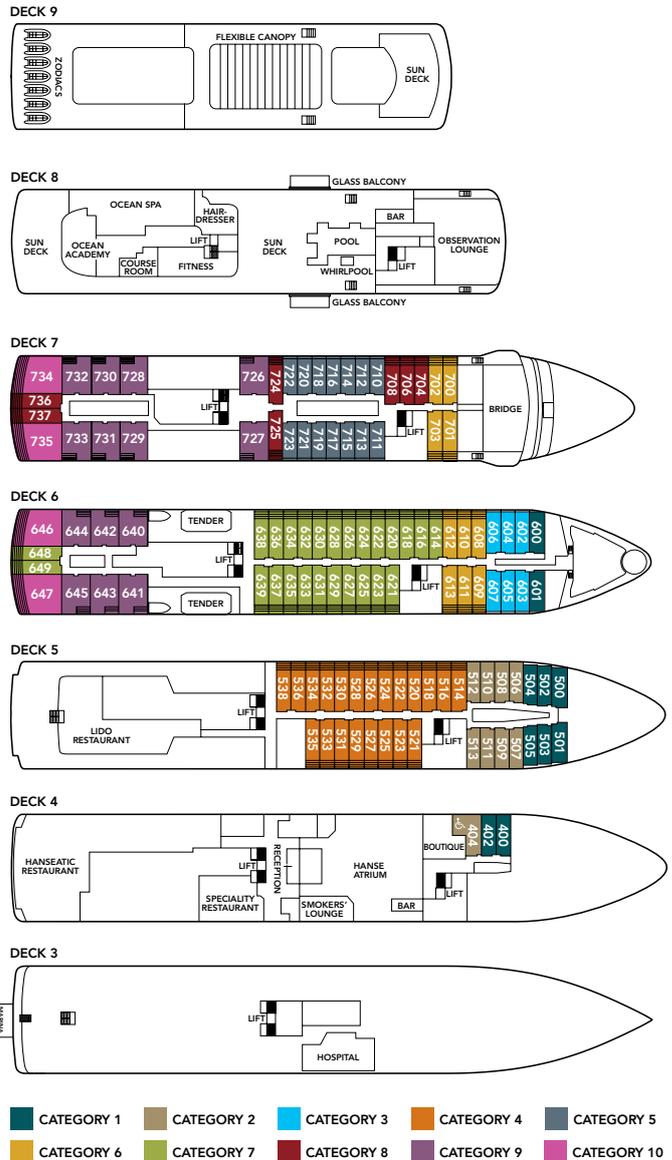
For your Comfort, Safety & Security

During construction of the Hanseatic Inspiration, the focus has been on making her suitable for all ice conditions and she has been fitted with cutting-edge equipment and environmental technology. The vessel holds the highest ice class for a passenger ship – PC 6, and with a shallow draught, powerful engine and robust propellers, this is a sturdy ship with excellent manoeuvrability. All of these features allow access to remote islands and coastlines and make for one of the finest expedition vessels.



During this voyage you will be visiting out of the way destinations and will be accompanied by an expedition team. Landings and excursions will be made by Zodiac landing craft. This cruise will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.

HANSEATIC INSPIRATION DECK PLAN



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