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HANSEATIC INSPIRATION



Operated by our German associates, Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, the Hanseatic Inspiration is a new five-star expedition ship launched in October 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

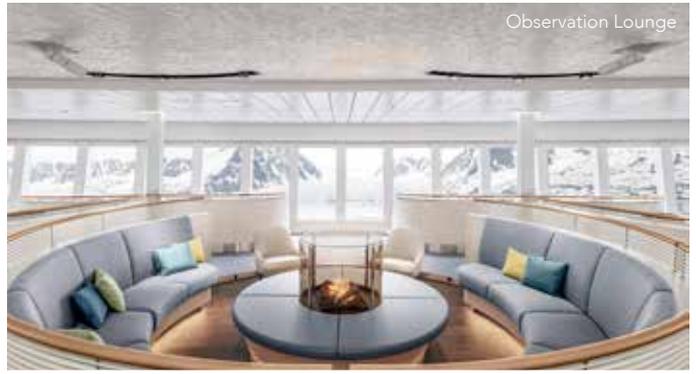
There are a total of 120 cabins and suites. All cabins/suites feature a comfortable sleeping area with separable beds, a heated wall in the bathroom, a rain shower, TV, a coffee machine and a mini bar with soft drinks refilled daily. They are also equipped with binoculars and Nordic walking poles and 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 metres including the balcony. The Junior Suites are approximately 42 square metres 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.



Glass balcony



Observation Lounge



Panoramic Cabin



Main Restaurant

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.

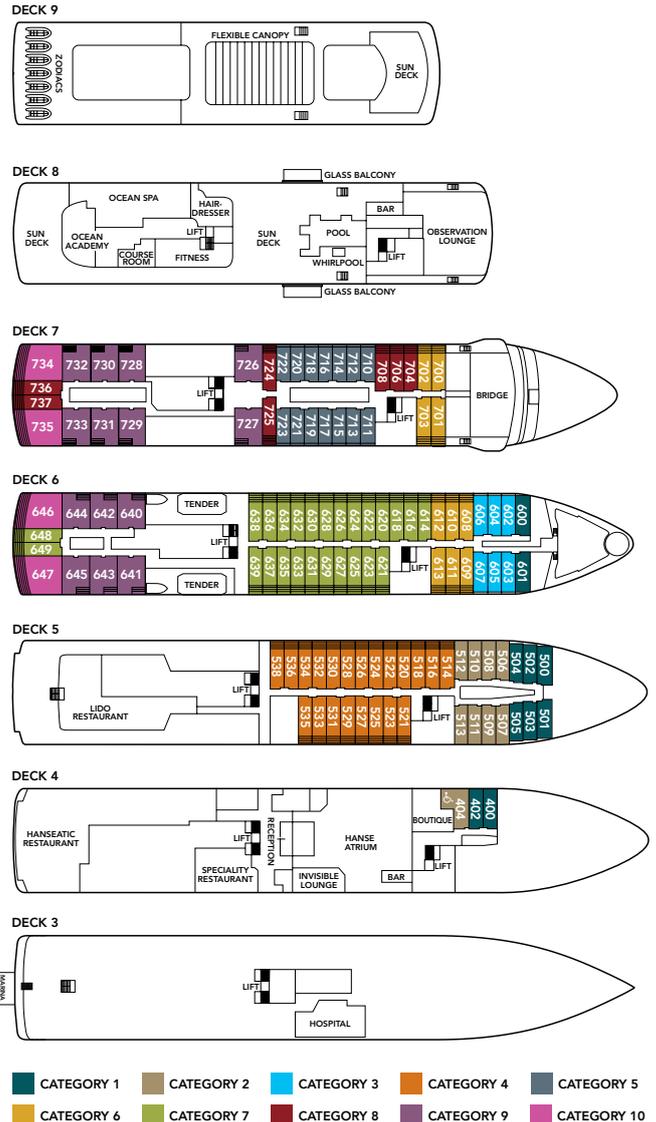
For your Comfort, Safety & Security

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. *Please note that the Hanseatic Inspiration is a smoke-free ship. This applies to all interior public areas as well as on deck, including the private balconies and verandas.*



During these voyages 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



ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA & THE FALKLANDS



An expedition to the Great White Continent aboard the Hanseatic Inspiration
1st to 23rd January 2021

Even today after many decades of exploration, Antarctica still remains a world apart, a majestic last frontier surpassing even the most jaded of travellers' expectations. For this incredible voyage we are working with our German associates at Hapag-Lloyd Cruises who operate the five-star Hanseatic Inspiration, and we will follow in the footsteps of researchers, pioneers, adventurers and discoverers on this expedition to the sixth continent. It is hard to put into words the sheer grandeur of an Antarctic landscape. This most southern of continents, this desert of ice, is so unique and uncommon to man's experience, that even the most dramatic of photographs pale into insignificance when one is confronted by the sheer magnitude, beauty and wonder of an Antarctic landscape. Enormous icebergs rise from the sea, hillsides are covered with thousands of penguins and seals bask on icebergs dotted in the ocean; the sights, sounds and emotions will stay with you forever.



For most travellers the Antarctic experience is a once in a lifetime visit, it is therefore important that the trip should be as rewarding as possible and the Hanseatic Inspiration is the perfect vessel both in terms of the educational experience on board and the number of opportunities to go ashore. Antarctica is to be experienced, not just to be seen, and we believe the only way to do this is on board a small ship. To enjoy the wonders of this icy paradise in the company of a small and enthusiastic party aboard a luxuriously appointed vessel designed for expedition cruising is the perfect way to achieve the most from a visit to this extraordinary place.

This expedition aboard the Hanseatic Inspiration features magnificent South Georgia where you will experience one of the world's natural wonders, the 'Alps in mid-ocean', offering remarkable concentrations of wildlife against a backdrop of glaciers and snow-covered mountains. Hugging the coast to the wildest reaches of the island we land on beaches alive with rampaging fur seals, somnolent elephant seals and truly astonishing numbers of king penguins. We have three days of exploration in this unique animal paradise and using the Zodiacs you will land each day allowing you the optimum time ashore to experience this rich animal kingdom. We also spend time on the Falkland Islands, a truly enchanting place with a unique character and staggering wildlife. This is the last sanctuary of the elegant albatross which soars gracefully against the blue sky, with colonies of elephant seals basking at the foot of vertiginous cliffs. In between our landings and while at sea, you can pass the time on deck looking for wildlife, attend the series of lectures by members of the expedition team and simply relax on board enjoying the facilities.

What to Expect

Every expedition to Antarctica and South Georgia is unique and no two days are the same. Flexibility is key and often the whole day's schedule will be changed to maximise your experience based on weather conditions or wildlife sightings. Each day holds something new and here are some extracts from previous Antarctic expedition logs which will provide you with an idea of what to expect.

Falkland Islands: At 6am, the rattling of the anchor chain indicated that we had arrived at New Island on the south-western edge of the Falkland Islands. Our first excursion took place under optimal conditions – sunshine, calm seas and a landing site in a shallow sandy cove. After exiting the Zodiacs and receiving our briefing, we were greeted by kelp geese, magellanic oystercatchers,

tussac birds and a long-tailed meadowlark. A short 20-minute walk over a low pass to the other side of island brought us to our first amazing seabird colony experience. Here, we had close-up views of many hundreds of black-browed albatrosses dotted along a one-kilometre stretch of cliff. Intermingled with the albatrosses, rockhopper penguins argued over nesting sites and king cormorants impressed their mates with great beakfuls of seaweed. We had plenty of time to sit in the sun and



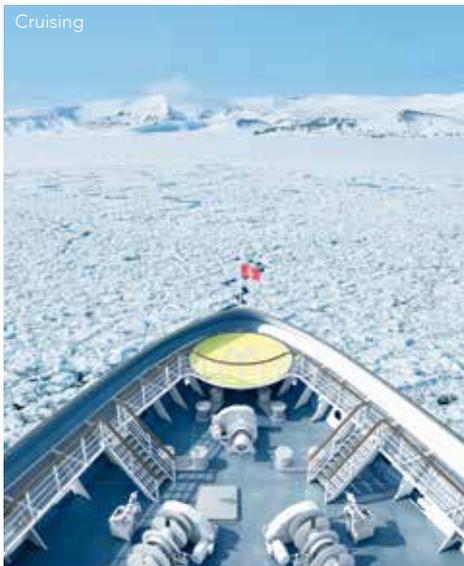
watch breeding albatross pairs perform greeting behaviours, feed their chicks and preen. Every now and then, one of these magnificent birds would take to the wing and impress us with its size.

Salisbury Plain, South Georgia: Salisbury Plain, in the Bay of Isles with its colony of 200,000 king penguins, is a truly great wildlife spectacle. Although the southerly wind had picked up, the beach was well protected and our landing went smoothly. The entire beach was carpeted with king penguins as far as the eye could see, and in between there were hundreds of male Antarctic fur seals guarding their breeding territories. We hiked along the raised beach to the foot of the colony, barely able to contain our excitement. In just two hours we experienced sun, rain, snow, mist and strong gusts,



none of which could prevent us from being awed by the vastness of the colony and fascinated by the opportunity to observe these majestic penguins at close range. The fur seals and their pups kept us on our toes, and the southern giant petrels outed themselves as voracious scavengers, devouring a seal carcass in front of our eyes.

South Shetland Islands: Deception Island was our starting point today and it was an early start too. The ship sailed into the flooded



Cruising



King penguins, Falkland Islands



Iceberg



Exploring by Zodiac



Falkland Islands

caldera of the still-active volcano through the narrow channel called Neptune's Bellows. Upon leaving the caldera the ship headed for the nearby, massive colony of chinstrap penguins. However, nature had other ideas! Very soon a whale spout was spotted and then there were more and more seen. Four different species were involved – Antarctic minke, humpback, fin and killer whales. Extremely good views were had of the latter two species and many of the killers (spread out again) were swimming alongside the fins. Towards the end of the encounter two male killer whales swam down the port side of the ship and another whale dived underneath us.

On our port side Livingston Island slowly came into view as it emerged from the cloud. Eventually the cloud cleared completely and revealed yet another high, mountainous, snowy

and icy realm. Distant spouts were seen in the sunshine and, as we approached our turning point for Half Moon Island, a plume of cloud and fog emerged from the strait between the islands. It was short-lived and our destination was soon in sight. The beach was a shingly one but the snowy ground behind it was covered in guano of the penguin kind. Once up the slope we were able to get close views of the nesting chinstrap penguins. Other species seen were kelp gull, Antarctic tern, Antarctic shag, pale-faced sheathbill, Southern elephant seal and Weddell seal. The big surprise was a single macaroni penguin. It was seen going down the main penguin highway to the beach and was seen later on climbing back up the hill. Half Moon Island had certainly provided a very interesting and varied last Antarctic excursion.

The Itinerary

Please note that flexibility is key to a successful expedition in Antarctica. Although an itinerary is outlined below, this is only a preliminary plan and the exact route will depend on ice, weather conditions and the wildlife encountered.

Day 1 London to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Buenos Aires. Arrive this morning and transfer to our centrally located hotel for an overnight stay. This afternoon is free to relax in the hotel or maybe join an orientation tour of the city including the Plaza de Mayo, the Cathedral, the Cabildo (Old City Hall) and the most traditional neighbourhood of Buenos Aires, San Telmo which is characterised by its old colonial houses and the

cobblestoned streets. End the tour in La Boca to look around the colourful zinc houses which used to be the refuge and home for the first immigrants and popular artists. The evening is free for independent exploration.

Day 3 Buenos Aires to Ushuaia.

After breakfast in the hotel we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Ushuaia. On arrival in the world's southernmost city we will transfer to the Hanseatic Inspiration and sail this evening.

Day 4 At Sea. Enjoy a relaxing day on board as we sail south to the Falkland Islands. Watch out for wildlife, such as the albatrosses, prions and petrels that frequently follow the ships, join one of the lectures in the HanseAtrium or relax with a book in the lounge.

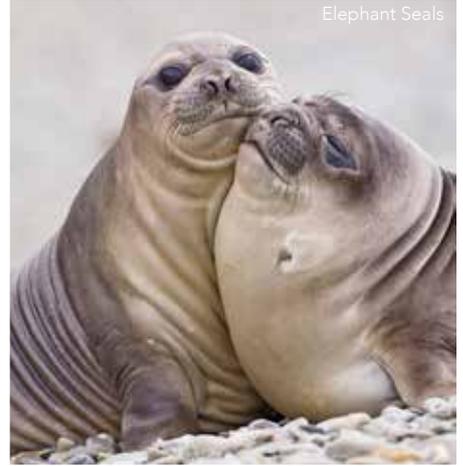
South Georgia



Fin whale



Elephant Seals



Days 5 & 6 Falkland Islands. While the history of the Falkland Islands was shaped by war, its present is full of life: it is home to more than 60 different species of bird, and a thrilling research and observation area for ornithologists. Land in the Zodiacs and watch species such as rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, albatrosses and cormorants. During natural history walks along the coast, the experts will provide fascinating information about the head-high tussock grass and the Victorian houses in Stanley.

Days 7 & 8 At Sea. There will be plenty of wildlife spotting as we make our way east across the Antarctic Convergence and officially enter Antarctic waters. Shipboard presentations will continue with briefings on the exciting history and abundant wildlife of South Georgia.

Days 9 to 11 South Georgia. Fur seals, elephant seals and gigantic colonies of king penguins – South Georgia’s animal kingdom is one of our planet’s greatest wonders and we will use the Zodiacs in order to experience the very special sightings. The island is home to almost 200,000 animals inhabiting the steep slopes and coasts – such as Salisbury Plain or the Gold Harbour beach where fur seals and elephant seals will not be disturbed by your visit. At the former Grytviken whaling station, the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton recalls the adventures of times gone by.

Day 12 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we head towards the Antarctic Peninsula across waters rich with whales whilst in the skies we may see Antarctic petrel, Kerguelen petrel and even the beautiful snow petrel.

Days 13 to 18 South Orkney Islands, Weddell Sea, South Shetland Islands & Antarctic Peninsula. Enjoy unforgettable moments when you set foot on the Antarctic mainland near to Paradise Bay. Snow-capped summits surround the bay, where icebergs the size of houses drift and glaciers tower hundreds of metres above. The gigantic glacier cliffs, such as those of Neko Harbour, provide a unique backdrop and Gentoo penguins stretch as far as the eye can see. One of the most impressive shipping passages in the world is the Lemaire Channel: mountains up to 1000 metres high line the strait of water and the Neumayer Channel and Port Lockroy provide panoramic views of glaciers that are no less breathtaking. When cruising in the Antarctic Sound, the deck becomes your front-row seat for unique natural spectacles, for example when water is suddenly parted by the fluke of a majestic whale. The Weddell Sea is home to breathtaking ice formations, some of which are as tall as a house and covered by Adelie penguins and dense pack ice. We will also visit Paulet Island which is home to countless penguins and, like Devil Island, makes for a very lively spectacle.

Days 19 & 20 Drake Passage. Enjoy two days to relax on board and reminisce with your fellow travellers about all you have seen and experienced during the expedition. Look out for wildlife or simply relax as we make our way across the Drake Passage towards Ushuaia.

Day 21 Ushuaia to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our chartered flight to Buenos Aires. On arrival transfer to our hotel for

an overnight stay. This evening is free for independent exploration, you may wish to watch a local tango performance over dinner or to enjoy the hotel facilities.

Day 22 Buenos Aires to London. After a free morning to explore or relax in the hotel we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 23 London. Arrive today.

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1	Outside cabin	4, 5 & 6	£16495	£15995
2	Panoramic cabin	4 & 5	£16995	£16495
3	French balcony cabin	6	£17995	£17495
4	Balcony cabin	5	£18495	£17995
5	French balcony cabin	7	£18495	£17995
6	Balcony cabin	6 & 7	£19495	£18995
7	Balcony cabin	6	£19995	£19495
8	Balcony cabin	7	£20795	£20295
9	Junior suite with balcony	6 & 7	£23795	£23295
10	Grand suite with veranda	6 & 7	On Request	On Request
1	Outside cabin for sole use	4, 5 & 6	£20995	£20495
5	French balcony cabin for sole use	7	£23995	£23495

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Not Included: Travel insurance, visas.



CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND



Discover Iceland's natural wonders aboard the Hanseatic Inspiration

29th May to 8th June 2021

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



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.

Days 4 & 5 Iceland's East Coast: Seydisfjordur & Bakkagerdi. Marvel at the fishing town of Seydisfjordur, 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 Borgarfjordhur



Humpback whale



Husavik



Wooden church, Seydisfjörður



Puffins



Dettifoss

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 Grundarfjörður. 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 Snaefellsjökull 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.

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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

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

EXPEDITION HIGH ARCTIC – IN THE LAND OF EXTREMES



An exploration of coastal Greenland & the Canadian Arctic aboard the Hanseatic Inspiration
1st to 19th August 2021

For this expedition we are delighted to be working with our associates at Hapag-Lloyd Cruises and their five-star vessel, the Hanseatic Inspiration. This unusual voyage combines the remote Canadian Arctic with its diverse wildlife, history and rich Inuit culture with Greenland's west coast of great towering cliffs, walls of glacial ice, winding fjords, vast ice-sheets and flowing glaciers.

The expedition begins with five days of exploration of the Canadian Arctic. Lying north of mainland Canada, the Canadian Arctic Archipelago consists of 94 major islands and forms the world's largest High Arctic land area. Here we follow in the footsteps of the legendary explorers including Amundsen, Baffin and Franklin, who over the course of 300 years risked their lives to search the Arctic for the fabled Northwest Passage between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. Our journey continues to coastal Greenland, one of the last great wilderness areas where man has made little difference to the landscape and tourists are still a rarity. It is a marvel to behold; for most visitors their first encounter with Greenland is a humbling experience as they witness nature in the raw and look out across a magnificent Arctic world. Experience magnificent scenery as the Hanseatic Inspiration meanders through spectacular colossal accumulations of peculiarly shaped icebergs in Disko Bay followed by a call into Sisimiut, home to some 5300 inhabitants. The region is home to a rich animal kingdom and we hope to spot seals, whales, polar bears, caribou, musk ox, walrus, Arctic wolves and foxes as well as thousands of seabirds that nest in the cliffs.



Highlights will be numerous and we will make good use of the fleet of Zodiacs as we navigate small bays and view icebergs of all shapes and sizes. After a day of exploring you will return to the five-star Hanseatic Inspiration where you can be assured of excellent service, food and sumptuous surroundings and, in between the landings and while at sea, you can pass the time on deck looking for wildlife, attend the series of lectures by members of the expedition team or simply relax on board enjoying the facilities. This expedition promises to be a unique experience bringing with it new thrills with spectacular natural experiences in a world far away from the stresses of modern life.

The Itinerary

Please note that flexibility is key to a successful expedition in the Arctic. Although we have outlined an itinerary below, this is only a preliminary plan and the exact route will depend on ice, weather conditions and the wildlife encountered.

Day 1 London to Dusseldorf, Germany. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. *Please note that the departure airport for the charter flight to Greenland is subject to change. Should it be necessary to change to another airport in Germany, we will advise and amend the flight from London and hotel accommodation accordingly.*

Day 2 Dusseldorf to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland. After breakfast in the hotel transfer to the airport for our specially chartered flight to Kangerlussuaq. On arrival transfer to the Hanseatic Inspiration and embark. Sail this evening.

Day 3 At sea. Enjoy a day at sea as we cruise towards Baffin Island. Join one of the lectures or relax and enjoy the facilities on board.

Days 4 to 8 Northern Canadian Arctic (Baffin Island & Ellesmere Island). Along remote coastlines, the Hanseatic Inspiration presses on to the settings of great exploratory achievements. A flexible route will provide plenty

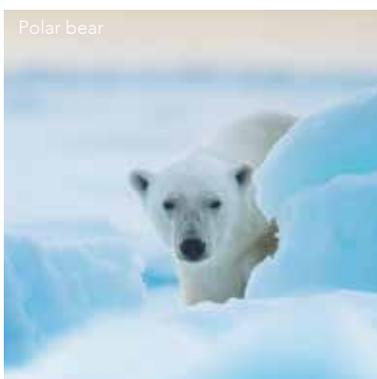
of fascinating tales for your travel diary. Glistening ice, impressive glaciers and a vast, isolated land becomes the backdrop for wonderful natural spectacles and wildlife sightings. We will discover what it is like to live in such extreme conditions during our time on Baffin Island. The world discovered this habitat of polar bears and whales in the 17th century, when English seafarer William Baffin came here on the search for a north-west passage. Life in the small settlement of Clyde River reflects the Inuit traditions and their way of life. Depending on local conditions, we will go ashore and walk through these stunning natural surroundings with panoramic views

of cliffs and glaciers. The team of onboard experts will provide fascinating information about the region's geology and history. It was not until the start of the 19th century that Ellesmere Island, the most northerly island in the Arctic, was discovered and we will experience how those explorers must have felt when they first caught sight of the coast.

Days 9 & 10 Smith Sound & Nares Strait. The excitement will grow as, weather and ice permitting, the route takes us to Smith Sound between Greenland and Canada, just like many Arctic explorers before us. In 1909, American polar researcher Robert Edwin Peary travelled through here and the



Humpback Whale



Polar bear



Disko Bay



Sisimiut



Baffin Island



Arctic fox

more northerly Nares Strait to become the first person to reach the North Pole.

Days 11 to 14 North-West Coast of Greenland (Etah, Siorapaluk, Cape York).

In addition to the views from the deck and hikes ashore, the onboard experts will bring the legend of the North Pole to life with historical insights. If we succeed in landing on Pim Island, you will feel the drama of the Greely expedition which fell victim to the icy winter of 1884 on the small, rocky island. With a little luck, we will catch sight of rare narwhals, bearded seals and Arctic hares. Only a few cruise ships can navigate the High Arctic and conditions will determine how far the Hanseatic Inspiration travels. If the ice allows we will travel to the north-west coast of Greenland and see places visited by just a few explorers. In the mid-20th century, the geomagnetic North Pole was still near Etah. Today, it has moved further west. The region's allure continues in Siorapaluk, Greenland's most northerly settlement. The barking of the huskies echoes through the village right by the fjord, surrounded by mighty sandstone mountains in shades of red and violet. Experience expedition in the purest sense off Cape York on a Zodiac ride between the icebergs.

Day 15 At sea. Enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Join one of the lectures in the HanseAtrium or relax with a book in the lounge.

Days 16 & 17 West Coast of Greenland (Ilulissat, Disko Bay, Sisimiut).

Indescribable moments continue on Greenland's west coast where the glacier calves into the fjord – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – near Ilulissat. A hike with the onboard experts will allow you to enjoy the glittering, shimmering ice masses that gather here – this will set the tone for an unforgettable experience in Disko Bay. Take a Zodiac ride and marvel at breathtaking ice formations drifting slowly through the bay. The colourful houses of Sisimiut, founded at the end of the 18th century as a missionary and trading post, provide a contrast to the blue of the ice. On a hike, you will enter the historic territory of an Inuit culture that is over 4000 years old. And even if you feel reluctant to return to the present, these intensive moments in the land of Arctic extremes will stay with you forever.

Day 18 Kangerlussuaq to Dusseldorf, Germany. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our chartered flight from Kangerlussuaq to Dusseldorf. On arrival in Dusseldorf transfer to our hotel

for an overnight stay. Please note that the arrival airport for the charter flight from Greenland is subject to change. Should it be necessary to change to another airport in Germany, we will advise and

amend the hotel accommodation and flight to London accordingly.

Day 19 Dusseldorf to London. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our 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	£12295	£11995
2	Panoramic cabin	4 & 5	N/A	N/A
3	French balcony cabin	6	£13295	£12995
4	Balcony cabin	5	£13795	£13495
5	French balcony cabin	7	£13795	£13495
6	Balcony cabin	6 & 7	£14295	£13995
7	Balcony cabin	6	£16095	£15795
8	Balcony cabin	7	£16595	£16295
9	Junior suite with balcony	6 & 7	£18595	£18295
10	Grand suite with veranda	6 & 7	N/A	N/A
2	Panoramic cabin	4, 5 & 6	£15845	£15545

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel between London & Dusseldorf • Specially chartered air travel between Dusseldorf & Kangerlussuaq • Two nights hotel accommodation in Dusseldorf with breakfast • 16 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 • Landing fees • Port taxes • Airport taxes • Loan of waterproof boots and parka during cruise.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visas.

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GREENLAND & BEYOND



An expedition along the western coast of Greenland to Labrador, Newfoundland & the St Lawrence River aboard the Hanseatic Inspiration

2nd to 22nd September 2021

Here is a wonderful expedition aboard a vessel on which you can be assured of excellent service, food and sumptuous surroundings. For this unique voyage we are delighted to be working with our associates at Hapag-Lloyd Cruises who have made some cabins available to us aboard their five-star vessel, the Hanseatic Inspiration. This unusual itinerary combines the great towering cliffs, walls of glacial ice, winding fjords, vast ice sheets and flowing glaciers of western and southern Greenland with highlights along the Canadian east coast with its diverse wildlife, history and rich Inuit culture.

We begin our journey in coastal Greenland, one of the last great wilderness areas where man has made little difference to the landscape and tourists are still a rarity. It is a marvel to behold; for most visitors their first encounter with Greenland is a humbling experience as they witness nature in the raw and look out across a magnificent Arctic world. The expedition continues across the Labrador Sea to Canada where we call into Newfoundland Island for a visit to Gros Morne National Park, the second largest national park in Atlantic Canada, Tadoussac, one of the country's oldest villages and the wonderful city of Quebec as well as experiencing some stunning scenery whilst cruising along the St Lawrence river and on Lake Ontario. Before returning to London we will visit the wondrous Niagara Falls.

This expedition promises to be a unique experience featuring coastlines steeped in history set against stunning landscapes of natural wonders. Good use will be made of the fleet of Zodiacs as we navigate small bays and land in otherwise inaccessible places and we hope to encounter fascinating wildlife including eagles and whales. There will be a range of optional excursions on offer as well as ample time to relax on board while cruising when you can pass the time on deck looking for wildlife, attend the series of lectures by members of the expedition team or simply enjoy the onboard facilities. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience spectacular natural scenery in a world far away from the stresses of modern life.



The Itinerary

Please note that flexibility is key to a successful expedition in the Arctic. Although we have outlined an itinerary below, this is only a preliminary plan and the exact route will depend on ice, weather conditions and the 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 Germany. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to a hotel for an overnight stay. Please note that the departure airport for the charter flight to Greenland will be confirmed closer to departure.

Day 2 Germany to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland. After breakfast in the hotel transfer to the airport for



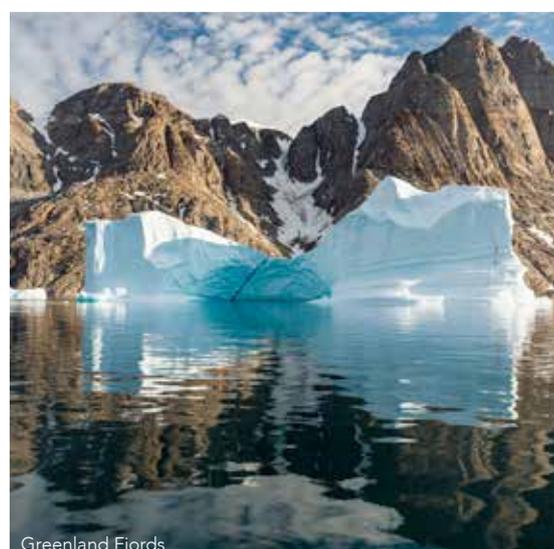
Iceberg



Gros Morne National Park



Ilulissat



Greenland Fjords

our specially chartered flight to Kangerlussuaq. On arrival transfer to the Hanseatic Inspiration and embark. Sail this evening.

Days 3 to 7 Western coast of Greenland (Sisimiut, Ilulissat, Disko Bay, Qeqertarsuaq, Fjords of Greenland). Gleaming ice, deep fjords and majestic glaciers await as we explore Greenland's west coast. The first of many encounters with Inuit culture takes place in Sisimiut. Follow in the footsteps of the Saqqaq culture and visit the old town which resembles a museum village. From Ilulissat, a hike with the onboard experts will take you to the famous ice fjord where glistening ice formations gather from the Jakobshavn Glacier. This will set the tone for an even more moving scene in Disko Bay where glittering sculptures drift slowly through the water. You will be able to witness these wonders from on

board the Hanseatic Inspiration and during a Zodiac excursion. The fascination continues in Qeqertarsuaq on Disko Island where an octagonal wooden church and a museum provide insights into the history of this former centre of whaling. We then continue south where further wonders await in the fjords of Greenland. Here too, you will be able to witness the impressive views of the vast landscape from the Zodiacs.

Days 8 to 10 Southern Coast of Greenland (Paamiut, Qassiaruk & Unartoq). Paamiut conveys what life is like in these remote regions. The town is known to whale researchers and we will keep an eye out for humpback and fin whales. Qassiaruk has an interesting history as this is where Erik the Red founded Greenland's first Viking settlement in 982. In Unartoq, you can round off your

Greenland experience by bathing in the hot springs as you watch the icebergs drift by.

Day 11 At Sea. Enjoy a leisurely day at sea. Join one of the lectures and enjoy the facilities on board.

Day 12 Red Bay, Labrador, Canada. Canada, the beautiful unknown. Many people are familiar with this North American country, but away from the usual routes, the sparsely populated east coast features some wonderful scenery. Nature awaits in the province of Labrador, discovered by Europeans in the 16th century. The fishing village of Red Bay seems to have been forgotten by the world. This was once a centre for Basque whalers, now documented in a museum.

Day 13 Norris Point, Newfoundland. Our expedition continues as we head for

Newfoundland. A world of fjords, home to whales and a kayaking region, the island is an adventurer's dream. Surrounded by green mountains, the small town of Norris Point describes itself as a 'photographer's paradise'. A hike in the magnificent Gros Morne National Park illustrates the monumental diversity between the mountains and coastline with glaciers, fjords and lakes.

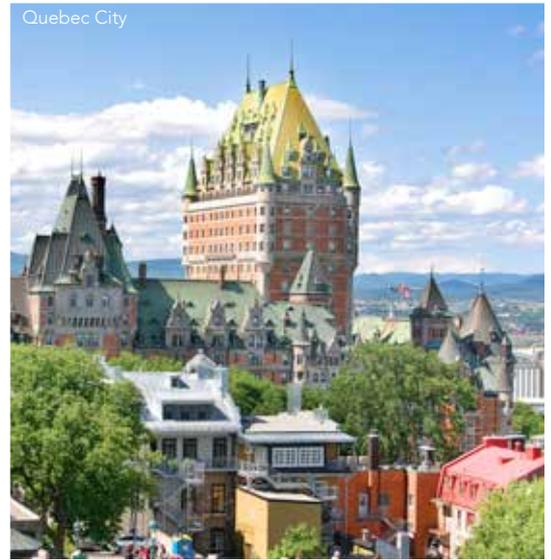
Day 14 At Sea (Gulf of Saint Lawrence). Today the St Lawrence River, North America's mighty river system between the Atlantic and the Great Lakes at a length of almost 3000 kilometres stretches out before us. As we travel along the river, the onboard experts will provide illuminating historical insights such as how it has developed since the early



Humpback Whale



Exploring by Zodiac



Quebec City

Woodland period and the current economic significance of the First Nations peoples.

Day 15 Tadoussac. Our expedition continues to Tadoussac, one of the country's oldest villages. With some luck you may spot a beluga whale in the waters as this area is home to the world's most southerly population. Majestic marine mammals will also be the focus if you choose to join the whale watching tour on the St Lawrence Fjord. Alternatively, a hike on the Sentier du Fjord trail will take you through secluded forests and past waterfalls and springs to breathtaking viewpoints.

Day 16 Baie Eternite & Cruising on the Saguenay. Dramatic nature shapes our journey today on the largest side branch of the St Lawrence River, the Saguenay, as well as our landing at Baie Eternite, surrounded by mountains almost 400 metres high. The Hanseatic Inspiration will slowly cruise on the Saguenay to allow for potential whale sightings.

Day 17 Quebec. Untouched wilderness meets savoir vivre in Quebec, where French flair and the North American spirit complement each other perfectly. A 360-degree experience awaits on a helicopter

flight over Quebec. At around 80 metres high, Montmorency Falls and Ile d'Orleans, one of North America's most important pilgrimage sites, are truly outstanding sights to behold.

Day 18 Seven Locks of St Lawrence River. The Hanseatic Inspiration will scale seven locks between Montreal and Lake Ontario with a height difference of up to 15 metres. This will take place during the day to allow you to watch the thrilling manoeuvres from the spacious decks.

Day 19 Passage through the Thousand Islands, Cruise on Lake Ontario. The passage through the Thousand Islands takes you through a labyrinthine archipelago. Every island is different: some with green forests, others with an English castle or colourful houses. We continue on to Lake Ontario where our journey comes to an end.

Day 20 Toronto to London. Disembark this morning and visit the Niagara Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world. Upon arrival, enjoy an orientation tour before taking a cruise aboard the Hornblower where we witness the breathtaking power and amazing mist of the magnificent

falls. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before transferring to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 21 London. Arrive this morning.

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8	Balcony cabin	7	£18075	£17575
9	Junior suite with balcony	6 & 7	£19925	£19425
10	Grand suite with veranda	6 & 7	N/A	N/A
2	Panoramic cabin for sole use	4 & 5	£17725	£17225

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Not Included: Travel insurance, ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation) for Canada, shore excursions (details will be available to pre-book three months before departure and payment will be made on board), dinner on day 1.

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