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# NORTHWEST PASSAGE

AN EXPEDITION IN THE WAKE  
OF LEGENDARY EXPLORERS ABOARD  
THE HANSEATIC SPIRIT

29<sup>TH</sup> JULY TO 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2028



NOBLE CALEDONIA



From the 16th century onwards, the quest for the Northwest Passage was an unrelenting obsession for many adventurers and explorers. Since 1576, when Frobisher made the first attempt, ship after ship searched for the fabled northern route to the Orient and it was three hundred years later that Roald Amundsen triumphantly succeeded in 1906. Now you can join the luxurious Hanseatic Spirit for this epic 29 night adventure and set sail to the Far North, well beyond the Arctic Circle, to this legendary, highly coveted maritime route.

In winter, this “roof of the world” is transformed into a majestic white desert; whilst in summer, for a few short weeks, the temperature rises enough for the ice to melt. Life reappears, nature is reborn, the mythical route is finally free and we can embark on a great adventure.

For thousands of years before Europeans set foot here, indigenous people survived and prospered under some of the harshest conditions on Earth. These cultures remain vital and resilient today, closely linked with the land and local wildlife and during this expedition, you will have the opportunity to interact with these fascinating people, the original experts on Arctic survival.

Only a select and small number of vessels have the attributes needed to make the journey through the Northwest Passage and we are delighted to be working with our associates at Hapag-Lloyd Cruises who have made some cabins available to us for this expedition aboard the Hanseatic Spirit. Purpose built for expedition cruising, the Hanseatic Spirit is perfect for navigating safely through this region with the highest ice class for passenger ships and an experienced expedition crew, and you will be able to enjoy an exceptionally up-close experience of the Arctic.

Expedition cruises such as this vary from a ‘usual’ cruise as the itinerary is less defined. Although we set sail with a structured itinerary, it is the unscheduled events that often become the highlight of the journey. Expect the unexpected is the principal rule of such a voyage and embark with a sense of adventure as the weather, ice floes and sea conditions will dictate the route. If you enjoy seeing and learning about the wonders of nature, be it birds, mammals, marine life or geology, an expedition cruise offers the perfect environment. The places visited and the order in which this is achieved will vary depending on wildlife sightings and diversions; such as observing a whale that may appear at any time.





## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Seattle, USA.** Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our airport hotel for an overnight stay.

**Day 2 Seattle to Seward.** After breakfast in the hotel return to the airport for our scheduled flight to Anchorage. On arrival transfer to the Hanseatic Spirit moored in Seward and embark. In 1906, Roald Amundsen navigated the entire Northwest Passage for the first time. Now we begin to tackle this pioneering feat ourselves as we sail this evening.

**Day 3 At Sea.** Spend the day at sea as we prepare for our epic voyage. Our lecture programme commences as we learn about the journey ahead.

**Days 4 to 6 Alaska Peninsula & Aleutian Islands.** We start our journey on the coast of the Alaska Peninsula. As you cruise off Kak Island, the cliffs teeming with birds will stir up your anticipation of what lies ahead. Chignik means "strong wind" in the Alutiiq language. Gain an insight into life in this small fishing town, which has around 80 residents, as we land and take a stroll. The volcanic island chain of the Aleutian Islands stretches into the Pacific like a great arc. During our time here we will visit Popof Island, where bison roam the land and bald eagles rule the skies. Your gaze will instinctively be drawn upwards when you hear their call above Unalaska Island. The settlers in Dutch Harbor looked to the heavens for different reasons, as can be seen from the oldest Russian Orthodox church in North America with its white towers topped with onion domes.

**Day 7 St Paul Island, Pribilof Islands.** Arrive today on St Paul Island, the largest of the five Pribilof Islands. A colony of northern fur seals might welcome you as you hike the island with the experts – a taste of the encounters that await with the diverse fauna of this remote region.

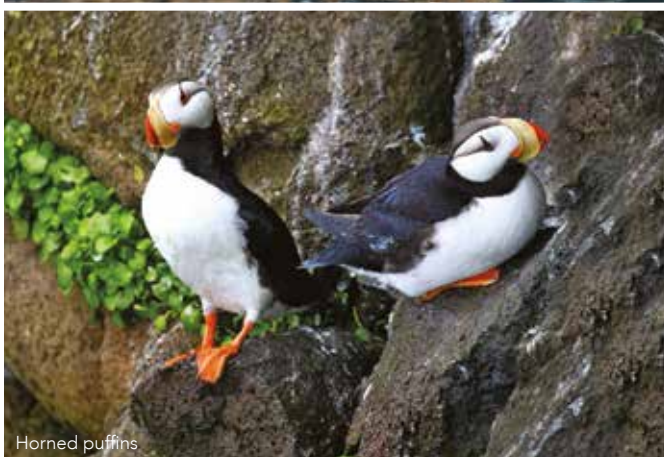
**Day 8 At Sea.** As the expedition continues through Bering Sea, keep a lookout for whales from the excellent vantage point offered by the many open deck spaces. Just like rich experiences have drawn you to this region, it was gold that was the magnet in Alaska in the early 1900s.

**Day 9 Nome.** Originally populated by the Inupiat people, the town of Nome grew in the late 19th century by the discovery of gold at Anvil Creek

in 1898. By the early 1900s the population had grown to over 20,000 and today we can see the town is still shaped by these bygone times, with disused steam trains, tracks and gold dredges.

**Days 10 to 12 Chukchi & Beaufort Seas, Canadian Arctic.** The excitement on board grows as the expedition continues through the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea and draws nearer to the lifelong dream and magnet for countless adventurers and explorers.

**Days 13 to 26 Northwest Passage from Beaufort Sea to Lancaster Sound.** For the next 14 days we will cruise through the Northwest Passage. The manoeuvrable Hanseatic Spirit is perfect for navigating safely through these regions and you will enjoy an exceptionally up-close experience of the fascinating Arctic. Although the route is carefully planned, the weather and ice often determine the actual course, with captain and the crew adjusting the details each day. During our passage we hope to visit Herschel Island, a frozen paradise located in the Beaufort Sea just two kilometres off the coast of the Yukon, within the Ivavik National Park. During a long mapping expedition in 1826, Sir John Franklin was the first European to lay eyes on these unique places and their inhabitants, the Inuvialuit, the Nordic cousins of the Inuit. It was during this trip that he named the island after one of his friends, John Herschel a brilliant British astronomer and scientist. With a little luck, rough-legged buzzards will herald your arrival and the timid Arctic fox might even make an appearance. Franklin Bay is enveloped by the history of Franklin the explorer and the phenomenon of the Smoking Hills. The smoky effect is caused by layers of rocks within the hills that contain pyrite and have ignited themselves. A Zodiac ride offers unique perspectives of this mystical spectacle. On Victoria Island, named after the British queen, you might have the chance to see mighty musk oxen or possibly polar bears. We can also receive insights into the way of life and history of the Inuit. For centuries, the area around Cambridge Bay was the summer meeting point for the "Copper Eskimo" families – named after their copper tools. The wreck of Roald Amundsen's research ship Maud bore silent witness to his bravery from its resting place in the ice here for around 90 years before being taken back to Norway in 2018. A great voice echoes on Jenny Lind Island, which owes its name to a Swedish opera singer from the 19th century lovingly known as the "nightingale". You may find yourself surprised by four-legged residents



Horned puffins

Sisimiut

such as Arctic hares, Arctic foxes and caribou. As the ship cruises in Victoria Strait, the dramatic scenery will reflect the moving history of this area. For a long time, the lost ships of the Franklin expedition, which tried and failed to find the Northwest Passage in 1845, were thought to be at the entrance to the strait. One of them, the Terror, was discovered in 2016 in Terror Bay, around 100 kilometres further south than expected. Find out about the fate and the unflinching courage of those who braved the forces of nature back then from the onboard experts. The ice conditions will determine whether the adventure continues by cruising in Peel Sound where Zodiac rides and landings are possible throughout the habitat of whales, seals and polar bears. Follow in the footsteps of past explorers on Beechey Island. A walk to the graves of members of the Franklin expedition will bring its historic significance to the fore. The world's largest uninhabited island, Devon Island, welcomes you with its vast wilderness. An abandoned station of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police reinforces the impression of remote silence. As the ship then sets sail from Lancaster Sound for Greenland, you will have completed the feat and are among the few people who can say they have conquered the Northwest Passage.

**Day 27 At sea.** Enjoy a relaxing day at sea as we cross to Greenland.

**Days 28 to 30 West Greenland.** The final chapter in your adventure takes us along the west coast of Greenland. Small, but perfectly formed, Uummanaq nestles at the foot of a spectacular heart-shaped mountain. The splendid Jakobshavn Glacier near Ilulissat is the "birthplace" of around 10% of Greenland's icebergs. Marvel at the glistening ice masses that gather here with a hike to the ice fjord. This is followed by an amazing natural spectacle: in the glittering splendour of, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where mighty icebergs drift majestically through the water – an event that you can watch unfold around you from the deck and in a Zodiac. Sisimiut, Greenland's second largest town and located 40 kilometres into the Arctic Circle provides an atmospheric end to the expedition, with its beautiful church and houses dotted across several hills.

**Day 31 Kangerlussuaq to London.** Disembark and join the specially chartered flight from Kangerlussuaq to Germany. Connect here with your onward scheduled flight to London and arrive this evening.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

### SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £1000 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Cat	Cabin Description	Deck	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
1	Outside cabin	4,5&6	£27795	£26795
2	Panoramic cabin	4&5	£28495	£27495
3	French balcony cabin	6	On Request	On Request
4	Balcony cabin	5	£32995	£31995
5	French balcony cabin	7	£32495	£31495
6	Balcony cabin	6&7	£33995	£32995
7	Balcony cabin	6	£35495	£34495
8	Balcony cabin	7	£36495	£35495
9	Junior suite with balcony	6&7	On Request	On Request
10	Grand suite with veranda	6&7	On Request	On Request
4	Balcony Cabin for sole use	5	£41995	£40995

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel from London to Seattle, Seattle to Seward & Germany to London • Specially chartered air travel between Kangerlussuaq and Germany • Overnight hotel accommodation in Seattle with breakfast • 29 nights aboard the Hanseatic Spirit on a full board basis • Selection of soft drinks on board • 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, USA Esta.

**NB.** Flight schedules are yet to be released at the time of going to print and the itinerary may change on their release. Details of the charter flight from Kangerlussuaq to Germany will be released approximately 6 months prior to departure. Itinerary subject to change based on weather and ice conditions.

**Please note** that the balance payment will be due 150 days before the date of departure. Please also note that between 149 and 70 days before the date of departure, cancellation charges shall be 40% of the total holiday price payable.

# HANSEATIC SPIRIT



Lido Restaurant



Panoramic Cabin



L'Esprit - Speciality Restaurant

Operated by our German associates, Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, the Hanseatic Spirit is a five-star expedition ship launched in 2021. With a maximum of just 230 passengers, this unique vessel offers plenty of open deck space including a walkway to the bow of the ship for wildlife sightings and incredible views. There is a qualified expedition team of naturalists on board 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 of which 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 metres 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. 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 are the two extendable glass balconies on the Sun Deck from which passing wildlife can be viewed on the ocean surfaces. The Ocean Academy houses a study wall, reading chairs and even microscopes to study the smallest wonders of the world. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the bridge whenever the local regulations and conditions allow, by prior arrangement with the officer on duty.



Pool Deck



French Balcony Cabin



Observation Lounge Bar

### 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 44-seat Speciality Restaurant where you will be taken on a culinary voyage of French fine dining. 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 Spirit. 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.

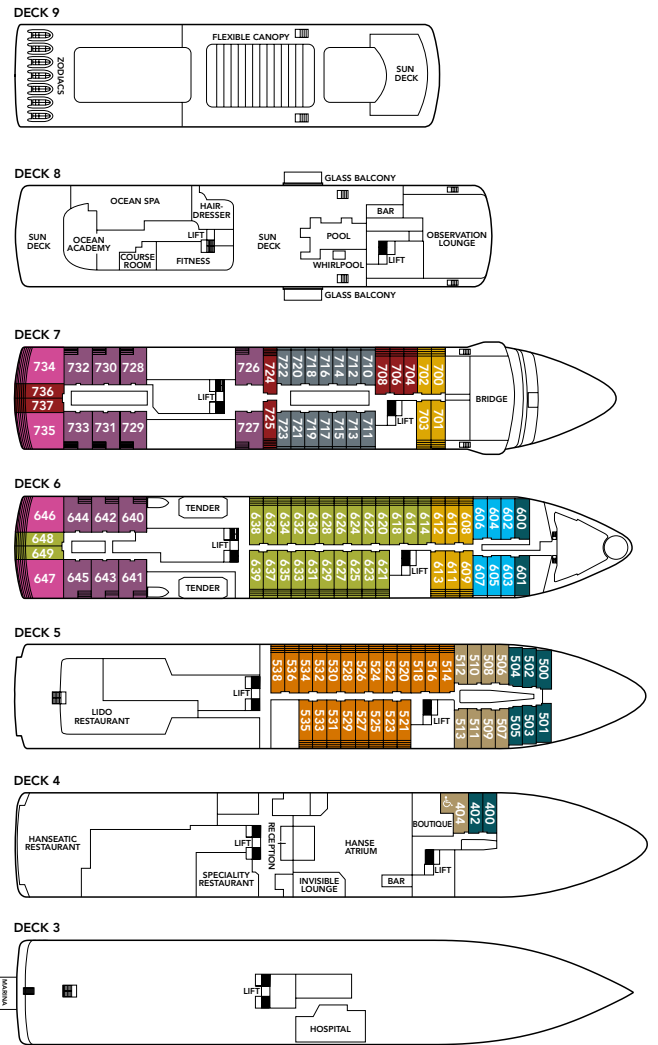
### For your Comfort, Safety & Security

During construction of the Hanseatic Spirit, the focus was 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 SPIRIT DECK PLAN



- CATEGORY 1
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- CATEGORY 9
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