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IN THE REALM OF THE POLAR BEAR

AN EXPEDITION EXPLORING
THE SVALBARD ARCHIPELAGO
ABOARD THE HANSEATIC INSPIRATION
14TH TO 26TH JUNE 2024



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Magdalena Fjord, Spitsberg Island



There are few places that measure up to Svalbard, where you can be assured that nature in its purest form will provide highlight after unexpected highlight. This remote and spectacular archipelago of immense glaciers, narrow fjords and abundant wildlife is a true Arctic wilderness and is home to species such as polar bears, walrus, seals and whales, all of which we have good chances of seeing during our expedition. During summer, when the sun never sets, the tundra experiences a warm awakening and ice-peppered fjords ring with the thunderous sound of glacial ice crashing into the sea. The flora and fauna take advantage of the short but extreme summer with blooming flowers and active wildlife.

Svalbard remains a relatively untouched archipelago of astounding beauty and many of the planned locations are pristine and rarely visited. During this expedition you will experience nature in its purest form and joining you on board will be a knowledgeable expedition team which includes naturalists and geologists, all of whom have a genuine passion for the Polar regions. Their expertise and professionalism will enhance your cruise in so many ways. The voyage is undertaken in the spirit of discovery; the pace is unhurried and the options are many, so the day-by-day itinerary shown is a thoughtfully considered framework based on the vessel's experience in this region.

We are offering this Arctic adventure in conjunction with our associates at Hapag-Lloyd Cruises and their five-star vessel, the Hanseatic Inspiration. The vessel's ice strengthened hull, shallow draft and superior manoeuvrability allow us to access the bays, fjords and pack ice, and the ship's fleet of Zodiac landing craft will enable us to explore even further, get close to wildlife and make landings for walks ashore. After a day of exploring you will return to the luxurious ship where you can be assured of superb service, excellent 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 or simply relax on board enjoying wonderful facilities.



Svalbard Reindeer



Walrus





Humpback whale



Ivory gull



Spitsbergen



Arctic flowers

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Germany. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to an airport hotel for an overnight stay. *Please note that the departure airport for the charter flight to Longyearbyen is still to be confirmed and our destination in Germany will be confirmed closer to departure.*

Day 2 Germany to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen. After breakfast in the hotel return to the airport for the specially chartered flight to Longyearbyen. On arrival transfer to the Hanseatic Inspiration and embark. Sail this evening.

Days 3 to 10 Svalbard Archipelago. We spend the next eight days exploring Svalbard. The route will be determined by nature and the flexible itinerary will be decided by the Captain and expedition leader based on the weather and ice. If the conditions allow we will forge a path through the fields of drifting ice in the Hinlopen Strait and attempt the circumnavigation. Alternatively, we will sail to the ice edge and then explore the west of the archipelago in greater depth. Shaped by mighty glaciers, deep fjords and unspoilt wilderness, the icy habitat of polar bears, Arctic foxes, whales and walrus will awaken true feelings of discovery. See the spectacular 14th July Glacier where the gleaming blue edge showcases its untameable natural power as huge chunks of ice break away from it and fall into the sea, thunderously interrupting the silence of the Arctic. Arctic flowers bloom on the nearby slopes, while kittiwakes and thick-billed murres nest on the cliff. Mountain peaks frame the Liefdefjord as the majestic, shimmering blue Monacobreen Glacier rises at its end. This is a birthplace of icebergs, which begin their journey through the Arctic Ocean from here and there is a good chance of spotting polar bears from the deck. If the conditions allow we venture forth into the waters of north-east Spitsbergen, where a sense of pure expedition prevails. If ice permits us to sail through the Hinlopen Strait we will explore the east coast of Spitsbergen. The captain and officers will constantly look for impressive scenes such as the cliffs of Alkefjellet: the “bird mountain” is inhabited by thousands of birds from numerous species, including thick-billed murres, kittiwakes, glaucous gulls, Arctic terns and eider ducks. The Zodiacs will take you ashore in Palanderbukta on the island of Nordaustlandet, which is largely covered in ice caps. With a little luck, you might spot reindeer, Arctic foxes, Svalbard poppies and purple saxifrage on a hike through the sparse tundra. Walrus herds like to lie on the flat ledges of rock in Torellneset, the mighty bulls are a formidable sight even from a respectful distance. However, the sight of surfacing whales beats all of this and if you are lucky, the world’s largest and heaviest creature – the blue whale – will make an appearance.

Day 11 At Sea. Enjoy a day at sea as we sail to Tromsø.

Day 12 Tromsø, Norway to Germany. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our specially chartered flight to Germany. On arrival make your way to the airport hotel for an overnight stay. *Please note that the arrival airport for the charter flight from Tromsø is still to be confirmed and our destination in Germany will be confirmed closer to departure.*

Day 13 Germany to London. After breakfast in the hotel we will return to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.



Arctic fox

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	£8995	£8495
2	Panoramic cabin	4 & 5	£9295	£8795
3	French balcony cabin	6	£9695	£9195
4	Balcony cabin	5	£10295	£9795
5	French balcony cabin	7	£9995	£9495
6	Balcony cabin	6 & 7	£10495	£9995
7	Balcony cabin	6	£10895	£10395
8	Balcony cabin	7	£11295	£10795
9	Junior suite with balcony	6 & 7	£12795	£12295
10	Grand suite with veranda	6 & 7	£16695	£16195
2	Panoramic cabin for sole use	4 & 5	£12695	£12195

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

Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB. Flight schedules are yet to be released at the time of going to print and the itinerary may change on their release. Itinerary subject to change based on weather and ice conditions.

HANSEATIC INSPIRATION



Lido Restaurant



Junior Suite



Nikkei Restaurant

Operated by our German associates, Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, the Hanseatic Inspiration is a 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 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. 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 are 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.



Main Restaurant



French Balcony Cabin



Observation Lounge

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

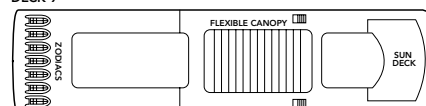
During construction of the Hanseatic Inspiration, the focus was on making her suitable for all ice conditions and she has been fitted with cutting-edge equipment and environmental technology. The vessel holds the highest ice class for a passenger ship – PC 6, and with a shallow draught, powerful engine 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. *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.*



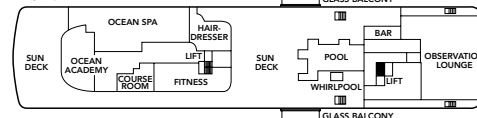
During this voyage you will be visiting out of the way destinations and will be accompanied by an expedition team. Landings and excursions will be made by Zodiac landing craft. This cruise will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.

HANSEATIC INSPIRATION DECK PLAN

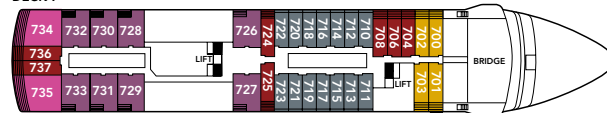
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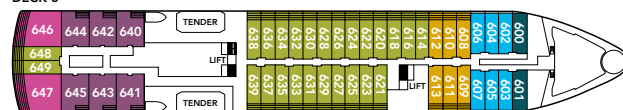
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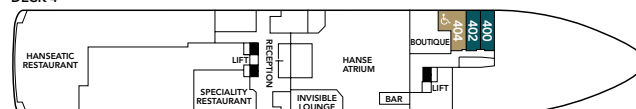
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