

## THREE ARCTIC ISLANDS

12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS ON BOARD

LONGYEARBYEN TO REYKJAVIK

**Experience the Diversity of the Arctic in Svalbard, Greenland, and Iceland.** Experience the vast wilderness and diversity of the Arctic on this thrilling voyage to three Arctic islands. We begin in the bustling city of Longyearbyen, from where we will explore the majestic high Arctic islands of Svalbard, home to a vast diversity of Arctic wildlife, from walrus and reindeer to puffins and polar bears. Marvel at the pioneering history of this archipelago, where scientists work hard to conserve this natural paradise.

From Svalbard we will sail towards East Greenland, visiting the fascinating and friendly settlement of Ittoqqortoormiit before heading into Scoresbysund – Earth’s largest fjord system. With vast glaciers, blooming tundra, and vast mountains rising straight out of the icy sea, Scoresbysund is undoubtedly one of the most spectacular locations anywhere in the Arctic. Crossing the Denmark Strait, we arrive in Reykjavik, the vibrant capital of Iceland, the ideal gateway to explore the land of ice and fire.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Begin your voyage with a spectacular sail-out from the vibrant Icelandic capital of Reykjavik
- Discover Inuit culture and heritage in Ittoqqortoormiit
- Explore the Northeast Greenland National Park – Earth’s largest protected land area
- Experience the majesty of the high Arctic in Svalbard
- Watch for wildlife including seabirds, whales and maybe even polar bears!

### EXPEDITION DATES ABOARD OCEAN ALBATROS

Board	Disembark
Jul 30, 2026	Aug 10, 2026
Jul 17, 2027	Jul 28, 2027
Jul 28, 2027	Aug 8, 2027

#### Day 1, All aboard in Longyearbyen!

Arrive in Longyearbyen, Svalbard—the northernmost town on Earth. Despite its remote Arctic location, Longyearbyen offers warm Nordic hospitality. Upon arrival, you’re greeted by crisp polar air, dramatic mountain views, and a polar bear warning sign reminding visitors of their wild new location. Your expedition ship Ocean Albatros awaits you in the



harbor; toast your departure from civilization as you sail into the Arctic wilderness, on course for adventure!

#### Day 2, Kongsfjorden Area

During the Arctic “night,” we sail past Prins Karls Forland to the stunning Kongsfjord, framed by glaciers and the dramatic Three Crowns mountains. The first stop is Ny-Ålesund, Earth’s northernmost settlement, known for its scientific stations and historic role as a base for legendary polar explorers like Amundsen and Nansen. This remote outpost continues to support vital research amid its breathtaking surroundings.

#### Days 3–5, Expedition Northwest Svalbard

Northwest Svalbard, a National Park since 1973, preserves a rich history of early Arctic exploration and whaling. First visited by William Barents in 1596, the area became a hub for Dutch and English whalers, whose haunting remnants, such as the blubber ovens and graves of young sailors at Smeerenburg, remain visible. Now heavily protected, the region has been reclaimed by nature, hosting Arctic flowers, seabirds, walrus, and polar bears, making it once again a pristine wilderness and haven for wildlife.

#### Days 6–7, At Sea, En Route to Greenland

Departing Svalbard, Ocean Albatros will sail on towards the coast of the largest island on Earth. The sea ice in East Greenland is some of the most persistent in the Arctic; even in midsummer, the coast can be icebound, creating the perfect habitat for ice-loving species such as polar bears and belugas. If we are lucky, we will catch a glimpse of this vast icy wilderness during our passage towards Scoresbysund.

#### Day 8, Ittoqqortoormiit

The only settlement in this region, Ittoqqortoormiit is among the most remote communities on Earth. While the establishment of the town by Danish authorities in 1925 was challenging, residents continue a subsistence hunting lifestyle, essential when supply ships arrive only once or twice per year. Ittoqqortoormiit is a town with a strong sense of community and traditional culture, hosting an excellent museum, a beautiful traditional church, and locals often welcome visitors wearing

colourful traditional costumes. Ittoqqortoormiit is the perfect introduction to the culture and lifestyle of Greenland.

#### **Day 9, Expedition Scoresbysund**

Venturing deep into the maze of fjords and islands that comprise Scoresbysund, it is easy to see why this region is spoken of with awe by even experienced explorers! The exact locations we visit in Scoresbysund will be dictated by Mother Nature – this far north, all human activity is subject to wind, sea, and ice conditions. Options include the Bjørne Islands, a labyrinth of skerries which trap vast icebergs in their rocky net, the sweeping basalt mountains of Cape Brewster, and the abandoned remains of European and Inuit settlements. Wherever we visit in the depths of Scoresbysund, adventure is guaranteed!

#### **Day 10, Blossville Coast**

The Ocean Albatros will sail south along Greenland's Blossville Coast, a rugged landscape shaped by volcanic activity around 50 million years ago. First

surveyed by explorer Ejnar Mikkelsen, this area has long been navigated by the Inuit. If conditions allow, we may land in this now-uninhabited region of breathtaking beauty.

#### **Day 11, At Sea, En Route to Reykjavik, Iceland**

During our time at sea approaching Reykjavik, relax and reflect on your thrilling Arctic adventure. Attend final lectures from the Expedition Team, relive your adventure at the voyage slideshow, and celebrate your voyage with new friends at the Captain's Farewell Cocktail Party.

#### **Day 12, Disembarkation in Reykjavik, Iceland**

As the Icelandic capital comes into view on the horizon, strange objects appear; trees larger than ankle height, glassy skyscrapers and streets full of cars, busses and people... Such a bustling capital may feel strange after the remote wilderness of Greenland! After a hearty breakfast, it is time to bid a fond farewell to the Crew and Expedition Team of Ocean Albatros, and descend the gangway back to dry land with memories of the voyage of a lifetime.

