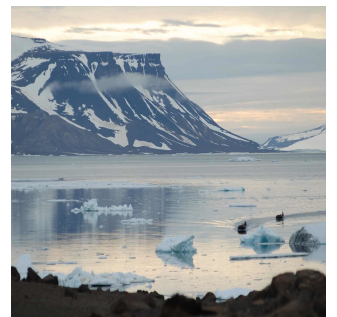
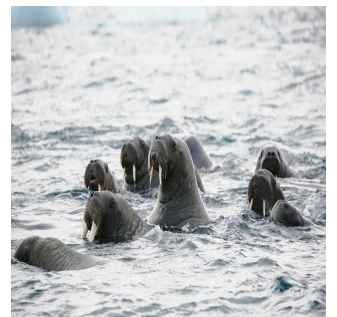
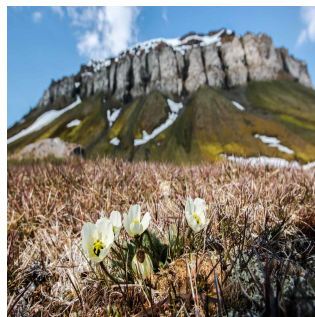




# Arctic for Explorers

Expedition to Franz Josef Land



Franz Josef land is one of the most remote and inaccessible regions of the Arctic. We invite you to travel in the footsteps of the great discoverers such as George Sedov, Fridtjof Nansen, Frederick Johansen and members of the "St. Anna" expedition. You will explore the islands of the archipelago, visit significant historical sites, as well as see polar bears, walruses and whales.

# Experiences you'll have

## Cruise to Franz Josef Land

This extraordinary expedition to Franz Josef Land is as unique and authentic as the place itself. Starting in Longyearbyen in the Norwegian territory of Svalbard, you will cross the icy, wildlife-rich Barents Sea to the Russian High Arctic. In Franz Josef Land you will discover unparalleled landscapes, wildlife, and history in one of the wildest and most remote corners of the Arctic during boat trips by Zodiacs.

Back in Svalbard you have the opportunity to explore beautiful fjords and islands on the northwestern coast of Spitsbergen. Here you will seek the full range of Arctic wildlife in one of the world's most impressive polar desert environments.

The cost of the cruise depends on the booking date and type of selected cabin. Look for details in the Accommodation section.

### Additional options:

**Photography workshops.** A professional photographer will participate in the cruise. He will share his skills with you. Franz Josef Land is perfect for taking unique photos: flourishing tundra, polar desert, birds colonies and glaciers.

**Polar kayaking.** Blazing glaciers, beautiful landscapes, whales, seals and walruses — sea kayaking is a great chance to explore the amazing place in the north. If you are interested in this activity, please let us know — it is necessary to book them in advance.

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Difficulty



Group size

to 114

Duration

14 days

### Accommodation at the trip



1 nights

12 nights

Языки



guide

from 9 626 EUR

## Itinerary

The journey begins in the city of Longyearbyen, where you should travel to on your own. We are ready to help with the purchase of tickets, if necessary, leave a comment to the application.

*Here is a general plan of the expedition, the route may vary depending on the weather and ice conditions.*



### Day 1

#### Welcome to Longyearbyen, the Arctic adventure capital of

the Norwegian territory of Svalbard and starting point of our expedition. After arriving to the airport, you will be met and taken to the hotel. Then you are free to explore this small but fascinating settlement. Be sure to see the excellent Svalbard Museum and enjoy the shops, cafes and restaurants in the town center.

### Day 2

#### In the afternoon we welcome you aboard the expedition

ship. Explore the ship and get comfortable in your home-away-from-home for the extraordinary adventure to come. The scenery as we sail through Isfjorden on our first evening is spectacular and there is already the possibility of marine mammal encounters.

### Day 3

#### From Isfjorden we proceed straight to Franz Josef Land

across the Barents Sea. Presentations and workshops by our expert staff prepare us for what lies ahead.

#### In these far northern latitudes, it is possible to encounter

sea ice even in summer. Along the way, you will remain vigilant for sightings of ice-dependent marine mammals such as the elusive bowhead whale, various Arctic seal species, and the majestic polar bear.

### Day 4

#### You will spend these days exploring the Franz Josef Land.

Our route and exploration opportunities in Franz Josef Land are heavily dependent on weather and sea ice. Our experienced captain and expedition leader decide our best route and



continually adjust plans as opportunities warrant in this wild and remote corner of the Arctic.

### **Between obligatory initial and final calls at the Russian**

polar station Nagurskoye in Cambridge Bay we are free to explore the many waterways and islands of this unique Arctic wilderness.

### **The archipelago, part of the Russian Arctic National Park**

since 2012, is a nature sanctuary. Polar bears and other quintessential High Arctic wildlife—such as walruses and some rare whale species—can be spotted anytime, anywhere in and around Franz Josef Land. Scree slopes and cliffs around the islands host enormous nesting colonies of seabirds such as guillemots, dovekies, and kittiwakes. You will take advantage of the 24-hour daylight to exploit every opportunity for wildlife viewing.

### **Franz Josef Land is dominated by glaciation, which covers**

85% of the archipelago. Immense tidewater glaciers and glittering icebergs provide a stunning backdrop to our voyage. Franz Josef Land is also home to some interesting geological features, such as the mysterious stone spheres on Champ Island. Collectors of geographical extremes may take note that Cape Fligely on Rudolf Island is the northernmost point of land in the Eastern Hemisphere.

### **Franz Josef Land also offers visitors the opportunity to**

walk in the footsteps of famous polar explorers at well-preserved historical sites. The journals of explorers such as Julius von Payer, Benjamin Leigh Smith, Frederick George Jackson, and Fridtjof Nansen come alive at Cape Norway, Cape Flora, Eira Harbour, and Cape Tegetthoff. Memorials, monuments, crosses and the remains of dwellings are testimony to incredible historical events that are further illuminated by our expert lecturers.

### **Tikhaya Bukhta is currently a Russian Arctic National Park**

ranger station occupying Soviet-era research buildings and was also a major base for polar expeditions. Nearby the fascinating columnar basalt cliffs of Rubini Rock are home to thousands of nesting seabirds.

#### **Day 5**

### **These fays you will cross back through the bountiful**

waters of the Barents Sea and then along the coastal islands of the Svalbard Archipelago. From panoramic open decks you can enjoy Arctic landscapes and wildlife sightings. Bountiful inshore and offshore waters are home to walrus and a wide variety of whales.

### **The crossing also gives our expedition team the**

opportunity to offer a final presentation. Weather and timing permit, you will launch the Zodiacs boats to have a closer look at wildlife as we head back to Longyearbyen.

#### **Day 6**

### **In the morning the ship will reach Longyearbyen. You will**

have breakfast and then will disembark. After that, you will be taken to the airport or to the town center if you plan to spend more time here.

## **Accomodation at the trip**

You will travel on the "**Sea Spirit**" expedition ship. Being small and manoeuvrable, it allows you to explore the most remote regions in the most

comfortable conditions. There are a restaurant, a bar, an open bistro, a club lounge, a library, a presentation room and a fitness center on board. The captain's bridge is also open to the public.

**The cost of the cruise depends on the booking date and on the selected type of cabin. The first price is available if the booking is made before June 30, 2021. In brackets is the price if the booking is made after the 30th of June 2021:**

accommodation in Triple Classic cabin — 9626 USD (10 695)  
accommodation in Standard cabin — 13 226 USD (14 695)  
accommodation in Classic Suite — 14 2266 USD (15 695)  
accommodation in Superior Suite — 13 596 USD (15 995)  
accommodation in Deluxe Suite — 15 296 USD (17 995)  
accommodation in Premium Suite — 16 741 USD (19 695)  
accommodation in Owners Suite — 21 501 USD (25 295)

The price is per person. Payment is made in rubles at the exchange rate of the Central Bank +2%.

Description of the cabins at "**Sea Spirit**" expedition ship:

#### **Triple Classic cabin**

Averaging 21 square metres/226 square feet, these staterooms have two twins and a comfortable sofa bed. The twins also convert to a King, if desired. Located on Oceanus Deck, these suites have a picture window, two wardrobes and en suite facilities. Amenities include: in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.

#### **Standard cabin**

Averaging 23 square metres/248 square feet, Main Deck cabins are equipped with either two twins or a King Size bed. They are located on the Main Deck with a minimum of two portholes for exterior views. Amenities include: en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD individual temperature control and hair dryer.

#### **Classic Suite**

Averaging 21 square metres/226 square feet, these cabins are located on the Oceanus Deck. They feature a picture window, two wardrobes and a choice of either two twin beds or a King Size bed. Amenities include: en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control and hair dryer.

#### **Superior Suite**

Superior Suites are located on the Club Deck. Averaging 20 square metres/ 215 square feet, these cabins feature two twin beds or a King Size bed. The picture window overlooks an outside walkway on the Club Deck. Amenities include: en suite facilities, walk-in closet or wardrobe, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, hair dryer.

#### **Deluxe Suite**

The Deluxe Suites with balconies are located on the Sports Deck. Averaging 24 square metres/ 258 square feet means plenty of room. Choose from either two twin beds or a King Size bed. A sliding glass door leads to a private balcony. These suites feature a walk-in closet or wardrobe. Amenities include en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and a hair dryer.

#### **Premium Suite**

The Premium Suites are located on the Sun Deck. Averaging a generous 30 square metres/ 323 square feet, with two twin beds or a King Size bed. Access the private balcony by a sliding glass door. Amenities include: en suite facilities, lounge area, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.

#### **Owner's Suite**

Super-spacious (43 square metres/ 463 square feet) elegant suite on the Sun Deck. Designed forentertaining, the Owner's Suite has a separate living room with game and meeting area. A BOSE stereo system provides background music, or watch videos on the HD plasma TV. Sliding glass doors lead to a

private deck. Refresh in the jetted bathtub in en suite facilities. Slumber in the King Size bed. A sofa bed can accommodate a third person.

The first night of the journey (the day before boarding the ship) you will spend in "**Radisson Blu Polar**" hotel in the village of Longyearbyen. You will be accommodated in standard double or twin rooms with a TV, a refrigerator, a minibar and a working area. The hotel offers a terrace with outdoor hot tubs, and "Nansen" restaurant with panoramic fjord views.

## FAQ

### Are any changes in the program possible

The schedule of the program depends on ice and weather conditions. Time and duration of excursions is decided by the captain and expedition team.

Under favourable conditions you will explore Franz Josef Land as much as possible. 24-hours polar day gives a lot of opportunities for being flexible with the program. Meeting animals is not guaranteed.

### Who will be the guide

You will be guided by expedition leaders — experts of the region. They will tell you about nature of Spitzbergen and Franz Josef Land. You will learn history of Arctic discovery and will get acquainted with explorers and scientists.

### Meals onboard

You will have a full board onboard. There is a restaurant with an exquisite cuisine. There are French and Italian wines, whiskey, gin and rum in a bar. In a 24-hours Club salon there is a coffee station with tea, coffee and fresh bakery. In a bistro on an open deck you can get soups, pasta, salads and desserts. Welcome and Farewell Cocktails are waiting for you.

### Can children participate

You can travel with your children. The cost of the cruise for children aged 6-11 years old will be 3500 USD per person (accommodation in a double cabin on an additional place).

## Booking

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Difficulty   
Group size to 114  
Duration 14 days

Accommodation at the trip



1 nights 12 nights

from 9 626 EUR

#### What's included in the price:

- shipboard accommodation in a cabin of chosen type
- 1 pre-voyage hotel accommodation with breakfast
- group transfers from the airport to the hotel at day1, and to the ship on the day of embarkation and disembarkation

#### Extra charge:

- flight to/from Longyearbyen
- visa and passport fees (for this trip Russian visa is required. See your country's Russian consulate or embassy for details)
- luggage and trip cancellation insurance
- personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges



— all meals on board throughout the voyage, tea and coffee station 24 hours daily, welcome and farewell cocktails

— all scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions)

— leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team

— all port fees

— branded jacket and rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise

— lectures, videos, slideshows and presentations by expedition Team

— informational materials (provided prior to travel), digital voyage log

— kayaking (+655 USD per person), optional

— health insurance including evacuation and repatriation (coverage not less than 200 000 USD)

— staff gratuities (optional)



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