

HIGHLIGHTS OF SVALBARD

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS ON BOARD

LONGYEARBYEN TO LONGYEARBYEN

Experience the Highlights of the High Arctic Paradise of Svalbard on This Thrilling Time-Efficient Voyage. Join us aboard the Ocean Albatros on an unforgettable Arctic expedition through Svalbard's breathtaking wilderness, cruising among whales, walrus, polar bears, and millions of seabirds. This ice-class vessel is specially built to navigate the polar pack ice, allowing exploration of remote and pristine environments. Experience the high summer in the Arctic, when reindeer and Arctic foxes prepare for winter and seabird cliffs teem with life. This expedition aims to sail as close as possible to the northern pack ice, the favoured summer habitat of polar bears, while also visiting accessible locations along Svalbard's west coast kept navigable by the warm Gulf Stream. From wildlife hotspots to eerie historical sites, glittering icebergs to breathtaking glaciers, this voyage offers a true immersion into nature's high-Arctic paradise, blending staggering scenery, wildlife-watching, and historical discovery.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sail aboard one of the world's only ice-class expedition ships built to meet the North Pole pack ice.
- Former Whaling Station At Smeerenburg And Ytre Norskøya
- Amazing Birdlife At Alkefjellet, Polar Desert Landscape At Torrelnesset
- Liefde Fjord With Monaco Glacier And Texas Bar
- Ny Ålesund And Ny London

EXPEDITION DATES ABOARD OCEAN ALBATROS

Board	Disembark
Jun 12, 2026	Jun 18, 2026
Jun 18, 2026	Jun 24, 2026

Day 1, All aboard in Longyearbyen!

Begin your journey in Norway and 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 harbour; toast your departure from civilization as you sail into the Arctic wilderness, on course for adventure!

Day 2, 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. Their haunting remnants, such as the blubber ovens and graves of young sailors at sites such as Smeerenburg, remain visible. Now heavily protected, the region has been reclaimed by nature, rich in Arctic flowers, seabirds, walrus, and polar bears, making it once again a pristine wilderness and haven for wildlife.

Day 3, North Svalbard

Next, we strive for some of the northernmost pieces of land on Earth – stark landscapes almost permanently beset by ice. With luck, we may reach the polar desert island of Nordaustlandet, or the smaller islands of Sjuøyane in the far north of Svalbard. The almost vegetation-free, rocky islands are located around 1000 km further north than mainland Norway's famous Nordkapp. Weather permitting, we will land and walk upon these most northern landmasses. These high Arctic islands are quite barren, and only moss, hardy tundra plants and lichens cover the stones. The birdlife is rich in this area, with flocks of grazing geese and nesting terns and skuas – keep your binoculars handy! At the end of the day, we will start cruising towards the Arctic ice pack which stretches from Svalbard to the North Pole and beyond.

Days 4, Into the Ice

The Arctic ice pack north of Svalbard is a vast, ever-changing wilderness stretching to the North Pole and beyond to Alaska and Siberia, forming one of

Earth's largest and most dynamic habitats. Though it appears empty at first, this icy realm conceals abundant wildlife—from tiny cod-like fish to seabirds and seals, belugas, bowhead whales, and the elusive polar bear, the region's apex predator. Ocean Albatros can navigate these narrow ice channels, offering a rare glimpse into this mysterious, shifting environment where nature's secrets unfold with patience and careful observation.

Day 5, Kongsfjorden area

During the Arctic "night," we sail into the stunning Kongsfjord, a vast fjord system framed by glaciers and the dramatic Three Crowns mountains. Here we will visit Ny-Ålesund, Earth's northernmost settlement, known for its scientific stations and historic role as a base

for legendary polar explorers such as Amundsen and Nansen. This remote outpost continues to support vital research amid its breathtaking surroundings, blending the frontiers of science and exploration.

Day 6, Longyearbyen disembarkation

On the final morning of our expedition, we arrive back in Longyearbyen. Even this small town will feel like a metropolis after days of isolation in the wilderness of the Arctic!

After exploring Longyearbyen and bidding a fond farewell to the crew and fellow Arctic explorers, return to Svalbard Airport and join your flight back to the Norwegian mainland- with memories to last a lifetime.

