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POLAR EXPEDITION CRUISES



DISCOVER YOUR NEXT FAVORITE PLACE



All roads lead north for the nuclear-powered icebreaker 50 Let Pobedy



DEAR ADVENTURE TRAVELER,

I'm thrilled to announce our 2017-18 collection of extraordinary expedition voyages to the Polar Regions. It's going to be a great season. I'm excited to be returning to some of my favorite places: Iceland, Norway, Svalbard, Franz Josef Land, Greenland, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and of course the North Pole and the Antarctic Peninsula. Even thinking about these amazing places, I feel the buoyant sense of joyful excitement that I felt on my first voyage to the ice many years ago, and on every voyage since.

Like nowhere else on Earth, the Polar Regions evoke feelings of exhilaration and tranquility — a euphoria of the spirit that happens when we are reconnected with truly wild places. Be it in the majesty of a polar bear's walk, the brilliance of Greenland's aurora, or the immensity of Antarctica's icescapes, the Polar Regions are proof that Nature has wonders yet to reveal to those who seek them earnestly. By exploring these magical places in an in-depth way, as we do, you will be enriched by the peace and equanimity they inspire — not only in the many sublime moments of your voyage, but for as long as you live.

The essence of the Polar Regions exists in all of our 2017-18 destinations. In each of these very special places you will also find many unique and unexpected qualities. For this catalog I asked members of our seasoned expedition team to write a few words about what makes their favorite Polar destinations so special to them. I invite you to follow your dreams through these pages to a voyage of your heart's choosing. I'm confident you will discover your next favorite place in the Polar Regions with us.

Nikolay Savelyev
Founder

POSEIDON
EXPEDITIONS

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WE CARE

The most effective way to encourage conservation of wild places is to take people there and to promote understanding, appreciation, and respect for those places. In so doing, passionate concern by visitors translates into action back home.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

We further believe that scientific research is necessary to give direction to this passion. Therefore, on our expeditions, we encourage participation by scientists engaged in such research, offering them a platform from which they can conduct their important work.

SEA ICE DATA PROJECT

In the summer of 2015 we went even further. During cruises to the North Pole, our staff members Alex Cowan and Lauren Farmer conducted an ambitious sea ice data collection project on board the icebreaker 50 Let Pobedy. They amassed valuable information about the coverage, thickness, and degree of melt of the ice they encountered. They even took salinity and depth profiles of melt ponds at the Pole itself. Passengers were thrilled to help collect these data, which were shared with the scientific community.

By experiencing firsthand the beauty of the Polar Regions, the passion of our staff, and the work of dedicated scientists, our guests are encouraged to join us in our commitment to protect these wild and wonderful places.



Argentine research station Almirante Brown at Paradise Bay, Antarctica

POSEIDON IN HISTORY



The successful completion of this unprecedented voyage by **POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS'** Sea Spirit marked the first occasion in history that a non-Russian, foreign-flagged vessel was permitted to cruise into the territorial waters of Franz Josef Land from Svalbard without first calling at a mainland Russian port. The direct route is considerably shorter and, as it turns out, much more interesting.

The expedition encountered significant natural obstacles, such as heavy concentrations of sea ice, which Sea Spirit was able to overcome admirably. But the real obstacle here was the bureaucratic legacy of an area long considered off-limits to outsiders. With this historic accomplishment, **POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS** demonstrated yet again that it has what it takes to be an enduring leader in the arena of expedition cruising.

MORE OF POSEIDON'S NOTABLE MILESTONES:

- 2003** First-ever expedition cruises to Franz Josef Land Russian Arctic archipelago aboard the icebreaker Kapitan Dranitsyn.
- 2004** Inaugural Northeast Passage expedition cruise via the North Pole.
- 2005** Inaugural "Pearls of the Russian Arctic" expedition cruise including Novaya Zemlya and Severnaya Zemlya archipelagos.
- 2013** Poseidon's passengers aboard the icebreaker 50 Let Pobedy mark the 100th attainment of the North Pole in the history of icebreaker navigation.

AECO News Bulletin:
July 15th, 2015

"LAST WEEK HISTORY WAS MADE
AS **POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS** SUCCESSFULLY
CARRIED OUT THE FIRST EVER DIRECT CROSSING
BETWEEN SVALBARD AND FRANZ JOSEF LAND."



EXPEDITION TEAM

Meet our world-class team of skilled leaders, professional naturalists, historians, adventure guides, and celebrated explorers. They come from all over the world to elucidate your daily discoveries, to elevate your experience, and to enrich your expedition with unique insights and personal perspectives.



North Pole expedition staff standing proudly at the top of the world

TEAM



DR. ANNETTE BOMBOSCH

Marine Biologist

Annette became hooked on the Polar Regions during a postgraduate trip to Antarctica, where she camped at the base of Mount Erebus. Afterward, Annette earned a Ph.D. at the German Polar Research Institute where she studied Antarctic whales and participated in research expeditions to the Southern Ocean. Annette is now thrilled to share her knowledge and passion for marine mammals in the Polar Regions.



DR. DMITRI BANIN

Ornithologist

Dmitri holds a Ph.D. in Zoology and has conducted research all over the world. As former Head of the Department of Science for the USSR Ministry of Natural Resources, Dmitri established and developed research programs for all natural reserves of the former Soviet Union. Dmitri's long and distinguished career has been dedicated to research and conservation of the world's most threatened species and ecosystems.



JAN BRYDE

Expedition Leader

Jan has been working as expedition leader or cruise director since 1994 on tourist vessels all over the world. During this time he has traveled to over 120 countries. He has made more than 60 voyages to Antarctica, including a semi-circumnavigation from New Zealand to the Antarctic Peninsula via the Ross Sea. He has also led more than 30 voyages to the Arctic regions, including Svalbard, Greenland, the Russian Far East, and more than a dozen cruises to the geographic North Pole. A dynamic and charismatic speaker, Jan infuses passion and excitement into every expedition he leads. Jan speaks German, English, Spanish and French.



BORIS SOLOVEV

Bio-geographer

Boris received a M.Sc. in Geography at Moscow State University, where he specialized in biodiversity and biomonitoring of oceanic ecosystems. Since then he has conducted marine surveys throughout the Russian Arctic and has completed a Ph.D. thesis on beluga whales in the Russian Far East. Boris now works for WWF Russia as a coordinator of the Russian Arctic Marine Protected Areas planning project.



SASKIA TRAVER

Assistant Expedition Leader

Saskia was born on Reunion Island, off the coast of Madagascar, and grew up surrounded by sea and mountains. Her lifelong career in tourism and her passion for travel have taken her around the world. Full of contagious energy and enthusiasm, Saskia now puts her organizational skills and travel experience to excellent use on cruises to the North Pole and Antarctica.

**RAINER ULRICH**

Artist in Residence

Rainer developed his passion for painting Polar landscapes on expeditions to the Northeast Passage, Greenland, and the North Pole. His love of painting has also taken him across the Sahara, up the Amazon, over Portugal in a balloon, and through Scandinavia on a sailboat. His books are insider bestsellers in the expedition industry.

**DR. SUSAN CURRIE**

Geologist

Susan holds a Ph.D. from Cambridge University and worked as a professional geologist for more than 25 years. During the past ten years she has been a lecturer on cruise ships to Antarctica, Alaska, Greenland, the North Pole, the South Pacific, and Australasia. Her geological interests include ice, plate tectonics, energy resources, and climate change. Susan is also an accredited Taoist Tai Chi instructor.

**ANJA ERDMANN**

Expedition Leader

Anja has spent much of the past 15 years working in the Polar Regions, primarily as expedition leader on cruise ships. Her favorite part of the world is Greenland, where she started her career in tourism as an intern in Ilulissat. Since then she has developed similarly strong passions for other wild and remote places such as Iceland, the coast of Norway, the Faroe Islands, Svalbard, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and of course Antarctica. Anja is renowned for her knowledge of natural and cultural history, her enthusiastic and engaging lectures, and her steadfast commitment to safety. Anja speaks German, English, Danish and Norwegian.

**IDA OLSSON**

Kayak Master

Ida has been working as a professional wilderness guide for over ten years. Her career in the high latitudes has been focused primarily on adventure sports such as white-water rafting, trekking, and sea kayaking, in which she is certified. Gumptious, conscientious, and always enthusiastic, Ida leaves a lasting impression on Sea Kayak Club participants.

**FELICITY ASTON**

Polar Adventurer

Felicity has spent more than 15 years traveling in the Polar Regions. In 2012 she became the first woman to ski across the Antarctic continent alone. Most recently she drove over 35,000 km to the southern "Pole of Cold", the coldest inhabited place on the planet. Felicity has written several books about her expeditions. She is a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and of The Explorers Club.

**DMITRY KISELEV**

Polar Historian

Dmitry studied Chinese language and culture at the Far Eastern University in Vladivostok and is a sinologist by profession. Dmitry is also a well-known travel writer and Polar historian. From his home in remote Kamchatka he embarked on a journey of world discovery at a young age and has not stopped since.

**MARTA DUCH**

Assistant Expedition Leader

Marta has been going to sea since the age of eight. She was part of the 2004 Spanish Olympic sailing team in Athens. Her relationship with the Polar Regions began in 2011 in Greenland, where she worked as a Zodiac driver and tour coordinator. In 2013 she joined the Pakea Bizkaia sailing expedition across the Drake Passage to Antarctica.

**JONATHAN ZACCARIA**

Expedition Leader

Jonathan had his first experience in Antarctica at the age of 24 as a research engineer at the French Dumont d'Urville station, making atmospheric measurements alongside emperor penguins at the windiest spot on Earth. Later, Jonathan spent a winter as radio and instrument technician at Concordia station high on the Antarctic plateau, the coldest area on the planet. Since then Jonathan has been working on cruise ships to the Polar Regions as logistician, Zodiac driver, photographer, and expedition leader. Jonathan is known for his superb organizational skills and chivalrous leadership style. Jonathan speaks French, English, German, and Spanish.

**ANTHONY SMITH**

Photographer

Anthony studied Zoology at Cambridge University, after which he started a successful career as an artist. Specializing in wildlife photography and sculpting, his photographic works appear in publications by National Geographic and BBC Wildlife. In 2015 he was the winner of a BBC Wildlife Photography Grant. His bronze sculptures can be found at the Natural History Museum of London and the Amsterdam Royal Zoo.

**JOHNNY BENCA**

Musician

Johnny has spent most of his life playing music in bands and on cruise ships. In addition to singing the classics, he plays piano, keyboard, guitar, and saxophone. Over the years he has lent his talents to orchestras, big band acts, and dancing shows. Today he is an enthusiastic and entertaining "one man band".

T H E A R C T I C

Discover an ocean of ice surrounded by surprising islands forged into surreal landscapes, home to a unique ecosystem on the edge of change. The Arctic is the precious and imperiled crown atop our fragile planet.

**“IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BEAR,
ALL I COULD HEAR WAS THE CRUNCH
OF SNOW UNDER HIS ENORMOUS
FEET AND THE POUNDING OF MY
HEART — THE SOUNDS OF MY ARCTIC
DREAM COMING TRUE.,,”**

Riccardo, Italy



GREENLAND

Immerse yourself in a world where transcendent landscapes and mesmerizing aurora instill a sense of serene excitement and a feeling of awe both humbling and exalting. Greenland calls upon something essential in all of us.



Anja Erdmann
Expedition Leader

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I first went to Greenland many years ago. Every time I return, it's a homecoming for my heart. When I'm away, my thoughts flow like the tide toward its shores. I have simply to close my eyes and I can see it clearly.

I see a vast primeval landscape untarnished by our modern age. I see snowcapped mountains banded with tan and ocher, the bones of the earth laid bare by Pleistocene glaciers. I see prehistoric musk oxen grazing on diminutive forests underfoot, recalling a bygone age of adagio natural rhythms.

I see crystalline outlines of icebergs reflected in cobalt blue waters. I see sunshine from a clear sky sending long shadows pivoting across magnificent fjords and pristine valleys where Inuit friends try to combine ancient traditions of hunting and gathering with modern life.

I see the white flash of an Arctic hare across calico tundra, foretelling the coming of winter. Finally, after a crimson sunset, I see aurora borealis dancing delicately and deliberately across the ethereal stage of the firmament.

This is the Greenland of my dreams, yet never will I find a place more real.

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Map is not to scale

Nature

- Icebergs
- Fjords
- Rock
- Northern lights

Fauna

- Whale
- Polar bear
- Musk oxen
- Seal
- Walrus
- Arctic fox
- Arctic hare
- Arctic birds

Culture

- Inuit
- Settlement
- Hunters' hut
- Church
- Museum
- Historical remains
- Post office

Legend

- Capital
- City
- Nature landing
- Highland

SOUTH AND WEST GREENLAND AND DISKO BAY/HOME OF VIKINGS AND ICEBERGS

- 01 Panorama of Ilulissat
- 02 Kayaking in Disko Bay
- 03 North Atlantic right whale
- 04 Hvalsey Church ruins, Qaqortoq

DISCOVER:

- Fascinating historical remains of Norse Viking colonization
- Greenlandic Inuit culture and traditions first hand
- Geothermal hot springs surrounded by mountain peaks and drifting icebergs
- Twenty million tons of icebergs produced daily in Ilulissat's world-famous Icefjord
- Humpback, fin, and minke whales during their own summer holidays in West Greenland

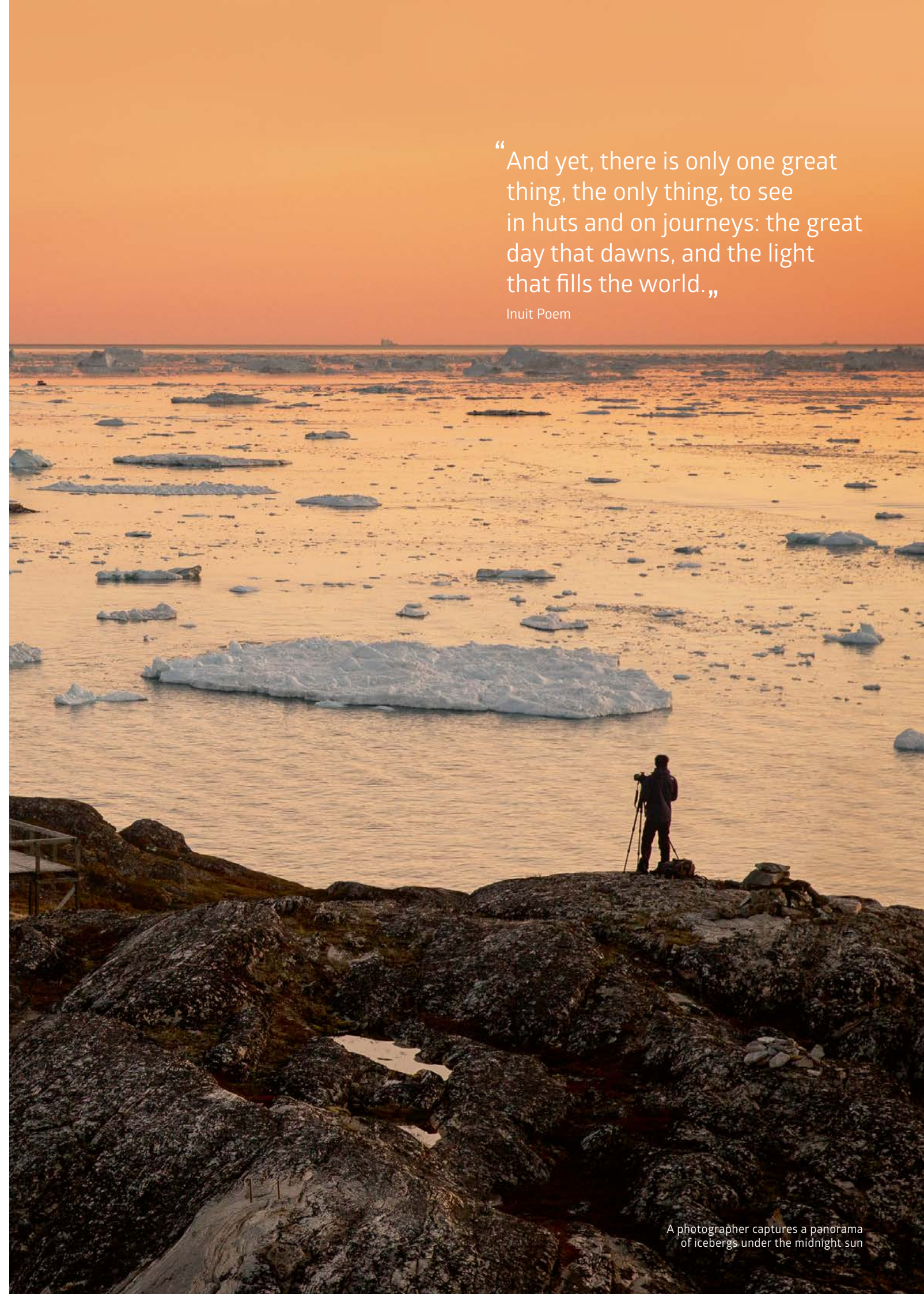


16 DAYS	FROM \$6,995
DEPARTURES 2017: May 22 — Jun 06	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: Kayaking Photography



“And yet, there is only one great thing, the only thing, to see in huts and on journeys: the great day that dawns, and the light that fills the world.”

Inuit Poem



A photographer captures a panorama of icebergs under the midnight sun

SVALBARD – EAST GREENLAND – ICELAND/ THE COMPLETE ARCTIC

- 01 Selfie in Svalbard
- 02 Atlantic puffins in Iceland
- 03 Inuit girls with puppies
- 04 Greenlandic icebergs

DISCOVER:

- Svalbard's legendary wealth of marine mammals and Arctic birdlife
- Northeast Greenland National Park—the largest national park in the world
- Towering mountains riven by immense glaciers in the labyrinthine fjord system of Scoresby Sund
- Enormous icebergs paled by the ethereal spectacle of Northern Lights emblazoned across the night sky
- Modern Inuit culture in the contemporary village of Ittoqqortoormiit



15 DAYS	FROM \$7,495
DEPARTURES 2017: Aug 28 — Sep 11	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: <div> Kayaking </div> <div> Photography </div>

“The sight filled the northern sky; the immensity of it was scarcely conceivable. As if from Heaven itself, great curtains of delicate light hung and trembled.”

Philip Pullman



EAST GREENLAND/ ARCTIC SIGHTS AND NORTHERN LIGHTS

- 01 Northern Lights
- 02 Brave Polar plunger
- 03 Musk oxen
- 04 Ittoqqortoormiit
- 05 Greenlandic dogs

DISCOVER:

- Stunning mountain scenery, calving tide-water glaciers, and cathedral-like icebergs in Scoresby Sund—one of the world's largest and most beautiful fjord systems
- Herds of prehistoric musk oxen grazing in a timeless tundra landscape
- Ancient Thule settlement sites, historical huts, and a modern Inuit village
- The right season and perfect setting to experience spectacular Northern Lights displays



13 DAYS	FROM \$6,495
DEPARTURES 2017: Sep 10 — Sep 22	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: Kayaking Photography



“The wealth of biological detail on the tundra dispels any feeling that the land is empty; and its likeness to a stage suggests impending events.”

Barry Lopez

Arctic tundra is awash with color as summer wanes in East Greenland

COAST OF NORWAY

Go beyond the well-trodden tourist track and savor an experience for all the senses. A perfect balance of wild nature, rich cultural heritage, and arcadian lifestyle make the coast of Norway much more than a scenic coastline.



Anthony Smith
Expedition Photographer

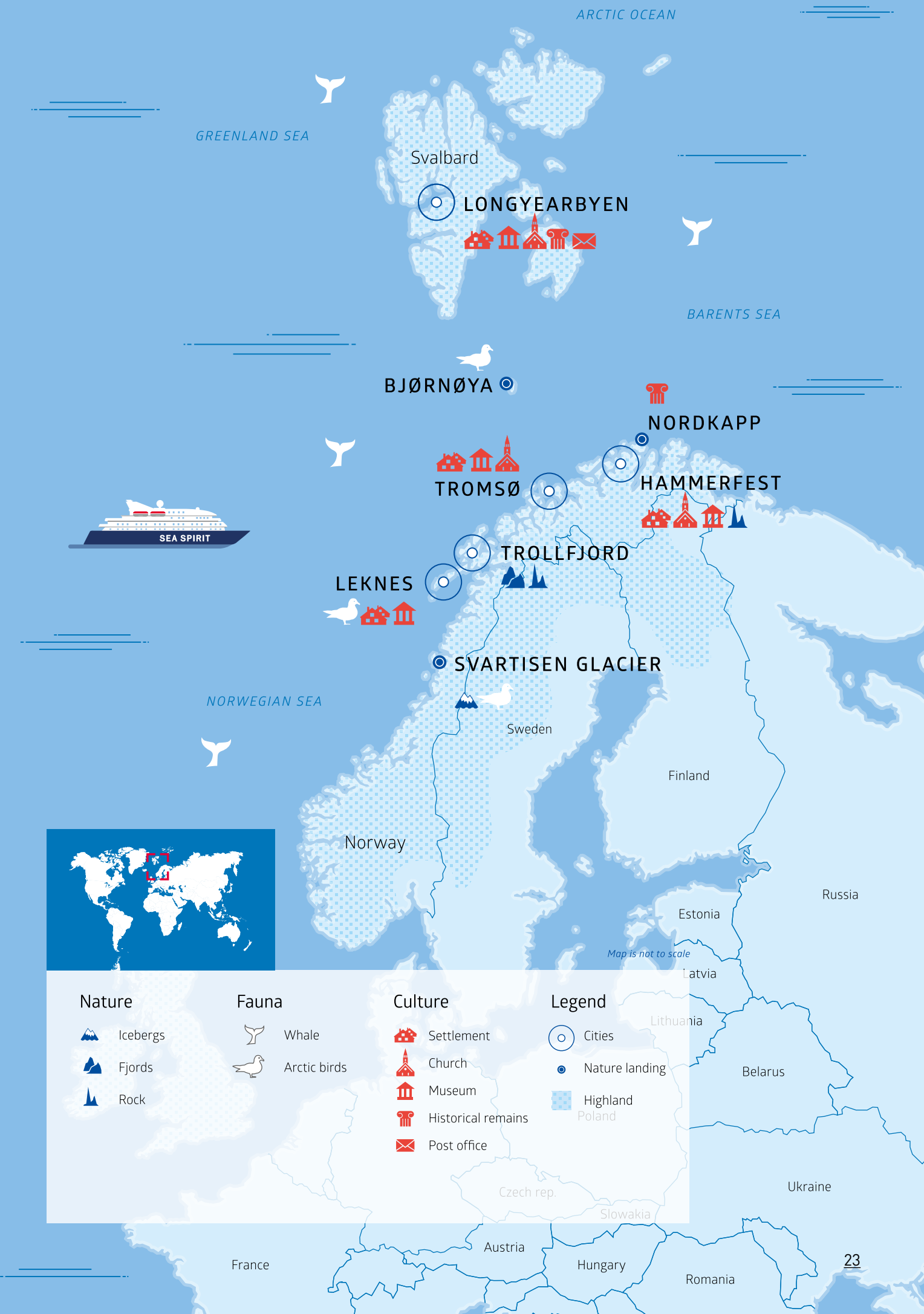
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Unquestionably, the coast of Norway is one of the world's premier destinations for landscape photography. Aquamarine glaciers framed by verdant fjords, ribbony waterfalls floating down vertiginous cliffs, brightly colored villages perched on tranquil bays—captured during the lingering golden hours of Norway's long summer days—all make for postcard-perfect photos.

But lately when I sail through these famously picturesque waterways, I put my camera aside. I have come to understand that Norway cannot be appreciated only through a viewfinder. My camera cannot capture the cacophony and pungent aroma of a seabird cliff, or the surprising taste and texture of Lutefisk, or the exhilaration of staring down at the surf from atop Nordkapp. Nor can my camera record vividly imagined scenes of Vikings in their longboats, conjured by a coast where history inhabits every island and bay.

The more I open up my senses, the more I am enchanted by this multifaceted country. I have captured many of my better photos in Norway, but Norway has captured the better part of me.

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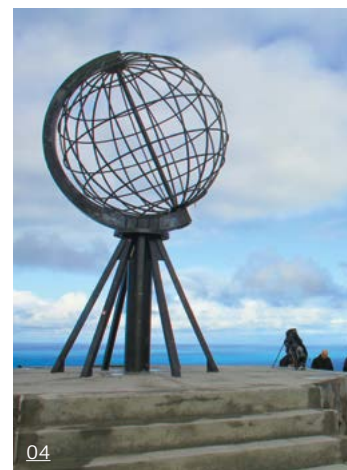


ICELAND – NORWAY – SVALBARD/ VOYAGE TO THE ARCTIC

- 01 Trolltunga, Norwegian Fjords
- 02 Puffin close encounter, Iceland
- 03 Seven Sisters waterfall, Norway
- 04 Globe Monument, Nordkapp
- 05 Tidewater glacier, Spitsbergen

DISCOVER:

- Charming villages, natural beauty, and dramatic scenery along Iceland's west and north coasts
- The best destinations along the coast of Norway, including glaciers, fjords, and the spectacular Lofoten Islands
- Svalbard's scenic splendor and legendary abundance of Arctic wildlife
- Incredible seabird colonies at Iceland's Látrabjarg, Norway's Nordkapp, and Svalbard's west coast



15 DAYS	FROM \$7,395
DEPARTURES 2017: Jun 15 — Jun 29	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: Photography

“The landscapes of Iceland provide one of the world’s most readable accounts of its own formation; every dramatic vista is a page out of geological history.”

Susan Currie



The wild and rugged coast of Grimsey, Iceland, attracts a solitary nature lover.

SVALBARD

Venture into the realm of the polar bear and witness these incredible creatures in their natural habitat alongside the full range of High Arctic wildlife. Svalbard is the premier destination for Arctic nature enthusiasts.



Dr. Dmitri Banin
Ornithologist

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Compared to temperate regions, species diversity in the High Arctic is relatively low. However, the species that occur seasonally in Svalbard are often highly abundant. This is particularly true of seabirds. For the approximately three million pairs of seabirds that breed in Svalbard, summer is a time of intense activity at sea, on the islands, and on extensive bird cliffs.

Mammals in Svalbard must also race to take full advantage of the short summer. Marine mammals, such as the rare blue whale and ubiquitous ringed seal, feed nonstop in bountiful seas to replenish fat reserves needed for winter. Terrestrial mammals, such as reindeer and Arctic fox, are busy raising their young on lush tundra plains, which flourish under 24-hour daylight.

For the polar bear — apex predator of the High Arctic — summer is actually a time of fasting across much of its range. However, in Svalbard, summer visitors are likely to witness the polar bear hunting seals on its primary hunting platform: the pack ice. This is also a great time to see mother polar bears instructing their cubs in the art of Arctic survival.

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Map is not to scale

Nature

- Icebergs
- Fjords
- Rock

Fauna

- Whale
- Polar bear
- Seal
- Walrus
- Arctic fox



- Reindeer
- Arctic birds

Culture

- Settlement
- Church
- Museum
- Historical remains
- Post office

Legend

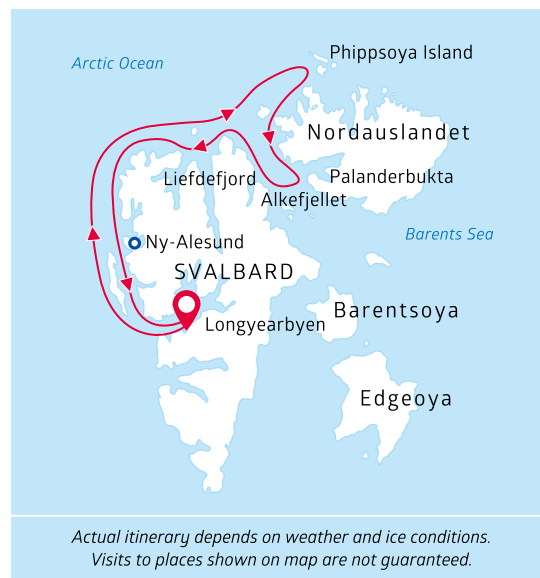
- City
- Nature landing
- Highland

WEST SPITSBERGEN & ICE CAP/ THE ARCTIC IN FOCUS

- 01 Landing site in Svalbard
- 02 Purple saxifrage
- 03 Ny Ålesund, Spitsbergen
- 04 Bearded seal on an ice floe

DISCOVER:

- The best time and place to experience polar bears traveling and hunting in their preferred habitat: the pack ice
- A wealth of wildlife—including walrus, Arctic fox, reindeer, and a variety of whales and seals—in one of the High Arctic's most pristine and protected environments
- Incredible photo opportunities and lasting memories of magnificent land, sea, and icescapes, all with the benefit of 24-hour daylight



11 DAYS	FROM \$5,995
DEPARTURES 2017: Jun 28 — Jul 08	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: Kayaking Photography

“It was a young male, a regal wanderer of the wastes, resplendent in a long-haired, yellowish coat which sparkled in its fresh-grown glory.”

Knud Rasmussen



A polar bear stalks the pack ice in search of prey in Svalbard

FRANZ JOSEF LAND

Step onto the pages of an explorer's journal on a unique expedition to one of the most remote, most authentic, and most historically significant places in the High Arctic. Franz Josef Land is far away and far from ordinary.



Dmitry Kiselev
Polar Historian

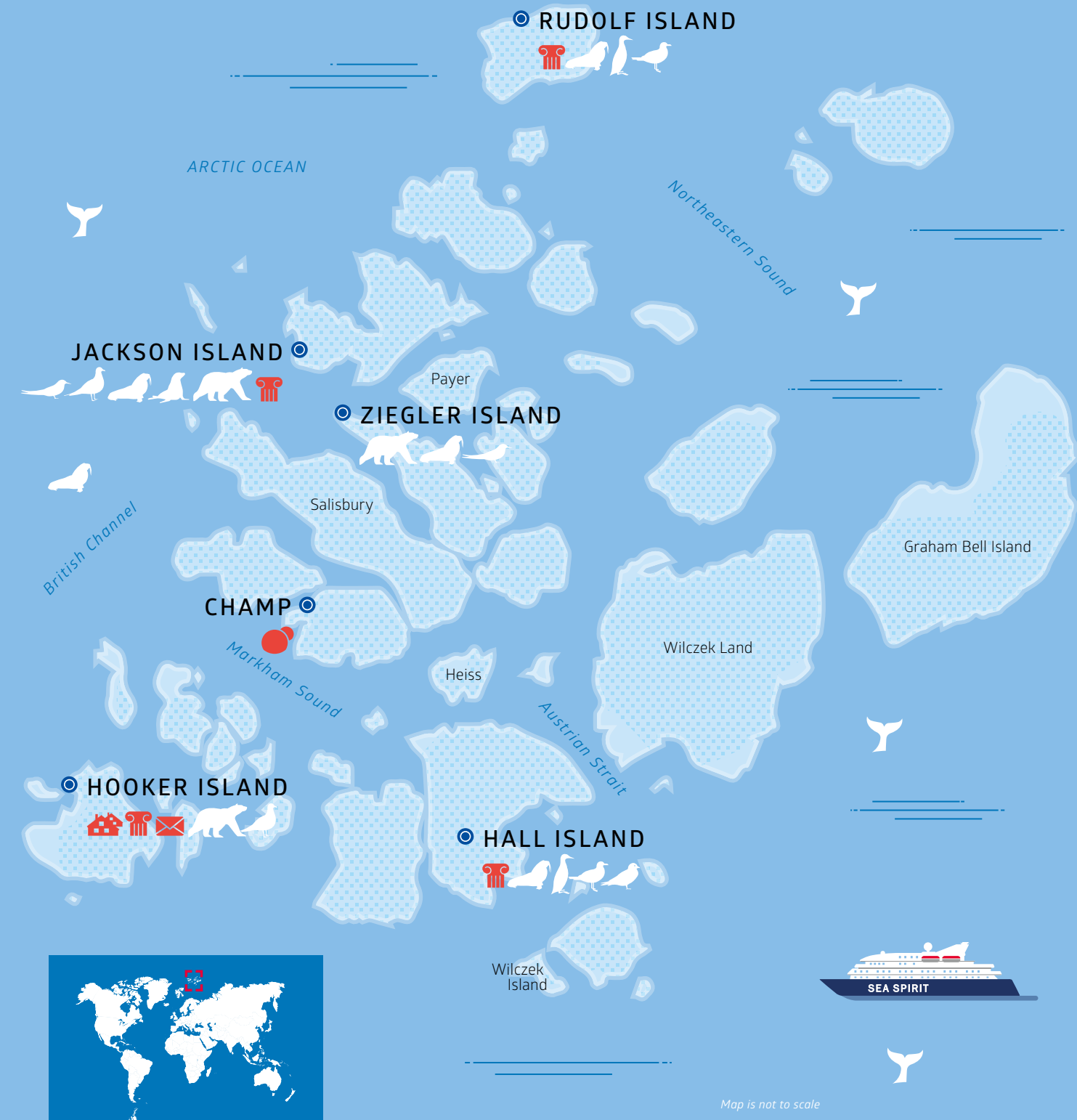
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Since its discovery in 1873 by the Austro-Hungarian North Pole Expedition, Franz Josef Land has been the setting of some of Polar history's most remarkable tales of discovery and survival.

As you walk through the many historical sites of this beguiling land, you come close to appreciating the asperity encountered by men who lost their ships to the ice and endured long, dark winters in makeshift stone huts, harried by polar bears and beset by brutal storms, awaiting their graves in the frozen ground or a serendipitous meeting and rescue.

Of course times have changed, and we need not fear such misadventures today. But the landscape is as wild, raw, and unforgiving as ever. Place names such as Cape Norvegia, Eira Harbour, Tikhaya Bukhta, and Cape Tegethoffs reflect the extraordinary men and their expeditions that literally put these islands on the map.

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Map is not to scale

Mammals

- Whale
- Polar bear
- Seal
- Walrus

Birds

- Northern fulmar
- Common eider
- Kittiwake
- Arctic tern
- Arctic skua
- Guillemot

Culture

- Settlement
- Historical remains
- Post office
- Stone spheres

Legend

- Nature landing
- Highland

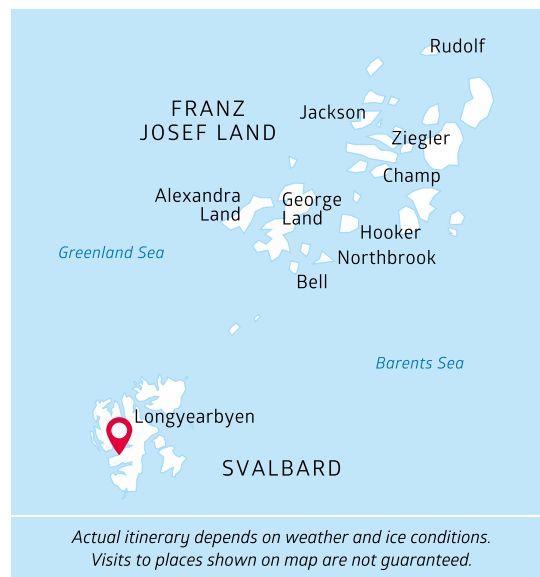


FRANZ JOSEF LAND/ ARCTIC FOR EXPLORERS

- 01 Pack ice south of Franz Josef Land
- 02 Eira Lodge, Bell Island
- 03 Painting the Arctic landscape
- 04 Nansen Memorial, Cape Norway
- 05 Walrus in Franz Josef Land

DISCOVER:

- Iconic Arctic wildlife such as polar bears, walrus, and the elusive bowhead whale
- Stark and primeval landscapes of incomparable beauty, isolation, and tranquility in one of the world's most remote and inaccessible island groups
- Unique geological features such as the mysterious stone spheres of Champ Island
- Well-preserved historical sites steeped in the drama and heroism of early Polar exploration



*Actual itinerary depends on weather and ice conditions.
Visits to places shown on map are not guaranteed.*

16 DAYS	FROM \$8,995
DEPARTURES 2017: Aug 14 — Aug 29	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:  Kayaking  Photography

“He who seeks peace and quiet in Nature, undisturbed by human activity, will find here what he seeks, even although, beset in the ice, one is a plaything of the forces of Nature.”

Fridtjof Nansen

Ribbons of fog and ice cloak the iconic coast of Cape Tegethoff

NORTH POLE

Join us on an extraordinary voyage aboard the most powerful icebreaker ever built and stake your claim to the Top of the World. On maps the North Pole appears as a tiny point, but the experience of really going there is huge.



Jan Bryde
Expedition Leader

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The geographic North Pole is one of the extreme edges of the world, the endpoint of one of four cardinal directions, existing 700 kilometers from the nearest land in one of our planet's most desolate environments, rebuffing man's attempts at discovery for the better part of a century.

From another perspective, the North Pole is centrally located where all longitudes and time zones converge, where the axis of the Earth meets the surface, in the middle of an ocean surrounded in all directions (all south) by the continents that are home to our civilization.

Standing here in summer you are a 24-hour sundial as the sun winds its way around the sky, just above the horizon. But you have to walk to stand still; the ice beneath your feet is moving at around 400 meters per hour. Walk counterclockwise to go east, clockwise to go west, and you can circumnavigate the globe in no time.

Such contemplations reflect the extraordinary nature of the pole, but they cannot come close to expressing the feeling of attaining it in real life. There is no other point on Earth exactly like the North Pole, and there is no journey anywhere quite like this.

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NORTH POLE/ TOP OF THE WORLD

- Q1 International Round Dance
- Q2 On the bridge of *50 Let Pobedy*
- Q3 Helicopter flightseeing
- Q4 Polar Plunge at the North Pole
- Q5 A polar bear visits the ship

DISCOVER:

- The exhilaration of cruising on the world's most powerful nuclear-powered icebreaker
- Freedom as you take to the skies over the vast Arctic wilderness on a helicopter tour
- Undeniable bragging rights upon reaching the geographic North Pole
- Primeval landscapes, intriguing geology, well-preserved historical sites, and iconic Arctic wildlife including polar bears in Russia's Franz Josef Land archipelago



14 DAYS	FROM \$27,995
DEPARTURES 2017: Jun 14 — Jun 27 Jun 25 — Jul 08	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: <div> Photography </div> <div> Helicopter </div>

“Nothing easier. One step beyond the pole, you see, and the north wind becomes a south one.”

Robert Peary



A feeling of power comes from standing at the top of the world

T H E A N T A R C T I C

*Discover a continent where unrivaled scenery
and extraordinary wildlife encounters literally defy belief.
Antarctica and the islands of the Southern Ocean are among
the last true wilderness destinations on our planet.*

**“OF ALL THE MANY WONDERS
OF ANTARCTICA, I MOST ENJOYED
MY TIME WITH THE PENGUIN CHICKS.
THEY TAUGHT ME THE VALUE OF BEING
STILL — MY STILLNESS WAS LIKE
A MAGNET TO THEM!,,**

Julia, Australia



ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Experience the essence of Antarctica: a white wilderness of spectacular icescapes, obliging marine wildlife, scenic narrow channels, and panoptic penguin colonies. The Antarctic Peninsula is the pinnacle of Polar.



Felicity Aston
Polar Adventurer

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You may think adventure is only for the young, the super athletic, or the bold risk-takers of the world. But I can tell you, regardless of your background and age, Antarctica will fill you with the spirit of adventure.

Once you see it, you will be swept up in the desire to make the most of every precious second you spend in this amazing place. You may not want to sleep at all while you're here, preferring instead to live your waking Antarctic dreams. You may wonder what eyes were ever meant for, if not for absorbing the splendor of Antarctica and its incredible wildlife. You'll surely want to capture every snowflake and penguin pose, not only with your camera, but with your eternal memory so that you may carry them everywhere.

The spirit of Antarctic adventure may manifest in different ways. You may want to get physical by taking to its icy waters in a sea kayak. You may want to test your endurance by spending a night in a tent on its icy surface. You may simply want to breathe it all in so deeply that it becomes part of you. No matter how you answer the call of Antarctica, you will be changed forever. That is real adventure.

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ANTARCTIC PENINSULA/ BEST OF ANTARCTICA

- Q1 Base A, Port Lockroy
- Q2 Hill sliding in Antarctica
- Q3 Elephant seal pup
- Q4 Gentoo penguins

DISCOVER:

- Abundant wildlife and natural wonders in the South Shetland Islands
- Innumerable marine mammals, unafraid of man, inhabiting pristine Gerlache Strait
- The endlessly entertaining antics of several penguin species in expansive colonies
- A photographer's paradise: ice features of every description and scenery beyond comparison
- Historical sites and Polar research stations of various nationalities



12 OR 13 DAYS	FROM \$7,995
DEPARTURES 2017-18: Nov 24 — Dec 05, 2017 Dec 04 — Dec 15, 2017 Dec 14 — Dec 25, 2017 Dec 24, 2017 — Jan 04, 2018 Feb 13 — Feb 25, 2018	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: Kayaking Camping Photography

“Glittering white, shining blue, raven black, in the light of the sun the land looks like a fairy-tale.”

Roald Amundsen



Antarctic adventurers share iceberg-filled waters with gentoo penguins

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE/ WILDEST ANTARCTICA

- Q1 Humpback whales
- Q2 Hill climbing in Antarctica
- Q3 Achieving the seventh continent
- Q4 Meeting a gentoo penguin




DISCOVER:

- A pristine and supremely picturesque environment supporting an abundance of iconic Antarctic wildlife, including predatory leopard seals and their plucky penguin prey
- High numbers of humpback and killer whales at the height of their summer feeding frenzy
- The unbridled and capricious realm of wildest nature south of the Antarctic Circle
- Modern human endeavor and ingenuity at a scientific research base



"I felt as though I had been plumped upon another planet or into another geologic horizon of which man had no knowledge or memory."

Admiral Richard E. Byrd

14 DAYS	FROM \$10,495
DEPARTURES 2018: Feb 01 — Feb 14	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kayaking Camping Photography

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND SOUTH GEORGIA

Reassure yourself that you are not dreaming as you gaze upon inconceivable concentrations of wildlife in idyllic wilderness settings. In South Georgia and the Falkland Islands you are a privileged and humble observer of Nature's greatest works.



Boris Solovev
Bio-geographer

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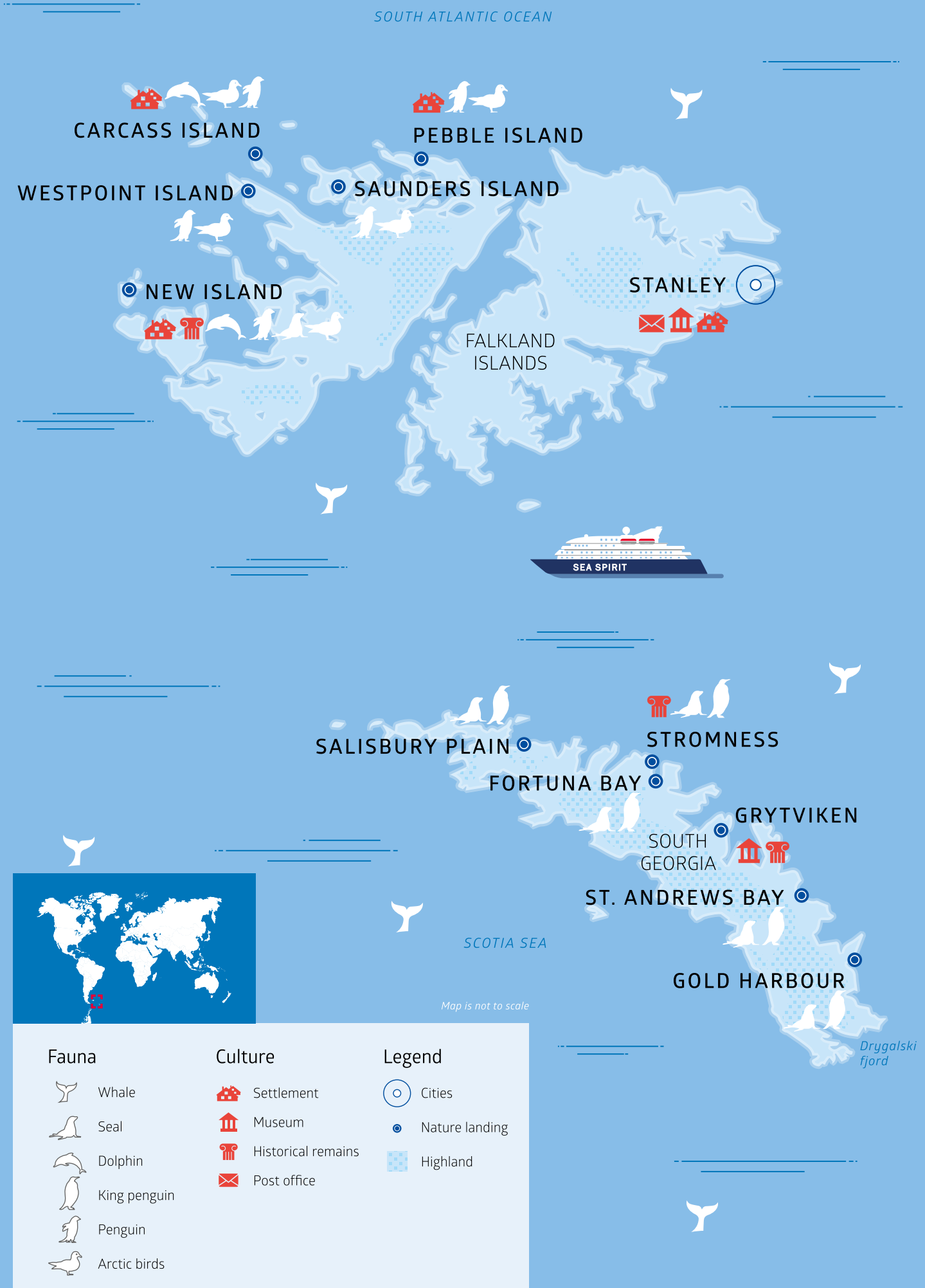
In the Southern Ocean, deep beneath winter ice and summer storms, the oceans' largest assemblage of plankton is fed upon by Earth's most plentiful animal: Antarctic krill. These, in turn, support the world's most diverse and abundant populations of marine mammals and seabirds.

During each summer breeding season, the top of this enormous ecological pyramid tumbles upon the shores of sub-Antarctic islands. Replete from the banquet of the Southern Ocean, pinnipeds and seabirds alight, waddle, or haul ashore in numbers that stagger the imagination.

South Georgia alone is said to host upwards of 100 million seabirds, including numerous species of albatross, penguins, prions, petrels, and terns. On its beaches, pinned between rolling surf and glaciated mountains, over 100,000 elephant seals and three million fur seals jostle for space among innumerable king penguins.

You may not see a single plankter or krill, but on South Georgia and the Falklands you will certainly be impressed by the diversity and abundance of megafauna supported by these tiny creatures.

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FALKLANDS & SOUTH GEORGIA/BEST OF THE SOUTHERN OCEAN

- Q1 Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley
- Q2 Elephant seals, South Georgia
- Q3 Shackleton's grave, Grytviken
- Q4 *Sea Spirit* deck, South Georgia

DISCOVER:

- The Falklands' charming island farmsteads teeming with nesting seabirds, including numerous great albatross and penguin species
- South Georgia's world-famous wildlife beaches thronged with stately king penguins, jousting elephant seals, and raucous fur seals
- Historical sites, such as Grytviken, haunted by South Georgia's bygone whaling era
- Unforgettable wilderness scenery and dramatic Southern Ocean seascapes



19 DAYS	FROM \$9,995
DEPARTURES 2017: Oct 20 — Nov 07	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: Kayaking Photography

“These engaging chicks are so inquisitive that you only have to sit down to their own level for them all to gather around you to discover what kind of creature you are.”

David Attenborough



A king penguin greets its downy chick on a South Georgia beach

FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA/ULTIMATE WILDLIFE EXPEDITION

- 01 Drygalski Fjord, South Georgia
- 02 Wandering albatross, South Georgia
- 03 Kayaking in Antarctica
- 04 King penguins, South Georgia

DISCOVER:

- The Falklands' charming capital of Stanley; idyllic outer islands alive with seabirds
- South Georgia's staggering wealth of wildlife, including numerous species of seals, penguins, and albatross
- Antarctica's abundance of marine mammals and penguin colonies situated amidst magnificent glacial and mountain scenery
- Grytviken and Elephant Island—sites written into the legend of Shackleton's historic Antarctic voyage

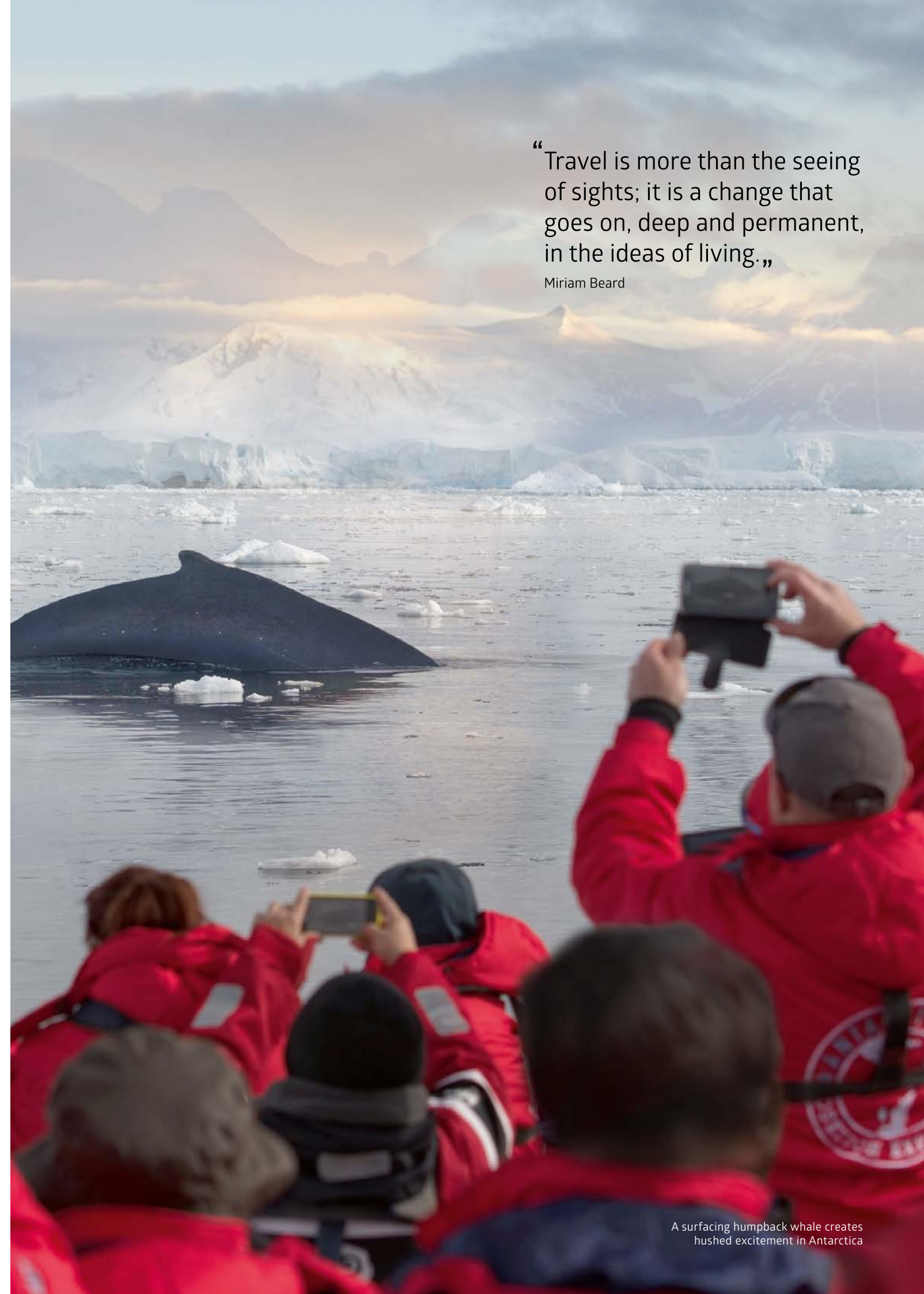


20, 21 OR 22 DAYS	FROM \$12,595
DEPARTURES 2017–18: Nov 06 — Nov 25, 2017 Jan 03 — Jan 23, 2018 Feb 24 — Mar 17, 2018*	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: Kayaking Photography

*Starts in Ushuaia and ends in Puerto Madryn

“Travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of living.”

Miriam Beard



A surfacing humpback whale creates hushed excitement in Antarctica

SEA KAYAK CLUB

Take advantage of spectacular paddling opportunities in the Arctic and Antarctica with our professional guides in top-quality kayaks and discover the Polar paradise of your dreams.

In our Sea Kayak Club, you have the chance to experience the unforgettable thrill and serenity of kayaking in the Polar Regions as part of a small, expertly guided paddling group. Enjoy crackling brash ice, towering icebergs, spectacular landscapes, and unique Polar wildlife from our stable and stealthy sea kayaks. Escape the ordinary and immerse yourself in the awesome tranquility of a true Polar wilderness while participating in an active adventure.

In Antarctica you have the coveted opportunity to navigate placid waters filled with glittering ice and porpoising penguins while surrounded by magnificent mountains and glaciers. Join us in the Arctic for unscripted kayaking adventures as we explore uncharted coastlines and remote islands that very few paddlers have ever experienced.

This is an optional activity, at additional cost and limited availability. If you enjoy sea kayaking, then don't miss your chance to paddle the world's most interesting, demanding, and rewarding sea kayaking destinations!



Sea kayaking in Antarctica



Camping on the White Continent

ANTARCTICA CAMPING

Expand your experience on the White Continent and meet Antarctica on its own terms by spending a memorable night out on the snow in our warm and comfortable camping gear.

Camping in Antarctica gives you the opportunity to slow down and let your senses absorb the awesome sights and mysterious sounds of this legendary Polar wilderness. You could easily spend hours watching the drama of endlessly changing light upon the icescape as it heaves and groans. And you would still have time to capture that perfect photo. Or you could simply enjoy the sound of your own beating heart as you fall gently to sleep, surrounded by ice and snow. Whatever joy Antarctica holds for you, you can savor it on your Antarctica Camping night.

All the while, you will appreciate your inescapable connection to Antarctica's earliest explorers. But don't worry: our quality, modern, high-performance sleeping bags and tents will keep you a lot drier, warmer, and more comfortable than those who came before you.

This is an optional activity, at additional cost and limited availability. Don't miss your chance to gain lasting memories, undeniable bragging rights, and a new appreciation for your warm bed back on the ship!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Fill your camera with the best possible shots of incredible Polar Regions vistas and wildlife with the help of a professional photographer in our included Photography program!

The Polar Regions are among the most photogenic places on Earth. These visually stunning environments present countless fantastic photo opportunities every day, from portraits of charismatic Polar wildlife to wide-angle vistas encompassing ice features of every size and description.

From action shots to tranquil landscapes, the photographer's eye never ceases to catch something new and unexpected here. But the Polar Regions also present particular challenges to those wishing to capture its unique beauty. In order to ensure you take your best possible photos, we offer you the chance to learn and practice your skills alongside a professional photographer.

Through in-depth lectures and workshops you will get ideas, learn techniques, and improve your photography. Our photographer will also be available to answer your questions and give expert advice whether you have a sophisticated digital SLR or a simple point-and-shoot camera. This program is included on all voyages at no additional cost.



Photographing an ice shelf in Franz Josef Land

POLAR FASHION/ OUR EXPEDITION PARKA

There's no need to worry about choosing between being warm and comfortable and looking great. You'll get it all with your **POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS** quality-manufactured Polar parka, included with every Polar voyage you take with us. These insulated, water- and windproof parkas are designed by **POSEIDON**'s knowledgeable team based on many years of experience in harsh environments.

Created specifically for our travelers, you'll want to wear these handsome garments at home in winter and on your other travels to cold regions. Not only does this parka carry layers of specialized fabric to ensure outstanding warmth-retention, it will also carry with it the memories of your once-in-a-lifetime adventure in the Polar Regions. We have one in your size, so join us!



1. Breathable inner layer
2. Belgian NorthSea outer layer is waterproof, windproof and breathable
3. Cuffs are fleece and designed specifically to use without gloves (applied for North Pole Parka)



4. Write your name here — it's yours to keep!
5. Thermometer (applied for North Pole Parka)
6. Patches:



M/V SEA SPIRIT

THE IDEAL EXPEDITION SHIP

M/V Sea Spirit provides spacious, all-suite accommodation for up to 114 discerning passengers seeking to discover the Arctic or Antarctica in style and comfort while maintaining the flexibility and friendly atmosphere of a small cruise ship. A veteran of many seasons in the Polar Regions, she features an ice-strengthened hull, a fleet of Zodiacs, kayaks and camping gear, and a set of retractable fin stabilizers for smoother sailing. Her smiling crew and knowledgeable staff are always at your service to provide you with the expedition cruise of your dreams.



ABOARD M/V SEA SPIRIT

Expedition cruising on board Sea Spirit combines the comfort of a quality hotel with the active lifestyle of an adventure holiday. Gracious hospitality and sophisticated ambience aboard are the perfect complements to the Polar wilderness outside.



DINING

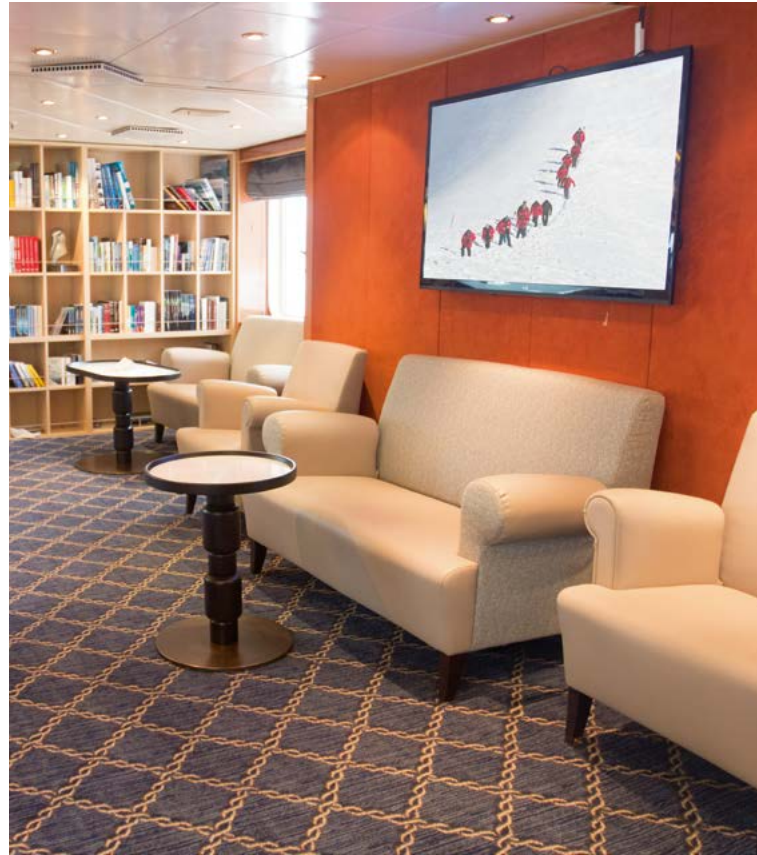
Sea Spirit offers open-seating dining. Delicious, contemporary, international cuisine is freshly prepared in the Restaurant by our talented chefs. The Bistro on Deck 5 is a lovely outdoor alternative serving lighter fare for lunch, weather permitting.





LEISURE

Panoramic open-air decks make excellent platforms for observing scenery and wildlife. Guests may also take advantage of an outdoor Jacuzzi, gym, extensive Polar library, and our open bridge policy. Finish off the day at the Club Lounge with nightly live music and full-service bar.



ACCOMMODATION

Sea Spirit suites are tastefully appointed with deluxe furnishings, private facilities, and thoughtful amenities. All staterooms have exterior views, many with large windows and some with private balconies.

ACTIVITIES

Guests are offered many opportunities to venture from the ship. Shore landings provide the chance to explore and to partake in guide-led interpretive walks and photography workshops. We also offer Zodiac cruising and optional adventure activities such as camping in Antarctica and sea kayaking in both Polar Regions.



EDUTAINMENT

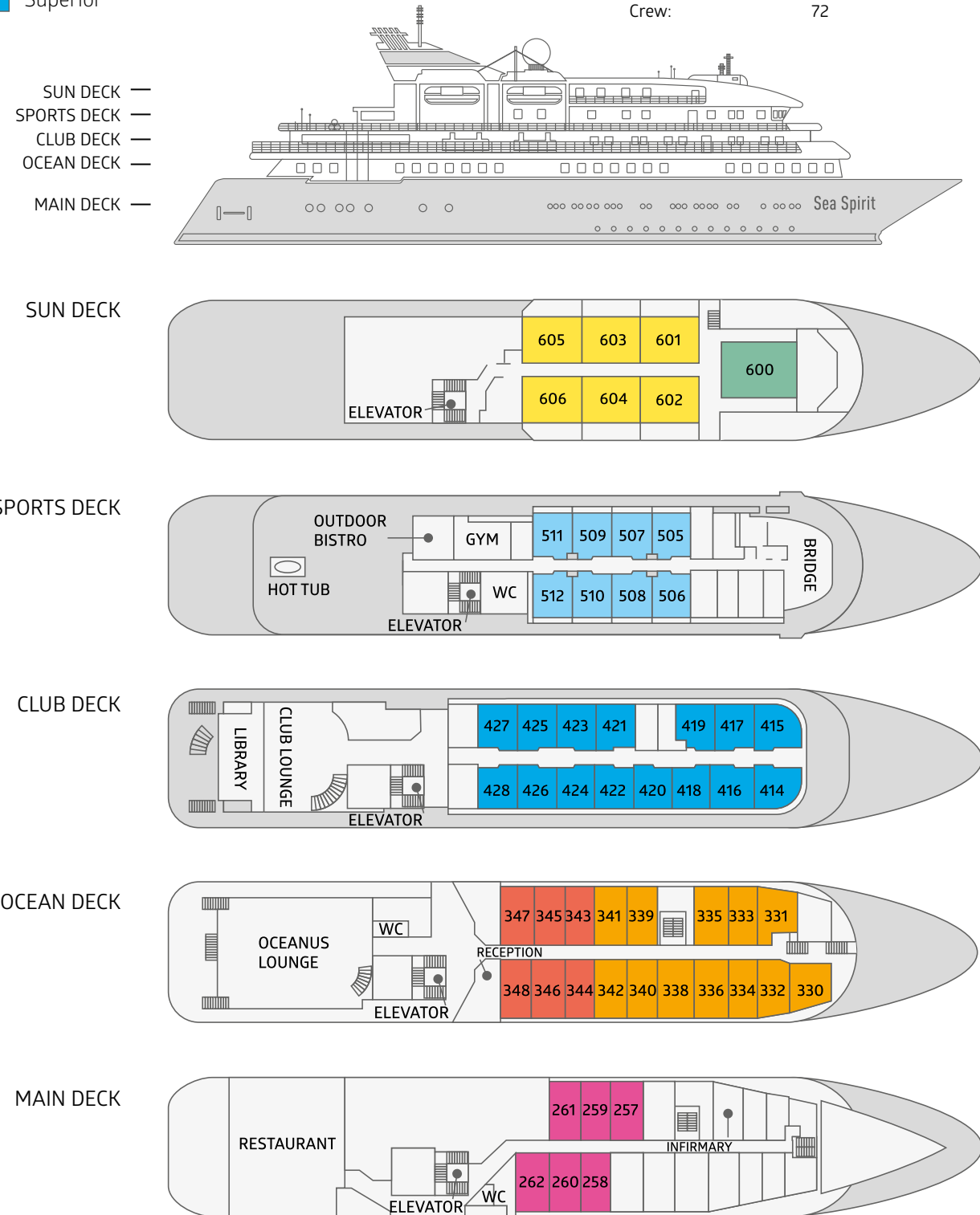
Lectures by our team of multilingual experts, as well as briefings and recaps, movies and documentaries, and social events such as Captain's cocktails take place in the spacious Oceanus Lounge, featuring state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment.



DECK PLAN M/V SEA SPIRIT

- Owner's
- Classic
- Premium
- Triple
- Deluxe
- Main Deck
- Superior

Length:	90.6 meters (297 ft.)
Beam:	15.3 meters (50 ft.)
Speed:	15 knots
Passengers:	114
Crew:	72



OWNER'S
43 sqm (463 sq ft); king size bed; private forward deck above the Bridge



PREMIUM
30 sqm (323 sq ft); twin or king size bed; balcony



DELUXE
24 sqm (258 sq ft); twin or king size bed; balcony



SUPERIOR
22 sqm (237 sq ft); twin or king size bed; window



CLASSIC
21 sqm (226 sq ft); twin or king size bed; window



TRIPLE
21 sqm (226 sq ft); twin or king size bed; window



MAIN DECK
23 sqm (248 sq ft); twin or king size bed; portholes

I/B 50 LET POBEDY NUCLEAR-POWERED ICEBREAKER

I/B 50 Let Pobedy ("50 Years of Victory") is the largest and most modern nuclear-powered icebreaker in the world. 75,000 horsepower engines and formidable spoon-shaped bow allow her to crush through multi-year sea ice up to three meters thick. She is not a tourist ship. Rather, she was purpose-built to pilot scientific and cargo ships to otherwise inaccessible parts of the Russian High Arctic. Only during the brief Arctic summer do adventurers get a once-in-a-lifetime chance to travel aboard this real working icebreaker to the geographic North Pole.



ABOARD I/B 50 LET POBEDY

Cruising to the North Pole aboard 50 Let Pobedy is a unique adventure on a one-of-a-kind ship. The world's most powerful icebreaker offers unexpected amenities, comfortable accommodation, and gourmet cuisine in a friendly, casual atmosphere.



ACTIVITIES

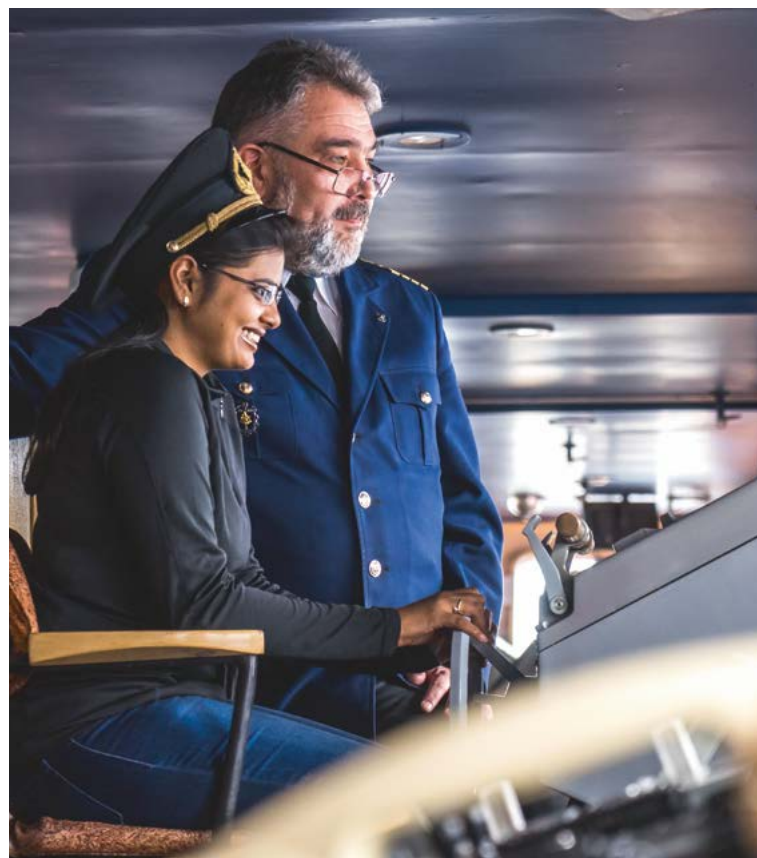
In addition to the exhilaration of riding on an icebreaker as it plows through the Polar ice cap, guests are offered shore excursions via Zodiac and helicopter sightseeing tours. At the North Pole, a celebration on the ice includes a dance around the world, barbecue, and optional polar plunge.





LEISURE

Guests can enjoy facilities and amenities such as a Polar library, volleyball court, gym, two saunas, warm seawater pool, gift shop, and massage treatments. The Victory Bar features great views and fine wines savored with new friends.



ACCOMMODATION

50 Let Pobedy offers a range of comfortable cabins, all with exterior views and private facilities, for up to 128 guests.



EDUTAINMENT

Our experienced naturalists and historians bring the North Pole to life with thoughtful insights and fascinating stories during presentations and informal discussions in the Aft Saloon.



DINING

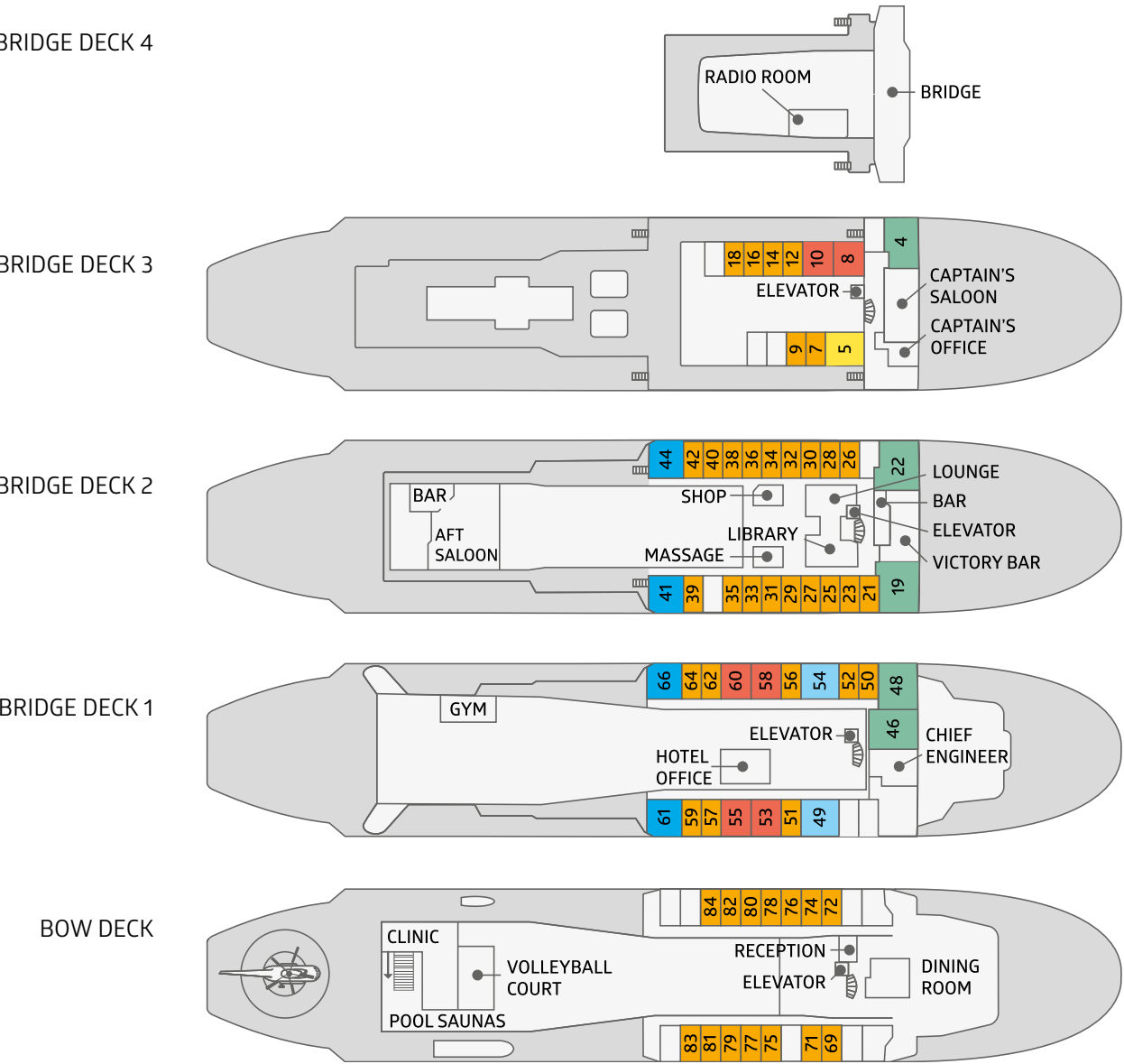
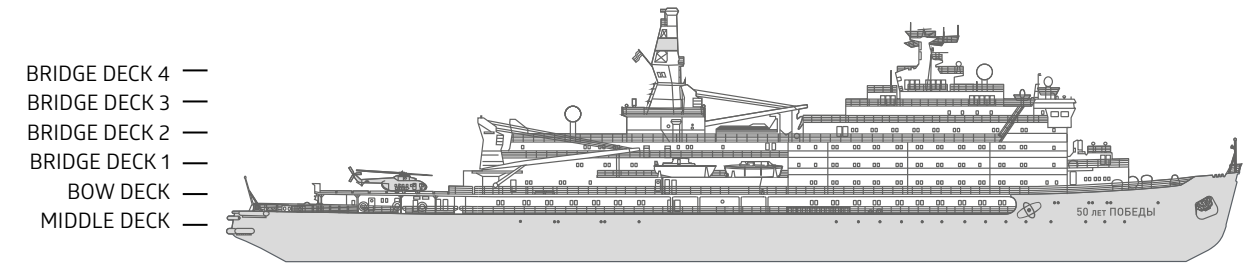
The Dining Room with unreserved seating offers gourmet cuisine and superb service. Meals are masterfully prepared using only fresh ingredients specially delivered for each cruise.



DECK PLAN I/B 50 LET POBEDY

- Arktika Suite
- Junior Suite
- Victory Suite
- Mini Suite
- Grand Suite
- Standard Twin

Length:	160 meters (525 ft.)
Beam:	30 meters (98 ft.)
Speed:	21 knots
Passengers:	128
Crew:	140



ARKTIKA SUITE
33 sqm (355 sq ft); 2 rooms; single bed and sofa bed; opening windows



VICTORY SUITE
28 sqm (301 sq ft); 2 rooms; single bed and sofa bed; opening windows



GRAND SUITE
26-27 sqm (280-291 sq ft.); 2 rooms; single bed and sofa bed; opening windows



JUNIOR SUITE
24 sqm (258 sq ft); 2 rooms; single bed and sofa bed; opening windows



MINI SUITE
22 sqm (237 sq ft.); single bed and sofa bed; opening windows



STANDARD TWIN
14 sqm (151 sq ft); single bed and sofa bed; opening windows

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Expedition cruise aboard I/B 50 LET POBEDY

By purchasing this product you accept the present Terms and Conditions. In case you disagree to any of the Terms and Conditions of Operator you will not be able to take part in the expedition cruise.

Reservations and Payment. A deposit of 20% of the appropriate cabin rate is required to confirm reservation with final payment due 90 days prior to departure. All payments are to be made in US dollars via bank transfer.

Accommodation: Cruise rates are quoted per person and based on passengers sharing a cabin. Single supplement: 1.7 for Standard cabin; 2 for Mini Suite, Junior Suite, Grand Suite, Victory Suite and Arktika Suite.

Cancellation and Refunds. All requests for cancellation must be made in writing. Cancellations received more than 120 days prior to departure will be fully refunded less an administrative fee of 5% of the offered rate. Cancellations received between 119 days and 91 days prior to departure will be fully refunded less the deposit of 20% of the offered rate. In case a cancellation is received within the 90-day period (90 days and less prior to the beginning of the voyage), all payments are forfeited (cancellation fee is 100% of the cost of the offered rate plus the cost of the charter flight). **For these and other reasons mentioned below, passengers are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance.**

Prices quoted are based on group participation, and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which passengers choose not to participate, including any helicopter flight time (if applicable and which at the discretion of the captain and expedition leader may or may not be utilized). It should be understood that refunds will not be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for any reason whatsoever.

Voyage Cancellation. Poseidon Arctic Voyages Ltd. d.b.a. **POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS** (Operator hereafter) reserves the right to cancel any departure due to insufficient reservations up to eight weeks before the date of departure (passengers may be offered alternative cruise dates). Operator also reserves the right to cancel any departure up until the date of that departure due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond the control of Operator that prevents the operation of the tour (this also includes governmental and administrative decisions).

Operator or its agents are not responsible for any costs or penalties relating to air transport or other services that are cancelled. Operator is not liable for failure to provide the services or accommodations offered to the extent that such services or accommodations cannot be provided due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond its control.

Itinerary. The itinerary described is subject to change at the discretion of the Operator's Expedition Leader. This is an expedition to a remote and sparsely populated part of the world, and Operator expressly reserves the right to change the itinerary, the date or place of departure due to weather conditions, availability of anchorages, political conditions and other factors beyond Operator's control without consulting the participants. It is understood that such decisions will be made in the interests of all passengers aboard and with regard to the safety of the vessel. Participants have no right to any refund or other considerations in the event of such itinerary changes. Nothing in this Itinerary is meant to signify the use of any specific design or model of helicopter. If a passenger misses any scheduled sailing of the vessel from any port or place, including any stopover, Operator shall not be liable for any costs, expenses or damages incurred by the passenger as a result of

his/her action and no refund of fare shall be granted. Passengers and staff members who participate in tours, operated by Operator, agree that any photographs or video, that include their person, may be used by Operator and its associates for promotional purposes. Passengers may not charge for their appearance in any photographs or video.

Responsibility. Operator acts as sales agent on behalf of the shipping company and as a sales agent on behalf of transport companies, hotels, and other supplying services included in the program. However, Operator, its subsidiaries and/or its associated agents, shall not be held responsible for property loss(es) or damage resulting from illness, personal injury or death which may be sustained by reason of, or while engaged on, any tour whether due to the ownership, maintenance, use, operation or control of any aircraft, helicopter, automobile, bicycle, boat, vehicle, state carrier or any other conveyance used in carrying out these tours.

Operator can assume no liability due to any cause whatsoever whether caused by failure or delay or other irregularity, acts or omissions occurring during a tour under which the means of transportation or other service provided thereby is offered or supplied by owners, operators or public carriers for whom Operator acts only as agent.

Operator reserves the right (at its discretion) to alter or omit any part of the itinerary or change any reservation, feature and/or means of conveyance without notice and for any reason whatsoever and without allowance or refund. Operator reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case payments will be refunded without further obligation on Operator's part.

Operator shall not be responsible for any injury to person (whether or not resulting in death) or damage to property arising out of any act of war, insurrection, revolt or other civil uprising or military action in the countries of origin, destination or passage. The passenger is completely liable for damage or injury (to his/her own person, other passengers, ship, staff or other) caused by improper behavior.

Children. In general, our policy is that children must be at least 12 years of age to participate in a **POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS** voyage. However, we may on a case by case basis accept children ages 8-11 with additional screening.

Insurance. All passengers are covered by medical travel insurance policy to the value of 100.000 EUR per person and said policy includes emergency evacuation and repatriation. This is only for passengers under 85 years old. Passengers over 85 years old are to purchase their own insurance policy with coverage not less than 100,000 EUR – such policy is to cover risks of repatriation/evacuation from extremely remote territories, and is to be sufficient for travelling in the High Arctic. Any risks, not covered by the insurance policy provided, are to be covered by passengers at his/her disposal and at his/her own expense. Insurance is in effect only on board the Ship and outside the port of Murmansk.

The medical insurance coverage to the value of 100.000 EUR per person provided and implemented by insurance company (Insurer) in accordance with the Insurer's general terms and conditions. Nevertheless, it is to be understood by passengers that the Insurer is an independent provider and the Insurance Policy is made between the passenger and the Insurer. Operator is not liable for any disagreements or misunderstandings that might arise between the passenger and the Insurer. Each passenger is fully responsible for resolving any issues that might arise from his/her contract with the Insurer. Operator reserves the right to substitute the Insurer. In case of substitution, the new Insurer is to provide an insurance policy that is sufficient for the

expedition cruise by Operator described in this brochure or file.

Passengers are not permitted to bring or have on board any pets or animals, firearms, flammable or hazardous items, controlled or prohibited substances or drugs, contraband or items prohibited by any country or port to be visited. Baggage is transported entirely at the owner's risk.

For those passengers who rejected the insurance policy included into the cost of voyage, but did not make appropriate insurance policy on their own: in case of medical problems arising during the voyage, either on board or on shore, which results in costs for evacuation, use of aircraft or repatriation, the responsibility for payment of these costs rests solely with the passenger and his/her Insurer. The on-board medical personnel (doctors) are independent contractors and work directly for the passenger concerned.

The published rate is based on the prices, exchange rates, duties and taxes as known to Operator at the time of publication of materials and at the time of travel confirmation. Operator reserves the right to raise the published rate (for such reasons as but not limited to unforeseeable increases in exchange rates, duties, taxes, port fees and fuel prices) if considered necessary by Operator. Operator will inform passengers, tour operators or agents at least 30 days prior to departure. In the event of a price increase of more than 15% of the total price of the trip, passengers, tour operators or agents are entitled to cancel the trip without incurring cancellation fee for the trip.

By forwarding a deposit the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/her or other passengers. Operator reserves the right to cancel or withdraw any person as a member of a tour at any time.

Expedition cruise aboard M/V SEA SPIRIT

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Rates. Voyage rates are quoted in USD and are based on passengers sharing a cabin. Rates for all voyages are based on anticipated fuel costs at the time of departure multiplied by a maximum daily usage. Poseidon Arctic Voyages Ltd. d.b.a. **POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS** (Operator hereafter) has the right to add fuel surcharge to the cruise cost in case of a dramatic rise of fuel cost. Operator will do so only in order to cover only the increase in fuel costs, may apply. In this case agents will be notified immediately and passengers will have the right to cancel their reservations within 14 days of notice of increase without penalty.

Reservations. To confirm a booking a deposit of 20% of the published rate per person is required. Final payment is due in full 90 days prior to departure. Within 90 days of departure, full payment is required to confirm a booking.

Accommodation: Cruise rates are quoted per person and based on passengers sharing a cabin. Single supplement: 1.7 for Main Deck and Classic Suite, Superior; 2 for Deluxe, Premium and Owner Suite. Triple-share accommodations are restricted to either individual travelers of the same gender or parties of three. Those booking shared accommodations aboard the ship – on either triple- or double-occupancy basis – will also share accommodations at the pre-cruise hotel (if applicable)

Payments. All payments are to be made in US dollars. Payments are made via bank transfer or by credit card.

Booking Cancellations/Refunds. All cancellations must be received in writing. Reservations cancelled more than 120 days prior to departure are subject to a USD 750 per person cancellation fee. Reservations cancelled from 120 to 91 days prior to departure are subject to 20% per person cancellation fee. Reservations cancelled 90 days or less prior to departure are subject to full fare forfeiture.

Voyage Cancellation. Poseidon Arctic Voyages Ltd. d.b.a. **POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS** (Operator hereafter) reserves the right to cancel any departure due to insufficient reservations up to eight weeks before the date of departure (passengers may be offered alternative cruise dates). Operator also reserves the right to cancel any departure up until the date of that departure due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond the control of Operator that prevents the operation of the tour (including governmental and administrative decisions).

In the very unlikely event that a voyage is cancelled prior to departure Operator will provide a full refund of all funds paid to Operator. Should a voyage cancel while in progress, Operator will provide a pro-rated refund of the funds paid to Operator.

Operator or its agents are not responsible for any costs or penalties relating to air transport or other services that are cancelled. Operator is not liable for failure to provide the services or accommodations offered to the extent that such services or accommodations cannot be provided due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond its control.

Transferred reservations/name changes. Bookings transferred from one departure (more than 90 days prior to departure) to another, for the same passenger can be made at no charge, based on availability. By direct permission, and on a limited basis, name changes on a reservation can be made at a fee of USD 300 per person.

Upgrades. Periodically to maximize available inventory, passengers may be upgraded into higher level cabins. These unsolicited upgrades are made at no charge, however open inventory in upper level cabins is only filled on an unsolicited basis when needed to secure reservations in other categories. In any event no upgrades will be made without prior notification.

Single supplements. Single occupancy of a twin cabin is available at 1.7 times the twin rate and available only in Main Deck, Classic and Superior Suites; single occupancy of a twin cabin is available at 2 times the twin rate in the Deluxe, Premium and Owner Suites. Cabin share is available only in the following categories: Triple Classic, Main Deck, Classic and Superior Suites.

Children. In general, our policy is that children must be at least 12 years of age to participate in a **POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS** voyage. However, we may on a case by case basis accept children ages 8-11 with additional screening.

Onboard language. All voyages are conducted in English and German. For groups of passengers speaking other languages Operator recruits multi-lingual staff members, who assist the passengers during briefings and lectures. Staff varies from voyage to voyage, please check when booking.

Onboard authority. All passengers are subject to instructions or regulations given by the Captain or the Expedition team.

Onboard payments. All payments are in US dollars. Passengers may run a tab which must be paid prior to disembarkation. Payments can be made in cash or via CC.

Itineraries. POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS' captain and expedition team will do everything possible to complete the voyage as outlined in the voyage itinerary. However itineraries (including all scheduled landings and excursions) in Polar Regions are heavily dependent on weather and ice conditions. Occasionally conditions and/or safety concerns require Itinerary changes. The Captain and expedition team will accordingly make every effort to find the best alternative to the original itinerary while keeping passengers informed and updated. Itinerary changes are not subject to passenger approval/consent and in the event of such a change no refunds or price adjustments are possible. Placement of a booking with Operator amounts to an acknowledgement that itinerary changes are possible.

Photography/Video. Operator reserves the right to use photographs and/or videos taken during the operation of the voyage for promotional purposes for the company and/or its sales agents. Passengers who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to Operator and its agent, prior to embarkation.

Smoking. There is no smoking inside the ship. There will be a designated smoking place outside in a sheltered area.

Alcohol. Alcohol is available for sale in our bar. Operator reserves the right to refuse alcohol to anyone deemed to be intoxicated.

Eligibility. There are no specific physical requirements for travel in Polar Regions. However we are traveling to the remote region of the world and we are traveling on a ship which, at times, may be in rough seas. Passengers with certain medical/health issues may not be appropriate for this type of expedition and are advised to exercise appropriate caution. Our medical information form lists a number of these conditions.

Pre-departure forms. Prior to boarding, specific passenger information is required not only for passenger safety, but for international reporting regulations. Required information must be completed in the forms provided by Operator and in our possession at least 60 days prior to departure. Final documents cannot be issued for passengers whose information has not been received.

Passenger Medical Information. We require all passengers to submit basic medical information prior to departure. Upon receipt of that basic medical information, specific physical conditions may necessitate additional documentation from a passenger's physician certifying fitness to travel on a voyage to Antarctica. If additional medical confirmation is requested, boarding will not be allowed absent receipt of that confirmation. Operator has a pregnancy policy that women are welcome with explicit doctor's permission and having signed a specific waiver. Pregnancy policies of carriers (ship owners, airlines, bus companies, hotels, etc) may also apply. Please note that medical information will, of necessity, be available to designated POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS staff.

Please note that regardless of general eligibility there may be instances where environmental conditions require a level of fitness/mobility. In these cases individual participation in the landing(s) in question may be restricted by the Captain, Expedition Leader, or ship's doctor.

Travel Insurance. All passengers are required to carry valid travel insurance. This insurance must contain medical and evacuation coverage and should include cancellation and trip interruption as well. As any potential evacuation from Polar Regions can cost up to \$150,000 we recommend that no policy carry less than this amount of coverage. As part of the pre-departure forms Operator will require information as to carrier, policy number, and a 24-hour contact number.

All prices quoted are for cruise only. Our ground agents can assist with

arrangements for additional hotel nights, private transfers and land excursions.

Responsibility. The payment of a deposit or full payment for a reservation on this tour shall constitute consent to all the provisions contained herein.

Operator or its agents are not responsible for any costs or penalties relating to air transport or other services that are cancelled. Operator is not liable for failure to provide the services or accommodations offered to the extent that such services or accommodations cannot be provided due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond its control.

Operator is a qualified tour operator that organizes and administers its polar voyages. Operator will provide services in conjunction with local operators and air and sea operators. The designated operator(s), in turn, acts only as an agent for any transportation carrier, hotel, ground operator, or other suppliers of services connected with these tours ("other providers"), and the other providers are solely responsible and liable for providing their respective services. The passenger tickets in use by the carriers shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger; the carriers are not responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time participants are not aboard their conveyances.

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