





## Awards & Accolades

## **WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS**

) World's Leading Polar Expeditions Operator 2018

### USA TODAY 10 BEST READERS' CHOICE TRAVEL AWARD

) Best Adventure Cruise Line 2018

## SIGNATURE LUXURY TRAVEL & STYLE CRUISE AWARD

- ) Best-of-the-Best Luxury Cruise Awards Winner, Expedition 2018
- ) Best-of-the-Best Luxury Cruise Awards Winner, Expedition 2017

## TRAVEL WEEKLY GOLD MAGELLAN AWARD

- ) Best Expedition Itinerary: Northwest Passage 2018
- ) Best Expedition Itinerary: North Pole 2018

## TRAVEL WEEKLY SILVER MAGELLAN AWARD

- ) Best Expedition Itinerary: Greenland Explorer 2018
- ) Best Expedition Itinerary 2017
- ) Best Small Ship Expedition 2017
- ) Best Adventure Destination: Greenland 2017

## TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST AWARD

Small-Ship Ocean Cruise Line 2016

## FODOR'S TRAVEL GUIDES WORLD'S BEST CRUISES

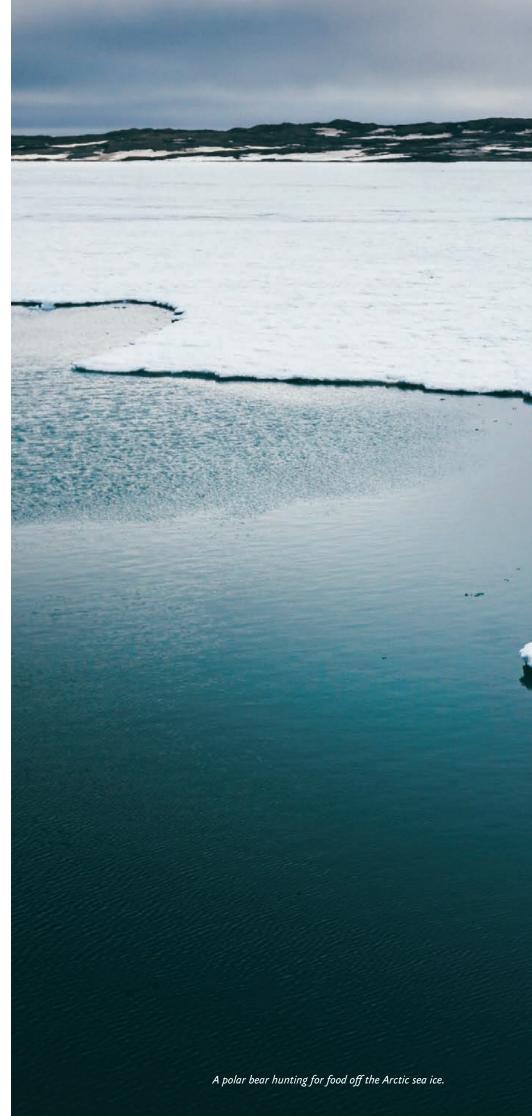
) Kapitan Khlebnikov's Northwest Passage Expedition 2016

## TRAVEL WEEKLY SILVER MAGELLAN AWARD

) Best Cruise Blog 2015



AECO (Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators) is an international association for expedition cruise operators operating in the Arctic and others with interests in this industry.



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## The Arctic:

## Beyond your wildest dreams

Quark Expeditions, the acknowledged leader in polar exploration, has been bringing passengers to the polar regions for three decades. We led the very first tourist expedition to the North Pole in 1991, completed the first circumnavigation of Antarctica, followed by the Arctic Ocean. We've focused exclusively on the polar regions for thirty years.

Our Expedition Leaders are the most experienced in the polar regions. In fact, we are the only expedition company with its own proprietary training program, Quark Academy, which reflects our commitment to go beyond and offer the highest safety standards in the industry. Many of our Expedition Leaders and on-ship staff are polar experts and have deep relationships with the Arctic communities that we visit during our expeditions.

We are passionate about exploring. We are passionate about curating unforgettable expeditions for adventurers visiting the Arctic and beyond. That's why we're introducing two new Russian itineraries and launching two polar vessels that will change the way we explore the polar regions.

## QUARK EXPEDITIONS HAS DEFINED WHAT'S POSSIBLE IN THE POLAR REGIONS.

So whether it's a bucket list item that you're checking off, a new trail you're looking to experience, wildlife you want to witness in a natural setting, or a much-deserved escape from daily life, we have the Arctic adventure you're looking for in 2020.





### **GREENLAND'S NORTHERN LIGHTS**

Aurora displays occur when protons and electrons from the sun slam into the Earth's magnetic field, resulting in an awe-inspiring dance of multi-coloured lights across the night sky. The Northern Lights in Greenland tend to be green and white and can sometimes be viewed during the month of September.



## ARCTIC EXPLORERS

Step back in time to the days of great Arctic explorers like Sir John Franklin and retrace his historic route through the Northwest Passage.

## GREENLAND

## UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Ilulissat Icefjord, a tidal fjord and UNESCO World Heritage site, is home to Sermeq Kujalleq, one of the fastest and most active glaciers in the world.

## **GREENLANDIC CULTURE**

A visit to Ittoqqortoormiit, the most isolated town in Greenland, is a window into the daily life of a remote community where many inhabitants still hunt and fish to continue their traditional heritage.





Baffi Islan

## **ICELAND**

## **ANCIENT HISTORY & CULTURE**

Visiting local communities in the Canadian Arctic connects travelers to 4,000 years of history and culture. Pangnirtung, Pang for short, is an artistic community known for its beautiful hand-woven tapestries and lithographic prints.



## MILLIONS OF BIRDS The Látrabjarg Sea Cliffs

The Látrabjarg Sea Cliffs, a 7 mile stretch of towering cliffs (up to 1,443 feet high) is famous for the millions of birds that nest along the majestic cliff-tops.





From the Greenlandic word 'qajaq', this slim one-person boat was originally used for sealing, whaling and fishing by the Inuit people in Greenland. Today, kayaking offers the chance to experience the Arctic from a different vantage point.

Map is not to scale.



## THE ULTIMATE ARCTIC ADVENTURE

Even during the Arctic summer, it takes the strength of a nuclear ice-breaker to reach the North Pole.



### **AN UNLIKELY CITY**

The remote town of Longyearbyen has a population of 2,100 and is home to one of Europe's largest wine cellars with more than 20,000 bottles.

## SVALBARD

## ROCKY " PHENOMENON

Discover a rare geological phenomenon at Champ Island in Franz Josef Land. Stone spheres found here likely formed when masses of minerals came in contact with organic material, creating a chemical reaction shaping the ball in layers, often as perfect spheres.



"Northern Land", was the last sizeable archipelago on Earth to be explored.



### THE KING OF THE ARCTIC

Although a polar bear's fur appears white, it is actually a layer of transparent hair with special characteristics that create the illusion of white fur. A polar bear's skin is black. An optimal time to view polar bears in Spitsbergen is during the months of June and July.

## ARCTIC ARCHIPELAGO

Novaya Zemlya, "New Land", is the third largest wilderness area in Europe. This remote Russian destination is abundant in wildlife and steeped in polar history.



## RUSSIA

### **VOLCANIC ISLANDS**

A paradise for hikers and birds alike, the cliffs of the Faroe Islands are home for 110 different species of birds.



## ICONIC ARCTIC WILDLIFE

From spotting polar bears in Spitsbergen, to sightings of muskoxen in Greenland, the Arctic is teeming with diverse wildlife. Here are some of the animals you may see:



Arctic fox, walrus, muskox, reindeer, polar bear, whales, birds & more.

The Arctic is a mass of sea ice floating over the Arctic Ocean, surrounded by North America, Europe and Asia.

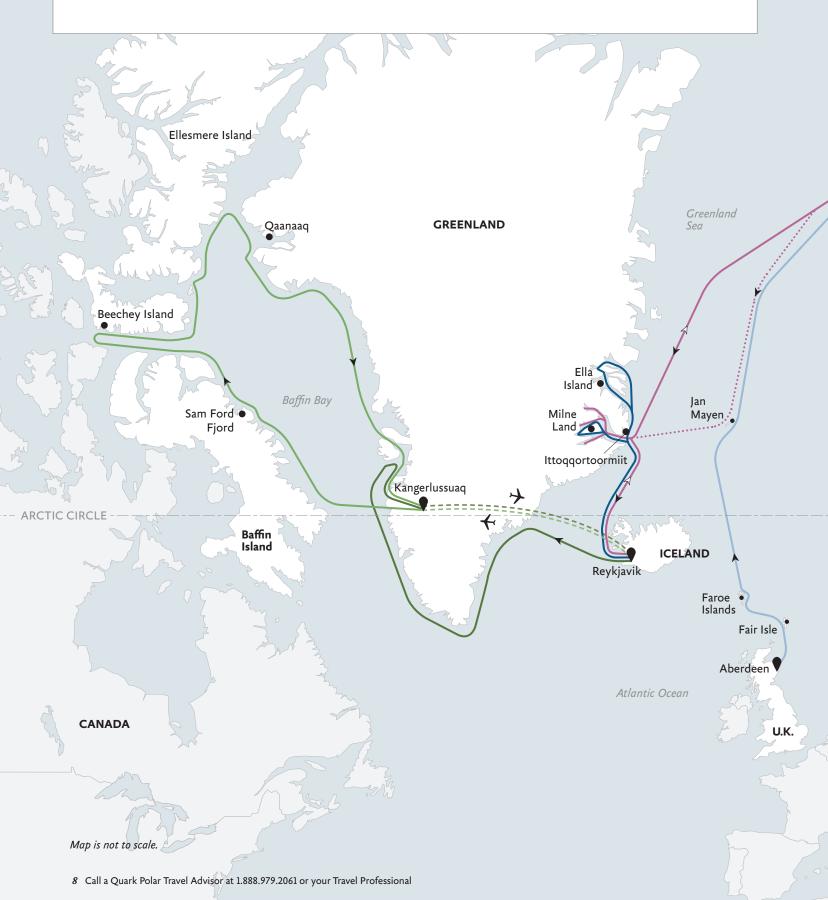
Use this infographic to help narrow down your choices of where to explore.

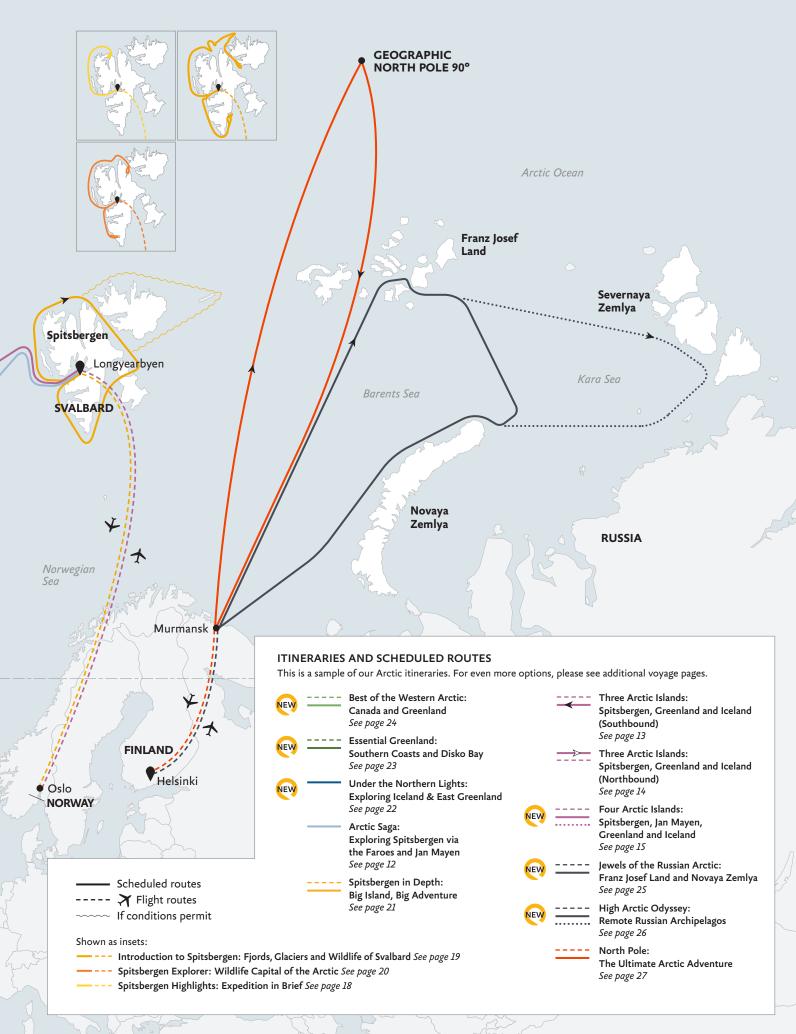
## The Arctic

NORWAY, ICELAND, GREENLAND, RUSSIA, CANADA

Where do you want to go? With six new itineraries and two of them brought back by popular demand, Quark Expeditions'

lineup for 2020 offers passionate guests the chance to experience the complete range of Arctic adventures. Multi-Destination Voyages are tailored to those who want to sample a little bit of everything the Arctic has to offer. The In-Depth Explorations dig deep into each specific Arctic region, including two new Russian Arctic expeditions, and our Epic Adventures to the North Pole and across the entire Arctic are life-changing trips you will never forget.







## Multi-Destination

voyages

Perfect for first-time travelers to the Arctic, our Multi-Destination itineraries let you experience impressive icebergs, iconic wildlife, traditional Inuit culture and other highlights of different parts of the Arctic and Sub-Arctic. Four voyages (ranging from 14 to 18 days) take in the best that Greenland, Iceland, Spitsbergen, the Faroe Islands and the seldom-visited Jan Mayen have to offer.

## **In This Section**

- A Selection of Four Immersive Itineraries from 14 to 18 days
- A Four Arctic Islands Itinerary: August 13-30, 2020. See page 15







Enjoying the incredible landscapes of Spitsbergen; visiting historical sites; a pair of puffins.

## Arctic Saga:

## Exploring Spitsbergen via the Faroes and Jan Mayen

Departing from Aberdeen, Scotland, the Arctic Saga voyage visits four remote Arctic islands and offers culture, polar history and iconic wildlife. Sail through the North Atlantic to Fair Isle, home to a famous bird observatory, followed by two days exploring the Viking and Norse sites on the Faroe Islands. The world's northern most volcanic island, Jan Mayen, is our next stop. This 14-day voyage ends with two days for exploring Spitsbergen, always on the lookout for polar bears.

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected.



## 1 departure | April 30, 2020

14 days | From \$4,995 per person

▼ Embarkation: Aberdeen, Scotland

Disembarkation: Longyearbyen, Norway

## Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

## **Adventure Options:**





Exploring the fjords of Greenland on a paddling excursion.

## Three Arctic Islands: Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland

▼ SOUTHBOUND

Named one of the 50 Tours of a Lifetime by National Geographic Traveler, this voyage offers the best of the eastern Arctic in one voyage. You start in Spitsbergen, Norway, then sail south to Greenland to explore the world's largest fjord system and end in Iceland. This popular trip has something for everyone: iconic wildlife, including polar bears, walrus and muskoxen, ancient Thule settlements, hikes along the glacial moraine and tundra, glacier calving and more.

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## 2 departures | August and September 2020

15 days | From \$9,995 per person

▼ Embarkation: Longyearbyen, Norway

Disembarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland

## Charter flight:

Oslo to Longyearbyen (included in mandatory transfer package)

## Ship:

World Explorer

## **Adventure Options:**





A colorful Greenlandic community.

## Three Arctic Islands: Iceland, Greenland and Spitsbergen

NORTHBOUND

You'll start this trip in cosmopolitan Reykjavik, Iceland, before heading to the eastern coast of Greenland to visit ancient Thule settlements and look for grazing muskoxen. Then it's on to Norway via Spitsbergen, the largest island in the Svalbard archipelago, which is abundant in wildlife (walrus, polar bears and reindeer), as well as spectacular glacier fronts and steep-walled fjords. Seeing calving glaciers for the first time is an unforgettable memory.

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## 1 departure | August 24, 2020

15 days | From \$9,995 per person

Fembarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland

Disembarkation: Longyearbyen, Norway

## Charter flight:

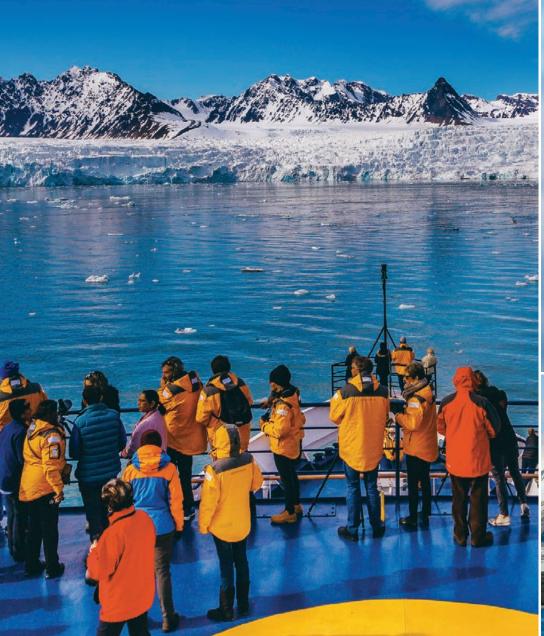
Longyearbyen to Oslo (included in mandatory transfer package)

## Ship:

World Explorer

### **Adventure Options:** See pages 42-43 for more detail









On the lookout for iconic wildlife; Arctic terns soar overhead; remote Jan Mayen Island.



## Four Arctic Islands:

## Spitsbergen, Jan Mayen, Greenland and Iceland

This expedition offers the best of the Three Arctic Islands voyage, plus it's one of only two opportunities in 2020 to visit the volcanic Norwegian island of Jan Mayen. This small, mountainous island nature reserve in the remote North Atlantic is inhabited only by military and meteorological personnel and numerous colonies of breeding seabirds. Sample four very different Arctic regions in one unforgettable trip.

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## Longyearbyen **GREENLAND** SVALBARD (Region of Norway) Atlantic Ocean Sydkap Ittoqqortoormiit Strait ARCTIC CIRCLE Reykjavik ICELAND

## 1 departure | August 13, 2020

18 days | From \$10,995 per person

₱ Embarkation: Longyearbyen, Norway

♥ Disembarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland

## Charter flight:

Oslo to Longyearbyen (included in mandatory transfer package)

## Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

## **Adventure Options:**





# In-Depth explorations

Our region-specific expeditions to Norway, Greenland, Russia and Canada are ideal for those who know where they want to go and for past travelers who've explored the highlights and would now like to focus on one Arctic domain. Such trips are also ideal for first-timers who are eager to explore one specific region in-depth. Our range of itineraries covers four Arctic regions, allowing you to choose the adventure that suits your travel desires.

## In This Section



- > Six Exciting New Itineraries
- Two New Russian Itineraries from 16-22 days. See pages 25 & 26
- Two 14-day North Pole Itineraries. See page 27

Zodiac passengers get a close-up of an iceberg in the icy waters off Spitsbergen.



A group of passengers react to a much-anticipated polar bear sighting.

## **Spitsbergen Highlights:** Expedition in Brief

Back by popular demand, our Spitsbergen Highlights expedition is designed for passengers who are looking to experience the best of Spitsbergen but are short on time. You can pack a lot into just seven days, including a scenic journey along the island's west coast, which will give you amazing views of Spitsbergen's rocky mountains, glaciers, towering cliffs and fjords. You'll want to be on a constant lookout for wildlife—especially for the elusive polar bear.

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# Phippsøya Arctic Ocean Monaco Clacier SPITSBERGEN Smeerenburg Longyearbyen Edgeøya SVALBARD (Region of Norway) Greenland Sea Hornsund TO/FROM OSLO

## 2 departures | June 2020

7 days | From \$3,995 per person

 $\P$  Embarkation/Disembarkation:

Longyearbyen, Norway

## Charter flight:

Oslo to Longyearbyen (included in mandatory transfer package)

## Ship:

World Explorer Ocean Adventurer

## **Adventure Options:**









A Svalbard reindeer; Zodiac cruising along a glacier; passengers enjoying the view on deck.

## **Introduction to Spitsbergen:** Fjords, Glaciers and Wildlife of Svalbard

Experience everything the island has to offer on this 10-day itinerary, which covers western Spitsbergen as well as the stunning fjords and outlying islands to the north. You'll hike the tundra, zip through fjords on Zodiac and experience vast expanses of icebergs. Wildlife-viewing includes walruses, reindeer and polar bears. The Norwegian Arctic has been inspiring explorers for centuries—it's time you become one of them.

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Arctic Ocean

Moffen

Nordaustlandet

Monaco Glacier
SPITSBERGEN
Smeerenburg

Barentsøya

Edgeøya

SVALBARD
(Region of Norway)

TO/FROM
OSLO

4 departures | June and July 2020

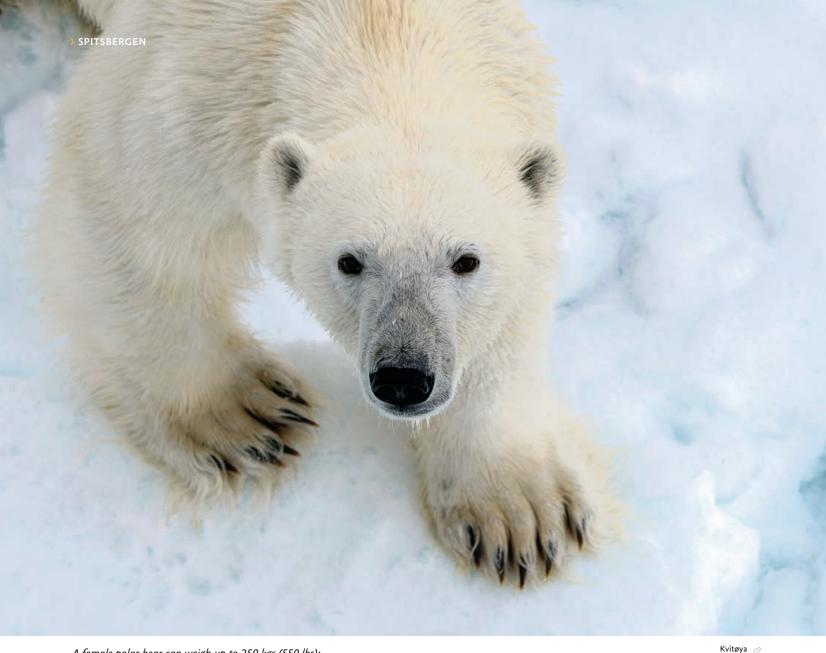
10 days | From \$6,495 per person ♥ Embarkation/Disembarkation: Longyearbyen, Norway Charter flight:

Oslo to Longyearbyen (included in mandatory transfer package)

**Ship:** *World Explorer* 

Adventure Options:
See pages 42-43 for more detail





A female polar bear can weigh up to 250 kgs (550 lbs); a male can weigh as much as 600 kg (1,300 lbs) or more.

## **Spitsbergen Explorer:** Wildlife Capital of the Arctic

Explore Spitsbergen's rugged west coast, as we loop over both the northern and southern tips on a 12-day sailing. We journey in continuous daylight in the search for walrus and polar bears amid stunning glaciers, towering cliffs, abandoned historical sites and colorful tundra. The natural landscape in the outlying islands to the north is as varied as the animal life, the wildlife capital of the Arctic will leave you with indelible memories.

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3 departures | May and June 2020 12 days | From \$6,995 per person

**♥** Embarkation/Disembarkation:

Longyearbyen, Norway

## Charter flight:

Oslo to Longyearbyen (included in mandatory transfer package)

## Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

## Phippsøya Arctic Ocean Nordaustlandet Moffe Alkefjellet Glacier SPITSBERGEN Smeerenburg Barentsøya Longyearbyer Edgeøy SVALBARD Calypsobyen (Region of Norway) Greenland Sea TO/FROM

**Adventure Options:** See pages 42-43 for more detail









Passengers enjoying a Zodiac cruise; a breaching whale; hiking the Arctic tundra.

## Spitsbergen In Depth: Big Islands, Big Adventure

Our longest Spitsbergen expedition at 14 days attempts to circumnavigate the island and, if conditions allow, venture around the entire Svalbard archipelago. This trip offers maximum exploration time on land and at sea, making it the best voyage for viewing polar bears and walrus, reindeer and foxes, whales and seabirds. Landing sites yield abandoned whaling settlements, tundra meadows, glaciers and icebergs, seabird breeding grounds and more.

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## Arctic Ocean Scheduled route Nordaustlandet If conditions allow Alkefjellet Monaco Glacier SPITSBERGEN Smeerenburg Barentsøya Longyearbyer Edgeøya SVALBARD (Region of Norway) Calypsobyen TO/FROM

## 3 departures | June and July 2020

14 days | From \$8,995 per person **♥** Embarkation/Disembarkation: Longyearbyen, Norway

## Charter flight:

Oslo to Longyearbyen (included in mandatory transfer package)

## Ship:

World Explorer Ocean Adventurer

## **Adventure Options:**









Scoresbysund fjord; Greenlandic cultural encounter; capturing the Northern Lights.



## **Under the Northern Lights:** Exploring Iceland and East Greenland

Our most comprehensive exploration of East Greenland begins in the seldomvisited Vestfjords in Iceland's north and then on to Greenland's Scorebysund and King Oscar Fjord systems. You'll search for wildlife, visit the world's largest national park, Northeast Greenland National Park, where 40% of the world's muskoxen live, and possibly witness the Northern Lights. Visiting the remote Inuit community of Ittoqqortoormiit will make for an unforgettable experience.

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## Ella Island **GREENLAND** Milne Land Ittoqqortoormiit Scoresby Atlantic Ocean Vestfjords Reykjavik ICELAND

## 1 departure | September 19, 2020

14 days | From \$7,495 per person

**♥ Embarkation/Disembarkation:** Reykjavik, Iceland

## Ship:

World Explorer

## **Adventure Options:**





Stunning Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site.



## **Essential Greenland:**

## Southern Coasts and Disko Bay

This is the most in-depth Greenland experience we offer. Explore the whole southern tip of Greenland and up the southwest coast, witnessing unspoiled wilderness filled with imposing glaciers, dramatic fjords, elusive wildlife, as well as time to explore Norse ruins. You will also have the rare chance to visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Ilulissat Icefjord and Kujataa communities, which tell the story of Norse and Viking farming heritage.

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## Baffin Bay GREENLAND Ilulissat Sisimiut Kangerlussuaq Itillea Nuuk Skjoldungen Denmark Strait Prins Christian Sund ICELAND Atlantic Ocean

## 1 departure | August 29, 2020

15 days | From \$8,495 per person

▼ Embarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland

Disembarkation: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

## Charter flight:

Kangerlussuaq to Reykjavik (included in mandatory transfer package)

## Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

## **Adventure Options:** See pages 42-43 for more detail









Community visit in West Greenland; a snowy muskox; enchanting icebergs.



## **Best of the Western Arctic:**

## Canada and Greenland

Heading across Davis Strait, up the east coast of Baffin Island, into Lancaster Sound and down the west coast of Greenland, this expedition combines the best of our previous Northwest Passage trips into one epic voyage. Sailing completely around Baffin Bay, you see the most the region has to offer, including icebergladen fjords, towering mountains, colorful tundra, thrilling wildlife sightings and a fascinating look at contemporary life near the top of the world.

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## 1 departure | September 10, 2020

20 days | From \$11,995 per person **♥** Embarkation/Disembarkation:

Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

## Charter flight:

Between Kangerlussuaq and Reykjavik (included in mandatory transfer package)

## Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

## Dundas Baffin Bay Sam Ford Uummannaq Isabella llulissat Qikiqtarjuaq Itilleq Kangerlussuaq ARCTIC CANADA

Qaanaaq

GREENLAND

**Adventure Options:** See pages 42-43 for more detail





A herd of walrus observing the visitors.



## Jewels of the Russian Arctic:

## Franz Josef Land and Novaya Zemlya

Retrace the route of Willem Barentsz, the first European explorer to overwinter in the Arctic in 1596, and visit research stations in the rarely traveled Russian Arctic. These two captivating archipelagos offer up breathtaking views of pristine wilderness, calving glaciers and rugged shorelines, some of the richest history of polar expedition, and iconic wildlife such as walrus, whales, seabirds and polar bears.

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## North Pole 90° Greenland Sea Franz losef Barents Sea Kara Murmansk Helsinki **RUSSIA** Scheduled route Flight route Areas where ice may be present

Arctic

Ocean

## 1 departure | July 9, 2020

16 days | From \$9,995 per person **♥** Embarkation/Disembarkation: Murmansk, Russia

## Charter flight:

Between Helsinki and Murmansk (included in mandatory transfer package)

## Ship: Ocean Adventurer

## **Adventure Options:** See pages 42-43 for more detail



**GREENLAND** 



Franz Josef Land is known for its spectacular landscapes.



## High Arctic Odyssey: Remote Russian Archipelagos

In the spirit of a true Arctic adventure, this 22-day voyage to the Russian Arctic attempts to visit Severnaya Zemlya, the last sizeable archipelago in the world to be discovered. This expedition also lets you experience Novaya Zemlya, which separates the Barents and Kara Seas, where the earliest explorers overwintered. You'll visit historical sites at Franz Josef Land, the world's northernmost archipelago, and look for iconic Arctic wildlife such as polar bears, walrus and seabirds.

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22 days | From \$15,495 per person **♥** Embarkation/Disembarkation: Murmansk, Russia

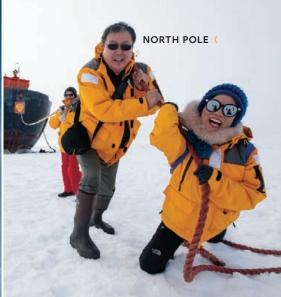
Charter flight: Between Helsinki and Murmansk (included in mandatory transfer package)

Ship:

## Arctic Ocean North Greenland Sea Severnaya Zemlya Franz Josef Barents Sea Kara **RUSSIA** Scheduled route Flight route Areas where ice may be present **Adventure Options:** See pages 42-43 for more detail Ocean Adventurer

**GREENLAND** 







Hot-air ballooning at the North Pole; celebrating reaching 90° North; a curious polar bear.

## **North Pole:**

## The Ultimate Arctic Adventure

Traveling on the iconic 50 Years of Victory, one of the most powerful nuclear icebreakers in the world, you'll venture to 90° North and stand at the very top of the globe. The Russian vessel will crush through thick pack ice enabling you to catch glimpses of Arctic wildlife, experience helicopter sightseeing rides, enjoy a barbecue on the ice and perhaps take a polar plunge. Later, you'll visit historical sites of Franz Josef Land archipelago and cruise beneath bird colonies.

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## Arctic Ocean GREENLAND North Pole 90° Greenland Sea Svalbard Franz Josef Land Barents Sea Murmansk Helsinki RUSSIA

## 2 departure | June 2020

14 days | From \$30,995 per person **♥** Embarkation/Disembarkation:

Murmansk, Russia

## Charter flight:

Between Helsinki and Murmansk (included in mandatory transfer package)

## Ship:

50 Years of Victory

## **Adventure Options:**





## **High Arctic Odyssey:** Remote Russian Archipelagos. See page 26



## **Essential Greenland:** Southern Coasts and Disko Bay. See page 23



## Four Arctic Islands: Spitsbergen, Jan Mayen, Greenland and Iceland. See page 15



**Best of the Western Arctic:** Canada and Greenland. See page 24



## 1 departure | July through September 2020 70 days | From \$45,405.75

- Fembarkation/Disembarkation: Murmansk, Russia
- ♥ Disembarkation: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

## Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

## **Adventure Options:**

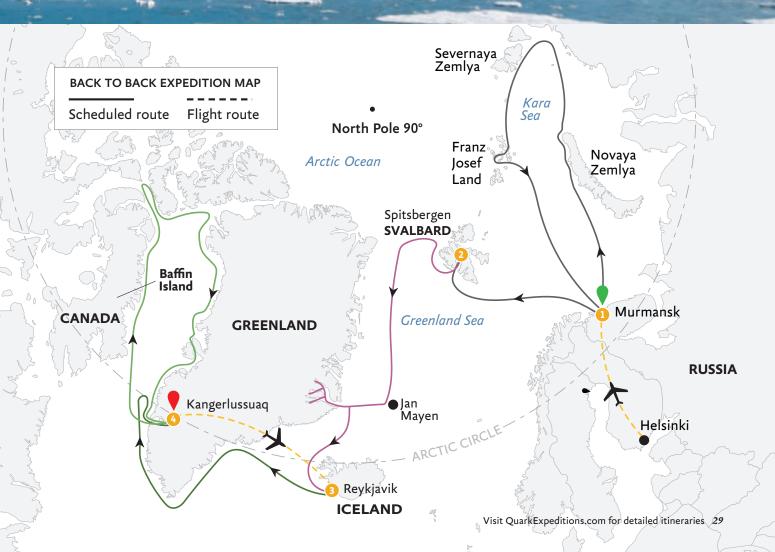


\*Adventure Options only available on select expeditions.

Get to know the true character of each region in all its nuanced beauty, connect with Arctic nature, culture, wildlife and history on an epic journey at the top of the world.

Call your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Advisor to find out more.











INFINITY SUITE VERANDA SUITE OBSERVATION LOUNGE

## World Explorer

This is the first Arctic season for the *World Explorer*, which has been designed for superior comfort. Every guest suite has its own private balcony. The *World Explorer* is one of the first expedition ships in the world to operate on low-emission, sustainable hybrid technology from Rolls-Royce. Facilities include a glass-domed Observation Lounge, Explorer Lounge and Bar, dining room, lecture theater, outdoor running track, gym, sauna, spa, heated outdoor pool, Polar Library and Polar Boutique. In addition, a dedicated French-speaker accompanies every voyage in the Arctic 2020 season.

## **Ship Specifications:**

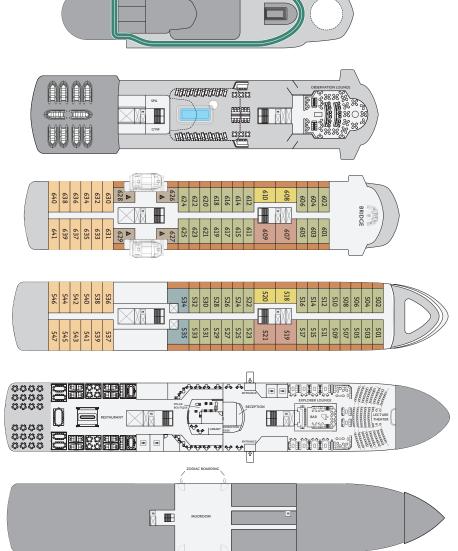
Staff & Crew: 125 Guests: 172

Lifeboats: 2, fully enclosed

Ice Class: 1B

## Six Tiers of Accommodation:

- OWNER'S SUITE: One double or two single beds, private bathroom with double vanity and bathtub, walk-out balcony and separate sitting area
- DELUXE SUITE: One double or two single beds, private bathroom with double vanity, double closets, walk-out balcony and separate sitting area
- SUPERIOR SUITE: One double or two single beds, private bathroom, walk-in closet, walk-out balcony and separate sitting area
- VERANDA SUITE: One double or two single beds, private bathroom, sitting area and walk-out balcony
- INFINITY SUITE: One double or two single beds, private bathroom, sitting area and a floor-to-ceiling glass Juliet balcony
- TRIPLE: One double or two single beds and a sofa bed, private bathroom, sitting area and walk-out balcony



See page 51 for cabin pricing.

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.

Images are artist renderings.



### Ocean Adventurer

A passenger favorite, the Ocean Adventurer underwent a multi-million-dollar renovation in 2017. The ship's traditional mahogany and brass décor has been complemented by a completely refreshed lounge and dining room, as well as new bathrooms in public spaces and all cabins, updated Suites, and the addition of six Deluxe and three Owner's Suites. Technical improvements feature two new Rolls-Royce engines that increase fuel efficiency and minimize the ship's carbon footprint. Facilities include a dining room, multipurpose lounge and bar, gym, Polar Library and Polar Boutique.

#### **Ship Specifications:**

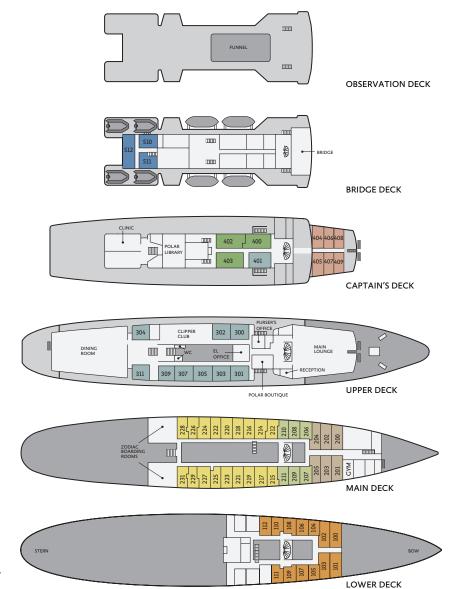
Staff & Crew: 87 Guests: 128

Lifeboats: 4, partially enclosed

Ice Class: 1A

#### **Eight Tiers of Accommodation:**

- OWNER'S SUITE: Double bed, private sitting area, private bathroom, multiple windows with exterior views
- SUITE: Double bed, private bathroom (Cabin 403 has bathtub, others have showers), windows with exterior views
- **DELUXE**: Two lower beds, private bathroom, windows with exterior views
- **SUPERIOR:** Two lower beds, private bathroom, windows with exterior views
- MAIN DECK TWIN WINDOW: Two lower beds, private bathroom and window with exterior view
- MAIN DECK PORTHOLE: Two lower beds, private bathroom, porthole with exterior views
- LOWER DECK TWIN: Two lower beds, private bathroom, porthole with exterior views
- TRIPLE: Two lower beds and one upper bed, private bathroom, porthole with exterior views



See page 51 for cabin pricing. Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.



# **50 Years of Victory**

This nuclear-powered icebreaker is one of the most powerful in the world, capable of breaking through ice up to 8.2 feet thick. As such, the 50 Years of Victory is in high demand, busy keeping shipping routes open the rest of the year. Having completed more than 50 journeys to the North Pole—and in record times—the ship carries with it a definitive cachet unmatched by any other. Facilities include a dining room, lounge and presentation room, all-inclusive bar, gym, basketball court, sauna, plunge pool, Polar Library, Polar Boutique and onboard helicopter for aerial sightseeing.

#### **Ship Specifications:**

Staff & Crew: 140 Guests: 128

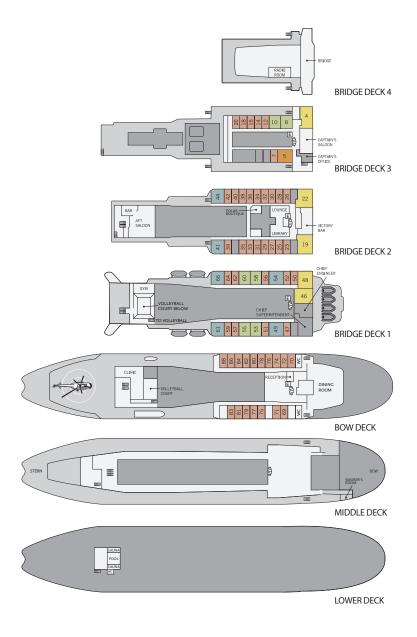
Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

Ice Class: LL1 (highest rating possible)

#### Five Tiers of Accommodation:

- ARKITKA SUITE: Spacious bedroom with single bed and sitting room with sofa bed, private bathroom with bathtub, TV, DVD player, coffee maker, exterior window opens
- VICTORY SUITE: Spacious bedroom with single bed and sitting room with sofa bed, private bathroom with shower, refrigerator, TV, DVD player, coffee maker, exterior window opens
- SUITE: Bedroom with sitting area and sofa bed, private bathroom with bathtub or shower, refrigerator, TV, DVD player, coffee maker, exterior window opens
- MINI SUITE: Sitting area with a sofa bed and curtained-off bedroom, TV and DVD player, private bathroom, exterior window opens
- TWIN: One lower bed and sofa bed, TV and DVD player, private bathroom, exterior window opens

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The Leader in Polar Adventures

#### GOING BEYOND IN THE POLAR SEAS

Some travelers stand at the water's edge, look out into the distance and wonder: "How far away is that point on the horizon?" And then there are those of us who ask instead: "But what's past that point on the horizon? That's where I want to go—and beyond."

THAT'S WHY WE'RE BUILDING ULTRAMARINE.



Ultramarine will be more than just a ship. Quark Expeditions' new technologically-advanced vessel will be an unrivalled operational base for polar adventures. In the hands of the most experienced and passionate expedition team in the industry, Ultramarine will allow our guests to maximize their expedition experience, push their boundaries and experience the lifechanging magic of the polar regions. Ultramarine is designed to get you off the ship and deep into the polar wilderness faster and safer than ever before, while minimizing the ship's environmental footprint to an extent previously unseen for a vessel of this size.

**ULTRAMARINE WILL TAKE YOU PLACES NO ONE ELSE CAN.** 

# The On-Ship experience 31 mtrs.

On the lookout for iconic wildlife; passengers relax and connect onboard.







#### Onboard comfort

Excellent food, well-appointed rooms, superior customer service. There's nothing more satisfying than returning to a homey sanctuary after time spent outdoors. While our tough-as-nails ship exteriors are constructed to brave the elements, the onboard environment yields total premium comfort with service equivalent to that of a fine hotel. Dining room servers quickly get to know your preferences during meal time and the breakfast and lunch buffets cater to every taste and certain dietary restrictions (with advance notice). Housekeeping staff keep things spotless and shining, the rooms comfortable and cozy. The bartender has a story or two-and so will you.

#### Staying informed

Daily presentations from worldleading experts on wildlife, history or glaciology complement your expedition experience, deepening your knowledge of the polar regions. Regular briefings keep you up to date on the schedule and weather and ensure you're connected to what's happening on a daily basis. The ship's intercom alerts passengers to disembarkations and must-experience wildlife moments.

#### Relaxing ambience

It won't take you long to discover that life on board is better than good. Whether you're enjoying a quiet pre-dawn cappuccino, reading a book all afternoon in a panoramic lounge, enjoying a film after dinner or socializing with Expedition Staff over a nightcap, your home away from home is just that.

# Adventure **Options**

Quark Expeditions offers the largest number of offship adventure options in the polar regions. Some are included in your expedition, while additional activities cost extra and must be booked in advance. Participating in these activities allows you to be as active as you would like and truly personalize your experience.

### Included in your expedition



#### Zodiac Cruising

These polar-sturdy, reinforced rubber skiffs whisk you safely from the ship to the remote shorelines and back, taking you into the shallow waters that the ship can't reach. Touring around by Zodiac while looking out for wildlife is an intimate and relaxing way of exploring the icy bays and inlets.





#### Walking/Hiking

Each shore landing is an excellent opportunity for you to explore the terrain on foot. Travelers are split into groups based on hiking ability and area of interest, giving everyone a satisfying hour or two of exploration.

#### 👤 Polar Plunge

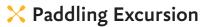
As madcap as it looks, willingly jumping into the bonechilling ocean waters has become a polar rite of passage —and the photo ops are priceless. Dare yourself to take the plunge!

#### **Additional** activities

#### Hot-Air Ballooning

See the North Pole in a way few will ever experience, looking down from the basket of a tethered hotair balloon. Weather permitting, we take you up for a breathtaking bird's-eye view of 90° Northa vista you will never forget.

**NORTH POLE ONLY** 



A guided, one-time paddle enables you to enjoy your polar surroundings from a unique and intimate perspective. Just imagine yourself gliding on a stable, sit-ontop kayak, at one with the water, experiencing the Arctic at its most tranquil. That's the kind of memory that will last forever.

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED



#### 🚣 Sea Kayaking

Kayaking along the rugged coastlines and through the calm bays with an experienced guide is one of the most inspiring ways to explore the pristine regions of the Arctic. Guests in the sea kayaking program typically paddle out onto the water multiple times during their expedition. This adventure option is weather-dependent.

**SPACES ARE LIMITED AND** SOME EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED.

All of our Adventure Options are weather permitting





# your Polar Specialists The perfect polar expedition doesn't just happened to the steam of talented, knowledgeable at the steam of talented a



# your Polar **Travel Advisors**

Our dedicated team of polar specialists are available Monday to Saturday, 24 hours a day. From the first email exchange to the follow-up after your expedition, you can be confident our team will have the information you need to have the trip of a lifetime. All of our advisors have extensive first-hand experience in the polar regions.



#### Danny Bamboat

Background: "I have a diploma in Tourism and Hospitality Management and a BA in Hotel and Restaurant Management. I've lived in Pakistan, Toronto, Victoria, South Korea and Cambodia."

#### What can polar travel teach you?

"How old the earth really is. You can literally see the history of time through ice and glaciers."

Trip Tip: "Bring an extra pair of warm socks!"



#### Mary Eliasewych

Background: "After studying Cultural Anthropology at the University of Toronto and working with Canada Customs and Immigration, I switched to the travel industry where I have been working for the past 20 years. I have been with Quark Expeditions for four years."

#### What can polar travel teach you?

"That majestic sites are not all man-made."

Trip Tip: "Study the effects of climate change on the polar regions before you go."



#### ) Laura Guignot

Background: "I grew up in France and have lived in Canada for five years. I joined the tourism industry in New Zealand six years ago, and began with the Quark Expeditions sales team two years ago. On top of my sales role, I also coordinate the French Program."

#### What can polar travel teach you?

"Why the polar regions need our protection."

Trip Tip: "Be ready to disconnect and get hit by nature at its purest."



#### ) Hanan Helmy

Background: "I've lived in three countries and I've traveled to 38. Obviously, travel is my passion. I studied communications at McGill University in Montreal where I picked up French. I draw on my background in sales and business development in my job at Quark Expeditions, which I started in 2017. I've already been on two polar expeditions."

#### What can polar travel teach you?

"To become more sustainable and aware of your environment."

Trip Tip: "Embrace every moment. The polar regions are unlike anywhere else you will visit."



#### Raakhe Kapila

Background: "I have worked in the travel industry for 18 years in Toronto and Bangalore, India. In my seven years with Quark Expeditions, I have been a Polar Travel Advisor, Onboard Guest Services Representative, Trade Show Presenter, Event Planner and Trainer."

#### What can polar travel teach you?

"To marvel at the purity of nature. The wilderness invites us to make connections with our planet—and ourselves."

Trip Tip: "Experience your trip through the lens of your eyes and not just the camera."



#### ) Innis Mason

Background: "I have lived and worked in the United States and Canada, also doing humanitarian work in West Africa and international business in China. I traveled to the polar regions before working in the industry for two years. I have been a polar addict since I was four years old."

#### What can polar travel teach you?

"To rekindle that sense of childhood wonder."

Trip Tip: "Buy new underwear—the long ones!"



#### ) Lotte Lambourn

Background: "I studied hotel and hospitality management, and have worked in four countries. I just visited Antarctica for the first time and I'm completely in awe."

#### What can polar travel teach you?

"It will teach you what we should do to preserve these regions for generations to come."

Trip Tip: "Read up on the polar regions. You will enjoy it so much more when you understand what you are experiencing."



#### Aitor Poyo

Background: "Nature constantly pulls me outside. I have a BA in Tourism Management and have lived in Europe and Canada. I've worked in the travel industry for 10 years, with one year of polar travel experience."

#### What can polar travel teach you?

"The importance of disconnecting, of adventure and the power of nature."

Trip Tip: "Prepare to be in a continuous state of awe once you arrive in the Arctic."



#### Caren Rapp

Background: "I was born in South Africa and have a degree from Rhodes University. I lived in Israel before immigrating to Canada. I've been a polar travel advisor for more than 25 years. I have also been an advisor in smallgroup adventure travel."

#### What can polar travel teach you?

"To appreciate the beauty of nature."

Trip Tip: "Cultivate an adventurous nature, be open to spiritual experiences."



#### Paul Schuster

Background: "I grew up in New Zealand, where I developed a passion for discovering the world. I've explored over 50 countries. The polar regions stand out on top. In addition to a BA in Sociology, I've acquired a great deal of experience in adventure travel."

#### What can polar travel teach you? "How fragile the world is."

Trip Tip: "You don't have to do anything before traveling to the polar regions. Just go!"



#### Mark Weber

Background: "I studied geography and tourism. I've worked in travel for 15 years, six of them in polar travel. I've completed three expeditions: the Antarctic, the Canadian Arctic and one that explored Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland."

#### What can polar travel teach you?

"Expedition travel makes you feel like one of the early explorers. You see a world few others have seen."

Trip Tip: "Travel with a sense of adventure. Expect the unexpected!"



#### Danna Walker

Background: "I'm a mountain hiking enthusiast from British Columbia and I've worked in polar travel for six years. I'm keenly interested in polar history and environmental awareness."

#### What can polar travel teach you?

"That your eyes are not big enough to take it all in, and you will automatically open up your heart."

Trip Tip: "Reading about the history of the polar regions will really make a difference to your trip."



#### Chantal Wells

Background: "Home for me is Cairns, Australia. I'm an extreme sport enthusiast, long-distance trekker, survivalist and forager. I worked in the polar travel industry for two years before joining Quark Expeditions in 2019."

#### What can polar travel teach you?

"How to disconnect from civilization and gain a new perspective."

Trip Tip: "Watching documentaries before your trip is an excellent way to learn about the polar regions you'll visit."





# your Expedition Leaders

We have the most professional and passionate team of Expedition Leaders in the world, who bring a wide range of experience to every adventure. Simply put, they know the polar regions like the back of their hands.

#### David (Woody) Wood

Background: Woody, who hails from Australia, has an unquenchable passion for sharing the marvels of the polar regions. He holds degrees in political science and law, and previously worked in a pediatrics hospital before joining Quark Expeditions.

Polar experience: Woody has spent a decade at sea, in the Arctic and Antarctica. He spends as much time as possible on board ships heading into the ice.

Why you'll love traveling with Woody: His passion for landscapes, ice, wildlife and polar history.

#### ) Laurie di Vincenzo

Background: Laurie has spent part of her career in marine logistics and operations management. She has also worked for a tall ship sail-training organization in her home base of Toronto.

Polar experience: Laurie has guided 70 trips in the polar regions and feels most at home on a Zodiac, searching for wildlife, or hiking on the tundra.

Why you'll love traveling with her: Laurie works with the ship's captain to read the weather and ice, determining distances to be traveled and, ultimately, to ensure guests have the trip of a lifetime.







#### Solan Jensen

Background: Born and raised in coastal Alaska, Solan has worked as a wilderness ranger, expedition leader, kayak guide, boat builder and marine mammal emergency responder.

Polar experience: A passionate expedition guide, Solan has explored the polar regions since 2002, leading trips throughout the Arctic, including Greenland, Canada, Alaska, Norway and Russia.

Why you'll love traveling with him: Solan is committed to facilitating expeditions which help people "experience something extraordinary."

#### Christian Geissler

Background: Christian's ocean-focused career has included positions as a biologist, skipper, environmental consultant and adventure guide. He has a degree in marine biology and a diploma in environmental technology.

Polar experience: Christian has worked with Quark Expeditions since 2004. He has completed about 130 expeditions (as guide and lecturer of marine biology) in the Canadian Arctic, the North Pole, Svalbard, Greenland, Iceland, Antarctic, the Falkland Islands and South Georgia.

Why you'll love traveling with him: Christian believes in seizing every polar opportunity. His credo: "Explore, welcome the unknown and discover."

#### Alison (Ali) Kirk-Lauritsen

Background: Ali, who has traveled widely since childhood, has developed her skills in leadership, management, communications and logistics. She studied international relations at the postgraduate level and speaks Mandarin.

Polar experience: Ali has multiple seasons of polar experience in both the Arctic and Antarctic.

Why you'll love traveling with her: Ali revels in the opportunity to share her passion for conservation and sustainability with Quark Expeditions' guests.







# Arctic 2020 Dates & Rates

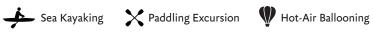
OCEAN ADVENTURER: SPITSBERGEN / GREENLAND / ICELAND / CANADA / RUSSIA									
Page	Trip Name	Dates	Days	Start / End					
12	Arctic Saga: Exploring Spitsbergen via the Faroes and Jan Mayen	APR 30 - MAY 13, 2020	14	Aberdeen / Longyearbyen					
20	Spitsbergen Explorer: Wildlife Capital of the Arctic	MAY 20 - MAY 31, 2020	12	Oslo / Oslo					
20	Spitsbergen Explorer: Wildlife Capital of the Arctic	MAY 30 - JUN 10, 2020	12	Oslo / Oslo					
18	Spitsbergen Highlights: Expedition in Brief	JUN 9 - JUN 15, 2020	7	Oslo / Oslo					
20	Spitsbergen Explorer: Wildlife Capital of the Arctic	JUN 14 - JUN 25, 2020	12	Oslo / Oslo					
21	Spitsbergen in Depth: Big Island, Big Adventure	JUN 24 - JUL 7, 2020	14	Oslo / Oslo					
26	Jewels of the Russian Arctic: Franz Josef Land and Novaya Zemlya	JUL 9 - JUL 24, 2020	16	Helsinki / Helsinki					
25	High Arctic Odyssey: Remote Russian Archipelagos	JUL 22 - AUG 12, 2020	22	Helsinki / Helsinki					
15	Four Arctic Islands: Spitsbergen, Jan Mayen, Greenland and Iceland	AUG 13 - AUG 30, 2020	18	Oslo / Reykjavik					
23	Essential Greenland: Southern Coasts and Disko Bay	AUG 29 - SEP 12, 2020	15	Reykjavik / Reykjavik					
24	Best of the Western Arctic: Canada and Greenland	SEP 10 - SEP 29, 2020	20	Reykjavik / Reykjavik					

WORLD EXPLORER: SPITSBERGEN / GREENLAND / ICELAND									
Page	Trip Name	Dates	Days	Start / End					
18	Spitsbergen Highlights: Expedition in Brief	JUN 6 - JUN 12, 2020	7	Oslo / Oslo					
19	Introduction to Spitsbergen: Fjords, Glaciers and Wildlife of Svalbard	JUN 11 - JUN 20, 2020	10	Oslo / Oslo					
19	Introduction to Spitsbergen: Fjords, Glaciers and Wildlife of Svalbard	JUN 19 - JUN 28, 2020	10	Oslo / Oslo					
21	Spitsbergen In Depth: Big Island, Big Adventure	JUN 27 - JUL 10, 2020	14	Oslo / Oslo					
19	Introduction to Spitsbergen: Fjords, Glaciers and Wildlife of Svalbard	JUL 9 - JUL 18, 2020	10	Oslo / Oslo					
19	Introduction to Spitsbergen: Fjords, Glaciers and Wildlife of Svalbard	JUL 17 - JUL 26, 2020	10	Oslo / Oslo					
21	Spitsbergen In Depth: Big Island, Big Adventure	JUL 30 - AUG 12, 2020	14	Oslo / Oslo					
13	Three Arctic Islands: Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland (Southbound)	AUG 11 - AUG 25, 2020	15	Oslo / Reykjavik					
14	Three Arctic Islands: Iceland, Greenland and Spitsbergen (Northbound)	AUG 24 - SEP 7, 2020	15	Reykjavik / Oslo					
13	Three Arctic Islands: Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland (Southbound)	SEP 6 - SEP 20, 2020	15	Oslo / Reykjavik					
22	Under the Northern Lights: Exploring Iceland and East Greenland	SEP 19 - OCT 2, 2020	14	Reykjavik / Reykjavik					

50 YEARS OF VICTORY: NORTH POLE								
Page	Trip Name	Dates	Days	Start / End				
27	North Pole: The Ultimate Arctic Adventure	JUN 17 - JUN 30, 2020	14	Helsinki / Helsinki				
27	North Pole: The Ultimate Arctic Adventure	JUN 28 - JUL 11, 2020	14	Helsinki / Helsinki				

**ADVENTURE OPTIONS** See page 43 for adventure option details







All prices in USD

OCEAN ADVENTURER (See page 35 for deck plans and cabin description)										
Triple	Lower Deck Twin	Main Deck Porthole	Main Deck Window	Superior	Deluxe	Suite	Owner's Suite	Transfer Package	Adventui	re Options
\$4,995	\$5,995	\$6,495	\$6,995	\$7,995	\$8,495	\$8,995	\$9,995		7	
\$6,995	\$8,495	\$9,495	\$9,995	\$11,495	\$12,495	\$13,495	\$15,995	\$895	\$695	\$195
\$6,995	\$8,495	\$9,495	\$9,995	\$11,495	\$12,495	\$13,495	\$15,995	\$895	\$695	\$195
\$3,995	\$4,995	\$5,495	\$5,995	\$6,495	\$7,495	\$7,995	\$8,995	\$895	\$695	\$195
\$7,495	\$8,995	\$9,995	\$10,995	\$12,495	\$13,495	\$14,495	\$16,995	\$895	\$695	\$195
\$8,995	\$10,495	\$11,995	\$12,995	\$13,995	\$15,495	\$16,995	\$18,995	\$895	\$695	\$195
\$9,995	\$11,995	\$13,495	\$14,495	\$15,995	\$17,495	\$18,995	\$20,495	\$1,995		
\$15,495	\$17,995	\$19,495	\$21,495	\$23,495	\$25,495	\$27,995	\$29,995	\$1,995		
\$10,995	\$14,495	\$15,995	\$17,995	\$19,495	\$21,495	\$23,495	\$24,995	\$595	\$695	\$195
\$8,495	\$9,995	\$10,995	\$11,995	\$13,495	\$14,495	\$15,495	\$16,995	\$1,295	\$695	\$195
\$11,995	\$15,495	\$17,495	\$18,995	\$19,995	\$22,495	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$1,695	\$695	\$195

WORLD EXPLORER (See page 33 for deck plans and cabin description)										
Triple	Infinity Suite	Veranda Suite	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite	Owner's Suite		Transfer Package	Adventu	re Options	
\$4,495	\$6,495	\$6,495	\$7,995	\$8,495	\$9,995		\$895	\$695	\$195	
\$6,495	\$9,495	\$9,495	\$11,495	\$12,495	\$13,995		\$895	\$695	\$195	
\$6,495	\$9,495	\$9,495	\$11,495	\$12,495	\$13,995		\$895	\$695	\$195	
\$8,995	\$13,995	\$13,995	\$15,995	\$17,495	\$19,995		\$895	\$695	\$195	
\$6,495	\$9,495	\$9,495	\$11,495	\$12,495	\$13,995		\$895	\$695	\$195	
\$6,495	\$9,495	\$9,495	\$11,495	\$12,495	\$13,995		\$895	\$695	\$195	
\$8,995	\$13,995	\$13,995	\$15,995	\$17,495	\$19,995		\$895	\$695	\$195	
\$9,995	\$15,495	\$15,495	\$16,995	\$18,495	\$19,995		\$595	\$695	\$195	
\$9,995	\$15,495	\$15,495	\$16,995	\$18,495	\$19,995		\$595	\$695	\$195	
\$9,995	\$15,495	\$15,495	\$16,995	\$18,495	\$19,995		\$595	\$695	\$195	
\$7,495	\$11,495	\$11,495	\$12,495	\$13,995	\$14,995			\$695	\$195	

50 YEARS OF VICTORY (See page 37 for deck plans and cabin descriptions)									
Twin	Mini Suite	Suite	Victory	Arktika	Transfer Package	Adventure Option			
\$30,995	\$35,995	\$41,595	\$44,095	\$45,095	\$1,995	\$495			
\$30,995	\$35,995	\$41,595	\$44,095	\$45,095	\$1,995	\$495			

## Ways to Save with Quark Expeditions:



#### SHACKLETON CLUB LOYALTY PROGRAM

The Shackleton Club rewards all returning passengers with an additional 5% savings on all future voyages with Quark Expeditions.



#### **CONSECUTIVE VOYAGES SAVINGS**

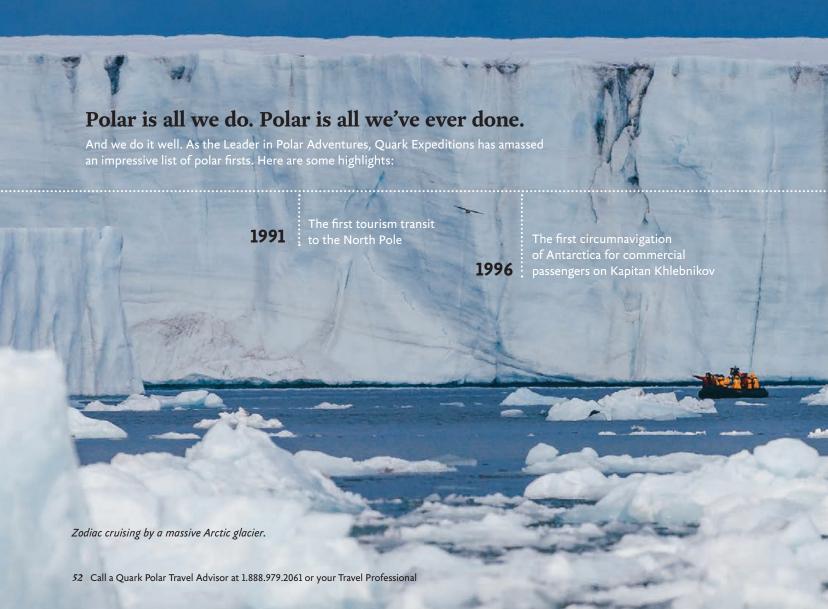
Combine two or more consecutive voyages and enjoy an additional 5% savings.

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# Why Choose Quark Expeditions?

Quark Expeditions has been exploring the polar regions for 30 years, making our expedition teams the most experienced in the industry. We're the only expedition company with its own proprietary training center, Quark Academy, which ensures maximum safety, efficiency and peace of mind during your polar adventure. Additionally, we offer onboard

lectures that are facilitated by some of the world's most informed polar experts. Recent additions to our fleet, such as the *World Explorer* and the soon-to-launch *Ultramarine*, mean we have the most diverse fleet in the region, offering you the widest range of choice for your polar expeditions.



#### We deliver the most innovative itineraries.

Quark Expeditions constantly pushes the boundaries of discovery offering six new itineraries this year, with two of them welcoming passengers into Russia's western Arctic, a region traditionally only accessible by icebreaker.

#### We have the most *experienced staff* in the industry.

Quark Expeditions' knowledgeable, dedicated and passionate polar specialists deliver unforgettable Arctic experiences. Trained at our very own Quark Academy, our Arctic teams operate under the guidance of the most experienced Arctic Expedition Leaders in the industry.

#### Our educational programming is world-class.

We give our guests the chance to participate in enriching daily lectures and presentations. World-leading experts, including biologists, penguinologists, ornithologists, glaciologists, historians and cultural experts, among others, nurture passengers' connections to the environment at every opportunity.

#### We use the right ships for the job.

Our Arctic-operating polar ships carry fewer than 200 passengers and are small enough to access the hard-to-reach areas. Our ship sizes allow for customized and more personalized experiences.

#### Our off-ship adventures are extraordinary.

We offer a robust lineup of active options that generate once-in-a-lifetime Arctic moments. In fact, we offer the most adventure options of any expedition company operating in the Arctic. Sea kayaking and paddle excursions enable passengers to view the Arctic from a new perspective, while hiking and Zodiac cruising allow for unscripted and exhilarating experiences on land and sea.

#### We always respect the environment.

Our entire staff and expedition team are committed to preserving the polar regions we explore. We follow strict sustainability guidelines that emphasize care and preservation of the environment and total respect for the wildlife we encounter—and the communities we visit.







#### **Additional Inclusions:**

- ) The best people in the polar travel industry, the most experienced polar experts
- > The best educational programming led by the top specialists in their fields
- > Zodiac cruising and shore landings, morning and afternoon, weather permitting
- > Three delicious meals a day, plus snacks

- ) Wine or beer with dinner, soft drinks any time, coffee and tea around the clock
- ) The polar parka, yours to keep
- > The loan of waterproof knee-high boots
- Taxes, port charges and emergency evacuation insurance for total peace of mind

**HATS & GLOVES** 

Bring a couple of fleecelined hats and a few pairs of waterproof gloves.







Neck warmer and gaiter







Water-resistant sunscreen

# **POLAR BOUTIQUE**

Making the most of your expedition means being ready for anything the polar elements throw your way. The Quark Polar Boutique can help ensure you are comfortably prepared for every memorable moment with a full range of essential gear, specifically chosen by Quark Expeditions to deliver optimum performance when you need it most.



Waterproof backpack

#### **MID LAYERS**

This layer is meant to cycle your body heat. Fleece tops and bottoms keep your core warm and toasty.





#### **OUTER LAYERS** A water-resistant zip-up does

double duty against winds and water, on deck or on land.



Ultra HD Binoculars



**BASE LAYERS** 

Wear wool or synthetic blends with moisture-wicking capabilities to regulate your body temperature and keep you dry.





#### **WATERPROOF PANTS**

Water just beads off seamsealed waterproof pants. You stay dry on shore landings—and getting in and out of the Zodiac.

#### SOCKS

Layer wool and synthetic socks and pop an extra pair in your dry bag.



#### **SHOP THE TOP ADVENTURE BRANDS!**

- **) BERGANS OF NORWAY**
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