



OUR SHIPS

The Grigoriy Mikheev, Aleksey Maryshev, Professor Molchanov and Professor Moltanovskiy were all built in Finland as polar research craft for the Hydro-graphic Institute of St Petersburg and later converted for passenger use. Whilst marginally different in date of build, profile and internal layout, all have specially strengthened hulls and are crewed by experienced Russian officers and men, the former being widely acknowledged to be experts in polar navigation.

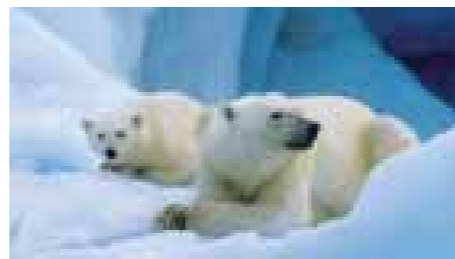
The ship's bridge decks are large with panoramic windows and passengers are welcome there at almost all times. There is also plenty of good open deck viewing space. Each ship carries a number of Zodiac Ribs which are ideal for shore landings at points inaccessible to other craft.

Down below there is a dining and lecture room, lounge area and bar, infirmary and sauna.



OUR EXPEDITION LEADERS

Cruises are led by experienced leaders with a strong and academically based enthusiasm for the Polar regions in general and their specialist subject in particular. As eclectic a group by way of nationality, gender, career path, experience and academic discipline as it is possible to find, they nonetheless find common ground in their love of nature and the environment.



Just some of them who lead and have led our expeditions in recent years are:

Ian Stone, a Polar historian and honorary research associate at the Polar Research Institute at Cambridge.

Morten Jorgensen has worked for the Danish Ornithological Society and as an observer for the Danish Polar Center.

Rinie van Mews has led over 150 expeditions in the Arctic and Antarctic regions, the majority of them to Svalbard.

Rolf Strange has recently published Rocks and Ice, a book on the geography and geology of Svalbard and has worked as a guide and zodiac driver for Oceanwide Expeditions since 2000.



9 DAY EXPEDITION CRUISE

DAY 1 OSLO Scheduled SAS flight to Oslo. Overnight Clarion Oslo Airport Hotel.

DAY 2 OSLO - LONGYEARBYEN Early morning scheduled SAS flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen. Transfer to your ship. Evening sail north along the west coast.

DAY 3 In Krossfjorden Zodiac along the sculpted front of Glacier. Kittiwakes, Brünnich's Guillemots nest; Arctic Foxes patrol and Bearded Seals cruise the fjord. Later we sail to Ny Ålesund with its Barnacle Geese, Pink-footed Geese and Arctic Terns.

DAY 4 At Smeerenburg, visit the 17th century remains of a Dutch whaling station. Afternoon visit to the Little Auk colony, then sail past the 80th parallel to Mofen Island to see Walrus.

DAY 5 Sail to the mouth of Liefdefjorden and go ashore on the tundra island of Andøya. King and Common Eiders and Pink-footed Geese nest here. We might also sail alongside the impressive Monaco glacier. Polar Bears can occasionally be seen.

DAY 6 At Hinlopen Strait we reach our most northerly position. A chance to see Bearded and Ringed Seals, Polar Bears and Ivory Gulls. On Lomfjordshalvøya we Zodiac to the bird cliffs of Alkefjellet. Later we land in Augustabukta. See Spitsbergen Reindeer, Walrus and a rare Ivory Gull colony.

DAY 7 Retracing our route westwards, visit Raudfjord, a fjord dominated by spectacular glaciers and Seals. At Ytre Norskøya the bird life is prolific, with colonies of Little Auks, Black Guillemots, Puffins and Arctic Skuas.

DAY 8 Sail south to Alkhorneret. Seabirds nest on its cliffs and Arctic Foxes search for fallen eggs and chicks, while Spitsbergen Reindeer graze. Cruise through beautiful Borebukta following a glacier front.

DAY 9 LONGYEARBYEN - UK Dock at Longyearbyen. Return SAS flight(s) to the UK via Oslo.



13 DAY EXPEDITION CRUISE

DAY 1 UK - OSLO Scheduled SAS flight to Oslo. Overnight Clarion Oslo Airport Hotel.

DAY 2 OSLO - LONGYEARBYEN Early morning scheduled SAS flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen. Transfer to your ship. Ship sails early evening.

DAY 3 Sail, through scenic Isfjorden for Alkhorneret, whose cliffs are home to a large colony of Kittiwakes. Continue to Trygghamna to visit the remains of a 17th century English whaling station.

DAY 4 Sail through Forlandsundet. Weather-permitting, we will go ashore at Fuglehuken, where we can see colonies of Brünnich's Guillemots, Little Auks and Kittiwakes along with, Harbour Seals and Walruses.

DAY 5 Visit Ny Ålesund where Barnacle Geese, Pink-footed Geese, Common Eiders, Arctic Terns, Wader and Reindeer can be seen.

DAY 6 Morning departure to the 14th July Glacier where we board Zodiacs for a spectacular cruise. Nearby there is a breeding site for Little Auks and Puffins.

DAY 7 Sailing northwards we visit Magdalenaefjord with its impressive glacier

fronts. Ashore we view the remains of a 17th century whaling station and the substantial seabird colonies here.

DAY 8 We try to visit the tiny island of Ytre Norskøya, a former lookout point for Dutch whalers and the remains of 17th century blubber ovens.

DAY 9 Spitsbergen's north coast has spectacular glaciers and varied wildlife. Good chances of spotting Polar Bears and Belugas.

DAY 10 Attempt a landing on Reindyrfla, the largest tundra on Spitsbergen. See Red-throated Divers and King Eiders.

DAY 11 Visit the remains of Smeerenburg, the largest 17th century whaling settlement and (if permitted) Danskøya, remains of the 19th century expedition by the Swedish balloon explorer Andree.

DAY 12 Sailing south, we will attempt a landing on the coast of Forlandsundet, where Walruses are often hauled out. From there steam straight for Longyearbyen.

DAY 13 LONGYEARBYEN - UK Dock at Longyearbyen. Return SAS flight(s) to UK via Oslo.

CABIN GRADES

TN - Twin bedded cabin without private facilities
TW - Twin bedded cabin with private facilities
SU - Superior cabin with private facilities

Prices are in £ per person

9 DAY EXPEDITION CRUISE SA3101			
	CABIN GRADES		
DATES	TN	TW	SU
ALL	2099	2389	2619

DEPARTURE DATES			
June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 28			

13 DAY EXPEDITION CRUISE SA3102			
	CABIN GRADES		
DATES	TN	TW	SU
ALL	2749	3159	3489
SUPPLEMENT JULY	65	65	65

Prices include return SAS flights from Heathrow to Longyearbyen via Oslo • Passenger service charges and airport departure taxes • Overnight hotel accommodation in twin bedded room(s) as per itinerary either in Oslo and/or Longyearbyen • 7 or 11 nights onboard ship according to chosen cruise in chosen cabin category • All meals throughout the voyage on board the ship including snacks, coffee and tea • All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac • Programme of lectures by naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff • Transfers in Longyearbyen • Pre-departure information pack.

DEPARTURE DATES			
June 27, July 1, 5, 7, 11, 15, 17*, 21, 23, 25, 27** August 4, 6, 10**			



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