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## NORWAY

# THE NORWEGIAN COASTAL VOYAGE

12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS - FROM \$2,350

Lonely Planet describes this Hurtigruten cruise as “the world’s most beautiful voyage”. In 12 days, you’ll travel from Bergen to Kirkenes and back, journeying more than 2,500 nautical miles, visiting 34 ports, and exploring the spectacular Norwegian coastline.

## INTRODUCTION & ITINERARY

This cruise, offered year-round, has duly earned its place as an iconic travel route. Our dedicated crew and Expedition Team enhances your voyage, fully immersing you in the stunning landscapes we sail through, and providing you with unique opportunities to taste and explore the Norwegian coast. Visit cities such as Bergen, Ålesund, and Trondheim before crossing the Arctic Circle; southbound, you see incredible Lofoten and Trollfjorden, and pass the Seven Sisters mountain range. In the spring months, the coastline teems with new life; in the summer, enjoy the almost 24-hour daylight and glorious midnight sun. Vivid colours greet you in autumn, while in winter, explore pristine landscapes under the mesmerizing aurora borealis.

### DAY 1 BERGEN

Your cruise begins in the stunning city of Bergen. Known as the gateway to the fjords and surrounded by mountains, Bergen is a charming cultural hub. Stroll the UNESCO-listed Bryggen district, featuring colourful wharves dating back to the 14th century; take the Fløibanen cable car for an incredible view; or enjoy the outdoor cafés. If your pre-cruise afternoon in Bergen leaves you wanting more, take advantage of post-cruise land adventures to explore the magnificent scenery of inland Norway. Our “Norway in a Nutshell” tour begins in Bergen and features breathtaking fjords, rural villages, and the spectacular Flåm Mountain Railway. After exploring Bergen, you’ll embark on the ship in the evening. Relax and admire the landscape as we set sail north from Bergen along



the Hjeltefjorden, the same route the Vikings used on their way to the Shetland Islands and beyond.

### DAY 2 FLORØ – MOLDE

Wake up early to catch the beauty of Nordfjord, and enjoy the incredible views as we pass the West Cape, navigating through skerries and islands to reach the city of Ålesund. With its numerous spires and ornate buildings, Ålesund is renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture. If you like marine life, join us on a visit to Atlanterhavsparken, one of Northern Europe’s largest saltwater aquariums. Our excursions in this area are seasonal. In the summer, we visit the UNESCO-listed Geirangerfjord, passing cliffs and impressive waterfalls en route; in the autumn, we explore secluded, exquisite Hjørundfjord, situated amid the majestic Sunnmøre Alps. Our excursions immerse you in the beauty of the region with hikes, art walks, and site visits to places of natural and historical note, such as the narrow valley of Norangsdalen, or the Hotel Union Øye, one of the most distinctive hotels in all of Europe.

### DAY 3 KRISTIANSUND – RØRVIK

Founded in 997 by Viking king Olaf Tryggvason, Trondheim features a spectacular mix of ancient and new. Join our excursion to Norway’s national shrine, the Nidaros Cathedral. The country’s only Gothic-style cathedral, it is built over the burial place of St. Olav, Norway’s patron saint. We continue to the Ringve Museum of Musical History, where the history of Norway’s music is brought to life. This beautiful manor house is surrounded by a botanical garden, and provides fantastic views of both the city and the fjord. In the spring, cycle through the city and try out the world’s only bicycle lift; in the summer, kayak along the River Nid, or join the expedition team for explorer boat activities that discover Trondheim’s surroundings. After our time in Trondheim, the ship sets a northwest course, passing the Kjeungskjær lighthouse, numerous islets and rocky reefs, and through the narrow Stoksund toward charming Rørvik.

### DAY 4 BRØNNØYSUND – SVOLVÆR

Today we cross the Arctic Circle! In the winter months, be dazzled by the Northern Lights; in the summer, delight in 24-hour daylight and the midnight sun. Soon after entering this latitude, we’ll observe Svartisen, Norway’s second-largest glacier (visited during summer months). After we follow the Helgeland coastline to Bodø, take a dinghy excursion to Saltstraumen, and witness the world’s most powerful tidal current. The astonishing sights continue with our first glimpse of the Lofoten Wall, rising 3,000 feet, as we sail into the Lofoten Islands. Our stop in their picturesque fishing villages takes you through traditional ways of life and to unique historical sites. In Stamsund, explore the Lofotr Viking Museum, featuring exhibits of relics dating back to the Viking Age; in Svolvær, visit Lofotpils, Lofoten’s only craft brewery. After Lofoten, we sail through the Raftsund strait to the entrance of stunning Trollfjord, site of the 1890 Battle of Trollfjord.

**DAY 5****STOKMARKNES – SKJERVØY**

Prepare for a day of excitement! We briefly dock at Risøyhamn, Harstad, and Finnsnes, before proceeding to Tromsø, the Capital of the Arctic (and the famed starting point for many expeditions) for a prolonged stay. In the winter months, our excursions include a Polar History Walk (with a beer-tasting at the world's northernmost brewery); cross-country skiing and snowshoeing; and the chance to meet the Arctic's indigenous reindeer herders, the Sámi people. Take a thrilling dog-sled ride during the polar night, where the only light comes from our headlamps, the starry sky, and, if we're lucky, the northern lights. Join in on our uniquely silent whale safari in the Kaldfjord. On a carbon-neutral sailing boat guided by an expert crew trained in responsible wildlife tourism, you'll hear whales surfacing and spouting. In summer, kayak or join our explorer boat team to discover more of Tromsø's surroundings.

**DAY 6****ØKSFJORD – BERLEVÅG**

Magnificent sub-Arctic landscapes greet us as we cross the 71st parallel. After quick stops at Hammerfest and Havøysund, we arrive in Honningsvåg, the gateway to the spectacular North Cape. We visit one of the world's most exciting nature reserves, Gjesværstappan, where our birdwatching safari takes you to Finnmark's largest flock of puffins; during nesting season, you'll observe cormorants,

Arctic skuas, and northern fulmars. To learn about local life in this remote region, join our informative fishing village tour from the island of Magerøya to the fishing communities of Kamøyvær and Skarsvåg. We then sail into the heartland of the Sámi people, passing their ancient sacred site, the rock formation of Finnkirka, on our way to the fishing village of Kjøllefjord. Learn more about the Sámi people with excursions that teach you about and allow you to partake in Sámi traditions, such as sampling the Arctic natural "pantry" and "pharmacy". In Berlevåg, you can participate in a two-day winter expedition into the Arctic wilderness.

**DAY 7****BÅTSFJORD – KIRKENES – BERLEVÅG**

Dramatic views greet us as we enter Kirkenes, our turning point for the return trip south. Kirkenes is known as the gateway to the east, with the Russian border only a few miles away. Visit the frontier by bus, riverboat safari, or take an action-packed trip on ATVs. In winter, Kirkenes is home to the fantastic Snowhotel, a base for several exciting excursions. During spring, winter activities can still be enjoyed, such as exploration of frozen fjords on snowmobile, or dog-sled adventures across the Arctic tundra. In the summer, hike across mountainous terrain. As the ship sails southward, the surrounding Arctic landscape will continue to enthrall you, as ports visited at night on the northbound trip are now seen during the day. We dock at Vardø, Norway's



easternmost port. Weather permitting, you may experience ice bathing in the Arctic Ocean. We then cruise westward along the Varanger Peninsula to Båtsfjord, before reaching Berlevåg.

**DAY 8****MEHAMN – TROMSØ**

In the middle of the night, we dock at Mehamn, you can take a memorable snowmobile trip through one of Europe's most extreme natural areas, driving through snow-clad valleys under crisp, starry skies. At Honningsvåg, our coach excursion explores Finnmark, ending with breakfast at the North Cape. Before arriving in Hammerfest, we provide a short onboard introduction to Melkøya, the world's northernmost natural gas terminal. Founded in 1789, Hammerfest became Norway's polar capital, serving as a base for hunting expeditions into the Arctic. Visit the UNESCO-listed Meridianstøtta, a marble column erected in 1854 to commemorate the first precise, geographic measurement of the Earth, or join a mini-mountain expedition. We continue south to Øksfjord. In spring, we sail through Lyngenfjord, surrounded by the Lyngen Alps, before docking at Tromsø just in time to enjoy a magical midnight concert at the Arctic Cathedral.

**DAY 9****TROMSØ – STAMSUND**

In Harstad, participate in one of Hurtigruten's classic excursions: A Taste of Vesterålen. Experience a selection of historical sites, such as Trondenes

Church, dating from the late Middle Ages. You'll also admire views of this church as we sail into Risøyrenna, a channel made for Hurtigruten in the 1920s as an "inside route" between Harstad and Sortland. The island groups of Lofoten and Vesterålen offer some of the most stunning scenery on our coastal cruise. After a short stop at the village of Risøyhamn, we voyage to Stokmarknes, slipping into the narrow Raftsund. This passage between Lofoten and Vesterålen takes us by mountains soaring 3,300 feet into the air, before revealing spectacular Trollfjord, where we offer a sea eagle safari. In Svolvær, choose from several excursions such as our Lofoten Islands tour, winter fishing, or a coastal sunset horseback ride. Sailing through Lofoten, we'll again see the majestic Lofoten Wall.

**DAY 10****BODØ – RØRVIK**

After crossing the Arctic Circle, we sail along the Helgeland coast, passing hundreds of islets, fertile farmland, and steep granite walls rich in local lore, such as the mountain Torghatten, famous for its distinctive tunnel found right through its centre. The Seven Sisters mountain range, with its seven peaks all between 2,800 and 3,600 feet high, is equally remarkable; ancient myths hold that this range was formed from seven troll sisters. We make a short stop at Nesna, an idyllic old trading post, before sailing to Sandnessjøen. The UNESCO World Heritage site of the Vega Islands can be

visited here on a summer excursion. You'll learn about the centuries-old symbiotic relationship the island people have with the eider ducks; the gathering of eiderdown is a tradition that earned the islands its UNESCO designation. On an optional excursion between Sandnessjøen and Brønnøysund, visit the Petter Dass Museum at Alstahaug, which celebrates this famed poet (1647-1707).

**DAY 11  
TRONDHEIM – ÅLESUND**

Explore the city of Trondheim even further. In the summer, our explorer boat activities will allow you to discover more of the city and surrounding area. Back on board, the ship heads into the majestic Trondheimsfjord, which is 105 miles long, up to 16 miles wide, and plunges 1,900 feet deep. As we sail along the coast, you discover the importance of fishing to the Norwegian coastal communities. Kristiansund's location has provided the town with abundant opportunities in the fishing, shipbuilding, and oil industries; it is regarded as Norway's "dried cod capital" as it is the country's main exporter of salted, dried codfish. Join an excursion to the renowned Atlantic Road, one of Norway's most visited tourist destinations. It is five miles long, built on a total of eight bridges, and surrounded by picturesque landscapes and open sea. You can also choose a sightseeing tour of Kristiansund, and visit Kvernes Stave Church on the nearby island of Averøy.

**DAY 12  
BERGEN**

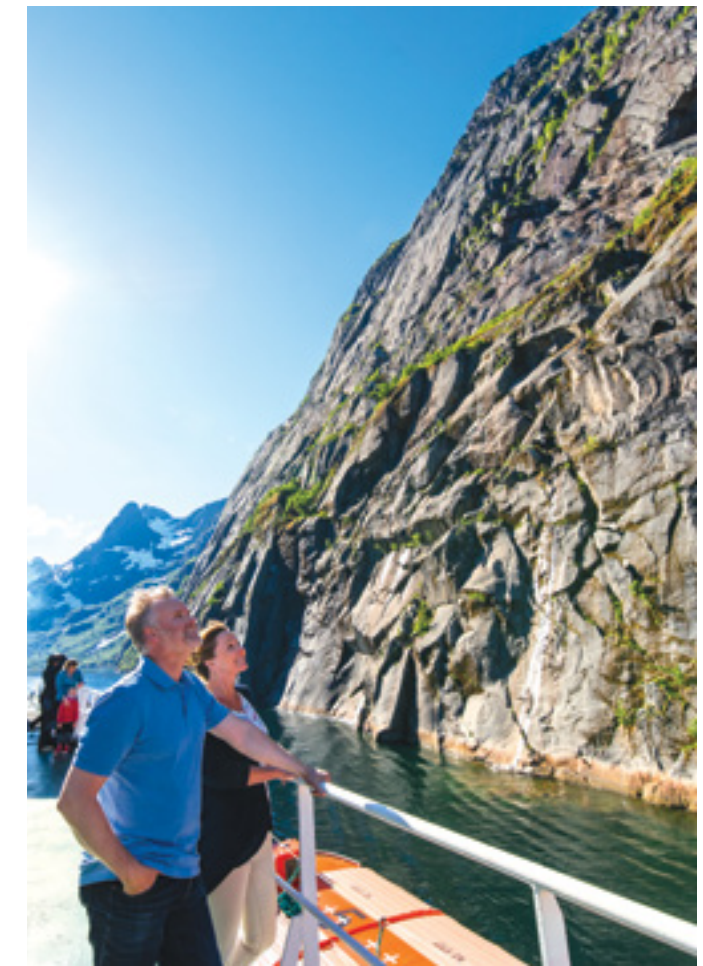
A few nautical miles south of Florø, we navigate the mouth of the mighty Sognefjord, Norway's longest and deepest fjord, and admire the views of this magnificent, island-studded coastline. You disembark in Bergen, with memories of a journey filled with immersive experiences and authentic interactions with local people, diverse wildlife, and stunning nature. If you'd like to explore more of Norway, join our Land Adventures programs, where you can see striking fjords, take an extraordinary train ride, visit the nation's capital, Oslo, or discover the jewel in the crown of Arctic Norway, Svalbard. Stay a few nights in one of our featured cities and regions (Kirkenes, Tromsø, Lofoten, Bergen, Oslo, or Longyearbyen) to experience even more Norwegian cuisine, culture, and scenery. All accommodations and excursions are specially selected to offer the best and most authentic Norwegian experience.



**MS TROLLFJORD**

The ship is named after the spectacular Trollfjord in Lofoten. Inside she provides spectacular comfort, modern facilities and interior design that makes extensive use of Norwegian wood and stone.

See page 44 for more details.



**DATES & PRICING  
THE NORWEGIAN COASTAL VOYAGE**

Start / End	Nights	Sailing Schedule	Starting From*	Ship
Bergen / Bergen	11	Jan - Dec	\$2,350 - \$3,130	MS Trolljord

*\* Price per person for the cruise only, based on double occupancy for an October 2018 sailing in a category I cabin. Price is inclusive of taxes and port charges. Itinerary shown is for reference only. Excursions are not included, please contact us for details.*

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## ARCTIC

## NORTH POLE

13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS - FROM \$36,730

Voyage in the footsteps of Arctic explorers in this unique adventure, as our nuclear-powered icebreaker unlocks for you the majestic wonders of the North Pole.

## INTRODUCTION &amp; ITINERARY

This Arctic expedition is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will take you through the ice of the Barents Sea, put you at the geographic North Pole, and immerse you in the incredible geography, wildlife, and history of the famed Franz Josef Land archipelago. Take in the stunning Arctic from all angles: from sea, from shore, and even from sky through our helicopter sightseeing excursions. Our expedition is designed to afford you every opportunity to engage with and experience the beauty and magic of the polar regions. Observe wildlife like polar bears and colonies of sea birds, walk through history at various memorials to Arctic explorers, and gain valuable insight into this remarkable area from our expert staff and guest lecturers.

## DAY 1

## MURMANSK, RUSSIA

Your introduction to the cold North begins with a warm welcome in Murmansk, the largest city north of the Arctic Circle, situated on Russia's Kola Peninsula. Upon your arrival at the airport, we provide a transfer to your hotel for your pre-cruise accommodation. As Murmansk is easily reached by frequent flights from Moscow or Saint Petersburg, you may wish to extend your stop in either of these cities to explore more of Russia, before or after your Arctic adventure.

## DAY 2

## EMBARK ON 50 LET POBEDY, MURMANSK

Your adventure awaits you on the famed 50 Let Pobedy, or "50 Years of Victory," ship. We provide a group transfer from the hotel to the port, where we welcome you aboard the nuclear-powered icebreaker, your home for the next 13 days. Explore the ship – including a tour of its engine room – get oriented, and prepare for your trip, as the 50 Let Pobedy slips its moorings and sails north out of Kola Bay.



## DAY 3 – DAY 6

## THE VOYAGE NORTH

The journey itself to the North Pole is what makes our destination even more magical. As we cruise northward through the Barents Sea, you'll observe whales and other marine wildlife, and learn about the 50 Let Pobedy's unique icebreaking capabilities that you'll soon see in action. As we cross the ice cap, stay on deck for this surreal, truly awe-inspiring experience of witnessing first-hand the ship's incredible power as it crushes through massive ice blocks. Heighten your experience and see this feat from above: taking advantage of the 24-hour daylight, we offer helicopter sightseeing tours which allow you to observe the ship blazing its path through the ice, not to mention providing a breathtaking vantage point to take in the stunning beauty of the vast polar landscape.

## DAY 7

## THE NORTH POLE

Welcome to the geographic North Pole! After carefully navigating to 90 degrees North, we ceremoniously drop the anchor on a sturdy stretch of ice and disembark onto the frozen sea. Now is the time to experience the long-anticipated thrill of standing on top of the world.

Join hands with your fellow passengers and walk around the world during our special International Round Dance. You are also treated to a barbecue meal on the ice. You may even have the chance to take a plunge into the icy water! After this memorable opportunity, we depart from the North Pole and head south to new adventures at Franz Josef Land, the fascinating archipelago found here in the High Arctic.

## DAY 8 – 10

## FRANZ JOSEF LAND ARCHIPELAGO

Spend three days exploring the incredible nature sanctuary and landscape of the Franz Josef Land archipelago. We take full advantage of the 24-hour daylight to offer multiple zodiac and helicopter excursions to maximize your wildlife viewing opportunities. Spot polar bears, walrus, and rare whale species; soar among the scree slopes and cliffs around the islands, including the fascinating columnar basalt cliffs at Rubini Rock, and observe enormous nesting colonies of migratory seabirds like guillemots, dovekies, and ivory gulls. Our visit in Franz Josef Land allows you the time to connect with and appreciate the unique geography, geology and history of each island. On Rudolf Island, we'll visit Cape Fligely, the northernmost point of land in the Eastern Hemisphere,

while at Champ Island we'll walk among its mysterious stone spheres. Our excursions to the historical sites found at Cape Norway, Cape Flora, Cape Tegethoff, and Eira Harbour, will take us back to the time of polar exploration as described in the journals of such famed voyagers as Julius von Payer, Benjamin Leigh Smith, and Fridtjof Nansen. Your experience will be enhanced by our expedition team and knowledgeable lecturers, who will accompany you through monuments and remnants of dwellings.

**DAY 11 - 12  
THE VOYAGE SOUTH**

After an unforgettable experience in Franz Josef Land, we cross the Barents Sea once more, heading south. These three days at sea will give you not just the chance to reflect on the wonders you've seen, but to discuss them, and learn even more with presentations and workshops offered by our expert staff. Take advantage of the time at sea for recreation and relaxation, making use of the range of amenities that include a library, gym, volleyball court, warm seawater pool, massage treatments, and saunas. Catch more seabird and whale sightings from the panoramic open decks.

**DAY 13  
DISEMBARK IN MURMANSK**

Our journey ends where it began, in Murmansk, but you now return with memories, stories, and incredible images of your Arctic voyage. After breakfast, we say farewell, and provide you with a transfer to the airport or to a central location in Murmansk.



**50 YEARS OF VICTORY**

The most powerful icebreaker ever built generates 75,000 horsepower and crushes multi-year ice layers three meters thick. After a few days aboard, you'll feel her power as you together battle your way through the Arctic icecap to 90° north.

See page 43 for more details.



**DATES & PRICING  
THE NORTH POLE**

Start / End	Nights	Sailing Schedule	Starting From*	Ship
Murmansk / Murmansk	12	Jul - Aug	\$36,730	I/b 50 Years of Victory

*\* Price per person for the cruise only, based on double occupancy for the July 8, 2018 sailing in a Standard Twin cabin. Price is inclusive of taxes and port charges. Itinerary shown is for reference only. Excursions are not included, please contact us for details.*

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## ARCTIC

# THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE – IN THE WAKE OF GREAT EXPLORERS

15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS - FROM \$16,850

Sail through the famed Northwest Passage in the wake of the early explorers, experiencing the raw, daunting beauty of an area that few ships have the capability to navigate. Trace history from Cambridge Bay, Canada, to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, as we discover this renowned waterway.

## INTRODUCTION & ITINERARY

The Northwest Passage, the unforgiving route connecting the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, prompted historic expeditions led by John Cabot (1497), James Cook (1776), John Franklin (1845), and the first successful crossing by Roald Amundsen (1906). Beginning in the icy, isolated waters of Nunavut in the Canadian Arctic, we follow in their wake. We visit some of the world's northernmost communities, navigate legendary inlets and channels, and take you on exciting small-boat cruises and landings. In Greenland, explore Greenlandic Inuit settlements and the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The MS Fram is one of the few ships that traverses this passage; we go where the ice allows, but promise a safe and thrilling expedition no matter where we sail.

*Note: This itinerary is provisional as conditions determine final schedule. Safety is paramount and the captain will decide the sailing itinerary during the voyage.*

### DAY 1

#### MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC

Your expedition starts with an overnight hotel stay in the beautiful city of Montréal, Québec in eastern Canada. Take in the picturesque 18th-century façades of Old Montréal, and stroll along the Canal-de-Lachine. Explore the shops downtown before indulging in one of the most exciting food scenes in North America. Montréal is famous for Kamouraska lamb, Arctic char, and the Canadian delicacy, poutine (French fries smothered in cheese curds and gravy).



Montréal also offers irresistible pâtisseries, English pubs, Jewish delis, and food markets reminiscent of Paris.

### DAY 2

#### MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC - CAMBRIDGE BAY, VICTORIA ISLAND, NUNAVUT

We've arranged a transfer to the airport for your flight to Cambridge Bay, located on the southeast coast of Victoria Island. Catch sight of the wildlife that abounds in this area: caribou, musk oxen, seals, and geese. In August, the tundra is brilliant with wildflowers, and teems with birds. Victoria Island is rich in archaeological history; sites found all over the enormous island prove that indigenous peoples have been living in this part of the Canadian Arctic continuously for the last 4,000 years. Cambridge Bay itself has deep ties to Arctic exploration and history. Roald Amundsen, the first European explorer to successfully navigate the Northwest Passage, visited here in 1905, returning in 1918 in his ship, the Maud,

later purchased by The Hudson's Bay Company in 1921 as a fur trading supply ship. The Maud's exposed hull lies in the harbour, and has been a Cambridge Bay landmark for 80 years. Here in the bay, your own adventure begins, as the MS Fram awaits to take you into the Northwest Passage.

### DAY 3

#### GJØA HAVEN, KING WILLIAM ISLAND, NUNAVUT

We first sail into Gjøa Haven, the only settlement on King William Island. The name honours Roald Amundsen, whose Gjøa expedition spent two years here collecting data and exploring the surrounding area. He called it "the finest little harbour in the world". Before Amundsen, there had been no European settlement; the expedition learned survival in these polar regions from the Inuit people. Gjøa Haven immerses you in Arctic history; the John Ross expedition (1829-1833) visited here, and the ill-fated 1845 Franklin expedition perished nearby. The current Netsilik Inuit are direct descendants of the Thule

people, and have lived here for over 1,000 years. Explore the vibrant Inuit arts scene and cultural venues like the Heritage Centre. Learn more about the area's history as you walk the Northwest Passage Territorial Trail. You may encounter the island's wildlife, including caribou, musk oxen, and, in warm months, numerous nesting birds such as terns and plovers.

### DAY 4

#### AT SEA (JAMES ROSS STRAIT, NUNAVUT)

Today we navigate through James Ross Strait, named after British polar explorer James Clark Ross, and sailed through by Roald Amundsen during his Gjøa expedition. At 112 miles long, and 40 miles wide, this strait runs between King William Island and the large Boothia Peninsula, the northernmost tip of mainland North America. If conditions are favourable, we'll provide excursions such as small-boat expeditions for a closer experience of the strait, and hikes on the Boothia Peninsula.





**DAY 5**  
**AT SEA (CONINGHAM BAY - BELLOT STRAIT, NUNAVUT)**

When we arrive at Coningham Bay, we launch our small boats, hoping for wildlife sightings in this shallow, broad bay, a known hotspot for beluga whales and polar bears. We return to the MS Fram to navigate the Bellot Strait, a narrow, one-mile wide passage that serves as the route from Prince Regent Inlet to Peel Sound and Franklin Strait, and where the Pacific Ocean and Atlantic Ocean meet. Traversing the Bellot Strait is a careful feat requiring an in-depth assessment of daily conditions, as it has fierce currents that can run up to nine miles per hour, and the potential navigational challenge of ice. The MS Fram will be able to safely sail through these waters as it is an 1B ice-class expedition vessel that is properly equipped for Arctic conditions, and is guided by an experienced captain and crew. As we sail, keep an eye out for polar bears and other wildlife. After successfully crossing the strait, we leave the Pacific Ocean and enter the Atlantic Ocean.

**DAY 6**  
**FORT ROSS, NUNAVUT**

At the end of the strait, we'll find Fort Ross, a trading post established by The Hudson's Bay Company in 1937. There are still two small huts ashore that are maintained by the Canadian Coast Guard, and that are occasionally used by the local Inuit for shelter during hunting trips.

**DAY 7**  
**BEECHEY ISLAND - RADSTOCK BAY, NUNAVUT**

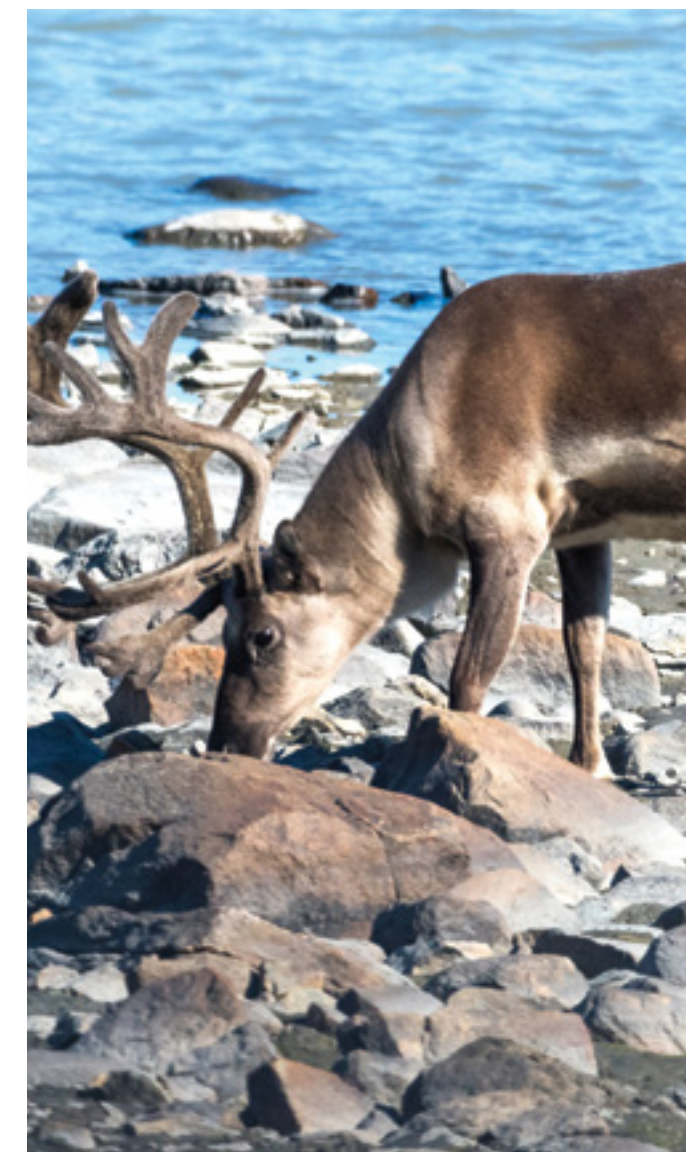
Our first stop is Beechey Island, an area closely linked to the history of Northwest Passage exploration. The most famous passage voyage is the mysterious 1845 Franklin expedition: two ships sailed into the passage, but neither the ships nor any of the 129 crew members ever returned. The expedition spent the 1845-1846 winter here on Beechey Island; three graves on the island are proof of its unfortunate outcome. While ashore, you will also see the ruins of Northumberland House, a storehouse built in 1852 by rescuers searching for Franklin and his men. These ruins and graves in this desolate wilderness are a haunting reminder of the challenges faced by early explorers. At Radstock Bay, the sedimentary rock of Caswell Tower rises from the sea. Walk the shoreline to a prehistoric Inuit dwelling site, or challenge yourself in a hike to the Tower's summit for fantastic views; here, a small station used seasonally for polar bear research is located.

**DAY 8**  
**LANCASTER SOUND - DEVON ISLAND, NUNAVUT**  
As Antarctica is a continent, Devon Island is the largest uninhabited island on Earth. On its south coast lies Dundas Harbour, an abandoned settlement with a former Royal Canadian Mounted Police camp and several archaeological sites. Go ashore to see the ruins of some of these buildings, along with an impressive Thule site. Further west is Croker's Bay,

a large fjord with two tidewater glaciers located at the head of the bay. The area is rich in wildlife, and as with any expedition in the Arctic, the search for wildlife is integral to the experience. We may spot several seal species, walrus, beluga or even narwhals. Polar bears are frequently seen in the area, while the tundra around the shore supports small populations of Arctic hares and musk oxen. This is a perfect place for small-boat excursions, which is prime opportunity to see marine life and glaciers up close.

**DAY 9**  
**POND INLET, BAFFIN ISLAND, NUNAVUT**

In the morning, we head farther south, sailing the spectacular Arctic landscape of the Eclipse Sound before arriving at Pond Inlet, located on the northern tip of Baffin Island, and known as one of Canada's true jewels of the North. Named in 1818 by Sir John Ross after John Pond, a renowned British astronomer, Pond Inlet, or "Mittimatalik" in Inuktitut, is a picturesque, traditional Inuit community. Pond Inlet is surrounded by mountain ranges, glaciers, scenic fjords and inlets, ice caves, hoodoos (thin spires of rock), and drifting icebergs. Upon arrival, we sail through a channel flanked by the peaks and glaciers of Baffin Island and Bylot Island. At these latitudes, the sea is frozen for most of the year, only opening up for a short period in July. Here we scout for High Arctic wildlife, and hope to see large pods of narwhal. Pond Inlet has a small visitor's center, and a highlight of our stop will be a cultural performance by the local community.



**DAY 10-11  
AT SEA (DAVIS STRAIT)**

We continue to follow in the wake of explorers as we leave Nunavut and cross Davis Strait, a northern arm of the Labrador Sea, to Greenland. This strait is named after its discoverer, the English explorer John Davis, who led three expeditions in the area between 1585 and 1587, looking for a route through the Northwest Passage. He was the first to draw attention to seal hunting and whaling possibilities in the Davis Strait, and to show that the Newfoundland cod fisheries extended this far north.

**DAY 12  
ILULISSAT, GREENLAND**

Our first stop in Greenland is at the town of Ilulissat, where you have the opportunity to compare Greenland and Canadian Arctic settlements. The town is situated in the stunning scenery of the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site. At the mouth of the fjord, you can often see enormous icebergs which originate from the Jakobshavn Glacier, one of the most productive glaciers in the Northern Hemisphere. These incredible icebergs descend the 12-mile fjord, entering at Disko Bay. Marvel at the changes in hue when the iceberg surface is struck by the midnight sun, as the cracking and rumbling of icebergs echo across Ilulissat. We offer a variety of options for viewing the Icefjord. A short walk through town brings you to a network of trails that take you to the shores of the fjord. Get out on the water in local boats to see the icebergs and possibly whales, or take in a view from above with flightseeing trips offered by fixed-wing aircraft or helicopter.

**DAY 13  
SISIMIUT, GREENLAND**

On our way to Sisimiut, we encourage you to be out on deck to look for the several species of whales that frequent these waters, including humpback and fin. Harbour porpoises and minke whales can also be encountered along the west coast of Greenland, and we might also see large numbers of seals. Sisimiut is situated 25 miles north of the Arctic Circle; it is the capital and largest city of the Qeqqata municipality, and the second-largest city in Greenland. A modern settlement that maintains ancient traditions, go ashore at Sisimiut to explore the colourful town, visit the small museum, and hike in the hills. Just across Disko Bay is Disko Island and the settlement of Qeqertarsuaq. This is where the Gjøa expedition

stopped to procure dogs and other equipment on its way to the Northwest Passage.

**DAY 14  
KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND - COPENHAGEN, DENMARK**

Kangerlussuaq means “big fjord” in Greenlandic language. We sail almost the entire length of the fjord (118 miles) before reaching the town of Kangerlussuaq, where our unforgettable expedition ends. After you disembark, join a final excursion to the Greenland ice sheet. This vast ice body, the second largest in the world, stretches 1,500 miles north and reaches heights of up to 10,500 feet above sea level. The road to the edge of the ice sheet boasts beautiful natural scenery ranging from polar desert and tundra with low-growing shrubs to hilly terrains that offer breathtaking views over the landscape. Before your evening plane to Copenhagen departs, drink in your last views and experiences of the Arctic.

**DAY 15  
COPENHAGEN, DENMARK**

You arrive in the capital of Denmark early in the morning. We hope you have the time to wander through the colourful city of Copenhagen before you head home, accompanied with vivid memories of your very own Arctic exploration.



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**DATES & PRICING**

**THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE - IN THE WAKE OF THE GREAT EXPLORERS**

Start / End	Nights	Sailing Schedule	Starting From*	Ship
Montreal / Copenhagen	14	Sep	\$16,850 - \$21,350	MS Fram

\* Price per person for land, cruise, and air outlined in the itinerary, based on double occupancy for the September 9, 2018 sailing in a category I cabin. Price is inclusive of taxes and port charges. Itinerary shown is for reference only. Excursions are not included, please contact us for details.

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## ARCTIC

# THE ELVES, SAGAS, AND VOLCANOES OF ICELAND

12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS - FROM \$7,430

A land of ice and fire, a vast, ever-changing, ancient and mythical landscape, Iceland appeals to the explorer that desires unexpected encounters. Hike through lava fields, swim in natural hot springs, traverse the wilderness, and visit fascinating settlements and towns.

## INTRODUCTION & ITINERARY

On this 12-day expedition cruise, we immerse you in the full Icelandic experience: unspoilt nature, incredible geological activity, ancient history, and friendly communities. At sea, watch for birds and whales as you take in the entirety of Iceland's breathtaking coast. On land, Iceland's unique position on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge has created active volcanoes and geysers, lava fields, and numerous hot springs for you to discover. In the midst of fjords, mountains, and powerful waterfalls are colourful fishing villages, seaside towns, and vibrant cities. These modern communities keep their ancient heritage and mystic lore of trolls and elves very much alive. Visit museums, chat with locals, and learn how the ancient sagas have shaped Icelandic culture. *Note: This itinerary is provisional as conditions determine final schedule. Safety is paramount and the captain will decide the sailing itinerary during the voyage.*

### DAY 1 REYKJAVÍK

Your adventure starts with your arrival into the Keflavík International Airport. Many visitors find this an enchanting entry into the country. The hub seems carved out of an Arctic desert, with lava stones covered in moss, and haunting mountains nearby. Just 45 minutes away, the capital of Iceland, Reykjavík, is a charming and vibrant modern city, offering top restaurants, interesting museums and



quaint narrow streets.

### DAY 2 STYKKISHÓLMUR - FLATEY

The expedition begins in West Iceland, which is often referred to as "The Sagaland". Experience Stykkishólmur's diverse landscape of lava and rock formations, glaciers, and hot and cold springs. Stykkishólmur's most noted connection to the ancient sagas can be found at the small, nearby mountain of Helgafell, said to be the burial place of Guðrún Ósvífursdóttir, a heroine of the Icelandic sagas. Participate in one of our exciting activities, such as kayaking, hiking and horseback riding. On the tiny, charming island of Flatey, located in Breiðafjörður, time appears to have stood still. Take a stroll around the village and step back into history along its scenic lanes.

### DAY 3 BJARGTANGAR

One of Iceland's best-kept secrets is the rugged, achingly beautiful Westfjords. As we sail around the tip of the Látrabjarg peninsula, you can see the Bjargtangar lighthouse, Europe's westernmost point. We'll then go ashore, and walk up the slope to the renowned Látrabjarg cliffs. Europe's largest bird cliff,

Látrabjarg is home to millions of seabirds, including puffins, northern gannets, guillemots and razorbills.

### DAY 4 ÍSAFJÖRÐUR

Flanked by towering mountains on all sides, Ísafjörður is a nearly perfect natural harbour. Take a stroll in the town to see its architecture, shop the local handicrafts, and visit the Maritime Museum. With our wide range of optional excursions, you can choose to follow in the footsteps of trolls through our hikes, or marvel at the scenery from horseback.

### DAY 5 HORNBJARG CLIFFS - REYKJAFJÖRÐUR

The Hornbjarg Cliffs is one of the greatest seabird habitats in Iceland, and we will try to land here in our small boats. Reykjafjörður can only be reached on foot or by boat; here, too, we will land to give you a closer look at this rugged, remote area.

### DAY 6 HRÍSEY - AKUREYRI

Hrísey is a large, peaceful island in the middle of Eyjafjörður, the longest fjord in Iceland, and a well-known paradise for birds. The most abundant species on this "pearl of the Eyjafjörður" is the

ptarmigan, but in all about 40 species of bird nest here. The 200 islanders live in a trim fishing village where a spectacular view of the surrounding mountains can be found at every turn. Next, we continue to Akureyri, the "capital of Northern Iceland"; a lively and energetic town, it is the most populous community outside Reykjavík. Akureyri is close to many of Iceland's most renowned natural treasures, and the town itself is a popular destination. Enjoy an optional hike or join an excursion to the impressive Goðafoss waterfall; translated as the "waterfall of the gods", it is one of Iceland's most stunning waterfalls.

### DAY 7 GRÍMSEY

We reach this small and green island – the northernmost inhabited Icelandic territory – by small boat expedition. While the rest of mainland Iceland is south of the Arctic Circle, Grímsey is situated in the middle, as the Arctic Circle cuts through the island. When we land, you'll be able to step across the line, from North to South and back again, and visit the monument placed there, all while taking in the rich vegetation of the island and its many populations of birds.

**DAY 8  
HÚSAVÍK**

Húsavík is recognized as one of the best whale-watching locations in the world, due to the island's thriving ecosystem of Skjálfandi Bay. Melting snow and rivers bring nutrients from mineral-rich mountainsides; combined with the boundless summer sun, this leads to teeming masses of plankton, the main source of food for baleen whales. Húsavík is also the oldest settlement in all of Iceland. The town's most famous landmark is Húsavíkurkirkja, a wooden church built in 1907. Over the years, Húsavík has become an increasingly popular tourist centre, and is home to the Húsavík Whale Museum. After leaving the town, we sail past the "long peak" Langanes peninsula.

**DAY 9  
BAKKAGERÐI - SEYÐISFJÖRDUR**

Bakkagerði is the main settlement in Borgarfjörður, situated on the coast of the Borgarfjörður Eystri. This magical area is known for its natural beauty and is the land of the elves. Puffin colonies abound in the fjord, making this a popular place for birdwatching. However, Bakkagerði is off the typical tourist track, and offers peace, quiet, and exquisite views. If you prefer more action, join us for an optional tour to the natural forest of Hallormsstaður. The Norwegian heritage of the village of Seyðisfjörður is reflected in colourful, Nordic-style wooden houses dating from the early 20th century. The handcrafted architecture creates a truly unique identity in this coastal settlement. Explore the town, join an organized hike, or take an optional excursion to Skálanes, a 250-hectare nature reserve.

**DAY 10  
DJÚPIVOGUR**

The natural world around Djúpivogur is fascinating in its variation. The Búlandsnes bird sanctuary is renowned among bird lovers throughout the world; here, you can observe most Icelandic birds nesting in their natural habitat. The Vatnajökull glacier, or the "water glacier", is the largest in Europe, and a majestic sight. Join our optional excursion to Vatnajökull lagoon, or stay and hike in the beautiful surroundings of the town. Langabúð is the oldest house in Djúpivogur, originally built in 1790, and renovated to serve as a current cultural centre. It houses a heritage museum, some of the works of sculptor Ríkarður Jónsson, a display of local handicrafts, and a coffee shop with

delicious homemade cakes. Don't miss the outdoor sculpture, Eggin í Gleðivík, consisting of 34 eggs, created by the famous Icelandic artist, Sigurður Guðmundsson.

**DAY 11  
HEIMAEY**

Today, we visit Heimaey, the "Pompeii of the North". The largest of the Westman Islands, which are located off Iceland's south coast, it is dominated by magnificent cliffs. These form natural habitats for many different seabirds, including puffins and kittiwakes. The islands are also a fantastic place for spotting whales. In 1973, a huge volcanic eruption surprised the residents of Heimaey, forcing the entire population to evacuate and set sail to mainland Iceland. A large number of buildings were buried under lava and ash. Many were completely destroyed, but others were later unearthed and restored. We'll explore this part of the world locked in history, and visit its museum, Eldheimar, built around the remains of one of these homes.

**DAY 12  
REYKJAVÍK**

Our voyage of discovery, magic and adventure comes full circle in Reykjavík. If you're completely enchanted with Iceland, and want to experience even more of this fascinating country, join onto our exciting post-cruise tour of the famed Golden Circle and the stunning, soothing Blue Lagoon.



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**DATES & PRICING  
THE ELVES, SAGAS, AND VOLCANOES**

Start / End	Nights	Sailing Schedule	Starting From*	Ship
Reykjavic / Reykjavic	11	May - Jun	\$7,430 - \$9,900	MS Fram

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## ANTARCTICA

# EXPLORE ANTARCTICA, THE FALKLANDS AND THE CHILEAN FJORDS

18 DAYS / 17 NIGHTS - FROM \$13,460

Our Antarctica adventure begins in stunning Patagonia and takes you through the natural wonders of the Chilean fjords as we travel to the end of the world. Watch mighty glaciers calving into icy seas and observe unique wildlife as we enter the frozen desert of the White Continent.

## INTRODUCTION & ITINERARY

Featuring the steep mountains and valleys of the Chilean fjords, close encounters with Antarctic wildlife, and a stop at the rugged Falkland Islands, this once-in-a-lifetime expedition is a true exploration of Antarctica and its surrounding areas. We introduce you to the natural beauty of Patagonia before crossing the treacherous Drake Passage to Antarctica's endless white landscapes and fascinating history. Trace the footsteps of great explorers, learn about whaling history, hike and kayak, and observe wildlife like chinstrap penguins and humpback whales. As a modern-day explorer, you'll experience an unspoiled wilderness in an environmentally friendly way, sailing on our state-of-the-art expedition vessel.

*Note: This itinerary is provisional as conditions determine final schedule. Safety is paramount and the captain will decide the sailing itinerary during the voyage.*

### DAY 1

#### SANTIAGO, CHILE

You start your Antarctic adventure with a one-night hotel stay in beautiful, exciting Santiago, the capital of Chile. Santiago offers a diverse selection of sights to explore: Andean glaciers at the city borders, tall mountains and skyscrapers, quiet parks, the fast-flowing Mapacho River, and colonial architecture. Soak in the culture of this city before taking off on the next leg of your trip.



### DAY 2

#### SANTIAGO - PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE

This morning you board your flight to Punta Arenas, the capital city of Chile's southernmost region. In this city located on the Strait of Magellan, which connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, you'll embark on the MS Roald Amundsen, which awaits you for your expedition to Antarctica.

### DAY 3

#### THE CHILEAN FJORDS

Enjoy cruising through the Beagle Channel, named after the HMS Beagle, whose second voyage in 1831-1836 brought a young Charles Darwin to this incredible place of fjords and mountains plunging straight into the icy water. Indeed, it will appear that you are traversing the same topography as he did, for this wild and remote area seem unchanged, almost undisturbed by humans. The glacial ice has scoured its way between the mountains, leaving isolated islands and hidden bays and creating the unique, beautiful fjord landscape of Chile.

### DAY 4 - 5

#### CAPE HORN - DRAKE PASSAGE

Cape Horn is one of the most iconic places on Earth. At almost 56 degrees south, it is the southernmost point of South America. Before the Panama Canal, seafarers had to pass this infamous rocky island in order to cross from one side of the Americas to the other. We will strive to make a landing on Cape

Horn; however, this is an area known for challenging conditions, so our landing, if made, will be a great achievement. Depending on the weather conditions, the MS Roald Amundsen will then take up to 2 days to cross the Drake Passage, so named after Sir Francis Drake. This enormous churn of water is funnelled by western winds drifting from the Pacific through the Drake Passage and into the Scotia Sea. The Drake Passage is part of the Antarctic Circumpolar Current, the most voluminous current in the world. About 95 to 150 million cubic metres of water per second (almost 600 times the flow of the Amazon River) are transported from west to east around Antarctica. As you cross the Drake, you sail over the mid-ocean Scotia Ridge and over the nearly 6,000-metre-deep South Shetland Trench. The weather can be terrible on the Drake, but it can also be placid, and is often called the "Drake Lake". Usually, it's somewhere in between, ensuring an exciting voyage.

### DAY 6 - 12

#### ANTARCTICA

We finally reach indescribable, awe-inspiring Antarctica, the Earth's driest, coldest and windiest continent. Isolated from the rest of the world by ocean currents, ninety percent of the world's ice is found here; at 4,000 meters thick, it covers the landmass. In winter, more sea ice forms off the coast, virtually doubling the size of the continent, and further separating it from the rest of the world.

In summer, Antarctica is the breeding ground for millions of penguins, whales, and seals that, for the rest of the year, spend their time at sea. Most wildlife thrives on krill, and the krill population in the Southern Ocean represents the largest biomass of one species on Earth. As outlined in the Antarctic Treaty, this is a continent dedicated to peace, science, and sustainable tourism. No human activity is allowed to alter the perfect natural balance; we adhere to very strict environmental guidelines and rules to respect this incredible ecosystem. We leave nothing but footprints and take nothing but pictures.

Antarctica's remote location at the end of the earth makes every voyage to the continent an expedition. Even the most sophisticated technology cannot override some of the climatic challenges that are a part of this environment. Weather, wind, and ice conditions force us to be pragmatic; we change landings, re-route and shift plans as we go along to ensure a safe expedition. We take full advantage of conditions when ideal, so you can make the most of your time in Antarctica. Spend hours ashore hiking, or take to the water on kayaks, cruising amongst huge pods of whales. During our expedition, we will attempt to land at several fascinating places, including Deception Island, Half Moon Island, Brown Bluff, Cuverville Island, and Neko Harbour. These ports have various sites and features of note: Deception Bay, a caldera of an active volcano and a former



whaling station, is a site of scientific research, while Half Moon Island has an Argentine exploration base. Brown Bluff is a significant nesting area for several species of bird, as well as attracting other wildlife such as leopard seals; Cuverville Island supports Antarctica's largest breeding colony of gentoo penguins. These landings provide you with the opportunity to observe wildlife in their natural habitats, get up close to glaciers and icebergs of every shape and colour, and explore old whaling stations. It is difficult to sum up all the impressions you will gain during our time on this continent. A well-known quote from a veteran Antarctic traveller perhaps puts it best: "If you can describe Antarctica with words, you have probably never been there."

**DAY 13  
AT SEA**

After exploring this unforgettable area, we set course back, with our destination set to the Falkland Islands. The British territory of the Falklands consists of two large, open islands and approximately 700 smaller ones. The first recorded European discovery of these rugged islands was in 1690, when Captain John Strong landed the HMS Welfare. Look out for albatross as we sail, and prepare for our arrival by attending our lecture series on the dramatic history and diverse wildlife of the Falklands.

**DAY 14-16  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS**

Having been in remote, uninhabited Antarctica, your first experience in the Falkland Islands may seem surreal; Stanley, its capital, looks like an English village, complete with red telephone boxes, buses, and English pubs. However, this return to civilization will be made enjoyable and eventful with excursions

which celebrate urban life as well as the natural beauty of these islands. Roam the streets of Stanley, enjoying a day out in the town, or join one of our excursions to explore the surroundings. The Falklands are teeming with wonders of wildlife and nature. This is an unpolluted, scenic environment, with seamless horizons, vast open spaces and stunning white-sand beaches. As we reach the westernmost settled outposts in the Falklands, you will see remote farms that have been family-owned for six or seven generations. The sheep graze alongside immense colonies of albatross and rockhopper penguins, while striated caracaras patrol overhead and geese forage at the water's edge. Bird lovers will rejoice if we go ashore for exploration on Carcass Island. One of the few islands with trees, it is a bird paradise with flocks of ducks, geese, penguins, caracaras and wren.

**DAY 17  
AT SEA**

We leave the Falklands for our return voyage, nearing the end of our journey. As we complete the loop of the Strait of Magellan, our expert guides and lecturers will help you recap all the incredible sights and experiences of this expedition. Spend time on deck to watch for more wildlife, and to reflect on the wonders and sights of your recent voyage.

**DAY 18  
PUNTA ARENAS - SANTIAGO, CHILE**

In the morning, we step off the ship in Punta Arenas, thus ending your expedition. After the flight back to Santiago, consider extending your vacation to experience and relax in this impressive region, before you head home with long-lasting memories of the astounding ice-covered continent, Antarctica.



**MS ROALD AMUNDSEN**

Hurtigruten introduced this brand new ship in 2018. This state-of-the-art vessel features new and environmentally sustainable hybrid technology that reduces fuel consumption and shows the world that hybrid propulsion on large ships is possible.

See page 45 for more details.



**DATES & PRICING**

**EXPLORE ANTARCTICA, THE FALKLANDS AND THE CHILEAN FJORDS**

Start / End	Nights	Sailing Schedule	Starting From*	Ship
Santiago De Chile / Santiago De Chile	17	Nov - Dec	\$13,460 - \$17,300	MS Roald Amundsen

\* Price per person for the cruise and domestic air, based on double occupancy for the November 25 sailing in a category RJ cabin. Price is inclusive of taxes and port charges. Itinerary shown is for reference only. Excursions are not included, please contact us for details.

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## ANTARCTICA

# ADVENTURE TO ANTARCTICA – HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FROZEN CONTINENT

13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS - FROM \$8,450

Join our exciting, adventure-filled expedition to the most remote region of the world, Antarctica. Meet penguins up close, touch icebergs with your bare hands, and navigate icy waters during our small boat excursions. Enhance your experience with our onboard activities and lectures.

## INTRODUCTION & ITINERARY

This expedition will appeal to the whole family, with just the right mix of adventure and education. The MS Midnatsol is a ship designed to meet the needs of modern explorers, both on and off board, offering outdoor excursions and indoor activities for all ages, including our dynamic Young Explorer program for kids. See whales and seals while many-hued icebergs drift by under an endless horizon, and go ashore to meet huge colonies of penguins. On board, swap stories with fellow adventurers, and gain scientific insight from our engaging Expedition Team, with lectures presented in a lively, accessible manner. Our media room shows highlights from our excursions, so all can share in our daily adventures on the White Continent.

*Note: This itinerary is provisional as conditions determine final schedule. Safety is paramount and the captain will decide the sailing itinerary during the voyage.*

### DAY 1

#### BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

This adventure begins with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires, the bright, bustling capital of Argentina. Explore this colourful city by joining our city tour in the afternoon. Spend the evening at your leisure and discover the “Paris of South America” for yourself.



### DAY 2

#### BUENOS AIRES - USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

After a comfortable stay in Buenos Aires, take a flight to Ushuaia, regarded as the southernmost city in the world. Located on the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, the tip of South America, it is nicknamed the “End of the World”. In its port, the MS Midnatsol eagerly awaits your embarkation. We celebrate the beginning of our journey with a welcome dinner.

### DAY 3 – 4

#### AT SEA (DRAKE PASSAGE)

Prepare yourself – as much as possible – for the amazing wilderness of Antarctica as we cross the infamous Drake Passage. MS Midnatsol is specially designed to bring polar exploration to all ages and learning levels. As we cruise south, we start our Young Explorers Antarctica classes for our younger guests. This program is a scientific introduction to biology, ecology, history and navigation. Our onboard lectures will complement our field trips into the continent. There will also be several lectures and films about Antarctica, so the Explorer Room will buzz with activity. This room will be the heart of the

expedition community, where we gather for talks, recaps, events, and the constant chance to mingle and share stories.

### DAY 5 – 10

#### ANTARCTICA

You’ve made it to one of the most remote areas on Earth! Go ashore to explore the breathtaking Antarctic scenery on foot, becoming a real explorer the moment you land on the the endless expanse of snow and ice. From the ship’s deck, there will be ample opportunities to sight whales. Enjoy close encounters with glaciers and wildlife, and step back in history at old whaling stations, as we visit islands that present their own unique topography, wildlife, and history. One of the highlights of the South Shetlands is Deception Island. When we sail into the natural harbour of this volcanic island, you will see an abandoned Norwegian whaling station known as Hektor, and a haunting, derelict British base. Half Moon Island is sure to impress you with its staggeringly beautiful scenery that results in stunning photographs. At Yankee Harbour and Cuverville Island, you will be greeted by massive colonies of

gentoo penguins, while humpback whales congregate at Wilhelmina Bay in such large numbers that the area is nicknamed “Whale-mina Bay.”

Our activities during this time will fully immerse you in the Antarctica experience: one day you’ll go ashore to see penguins and hear the crackling noise of glaciers; the next, you’ll cruise between the sea ice, looking for leopard seals taking a snooze on the ice. We offer kayak excursions amid the ice floes, and longer hikes and walks to sites of natural and historical note at our various landings. Back in the Explorer Room on the ship, the onboard photographer will show you the basics of expedition photography to ensure you get incredible shots on your adventures, and the Expedition Team will recount the day’s activities, provide presentations, and discuss upcoming plans and excursions. These gatherings are great opportunities for sharing, creating, and mingling with the expedition community. In Antarctica, no day is the same on the MS Midnatsol, and there will be something for everyone.

**DAY 11 – 12  
AT SEA (DRAKE PASSAGE)**

After exploring in depth this exhilarating continent, we set course back to civilization. Spend the days at sea sharing photos and stories, and learning more about your recent experiences, in the Explorer Room. Relax on deck, catching your last sights and forming your final memories of the frozen desert, Antarctica.

**DAY 13  
USHUAIA - BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

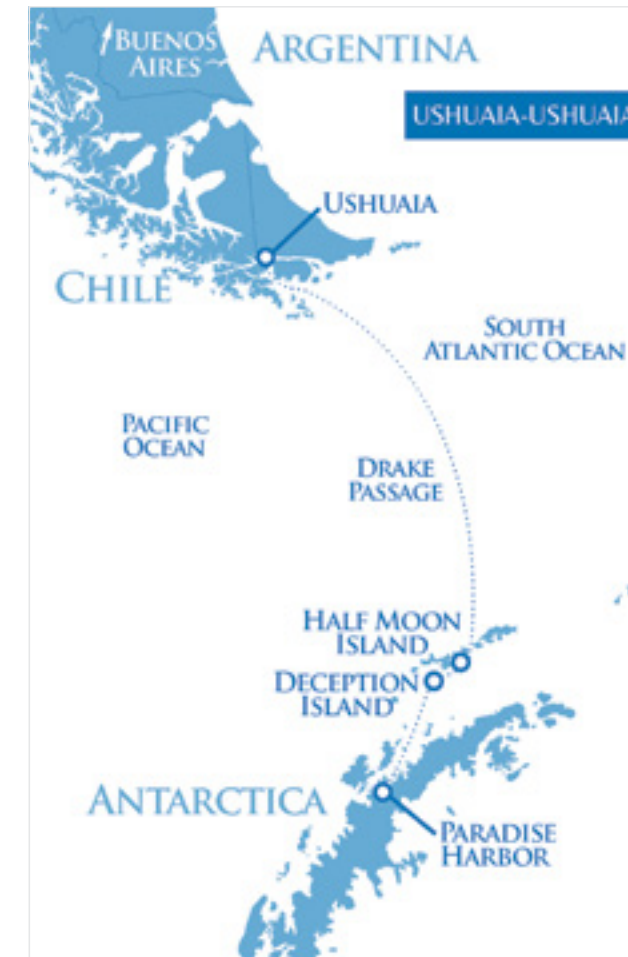
Sadly, every adventure must come to an end. It is time to say goodbye to the crew and all your new friends when we reach Ushuaia. We transfer you to the airport for your flight back to Buenos Aires. Not ready to end your travels just yet? Extend your stay and enjoy our optional post-expedition programs in Buenos Aires.



**MS MIDNATSOL**

The MS Midnatsol (Midnight Sun) is dedicated to the wonders of Arctic summer. The ship sails along the Norwegian coast from May to September, and is part of Hurtigruten's global Explorer sailings during the rest of the year.

See page 44 for more details.



**DATES & PRICING**

**ADVENTURE TO ANTARCTICA - HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FROZEN CONTINENT**

Start / End	Nights	Sailing Schedule	Starting From*	Ship
Buenos Aires / Buenos Aires	12	Nov - Dec	\$8,450 - \$10,680	MS Midnatsol

*\* Price per person for the cruise and domestic air, based on double occupancy for the Nov 6, 2018 sailing in a category I cabin. Price is inclusive of taxes and port charges. Itinerary shown is for reference only. Excursions are not included, please contact us for details.*

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## ANTARCTICA

# ULTIMATE EXPEDITION – ANTARCTICA, FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA

23 DAYS / 22 NIGHTS - FROM \$18,150

This 23-day epic expedition takes you through the isolated Falkland Islands and stunning South Georgia before arriving at the great white continent of Antarctica. On this ambitious voyage, explore in depth the surreal and haunting endless landscape of Antarctica.

## INTRODUCTION & ITINERARY

This expedition is for the true adventurer, who expects and embraces the unexpected. Antarctica's majestic scenery, seemingly barren but teeming with wildlife even in extreme temperatures, will take your breath away and give you lasting memories in return. Accompanied by our knowledgeable Expedition Team, go ashore on isolated beaches to encounter wildlife and to follow in the footsteps of great explorers, take kayak trips in pristine waters with icebergs floating by, or camp out under the stars. Our insightful onboard lecture series will further enrich your experiences of these regions. Explore, wonder at, and delight in the icy continent of Antarctica, the communities and cliffs of the historic Falklands, and the wild beauty of South Georgia.

*Note: This itinerary is provisional as conditions determine final schedule. Safety is paramount and the captain will decide the sailing itinerary during the voyage.*

### DAY 1 BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Your expedition starts with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires, the bustling capital of Argentina, and the birthplace of tango. We offer an optional afternoon tour of this colourful city. Enjoy the evening at your leisure and discover the "Paris of South America" for yourself.



### DAY 2 BUENOS AIRES - USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

The following morning, you leave Buenos Aires and take your flight to the "End of the World" city, Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city. Spend a few days exploring Ushuaia, or join an excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park, before embarking on the MS Fram which awaits you in the port. In the evening we leave Ushuaia, and set sail through the scenic Beagle Channel.

### DAY 3 AT SEA

Morning finds us crossing the wide open sea on our way towards the Falkland Islands. Prepare for the islands and the voyage by enjoying our lectures; from on deck, spot wildlife like whales and a variety of seabirds.

### DAY 4 - 6 THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

An area of stark contrasts, the Falklands Islands are teeming with wonders of wildlife and nature, and offer vast open spaces, white-sand beaches, and charming communities. On these islands, sheep graze alongside immense colonies of albatross, rockhopper, and other seabirds. As you explore the Falklands, fearless and curious penguins waddle close, then continue on their way, giving you some

fantastic photo opportunities. Stroll through Stanley, the capital of the islands, and discover its streets and shops. Stanley is our central starting point for the various excursions that we offer in the islands, such as wildlife hikes, beach explorations, and small craft outings.

### DAY 7 - 8 AT SEA (SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN)

We spend two days cruising southward to beautiful South Georgia. As we sail, participate in a number of engaging presentations about the area's wildlife, unique features, and whaling and polar history. Our Expedition Team is well-versed in every facet of South Georgia, from its geology and glaciology, to the mating rituals of the sooty albatross, and the legends of the Norwegian whalers. Gain key insight into our destination, as well as hear fascinating true stories, such as the brave feats of Sir Ernest Shackleton and the men of the ill-fated Endurance, when they found themselves trapped in sea ice during their 1914-1916 expedition. These captivating lectures and tales will get you even more excited to explore this remote area.

### DAY 9 - 13 SOUTH GEORGIA

On this specific expedition, you will discover the incomparable beauty and wildlife of South Georgia.

Its rich history of exploration and whaling is set against its backdrop of rugged scenery, complete with glaciers and cliffs. Known as the Serengeti of the Southern Ocean, South Georgia is a favourite place for wildlife photographers. Its unique position inside the Antarctic ecosystem, yet outside the limit of the yearly sea ice, makes it home to tens of millions of breeding penguins, seals, and seabirds. We'll visit Fortuna Bay and some of South Georgia's abandoned whaling stations.

During our stay here, you will see elephant seals lounging on the sand, fur seal pups racing in and out of the water, albatross soaring overhead, and king penguins congregating in the thousands. Another highlight is exploring Gold Harbour, where you'll wonder at hanging glaciers, cliffs, and lagoons. We'll visit the community of Grytviken, exploring its whaling museum, the 1913 Grytviken Church (Whalers' Church), and the small cemetery where we can pay our respects to the great Antarctic explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton. South Georgia also offers some great hiking options. A favourite hike will bring history to life, as we'll walk the last part of the route that Shackleton took on his journey across the island's harsh mountains, seeking help for the 22 men left on the isolated Elephant Island.

**DAY 14  
AT SEA**

After our time on incredible South Georgia, we continue towards Antarctica; as we sail, learn more about the wonders of the “deep South”, with a focus on the history, environment, ecology, and wildlife of Antarctica. Stay on deck as we cruise by Washington Strait and Coronation Island before first setting course towards Elephant Island and, finally, the White Continent, Antarctica.

**DAY 15 – 20  
ANTARCTICA**

Antarctica will stand out from all your previous – and future – travel experiences. Once we have crossed the Antarctic Convergence, you will start feeling the air getting crisper and colder. As you observe penguins in the water, be on the lookout for the first glimpse of an iceberg. Our expedition into Antarctica will awe you with surreal sights at every turn; in this remarkable region, your days are filled with wildlife excursions and visits to stunning islands and historic sites. The MS Fram is sleek and strong enough for the elements, and its small size affords us the largest range of possible landings in this terrain.

Take in the incredible diversity of wildlife found at Half Moon Island and Hannah Point, and hike through the distinctive ring-shaped volcanic caldera of Deception Island. If conditions are favourable, the MS Fram will navigate through the Antarctic Sound, which offers the most impressive manifestations of icebergs the expedition will see. We’ll eventually reach Paulet Island, where a large Adélie penguin population greets us. On Brown Bluff, a landscape dominated by a towering, rust-coloured bluff of volcanic origin, penguins, kelp gulls and cape petrels nest below majestic cliffs that rise 2,444 feet out of the sea. The stony beach is suitable for shore landings.

Weather permitting, we’ll sail through the narrow Errera Channel, to and from Cuverville, and see the icebergs that have become trapped and grounded in the nearby shallows. Danco Island lies peacefully among these icebergs in the Errera Channel, just a few hundred yards from the Antarctic mainland, and is a breeding site for gentoo penguins. Come ashore and explore with us, go kayaking to see the ice up close, or take a trip on one of our small boats. On Wiencke Island, visit Port Lockroy, a British station dating from the Second World War that was turned

into a museum in 1996. One of the most popular sites in Antarctica, it offers a peek into life on an Antarctic base in the 1950s. Pleneau Island is situated just south of the Lemaire Channel and offers a superb landing site among many stranded icebergs in the bay area. Whenever opportunities arise during our expedition, we launch our kayaks, pitch tents ashore, and take you on hikes to explore the most pristine, untouched places on the planet.

**DAY 21 – 22  
AT SEA (DRAKE PASSAGE)**

We now set our northbound course, sailing back to civilization after our unforgettable experience in the southernmost continent. We’ll share stories and continue our lecture series, which is further enriched by our recent experiences of Antarctica. The voyage from the Antarctic Peninsula to Ushuaia is roughly 600 miles or 40 hours of sailing time in good weather; enjoy the last images of Antarctica and form your final memories as it slowly slips from sight.

**DAY 23  
USHUAIA - BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

In Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, we dock at Ushuaia, ending your epic expedition. The journey back includes your flight to lively Buenos Aires. If you want some sun and warmth after spending time in cold, dry Antarctica, we highly recommend one of our post-voyage programs in the sun of Buenos Aires.



**MS FRAM**

The original Fram was the most famous explorer ship of its time, and the achievements of her expeditions are unparalleled. MS Fram brings on the heritage of the original Fram, using the most advanced technology to make her exceptionally well suited for expedition voyages in Polar Regions.

See page 43 for more details.



**DATES & PRICING**

**THE ULTIMATE EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA, FALKLANDS, AND SOUTH GEORGIA**

Start / End	Nights	Sailing Schedule	Starting From*	Ship
Buenos Aires / Buenos Aires	22	Dec - Jan	\$18,150 - \$23,490	MS Fram

*\* Price per person for the cruise and domestic air, based on double occupancy for the Dec 6, 2018 sailing in a category I cabin. Price is inclusive of taxes and port charges. Itinerary shown is for reference only. Excursions are not included, please contact us for details.*

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## TROPICS

# THE MARQUESAS ISLANDS

14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS - FROM \$6,380

Unspoiled beauty, generous hospitality, and fascinating ancient history await you in the paradisaical Marquesas Islands. Our voyage into this enchanting, remote part of French Polynesia will delight and enthrall both the sun-seeker and avid adventurer alike.

## INTRODUCTION & ITINERARY

Venture off the beaten path into the distant Marquesas Islands. For two full weeks, discover its magic that attracted Paul Gauguin, Robert Louis Stevenson, Jacques Brel, and countless other explorers and artists. The modern Aranui 5, the ultimate passenger-freighter ship, is the main supply line to this archipelago, and will give you intimate access to remote communities while providing a passage of utmost comfort. The crew will delight you by introducing you to their music, culture, and centuries-old traditions; they join our knowledgeable lecturers and guides to fully immerse you in the Marquesan experience. Visit all six of the inhabited islands in the Marquesas, as well as Bora Bora Island, taking advantage of our range of excursions, including hikes, tours of ancient sites, cultural and artisan demonstrations, and more. Experience the richness of the Marquesas, from its history and culture to its breathtaking scenery.

### DAY 1

#### PAPEETE, TAHITI

Your journey into the colourful Marquesas Islands begins this morning in the beautiful, lively port of Papeete, the capital of French Polynesia. Spend the evening before – or a few days – exploring this city, before we set sail on the Aranui 5, your home for the next 14 days.

### DAY 2

#### TAKAPOTO

In the morning, we arrive at our first stop, the small,



oval-shaped atoll of Takapoto located in the stunning Tuamotu Archipelago. We anchor outside of the coral reef which surrounds this island paradise, and take you ashore by small craft. Here, meander through the quiet village to the lagoon and white sand beaches, for an ultimate day of relaxation in the sun by the stunning lagoon. Enjoy a delicious barbecue picnic on the beach, with local musical entertainment, and swim and snorkel among the lagoon's bright, tropical fish.

### DAY 3

#### AT SEA

Today is a chance to unwind, meet and mingle with other passengers, and fully prepare for your time in the Marquesas Islands by attending our fascinating lectures on its culture and history. Enjoy your first tastes of the lively Polynesian culture through musical and dance performances by our spirited crew – with the chance to jump in! As we glide towards the Islands, relax on deck and take in the gorgeous views of the endless South Pacific Ocean.

### DAY 4

#### NUKU HIVA (TAIOHA'E - HATIHE'U - TAIPIVAI)

Nuka Hiva is the largest of the Marquesas Islands. As we sail in, you'll be awed by its spectacular bay, a magnificent volcanic amphitheatre dominated by towering cliffs streaked with waterfalls. Stretching along the beach is the small but important village of Taioha'e, the administrative centre for the Marquesas. Explore its rich culture, including touring the famed Cathedral Notre Dame, before we journey through winding mountain roads to the archaeological site of Kamuihei, in the village of Hatihe'u, where you can also hike a steep trail to explore the Paeke site. While in Nuku Hiva, savour Polynesian culture with a traditional lunch that features hima'a, a Marquesan specialty, where food is slow-cooked in an underground oven. Travel to the valley of Taipivai; discover the sacred ritual sites (me'ae), immense stone platforms (paepae) on which the Taipi built their houses, and the huge boulders carved with ancient, enigmatic petroglyphs.

### DAY 5

#### UA POU (HAKAHAU - HAKAHETAU)

As we sail into Hakahau Bay, you will immediately appreciate why this island is often called the "cathedral island", as soaring massive mountain spires greet us. While the crew unloads essential supplies, take in the ambiance and features of this distinct island. Explore the village of Hakahau, including meeting its talented artists and makers at the artisan's centre, and hike up the hill to the Cross for breathtaking views of the mountains and lush valleys. We offer another delicious, traditional Marquesan lunch with specialities such as curried goat, taro, breadfruit and poisson cru (raw fish marinated in lime juice and coconut milk). Celebrate the island culture by enjoying an excellent dance performance that includes the Bird Dance, traditional to Ua Pou.

### DAY 6

#### HIVA OA (PUAMA'U) - TAHUATA (KOKUU)

We travel next to the second-largest – and most fertile – island in the entire Marquesas, Hiva Oa.



Our first stop on this island is in the village of Puama'u, where we travel to Ipona, the most incredible archaeological site for tikis (ancient, human-like religious stone sculptures) outside of Easter Island. Our knowledgeable guides will tell you the stories of these haunting statues of ancient times. Surrounded by beautifully lush grounds, the site radiates with what Polynesians call mana (spiritual power).

**DAY 7**  
**HIVA OA (ATUONA) & TAHUATA (VAITAHU - HAPATONI)**

Spend the morning immersing yourself in the cultural history of Atuona. Explore the streets and landscape that inspired Paul Gauguin, including the store he shopped at, a replica of his "House of Pleasure", and an adjoining museum dedicated to his time in Hiva Oa. Visit his gravestone in the stunning Calvary Cemetery that overlooks the harbour of Atuona; here, too, singer Jacques Brel is buried. In the afternoon, we anchor off Tahuata. Though the smallest of the inhabited Marquesas Islands, it has a rich and fascinating history, as the first island in the archipelago to be discovered by Spanish explorers in a bloody encounter (1595), and the first French settlement in the Marquesas (1842). Marvel at the large church built by the Vatican. Tahuata is also

famous for its exquisite bone and helmet-shell carvings and jewellery, as you'll find within the village. Our stop in Tahuata also gives you time to relax on the stunning white sand beaches.

**DAY 8**  
**FATU HIVA (OMOA - HANA VAVE)**

Lush, colourful Fatu Hiva is the most remote island of the Marquesas, and an important hub for Marquesan craft and artisanal traditions. In the village of Omoa, women will demonstrate the making of tapa, a traditional cloth created through hammering mulberry, banyan or breadfruit bark on a log; when dry, this bark is hand-painted with Marquesan designs. Fatu Hiva is also well-known for its hand-painted pareos (sarongs) and monoi (infused coconut oil). At the large craft centre, you'll have the chance to meet the creators and purchase Marquesan art and souvenirs. Our next stop is at Hana Vave, considered one of the most beautiful bays in the world. Either sail there with the Aranui 5, or trek there by foot in a challenging, 10-mile hike from Omoa to Hana Vave, and take in spectacular views of towering cliffs and stunning waterfalls. In Hana Vave, experience traditional dance and enjoy an incredible sunset.



**DAY 9**  
**UA HUKA (VAIPAE'E - HANE - HOKATU)**

In the early morning light, the Aranui 5 will sail into Ua Huka, an arrival that is particularly impressive due to the deft maneuvering required to position the large vessel in the small bay.

Go ashore on a guided tour to visit the small museum in Vaipae'e, which features exquisite replicas of ancient Marquesan art; explore the island through four-wheel drive excursions that allow you to stop at the arboretum and gardens, catch breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean, and visit the villages of Hane and Hokatu. Ua Huka is known for its wild horse population (brought from Chile in 1846) that outnumbers the island inhabitants. Opt into our horse-riding excursion to better explore the island's beauty. Stroll through the fishing village of Hokatu, and peruse art such as wood carvings and engraved shells, or hike up to one of Hane's viewpoints. At day's end, drink in the gorgeous views of the coast of Ua Huka as we sail away.

**DAY 10**  
**NUKU HIVA (TAIOHA'E) - UA POU (HAKAHAU)**

This is the ship's final day in the captivating Marquesas Islands. The Aranui 5 will dock in the Bay of Taioha'e, in Nuku Hiva. You may take the local shuttle or walk



to the town centre for some free time, and to further wander in and explore its many delights. In the afternoon, the ship will sail to Ua Pou, and dock in the village of Hakahau. Hike up to the Cross once again, meander through the village and pick up authentic Marquesan art and souvenirs, or just spend a lazy afternoon on the beach.

**DAY 11  
AT SEA**

Take the time at sea to reflect on your enchanting, enriching journey into the heart of Polynesian civilization. Unwind on deck, attend insightful lectures, share stories of your experiences, and enjoy various activities offered on the ship.

**DAY 12  
TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO - RANGIROA**

We return to the Tuamotu Archipelago to experience even more of what this stunning, massive (second-largest in the world) atoll has to offer. As we sail into Tiputa Pass, one of Rangiroa's two channels, playful dolphins may greet us. Here in Rangiroa, choose to snorkel or scuba-dive in these glistening waters – Rangiroa is rated as one of the best locations in the world for scuba-diving. This area, with its pristine environment and pure waters, offer the ideal conditions for pearl farming; visit a working pearl farm and learn how Tahiti's famed jewel of the sea is produced. If your dream is to bring one home, the small on-site store features a nice selection of



loose and set pearls for just such wishes. Should you decide not to go on any tours, enjoy Rangiroa's fine beaches and peaceful, clear lagoon.

**DAY 13  
BORA BORA, SOCIETY ISLANDS**

Welcoming us to the island of Bora Bora, with its world-famous lagoon of opalescent blues and greens, will be the majestic Mount Otemanu, the island's highest peak. In this picturesque island paradise, you will enjoy a day at the beach and another delicious picnic on a private islet surrounded by crystalline waters. For the more adventurous, opt into any – or all! – of our excursions, including an island tour by boat or bus, helicopter flight, off-road tour and, for the bravest, shark and ray feeding. Bora Bora will also appeal to those interested in local history; serving as an American military outpost during World War II, remnants from the war such as cannons and bunkers can be seen during our off-road excursions. Make the most of your time here at Bora Bora, before we set sail for our return destination, Papeete.

**DAY 14  
PAPEETE, TAHITI**

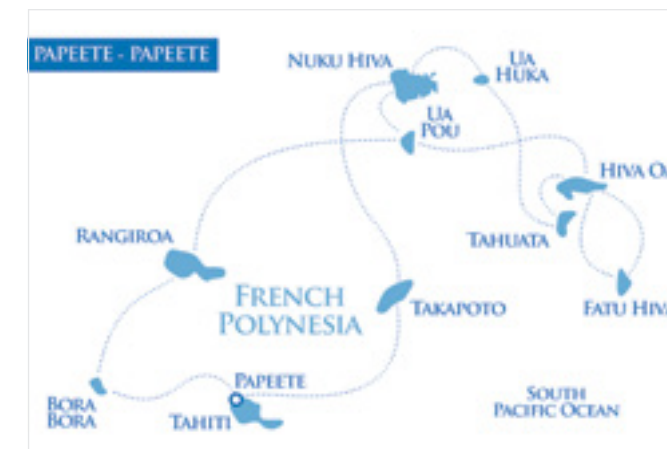
Your adventures come to a close with disembarkation in Papeete, Tahiti. After a morning of farewells, you prepare for your trip home with a suitcase of souvenirs and blissful memories of your time spent in these vivid, colourful islands.



**M/V ARANUI 5**

Aranui 5 is a new custom-built, dual-purpose passenger/freighter that sails from Tahiti to the Marquesas, Tuamotu and Society Islands in French Polynesia on a 14 day all-inclusive cruise. Designed to offer all of the comforts of a cruise liner, while operating as a supply ship, Aranui 5 is classified as a small vessel, accommodating approximately 254 passengers and 103 cabins.

See page 46 for more details.



**DATES & PRICING  
THE MARQUESAS ISLANDS**

Start / End	Nights	Sailing Schedule	Starting From*	Ship
Papeete / Papeete	13	Jan - Dec	\$6,380	Aranui 5

\* Price per person for the cruise only, based on double occupancy for an April 12, 2018 sailing in an Unobstructed Regular Stateroom. Price is inclusive of taxes and port charges. Itinerary shown is for reference only. Excursions are not included, please contact us for details.

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## TROPICS GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS - FROM \$4,900

Voyage into the sublime world of the Galápagos Islands, and encounter new wonders at each island stop: stunning volcanic formations, incredible natural phenomena, and extraordinary species of wildlife found nowhere else in the world but on this spectacular archipelago.

### INTRODUCTION & ITINERARY

Split on either side of the Equator, the volcanic Galápagos Islands are an UNESCO World Heritage site and biosphere reserve, recognized for its vast number of unique species of wildlife. Our cruise through this remarkable area of the world will bring you up close and personal with unforgettable creatures like giant tortoises, iguanas, Galápagos penguins, sea lions, and bright multitudes of birds. Join in daily guided excursions throughout the islands, and heighten your experience through optional activities like snorkelling, kayaking, and dinghy rides along the craggy coastline. As you trek through the terrain of lava formations, see breath-taking views at every turn, and absorb the rich colours of the flora and fauna, you'll truly discover all the gems of the Galápagos.

#### DAY 1 EMBARK ON MV GALÁPAGOS - MOSQUERA ISLET (WET LANDING)

Wake up in the city, and spend the afternoon in the islands. The MV Galápagos awaits you at Baltra Island, located in the middle of the Galápagos, and just a 2 ½ hour flight from Quito or Guayaquil. Our local guides will escort you from the airport directly to the pier – after a quick coach ride, you'll board the MV Galápagos. In the afternoon, you'll land at sandy Mosquera Islet, nestled between Baltra Island and North Seymour Island. Though among the smallest of the islands, it boasts one of the largest colonies of sea lions, easily observable as you comfortably walk through these open expanses of sand and barren lava rock. The flat terrain also offers excellent opportunity



to view shorebirds like herons and lava gulls. Need a break from the beach? Dive deeper, and enjoy Mosquera's ideal snorkelling conditions.

#### DAY 2 EGAS PORT, SANTIAGO ISLAND - RABIDA ISLAND (WET LANDINGS)

Our stop at rocky Egas Port will give you the opportunity to explore black sand beaches, walk along striking terrain forged out of volcanic activity, and encounter diverse creatures. On this unique 1 ½ hour trail, you'll observe all manner of marine wildlife: brightly coloured Sally Lightfoot crabs, marine iguanas, and Galápagos fur seals. In the afternoon, you'll leave black sand for the dark-red sand at Rabida Island. Considered the epicentre of the Galápagos Islands due to its diversity of volcanic geology, Rabida Island is also a haven for birds, including nine species of Darwin's famous finches. Take our dinghy ride through the marine cliffs to observe nesting seabirds, like brown pelicans (July–September), and later snorkel off the coast among the active marine life.

#### DAY 3 URBINA BAY, ISABELA ISLAND (WET LANDING) - TAGUS COVE, ISABELA ISLAND (DRY LANDING)

Formed from the eruption of five volcanoes, with an intriguing past that includes pirate activity, Isabela is the largest island in the Galápagos. From two different locations, spend the day exploring Isabela through hikes, deep-water snorkelling, and a dinghy ride along its shoreline. Starting at Urbina Bay, you'll walk to a raised coral reef, and take in stunning views of Alcedo Volcano. Delight in the island's rich, colourful flora, and then snorkel to experience the equally beautiful colours of tropical fish. Enjoy the seasonal chance (May–December) to whale-watch as we journey between Urbina Bay and Tagus Cove. At Tagus Cove, we'll hike to Darwin's salt-water crater lake, view lava fields, find signatures of pirates, and deep-water snorkel. On our dinghy ride along the cliffs, you'll admire bird species, like the blue-footed booby, terns, and the Galápagos penguin, the only penguin species in the world to live north of the Equator.

#### DAY 4 ESPINOSA POINT, FERNANDINA ISLAND (DRY LANDING) - VICENTE ROCA POINT, ISABELA ISLAND (AT SEA)

This day trip provides you with land and sea exploration. One of the best visitor sites in all the Galápagos, you'll spend your morning among the spectacular wildlife of Espinosa Point. Marine iguanas, sea lions, Galápagos penguins, flightless cormorants at their nesting sites, and the Galápagos hawk, are just a few of the creatures you'll encounter. As you explore, you'll marvel at the terrain, covered in pahoehoe ("pillow") and AA lava formations. In the afternoon, you'll observe shorebirds along the coast as you head by dinghy to the open water of the Bolivar Channel, where the upwelling of cold currents makes it one of the richest marine havens in the world. These conditions make it ideal for our deep-water snorkelling.

**DAY 5  
HIGHLANDS TORTOISE RESERVE & LOS GEMELOS,  
SANTA CRUZ ISLAND (DRY LANDING) -  
BARTOLOMÉ ISLAND**

Today features a scenic drive to the tortoise reserve in the forests of Santa Cruz. The reserve is also a bird-watcher's paradise, as almost every land bird present on the island lives or migrates through here. For those who have chosen our 4-night cruise, this will be your final excursion before you head back to Baltra Island for your flight home. If you have selected the 7-night cruise, you will now explore the pit craters of Los Gemelos. Our hike to the crater lookouts takes you through a scalesia forest, a species endemic to the Galápagos. After Santa Cruz, we travel to barren Bartolomé Island. The striking views of the distinctive Pinnacle Rock and austere Santiago Island create a scene often likened to a lunar landscape, and considered the most iconic landscape of the Galápagos. After our hike, swim and snorkel among bright tropical fish, and possibly encounter whitetip reef sharks, playful sea lions, and Galápagos penguins.

**DAY 6  
SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND - NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND  
(DRY LANDINGS)**

Sea lions, swallow-tailed gulls, and land iguanas will greet us at our landing site on tiny South Plaza Island. Known for its fascinating flora, this island is populated by a succulent that in the dry season (June-January) transforms the usual green terrain into a vivid, stunning red carpet. Our excursion takes us through the forest of prickly pear cactus (Opuntia cacti) trees, where we may spot yellow and red land iguanas, as this island is home to one of the largest populations in the archipelago. Our time at South Plaza also introduces you to the hybrid land and sea iguana. In the afternoon, we discover seabird colonies and observe breeding and nesting behaviours at North Seymour Island. Formed by a series of underwater volcanic eruptions, its unique terrain is the perfect place to see the courting rituals of frigatebirds, who inflate their large, bright-red gular pouches, and blue-footed boobies, who display their colourful feet in an enticing "dance".

**DAY 7  
PUNTA PITT & PITT ISLET - CERRO BRUJO,  
SAN CRISTOBEL ISLAND (WET LANDINGS)**  
San Cristobel Island is the oldest geological island in the entire archipelago. It also boasts the oldest

permanent settlement in the islands (Puerto Baquerizo Moreno), and was the first island Darwin set foot on in 1835. After landing on the beach, we'll climb to a high vantage point to view all three of the booby species in the same place: the red-footed booby, the Nazca booby, and the blue-footed booby. Punta Pitt is one of only two places where the red-footed booby can be found in a large nesting colony. In the afternoon, we head to Cerro Brujo, an eroding tuff cone that features lava formations and a white sand beach – ideal for snorkelling and sunbathing. Our panga ride allows us to truly appreciate from sea the immensity of the cliffs. Once we land, snorkel from shore or enjoy the beach, or opt to take a walk to a hidden lagoon to encounter migratory birds such as black-necked stilts, ruddy turnstones, and whimbrels.

**DAY 8  
CERRO COLORADO TORTOISE RESERVE, SAN CRIS-  
TOBAL ISLAND (DRY LANDING)**

Our final day in the Galápagos is a true celebration of its iconic creature, the giant Galápagos tortoise. We come ashore to the charming town of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Explore the village's port and shops, before our visit to the Centro de Interpretación to learn about the vital conservation programs of Galápagos National Park. We then journey by bus to the moist highlands of the island to visit the giant tortoise breeding centre, La Galapaguera. This 6-hectare reserve maintains semi-natural conditions for the tortoises, which encourages natural population growth. The aim of the reserve is to help restore populations of the threatened San Cristobal tortoise in the wild. This unique re-introduction project grants you fantastic and rare photo opportunities of the tortoises. After the visit, you will be taken to San Cristobal Airport for your return flight to Guayaquil or Quito, closing the final chapter of your Galápagos adventure.



**GALAPAGOS LEGEND**

This magnificent vessel, with a capacity for 100 guests, allows for amore intimate experience with friends and family. The Galapagos Legend offers a great variety of comfortable and spacious social areas without losing its sense of intimacy. Its fantastic open decks allow you to admire the islands' flora and fauna, enjoy a BBQ at night, or take some sun at the pool and bar areas.

See page 46 for more details.



**DATES & PRICING  
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS**

Start / End	Nights	Sailing Schedule	Starting From*	Ship
Baltra / San Cristobal Island	7	Jan - Dec	\$4,900	Galapagos Legend

*\* Price per person for the cruise only, based on double occupancy for a May 17, 2018 sailing in a Standard Interior cabin. Price is inclusive of all taxes, surcharges, and port charges. Itinerary shown is for reference only. Excursions are not included, please contact us for details.*

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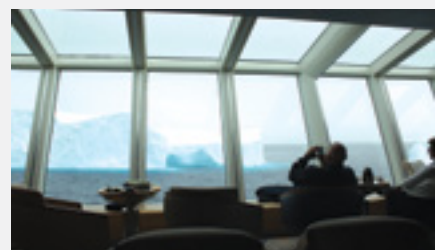
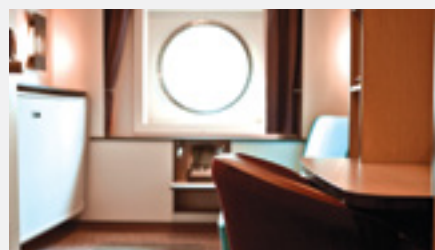
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MS FRAM

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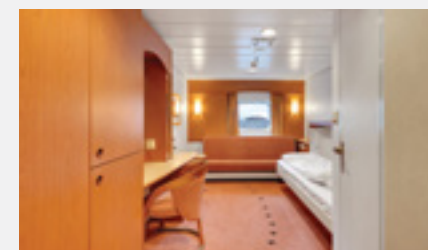
<b>YEAR BUILT</b>	2007
<b>LENGTH OF THE VESSEL</b>	114 m
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY</b>	318
<b>NUMBER OF DECKS</b>	8



MS TROLLJORD

The ship is named after the spectacular Trollfjord in Lofoten. Inside she provides spectacular comfort, modern facilities and interior design that makes extensive use of Norwegian wood and stone.

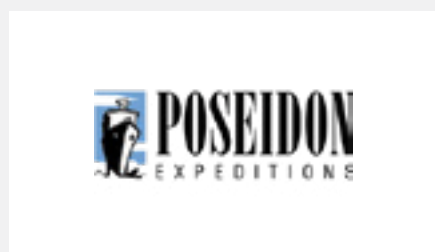
<b>YEAR BUILT</b>	2002
<b>LENGTH OF THE VESSEL</b>	136 m
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY</b>	882
<b>NUMBER OF DECKS</b>	9



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<b>YEAR BUILT</b>	1993
<b>LENGTH OF THE VESSEL</b>	160 m
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY</b>	124
<b>NUMBER OF DECKS</b>	7



MS MIDNATSOL

The MS Midnatsol (Midnight Sun) is dedicated to the wonders of Arctic summer. The ship sails along the Norwegian coast from May to September, and is part of Hurtigruten's global Explorer sailings during the rest of the year.

<b>YEAR BUILT</b>	2003
<b>LENGTH OF THE VESSEL</b>	136 m
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY</b>	970
<b>NUMBER OF DECKS</b>	9







### MS ROALD AMUNDSEN

Hurtigruten introduced this brand new ship in 2018: the MS Roald Amundsen. This state-of-the-art vessel features new and environmentally sustainable hybrid technology that reduces fuel consumption and shows the world that hybrid propulsion on large ships is possible.

<b>YEAR BUILT</b>	2018
<b>LENGTH OF THE VESSEL</b>	140 m
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY</b>	530
<b>NUMBER OF DECKS</b>	11



### M/V ARANUI 5

Aranui 5 is a new custom-built, dual-purpose passenger/freighter that sails from Tahiti to the Marquesas, Tuamotu and Society Islands in French Polynesia on a 14 day all-inclusive cruise. Designed to offer all of the comforts of a cruise liner, while operating as a supply ship, Aranui 5 is classified as a small vessel, accommodating approximately 254 passengers and 103 cabins.

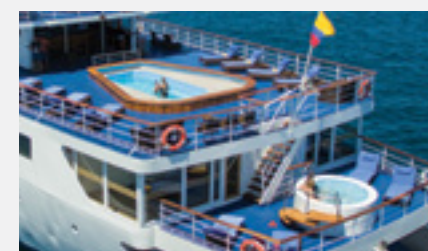
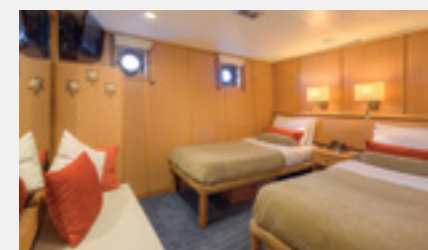
<b>YEAR BUILT</b>	2015
<b>LENGTH OF THE VESSEL</b>	126 m
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY</b>	254
<b>NUMBER OF DECKS</b>	10



### GALAPAGOS LEGEND

This magnificent vessel, with a capacity for 100 guests, allows for a more intimate experience with friends and family. The Galapagos Legend offers a great variety of comfortable and spacious social areas without losing its sense of intimacy. Its fantastic open decks allow you to admire the islands' flora and fauna, enjoy a BBQ at night, or take some sun at the pool and bar areas.

<b>YEAR RE-BUILT</b>	2002
<b>LENGTH OF THE VESSEL</b>	92 m
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY</b>	100
<b>NUMBER OF DECKS</b>	4



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