

TROMSO - SVALBARD

Expedition Cruise to the High Arctic



Experience the magical wonder of Svalbard as we sail both the north and south regions of this remote archipelago. Leaving from the gateway to the Arctic – Tromsø – cruise along the North Cape to Bear Island, where you'll enjoy Zodiac Cruises and spectacular bird cliffs. Sail on into Svalbard and witness the jaw dropping splendor of the region. By day, expect Zodiac cruises, tundra hikes, and kayaking excursions, by night expect interesting lectures, creature comforts and famous Silversea hospitality.



DATES: 2022 - Jun 14-W | Jun 29-W* |
Jul 11-C*

2023 – Jul 12-W* | Jul 21-W

DURATION: 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

EMBARK: TROMSØ, NORWAY

DISEMBARK: LONGYEARBYEN, NORWAY

**Reverse Itinerary*

SHIP: Silver Wind-W | Silver Cloud-C

FROM: \$10,350*

**After 10% Early Booking Savings*

Free Economy Air or reduced Business Class

Pre-cruise hotel and transfers

Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available.

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DAY 1 – TROMSØ - EMBARKATION

Tromsø surprised visitors in the 1800s: they thought it very sophisticated and cultured for being so close to the North Pole—hence its nickname, the Paris of the North. It looks the way a polar town should—with ice-capped mountain ridges and jagged architecture that is an echo of the peaks. The midnight sun shines from May 21 to July 21, and it is said that the northern lights decorate the night skies over Tromsø more than over any other city in Norway. Tromsø is home to only 69,000 people, but it's very spread out—the city's total area, 2,558 square km (987 square miles), is the most expansive in Norway. The downtown area is on a small, hilly island connected to the mainland by a slender bridge. The 13,000 students at the world's northernmost university are one reason the nightlife here is uncommonly busy.

Arrive a day or two early to avoid problems associated with travel delays, and see more of Norway.



DAY 2 – GJESVÆRSTAPPAN ISLANDS - SKARSVAG

Almost a hundred islands and rocks make up the Gjesværstappan Nature Reserve, one of Europe's largest and most accessible nesting areas for Atlantic seabirds. Less than 10 nautical miles from Nordkapp more than one million nesting birds have been counted on Storstappen, the largest of the islands, and the minor islands next to it. One of the most significant Atlantic Puffin colonies in North Norway is found in this nature reserve. Zodiacs are the best way to look for the Atlantic Puffins, Razor-bills, Black and Common Guillemots, Northern Gannets, White-tailed Eagles, and Arctic Skuas, Common Eider Ducks, Common Shags and Great Cormorants as well as various other species.

For those who like to travel far (very far) off the beaten track, then you have found your Nordic nirvana in



Skarsvag. Large, sparsely populated (there are just 60 human year-round residents), and a joy to all those who revel in stark, unbridled beauty, Skarsvag also enjoys the auspicious title of being the world's most northerly fishing village. But rolling hills, prolific birdlife and arctic fjords aside, Skarsvag is above all famous for its proximity to the North Cape. Found on the island of Magerøya, the most northernmost point of Europe above the arctic circle is a bucket list basic. Stand beneath the massive metal globe and gaze out onto the Barents Sea, where the only land between you and the North Pole is the Svalbard archipelago. This is truly the land of the midnight sun – in fact, you are so far north that the sun doesn't even dip beneath the horizon between May and mid-July. The island's famous bird cliffs are quite spectacular, and home to thousands of puffins, gannets and cormorants. Those willing to hike to cape Knivskjellodden, the northernmost point on Magerøya, will be rewarded with stunning cliff face views of the North Cape Plateau. Before leaving, head into the impressive North Cape Hall for exhibitions on the North Cape's history. Travellers have been visiting since 1664, when Italian priest Francesco Negri arrived, so there are some tales to tell! More intriguingly, a tunnel has been hewn into the rock, leading down to the cliff face, complete with a chapel.



DAY 3 – BEAR ISLAND, SVALBARD

Almost halfway between Tromsø and Svalbard is isolated Bear Island – considered the southernmost island of the Svalbard Archipelago. The unglaciated island is an impressive Nature Reserve of steep, high cliffs that are frequented by seabirds, specifically at the southern tip. Brünnich's Guillemots, Common Guillemots, Black Guillemots, Razorbills, Little Auks, Northern Fulmars, Glaucous Gulls, Black-legged Kittiwakes, and even Atlantic Puffins and Northern Gannets nest along the cliffs south of Sørhamna. Because of the large numbers of birds and the isolated location, Bear Island has been recognized as an Important Bird Area. It was once a hotspot for whaling and walrus hunting, and at one stage even mining. Bear Island received its name because of a polar bear encountered by early explorer Willem Barentsz. Today polar bears rarely visit the island and its only settlement is a meteorological station manned all-year round on the north side.



DAYS 4-6 – SVALBARD'S SOUTHERN REGION

Svalbard's Southern Region and specifically Spitsbergen's west coast is less ice-clogged than the rest of Svalbard due to the moderating influence of the Gulf Stream. Several fjords cut into the western coast of Spitsbergen and have been used by trappers and hunters, as well as the different mining companies that tried to exploit the riches of the archipelago's largest island of Spitsbergen. Remains of huts and mines, as well as active



commercial and scientific settlements can be found and visited. Depending on the time of the season, glaciers can be visited on foot or by sea. Northern places like Magdalenefjorden and Hornsund will reveal fascinating views of geological formations, craggy mountains, spectacular glaciers and a variety of seabirds and seals.

DAYS 7-9 – SVALBARD NORTHERN REGION, NORWAY

Svalbard's northern region is less influenced by the Norwegian Current coming through the Greenland Sea than the southern region and shows more ice. The northern part of the island of Spitsbergen shows quite a number of impressive fjords, bays and glaciers. The Nordaust Svalbard Nature Reserve includes Spitsbergen's east coast, the Hinlopen Strait, Nordaustlandet and some islands further east like Kvitoya and Storoya. Several walrus haul-outs, spectacular glaciers, bird cliffs and bird islands, as well as surprising flora in Arctic deserts and the possibility to see polar bears and to visit historically important sites make this an area prone for exploration. Ice conditions will dictate which sites can be seen.



DAY 10 – LONGYEARBYEN – DISEMBARK

If necessary, a day room will be provided prior to your flight.

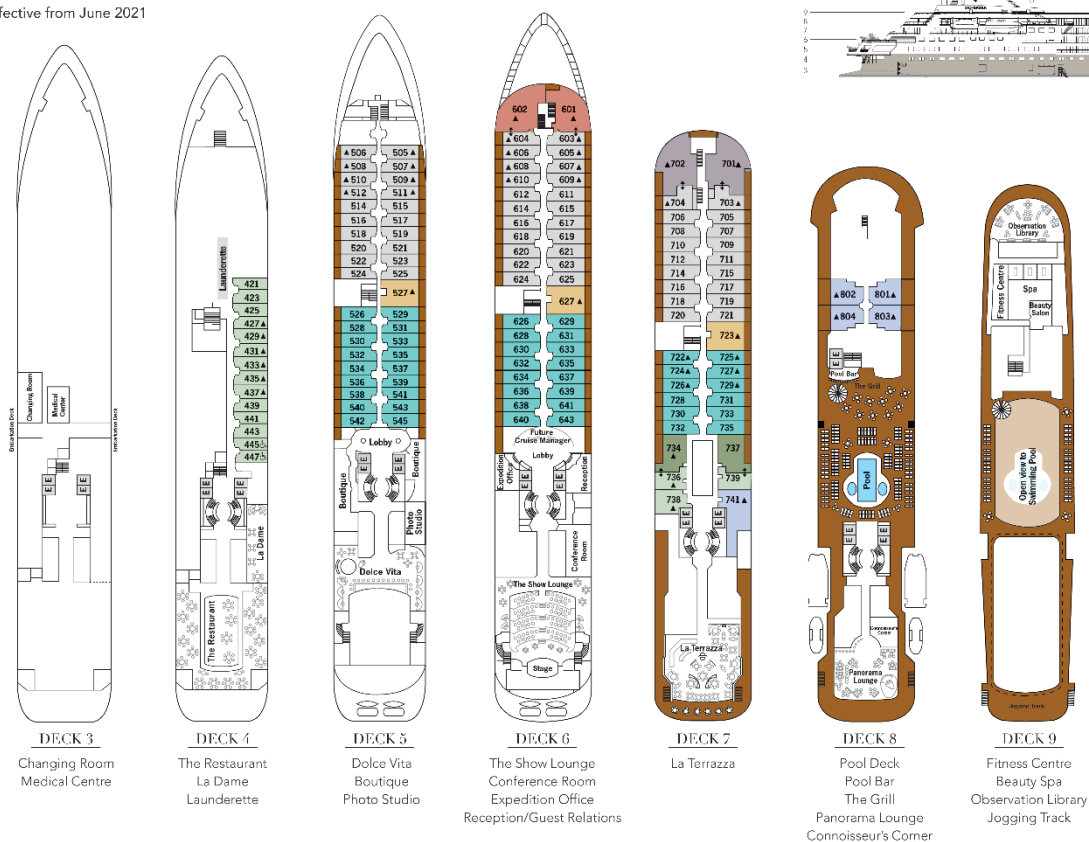


Tours of Norway are available after your cruise.



SILVER WIND Deck Plans

Effective from June 2021



SUITE CATEGORIES

- Owner's Suite
- Grand Suite
- Royal Suite
- Silver Suite
- Medallion Suite
- Deluxe Veranda Suite
- Classic Veranda Suite
- Vista Suite

SPECIFICATIONS

- Crew 239
- Officers International 274
- Tonnage 17,400
- Length 514.14 Feet/156.7 Metres
- Width 70.62 Feet/21.5 Metres
- Speed 18 Knots
- Passenger Decks 7
- Connecting Suites
- 3rd Guest Capacity
- Handicap Suites 445, 447
- Built 1995
- Refurbished 2021
- Registry Bahamas
- Ice-class Rating 1C

Deckplans are for illustration purposes only and may be subject to change.
Suite diagrams shown are for illustration purposes only and may vary from actual square footage. Please refer to suite specifications for square footage.

Book early to get 10% Savings, and Free Economy or Reduced Rate Business Class Airfare.

Rates are after 10% savings, per person, based on Double Occupancy, and Includes all beverages, gratuities to crew, all excursions, port fees and taxes. **Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available to suit your interests.**

SUITE	2022	2023
Vista	\$ 10,350	\$ 11,500
Veranda	\$ 11,700	\$ 13,000
Deluxe Veranda	\$ 13,500	\$ 14,700
Medallion	\$ 19,170	\$ 18,500
Silver	\$ 20,250	\$ 21,400
Royal	\$ 23,670	\$ 35,300
Grand	\$ 27,630	\$ 39,200
Owners	\$ 32,760	\$ 41,400



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