

# Arctic Discoveries in Spitsbergen

**Starting from € 6900\***

**Norway, Spitsbergen Summer 2024**

**PARIS/ PARIS**

**9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS ON BOARD**

**June 11<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

- **Triple cabins, 2 lower beds, 1 bunk bed, window, 10 to 12 m<sup>2</sup>**



## On board the polar yacht OCEAN NOVA

- Navigations through icy peaks and sea ice. The pristine landscapes of the polar spring.
- A festival of polar fauna: polar bears, walruses, seals, reindeer, Arctic foxes, whales...
- Polar history: whalers, trappers, explorers, expeditions of Prince Albert I of Monaco.
- In just a few days, an extraordinary overview of the richest archipelago in the Arctic.

## Grands Espaces Highlights

- An expedition cruise on one of the smallest expedition ships in Svalbard.
- 25 years of Polar expertise, an itinerary completely focused on wildlife observation and exploration of the polar environment.
- A 100% French-speaking cruise (passengers and crew).
- Outings and lectures guided by our team of naturalist guides.

## Your program

### DAY 1 | Paris > Longyearbyen (Spitsbergen)

Private flight from Paris in the morning to the capital of the archipelago. Excursion and free time in the city. Navigation in the Isfjord.



### DAY 2 | Cross Bay and Magdalena Bay



Visit the July 14 Glacier and its bay inhabited by reindeer, foxes, birds, and seals. Explore the Lilliehook Glacier, a 7-kilometer-long ice front. Cruise along the coast of the Seven Glaciers, passing by fjords that carve into Prince Albert I Land. Midnight navigation in Magdalena Bay, surrounded by breathtaking alpine peaks and ice.

### DAY 3 and 4 | Monaco Glacier and Ice Floe

Explore the Monaco Glacier, named in honor of Prince Albert I, featuring a magnificent ice front and large icebergs. In the evening, sail towards Moffen Island (whales, walruses, polar bears?), beyond 80° North. During our journeys through the ice floe, we will search for polar bears, whales, and seals, navigating between the large ice plates that shape this otherworldly environment.



### DAY 5 and 6 | Hinlopen Strait and Northeast Land (?)



Explore Hinlopen Fjord (depending on ice conditions) in Northeast Land, with its large glacial caps. Witness the largest bird colony in the archipelago, nested in the rugged basalt cliffs. Depending on the sea ice conditions, we will navigate through the sea ice to discover the islands and spectacular fjords in the North and West of the archipelago, carved by peaks and glaciers, earning the archipelago its name 'Spitsbergen'.

## DAY 7 | Smeerenburg Fjord

The fjord of 17th-century whalers and the starting point for major polar expeditions. The glacier front plunges into the sea, and its mountains are intricately carved by frost. Walrus and seals are frequently spotted. Explore the vast colonies of guillemots.



## DAY 8 | King's Bay



The peaks of the Three Crowns dominate this superb bay rich in exceptional history. Several receding glaciers calve their large icebergs into the bay. Explore the botanical site of Ossian Sars, where reindeer and Arctic foxes are regulars beneath bird colonies.

## DAY 9 | Longyearbyen

Free time and transfer to the airport for the return flight. (Private flight to Paris)

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# THE OCEAN NOVA

## The polar ship par excellence

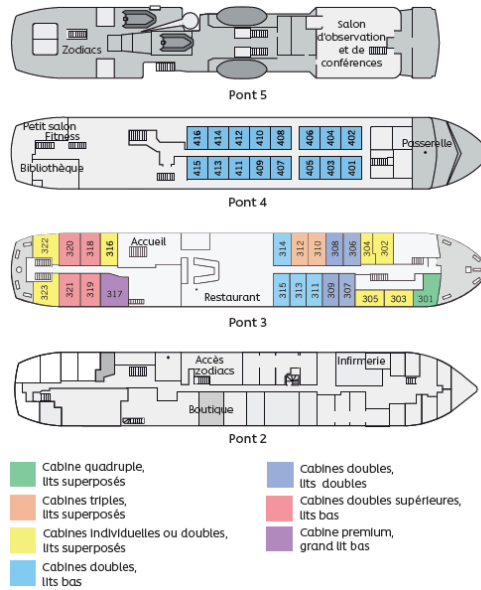


- ✓ Only 70 to 75 passengers
- ✓ Unparalleled polar experience in the Arctic and Antarctica
- ✓ 8 Zodiacs on board and nine French-speaking expedition guides for a true university of the Far North
- ✓ A panoramic lounge and conference room that enhances the reputation of the ship

With a length of 73 meters and a width of 11 meters, a draft of 4 meters, it has an ice class A1-B1 and is served by a crew of 38. This robust polar vessel offers remarkable comfort, combining efficiency and elegance, along with the exceptional expertise of Grands Espaces, thus providing the hallmark of exploration cruises for 72 privileged passengers. It features a wide gangway for easy access to the Zodiacs.

The ship is equipped with facilities that far exceed environmental regulations, allowing it to reduce its ecological impact: state-of-the-art smoke filters, on-board waste treatment, propulsion solely using light fuel, which is less polluting, and engines enabling the lowest consumption per passenger. This consumption also leads to complete carbon offsetting, making this ship carbon neutral.





## Arctic Discoveries in Spitsbergen - Prices

<b>Triple cabins, 2 lower beds, 1 bunk bed, window, 10 to 12 m<sup>2</sup></b>	€ 6900
<b>Double cabins, bunk beds, window, 8 to 11 m<sup>2</sup>*</b>	€ 7700
<b>Double cabins, 2 lower beds, window, 10 to 11 m<sup>2</sup></b>	€ 7900
<b>Double cabins, double bed, window, 10 to 11 m<sup>2</sup></b>	€ 8400
<b>Superior cabins, 2 lower beds, window, 13 to 15 m<sup>2</sup></b>	€ 9400
<b>Premium cabin, lower beds, window, 17 m<sup>2</sup></b>	€ 10 900
<b>Single cabins</b>	€ 12 900

### OUR PRICES INCLUDE:

- Direct Grands Espaces flights from Paris and return
- Full-board cruise
- All excursions, French-speaking expedition guides, transfers
- Loan of boots
- Complimentary assistance insurance

### OUR PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Supplement for departure from Geneva
- Optional excursions
- Drinks
- Tips
- Personal expenses
- Comfort class on direct flights
- Cancellation insurance "PREMIUM" (please contact us for details)

### REQUIREMENTS FOR FRENCH CITIZENS

Valid national identity card or passport.