

Spitsbergen the University of the Ice Floes

Starting from € 8500*

(onboard the Ocean Nova)

Starting from € 11900*

(onboard the Explorer)

Spitsbergen, Summer 2024

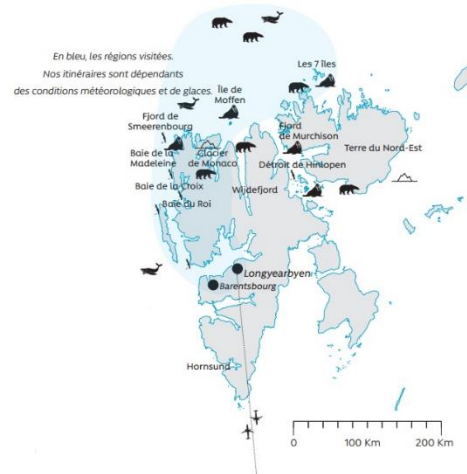
PARIS / PARIS

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS ONBOARD

June 19 to June 28, 2024

***Triple cabins, 2 lower beds, 1 bunk bed, window, 10 to 12 m²**

***Cabins, lower beds, portholes, 14 m²**



Onboard the polar yacht OCEAN NOVA or EXPLORER

- Exploration of a still little-known and fascinating universe of diversity and richness: the ice floe is a world, a planet, and is not just a large white plateau...
- A panel of specialists in ice, exploration, biology, climate, and geostrategy.
- Navigations in Spitsbergen, the polar pearl, drifting and navigating in sea ice in the still immense world of the great silence and polar bears in the North of Svalbard.

Grands Espaces Highlights

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

Your program

DAY 1 | Paris-Longyearbyen

Flight to Longyearbyen (possibility of leaving the day before, hotel night in Oslo covered), the capital of the archipelago. Bus tour of the tundra in Adventdalen (depending on the arrival time) and free time in the city.

DAY 2 | Cross Bay and Lilliehook Fjord



Impressive ice fronts between the peaks of Terre Albert 1er define these coasts and fjords full of history.

DAY 3 | Monaco Glacier

Navigations and excursions in one of the most beautiful fjords of the archipelago, with its large icebergs and multiple forms of land ice. Fjord ice, bird colonies, seals.



DAY 4 | North Spitsbergen



We will sail in the region of the 7 islands, the northernmost part of Svalbard. Walruses and polar bears are likely to be encountered. Walks and zodiac excursions on the ice.

DAY 5 and 6 | Ice floe of Northeast Land

A more compact and chaotic ice floe, caught in the powerful marine currents of the Hinlopen Strait. Depending on ice conditions, we will reach Northeast Land and the North of Svalbard, known for its polar bears and walrus.



DAY 7 and 8 | Ice floe, straight to the North



Studying ice maps, we will head north, beyond the continental shelf, probably encountering the rarest whales and polar bears (?). Return to the archipelago's lands to find mountains and glaciers, polar bears, reindeer, and Arctic foxes, as well as trapper huts and major historical whaling sites.

DAY 9 | Smeerenburg Fjord or King's Bay

Landscapes of glaciers and peaks carved into lace by frost, in a fjord known for its history and fauna, including walrus, seals, and white whales.

DAY 10 | Longyearbyen-Paris

Free time in the city and return flight to Paris. Arrival in the late afternoon or the next day (hotel night in Oslo covered).

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THE OCEAN NOVA

The polar ship par excellence

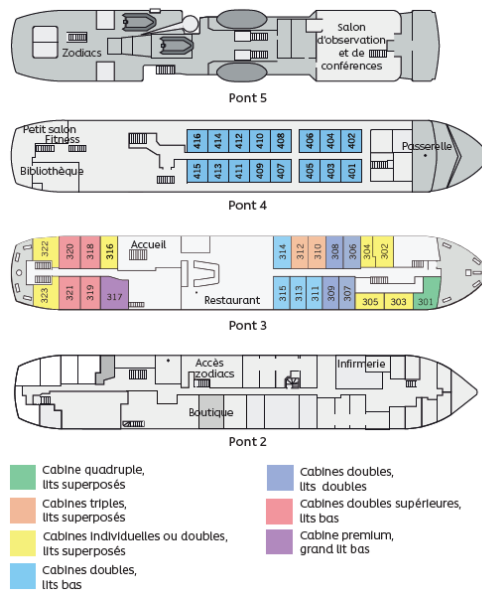


- ✓ Only 70 to 75 passengers
- ✓ Unmatched polar experience in the Arctic and Antarctic
- ✓ 8 zodiacs on board and nine French-speaking lecturers for a true university of the Far North
- ✓ A panoramic lounge and conference room that adds to the boat's reputation

Measuring 73 meters in length and 11 meters in width, with a draft of 4 meters, this robust ship boasts an ice class A1-B1 and is operated by a crew of 38 individuals. Providing exceptional comfort, it combines efficiency and elegance while benefiting from the outstanding expertise of Grands Espaces, making it the benchmark for exploration cruises serving 72 privileged passengers. It features a broad gangway for easy access to the zodiacs.

The ship is equipped with systems that exceed environmental regulations, reducing its ecological impact. This includes state-of-the-art smoke filters, waste treatment on board, propulsion using only light fuel for reduced pollution, and engines that offer the lowest consumption per passenger. This low consumption also enables full carbon offsetting, making the ship carbon-neutral.





Spitsbergen the University of the Ice Floes onboard the Ocean Nova – Prices

Triple cabins , 2 lower beds, 1 bunk bed, window, 10 to 12 m ²	€ 8 500
Double cabins , bunk beds, window, 8 to 11 m ² *	€ 9 900
Double cabins , 2 lower beds, window, 10 to 11 m ²	€ 10 700
Double cabins , double bed, window, 10 to 11 m ²	€ 10 900
Superior cabins , 2 lower beds, window, 13 to 15 m ²	€ 11 500
Premium cabin , lower beds, window, 17 m ²	€ 12 900
Single cabins	€ 14 900

OUR PRICES INCLUDE :

- Direct flights from Grands Espaces departing from Paris and returning
- Full board cruise
- All excursions, French-speaking lecturer guides, transfers
- Complimentary boots
- Complimentary travel assistance insurance

OUR PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE :

- Supplement for departure from Geneva
- Beverages
- Tips
- Personal expenses
- Comfort class on direct flights
- Multi-risk cancellation insurance "PREMIUM" (contact us for details)

FORMALITIES FOR FRENCH NATIONALS

Valid national identity card or passport

THE EXPLORER

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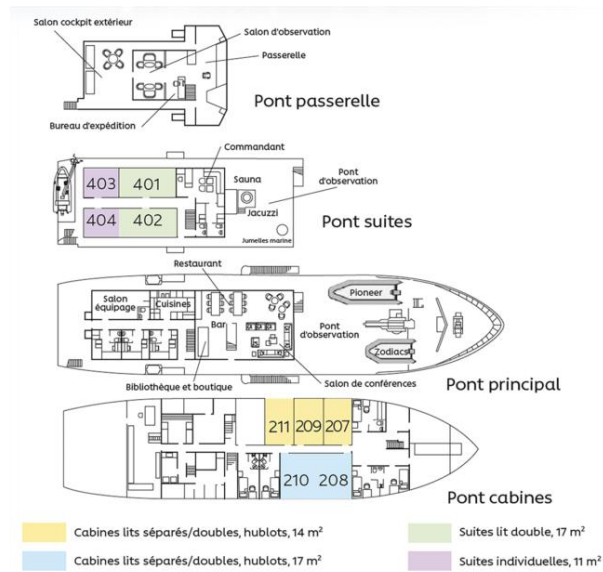
- ✓ Only 12 passengers
- ✓ Unmatched experience with Christian Kempf, polar expert, and naval architect Marco Coppola specialized in exploration yachts
- ✓ Exceptional maneuverability
- ✓ Completely refurbished in 2020-2021 to minimize its environmental impact and provide high-quality service in its spacious surroundings

With a length of 46.5 meters and an exceptional width of 10.5 meters, this sturdy ship is stable and well-suited for high seas and ice. With a low draft of 2.9 meters, a reinforced hull for beaching, and state-of-the-art sonar and communication equipment, it is operational in all seas. Its diesel-electric engines, generating 1700 HP, provide a cruising speed of 8 knots.

Adapted for high seas and ice, the ship allows great flexibility in exploration due to its onboard equipment, combining comfort, refinement, and efficiency. The yacht is served by a crew of 8 people, and Grands Espaces employs 2 expedition guides on board. You will appreciate its spacious panoramic lounge, sauna, jacuzzi, and fitness area for relaxation after zodiac outings. The Bridge Deck features a panoramic lounge that opens at the rear to an observation area.

Cabins ranging from 14 to 17 square meters include individual suites, suites, and cabins with twin or double beds. On board, there is minimal packaging, and the use of plastic bottles is limited. Grands Espaces provides a water bottle. All cleaning products are labeled Cosmebio and Eurobio. Strict waste sorting is implemented, and low-sulfur marine diesel (LS-MGO) with a 0.1% sulfur content is used to minimize consumption, thanks to adapted cruising speeds.





Spitsbergen the University of the Ice Floes onboard the Explorer – Prices

Cabins, low beds, portholes, 14 m²	€ 11 900
Cabins, low beds, portholes, 17 m²	€ 13 300
Suites with bay window, large window, king-size bed, 17 m²	€ 16 900
Individual suites, large window, 11 m²	€ 18 500

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- Tips
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