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FROZEN SVALBARD PHOTOGRAPHY EXPEDITION - EXPLORE THE ARCTIC EARLY IN THE SEASON

Join an early-season Svalbard photo expedition to witness the landscapes of Spitsbergen at their most wild as they emerge from the depths of winter. Led by our pro photographers, the emphasis on this expedition is to spend time in the field exploring and capturing the Arctic landscapes and wildlife before the spring thaw sets in. The mountains are snow-covered, and the sea ice fills the northern fjords, offering some great photo opportunities. This expedition takes place on MV Vikingfjord, a best-in-class ice-strengthened expedition ship with just 12 guests.

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Day 1 Longyearbyen

Our Svalbard Photo Expedition departs from Longyearbyen. Upon leaving the port, we will say goodbye to civilisation for the next eight days to explore the

breaktaking Arctic as it emerges from winter. During April our route will be determined by the sea ice. We will either sail north or south depending on the conditions. This expedition offers a chance to encounter the coast of Svalbard as it is rarely seen. We will launch the Zodiacs daily to search for the best landscape and wildlife photography opportunities every day.

Day 2 Isfjord & Prins Karls Foreland

In Isfjord in April and Early May, fjord ice from the winter lines the coast. This is a great place to start scouting for polar bears that move from the land to the sea ice during this time. If conditions allow, it is a great place to use the Zodiacs to explore the ice edge and open up close-up photography opportunities of wildlife.

After leaving Isfjord, our plan is to sail north, passing Prins Karls Foreland. As the ice recedes from the winter, this area is home to walrus haul-outs.

Day 3 – 7 Encountering Sea Ice and North-West Spitsbergen

The Northwest coast of Spitsbergen has many highlights and places to photograph, including countless glaciers and snow-covered peaks. We will launch the Zodiacs daily to open up photography opportunities. We may land on the heavily frozen shores on the huge rafts of fjord ice where possible. If the conditions allow, we will plan to venture up to the edge of the sea ice and spend some time searching for polar bears that use the ice to hunt. The sea ice is a mesmerising photography subject in calm conditions, it can be possible to launch the landing craft to cruise between the ice.

Day 8 Hornsund

If the time and conditions allow, we will attempt to sail south to visit Hornsund or Belsund. In late April, there is usually still a great deal of ice blocking the deep fjords, which offers excellent scenery for landscape photography. It is possible to encounter polar bears hunting along the ice edge of the fjord ice



with some terrific scenery for a background.

Day 9 Longyearbyen

Either late the previous evening or early in the morning we will arrive back at the port of Longyearbyen. Today our Svalbard photo expedition ends. After breakfast when we say our goodbyes after making new friends and sharing a wonderful adventure.

Please Note:

The above itinerary is a guide only. Part of any Arctic adventure is the flexibility to take advantage of the weather and ice conditions. Our expedition leader will make sure you see as much as possible.



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YOUR SHIP: VIKINGFJORD

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	Ice-Strengthened Expedition
VESSEL TYPE:	Vessel
LENGTH:	41.8 m
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	12
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	

Introducing MV Vikingfjord, a new ice-strengthened expedition vessel for 12 guests with great environmental credentials. MV Vikingfjord enters service in Svalbard for low impact expeditions in May 2023. She offers cruise ship comfort on a small ship with 9 ensuite cabins, an open plan saloon with rear facing windows, and on deck hot tub and sauna.

What we love about Vikingfjord

- The most environmentally friendly small ship in the polar regions with a 95% reduction in NOX emissions.
- Large, open plan saloon and comfortable lounge located at the stern with sofas and large rear facing windows to enjoy the view.
- 9 Spacious cabins with modern decor, comfortable beds and ensuite bathrooms with a choice between doubles, twins or singles.
- Enjoy a sauna or outdoor hot tub on the upper deck.
- Lounge area on the bridge with a great view.
- Ice strengthened hull with 1B rating for exploring the polar regions.

MV Vikingfjord Key Features:

- New energy efficient engine and NOX cleaning fitted in 2022

offering the best environmental credentials.

- Rebuilt from the ground up in 2022 as a modern expedition vessel offering cruise ship comfort.
- Accommodates 12 guests in 9 ensuite cabins with windows that are all situated above the waterline.
- Modern interior finished to a high standard in 2023.
- Equipped with 2 x Zodiac landing crafts for shore landings
- Fully staffed with experienced captain, crew and expedition leaders.

Interior

- Large open plan guest area with lounge, dining and seating area located at the stern. Equipped with TV for presentations, mini bar and hot drink service.
- Observation lounge area with seating area on the bridge.
- Spacious cabins with ensuite toilet and shower.
- Large mudroom and storage spaces for skis, and equipment.

Exterior

- Outdoor hot tub and sauna with a view on Deck 2.
- Large viewing area on the bow.
- 4 open decks for lots of viewing options.
- Accessible bow deck.



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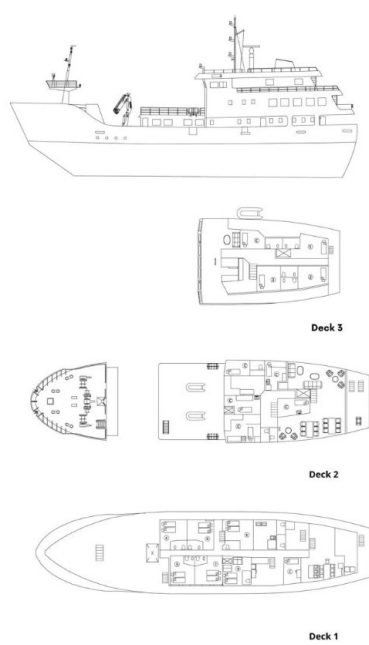
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PRICING

10-May-2025 to 19-May-2025

Signature Twin/Double	14450 EUR pp
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