



NORTH SPITSBERGEN EXPLORER, VERSATILE LANDSCAPES, SEA ICE & WILDLIFE

Start your North Spitsbergen cruise with a trek around historic Longyearben, then join our expedition to the north of the island to take in the fantastically beautiful landscapes, the thousands of seabirds, and of course the star of the show, the polar bear. Sailing to Raudfjorden, on the north coast of Spitsbergen, you take in an expansive fjord spilling with glaciers - and maybe even visited by ringed and bearded seals. The cliffs and shoreline of this fjord also support thriving seabird colonies, rich vegetation, and the possibility of polar bears. We hope to cruise to the 5-kilometer-long (3.1 miles) face of the precipitous Monaco Glacier before entering the Hinlopen Strait, home to bearded seals, ringed seals, and polar bears. At the entrance there is even the possibility to spot blue whales. The northernmost point of your voyage may be north of Nordaustlandet, in the Seven Islands. Here you reach 80° north, just 870 km (540 miles) from the geographic North Pole. Polar bears inhabit this region. We plan to sail to the edge of the ice-pack in search of whales before heading back to dry land in search of terrestrial wildlife.



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Day 1: Largest town, biggest island

You touch down in Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Svalbard archipelago. Enjoy strolling around this former mining town, whose parish church and Svalbard Museum make for fascinating attractions. Though the countryside appears stark, more than a hundred species of plant have been recorded in it. In the early evening the ship sails out of Isfjorden, where you might spot the first minke whale of your voyage.

Day 2: Route to Raudfjorden

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Day 3: The massive Monaco Glacier

Depending on the weather, you could sail into Liefdefjorden and cruise within sight of the 5-kilometer-long (3.1 miles) face of the precipitous Monaco Glacier. The waters in front of this glacier are a favorite feeding spot for thousands of kittiwakes, and the base of the ice is a popular polar bear hunting ground. If ice conditions prevent sailing here early in the season, an alternate route along the west coast of Spitsbergen can be implemented.

Day 4: Highlights of Hinlopen

Today you sail into Hinlopen Strait, home to bearded seals, ringed seals, and polar bears. At the entrance there is even the possibility to spot blue whales. After cruising among the ice floes of Lomfjordshalvøya in the Zodiacs, you can view the bird cliffs of Alkefjellet with their thousands of Brunnich's guillemots. On the east side of Hinlopen Strait, you may attempt a landing on Nordaustlandet. Here reindeer, pink-footed geese, and walrus are likely sights. You can take an alternate route if ice prevents entry into Hinlopen.

Day 5: Stop at the Seven Islands

The northernmost point of your voyage may be north of Nordaustlandet, in the Seven Islands. Here you reach 80° north, just 870 km (540 miles) from the geographic North Pole. Polar bears inhabit this region, so the ship may park for several hours among the pack ice before wheeling around west again.

Day 6: Sailing the continental shelf

While retracing your route west, keep watch for polar bears and elusive Greenland (bowhead) whales. About 40 nautical miles west of Spitsbergen, you sail the edge of the continental shelf. Here fin whales forage during the summer in the upwelling zones (where cold, nutrient-rich water wells up from below the sea's surface) that run along the Spitsbergen banks. At the mouth of Kongsfjorden, you have a good chance of sighting minke whales.

Day 7: Reindeer, foxes, and so many seabirds

Walrus sometimes haul out in Forlandsundet, your next stop. Alternatively, you might sail into St. Johns Fjord or south to the mouth of Isfjorden, landing at Alkhomet. Seabirds nest on these cliffs, Arctic foxes search below for fallen eggs and chicks, and reindeer graze the sparse vegetation. You arrive in Longyearbyen later at night.

Day 8: There and back again

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. You disembark in Longyearbyen, taking home memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.

Please Note:

All itineraries are for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on ice, weather, and wildlife conditions. The on-board expedition leader determines the final itinerary.

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YOUR SHIP: HONDIOUS

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VESSEL TYPE:	Polar Class Expedition Ship
LENGTH:	107.6 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	170
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2019

Hondius is the first-registered Polar Class 6 vessel in the world, meeting the latest and highest Lloyd's Register standards for ice-strengthened cruise ships. Surpassing the requirements of the Polar Code adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Hondius represents the most flexible, advanced, innovative touring vessel in the polar regions, thoroughly optimized for exploratory voyages that provide you the utmost first-hand contact with the Arctic and Antarctica.

Happier polar passengers, healthier polar environment

Not only will the numerous amenities and on-board entertainments help make your Hondius voyage truly memorable, this ship also gives you the peace of mind that comes with choosing one of the most environmentally friendly vessel on the polar seas. Hondius uses LED lighting, steam heating, bio-degradable paints and lubricants, and state-of-the-art power management systems that keep fuel consumption and CO2 levels minimal. This means that when you sail aboard Hondius, you get to enjoy the exotic landscapes and wildlife as much as possible while impacting them as little as possible.

Hotel comfort, expedition class

Please be aware that a small number of cabins may have a partially obstructed view due to the size of the windows and the design requirements of the ship. For example, some windows may be partly obstructed in the lower half by a gangway. The best view is always on the outer deck or the bridge. Hondius offers high-quality accommodation for 170 passengers in six grand suites with balconies (27 square meters, 291 square feet), eight junior suites (19 to 20 square meters, 205 to 215 square feet), eight superior cabins (20 to 21 square meters, 215 to 226 square feet), 11 twin deluxe cabins, (19 to 21 square meters, 205 to 226 square feet), 14 twin window cabins (12 to 14 square meters, 129 to 151 square feet) as well as 27 twin porthole cabins, two triple porthole cabins, and four quadruple porthole cabins that vary in size from 12 to 18 square meters, or 129 to 194 square feet. One deck consists of a large observation lounge and separate lecture room, which are reserved for a wide variety of interactive workshops, exhibitions, and performances particular to Hondius. Though elegantly designed in stylish mid-century modern decor, this vessel holds true to Oceanwide's distinctive cozy and informal atmosphere.

Swift & safe ship-to-shore operations

It is our philosophy to keep sea time short so that we can focus instead on fast, effective access to shore and near-shore activities. To give you the maximum contact with the nature and wildlife you traveled so far to see, we employ a tough fleet of rigid-hull inflatable Zodiac boats that guarantee swift and safe landing operations for the passengers. Hondius has two separate gangways and a sheltered indoor Zodiac boarding area



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that can also be used for special outdoor activities, such as kayaking.

The fast, flexible, friendly heart of the polar regions

Our top priority is taking advantage of every wildlife and terrain opportunity as it occurs. To keep our itineraries flexible itineraries and our response time rapid, Hondius is equipped with advanced stabilizers and two main engines capable of powering the vessel up to 15 knots. But Hondius sacrifices no warmth to achieve its keen polar edge: You will have 70 crew and staff members (including expedition and hotel staff) at your service while on board, ensuring that what little time you do spend on the ship you will spend comfortably entertained.

Age and nationality

Passengers on a typical voyage range from in their 30s to their 80s, with the majority usually between 45 65. Our expeditions attract independent travelers from around the globe who are characterized by a strong interest in exploring remote regions. The camaraderie that develops on board is an important part of the Oceanwide experience, and many passenger groups include several nationalities.

What to wear

In keeping with the spirit of expedition, dress on board is informal. Bring casual and comfortable clothing for all activities, and keep in mind that much of the scenery can be appreciated from deck which can be slippery. Bring sturdy shoes with no-slip soles, and make sure your parka is never far away in case one of our crew shouts "Whales!" over the loudspeaker and you have to dash outside in a moment's notice. Opt for layers, as it is comfortably warm aboard the ship though often cold on deck.

How to pay

Refreshments and souvenirs will be charged to your cabin. The

day before departure you can settle your bill with the hotel manager, paying by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or cash (euro, or in some cases dollar). We cannot, however, accept checks. Though the prices and standard currency on board is in the euro, other currencies may be accepted at the discretion of the hotel manager, at prevailing rates.

Electric current

The electrical supply aboard ship is 220v, 60Hz. Electrical outlets are standard European with two thick round pins, so some passengers may need a 220v/110v converter.

Gratuities

The customary gratuity to the ship's service personnel is made as a blanket contribution at the end of the voyage and is divided among the crew. Tipping is a personal matter, and the amount you wish to give is at your sole discretion. As a generally accepted guideline, we suggest 8 10 euros per passenger per day. It is better for the crew if you give cash.

Non-smoking policy

We have a non-smoking policy inside all our vessels, though you can smoke in certain designated areas. We ask that you please respect the wishes of non-smokers.

Your physical condition

You must be in good overall health and be able to walk several hours per day. The expedition is ship-based and physically not very demanding, but we spend as much time as possible on shore. You are, however, welcome to remain aboard the ship if you prefer. To join most excursions you must be able to get up and down the steep gangway from the ship to the water level to board the Zodiacs. Staff will assist you in and out of the boats, and boarding will become progressively easier with practice, but conditions on shore can be slippery and rocky. Remember, you will be traveling in remote areas without access

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to sophisticated medical facilities, so you must not join this expedition if you have a life-threatening condition or need daily medical treatment.



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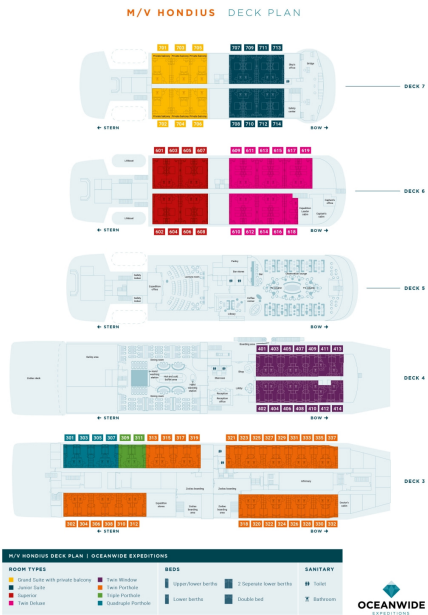


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INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Grand Suite with Private Balcony



Quadruple Porthole



Triple Porthole



Twin Porthole



Junior Suite



Superior



Twin Deluxe



Twin Window





PRICING

03-Jun-2025 to 10-Jun-2025

Quadruple Porthole	4300 USD pp
Triple Porthole	5350 USD pp
Twin Porthole	5950 USD pp
Twin Window	6450 USD pp
Twin Deluxe	6800 USD pp
Superior	7750 USD pp

09-Jun-2025 to 16-Jun-2025

Quadruple Porthole	4300 USD pp
Triple Porthole	5350 USD pp
Twin Porthole	5950 USD pp
Twin Window	6450 USD pp
Twin Deluxe	6800 USD pp
Superior	7750 USD pp
Junior Suite	8850 USD pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	9550 USD pp
Summer Solstice Departure	0 pp

16-Jun-2025 to 23-Jun-2025

Quadruple Porthole	4300 USD pp
Triple Porthole	5350 USD pp
Twin Porthole	5950 USD pp
Twin Window	6450 USD pp
Twin Deluxe	6800 USD pp
Superior	7750 USD pp
Junior Suite	8850 USD pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	9550 USD pp
Summer Solstice Departure	0 pp

23-Jun-2025 to 30-Jun-2025

Quadruple Porthole	4300 USD pp
Triple Porthole	5350 USD pp
Twin Porthole	5950 USD pp
Twin Window	6450 USD pp
Twin Deluxe	6800 USD pp
Superior	7750 USD pp
Junior Suite	8850 USD pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	9550 USD pp
Summer Solstice Departure	0 pp



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24-Jun-2025 to 01-Jul-2025

Quadruple Porthole	4300 USD pp
Triple Porthole	5350 USD pp
Twin Porthole	5950 USD pp
Twin Window	6450 USD pp
Twin Deluxe	6800 USD pp
Superior	7750 USD pp

13-Jun-2026 to 20-Jun-2026

Quadruple Porthole	4450 USD pp
Triple Porthole	5550 USD pp
Twin Porthole	6150 USD pp
Twin Window	6700 USD pp
Twin Deluxe	7100 USD pp
Superior	8050 USD pp
Junior Suite	9200 USD pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	9950 USD pp

20-Jun-2026 to 27-Jun-2026

Quadruple Porthole	4450 USD pp
Triple Porthole	5550 USD pp
Twin Porthole	6150 USD pp
Twin Window	6700 USD pp
Twin Deluxe	7100 USD pp
Superior	8050 USD pp
Junior Suite	9200 USD pp
Grand Suite with Private Balcony	9950 USD pp
Summer Solstice Departure	0 pp

21-Jun-2026 to 28-Jun-2026

Quadruple Porthole	4450 USD pp
Triple Porthole	5550 USD pp
Twin Porthole	6150 USD pp
Twin Window	6700 USD pp
Twin Deluxe	7100 USD pp
Superior	8050 USD pp