



Cruise Details

Name:	Expedition Svalbard Circumnavigation And North-East Greenland - Characteristic Images From The Far North
Reference:	HAPAGNAT2618
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Expedition
Ship:	HANSEATIC nature
Regions:	Arctic

Departs On:	15 Aug 26
Departs From:	Reykjavík

Arrives On:	31 Aug 26
Arrives At:	Longyearbyen

Cruise Nights:	16
Total Vacation Days:	17

Itinerary

Day 1: Reykjavík (Iceland)

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millennia in Scoresbysund, the largest fjord system in the world. A place of superlatives awaits you. One of Greenland's smallest communities, Ittoqqortoormiit, whose approximately 350 inhabitants live in complete isolation, acts as an Arctic haven of peace. A small museum takes you back in time and brings the history of the Inuit to life.

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Day 2: Patreksfjörður (Iceland)

In Iceland, your expedition begins with an insight into the life of the Icelandic people. Patreksfjörður is a quiet and tranquil place, where your experts will accompany you through the small town and its surroundings.

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Day 4: East Greenland (Greenland)

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Day 6: Alpefjord, Northeast Greenland National Park (Greenland)

A remote island world, covered in ice for most of the year, with mountains reaching high into the sky, untouched by humans: North-East Greenland is considered the beautiful unknown. That's why there are still pages left blank in the explorers' history book – for you! The HANSEATIC nature is on a flexible course to the deep fjords of Northeast Greenland National Park – the world's largest of its kind and home to musk oxen, polar bears, arctic foxes and snow hares. You will hardly encounter any people here, but you will find exciting history. King Oskar Fjord, whose peaks rise

high above the shore, is just as overwhelming as the triangular island of Ella Isalnd with its almost 1,200-metre-high mountain flank. In the labyrinth of the Kaiser Franz Josef Fjord, a small ship like the HANSEATIC nature is in its element: steep rock faces alternate with glacier tongues from which small and large icebergs drift into the sea. On hikes with your experts, you will repeatedly find interesting traces of humans and animals, as on the lonely Clavering Island, named after the polar explorer Douglas Clavering. Sabine Island is located in the Greenland Sea, just a few kilometres east of the Wollaston Forland peninsula, and was discovered by Europeans in August 1823. Here you can find pre-Inuit fire pits and remains of dwellings attributed to the Thule culture.

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Day 11: Svalbard Archipelago (Svalbard and Jan Mayen)

After adventures in north-eastern Greenland, the next destination for the HANSEATIC nature is clear: circumnavigating Spitsbergen. Perhaps the 'King of the Arctic' will make an appearance? Polar bears are best observed from the deck of the ship or from a respectful distance from the Zodiac. With a little luck, you may spot reindeer, polar foxes or walruses when you go ashore. The backdrop to your fascinating walks ranges from mighty glaciers to vast rocky and tundra landscapes. Captivated by the bizarre nature, let your amazement become your new passion on this expedition. There are many secluded places along the way. In Ny Alesund, the pioneering spirit of today meets that of the past – in 1926, it was the launch site for Roald Amundsen and Umberto Nobile's airship voyage to the North Pole. When you look out from the Zodiac at the mighty 11-kilometre-long glacier edge of the Liliehøek Glacier, one of Spitsbergen's largest glaciers, you will feel the silent power of the Arctic – because it leaves no one untouched. No less spectacular is the Smeerenburgfjord with its fantastic glacier backdrop. Pointed mountains frame the Liefdefjord. At its end rises the mighty Monaco Glacier. Marveling at the shimmering blue calving edge from the deck is simply overwhelming. An almost mystical atmosphere surrounds you as you sail through the Hinlopen Strait, when its brownish to black beaches and rocks are covered in fog and ice. Particularly noteworthy observations can be made on Nordaustlandet, the walruses' own territory. These heavy colossi often use the beach here as a resting place. The journey through Freemansund, a waterway only about 5 km wide, is accompanied by the colours and light of the Arctic. Can reindeer be observed in the blossoming nature of Barentsøya? Finally, in Hornsund, the view of the Samarinbreen glacier edge, framed by imposing mountains, creates one of many lasting memories. If you succeed in circumnavigating Spitsbergen, you will have added an outstanding pioneering achievement to your CV.

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Day 17: Longyearbyen (Svalbard and Jan Mayen)

Arrives On: 31 Aug 26

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