

ARCTIC - ARCTIC UNVEILED



INTRODUCTION

Join the Places We Go Crew on this
EXCLUSIVE FILMING TRIP



Chimu Adventures is renowned for their incredible and exclusive charters to Antarctica and in 2019 we are launching Chimu's inaugural, exclusive Arctic departure. Be the first to join us

for this incredible journey to the wonderland of Spitsbergen and watch your journey unfold on national television as the crew from [Places We Go](#) are set to join and film this trip-of-a-lifetime. Travelling aboard the refurbished Ocean Atlantic, you'll be cruising amongst the world's largest areas of untouched nature. This iconic journey will place you amidst overwhelming scenery of imposing mountain ranges, beautiful glaciers and spectacular cliffs, you will be able to see bearded seals, walruses, the Arctic fox, and pink-footed geese. This area also offers the best chances to spot the elusive and increasingly threatened polar bear. Join us on this trip of a lifetime!

We are delighted to announce that our special guests for our inaugural Chimu Exclusive Cruise to the Arctic will be acclaimed artists Wendy Sharpe and Bernard Ollis. We had the pleasure of Wendy and Bernard's company back in 2014 when they travelled with us to Antarctica. Whilst on board, they painted and they continued their work after returning home with an exhibition at the Maritime Museum. The proceeds of this went to the Mawson's Huts Foundation. We look forward to welcoming Wendy and Bernard aboard a Chimu cruise once again in 2019.

Profits from the sale of the work done on their Arctic voyage will go to Chimu's [MAD Project](#).

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DAY 1: Longyearbyen

Our Arctic cruise departs from Longyearbyen, the largest settlement and the administrative capital of the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard. Boasting the title of one of the most northerly towns in the world, Longyearbyen lies on the western coast of West Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Spitsbergen archipelago. Once a mining settlement and dating back to 1906, the town was named after its founder, John Munro Longyear and is now the gateway to the Norwegian Arctic. As embarkation is not until late afternoon, you are free to explore the town prior to boarding your cruise ship. The Svalbard Museum features displays about the human history of Svalbard including mining and whaling, with exhibits on Arctic flora and fauna. The Spitsbergen Airship Museum has displays on the era of Polar exploration by air, and the Svalbard Gallery is also worth a visit, with various works by local artists. The ship sets sail in the early evening out of Isfjorden on its journey north.



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DAY 2: Ny Ålesund

Our journey takes us along the west coast, where we hope to arrive in Krossfjorden by mid-morning. Here we board the Zodiacs for a cruise along the face of the 14th of July Glacier. The glacier was named after Bastille Day by Prince Albert I of Monaco, and extends for 16 kilometres. A colourful range of flora is found on the fertile slopes and the nearby cliffs are a breeding ground for Brünnich's guillemots and Arctic puffins. Large numbers of kittiwake are also found here and it is a good place to spot the Arctic fox as it patrols the base of the cliffs in search of prey. Bearded seals can often be seen here cruising the fjord. In the afternoon the ship sails to the small settlement of Ny Ålesund, the world's most northerly permanent settlement. Once a mining village that was served by the world's most northerly railway, Ny Ålesund is now a research centre. It is located on the Brøgger peninsula on the shores of the bay of Kongsfjorden. There is a breeding ground for the barnacle goose, pink-footed goose and the Arctic tern close to the village. If you are interested in the history of Arctic exploration, you should walk to the anchoring mast used by Amundsen and Nobile in the airship Norge in 1926 and by Nobile in the airship Italia in 1928, before their flights to the North Pole.



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DAY 3: Liefdefjorden

If the weather is favourable, the ship will sail to the mouth of Liefdefjorden where we disembark and go ashore for a walk on the tundra island of Andøya. This is a nesting site for the common eider and pink-footed goose. The rarer king eider may also be seen. We also hope to sail into Liefdefjorden, cruising near the 5 kilometre long face of the impressive Monacobreen, formerly known as Monaco Glacier. The waters of the glacier face are a favourite feeding spot for thousands of kittiwake. Polar bears are sometimes seen on the glacier, providing a wonderful photo opportunity.



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DAY 4: Hinlopen Strait

Today we plan on sailing into Hinlopen Strait, located between Spitsbergen Island and Nordaustlandet Island. Extending for a length of 150 kilometres and ranging between 10 and 60 kilometres wide, Hinlopen Strait is often inaccessible due to pack ice. The Strait has been known to European whalers since the 17th century, being used extensively for hunting purposes. Hinlopen Strait is home to bearded seals, ringed seals, Polar bears and ivory gulls. We navigate the ice floes of Lomfjordshalvøya in the Zodiacs and explore the bird cliffs of Alkefjellet, home to thousands of Brünnich's guillemot. On the east side of Hinlopen Strait, we will attempt a landing at Palanderbukta on Nordaustlandet, where reindeer, pink-footed geese, breeding ivory gulls and walrus can be seen.



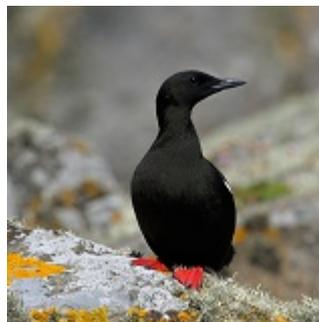
DAY 5: Seven Islands

Today we hope to reach the northernmost islands of Svalbard - the Seven Islands north of Nordaustlandet. We will attempt to land on Phippsøya where you will often find walrus hauled out on land. We will then try to locate the pack ice to take in the spectacular surroundings and to search for wildlife such as Polar bears and maybe even the elusive Ross's gull, named after the great Arctic explorer James Clark Ross. Our aim today is to reach the area of 81 degrees north - just 540 kilometres from the geographic North Pole.



DAY 6: Retracing our route westwards

As we retrace our route westwards, we visit Raudfjord on the north coast of West Spitsbergen. This beautiful fjord is dominated by spectacular glaciers and frequented by ringed and bearded seals. The cliffs and shoreline of the fjord support thriving seabird colonies as well as a rich vegetation that flourishes in the sheltered areas. We stop at the offshore island of Ytre Norskøya, where we visit a 17th century Dutch whaling site. The large graveyard found here is a poignant reminder of the hardships and dangers of life back in those early days. The island supports a prolific bird life, with accessible colonies of little auk, black guillemot, Brünnich's guillemot, Arctic puffins and Arctic skuas.



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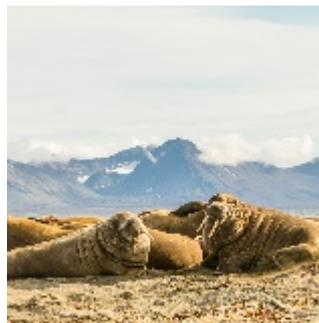
DAY 7: Prins Karls Forland

Today sees us making a landing at the northern tip of Prins Karls Forland near Fuglehuken. This is thought to be the site where Barentsz set foot on Spitsbergen for the first time. Seabirds nest on the cliffs here and harbour seals are often sighted along the coast, the only population found in Spitsbergen. We will see evidence of the Polar bear hunting era, with the remains of demolished set guns and bear traps. There is a haul out place for walrus at the opposite site of Forlandsundet at Sarstangen. As an alternative we may sail into St. Johns Fjord or head south to the mouth of Isfjorden to land at Alkhorneret. Seabirds nest on the cliffs here and Arctic foxes are often seen as they search the cliff base for fallen eggs and chicks. Spitsbergen reindeer can be seen grazing the relatively lush vegetation. Although the reindeer may seem undisturbed by the presence of humans, this is not the case. The animals must survive the harsh winters, when temperatures plummet and food is scarce and so they preserve what energy they can, fleeing only when it is absolutely necessary. In the afternoon we cruise through Borebukta, a beautiful bay in Oscar II Land on the north western side of Isfjorden. We follow a glacier face before continuing to Longyearbyen.



DAY 8: Longyearbyen

We disembark in Longyearbyen at the end of our Arctic cruise.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Inclusions

Shipboard accommodation
All meals onboard
All scheduled landings/excursions
Guiding and lectures by expedition leader and team
English speaking expedition team

Excluded:
Airtfares to/from embarkation and disembarkation city - Copenhagen to Longyearbyen Return Charter Flight option now available to book (Transfers to and from included) - Contact your agent to Book.
Visas and passport fees (if applicable)
Travel Insurance
Beverages (other than coffee and tea)
Laundry and personal expenses incurred onboard
Gratuities for the crew (recommended US\$15.00 per person per day)

Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge Available upon request

Return Charter flight from Copenhagen to Longyearbyen is now available to book from US\$675 per person. Contact us for full details.

Please note that itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions

Notes

The following activities are available on this voyage, please contact us for more details:
Kayaking (US\$650 per person) and Snowshoeing (US\$150 per person).
Previous kayaking experience is required.

Minimum age for children for this cruise is 8 years old accompanied by a responsible guardian.

Price Dependent upon Cabin availability

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