



The Best of Spitsbergen – The Arctic

Longyearbyen to
Longyearbyen

L'Austral / Le Boreal

8 days / 7 nights

From AUD11,580pp

Experience something exceptional by discovering the Far North and the immense open spaces of the polar Arctic and its ice floes that extend to the North Pole. Cruise to the heart of Spitsbergen, the largest island in the Svalbard archipelago, and discover the exceptional flora and fauna – including Polar Bears – living in these extreme conditions.

Why cruise with Ponant?

- All inclusive – fine dining, drinks (wine, beer, soft drink and champagne), shore landings, wifi
- Leaders in Polar Expeditions and more than 20 years cruising the world
- Travel aboard the most ecological & modern fleet in the world
- Naturalist experts inform & guide using Zodiacs and on shore expeditions
- Included flights to/from Buenos Aires and transfers

Welcome to the world of Ponant

Discover the treasures of the land by sea on board luxurious yachts that are built on an intimate scale for discerning travellers. With a French crew, attentive service and focus on gastronomy, this is expedition cruising at its authentic and sophisticated best.

Dates

Best of Spitsbergen is a duration of 8 days (7 nights).

Departure Date	Ship
28 May 2020	L'Austral
4 Jun 2020	L'Austral
27 Jun 2020	Le Boreal
11 Jul 2020	Le Boreal
18 Jul 2020	Le Boreal
25 Jul 2020	Le Boreal

Itinerary

Highlights

- Sailing in Spitsbergen's fjords and towards the ice floe
- Incredible wildlife – polar bears, Arctic foxes, Svalbard reindeer, Arctic terns, walrus, whales, puffins
- Landscapes: ice floes, jagged mountains, icebergs, ice caps, steep-sided valleys, sheer cliffs, huge glaciers
- Outings & shore visits in Zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides
- Hiking opportunities

Itinerary

Experience something exceptional by discovering the Far North and the immense open spaces of the polar Arctic and its ice floes that extend to the North Pole.

You will board the ship at Longyearbyen in Norway for an 8-day expedition cruise to the heart of Spitsbergen, the largest island in the Svalbard archipelago.

Over this expedition at sea aboard L'Austral, in the company of our specialist teams, you will discover the exceptional flora and fauna that lives in these extreme conditions, where temperatures reach -30°C in winter.

This journey will take you on the trail of walrus, which can be admired near the 14th July Glacier, as well as the traces of the polar bear, the lord of the Arctic, which you will be able to admire in its natural environment.

Then you will sail to the Svalbard archipelago, and the last islands before the North Pole, where you will discover that unique feeling of having reached the top of the world. During this unforgettable expedition, our ship will sail to latitudes of 80° north

Details

- Day 1 Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen (Norway) - Embark from 16h00 to 17h00
- Day 2 Lilliehook Glacier and 14th July Glacier, (Norway)
- Day 3 Magdalenefjorden and Virgohamma (Magdalena Bay) (Norway)
- Day 4 Sailing among icebergs
- Day 5 Texas Bar, Liefdefjorden, and Monaco Glacier (Norway)
- Day 6 Ny-Alesund and Kongsfjorden (King Bay) (Norway)
- Day 7 Alkhornet, Pyramiden and Nordenskiold Fjord (Norway)
- Day 8 Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen (Norway) Disembark at 07h00

Please note: the itinerary is subject to ice and weather conditions. The expedition highlights and itineraries described above illustrate possible experiences only and cannot be guaranteed.

Inclusions

- Top quality meals during the voyage
- Open bar – house wine, champagne, beer & non alcoholic options
- Flights in economy class, transfers & taxes (Paris/Longyearbyen/Paris)
- Activities/shore excursions as specified
- Lectures and presentations by expedition leaders & naturalist staff
- Complimentary polar parka for you to keep (waterproof boots on loan)
- Park entry fees into protected areas
- Transfers & port charges

Map



Your cruise ships – L’Austral & Le Boreal

Ponant ships embody the subtle alliance between luxury, intimacy and wellbeing. The elegance of her exterior and interior lines and her intimate size (only 132 staterooms and suites) make this a rare and innovative yacht on the cruise market.

All ships feature:

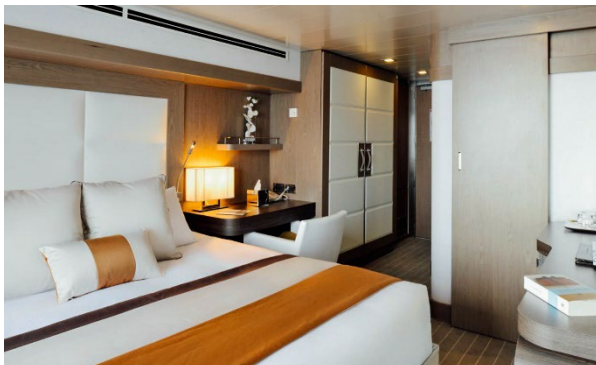
- Restaurants x 2
- Lounges x 2
- Open-air Bar
- Theatre, Fitness & Beauty Rooms, and Leisure Area

Cabins	Area	Price From*
Superior Staterooms	21m ²	\$11,580
Deluxe Stateroom	18m ² +4m ²	\$12,490
Prestige Stateroom	18m ² +4m ²	\$13,750
Deluxe Suite	27m ² +6m ²	\$20,130
Prestige Suite	36m ² +8m ²	\$26,670
Owners Suite	45m ² +9m ²	\$31,780

**prices are AUD per person, twin share, and is are subject to change, availability and departure dates.*

All cabins include:

- Private balcony (excl. Superior Staterooms)
- Individually-controlled air-conditioning
- King-size bed or twin beds and Shower
- Flat screen satellite TV, DVD, CD and Ipad players and Video on demand
- Desk with stationery, Minibar, Safe Hairdryer, Bath robes, Satellite direct line telephone, 110/220 volts outlet
- French amenities
- 24hr room service, Internet Access WIFI



** Images are provided by Ponant.*

Other things you need to know

Expeditions programs include activities such as Zodiac® outings (sometimes with "wet landing"), moderate walks to more active hikes. All this accompanied by your expedition team of naturalist guides. Certain zodiac® outings will not allow for landings just cruising. Landings will depend on weather conditions, position of ice and winds and the state of the sea. These can force a change of plans at any time.

Travelling to polar/isolated regions is an exhilarating experience. The raw beauty and untouched wilderness offer an unusual chance to experience a place where there is little evidence of human presence. Inevitably, there are some consequences that come with such remoteness: please remember that you are far from modern hospitals with full medical facilities, thus evacuation is highly expensive. Without the necessary medical coverage, all expenses will have to be immediately paid from with your personal funds. We urge you to subscribe a full coverage insurance, choose your insurance company very carefully and be extremely vigilant and ensure your insurance is fully comprehensive.

Taking into consideration the unusual and exceptional character of expedition itineraries, the calls shown are an indication only. The final route will be confirmed by the Captain and Expedition Leader, who will take into account the touristic quality of the sites and above all, the safety of the passengers. Their decision will be subject to that of local authorities and/or the expert pilots present on board during the navigation in polar and /or isolated zones.

Dressing tips:

- A Ponant polar water-resistant parka is offered on board for all departures
- Half calf rubber boots with non-slip soles, which will allow you to go ashore in 20 cm of cold water, keeping your feet dry for walks and visits on steep paths. Boot rental will be offered onboard (for adults only) on Expedition cruises. Book your boots up to 7 days prior to departure
- Comfortable pants: classic Winter pants, warm cotton tracksuit
- Water-resistant windbreaker over pants - **COMPULSORY**
- Winter pants with water-resistant over pants is the ideal combination: water-resistance and comfort suitability of pants are essential
- Pullover, sweat-shirt or fleece jacket
- Thermal sweater
- Fleece muffler and fleece cap or thermal beanie covering ears (avoid scarfs which do not stand still)
- Water-resistant and supple gloves
- Polarized sunglasses with high UV filter
- Walking sticks (highly recommended)



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