

Girls On Tour: High Arctic Odyssey

Encompassing the Arctic; Iceland, Svalbard Archipelago and Norway



Tuesday 29 June 2021
DEPART FOR REYKJAVIK,
ICELAND 2 nights

Wed 30 Jun - REYKJAVIK

Arrive Reykjavik and transfer to hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore.

Thu 1 Jul - SOUTH EAST COAST

Our first day of touring includes Reykjanesviti Lighthouse, Gunnhver hot springs, Brimketill hot spring and The Blue Lagoon. Highlights include learning the legend of the Gunnhver Hot Springs, visiting Iceland's oldest Lighthouse, seeing the geological gems; Brimketill, Kleifarvatn & Krýsvuik hot springs and bathing in the Blue Lagoon. (B,D)

Fri 2 Jul - SOUTH EAST COAST

Today we tour 'The Golden Circle' including Pingvellir National Park, Geysir hot spring valley, Gullfoss waterfall and we learn about the Icelandic horses and what makes them unique. (B)

Sat 3 Jul - SOUTH EAST COAST

Majestic waterfalls and black sand beaches await us today as we visit the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls and Reynisfjara. The historic Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon is a true highlight today. (B)

Sun 4 Jul - VATNAJÖKULL & SKAFTAFELL NATIONAL PARK

Amphibian boat tour on Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon – Diamond beach – Fjallsárlón glacier lagoon – Skaftafell national park (great variety of hiking paths). (B)

Mon 5 Jul - REYKJAVIK

Visit of LAVA Centre exhibition – Hveragerði hot spring valley – Reykjavík city tour – returning to Hotel in Reykjavík. (B)

Tue 6 Jul – REYKJAVIK TO OSLO, NORWAY

Sadly we say farewell to Iceland and transfer to the airport for our flight to Oslo, Norway where the rest of the day is free to explore. (B)

Wed 7 Jul – OSLO TO LONGYEARBYEN

On arrival in Longyearbyen on Spitsbergen Island you will enjoy a tour of this interesting Arctic town including the museum before transferring to the dock to embark Greg Mortimer. (B,D)

Thu 8- Fri 16 Jul SVALBARD ARCHIPELAGO

Over the next 10 days we will



explore spectacular straits, fjords, islands, bays and nature reserves in search of Arctic wildlife such as walrus, Arctic fox, reindeer, whales, Puffins, seabirds and of course Polar Bears with spectacular scenery at every turn. The Svalbard Archipelago is ours to explore with our specialist team who will use their expertise to design our voyage from day to day making the best use of weather and ice conditions and wildlife opportunities. (B,L,D)

Expedition Highlights:

- Spectacular mountains rising directly out of the sea
- Cruise past brilliantly blue glaciers and through stunning fjords



- Venture close to 80° North looking for polar bears in pack ice
- Discover the Arctic's other wildlife: walrus, seals, reindeer, Arctic Fox, seabirds and whales
- Walk across the tundra to enjoy the exquisite micro-flora
- Visit historic sites; museums, whaling settlements, geology and fossils
- Enjoy a great variety of diverse terrain; icecaps, tundra, polar desert and rocky hillsides
- Celebrate near-endless sunlight under the glistening midnight sun

Sat 17 – Sun 18 Jul
GREG MORTIMER AT SEA

Crossing the Barents Sea to Kirkenes offers some good opportunities to encounter whales and sea birds as well as enjoying final presentations from the ships expert team. (B,L,D)

Mon 19 Jul – DISEMBARK KIRKENES

Our polar cruise comes to an end today as we farewell our expedition team and continue on our journey



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through Norway for new adventures. A flight from Kirkenes will take us to Oslo, the capital of Norway where we will overnight. (B)

Tue 20 Jul – OSLO TO FLÅM

Today we board the train bound for Myrdal, a spectacular train journey that offers a panoramic view of some of the most magnificent landscapes of Norway. Upon

arrival at the mountain station of Myrdal you change trains and travel by the Flåm Railway, one of the steepest train lines in the world. Our big luggage will be transferred to Bergen and we will take only an overnight bag for 3 nights. On our arrival in Flåm we will enjoy a bus tour to Stegastein viewpoint where you'll experience a fantastic fjord view and a closeness with nature. (B,D)

Wed 21 Jul - FLÅM TO LOFTHUS

This morning we board a vessel to travel through the Nærøyfjord landscapes to Gudvangen. On arrival in Gudvangen will drive to the



very top of the Nærøydalen Canyon and then on to the historical town of Voss and then Lofthus, beautifully situated by the stunning Hardangerfjord where we will spend the night. (B,D)

Thu 22 Jul - LOFTHUS TO BERGEN 2 nights

We continue on today to Bergen, crossing the Hardanger Bridge, one of the longest suspension bridges in the world, the longest in Norway and passing by Nordheimsund, including a short stop at the Steindalsfossen waterfall,



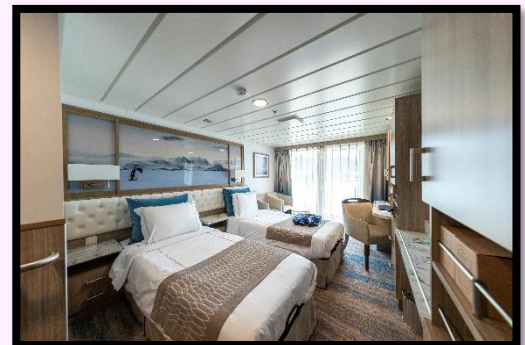
here guests can walk behind the waterfall and enjoy some fantastic views. Arrive in Bergen, the beautiful Hanseatic town on the west coast of Norway. (B)

Fri 23 Jul - BERGEN

Today a walking tour of Bergen including the fish market, the old Hanseatic warehouses, the cathedral and many charming wooden houses. Enjoy a ride by the funicular to Mount Fløyen for your last panoramic view of Norway. The rest of the day is yours to explore this quaint, beautiful city. (B)

Sat 24 Jul – DEPART FOR HOME

At appropriate time transfer to airport



for homeward flights. (B)

Sun 25 Jul - IN TRANSIT

Mon 26 Jul - ARRIVE HOME



INCLUSIONS

- Return international Economy flights
- All transfers at destination and internal flights as shown
- All transport in air-conditioned coaches.
- 3-4 star hotel accommodation
- Breakfast each day. Other meals as shown. All meals on ship.
- Comfort package at Blue Lagoon
- All entries and touring as shown on itinerary.
- Full time Australian escort .
- Polar jacket yours to keep, shoes provided for use on ship.
- Information Kit and pre-departure information and advice
- 13 day expedition voyage onboard the Greg Mortimer including all meals, snacks, tea & coffee and beer & house wine with dinner. Balcony cabins.
- Aurora Photobook of your cruise

EXCLUSIONS

- Tips and gratuities
- Airline taxes subject to change
- Personal items, travel insurance
- Anything not specified above

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(including sharing @ sea)

Single supp (Land only) \$2,385 AUD
Single at sea limited and subject to availability.

**based on minimum group of 12 and subject to 2021 flight pricing once in range.