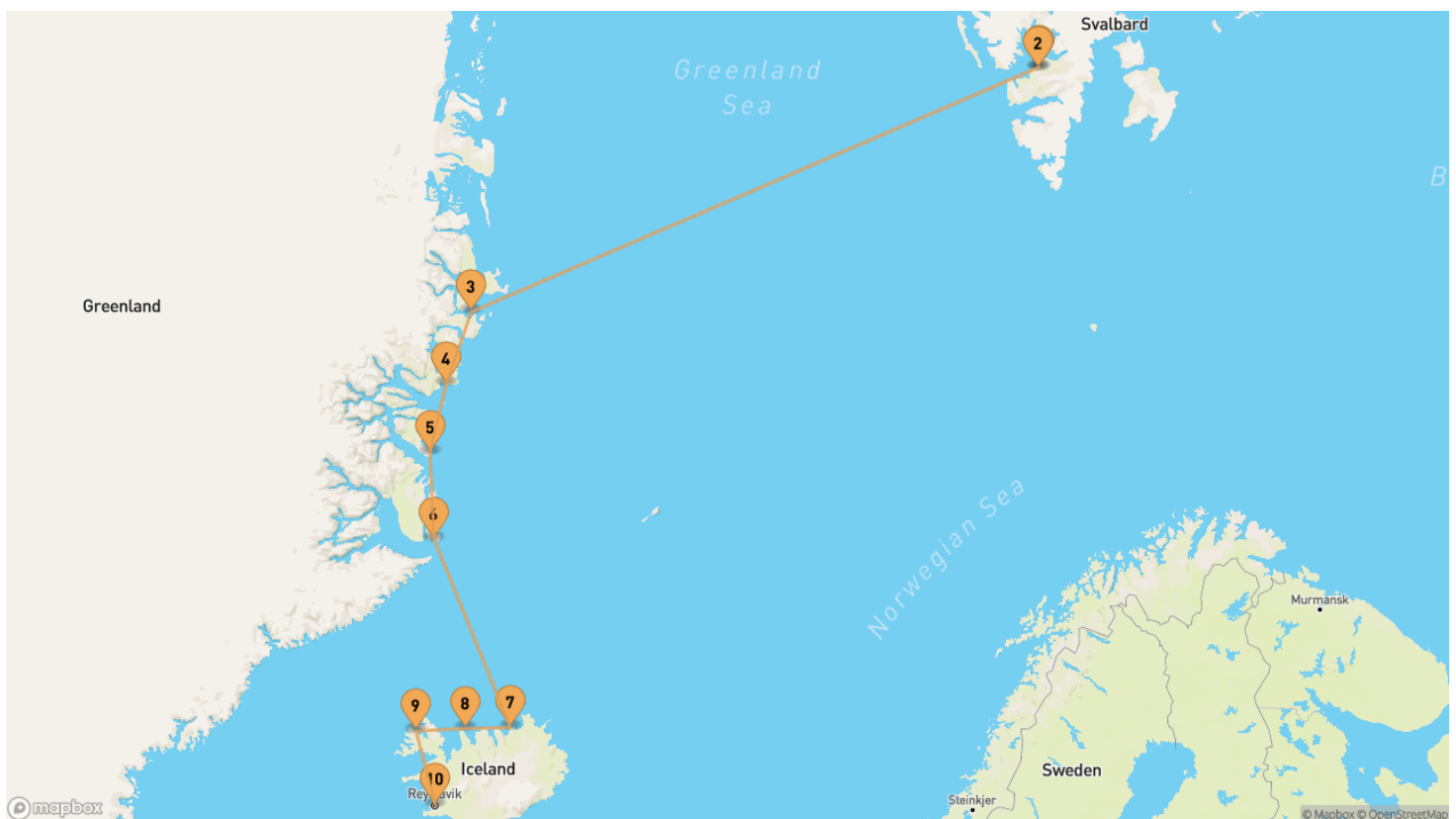


# INCREDIBLE ARCTIC CRUISE

- ⦿ REGIONS / COUNTRIES: 🇳🇴 Norway 🇬🇩 Greenland 🇮🇸 Iceland
- ⦿ DURATION: 11 Days / 10 Nights
- ⦿ TAGS: Island, Discovery, Village, Secluded
- ⦿ URL: <https://embarq.travel/boats/world-explorer/incredible-arctic-cruise/>



# Day 1



## Norway / Longyearbyen

📍 Island, Discovery, Village, Secluded

### **DAY 1: PARIS - LONGYEARBYEN (Norway)**

Departure from Paris on a special flight to Longyearbyen. Upon arrival in Longyearbyen, transfer to the port, boarding and installation on board the World Explorer. Dinner on board.

# Day 2



## Norway / Spitsbergen

### **DAY 2: EXPLORATION OF SPITZBERG (provisional program)**

Two days are dedicated to exploring Spitsbergen. Spitsbergen is the largest island in Svalbard and also the only one to be populated. It was discovered in 1596 by the Dutch explorer Willem Barentsz while he was sailing to China via the Northeast Passage. At the beginning of the 20th century, the island lived mainly from whaling and mining. Today, it is the scientists who have taken over. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### **New-Alesund / New-London**

The former mining village of Ny-Alesund is now an international science city. This village, the northernmost in the world, was founded in 1916. It was from its anchor tower that polar explorer Roald Amundsen set off on 11 May 1926 in an airship for his first flight to the North Pole. On the banks of the Konsfjord, surrounded by nature reserves, there is the opportunity to observe the local wildlife before stopping off at Ny-London where the ruins of a marble quarry still remain.

#### **July 14th and Lilliehook Glaciers**

The 14th of July Glacier is home to bird colonies. A narrow 12 km long fjord leads to the Lilliehook which majestically displays a 7 km cirque-shaped ice front.



## Day 3



## Navigation

DAY 3: -

## Day 4



## Navigation

### DAY 4: NAVIGATION

Take advantage of these days of navigation to participate in the activities offered on board. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.



## Day 5



## Navigation

### DAY 5: NAVIGATION

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# Day 6



## Greenland / Ittoqqortoormiit

📍 Island, Discovery, Village, Secluded

### DAY 6: EXPLORATION OF EASTERN GREENLAND (provisional program)

Two to three days are spent exploring East Greenland in the Scoreby Sound. Covering an impressive 38,000 km<sup>2</sup>, it is home to the largest glacial fjord network on the planet, with a tangle of fjords stretching over 300 km.

#### Ittoqqortoormiit

Ittoqqortoormiit is one of the most isolated towns in Greenland, founded in 1925 next to the longest and largest fjord in the world. The local population practices traditional hunting and it is not uncommon to see a bear skin or two and a few musk ox hides drying in the sun. These traditions are presented in a very typical small museum.

#### Sailing in the Harefjord or Rypefjord

Harefjord and Rypefjord are two fjords on the east coast of Greenland that are part of a larger fjord system, Scoresby Sund, which covers more than 38,000 km<sup>2</sup>.

#### Bjorne Oer Islands

The Bjorne Oer Islands, known as the Bear Islands, offer a spectacular landscape of fjords and rocky ridges. Now uninhabited, they were once settled by the Thule people due to the presence of abundant wildlife, some of which still exist.



## Day 7



## Navigation

DAY 7: -



## Day 8



## Navigation

DAY 8: -

# Day 9



## Iceland / Isafjordur

📍 Island, Village

### DAY 9: ISAFJORDUR (Iceland)

You are at the geographical edge of Europe, in the wildest fjord region of Iceland. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursions:

#### VIGUR'S SEABIRDS

Board a local boat to reach this seabird paradise. The island of Vigur is a true ornithological sanctuary where you can observe thousands of birds such as eiders, arctic terns, puffins, guillemots... Discovery on foot for about 1 hour to meet the wild fauna and flora of the island. Before returning to Isafjordur, a visit to the smallest post office in Europe is a must.

Half day - Price per person (from): €175

#### ISAFJORDUR AND THE PICTURESQUE VILLAGES

Departure through the magnificent steep valleys of the Westfjords to discover the life of the inhabitants. Passage through the village of Bolungarvik and its small church, at the foot of a 600 m mountain. Discovery of the small open-air museum of Osvor, a reconstructed fishermen's hut. Return to Isafjordur via the Tungudalur valley and visit the maritime museum. Tasting of schnapps and fermented shark.

Half day - Price per person (from): €145



# Day 10



## Iceland / Reykjavik

Reykjavik, the capital city of Iceland, is a vibrant port that mixes urban and natural landscapes. The colorful houses, street art, and music scene harmonize with the stunning volcanic landscapes and the world-famous Blue Lagoon. Discover a unique destination where the past and present meet in perfect harmony.

### DAY 10: REYKJAVIK

Reykjavik, or "the bay of smoke", was named in 874 by the first Scandinavian settler, Ingolfur Arnarson, at the sight of the vapors coming from the hot springs. The capital of Iceland is home to nearly 70% of the island's population. It is the northernmost capital in the world. The city, despite late development in the 19th century, does not have old buildings but beautiful colorful houses where the charm works right away. A city on a human scale, it is a pleasure to stroll through its streets. From there, you can reach the Golden Circle which includes three natural sites

exceptional: Gullfoss Falls, Geysir and Thingvellir thermal area, Parliament Valley. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursions:

#### THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

On the way to Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Thingvellir is surrounded by mountains encircling a vast lava plain with wild vegetation. The Icelanders consider it a sacred place. Then, discovery of the Gullfoss Falls, also called "Golden Falls", among the most beautiful in Europe. This double waterfall often surrounded by a rainbow plunges into a chasm some 32 m below. Continuation of the excursion to the Great Geysir which gave its name to all the geysers in the world. Although it hardly raises its mountain of water any more, the site is grandiose by all the other volcanic phenomena to observe: solfataras, fumaroles, bubbling mud springs and geysers gushing in profusion.

Day with lunch - Price per person (from): €185

#### HISTORICAL REYKJAVIK

Short panoramic tour and discovery of the Arbaer open-air museum. This place brings together about twenty buildings, most of which were moved from the center of Reykjavik in order to preserve the architectural and historical heritage of the city. Continue to the Perlan Dome which has a magnificent view of the city before visiting the national museum. It traces the history and customs of Iceland from the Viking

colonies to the present day. Finally, pass through the old town and the church of Hallgrímskirkja.

Half day - Price per person (from): €130

#### SWIMMING IN THE BLUE LAGOON OR THE SKY LAGOON

A true tradition in Iceland, bathing in hot springs is rooted in the local culture. The geothermal baths of the Sky Lagoon and the famous Blue Lagoon are renowned for their therapeutic benefits and offer a unique and relaxing environment.

Availability and price: contact us.

#### VOLCANISM SEEN FROM THE SKY

Fly over the region by helicopter and discover the volcanic landscapes from the sky.

Flight duration: approximately 40 to 60 min.

Availability and price: contact us.



# Day 11



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### DAY 11: REYKJAVIK - PARIS

Breakfast on board. Disembarkation and transfer to the airport. Flight to Paris on a special and regular flight.

