



LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

Arctic Cruise Adventure: In Search of the Polar Bear 2021

15 days from **\$16,495** per person *was* \$18,995

Limited to 199 guests

OFFER

Save \$2,500 per person on all stateroom categories and suites.

Explore the Arctic on an all-encompassing expedition in search of the mighty polar bear. Travel alongside A&K's unmatched Expedition Team and a famed climate scientist to learn about the shifting climate impacts on this delicate region. Discover rarely traversed Jan Mayen and the starkly beautiful lava fields and ice caves of Iceland's Westfjords. Experience this thrilling destination through daily guided shore landings, as well as active excursions.

Included With This Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team
- Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Stays at Stylish, Ideally Located Hotels and A&K-Led City Tours
- Airport Meet and Greet and Transfers
- Private Balcony with Every Onboard Accommodation and Butler Service with Every Suite
- Maximum Personnel-to-Guest Ratio of 1 to 1.3
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed
- Complimentary Expedition Parka, Backpack and Water Bottle, and Use of Waterproof Pants, Boots and Trekking Poles
- Zodiac Excursions Led by Expert Naturalist Driver-Guides
- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- All Gratuities, Port Charges and Taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on Board and in Hotels
- Onboard Service from an English-Speaking Staff, Including an Accredited Physician
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

A&K Advantages

- Cruise for 13 nights through the Arctic's wildest regions on a voyage exclusively chartered by A&K
- Enjoy active exploration of the Arctic's varied landscapes, from sea kayaking through ice floes to epic volcanic hikes, all under the guide of A&K's award-winning Expedition Team
- Experience a vast breadth of Arctic wildlife habitats, including the polar bear haven of Svalbard, where A&K enjoys unrestricted access to landing sites with our guest limited capacity limited to just 199
- Cruise to the remote east coast of Greenland, where you may visit Kaiser Franz Josef Fjords, Scoresby Sound and the Inuit village of Iltoqqortoormiit
- Discover North Iceland and the whale-watching village of Husavik, where you experience a private, behind-the-scenes tour at the renowned Husavik Whale Museum
- Learn about the science behind the changing polar climate with famed climate scientist, ecologist and guest lecturer Dr. James McClintock, who has authored multiple research articles and books on the topic of climate change

Featured Experts



BRENT HOUSTON

Naturalist, Polar Bear Expert

Travelling yearly to Antarctica and the Arctic, Brent has served as an Expedition Leader and naturalist guide. Brent employs his tracking skills on this voyage to help guests spot as many polar bears as possible.



DR JAMES MCCLINTOCK

Climate Scientist

James is a noted climate change expert who has led 14 A&K expeditions to the polar regions. On this cruise, he reveals the effects of a shifting climate in the Arctic and shares a hopeful vision for positive change.

Itinerary

AUG 5 ARRIVE OSLO, NORWAY

Arrive in Oslo, your gateway to the Arctic. On arrival, you are met and escorted to your hotel. This evening, meet fellow guests for a welcome dinner and cocktail reception.

Hotel Radisson Blu Gardermoen, Oslo | Meals: Dinner

AUG 6 NORWAY | OSLO TO LONGYEARBYEN

Board an early morning charter flight to Longyearbyen, the capital of Svalbard, also known as Spitsbergen, the sovereign Arctic archipelago of Norway. It is one of the most remote groups of islands on the planet, with nearly two-thirds of its surface covered in luminous glaciers. Tour the tiny town and its Arctic Museum. This afternoon, board your expedition cruiser, 'Le Boreal.'

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 7-11 NORWAY | THE SVALBARD ARCHIPELAGO

Very few people have the opportunity to view the remote wilderness of the Svalbard Islands. In the archipelago, polar bears, walruses, Svalbard reindeer and an incredibly rich variety of birds are abundant, as are cathedrals of ice, glaciers and craggy mountain peaks. An exquisite assortment of flora also peppers this barren landscape. The primary objective of your voyage is to spot polar bears as they roam in their natural habitat. Cruising on A&K's exclusive charter limited to just 199 guests grants you unrestricted access to every navigable area within the Svalbard archipelago — something ships with larger capacities cannot provide — allowing the ship to visit any locale favored by the bears. Your Captain and Expedition Leader determine the day's best sightseeing opportunities, which may include: **Ny Alesund**: Home to a polar research station and the northernmost post office in the world. **Alkefjellet**, or "auk cliffs": Staggering cliffs that drop directly into the water and provide a home to vast colonies of auks, diving birds entirely dependent on the sea for their food. **Monacobreen**: Formerly known as Monaco Bay, this glacier reaches down into Spitsbergen and is frequented by polar bears, harbor and bearded seals, walruses and a multitude of seabirds. **The Austfonna Icecap**: One of the world's largest icecaps spanning over 5,000 square miles. **Liefdefjorden** (The Love Fjord): Named after a Dutch ship with the same name, this fjord is another excellent area for spotting polar bears and wildlife. **Sjuoyane** ("Seven Islands"): The most northerly region of the Svalbard archipelago. In every region, enjoy endless moments of discovery alongside A&K's seasoned Expedition Team, who know intuitively where and when you're most likely to see polar bears and wildlife — which you observe from the safety and comfort of 'Le Boreal.' These same experts also scout every landing site in advance of your arrival, assuring your safety and maximizing your experience ashore.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 12 AT SEA | CRUISING THE GREENLAND SEA

Cruise south through the Greenland Sea as lecturers offer presentations on the wildlife, history and geology of Svalbard and prepare you for visits to Jan Mayen and Greenland.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 13 JAN MAYEN | GLACIER-COVERED VOLCANO

At the confluence of the Greenland and Norwegian seas, arrive at Jan Mayen, a fascinating and rugged island dominated by the 7,500-foot Beerenberg Volcano, which today stands as the world's northernmost active volcano. With special permission and conditions permitting, land on this rarely visited island to see its meteorological station, Olonkinbyen, and discover its phenomenal bird colonies. Designated by BirdLife International as an Important Bird Area (IBA), Jan Mayen supports large breeding colonies of northern fulmars, little auks, thick-billed murrelets and black guillemots.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 14-15 GREENLAND | REMOTE ITTOQQORTOORMIIT VILLAGE

While crossing the Greenland Sea and cruising along the Arctic ice edge, your Expedition Team prepares you for the world's largest island: Greenland. Arrive at its rarely visited east coast and Scoresby Sound, the largest and longest fjord system in the world, both of which you enjoy exploring for the next three days. Embark on Zodiac excursions through the fjord's intricate network, taking in its islands and icebergs and searching for residents including the musk ox and Arctic fox. Ice conditions permitting, disembark for a visit to the small settlement of Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the most isolated villages in Greenland.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 16 ICELAND | CRUISING THE DENMARK STRAIT

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea cruising the narrow strip of water that separates Greenland from Iceland and connects the Arctic Sea with the Atlantic Ocean. Continue exciting conversations with your Expedition Team and enrichment specialists. Watch for seabirds and whales from the deck in between the insightful lectures they present.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 17 ICELAND | WHALE-WATCHING HAVEN

Arrive in picturesque Husavik and visit the Husavik Whale Museum, supported by A&K Philanthropy. The museum is one of the world's foremost centers for research of whales and their habitat. Afterward, choose to embark on a scenic whale-watching tour followed by free time in Husavik, or else set off for Godafoss Falls and geothermal Lake Myvatn. Tonight, gather with your Expedition Team and fellow guests for a special farewell reception and dinner.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 18 ICELAND'S WESTFJORDS | LAVA & ICE-CARVED LANDS

The Westfjords of Iceland are more remote and much less visited than other parts of the country. Settlements are small and interspersed among spectacular lava-



formed mountains and coves. You might make a visit to Dynjandi Falls, the grandest waterfall in the Westfjords. Dynjandi is a spectacular sight, with water cascading down tiered ridges flanked by a green and brown façade. Enjoy leisurely walks up to a viewing platform or opt for something more vigorous, like a hike all the way to the top of the falls. Another possible place you may visit is Red Sand Beach, one of the most beguiling shorelines in Iceland. Wander the reddish-hued sands as they subtly change color with the sunlight, shifting through a palette of reds, golds and greys.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 19 DEPART REYKJAVIK

This morning, disembark 'Le Boreal' in Reykjavik and transfer to the airport for your return flight home, or continue on in Iceland with a Reykjavik extension.

Note: Itinerary is for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather, wildlife, ice, medical emergencies and other conditions beyond A&K's control, at the sole discretion of the Captain.

Extensions



Oslo Pre-Tour Extension

Discover historic and vibrant Oslo with a visit to its colorful cafés, world-class museums and Roald Amundsen's home.

4 days from \$3,795 per person
Single Supplement from \$895 per person

Available to add to select departure dates.
[See Dates & Prices For Details >](#)

Aug 2

Arrive in Oslo and transfer to your hotel, the lovely Hotel Continental. Meet your guide for a welcome cocktail reception before heading to dinner on your own.

Hotel Continental

Aug 3

Enjoy an exclusive museum tour that includes the Nobel Peace Center, the city's strikingly modern Oslo Opera House and the charming Oslo City Hall, home to an astounding 49 bells. After lunch, visit the famous Vigeland Sculpture Park. Dinner is on your own, so you can explore Oslo's vibrant restaurant scene.

Hotel Continental | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Aug 4

Hop aboard a small craft for a one-hour boat ride to Roald Amundsen's home, which was purchased in Svartskogen after his successful Northwest Passage expedition. The house became a base of operations and was left just as it was when the explorer set sail on his final expedition to the Arctic in 1928. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. This evening, visit the Viking Ship Museum en route to the award-winning Fram Museum, where you enjoy an exclusive after-hours tour of the preserved 'Fram,' Amundsen's famous ship. Afterward, join your group for a farewell dinner at one of Oslo's most notable restaurants.

Hotel Continental | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Aug 5

Discover Oslo's renowned art scene and world-class museums with a choice of activities, such as visiting the modern and historical sculptures in Ekeberg Park, viewing the National Gallery and experiencing the moody Munch Museum. Or learn about Norwegian history by visiting Eidsvoll, where the Norwegian constitution and independence process was centered. At the Eidsvoll Museum, see how Norwegians lived in centuries past and explore the Norwegian resistance movement during World War II. This afternoon, transfer to the Radisson Blu Gardermoen to begin your main program.



Reykjavik Post-Tour Extension

Visit the world's most northerly capital and enjoy a choice of adventures, including Thingvellir National Park, Skogafoss waterfall and the Blue Lagoon.

4 days from \$4,795 per person
Single Supplement from \$1,395 per person

Aug 19

Disembark 'Le Boreal' in Reykjavik, the world's most northerly capital, and tour the city's landmarks, including the Perlan Museum.

Canopy by Hilton Reykjavik City Centre | Meals: Lunch

Aug 20

Choose from two excursions: Drive along Iceland's rugged South Shore, visiting the volcano exhibition, Eyjafjallajokull volcano and the Skogar Folk Museum, or spend the day in the Thorsmork glacial valley, including driving in a 4x4 vehicle.

Canopy by Hilton Reykjavik City Centre | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Aug 21

More adventures await today when you choose to explore Iceland's Golden Circle, including Thingvellir National Park, a thermal greenhouse farm, and the Gullfoss waterfall. Alternatively, you may opt to instead visit the iconic Blue Lagoon. Tonight, gather with fellow guests for a farewell cocktail reception.

Canopy by Hilton Reykjavik City Centre | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Aug 22

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Aug 05 - Aug 19, 2021				
Category 1 - Classic Stateroom	\$16,495 (was \$18,995)	\$14,245	\$495	Available
Category 2 - Deluxe Stateroom	\$18,995 (was \$21,495)	\$16,125	\$495	Available
Category 3 - Premier Stateroom	\$20,495 (was \$22,995)	\$17,245	\$495	Available
Category 4 - Superior Stateroom	\$21,495 (was \$23,995)	\$20,395	\$495	Available
Category 5 - Prestige Suite	\$29,495 (was \$31,995)	\$27,995	\$495	Available
Category 6 - Premier Two-Room Suite	\$35,495 (was \$37,995)	\$33,695	\$495	Available
Category 7 - Prestige Two-Room Suite	\$38,495 (was \$40,995)	\$36,575	\$495	Available
Category 8 - Owner's Suite	\$43,495 (was \$45,995)	\$41,295	\$495	Limited Availability

Optional [pre-tour and post-tour extensions](#) available on this departure.

Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$495
Oslo/Longyearbyen

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This journey contains some active elements, including Zodiac boat excursions, walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 5–8 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: welcome reception at 6:30 p.m. on Aug 5.

Last group event: disembarkation at 9:00 a.m. on Aug 19.

Special Offer Terms & Conditions

Offer subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).