

## **JEWELS OF THE ARCTIC**

### **SPITSBERGEN - GREENLAND & ICELAND**

**Expedition Cruise with Diving & Kayaking**



**“Glittering white, shining blue, raven black ... in the light of the sun the land looks like a fairy tale.”**

Roald Amundsen

On our expedition cruises around Norway’s Svalbard archipelago and Greenland, you will sail along sculpted glacier fronts, through breathtakingly scenic fjords and amongst sparkling ice caps lit by the midnight sun. The wildlife watching around Spitsbergen is excellent with Arctic foxes, bearded seals, walrus, beluga whales and the ultimate wildlife encounter – the mighty polar bear.

Waterproof Expeditions uses an ice-strengthened polar vessel for their expeditions to the Spitsbergen and Greenland with an emphasis on various activities such as exploring, snorkelling, diving, kayaking, and photography – underwater for experienced Polar Divers and topside for the ‘Explorers’. We are effectively running various trips each with their own dedicated guides. One underwater for our experienced Polar Divers, and one topside for our ‘Explorers’.

#### **Polar Divers and Snorkellers**

Diving in the Polar regions is a unique experience for the advanced diver. Not just ice, but an amazing underwater world with a fascinating marine life filled with creatures that look as if they should live on another planet, such as giant isopods, worms and fearless seals.

Waterproof Expeditions are the Polar Dive experts with many years experience of extreme situations. We are trained to search out the best opportunities for diving, taking into account the unpredictable weather and ice conditions, whilst maintaining the highest level of safety in combination with quality diving. We don’t dive through a wide hole in the ice but in a controlled environment under small, grounded icebergs, diving from the shore, a zodiac or an ice shell.

#### **Explorers**

For the ‘Explorers’ we run small groups at a landing site or on a zodiac cruise. These small numbers give us exceptional freedom to do longer, more exploratory activities and landings. On the landing sites, our ‘footprint’ is very small – we are few enough to cause virtually no disturbance, leaving us with more rewarding interactions with the wildlife – and a feeling of being that little bit more in our own personal wilderness.

The ‘Explorers’ and ‘Divers’ can add to each other’s experience. Life in the Antarctic is very much based in the Ocean and divers’ perspectives, photographs and videos have proved fascinating to our topside guests. On many occasions our topside boats alert the divers to some wildlife they hadn’t seen, and vice versa. There is very pleasant synergy; when divers start talking to the ‘Explorers’ and hear about their landings or zodiac cruises, they often decide to ‘take a dive off’ and join them.

## The Vessel

The Polar Pioneer is a modern, ice-strengthened research vessel built in Finland for the Russian Academy of Science and ideally suited to expedition cruising in polar areas. Accommodation and on-board-life is cozy and comfortable and most cabins have private facilities. The public areas include a dining room that also acts as lecture room, a bar with reference books, a doctor's cabin and sauna.

To facilitate the divers in the best possible way on our expedition vessel, we have our own specially designed dive container on board. The container provides boxed storage space for your gear and a heating system to dry your suit and BC. You don't have the inconvenience of having to take your suit and gear into your cabin or inside the ship.

# ICELAND

## pre- and post cruise programmes

Think of Iceland and there are several associations: hip Reykjavík, the beautiful therapeutic Blue Lagoon and boiling mud pools, spurting geysers, glaciers and waterfalls. It's an adventure playground. Prior or after your expedition cruise to Greenland you have the chance to stay a few days longer to explore the beauty of Iceland. We offer superb snorkelling and diving in the Silfra Rift, one of worlds' absolute top dive sites, and Strýtan the geothermal chimney In the North of Iceland not far from the second largest town Akureyri. But also hiking, ice climbing and many other adventures. Contact us for 3- or 4 day up to 10 day tailor-made dive and snorkel adventure packages.



Date and voyage	Days	Triple	Twin Shared	Twin Private	Superior	Suite	Diving
<b>Circumnavigation Spitsbergen</b>							
11 JUL – 21 JUL 2011 (Longyearbyen – Longyearbyen)	11	€ 3.770	€ 4.745	€ 5.565	€ 6.115	€ 6.570	€ 625
21 JUL – 31 JUL 2011 (Longyearbyen – Longyearbyen)	11	€ 3.770	€ 4.745	€ 5.565	€ 6.115	€ 6.570	€ 625
31 JUL – 10 AUG 2011 (Longyearbyen – Longyearbyen)	11	€ 3.770	€ 4.745	€ 5.565	€ 6.115	€ 6.570	€ 625
<b>Spitsbergen &amp; East Greenland</b>							
10 AUG – 23 AUG 2011 (Longyearbyen – Keflavik)	14	€ 4.745	€ 5.735	€ 6.695	€ 7.425	€ 8.140	€ 625
02 SEP – 15 SEP 2011 (Keflavik - Longyearbyen)	14	€ 4.745	€ 5.735	€ 6.695	€ 7.425	€ 8.140	€ 625
<b>Iceland &amp; South East Greenland</b>							
23 AUG – 02 SEP 2011 (Keflavik - Keflavik)	12	€ 3.830	€ 4.805	€ 5.627	€ 6.175	€ 6.630	€ 625

### Rates include

- Accommodation in twin cabin and full board while on the vessel
- Use of Rubber Boots provided
- Leadership by our experienced Expedition Leader and Polar Dive Master
- Professional Dive Operation including dive compressor, tanks, weights and belts (you need to bring your own personal dive gear)
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program

### Rates do not include

- International or domestic flights, unless included
- Excess baggage charges on flight
- All items of a personal nature such as laundry, meals ashore, bar, beverage and telecommunication charges
- Gratuities
- Pre- and post-voyage packages with air and hotel available upon request
- Your personal dive equipment

### NOTES:

Prices quoted in Euro per person, based on twin share. Single surcharge 80%  
Minimum number of divers : 8 per voyage

**Please contact us for more information, detailed itineraries and special departures.**

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