

Spitsbergen

Circumnavigation

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Richard and Dawn Furlong have sailed aboard MV FRAM since she was launched in 2007, including a previous voyage to Spitsbergen, and also numerous itineraries in Antarctica, Iceland and Greenland. We know the ship and the crew well, and how these voyages operate, so we'll help you get the most from your holiday. As usual the tour includes everything you need. Naturally, you may also rely on our meticulous planning, great hospitality, and sense of fun! Welcome aboard.



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Remote, mysterious and extreme, the island of Spitsbergen is the jewel in Arctic Norway's crown, a land forged by snow, ice, ocean and wind, that presents you with a spectacular range of unforgettable adventures.

The aim of our 2019 expedition is to circumnavigate Spitsbergen and discover the incredible Arctic flora and fauna.

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Located on the southern fringe of the ever frozen Arctic Ocean, where the warmer currents of the Gulf Stream meet the colder air and water from the north, Spitsbergen and the other islands of the Svalbard Archipelago are a biological hot spot.

In the summer, thousands of migratory birds return to breed, and there is intense bird activity at sea, in the bird cliffs and on the islands. Common sightings include the Arctic Tern, Northern Fulmar, Ivory Gull, Little Auk, Atlantic Puffin, Snow Bunting, Arctic Skua and the Svalbard Rock Ptarmigan (the only species that over-winters in the archipelago).

Svalbard Reindeer and Arctic Fox are year-round locals, and so too are Narwhals, Beluga and Bowhead whales, walruses, and a selection of seal species, including ringed, harbour and bearded varieties.

*Top: Hornsund in spring
Middle: Thick-billed murre
Bottom: Arctic flowers*



Ruling over this fragile and often frozen kingdom is, of course, the region's top predator, the magnificent Polar Bear.

During the voyage you'll hear about the region's early whaling era and have the opportunity to visit fascinating communities like Barentsburg, Longyearbyen and Ny Ålesund. Each one very different in character, but with one thing in common - a pioneer feeling.

Thankfully we now travel in somewhat more comfort than the early explorers, but that certainly doesn't make this expedition any less exciting. It's an opportunity to see what few have seen.

If you're inclined to explore, don't miss this tour.



Widely accepted as one of the most modern expedition ships afloat, Hurtigruten's MV FRAM has become a firm favourite with our guests.

Launched in 2007 with the aim to bring her guests closer to nature, wildlife and unforgettable experiences, the FRAM is large enough to provide stability, ample public space and comfortable accommodations, and yet small enough to sail in remote areas and get you close to the action.

MV FRAM facilities include a top deck panorama lounge with floor-to-ceiling glass; spacious outside decks including access to the very front of the ship, a great place to observe marine wildlife; a choice of cabins all with private facilities; a 24-hour tea and coffee station, library, lecture rooms, gym, sauna and heated Jacuzzi.

The FRAM's friendly crew and staff include a dedicated, passionate and knowledgeable expedition team.

Mon 24 Jun 2019 Alkefjellet

Another day in the true spirit of explorers like Amundsen and Nansen. MV FRAM will tack her way south through the famous Hinlopen Strait which separates the east coast of Spitsbergen from the large ice-capped island of Nordaustlandet. On route we'll visit a spectacular bird cliff called Alkefjellet. Its 300 metre spires rise directly from the sea and create perfect bird nesting conditions. We also hope to see the Bråsvellbreen glacier, famous for its giant surge forward in 1938.

Tue 25 Jun 2019 Nature Reserves

The eastern part of Svalbard is mainly divided into two large nature reserves. Combined they represent one of the last large, mainly untouched, wildernesses in Europe. We'll visit Edgeøya, the third largest island in Svalbard and then sail the Storfjorden, hopefully giving us views of hundreds of glaciers and mountains. If we are lucky we'll meet some of Svalbard's marine mammals as we head towards the southern most tip of Spitsbergen.

Wed 26 Jun 2019 Hornsund

Today we explore Hornsund, a largely alpine landscape boasting some majestic mountains including Hornsundtinden and Bautaen, which seen from the right angle looks like a giant Viking sword.

Thu 27 Jun 2019 Isfjord

We spend the day exploring both the outer and the inner parts of Isfjorden. One of the most prominent mountains here is Alkornet, where thousands of Brunnich Guillemots nest during the summer season.

Isfjord's inner U-shaped valleys, carved out by giant glaciers, are now home to large populations of the endemic Svalbard Reindeer.

Later, our intent is to find a scenic fjord arm and arrange a farewell barbecue in the most beautiful Arctic surroundings.

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Fri 28 Jun 2019 Homebound

Sadly, every explorer voyage has to come to an end. We disembark the MS FRAM this morning before flying via Oslo back to the UK.

You will probably sense that time has passed faster than expected, however, the number of awesome experiences also feels impossible to have happened in such a short time. So, bring back the memory of that solitary polar bear, the calving glacier, or the buzzing birdlife – or simply the subtle, odd feeling of having spent time on top of the globe, just a few hundred kilometres from the North Pole!



Top: Arctic fox
Middle: Longyearbyen
Bottom: Bearded seal



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