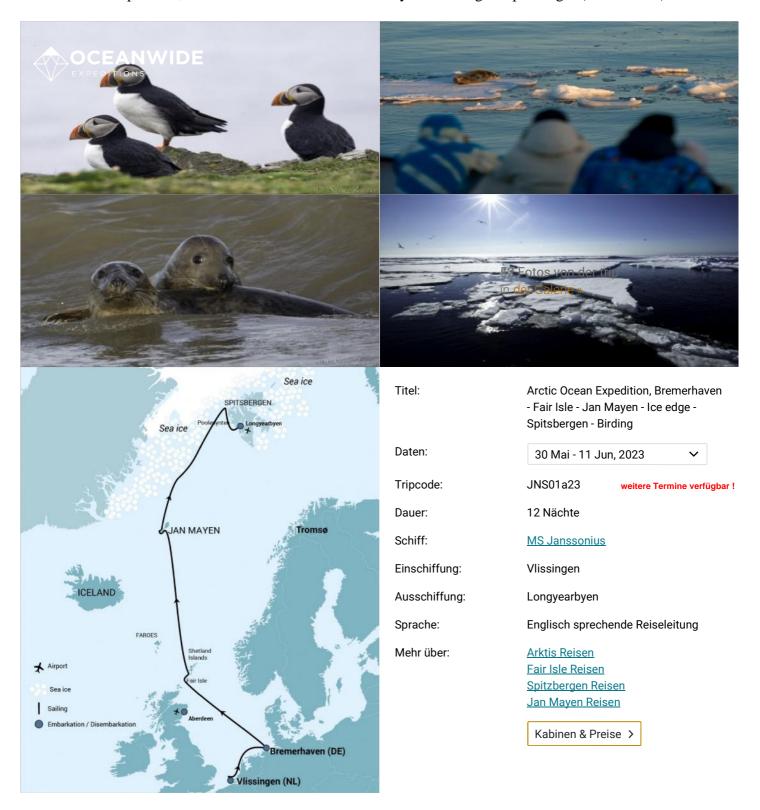


# Arctic Ocean Expedition, Bremerhaven - Fair Isle - Jan Mayen - Ice edge Spitsbergen - Birding

Sail the East Greenland ice edge north of Spitsbergen in search for whales, and other Arctic wildlife



#### REISEROUTE

ZUR BEACHTUNG: All itineraries are for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on ice, weather, and wildlife conditions. Landings are subject to site availabilities, permissions, and environmental concerns per AECO regulations. Official sailing plans and landing slots are scheduled with AECO prior to the start of the season, but the expedition leader determines the final plan. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. The average cruising speed of our vessel is 10.5 knots.

Search for whales, and other Arctic wildlife of the land, sea, and air on an adventurous voyage from our home port of Vlissingen to our favorite Arctic island group.

Birding: -

## In dieser Reise enthalten

Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary

All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea.

All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.

Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff. We will have at least one dedicated expedition guide in our team who will share their expert knowledge about bird species and who will be available to help you identify, photograph on deck and learn more about the birds that we see. In addition to outdoor sessions, our guide will focus on species and related information on the birds of the Arctic in re-caps and lectures onboard.

## Workshop: Sounds of whales and seals

In this engaging audio workshop, we will provide you the theoretical background of various acoustic tools that we will help you use to locate and interpret the songs of whales and seals. This fun and informative workshop covers both the theory and practice of analyzing marine mammal sounds, requiring you to bring no additional equipment.

## Day 1: Northward bound

You board the vessel in Vlissingen in the afternoon, and we depart on our voyage that evening.

## Day 2: Wadden Sea Islands

The Frisian Islands (Friesland in German and Dutch), also known as the Wadden Sea Islands, lie between western Denmark and the northwestern reaches of the Netherlands. Large areas of the Wadden Sea, where these islands are located, become dry during low tide, and much of the Frisian Islands comprise an international wildlife reserve of environmentally protected areas. You will be able to see these islands from a distance, and in the late evening or early hours of the following day, the vessel will arrive in Bremerhaven.

### Day 3: Bremerhaven, Germany

Passengers who joined us in Vlissingen will have some free time on this day, enjoying the opportunity to roam about town on their own. There are several fine museums and attractions (Klimahaus, Schifffahrtsmuseum, Zoo am Meer, etc.) in addition to walks along the shoreline. You then board the vessel by midday, departing in the afternoon and sailing about five hours to the small island of Helgoland. The ship will not make landings here, but we will sail as close as possible to the island in the hopes of getting some good views of the steep seabird cliffs on its west side. These cliffs are known for their many breeding seabirds (gannets, kittiwakes, and guillemots), a winning sight for any bird lover. We'll then continue our voyage across the North Sea.

#### Day 4: Sea life on the move

Crossing the North Sea and sailing by Doggersbank, you stand an excellent chance of spotting minke whales, white-beaked dolphins, and harbour porpoises. Several other cetaceans, including orcas (killer whales), are also native to these seas.

## Day 5: Birds, seals, and world-famous knits

At Fair Isle, in the Shetlands, the roughly seventy inhabitants (renowned for their knitwear) welcome you for a walk to the local bird observatory. This location is a haven for sea birds, though you may also spot grey seals.

#### Day 6 – 7: Jan Mayen marine life

You sail north to the Norwegian island of Jan Mayen, 300 nautical miles northeast of Iceland. Your two days at sea do not pass idly, however. Keep a close lookout for any spouts of water from the surrounding seas, heralding the arrival of a minke, fin, orca, or blue whale.

Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes

Transfers and baggage handling between the airport, hotels and ship only for those passengers on the group flights to and from Longyearbyen.

All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.

AECO fees and governmental taxes.

Comprehensive pre-departure material.

Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges.

The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).

## Day 8: Snow-capped seaside volcano

Jan Mayen is a stark volcanic island crowned by the snow-capped summit of Mt. Beerenberg. From the slopes of this imposing 2,300-meter-high (7,545 feet) volcano, broken glaciers grasp out into the frigid sea. With permission from the Norwegian authorities, you can now visit the weather station. You can also walk to the remains of a 17th-century Dutch whaling station amid the thick moss beds of this stark volcanic landscape.

## Day 9 – 11: Under the midnight sun & along the ice edge

Basking in the midnight sun, you sail north along the edge of the sea ice in search of bowhead whales, harp seals, polar bears, and a variety of seabirds. You then change direction after about 79° north, cutting west to the rocky edges of the continental shelf of west Spitsbergen. Here you have a good chance of seeing fin whales and — near the glacial mouths of the gaping Spitsbergen fjords — surfacing minke whales.

## Day 12: The Arctic island of Spitsbergen

German whalers sailed from Hamburg to Spitsbergen in the middle of the 17th century. They established whaling stations, for instance in Hamburgbukta, south of Magdalenefjorden. We are in the area and time allowing we may stop there. Otherwise the focus is on Forlandsundet, between the main island of Spitsbergen and the narrow Prins Karls Forland, is a place of great beauty and fascinating wildlife. Walruses sometimes haul out here. Alternatively, you might sail into St. Johns Fjord or head south to the mouth of Isfjorden, landing at Alkhornet. Seabirds nest on these cliffs, Arctic foxes search below for fallen eggs and chicks, and reindeer graze the sparse vegetation.

## Day 13: Journey's end in Longyearbyen

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. You disembark in Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Spitsbergen, taking home memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies. But if you're still craving additional chances to spot the Arctic's most iconic apex predator, stay on board for our seven-night north Spitsbergen voyage, "in search of polar bears & pack ice."

# HIGHLIGHTS DIE SIE ERLEBEN KÖNNEN



#### **MS JANSSONIUS**

Janssonius, unser neuestes und fortschrittlichstes Polar Class 6-Kreuzfahrtschiff, übertrifft alle neuesten Umweltanforderungen des Polar Code <u>Alle Schiff-</u> <u>Informationen »</u>



## AKTIVITÄTEN WORAN SIE TEILNEHMEN KÖNNEN

# Vogelbeobachtung

#### **KOSTENLOS**



Wir haben mindestens einen Spezialisten in unserem Team, der sein Expertenwissen über Vogelarten mit Ihnen teilt und Ihnen zur Verfügung steht beim Identifizieren der Vögel, fotografieren, und für weitere Informationen.

Lese mehr über Vogelbeobachtungen »

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Lese mehr über Acoustics Workshop »

#### **KABINEN & PREISE**

#### Vierpersonen mit Bullauge









2 Bullauge 2 obere & untere Liegeplätze Kleines Sofa Private Dusche & Toilette Flachbild-TV Tisch & Stuhl Telefon und WiFi (extra) Haartrockner Kabinett

Kleiderschrank Diese Kabine eignet sich für Familien mit Kindern oder Passagiere, die keine Doppeloder Luxus-Kabine benötigen

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Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

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#### Drei-Personen Bullauge





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Single cabin

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## **Doppel Deluxe**



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Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

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€7820

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Single cabin

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Sharing berth

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#### Superior



2 Fenster 1 Doppelbett Sofa Private Dusche & Toilette Flachbild-TV Tisch & Stuhl Telefon und WiFi (extra) Tee- und Kaffeemaschine Bademantel Haartrockner Kabinett Kleiderschrank

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Complete cabin Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied. €10200

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Single cabin

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).

€8670

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#### **Junior Suite**



1 doppeltes Fenster 1 Doppelbett Private Dusche & Toilette Flachbild-TV Tisch & Stuhl Telefon und WiFi (extra) Kühlschrank Tee- und Kaffeemaschine Bademantel Haartrockner Kabinett Kleiderschrank

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Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

€10900

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