

## Arctic 2015 aboard 'm/v Ortelius'

Code	Voyage	Start	End	Nights/ Days	Embarkation - Disembarkation	Quadruple Porthole	Triple Porthole	Twin Porthole	Twin Window	Twin Deluxe	Superior
OTL15	North Spitsbergen <i>Cleaning the shores</i>	AUG 28/Fr	SEP 04/Fr	07/08	Longyearbyen Longyearbyen	2,450	3,000	3,450	3,700	3,900	4,350



# Arctic 2015 LEGEND & GENERAL NOTES

ICON	EXPLANATION	SUPPLEMENT	FARES INCLUDE:
D	Diving. Group size: 6 - 24 divers.	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary.</li> <li>- All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea.</li> <li>- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.</li> <li>- Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.</li> <li>- Free use of rubber boots and snow shoes on Plancius and Ortelius, and of snow shoes on Rembrandt.</li> <li>- <b>On Spitsbergen voyages:</b> Transfers and baggage handling between the airport, hotels and ship only for those passengers on the group flights to and from Longyearbyen.</li> <li>- <b>On Northeast Greenland voyages:</b> Transfer and baggage handling between ship in Akureyri and hotels in Reykjavik and v.v. by coach (6 hours).</li> <li>- <b>On Rembrandt voyages:</b> Transfers and baggage handling between airport and ship in Greenland harbours on the chartered group flights.</li> <li>- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.</li> <li>- AECO fees and governmental taxes.</li> <li>- Comprehensive pre-departure material.</li> </ul>
F	French speaking.	-	
G	German speaking.	-	
H	Hikes of approx. 6 hours	USD 500 pp	
K	Kayaking. Group size: 4 - 14 kayakers. Free of charge on 'Basecamp Ortelius'.	-	
M	Mountain Ski & Sail. Group size: 6 - 8 experienced skiers per mountain guide. Skiers will bring their own ski equipment.	-	
NL	Dutch speaking.	-	
P	Photo workshops free of charge on 'Basecamp' voyages	USD 380 pp	
S	Snowshoe/Hiking. The activity is free of charge and includes the rental of snowshoes	USD 440 pp	
*	Voyage is currently under charter	-	

<b>CHILDREN</b>	Children under 16 with parents receive 40 % discount in Superior, Triple (sharing with 2 parents / adults) and Quadruple Cabin (sharing with 3 parents / adults).
<b>SINGLE TRAVELLER</b>	Single travellers can chose between "single occupancy" at a supplement of 1,7 x the Twin or Superior cabin rate , or "sharing basis" in Twin, Triple or Quadruple category at no additional cost.
<b>FUEL SURCHARGE</b>	It is agreed that if fuel prices will exceed US Dollar 120 per Barrel Brent <b>90 days prior to departure</b> Oceanwide Expeditions reserves the right to levy a fuel surcharge of US Dollar 25 per passenger per night, to be paid by the contracting party of Oceanwide Expeditions.

<b>NOT INCLUDED</b>	Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights; pre- and post- land arrangements; transfers to / from the vessel outside Spitsbergen; passport and visa expenses; Government arrival and departure taxes; meals ashore; baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is mandatory); excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges; and the customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).
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All rates are quoted per person in USD, based on twin occupancy. USD rates apply for all sales outside Europe. 5% Discount will be granted for bookings for one or more consecutive voyages. Please note that all dates & rates are subject to change. All voyages will operate subject to a minimum of 70 participants on Plancius and on Ortelius, 24 participants on Rembrandt, and 14 participants on Noorderlicht.

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## ITINERARY

**North Spitsbergen *Cleaning the shores – Polar Bear Special***

Longyearbyen – Longyearbyen

OTL15

Aug 28 – Sep 04

07 nights

aboard Ortelius

*The first three full days of the journey about 50 passengers, who will get equipment and instructions from their guides, will clean in the morning while the other 50 have their excursion in another area. In the afternoon, the groups will switch roles. Often we will not be able to clean a certain area, because of roaming bears, and have to find an alternative area to clean up.*



**Day 1** - Arrive in Longyearbyen, the administrative capital of the Spitsbergen archipelago of which West Spitsbergen is the largest island. Before embarking there is an opportunity to stroll around this former mining town, whose parish church and Polar Museum are well worth visiting, while in the surrounding area of Longyearbyen. In the early evening the ship will sail out of Isfjorden.

**Day 2, 1st day of cleaning activities.** We visit Raudfjord or Liefdefjord on the north coast of West Spitsbergen, beautiful fjords dominated by spectacular glaciers and favoured by Ringed and Bearded Seal, where we often see Polar Bears. In the evening we will sail by the island of Moffen where a big herd of Walrus can be found.

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**Day 3 – 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> day of cleaning activities** .We sail through Beverleysundet named by Parry in 1827 and also sailed by the Swedish-Russian Arc-of-Meridian Expedition in 1898. We push east to reach the area of Nordaustlandet, where the Nobile expedition drifted around in 1928 and where the Italian Sora tried to come to the rescue. Then, we could get to Alpinøya, reached by Sora in 1928, and then to the mouth of Finn Malmgrenfjord, and Albertinibukta and to climb Soraberget (205 M) from where we have a fantastic view on the icecap of Nordaustlandet; alternatively we will land at Storøya, where again we may meet a group of Walrus.

**Day 5.** Today we will reach our northernmost point at Phippsøya, in the Seven Islands north of Nordaustlandet. Here we will be at 81 degrees north, just 540 miles from the geographic North Pole. Polar Bear inhabit this region, along with Ivory Gull

**Day 6** - Retracing our route westwards, our route takes us through and along the pack ice, keeping watch for Polar Bear and the elusive Greenland Whale (Bowhead). About 40 nautical miles west of Spitsbergen we sail along the edge of the continental shelf, where Fin Whale forage in summer in the upwellings along the Spitsbergen banks. At the mouth of the Kongsfjord we have also good chances to see Minke Whale.

**Day 7** - We land at the northern tip of Prins Karls Forland near Fuglehuken. Seabirds nest on the cliffs, and along the coast we see Harbour Seal, the only population found in Spitsbergen. Here we also will observe the remains of the Polar Bear hunting era, with demolished set guns and bear traps. At the opposite site of Forlandsundet at Sarstangen is a haul out place for Walrus. Alternatively we sail into St. Johns Fjord or south to the mouth of Isfjorden and land at Alkhorner. Seabirds nest on its cliffs and Arctic Fox search the cliff base for fallen eggs and chicks, while Spitsbergen Reindeer graze the relatively luxuriant vegetation. At night time we arrive in Longyearbyen.

**Day 8** - Return to Longyearbyen and disembark for the transfer to the airport and the flight to Oslo and home.