



ARCTIC CRUISE ADVENTURE: IN SEARCH OF THE POLAR BEAR (2024)

Discover geological wonders and see the majestic polar bear in its natural environment on a voyage to magnificent Arctic islands.

Cruises, A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises



Arctic, Norway, Iceland



15 days from AU\$30,145 pp



199 Guests

Journey Overview

Explore the Arctic on an all-encompassing expedition in search of the mighty polar bear. Travel alongside A&K's unmatched Expedition Team and knowledgeable experts intimately familiar with the region, seeking out the sea bear in the Svalbard Islands and discovering the starkly beautiful lava fields and ice caves of Iceland's Westfjords. Experience this thrilling destination through numerous guided shore landings and active excursions.

Journey Highlights

- 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 Zodiac excursions through ice floes to epic volcanic hikes, all under the wing of A&K's award-winning Expedition Team
- Experience a vast breadth of Arctic wildlife habitats, including the polar bear haven of Svalbard
- Cruise to the remote east coast of Greenland, where you may visit Scoresby Sound and the Inuit village of Ittoqqortoormiit
- Discover North Iceland and the whale-watching port of Husavik, where you experience a private, behind-the-scenes tour at the renowned Husavik Whale Museum
- Join photography lectures, hands-on workshops and tips in the field led by A&K's dedicated photo coach

Take 10 with an A&K Expert to Hear More About This Journey



Itinerary

Jul 29: Arrive Oslo, Norway

Arrive in Oslo, your gateway to the Arctic. Upon arrival, you are met and escorted to the conveniently located Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. This evening, gather for a welcome briefing.

Radisson Blu Airport Hotel, Oslo Gardermoen / Meals: D

Jul 30: Longyearbyen | Gateway to Adventure

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. After a tour of the tiny town and its Arctic Museum, board your luxury expedition cruiser.

'Le Lyrial' / Meals: BLD

Jul 31: Svalbard | Northern Outpost

Awake to your first morning aboard as your vessel cruises up the Svalbard coast. Today's planned port of call is Ny Alesund, home to a polar research station and the northernmost post office in the world. Back aboard, enjoy a welcome dinner hosted by the Captain.

'Le Lyrial' / Meals: BLD

Aug 1: Svalbard | Glacial Archipelago

Today, your vessel sets course for Monacobreen. Formerly known as Monaco Bay, this glacier reaches down into Spitsbergen and is frequented by polar bear, harbor and bearded seal, walrus and a multitude of seabirds. You may also cruise through Liefdefjorden (The Love Fjord), another excellent area for spotting polar bear.

'Le Lyrial' / Meals: BLD

Aug 2: Svalbard | Realm of the Polar Bear

Conditions permitting, you may cruise past the cliffs of Alkefjellet. Plunging steeply into the water, these staggering cliffs harbor vast colonies of auk diving birds. This afternoon, your Captain and Expedition Team may take advantage of sea conditions and cruise along the Arctic ice edge in search of the elusive polar bear.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: BLD

Aug 3: Svalbard | Austfonna Icecap

Your expedition vessel navigates around the Austfonna Icecap, one of the world's largest icecaps, spanning over 5,000 square miles. Austfonna is renowned for its massive scale and awe-inspiring glacial waterfalls.

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Aug 4: Svalbard | Tip of the Archipelago

The day's explorations may take you to Sjuoyane, the most northerly region of the Svalbard archipelago.

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Aug 5: Greenland Sea | Enrichment at Sea

Cruise south through the Greenland Sea as your Expedition Team lectures on the wildlife, history and geology of Svalbard.

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Aug 6: Jan Mayen | Glacier-Cloaked Volcano

The day's planned shore excursion is Jan Mayen, a rugged island dominated by the 7,500-foot Beerenberg Volcano, the world's northernmost active volcano. With special permission and conditions permitting, land on this rarely visited island to see its meteorological station and discover colonies of northern fulmas, little auk, thick-billed guillemot and black guillemot.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: BLD

Aug 7: Scoresby Sound | Endless Fjords

Your Captain charts a course across the Greenland Sea, skirting the Arctic ice edge toward Greenland's rarely visited eastern coast and Scoresby Sound, the largest and longest fjord system in the world. You may embark on Zodiac excursions through the fjord's intricate network, taking in its islands and icebergs while searching for Arctic and musk fox.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: BLD

Aug 8: The Denmark Strait | Remote Village

Today, ice conditions permitting, disembark for a visit to the small settlement of Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the most isolated villages in Greenland.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: BLD

Aug 9: The Denmark Strait | Unwinding at Sea

Cruise the Denmark Strait as you relax or watch for seabirds and whales from the deck between insightful lectures from your Expedition Team.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: BLD

Aug 10: Husavik, Iceland | Whale-Watching Haven

Today, visit picturesque Husavik and its fascinating whale museum. Supported by A&K Philanthropy, the museum is one of the world's foremost whale research centres. Afterward, choose to embark on a scenic whale-watching tour followed by free time in Husavik, or perhaps set off for Godafoss Falls and geothermal Lake Myvatn. Tonight, gather for a special farewell reception and dinner.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: BLD

Aug 11: Iceland's Westfjords | Lava & Ice-Carved Lands

Explore the Westfjords of Iceland, a remote region of small settlements interspersed amid spectacular mountains and coves. You might make a visit to Dynjandi Falls, the grandest waterfall in the Westfjords. Enjoy a leisurely walk along the shore or take a more vigorous trek to the viewing platform, both offering scenic views of the falls.

'Le Lyrial' | Meals: BLD

Aug 12: Depart Reykjavik

This morning, disembark your luxury expedition cruiser in Reykjavik and transfer to the airport for your onward departure.

Meals: B

Journey Details

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

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.

Oslo/Longyearbyen Economy Class flights included.

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 Jul 29.

Last group event: disembarkation at 9:00 a.m. on Aug 12.

Included with this Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team
- Pre-Cruise Stay at Ideally Located Hotel
- 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 on board
- Complimentary Expedition Parka, Backpack and Water Bottle, and Use of Waterproof Pants, Boots and Trekking Poles
- Zodiac Excursions Led by Expert Naturalist Driver-Guides
- Enrichment program, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service on board
- 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

Map



Extensions



Oslo Pre-Tour Extension (2024)

[See Details](#)



Reykjavik Post-Tour Extension (2024)

[See Details](#)

Accommodation

Hotel Radisson Blu Gardermoen, Oslo



Linked to the Oslo Airport, Gardermoen (OSL) terminal by a covered walkway, the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel is just steps from bus and train stations. You can reach the vibrant city centre in about 20 minutes via Flytoget, the Airport Express train.

Each of the 500 rooms and suites include convenient amenities such as free high-speed wireless internet and soundproof windows for a restful stay. Rooms feature New Scandinavian, Chili and Naturally Cool design themes that lend a cosy atmosphere. Offering wheelchair-accessible and hypoallergenic rooms upon request.

The new and modern 26 North Restaurant & Social Club, is inspired by the Nordic countries, their nature, culinary treasures and design. The Lobby Lounge offers an inviting atmosphere where you can relax with a coffee or a drink. Keep up with your fitness regimen at the Fit4Flight wellness centre.

The hotel offers new, modern Meeting & Events facilities. The hotel's location makes it the perfect accommodation to explore the Norwegian Capital. A short train ride takes you to the city centre, ready to discover popular attractions such as the Vigeland Park and Museum, the Opera House and the Astrup Fearnley Museum. The latter is right next to the Sneak Peak watchtower, which offers a panoramic view of Aker Brygge

(the old wharf), Oslo City Hall and the Harbor.

Why we like it:

- The soundproof rooms and suites include amenities such as minibars and free high-speed wireless Internet.
- Several on-site dining options to discover the flavours of the North
- The perfect location to explore the numerous attractions in Oslo and to experience the Scandinavian lifestyle.

Le Lyrial



An A&K voyage to Antarctica offers the opportunity to experience the world's most pristine region at its very best on board the comfortable and sophisticated Le Lyrial. Enjoy its stunning blue palette inspired by the Vega star, all-balcony staterooms and suites, and the finest expedition staff cruising the southern ocean today.

On other cruises to different destinations, she carries more than 264 passengers: on voyages with A&K, we limit her capacity to just 199 clients. Fewer passengers in turn allows for more shore excursions each day and cabins with private balconies for every guest.

Relax in the on-board spa and hammam or take a dip in the outdoor heated saltwater pool with panoramic ocean views to the horizon.

The two on-board restaurants offer a selection of gourmet and international cuisine while the airy and elegant communal areas provide the perfect mix of quiet corners and sociable spaces. By day, enjoy a series of enriching lectures by leading experts about your natural surroundings. Then by night, the Club Lounge and the Theatre take care of your evening's entertainment with a variety of live music shows and film screenings.

Amenities

- All outside staterooms and suites offer a private balcony when chartered by A&K
- Complimentary butler service for Deck 6, categories 4-9
- Sun deck and multiple outer deck observation areas
- Outside heated saltwater pool
- Library with extensive selection of books and reading areas
- Panoramic lounge and terrace

- Three bars and a boutique
- Fitness centre with state-of-the-art equipment
- Hairdresser offering full-service hair styling, manicures and pedicures
- Spa and hammam (steam room)
- On-board medical facilities with certified doctor
- 24-hour room service and laundry services
- The Club lounge hosts live music and dancing
- The Theatre offers unobstructed-view seating for live performances and film screenings
- Wireless internet access throughout the ship
- Dynamic positioning system

Strength and Style

- Sophisticated design, innovative marine technology and a convenient layout aided by three passenger elevators are among 'Le Lyrial's' many features.
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Safety

- Safety is first and foremost on board sturdy 'Le Lyrial.'
- The ship features the latest communication, navigational and safety equipment.
- A&K's English-speaking staff is readily available to assist and instruct on safety at all times during your cruise.

Environmentally Sound Operations

- In keeping with A&K's longstanding commitment to environmental conservation, 'Le Lyrial' is equipped with the most eco-friendly technology available today.
- Our expeditions exceed all environmental protocols, including those set by the National Science Foundation, Environmental Protection Agency and Antarctic Treaty Party nations.

Rest and Relaxation Redefined

- Among the most comfortable available on any polar expedition ship, all 108 cabins are fully equipped and feature bedding configurations that range from king-size beds to two single beds.
- Premier and Privilege Two-Room Suites feature a sofa that converts to a fixed queen-size bed, and the option to convert into a two-room cabin - perfect for families. 'Le Lyrial' also offers an additional Grand Deluxe Suite.
- 'Le Lyrial' is outfitted with a technologically advanced stabilizing system to minimize the effects of rough conditions and help keep passengers comfortable at all times.

Space to Meet and Mingle

- Spacious and elegant, 'Le Lyrial's' common areas invite casual conversation with fellow

guests as well as private reflection and views in quiet corners.

- The Panoramic Lounge and Terrace offer spacious areas ideal for social gatherings, afternoon tea or just relaxing with ocean views.
- The Club offers an elegant atmosphere in the evening, with live music and dancing, while the Theatre is the ideal venue for nightly entertainment, enrichment lectures and movies.

International Cuisine

- The Restaurant offers gourmet and international cuisine while The Compass Grill delivers casual indoor and outdoor dining for breakfast, lunch and themed dinners.
- There is always a selection of light fare and vegetarian dishes, and most special diets can be accommodated with advance notice.
- In-cabin room service is available 24/7.

Personal Butler Service on Board

- Cabin Categories 4-9 on Deck 6 receive the complimentary services of a private butler.
- From ensuring your suite is up to your standards to organizing cocktails on your private balcony, your butler tends to your every need, with grace and efficiency.

'Le Lyrial'

Category 1
Classic Stateroom

Category 2
Deluxe Stateroom

Category 3
Premier Stateroom

Category 4*
Prestige Suite

Category 5*
Premier Two-Room Suite

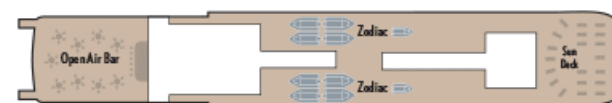
Category 6*
Privilege Two-Room Suite

Category 7*
Grand Deluxe
Two-Room Suite

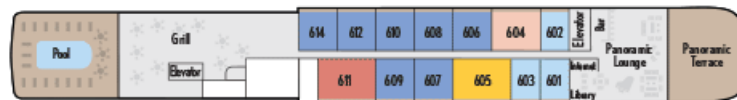
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Grand Privilege
Three-Room Suite

Category 9*
Owner's Suite

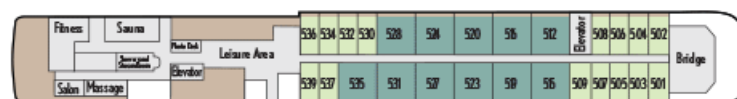
*Butler Service Included



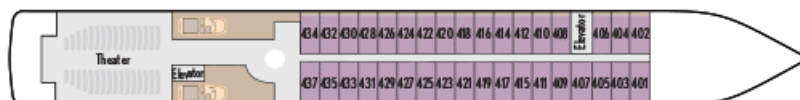
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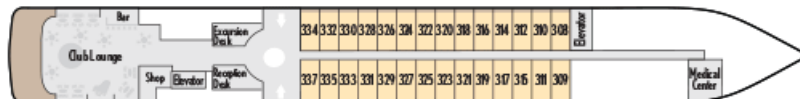
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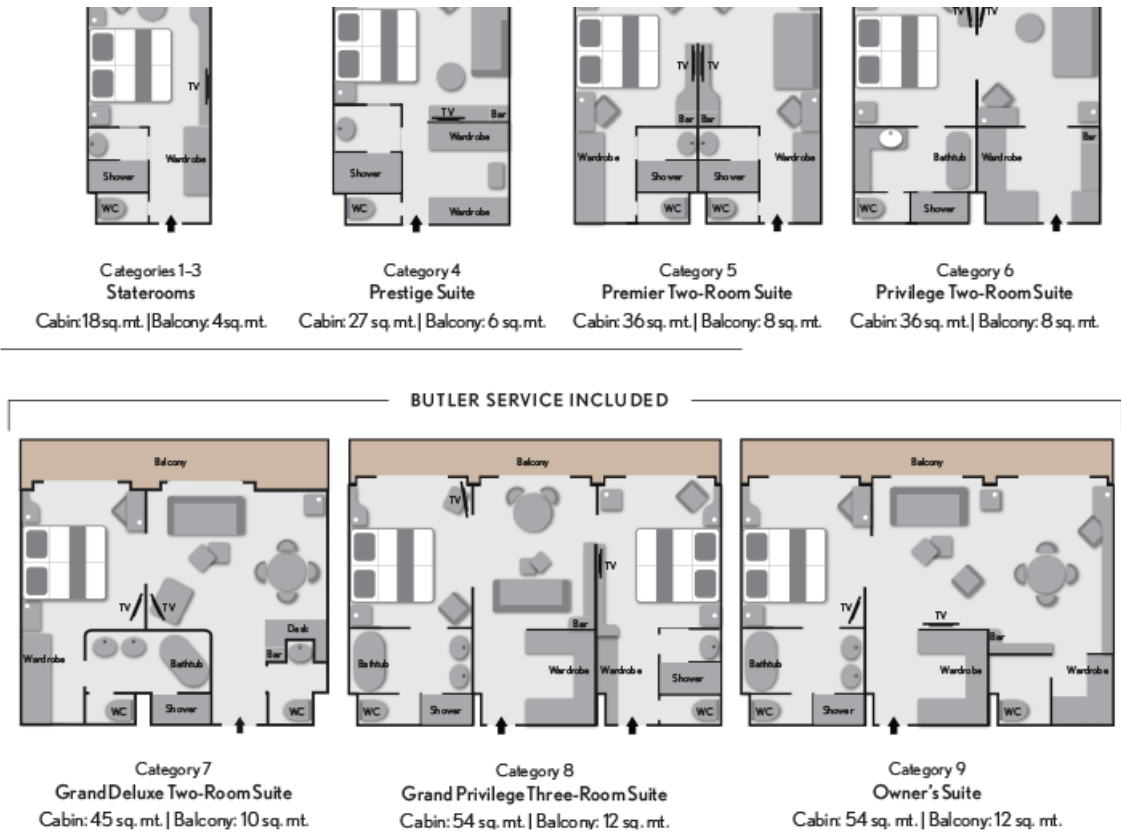
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DECK 2

BUTLER SERVICE INCLUDED





Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Jul 29, 2024 - Aug 12, 2024

Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Lyrial: Classic Balcony Stateroom - Category 1	AU\$36,290 NOW ONLY AU\$30,145 pp	AU\$26,530	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Lyrial: Deluxe Balcony Stateroom - Category 2	AU\$40,140 NOW ONLY AU\$33,995 pp	AU\$29,425	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Lyrial: Premier Balcony Stateroom - Category 3	AU\$43,215 NOW ONLY AU\$37,070 pp	AU\$31,730	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Lyrial: Prestige Balcony Suite - Category 4	AU\$45,525 NOW ONLY AU\$39,380 pp	AU\$38,730	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Lyrial: Premier Two-Room Balcony Suite - Category 5	AU\$60,140 NOW ONLY AU\$53,995 pp	AU\$52,610	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Lyrial: Privilege Two-Room Balcony Suite - Category 6	AU\$70,905 NOW ONLY AU\$64,760 pp	AU\$62,840	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Lyrial: Grand Deluxe Two-Room Balcony Suite - Category 7	AU\$75,525 NOW ONLY AU\$69,380 pp	AU\$67,225	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Lyrial: Grand Privilege Three-Room Balcony Suite - Category 8	AU\$83,985 NOW ONLY AU\$77,840 pp	AU\$75,270	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Lyrial: Owner's Balcony Suite - Category 9	AU\$90,140 NOW ONLY AU\$83,995 pp	AU\$81,115	Included	Call for Availability

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