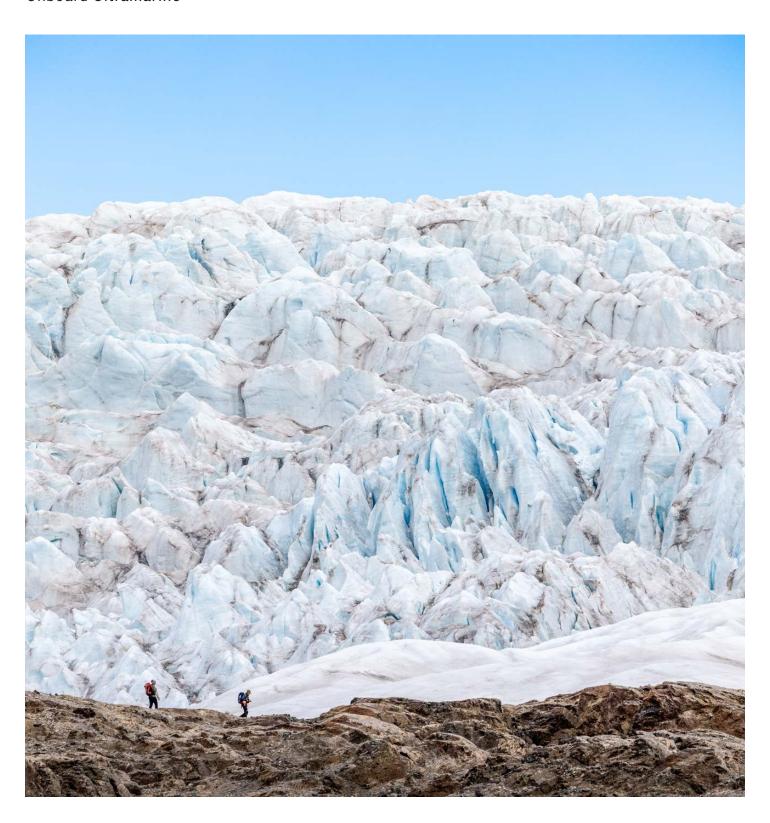


Spitsbergen Highlights: Wildlife Capital of the Arctic

Onboard *Ultramarine*



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Expedition Overview

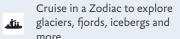
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Pack all the excitement of an epic Arctic expedition into one adventure-packed week. This rocky island is crowned with mountains, glaciers, towering cliffs, and fjords that host thriving, diverse ecosystems. Our 8-day Spitsbergen Highlights: Wildlife Capital of the Arctic lets you experience as much of the Svalbard wilderness as possible. Our expert guides will maximize opportunities for you to spot walruses, Arctic birds, reindeer, polar bears and other iconic Arctic creatures while Zodiac cruising, hiking and kayaking.

Highlights



Enjoy all the adventures of an Arctic expedition in just one week



Hike the colorful tundra with expert guides

Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Arctic with an optional kayaking adventure.



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN HELSINKI, FINLAND

Arrive in the Finnish capital and make your way to the group hotel located right at Helsinki airport. (The hotel is included in your Charter Flight & Hotel Package.) You will have the rest of the day to explore explore the many museums, galleries and restaurants, relax at a Finnish sauna or wander the vibrant Design District. If you do plan to visit Helsinki city center, take advantage of the convenient, 40-minute rail service from the airport.

DAY 2 | FLY TO LONGYEARBYEN, **SVALBARD & EMBARK**

This morning, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement.

DAYS 3 - 6 | EXPLORING SVALBARD

You'll sail around the shores of this magical archipelago, constantly searching for natural wonders. Covering western Spitsbergen, your expedition will afford ample opportunities to view immense glaciers, deep fjords, soaring mountains and unique flora and fauna.

Sailing north into Krossfjorden, have your camera handy, ready to capture some of the best glacier calving in Spitsbergen. Deep in the fjord, the highly active Lilliehöök Glacier awaits. Listen in awe to the growling as big chunks break off into the icy waters below. A Zodiac excursion to nearby Ny-London, an abandoned mining settlement, provides an ideal place



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Onboard the *Ultramarine* Flights to/from Helsinki - - - for a guided walk. Sightings of wildlife, such as the endemic Svalbard reindeer, might be possible here.

After cruising overnight, wake up to the stunning sight of the magnificent Monaco Glacier, another prolific iceberg producing glacier. To make this even more thrilling, help your Expedition Team to scan the shorelines and ice edge for marine mammals. Possible landing sites include Texas Bar, Worsleyneset and Alicehamna.

At Smeerenburg you can see the remains of an abandoned settlement that was established by Dutch whalers nearly 400 years ago. Here, at what was once one of Europe's most northerly outposts, you'll have time to explore ashore and learn about Spitsbergen's whaling history. Afterwards, cruising to Magdalenefjorden rewards you with panoramic vistas of snow-capped mountains and massive glaciers reflected in the crystal-clear waters.

We hope to round out the day in Alkhornet, taking in the towering cliffs teeming with nesting seabirds, such as fulmars and Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murres). Sightings of reindeer are possible here too. Later, in the evening, swap stories with your shipmates and crew one last time, at the captain's farewell dinner.

DAY 7 | DISEMBARK IN LONGYEARBYEN AND FLY TO HELSINKI

Our adventure ends in the frontier-style settlement of Longyearbyen. From here, we'll transfer you to the airport for your return group charter flight to Helsinki, included in the Charter Flight & Hotel Package. Upon arrival in Helsinki, you'll transfer to your included hotel for the night.

DAY 8 | ONWARD FLIGHT HOME

After breakfast, you can make your way to the airport for your onward flight home, or stay to explore Finland's culturally-rich capital on your own if you've made prior arrangements.

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Science & Discovery

A new initiative designed to foster community, curiosity and education.

Beginning in our Arctic 2027 season on select *Ultramarine* itineraries, Quark Expeditions is collaborating with leading scientists and researchers to enrich guest learning on- and off-ship.

Guest Engagement: Through researcher-led sessions, and interactive learning and field experiences with our expedition team, guests will gain a better understanding and appreciation of the polar wilderness.

This Science & Discovery program will enable guests to:

- Interact and connect with scientists and researchers who are actively collecting data during expeditions.
- Participate in citizen science programming to broaden their understanding and knowledge of the incredible polar ecosystem.
- Work with our expedition team
 to help collect and record data,
 ranging from experiences such as
 conducting seabird surveys on deck
 to documenting whale sightings
 on Zodiac excursions or joining
 interactive sampling activities to
 measure water conditions.

SCIENCE IN THE FIELD

Quark Expeditions supports academic research through partnerships with institutions such as Seabird Watch to deepen our understanding through access to projects that are contributing to published research and projects of high importance.

CITIZEN SCIENCE

In collaboration with the Polar Citizen Science Collective and Fjord Phyto, guests can engage in meaningful scientific data collection that supports targeted field research for projects like Happywhale.

QUARK SCIENCE HUB

This designated space on *Ultramarine* enables guests to share knowledge, information and insights with scientists, researchers, and our Expedition Guides.



Gather with scientists, researchers and expedition guides to share findings and insights from the voyage.



Engage with interactive digital displays featuring multimedia content for self-guided discovery even when staff aren't present.



Learn how data collection methods, such as drones, wildlife tags, and biopsy and guano sampling, enable us to study the health, population, and migratory pathways of unique birds, whales, and seals.



Review and discuss observations and explore samples collected during science Zodiac cruises with other participants.

Note: The Science Hub is open to guests for self-guided exploration when staff are otherwise occupied.





Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



* Arrive anytime on Day 1 or earlier. Day 1 includes an optional briefing. International flights are not included in the cost of the voyage.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN HELSINKI

You may arrive in Helsinki at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary. Your included accommodation will be at the airport hotel, so arrival transfers are not necessary. On arrival at the hotel, you will receive a welcome letter outlining the departure information for the following day's flight. Please keep in mind that your hotel room may not be ready for check in until 3pm. An agent representing Quark Expeditions® will be available in the lobby of the hotel later in the day to answer any questions.

DAY 2 — CHARTER FLIGHT AND EMBARKATION IN LONGYEARBYEN

After a well rested night at your hotel you will join your flight up to Longyearbyen. Upon arrival in Longyearbyen, you will be transferred from the airport to a drop off point and your luggage will be taken directly to the ship. Details of ship transfer times will be provided during your arrival transfer. Due to port logistics, it is possible that you may need to board the vessel by Zodiac, rather than from the pier.

PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Helsinki and Longyearbyen. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Helsinki. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

You will find in your final documents:

-) Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights
- Hotel information and check in time
- Charter flight time to embarkation point
-) Embarkation plan
- Departure charter flight time

Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN LONGYEARBYEN AND CHARTER FLIGHT

Your voyage is scheduled to end back in Longyearbyen where you will disembark after breakfast. The process takes about an hour and due to port logistics, may involve one last Zodiac ride to the pier.

If time allows, you may spend some time exploring Longyearbyen before we transfer you to the airport for your return group charter flight to Helsinki, included in the Charter Flight & Hotel Package. Upon arrival in Helsinki, you'll transfer to your included hotel for the night.

DEPARTING FROM HELSINKI

In the morning after breakfast, make your way to the airport to catch your onward flight home, or continue with your local travel plans as prearranged.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

HELSINKI AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Our hotel accommodations are provided at Helsinki airport. Transfers should not be required and are not provided.

PLEASE NOTE

Helsinki Hotel Accommodations:

The Charter Flight & Hotel Package for this expeditions includes two nights of hotel accommodations (on Day 1 and Day 6 of your expedition) at a hotel attached to Helsinki Airport., which is a 40-minute train ride from the city center.





ULTRAMARINE

The technologically advanced *Ultramarine* is built to go beyond the familiar in polar travel and to immerse guests in the best the region has to offer.

With 20 Zodiacs strategically positioned at water level for quick deployment, Ultramarine offers the industry's largest portfolio of off-ship adventures. The vessel features the most spacious suites in its category, breathtaking public spaces, exceptional wildlife-viewing areas, and sustainability systems that exceed industry standards. Ultramarine also features an onboard Science Hub, a centerpiece of our Science & Discovery program.

Ultramarine's wellness amenities include Tundra Spa with VOYA treatments, morning stretch classes, a sauna, a fully equipped fitness center, and health-conscious dining designed to restore balance and vitality at sea.

Ultramarine is designed to deliver unforgettable polar memories.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Staff and Crew: 140

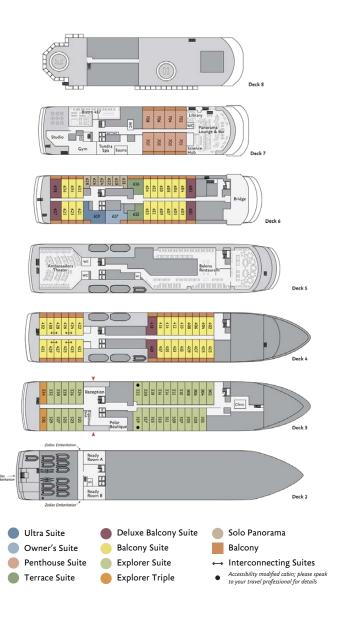
Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

Ice Class: PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.

*Ultramarine's two twin-engine helicopters do not operate on our Arctic 2027 voyages.





Included Activities

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.

Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions® voyage offers a variety of recreational activities to enhance your polar experience.



ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.



Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels.



PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.



POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff-and just about every single camera on board!



SCIENCE & DISCOVERY

Our Science & Discovery program offers guests the unique opportunity to engage directly with scientists and researchers and participate in citizen science activities with the expedition

team to collect and record data. Activities include conducting seabird surveys on deck, documenting whale sightings, and participating in interactive water sampling activities to measure environmental conditions. This program provides travelers with rare, first-hand experiences that contribute to global scientific research and deepens their understanding of and appreciation for the polar environment.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost.



Adventure Options

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



PLEASE NOTE

Pre-booking is required for all paid activities. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.

★ SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

X PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-ontop kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



Our Commitment to Conservation & Community

We're proud to partner with local communities to create immersive guest experiences that build respect for wildlife, culture and the land, and to work with leading scientists to support the conservation of the Arctic regions.

Empowering Local Development

We champion Arctic communities' goals for economic development and sustainable tourism through local hiring, infrastructure support, and advance visit planning.

Investing Directly in Communities

With guest support, we help fund community-led projects from food banks to cultural and language-based programs.

Co-creating with Community Partners

By partnering with local groups, we create authentic experiences—such as Tundra to Table, developed with *Igapall*, which enables Inuit chefs to share Greenlandic cuisine and culture. This program is available on most *Ultramarine* itineraries that operate in Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic.

To also learn about our conservation efforts, and how we connect guests to the natural world through hands-on experiences and education, visit us online at Community & Conservation.





Community

We deliver authentic experiences for our guests that benefit local partners and the communities we visit.



Departure Date

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Dates	Days	Start / End	Sea Kayaking	Paddling Excursion
ARCTIC 2027				
JUNE 25 - JULY 2, 2027	8	Helsinki	\$	\$

\$ Paid Activities



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- · Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage. (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible.)
- Complimentary select beer, wines and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled

- · A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.) Note: Internet access in the polar regions is subject to geography, climate, and other factors beyond our control.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- · All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Transfers between Longyearbyen town center, port, and airport on embarkation and disembarkation day.

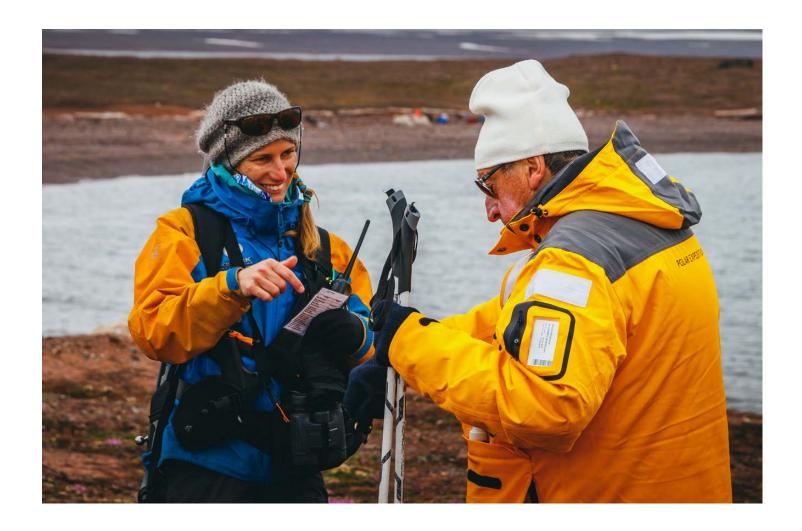
Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- · Charter Flight & Hotel Package*
- · International airfare
- · Arrival and departure transfers in Helsinki
- · Passport and visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar, spa and other personal charges unless specified
- · Phone charges may vary by location
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- · Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities

*CHARTER FLIGHT & HOTEL PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Pre- and post-expedition hotel nights at Helsinki airport hotel, with breakfast
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Charter flight from Helsinki to Longyearbyen
- · Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen
- · Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Helsinki



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders and their teams bring diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Arctic.

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides handson polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





On-Ship Dining

Every on-board meal is included in the cost of your trip.



5 BREAKFASTS



5 LUNCHES



5 DINNERS

If there's one constant on board, it's incredible food. You enjoy three delicious meals daily-all included. Let us know before your expedition about any dietary restrictions.

Breakfasts and lunches are typically buffet-style, while dinners are plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, ensuring top quality every time.

Coffee, tea, cocoa, and water stations are available—at no charge—24/7. Complimentary soft drinks and juices are served during meals and when the bar is open. Bonus: enjoy complimentary alcohol throughout your voyage (see "Raise A Glass" sidebar for details).

Premium wines and champagne are available for purchase. Our well-stocked bars are open late morning, afternoon, and evening—hours may shift slightly to accommodate the expedition schedule.

Raise A Glass

Enjoy complimentary select beer, wines and select cocktails during bar service hours and dinnerthroughout your voyage—as part of our "Raise A Glass and Stay Connected" Program.



Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

Spitsbergen

LILLIEHÖÖK GLACIER

In 2005, nearly 100 years after his great-great-grandfather conducted scientific investigations here, Prince Albert II of Monaco returned to Lilliehöök Glacier to honor his ancestor's memory. Here, you can take a Zodiac cruise amid labyrinths of sparkling icebergs, and witness breathtaking panoramas of ice. You may even spot bearded seals hauled out on the floes.

LONGYEARBYEN

Home to 2,400 people, the administrative capital of Svalbard is situated on the southern side of Adventfjorden. The settlement was founded in 1905 by John Munroe Longyear, the majority owner of the Arctic Coal Company of Boston. Today as much as ever, this is a true frontier town.

MOFFEN ISLAND

This island is designated as a protected sanctuary for walrus, which are only viewed from the ship—have your binoculars ready!

MONACO GLACIER

Prince Albert I of Monaco, a pioneer of oceanography, led an expedition to Svalbard in 1906. His team used sophisticated photographic techniques to understand the shape and position of several glacier fronts. Monaco Glacier honors the expedition, the prince and the principality over which he reigned. While touring the glacier front by Zodiac cruise, listen to the crackle and pop of the brash ice, search for seals and have a chance to admire a natural sculpture gallery.

WORSLEYNESET

Worsleyneset is a colorful tundracovered headland with flora boasting such unique names as moss campion (a bright green cushion plant dappled in pink flowers), saxifrage and Arctic mouse-eared chickweed. The point is a pleasure to explore.



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What to pack on your Arctic expedition

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.			
☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)			
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*			
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*			
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*			
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*			
□ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)			
\square Scarf, buff, or other face protection			
☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)			
□ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)			
□ Glove liners*			
☐ Hand and feet warmers*			
□ Binoculars			
□ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)			
□ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)			
☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)			
*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.			
BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking) In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:			
☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)			
☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)			
□ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required) Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel			
□ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle (in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)			

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- □ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Arctic
- Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page: QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to watch our video on what to pack before you go!



To book your next adventure

Contact your Travel Professional
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Polar Travel Adviser

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