



Itinerary

17 Day Solar Eclipse Expedition 2026 – Greenland, Iceland and Svalbard

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

Day 1: Oslo ~ Longyearbyen, Norway

Begin your Arctic solar eclipse voyage with a flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen, the world's northernmost town. Settle in for two nights in this colourful frontier settlement, where snowmobiles outnumber people and adventure awaits at every corner.

Longyearbyen sits on the edge of the Arctic wilderness, offering an atmosphere unlike anywhere else. If time permits, venture out to get your first glimpse of this extraordinary town—its vibrant streets surrounded by dramatic landscapes and the promise of high polar adventure.

Enjoy a relaxing evening at your leisure as you prepare for the journey ahead.

MEALS: Nil

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Longyearbyen

Day 2: Longyearbyen

After breakfast, it's time to explore Longyearbyen, a unique Arctic town best discovered on foot. Stroll along the main street and you may spot Svalbard reindeer wandering by. Although wild, they are known for their calm and curious nature.

Later, head out on the water for an included nature tour aboard the hybrid electric catamaran MS Bard. Its ultra-quiet engine and propellers are designed to minimise disturbance, allowing you to experience the surrounding nature and wildlife in peaceful silence.

The evening is yours to spend at leisure. Enjoy your final night on land and take in the Arctic atmosphere before embarking on your solar eclipse voyage tomorrow.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Longyearbyen

Day 3: Longyearbyen ~ Embark Ship

Today marks the official start of your solar eclipse voyage. Enjoy a final morning in Longyearbyen, taking in the unique Arctic charm of this frontier town. Before embarking in the afternoon, join an included excursion for another opportunity to experience the extraordinary landscapes and polar wildlife at the top

of the world.

Later in the day, board the expedition ship *MS Spitsbergen*. Settle into your cabin and prepare for the remarkable journey ahead as you leave land behind and set sail into the Arctic wilderness.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Spitsbergen

Day 4-5: At Sea

As we sail into the Greenland Sea en route to the world's largest island, take time to relax and discover the ship's facilities. These sea days are perfect for finding your sea legs and unwinding between adventures.

The Expedition Team will host engaging talks about your upcoming journey, including respectful protocols for visiting wildlife habitats and Indigenous Arctic communities. Join lectures in the hall to learn about the epic landscapes of East Greenland National Park and the stunning fjords of Scoresby Sund. There will also be insightful presentations on astronomy and the solar eclipse over Greenland, which takes place a week into your voyage.

If you're feeling active, enjoy a workout in the gym with sweeping ocean views. Alternatively, sample the sauna, soak in a hot tub, treat yourself at the onboard eateries, or simply settle into a cosy corner with a good book and a hot drink. For science enthusiasts, take part in our Citizen Science projects and contribute to global research in a fun, hands-on way.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Spitsbergen

Day 6–15: Northeast Greenland National Park & Scoresby Sund

Over the next ten days, embark on a true Arctic adventure along Greenland's remote and pristine east coast. This wild stretch, extending more than 1,740 miles from north to south, is one of the most isolated places on earth. The East Greenland Current brings vast amounts of sea ice straight from the Arctic Ocean, creating a haven for ice-dependent wildlife—most notably the iconic polar bear.

Our precise path will be shaped by local weather and ice. We plan to first explore Northeast Greenland National Park, the world's largest national park. Visits here are rare and deeply privileged, with only a handful of visitors permitted each year. Aside from old trapper huts, a few science research stations, and a solitary military outpost, you'll find few traces of human activity within this 375,000 square mile wilderness. The silence is profound, and the sense of peace is absolute as we experience this astonishing Arctic landscape.

Next, sail south to Scoresby Sund—the world's largest fjord system. It's here that the 2026 solar eclipse will occur. The Captain will position the ship in the best possible location within the fjord to witness the celestial event, scheduled for 16:35. Imagine the landscape and sea falling into darkness and then emerging once more, a truly unforgettable sight. Exact positioning will depend on ice and weather, but rest assured our team will seek the optimal vantage point.

As you explore Scoresby Sund, enjoy a deep sense of serenity in a region where white and blue icebergs float on still waters surrounded by soaring peaks. If conditions permit, a visit to Ittoqqortoormiit—the most remote inhabited community in the Western Hemisphere—may be included.

As this is an expedition cruise, the Captain and Expedition Team will adapt the route to maximise experiences. Each day promises opportunities for scenic shore landings, small boat cruising, nature walks, kayaking, and unforgettable wildlife encounters among East Greenland's raw beauty.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Spitsbergen

Day 16: Denmark Strait

After immersing yourself in the remote beauty of Greenland, we now set our course for Iceland across the Denmark Strait. These days at sea are the perfect opportunity to unwind and savour the journey so far.

Spend your time recapping adventures with new friends, studying Arctic nature in the Science Centre, or attending an engaging lecture from the Expedition Team. You might also simply choose to relax on deck, watching the ever-changing seascape as seabirds glide alongside the ship and, with luck, spotting whales in the surrounding waters.

As you reflect on the highlights of your voyage—from witnessing a total solar eclipse to experiencing the soul-stirring scenery of the High Arctic—take full advantage of the ship's exceptional food, warm hospitality, and relaxing facilities.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Spitsbergen

Day 17: Arrive Reykjavík, Iceland ~ Disembark Ship

Today, we bid a fond farewell to *MS Spitsbergen* as your Arctic solar eclipse voyage comes to an end in the charming city of Reykjavík. Known for its fascinating museums, stylish galleries, vibrant restaurant scene, and soothing geothermal pools, Iceland's capital offers plenty to explore and enjoy.

If you wish to extend your adventure, you can join one of our optional Post-Programmes to discover more of Iceland's dramatic landscapes and natural wonders. Alternatively, you may choose to extend your stay independently to soak up more of Reykjavík's culture, cuisine, and iconic nearby geothermal attractions.

This lively yet relaxed city is the perfect place to conclude an epic journey filled with celestial wonders, pristine wilderness, and unforgettable Arctic memories.

MEALS: Breakfast