

Diving and Photography Cruise: Around Spitsbergen - Circumnavigating Svalbard

25 04	Jul	2009	Circumnavigating Svalbard » M/V Professor Molchanov	Triple Cabin	3280 EUR
	Aug	2009		Standard Cabin	3800 EUR
				Twin Private Cabin	4580 EUR
				Superior cabin	5100 EUR
				Suite	5700 EUR
				Dive package	575 EUR
				Fuel surcharge per person	320 EUR

Rates include

Full board and shipboard accommodation in your choice of cabin occupancy and category;
All dives or shore landings and excursions by Zodiac according to the daily onboard program;
Dive compressor, tanks, weights and belts (you need to bring your own personal dive gear);
Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader and Polar Dive Master;
All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program.

Rates does not include

Your personal dive equipment;
Airfare & Airport tax and arrival/departure taxes;
The customary gratuity to the ship's crew;
Excess baggage;
Pre-and post voyage packages with air, hotel are available upon request.

Spitsbergen / Svalbard

The ice-strengthened polar vessel, the Grigoriy Mikheev has been chartered for a unique expedition to Spitsbergen, with the emphasize on Diving and Photography.

Diving in the Arctic is an unique experience for the advanced diver. Not just ice but an amazing underwater world with an interesting marine life filled with creatures that look as if they come from another place. The diversity of benthos with the rays of sunlight create an overwhelming and ever-changing spectrum of colours. Take your time to explore the Kelp walls, sea-snails, crabs, Sea Butterflies, various Arctic fish, Shrubby Horse-tails, unidentified jelly-fish, sea-hedgehogs, starfish and krill, and appreciate what only a few divers have seen before you. We dive in a controlled environment under small grounded icebergs, from the shore, a zodiac or an ice shell.

Our aim is to sail to the remote Polar Regions to experience the Arctic wilderness of Svalbard, Spitsbergen. Drift ice, flora, fauna, and the birdlife are remarkable. The sightings of whale, walrus and the 'king' himself - the Polar Bear, in his natural habitat are indescribable. The further north and east that we sail, the more ice we will meet. The ice will gradually build up until we see large ice floes with seals resting on them. This is polar bear country, where the bears hunt for their food, and here is your best chance of seeing 'The King of the Arctic'. You will discover hunters' shelters and other evidence of the fierce conditions endured by the early polar pioneers. We plan to go ashore one or two times every day by Zodiac. The final itinerary is dependent on ice and weather conditions, which have to be assessed during the voyage.



Our Speciality: Diving and Photography

As well as the priority we give to our dive operation, we also offer an exciting on-land programme and will always have a zodiac ready for those explorers who do not wish to dive, but who like to go for a long hike or take their time for topside photography. The beautiful surroundings of the Arctic and the Spitsbergen archipelago is a paradise for all, divers, adventurers, naturalists and photographers with its amazing array of colours and moods and diverse wildlife

The presence of Polar bears and Walrus in Spitsbergen keep our guides alert with rifles at all times and we maintain the highest level of safety in combination with quality diving.



Programme for Non-Divers & Photographers

As well as the priority we give to our dive operation, we also offer an exciting land-programme for the photographers and non-divers on board. We will always have a zodiac ready for those explorers who do not wish to dive, but who like to go for a long hike or take their time for topside photography.

Our professional photographers leading this trip will give you inside information, workshops and photographic tips on techniques and equipment.

The beautiful surroundings of the Spitsbergen Archipelago is a paradise for all, divers, adventurers, naturalists and photographers with its amazing array of colours and moods and diverse wildlife

The opportunity to be in the company of Walrus hauling out on an ice floe, watching whales, seals and Polar Bears, and cruise around in our zodiacs between brilliant white icebergs and ice floes will amaze you with awe.

Participating in the shore excursions and Zodiac cruises, will complete your Polar experience, for divers and non-divers.