



ALABAMA API & APSHINI Presents

ARCTIC CME “BOLLYWOOD MASTI” SUMMER SOLISTICE CRUISE

JUNE 19-28, 2023



ALABAMA API & APSHINI's much awaited cruise to experience the high Arctic summer solstice with an expedition that visits some of the top sites of eastern Spitsbergen. Our goal is to take you to amazing glaciers, fascinating historical sites, bountiful seabird colonies, and sprawling fjord systems in which there is a good chance of spotting whales, seals, and possibly even polar bears.

Have Fun-Masti Blast on 2023 summer solstice: midnight sun, and 24-hour daylight!! Bollywood music featuring INDIAN IDOL / Sa Re Ga Ma Pa artistes and enjoy Indian & Continental food throughout the cruise.

The midnight sun is a phenomenon that occurs during the Arctic summer, when the sun is visible for a full 24 hours in fair weather. The 2023 summer solstice in Longyearbyen falls on Tuesday, 21 June, at 16:57 pm. The term solstice (Latin solstitium) means “sun-stopping” and describes the point on the horizon at which the sun appears to rise and set, stopping and reversing directions after this day. On the solstice, the sun does not rise precisely in the east but rather north of east, then later sets to the north of west, making the sun visible for a longer period of time. It will not be until late August that the sun fully goes down again, and then only for a few minutes.

Join us in experiencing this fascinating phenomenon during this voyage through the Arctic wilderness of Svalbard.



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Once a year coveted summer Solstice tour
- New ship with added stabilizers, amazing cabins (See the brochure by clicking the link below)
- All-inclusive package with Desi flavor
- 10 hours CME on board
- Performances by Indian Idol/ SaReGaMa artistes
- Local sightseeing in Oslo and Svalbard (the last town before the north pole)
- Rock bottom prices as advertised by the cruise company, no added surcharges
- One night first class hotel accommodation in Oslo
- One night first class hotel accommodation in Longyearbyen
- Half Day sightseeing tour in Oslo
- Half Day sightseeing tour in Longyearbyen
- All transfers from airport/seaport to hotel and vice versa in Oslo and Longyearbyen
- Coach class airfare from Oslo to Longyearbyen and back as per the program
- Voyage aboard the indicated vessel

- Indian / Continental meal throughout on the ground
- Indian / Continental meal throughout voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea.
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.
- Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.
- Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes.
- Transfers and baggage handling between the airport, hotels and ship only for those passengers on the group flights to and from Longyearbyen.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program.
- AECO fees and governmental taxes.
- Comprehensive pre-departure material & welcome gift.
- Professional dance troupe performances
- Surprise Celebrities appearances being planned

CLICK HERE TO VISIT WEBSITE OF HONDIUS CRUISE AND CHECK OUT THE DECK PLAN, CABIN PHOTOS AND THEIR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

June 19, 2023 Monday Arrive in Oslo

Arrive in Oslo. Meeting and assistance upon arrival at the airport by our friendly English-speaking guides. Transfer to your hotel. Later enjoy the tour of Oslo. City tour of Oslo to include drive past with photo-op to National Theater, Parliament, and the Royal Palace. Visit Frogner Park with Gustav Vigeland's famous stark sculptures and the ornate City Hall. Visit the Viking Museum.

Overnight in Oslo.

June 20 Tuesday Oslo – Longyearbyen

Fly to Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Svalbard archipelago. Enjoy strolling around this former mining town, whose parish church and Svalbard Museum make for fascinating attractions. Though the countryside appears stark, more than a hundred species of plant have been recorded in it.



Later in the afternoon, enjoy the dog-cart ride. Your guide will help you harness the dogs and drive in front of you with his own team and two guests.



These guests also get to steer the cart if they wish to. On this trip all guests drive a cart in pairs of 3, with 6-7 huskies in front. The trip goes through beautiful Adventdalen towards Endalen, which offers unique arctic scenery and often lots of reindeer!



Overnight in Longyearbyen.



June 21 Wednesday Embark on your Arctic Summer Solstice Hondius cruise

After breakfast, relax and enjoy this beautiful Arctic town. Later, transfer to the port for embark on your 07 nights/08 days Summer Solstice Arctic cruise aboard Hondius. In the early evening the ship sails out of Isfjorden, where you might spot the first minke whale of your voyage.



June 22 : Thursday Spectacular Hornsund

We start the day by quietly cruising the side fjords of the spectacular Hornsund area in southern Spitsbergen, enjoying the scenery of towering mountain peaks. The mountain of Hornsundtind rises to 1,431 meters (4,695 feet), while the peak of Bautaen testifies to why early Dutch explorers gave this island the name Spitsbergen, meaning “pointed mountains.” There are 14 magnificent glaciers in the area, and we have a fair chance of encountering seals and polar bears. The nearby cliffs of Sofiakammen are also home to thousands of pairs of nesting kittiwakes and little auks, and in the evening, we might see thousands of harp seals rutting on ice floes at Sørkapp.



June 23: Friday Long excursion at Diskobukta

After navigating the drift ice of Storfjorden, where we sometimes see harp seals, we land in northwest Edgeøya at the northern bank of Rosenberdalriver. Here on the raised beach, we have the opportunity of walking to Rosenbergdalen, which is teeming with grazing reindeer.



Afterward we plan to walk by a cliff with nesting black guillemots on our way to Stretahamna, where we often find a herd of walrus on the beach near an octagonal trapper's cabin built in 1905.



We can also see the remains of a 19th-century Pomor house as well as the bones of walrus hunted in previous centuries.

June 24: Saturday Trapper's history in Freemansundet

Sailing into the waterway of Freemansundet, we plan to land at the tundra lowland of Sundneset, on the island of Barentsøya. Here we will visit the hut of a German scientific expedition (Würzbugerhütte) from sixty years ago, then take a brisk walk across the tundra in search of Spitsbergen reindeer and barnacle geese. After that, we plan to go on a Zodiac cruise near Freeman Glacier and visit a kittiwake colony in a canyon close by. In case of heavy ice in Freemansundet, however, we will instead sail to Negribreen, one of the most

extensive glacier fronts on the east side of Spitsbergen. Here we can take a Zodiac cruise and land on Walrus Island, which became ice-free at the end of last century.



June 25 : Sunday Ivory gulls in Agardhfjellet

Today we sail to the east side of west Spitsbergen (west side of Storfjorden). Here we plan to walk to breeding places for ivory gulls in Agardhfjellet, which stands about 300 meters (980 feet) high. The valley leading to the outcrops that house the nests is littered with fossils of belemnites and ammonites.



June 26 : Monday South Spitsbergen

Today we aim to land at the mountain of Stellingfjellet, near the largest colony of Brünnich's guillemots in Spitsbergen. Later in the day, we will make landings at the rarely visited coast of south Spitsbergen, at the bay of Isbukta.

June 27: Tuesday Bell Sund's flora, fauna, and haunting history

We continue our voyage in Bell Sund, one of the largest fjord systems in Svalbard. The ocean currents make this area slightly warmer than other areas in the archipelago, which shows in the relatively lush vegetation. Here there are

excellent opportunities to enjoy both history and wildlife. A possibility is Ahlstrandhalvøya, at the mouth of Van Keulenfjorden, where piles of beluga skeletons can be found. These remains of 19th-century whale slaughter are a haunting reminder of the consequences of rampant exploitation. Fortunately, belugas were not hunted into extinction, and you have a good chance of coming across a pod. Alternately, while cruising the side fjords of Bellsund, we can explore tundra where reindeer like to feed as well as rock slopes where little auks are breeding.

June 28 : Wednesday There and back again

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. You disembark in Longyearbyen, taking home memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies. Fly to Oslo.

End of Service



HONDIUS SHIP: Hondius is the first-registered Polar Class 6 vessel in the world, optimized for the most innovative exploratory voyages throughout the Arc1

Specifications

- Passengers: 170 in 80 cabins
- Staff & crew: 72
- Length: 107.6 meters
- Breadth: 17.6 meters
- Draft: 5.30 meters
- Ice class: Polar Class 6 (equivalent IA-Super)
- Displacement: 5,590 tonnes
- Propulsion: 2 x ABC main engines; total 4,200 kW
- Speed: 15 knots



Quadruple Porthole (size: 129 Sq. feet) Quadruple Porthole (total 04 cabins): 2 portholes; 2 upper & lower berths; Small sofa; Private shower & toilet; Flatscreen TV; Desk & chair; Telephone and WiFi (supplemented); Hair dryer ; Cabinet; Wardrobe. This cabin is suitable for families traveling with children, or passengers who do not require a twin or more luxurious cabin.



Twin Porthole (size: 129 Sq. feet) Twin Porthole (total 27 cabins): 2 portholes; 2 single beds; Small sofa; Private shower & toilet; Flatscreen TV; Desk & chair; Telephone and WiFi (supplemented) Hair dryer; Cabinet Wardrobe



Triple Porthole (size: 129 Sq. feet)

Triple Porthole (total 02 cabins): 2 portholes; 1 upper berth & 2 lower berths; Small sofa; Private shower & toilet; Flatscreen TV; Desk & chair; Telephone and WiFi ; supplemented); Hair dryer; Cabinet Wardrobe. This cabin is suitable for families traveling with children, or passengers who do not require a twin or more luxurious cabin.



Twin Window (size: 129 Sq. feet)

Twin Window (total 14 cabins): 1 window; 2 single beds; Small sofa; Private shower & toilet; Flatscreen TV; Desk & chair; Telephone and WiFi (supplemented); Hair dryer; Cabinet Wardrobe. Please be aware that the view from some windows might be partially obstructed due to the design requirements of the ship.



Twin Deluxe (size: 205 Sq. feet)

Twin Deluxe (total 11 cabins) : 2 windows; 2 single beds; Sofa; Private shower & toilet; Flatscreen TV; Desk & chair; Telephone and WiFi (supplemented); Refrigerator; Coffee & tea maker; Bathrobe; Hair dryer; Cabinet Wardrobe.



Junior Suite (size: 205 sq. feet)

Junior Suite (total 08 cabins): 1 double window; 1 double bed; Private shower & toilet; Flatscreen TV; Desk & chair; Telephone and WiFi (supplemented); Refrigerator; Coffee & tea maker; Bathrobe; Hair dryer; Cabinet Wardrobe



Superior (size: 215 sq. feet)

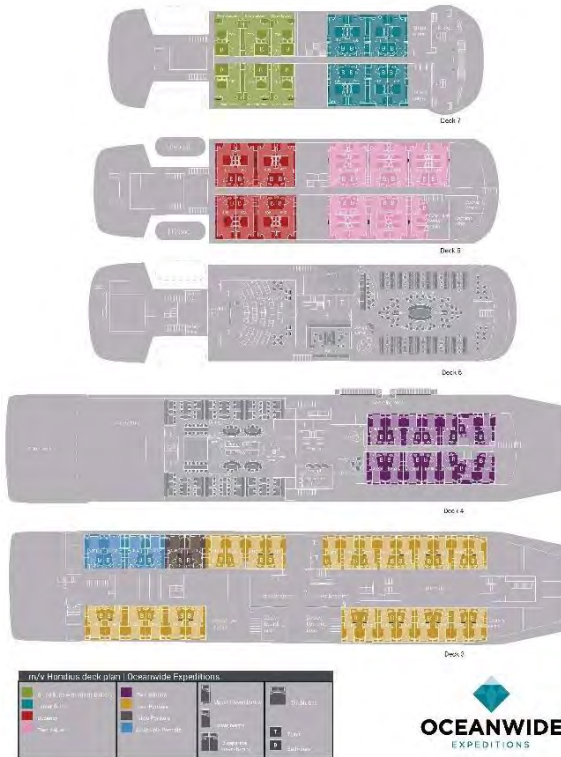
Superior (total 08 cabins) : 2 windows; 1 double bed; Sofa; Private shower & toilet; Flatscreen TV; Desk & chair; Telephone and WiFi (supplemented); Refrigerator; Coffee & tea maker; Bathrobe; Hair dryer; Cabinet Wardrobe.



Grand Suite with Balcony (size: 291 Sq. feet)

Grand Suite with Balcony (total 06 cabins) : 1 double window; 1 double bed; Sofa; Private balcony; Private shower & toilet; Flatscreen TV; Desk & chair; Telephone and WiFi (supplemented); Refrigerator; Coffee & tea maker; Bathrobe; Hair dryer; Cabinet Wardrobe

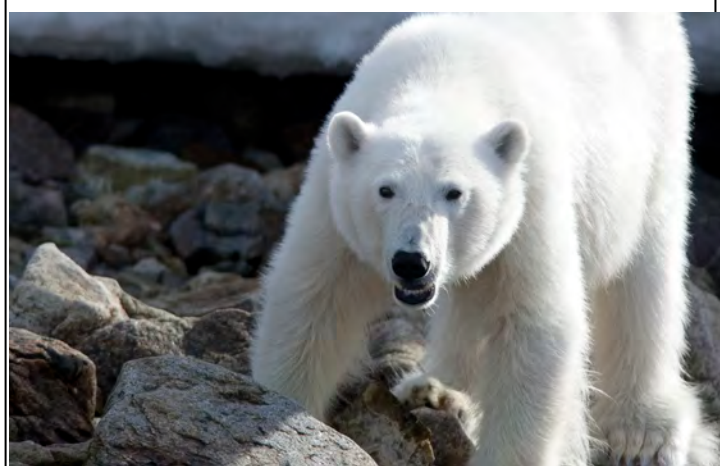
DECK PLAN



The Tour cost given below is per person in US Dollars based on sharing the below type of cabins. If passenger do not share the cabin cost with other roommate than they must pay full cost of the cabin type.

RATES (PER PERSON BASED ON SHARING CABIN IN US DOLLARS)

CABIN TYPE	LAND & CRUISE	AIR, LAND & CRUISE
Quadruple Porthole	\$ 5250 per person \$ 21,000 per cabin	Please Call
Triple Porthole	\$ 6250 per person \$ 18,759 per cabin	Please Call
Twin Porthole	\$ 6850 per person \$ 13,700 per cabin	Please Call
Twin Window	\$ 7300 per person 14,600 per cabin	Please Call
Twin Deluxe	\$ 7650 per person \$ 15,300 per cabin	Please Call
Superior	\$ 8550 per person \$ 34,200 per cabin	Please Call
Junior Suite	\$ 9000 per person \$ 18,00 per cabin	Please Call
Grand Suite with private balcony	\$ 10,250 per person \$ 20,500 per cabin	Please Call



Excluded from land and cruise cost:

Any international airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights

Passport and visa expenses.

Government arrival and departure taxes.

Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is strongly recommended).

Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges.

The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).

Any other items not included in the Tour highlights above

Rubber Boots: All passengers are provided a pair of sturdy rubber boots to keep the feet warm and dry for all landings. Sizes need to be pre-ordered with Oceanwide Expeditions at least eight weeks prior to departure. A voucher will be sent with final travel documents approximately four weeks prior to departure. Requesting equipment items without a pre-order and voucher is not possible while boarding the vessel. Boots need to be returned to the expedition team at the end of the voyage.

Shore Excursions and Zodiac Cruising Our cruises emphasize active wildlife and nature experiences. Guided shore excursions, walks, wildlife spotting, and Zodiac cruises are included in the fare and offered to all passengers during the voyage.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Pollina Tours do not sell any Travel Insurance. We strongly recommend that you must directly obtain from any Insurance company of your choice a comprehensive Travel Insurance coverage, including but not limited to trip cancellation, delay, loss of deposit, medical expenses, personal accidents and death, loss of baggage, personal belongings. "Cancel for Any Reason" travel insurance policy is one option that you must discuss with your Travel Insurance Company, as it offers a wider range of coverage if you cancel for any reason. Cruise company requires you to purchase from travel insurance company of your choice a mandatory medical evacuation and repatriation cover. Emergency Medical Evacuation and Repatriation

Insurance is mandatory. Trip cancellation insurance is optional but highly recommended. Minimum recommended coverage: \$ 200,000.00 per person. In case of a medical problem arising during the voyage, either on board or on shore, which results in costs for evacuation, use of aircraft or repatriation, the responsibility for payment of these costs belongs solely to the passenger. Most Travel Insurance companies want you to buy insurance at the time of making your initial tour deposit to obtain the best coverage. Please contact and discuss all options available to you from the Travel Insurance companies of your choice before signing up on the tour.

TOUR PAYMENT: We require 50% deposit per person at the time of booking. The final payment will be due before January 31, 2023. Please make check payable to POLLINA TOURS AND TRAVEL, INC.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND: Once booked, the Tour involves a cancellation penalty if it is cancelled by you for any reason or for any circumstances beyond the control of Pollina Tours & Travel, Inc, its agents, and its service providers. We highly recommend purchasing Travel Insurance policy from the travel insurance company of your choice, covering all eventualities including, but not limited to, trip delay, trip cancellation, medical evacuation, illness, disease, death, accident etc that can protect yourself from cancellation penalties, in case the tour is cancelled by you or due to circumstances beyond the control of Pollina Tours, its agents, or service providers. A 20% cancellation fee of the total tour cost per person will be charged for any cancellation made 180 days prior to departure. A 50% cancellation fee on total tour cost will be charged if the bookings are cancelled between 179 to 120 days prior to departure. 100% cancellation penalty will be charged if tour is cancelled within 119 days of departure. It is mandatory for passenger to make all cancellations in writing, stating the reason for cancellation and same must be received in our office. Most refunds generally take 6-8 weeks to process.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: It is the sole responsibility of each passenger/tourist to obtain and verify that all of their travel documents, such as passport, visa, and airline tickets, vaccination requirements etc are in order and meets the guidelines to embark on the trip.

HEALTH. You must consult with your physician every important aspect of your health-related issues, including sea-sickness, vaccinations such as Covid, Yellow Fever, Hepatitis, malaria prophylaxis etc. to ensure that you are in good health to engage in overseas travel. Please note: all our overseas tours require considerable walking and driving, sometimes on uneven, dusty and bumpy road conditions. You may also need to take stairs and inclines during the tour. No individual

assistance to passengers requiring wheelchair can be provided, as many places may not be wheelchair accessible and may be challenging for the physically handicapped. For Information on vaccinations and other health precautions, such as safe food and water precautions and insect bite protection, may be obtained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's hotline for international travelers at 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) or via the CDC's Internet site, at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel> For information about outbreaks of infectious diseases abroad, please consult the World Health Organization's (WHO) web site. All passengers are personally responsible to ensure that they are medically fit to travel and follow entry and exit COVID related safety protocol as regulated by local laws to embark on the trip.

GROUP HOTEL/CRUISE BOOKING: POLLINA TOURS makes the booking of the hotel in the specified hotel/cruise in "Standard" twin-bedded (two single beds) rooms or "Standard" double bedded (one double bed) room with private facilities, unless you have specifically requested and paid for an upgraded room category. Special requests, such as bed types, smoking preference and connecting rooms are subject to availability. Room selection in all cases, unless otherwise reserved, is strictly at the discretion of the hotel's management on a run-of-house basis.

GROUP DINNER BOOKING: POLLINA TOURS make the reservation for the Group Dinner arrangements at the hotel or local restaurants based on the hotel or restaurant's Buffet or Set dinner menu basis policy. All efforts are made to offer Vegetarian and Non-Vegetarian menu choice to the Group members. However, POLLINA Tours cannot make multiple dinner menu request based on each group members' individual request, personal taste, likes and dislikes. No Special Dietary request can be guaranteed.

AIRLINE GROUP BOOKING AND SEAT ASSIGNMENTS: POLLINA TOURS makes the booking with the Group Department of the airline, which means all the group members must travel together to and from a common gateway, as one Group. The Group tickets are lower fare tickets and carry restrictions. The tickets are nonrefundable, non-transferrable, non-re-routable, and non-endorsable. Policies governing seat assignments for groups vary greatly by airline. Most airlines currently offer preferred seating, a system which allows them to charge additional fees for preferable seats. As a result, many seats displayed on airline seat maps are set aside for clients willing to pay additional fees for them. Some seats may only be accessible at airport check-in. Specific Seat assignments preferences are not guaranteed by Pollina Tours. Loss of assignments may occur, at any time, due to airline schedule changes, or even as a result of individual passengers making changes directly with airlines on their

group seat assignments. In many cases, airlines will not assign seats for groups until the group booking is closed for ticketing usually 30 days prior to departure. At this time, Pollina Tours will do all possible to seat passengers together and in the best available seats. However, it may not be possible for Pollina Tours to assign seats of each passenger's personal choice. Once assigned, typically seats may only be changed at airport check-in. Domestic US flights, as well as flights within Europe, do not permit group seat assignments. Airline reservation agents are often prohibited from assisting with seat requests for Group Reservations from individual passengers.

CABIN BOOKING: POLLINA TOURS makes the booking on board the Hondius cruise ship hotel in the cabins mentioned in the chart above with private facilities, unless you have specifically requested and paid for an upgraded cabin category. Special requests, such as bed types, smoking preference and adjacent rooms are subject to availability. Room selection in all cases, unless otherwise reserved, is strictly at the discretion of the hotel's management on a run-of-house basis.

RESPONSIBILITY: Pollina Tours & Travel, Inc. and/or their agents give notice that all tickets, vouchers and the coupons issued by them and all arrangements for transportation or for conveyance/hotel accommodation, sightseeing, excursions, etc, made by them, as AGENTS of the passenger upon the express condition that they shall not be held liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, death, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason or defect of any vehicle, or through the act or default of any person or company engaged in conveying or housing the passengers or in connection therewith, or of any hotel proprietor or employee. Pollina Tour and/ or their agents can accept no responsibility for cancellation penalties or losses or incidental expenses due to delay or change in schedules of airline, rail, motor coach, cruise or any transportation companies etc, hotel overbooking or default, sickness, injury, death, weather, strike, political or social unrest, disease, epidemic, pandemic, terrorism, natural calamities, quarantine or any other causes beyond the control of Pollina Tours & Travel, its agents and suppliers of services. All such losses or incidental expenses will have to be borne by the passengers. Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour. Obtaining a suitable travel insurance policy to cover the medical and non-medical eventualities from any Travel Insurance company of your choice is solely the responsibility of each passenger/tourist booked on our tour. Pollina Tours & Travel reserves the right to accept or reject any person as tour participants, to expel any tour participants from the tour, to make changes in the itinerary whenever the company deems it is necessary for the comfort, safety and convenience of the participants or their agents/service providers. Although, all safety measures are taken by our suppliers to ensure you have

an enjoyable and safe tour. However, our Service provider will require you to sign their responsibility form to not hold them responsible for any injury, accident, death, etc, caused to you during any adventure tourism activities, jungle safari, etc, which is beyond their control. All prices are quoted in US Dollars. The transportation, airlines, rail, cruise, ferry companies, etc, concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or events during the time passengers are not on board their carriers and conveyance. The passenger's contract in use by the airline carrier, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the purchaser of the Tour(s) and/or passengers. Typically, check-in time at the hotels is 3:00 PM and check out time is 12 noon. Sequence of the itinerary is subject to change, due to circumstances beyond our control. The itineraries published are for reference only and are subject to change due to weather and ice conditions, or due to any other reason beyond our control, at the Master's and Expedition Leader's discretion without prior notice. Passengers have no right to any refund, any other consideration or claim whatsoever in the event of inevitable itinerary changes. The passenger must sign a passenger contract which constitutes the sole contract and his/her agreement to all the terms and conditions relative to the cruise. By accepting the cruise ticket, the passenger also agrees to its terms & conditions.

N.B. ALL RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, ESPECIALLY POSSIBLE FUEL SURCHARGES.

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