



## MS Fram

2024.05.29 - 2024.06.07



GREENLAND

ICELAND

NORWAY

SWEDEN

FINLAND

Legend



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200 km

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## Reykjavik

We arrived at the port of Reykjavik at different times in the afternoon and embarked on board MS Fram to start our journey. We settled in our cabins, explored the ship and picked up our expedition jackets. Our Expedition Leader Tomski gave us information about our voyage and Alicia our

Expedition Coordinator gave us information about the excursions we can join. Before we went sleeping after a long and exciting day, we met the captain, officers and the expedition team during the evening. Some of us were out on deck when we started sailing.



## Stykkisholmur

After our first night at sea we arrived at the Westcoast of Iceland in Stykkisholmur. For the first time we went ashore with the tender boats of MS Fram. Our adventure started with lots of excursion choices. Some explored the highlights of Snaefellsnes while others explored the caves, craters and

coves of this part of Iceland. Some of us explored on their own this charming place at Iceland's Westcoast. In the afternoon we were visited by a local performer and enjoyed his music in the explorer lounge.



## Patreksfjordur

During the night we sailed further towards the North and arrived in the morning at Patreksfjordur. Some of us explored the Latrabjarg Cliff while others went on the excursion called the "splendid combination" where we saw a beautiful waterfall called Dynjandi. After we set sail we joined the

Wildlife Watch out on deck with our Marine Scientist Jenna. In the afternoon our scientists invited you to an introduction into the science center and we learned about the scientific program that is offered on board. Luis, our photographer gave us an introduction into photography.



## Akureyri

After our breakfast with a lovely view over Akureyri, most of us left for a stroll through the town. A charming city center with lots of cafès, shops and lots to discover such as a walk along the coast or a visit at the botanical garden. Some of us joined an excursion in the afternoon such as the "Jewels of the

North". We had the entire day here and everyone could spend the day as they wished. In the evening we heard from Vivi a story about the apples of Immortality. After dinner we heard the plans for tomorrow and set sail towards the remote island, called Grimsey.



## Grimsey

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We arrived all the way in the North on the remote island called Grimsey. It was quite windy this morning, but the zodiacs brought us safely to the pier and we spotted already lots and lots of seabirds. The island was literally covered in birds and we saw a lot of puffins, arctic terns and also the lovely singing snow buntings while we followed the coastline

trail. The puffins were hovering in the wind, what a unique experience! The wind was picking up a lot during the landing and our Expedition Leader made the decision to leave the island earlier. Safety First! We left Iceland and started sailing towards North, to Jan Mayen.







Jan Mayen ●

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## At Sea & Jan Mayen

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When we woke up we were already half way to Jan Mayen. We experienced some waves on the way, but most of us could handle the movement well. The expedition team offered a lot of informative on board program, such as a feathers Workshop with Enzo, a lecture by Benjamin about

the Vikings and a lecture by Jenna about the Whales and Dolphins of the Arctic. In the afternoon we arrived at Jan Mayen and we sailed along the East Coast of the island before we continued our way to the very high Arctic - Svalbard!



## At Sea

While sailing our way North we had another day of lots of interesting events on board, such as the lecture by Jan about his time in a Polish Research Station in Hornsund on Svalbard. Some of us also visited Jenna and Enzo in the Science Center and learned about skulls adaptations. Today was also time to prepare ourselves for the arrival in the high Arctic, so we

picked up our rubber boots and cleaned our gear to make sure to not bring any seeds from Iceland to Svalbard. During the afternoon we joined Sandra for an art corner session and we were drawing Arctic animals, such as the polar bear and the Arctic Fox.





Lilliehookbreen

Signehamna

Longyearbyen

Bamsebu whaling station

Legend 

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50 km

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## Bamsebu, Svalbard

Due to our good progress we arrived half a day earlier on Svalbard and this gave us the opportunity to enjoy one more landing on Svalbard. We sailed into Bellsund in the South of the main island, called Spitsbergen. Before we went ashore we learned from our Expedition Leader about the Polar Bear Safety. In the afternoon we went on land at a place called

Bamsebu, which is the only place on Svalbard where it is possible to see remains from the Beluga whale hunting period of the 1930s. We all went for a stroll on shore and we also spotted reindeer and lots of geese, eider ducks and snow buntings. What a lovely start in the high Arctic.





## Lilliehookbreen & Signehamna

This morning we woke up in an Arctic Paradise! The view out of the windows showed an extremely calm ocean, snow covered mountains, a blue sky and groups of Guillemots flying around the ship. A landscape like an oil painting. MS Fram anchored in front of a beautiful glacier, called Lilliehøkbreen and we went on a wonderful cruise in front of the glacier, where we spotted lots of icebergs and birds. In

the afternoon we landed at a place called Signehamna, which is located in Krossfjorden. We went with the small boats ashore and discovered this picturesque place and learned about the German Weather Stations, that were located here during the Second World War. In the evening we sadly started our way to Longyearbyen, where our voyage will end in the morning.





Longyearbyen, Norway - Jun 7, 2024

248.1 km





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