

Jan Mayen Island, Arctic Ocean, Norway

Dominated by the world's northernmost active volcano and shrouded in near-perpetual fog, Jan Mayen is one of the rarest and most dramatic stops in all of expedition cruising. Landings are never guaranteed — which makes a successful one unforgettable.

Zodiac/Tender only (no pier)

Typical call: 4-6 hrs (weather permitting)

Currency: NOK (Norwegian Krone)

Language: Norwegian

Expedition cruises only

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Zodiac wet landing only — no pier exists. Landings subject to Norwegian authority permission and sea conditions.

Best For: Seabird and whale watching, volcanic landscapes, extreme Arctic remoteness, rare passport stamps

Landing Rate: Roughly 50% of scheduled stops are cancelled due to heavy swells, fog, or swell. A successful landing is a genuine achievement.

Don't Miss: Beerenberg volcano from the sea, Kvalrossbukta's 17th-century whaling ruins, and seabird cliffs packed with puffins and little auks

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kvalrossbukta Landing & Whaling Ruins** — The most common landing site — a sweeping black-sand bay named for the walruses once hunted here.
 - Seabird Colony Watch** — Jan Mayen's basalt cliffs host enormous breeding colonies of Atlantic puffins, little auks (dovekies), Brünnich's...
- Beerenberg Volcano Scenic Cruise** — Even without a landing, cruising beneath Beerenberg is extraordinary.
 - Olonkinbyen Station Visit** — If the Station Commander permits, passengers may walk to the small Norwegian military/meteorological station — the...
 - Whale & Marine Mammal Watch** — The nutrient-rich waters around Jan Mayen are excellent for cetaceans.

BEST WALKS

- Kvalrossbukta Beach & Whaling Site** 1-2 km | Easy-moderate | 45-90 min — From the Zodiac landing point on Kvalrossbukta's black sand beach, walk east along the shoreline to the remnants of the 17th-century...
- Båtvika to Olonkinbyen** 1-2 km each way | Easy-moderate | 1-2 hrs — If landing at Båtvika (the southern landing site), a short walk leads to the Norwegian station at Olonkinbyen.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	38°	23°	9d
Jun	59°	43°	14d
Aug	58°	44°	15d
Sep	52°	39°	13d
Oct	40°	30°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:56AM–8:45PM · Aug 5:24AM–9:22PM · Sep 6:46AM–7:42PM · Oct 8:04AM–6:05PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO