

BLUE DOT TRAVEL - TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR QUARK SVALBARD EXPLORER EXPEDITION, DEPARTING 14 JUNE 2026 As at 08 Nov, 2024

These terms and conditions should be read in conjunction with Quark's Expedition Terms & Conditions posted on their website and Blue Dot Travel's (BDT) general terms & conditions posted on the Blue Dot Travel website.

BOOKING FORMS & PROCEDURES

No booking is confirmed, and no cabin will be allocated until BDT receives and acknowledges a completed booking form and an initial \$2,000 deposit per person. Special offer is subject to availability.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

All cabins are priced in Australian Dollars and must be paid in Australian Dollars. Three payments are required:

1. A non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 must be paid at the time of booking, but no later than February 21st 2025, to secure the cabin and the special deal.
2. A non-refundable interim payment of \$3,000 is due May 30th, 2025, to secure the cabin and the special deal.
3. Final balance payment is due no later than January 15, 2026

In each instance above, BDT will issue you an invoice, and once received we will issue a receipt showing that payment has been made. If an instalment payment is not received by the due date, then your requested cabin allocation may be considered cancelled, and your cabin may be offered to the next person on our waiting list, unless we agree beforehand.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

BDT insists each traveller must have adequate comprehensive travel insurance for this expedition and any add-on, pre or post tours. Please read our BDT terms and conditions published on our website regarding travel insurance.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISE

- International airfares to Helsinki, Finland, which is the start and finish point of the tour
- Any ground services before and/or after the cruise other than the ones mentioned
- Any visa expenses and/or immigration reciprocity taxes if applicable
- Tipping
- Services on board the ship, which are at an extra cost, such as premium liquor, spa treatment and hair salon
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry services
- Personal expenses, onboard medical consultations and medications
- Phone and internet charges
- Cancellation/luggage/assistance/repatriation/ medical insurance(s)
- Travel Insurance

PASSPORTS & VISAS

Passport must be valid for six months after your return date. It is the traveller's responsibility to check requirements for visas and health requirements with the relevant authorities in your country, including an International Covid vaccination certificate.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All payments, including your deposit, interim payment and final payment, are 100% non-refundable. Any out-of-pocket expenses due to your cancellation must be claimed through your travel insurer (subject to their inclusions). Further, you must advise BDT in writing in the event you are cancelling. BDT will assist with the required documentation for an insurance claim. Blue Dot Travel retains the right to re-sell any cancelled cabins.

PARTIAL CABIN CANCELLATION

Changes to cabin occupancy when one guest cancels and the other guest in the same cabin is still travelling will mean that the remaining guest is required to find a suitable replacement or, potentially, pay the single supplement fee. This fee will vary depending on the cabin selected but may be up to 100% of the cost of the cabin. BDT will assist in finding a second guest to share the cabin, but BDT cannot be held responsible for and cannot guarantee finding a suitable person.

SHARING CABINS

A booking may be accepted on a shared cabin basis on the condition that the person requesting the shared reservation agrees that we accept no responsibility for any incompatibility between the persons sharing. Regardless, no guarantee is given that a share room will be available. If there is no share cabin available, we reserve the right to refund your Arctic advance payments in full or offer you a single supplement.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

It is recommended that you contact your travel health professional for any specific medical advice relating to travel through these regions (including compulsory inoculations).

COMMISSION FROM SUPPLIERS

Blue Dot Travel may earn commissions from suppliers such as cruise operators. The amount of commission will vary from supplier to supplier depending on numerous factors, including, but not limited to, the volume of business placed with the supplier. If a tour is cancelled due to DFAT travel warnings, Blue Dot Travel is not obliged to refund any commissions earned. The commission system in travel is considered standard practice.