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Overview

HX (formerly Hurtigruten Expeditions) is a legacy leader in ultra-luxury, purpose-built expedition cruising—spun off in early 2025 to focus entirely on high-end, environmentally conscious exploration. With a fleet of five modern, hybrid-powered expedition ships (plus chartered vessels), HX travels globally—from the polar extremes to tropical wildlife havens—providing immersive nature, science, and cultural experiences.

Unique Features

- Sustainability ship designs: two hybrid-electric vessels with the *MS Roald Amundsen* & *MS Fridtjof Nansen*
- HX Foundation supports conservation and indigenous partnerships like grants, communities, and science initiatives.
- Guests can enjoy responsibly sourced foods and goods. HX is an environmentally responsible organization in how they use their resources.
- Education opportunities for guests and kids are a crucial part of the Lindblad expeditions experience, too.

Onboard Experiences

- Included Amenities:
  - Full dining with daily buffets, multi-course dining experiences, and chef-specialized dinners
  - Unlimited drinks: house wines, spirits, beers, sodas, and all-day coffee & tea
  - Complimentary Wi-Fi for guests
  - Complimentary expedition gear and equipment: boots, reusable water bottles, jackets, etc.
  - Complimentary Gym/Fitness & Wellness Centers
  - Complimentary crew gratuities
  - Complimentary hot tubs
  - Complimentary saunas excluding the *MS Santa Cruz II*
  - Complimentary infinity pool onboard the *MS Roald Amundsen*
  - Access to Science Centre lectures, workshops, microscopes, etc.
  - Onboard photography specialists to assist with camera tips & taking images
- Plant-forward & vegan-friendly dining options are available for travelers.
- Spontaneous sightings of exotic animals: polar bears, whales, etc.
- Citizen science initiatives and Science at Sea projects.
- Spa programs and yoga/stretching activities on select ships.

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Excursion Options

- Different types of tours:
  - Walk Tours – historic marvels, archeological scenes, climate treks.
  - Bike Tours – sightseeing in historic towns in cities like Tromsø.
  - Boat & Zodiac Tours – Wildlife watching and kayaking on glacial waters.
  - Train Tours – Connections in land & sea itineraries.
  - Vehicle Tours: Jeeps, 4-wheel-drives, and buses.
  - Food Tours: Exotic foods, wines, and more!
- Overnight camping on Antarctic coastlines
- Citizen-science fieldwork – Data collection in wildlife and environmental observation
- Snowmobile & dog-sled rides
- Skiing & snowshoeing

General Audience

- Price range: $450 to $1,400 per person, per night. Or $3,150 to $9,800 per person, per week.
- Environmentally conscious clients will LOVE Lindblad Expeditions.
- Average aged guests are 40+ years old. Travelers tend to be nature, science oriented. Health & mobility screening required for polar regions.
- Multi-generational and solo travelers consistently utilize HX.
- Well-educated travelers who tend to be econ-conscious and academic professionals.
- Lovers of subjects like wildlife, photography, science, and conservation.
- Travelers tend to be American (major metropolitan locations like New York City, San Francisco, Boston, Washington D.C.). Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia are strong secondary markets for Lindblad Expeditions.

Ships

Here's a list of the ships, the guest capacity, crew to guest ration, and the destinations they primarily travel to.

- *MV Santa Cruz II*: 90 guests, ~ 1:3 guest/crew (Galápagos islands region)
- *MS Fram*: 200-318 guests, ~ 1:4 guest/crew (Arctic & European regions)
- *MS Spitsbergen*: 220 guests, ~ 1:3.5 guest/crew (Arctic & European regions)
- *MS Roald Amundsen*: 490 guests, ~ 1:3 guest/crew (Arctic & Antarctic regions)
- *MS Fridtjof Nansen*: 490 guests, ~ 1:3 guest/crew (Arctic, Antarctic, and European regions)