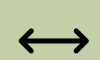


Observing Arctic Wildlife

As a member of AECO, your operator is committed to responsible expedition cruising — promoting nature, culture, communities, and safety.



Keep Your Distance

- Stay with your guide and follow instructions.
- Keep distance; never follow wildlife.
- If curious animals approach, stay still.
- Never block seals or walrus from the sea.
- Never touch animals.



Observe Without Disturbing

- Never alter animal behavior.
- Watch for signs of disturbance; retreat if needed.
- Keep voices low; do not whistle or shout.
- Avoid loud radios, horns, or speakers near wildlife.



Be Considerate to Wildlife

- Limit time near animals to avoid stress.
- Stay in their line of sight.
- Never approach from multiple directions or surround them.



Stay Safe

General

- Never feed animals or leave food.
- Do not touch wildlife — rabies exists in the Arctic.
- If birds attack, retreat slowly the way you came.

Polar Bears

- Stay alert in bear country.
- Always follow your guide's instructions.
- Guides with firearms or deterrents lead the group.
- If a bear appears, return to the ship.