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DURATION

8 Days

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INTRODUCTION

Embark on an unforgettable wildlife expedition in the High Arctic, exploring Spitsbergen's rugged landscapes. Starting from Longyearbyen, you'll leave behind its colourful wooden homes and sail past white-striped mountains rising from deep blue waters. The changing Arctic weather and polar light create a dynamic backdrop as Arctic fulmars accompany the ship and the first ice appears.

Encounter immense glaciers, observe black-legged kittiwakes and Arctic terns, and appreciate nature's power and fragility. On land, traverse the tundra's moss and lichen-covered terrain, home to Svalbard reindeer, Arctic foxes, and walruses. Keep an eye out for polar bears, guided by a team of naturalists who will help you spot the region's elusive wildlife, making each sighting a thrilling experience.

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DAY 1: Fly Paris to Longyearbyen & Embark



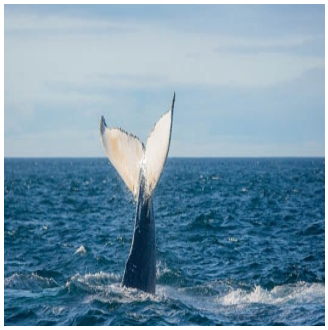
A charter flight will take you from Paris to Longyearbyen, where you will then embark from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and depart at around 6:00 pm. Longyearbyen is the capital of the Norwegian Svalbard archipelago, located on Svalbard's main island, and is the northernmost territorial capital on the planet. With winter temperatures dropping to below 40°C, the landscapes of this mining town are simply breathtaking. The glaciers, the mountains stretching as far as the eye can see and the untouched nature, make you feel like you're in completely unexplored territory.

DAY 2: South West Region of Spitsbergen: Days 2-3



Set sail for southwest Spitsbergen, immerse yourself in this environment unlike any other and explore its unexpected riches. In this natural sanctuary, the polar light combines with the changing weather of the Arctic, a big blue sky, the horizon scattered with clouds, the enveloping mist erasing the border between the land and the sea. Follow in the footsteps of the first explorers and admire the majestic fjords and glaciers sculpting the breathtaking landscapes, their icy waters shimmering beneath the midnight sun. The fjords, veritable cathedrals of ice, reveal their millennial secrets, while the glaciers, like sleeping giants, move slowly towards the sea, setting free sparkling icebergs. On the water, you might spot belugas and rorquals, while on the shores, seals and Arctic foxes add a touch of mystery to this living tableau, where the steep cliffs become breeding grounds for thousands of seabirds, like guillemots. Southwest Spitsbergen is an ode to nature in its rawest and purest form.

DAY 4: Sailing Towards the Ice Floes



Your captain will sail right up to the limit of the ice, to the edge of the ice floe. Weather conditions and state of the ice allowing, you will be able to go out in a zodiac dinghy for a unique experience in the middle of these floating slabs of ice. In addition to this grandiose journey through the middle of these floes with their cut and blue-tinged edges, sometimes over 2 metres thick, it is also often an opportunity to see a particular kind of fauna, totally dependent on the ice floe: birds, seals and polar bears.

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DAY 5: North-West Region of Spitsbergen: Days 5-6

A kingdom of contrasts and natural marvels dotted with islands and peninsulas, northwest Spitsbergen fascinates with its preserved beauty. On these pristine lands, infinity unveils itself, treating the eyes to beauty sculpted by nature and enhanced by the changing light. The fjords bathed by icy waters, the jagged mountains and the imposing glaciers stand majestically before you, like monumental sculptures. In these lands, where souls are filled with deep serenity, only the murmur of broken ice, bearing mysteries and legends, disturbs the calmness. Aboard our Zodiacs and in the company of naturalist-guides, get as close as possible to this unique fauna and discover this centre for scientific expedition departures. In the distance, majestic whales glide silently through the glacial waters, whereas seals, walrus and Arctic foxes add a playful touch of life. As Svalbard reindeer wander the vast expanses, Arctic terns liven up the polar sky with their gracious flight and polar bears, which you may be lucky enough to see, patrol magnificently along the icy shores.



DAY 7: Ny-Alesund

During your cruise, discover Ny-Ålesund, a former mining town that has been transformed into a scientific base. Founded in 1916, this small town was the departure point for many Arctic expeditions, including those of the famous explorer Roald Amundsen. Don't miss a visit to the museum and its famous post office, considered to be the most northerly in the world!



DAY 8: Disembark in Longyearbyen & fly to Paris

Arrive early in Longyearbyen and disembark around 8am before to be transferred to the airport for your flight to Paris. *Flights included in the programme are as of today, operated in economy class, on a European airline. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board a ship
Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Lyrial Return flight Paris/Longyearbyen Return transfers from the vessel to/from the airport All meals whilst on board Open bar (no premium brands) Mini bar in your stateroom (Champagne additional fee) Scheduled landings and excursions, conditions permitting Guiding and lectures by expedition team Complimentary Polar expedition jacket Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions All port taxes Comprehensive pre and post voyage informational material Free WIFI **EXCLUSIONS** Airfares other than specified Pre/Post land arrangements and accommodation in Paris Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Personal expenses such as laundry Gratuities for the crew (recommend US$15 per person per day) Optional Activities not mentioned in itinerary
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Subject to availability upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	**PLEASE NOTE: The departures 18 July 26, 25 July 26, 17 July 27, 24 July 27, and 31 July 27 operate in reverse. Please contact us for more details.** Return flights from Paris to Longyearbyen and transfers to/from the ship to airport are included in your cruise price. Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions. In rare and unforeseen situations, an operator may apply a fuel surcharge after your booking has been confirmed and paid. This is outside our control and uncommon, but transparency with our travelers is important to us.

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Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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