

THE ARCTIC - SVALBARD IN DEPTH | SYLVIA EARLE



INTRODUCTION


On this extended journey through the Svalbard archipelago, you'll have plenty of time to fully immerse yourself in the wonders of this enchanting region. Experience near-endless daylight as your pulse quickens with the sight of polar bears, the echoes of guillemots from towering cliffs, and the sight of beluga whales surfacing from the sea. With extra time to explore, we aim to share some of our favourite spots in Svalbard, and maybe even uncover new ones. In a place as wild and remote as Svalbard, unpredictable conditions are part of the adventure. With additional time, we can take a more relaxed pace, lingering in tranquil bays to enjoy wildlife encounters and revisiting spots that were previously out of reach. Wander through tundra adorned with wildflowers, keep an eye out for arctic foxes, and explore historic camps of explorers and hunters. Push through pack ice to find walrus and bearded seals, and marvel at the stunningly beautiful fjords. We want to ensure you don't miss a thing!

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive Oslo

Having made your way to Oslo, you will be met by a representative of Aurora Expeditions and transferred to our group hotel. Upon arrival at your included hotel, please visit the Aurora Expeditions hospitality desk to collect your luggage cabin tags and to speak with our ground operations team, who may have information to share with you about pre-embarkation or to provide you with information about where to dine, withdraw cash or purchase last minute items from a local pharmacy or supermarket. The remainder of your time is at leisure. All meals today are at your own expense. Accommodation: The Clarion Hotel Oslo (or similar)




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DAY 2: Fly to Longyearbyen & Embarkation

This morning, please ensure your cabin luggage is fitted with cabin tags clearly labelled with your name and cabin number. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for our charter flight to Longyearbyen for embarkation. Any valuables or personal items should be kept on you throughout the day. In Longyearbyen, explore the town on a guided excursion tour. After the tour, you will be transferred directly to the pier to embark in the late afternoon. Settle into your cabin before attending important safety briefings and enjoy the thrill of departure as we ‘throw the lines’ and set sail. Note: the excursion is contingent on the arrival time of our charter flight to Longyearbyen.



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DAY 3: Svalbard Archipelago - Day 3 to 14

Svalbard offers Arctic wilderness at its best. Our experienced expedition team will use their expertise to tailor our day-to-day itinerary, choosing the best options, based on the prevailing weather, sea-ice conditions, and the possibility of encounters with wildlife. Above the Arctic Circle during the boreal summer, the sun does not drop below the horizon until late August, so we enjoy 24 hours of daylight, and more time to explore this breathtaking part of the planet. Svalbard's phenomenal fjords, magnificent mountain ranges and polar desert are rich in fossils, perfectly setting the stage for heroic tales of early exploration. We may encounter walrus hauled-out on sea ice or wallowing on beaches. We may seek out towering cliffs noisy with nesting guillemots and listen to the busy chanting of little auk colonies protected amongst the scree slopes. With more time than on our classic Svalbard voyages we plan to reach further afield; we will attempt to explore the two largest islands in the archipelago; Spitsbergen and Nordauslandet. We may enjoy the delights around Barentsoya and Edgeoya that are located in the Hinlopen Strait, a known polar bear migration route. We plan to visit the remains of old whaling settlements, old pomor sites, and enjoy early morning Zodiac cruises. We will encounter glittering glaciers, keep watch for beluga whales and watch for ivory gulls. Weather and ice permitting we may sail along the most northerly point of the Svalbard archipelago, a favoured spot to a large colony of walruses. If you are participating in an optional activity such as kayaking, you will have opportunity to experience the Arctic whenever conditions allow. For those who are enthusiastic to participate in a polar plunge, when conditions are perfect, you will hear the announcement to prepare for an exhilarating dip - a memory to savour for years to come.



DAY 15: Disembark in Longyearbyen & Fly to Oslo

In the early morning we cruise back into Longyearbyen for disembarkation. Farewell your crew and expedition team and enjoy some free time before transferring to the airport for your return charter flight to Oslo to continue your journey. Note: the arrival time in Oslo is contingent on the approved allocated slot of our charter flight to and from Longyearbyen, which we expect to receive in February 2026.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation Hotel & Cabin On board a Ship

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Inclusions	<p>INCLUSIONS All transfers as mentioned in the itinerary. One night's hotel accommodation including breakfast, in Oslo on Day 1. Sightseeing tour of Longyearbyen on Day 2, prior to embarkation (time permitting). Return charter flights between Oslo and Longyearbyen. Onboard accommodation during voyage, including daily cabin service. All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during voyage. Beer, house wine and soft drinks with dinner. Captain's Farewell reception including four-course dinner, house cocktails, house beer and wine, non-alcoholic beverages. All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises. Educational lectures and guiding services provide by Expedition Team. Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic (initial consultation). One 3-in-1 waterproof, polar expedition jacket. Complimentary use of Muck Boots during the voyage. Comprehensive pre-departure information. Port surcharges, permits and landing fees. Wi-Fi. Please note we travel to remote regions and therefore the connection can be unreliable.</p>
	<p>EXCLUSIONS International or domestic flights - unless specified in itinerary Transfers - unless specified in itinerary Airport arrival or departure taxes Passport, visa, reciprocity and vaccination fees and charges Travel insurance or emergency evacuation charges Hotels and meals - unless specified in the itinerary Optional excursions and optional activity surcharges All items of a personal nature, including but not limited to alcoholic beverages and soft drinks (outside of dinner service), laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, wi-fi, email or phone charges Gratuities for ship's crew - (A \$15 USD per person per day gratuity for the crew is automatically added to your onboard account. It is at your discretion if you would like to remove the tip (or adjust the amount) when you settle your bill. It is not necessary to tip the expedition team members. This gratuity amount is included for suites as part of their 'Suite Benefits'.)</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Subject to availability upon request. Contact us for more details.

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Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, may be based on quad/triple/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</p>
Price Dependent upon	<p>Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.</p>

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