SPITSBERGEN - SPRINGTIME IN SVALBARD | MS QUEST



TRIP CODE

ACPQSPSV

DEPARTURE

17/05/2027, 24/05/2027, 18/05/2028, 25/05/2028

DURATION

9 Days

LOCATIONS

Svalbard & The Arctic

INTRODUCTION

Come along on a once-in-a-lifetime Arctic cruise to Svalbard, the land of the midnight sun and polar bears! Svalbard is marked by breathtaking beauty and a lovely purity in May. Pastel-colored skies, snow-capped mountains, fjord ice, and shimmering ice formations dominate the winter scenery of fairy tales.

With the Arctic fox and Svalbard reindeer still sporting their winter coats, walruses frequently resting on the ice floes, and, with any chance, the polar bear wandering on the ice, springtime in Svalbard is an incredible time to witness the archipelago come to life. It's a fantastic time to see rock ptarmigans and king eiders, and birdlife is starting to return to Svalbard.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival in Longyearbyen

Today you will arrive in Longyearbyen where you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day will be spent at your leisure to explore the quaint sights of Longyearbyen.



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DAY 2: Exploring Svalbard - Day 2 to 8

We start our Svalbard expedition by exploring Longyearbyen. In the afternoon we embark on our expedition ship, M/S Stockholm and head out through Isfjorden - our Arctic adventure has started! We are now in a part of the world where we are completely dependent on the ice and weather conditions. Our exact itinerary will depend on these factors and on the wildlife we encounter. We may make a first excursion before heading south or north, depending on the weather and ice conditions. Here are some examples of places we may visit during our Arctic cruise: Alkhornet At the entrance of Isfjorden is the characteristic cliff of Alkhornet. We go ashore to enjoy the beautiful tundra and its birdlife, including barnacle geese, Brünnich's guillemots, glaucous gulls, snow buntings and tens of thousands of kittiwakes. Arctic foxes are sometimes seen in the rock crevices around the mountain and with a bit of luck we might see these lovely little animals scurrying around, frantically looking for food. Prins Karls Forland This narrow strip of land is covered by a magnificent and snow-covered mountain chain. The island is also home to many seabirds and harbour seals Kongsfjorden and Krossfjorden The scientific village of Ny-Ålesund is located in Kongsfjorden. It was from here that Amundsen and Nobile started their heroic expeditions to the North Pole. In the nearby Krossfjorden we can admire the beautifully sculpted front of the 14th of July Glacier and listen to the sounds of the many kittiwakes and Brünnich's guillemots that nest on the nearby cliffs. Raudfjorden Raudfjorden is an area of immense natural beauty – dominated by magnificent glaciers. It is also a favourite haunt of seals, and the bird cliffs are bursting with activity. Virgohamna, Danskøya Danskøya was the starting point for two of the most daring attempts to reach the North Pole. The Swedish explorer Andrée made an attempt with a hydrogen balloon and American journalist Wellman started with an airship. Interesting remnants of these Arctic expeditions can still be seen here. Bellsund At the beautiful Vårsolbukta in Bellsund little auks nest by the tens of thousands. We go ashore and walk across the tundra to get a closer look at these charming birds. Hornsund The majestic Hornsund consists of several magnificent fjords along the west coast of Spitsbergen, where huge glaciers calve out shimmering blue ice. This is one of the favourite haunts of some of Svalbard's polar bears, and we may be lucky enough to spot one on the fjord ice.



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DAY 9: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

In the morning we leave the ship in Longyearbyen and begin our journey home. Please note: Our exact route will depend on ice, weather conditions and wildlife. The places mentioned are just examples of some of the many sites Svalbard has to offer. We always strive to maximise your experience. Please remember that flexibility is the key to a successful expedition!



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin On Board Ship & Hotel
Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** One night in a hotel in Longyearbyen. Cabin accommodation on board ship. Lunch on day two. All meals, tea, and coffee on board throughout your voyage. All scheduled landings and excursions. Guiding and leadership by expert exploration team and crew. **EXCLUSIONS** Flights to/from Longyearbyen. Group transfers to/from hotel and ship. Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above. Passport and visa expenses. Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above. Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended. Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned. Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew. Meals ashore unless otherwise specified. Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights. Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified. Optional Adventure Activities.

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Difficulty Rating	2 (Light Adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request. A supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, triple, and twin cabins. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. Please note this 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.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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