THE ARCTIC - EXPEDITION SVALBARD | MS SJOVEIEN



TRIP CODE

ACPQSJES

DEPARTURE

12/07/2027, 22/07/2027, 01/08/2027

DURATION

12 Days

LOCATIONS

Svalbard & The Arctic

INTRODUCTION

On board the expedition ship M/S Sjoveien, come along for an incredible Arctic journey with us as we investigate Svalbard, the home of the polar bear!

The end of June marks the arrival of summer and the midnight sun rules supreme. The thawing of the ice around the islands offers fantastic chances to see the eastern regions of the archipelago, which are rarely visited. Longer hikes are becoming possible as more snow-free areas open up and whales become more frequent in these waters. In late August, when the snow-free landscape is most noticeable, autumn arrives. In preparation for the arctic night, the midnight sun is grazing the horizon, providing us with stunning sunsets and a warm glow that is ideal for photography.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival in Longyearbyen

We arrive in Longyearbyen and transfer to our hotel.



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DAY 2: Exploring Svalbard - Day 2 to 11

Explore Longyearbyen on your own before meeting up your fellow travellers and guides for lunch. In the afternoon we board the expedition ship and sail out through the spectacular Isfjorden - the Arctic expedition cruise has begun! 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. Our aim is to head out on Zodiac cruises every day and to go ashore when the opportunity arises. Here are some examples of places we may visit. Northwest Spitsbergen Isfjorden offers plenty of great landing sites and splendid hiking opportunities. At the entrance of Isfjorden is the characteristic cliff Alkhornet. Arctic foxes are often seen in the rock crevices around the mountain and with some luck we might see these lovely little animals scurrying around, frantically looking for food. 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. Two other courageous attempts to reach the North Pole started on the island of Danskøya. The Swedish explorer Andrée made an attempt with a hydrogen balloon, and the American journalist Wellman started with an airship. Interesting remnants of these expeditions can still be seen here. The magnificent fjords of Spitsbergen Svalbard offers visitors countless spectacular fjords. During our journey we will explore some of them such as: Liefdefjorden, meaning “The fjord of love”, is lined with snow-capped mountain peaks and here we hope to cruise along the face of the spectacular Monaco Glacier. Many common eiders and pink-footed geese nest in the area. In Krossfjorden we revel in the beautifully sculpted front of the 14th of July Glacier and are greeted by the many kittiwakes and Brünnich’s guillemots that nest on the nearby cliffs. 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 abuzz with activity. North of Spitsbergen In the direction of the North Pole, the goal is to reach the pack ice north of Spitsbergen and spend around two days here. This floating and ever-changing habitat is a fascinating and powerful experience to say the least. Not many ships come here and we can enjoy the tranquillity of this magnificent icy landscape. We are constantly on the lookout for the exciting wildlife associated with the Arctic Ocean, such as polar bears, seals and ivory gulls. The pack ice around Svalbard is of great importance to the archipelago's ecosystem and climate. It is also a mainstay of life in the Arctic. Sjuøyane These islands are situated north of Nordaustlandet and it is Svalbard’s northernmost outpost. On one of the islands, Rossøya, Andrée and his companions had one of their depots with supplies in case their, by now legendary, balloon trip in the late 1800s would fail. Hinlopen Strait and Alkefjellet Ice conditions permitting, we enter the Hinlopen Strait. Here we find Alkefjellet, an impressive basalt cliff that is home to an estimated 200 000 Brünnich’s guillemots. We may also continue into the beautiful bay of Palanderbukta on Nordaustlandet. Eastern Svalbard The island of Nordaustlandet is covered by a huge ice cap and has fascinated naturalists and historians alike. Here the giant glacier Bråsvellbreen stretches for 180 kilometres! The 15-20 metre high ice edge is punctuated by hundreds of waterfalls.



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DAY 12: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

Early in the morning, we disembark from our expedition ship and begin our journey back home. Please note: All itineraries are for guidance only. Our exact route will depend on the ice, weather conditions, wildlife and government regulations. 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!



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin On Board a Ship & Hotel
Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** One night in a hotel in Longyearbyen. Cabin accommodation on board ship. Lunch on day two. Visit to Svalbard Museum day 2. 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 (**Flight/Transfer package can be purchased through supplier*) Group transfers to/from hotel and ship if on different flight than supplier arranged group flights. 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.
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)

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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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