

## THE ARCTIC - SVALBARD ODYSSEY 2027 | DOUGLAS MAWSON



### INTRODUCTION

Explore the key regions of Svalbard over this 11 day itinerary, focusing on areas known for reliable wildlife sightings and varied landscapes. Travellers may encounter polar bears, walrus, bearded seals, reindeer, Arctic foxes and seabirds such as guillemots and puffins. Your time will be spent cruising along glacier fronts, navigating fjords and moving through pack ice, with the chance to observe beluga whales and other marine life. Excursions by Zodiac and on foot provide access to bird cliffs, ice formations, tundra and selected historical sites.

The program combines ship cruising with regular landings and guided walks, allowing for wildlife observation, photography and exploration of former whaling or trapping locations when conditions permit. The itinerary remains flexible so guides can respond to weather and wildlife activity, with daily briefings to support safe operations. Onboard presentations given by the Expedition team, provide clear information on regional ecology and exploration history.

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Arrive in 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.



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#### DEPARTURE

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#### DURATION

11 Days

#### LOCATIONS

Svalbard



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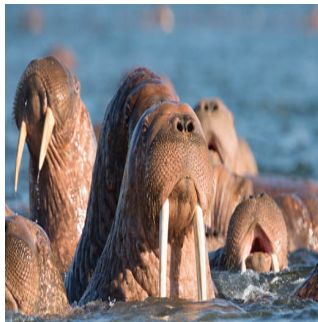
**DAY 2: Longyearbyen & Embarkation**


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 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.



**DAY 3: Svalbard - Days 3 to 10**

Svalbard offers Arctic wilderness at its best. The members of our experienced Expedition Team, who have made countless journeys to this area, 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. Phenomenal fjords, magnificent mountain ranges, and a polar desert rich in fossils, set the stage for heroic tales of early exploration. See walrus hauled-out on sea ice or on beaches. On land, we stretch our legs on walks across tundra carpeted in brightly coloured wildflowers. We visit towering cliffs noisy with nesting guillemots and puffins, and scree slopes that hold Svalbard’s largest little auk colonies. If you have chosen an optional activity such as kayaking, you will have an opportunity to enjoy that activity when conditions allow. For those who are enthusiastic to participate in a polar plunge, as soon as conditions are suitable, you will hear the announcement to prepare for an exhilarating dip – a memory you will savour for years to come.



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## DAY 11: Longyearbyen to Oslo


During the early morning, we cruise back into Longyearbyen. Farewell your Expedition Team upon disembarkation and enjoy some free time before transferring to the airport for our charter flight back to Oslo. Note: the arrival time in Oslo is contingent on the approved allocated slot for our charter flight to and from Longyearbyen, which we expect to receive in March 2027.




## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

### Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin on board a ship

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| <b>Inclusions</b> | <p><b>INCLUSIONS</b><br/>           All transfers as mentioned in the itinerary<br/>           One night's hotel accommodation including breakfast, in Oslo on Day 1<br/>           Sightseeing tour of Longyearbyen on Day 2, prior to embarkation (time permitting)<br/>           Return charter flights between Oslo and Longyearbyen<br/>           On-board accommodation during voyage including daily cabin service<br/>           All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during voyage<br/>           Beer, house wine and soft drinks with dinner<br/>           Captain's Farewell reception including four-course dinner, house cocktails, house beer and wine, non-alcoholic beverages<br/>           All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises<br/>           Educational lectures and guiding services provided by Expedition Team<br/>           Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic (initial consultation)<br/>           One 3-in-1 waterproof polar expedition jacket<br/>           Complimentary use of Muck Boots during the voyage<br/>           Comprehensive pre-departure information<br/>           Port surcharges, permits and landing fees<br/>           Wi-Fi. Please note we travel to remote regions and therefore the connection can be unreliable.</p> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b><br/>           International or domestic flights - unless specified in itinerary<br/>           Transfers - unless specified in itinerary<br/>           Airport arrival or departure taxes<br/>           Passport, visa, reciprocity and vaccination fees and charges<br/>           Travel insurance or emergency evacuation charges<br/>           Hotels and meals - unless specified in the itinerary<br/>           Optional excursions and optional activity surcharges<br/>           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<br/>           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> |
|                   | <p><b>Difficulty Rating</b>      2 (light adventure)</p> <p><b>Single Surcharge</b>      Subject to availability upon request. Contact us for more details.</p>  |

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| <b>Notes</b>                | <p>Prices are based on per person, may be based on quad/triple/twin share.<br/>         Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.<br/>         Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions</p> |
| <b>Price Dependent upon</b> | <p>Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.</p>  |

**SUSTAINABILITY**

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