SPITSBERGEN - UNEXPLORED SVALBARD | LE LYRIAL



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ACPOUXS
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30/06/2028, 07/07/2028, 14/07/2028, 21/07/2028, 28/07/2028
DURATION
8 Days
LOCATIONS
Svalbard

INTRODUCTION

This new eight day voyage aboard Le Lyrial explores the remote landscapes of Svalbard, travelling from Longyearbyen into the north eastern and south eastern nature reserves. Expect dramatic mountains, sweeping glaciers, deep fjords and tundra coastlines, with chances to encounter walrus, Svalbard reindeer, Arctic foxes, whales and abundant birdlife, and with favourable conditions, polar bears near the pack ice.

Zodiac excursions, shore visits and guided hikes provide close access to the natural and historical highlights of Spitsbergen. With a focus on the lesser visited regions of the archipelago, this itinerary is an excellent choice for travellers seeking to experience the High Arctic beyond the more familiar surroundings of Longyearbyen.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen

In the morning you will board your selected charter flight from Paris to Longyearbyen. The flight is approximately 4 and a half hours. Please note we highly recommend you arrive in Paris the day before this flight. Upon arrival in Longyearbyen you will be transferred to the pier for embarkation. 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. Embarkation is scheduled between 4 and 5pm with departure set for 6pm.



DAY 2: Ny-Alesund, Spitsbergen

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!



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DAY 3: North-West region of Spitsbergen

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 4: Sailing Toward 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: Nordaust-Svalbard Nature Reserve

The Nordaust-Svalbard Nature Reserve has been protecting the northernmost and coldest part of the archipelago, Nordaustlandet (North East Land), since 1973. This vast polar desert covered by two ice caps is the second largest island in the Svalbard archipelago. Protected by the gulf stream, the fjords and cliffs in the west and north are home to large colonies of birds and walruses. The landscapes in the colder east and south are dominated by imposing glaciers that calve majestic icebergs in the vast Hinlopen Strait. Large colonies of thick-billed murres have taken up residence on the sheer cliffs. You may even get the chance to see a bear or an Arctic fox roaming in the vicinity.



DAY 6: Soraust-Svalbard Nature Reserve

The Søraust-Svalbard Nature Reserve is the second largest protected area in Norway. Established in 1973, this nature conservation area stretching over more than 21,000 km2 will offer you stunning panoramas including coastal landscapes, rocky islets, mountain plateaux, vast tundra plains, and ice floes. With a little luck, you will be able to observe a wide variety of seabirds, given the site is listed as an Important Bird Area, as well as cetaceans, Svalbard reindeer, or even Arctic foxes. Among other things, Edgeoya Island is renowned for providing shelter to a number of polar bears during the breeding season.



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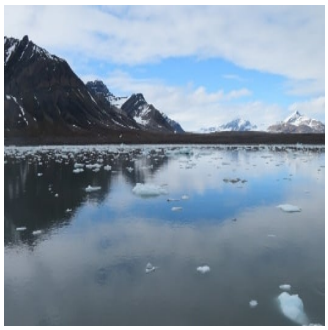

DAY 8: Disembarkation in Spitsbergen

Today marks the final day of your voyage. Upon disembarkation in Longyearbyen you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Paris.



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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Lyrial Return flight Paris/Longyearbyen/Paris Transfers between the airport and the vessel 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	A return flight between Paris and Longyearbyen and transfers between the airport and the ship 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.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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