THE ARCTIC - BEST OF SVALBARD 8



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8 Days
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INTRODUCTION

Experience the best of Svalbard in just eight days on this wildlife-rich Arctic expedition on this compact expedition designed to maximise your time exploring. Travelling through western Spitsbergen's dramatic scenery of glacier-carved fjords and tundra landscapes as you are immersed in the rich polar history of the region.

Frequent Zodiac cruises and guided shore landings allow you to make the most of every day, with opportunities to encounter walrus, seals, Arctic foxes, reindeer, whales, colonies of nesting seabirds and potentially polar bears. Supported by an expert expedition team, this journey provides a rewarding snapshot of one of the world's most fascinating polar environments.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival in Longyearbyen

Welcome to Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Svalbard and starting point of our Arctic expedition! At the Longyearbyen airport, you will be greeted by our staff and transferred to a quality hotel, which has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the itinerary. You will then be free to explore the charming, walkable town center. We recommend starting your discovery of this fascinating Norwegian High Arctic territory at the excellent Svalbard Museum, where you can also purchase hard-to-find polar books and maps. Afterward, you can enjoy an excellent dinner at one of Longyearbyen’s many delightful restaurants. If you are still awake at midnight, you will notice the sun has not set. In fact, the sun will not set for the entire duration of our time in Svalbard.



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DAY 2: Embarkation

In the afternoon, you will be transferred to the pier where we will warmly welcome you aboard the expedition vessel M/V Sea Spirit. Get settled in your spacious suite and explore the ship that will be your comfortable home during the extraordinary adventure to come. As M/V Sea Spirit sails into Isfjorden, step onto the open decks and watch the mountains and wild coastlines of Svalbard unfold beneath the midnight sun.



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DAY 3: The Best of West Svalbard - Day 3 to 7

During these expedition days discover the highlights of western Spitsbergen: glacier-filled fjords, rugged mountains, Arctic tundra, historic sites, and the everchanging Arctic ice formations. With relatively short distances between exploration sites, the voyage is designed to make the most of each day, offering ample opportunities for shore landings, Zodiac cruises, and wildlife encounters. There is no fixed daily schedule in the Arctic. Weather, sea ice conditions, and wildlife activity will shape our route, and our expedition team will select the most rewarding landing sites and activities each day. In South Spitsbergen National Park, we will explore Hornsund, one of Svalbard's most spectacular fjords, where immense glaciers descend between rugged mountain peaks. Along the southern shores of Bellsund, we will discover the remains of historic whaling operations, including old wooden boats, cabins, and thousands of whale bones — remnants of the region's whaling history. The surrounding tundra also offers excellent hiking opportunities through landscapes rich in Arctic flora, birdlife, and fascinating geological formations. Farther north, Northwest Spitsbergen National Park features deep fjords, immense tidewater glaciers, and dramatic sea cliffs. During the breeding season, millions of murres, guillemots, and little auks return to the islands and cliffs. Look out for whales and Arctic seals in the surrounding waters. Our voyage will also take us to Forlandet National Park and Prins Karls Forland, one of Svalbard's best places to observe walruses hauled out on shore. In North Isfjorden National Park, we will look for endemic Svalbard reindeer grazing across the tundra and Arctic foxes roaming the landscape. We will also visit Ny-Ålesund, a former mining settlement and airship base that is now an international center for Arctic research and one of the northernmost permanent communities in the world. A special focus of the expedition will be exploring the Arctic sea ice. We will make every effort to approach areas of fast ice along the coast or reach the polar ice edge, taking the ship as close as conditions safely allow. These ice-covered environments offer prime opportunities to spot polar bears hunting ringed seals in their natural habitat.



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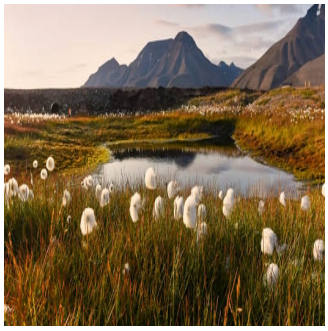
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DAY 8: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen



After a final breakfast on board, we return to Longyearbyen, where our polar journey comes to an end. After disembarkation, join a guided sightseeing tour and discover some of Longyearbyen's most interesting sites. We will then arrange transfers to the airport or the town center for those continuing their stay in Svalbard. The expedition may have come to an end, but the iconic landscapes, extraordinary wildlife, and serenity of the High Arctic will stay with you long after you return home.

INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin On board a Ship

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** 1 pre-voyage hotel night on Day 1 in a hotel in Longyearbyen Group transfer to the ship for embarkation on Day 2 Group transfer upon disembarkation Cabin on board the Sea Spirit Group transfer from the airport to the hotel on Day 1 All meals on board throughout the voyage All-inclusive beverage package that includes soft drinks, house wine and beer, and house spirits Sightseeing tour around Longyearbyen upon disembarkation (2 hours) AECO fees, governmental taxes, and port fees 24-hour tea and coffee station Scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions) Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team Expeditions parka to keep Rubber boots for use for shore landings during the cruise Pre-departure materials A Digital Voyage Log with photos and a memorable video from our expedition photographer Wi-Fi on board **EXCLUSIONS** International or internal flights unless specified Transfers from the airport to the hotel if arriving prior to Day 1 of the program; Visa fees (if applicable) Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges Travel insurance Mandatory Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of US$ 200,000 per person Kayaking is an optional activity with limited availability and must be booked separately for an additional charge Staff gratuities
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Subject to availability upon request, contact us for more details. Sharing is available in Triple, Main Deck, Classic, and Superior Suites. If you prefer a cabin for yourself, the following categories are available with the single supplement at: x1.7 for Main Deck, Classic, and Superior Suites x2 for Deluxe, Premium, and Owner's Suite

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Notes	Prices are based on per person, and may be based off triple/or twin share cabins* (please contact us for more details). 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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