

The Arctic - In Depth Exploration in the Land of the Polar Bear | Sea Spirit

Trip Code
ACPOLOP
Departure



Introduction

This 14-day voyage begins in Longyearbyen and takes you on a full circumnavigation of the Svalbard archipelago. Journey through Northwest Spitsbergen National Park, where dramatic fjords, jagged mountain ranges, and tidewater glaciers calving into turquoise seas set the stage for incredible wildlife encounters with guillemots, beluga whales, Arctic seals, and the iconic polar bear.

The heart of the expedition lies at the Polar Ice Edge and the remote KvitÅ,ya (White Island)-one of the most inaccessible and rarely visited places on Earth, offering profound solitude and untouched landscapes.

From the fjord-lined coast of West Spitsbergen to the ice-covered eastern islands and reindeer-dotted tundra of the southeast, this expedition offers a complete immersion into Svalbard's remarkable wildlife, history, geology and breathtaking natural beauty.

Itinerary

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Welcome to Longyearbyen, the

administrative center of Svalbard and

Svalbard

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

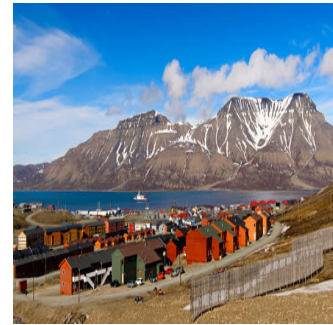
Longyearbyen's many delightful

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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After breakfast at your hotel, the morning is

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views of icy fjords and glaciated mountains

surrounding this historic former coal-mining

town. Take advantage of shopping for

souvenirs or some last-minute necessities

such as cold-weather gear. Just remember,

you will soon receive your very own parka

to keep and waterproof boots to borrow on

board the ship. For lunch, Longyearbyen

offers quick and easy meal options including

the most northerly pizzas and kebabs in the

world. In the afternoon, you will be

transferred to the pier where we will

warmly welcome you aboard the deluxe

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. After

getting underway, a full schedule of events

kicks off with informative briefings and

introductions from your expedition staff.

After the first of many delicious dinners on

board, step out onto the open decks to

admire the gorgeous scenery in 24-hour

daylight as we pass through the wildlife-rich

waters of Isfjorden.



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16 Days of this voyage is a

Location navigation of the Svalbard

archipelago. We will make an attempt to go

to the northeastern most part of the

archipelago - the island of Kvitøya, famous

for its polar bears. Along the way, we hope

to experience the many facets of this

incredible High Arctic territory. Much of the

pristine nature of Spitsbergen is protected

by a system of national parks, and the first

one on our way will be the Northwest

Spitsbergen National Park, which is the

crown jewel of Svalbard's scenic wonders.

This area is well-known for its deep fjords

flanked by serrated mountain ranges and

immense tidewater glaciers calving icebergs

into turquoise waters. The skies are filled

with millions of murre, guillemots and little

auks, whose eggs are just now hatching at

countless breeding colonies located on small

islands, mountainsides and sea cliffs within

the park. This is also a great chance to

encounter marine mammals, including

beluga whales and various Arctic seals. This

wildly beautiful area contains many

enchanting locations like Signehamna Bay

and Kongsbreen Glacier ("Kings Glacier").

Human habitation - rare along our route -

can be found at Ny Ålesund, a former

mining town and airship base that is now

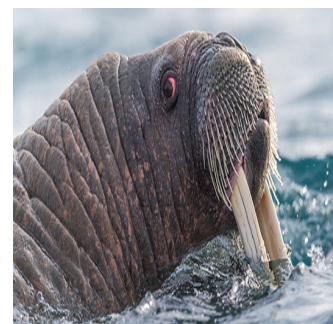
home to an international community of

Arctic researchers. This is one of the

world's most northerly settlements where

you can find a museum, gift shop and post

office.



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DAY 6: At Sea

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The Svalbard Archipelago is located halfway

between the top of Norway and the North

Pole, which means the Polar Ice Edge can

be found to the north of the islands! This

corner of Svalbard is full of stunning

scenery and wildlife as well as rich history

from the age of exploration. Our plan is to

navigate along the ice edge towards the

island of Nordaustlandet and further to the

east towards Kvitøya (White Island).

However, remember, our route and

research opportunities are heavily

dependent on the weather. But rest assured,

we'll take the best possible advantage of the

circumstances presented to us by nature in

this wild and remote corner of the world.



DAY 7: Trails of great Arctic explorers

On this part of the journey, we will make an

attempt to go to the eastern and northern

regions of the Svalbard Archipelago -

infrequently visited aboard expedition ships

- experiencing the isolation and beautiful

remoteness of Svalbard's Arctic wilderness

areas. Kvitøya (White Island) is one of the

most rarely visited and closest islands to

Franz Josef Land. This place, almost

completely covered by ice, became the final

resting place of the balloon expedition of

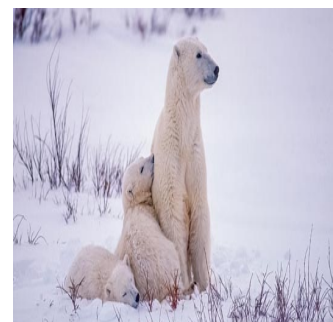
the Swedish polar explorer Salomon August

Andrée. Kvitøya is not always accessible to

expedition ships, but it may provide another

opportunity to observe polar bears in their

natural habitat.



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During this voyage, we expect to encounter

significant sea ice concentrations in the

enormous Northwest Svalbard Nature

Reserve, which covers the rugged

northwestern parts of Spitsbergen and the

entirety of Nordaustlandet, the second

largest island in Svalbard. In this remote

and isolated region, ice can persist very late

into the summer. The massive Austfonna ice

cap rises above the stunning landscapes of

the High Arctic. Part of it meets the sea

along the 45-kilometer ice cliff known as

Bråsvellbreen—one of the great wonders of

the Arctic world. The polar desert

environment supports little in the way of

vegetation, but hosts a prodigious number

of seabirds. The cliffs of Alkefjellet are home

to thousands of pink-footed geese, glaucous

gulls, little auks, black-guillemots, snow

buntings and (probably) barnacle geese.

Historically, this icy wilderness has proven

a good location for spotting polar bear and

walrus.



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The Southeast Svalbard Nature Reserve is a
Location pristine and rarely visited wilderness
containing hundreds of uninhabited islands.

On the large islands of Edgeøya and
Barentsøya, broad tundra valleys support
the territory's densest population of
endemic Svalbard reindeer. The valleys are
also important breeding areas for ground-
nesting birds such as geese, eiders and
sandpipers. Arctic foxes prowl the vast
landscape, seeking to provide food for their
young cubs, who are just now emerging
from their dens. Shallow, murky seas are
ideal feeding grounds for walruses resting
in large numbers on gently sloping beaches.

Historical sites throughout the islands
provide glimpses into the region's bygone
era of trapping and hunting. South
Spitsbergen National Park is a vast region
of varied landscapes, including polar
deserts and impassible mountain ranges.
The centerpiece of this park is Hornsund, a
picture-perfect fjord where countless
mighty glaciers cascade from soaring
mountaintops into icy inlets. The park also
includes the southern shores of Bellsund, a
picturesque bay where the remains of
historical whaling operations can be found,
including wooden boats, cabins and
thousands of whale bones — a scene from
the distant past, literally frozen in time.

Throughout the park, there is always a high
probability of wildlife sightings. Wildflowers
will be at their peak during this time.

Because of its extended length, this
ambitious and in-depth Svalbard
circumnavigation expedition cruise is a
great chance to get a comprehensive view
of the Arctic's many faces. Every day offers
something new and exciting. We will not
miss a single opportunity to encounter
amazing Arctic wildlife, witness incredible
polar scenery and walk in the footsteps of
historic expeditions



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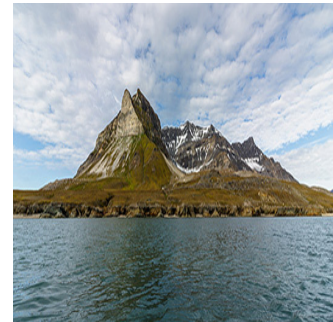
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Our circumnavigation of the Svalbard

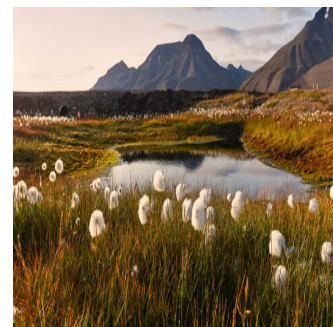
archipelago is coming to an end. We are

Back to the West Coast of the Spitsbergen
archipelago, with its beautiful locations like
Alkhornet Mountain (which is also known as
bird heaven because its cliffs support over
10,000 breeding pairs of seabirds).



DAY 14: Disembark in Longyearbyen

After filling up with one last buffet breakfast
on board, we bid you farewell in
Longyearbyen. We provide transfers to the
airport or to the town center in case you
plan to stay longer in Svalbard. By this time,
you may already be making plans for your
next amazing trip with us into the polar
worlds!



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Hotel & Cabin On board a Ship

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Locations

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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

Inclusions

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)

Subject to availability upon request, contact us for more details.

Single Surcharge

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

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

Notes

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.

Price Dependent upon

Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Sustainability