

The Arctic - Realm of the Polar Bear in Depth | MS Expedition

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Introduction

Set out on an 11-day Arctic adventure where every day brings something new. Cruise through icy waters, walk across wild tundra, and ride Zodiacs into places few people ever see. With extra time to explore, you'll have even more chances to spot polar bears, seals stretched out on the ice, reindeer grazing in the distance, and flocks of seabirds overhead. The midnight sun lights your way as you travel deeper into this remote and rugged world where glaciers, icebergs, and nature are on full display to create memories of a lifetime.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Longyearbyen

Get a first glimpse of the midnight sun in Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's capital. There are no planned activities so feel free to explore or rest up for the excitement ahead. A local representative can provide general information about the town or your embarkation process. In the late afternoon, join your fellow passengers to take your group transfer and begin embarkation for your journey on the Expedition.



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26/06/2026 - 04/06/2027 - Days 2 to 10

Duration

11 Days

Each day is planned to take advantage of local ice and weather conditions. Svalbard is

one of the few places on the planet to offer

such a plethora of natural and historical

extravaganzas. Spend the next nine days

exploring the remote polar regions. Visit

ice-sculpted fjords with breathtaking

mountain scenery, and glaciers crashing

into the sea. Spend time exploring pack ice

edges in search of polar bears hunting

seals. At one or more of the stops, it's

possible to encounter Svalbard's Arctic fox

and the region's unique reindeer. Svalbard

is one of the few places on the planet that

offers such a wealth and diversity of natural

and cultural history sites. During these nine

days, visit ice covered seas, fjords with

breathtaking mountain scenery, and

glaciers flowing into the sea. Spend time

moving through the ice in search of polar

bears hunting seals. Ivory gulls will be a

highlight for the birders. Keep a constant

lookout for walrus hauled out on ice floes or

on sandy beaches. Ice permitting, visit

spectacular bird cliffs filled with thousands

of murre (guillemots), as well as kittiwakes

and glaucous gulls. Shore stops will be

highlighted with tiny tundra flowers. The

Expedition team will be on hand to answer

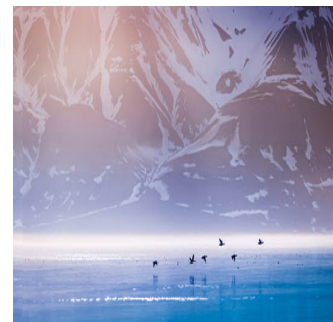
any questions about this spectacular

wilderness. Attend lectures hosted

throughout the day on anything from local

wildlife to the history and exploration of the

Arctic.



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On departure day, transfers to the

Longyearbyen airport will be offered to all

passengers with flights scheduled. Please

Note: While it is our intention to adhere to

the route described, there is a certain

amount of flexibility built into the itinerary

and on occasion it may be necessary, or

desirable to make alterations. The itinerary

is brief, as we never know exactly where our

journey will take us. Due to our style of

travel and the regions we visit, travel can be

unpredictable. The itinerary is a general

guide to the tour and region and any

mention of specific destinations or wildlife

is by no means a guarantee that they will be

visited or encountered.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin on board a ship

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INCLUSIONS

Accommodation on board during your voyage
Group arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen
All Zodiac excursions, as per itinerary, guided by our Expedition Team
English-speaking expedition team
Expedition parka to keep
Rubber boots on loan (USA sizes 4 - 16)
Briefings and lectures by our Expedition Leader and Team
English-speaking Expedition Team
All meals whilst on board
Free tea and coffee available 24 hours
Taxes and landing fees

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights
Extra excursions and optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary
Single room supplements
Meals not on board the ship (Allow USD25-35 for meals not included)
Beverages (other than coffee and tea)
Tips for the crew (we recommend USD 15 per person per day)
Personal expenses such as laundry, bar and onboard communication
Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landings and excursions
Travel and medical insurance (compulsory)
Pre or post cruise travel expenses
Visa (if applicable) and passport fees
Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings
Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Willing to share available for no additional cost in select cabin categories only. Surcharge applies for solo use cabin, contact us for pricing. Subject to availability.
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.

Price Dependent upon

Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

Sustainability