

The Arctic - West Svalbard 11 Days | Sea Spirit

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Introduction

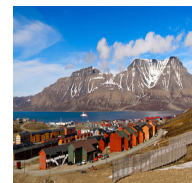
Board the Sea Spirit for an 11 day immersive adventure through the fjords and islands of western Spitsbergen. In this region of the High Arctic, marvel at migratory Arctic seabirds, Svalbard reindeer, herds of walrus, and the possibility of spotting polar bears at any time. The sailing time between each carefully chosen location is minimal, allowing for more time to explore the region's spectacular diversity.

During this unique itinerary, every effort is made to reach the edge of the polar pack ice, where you will witness the dramatic meeting of two worlds: the open sea and the icy plains, renowned for polar bear and seal sightings.

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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Duration At your hotel, the morning is

yours to enjoy Longyearbyen. Take in the

views of fjords and glaciated mountains

surrounding this historic former coal-mining

town. Take advantage of shopping for

11 Days supplies and the last-minute necessities

such as cold-weather gear. Just remember,

Locations 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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Exploration - Day 3 to

Duration

11 Days

The itinerary for this voyage focuses on the spectacular fjords, coasts and islands of western Spitsbergen, the main island of the Svalbard archipelago. This area contains

Svalbard's most impressive scenery and some of the Arctic's best wildlife viewing opportunities. Our exact schedule and route

will be shaped by the weather and ice conditions we encounter. Polar bears and

other iconic Arctic animals can be spotted at anytime, anywhere in our area of

exploration. One of the pristine natural areas on this itinerary is South Spitsbergen

National Park, 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. At this time of year, we are sure to encounter fast ice—that

is, sea ice that is fastened to the shore. This situation offers an excellent chance of

observing polar bears on the hunt for ringed seals. The park also includes the southern

shores of Bellsund, a picturesque bay where we find the remains of historical whaling

operations, including wooden boats, cabins and thousands of whale bones—a scene

from the distant past, literally frozen in time. This area also offers great hiking

opportunities through landscapes rich with Arctic flora and birdlife, as well as

fascinating geology. Also on our route is Northwest Spitsbergen National Park, the

crown jewel of Svalbard's scenic wonders. Here we find deep fjords flanked by

serrated mountain peaks and immense tidewater glaciers calving icebergs into

turquoise waters. The whole area is alive with migratory Arctic seabirds. On this

voyage, we are just in time to witness the return of millions of murrets, guillemots and

little auks to the small islands, mountainsides and sea cliffs where they breed within the park. This is also a great

area to encounter marine mammals, including various kinds of whales and Arctic

seals. Set among this incredible scenery and wildlife activity, we also find evidence of

Svalbard's earliest sealers and whalers. Our area of exploration also includes gorgeous

Forlandet National Park. Here we find Prins Karls Forland, one of the best places in

Svalbard to observe herds of walrus hauled out on land. Also along the route is North

Isforden National Park, where we have the chance to observe endemic Svalbard

reindeer grazing and Arctic fox romping in lush tundra meadows. Human habitation

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 we find a museum, gift shop and post office.

In addition to exploring the terrestrial environment and inshore waterways of

western Spitsbergen, we make a special effort to reach the edge of the polar pack

ice. At this dynamic boundary between solid sea ice and open ocean, we have an

unparalleled opportunity to witness the dramatic interplay between polar bears and

seals. We will take the ship as close as safely possible to the jumbled and

constantly shifting ice floes in the hope of observing polar bears hunting in their

preferred habitat. At this time of year, the ice edge is not far from mainland

Spitsbergen and our sailing time in open seas will be relatively short. The West

Svalbard and Polar Ice Edge route offers a stunning variety of Arctic landscapes and

animals with minimal sailing time between excursions. Every day offers something new

and exciting. We will not miss a sing

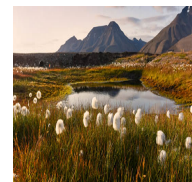


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Embarkation in Longyearbyen

After enjoying one final breakfast buffet on board, we bid you farewell in Longyearbyen, the capital of Svalbard and final destination of the expedition. After disembarkation, a captivating sightseeing tour awaits you, showcasing some of the most interesting locations in the world's northernmost city. We provide transfers to the airport or to the town center in case you plan to stay longer in Svalbard.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin On board a Ship

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

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Locations

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Price Dependent upon

Sustainability

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.

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