

The Arctic - Best of Svalbard | Sea Spirit

Trip Code
ACPEBOS
Departure



Introduction

Itinerary

DAY 1: 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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Longyearbyen

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12 Days

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After breakfast at your hotel, the morning is yours to enjoy Longyearbyen. Take in the 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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Day 3-11

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The goal for this voyage is a

circumnavigation of Spitsbergen, the largest

island of the Svalbard archipelago. Along

the way, we hope to experience the many

facets of this incredible High Arctic

territory. Our exact schedule and route will

be shaped by weather and ice. We also

expect there will be enough sea ice around

to support ice-dependent animals such as

polar bears and walrus. During this voyage,

we expect to encounter significant sea ice

concentrations in the enormous Northwest

Svalbard Nature Reserve. In this remote

and isolated region, ice can persist very late

into the summer, giving it a truly polar

character. This reserve covers the rugged

northwestern parts of Spitsbergen and the

entirety of Nordaustlandet, the second

largest island in Svalbard. Here we find the

massive Austfonna ice cap, part of which

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 prodigious

numbers of seabirds at breeding sites such

as the spectacular sea cliffs of Alkefjellet.

The probability of encountering polar bears

and walrus in this icy wilderness is very

high. 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 murre,

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.

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 gift

shop and a post office. We also visit a

famous airship mast that was a starting

point of the North Pole expeditions by

Umberto Nobile and Roald Amundsen. This

place played an important part in the

history of polar exploration. The ambitious

Svalbard and Polar Ice Edge route offers a

comprehensive view of the Arctic's many

faces. Every day offers something new and

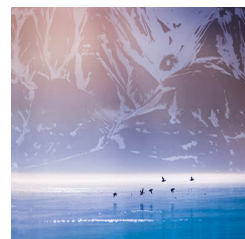
exciting. We will not miss a single

opportunity to encounter amazing Arctic

wildlife, to witness incredible polar scenery,

and to walk in the footsteps of historic

expeditions that came before.



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DAY 12: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

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After one final breakfast buffet on board, we bid you farewell in Longyearbyen, the capital of Svalbard and final destination of our 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

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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)

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Notes

Price Dependent upon

Sustainability

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

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.