



TAILOR-MADE DESTINATIONS

In the Realm of the Polar Bear



Experience the incredible scenery of Svalbard's most remote regions. On this circumnavigation of Spitsbergen you will be able to view the low-hanging Midnight Sun creating unearthly hues reflected off the sea's surface, the ice and the glaciers. Roaming in the realm of the polar bear at this time of the year is one of the most exotic Arctic experiences you can have.

Your Financial Protection

All monies paid by you for the air holiday package shown [or flights if appropriate] are ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 3145.

For more information see our booking terms and conditions.

Voyage itinerary

DAY 1 Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen, Norway

Stay overnight at one of the best Longyearbyen hotels – your evening is at your leisure.



DAY 2 Longyearbyen and Barentsburg, Spitsbergen, Norway

Explore Longyearbyen and surroundings on our guided bus sightseeing before embarking for your cruise. Longyearbyen is a Norwegian settlement often referred to as the capital of Svalbard. This is a lively small town, situated amid some incredible Arctic landscape.

Barentsburg is a Russian settlement with an exotic collection of Russian artefacts and architecture. This “Company town” was built in 1935 around the entrance to the coal mine.



DAY 3 North-west Spitsbergen National Park, Spitsbergen, Norway

Kongsfjord is the largest fjord on the northwest coast of Spitsbergen. The landscape varies from large tundra plains to alpine peaks with dramatic glaciers calving into the

ocean. At 78° 55'N, Ny Ålesund is the world's northernmost permanently inhabited community, where a number of countries run their own national research stations. Activity here is particularly high in the summer. Magdalenefjord is home to a very important piece of cultural heritage; a whaling station from the 16th century, including a graveyard of whalers who died during the first oil "gold rush".



DAY 4 North Svalbard, Spitsbergen, Norway

Deep inside the giant Woodfjord system we find the enormous and fast moving Monaco Glacier. In front of this dramatic glacier the mixing of fresh and saline water creates excellent feeding grounds for sea birds. The Jotunkjeldane thermal springs in another branch of the Woodfjord system are unique – they are the northernmost documented thermal springs on Earth.

DAY 5 North-east Spitsbergen Nature Reserve, Spitsbergen, Norway

The spectacular bird cliff of Alkefjell is sometimes referred to as the Piccadilly Circus of seabirds; its 300m spires rise directly from the sea and create perfect nesting conditions.



DAY 6 South-east Svalbard Nature Reserve, Svalbard, Norway

Edgeøya is the third largest island in Svalbard. Here you will find cultural heritage from all eras of human exploration of Svalbard. Storfjord will give us spectacular views of the east coast of Spitsbergen. In the distance we will see hundreds of glaciers and mountains and if we are lucky we meet some of the marine mammals of Svalbard.



DAY 7 South Spitsbergen National Park; Hornsund, Spitsbergen, Norway

The landscape of Hornsund is alpine with some very special mountains like Bautaen, or in English, the Obelisk, which, seen from the right angle looks like a giant Viking sword. Let your imagination run wild while spending the day in these extraordinary surroundings.



DAY 8 – 9 Isfjord and Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen, Norway

In central Spitsbergen, Isfjord is the largest fjord system in Svalbard. One of the most prominent mountains here is Alkhorn, where thousands of Brünnich's guillemots nest

during the summer season. In the afternoon our Expedition Team will search for a fitting bay where we can make our last expedition landing and we will wrap things up with some onboard festivities. We call at Longyearbyen after midnight, and our voyage comes to an end.

Price Guide:

*The cost of this cruise is from **£3,995 per person sharing**, subject to availability at the time of booking (NB. Availability for 2015 is very limited. Please contact us to discuss alternative departures) For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please [contact us](#).*

Includes:

- Hurtigruten Expedition Voyage on a full board basis
- One hotel night in Longyearbyen pre-voyage
- Longyearbyen vehicle transfers
- Arctic clothing
- Polar activities on- and off-shore
- Professional expedition team, who give lectures as well as accompany landings and activities
- Suites include a range of additional complimentary amenities such as drinks with meals and a welcome gift

Excludes:

- International airfares
- Optional excursions and gratuities
- Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is mandatory)
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges
- The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided)

