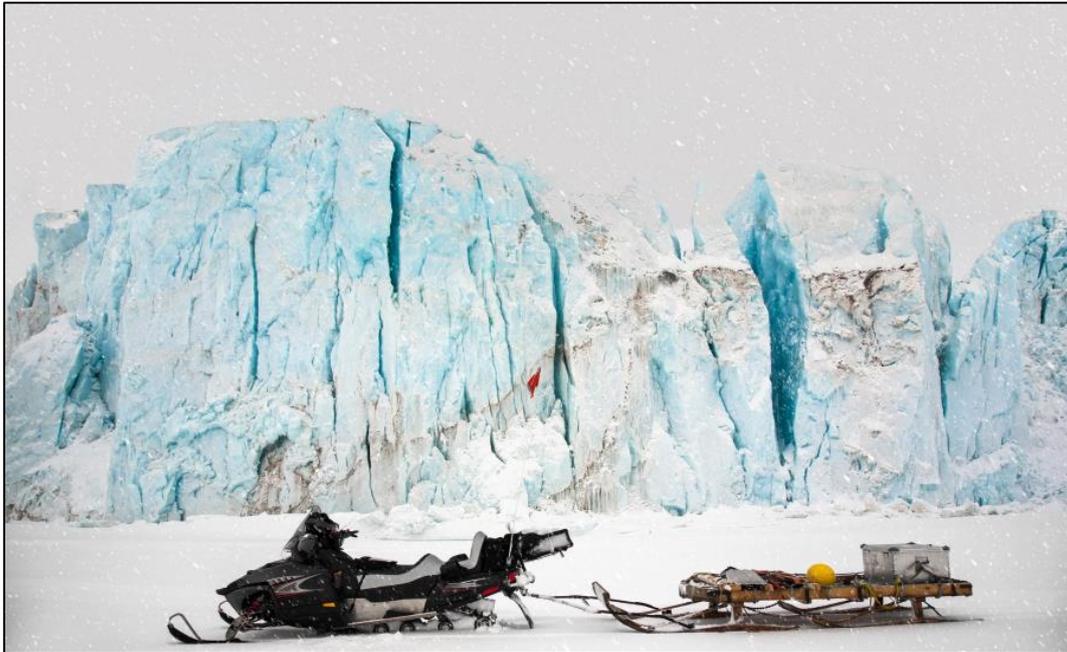


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TAILOR-MADE DESTINATIONS

Arctic Adventure 78° North POLAR ITINERARY



Day 0 Depart for Oslo

Std Room - BB

Depart London Heathrow either departing morning to arrive Longyearbyen same day or evening with a night in Oslo.

Day 01 Arrive Longyearbyen, Briefing, Town Visit

Std Room - HB



Arrive Longyearbyen, where your driver and transfer car will meet you at the airport for the short drive to your choice of hotel accommodation (either the Radisson Blu or the Spitsbergen Hotel). Check-in, rest and have lunch (to your own account) before setting off on an afternoon bus and foot tour of Longyearbyen.

The tour is a chance to explore the town of Longyearbyen and learn more about life in this most remote northern outpost. You'll visit the town museum and learn about the history and climate of the archipelago. You'll be indoors for much of the tour and the sightseeing around town is by bus, so you needn't get out the polar gear just yet!

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.



Day 02 Arctic wilderness training, Camp Barentz Std Sgl Room - HB

After breakfast (0800hrs.) assemble in reception, wearing your cold weather gear, for the transfer by bus (12kms) to Camp Barentz.

At Camp Barentz you will be given basic polar training, which cover the setting up of tents, use of stoves, avalanche training, and skiing with sleds. You will also learn snow hole building techniques in preparation for the night you'll shortly be spending on the ice.

We shall bring equipment for the training, including polar tents and cooking equipment, allowing you to practice preparing lunch in tough Arctic conditions! Depending on the size of the group, we may also split into teams. If you're feeling up to it, you can try to load, fit to harnesses and pull a sledge as we do on our North Pole expeditions.

Today is a training day, but we will make every effort to make it entertaining as well as instructive. It will be a long day, during which you'll be on the ice for approx. 6-7 hours, though Camp Barentz has heated huts in case of emergency and for the group to take warm refreshments.

Late afternoon board the bus and return to your hotel in Longyearbyen for dinner and overnight.



Day 03 Longyear Glacier, Ice Cave & Dog Sledding Std Room - HB

Morning ice cave visit

After an early breakfast, set off on the Bandvagen (Caterpillar Tractor) for the famous Longyear Glacier. On reaching the glacier, you will have the opportunity to descend into the stunning Ice Cave. Equipped with a headlamp, you follow the passages formed by the melted water under the glacier. You'll see fascinating formations of ice and stone – a breathtaking experience. We supply headlamps, helmets and you will be accompanied by experienced Ice Cave guides. The tour lasts approx. 3 hours. Back in town – lunch to your account, then get ready for the evening dog sledding expedition.



Evening dog sledding

You will be collected from your hotel and driven to Nybyen, where you will be equipped with clothing and boots for your trip onto the ice. Then drive out to the dog kennels, located on the border of the snowmobile-free area, approximately 12 km outside of Longyearbyen. Here you meet the dog sled team and prepare for a final adventure on the ice. You will receive an introduction to dog sledding, before harnessing the dogs and heading out into Bolterdalen.

You drive 2 and 2 on each sled, taking it in turns to drive and sit passenger. No experience is necessary. The evening trip lasts approx 3 hours. Afterwards, return to your hotel in Longyearbyen for dinner & o/nt.



Day 04 Snowmobile Expedition, Templefjord

Std Room - HB

Breakfast at the hotel, and then meet outside for the start of your snowmobile expedition. They'll be a short briefing before you head out, during which time you'll also be fitted for polar clothing. When ready, board your snowmobile and depart for Templefjord, travelling via the beautiful valleys of Eskerdalen and Adventdalen.

Once you reach Templefjorden, continue towards the shattered glacier fronts of the Tuna and Von Post glaciers, which are permanently frozen into the sea ice. During the trip, a pack lunch and warm drinks will be served. If the weather permits, we will take a different route on the return trip.

Return for dinner and overnight at your hotel. Today's snowmobile expedition will last approx. 8 hours.



Please note: to drive you should have a valid car or motorcycle driver's licence, and this must be kept on your person during the trip. Two people to each snowmobile.

Day 05 Departure

This morning is free for any last minute shopping or perhaps a visit to the fabulous Longyearbyen Museum. Then transfer to the airport to connect with the afternoon flight home via Oslo, arriving in London the same evening.

*The cost of this itinerary is from **£1920** per person. For more information, including suitable travel dates, please contact Jeremy on 01822 600600 or jeremy@ganeandmarshall.com*