

Arctic Adventure 78° North 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 Longyearbeyn, Briefing, Town Visit** **Std Room - HB**

Arrive Longyearbyen, where your driver and transfer car will meet you for the short drive to your choice of hotel accommodation (either the Radisson Blu or the Spitsbergen Hotel) for check-in and a chance to see your room, and to buy lunch (to your own account) before the 1600hrs bus and foot tour of Longyearbyen. During the tour you will visit the town museum and learn about the history and climate of the area. This is mainly an indoor activity and the sightseeing around town is by bus. Then return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

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

After breakfast (0800hrs.) assemble in reception at 0930hrs wearing cold weather gear for transfer by bus (12kms) to Camp Barentz.

At Camp Barentz you will be given basic polar training in terms of setting up tents, use of stoves, avalanche training, and skiing with sleds. You will also learn snow hole building techniques in preparation for the next day. We shall bring equipment for the training, including polar tents and cooking equipment, so that the group can practice preparing lunch in tough Arctic conditions. Depending on the size of the group, we may also split into teams – some with skis. For some of the

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group it will be possible to load, fit to harnesses and pull sledges as we do on our North Pole expeditions.

Today is a very important training day, during which you will learn about safety on the icefields of the Arctic. It will be a long day out on the ice for approx. 6-7 hours. Camp Barentz has heated huts in case of emergency and for the group to take warm refreshments.

1730hrs Board bus to return from Camp Barentz to your hotel for dinner and o/nt.

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

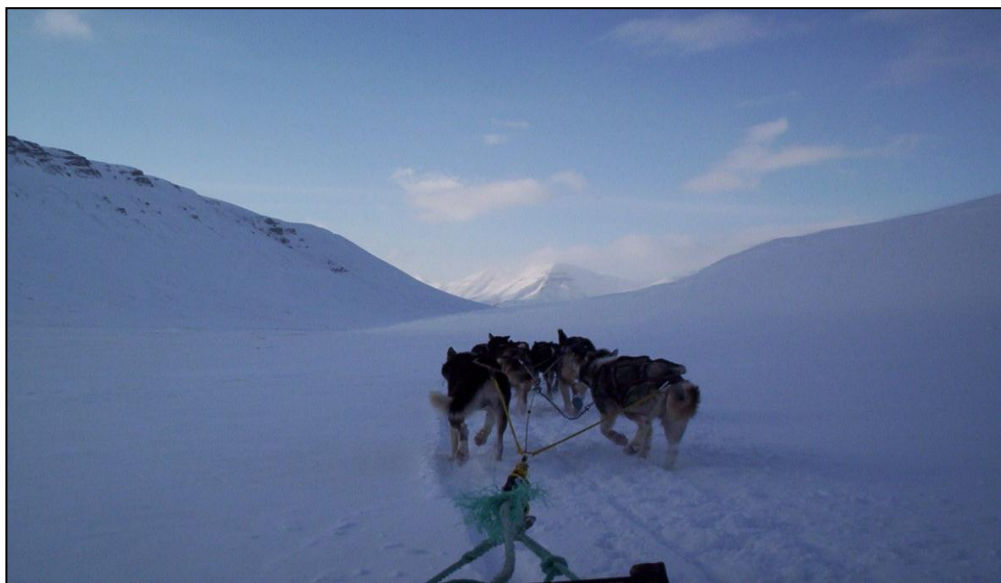
Morning ice cave visit

Today you will have the opportunity to travel on the Bandvagen (Caterpillar Tractor) to the famous Longyear glacier. This is usually a scheduled departure at 0900hrs (times to be confirmed). On reaching the glacier, there will be a chance to descend into the amazing Ice Cave. Equipped with a headlamp we walk in along 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. Ice Cave tour approx 3hrs. Back in town – lunch to your account, then get ready for the evening Dog Sled 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 the trip. 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. (This is a snowmobile-free area after the 1st March.) You drive 2 and 2 on each sled, and swap between driving and being a passenger. No experience is necessary. Duration approx. 2-3 hours. Afterwards, return to Hotel for dinner & o/nt.



Day 04 Snowmobile Expedition, Templefjord

Std Room - HB

Breakfast at hotel, and then meet outside guesthouse for the Snowmobile Expedition. We prepare for the tour with an introduction to snowmobile driving and fitting for clothing and equipment. Then head out of Longyearbyen on our expedition to the beautiful Templefjord. Common routes are to drive east through Adventdalen and Eskerdalen before joining Sassendalen, or to drive through Helvetiadalen and De Geerdalen down towards Sassenfjorden. In Templefjorden we drive in towards the shattered glacier fronts of the Tuna and Von Post glaciers, which are frozen into the sea ice. During the trip snack lunch and warm drink will be served. If the weather permits we will take a new route on the return trip. Duration 7-9 hours.

Return for dinner and overnight at your hotel.



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

Day 05 Departure

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Morning free for last minute shopping or maybe a visit to the fabulous Longyearbyen Museum. Then airport transfer to connect with 1445hrs afternoon flight home via Oslo, arriving London the same evening.



Location of Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen, Svalbard, Norway.