



Walrus. Photo: Ann J. Nordvålen

SPITSBERGEN, SVALBARD

Longyearbyen - the gateway to Svalbard and the High Arctic wilderness

One of the world’s largest areas of untouched wilderness awaits you in the High Arctic. During the summer Svalbard comes alive with calving glaciers, teeming bird cliffs, unique Polar wildlife and hardy flowers, all set against a backdrop of majestic mountain ranges and endless Arctic tundra. During your call you can enjoy a range of excursions, suitable for all ages and interests. We also recommend spending a day slow cruising in the magnificent Isfjord, where a wide variety of landscapes, wildlife and cultural heritage sites are on display.

Attractions

Svalbard Museum

The museum is the essential stop to give you the overview of the natural environment and the history of Svalbard. We welcome you to take part in our interactive experiences focusing on arctic animals, climate change, northern lights, and amazing prehistoric creatures. Welcome to an exciting learning experience.

North Pole Expedition Museum

The museum tells the stories about expeditions to the North Pole, mainly with airships but also with skis, dog sledges and boats. The museum exhibits old documents, newspapers, pictures, original expeditions movies, historical artifacts, letters and more. The exhibition makes visible the explorers’ effort to reach the North Pole and mysterious frozen horizons, driven by curiosity, personal ambitions and scientific research.

Nordover

Nordover is the northernmost art centre in the world. Enjoy temporary art exhibitions and programmed events by Nordnorsk Kunstmuseum and the

permanent Kåre Tveter Foundation Collection. Our goal is to offer high-quality art exhibitions and events for both Svalbard visitors and the local community, with a focus on issues that relate to Svalbard and the polar regions. In addition to a unique art experience you can enjoy a cup of locally roasted coffee and delicious cakes in their relaxing café, and browse the gallery shop that offers sustainable handicrafts and artwork from artists all over the Arctic region.

Svalbard Church

The world’s northernmost church, Svalbard Kirke, is always open. Visitors are welcome to explore it, and the many local artworks and historical items housed there. The church holds regular Lutheran services on Sundays and religious festivals, as well as many local activities.

Galleri Storø

The blue light of Svalbard’s nature creates unique scenery. Painter Olaf Storø fell in love with the landscape, the nature and the light. His studio by the seaside, including a lithographic press, is open on request.

Spitsbergen Artists Center

Eleven local artists have studios in the Spitsbergen Artists Center, many of whom have been working at their art and craft in Longyearbyen for many years. Their work includes organic soaps made with local materials, fine art prints, historical photographs, and paintings, to name a few. Organized as a separate group, the Artists Center is a strong association of dedicated artists and craftspeople.

Svalbard Brewery

Six years of efforts to change the law from 1928, which prohibited the production of alcohol on Svalbard, ended with success. Taste locally produced beer containing 2000 year-old glacial water from Boge glacier on Svalbard. And make sure to serve local Svalbard beer onboard when you sail along the Spitsbergen coast line.

Excursions

Sightseeing by bus

An excellent introduction to this fascinating area and the exciting history of the archipelago. Sightseeing trips range from one to four hours, and can include guided visits to museums, a coalmine and/or dog yards.



Kayaking in ice. Photo: Jarle Røssland

Summer dog sledding

Experience dog sledding in summertime, drive your own sled and meet our friendly polar dogs. The huskies love to be active, and their eager barks will welcome you on arrival, before you head off on a fascinating trip in the specially made wheeled sleds. Boat trips A variety of trips is available, from open boats that take you speeding towards the bird cliffs, to larger, comfortable boats with half or whole day trips to the Russian settlements or the glaciers of the Isfjord.

Kayaking

You can experience the Adventfjord in a sturdy kayak, accompanied by an experienced guide and wearing a warm and modern dry suit. Some kayaking trips include a guided walk to the abandoned settlement of Hiorthamn and a hot lunch on the beach, while others include a mountain hike.

Wandering and hiking

Explore the area by foot joining a walking trip. Whether it be a relaxed wandering through the open Polar tundra looking for fossils, or a series off-trail mountain hikes, Longyearbyen offers a myriad of options for every guest to stretch their legs after a day at sea.



Boat safari on the Isfjord. Photo: Jarle Røssland

Taste of Svalbard

Enjoy a culinary adventure and learn about both the historic and modern traditions in Longyearbyen. Local restaurants and wine cellars and Svalbard Brewery can be included on this tour.

Life of a miner

Change into miners’ clothes, put on a helmet and sign yourself in, just as the miners did when starting their day in Coal Mine no. 3. With your headlamp, you can peak around corners and look for forgotten memories in this living monument of the mining history in Spitsbergen.

SvalBad Arctic Sauna

SvalBad is a floating sauna in the Arctic waters at 78o North. Relax in the sauna heat, have something cold to drink and sweat your worries away. And if you are a little daring, you can join the “Polar Bear” experience and take a refreshing cold swim before going back inside the sauna.

Local life & living

Meet the locals for a brisk walk through town, a home visit or a hike to the mountain tops surrounding Longyearbyen. We would love to tell you about our life close to the North Pole.



Hybrid-electric cruising in Isfjorden. Photo: Hurtigruten Svalbard

Tax-free shopping

Longyearbyen offers a variety of shops stocking everything from food, sports and leisure equipment to gifts and souvenirs like jewellery and handicrafts. Svalbard is not subject to customs and VAT regulation.

Slow Cruising Isfjorden

The huge Isfjord almost divides the island of Spitsbergen in two as it stretches from west to east. This fjord offers magnificent possibilities for slow cruising, experiencing untouched Arctic wilderness, massive glacier systems and historical sites.

Svalbard Cruise Forum

- was established on the initiative of Visit Svalbard as a collaboration between main local cruise stakeholders, including AECO – the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators. Svalbard Cruise Forum has logistics, regulations, and local economic impact on the agenda, and works to minimize the strain on the local community, by working to spread the cruise calls and coordinating the logistics around arrivals. The ambition is to increase the local economic impact and to minimize the local environmental footprint through dialogue between the industry and the local businesses.

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TOURIST INFORMATION

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PORT INFORMATION

Designated cruise quay: Bykaia
ISPS: Yes

Maximum ship length: 350 m
Maximum ship draft: 9,0m
Maximum beam: n/a
Maximum air draft: n/a
Bollard strength (certification): 50-150 tonn
Tidal movement: Max 2 m

ANCHORAGE/ TENDER (YES OR NO)

Max size: n/a
Ship tenders allowed: Yes
Type of bottom: Clay
Depth: 40 -70 m

PORT SERVICES

Gangway available: No
Tugboats: No
Crew facilities: Yes
Bunkers delivery: Yes, by truck
LNG bunkering: No
Waste handling: Yes
Grey water: Yes



Quay	Water depth	Length	Height	Fenders	Shore Power	Grey Water	Max Ship size
Bykaia	9 m	84 m	2.5 m	Trelleborg	N/A	Yes	333 m

