

POLAR BEARS INTERNATIONAL HOSTS

SVALBARD ARCTIC EXPEDITION

Expedition (noun): a journey or voyage undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose, especially that of exploration or scientific research.

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POLAR BEARS INTERNATIONAL INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN IMMERSIVE ARCTIC EXPERIENCE



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Join Polar Bears International for an unforgettable 5-day/4-night summer voyage through the breathtaking landscapes, diverse wildlife, and historic landmarks of Svalbard—Norway's stunning Arctic archipelago.

Aboard the M/S Sjøveien, you'll explore an Arctic wonderland, navigating deep fjords, towering glaciers, and majestic mountain ranges while uncovering the region's rich history. Keep watch for remarkable wildlife, including reindeer, vibrant wildflowers, migratory birds, and iconic Arctic species such as polar bears, walrus, and whales.

Our expert team will guide you on a hands-on, immersive journey that will deepen your understanding of this extraordinary region, its significance to our mission, and how we can collaborate to safeguard the future of polar bears.

With limited spaces available, don't miss your chance to reserve a spot on this exceptional Arctic expedition!



SVALBARD IS A PLACE WHERE NATURE
DOMINATES IN EVERY SENSE—ITS
RUGGED BEAUTY, DRAMATIC GLACIERS,
AND THE SHEER VARIETY OF WILDLIFE
MAKE IT ONE OF THE MOST
BREATHTAKING AND HUMBLING PLACES
ON EARTH.

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Arrival and Departure Details

As you plan your journey, you might be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international airfare is not included in your expedition's cost, you can arrange your flights accordingly.

Day 1: Arrive / Overnight in Longyearbyen

You can arrive in Longyearbyen at any time on Day 1*, with most flights typically arriving by midday. Upon arrival, a team member will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel, where you can check in and enjoy a light lunch. In the afternoon, we will gather for a guided tour of Longyearbyen, the world's northernmost urban community and the largest settlement on Spitsbergen, the main island of the Svalbard Archipelago. That evening, we will head to Camp Barents for a Wilderness Experience dinner, where you'll be immersed in Svalbard's rich history and enjoy a presentation focused on polar bears.

**We recommend arriving in Longyearbyen one day early in case of a delayed flight or luggage. Any extra hotel nights and meals are not included in the trip's price.*

Day 2: Tour of Longyearbyen and Embarkment

You will explore the unique town of Longyearbyen and discover what makes it so remarkable. Highlights include visiting Coal Mine 3, where you'll learn about the town's coal-mining history. You will have free time to visit must-see attractions like the Svalbard Museum and explore some shops before meeting to travel to the port. In the afternoon, we will embark on the ship and begin our Arctic expedition.

Day 3 - 4: Expedition Cruising

We will spend the next four days exploring Svalbard's majestic coastline aboard the M/S Sjøveien. Enjoy the stunning views and peaceful tranquillity.

Day 5: Disembarkation / Departure from Longyearbyen

In the morning, we will prepare to disembark the ship at the Longyearbyen port. Afterward, we will join the Polar Bears International team for a special brunch, followed by a tour of the PBI Ice House and an informative program about our work in Svalbard. You can plan to depart from Longyearbyen in the afternoon. Transportation will be provided to the airport.



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

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Your Expedition Team

Your expedition team brings a wealth of expertise across various subjects, including polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology, and photography. Their knowledge and passion will greatly enrich your experience and deepen your connection to the Arctic. In addition, the team undergoes extensive training in polar expeditions, ensuring that your safety and satisfaction remain their top priority.

During the journey, our **expert guides—including a scientist from Polar Bears International**—will provide valuable insights into Svalbard's history, environmental challenges, and its critical role in polar bear conservation.

Meet Your Expedition Leader: Hilde Fåln Strøm

An experienced Arctic guide and expedition leader, Hilde has lived in Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway, since 1995. A long-time resident and accomplished citizen scientist, she serves as an ambassador for Polar Bears International both in Svalbard and beyond. Hilde co-founded Hearts in the Ice, a nonprofit dedicated to inspiring climate action. In 2019 she and her co-founder spent 19 months living in a remote trappers' hut in the High Arctic, conducting outreach and citizen science projects. In 2023, Hilde was recognized as one of the Explorers Club 50—honoring 50 individuals making a significant impact on the world. **Hilde brings a unique and thoughtful perspective to every expedition she leads, ensuring that guests gain a deeper understanding of their surroundings.**



Possible Excursions

During our expedition cruising, your expedition team must consider sea conditions, ice, and weather when planning the route and itinerary. The following offer a glimpse of what locations you may experience during your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

- **Krossfjorden:** A dramatic fjord on Spitsbergen's northwest coast, known for its towering glaciers and abundant Arctic wildlife.
- **Kongsfjorden:** One of Svalbard's largest fjords, home to striking glaciers and rich biodiversity, including polar bears and seabirds.
- **Ny-Ålesund:** A historic Arctic research settlement in Kongsfjorden, renowned for its scientific significance and polar exploration history.
- **St. Johnsforden:** A serene, lesser-known fjord in northwest Spitsbergen, offering stunning views of glaciers and opportunities for wildlife sightings.

TRIP DETAILS

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Included Activities

Thanks to the ship's compact size, we can access areas larger vessels cannot, providing a more intimate and exclusive Arctic experience. Here are some of the activities you can look forward to during our expedition:

- Cruising by Zodiac to explore places the ship can't reach—whether it's accessing remote shorelines or spotting wildlife
- Hiking through the vibrant polar landscape with experienced guides who can accommodate various skill levels
- Photographing and viewing Svalbard's stunning landscapes and wildlife, including reindeer, birds, walrus, and other marine mammals, like whales and polar bears
- Exploring majestic glaciers and fjords
- Learning about the region's cultural heritage and history from expert guides and locals
- Taking the exhilarating Polar Plunge into Arctic waters
- Immersing yourself in the serenity of Svalbard, with its tranquil silence and the midnight sun, where daylight never ends
- Enjoying insightful talks and presentations from experts and locals onboard the ship



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Meals on Board

You can always count on enjoying delicious and nutritious meals aboard the ship each day. While meal times may vary due to landings and wildlife encounters, you will be served three well-prepared meals daily. Breakfast and lunch are typically served buffet style, while dinners are plated. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated with prior notice before your expedition.

Preparing for Your Adventure

You will receive a recommended packing list, additional trip details, and a suggested reading list in preparation for your Arctic Expedition. This information will cover everything you need to complete before your arrival, as well as what you'll need while onboard the ship, exploring the Svalbard landscape, or touring Longyearbyen.



TRIP COSTS

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INCLUSIONS

The price of the 5-day / 4-night trip price includes:

- 1-night stay in Longyearbyen and 3 nights aboard the ship
- Wilderness Evening and Coal Mine 3 tour in Longyearbyen
- Expert expedition guides and staff
- All Zodiac excursions
- Dinner on Day 1, Breakfast and Lunch on Day 2, and Brunch on Day 5
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks, and juices onboard the ship. Coffee and tea available 24/7
- Presentations and interpretative talks by experts and locals
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Transportation between the airport, hotel, and port on embarkation and debarkation days

EXCLUSIONS

The trip price does not include:

- International airfare to and from Longyearbyen
- Passport and visa fees
- Emergency evacuation insurance
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption, and medical travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Gear recommended on the Arctic Expedition packing list
- Voluntary gratuities for ship staff and crew at the end of the voyage
- Applicable taxes
- Laundry, bar, and other personal expenses
- Phone and internet charges (connectivity may vary by location)
- Additional overnight accommodations
- Meals ashore unless specified in the itinerary
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any items not mentioned in the itinerary or inclusions above

Price per attendee:

Upper deck (1 cabin): \$5,999 USD

Main deck (3 cabins): \$5,499 USD

Lower deck (3 cabins): \$4,999 USD

***All cabins will accommodate double occupancy. Single occupancy supplement: \$4,500 USD (limited availability).*

NOTE: Your included accommodations begin on Day 1 of your itinerary.

If you would like to arrive prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like to extend your stay, you can book directly with the hotel or through a third party.

You will receive your hotel details with your trip confirmation.



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YOUR SHIP

M/S SJØVEIEN

M/S Sjøveien, meaning "the Seaway," was built in Bergen in 1964 for the Norwegian government and has served in various roles. From 1979 to 1995, she operated as a training ship for mariners. After being privately owned since 1995, she has performed tasks for the Norwegian Coast Guard and later served as a hotel ship. Following extensive refurbishments, M/S Sjøveien began a new chapter in the summer of 2017 as a classic and exclusive yacht in Svalbard.

With its wooden decks and timeless details, the ship offers ample space on the main deck and a fantastic viewing area atop the bridge, where guests can take in breathtaking views of Svalbard's stunning landscape. A wood-fired hot tub is also on the deck for a luxury touch. An international crew runs the ship, and visitors are welcome to explore the bridge. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served in the main deck dining area, and passengers can unwind in the lounge with tea, coffee, and talks from the onboard guides.

Cabins - all equipped with en-suite facilities

Upper Deck: 1 large cabin w/ double bed and windows

Main Deck: 1 large cabin w/ double bed; 2 larger twin cabins; all with windows

Lower Deck: 4 twin cabins with portholes

Ship Specifications

Crew and staff: 8

Guides: 2

Passengers: 12

Port of Registry: Panama

Length: 40.66m

Width: 8.00m



THANK YOU

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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About Polar Bears International

Polar Bears International's mission is to conserve polar bears and the sea ice they depend on. The organization works to inspire people to care about the Arctic, the threats to its future, and the connection between this remote region and our global climate. Polar Bears International is the only nonprofit organization dedicated solely to wild polar bears and Arctic sea ice, and the staff includes scientists who study wild polar bears. The organization is a recognized leader in polar bear conservation.

For more information, visit [**www.polarbearsinternational.org**](http://www.polarbearsinternational.org)

