

Tour G: Svalbard –once in a lifetime

Sunday 19 September—3 days

Far up north, in the Arctic Ocean, you find the archipelago Svalbard. 60% of it is covered by glacier ! The climate on Svabard is arctic with a average temperature of –5.8 Celsius. The magnificent, astonishing light in this part of the world is widely known. Svalbard is also a mekka for science, and with the Svalbard Global Seed Vault and Ny-Ålesund science station, Svalbard is an important and world known research destination.

- *Svalbards nature : fjords, glaciers, mountains and rough nature in Europe`s outer*
- *Polar bears: have their natural habitat here.*
- *Coal mines: mining is the most important industry where both Norway and Russia share interests.*

Day 1 (19.09.10) Oslo—Longyearbyen

Flight SK 4414 at 09:35 from Oslo Airport Gardermoen for Longyearbyen. Pick up at the airport by private coach and assistant for transfer to the hotel.

Check in and overnight at Radisson Blu Polar Hotel. www.radisson.com

The rest of the day will be at own disposal. You can enjoy the optional afternoon program. Due to the possible presence of polar bears nearby, visitors are not allowed to leave Longyearbyen town without armed guide.

Optional afternoon program: City tour of Longyearbyen

15:00-18:00 Pick up at the hotel by coach and guide for a fascinating trip through Svalbard's history, geology, flora and fauna and today's society. The tour includes a visit to the Svalbard Museum presenting 400 years of history and to the Gallery Svalbard displaying paintings from great expeditions.

Optional evening program: Wilderness evening in the Advent Valley

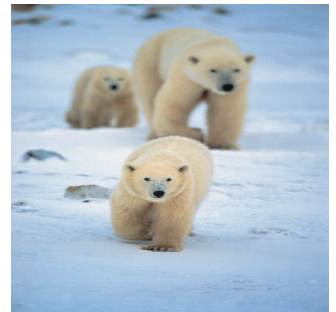
19:00 Pick up at the hotel for a wilderness evening in the Advent Valley at the Svalbard Wildlife Centre. Well installed on reindeer skin and by sparkling fire in the cosy turf hut, you will be served a reindeer soup, cake and coffee/tea. During the evening the host will talk about their life in Svalbard.

Day 2 (20.09.10) In Longyearbyen

Enjoy the day in Longyearbyen under own arrangement or enjoy one of the optional tours:

Option 1: Isfjorden with bird safari by RIB boat

09:00-12:00 Pick up at the hotel. We head out Isfjorden in RIB boat. We pass Bjørndalen and drive towards Fuglefjellet (bird colonies). We continue towards the abandoned Russian mine settlement Grumant before driving to the Advent City and Hiorthamn to see the remains of the settlement from early 1900`s. Hot drinks served during tour. Dress in warm windproof clothes, hat, gloves and scarf. All other equipment and survival suit are included.



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Option 2: Isfjorden, Esmark glacier and Barentsburg

08:30-18:30 Pick up at the hotel. Boat trip by larger boat (indoor facilities): We cross Isfjorden and sail up towards the calving glacier face of the Esmark glacier. Warm lunch is served on our way to Grønfjorden and Barentsburg. In the Russian mine settlement Barentsburg we will have a guided tour with English speaking guide. Photo safari along the abandoned Russian settlements Colesbukta and Grumant on the way back to Longyearbyen. Dress in warm windproof clothes, hat, gloves and scarf.

Day 3 (21.09.10) Departure from Longyearbyen

Time at your own disposal in Longyearbyen.

12:30 Pick up from hotel and assistant for transfer to airport.

Flight SK4425 at 14:45 from Longyearbyen airport. Arrival in Oslo at 19:00.

RATES :

Price includes: flight return Oslo—Longyearbyen, local guide in Spitsbergen during transfers and excursions, 2 nights accommodation incl. breakfast, transfer airport / at Longyearbyen.

Price per person in double room / twin	2 nights	NOK 7165
Single room supplement	2 nights	NOK 1400

Optionals (price per person):

19.09.10 Afternoon city tour of Longyearbyen, (minimum 10 persons)	NOK 690
19.09.10. Wilderness evening incl. dinner (minimum 6 persons)	NOK 790
20.09.10. Boat trip (full day) to Esmark glacier and Barentsburg, (minimum 8 persons)	NOK 1490
20.09.10. Boat trip and bird safari by RIB boat, (minimum 4 persons)	NOK 750

CONDITIONS:

Deadline for booking **30 June 2010**

Full pre-payment will be required. Payments can be made by credit card or bank transfer. The conference coordinator will confirm your booking shortly.

All mentioned flights are included in the price, however flight taxes may change.

Bookings made after 30 June are subject to availability.

Cancellation: Cancellation must be forwarded to the conference coordinator in writing. A fee of 20% will be applicable for received cancellations in the period 30 June to 2 August. No refund for cancellations received after 2 August.

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION:

Food and beverages are only included where mentioned (beverages: tap water and coffee/tea).

Bring outdoor clothes, solid shoes, gloves, scarf and cap.

Please note that all optional tours at Spitsbergen are regular tours by a local operator, so other guests will participate as well. Due to the wildlife on the island including polar bears, visitors are not allowed to leave Longyearbyen town without armed guide.

RIB boat optional: Pregnant women or people with back problems should not participate on this tour.

Before your departure you will receive information letter with practical information about Svalbard and advice for what you should bring for your stay.

For practical questions, please contact ICS at iso@ics.no or tel: +47 24 14 98 00

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