

SAILING, TOURISM, PHOTOGRAPHY

SVALBARD BY SAILBOAT

Optional extension to North Pole. Sail in the land of polar bear.



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NORWAY



Sail a polar expedition yacht along Spitsbergen's coast: fjords, peaks, vast glaciers and wildlife in polar-bear country. Comfort on board. Options: reach the ice edge near the North Pole, circumnavigate Svalbard or cross the Barents Sea.

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RECOMMENDED MONTHS

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST



PRICE

From 4.590€ /person

Group discounts

Sailing

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Highlights

- ARCTIC SAILING EXPEDITION
- WHALES, POLAR BEARS...
- TOUCH THE NORTH POLE
- COMFORTABLE EXPEDITION SAILBOAT

Private groups

100% customizable

From (People)	Category	Availability	N° days	Price per pers.
✕ No private group options available, only open groups				

Travel only with your family or friends.

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Open groups

Share the experience with other travelers

Program	Dates	Nº days	Seats available	Starting point	Price
SVALBARD WEST COAST + ICE EDGE (10 DAYS)	25 Jun 2026	10	8	Longyearbyen	5.090€
SVALBARD WEST COAST + ICE EDGE (10 DAYS)	09 Jul 2026	8	8	Longyearbyen	4.590€
SVALBARD WEST COAST	17 Jul 2026	8	8	Longyearbyen	4.590€
SVALBARD CIRCUMNAVIGATION	25 Jul 2026	12	8	Longyearbyen	5.795€
SVALBARD CIRCUMNAVIGATION	06 Aug 2026	12	8	Longyearbyen	5.795€

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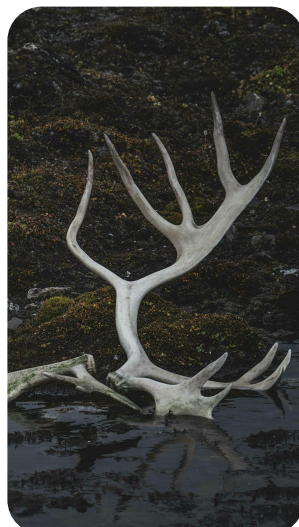


Included

- An unforgettable sailing adventure
- Experienced and familiar skipper on board
- Co-skipper and polar guide
- All the food we eat on board during the trip
- Our Comfort package, consisting of accommodation in a shared double cabin (bunk bed or double bed) with bed made up (duvets and pillows)
- Use of our shared navigation equipment: boat, kayaks, fishing gear, etc.
- All expenses related to the boat, such as diesel, gasoline, port fees, etc.
- Personal safety equipment
- Inflatable HH life vest
- A shared experience and friendship with like-minded adventurers from all over the world
- Advice, guidance, and hands-on training in sailing and seamanship
- As an active crew member, you will participate in and learn about how a boat operates
- Technical advice and material

Not Included

- Flights from/to Longyearbyen (we can manage them)
- Alcoholic beverages (you may bring your own on board)
- All personal expenses
- Tips (optional)
- Travel/cancellation insurance: optional but recommended (we can manage it)
- Todo lo no descrito en la sección "INCLUIDO"



Itinerary

DAY 1: START OF THE TRIP IN LONGYEARBYEN

We will meet on board the boat at Longyearbyen harbor at 2:00 PM. We will start by introducing ourselves and reviewing the week's plan. We will familiarize ourselves with the boat and equipment, and load provisions. Cooperation is key on expeditions, so we will cover onboard routines, navigation procedures, and emergency protocols. With the midnight sun in Longyearbyen, we will make the most of our afternoon and evening sailing toward Alkehornet mountain through Isfjorden. Overnight, we will continue our journey along Prins Karls Forland, sailing through the narrow Forlandsrevet passage.

Accommodation: Sailboat

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2: KROSSFJORDEN AND THE GLACIERS

We arrive at Krossfjorden and Lilliehöökfjorden. Here we will visit the 14th of July Bay and Lilliehöökbrean with its eight-kilometer-long glacier front. It's an impressive sight! There's no need to rush in this environment, and we take our time to absorb the impressions. After a day full of events, we sail again through the fjord and continue north towards Magdalenefjorden.

Accommodation: Sailboat

Meals: breakfast + lunch + dinner

DAY 3: KROSSFJORDEN AND THE GLACIERS

Magdalenefjord was an important base for whaling as early as the 16th century. Many whales died here, and in one area, several hundred burial sites can be found. As we sail further north, we reach more sheltered waters among the islands in the northwest of Smeerenburgfjord. We will visit islands with a history dating back to the 17th century when whalers dominated this area. At its peak in the 1630s, there were about 250 ships hunting 750 whales per summer. Therefore, the whale population quickly declined along with the number of whalers. Then, 250 years later, the islands became relevant again, this time as a base for several polar expeditions in the 19th and 20th centuries. Virgohavna was, among others, the base for the Swedish balloon flight attempt by Salomon August André to the North Pole in 1896-97.

Accommodation: Sailing ship

Meals: breakfast + lunch + dinner

DAY 4-6: EXPLORING THE NORTH OF SVALBARD

We will sail through the fjords of the northern coast of Svalbard: Raudfjorden, Liefdefjorden, and Bockfjorden. These fjords host a rich fauna and flora, and we can expect to see reindeer, seals, and possibly polar bears. The glaciers in the area are fascinating; we collect fresh ice at Monacobreen for our drinks at the northernmost bar in the world: Texas Bar. The last night before turning back, we spend the night at Mushamna, a very special and well-protected bay, which also has a long history as a hunting station to this day.

Accommodation: Sailing boat

Meals: breakfast + lunch + dinner

DAY 6-7: SAILING SOUTHWARD TO NY-ÅLESUND

We begin the return journey southwards towards Longyearbyen. We pass by the islands in the northwest and stop at Ny-Ålesund, the northernmost community in the world that remains open all year round and a research town for scientists worldwide. Then we sail south through the interior of Prins Karls Forland to the mouth of Isfjorden, which leads us to the largest settlements in Svalbard, with Longyearbyen being the biggest. Approaching Longyearbyen, we pass Isfjord Radio, located at the entrance of Isfjorden, an old radio station that is now a popular accommodation spot. Hopefully, we will have time to stop at the Russian mining town of Barentsburg; a special place with its own pace and atmosphere.

Accommodation: Sailboat

Meals: breakfast + lunch + dinner

DAY 8 : RETURN TO LONGYEARBYEN

Unfortunately, this is the day you will pack your bags and prepare to disembark. After breakfast, we will sail for a couple of hours back to Longyearbyen. The trip will end by 2:00 PM at the latest. You will leave the boat with your heart full of unforgettable memories and some new friends. So we can gather for a farewell dinner on land in Longyearbyen that last night. Thank you for everything!

Accommodation: Sailboat

Meals: breakfast + lunch

OTHER PROGRAMS: 10 DAYS FROM SVALBARD TO THE NORTH POLE

We have 10 days in Svalbard to reach the North Pole: Ideal for photography lovers

Day 1: Welcome aboard in Longyearbyen

Day 2: The northernmost settlement in the world: Ny-Ålesund

Day 3-4: Turn northwest, heading towards the ice!

Day 5: Wildlife safari along the ice edge

Day 6-7: Around Sjuøyane and southbound

Day 8-9: Heading towards civilization

Day 10: Sailing to Longyearbyen and goodbye for now!

10-day program from Svalbard to the North Pole

Accommodation: Sailboat

Meals: breakfast + lunch + dinner

Payment and cancellation policy

Initial deposit: To secure your spot, a deposit of €600 is required at the time of booking.

Final payment: The remaining balance must be paid no later than 60 days before the departure date.

Extras: Additional travel costs such as insurance, flights, or other optional services must be paid in full at the time of booking.

Cancellation insurance: Clients may purchase cancellation insurance to receive a full refund of the amount paid (subject to the insurance conditions).

The final customer may cancel the booked trip and is entitled to a refund of amounts paid, except for indicated penalties, but must also pay the Agency the amounts listed below once the trip is confirmed. If the trip is not carried out due to not reaching the minimum required number of participants, the client may keep a credit for future trips or request a full refund of the deposit.

SPECIAL Cancellation Policy:

Full refund up to 24 hours after purchase

- More than 60 days before the trip: deposit is retained and the rest of the amount is refunded.
- Between 59 and 30 days before the trip: 50% of the total amount is retained and 50% is refunded.
- Less than 30 days before the trip: no refund of the amount paid.

*A handling fee of €150 applies

*Cancellation costs for already issued bookings will not be refunded. If there are other non-refundable costs already issued, these will not be refunded either and will be deducted from the amount to be paid.

*The cancellation cost of issued flights is 100% of the amount.

Packing List

Adventure Clothing

- Winter travel clothes and change of clothes
- Wool underwear
- Wool socks (several pairs)
- Buff scarf and hat (preferably warm and windproof)
- Gloves preferably with wind or water-resistant covers
- Wool sweater, preferably turtleneck
- Warm pants, preferably layered with warmer materials (for use on deck or while sailing)
- Warm winter jacket: down jacket or preferably primaloft (as they handle water better)
- "Nice" clothes/for parties/restaurants
- Sea/navigating rubber boots, preferably "winter" style
- Lightweight shoes/sandals/crocs that breathe well (for indoor use and on deck when weather is good)
- Waterproof sailing gear or waterproof clothing. Preferably, a set of light jacket for hiking and a heavier one for sailing
- Sailing gloves (not essential), you can also use ski gloves

Other equipment

- Headlamp (preferably with dimming and/or red night light function) + spare batteries
- Sunglasses
- Water bottle, 0.5-1 liter
- Small towel for washing and soap
- Towel and swimsuit

- Chargers, smartphone and other general devices
- On board the boats there are sockets and USB ports to charge phones while sailing
- Pack like a sailor; in a bag, backpack, or duffle bag, NOT in a hard suitcase
- Pack as little as possible, but bring what you need!
- The fewer items you bring, the faster we will sail and the less time you will spend adjusting your gear
- Passport

PS: This is a list of recommended items to bring. Consider if you need other items on board.

FAQs

What are the differences between the 8-day trip along the northwest coast and the 10-day trip to the ice edge in Svalbard?

The 8-day trip explores the most accessible fjords and glaciers on the northwest coast of Spitsbergen, ideal for a first Arctic expedition with hikes, history, and abundant wildlife (whales, walruses, birds, occasional bears). In contrast, the 10-day trip reaches the edge of the ice pack north of Svalbard, a much more remote area where chances of seeing polar bears on the sea ice increase, offering a true polar experience. Both include active sailing aboard the yacht, expert guide, and full board.

What is the ice pack north of Svalbard and why is it so special?

The ice pack north of Svalbard, also known as the ice edge, is the boundary between the open ocean and the sea ice that covers the Arctic. It is an extreme and ever-changing environment where ice floats on the sea, creating a wild, silent, and fascinating landscape. It is a rich biodiversity zone, a temporary home for polar bears, seals, walruses, and seabirds that rely on the ice for hunting or breeding. Reaching this icy frontier by sailboat is a unique experience, only possible in summer, allowing you to experience the purest essence of the Arctic, far from any human trace.

What are the land excursions like during the sailing trip in Svalbard?

The land excursions are one of the main highlights of the trip: you disembark on small beaches or safe areas from the sailboat using a tender boat, and from there you take guided hikes through glacial valleys, ridges overlooking the fjord, and historic areas. You visit impressive glaciers like Lilliehöökreen, explore old whaling stations or hunters' cabins, and walk through pristine Arctic landscapes, often among walrus bones or traces of wildlife. Additionally, some routes allow you to visit inhabited places such as Ny-Ålesund, the northernmost scientific settlement in the world, or Barentsburg, an intriguing Russian mining town frozen in time. All excursions are accompanied by an armed polar guide for safety and are adapted to the group's level and conditions.

Who is responsible for safety and land activities during the trip?

On board the sailboat, there is always at least one professional polar guide responsible for ensuring the group's safety, especially during land excursions where there is a risk of encounters with polar bears. This guide not only leads and coordinates all landings, making sure the area is safe before disembarking, but also enriches the experience by sharing their knowledge of Svalbard's wildlife, flora, geology, and history. Their presence is essential for experiencing the Arctic with confidence, respect, and a much deeper understanding of the environment.

What is the food like and are there any special dietary restrictions?

The menu is healthy, "boat-friendly" style and food is available on board throughout the day, including snacks. If anyone has allergies or special diets, it can be adapted with prior notice; also, visiting restaurants on land according to the itinerary is possible.

What is life like on board?

Life on the boat is social and dynamic: you'll participate in maneuvers, cooking, cleaning, and watches. Water is limited, showers aren't always available, but swimming in the sea is allowed; the atmosphere is intimate and team-spirited.

What type of boat is used for the trip?

A 23-meter steel sailing yacht is used, featuring 6 cabins, 5 bathrooms with showers, and a panoramic lounge; specially designed to explore the Arctic with comfort and safety.

Where does the journey start and what services are available in Longyearbyen?

The journey begins in Longyearbyen, the capital of the Svalbard archipelago, a small Arctic settlement with about 2,000 inhabitants. Despite its size, it has all the necessary services for travelers: hotels, restaurants, supermarkets, mountain shops, ski rental, and technical equipment. It is easily accessible via daily flights from Oslo or Tromsø with SAS or Norwegian airlines, making pre-boarding logistics straightforward.

Is it possible to arrange a private or personalized experience?

Yes, it is possible to organize a private and fully customized expedition for closed groups, adjusting dates, duration, and itinerary. However, the availability of sailboats in Svalbard is very limited and highly sought after, so we recommend booking several months (or even more than a year) in advance if you want to secure an entire boat and design a tailor-made experience.



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