

SVALBARD IN SPRING: POLAR BEARS, ARCTIC LIGHT & EPIC ICE

11 Days | Expeditions in: Apr |



DAY 1-2: U.S./Oslo, Norway

Fly overnight to Oslo. Upon arrival, check into Hotel Bristol (or similar). In the afternoon, explore this charming city. Stroll among the famed Vigeland sculptures—hundreds of life-size human figures set in terraced Frogner Park. Visit the Fram Museum, dedicated to the wooden ship sailed by Norwegian explorers Nansen and Amundsen. (Day 2: L)



DAY 3: Oslo/Longyearbyen/Embark

Depart Oslo on a charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. On arrival, visit the Svalbard Museum to learn the story of Svalbard and its context in Norway and the Arctic, from 17th-century whaling to modern mining, research and tourism. Then, tour the Gallery Svalbard to view the permanent art and cultural collections as well as studios of local artists. Embark *National Geographic Endurance*, your base for the next six days. (B,L,D)



DAY 4-9: Svalbard

Our travel in the archipelago is truly exploratory by design, and our exact day-to-day movements will remain flexible, depending on local conditions. Our main focus is the search for Svalbard's amazing wildlife polar bear, reindeer and walrus. Cruising in Svalbard's fjords, venture to the foot of stunning tidewater glaciers. We take our Zodiacs to cruise among beautiful icebergs and even set foot on the frozen ice right off the ship. We will take advantage of the incredible, ever-changing light and exceptional photographic conditions. (B,L,D)



DAY 10: Longyearbyen/Disembark/Oslo

Disembark in Longyearbyen, meet up with a local guide and take a short bus ride to Camp Barentz in the nearby Advent Valley for a taste of Arctic culture. Here, you'll discover a unique collection of buildings including an authentic gamme, a traditional round building with an open fire in the center, and a lavvo, the traditional tent of the Sami people. Enjoy refreshments and meet some of the friendly, sled dog huskies that reside at camp. Fly back to Oslo and overnight at the SAS Radisson Blue Airport Hotel. (B,L)



DAY 11: Oslo/U.S.

After breakfast, proceed to the airport for the flight to the U.S., or continue on to other adventures. (B)

Sample Airfares:

Economy: from \$1,150

Business: from \$3,250

Charter(roundtrip

Oslo/Longyearbyen): from \$890

Airfares are subject to change

Cost Includes:

Two hotel nights in Oslo; accommodations; meals indicated; alcoholic beverages (except premium brands); excursions; services of Lindblad Expeditions' Leader, Naturalist staff and expert guides; use of kayaks; entrance fees; all port charges and service taxes; gratuities to ship's crew.

Cost Not Included:

Air transportation; personal items such as emails, laundry, voyage DVD etc.

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