

## LONGYEARBYEN CRUISE PORT

**Events:** Polar Jazz (January/February), 'Solfestuka' The return of the sun week (March), Svalbard Ski Marathon (April/May), Spitsbergen Marathon (June), Octoberfest (Last weekend of September), Dark Season Blues (Last weekend of October). **Midnight Sun:** (19 April - 23 August).

**Main Cruise Season:** (June-September). Average temperature: 6° Celcius. **Cruise/Shore excursion information:** Visit Svalbard: [www.visitsvalbard.com/cruise](http://www.visitsvalbard.com/cruise), Spitsbergen Travel: [www.spitsbergencruise.no](http://www.spitsbergencruise.no) **Port information:** [www.portlongyear.no](http://www.portlongyear.no)



Polar bears on Spitsbergen. Photo: Spitsbergen Travel/Linda Drake

# SPITSBERGEN, SVALBARD

## Explore the Isfjord & Longyearbyen in 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. Longyearbyen, the northernmost town in the world, bids you welcome to these experiences plus so much more. During your call you can enjoy a range of excursions, all including pick-up from the pier. Slow cruising in the magnificent Isfjord is a new option, offering a wide spread of nature, wildlife and cultural heritage sites to visit.

### ATTRACTIONS:

#### Galleri Svalbard

Galleri Svalbard showcases works by artists who have been inspired by the light and landscapes of Svalbard. The gallery's permanent collections house works by the Norwegian painter Kåre Tveter, historical maps, books and local currency in the Svalbard Collection. The gallery also boasts a gift shop and a licensed cafe.

#### Svalbard Museum

Svalbard Museum was lauded by the Council of Europe as the European museum of the year in 2008. It features a collection of artefacts covering the 400 years of human activity since the archipelago's discovery, and a display of the area's flora and fauna. The museum's gift shop stocks a large selection of Polar literature. The museum operates with a cruise guarantee, whereby the opening hours are extended for the calls of all major cruise ships.

#### North Pole Expedition Museum

This museum tells the stories of the early North Pole explorers, and the airships that they constructed to make these voyages. The exhibition includes original expedition films, photos, maps, models, original artefacts and clothes. In addition the museum offers a gift shop.

#### Svalbard Kirke

The world's northernmost church, Svalbard Kirke, is located in Longyearbyen. The church is always open, and visitors are welcome to explore it, and it boasts many local artworks and historical items. The church holds regular Lutheran services on Sundays and religious festivals, but is also home to many local activities.

#### Dog yards

Many visitors to the Arctic hope to meet huskies, our four-legged friends who have assisted explorers and hunters in the past, and who still today are a large

part of life for the locals. During the summer, dog sledding is available in wheeled sleds, or guests can choose to visit one of the dog yards as part of a sightseeing tour.

#### 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, meaning that the prices on many items are cheaper than on the mainland. Shops are open on all major cruise calls.

### EXCURSIONS:

#### Sightseeing by bus

Local guides will introduce you to this fascinating area and take you through the exciting history of the archipelago. These tours will introduce you to many of the highlights of Longyearbyen, and provide you



Dogsledding on wheels Photo Basecamp Spitsbergen



Glacier in the Isfjord. Photo: Marcela Cardenas Menchaca



Longyearbyen in the summer Photo Marcela Cardenas Menchaca

with a very special experience in this small yet flourishing modern community. Sightseeing trips range from one to four hours, and may include guided visits to museums and/or dog yards.

#### Summer dog sledding on wheels

Experience dog sledding in summertime - this is an amazing excursion where you can get close to nature and meet our friendly polar dogs. The huskies love to be active, and their eager barks will welcome you on arrival at the dog yard. Join us for a fascinating trip through Svalbard's scenery on wheeled dogsleds.

#### Polar Circle boat trips

Speed out from Longyearbyen in a sturdy Polar Circle boat and experience the beauty of the Isfjord from sea level. Destinations for these trips include the impressive Fuglefjella (Bird Mountain) where there are thousands of nesting seabirds and/or the abandoned towns of Grumant or Hiorthhamn. Marvel at the teeming birdlife, and enjoying fascinating stories from the old mining days.

#### Walking trips

Explore the area by foot joining a walking trip. These tours take place either within the town borders, or in the surrounding valleys. Most tours include a short bus trip to the start point, while others, particularly the historic walks within Longyearbyen, start directly from the harbour. These walks will give you an up close and in depth introduction to this unique town. Some of them include entry to Svalbard Museum or the North Pole Expedition Museum, and/or visits to Svalbard Church. Alternatively you can explore the tundra with one of our guides, visiting areas which are rich in cultural history and the unique High Arctic flora and fauna.

#### Hiking trips

The mountainous area surrounding Longyearbyen offers a variety of options. Highlights include conquering Platåfjellet (the Plateau Mountain) to enjoy the panoramic views over Longyearbyen, or the more inland peak of Sarkofagen. Alternatively, tours can head towards the moraine of the Longyear Glacier, where guests can search for their own souvenirs, in the form of 40-60-million-year-old fossils!

#### Special tours or arrangements:

The historic town and its surroundings can also host a variety of special arrangements, tailor-made for your guests. Ideas within the town could include showing of Polar films at the modern Longyearbyen House of Culture, which seats up to 244, or combining a sightseeing with a visit to one of the historic wine cellars for an exclusive tasting. Outside Longyearbyen there are opportunities for arrangements at the dog yards and other suitable sites, or guests could be transported by boat across the Adventfjord to explore this historic area on foot with local guides.

#### NEW: Slow cruising in the Isfjord

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 the magic of the High Arctic nature, the traces of early human activities on the archipelago and also the Norwegian and Russian settlements.

### PORT & TOURIST INFORMATION

#### PORT OF LONGYEARBYEN

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Mailing address: P.O.B. 350, NO-9171 Longyearbyen  
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#### SHOREX INFORMATION

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E-mail: [cruise@spitsbergentravel.no](mailto:cruise@spitsbergentravel.no)  
Internet: [www.spitsbergencruise.no](http://www.spitsbergencruise.no)

#### TOURIST INFORMATION

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Internet: [www.visitsvalbard.com/cruise](http://www.visitsvalbard.com/cruise)

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Terminal/Restrooms in pier area: YES  
Shuttle bus: Can be ordered  
Parking place for buses: 50 m from gangway

Taxi: Can be ordered  
Rental cars: Can be ordered  
Public transportation: NO  
Shopping: Tent at harbour or town centre, 2 km  
Local currency: NOK (Norwegian Kroner)  
ATM: YES, 2 km from harbour  
Currency exchange: NO  
Tax refund: NO - Tax-free area  
Public telephones in pier area: YES  
Internet access in pier area: YES - near harbour office  
Mailboxes in pier area: NO  
Distances - airport: 4 km, Svalbard Airport Longyear  
Distance to city centre: 2 km  
Nearest hospital: Longyearbyen Hospital/  
+47 7902 4200/2 km from port  
Other useful information:  
Free Wi-Fi at Tourist Information in Longyearbyen

#### PORT SERVICES / FACILITIES & INFORMATION

Bunkers delivery /method: YES/TRUCK  
Supplies: YES  
Waste handling: YES  
Waste water method: Not available  
Tugboats: NO  
Anchorage\*: YES  
Pontoons: YES  
Pilot: YES  
Emergency: VHF Channel 12 (16)  
Medical emergency: 113  
Tidal movement: Maximum 2 m

ISPS approved: YES  
Designated quays for cruise ships: YES  
Ship tenders allowed: YES  
Beam: Bykaia 16m, Turistkaia 5 m  
Max size ship in port: No limit  
Max number of passenger per day in port: 4000  
Max number of ships per day in port: No limitation  
Ship's stay min /max: No limitation  
Environmental limitations /restrictions: NO  
Port facilities according to Cruise Norway's guidelines: YES  
Maximum ship length: Bykaia 300m, Turistkaia 65 m, Gammelkaia 90 m, Kullkaia 120 m  
Maximum ship draft and depth in sea: Bykaia draft 9 m  
Maximum ship air draft if bridge: No bridges  
Crew facilities: Toilet, shower, telephone, Wi-Fi

#### \* IF ANCHORAGE

Type of bottom: Bay/rock  
Minimum depth: 30 m  
Distance from anchorage to tender pier: 400 - 800 m



QUAY:	LENGTH:	DRAFT:	AIRDRAFT:	BEAM:	HEIGHT QUAYSIDE:
Bykaia	84 m	9 m	No limit	16 m	2.5 m
Gammelkaia	48 m	5 m	No limit	-	2.5 m
Kullkaia	32 m + 12 m	8 m	No limit	-	2.5 m
Turistkaia	42 m	6 m	No limit	5 m	1.2 m

