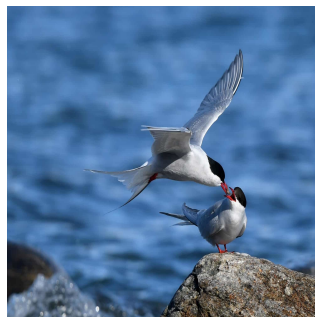
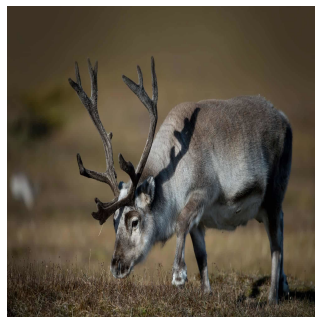


# In the polar bear's kingdom

West Svalbard & Polar ice edge



Spitsbergen is a world of white bears — here you can meet them anytime, anywhere. They hunt for seals on ice, search for preys in tundra and swim not far away from expedition boats. 24 hours of sunlight during a polar day let have many more opportunities to observe the King of the Arctic.

# Experiences you'll have

## Summer cruise to Spitsbergen

You will explore the island's northwestern coast, home to dramatic mountain scenery, tidewater glaciers, and meet polar bears, walrus, seals and reindeer. Svalbard archipelago offers a variety of wildlife that can not be found in any other region of the Arctic, so you will have the best wildlife viewing opportunities.

Most of the Svalbard archipelago is declared as national parks and protected areas. The rich islands' ecosystem includes coastal meadows, flowering tundra, majestic cliffs, deep fjords. Noisy bird colonies occupy every ledge of the rocks.

Children can get a discount of up to 50%.

The cost of the cruise depends on the date of the trip and the chosen type of cabin. Look for details in the Accommodation section.

The human presence here is limited to several polar research stations at Nyu-Alesuni. Traveling through Spitsbergen, you will visit historical sites: whaling and abandoned polar stations, hunters' huts, as well as the local museum and the post office of one of the northernmost settlements on the planet.

An experienced photographer will join you during this journey. He will share his knowledge on board and during the landings, will help you to improve photography skills and to get unique shots. Sea kayaking is also available at an extra cost to get as close to glaciers and icebergs as possible.

**A good reason to choose this trip: with buying this cruise you will get 5% discount for all other tours of RussiaDiscovery**

## Itinerary

The journey begins in Longyearbyen, Svalbard, which you must travel to on your own. The duration of the cruise varies from 9 to 12 days for different dates of the trip. Please, look for details in the Accommodation section.

### Day 1

#### Welcome to Longyearbyen, the administrative capital of

the Norwegian territory of Svalbard and starting point of our expedition. After arriving via scheduled commercial flight service, you are free to explore this fascinating Arctic settlement. Be sure to see the excellent Svalbard Museum and take advantage of quality shopping and dining opportunities in the town center. Your hotel for the night has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the voyage.

### Day 2

#### In the afternoon we welcome you aboard the luxury

expedition ship M/V Sea Spirit. Explore the ship and get comfortable in your home away from home for the extraordinary adventure to come. Savor the anticipation of your Arctic dreams coming true as we slip our moorings and sail into a true wilderness where wildlife abounds. The scenery as we sail through Isfjorden on our first evening is spectacular and there is already the possibility of marine mammal encounters.

### Day 3

#### This is a real expedition in a true High Arctic wilderness. As

such, our route and exploration opportunities here are heavily dependent on the weather and sea ice conditions we encounter. Our experienced captain and expedition leader decide the itinerary and continually adjust plans as conditions and opportunities warrant. You can be sure that the best possible advantage will be taken of the circumstances presented to us by Nature in this wild and remote corner of the Arctic.

#### Polar bears and other quintessential Arctic wildlife can be

spotted anytime, anywhere in and around Svalbard. We exploit every opportunity to experience excellent wildlife viewing, to discover incredible scenery, and to walk in the footsteps of the

Svalbard

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Difficulty



Group size

to 114

Duration

10 days

Accommodation at the trip



8 nights 1 nights

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historic polar expeditions that came before us.

### **We anticipate exploring the spectacular fjords, coasts, and**

islands in the northwestern part of Svalbard. This area contains the archipelago's most impressive scenery and some of the Arctic's best wildlife viewing opportunities. Deep fjords and narrow channels are flanked by jagged snowy mountain peaks. Immense tidewater glaciers calve icebergs into turquoise waters. On ice floes and on fast ice several species of seals watch vigilantly for polar bears. Fields of flowering tundra are home to grazing reindeer and playful Arctic fox. Bountiful inshore and offshore waters are home to walrus and a wide variety of whales. The whole area is alive with migratory birds, including numerous rare species, taking advantage of summer's fecundity in 24-hour daylight.

### **And over it all presides the polar bear, monarch of the**

North. This wild corner of Svalbard is one of the best places in the world to observe polar bears hunting in their preferred habitat: the pack ice. We take the ship as close as safely possible to the jumbled and broken edge of the polar ice cap, where polar bears stalk the frozen sea in search of seals.

### **To complete the Arctic experience we also explore places**

rich with history. Our area of exploration contains the historical remnants of whaling camps, coal mining operations, trappers' cabins, staging areas for historic attempts to discover the North Pole, and even an abandoned polar research station.

### **Human habitation in this area can be found only at Ny**

Ålesund, a former mining town that is now home to an international community of Arctic researchers. This is one of the world's most northerly settlements, complete with museum, gift shop, and post office.

### **The days are filled with memorable excursions, sumptuous**

meals, presentations by our experts, and enough stunning scenery and wildlife to fill your camera and overwhelm your emotions.

#### **Day 4**

### **After breakfast we say farewell in the town of**

Longyearbyen, where we started. We provide a transfer to the airport or to the town center if you wish to spend more time here. As you look back on your wonderful experience in Svalbard, you may already be looking forward to your next incredible adventure to the ice!

## **Accommodation at the trip**

You will travel on the "**Sea Spirit**" expedition ship. Being small and maneuverable, it allows you to explore the most remote regions in the most comfortable conditions. There are a restaurant, a bar, an open bistro, a club lounge, a library, a presentation room and a fitness center on board. The captain's bridge is also open to the public.

### **The cost of the cruise depends on the date of the trip and the chosen type of cabin:**

#### **Rates for June 1-8 and June 7-14, 2021 2021 (cruise for 8 days):**

accommodation in Triple Classic cabin — 4395 USD  
accommodation in Standard cabin — 6095 USD  
accommodation in Classic Suite» — 6495 USD  
accommodation in Superior Suite — 6695 USD  
accommodation in Deluxe Suite — 7495 USD  
accommodation in Premium Suite — 8195 USD  
accommodation in Owner's Suite — 10 495 USD

#### **Rates for June 13-22 and June 21-30, 2021 (cruise for 10 days):**

accommodation in Triple Classic cabin — 6195 USD  
accommodation in Standard cabin — 8495 USD

accommodation in Classic Suite — 9095 USD  
accommodation in Superior Suite — 9295 USD  
accommodation in Deluxe Suite — 10 395 USD  
accommodation in Premium Suite — 11 395 USD  
accommodation in Owner's Suite — 14 595 USD

#### **Rates for June 29 — July 10, 2021 (cruise for 12 days):**

accommodation in Triple Classic cabin — 8195 USD  
accommodation in Standard cabin — 11 295 USD  
accommodation in Classic Suite — 11 995 USD  
accommodation in Superior Suite — 12 295 USD  
accommodation in Deluxe Suite — 13 795 USD  
accommodation in Premium Suite — 15 095 USD  
accommodation in Owner's Suite — 19 295 USD

*The price is per person. Payment is made in rubles at the exchange rate of the Central Bank +2%. Children will receive a discount up to 50%.*

#### **Description of the cabins at "Sea Spirit" expedition ship:**

##### **Triple Classic cabin**

Averaging 21 square metres/226 square feet, these staterooms have two twins and a comfortable sofa bed. The twins also convert to a King, if desired. Located on Oceanus Deck, these suites have a picture window, two wardrobes and en suite facilities. Amenities include: in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.

##### **Standard cabin**

Averaging 23 square metres/248 square feet, Main Deck cabins are equipped with either two twins or a King Size bed. They are located on the Main Deck with a minimum of two portholes for exterior views. Amenities include: en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD individual temperature control and hair dryer.

##### **Classic Suite**

Averaging 21 square metres/226 square feet, these cabins are located on the Oceanus Deck. They feature a picture window, two wardrobes and a choice of either two twin beds or a King Size bed. Amenities include: en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control and hair dryer.

##### **Superior Suite**

Superior Suites are located on the Club Deck. Averaging 20 square metres/ 215 square feet, these cabins feature two twin beds or a King Size bed. The picture window overlooks an outside walkway on the Club Deck. Amenities include: en suite facilities, walk-in closet or wardrobe, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, hair dryer.

##### **Deluxe Suite**

The Deluxe Suites with balconies are located on the Sports Deck. Averaging 24 square metres/ 258 square feet means plenty of room. Choose from either two twin beds or a King Size bed. A sliding glass door leads to a private balcony. These suites feature a walk-in closet or wardrobe. Amenities include en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and a hair dryer.

##### **Premium Suite**

The Premium Suites are located on the Sun Deck. Averaging a generous 30 square metres/ 323 square feet, with two twin beds or a King Size bed. Access the private balcony by a sliding glass door. Amenities include: en suite facilities, lounge area, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.

##### **Owner's Suite**

Super-spacious (43 square metres/ 463 square feet) elegant suite on the Sun Deck. Designed for entertaining, the Owner's Suite has a separate living room with game and meeting area. A BOSE stereo system provides background music, or watch videos on the HD plasma TV. Sliding glass doors lead to a private deck. Refresh in the jetted bathtub in en suite facilities. Slumber in the King Size bed. A sofa bed can accommodate a third person.

## Booking

Svalbard

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Group size to 114  
Duration 10 days

Accommodation at the trip



8 nights 1 nights

## from 4 395 EUR

#### What's included in the price:

- accommodation in Radisson hotel for one night and shipboard accommodation
- all meals on board throughout the voyage, tea and coffee station 24 hours daily, welcome and farewell cocktail party onboard
- all scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions), leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced expedition leader and team
- branded jacket and rubber boots for shore landings
- information support by an expedition leader and team: lectures, videos, presentations by experts of the region
- group transfer from airport to the ship and from the ship to an airport
- all port fees
- pre-departure materials and digital voyage log
- emergency Evacuation Insurance to a maximum benefit of US 100 000 per person (for those 85 years of age and younger)

#### Extra charge:

- airfare
- visa and passport fees (if applicable)
- soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations
- personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges
- kayaking (+655 USD, important to book in advance), optionally
- staff gratuities

