

# SVALBARD SUMMER CRUISES

Search for Polar Bears, Walrus, Whales, Seals and Seabirds

Prices from €1890 per person sharing plus flights

Available: May – September 2019

Choose from 6 day, 7 day, 10 day, 12 day or 14 day voyages



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Experience the beauty of the High Arctic wilderness, while scanning for polar bears and other wildlife including walrus, seals and whales. Birdwatchers are in for a treat too, with thousands of migratory seabirds to be found in the area. Nature herself will amaze you with glaciers, icebergs, fjords, mountains and the spectacular environment that is Spitsbergen's National Park.

Hurtigruten, with 4 ships operating in the region in Summer 2019, offers a comprehensive selection of unique expedition voyages to and around Svalbard throughout the summer months, all listed below. We also give package details for the most frequent 6-day package which is on Hurtigruten's older, classic ship, *MS Nordstjernen*. If you want a more modern ship, with better facilities, you will need to take one of the longer voyages.

## POLAR BEARS & ARCTIC ADVENTURES - 6 days - *MS Nordstjernen* - 28 departures

Packages available May - September: Thu - Tue & from 10 Jun Mon - Sat



Please note, itineraries may change depending on local weather conditions. The following itinerary is based on a Thursday-Tuesday package. The Monday - Saturday itinerary is slightly shorter, returning to Longyearbyen on Friday morning and includes an extra night in a Longyearbyen hotel at the end. Depending on flight schedules, you may have to overnight in Oslo on the way home.

**Day 1:** The package starts with flights from Dublin to Longyearbyen (may be 2 or 3 segments depending on the date) where you stay for one night.  
**Day 2:** After breakfast take a guided tour of Longyearbyen including the Svalbard Museum and Camp Barentz. Then board *MS Nordstjernen* for 3 nights. The first port of call is the Russian coal mining settlement of Barentsburg. **Day 3:** The ship is now heading north along the western coast, an area of islands, fjords and beaches, so keep your eyes peeled for polar bears, minke whales and bearded seals. Visit the old 16<sup>th</sup> century whaling station at Magdalenefjord. **Day 4:** The ship continues northwards, along the North West Spitsbergen National Park. Some itineraries go as far as the enormous and fast moving Monaco Glacier, where you will often find large calved off icebergs. **Day 5:** The ship is now heading south again and there's a good chance of a stop at King's Bay, the largest fjord in the region. Another stop is made at Ny-Ålesund, one of the world's northernmost year-round communities. The ship arrives back in Longyearbyen around midnight, when you disembark. **Day 6:** It's straight on to the coach for your airport transfer and your flights back home (may be 2 or 3 segments and/or require an overnight in Oslo depending on the date as flight schedules vary).

**Voyage prices** range from €1890 pp for an Inside Cabin and from €2122 pp for an Outside Cabin, both with private shower/toilet facilities. Single supplement priced on request. Cheaper cabins with shared facilities also available. Estimate €650 - €1000 pp to cover flights and any extra hotel nights required.

## LONGER VOYAGES

| Voyage                                                     | Ship              | Dates                        | Duration |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Circumnavigating Svalbard - In the Realm of the Polar Bear | MS Fram           | 03, 11 & 19 Jun 2019         | 10 days  |
| Circumnavigating Svalbard - In the Realm of the Polar Bear | MS Spitsbergen    | 11 Jul 2019                  | 10 days  |
| Circumnavigating Svalbard - The Ultimate Expedition        | MS Spitsbergen    | 27 Jul 2019 & 06 August 2019 | 12 days  |
| Norway & Spitsbergen - The Route of Polar Pioneers         | MS Roald Amundsen | 21 Jul 2019                  | 7 days   |
| Svalbard & Norway - Circumnavigation and North Cape        | MS Spitsbergen    | 16 Aug 2019                  | 14 days  |

Prices correct at time of print (Jan 2019). E&OE. Subject to availability at time of booking. High season flight supplement may apply. Seeing polar bears and/or other wildlife is highly likely, but not guaranteed.



MS Fram



MS Spitsbergen



MS Roald Amundsen

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