

SUPERB SVALBARD

Home of the polar bear where you can hunt the Northern Lights all day long!

Price: from €1595 per person sharing

Available: 01 November – 31 December 2019

Includes one Northern Lights activity. More activities available.



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If you can't wait until January to get your Arctic adventure thrills in mainland Norway, you can now head further north to Svalbard, home to polar bear, walrus, whales, where the snow arrives earlier and lasts longer.

Located at 78 degrees north, Longyearbyen – the capital of Svalbard - is officially the world's northernmost town. The islands lie approximately half way between Norway and the North Pole (see map).

When it comes to hunting the Northern Lights, the season runs from October through to the end of February. But from 14 November – 29 January each year the region experiences the 'Polar Night', when the sun doesn't rise above the horizon. **This makes Svalbard the only populated place on the planet where you can hunt the Northern Lights all day long**, thereby increasing your chances of seeing the Lights considerably. However, you won't see much wildlife in the dark!

The snow arrives in Svalbard (usually in late October/early November) a couple of months before it does in northern Norway, extending your travel window for a wide range of arctic activities such as dog sledding and snowmobiling.

These fantastic packages include 3 nights on Svalbard staying in the **Funken Lodge**, a boutique hotel with panoramic views over Longyearbyen, **or** at the refurbished **Radisson Blu Hotel**, closer to the centre of town.

You also get one amazing Northern Lights excursion included in the package. If you're staying at the **Radisson Blu**, enjoy **an evening at Camp Barentz**, with dinner, drinks and a Northern Lights presentation in a cabin in the wilderness. For those staying at **Funken Lodge**, a **dog sledding tour** - hopefully under the Northern Lights - is included.

There are a range of other activities you can add, either booking in advance or on arrival in Longyearbyen including Snowmobile Safari (from 20 Nov, €200 pp), a Northern Lights hunt by Snowcat (from 20 Nov, €88 pp), Dog Sledding (from 1 Nov, €166 pp). There are also various sightseeing tours and hikes with guides, beer tasting at the Svalbard Brewery (€48 pp) and even a visit to a disused Coal Mine (€80 pp).

Due to the flight schedules from Dublin you must include an extra night before and after your trip to Svalbard. This will either be in Oslo, Tromso, Copenhagen or Stockholm, depending on the route you travel, but this gives you the flexibility to travel nearly every day of the week. The package works best Thursday - Tuesday.



Funken Lodge



Camp Barentz



Snowcat



Radisson Blu Hotel

Price includes:

- Return flights Dublin / Longyearbyen including taxes.
- One 20 kg checked bag per person.
- 2 hotel nights (one before and one after Svalbard) in Oslo, Tromso, Copenhagen or Stockholm depending on flight schedules.
- Return airport transfers in Svalbard (and if overnighing in Tromso).
- 3 nights B&B in either the Funken Lodge or Radisson Blu, Svalbard.
- An evening at Camp Barentz with dinner (Funken guests) or Dog Sledding (Radisson guests).
- Full information pack.

Not included:

- Travel insurance (required)
- Airport transfers in Longyearbyen (pay on bus, approx €17 return, full details provided).
- Additional excursions (purchase in advance or locally).

Options:

- Add extra nights in Oslo, Tromso, Copenhagen or Stockholm before / after your package. Priced on request.
- Single supplement priced on request.

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