

## 6 Day Svalbard Adventure

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### Day by Day Itinerary

Oslo, Longyearbyen

## HIGHLIGHTS

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- Explore the Arctic wonder of Norway's – **Svalbard**
- Be guided through the unique arctic town of **Longyearbyen**
- Visit **Elveneset** on a snowmobile expedition
- Embark on a journey through the **ice caves**, travelling on a Snowcat
- Have the option to delve into the mining history of Svalbard as you venture into a historical mine

## ITINERARY

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### Day 1: Arrive Oslo, Norway

On arrival into Oslo Gardermoen Airport (OSL), you will be met by your guide and will be escorted to your airport hotel accommodation.

**Meals:** n/a

**Accommodation:** Radisson Blu Airport Hotel, Oslo Gardermoen 4\* or similar

### Day 2: Oslo - Longyearbyen

This morning, transfer to Oslo-Gardermoen Airport and fly to Longyearbyen, the polar city.

Upon arrival, you'll be immersed in the heart of the Arctic landscapes of the Svalbard archipelago, also known as the Kingdom of the Polar Bear. This vast wilderness is home to extraordinary wildlife and stunning natural beauty.

After a bus transfer, check in to your hotel.

In the afternoon, explore Longyearbyen, the archipelago's main town, with a 2-hour guided tour. Learn about the city's history, from its early beginnings to the present day. The tour will take you to notable landmarks, including Longyear Valley, Hotellneset Peninsula, Adventalen Valley, and Mine 7. As you walk through picturesque streets and Arctic landscapes, you'll have a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the local culture and imagine what it's like to live in this remote polar city.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Radisson Blu Polar Hotel, Spitsbergen 4\* or similar

### Day 3: Longyearbyen - Elveneset - Longyearbyen

Today, embark on a 5-hour snowmobile safari to Elveneset (approximately 70 km, 2.5–3 hours of driving).

This route takes you through Svalbard's pristine Arctic landscapes, offering an unforgettable wilderness experience. The journey's moderate duration allows you to fully immerse yourself in the majestic scenery. If you're fortunate, you might spot local wildlife, including Svalbard reindeer and possibly an Arctic fox. A light snack will be provided during the excursion. (A valid driving license is required.)

Later, enjoy a unique experience at 78 degrees North, as you head towards Advent Valley and Camp Barentz, located at the base of Breinosa Mountain. Far from the city, this is an ideal spot to take in Svalbard's exceptional landscapes.

In the evening, your host will greet you by a cozy campfire, where you'll savor reindeer stew – a traditional Svalbard dish.

After dinner, engage in an informative conversation about the polar bear, the King of the Arctic. Before returning to civilization, take a moment to admire the stunning, untouched landscape that surrounds you.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Radisson Blu Polar Hotel, Spitsbergen 4\* or similar

#### **Day 4: Longyearbyen**

This morning, embark on an adventure to explore stunning ice caves aboard a Snowcat. The Snowcat will take you to the Longyear Glacier, located just south of the city. As you descend into the ice cave, you'll enter a frozen world, where ancient, 1,000-year-old plant remains are encased in ice, surrounded by mesmerizing glacial formations, narrow passageways, and expansive caverns.

Equipped with a powerful headlamp to light the way through the narrow passages, you'll witness the hidden beauty of the ice cave. This secluded wonder reveals a frozen landscape that offers a glimpse into Svalbard's climatic history.

This afternoon, you will have the opportunity to go dog sledding (at an additional cost).

**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Radisson Blu Polar Hotel, Spitsbergen 4\* or similar

#### **Day 5: Longyearbyen - Oslo**

After breakfast, you have until your afternoon flight to spend at your leisure.

Perhaps book onto the optional tour which will take you into a historical coal mine.

This afternoon, you will be transferred to the airport for your included flight back to Oslo.

On arrival, you will be met and taken to your airport hotel accommodation.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Radisson Blu Airport Hotel, Oslo Gardermoen 4\* or similar

#### **Day 6: Depart Oslo**

Today marks the end of your tour as you check-out from the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## **INCLUSIONS**

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- 5 nights in 3 & 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast & 3 dinners
- English-speaking local guide
- Guided tour of Longyearbyen
- Snowmobile safari (driver's license required)
- An educational evening at Camp Barentz inclusive of dinner
- Guided ice cave tour and Snowcat excursion
- Domestic, return economy class flights from Oslo to Longyearbyen

## EXCLUSIONS

- International flights
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Tipping
- Airport transfers
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

## DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN \$ PER PERSON

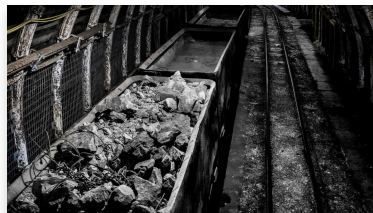
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## OPTIONAL TOURS



### Dog sledding in Boldterdalen

\$440



### Exciting discovery of a coal mine

\$190

## FINE PRINT

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

This is a **land package** only that excludes **return international** air tickets from Australia.

If you would like to add airfares to your booking, please select the departure city where we have the economy return flights add-on for your selection. If you would like to book the business class or premium class, please contact us anytime and our ticketing expert would assist you. Currently we use Emirates Airlines or similar.

### Flight requests, amendments or preferences

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline

Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class

Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.

Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.

Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### **AVG Travels Trusted Partner Tour**

AVG Travels have sourced a local, trusted partner to operate this tour. Our team has carefully vetted the itinerary and on-ground operations to ensure our AVG Travels clients are in good hands.

### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

### **Single Supplement**

Single supplement is **\$1435 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

### **Physical Requirements**

A reasonable level of fitness is required. Participants should be comfortable navigating stairs, boarding and disembarking from the coach and ship, and walking reasonable distances, typically around 2 kilometres per day or more. Please disclose any physical conditions at the time of booking to assess suitability for the tour.

### **Tipping**

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package.

Industry standard is USD\$10-15 per person per day – however the final amount you may wish to give, is completely at your discretion.

### **Group Size**

Minimum: 2

Maximum: 20

Please do not book your international flights until this tour is guaranteed. If you are wanting to know the status of your departure, please contact our Call Centre for this information.

### **Visa & Passport information**

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

AU Passport holders:

No visa is required to enter into Norway.

**IMPORTANT:** Visa requirements may change at any time without notice. You should contact the nearest high commission/embassy or consulate for the latest details.

### **Children**

Children under the age of 15 years will not be permitted to travel on this tour.

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against the unexpected. In addition to the support that a policy may provide, you may be asked to present a copy of your travel insurance documentation while traveling. We have partnered with **NibTravel Insurance** to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for your domestic, international or multi- trip journeys simply with us.

### **HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY**

Pre and post tour accommodation is not offered as part of this itinerary.

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