

SVALBARD: NORTH TO THE MIDNIGHT SUN

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS ON BOARD

LONGYEARBYEN TO LONGYEARBYEN

The best of Svalbard on our classic 7-night expedition cruise. Join us on an unforgettable Arctic expedition through Svalbard's breathtaking wilderness, cruising among whales, walruses, polar bears, and millions of seabirds. This ice-class vessel is specially built to navigate the polar pack ice, allowing exploration of remote and pristine environments. Experience summer in the Arctic, when reindeer and Arctic foxes prepare for winter and seabird cliffs teem with life. This expedition aims to sail as close as possible to the northern pack ice, the favoured summer habitat of polar bears, while also visiting accessible locations along Svalbard's west coast kept navigable by the warm Gulf Stream. From wildlife hotspots to eerie historical sites, glittering icebergs to breathtaking glaciers, this voyage offers a true immersion into nature's high-Arctic paradise.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Our classic Svalbard expedition, tried and tested by generations of explorers
- Visit the world's northernmost community, the scientific town of Ny-Ålesund
- See charismatic wildlife, including walrus, reindeer, and polar bears
- Venture into the Arctic pack ice – next stop, Alaska!
- Explore on foot, by kayak, and by Zodiac – see Svalbard from every angle!
- Experience the vibrant high Arctic town of Longyearbyen

EXPEDITION DATES ABOARD OCEAN ALBATROS

Board	Disembark
June 5, 2026	June 12, 2026
Jul 22, 2026	Jul 30, 2026
May 18, 2027	May 25, 2027
May 25, 2027	Jun 1, 2027
Jun 1, 2027	Jun 8, 2027
Jun 26, 2027	Jul 3, 2027
Jul 3, 2027	Jul 10, 2027
Jul 10, 2027	Jul 17, 2027
Aug 8, 2027	Aug 15, 2027
Aug 15, 2027	Aug 22, 2027
Aug 22, 2027	Aug 29, 2027



EXPEDITION DATES ABOARD DISCOVERER

Board	Disembark
Aug 17, 2027	Aug 24, 2027
Aug 24, 2027	Aug 31, 2027
Aug 31, 2027	Sep 07, 2027

Day 1, All aboard in Longyearbyen!

Begin your journey in Svalbard arriving in Longyearbyen, the northernmost town on Earth. Crisp polar air, dramatic mountains, and a polar bear warning sign greet you on arrival, hinting at the wild country ahead. Your expedition ship *Ocean Albatros* or *Discoverer* awaits in the harbour; raise a toast as you leave civilization behind and set course for Arctic adventure.

Days 2-3, Northwest Svalbard

Northwest Svalbard, a National Park since 1973, preserves a rich history of early Arctic exploration and whaling. First visited by William Barents in 1596, the area became a hub for Dutch and English whalers. Their haunting remnants, such as the blubber ovens, and graves of young sailors at Smeerenburg, remain visible. Now heavily protected, the region has been reclaimed by nature, hosting Arctic flowers, seabirds, walrus, and polar bears, making it once again a pristine wilderness and haven for wildlife.

Day 4, Northeast Svalbard

In the morning, we enter the icy wilderness of northeastern Svalbard — a stark polar desert where vast glaciers spill into ice-choked waters. The rugged shores

appear barren but teem with life: arctic foxes patrol the coast, seabirds nest by the hundreds of thousands on the cliffs above, and walrus gather in the shellfish-rich shallows. Plans shift with the sea, wind, and ice, embodying the unpredictable essence of true polar adventure.

Day 5, North Svalbard

Next, we push toward some of the northernmost land on Earth: stark, ice-bound landscapes including the polar desert of Nordaustlandet and the remote Sjuøyane islands, lying roughly 1,000 km north of mainland Norway's Nordkapp. Weather permitting, we'll step ashore on these barren, lichen-covered rocks. Birdlife is surprisingly rich here, with grazing geese and nesting terns and skuas — keep your binoculars handy! By day's end, we set course for the Arctic ice pack stretching from Svalbard to the North Pole and beyond.

Days 6, Into the Ice

The Arctic ice pack north of Svalbard is a vast, ever-changing wilderness stretching to the North Pole and beyond to Alaska and Siberia, forming one of Earth's largest and most dynamic habitats. Though it appears barren at first, this icy realm conceals abundant wildlife—from tiny cod-like fish and seabirds to seals,

belugas, bowhead whales, and the elusive polar bear, the region's apex predator. As Ocean Albatros navigates narrow ice channels, the expedition offers a rare glimpse into this mysterious, shifting environment where nature's secrets unfold with patience and care.

Day 7, Kongsfjorden area

During the Arctic "night," we sail into Kongsfjord, a vast fjord system framed by glaciers and the dramatic Three Crowns mountains. Here we visit Ny-Ålesund, Earth's northernmost settlement, once a base for legendary explorers like Amundsen and Nansen, and now a hub for vital polar research at the frontier of science and exploration.

Day 8, Longyearbyen disembarkation

On the final morning of our expedition, we arrive back in Longyearbyen. Even this small town will feel like a metropolis after days of isolation in the wilderness of the Arctic!

After exploring Longyearbyen and bidding a fond farewell to the crew and fellow Arctic explorers, return to Svalbard Airport and join your flight back to the Norwegian mainland— with memories to last a lifetime.

