



explorer's elite

SVALBARD 2024

REALM OF THE POLAR BEAR



EXPLORER'S ELITE AND PHOTOTEVA SPECIAL EXPEDITION

*All images in this document were taken during our previous boat expeditions in Svalbard

SVALBARD FACTS

Up in the high Arctic is a magical wonderland, filled with exotic wildlife and landscapes, welcome to Svalbard!

Ever since its discovery by the dutch in 1596, Svalbard has been a benchmark for the extreme adventure and unique wildlife.

From the world's largest land predator, the mighty Polar Bear, to the enormous Walrus and its impressive tusks and the whales who roam the ocean. This is a land of giants like no other.

Everything is unique here: The sun doesn't set for our entire stay, the snow may fall even in the peak of summer while ancient glaciers carve the landscape of the fjords.

- Latitude - around 80° north
- Size - 61,000 Km² (23,500 mi²)
- Population Human - 2,000
- Population Polar Bears - 3,000
- Capital - Longyearbyen
- Temp. during stay +10°C / 50°F
- Norwegian Province





OUR TOP END EXPEDITION

Our vessel, is an exquisitely luxurious home for our premium adventure seeking travelers. It can hold a party of up-to 12 participants and Naturally, it's ice strengthened and adapted to the ice conditions of Svalbard.

It was renovated just a few years ago, with top of line with private suites and all the amenities, as detailed on the following pages.

We are free from most of the regulations which the bigger boats must comply with. That allows us to reach the best locations wherever and whenever we wish.

When we encounter the majestic wildlife of Svalbard, we will launch 2 Zodiacs and get closer to the action. This is an un-paralleled experience in its combination of Adrenalin, Awe and Amazement. Imagine the intimacy of being with a dozen people in the wildest place on Earth!

This expedition cruise is guided by our renowned and award winning team of professionals. While enjoying the cruise you will learn more about this region and its incredible inhabitants, and experience a close up and intimate encounter with them, witnessing the best "nature film" you've ever seen.

WHAT ANIMALS DO WE SEE ON OUR EXPEDITION?

*All the photos have been taken during our expeditions by Roie Galitz

Polar Bear (*Ursus Maritimus*)

World's largest land predator as males reach 1500 pounds and female around 700 pounds. Polar Bears rely on Sea Ice to hunt and survive, and without it they face certain extinction. We will be extremely privileged to see the bears from our boat and if possible we'll lower the Zodiaks and get as close as possible. Svalbard is considered as the one of the best places in the world.



Walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*)

These enormous marine mammals reach weights of over 2,000 pounds, although they feed primarily on clams, gulping as many as 4,000 clams in each dive thanks to their strong suction force. Their tusks are used for combat against other males, but also as a weapon against Polar Bears and as a tool to help them climb onto the sea ice.

Arctic Fox (*Vulpes lagopus*)

This small predator is a true survivor in the harsh conditions of Svalbard. Without the body fat its bigger competitors possess, it has the most insulating fur in the animal kingdom and must eat constantly to survive. We will land on one of our favorite beaches where the Arctic Foxes have their lair beneath a gigantic bird cliff, where mother fox has plenty of opportunities to feed her young pups.



Migratory Arctic Birds

Svalbard is home to millions of birds that migrate to this extreme corner of the world to mate and raise their offsprings. Little Auks, Seagulls, Kittiwakes, Barnacle Geese, Arctic Terns, Red Throated Loons, Puffins and many many others. The endless daylight, plenty of food and few predators provide the best conditions around. But this doesn't mean it's easy for them.

OUR ITINERARY



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1. One of our amazing groups
2. Arctic Fox with a Goose egg
3. Male Polar Bear sleeping
4. Mother and Cub eating a walrus

ARRIVAL

DAY 0

we will meet in Longyearbyen, Svalbard's capital. We will let you know exactly where and when to be there and our driver will pick you up from the airport. This day is mostly about settling in, relaxing and organizing everything for tomorrow's expedition.

THE BOAT EXPEDITION

DAY 1-8

In the morning, our guide will show you around lovely Longyearbyen. you will have time to shop for souvenirs and if you need anything for the expedition - that's the place to get it. In the afternoon, we will embark the M/S PolarFront and after a safety briefing we will head out to the northern tip of the Archipelago. We will set out to explore the fjords, bays, icebergs and of course the fast ice of the north pole. The exact locations will be determined while on board, according to sea ice condition and the whereabouts of wildlife, primarily the mighty polar bear.

During this journey, our team and the boat staff will teach us about the Arctic animals and nature surrounding us.

Since it will be the peak season, we expect to see mothers with cubs and single males roaming along the island's shores. We might even spot Arctic Foxes near their dens with pups. During our extended expedition cruise, we hope to enjoy the view of seals, walruses, whales and many many birds. Thanks to our boat size, we will have many opportunities no other bigger boat can get - this is an amazing privilege in the high Arctic!

DISEMBARKATION

DAY 9

We will get back to Longyearbyen harbor and spend our last night onboard in the harbor. Depending on your flight times, you can disembark the boat whenever you wish until 09:00am the following day.

TOP AMENITIES

- ▶ Large and spacious cabins ensuite. Private facilities in each cabin.
- ▶ Equipped lounge, library, gym, sauna, hot tub and more amenities for your enjoyment.
- ▶ The Boat is long and equipped with stabilizers for reduced sea sickness syndromes.
- ▶ This vessel was a weather research ship, so it's built to withstand the elements
- ▶ Low rear deck for better observation and photography.
- ▶ 2 Mark V Zodiac boats for excursions.
- ▶ Fully renovated in 2017 with new facilities
- ▶ 1:1 staff to guest ratio
- ▶ Our team on board is at your service for your every need.

On deck Hot Tub



Life is everywhere

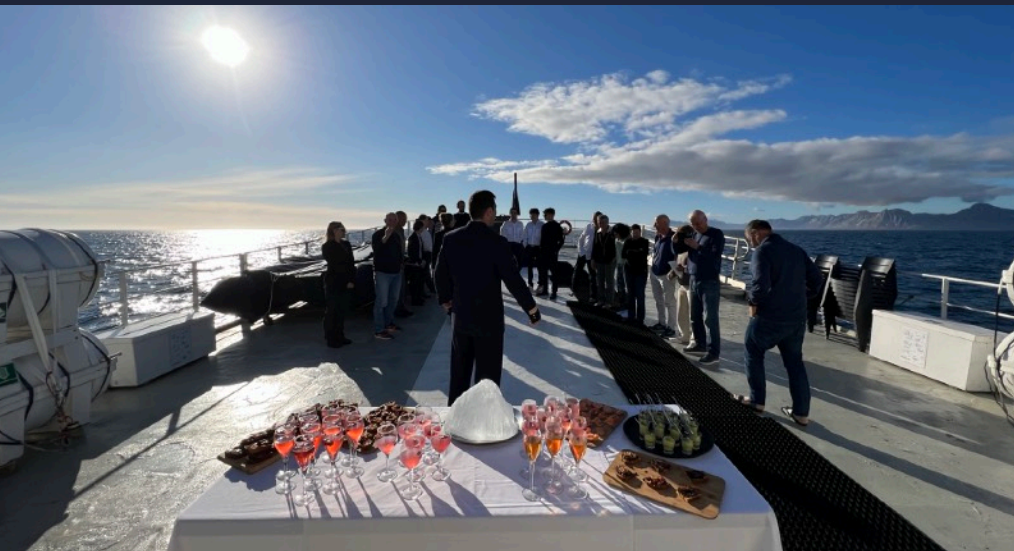


Top Lounge for lectures and fun



Gym - so you won't miss a workout

Midnight Cocktail on the back deck

















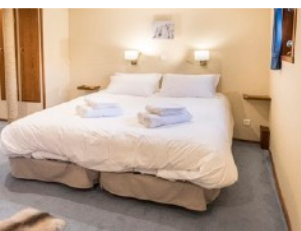



Getting close to the ice



Our group on the bridge



CABIN CHOICES

Cabin	Size	Image 1	Image 2	Image 3	Cabin	Size	Image 1	Image 2	Image 3
2	19 m ²				5	20 m ²			
3	19 m ²				9	27 m ²			
4	19 m ²				11	21 m ²			





PRICING & DETAILS

TOP POLAR EXPEDITION 2024

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

1. Luxury Expedition Cruise on board the M/S PolarFront.
2. 8 nights on board the the M/S PolarFront
3. Beach landings and Zodiac cruises.
4. Geographic and Photographic guidance by Phototeva Team.
5. A staff of 2 expert naturalists specializing in Polar Bears.
6. Full board: 3 meals a day by a French chef in a great galley.

NOT INCLUDED

1. Flights
2. Pre-boarding accommodation in Svalbard.
3. Boutique consumptions
4. Phone, internet, e-mails
5. Insurance which you must have.
6. Gratuity for ship's crew
7. All items not described in "included in the above charter rates"

EXPEDITION DATES
MAY 16-25 2024

Cabin Type	Cabin Numbers	Price per person
Suite Deluxe	1, 3, 4	\$15.8K
Grande Suite	2, 5, 11	\$16.5K
Owner's Suite	9	\$16.8K



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