



SPITSBERGEN AND POLAR BEARS - AN ARCTIC ADVENTURE (B)

The Crown of Norway Svalbard is the crown of Arctic Norway; a rugged and beautiful island forged by the power of the Arctic Ocean and the vast tundra that supports amazing wildlife. Longyearbyen and Barentsburg This Svalbard holiday starts in the `capital` of the archipelago - historic Longyearbyen, long a coal mining settlement and home to the fascinating Svalbard Museum. After setting sail, we will make a stop in the Russian town of Barentsburg, for a chance to visit the Pomor Museum (optional), before continuing out of Isfjord to head further north. Crossing 80° N We sail into Magdalenefjorden and to encounter cultural heritage such as a whaling station from the 16th century. On this Svalbard expedition, we will scan for dramatic wildlife like walrus as we go as far north towards 80 degrees as the elements allow. Stunning Fjords and Ny-Ålesund Woodfjord and Liefdefjord in North Spitsbergen offer beautiful landscape - from plains to extinct volcanoes and even the northernmost hot spring on Earth. As we cruise towards the Monaco glacier, we might get lucky and spot one of the polar bears of Svalbard. We sail on to Kongsfjord, the largest fjord on the northwest coast, highlighted by the majestic Kongsbreen (King's glacier). We hope to stop at Ny-Ålesund - one of the world's northernmost year-round communities. On our way back to Longyearbyen, we will sail into the most prominent fjord system on Svalbard to marvel at the large glaciated valleys.



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DAY 1: LONGYEARBYEN, SVALBARD

Mining History and Arctic Nature Hotel Your adventure starts with an overnight stay to enjoy Longyearbyen's galleries, pubs,



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restaurants and magnificent setting on the edge of wilderness. Reminders of mining heritage are everywhere in this frontier town. The package includes an overnight at Radisson Blu Polar Hotel, the world's northernmost full-service hotel when booking a cabin with private facilities on board MS Nordstjernen. If you have booked a cabin with shared facilities, an overnight at charming Coal Miners' Cabins is included. Hotel upgrade is available on request.

DAY 2: LONGYEARBYEN & BARENTSBURG

Settlements of the Far North Embarkation After breakfast, you can join a guided tour that includes visits to the Svalbard Museum and Camp Barentz. Next, it's time to embark on MS Nordstjernen to sail the Isfjord to the Russian settlement of Barentsburg. Here you can explore Russian artefacts and architecture, join a folklore show or soak up real Russian atmosphere in the local pub.

DAY 3: MAGDALENEFJORDEN & THE NORTH WEST CORNER

Into the Arctic Wilderness This area is rich with islands, fjords and beaches and heritage: a whaling station and graveyard that dates from the 16th century. We hope to make a landing here and explore this wonderful Arctic wilderness. Keep a sharp eye out! We hope to encounter polar bears, whales and seals.

DAY 4: WOODFJORDEN, LIEFDEFJORDEN, MOFFEN & 80°NORTH

Scanning for Polar Bears North West Spitsbergen National Park

features beautiful terrain, as well as the fast-moving Monaco glacier and Jotunkjeldane thermal springs. We may spot a polar bear searching for bird eggs nearby. Be on the lookout for whales and seals as well. If the conditions are favourable, we will sail past 80° North.

DAY 5: KONGSFJORDEN & NY-ÅLESUND

Fjords, Glaciers and Research Kongsfjorden is the largest fjord in the Northwest coast of Spitsbergen and home to the majestic Kongsbreen glacier. Later, we dock at Ny-Ålesund. Situated at 78° 55' N, this is one of the world's northernmost year-round communities. It is now an advanced High Arctic research station.

DAY 6: LONGYEARBYEN

Flying Home from the Arctic Disembarkation This Arctic adventure ends in Longyearbyen. An early morning transfer bus will take you to the airport for your flight home.

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

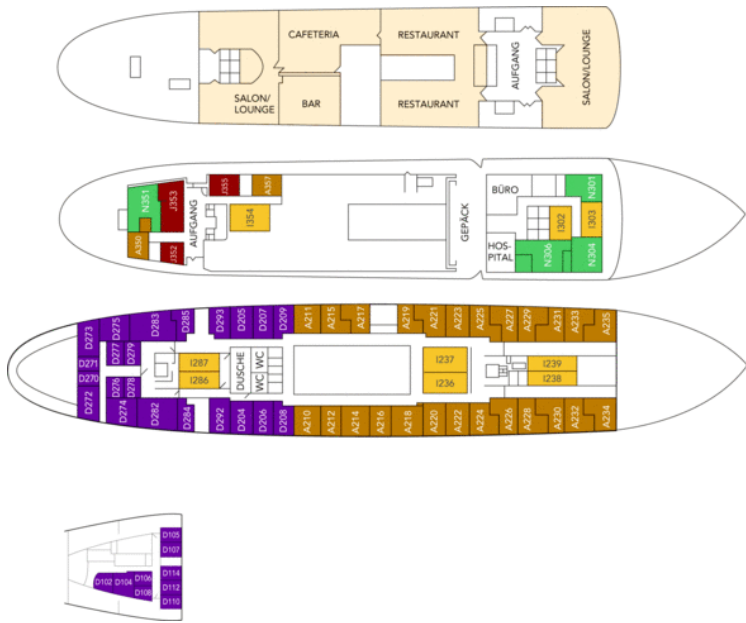


MS Nordstjernen is named after the North Star or Stella Polaris, famous for helping seafarers find their way back home and the Vikings to navigate the north. The ship was built to sail Norwegian Coastal Voyages in 1956 and extensively modernised in 2000 for exclusive Arctic sailing. Today she takes explorers on adventures in the waters around Spitsbergen. Despite modernisation, she still retains the aura of an old Atlantic ship, restored to her former splendour with new brass, classic wooden interiors and all her original art. Out on deck you come extra close to the untouched nature of the Polar Arctic and with roofs over a lot of the deck space you can enjoy being outside, even in rough weather. MS Nordstjernen is equipped with a dining room and bar, a café, a panorama lounge and a library. Inside you'll find cosy interior and exterior cabins, the majority of which have upper and lower berths. All rooms and deck surfaces exhibit that old, beautiful wood. All outside cabins have ensuite shower and W/C, and inside I cabins have ensuite. Inside D & E cabins have shared facilities.



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