

# Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

Halfway between mainland Norway and the North Pole, Longyearbyen is a former coal-mining settlement turned Arctic adventure hub — where polar bears roam the mountains and the sun never sets in summer.

 Docked (most ships) / Tender (when busy)

 Typical call: 7-10 hrs

 Norwegian Krone (NOK) — fully cashless

 Norwegian

 Polar bear country

## MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Bykaia cruise pier; tender when port is full

**Walk to center:** 1.5 km (15–20 min) from Bykaia pier

**Best For:** Arctic wildlife, expedition history, unique shopping

**Don't Miss:** Svalbard Museum and the polar bear warning signs

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ 150–200 NOK (short ride) · 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Coal Mine No. 3 Tour** — Don overalls and a hard hat to crawl into Gruve 3, a preserved Norwegian coal mine (operated 1971–1996 by Store Norske).
- **Arctic Fjord RIB Boat Tour** — Blast across Adventfjorden in an inflatable speedboat to spot walruses, puffins, beluga whales, and glaciers calving...
- **Summer Dog Sledding (Wheeled Cart)** — No snow in summer? No problem.
- **Global Seed Vault Visit** — Trek out to the famous concrete portal built into the permafrost to safeguard the world's crop seeds.
- **Polar Bear & Arctic Wildlife Safari** — Guided snowmobile or boat expedition into the wilderness in search of polar bears, reindeer, Arctic foxes, and seabirds.

## BEST WALKS

- **Pier to Town & Museum Loop** 3.5 km round-trip | 1–2 hrs | Flat & paved — Walk from Bykaia pier along the harbor road into the town center.
- **Church & Harbor Stroll** 2 km | 45 min | Flat — From the town center, walk up the short hill to Svalbard Church — take your shoes off inside and enjoy a free coffee.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

| Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr | 20°  | 12° | 8d   |
| Jun | 40°  | 36° | 7d   |
| Aug | 46°  | 41° | 11d  |
| Sep | 39°  | 32° | 13d  |
| Oct | 29°  | 22° | 10d  |

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Sep 5:39AM–8:01PM · Oct 9:28AM–3:54PM

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Polar bear signs = hard boundary. Red-bordered polar bear road signs mark where you must not walk without an armed guide. The town center is safe; the mountains and roads out of...
- Take off your shoes. The local tradition (from coal-mining days) requires removing outdoor shoes when entering the church.

# Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> North Pole Expedition Museum | Museum showcasing historic North Pole expeditions and their pioneers. | <b>2</b> Gruve 3                | Historic coal mine offering guided tours into its tunnels.   |
| <b>3</b> Svalbard Husky AS            | Dog sledding company offering husky tours and puppy visits.           | <b>4</b> Svalbard Kirke         | World's northernmost church, a welcoming community landmark. |
| <b>5</b> Polar Bear Sign              | Iconic sign warning visitors about polar bears outside town.          | <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal |                                                              |