

Spitsbergen Island, Svalbard, Norway

Europe's last true wilderness. Spitsbergen delivers tidewater glaciers, polar bears prowling sea ice, walrus colonies, and a sky that never fully darkens in summer — all from the Arctic settlement of Longyearbyen.

 Dock or Tender (varies by ship size)

 Typical call: 8-12 hrs

 Norwegian Krone (NOK)

 Norwegian / English widely spoken

 Polar bear country — guides required outside town

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Bykaia pier or tender via Tenderkaia; 1.5 km flat walk to town center

Walk to center: 20 min on foot from Bykaia pier; shuttle buses often provided

Best For: Arctic wildlife, glacier photography, expedition history, midnight sun

Don't Miss: Boat safari to Monaco Glacier or Pyramiden ghost town

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  NOK 170–180 (~\$16–17) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Polar Bear & Wildlife Boat Safari** — Zodiac or small-ship safari into Adventfjorden and surrounding waters hunting for polar bears on sea ice, walrus...
- Pyramiden — Soviet Ghost Town** — A 2.5-hour scenic boat ride to an abandoned Soviet coal-mining town preserved in amber since 1998.
- Glacier Boat Safari — Monaco Glacier** — Cruise deep into the fjords to witness tidewater glaciers calving house-sized icebergs into turquoise water.
- Gruve 3 Coal Mine Tour** — Explore a real historic coal mine just 10 minutes from the harbor.
- Svalbard Museum + Town Walk** — The Svalbard Museum covers polar exploration, Norwegian and Soviet mining history, and Arctic ecology.

BEST WALKS

- Bykaia Pier to Longyearbyen Town Center** 1.5 km • 20 min • Flat • No guide needed — A simple flat walk along the harbor road into the heart of Longyearbyen.
- Town Center Loop — Museum & Church** 2 km • 30-40 min • Easy • Self-guided — From the main street, walk up to the Svalbard Museum, continue to the Svalbard Church (the world's northernmost church, open daily)...

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–3:55PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Never leave town without a guide. Polar bears are present year-round on Spitsbergen and are faster than they look. Any excursion

Spitsbergen Island, 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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| 1 North Pole Expedition Museum | Museum dedicated to historic North Pole expeditions and explorers. | 2 Gruve 3 | Historic former coal mine offering guided tours. |
| 3 Svalbard Husky AS | Dog sledding and husky farm experience provider. | 4 Svalbard Kirke | World's northernmost church, open to all visitors. |
| 5 Polar Bear Sign | Iconic warning sign marking polar bear territory. | P Cruise port / terminal | |