

# Arctic Highlights - Svalbard, Greenland & Iceland

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Rare wildlife; polar bear, reindeer, arctic fox, walrus and more
- Explore the stark beauty of the East Greenland fjords
- Visit the unique isolated Inuit community of Ittoqqortoormiit

## AT A GLANCE

- 13 days Arctic Cruise
- Zodiac boat trips
- Join at Longyearbyen, End in Reykjavik

## ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

- 14 Breakfasts
- 13 Lunches
- 14 Dinners
- 14 nights Boat

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# Introduction

Search for polar bears on Svalbard, explore East Greenland's magnificent fjords and sail in to Iceland, 'The Land of Fire and Ice' on this superlative, two week, Arctic Cruise holiday. Throughout the holiday there will be daily briefings and fascinating lectures about the arctic region, its wildlife and geology, from our friendly team of onboard experts. Outfitted as a cruise ship, the Expedition provides an excellent base for polar exploration. With dining areas, presentation rooms, good sized cabins, and viewing decks, we will have plenty of space and entertainment whilst onboard. We begin our voyage in Spitsbergen, deep in the land of the midnight sun. Here we explore the edges of the ice floe on foot and by zodiac accompanied by expert guides, keeping our eyes peeled for wildlife at all times!

Leaving Svalbard behind we sail on past the extraordinary fjords of East Greenland where we can walk on the colourful autumnal arctic tundra searching for rare birdlife. We will also have the rare opportunity to visit a local Inuit community in Ittoqqortoormiit. Finally we cross the Denmark Strait to Iceland and we should keep an eye out for a variety of whale species and dolphin as we cruise along. We complete our exploration of the region in the vibrant Icelandic city of Reykjavik; the perfect ending to a truly unforgettable and educational journey filled with unique wildlife and impressive scenery.

## Is this holiday for you?

This is principally a touring, sightseeing and wildlife viewing holiday, with minimal exertion required. If you choose to go ashore, you will need to make the transfers from the ship to a Zodiac and onto land. The short walks on land are optional and weather dependent. You should also consider that some of the classes of accommodation involve the use of bunk-beds. Whilst on deck or during excursions, you need to be prepared for cold temperatures. The itinerary remains flexible, according to the variability of the weather and sea conditions and the locations of wildlife.

Please see our [online Polar Guide](#) for the differences between our departures, ships and more Polar information.

# Itinerary

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## DAY 1

**Arrive Longyearbyen. Transfers from the airport or the group hotel are provided to the ship.**

Longyearbyen is the world's most northerly town, and is the largest settlement on Svalbard. Originally a whaling station, coal mining was the main occupation of the inhabitants of Longyearbyen from 1906 until the early 1990's. Today tourism and Arctic wildlife conservation are the principal industries and there is a very friendly and international feel to the town. It has a bank, post office, hospital, public library, cafes/restaurants, tourist information, a swimming pool, climbing wall, leisure centre, three pubs, three hotels, one cinema (open on Sundays) and one night club.

You will be met at Longyearbyen Airport and depending on arrival times transferred to a local hotel or the MS Expedition. All luggage will be transferred to the ship separately and there will be no access to your bags until you reach your cabin. Remember to bring your passport with you and to dress for changeable weather. The transfer to the MS Expedition departs from the hotel at 4.00pm. Once aboard we have time to settle in to our cabin before we gather together in the lounge for an initial briefing from the Expedition leader and are introduced to members of the expedition staff. We set sail in the evening and spend our first night on board the MS Expedition.

Meals: **D**



**Accommodation**  
Boat

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## DAY 2

**Explore Spitsbergen West Coast by Zodiac and on foot.**

We have 3 full days to explore a small portion of the western coast of Spitsbergen. Now in the autumn, the days are becoming shorter and so we will try to take advantage of all of the sunlight possible to search for wildlife. Svalbard is one of the few places on the planet that offers a wealth and diversity of both natural and cultural history sites. There will be stunning views of the fjords today, surrounded by breathtaking mountain scenery and glaciers flowing into the sea around us. This is the land of the polar bear and we will spend these days in search of the elusive white predator out hunting seals. At one or more of our stops, we will also hope to see Svalbard's unique subspecies of reindeer. Much smaller than their southern relatives, they still carry impressive antlers! We may also glimpse Arctic foxes, out searching for food. This is an area steeped in history: from the whaling industry, to the quest for the pole, to trapping, coal mining and war. We will have time to visit some of these historic sites. Besides cruising along the edge of the ice in Zodiacs, observing seals or walrus, we will also have opportunities to walk on

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shore, where we can admire and photograph the Arctic flora and fauna. As this is the home of the polar bear, your expedition staff will carry rifles and flare guns on shore for your protection.

Meals: **B L D**



**Accommodation**  
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### DAY 3

## Explore Spitsbergen West Coast.

Continuing north we will have ample opportunity to enjoy breathtaking views of the fjords and mountains. During the days we will head out in the zodiacs to explore the shoreline, steeped in natural and human history. We may be lucky enough to spot an Arctic fox out hunting for food.

Meals: **B L D**



**Accommodation**  
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### DAY 4

## Explore Spitsbergen West Coast.

We spend another day out in the zodiacs, cruising the shore and the edge of the icefloe. We may see seal and walrus today, as well as the majestic polar bear. We will also have opportunities to walk on shore where we will have plenty of opportunity to photograph the arctic flora and fauna up close. In the evenings we will have informative presentations on wildlife and conservations issues.

Meals: **B L D**



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### DAY 5

## Explore Spitsbergen West Coast.

Another brilliant day of wildlife spotting on the coast of Spitsbergen. We will be in search of polar bear, out hunting seal, and Svalbard's unique subspecies of reindeer. Our expert crew will be on hand to answer any questions we have about the wildlife or flora and fauna.

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Meals: **B L D**



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## DAY 6

### Crossing the Greenland Sea.

Leaving Spitsbergen behind us we cross the Greenland Sea heading for the northeast of Greenland. During the crossing our lecture series will continue and we will learn more about this fascinating area.

Meals: **B L D**



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## DAY 7

### The Greenland Sea.

We begin our exploration of the northeast coast of Greenland. Icy waters drain from the Arctic Ocean in a southwest current along the coast of Northeast Greenland. Often drifting pack ice is pushed along the coast. We will attempt to approach and follow the pack ice edge in order to explore the polar seascape. Occasionally this can be a good place to find wildlife. We will keep a look out for sea mammals like seals and whales and also sea birds such as kittiwakes and fulmars.

Meals: **B L D**



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## DAY 8

### Explore the North East Greenland National Park and Scoresbysund Fjord by Zodiac and on foot.

The coast of Greenland has some of the most spectacular fjord country in the world. We hope to sail through and land, giving us the opportunity to explore the rarely visited glaciers, bays and inlets. This is the largest National Park in the world, almost impossible to reach except on Expedition ships, such as the MS Expedition. The fascinating geology, combined with glacial features, creates the most fantastic vista

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of steep mountains rising dramatically from the icy sea. Besides admiring the scenery we will be on the look out for wildlife and other interesting landing sites in this unspoiled wilderness.

Meals: **B L D**



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## DAY 9

### Explore North East Greenland National Park and Scoresbysund Fjord.

Ice depending we hope to be able to fully explore the massive fjord system using the zodiacs, including portions of Scoresbysund, named after the English explorer William Scoresby, the largest and longest fjord system in the world. These intricate fjord systems are everything from inconceivably vast to narrow but surrounded by some of the most dramatic mountain scenery in the world.

Meals: **B L D**



**Accommodation**  
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## DAY 10

### Explore North East Greenland National Park and Scoresbysund Fjord.

Today we hope to visit the tiny Inuit settlement Ittoqqortoormiit, the only permanent settlement in the region. This will give us a fascinating insight into life in this beautiful, but harsh and unforgiving, environment. We can also hope to see musk-ox and puffin in the surrounding area.

Meals: **B L D**



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## DAY 11

### Explore North East Greenland National Park and Scoresbysund Fjord.

We will try to make as many landings as possible in the zodiacs, so that we can explore on foot the areas of colourful tundra surrounding the fjords.

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Meals: **B L D**



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## DAY 12

### Explore North East Greenland National Park and Scoresbysund Fjord.

Our last day exploring the fjords. We have had many good days cruising down the coast, hopefully with some excellent sightings. Our last day here allows us to maybe glimpse some elusive wildlife and appreciate the unrivalled beauty of this remote area.

Meals: **B L D**



**Accommodation**  
Boat

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## DAY 13

### Cross The Denmark Strait.

Leaving Greenland behind us we begin the crossing to Iceland across the Denmark Strait, famous for the World War II battle, which took place on the waters. During this section of the voyage our lecture series will continue.

Meals: **B L D**



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## DAY 14

### The Denmark Strait to Reykjavik, Iceland.

As we cruise the Denmark Strait on this last section of our voyage we will have our last chance to spot whales. The Strait connects the Arctic Ocean to the Irminger Sea, a part of the mighty Atlantic. This will be our last night on board and the crew will ensure this is a special evening. With the volcanic island of Iceland on the horizon, and the sea birds will flock to the ship as we enter Icelandic waters, coming into the harbour at Reykjavik.

Meals: **B L D**



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## DAY 15

### **Departure day. Disembark the MS Expedition at Reykavik. Transfers to Keflavik Airport are provided.**

Shortly after your breakfast, you will disembark in Reykjavik. Disembarkation is scheduled for 0800 at Midbakki Harbour, which is within walking distance of downtown Reykjavik. You should not book any flights before 1200 noon, on disembarkation day. Airport transfers will be offered to all passengers who have flights booked on this day. There will be a transfer immediately upon disembarkation. Those with a later flight can store their luggage at the pier until 1400 (timings to be confirmed on board), at which time a transfer will be provided to the airport for those passengers with early evening and evening flights. Passengers taking advantage of the opportunity, will be able to explore Reykjavik in the morning and in the early afternoon. Passengers planning on staying in Reykjavik post trip, may hire a taxi at the pier for transfer to their accommodations. All transfer arrangements will be confirmed while on board prior to.

Meals: **B**

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## Holiday Information

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## What's Included

- Expert Expedition staff
- 13 nights onboard the Expedition
- Single timed airport transfers on arrival and departure days
- All meals whilst on the Expedition
- All Zodiac cruises on Svalbard with expert leaders
- Waterproof boots supplied (different sizes available)
- Lecture and guidance programs during the expedition

## What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Tips for staff
- Longyearbyen airport transfers (except for single timed transfer)
- Meals in Longyearbyen or Reykjavik
- Miscellaneous expenses - drinks and souvenirs etc

## Joining Arrangements & Transfers

You will meet at the group hotel in Longyearbyen from where you are transferred to the ship at 4pm on day 1 of the land only itinerary.

Complimentary airport transfers to the group hotel are provided if you are arriving on Day 1 or have booked pre-night accommodation as part of your package through KE Adventure Travel. We recommend that you book an extra night in Longyearbyen prior to departure in case of flight delays. The very latest that you should arrive in Longyearbyen Airport is at 2pm on day 1 of the land only itinerary.

Otherwise the airport shuttle bus, which meets all flights, will drop off at all hotels. The fare is approximately 50 NOK and tickets can be purchased on board.

You need to bring your luggage to the 'group hotel' luggage store between 9am and 12 midday on the day you set sail. This is available for all passengers already in Longyearbyen. A representative of the MS Expedition will be available to check in your bag which will be transferred to the ship.

It is important that you keep your passport with you and you should dress for changeable weather. You will be reunited with your luggage when you reach your cabin. The passenger transfer from the group hotel to the ship will depart at 4pm.

At the end of the trip there will be two separate timed transfers to the airport in Reykjavik. The first shortly after disembarkation, which is scheduled for 8.00am. For this reason you should not book any flight that leaves Reykjavik before midday. Passengers leaving later in the day can store their luggage at the pier and spend some time in downtown Reykjavik before taking the early afternoon transfer to the airport.

Clients MUST provide the KE office with full details of their flights. Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

## Meal Plan

All meals whilst on board the M/S Expedition are included.

## Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

## Food & Water

Water from the taps is perfectly drinkable on this holiday - please use this to fill your personal bottles for your daily activities. We do not encourage the purchase of single-use plastic bottles.

Onboard the ship a diverse range of international dishes is available. Meals are prepared and catered by professional chefs and all meals are included in the trip price. Dining is casual, tables are unassigned and the dining room is capable of seating the entire passenger compliment at one time. There is always a selection of different meals available with plenty of options for vegetarians. Special dietary requirements can be accommodated with advance notice (please advise us at time of booking). Coffee, tea and water are all provided free of charge. All other beverages, alcoholic and non-alcoholic are not included and can be purchased in the dining room, pub or the lounge.

## Accommodation

During this trip the group will spend 7 nights on board the fantastic Expedition Polar Cruise Ship.

The Expedition has multiple large public areas to enjoy during sea crossings and in between land excursions. Amenities include:

All cabins with private en suite and outside view,

Library,

Medical clinic with licensed doctor,

Lounge area,

Dining Room - serving international cuisine and large enough to accommodate all passengers in one sitting,

BBQ area,

Forward deck viewing platforms,

Gym,

Gift shop,

Laundry service (for a small additional charge),

Wi-Fi - not guaranteed (for an additional charge),

Accommodation on board is based on a triple cabin with porthole. If you are travelling by yourself you will be paired up with other single clients of the same sex. Cabin upgrades to twins and cabins with larger windows are possible (depending on availability) on the Expedition. Single cabins are also available for an additional cost. Additional hotel nights are available for a supplementary cost.

## Group Leader & Support Staff

A carefully chosen team will lead your voyage. The MS Expedition ships boast an international team of professional naturalists and lecturers. Their goal is to provide an informed and balanced interpretation of the destination, accomplished through stimulating lectures, day-to-day briefings, and informal discussions. Your lecturers and Expedition Leader will cover all aspects of the voyage including ornithology, marine biology, geography, geology, history and the environment, as well as practical things like photography. The expedition staff work conscientiously with you on deck and in the field, improving your observational skills to allow you to experience all that the destination has to offer. Their strong sense of ethics and ecological knowledge make for stimulating and mindful conversation whether onshore or at the dinner table. The Expedition Staff will pilot the Zodiac landing craft used for shore landings and Zodiac cruises; they are experienced drivers who operate the Zodiacs in a responsible manner.

## Spending Money

It is not practical to set a recommended amount for personal spending money on a holiday like this. All meals while on board and the daily Zodiac excursions, are included in the trip price. The main extra spend on board will be on drinks and this will vary greatly from person to person. On board ship, bar bills can be put on a tab and paid at the end of the cruise by credit or debit card or in cash US dollars. You will also need some money for any meals taken in Longyearbyen and for tips. As a guide, we recommend you allow \$10 - 15 per day for tips to your crew and expedition staff. It is possible to withdraw cash in Norwegian Kroner from ATM's in Longyearbyen, but we recommend that you bring a minimum of US\$200 in cash for emergency situations where you are unable to withdraw money from ATMs. On board all prices are in \$ USD.

## Guidance on Tipping

Tipping is the accepted way of saying 'thank you' to the staff who have assisted you on your expedition. Tips do not form any part of the wages of the staff but they are very much appreciated. It is important to remember that tipping is voluntary and should be dependent on good service. Normally tips are collected by the Hotel Manager at the end of the voyage and distributed amongst the crew and Expedition Staff. The Officers in charge of the ship choose not to participate in the tipping pool. As a guide, we recommend that each group member contributes around \$70-110 to these tips.

## Baggage Allowance

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. Luggage with wheels is useful for this holiday. For international flights please check your baggage allowance with your airline (the baggage limit on the domestic flight between Oslo and Longyearbyen is 23kg). Please note that you should be able to carry your own luggage.

## Group Size & Holiday Status

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in the 'Dates and Prices' table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

## Group Members

As this holiday is run with G Adventures, the minimum age is 10 yrs (anyone under 18 must be travelling with a parent or guardian).

The holiday will be conducted in English. Generally on these trips there will be a mix of nationalities but it is not possible to guarantee this.

# General Information

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## Passport & Visas

### Europe

Your passport must meet 2 requirements. It must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

For the latest details on visiting countries within the EU or the European Economic Area (EEA), please check the UK Government website

**The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.**

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required, and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

**It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates** (*see Health & Vaccinations below*), **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the [FCDO](#) for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

## Health & Vaccinations

### Vaccinations:

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

**It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates.**

Please check the [FCDO](#) and [Travel Health Pro](#). For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.

### Severe Allergies:

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips.

## Currency

The currency for part or all of this holiday is the Euro.

When on the ship everything is priced in US\$. If you are paying in cash you will need US\$, if you are paying by card your bank will use their exchange rate.

## Preparing for your Holiday

It makes a lot of sense to spend some time before coming on an active holiday to get some additional exercise. The fitter you are, after all, the more enjoyable you will find the experience. Although this is principally a cruise holiday you will have the opportunity for walks on land and a basic level of fitness is required to get in and out of the Zodiacs.

## Climate

During this trip we will be inside the Arctic circle, which is the big factor on climate. However, temperatures especially around the coast, are moderated by the influence of the warm North Atlantic Current which keeps the waters navigable for most of the year and average temperatures at around 4 to 6°C. However, on deck with a sea breeze, the windchill can bring the real feel temperature below freezing. Precipitation is frequent, but falls in small quantities, typically less than 400 millimetres in western Spitsbergen.

## Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at [travelaware.campaign.gov.uk](http://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk) and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for essential travel advice and tips.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

## Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

## Books

- Spitsbergen. Andreas Umbreit - Bradt Guides
  
- The Arctic, A Guide to Coastal Wildlife. Tony Soper
  
- A Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic. E.C. Pielou
  
- Flora of Svalbard. Olaf I Ronning
  
- Birds and Mammals of Svalbard. Norsk Polarinstitut
  
- Ice Bears and Kotick. Ranulph Fiennes
  
- Arctic Dreams. Barry Lopez
  
- Polar Bear. Ian Stirling

## Maps

### Greenland 1:5,000,000

General map with simple elevation tinting on the ice free areas and 500m contours on the ice covered area. Bathymetric contours are also included. The map coverage extends to include Ellesmere Island, Iceland and most of Svalbard. Legend in English, Danish and Greenlandic.

## Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our [Travel Insurance](#) page for further information and to get a quote.

## Explore International

This holiday is part of our Explore International range. Participants on these trips can book through KE or through one of our international partners. This helps us to gather together sufficient numbers of like-minded adventurers to get your holiday up and running quickly. Led by an English-speaking guide, the cosmopolitan nature of these groups can be an important part of the experience!

# Equipment Information

## Equipment List

The following checklist should help you with your packing. As a general rule, you should always try to keep the weight of your equipment to a minimum. Dress on board is informal. Beware of tight clothing that leaves no room for trapped air, which is an excellent insulator. Wool, silk and some of the new synthetic fibers, like polar fleece, retain heat better than cotton.

### You must bring the following items:

- Casual shoes / Trainers or similar for onboard
- Rubber boots (Wellington boots)\*
- Walking shoes\*
- Socks (Warm, high wool or similar socks worn over a thin pair of silk, polypropylene socks should

provide enough warmth and insulation for your feet. Bring several pairs of socks, since you will inevitably get your feet wet)

- Waterproof jacket
- Trekking trousers
- Waterproof trousers
- Thermal baselayer - leggings
- Underwear
- Baselayer shirts / fleece
- Casual shirt and/or T-shirts
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Sunhat
- Warm hat
- Scarf and/or buff
- Sunglasses
- Gloves or mittens (Thin polypropylene gloves under warm outer gloves is a good combination)
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
- Water bottles 1 Litre x2 (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Washbag and toiletries
- Antibacterial handwash

- Small towel
- Selection of dry bags (to keep rucksack contents dry)
- Small daypack
- Warm jacket (down)
- Basic First Aid Kit including: Antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, and plasters. Glucose tablets and multi-vitamin tablets are also a good idea

**The following items are optional:**

- Warm Ski pants
- Shorts
- Spare gloves
- Travel clothes
- Camera (in a dry bag)
- Binoculars
- Repair kit - (eg. needle, thread, duct tape)
- Seasickness remedy
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

**Notes**

**\*Rubber boots / Wellington boots:** Complimentary waterproof boots are supplied for the following sizes:

- Men's USA size 8-14 / UK size 7 to 13½ / Europe 41 to 48½.
- Women's USA size 3 to 9 / UK size 1 to 6½ / Europe 33 to 40

If you have different feet sizes to these you should bring your own rubber boots. These should be rubber, waterproof boots that are just below your knee with a strong, ridged non-skid sole.

## Land Only Information

The LAND ONLY dates and prices are for the itinerary joining in Longyearbyen and departing in Reykjavik. For clients making their own flight arrangements, Longyearbyen Airport is the most convenient for transfers to the group hotel and on departure Keflavik International Airport in Reykjavik. Please refer to 'Joining Arrangements and Transfers' for further details.

Flights SHOULD NOT be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and the departure is showing 'Guaranteed to Run' or 'Limited'.

## Land Only Information

The LAND ONLY dates and prices are for the itinerary joining in Longyearbyen. For clients making their own flight arrangements, Longyearbyen Airport is the most convenient for transfers to the group hotel.

## Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London (Heathrow) to Longyearbyen airport with Scandinavian Airlines via Oslo. Outbound flights will depart from the UK at lunchtime, arriving in the afternoon of the following day (day 1 of the itinerary), this requires an overnight in Norway (Oslo) which is included in the flight inclusive price. Return flights will depart Reykjavik after lunch on the last day of the itinerary, arriving in the UK in the same evening. Regional departures and/or alternative carriers are available on request.

Please be aware that there are often only a limited number of seats available at the advertised price. To avoid paying flight supplements, we recommend that you book as early as possible, especially during peak times. If we are unable to secure seats at the price shown, or you have requested regional departures, we will contact you with an alternative quote. Please note that you may be asked to pay for your flights in advance of your final holiday balance. Note that if you book a package including flights with KE you will benefit from full financial protection.

## Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London Heathrow to Longyearbyen airport with SAS via Oslo. Outbound flights will depart from the UK in the evening arriving in the morning of the following day (Day 1 of the itinerary), this requires an overnight in Norway (Oslo) which is included in the flight inclusive price. Return flights will depart Longyearbyen after lunch of the last day of the itinerary, arriving in the UK in the same evening. Due to flight schedules, on certain departures it is also required to overnight in Oslo on the return. Regional departures and/or alternative carriers are available on request. Please note that the Oslo hotel will be based at the airport. If you want to stay at an alternative hotel in the city, then these arrangements must be made independently. Please let our staff know when booking.

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