

# WINTER WORLD IN SVALBARD

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#### DAY 1: WELCOME TO THE ARCTIC!

Arrive at Longyear Airport in Svalbard followed by a shuttle transfer to your accommodation for the night. After check-in, the rest of the day is free time to explore Longyearbyen as you wish, perhaps with a visit to the Svalbard Museum to learn more about Svalbard's history as a hunting and mining outpost. For a fantastic dining experience this evening, we recommend the charming Restaurant Kroa or the lovely Huset

Spend the night in Longyearbyen.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Longyearbyen

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## **DAY 2: HUSKIES & ICE CAVES**

Enjoy a good breakfast at the hotel before you are picked up by your guides and taken to the husky kennel in Bolterdalen, where 90 Alaskan huskies eagerly await to take you on a thrilling sled ride! After a brief lesson on how to handle your sled and team of huskies, it's time to mush into the snowy wilderness towards the Scott Turner glacier. Along the way, there is a good chance of seeing reindeer, ptarmigan, and Polar foxes. Upon arrival to the glacier, you are equipped with a headlamp and helmet for a guided ice cave tour through frozen melt-water channels surrounded by bizarre shapes of ice and stone and amazing ice crystals. Lunch is served outside the ice cave before heading back to Bolterdalen. Back at the kennel, un-harness your hard-working dogs and enjoy a hot beverage and light snack before returning to Longyearbyen in the afternoon.

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HIGHLIGHTS: Scott Turner glacier

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#### DAY 3: SNOWMOBILE SAFARI TO THE EAST COAST

Enjoy a hearty breakfast in preparation for a full day of snowmobiling! After being picked up at the hotel, you are provided with additional warm outerwear and safety equipment followed by a brief introduction by the tour leader on how to safely drive a snowmobile.

The east coast is not impacted by the Gulf Stream to the same extent as the west coast, meaning temperatures are lower and there is a lot more ice. Polar bears live on the ice in search of seals and there is a good chance to see one at a safe distance. The east coast is also known for its majestic glaciers and its unique landscape. We will eat an expedition lunch out on the sea ice, in front of the towering glacier fronts of Heuglinbreen and Hayesbreen, before crossing the bay to explore the land on the other side. We will drive through huge valleys, over snow-covered glaciers, and on the frozen sea in order to experience a world unchanged in thousands of years. We can see wildlife such as Svalbard reindeer, Arctic foxes and seals.

Late in the afternoon you will return to Longyearbyen, where you will have the evening at your leisure.

HIGHLIGHTS: Snowmobile tour

Before departing this amazing place, the early part of your day is free for a stroll around Longyearbyen, a visit to the Svalbard Gallery, or some last-minute souvenir shopping. In the afternoon, take the shuttle bus to Longyear Airport for your return flight to Oslo, from where you will continue to your final destination.

Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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