SVALBARD
WITH SEA ENDURANCE & M/S STOCKHOLM
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PolarQuest
SVALBARD – THE PEARL OF THE ARCTIC

Svalbard is located halfway between mainland Norway and the North Pole and offers one of the world’s most magnificent wildernesess. This vast glaciated archipelago invites to midnight sun, pack ice and dramatic mountain chains. Not to mention extraordinary wildlife! During the Arctic summer months millions of seabirds arrive here to breed and several different species of whale can be spotted in the surrounding water. Svalbard is also home to animals such as the charming walrus, the cute Arctic fox, the endemic Svalbard reindeer and last, but certainly not least, the king of the Arctic – the polar bear.

ABOUT POLARQUEST

Established in 1999, PolarQuest has long experience of arranging small ship expedition cruises in Svalbard. Every expedition is unique and our aim is that each passenger will have the trip of a lifetime.

Travelling with PolarQuest allows you to enjoy the amazing Arctic wilderness without having to undertake a scientific expedition or become an explorer with a beard full of ice. All you need is a curious mind and a desire for wildlife adventure!

When you call our office you will speak to members of staff, whom all have been to Svalbard themselves. Our enthusiastic travel consultants can answer all of your questions prior to the trip. According to Swedish law, PolarQuest places all revenue in a bond with the Legal, Financial and Administrative Services Agency until the completion of your expedition.

“Yesterday we received the fantastic log of our expedition to Svalbard. It bought back many memories of all the wonderful experiences and adventures we had on board and in the Zodiaks. The stunning views, scenery and wildlife encounters will never be forgotten. We thought that the whole trip was very well organised and the guides so professional, knowledgeable, helpful and very friendly. We had so many “Attenborough moments” which made this trip easily the best we have ever been on.”

/ Richard and Christine Shortt
OUR EXPEDITION CRUISES

We strongly believe that a small ship expedition cruise is the best way to explore Svalbard’s icy wonderland and enjoy close wildlife encounters. Our small, comfortable ships make it possible for us to reach some of the most inaccessible areas.

One of the secrets behind a successful expedition cruise is the Zodiacs. With these safe and sturdy rubber boats we navigate among icebergs, cruise along glaciers and go ashore to get unique nature experiences.

As an expedition member you are on standby at all times. Sometimes you are woken up in the early morning as we sail past wildlife or icebergs on a smooth sea – a sight not to be missed. Or sometimes we might wake you in the middle of the bright night because a polar bear has been spotted on the ice. Our exact route always depends on weather, ice conditions and wildlife.

SPRING, SUMMER AND AUTUMN IN SVALBARD

Thanks to the Gulf Current, Svalbard has a mild climate compared to other areas on the same latitude. The average temperature in Longyearbyen in May - September is -5°C to +5°C. During winter ice and snow cover the archipelago, but when the warmer weather arrives, the ice loosens its grip and the coasts become accessible by ship. Millions of seabirds arrive to their annual nesting sites and the archipelago teems with life.

Please remember that no Arctic season is exactly like the previous one. There is no way to tell what this year’s ice conditions will be. The following is however a general description of the Arctic summer season:

May and the beginning of June are characterised by a lot of snow and a wonderful purity. It is still spring in the Arctic. This year’s polar bear cubs are still small and sometimes can both bears and seals be seen on the fjord ice in front of the glaciers.

Summer arrives in late June. The ice thaws around the islands and this makes it possible to get further east. Whales are more frequently seen in the waters and more and more snow-free areas become accessible for longer walks. Colourful flowers are in bloom.

Autumn arrives in late August and it is now that the snow free landscape is most visible. The tundra is shifting in autumn colours and the midnight sun is getting closer and closer to the horizon, which offers wonderful red and pink skies at sunset, as well as a warm and soft light, perfect for anyone interested in photography. From mid-August you may be able to see the Ivory Gulls’ chicks, while some birds are preparing to migrate. Harp seals can be seen and female walruses with cubs are not an uncommon sight.
THE EXPEDITION SHIP SEA ENDURANCE
A COMFORTABLE SHIP WITH A WONDERFUL CREW

The ship was built in Denmark in 1992 to serve as a ferry on Greenland’s west coast. In 2004/2005 she was completely refurbished and now has a career as a small and comfortable expedition ship. *Sea Endurance* takes 53 passengers and all 26 cabins are outside cabins with private facilities. The triple cabins have upper and lower berths. All other cabins have two lower berths or a double bed. In your cabin you find a desk with a chair and a cupboard for storage. The superior cabins are spacious and have armchairs and TV/DVD. The Owner’s cabin has a double bed, two large picture windows, a separate seating area and TV/DVD. In the dining room you are treated to delicious meals in between landings and in the panorama lounge you can enjoy breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape. Here you can listen to entertaining talks on the area’s flora, fauna and history. In the lounge you also find a bar and a small library. The ship has spacious observation decks, where you can enjoy the beautiful vistas. Passengers are welcome on the bridge around the clock and there is always something to see or search for. There is an international crew on board the *Sea Endurance* and the atmosphere is relaxed and very friendly.
“We have just finished our magnificent circumnavigation of Svalbard with PolarQuest and Sea Endurance. What a fantastic experience. Our trip was really great and your guides superb. They went out of our way to help at all times, and the Captain also was magnificent, entering the true “expedition” spirit and steering the ship into the ice for our convenience, and participating in all manner of events. All-in-all we have had a fantastic time with the PolarQuest people, and would certainly look for further adventures sometime in the future.”

/ Richard Boweb
SPRINGTIME IN SVALBARD WITH SEA ENDURANCE

During the month of May, Svalbard is characterised by a wonderful purity and offers breathtaking sceneries. The fairytale winter landscape is dominated by sparkling ice formations, snow covered mountains, fjord ice and pastel coloured skies. It is spring in the Arctic and it is an indescribable experience to be there and witness the archipelago spring to life. The polar bear yearlings venture out for the first time, the Arctic foxes and the Svalbard reindeers still wear their winter fur and seals and walruses can often be seen resting on the fjord ice. The little auks and the Brünnich’s guillemots have returned to their summer nests and the bird cliffs are teeming with life. This is also a great time to spot the king eider and rock ptarmigan.

With our sturdy Zodiacs we explore this winter wonderland, heading for some of Svalbard’s most magnificent fjords and we try to make landings wherever the ice allows us.

**Day 1: Longyearbyen, Svalbard**
We arrive in Longyearbyen and transfer to our hotel.

**Day 2 - 8: Expedition**
We start our adventure in Svalbard by exploring Longyearbyen. In the afternoon we embark our expedition ship and head out through Isfjorden. Perhaps we make an evening landing before we continue either south or north – all depending on the weather and the current ice situation. Here are some examples of places we may visit:

**Alkhornet**
At the entrance of Isfjorden is the characteristic cliff Alkhornet. We go ashore to enjoy the beautiful tundra and its birdlife with barnacle geese, Brünnich’s guillemots, glaucous gulls, snow buntings and tens of thousands of kittiwakes. Arctic foxes are sometimes seen in the rock crevices around the mountain and with some luck we might see these lovely little animals scurrying around, frantically looking for food.

**Prins Karls Forland**
This narrow strip of land is covered by a magnificent and snow-covered mountain chain. The island is also home to many seabirds and harbour seals.

**Kongsfjorden and Krossfjorden**
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Bellsund
At the beautiful Vårsolbukta in Bellsund little auks nest by the tens of thousands. We go ashore and walk across the tundra to take a closer look at these charming birds.

Hornsund
The majestic Hornsund consists of several magnificent fjords along the west coast of Spitsbergen, where enormous glaciers calve out shimmering blue ice. This is one of the favourite haunts for some of Svalbard’s polar bears and if lucky we can spot one of them on the fjord ice.

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Snowshoeing
For the active there is a chance to explore the areas we visit with snowshoes. This is an extra option that requires a good level of fitness. Please note: this activity is always dependent on weather, wind and other safety precautions.

DATES & PRICES
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Duration: 9 days.
Group Size: Maximum 53 passengers.
Accommodation: Cabin on board Sea Endurance, hotel.
Transport: Expedition ship, Zodiacs.
Price: From USD 5 090 per person.

RATE INCLUDES: 7 nights on board Sea Endurance - 1 night in a hotel in Longyearbyen - Lunch day 2 - All meals on board - Coffee and tea - An experienced Expedition Leader and knowledgeable guides - Guiding ashore and talks on board - All excursions and activities - Comprehensive information material before the expedition - An illustrated post-expedition log

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SVALBARD ADVENTURE WITH SEA ENDURANCE

The midnight sun reigns supreme, the bird colonies are teeming with life and the peaks of the dramatic mountain ranges are beautifully snow-covered. The ice still keeps the islands in its grip and we can admire the ever-changing ice formations. Spring has arrived and summer is just around the corner. This Arctic pearl has fascinated explorers for centuries, starting with Willem Barentz, who discovered the main island Spitsbergen in 1596.

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EXPEDITION SVALBARD WITH SEA ENDURANCE

The Arctic summer has arrived, the midnight sun reigns supreme and the purple saxifrage decorates the slopes. The ice is slowly starting to loosen its grip, which offers good opportunities to explore the seldom visited eastern parts of the archipelago. With ten nights on board we have plenty of time for grand nature experiences and wildlife encounters.

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**Dates:** 22 June - 2 July, 2 - 12 July, 12 - 22 July, 22 July - 1 August, 1 - 11 August, 2018.

**Group Size:** Maximum 53 passengers.

**Accommodation:** Cabin on board *Sea Endurance*.

**Transport:** Expedition ship, Zodiacs.

**Price:** From USD 7,490 per person.

**Rate includes:**
- 10 nights on board *Sea Endurance*.
- All meals on board.
- Coffee and tea.
- An experienced Expedition Leader and knowledgeable guides.
- Guiding ashore and talks on board.
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**Cabin category** | **Price per person in USD**
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F: Triple cabin (upper/lower beds) | 7,490
E: Twin cabin (2 twin beds) | 9,290
D: Twin cabin Plus (2 twin beds) | 9,790
C: Double cabin (double bed) | 9,790
B: Double cabin Superior (large double bed) | 10,690
A: Owner’s cabin (large double bed) | 11,990
E: Twin cabin for single use | 15,590

Please note: *It is always possible to share a cabin on board *Sea Endurance*. All cabins have windows and private facilities.*
THE EXPEDITION SHIP M/S STOCKHOLM
A CLASSIC SHIP LOVED BY MANY

The M/S Stockholm is a classic ship built in 1953 for the Swedish National Maritime Administration. In 1998 she was totally refitted and started her career as a comfortable polar passenger ship. The M/S Stockholm carries a maximum of 12 passengers in twin cabins with bunk beds. All cabins have private facilities and small windows (portholes).

M/S Stockholm is a marvellous piece of maritime history with beautiful brass details and wooden decks. It is no wonder she is loved by so many! On board the ship you will enjoy delicious meals in the company of likeminded travellers, who are all fascinated by the Arctic nature, wildlife and history. The food on board is of high standard and all beverages are included in the price. With such a small party on board, this is like travelling on a private yacht. The crew on board M/S Stockholm are also great enthusiasts of the unique wildlife and unspoiled nature. Their genuine curiosity is a prerequisite for expedition cruises of this kind. A trip on board M/S Stockholm in these northern waters, with its unique wildlife and pristine nature, is an experience of a lifetime!
Back from the Svalbard where I left my heart. Another life, another world where I would love to go back. The trip was marvellous, the ship, the crew, the guides were exceptional. We were very happy with the organisation of everything, and we were also very lucky with the other passengers with whom we had a very good time and shared the great experience. It was worth to wait two years to be embarked on the Stockholm. I just wanted you to know and to thank you all for the great job you have done and do.” / Liliana Konigsman

We experience the Arctic stillness.
The service on board is outstanding.
Comfortable cabins with bunk beds.

On board we enjoy the spectacular views and relax after an eventful day. It is with a small expedition ship that you get the most extraordinary experiences.
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To travel on board M/S Stockholm is a truly unique experience. The atmosphere and the enthusiastic crew make the trip extraordinary. To change course and explore new areas in true expedition style, is not unusual events on board the M/S Stockholm. During the month of July the midnight sun reigns supreme and Arctic flowers are in bloom. Later in August the sun is closer to the horizon, preparing for the polar night, giving us beautiful sunsets and a warm light, perfect for photography.

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**Kvitøya**
Far East of Nordaustlandet is Kvitøya. In very favourable ice and weather conditions, we may land on this ice-capped island where few people have set foot. The remnants of Andrée and his men were found here 33 years after their attempt to reach the North Pole.

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Knowledgeable and enthusiastic guides are the key to a successful expedition. On our expeditions you will meet guides with long experience of the Polar Regions and a genuine love of the Arctic. Several of them have been commuting between the Arctic and the Antarctic for many years. PolarQuest has highly qualified guides when it comes to safety.

There are five guides on board Sea Endurance and two guides on board M/S Stockholm. Few passengers per guide increase the flexibility on board as well as enable a smooth Zodiac operation. Our guides also entertain and educate you with interesting talks in between landings, where you learn more about the flora, fauna and history of Svalbard.

"I am still in a dreamlike state after my wonderful trip to Svalbard on Sea Endurance. Thank you to all your multi-talented guides who could not have done more to make the trip a fantastic experience. Thanks to all of you in the office too who made it all work from afar! Many thanks."

/Doreen McBarnet
SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT

The weather is stable during the summer months even if fog, rain and snowfall may occur. Rainfall is very limited as parts of Svalbard are considered to be Arctic desert. There is midnight sun from April to the end of August. To participate in our expeditions you need to bring warm thermal underwear, warm middle layers, wind and waterproof jacket and trousers and a pair of solid rubber boots. Thick soles for the boots and warm socks are also needed, as well as a warm hat, scarf and windproof gloves. A pair of good binoculars is also highly recommended. When you book a trip with us, you will receive an equipment checklist with suggestions on what to bring on the expedition.

AWARENESS – AECO

We travel carefully through ecologically sensitive places, striving to have minimal impact on its environment and animals. PolarQuest is a proud member of AECO, an organisation promoting sustainable tourism in the Arctic. Travelling with PolarQuest, we hope that you will experience many memorable moments, that you will have fun, feel curious and act respectfully. Back home again, we encourage you to become a good ambassador for the Polar Regions. If you tell others about your experience, hopefully an increased awareness of the Arctic’s unique and fragile environment will lead to a greater commitment and a lifestyle that contributes to maintain this natural wonderland for many generations to come.

“We have returned from our wonderful journey and wanted to thank you, and especially everyone on the ship itself. Every single day that we had on board was a great experience. The flexibility and inventiveness of the Expedition Leader and the ship’s Captain and First Mate in ensuring that we made the best of our time considering the ice conditions as well as the care taken not to disturb the native animal life and respect the distance needed, so as not to overstress them, was much appreciated. The ship’s crew, the restaurant staff who served our cheerful and tasty “yummi yummi” meals, our cabin, were all excellent.”

/ Trevor Soames and Camilla Permin
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