

## ENCOUNTER SPITSBERGEN

7-days of adventure

17th – 23th of July and 7st -13th of August



High Mountain peaks pointing the sky, azure blue glacier fronts, unspoiled scenery and a magnificent wildlife. In combination with the high level of comfort at Basecamp Isfjord Radio and exciting days in the field, we will, during a week explore the wild and beautiful Isfjorden. The trip is suitable for anyone who likes to walk in the mountains, and would like to explore Svalbard's unique nature. We do landings to go hiking in the varied terrain, observe arctic birds, study the glacier fronts and take a closer look at the areas for flora, fauna and cultural heritage.

### Day 01, 13:55

On arrival at Longyear airport the air port coach will take you to Basecamp Trapper's Hotel, Svalbard's roughest and most special hotel! In the afternoon we transfer to Basecamp Trapper Station in Bolterdalen. Here we meet our 80 Alaskan Husky's. The guide teaches how to harness the dogs and after assembling our own team we go summer-sledding on wheels! There are several restaurants and places to dine in Longyearbyen, our staff will be helpful in recommending and also assist on booking of table. Accommodation in double rooms in Basecamp Trapper's Hotel (or hotel with similar standard).

### Day 02, 08:00

Breakfast in Traveler's Club. After a solid breakfast the guide will meet us in the hotel lounge. We get warm and waterproof clothing and then we'll transfer to the quay and our open boats. Our professional guides will go through safety routines before embarking. The vast Isfjord stretches more than 100km and these waters are filled with animals in the summer time. On the way, we'll have time to enjoy the fantastic fjord and animal wildlife. After arrival at Isfjord Radio we are served a 2-course warm lunch and then it's time to stretch our legs. We spend the afternoon in the vicinity of the bird sanctuary to have a closer look at wildlife. Basecamp is running research study on how to discover and avoid negative impact on wild life and everyone is welcome to help us gather field data. In the evening, we'll be served a 3 course dinner at the station. Accommodation in double rooms at Basecamp Isfjord radio. All rooms have a wonderful view.

**Day 03, 08:00**

Breakfast at Basecamp Isfjord Radio. Our first morning we walk along the fantastic coastline. The guide will tell stories about hunters and their tough life up here on Svalbard. The guide lectures us on the geology, flowers and animal life in the area. We return to Isfjord Radio and a 2-course lunch. After lunch we can choose either to join the guide on a 4 h trip to Linnévatnet, or just relax at the station. Perhaps browse our polar library and settle down with a good book. 3-course dinner in the station. Accommodation in double rooms at Basecamp Isfjord radio.

**Day 04**

In the morning we pack for the expedition nights ahead. Around noon we'll load up the boat and cross the vast Isfjord to the west coast of the fjord where we'll land and put up a base camp. Expedition lunch in camp. In the afternoon we go on a trekking trip. In the evening we get familiarized with the tents and sleeping bags, polar bear precautions, and camp routines in general. We enjoy a 3-course dinner in the wild and then settle in for a cozy night. Accommodation in expedition tents, 2 persons per tent.

**Day 05**

After breakfasts, we secure the camp, shoulder our daypacks and go for a day trip. The area is surrounded by beautiful mountains and the view from the top is well worth the effort. Every now and then the glaciers calves off icebergs in the fjord. There are many different daytrip-possibilities and we'll choose one that's suitable for everyone. We stop for expedition lunch during the way. After a long day hiking it's nice to stretch out in the camp while the chef prepares dinner. Maybe a quick bath for the tough ones! We spend the evening relaxing by the campfire, listening to stories of old trappers and polar explorers. Accommodation in expedition tents, 2 persons per tent.

**Day 6,****08:00** Camp breakfast.

After breakfast we pack down the camp and go for a walk.

We enjoy expedition lunch on the sea shore. It's then time to return to Longyearbyen and back to civilization again where a warm shower and drinks are awaiting us. The boat will pick us up in the afternoon. Transfer from the harbour to Basecamp Trapper's Hotel. Check-in at the hotel. Enjoy dinner in one of the restaurants in Longyearbyen. Accommodation in double rooms at Basecamp Trapper's Hotel (or hotel with similar standard).

**Day 7,****02:00** Check-out. Early departure with airport coach at 03.00. Breakfast pack to bring in. *(From 07.00 Breakfast at Basecamp Trapper's Hotel for guests staying longer.)*

**-End of services-**

**Services:****Minimum:** 4 persons/ maximum 10 (groups on request)

Price includes: Boat transport, necessary equipment, activities, accommodation and meals as described in the program.

**Age limit:** Minimum 12 years accompanied by an adult

**BASECAMP TRAPPER'S HOTEL** is situated in the city centre of Longyearbyen, close to pubs, restaurants, the bank and shopping mall. The hotel has a rustic interior design. Furnished with drift wood, slate stones and sealskins. Although the interiors look a lot like the authentic cabins, all rooms contain separate and well equipped bathrooms and excellent beds. Luxury in a rough wrapping!

An afternoon rest in the Travellers Club or our cozy lounge will give you a calm and serene sensation. The authentic atmosphere gives you an opportunity to relieve stress, forget the modern society and concentrate on your emotions within. You are surrounded by books, pictures and artifacts illustrating the history and life in Svalbard and the Arctic. Through the glass ceiling at the "Cognac loft" you can enjoy the arctic light and view the mountains surrounding us.

**BASECAMP ISFJORD RADIO** Situated on the outermost part of the Isfjord on the beautiful Nordenskiöld coast framed by majestic mountains and overlooking the open sea, you will discover Isfjord radio at Kapp Linné. The newly renovated radio station has charming and cosy rooms with fantastic views, a lounge with a fireplace and a unique and interesting history. Until a few years ago, the radio station was an important connection for telecommunication between Svalbard and the rest of the world.

The area surrounding the radio station has an exceptional animal life and a bird sanctuary where we find nesting birds right up to the station's walls. Along the shoreline petrels and gulls glide on the air currents and in the sea puffins and auks dive for food together with thousands of birds of many different species.

**BASECAMP TENT CAMP** Surrounded by steep mountains and calving glaciers, we pitch our base camp. Out here we're alone with wilderness. The west coast of Isfjord is stunningly beautiful and home to a rich animal wildlife. In the waters here, the chance of spotting seals, whales, walruses and even polar bears are good. On land reindeers and foxes are busy finding food to build up a fat reserve for the winter. Overhead thousands of birds are flying by - while we're enjoying a three course gourmet dinner by the camp fire. We spend the nights in warm sleeping bags inside our solid expedition tents. During the night hours, the sun is still high overhead and you can experience the tranquillity of the arctic when everyone else is sleeping; a truly wonderful experience!

**Included:** Transport, necessary safety equipment, tents, sleeping bags and mats, primus and cookware, activities, accommodation and meals according to program.

**Minimum:** 4 persons/ maximum 10 (groups on request)

**Age limit:** Minimum 12 years accompanied by an adult

**Clothes/ equipment:** We recommend warm and windproof clothing. One small back pack per person (waterproof if possible), one bigger back pack or field bag for camping gear. Solid hiking boots, hats, gloves and wool socks and underwear. Remaining luggage can be stored at Basecamp Spitsbergen. Remember to bring your camera and binoculars! See packing list at [www.basecampexplorer.com](http://www.basecampexplorer.com) for further details.

**Note:** Participants should be of normal health and fitness. Meaning, you should be able to walk up to 10km per day in terrain with a small back pack. The expedition is not recommended if you are suffering from back problems. We travel in open boats and all participants are equipped with survival suits, warm hats and goggles.