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Arctic Polar bear safari: June & July 2015

Arctic 2015 Dates & Rates

INTRODUCTION TO SPITSBERGEN *Polar Bear Safari*

Expedition Aboard the Adventure Ship SEA ADVENTURER

Dates	Days	Emb/Disemb	Triple	Lower Deck	Main Deck Porthole	Main Deck Window	Superior	Deluxe	Suite	
Jun 14 - Jun 22, 15	9	Longyearbyen	\$4,995	\$5,695	\$5,995	\$6,795	\$7,795	\$8,795	\$9,595	• • •
Jul 18 - Jul 26, 15	9	Longyearbyen	\$4,995	\$5,695	\$5,995	\$6,795	\$7,795	\$8,795	\$9,595	•

Please find the below details on Arctic for June and July 2015.

Feel free to write should you need any further details. Guests will need to fly to Longyearbyen via Oslo and more details are mentioned in the attached file.

Polar Bear Safari - 9 days

This voyage provides the opportunity to experience everything Spitsbergen has to offer, from polar bears and walrus to spectacular scenery. Aboard the luxurious Sea Spirit, you'll be treated to daily presentations by your Expedition Team onboard the ship and daily wildlife sightings on land. Hike, explore and enjoy the beauty of the Arctic on your visit to Spitsbergen.

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Day-by-Day

Expedition in Brief

Unique Arctic wildlife – polar bears, walrus, reindeer

Continuous daylight

Tundra hiking

Zodiac cruising

Optional kayak adventure on selected expeditions

Day 1 — Embarkation Day in Longyearbyen

Your Spitsbergen adventure cruise begins when you board your ship in Longyearbyen, the island's largest settlement. As you embark, you'll get great views of the mountainous landscape that serves as a backdrop to this seaside settlement.

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Days 2 to 8 — Exploring Spitsbergen

We cruise around this magical island, on a constant search for wildlife. Your expedition will cover western Spitsbergen as well as some stunning fjords and outlying islands to the north. From polar flora to immense glaciers, the natural landscape here is just as varied as the wildlife.

Each expedition presents new opportunities, so we have no fixed itinerary, however we do have some favorite destinations, including 14th of July Glacier, Smeerenburg, Alkefjellet and the Hinlopen Strait. The destinations visited on your voyage will be selected for optimum wildlife viewing and appreciation of the history and geology of Spitsbergen. Polar bear viewing is almost guaranteed, with Hornsund being one of their preferred hunting areas and the towering cliffs of Alkefjellet providing many free bird egg meals for both them and the Arctic fox.

Poolepynton is great for walrus photography. Coming across a walrus haul-out is a moment you won't forget either. These lumbering giants of the Arctic create quite a noisy scene, as each walrus vies for a choice spot of coastline.

If you're itching to get a little closer to the action, then taking a sea-kayaking excursion to some of the more isolated pockets of Spitsbergen is highly recommended. Smeerenburg is a great place for an optional snowshoeing excursion (on selected voyages), as you can visit a memorial erected in 1906. This historical site remembers the whalers who lost their lives in the 17th and 18th centuries while working in extreme Arctic conditions.

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There is no shortage of natural beauty in Spitsbergen. The tundra can be surprisingly colorful in summer, with wildflowers bursting for a taste of sunshine. Each day you'll see something new, whether it is a rare bird species or an abandoned hut from centuries ago.



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Day 9 — Disembarkation Day in Longyearbyen

The time to say goodbye has come. Your adventure ends as it began, in the frontier-style settlement of Longyearbyen. From here we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight home.

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