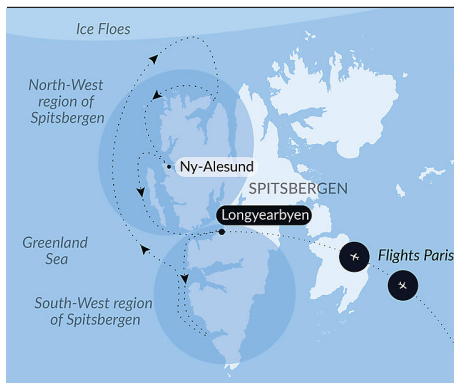


Fjords and glaciers of Spitsbergen

From **12/6/2027**
to **19/6/2027**

Ship: **Le Lyrial**

From **Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen**
to **Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen**



Flight Paris/Longyearbyen + Transfers + Flight
Longyearbyen/Paris

Somewhere in the **High Arctic**, between 76 and 80 degrees latitude North, **Spitsbergen**, meaning "pointed mountains", awaits you for an unforgettable journey looking out for wild life. The sea rolls on, and the white-striped mountains rise up from deeply tinted waters. The ship is escorted by **Arctic fulmars**. The first ice appears, still discreet. Black-legged kittiwakes share an iceberg, while Arctic terns fly over the area. Aboard the ship or a Zodiac dinghy, you will admire the power of nature while becoming aware of its fragility. On these inhospitable lands, **Svalbard reindeer and Arctic foxes** coexist with the **walruses** lying on the beach and with the Lord of the Arctic, **the polar bear**, that you will perhaps have the chance to admire.

Itinerary is?subject to change according to port authorizations and government regulations. We are privileged guests in these remote lands where we are at the mercy of weather, ice, tidal and current conditions. Landings on certain sites and the observation of certain wildlife cannot be guaranteed. They vary from day to day, making each PONANT cruise a unique experience. The Captain and the Expedition Leader will make every effort to ensure that your experience is as rich as possible, while complying with the safety rules and instructions imposed by the AECO.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

The itinerary may be modified depending on weather conditions, port authorizations, and applicable government regulations. The order of port calls may change during the cruise in order to ensure the best possible experience. As a result, sea days may be repositioned within the itinerary.

LONGYEARBYEN, SPITSBERGEN

Embarkation 12/6/2027 From 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 12/6/2027 at 6:00 pm

Longyearbyen is the capital of the Norwegian **Svalbard** archipelago, located on **Svalbard's** main island, and is the northernmost territorial capital on the planet. With winter temperatures dropping to below 40°C, the landscapes of this mining town are simply breathtaking. The glaciers, the mountains stretching as far as the eye can see and the untouched nature, make you feel like you're in completely unexplored territory.

SAMARINVAGEN, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 13/6/2027 early morning

Departure 13/6/2027 late afternoon

VARSOŁBUKTA, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 14/6/2027 early morning

Departure 14/6/2027 late afternoon

SAILING TOWARD THE ICE FLOES

Arrival 15/6/2027

Departure 15/6/2027

Your captain will sail right up to the **limit of the ice**, to the **edge of the ice floe**. Weather conditions and state of the ice allowing, you will be able to go out in a zodiac dinghy for a unique experience in the middle of these floating slabs of ice. In addition to this grandiose journey through the middle of these floes with their cut and blue-tinged edges, sometimes over 2 metres thick, it is also often an opportunity to see a particular kind of fauna, totally dependent on the ice floe: **birds, seals** and **polar bears**.

TEXAS BAR, LIEFDEFJORDEN

Arrival 16/6/2027 early morning

Departure 16/6/2027 midday

Despite the name given to the place, we are neither in Texas nor in a bar; it is actually an unusual place in the High Arctic. **Texas Bar** is a former trapper's hut that was used by Arctic fox and polar bear hunters in the past. The hut, still in place, has a rudimentary interior with bunkbeds and kitchen utensils. Located at the entrance to **Liefdefjorden** (the “**fjord of love**”), it stands peacefully in a landscape of hills covered with moss, lichen and flowers. The cliffs with their changing colours, very frequented by birds, complete the beauty of the panorama. Take a little hike up the slopes and admire the superb view over the **Monaco Glacier**, which is further south.

RAUDFJORDEN, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 17/6/2027 early morning

Departure 17/6/2027 late morning

Raudfjorden means “**red fjord**”, from the colour of the sandstone of the surrounding mountains. Along the west coast of this 20 km fjord, dissected by many shallow bays, you will be able to admire some of Spitsbergen's most **spectacular ice formations**. At the extremity of the fjord, two offshoots lead to the magnificent glaciers of Chauveaubreen and **Raudfjordbreen** which is 3 km wide. To the east, Alicehamna Beach in Bruceneset Bay has seen trappers, fishermen and explorers arrive for centuries, as evidenced by the “Raudfjordhytta” - the cabin of a Swedish trapper built in 1927.

NY-ALESUND, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 18/6/2027 early morning

Departure 18/6/2027 midday

During your cruise, discover **Ny-Ålesund**, a former mining town that has been transformed into a scientific base. Founded in 1916, this small town was the departure point for many Arctic expeditions, including those of the famous explorer **Roald Amundsen**. Don't miss a visit to the museum and its famous post office, considered to be the most northerly in the world!

LONGYEARBYEN, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 19/6/2027 early morning

Disembarkation 19/6/2027 at 8:00 am

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