

## Land of the Ice Bears: In-depth Exploration of Arctic Svalbard

**JUNE 9-19, 2011**

**11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS – NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER**

### EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- See polar bears in their natural habitat on the sea ice.
- Experience the legendary midnight sun, when the sun never sets.
- Observe walrus, reindeer, arctic foxes and seals along the pack ice.

Travel under the midnight sun aboard our comfortable, ice-strengthened ships as we travel through a land of deep fjords, snow-capped mountains, and massive ice sheets to encounter the king of the Arctic — polar bears. Our long experience in this region along with a flexible and unhurried itinerary allows us to maximize sightings. National Geographic Photographers help us best capture every encounter.

#### **DAY 1: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY**

Fly from Newark to Oslo on an overnight flight aboard SAS Scandinavian Airlines.

#### **DAY 2: OSLO**

Upon arrival, check in to the Continental Hotel (or similar). Later, stroll among the famed Vigeland sculptures set in parklands and make a visit to the Polar Ship Fram Museum. (B)

#### **DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK**

Take a private charter flight to Longyearbyen and embark our ship. (B,L,D)

#### **DAYS 4-9: EXPLORING SVALBARD**

In true expedition style, we will let nature dictate our day-to-day movements and remain flexible, maximizing our opportunities to observe Svalbard's abundant wildlife. With our fully stabilized ice-class expedition ship, we probe the ice in search of seals, Arctic foxes and the very symbol of the Arctic — polar bears. Once spotted, the scene is one of sheer excitement and



reverence for these great animals. They are often seen on the pack ice searching for a meal, but a few times each season we sight a bear which has recently caught a seal. Cruising in Svalbard's fjords in the legendary land of the midnight sun, we venture to the foot of stunning tidewater glaciers. Zodiac and kayak among beautiful icebergs, and experience the geology, wildlife and wildflowers that give color and vitality to the High Arctic. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10:  
LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO**  
Disembark and explore Longyearbyen before we fly to Oslo. Overnight Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. (B,L)

**DAY 11: OSLO/HOME (B)**



Polar bear, Svalbard

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**Aboard the 148-guest  
National Geographic Explorer**

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**Cost Per Person Double Occupancy**  
*This departure features a savings incentive of UP TO \$2,000 off on select cabin categories, based on availability at the time of booking – call right away for details.*

- Category 1.....\$7,490
- Category 2.....\$7,990
- Category 3.....\$8,290
- Category 4.....\$8,790
- Category 5..... \$10,390
- Category 6..... \$12,120
- Category 7..... \$13,850

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- Category 2.....\$9,990
  - Category 3..... \$10,360

**Advance Payment:.....\$1,300**

**Charter flights Oslo/Longyearbyen/Oslo from: \$725**

**Sample Airfares: Round-trip Newark/Oslo**  
Economy.....from \$1,195  
Business.....from \$3,440

Subject to change.

**Cost Includes:** Accommodations; meals indicated; excursions; services of Lindblad Expeditions' Leader, Naturalist staff and expert guides; use of kayaks; all port charges and service taxes.

**Not Included:** Air transportation; personal items such as alcoholic beverages, emails, laundry, voyage DVD etc.; discretionary tips to ship's crew.

**Cancellation Policy:**

<u># of Days Prior to Expedition Start</u>	<u>Per Person Cancellation Fee</u>
120 or more days	\$150
119-90 days	Advance Payment
89-60 days	25 % of trip cost
59-30 days	50% of trip cost
29-0 days	No Refund