

Member of Visit Svalbard



Join us as we sail along the west coast of Spitsbergen, where towering mountains, majestic glaciers, and diverse wildlife await. Did you know that Svalbard offers countless untouched slopes? Up here in the Arctic, we're often the first to carve fresh tracks. Book now for an adventure you'll never forget!

Why Choose Our Ski and Sail Expedition?

- Unforgettable skiing: Svalbard is home to countless untouched slopes waiting to be explored. In the Arctic wilderness, we are often the first to leave fresh tracks in the snow.
- Spectacular scenery and wildlife: Sail through majestic fjords, where towering mountains, calving glaciers, and rare wildlife like polar bears and Arctic foxes await.
- World-class adventure guides: Our experienced, knowledgeable guides will ensure you ski in the best locations, offering a perfect balance of safety and adventure.
- Leisure aboard SV Moondance: Sail aboard the SV Moondance, a beautifully rigged sailing vessel, fine-tuned for optimal performance. This ship offers a modern comfort, allowing guests to immerse themselves in the Arctic journey while still enjoying world-class amenities.

The SV Moondance Experience

- Exquisite Sailing Vessel: The SV Moondance is a beautifully rigged sailing vessel designed for both performance and comfort. Its cozy interior features a bright, spacious saloon with large windows that let in plenty of natural light. The light-colored walls and ceilings create an open and airy atmosphere, while the well-equipped kitchen and dining area add to the warmth and functionality. The saloon offers ample seating, a wooden dining table, and thoughtful touches like hanging nets for fresh fruits and vegetables, making it the perfect place to relax after a day of Arctic adventure.
- Comfort and Luxury: Relax on spacious decks that provide ample seating for wildlife spotting and scenic views.
- Gourmet Dining: Our onboard chef will treat you to delicious, freshly prepared meals, offering a variety of gourmet dishes made in our professionally equipped galley. Meals are served in the saloon, where you can enjoy your food while gazing out at the Arctic wonders.
- Well-Appointed Cabins: Below deck, our comfortable double cabins come equipped with private showers, wash basins, portholes, and modern amenities such as 220V European sockets. Expert insulation and ventilation ensure a cozy, restful experience after long days of adventure.





Day-by-Day Itinerary

- Day 1: Set Sail in Isfjorden
 Begin your adventure by sailing through Isfjorden, anchoring in the picturesque Trygghamna bay. Take in the dramatic views of Protektorfjellet and Harrietbreen Glacier before enjoying a light dinner aboard the SV Moondance.
- Day 2: Skiing in Trygghamna
 Wake up to the rugged beauty of Trygghamna's towering peaks. Spend the day skiing on mountains such as Protektorfjellet, Daudmannen, or Karlstadtoppen. In the evening, return to a warm meal and sail to the tranquil St. Johnsfjorden, known as "the safe harbour."
- Day 3: Skiing in St. Johnsfjorden
 This remote fjord offers a sense of solitude and discovery as we explore untouched mountains like Lowsowfjella, Konowfjellet, or Gunnar Knudsenfjella. After a day of exhilarating skiing, we sail towards Kongfjorden for the night.
- Days 4 & 5: Krossfjorden Reaching 79 Degrees North
 Over the next two days, we'll venture into Krossfjorden, the northernmost destination of our
 journey. At 79 degrees north, you'll be among the select few to experience the beauty of
 Kings Bay and Ny-Ålesund. Ski majestic mountains such as Amfifjellet, Shottfjellet, or Nibba,
 and savor the rare Arctic experience.
- Day 6: Prins Karls Forland
 Explore the westernmost island of the Svalbard archipelago, once sighted by early explorers.
 Ski peaks like Sesshøgda or Alfred Larsentoppen and reflect on the history of Arctic discovery.

Day 7: Final Skiing in Isfjorden
On your final day of skiing, your guides will select the best slopes based on weather conditions. Whether you ski in Ymerbukta, or near Longyearbyen, this last day promises to be one to remember. Disembark in Longyearbyen in evening.

After a week of adventure, return to Longyearbyen for a final exploration of this unique Arctic town before catching your flight home.





Adventure Details

Duration: 7 days (6 nights)

Price: EUR 5,850 5000 per person

Group Size: 6 guests + 1 guides (guest-to-guide ratio of 6:1)

• Skill Level: Intermediate to advanced (Skill Level 3)

• **Equipment**: Alpine touring skis, telemark skis, or splitboard with skins (available for rent); avalanche safety equipment; and a glacier travel harness for advanced touring.

Booking Information and Cancellation Policy

To secure your spot, a 30% deposit is required upon booking. The remaining balance is due 90 days before the departure date.

Cancellation Fees:

- Cancellations made 120+ days before the tour: Full refund, except from NOK 1000 in administration and transaction fees.
- o Cancellations made 90-119 days before the tour: 25% of the total price
- o Cancellations made 60-89 days before the tour: 50% of the total price
- o Cancellations made less than 59 days before the tour: No refund

For booking and inquiries, please contact us at booking@backyardsvalbard.com.

Plan ahead, as flying to Svalbard takes time. We recommend spending a day in Longyearbyen before setting sail to fully enjoy the local atmosphere.

