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Ski and Sail

S/Y Ocean Sherpa



Explore the untouched Arctic wilderness as we sail along the west coast of Spitsbergen. Discover breathtaking mountains, glaciers, and abundant wildlife while carving fresh tracks on unspoiled slopes. Book your adventure today for an unforgettable journey!

Why Choose Our Ski and Sail Adventure?

- **Pristine Skiing:** Svalbard is home to countless untouched lines. Be the first to carve through fresh snow in the Arctic mountains.
- **Exclusive Wildlife Viewing:** Sail alongside calving glaciers, spot Arctic wildlife, and experience the silence of remote fjords.
- **World-Class Guides:** Our expert guides will take you to the best skiing locations, ensuring both safety and adventure.
- **Luxury Aboard Ocean Sherpa:** Sail on our top-tier expedition ship, where modern comfort meets traditional sailing.

The Ocean Sherpa Experience

- **Traditional, Yet Modern Sailing:** The Ocean Sherpa is a beautifully rigged topsail schooner, fine-tuned for optimal performance.
- **Comfortable Accommodations:** Enjoy spacious decks for wildlife spotting, a heated doghouse for warmth, and a panoramic-view saloon. Our well-insulated cabins provide all the modern amenities, including private showers, portholes, and European sockets.
- **Gourmet Meals:** Our professional onboard chef will prepare delicious meals in a fully equipped galley, offering a wide variety of cuisine to fuel your adventures.



Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Embark & Set Sail

Step aboard S/Y Ocean Sherpa and settle into life at sea. As we sail into the Arctic wilderness, enjoy stunning coastal views while your guides brief you on the upcoming adventure. Our first anchorage will be carefully chosen based on conditions, setting the stage for an unforgettable journey.

Day 2: First Ski Touring Experience

Wake up in a remote bay, surrounded by untouched peaks. After breakfast, we head to shore for our first ski tour, selecting the best terrain based on snow conditions and weather. In the evening, we sail to our next destination, enjoying the delicious meal on board and the scenery around every corner.

Days 3–6: Exploring the Arctic Mountains

Each day, we navigate to new fjords and islands, skiing spectacular terrain far from the crowds. Whether it's vast glaciers, steep couloirs, or rolling ridgelines, your guides will tailor the route to suit the group's ability and conditions. Along the way, you may encounter Arctic wildlife, from seals resting on the ice to soaring seabirds.

- Some days may bring long ascents to panoramic summits, followed by unforgettable descents to the sea.
- Other days, shorter tours may allow for multiple runs or a chance to explore historic sites along the coastline.
- The yacht provides ultimate flexibility—if weather shifts, we adjust and seek out the best possible skiing each day.

Day 7: Final Ski Tour & Sail Back

As our journey winds down, we enjoy one last ski tour before setting course for our return. Whether it's a hidden valley, a sunlit ridge, or a classic summit descent, we make sure to end the trip on a high note.

Day 8: Farewell & Disembarkation

After breakfast, we arrive back at port, where it's time to say farewell. You leave with incredible memories of a ski adventure unlike any other—one that unfolded in perfect harmony with the Arctic's ever-changing landscape.

A True Expedition—Designed by Nature

With no fixed itinerary, every trip is a unique blend of exploration, adventure, and the unexpected. The flexibility of sailing allows us to chase the best snow, avoid poor weather, and make the most of the Arctic wilderness. This is Ski & Sail at its purest—wild, remote, and unforgettable.



Details

- **Duration:** 8 days (7 nights)
 - **Price:** EUR 6,250 per person
 - **Group Size:** 10 guests + 2 guides (guest-to-guide ratio 5:1)
 - **Skill Level:** Intermediate to advanced (Skill Level 3)
 - **Equipment Needed:** Alpine touring skis, telemark skis, or splitboard with skins (rental available), avalanche safety gear, and glacier travel harness for advanced touring.
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Booking and Cancellation Policy

- A 30% deposit is required to secure your spot. Final payment is due 90 days before departure.
- **Cancellation Fees:**
 - 120+ days before: Full refund
 - 90-119 days: 25% of the total price
 - 60-89 days: 50% of the total price
 - 59 days or less: No refund

For more details or to book, contact us at booking@backyardsvalbard.com.



ANY ADDITIONAL INFO

Flying to remote Svalbard takes a while, so plan your journey while ahead, and spend a day in town before the sailing. You must also have a valid travel insurance.

REVIEWS

Backyard Svalbard (Longyearbyen) - [Backyard Svalbard \(Longyearbyen\) - All You Need to Know BEFORE You Go \(tripadvisor.com\)](#)

