



BACKYARD SVALBARD

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SKI & SAIL

With Gaeftinghe

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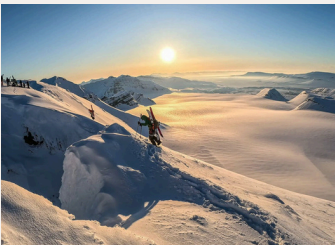
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Why choose our
**SKI & SAIL
ADVENTURE**

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. This is an unforgettable journey!



The midnight sun season

We are in the beginning of the midnight sun season which can create surreal lighting conditions, casting long shadows and golden hues across the landscape while we can enjoy the lights and long days ski touring from summit to sea.



From fjord to fjord

This will be a unique time to feel the freedom, Arctic nature and spot Arctic wildlife. Over 60% of Svalbard is covered by glaciers, creating an endless playground of snow-covered peaks, frozen fjords and valleys. The silence is total and the rewards are the biggest.



"The best powder"

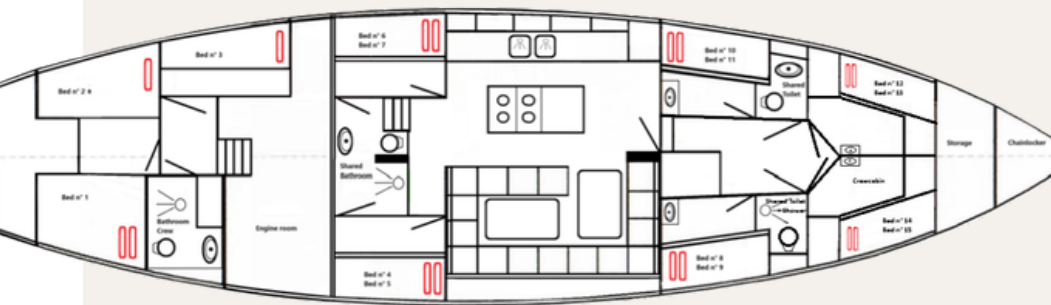
...This is how our ski touring guide describe the ski experience on Svalbard even though he grew up in the Alpes: "The wind is crisp and cold, but the snow is dry, light and the Arctic powder can stay for days". The wilderness makes every descent feel like a first descent when creating new lines.

A true ski expedition designed by nature

The ship experience on: SAEFTINGHE

Traditional, but yet a modern ship

The Saeftinghe is a beautifully rigged topsail schooner, fine tuned for optimal performance with beautiful updated toilet and bathroom facilities as well as cozy cabins and common areas. This is where modern comfort meets traditional sailing.



From sea to summit. All landings are included

This is the full experience and with World-class guides. Our backyard expert guides will take you to the best skiing locations, ensuring both safety and adventure on sea and on shore. Going from sea to summit and back they will be carrying polar bear protection to ensure your safety so you can focus on the ski touring experience.

*Every trip is unique
with no fixed
itinerary*



Aboard THE SHIP



1 Comfortable cabins

Each cabin have a bunk bed and a small sink. The use of wood and thoughtful layout gives a cozy and inviting feeling for a comfortable stay. Since the cabins are small then use a soft, foldable travel bag or duffel bag instead of hard suitcases.



2 Modern toilet- & bath facilities

T/S Saefinghe provides shared but functional marine toilet and bathroom facilities, close to cabins and common areas. There are 4 toilets and 3 showers. They are designed according to standard maritime regulations for small expedition ships.



3 Common area

Enjoy spacious panoramic view from decks for wildlife spotting, a heated doghouse for warmth, and a cosy common area for dining and sharing stories.



4 Private chef & tasty meals

After long days out ski touring we can return to the ship where our onboard private chef takes care of the meal crafting delicious, nourishing dishes that taste even better after a long day in the mountains. Simple but tasty meals. If you have dietary restrictions or food allergies let us know



Day 1: Embark and set sail

Step aboard T/S Saeftinghe 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.



Day 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.

Unforgettable ascents and descents:

- 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 ship provides ultimate flexibility—if weather shifts, we adjust and seek out the best possible skiing each day



Day 7: Final ski day & the return to Longyearbyen

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.



Details and practical
INFORMATION

Price per person: EUR 6000,- / NOK 69.900,-

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

Departure dates: May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th 2027

Group size: Maximum 8 guests + 2 guides
(max guest to guest ratio 5:1)

Ski level

You need intermediate to advanced skiing skills (ski level 3) and good physical fitness for ski touring in Svalbard. You should be comfortable skiing off-piste in variable snow conditions, be able to ascend using climbing skins, have good stamina, have a good level of control for your speed, and be able to handle unpredictable situations. You should be able to:

- Ski off-piste in varying snow conditions
- Climb with skins
- Have good endurance
- Have good control of speed and skiing in unpredictable conditions

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

Alpine touring skis, telemark skis, or splitboard with skins (rental available), avalanche safety gear (rental available), and glacier travel harness for advanced touring.

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Ski and Sail expedition

BOOKING & CANCELLATION POLICY

- A 30% deposit is required to secure your spot upon booking.
- 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

HOW TO BOOK

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

ALSO NOTE...

Flying to remote Svalbard takes a while, so plan your journey a while ahead, and spend a day in town before the sailing. We can help arrange accommodation and excursions before departure. Contact us for more information. Please make sure you have a valid travel insurance.

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