......... by private jet ..........
Satellite Photo week 9/06 showing parts of Northern Europe, Russia, Scandinavia, Iceland (to the left / west of Norway), parts of Greenland and Svalbard up north.
Map showing the Islands of Svalbard half way between Norway and The North Pole
Map showing the Arctic Islands of Svalbard
Map showing the Islands of Lofoten, north of the city of Bodo.
Svalbard Information

Svalbard is located in an arctic climate zone, but 12 degrees from the North Pole. The airport (LYR) is the most northern commercial airport in the world. The Svalbard archipelago, with Spitsbergen as the largest island, covers an area about the size of Ireland. Total population is approx. 3000, including 1600 Norwegians. The landscape features disintegrated, pointed mountain peaks, covered by blue-greenish glacier tongues, steeping into the icy ocean. In spite of the fact that Svalbard is covered by ice, a rich fauna and a unique flora prevail. The archipelago is the home of more than 160 different plants, about 100 visiting bird species as well as The Polar Bear, Walrus, Reindeer, Seal, and Polar Fox.

The first visitors to Svalbard, in the year 1194, entered the following observation in their log: (Icelandic source). "The climate here is so tough that the animals are all white!". Wilhelm Barents discovered Svalbard in the year 1596. Since 1600 international whaling took place, and in the 1700 century, all year hunting expeditions prevailed in the region. Store Norske Spitsbergen Mining Company took over the coal production in 1916 (from John M. Longyear 1906). Norway was granted sovereignty of Svalbard in 1925. One of the subsequent appointed Governors of Svalbard, was Helge Ingstad, famous archaeologist and author of “Svalbard - the Land with the Icy Coastline.”

Svalbard being Norwegian territory, no passport/visa is required to visit the Russian settlements at Barentsburg.

Svalbard is a custom and duty free area. Purchases of alcoholic beverages are subject to regulations and visitors must present their air tickets when shopping. Guests with private jets or who are guests on our Jet Program, will be provided with necessary documentation by Icc.

At Svalbard there is still tradition for taking off shoes when entering hotels, private homes, some restaurants and shops.

Chances for a rendezvous with Polar Bears exist anywhere on Svalbard. All travel outside the city of Longyearbyen is escorted by armed guards.

Precipitation on Svalbard is low and the climate is often described as an “Arctic Desert”. Average temperature in March is -11.5 degree C., in April -8.9 degree C. and in May -4.3 degree C.

The Midnight Sun period - when the sun may be seen day and night (24.hrs above horizon) - lasts from April 21st until August 22nd.

Important Insurance Information

Travel Insurance covering all of Europe, including Norway, is valid on Svalbard. Travel Insurance specified valid for EU and EEC, including Norway, is not necessarily valid for Svalbard as Svalbard is not included in Norway’s EEC Agreement.

Excursions organized by local, authorized tour operators on Svalbard, have accident insurance included in their programs. This also applies to our programs.

As of 2005, all drivers of snow mobiles on Svalbard must present valid Driver’s Licence for cars. Visitors unable to do so, must travel as passengers on a Guide operated snow mobile at possible extra costs.

www.svalbard.net
www.svalbard.com
Lofoten information

“Lofoten is the part of Norway where day and night is without night for 6 months, where day and night is without day for 2 months and where the elements of nature are engaged in a fascinating fight during the remaining 4 months of the year!

This is the country where the Seagull is the concert master, where there is no end to patience, courage and the telling of creative stories.

Mountains, stepping into breaking waters. Eiderdown-soft summer evenings. Weather beaten housewalls, attacked by hails big as peas.

Life is the ruthless work and days of reflection. Each fishing line has its own philosophy, each fishing community its own history.

Lofoten is the home of the disarming comment and the heartless truth, the great Ocean Current and the Midnight Sun, the ragged mountain peaks and the howling gales, fishing knife planted in the gunwale.

Uglier is impossible, nothing more beautiful! Herein lies the magic and in this magic lies Lofoten! “

Frank A. Jenssen

The climate of Lofoten can best be described as a typical coastal climate with average temperatures of -3 to +5 deg.C during March/April. Weather changes often and quickly but becomes more stable late April.


www.
www.hurtigruten.com
www.lofoten-tourist.no
www.henningsvar-rorbuer.no

Number of participants

With a Learjet 45 we can accommodate up to 8 guests and with a Global Express up to 14 guests. For more information please see www.bombardier.com or www.airbroker.as

Bombardier Global Express
Bombardier Learjet 45

Depending on planned airport for start and return and number of guests in the party, we can offer other types of jets, such as Challenger, Falcon or Cessna Citation.

Season

Middle March until early May. From a weather point of view, middle April and later is likely to be preferred. If the Lofoten cod fisheries is to be experienced, the week before Easter is normally the best time for a visit.
Clothing

All required clothing/equipment will be available for excursions and activities. We recommend that our guests bring along their own warm clothing and footwear corresponding to that of normal use in the mountains during winter time. General attire is informal. For restaurant visits, smart casual.

Diets, allergies, medical requirements

Guests, having special wishes/requirements, must notify Icc well in advance of departure. Guests, using medicines, must take along sufficient supply. The hospital at Longyearbyen has primarily high acute medical competence.

Program Price

The price of a program, described below, based on 8 participants, will run from a total of USD 106,200, depending on number of activities, choice of menus and duration of stay (additional program when returning or extended stay). Cost of beverages and private travel insurance to be added.

The price covers the following:

* Overnight hotel and upgrading of rorbuer (fishermen’s lodges)
* Charter of Learjet 45 from Oslo, Stockholm or Copenhagen, return, and scheduled flight in Lofoten from Svolvær to Bodo (due to short runway)
* All local transport included in the program
* All meals/catering, the very best quality available
* All activities/excursions/adventures (choice of 3 free adventures at Svalbard and Lofoten)
* All taxes
* Rental of clothing/equipment
* Rental of localities
* Crew/personnel
* A professional Icc tour hostess/host throughout the duration of the programme
* Icc planning/organizing/managing, incl. VAT

The program may be combined with a 12-16 hours private visit/expedition to the North Pole. The price of a private expedition will run from abt. USD 98,000 whereas individual fare on a pre-organized expedition will run from USD 12,000. Inasmuch as the landing must take place on drift ice, delays might occur at short notice and one must, consequently, be prepared to await safe landing conditions.

Terms and conditions

In view of the fact that the program is worked out to suit each individual client, terms and conditions are worked out separately.

In order to plan and carry through an optimal program, reservations ought to be received well in advance. Costs, covering cancellation, are normally activated 16 weeks prior to departure.

Program

The following program describes alternate adventures. Some clients are accompanied with family or companions and might wish a more relaxed and balanced program. Other clients are very active and limit sleep and rest to a few hours a night.

Guests will receive the program well in advance of departure together with brochures covering Svalbard and Lofoten. This information is also available on the jet.
Time and place of departure is decided by the client and may be: Oslo, Bergen, Stavanger, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Frankfurt or London. The following sample program calls for departure from Oslo after lunch.

Rendezvous GA Terminal (OSL).

Departure Learjet 45 non-stop for Longyearbyen (LYR), flying time abt. 2.40 hrs. Supreme catering.

Weather permitting, we shall apply for clearance for low approach to Longyearbyen from Sørkapp, via Hornsund (passing Hornsundtind) and beyond Bellsund.

Arrival Longyearbyen/Spitsbergen (LYR).
The jet and crew are engaged on stand-by basis during the entire program.

Greetings of welcome by representative of Icc and transfer to Radisson SAS Polar Hotel (5 min.). The rooms are plain, but comfortable and all with a view.

The hotel’s restaurant “Nansen”, offers a grand view of Isfjorden. Here we serve an arctic drink of welcome, a light lunch and convey a bit of practical information.

Following hours of travel, drawing some cool, fresh air is nothing but delightful. Prior to the closing of shops, we go for a stroll up the “street” in Longyearbyen and visit some of the shops. The walk is terminated with a visit to “Carlsberger” pub, internationally known for their rich selection of whisky.

Back in the hotel, the time is all yours. A relaxing visit to the Sauna might be tempting?

A Tour Bus awaits us for a trip to Adventvalley (15 min.) Alighting into the ice desert, we walk about 300 metres to the wildlife camp. We are received by the hosts Berit and Karl, recently having been presented with WWF’s “International Environment Award” for their work on Svalbard. Inside their dark Turf Hut, a bonfire greets the visitors. Karl tells about life on Svalbard and show slides from his expeditions and hunting adventures – a fascinating experience.

Berit gets the grill started and prepares a local meal for dinner.

We are almost blinded by the strong arctic light when thanking our hosts and leaving the camp.

Back in Longyearbyen, there is normally time for a pub visit. The hotel’s “Barents Pub” is a popular place of rendezvous, both for visitors and local people.

Comments

If the weather is fine, normal outdoor clothing only is required for the visit to Adventvalley.
07:30 hrs
Hotel breakfast.

08:45 hrs
Together, we walk the path to Svalbard Safari, located abt. 300 metres from the hotel, and are met by experienced wilderness guides. They explain to us the safety routines and describe the route for our expedition. Instructions as to the operation of snow mobile follows, before we are being equipped with arctic snow dress, thermo shoes, mittens, hood and helmet. Everyone must now present their national Driver’s Licence and sign for insurance.

To be in charge of our expedition, we have engaged two of the most experienced guides on Svalbard, Ingrid and Dr. Jon. Ingrid is one of the very few persons born and raised on Svalbard. Dr. Jon is in charge of safety and possesses great knowledge of the islands. Both guides are very likeable and outgoing persons, conveying a natural air of confidence.

The excursion starts at modest speed, enabling everyone to get accustomed to the drive. The leading Guide considers continually the best route to drive, based on wind, light and snow conditions; the aim being picturesque Tempelfjorden. Once in a while, we make a stop when the guides comment on the places we are passing and, simultaneously, check that all and everything is in order.

Normal routes head eastwards through Adventvalley and Eskervalley, before entering Sassenvalley and De Geervalley towards Sassenfjorden. We drive up to the ragged Tuna and VonPost Glacier, being fast frozen in the Ocean Ice. The glacier forces large ice blocks forward, offering excellent cover for the Polar Bears. We are, consequently, on special alert when we leave the snow mobiles and walk up to the brim of the glacier. When we in April 2005 paid a visit here, a large Polar Bear had just left the area.

Lunch is served onboard the “Noorderlicht” a Dutch sailing vessel, fast frozen in the ice in Tempelfjorden, having the distinctive Tempelmountain as nearest neighbour.

Weather and snow conditions permitting, we may choose another route on our return to Longyearbyen. Dr. Jon knows better than anybody else which course to take.

Upon return to the hotel, it’s time for “post expedition” hot soup, to be on your own, or relax in Sauna.

We suggest that evening dinner is served in the informal and rustic “Kroa Café”. This is where we meet local people and “colleagues”, back from other expeditions.

Alternate, we may visit The World’s Northernmost Wine Cellar, recently honoured The Award of Excellence by Wine Spectator. Here we can offer testing of wines to be followed by grand supper at “Huset” (same location), the oldest restaurant of Svalbard, internationally known for their exciting, arctic menus.

Longyearbyen “by night”.

Abt.
13:00 hrs
Lunch is served onboard the “Noorderlicht” a Dutch sailing vessel, fast frozen in the ice in Tempelfjorden, having the distinctive Tempelmountain as nearest neighbour.

Abt.
17:00 hrs
Upon return to the hotel, it’s time for “post expedition” hot soup, to be on your own, or relax in Sauna.

19:00 hrs
We suggest that evening dinner is served in the informal and rustic “Kroa Café”. This is where we meet local people and “colleagues”, back from other expeditions.

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Longyearbyen “by night”.
Comment

All expeditions by snow mobile from Longyearbyen are subject to safe weather and light conditions. If weather is bad, we may consider a shorter excursion locally. If weather forecast is really bad, we will, 12 hrs. in advance, prepare alternative excursions/adventures.

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Alternative excursions and activities

You may want to extend the visit to Svalbard or select other adventures such as skiing, kiting, ice diving or ice golf. In addition, we may suggest:

Ice caving
Not far from Longyearbyen, we have the unique possibility of entering the inside of a glacier.
Equipped with helmets and headlights, experienced guides show the way into the interior of the glacier. A walk inside such caves is like becoming part of a fairytale. Decorated icicles and snow crystals glitter like diamonds in the light from the headlights. Both walls and ceiling are adorned with fast frozen stones, glazed with crystal clear layer of ice. In spots, we have to crawl to advance. The safety is well taken care of. The glacier itself does not move.
In spite of the fact that melting water canals transport fresh air, we do not recommend this activity to persons suffering from claustrophobia. Duration: Abt. 3 hrs

Mining tour
As an alternative to “Ice caving”, we may offer a visit to Mine 3. This mine was closed down in 1996 and was up to that time worked manually; all coal was brought out by sheer muscle power! Guests are provided with helmets and boiler suits before entering the mine. The guests are offered the opportunity of creeping into the “strossa” where the height of the mining passage is max. 90 cm.. Not a spot for people suffering from claustrophobia.
Average temperature inside the mine is +3 Degree C. Duration: Abt. 3 hrs.
EISCAT - a window to the Universe
FISCAT Svalbard Radar, located on the summit of Mine 7, is one of the World’s leading installations for land based space research. On our tour we learn of the processes taking place within near space of the Earth, which, among many others, include Aurora Borealis – the Northern Light.

We visit the entire installation; transmitters, receivers and data processing plant as well as the enormous antennas with diameters of 32 and 42 metres. (Weather permitting) Duration: abt. 2 hrs.

Dog sledding
Dog sledding has long traditions on Svalbard. The silence, the cooperation between humans and dogs, the impact of the great surrounding landscape, create memories never to be forgotten.

When entering the dog kennel, we receive instructions as to the handling of the dog team before starting up. The creaking of sleigh runners and sound from busy dog paws, is about all we hear on our way towards the valleys. Duration: abt. 3 hrs (or more).

Day 3 - (cont)
Private Jet Programme

14:30 hrs
If the weather is good, we apply for permit for low approach, passing famous Lofotveggen (the ragged mountain wall of the Lofoten Islands).

15:00 hrs
Arrival Bodø (BOO) – still far north above the Arctic Circle. The airports of Lofoten are, unfortunately, too short for landing of jet planes.

19:00 hrs
Transfer to the quay of Bodø. Boarding “Hurtigruten”, one of a fleet of large, modern Coastal Cruise ship.

20:00 hrs
Departure of northbound “Hurtigruten”. You will now have a taste of the internationally heralded “Most Beautiful Coastal Voyage of the World”. Drink of welcome and a light meal will be served on the Panorama Deck, followed by a guided visit on the Bridge. In the afternoon, Lofotveggen appears on the horizon.

21.30 hrs
Arrival Stamsund in Lofoten. Bus transport to Henningsvær. A local guide, typical of the Lofoten population, relates on the life in his part of the country. We arrange a short stop in order to admire a unique sculpture.

Hurtigruten

Bonfire heated Hot Tub and Sauna are available on the water front.

21.30 hrs
Dinner served at “Gammelbrygga Café” on the wharf, Master Chef R. M. Berglund in charge. Berglund is the owner of the best Coast Kitchen in Europe and was awarded the prize “Chef of the Year in Norway 2002”.

Hut Tub on the wharf
Day 4
Private Jet Programme

08:00 hrs
Lofotbreakfast
Every morning you may come along on a short trip to sea for drawing of fishing lines or nets. At this time of the year, we are aiming to catch Wolffish, Ling and Arctic Cod.

09:00 hrs
We return to Henningsvær where a prize awaits the proud person having caught the largest fish.

12:30 hrs
The catch of the day is being prepared and grilled for lunch on the wharf. One might pick up a tip or two watching the cooks cleaning, filleting and preparing the fish.

14:00 hrs
Wearing survival suits, we “fly the ocean”; Deep Sea Rafting at a speed of 40 knots onboard powerful Zodiacs rafts, meeting the elements of nature at close hand, is an exciting experience. The time is ours. We look for the White-tailed Eagle and may observe whales, chasing fish shoals. There is no lack of good photo objects. Weather and wind govern our route. If possible, we visit the shallow and idyllic waters around Skrova – the place known as “Hvalfangstøya” (Whaling Island). If weather is good, we may also take a close look at the wild and awe-inspiring Trollfjorden.

16:00 hrs
On our return to Henningsvær, we reduce our activities and the guests are on their own. On the wharf, hot bathing tub and Sauna are ready for use. Newly crushed dried cod snacks and waffles are served.

18:00 hrs
Together we walk to Gallery Harr where we are served an aperitif before enjoying a private, guided tour of the Gallery. On the first floor, there is a permanent exhibition of some of the painter Karl Erik Harr’s most spectacular works. Here is also a private collection of unique paintings with motives from Northern Norway. On the 2nd floor, there is an interesting exhibition of photos and objects connected to the great Lofoten cod fisheries, dating back to early 1900.

Our visit is terminated with the showing of the wonderful slide show “Lofoten – the grand Archipelago”.

20:00 hrs
As a proper end of a day with much fresh air and many adventures, we recommend a quiet and delicious dinner at Restaurant Fiskekroken (Fish hook). The restaurant, located but 10 minutes walk from Gallery Harr, is among the very best of Northern Norway and is frequented by gastronomes, Royalties and other celebrities. Part of the Restaurant is reserved for private use.
For the early birds: Drawing of fishing lines or nets.

Lofotbreakfast

If desired, we reserve the forenoon to activities and adventures as per own wishes.

Some alternatives:

Kayaking
Absolutely a unique adventure. After receiving necessary instructions, you paddle in sheltered waters near Henningsvær, quietly and very close to nature. Clear water reveals the fish life among islets and skerries many metres below. You glide along idyllic, white beaches, under tall mountain walls, reaching way up from the sea where White-tailed eagles sail, looking for a prey. Ex. Norwegian Navy Seals Commandos are in charge of the program.

Hike and Bike
Lofoten has an international reputation for the excellent opportunities offered mountain hikers as well as cycling tourists. A combination of these activities is rather special, starting with a light hike across a beautiful mountain pass, offering a wonderful view of Nordishavet, and ending up with biking on deserted roads along the edge of the great ocean.

Golf
Even for the golf nerds – an unforgettable experience!
Lofoten Golfbane is located on Gimseya, 30 minutes from Henningsvær only, offering 9 spectacular holes where the ocean is water obstruction and the beaches sand bunkers. Many golfers have described Lofoten golf course as being “out of this world”. So, why not try a round when a gale is blowing and the ocean is in uproar?

Climbing
North Norwegian Climbing Academy at Henningsvær is internationally known and often used as training camp for subsequent top level climbing expeditions. Here is actually a paradise for experienced as well as would-be climbers, just a few minutes walk from Henningsvær.

Diving and snorkelling
The Coastal Current pumps the clean Atlantic Ocean water around and along the many islets of Lofoten and offers a fantastic clear sight into the extraordinary rich maritime life of the archipelago. In the currents and on the steep subsea mountain walls lie carpets of soft corals that filter the water. Divers might experience up to 1.5 km. sucking current diving or free glide along 30-200 metres high rock walls. Ex. Norwegian Navy Seals Commandos are in charge of the program.

Other alternatives
Sailing a classical Nordlandsboat, reminiscent of a Viking ship, or a larger modern vessel, skiing, ATV action, shooting, etc.
Following a late lunch, we take on a scheduled flight across Vestfjorden (20 min), alternatively by chartered helicopter, direct from Henningsvær to Bodø.

Departure on Learjet 45 non-stop to Oslo/Stockholm/ Copenhagen (or whatever destination desired). Arrival early evening.

Comments:
In case of earlier departure or adding an extra overnight stay when returning, you may visit 2 of the places in Norway that now are to be found on UNESCO’s World Heritage List: The old mining centre of Røros and the fiords of Western Norway (Nærøyfjorden) – the latter recently chosen by National Geographic Magazine as “The best travel destination in the World”.

The visit to Røros is a historic and cultural visit to, among others, Smeltehytta and Olav’s Mine (the Melting Hut and Olav’s Mine). A trip by chair sledge or sleigh riding through Bergstaden, is a popular activity. Rørosvidda is excellent for dog team sleighing.

The guide and kennel owner is Ketil Reitan, having earlier spent 7 years with the Inuit’s, he is an outdoorsman of great calibre. He played an important role in a recently finished film, produced by BBC, depicting the dramatic race to the South Pole between the explorers Roald Amundsen and Robert Scott.

Just across the border to Sweden, we can offer exciting heli-skiing.

The visit to Western Norway includes normally a trip to the colourful Fish Market in Bergen, an excursion to Myrkdal by train or helicopter, famous train ride from Myrkdal to Flåm and Champagne Cruise onboard a private Yacht from Flåm to fantastic and awe-inspiring Nærøyfjorden.

Private Jet Program Kangerlussuaq/Reykjavik

Please note that we also offer a similar program to Greenland, alternatively combined with a visit to Iceland when returning.

Among the adventures available, we may mention: Heli-skiing, among the best in the world, Greenland shark fishing on the ice, Hunting with Inuit’s, Kayak paddling among drifting ice, Ice-diving with Sirius Patrol, Glacier climbing, Snow scooter drive across glacier, Whaling safari, Ice golf, Dog team sleighing with Sirius Patrol and a hot bath at Blue Lagoon on the way home.

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........... lifetime of stories to tell ..........