



SVALBARD SUMMER CRUISE

NORWAY

18 - 28 July 2027 | 10 Nights / 11 Days



INTRODUCTION

Photographic Expedition to Svalbard

Cruise Svalbard's ice-filled fjords aboard a small expedition vessel with a CNP Safaris photographic tour leader and a small group of photographers. Fewer people competing for position means space to work, time to compose, and close guidance — at any experience level, on any camera system.

Under the midnight sun, daylight stretches around the clock, bringing low-angle light across glaciers, mountains and drifting ice. Arctic weather shifts hour to hour — fog, snow squalls, flat overcast, sudden sun through ice haze. You will shoot conditions here you cannot plan for anywhere else.

We search for polar bears along the ice edge, walrus on remote shores, Arctic fox and reindeer, and the seabird cliffs at Alkefjellet. Everything is photographed from a respectful distance, on the animal's terms, with time to watch behaviour develop rather than rush a sighting.

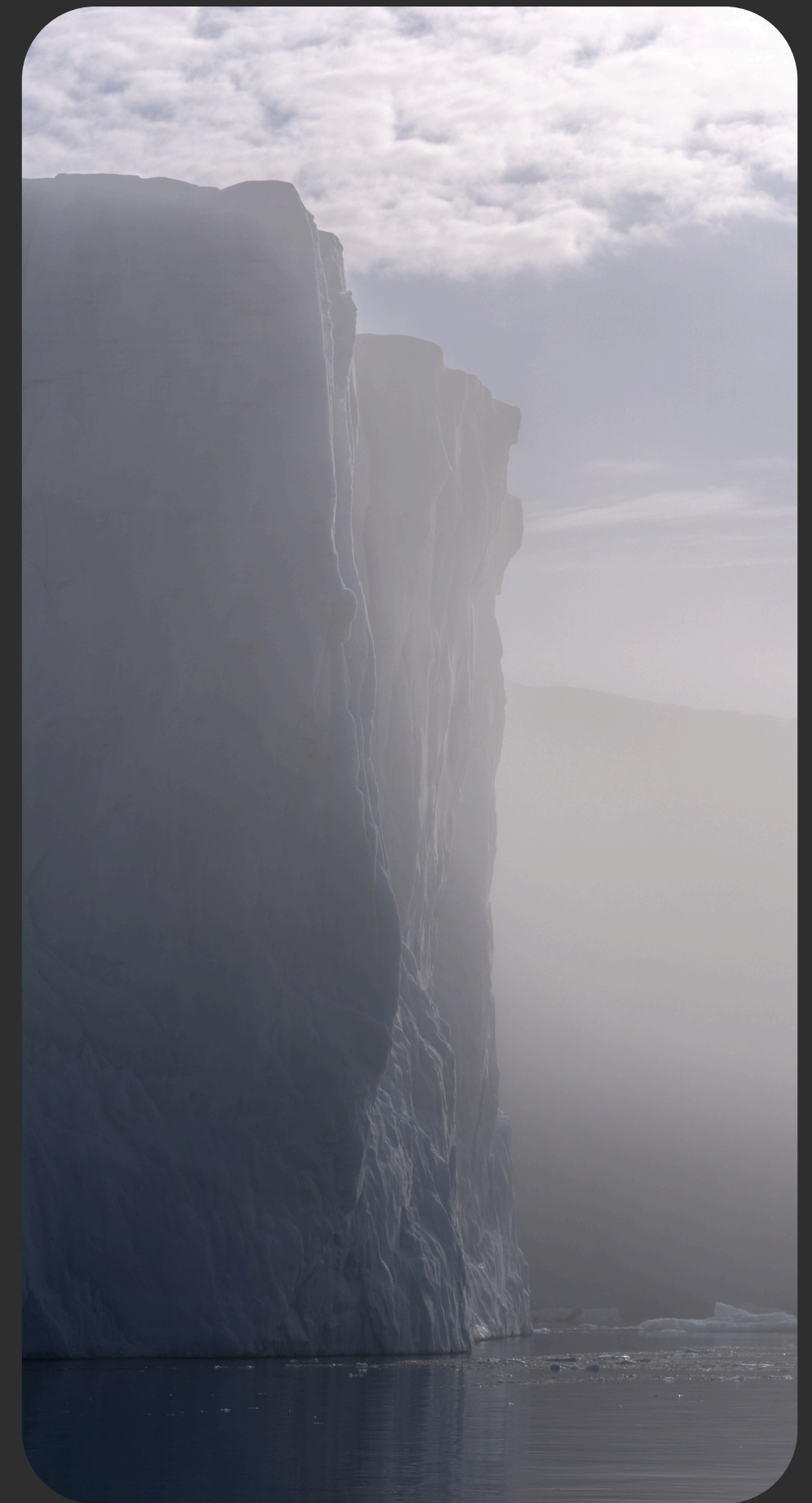
There is no fixed daily route. Landings and cruising plans are set around wildlife activity, weather, sea ice and light — often what turns an exciting encounter into a photograph worth printing.





HIGHLIGHTS

- Just six guests with a dedicated CNP Safaris tour leader — space to work.
- MV Vikingfjord is a new ice-strengthened expedition ship for 12 guests, with superb environmental credentials.
- Walrus haul-outs, Arctic fox, reindeer and seabird cliffs. Polar bears are possible, never promised.
- Golden-hour light around the clock under the midnight sun — shoot at 2am.
- Drifting sea ice, calving glacier fronts and jagged coastal mountain ranges.
- Dedicated time for landscape photography, giving Svalbard's scenery equal attention.
- Two zodiacs for daily excursions and landings, guided by wildlife and light.
- On-board image reviews, editing sessions and one-on-one guidance.
- En-suite cabins, panoramic lounge, sauna and deck hot tub back on board.



ITINERARY

DETAILED

Day 1 18 July 2027

- Upon arrival at Svalbard Airport (LYR), the Secret Atlas concierge team will meet you and transfer you to your accommodation.
- Check-in at Mary Ann Polar Rig
- Group meet for dinner

Day 2 19 July 2027

- Breakfast
- Time to explore Longyearbyen town
- 15:45 transfer to the Port of Longyearbyen
- After boarding and settling in, the ship will leave the dock and your expedition will begin.
- Dinner



Day 3 - 9 20 - 26 July 2026

- Breakfast
- Zodiac excursion
- Lunch
- Photographic evaluation sessions
- Zodiac excursion
- Dinner

*We don't follow a fixed itinerary.

*For this reason, every expedition is flexible and inherently authentic as its course will be defined on a daily basis by the opportunities presented by weather, ice, and wildlife.

*Your voyage is led by a highly experienced expedition leader with the support of a professional polar guide. Collaboratively, the route and landings are decided by your expedition leader and captain, who have extensive experience in the area.

*Sample itinerary attached

Day 10 27 July 2027

- Breakfast
- Zodiac excursions
- Lunch
- Evening docking at the Port of Longyearbyen
- Captain's Dinner
- Last night on board the MV Vikingfjord ship

Day 11 28 July 2027

- Early morning breakfast
- 08:45 disembark at the Port of Longyearbyen
- A transfer will take you and your luggage to either the airport or your accommodation in Longyearbyen.



SAMPLE CRUISE ITINERARY

Day 1 — Longyearbyen | Embark and sail out of Isfjorden past Fuglefjella, a classic Svalbard plateau mountain rising straight from the water. First light on the cliffs as we head north.

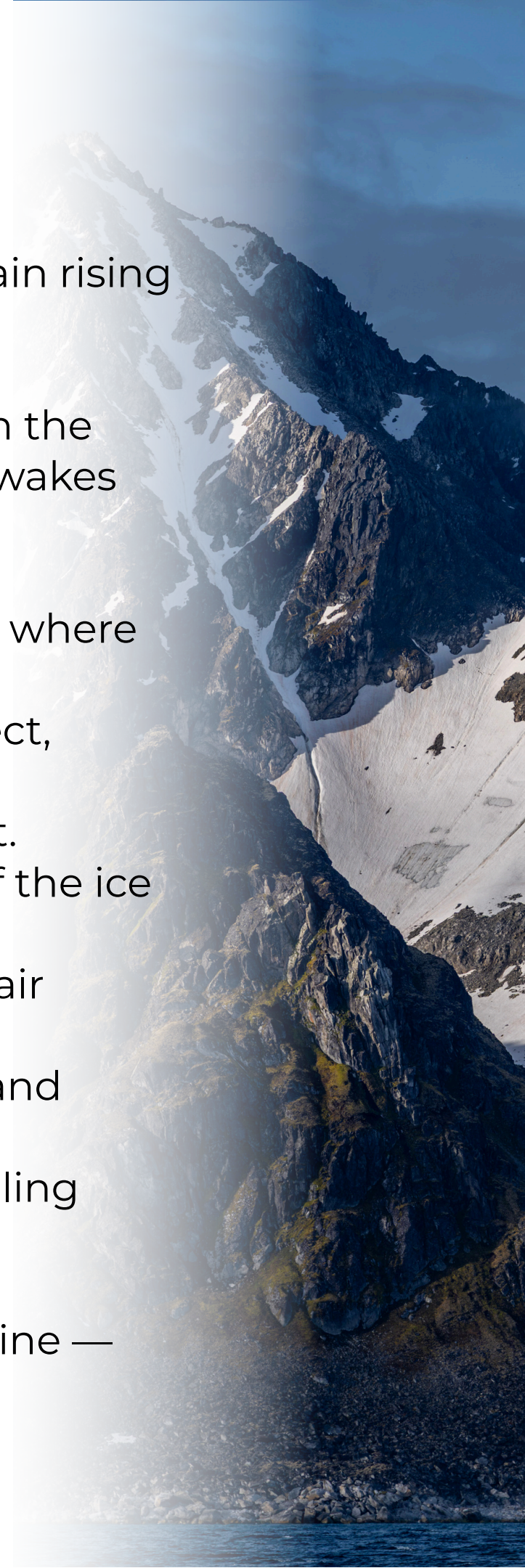
Day 2 — Prins Karls Forland and Krossfjord | Land at Poolepynten, a low headland where walrus haul out on the shingle — close, patient work at eye level. Zodiac cruise Fjortende Julibreen and the bay below it, with kittiwakes and often bearded seals along the glacier face.

Days 3–8 — North and east: the ice | Nothing here is fixed. Where we go depends on where the ice sits and where the animals are, and that is the point.

- The ice edge — the primary polar bear ground, and the strongest light in Svalbard: low sun, white subject, endless texture. We work it for as long as conditions hold.
- Kvitøya and Storisstraumen — walrus, drifting pack, and the Andrée expedition remains at Andréeneset.
- Bråsvellbreen — a glacier front on the Austfonna ice cap running for kilometres, with meltwater falls off the ice wall in a good season.
- Alkefjellet — Brünnich's guillemots nesting in their tens of thousands on dolerite columns, birds in the air constantly. Zodiac work, fast shutter, expect to fill cards.
- Kongsfjorden and Ny-Ålesund — the world's northernmost year-round research station, with landings and cruises at the Kronebreen and Kongsbreen glacier fronts.
- Historic landings — Sallyhamna, Hamburgbukta and Bruceneset in Alicehamna, with 17th-century whaling remains and 1930s trapper huts.

Day 9 — Isfjorden | Return south. Land at Alkhornet, where the geology shifts from plateau to alpine ridgeline — reindeer and Arctic fox on the slopes below the bird cliff.

Day 10 — Longyearbyen | Disembark.





MARY-ANN'S POLARRIGG

Mary-Ann's Polarrigg is Longyearbyen's most characterful base, and the natural place to begin and end an Arctic expedition. Created in 1999 by Mary-Ann Dahle from former miners' barracks, the hotel has been shaped building by building over two decades into something no chain could replicate — a five-minute walk from town, and quiet.

Rooms are simple and warm rather than luxurious, with private or shared bathroom facilities. The character sits in everything around them: walls hung with photographs of Longyearbyen's mining past, a conservatory breakfast room full of plants, and an old red miners' bus parked outside the bar. Peisen Bar, a game room and a shared lounge fill the hours between.

The Vinterhagen restaurant serves Arctic-inspired cooking — reindeer and Arctic char among the standards — and the atmosphere is unhurried and genuinely friendly. It is where the group first comes together the night before embarkation and where the trip is unpacked afterwards: frames compared, cards backed up, and nobody in any hurry to go to bed.

Amenities:

✓ Sauna ✓ Free WiFi ✓ Vinterhagen Restaurant & Peisen Bar



<https://polarrigggen.com>

MV VIKINGFJORD

The MV Vikingfjord is a sleek, ice-strengthened expedition vessel, built for bold exploration of the High Arctic. At 41.8 metres with an ice-class 1B rating, she can push a path through the ice to reach places other ships can't.

With just 12 guests and a crew of eight aboard, the experience is personal and unhurried, with one guide for every six guests. Eight Scandinavian-styled cabins, each with private en-suite facilities and a window onto the Arctic, lead to shared spaces made for relaxing and sharing the day's images. There is an open-plan lounge with rear-facing windows, an observation lounge on the bridge that's open to all guests, and a warm dining room where the crew serve hearty meals. Two Zodiacs stand ready to take you ashore or in close to glaciers and ice floes.

After a day behind the lens, you can unwind in the outdoor hot tub or sauna as the midnight sun lights the fjords. Starlink Wi-Fi keeps you connected.

Whether you're reviewing images in the lounge, watching for bears from the bridge, or framing a walrus haul-out in soft Arctic light, the Vikingfjord is a comfortable and capable home at the edge of the ice.

Amenities:

✓ Bridge Lounge ✓ Sauna & Hot tub ✓ Hot drink station



<https://www.secretatlas.com/ships/vikingfjord>



FEEES

Trip cost:

US \$19,995.00 per person sharing (signature twin/double)

*Signature Single Room Supplement US \$3,000.00

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Includes:

- 1 night dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation at Mary-Ann's Polarrigg, Longyearbyen.
- 9 nights sharing full board accommodation on the MV Vikingfjord, including alcohol with dinner.
- Starlink internet (daily limit)
- 1 x Local expedition guide.
- 1x CNP photographic guide.
- Transfers within Longyearbyen .
- Private Zodiac for CNP group.

Excludes:

- All travel to/from Longyearbyen.
- Dinner and drinks at Mary-Ann's Polarrigg.
- Alcohol outside of dinner service.
- Expenses of a personal nature.
- Gratuities.
- Visa application and visa-related fees.
- Medical and Travel Insurance.





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