



A high Arctic archipelago situated beyond Norway’s fjord-fretted coast, a mere 600 miles from the North Pole, Svalbard is a place of deep fjords, snowcapped mountains, and massive sheets of ice—glowing under the midnight sun during our season there. It’s a magnificent polar bear habitat that provides opportunities for thrilling up-close observations of polar bears and other Arctic wildlife. It’s Arctic nature in its purest form.

**MAY 29: U.S./FLY OVERNIGHT TO OSLO**

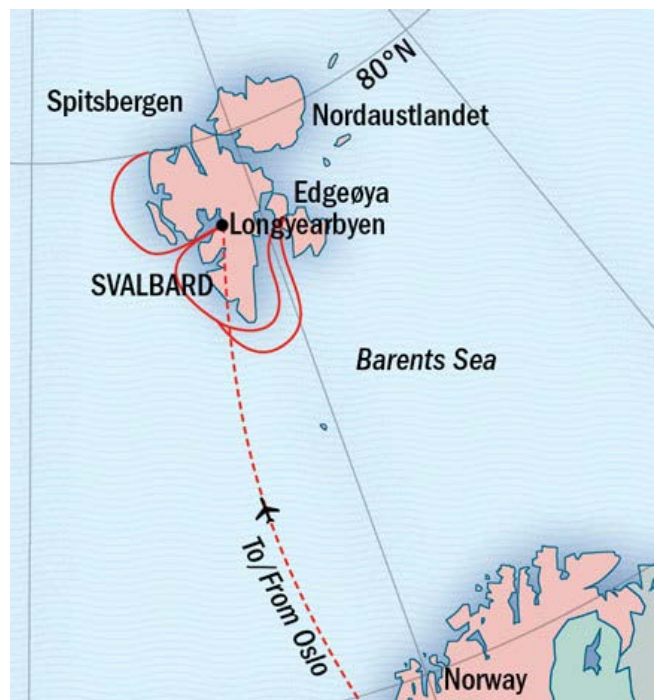
Fly to Oslo on an overnight flight.

**MAY 30: OSLO, NORWAY/THON HOTEL BRISTOL**

Arrive in Oslo, the capital city where each year the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded in the presence of the King of Norway. Our introduction to Oslo begins with a stroll among the famed Vigeland sculptures--hundreds of life-size human figures set in rolling parklands. Next we visit the Polar Ship Fram Museum, dedicated to the Norwegian explorers Nansen and Amundsen. The evening is free to try one of the harbor restaurants or turn in early. Overnight at the Thon Hotel Bristol, or similar. (B)

**MAY 31: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK SHIP**

Depart Oslo on our private charter flight over beautiful vistas to Longyearbyen. Embark our ship, the *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)





wildlife: polar bear, reindeer and walrus. Observe seals and arctic foxes and search for the very symbol of the Arctic—majestic polar bears. Cruising in Svalbard’s fjords, venture to the foot of stunning tidewater glaciers. We take our Zodiacs and kayaks to cruise among beautiful icebergs, and experience the geology, wildlife and wildflowers that give color and vitality to the High Arctic. (B,L,D)

**JUNE 1-6: EXPLORING SVALBARD**

Our travel in the archipelago is truly exploratory by design, and our exact day-to-day movements will remain flexible, depending on local conditions. Our main focus is the search for Svalbard’s amazing

**JUNE 7: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO**

Disembark the *National Geographic Explorer* and explore Longyearbyen before we fly to Oslo. Overnight at the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. (B,L)

**JUNE 8: OSLO/U.S.**

After breakfast, proceed to the airport for the flight to the U.S. aboard SAS Scandinavian Airlines, or continue on to other adventures. (B)

LAND OF THE ICE BEARS		COST PER PERSON / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY					
CABIN CATEGORY:	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
	\$ 10,220	\$ 10,880	\$ 11,320	\$ 11,990	\$ 14,150	\$ 16,530	\$ 18,890
COST PER PERSON / SINGLE OCCUPANCY			1S		2S		
			\$ 13,600		\$ 14,150		

**Land of the Ice Bears: An In-Depth Exploration of Arctic Svalbard**

Aboard the 148 guest *National Geographic Explorer*

**Departure Date: May 29 – June 8, 2017**

**Costs Include:** All accommodations aboard ship, two hotel nights per itinerary, all meals and beverages aboard ship, meals on land as indicated, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of kayaks, gratuities (including to the ship’s crew), taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician, and services of our expedition staff.

**Not Included:** Air transportation, extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, such as e-mail, voyage DVD, and laundry.

**Advance Payment:** \$1,500 per person (\$750 non-refundable)

**Important Flight Information:** *Please confirm arrival and departure dates prior to booking flights.*

Sample Airfares:

Economy: .....from \$1,180                      Business Class: .....from \$3,960

Charter: .....from \$725 (roundtrip Oslo/Longyearbyen)

*Sample airfares are subject to change.*



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# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

## THE WORLD'S ULTIMATE EXPEDITION SHIP

**CAPACITY:** 148 guests in 81 outside cabins.

**REGISTRY:** Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 367 feet.

*National Geographic Explorer* is a state-of-the-art expedition ship, and the flagship of the Lindblad fleet. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, with an ice-reinforced hull, enabling it to navigate polar passages while providing exceptional comfort. It carries kayaks and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft. An undersea specialist operates a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) and sophisticated video equipment, extending access to the underwater world.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library, lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; mud room with lockers for expedition gear, and observation lounge. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck with one or two portholes #301-308

**CATEGORY 2:** Main Deck with window #317-320, 335-336

**CATEGORY 3:** Main Deck with window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

**CATEGORY 4:** Upper and Veranda Decks with window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

**CATEGORY 5:** Upper Deck with balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224

**CATEGORY 6:** Veranda Deck–Suite #101-102; Upper Deck–Suite with balcony #213

**CATEGORY 7:** Upper Deck–Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230

**MEALS:** Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international with local flair.

**CABINS:** All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splashcam, underwater video camera, crow's nest remote controlled camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, LEX/NG-certified photo instructor and video chronicler, internet café and laundry.

**WELLNESS:** The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a glass-enclosed fitness center, outdoor stretching area, two LEXspa treatment rooms and sauna.

**CATEGORY A SOLO:** Main Deck with window #309-312, 329-334

**CATEGORY B SOLO:** Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

**CATEGORY 3 TRIPLE:** Main Deck with window #341, 343

**SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Available in Categories 1 and 2.

**SOLE OCCUPANCY:** Cabins available in Categories A and B.

**NOTE:** Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306—These cabins have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed. Third person rates are available in the designated triple occupancy cabins at one-half the double occupancy rate. Cabins #341, 343, 101, 102, 215, 219 and 230 can accommodate a third person.

