

Isfjorden Adventure, Late Arctic Autumn & Aurora

Indulge in the beauties of Svalbard's second-largest fjord



Title:	Isfjorden Adventure, Late Arctic Autumn & Aurora
Dates:	27 Sep - 4 Oct, 2021
Tripcode:	N0032-21
Duration:	7 nights
Ship:	s/v Noorderlicht
Embarkation:	Longyearbyen
Disembarkation:	Longyearbyen
Language:	English speaking voyage

ITINERARY

PLEASE NOTE: The chances for observing northern lights are good during those late Arctic autumn voyages. In October the vessel will operate within the many protected branches of the Isfjorden. All itineraries are for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on local ice and weather conditions and in order to take advantage of opportunities to see wildlife. The on-board expedition leader determines the final itinerary. Itineraries may mention places that require permission to land, which must be granted by the relevant national authorities. Such permission is not granted prior to the publishing of these itineraries. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. Willingness to compromise on comfort is a basic requirement on board of a historic traditional sailing vessel. Important information about the sailing program: the boat is equipped with sails and these will be used in good conditions

(open sea, water depth, appropriate wind conditions, time availability). This is not guaranteed. The captain decides whether to use the sails or the engine. There is no claim to one or other propulsion method. If sails are used, they are operated by the crew. Guests follow the safety instructions of the team. Average cruising speed for s/v Noorderlicht is 6 knots.

Embark on a scenic exploration of the deep Arctic, visiting the mountain-fringed bay of Trygghamna, the jagged blue glacier front at Borebukta, and the icy panorama of Isfjord, Svalbard's second largest fjord – along with stops at Russian ghost towns, geological wonders, and wintry shorelines sparkling under the eerie green auroras of the northern lights.

Day 1: Largest town, biggest island

Your voyage begins in Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Svalbard archipelago. Enjoy strolling around this former mining town, whose parish church and Svalbard Museum make for fascinating attractions. Though the countryside appears stark, more than a hundred species of plant have been recorded in the surrounding area. In the early evening the ship sails out of Isfjorden, where you might spot the first whale of your voyage.

Day 2: From Arctic mountains to mining towns

Your aim for the morning is Trygghamna. From this mountain-fringed bay, you may make excursions to a former English whaling station, the remains of a Pomor house, and the base of Alkhornet Mountain. In addition to the seabirds, you might see Arctic foxes and reindeer here. Later that afternoon, you sail to the Russian mining town of Barentsburg, Svalbard's second-largest town. Here you'll encounter the world's northernmost brewery, a heated seawater swimming pool, a historic statue of Lenin, the must-see Barentsburg Pomor Museum – and some very friendly Russians.

Day 3: Sculptures of ice and stone

The goal is to spend the morning exploring the jagged blue glacier front at Borebukta, our first close encounter with the glaciated interior of Spitsbergen. You may also pay a visit to the east coast of Bohemanflya in the afternoon, a peninsula with striking geological formations.

Day 4: Northern fjords and northern lights

Your next morning introduces you to another glacier front: Sveabreen in Nordfjord, the most impressive in the Isfjord area. Afternoon finds you at the head of Dickson Fjord, the northernmost point of the voyage. This fjord branch also happens to be the place with the most stable weather and optimal conditions for seeing the northern lights.

Day 5: The inner reaches of Isfjord

This day is reserved for sailing the extent of Isfjord, Svalbard's second largest fjord and a vast panorama of snow, ice, slopes, and sea. Depending on the conditions, you'll then sail into one of the other nearby fjords for further Arctic exploration.

Day 6: Glaciers and ghost towns

The morning's mission is to visit the glacier front of Nordenskiöld, an enormity of Arctic ice that has every reason to leave you breathless. On the agenda for the afternoon is Pyramiden, a deserted Soviet settlement that provides a hauntingly complete time capsule detailing how its resident coal miners lived many years ago.

Day 7: The layered peaks of Skansbukta

On the second-to-last day, you tour the valley of Skansbukta and its beautiful geological formations. Enjoy the splendor of these stratified multicolored peaks, each one rising out of wide slopes of sediment like the guard towers of some ancient, eroded castle. Your return to Longyearbyen is planned for the early evening.

Day 8: Journey's end in Longyearbyen

Every adventure, no matter how great, must eventually come to an end. You disembark in Longyearbyen, taking home a wealth of memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.

Included in this voyage

- *Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary*
- *All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea.*
- *All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.*
- *Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.*
- *Free use of snowshoes.*
- *Transfers and baggage handling between the airport, hotels and ship only for those passengers on the group flights to and from Longyearbyen.*
- *All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.*
- *AECO fees and governmental taxes.*
- *Comprehensive pre-departure material.*

Excluded from this voyage

- Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights*
- Pre- and post- land arrangements.*
- Passport and visa expenses.*

Government arrival and departure taxes.

Meals ashore.

Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is strongly recommended).

Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges.

The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).

CABINS & PRICES

Twin Shared Inside



1 upper / lower berth
 Shared shower & toilet
 Wash basin
 Storage space
 Frosted glass in the cabin ceilings which provides some daylight into the cabins.
 All cabins have shared shower & toilet facilities
 s/v Noorderlicht has 4 showers and 5 toilets onboard which are conveniently located



Complete cabin 6200 USD
 Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.



Single cabin 5270 USD
 Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).



Sharing berth 3100 USD
 Share your cabin with others for the best price