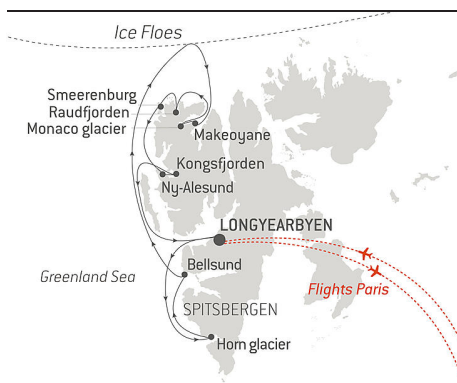


Fjords and glaciers of Spitsbergen

From **30/05/2023**
to **06/06/2023**

Ship: **LE BOREAL**

From **Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen**
to **Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen**



FLIGHT PARIS/LONGYEARBYEN + TRANSFERS
+ FLIGHT LONGYEARBYEN/PARIS

PONANT vous invite à vivre l'exceptionnel en découvrant le **Grand Nord** et l'immensité du **monde polaire arctique** et de sa banquise qui s'étend jusqu'au pôle Nord.

Vous embarquerez à **Longyearbyen**, en **Norvège**, pour une **croisière d'expédition de 8 jours** au cœur du **Spitzberg**, la plus grande île de l'archipel du Svalbard.

Au cours de votre périple à bord du *Boréal* en compagnie de nos équipes de spécialistes, vous découvrirez **une flore et une faune exceptionnelles** capables de s'adapter à des conditions extrêmes, avec des températures avoisinant les **-30 °C** en hiver.

Vous mettrez tout d'abord le cap au sud. Vous découvrirez notamment **Hornsund**, un des plus beaux fjords de l'île, doté d'un impressionnant front glaciaire, ainsi que **Bellsund**, dont les vallées verdoyantes ne manqueront pas de vous séduire.

Le Boréal fera route vers le nord pour atteindre le **parc national du Nord-Ouest du Spitzberg**, sur les traces des anciens baleiniers installés jadis sur des sites abritant aujourd'hui les tombes de nombreux marins et encore fréquentés par diverses espèces de cétacés.

Vous découvrirez ensuite la petite ville la plus septentrionale du monde, **Ny-Alesund**. Cette station scientifique internationale et ancienne cité minière fut le point de départ de nombreuses expéditions vers le pôle Nord dont la première, en 1926, à bord du ballon dirigeable Norge, fut conduite par Umberto Nobile et Roald Amundsen. Vous rejoindrez finalement les somptueux glaciers du **Kongsfjorden**.

Ce voyage vous mènera sur les traces des **morses**, mais aussi sur celles de l'**ours polaire**, le seigneur de l'Arctique, que vous aurez certainement la chance d'observer dans son environnement naturel.

Lors de votre croisière dans ces contrées reculées offrant des **paysages exceptionnels**, vous découvrirez ce sentiment unique d'être arrivé au bout du monde. Une expédition inoubliable, au cours de laquelle votre navire atteindra les 80° de latitude nord.

L'itinéraire peut être modifié en fonction des autorisations portuaires et des réglementations gouvernementales en vigueur. Nous sommes les invités privilégiés de ces terres extrêmes où les conditions météo et glace dictent leur loi. Le programme de navigation, les débarquements et l'observation de la faune ne peuvent être garantis et varient au jour le jour, faisant de chaque croisière PONANT un moment unique. Le commandant et le chef d'expédition mettront tout en œuvre pour que votre expérience soit la plus riche possible, dans le respect des consignes de sécurité et de la réglementation AECO.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

LONGYEARBYEN, SPITSBERGEN

Embarkation 30/05/2023 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 30/05/2023 at 18:00

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HORNSUND

Arrival 31/05/2023

Departure 31/05/2023

Nestling between **millennial glaciers** and carved mountains, and considered to be "the crown of Arctic Norway", Spitsbergen is a place that never sees the night. Your ship will take you closer to this fascinating archipelago and, more particularly, the **Hornsund fjord**. Considered to be **Svalbard's southernmost fjord**, it is especially reputed to be its most stunning: at the end of its vast bay, 8 great glaciers slowly make their way down to the sea before giving way to the many icebergs elegantly drifting along its cold and mysterious waters.

BELLSUND, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 01/06/2023

Departure 01/06/2023

You will head to the **Bellsund fjord** to follow in the footsteps of the first explorers who came from the Norwegian coast, or those of the many fur traders seeking game and trophies. Boasting an astonishingly rich wildlife, the arms of the fjord separate to form two lush valleys. Give free rein to your imagination in the heart of this majestic natural environment where time seems to stand still.

SAILING TOWARD THE ICE FLOES

Arrival 02/06/2023

Departure 02/06/2023

Your captain will sail right up to the **limit of the ice**, to the **edge of the ice floe**. Weather conditions and state of the ice allowing, you will be able to go out in a zodiac dinghy for a unique experience in the middle of these floating slabs of ice. In addition to this grandiose journey through the middle of these floes with their cut and blue-tinged edges, sometimes over 2 metres thick, it is also often an opportunity to see a particular kind of fauna, totally dependent on the ice floe: **birds, seals** and **polar bears**

MAKEOYANE, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 03/06/2023

Departure 03/06/2023

Måkeøyane is a small **archipelago** in the heart of the **Woodfjorden**, whose name is a reference to the large quantities of driftwood washing up on the beaches. It is located at the intersection between the Bockfjorden and the Liefdefjorden which leads to the **Monaco Glacier**, one of the most beautiful in Spitsbergen. As you sail around these little islands, you will be able to observe **Arctic terns** whose eggs sometimes attract **polar bears**.

MONACO GLACIER, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 03/06/2023

Departure 03/06/2023

Located to the North-West of the Svalbard archipelago, **the Monaco Glacier** is probably one of Spitsbergen's most beautiful and majestic. Named in honour of **Prince Albert I of Monaco**, a sailor, it stands as an impenetrable, blue-tinged jagged wall, the last glacier before reaching a latitude of 80° North. Imagine the sound of the ice cracking as it breaks free and crashes into the **transparent water**. And to make the magical landscape even more perfect, you might be lucky enough to spot **bears** and **whales**, as these two animals have a special fondness for this area.

RAUDFJORDEN, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 04/06/2023

Departure 04/06/2023

Raudfjorden means "**red fjord**", from the colour of the sandstone of the surrounding mountains. Along the west coast of this 20 km fjord, dissected by many shallow bays, you will be able to admire some of Spitsbergen's most **spectacular ice formations**. At the extremity of the fjord, two offshoots lead to the magnificent glaciers of Chauveaubreen and **Raudfjordbreen** which is 3 km wide. To the east, Alicehamna Beach in Bruceneset Bay has seen trappers, fishermen and explorers arrive for centuries, as evidenced by the "Raudfjordhytta" - the cabin of a Swedish trapper built in 1927.

SMEERENBURG, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 04/06/2023

Departure 04/06/2023

Located at the far north-west of the **Svalbard archipelago**, at the intersection of oceanic and Arctic influences, **Smeerenburg** is a former Dutch whaling colony on the southern part of **Amsterdam Island**. In a landscape of hills with steep slopes, plateaux, lakes and lagoons, you will anchor at a **sandy beach**. Dotted with **driftwood** and the **remains of ovens** that were used to melt the **whale** blubber, this is one of Spitsbergen's most important archaeological sites. At the height of the whaling activity, 200 men worked here and several are buried here.

NY-ALESUND, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 05/06/2023

Departure 05/06/2023

During your cruise, discover **Ny-Ålesund**, a former mining town that has been transformed into a scientific base. Founded in 1916, this small town was the departure point for many Arctic expeditions, including those of the famous explorer **Roald Amundsen**. Don't miss a visit to the museum and its famous post office, considered to be the most northerly in the world!

KONGSFJORDEN (KING BAY), SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 05/06/2023

Departure 05/06/2023

Very close to the former mining town of Ny-Ålesund, set off to discover **Kings Bay**. Your ship will sail in one of the most beautiful fjords in Svalbard: **Kongsfjorden** (the fjord of the King), a gateway to grandiose landscapes. Here, the snow-capped mountains are reflected in the water where superb **icebergs** try to outdo each other in their beauty, a delight for photographers. **Seals, reindeer**, barnacle geese and black guillemots frequent these places that have a unique atmosphere. Once you arrive at the end of the fjord, admire the **Kongsbreen** (glacier of the King) and its three characteristic rocky points, which take their names from three Scandinavian countries: Svea (Sweden), Dana (Denmark) and Nora (Norway).

LONGYEARBYEN, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 06/06/2023 early morning

Disembarkation 06/06/2023 at 07:00

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