# TROMSO to LONGYEARBYEN

With a team of dedicated experts on hand, this 10-day expedition is a phenomenal experience. As you cruise around Svalbard and visit the eastern and least visited Spitsbergen, search for Polar Bear, Arctic fox and Bearded seal. Wrap up warmly for a trek across the tundra to observe diverse seabirds, rare wildflowers and incredible geological sites..



Fares shown are per guest and subject to changes

## EXPEDITION CRUISE ITINERARY

An expedition with Silversea is unlike any other form of travel – thrilling, awe-inspiring and humbling all at the same time. Below please find itinerary information about this adventurous expedition.



DATE	DAY-BY-DAY	ARRIVE / DEPART
Saturday - Day 1	TROMSO, NORWAY	5:00 PM
Sunday - Day 2	DAY AT SEA	
Monday - Day 3	CRUISE & EXPLORE BEAR ISLAND	8:30 AM / 1:00 PM

See following page for the rest of the itineraries 🕥

\* One hour free WIFI per day for all guests. Unlimited free WIFI for guests sailing on select suite categories

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SILVERSEA EXPEDITIONS

DATE	DAY-BY-DAY	ARRIVE / DEPART
Tuesday to Thursday Day 4 - 6	SVALBARD SOUTHERN REGION, NORWAY	
Friday to Monday Day 7 - 10	SVALBARD NORTHERN REGION, NORWAY	(
Tuesday - Day 11	LONGYEARBYEN, NORWAY	6:30 AM

### SUITES AND FARES

Silversea Expeditions' oceanview suites are some of the most spacious in luxury expedition cruising, and all include the services of a butler. Select your suite and Request a Quote - guests who book early are rewarded with the best fares and ability to select their desired suite.



CATEGORY	DIMENSIONS	FARES FROM (PER GUEST)
OWNER'S SUITE GRAND SUITE	728 ft² / 67m² including veranda 618 ft² / 57m² including a private balcony	US \$24,650 US \$22,450
SILVER SUITE	422 ft <sup>2</sup> / 39m <sup>2</sup> including 2 French balconies	US \$20,250
MEDALLION SUITE	400 ft <sup>2</sup> / 37m <sup>2</sup> including a private balcony	US \$16,850
VERANDA SUITE	206-216 ft² / 19-20m² including a French balcony	US \$14,150
VISTA SUITE	192 ft² / 18m² with large picture window	US \$12,950
VIEW SUITE	192 ft² / 18m² with view window	US \$12,450
EXPLORER SUITE	175-190 ft <sup>2</sup> / 16-18m <sup>2</sup> with view window	US \$11,750
ADVENTURER SUITE	157-167 ft² / 14-15m² with 2 portholes	US \$11,050

### INCLUDED IN THE CRUISE FARE

- Highly qualified expedition team with experts in their field (marine biologists, ornithologists, historians and more)
- Excursions and activities, including explorations by Zodiac®
- Complimentary expedition gear: backpack and water bottle on every voyage, parka for polar expeditions
- Comfortable amenities with the largest expedition suites at sea
- Inclusive room-service, select wines, spirits and soft drinks throughout the ship
- Free WIFI\* throughout the ship
- Onboard Gratuities
- Exclusive partnership with The Royal Geographical Society



- Personalised service with a butler for all suites and the highest crew to guest ratio in the industry
- Fine dining even in the most remote places of the planet

### SILVER EXPLORER



Silversea's purpose-built luxury Silver Explorer expedition cruise ship has been designed specifically for navigating waters in some of the world's most remote destinations, including both of earth's polar regions. A strengthened hull with a Lloyd's Register ice-class notation (1A) for passenger vessels enables the Silver Explorer Expedition Cruise Ship to safely push through ice floes with ease. A fleet of Zodiac boats allows Silversea Expedition guests to visit even the most off-the-beaten path locations and an expert Expedition Team provides insight and understanding to each unforgettable Silver Explorer luxury cruise adventure.

Please note that Silver Explorer will undergo a major refurbishment on the 29th of April which will result in considerable changes to the suites and capacity. If you are travelling after the 20th of May we invite you to please download <u>the new</u> <u>deck plans here</u>.

**Guests:** 144 **Crew:** 117 **Length:** 354 Feet / 107.9 Meters

### VOYAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Your expedition will lead to one discovery after another. A complimentary programme of unique, small-group shore experiences, led by our team of expert guides and lecturers, allows you to fully experience the lands you'll visit.

Expedition Svalbard Tromso to

Longyearbyen | 10 Days

Join us for a journey into one of the last major European wilderness areas with pristine mountains, fauna, deep fjords, picturesque icebergs, and massive ice sheets. Our goal on this voyage is to explore the eastern and leastvisited sections of Svalbard's breathtaking and dramatic Spitsbergen. Once there, we will locate wildlife and spend the maximum amount of time possible hiking on the tundra. Spitsbergen and the surrounding area is home to approximately 3,000 polar bears and we hope to encounter a good number of them during our voyage

#### **Expedition Highlights:**

- Cruise amidst pristine landscapes of glaciers and icebergs
- Explore deep fjords lined with rugged mountains
- Search for polar bear, walrus, reindeer, arctic fox, and bearded seal

- Watch for whales including Minke and beluga
- Trek along the tundra
- Observe birds such as eiders, terns, skuas, sandpipers, auks and puffins
- Enjoy Zodiac cruises along remote bird cliffs
- Discover ruins of long-defunct whaling operations

#### Day 1 — Tromsø, Norway

Embark the Silver Explorer this afternoon and depart on your exciting 10-day Silversea Expedition – Expedition Svalbard II. After a mandatory safety drill head out on deck for a Sail Away' party, leaving Tromsø (and civilization) behind you. Later during the afternoon the Expedition Team and important crew members will be introduced. In the evening enjoy the first of many fine dining experiences in The Restaurant and relax in the Panorama Lounge.

#### Day 2 — At Sea

Meet some of your fellow explorers as you become acquainted with the luxurious amenities found on board the Silver Explorer. Gather in The Theatre for a mandatory Zodiac briefing and the introduction to rules and regulations for safe landings in the Arctic governed by AECO (Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators). Later during the day our Naturalists and knowledgeable Expedition Team Lecturers will start a series of talks and presentations to prepare you for the region's endemic wildlife and remarkable nature. Experts in a variety of scientific fields, they will add another dimension to your exploration ashore.

Other on-board diversions include spa treatments, a workout in the Fitness Centre, and, of course, exquisite dining experiences. Tonight we invite you for a special Welcome Aboard' cocktail party

#### Day 3 — Bear Island, Norway

Approaching Bear Island (Bjørnøya), now a nature reserve, we will see thousands of seabirds diving into and out of the island's steep cliffs.

Weather permitting, we will explore the rugged coastline with our Zodiacs. Close to 9 kilometres of cliffs are home to some of the largest bird colonies of the Northern Hemisphere. Common Guillemots, Brünnich's Guillemots, Little Auks, Black-legged Kittiwakes, Northern Fulmars, and Glaucous Gulls are all found along the cliff. Other species that have been observed include Atlantic Puffins and even Northern Gannets. Of the more than 120 species registered, slightly more than 30 actually breed on the island. If weather conditions are favourable, we will make a landing. The Expedition Team will provide insights into the environment, the terrain, and the wildlife that exist in these extreme conditions.

Leaving this Arctic island behind, head out on deck to watch for whales including the white-beaked dolphins and Minke whales, which are known to frequent the area.

#### Days 4–10 — Cruise & Explore Svalbard

We will travel along routes famous polar explorers such as Andrée, Nordenskjöld, Amundsen and Nobile have taken. We will trek along beaches looking for walrus haul-outs; we might see the indigenous reindeer, and maybe even spot the Arctic fox or bearded seal.

Seabirds, such as lvory Gulls, Northern Fulmars, Common Guillemots and Brünnich's Guillemots, will be our constant companions as we admire their playfulness and grace. We might even encounter a few whales. A variety of known species frequent the area, in particular the Minke and beluga.Our flexible itinerary allows us to take advantage of favourable ice and weather conditions. Shore walks and Zodiac landings will bring us up close to the mystical settings and passing icebergs.

### SILVERSEA EXPEDITIONS

Each day our Expedition Leader and Captain will determine our best course, depending on changing weather, ice conditions and the wildlife we encounter. In the true spirit of adventure cruising, our Expedition Leader will provide daily updates. Here is a list of places we may visit:

-Ice Cruising – With the strengthened hull of the Silver Explorer, we have the perfect platform to search for walrus and polar bears as we devote at least one day to exploring the pack ice north of Spitsbergen. Conditions permitting, our Expedition Leader may choose to take us out in the Zodiacs for an even closer look.

-Zeipelodden – At the entrance of Palanderbukta we will hike across an Arctic polar desert. Despite the designation as a desert we should see Arctic poppy, purple saxifrage, spider saxifrage and yellow whitlow-grass. We are likely to encounter some Arctic Terns and Arctic Skuas, even reindeer have often been seen in the area.

-Bråsvellbreen – If ice conditions permit, our plan is to venture along the immense Bråsvellbreen, part of the huge Austfonna ice cap. Bråsvellbreen has several waterfalls coming off its top and we will witness awe-inspiring icescapes as we cruise by ship or Zodiac along the longest glacier front in the Northern Hemisphere.

-Alkefjellet – On the northern side of Lomfjordhalvøya (Lomfjord Peninsula) is one of the most dramatic bird cliffs Svalbard has to offer. Depending on ice conditions we will cruise along the cliff with our Zodiacs or by ship. In either case, the view of tens of thousands of Brünnich's Guillemot breeding pairs, Black Guillemots, with the odd Glaucous Gulls and Black-legged Kittiwakes, plus the occasional Arctic fox along a cliff of several kilometres in length make this one outstanding experience. Even if there were no birds, the 100 metre high cliff with its dolerite intrusions in the Permian limestone would make for excellent viewing.

-Liefdefjorden – At the entrance to Liefdefjorden are several smaller island groups. On the Andøyane (Duck Islands) we may encounter polar bears looking for bird's eggs. With our Zodiacs we will circumnavigate several of the islands, always on the lookout for active birdlife –when Arctic Terns circle specific areas it usually is a sign for polar bear presence on the islands. Cruising past majestic red Devonian sandstone mountains we will reach the end of Liefde-fjorden for a Zodiac cruise along the front of two different glaciers: Monacobreen and Seligerbreen. Monacobreen has a 5 kilometre long front and is a good place to look for seals, Black-legged Kittiwakes and Ivory Gulls.

-Hornsund – The southernmost fjord on the rugged west coast of Spitsbergen Island. Jagged mountain peaks tower above glacier-filled bays. Listen for the crash of white thunder as huge chunks of ice fall into the fjord. Amidst floating icebergs jewels, watch for bearded seals, the rare Beluga whale and the king of the Arctic – the polar bear. Sightings are fairly common as the ringed seal, the polar bear's favourite food, breeds in the fjord. The surrounding bird cliffs are home to thousands of pairs of nesting Little Auks. We may visit the Polish research station or the remains of whaling stations and trappers' huts.

#### Day 11 — Longyearbyen, Norway

Following breakfast, disembark the Silver Explorer and transfer to the airport for your charter flight to Oslo.

Expedition highlights and wildlife listed here are possible experiences only and cannot be guaranteed. Your Expedition Leader and Captain will work together to ensure opportunities for adventure and exploration are the best possible, taking into account the prevailing weather, wildlife activity and ice conditions. Expedition Team members scheduled for this voyage are subject to change or cancellation.

#### GEAR UP:

Not sure what to wear while onboard? Visit our shop and gear up. We've got layers to keep you dry and warm, breezy wear to keep you covered and cool, and accessories to keep everything packed up and ready to go. So, no matter the weather, you'll be better prepared for your expedition.

Our Gear Shop has an expert outfitting staff and features all the essentials:

Clothes for all types of weather, boot rentals, accessories and more » Packing List »

Complimentary Parka »

Make sure you get all your essentials today. We offer packages or individual items, for your convenience, and recommend you place orders at least 30 days before your embarkation date.