

Information from the hotel:

NB! Please note that the prices given are valid for 2012 only and are expected to rise by the end of the year.

All activities have minimum and maximum participant restrictions. We will do our best to tailor make a program for you, and can also distribute larger groups over several activities or start times. All tours are subject to change or variation to route due to weather or other factors.

Alternatively, we can do the following for dinner on Thursday:

ARCTIC EVENING IN THE ADVENT VALLEY. (NOK 790,- pr. person)

Assemble at the hotel's entrance. We will be collected here and driven out to our Camp Barentz in Adventdalen, which is located approximately 10 km out of Longyearbyen. Our hosts will serve reindeer soup, bonfire coffee and homemade cake while showing pictures and sharing stories about Svalbard. This is an indoor activity, but we recommend comfortable outdoor clothing and warm shoes as the floor may be cold. Duration approx. 3 hours.

RADISSON BLU POLAR HOTEL SPITSBERGEN

The world's northernmost full service hotel is located in the heart of Longyearbyen. From your restaurant table in Brasseri Nansen you can soak in the panoramic view towards the majestic Hiorth Mountain (Hiorthfjellet), while enjoying an exciting arctic meal and a broad selection of wines.

In the hotel's lobby you will find a stylish lounge where you can relax in front of the fire. Perhaps you will be tempted by to visit the relaxation department and enjoy a warm sauna after a day out in the wilderness? In Barentz Pub we offer simpler meals and a great selection of drinks. Here, in the town's most popular meeting place, you will find an informal rock atmosphere.

The world's northernmost full service hotel

The hotel was opened in March 1995, after the accommodation wing was transported from the former Tråseth Hotel, which was the American's sponsor hotel during the Lillehammer Winter Olympics. The service department of the hotel, where the restaurant and lobby are located, was designed by the polish architect Krystjan Dolatowski, who used Hiorthfjellet in the north as inspiration for the stately ceiling lines, which give the restaurant a nearly sacred atmosphere, and frames the mountains which face guests on arrival. The hotel is centrally located at the end of Longyearbyen's shopping street, with a fantastic view. With all the modern comforts and a high level of service, we will make your stay in the Arctic a very enjoyable experience.

The conference department is well equipped with modern AV equipment and wireless internet. Course leaders have access to printers and the photocopiers.

Radisson Blu Polar Hotel has 94 rooms, consisting of: 42 standard rooms in double, single or twin formation, 25 superior rooms in double, single or twin formation, 26 four-bed apartments and one suite. The apartments have a small kitchen, 1 bedroom with bunk-beds, a double sofa bed in the sitting room, a bathroom with shower and toilet, and are equipped with a television and telephone. The apartments are located in the 'Polar Centre' (Polarsenteret), which is an annex to the hotel, and there is a 30 meters walk from one building to the other.

Superior rooms

If you book one of our superior rooms, or the suite, we guarantee you the best views available from the hotel, an espresso machine, bathrobe and slippers, and the latest edition of the local newspaper, Svalbardposten, in your room. The suite consists of a bedroom, bathroom and living room.

As of January 1st 2008 the hotel became a non-smoking property, and we will not offer any smoking rooms.

100% satisfaction guarantee

We wish for our guests to enjoy every aspect of their stay with us, and the reception is open 24 hours per day, for the convenience of guests. The reception can provide information, book activities etc.

Wireless internet

We provide complimentary wireless internet and a guest computer which is available to guests 24 hours a day.

Brasseri Nansen

Radisson Blu Polar Hotel Spitsbergen's Brasseri Nansen offers a diverse yet enticing à la carte menu, which includes delicious arctic specialties such as seal, whale, arctic char and reindeer. Your gastronomic experience will be framed in the panoramic windows, which provide the town's best view towards Isfjord and the majestic Hiorth Mountain. Seating for approx. 100 guests in the main restaurant, plus function room for private groups.

Brasseri Nansen 2. etage

Our newest restaurant concept, '2. Etage' (2nd Level), was launched in January 2007. Guests at the exclusive new dining room in the Radisson BLU Polar Hotel are seated in stylish surrounds, with views through the hotel. They can look over the town to the Longyear Glacier in the south, or enjoy the imposing heights of Hiorthfjellet to the north. 2. Etage can provide the perfect dining experience for four to ten guests, with specialized menus to excite the most discriminating gourmand.

Barentz Pub &Spiseri

At the Radisson Blu Polar Hotel Spitsbergen you will also find Barentz Pub &Spiseri. The atmosphere is relaxed, and provides an excellent location for meeting with both locals and visitors. Weekends are often busy, with live music on a regular basis. Barentz Pub &Spiseri also tempts you with Italian pizzas, succulent steaks, snacks and tapas, as well as an extensive international beer selection and knowledgeable bartenders behind the fully licensed bar.

SPITSBERGEN DAY TRIPS SUMMER

BOAT TRIP WITH MS LANGØYSUND TO NORDENSKIÖLD GLACIER AND PYRAMIDEN (min. 10, max. 70 participants)

NOK 1.390,- pr. Person. Period: June, July, August, September.

We set a course to the North-East towards Billefjorden. During the trip we will pass the cathedral-like Temple Mountain. A hot lunch will be served before we disembark in the Russian mining town of Pyramiden, which was abandoned in 1998, where we will have a guided tour. On the way home we will come close to the face of the powerful Nordenskiöld Glacier, and pass Skansebukta and Bruce town, where we can see relics from a Scottish mining venture. We will also see Svenskehuset (The Swedish House) on KappThorsen and the bird mountain at Diabas. We recommend good woollen underwear with warm and windproof outerwear. A scarf, mittens and warm headwear are necessary.

Duration 9 – 10 hours.

BOAT TRIP WITH MS LANGØYSUND TO TEMPELFJORDEN (min. 10,max. 70 participants)

NOK 1.090,- pr. person) Period: June, July, August, September.

An evening trip into Sassenfjorden, where we will enjoy panoramic views towards the Temple Mountain and the Tuna and Von Post Glaciers. This is Hilmar Nøis' realm. Nøis was called the King of Sassen Bay after he spent countless winters at the trapping station of Fredheim. Listen to the guide's exciting tales of survival while being served warm food from our barbecue. We recommend good woollen underwear with warm and windproof outerwear. A scarf, mittens and warm headwear are necessary.

Duration approx. 6 hours.

KAYAK TRIP TO HIORTHAMN (min. 6, max. 12 participants)

NOK 930,- pr. Person. Period: Approx. June – October 1st

Participants will be collected from the hotel. In sturdy double kayaks we will paddle over the Advent Fjord to Hiorthhamn, where we can see the remains of an early mining settlement. The kayaks keep us close to the elements, and if we are lucky will see birds and seals. The paddling is mostly near land, and you do not need to have paddled before, as a briefing will be given when the tour starts. Warm lunch will be served. We recommend woollen underwear with warm, wind proof outerwear. We will be equipped with watertight flotation suits, boots and life vests.

Duration approx. 8 hours.

ISFJORD SAFARI TO FUGLEFJELLA AND HIORTHAMN (min. 6,max. 33 participants)

NOK 670,- pr.person. Period: June, July, August, September.

Assemble in front of the hotel's entrance. We power out through Isfjord warmly dressed and equipped with flotation suits in an open, reliable 22 foot Polar Circle boat. We pass Bjørndalen and near Fuglefjella (Bird Mountain) where there are thousands of nesting seabirds (June and July). The trip then continues towards the abandoned mining town, Grumant, before we set a course for Advent City and Hiorthhamn. We will share in fascinating stories from the old mining days, and see the remains of the constructions from the early 1900s. The guides will serve warm drinks on land. This tour is not recommended for persons with back problems. We recommend wearing wool underwear, warm clothes, solid shoes, windproof headwear and gloves. Flotation suits are supplied.

Duration approx. 3 hours.

ISFJORD SAFARI TO THE VON POST GLACIER (min. 6,max. 33 participants)

NOK 1.050,- pr. Person. Period: June, July, August, September.

Assemble in front of the hotel's entrance. We head out through Isfjord in an open 22 foot Polar Circle boat, warmly dressed and equipped with flotation suits. Our first stop is by the teeming bird cliff, Diabas, before we set a course for the Sassenfjord and stop by Fredheim, trapping station of the King of Sassen, Hilmar Nøis. The guide will tell us about Nøis and the life of a hunter on Svalbard, before we cross the fjord and disembark at Bjonehamna, right under the impressive Temple Mountain. Here we will soak in the magnificent nature while our guide serves an expedition lunch. This tour is not recommended for persons with back problems. We recommend wearing wool underwear, warm clothes, solid shoes, windproof headwear and gloves. Flotation suits are supplied.

Duration approx. 6 hours.

HIKE TO PLATÅFJELLET (min. 6,max. 25 participants)

NOK 395,- pr. person. Period: Approx. June 10th – October 1st

Assemble in front of the hotel's entrance. We will climb the 'Plateau Mountain' (424 m over sea level). After a continuously steep climb we arrive at the top of the plateau, where we have a panoramic view over Longyearbyen, Advent Valley and parts of the Isfjord. Here we will be served biscuits and refreshing drink. The tour leaders will tell us about the area's history and show us what remains today from the coal mining pioneers. The hike ends at the church, and participants can either make their way back to the hotel or walk into town. Transport to the hotel can be ordered. This walk requires the participants to be in good shape, as the hike up to the plateau is steep. We recommend woollen underwear, warm and windproof outerwear, and hiking boots/shoes with good ankle support, as well as warm headwear, a scarf and mittens.

Duration approx. 3 hours.

HIKE TO TROLLSTEINEN OVER THE LARS GLACIER (min. 6, max. 16 participants)

NOK 590,- pr. person. Period: Approx. June 25th – October 1st

Assemble in front of the hotel's entrance. Our trip begins in Nybyen, and combines hiking with glacier crossing. We cross the river before heading up through the moraine country and onto the Lars Glacier. Hiking across this glacier is easy, and the use of safety ropes is not necessary. By Trollsteinen (849 m above sea level) we will enjoy a well-deserved lunch and soak in the view over Nordenskiöld Land. The hike is relatively demanding, as it covers steep, rugged terrain, and you should be in good physical condition. We recommend woollen underwear, windproof outerwear, mountain boots/shoes with good ankle support as well as a scarf, warm headwear and mittens.

Duration approx. 6 hours.

ENDALEN – IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MINERS (min. 6, max 20 participants)

NOK 395,- pr. person. Period: Approx. June 1st – October 1st

We drive to Endalen, west of Longyearbyen, where our guide will lead us on a hike into the valley. Endalen has a rich mining history, and Gruve 5, 'Kongegruva' (Mine Number 5 'The King Mine'), can be seen up on the mountainside as we explore the area. There is a good chance of seeing Svalbard reindeer in this area, and 'Isdammen', the ice dam, is often alive with visiting birdlife during the summer. This is a light to moderate hike which is suitable for most people. There are some stretches of off-road track and rugged terrain. We recommend wearing woollen underwear, warm and windproof outerwear, hiking boots/shoes with good ankle support, a scarf, warm headwear and mittens.

Duration approx. 3 hours.

FOSSIL HUNTING WITH PACK DOGS AT THE FOOT OF THE LONGYEAR GLACIER (min. 6, max 20 participants)

NOK 350,- pr. person). Period: June 1st – October 1st

Assemble at the hotel's entrance. This excursion begins with pick up from your hotel and transport to the top of Nybyen, where we meet the friendly Greenland Huskie who will keep us company during our trip. We continue on foot via the Gruve 4 mine towards the Longyear Glacier, where we will search for 40-60 million year old plant fossils. At the moraine tour members can find their own fossils which they are allowed to take home as souvenirs. We will be there for a fair time but will also take a break for hot drinks and biscuits. This is a short hike, but is not recommended for people who have difficulty walking, as the terrain is demanding and there are streams which must be crossed. We recommend hiking boots, wind/waterproof clothing as well as warm headwear and mittens.

Duration approx. 3 hours.

DOG SLEDDING ON WHEELS (min. 6, max 12 participants)

NOK 890,- pr. Person. Period: Approx. June – October 1st

Assemble at the hotel's entrance. Join us for a fascinating trip through Svalbard's summer scenery. We will drive with small wagons on the road, 2 and 2 on each wagon, and with a team of happy polar dogs in front. This is as close as you can get to dogsledding at summertime. Everybody will have the opportunity to drive the wagon, and no advance knowledge is necessary. This is an amazing experience where you get close to the nature and our strong, beautiful and friendly polar dogs.

Duration approx.. 4 hours.

HIKING ACROSS FOXFONNA GLACIER (min. 6,max 12 participants).

NOK 590,- pr. Person. Period: Approx. July 1st – October 1st

Assemble at the hotel's entrance. The tour starts on Breinosa 550 m.a.s. with a nice view over Adventdalen, Isfjorden and the mountains around. We shall cross a glacier (Foxbreen) and the moraine on our tour to Foxdalen, where we will be served hot drinks and simple lunch at a trapper station. Afterwards we will walk the lowland back to the road. The path up is somewhat rugged and at times steep, so participants are required to have experience with hiking in difficult terrain. We recommend woollen underwear, warm and windproof outerwear, hiking boots/shoes with good ankle support, as well as warm headwear, a scarf and mittens.

Duration approx.6 hours.

A CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL MEETING WITH LONGYEARBYEN (min. 10,max 55 participants)

Prices on request. Period: all year round.

Assemble in front of the hotel's entrance. Your guide will have a wealth of local knowledge, and will take you through Longyearbyen while discussing the town's exciting history. During the tour you will visit Svalbard Museum and Galleri Svalbard. Subjects that will be covered include history, geology, flora, fauna and today's community. Svalbard Museum is a natural, cultural and historical museum which presents glimpses at over 400 years of Svalbard's history. Galleri Svalbard is home to over 40 original works by the artist Kåre Tveter, known for his skill in capturing light, as well as a unique collection of antiquarian maps, books with cultural or historical connections to Svalbard and a great film of Svalbard's seasons. This is an indoor activity, and the sightseeing through Longyearbyen takes place in a bus.

Duration approx.3 hours.

HIKE TO SARKOFAGEN (min. 6, max 20 participants)

NOK 495,- pr. person. Period: Approx. June 25th – October 1st

Assemble at the hotel's entrance. The hike starts in Nybyen, where we cross the river and carry on up through the moraine. On the way up the 'Sarcophagus' we can enjoy the spectacular outlook over Longyearbyen and Isfjorden. Warm drinks will be served here. The path up is somewhat rugged and at times steep, so participants are required to have experience with hiking in difficult terrain. We recommend woollen underwear, warm and windproof outerwear, hiking boots/shoes with good ankle support, as well as warm headwear, a scarf and mittens.

Duration approx. 4 hours.

JOURNEY ALONG BURMA ROAD (min. 6, max 20 participants)

NOK 395,- pr. Person. Period: Approx. June 1st – November 1st

We meet in front of the hotel. Transport to the coal purification plant where the walk starts. We will make our way along the Burma Road, and the guide will explain the history of the road and its surrounds. By the side of the road we will see the old cable way, which was used to transport coal to the harbour until 1987, when lorries took over. From Burma Road we will have a fantastic view towards the Adventfjord and Hiorthhamn. The tour concludes by 'Taubanesentralen', the central station in the cable way system. The church is open, and participants are welcome to visit by themselves. Warm drinks and biscuits will be served during the tour. Take your camera and binoculars. This is an easy walk, and can be enjoyed by nearly everyone. We recommend woolen underwear, with a layer of fleece or wool over, and outerwear which is windproof. Good hiking shoes, warm headwear, gloves/mittens and a scarf are also recommended.

Duration approx. 2,5 hours.

WILDERNESS EVENING IN THE VALLEY OF BOLTERDALEN

(min. 10, max 90 participants, NOK 720,- pr. person) Period: All year round.

Assemble at the hotel's entrance. We will be collected here and driven out to Bolterdalen, which is located approximately 10 km out of Longyearbyen. Our hosts will serve reindeer soup, bonfire coffee and homemade cake while showing pictures and sharing stories about Svalbard from their many years of experience. This is an indoor activity, but we recommend comfortable outdoor clothing and warm shoes as the floor may be cold.

Duration approx. 3 hours.

LECTURE: THE HISTORY OF SVALBARD Price NOK 3.500,-

Stories and pictures. Duration approx. 60 minutes.

LECTURE: THE EXPEDITION OF SALOMON ANDRÉE Price: NOK 3.500,-

An exciting tale of polar heroes and death on Kvitøya. Stories and pictures. Duration approx. 60 minutes.

LECTURE: TRAPPING ON SVALBARD Price: NOK 3.500,-

Spend the winter with the trappers on Svalbard! Stories and pictures. Duration approx. 60 minutes.

ONE YEAR IN THE ARCTIC Price NOK 3.500,-

Follow the light and life one year in the nature of Svalbard. Stories and pictures. Duration approx. 60 minutes.

NORTHERN LIGHT LECTURE Price: NOK 3.500,-

The Northern Light, or Aurora Borealis, is a magnificent visual signature from the source that makes all life possible – the sun. The particles that radiate from the sun, the solar winds and the earth's atmosphere intertwine and create this fantastic phenomenon. We focus on the Northern Light that can be seen on the Svalbard sky up to 24 hours a day during the dark season. Duration approx. 60 minutes.

LECTURE: DAILY LIFE IN LONGYEARBYEN Price NOK 3.500,-

What is it like to live on Svalbard? History and present told by stories and pictures. Duration approx. 60 minutes.

TUNDRA LUNCH WITH TUNDRA GAMES (min.10, max 72 participants)

Price: NOK 650,- pr. person. Period: all year round.

A two-course Arctic lunch is served in our lavvo tent, and there will be fun and games after the meal. We sit on wooden benches covered with reindeer skins, and the lavvo is lit up by candles and a warm fire. The menu changes by season and access to raw materials. Cooperation with local suppliers ensures fresh and local ingredients. Tundra Games are different activities in and around the tent, and we use both muscle and brain. The games are related to Svalbard, and are combined with traditional challenges such as tug of war and bow & arrow. The winning team is declared when we enjoy coffee made on the open fire. Duration approx. 3 hours.

TUNDRA EVENING WITH TUNDRA GAMES (min.10, max 72 participants)

Price: NOK 1.200,- pr. person. Period: all year round.

A three-course dinner is served in our lavvo tent, and there will be fun and games after the meal. We sit on wooden benches covered with reindeer skins, and the lavvo is lit up by candles and a warm fire. The menu changes by season and access to raw materials. Cooperation with local suppliers ensures fresh and local ingredients. Tundra Games are different activities in and around the tent, and we use both muscle and brain. The games are related to Svalbard, and are combined with traditional challenges such as tug of war and bow & arrow. The winning team is declared when we enjoy coffee made on the open fire.
Duration approx. 4 hours

GRILL EVENING WITH TUNDRA GAMES (min.10, max 72 participants)

Price: NOK 900,- pr. person. Period: all year round.

This is a culinary evening where we are served an Arctic barbecue menu. There will be fun and games after the meal. We sit on wooden benches covered with reindeer skins, and the lavvo tent is lit up by candles and a warm fire. The menu changes by season and access to raw materials. Cooperation with local suppliers ensures fresh and local ingredients. Tundra Games are different activities in and around the tent, and we use both muscle and brain. The games are related to Svalbard, and are combined with traditional challenges such as tug of war and bow & arrow. The winning team is declared when we enjoy coffee made on the open fire.
Duration approx. 4 hours

TUNDRA EVENING WITH MUSIC QUIZ (min.10, max 72 participants)

Price: NOK 1.350,- pr. person. Period: all year round.

This is a culinary evening where we are served a three-course menu with Arctic samples from the northern hemisphere. There will be fun and games after the meal. We sit on wooden benches covered with reindeer skins, and the lavvo tent is lit up by candles and a warm fire. The menu changes by season and access to raw materials. Cooperation with local suppliers ensures fresh and local ingredients. In addition to serving an Arctic meal, we participate in a Music Quiz in which a live troubadour presents questions from the 60's and up till today. After a theoretical part, we do a practical part where we try to loosen up a little. This is a quiz which is suitable for people of all ages. The winning team is declared when we enjoy coffee made on the open fire.
Duration approx. 5 hours

GRILL EVENING WITH MUSIC QUIZ (min.10, max 72 participants)

Price: NOK 1.050,- pr. person. Period: all year round.

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