



# Voyages of The Svalbard Express

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Sail the mainland Norwegian coast across the Arctic Circle to reach the Svalbard archipelago at the top of the world.

#### **Nature runs the show**

Though we always do our utmost to stick to our itinerary, the weather on the Norwegian coast and in Svalbard sometimes has other plans.

When the water is too choppy or the sea ice is too thick, your safety comes first, every time. That's the case even if it means we have to change our itinerary or cancel onshore excursions at the last minute.

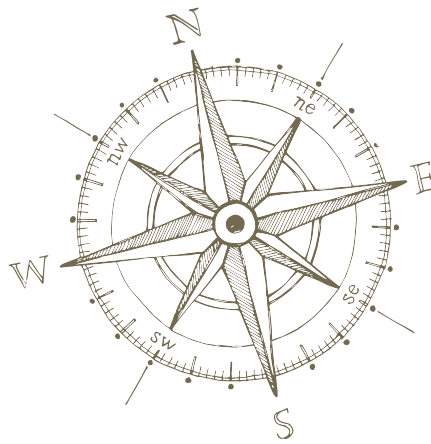
#### **To bear in mind**

Just like the weather, we can't control what wildlife you get to see on your voyage with us. A lot depends on the season, migration patterns, and luck.

Nature and wildlife on the Norwegian coast and Svalbard are unpredictable, but really, that's what makes the surprise encounters all the more special.



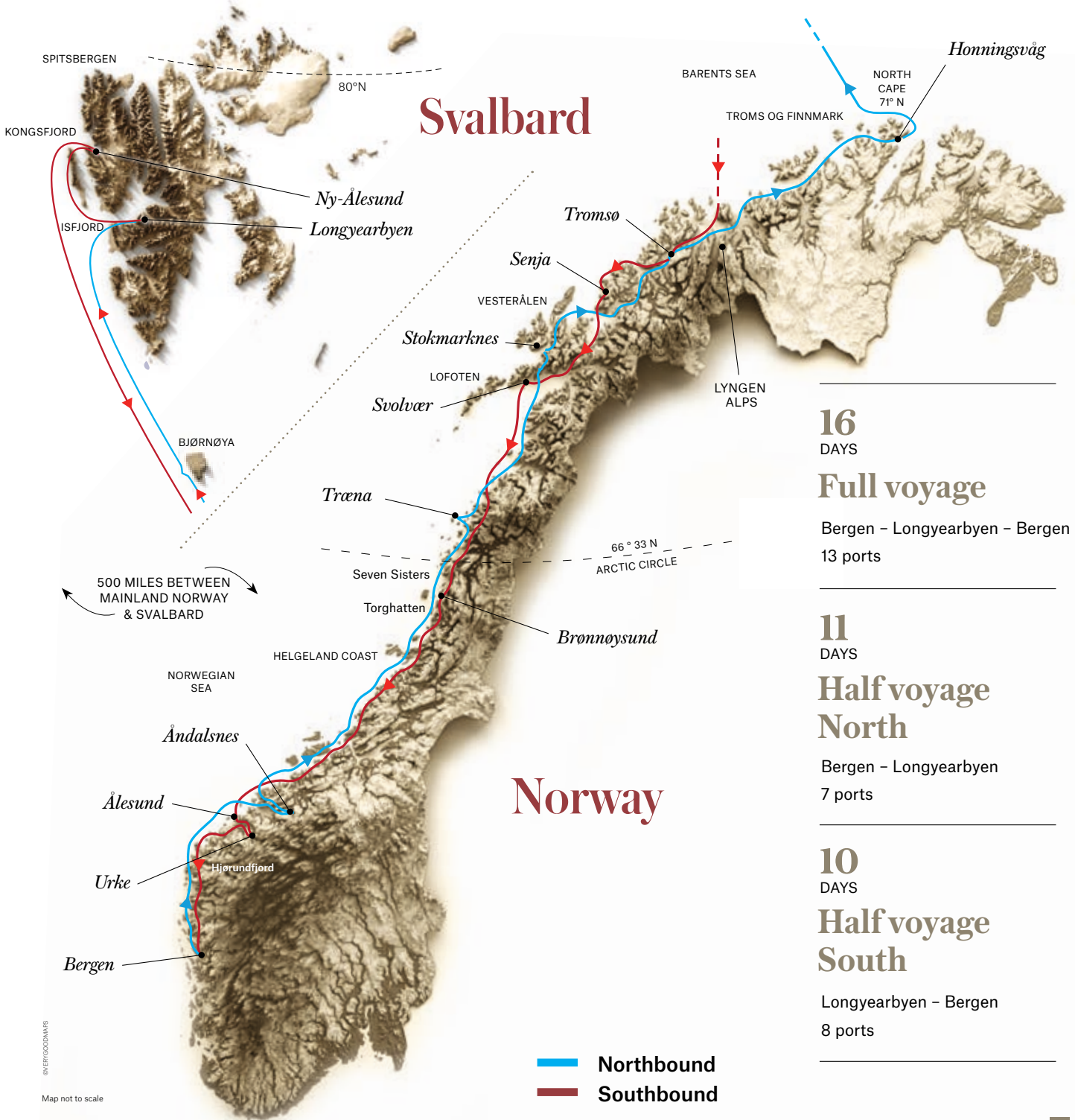
# The Svalbard Express



Sailing in summer and autumn

Average of 6 hours in port

30+ optional seasonal excursions



**16**  
DAYS  
**Full voyage**  
Bergen - Longyearbyen - Bergen  
13 ports

**11**  
DAYS  
**Half voyage North**  
Bergen - Longyearbyen  
7 ports

**10**  
DAYS  
**Half voyage South**  
Longyearbyen - Bergen  
8 ports

**Northbound**  
**Southbound**

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# 16

DAYS

Bergen – Longyearbyen – Bergen

13 ports

30+ optional excursions

Departure dates 2024:  
May 3, May 17, May 31; Jun 14,  
Jun 28; Jul 12, Jul 26; Aug 9,  
Aug 23; Sept 6

# The Svalbard Express – full voyage

Embark on a sailing deep into the Arctic Circle to the last town before the North Pole, painted in the 24-hour light of summer's Midnight Sun.



Åndalsnes

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## Day 1 | Bergen

Fly to Norway from the UK to arrive at its second largest city: beautiful Bergen on the west coast. Check in to your hotel before going on a wander around the city center. One night in a centrally located four-star hotel.

## Day 2 | Bergen

Have breakfast at the hotel and spend the morning exploring Bergen at your leisure before boarding MS Trollfjord for your Svalbard Express voyage.  
*Depart: 2:30pm*

## Day 3 | Åndalsnes

This alpine village is Norway's mountaineering capital thanks to its location at the foot of beautiful mountains along Isfjord and Romsdalsfjord.

*Time in port: 5.5 hours*

## Day 4 | Træna

An archipelago along the Helgeland coast, Træna is home to one of Norway's oldest fishing villages as well as a large population of Sea Eagles.

*Time in port: 4 hours*

## Day 5 | Stokmarknes

This port in the Vesterålen archipelago is our birthplace. The Hurtigruten Museum features our retired ship from 1956, allowing you to literally walk through our history.

*Time in port: 4.5 hours*

## Day 6 | Tromsø

Tromsø is the historic and modern-day jewel of the Arctic, boasting top restaurants and the world's northernmost university.

*Time in port: 10 hours*

## Day 7 | Honningsvåg

Welcome to the gateway to North Cape. At 71°N, it is the famed northernmost point of the European continent, marked by a cliff-top globe monument.

*Time in port: 8 hours*

## Day 8 | At sea

Relax in MS Trollfjord's two-storey panorama lounge or on its large outdoor sundeck while taking in views of the isolated island of Bjørnøya in the middle of the Barents Sea.



### Day 9 | Longyearbyen

Arriving at this thriving Arctic frontier town, nestled by a fjord and surrounded by lush green and brown mountains, you've reached the edge of the world.

*Time in port: 6 hours*



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### Day 10 | Ny-Ålesund

See Kongsfjord, scan for Svalbard wildlife like reindeer, walrus, and perhaps even polar bears, as we sail to Ny-Ålesund, a climate research centre in a former coal mine town.

*Time in port: 4 hours*

### Day 11 | At sea

The ship turns south to head back to the Norwegian mainland. Enjoy lectures and activities from your Coastal Experience Team, such as photography classes and arts and crafts sessions.

### Day 12 | Tromsø and Senja

Calling back at Tromsø briefly, we'll continue to the island of Senja. Its varied landscapes place it in CNN's ranking of the top ten most beautiful islands in the world.

*Time in port: Tromsø: 1 hour*

*Senja: 3 hours*

### Day 13 | Svolvær

A bustling town at the heart of the breathtaking Lofoten islands, it is the ideal base for exploring more of the archipelago and surrounding coastal villages.

*Time in port: 8 hours*

### Day 14 | Brønnøysund

This stretch of the Norwegian coast, called Helgeland, is known for the UNESCO-listed Vega archipelago and for its distinctive mountains which have inspired local tales of trolls.

*Time in port: 4 hours*

### Day 15 | Ålesund and Urke

A quick stop at Ålesund and we head into jaw-dropping Hjørundfjord in the midst of the Sunnmøre Alps. At the heart of the fjord is the little village of Urke.

*Time in port: Ålesund: 2.5 hours*

*Urke: 1 hour*

### Day 16 | Bergen

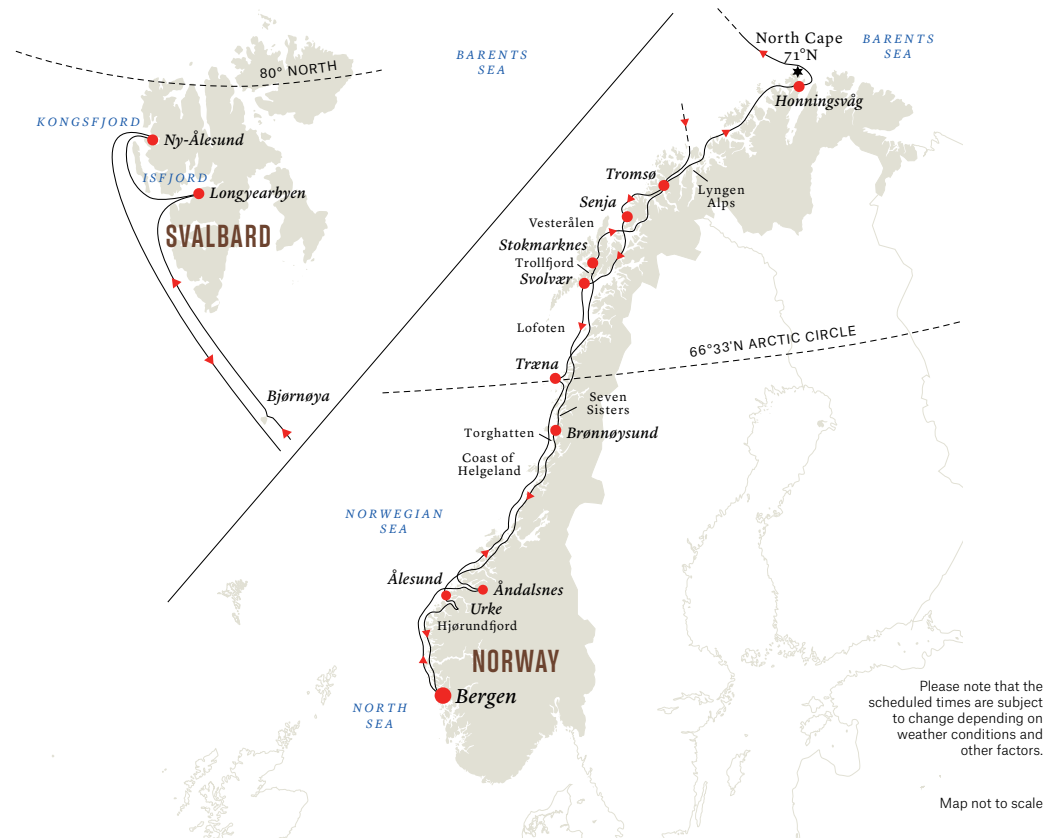
You return to Bergen in the morning, bringing back special memories of crossing the Arctic Circle and sailing to the edge of the world in Svalbard.

*Arrive: 7am*



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# The Svalbard Express – half voyages

You have the option to just do the northbound or southbound stretch of the full voyage. Either way, you'll spend two nights in Longyearbyen with two exciting inclusive excursions.

## 11

DAYS

Bergen – Longyearbyen

7 ports

16 optional excursions

Sailings in 2024:

May 3, May 17, May 31;  
 Jun 14, Jun 28; Jul 12, Jul 26;  
 Aug 9, Aug 23; Sept 6

## The Svalbard Express – northbound

Sail the route from Bergen, hugging the Helgeland coast and admiring the Vesterålen archipelago on your way to Svalbard via isolated Bjørnøya. Once in Longyearbyen, spend two nights experiencing life on the Arctic frontier. In Longyearbyen, you'll have two included excursions.

The first brings you out to Camp Barentz, nestled at the foot of Breinosa mountain where you'll have dinner in a cosy wooden cabin. The next day, you'll board hybrid electric catamaran MS Bard for a day's tour on the water at Billefjord.

### Itinerary

- Day 1 | Bergen
- Day 2 | Bergen
- Day 3 | Åndalsnes
- Day 4 | Træna
- Day 5 | Stokmarknes
- Day 6 | Tromsø
- Day 7 | Honningsvåg
- Day 8 | At sea
- Day 9 | Longyearbyen
- Day 10 | Longyearbyen

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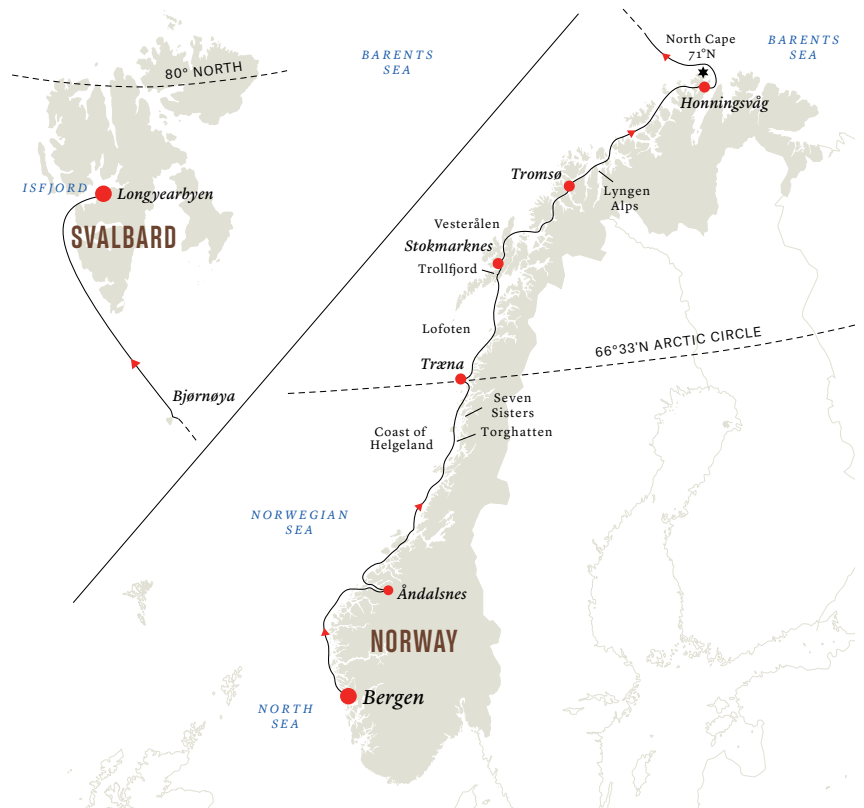
Longyearbyen

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Admiring Svalbard's scenery

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Senja

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# 10

DAYS

Longyearbyen – Bergen

9 ports

15 optional summer excursions

Sailings in 2024:

May 9, May 23; Jun 6, Jun 20;  
Jul 4, Jul 18; Aug 1, Aug 15,  
Aug 29; Sept 12

## The Svalbard Express – southbound

Start your Svalbard Express experience in Longyearbyen. A hearty dinner at Camp Barentz on the first evening is your perfect welcome to Svalbard, with endless daylight to admire the surrounding mountains.

Your second inclusive excursion is a cruise to Billefjord and Nordenskiöld glacier aboard a silent, hybrid-electric catamaran.

From Longyearbyen, MS Trollfjord will bring you north to former coal mine now research settlement, Ny-Ålesund. It'll then be the southern leg of The Svalbard Express – full voyage, calling at Tromsø, the idyllic island of Senja, beautiful Lofoten, the Helgeland coast, and the original Ålesund down to the city of Bergen.

### Itinerary

- Day 1 | Longyearbyen
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- Day 3 | Longyearbyen
- Day 4 | Ny-Ålesund
- Day 5 | At sea
- Day 6 | Tromsø and Senja
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Catamaran to Billefjord

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# Excursions on The Svalbard Express

Pre-book special summer experiences that will immerse you in the nature, culture, and history Norway is so famous for.

## Summer fun

Traveling Norway and Svalbard in summer gives you the opportunity to enjoy excursions that make the most of the long, leisurely days of the Midnight Sun.

Why not go dog sledding on a wheeled sled or go stand-up paddleboarding on a river surrounded by mountain peaks? Laid-back, scenic bus tours will introduce you to lush valleys, dramatic mountains, stunning fjords, sandy beaches, and pretty villages.

## Giving back

Through optional excursions, you're not only supporting the local community, but you're also getting a truly authentic experience. These local suppliers have a wealth of knowledge about the area, and they're passionate about sharing their expertise and unique offerings with visitors like you.

Your visits and bookings help to preserve the local culture and heritage, while also enjoying the warm hospitality and personal touch that only locals can provide. It feels great to know that your support directly benefits the people who call this beautiful place home.



Arctic Cathedral, Tromsø

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## The right fit

Our diverse excursions cater not just for varied interests but also for different mobility levels, so you can choose the activity that's right for you.

<b>Level 1</b>	Easy	Suitable for most guests
<b>Level 2</b>	Moderate	Some mobility needed
<b>Level 3</b>	Active	Good mobility needed
<b>Level 4</b>	Challenging	Good mobility and fitness needed



Kayaking

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