

Edgeøya, Svalbard, Norway

Svalbard's third-largest island is one of the Arctic's last true frontiers — no roads, no residents, no infrastructure. Just polar bears, walrus colonies, ancient Pomor ruins, and the profound silence of the high Arctic.

- Zodiac landing (no pier)
- Typical call: 4-6 hrs
- No currency needed ashore
- Norwegian / no local services
- Expedition cruises only

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Zodiac / wet landing only — no pier or dock exists

Best For: Polar bears, walrus, Svalbard reindeer, Pomor history

Walk to center: No town — landings at wilderness sites (Kapp Lee, Diskobukta)

Don't Miss: Walrus haul-out at Kapp Lee; kittiwake canyon at Diskobukta

Getting around: **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kapp Lee Walrus Haul-Out** — The northwest coast of Edgeøya hosts one of Svalbard's most reliable walrus colonies.
- Diskobukta Kittiwake Canyon** — A narrow gorge on the west coast where thousands of Black-legged Kittiwakes nest on sheer cliffs — the noise is extraordinary.
- Pomor Station Ruins** — Russian Pomor hunters from the White Sea worked Edgeøya as early as the 1600s.
- Polar Bear & Reindeer Tundra Walk** — Edgeøya is one of the most important polar bear denning areas in Svalbard.
- Freemansundet Strait Zodiac Cruise** — The narrow waterway between Edgeøya and Barentsøya is prime polar bear territory — bears walk the shoreline and rest on ice floes.

BEST WALKS

- Kapp Lee Beach & Bone Field** Easy | ~1-2 km | Gravel beach and tundra — From the Zodiac landing at Kapp Lee, walk the gravel beach toward the walrus haul-out (keeping required distance), then inland past bleached whale bones and Pomor cabin...
- Diskobukta Gorge Walk** Moderate | ~2-3 km | Rocky gorge approach — From the beach landing, follow the expedition guide into the canyon where kittiwakes nest in deafening numbers overhead.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		16°	8°	7d
Jun		35°	31°	6d
Aug		40°	35°	9d
Sep		35°	30°	11d
Oct		28°	21°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Sep 5:12AM–7:30PM · Oct 8:54AM–3:32PM

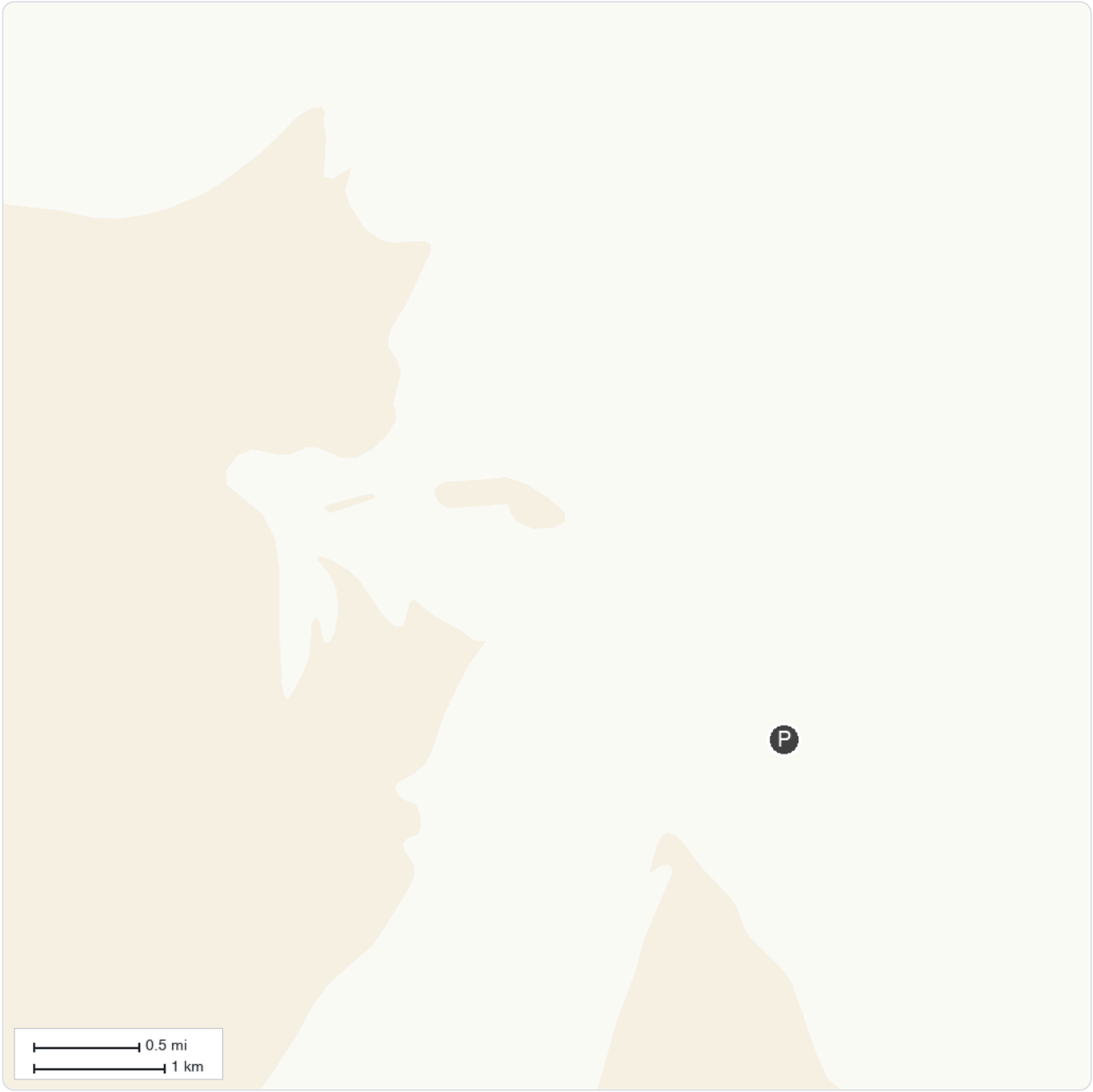
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rubber boots are non-negotiable. Knee-high waterproof boots are required for every wet landing. Most expedition ships provide them — confirm before departure or pack your own Muck Boot-style boots.
- Bears are real, not a backdrop. Armed guides maintain a perimeter at all times. Follow guide instructions without question. Never wander outside the group.
- Layer aggressively. Summer temperatures hover around 0–5°C (32–41°F) with wind and sea spray. Waterproof outer shell, fleece mid-layer, and merino base are standard. A balaclava and waterproof gloves are worth the bag space.
- Bring a dry bag for your camera. Zodiac spray will soak unprotected gear. A telephoto lens (200mm+) lets you photograph walrus and bears at the required safe distances.
- No food ashore — ever. Svalbard regulations prohibit bringing food onto the island to avoid attracting polar bears and introducing foreign material. All meals are onboard.
- Biosecurity boot scrub is mandatory. Before landing and after returning, scrub boots in the ship's disinfectant bath to prevent spreading invasive species or avian flu between sites.

Edgeøya, Svalbard, Norway — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



P Cruise port / terminal