

Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

Halfway between mainland Norway and the North Pole, Longyearbyen is a former coal-mining settlement turned Arctic adventure hub — where polar bears roam the mountains and the sun never sets in summer.

 Docked (most ships) / Tender (when busy)

 Typical call: 7-10 hrs

 Norwegian Krone (NOK) — fully cashless

 Norwegian

 Polar bear country

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Bykaia cruise pier; tender when port is full

Walk to center: 1.5 km (15–20 min) from Bykaia pier

Best For: Arctic wildlife, expedition history, unique shopping

Don't Miss: Svalbard Museum and the polar bear warning signs

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ 150–200 NOK (short ride) · 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Coal Mine No. 3 Tour** — Don overalls and a hard hat to crawl into Gruve 3, a preserved Norwegian coal mine (operated 1971–1996 by Store Norske).
- **Arctic Fjord RIB Boat Tour** — Blast across Adventfjorden in an inflatable speedboat to spot walruses, puffins, beluga whales, and glaciers calving...
- **Summer Dog Sledding (Wheeled Cart)** — No snow in summer? No problem.
- **Global Seed Vault Visit** — Trek out to the famous concrete portal built into the permafrost to safeguard the world's crop seeds.
- **Polar Bear & Arctic Wildlife Safari** — Guided snowmobile or boat expedition into the wilderness in search of polar bears, reindeer, Arctic foxes, and seabirds.

BEST WALKS

- **Pier to Town & Museum Loop** 3.5 km round-trip | 1–2 hrs | Flat & paved — Walk from Bykaia pier along the harbor road into the town center.
- **Church & Harbor Stroll** 2 km | 45 min | Flat — From the town center, walk up the short hill to Svalbard Church — take your shoes off inside and enjoy a free coffee.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	20°	12°	8d
Jun	40°	36°	7d
Aug	46°	41°	11d
Sep	39°	32°	13d
Oct	29°	22°	10d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Sep 5:39AM–8:01PM · Oct 9:28AM–3:54PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Polar bear signs = hard boundary. Red-bordered polar bear road signs mark where you must not walk without an armed guide. The town center is safe; the mountains and roads out of...
- Take off your shoes. The local tradition (from coal-mining days) requires removing outdoor shoes when entering the church.

Longyearbyen, 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.



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| 1 North Pole Expedition Museum | Museum showcasing historic North Pole expeditions and their pioneers. | 2 Gruve 3 | Historic coal mine offering guided tours into its tunnels. |
| 3 Svalbard Husky AS | Dog sledding company offering husky tours and puppy visits. | 4 Svalbard Kirke | World's northernmost church, a welcoming community landmark. |
| 5 Polar Bear Sign | Iconic sign warning visitors about polar bears outside town. | P Cruise port / terminal | |