

Pyramiden, Svalbard, Norway

A Soviet utopia abandoned overnight. Pyramiden is a ghost town frozen in 1998, where Lenin still gazes out over a calving glacier and thousands of kittiwakes have colonized the windows.

 Tender only (Zodiac/ship tender)

 Typical call: 4-6 hrs

 Norwegian Krone (NOK) — bring cash

 Russian (staff), Norwegian (context)

 Polar bear country — guided only

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender/Zodiac — ships anchor in Adolfbukta (Adolf Bay)

Walk to town: ~1.5 km (0.9 mi) flat gravel road from landing pier

Best For: History, Arctic exploration, Soviet-era photography

Don't Miss: The Lenin bust overlooking Nordenskiöld Glacier

 Getting around: 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Soviet Ghost Town Guided Walk** — The main event.
- **Kittiwake Colony & Bottle House** — One apartment block (nicknamed 'The London House') has been taken over by thousands of nesting Black-legged Kittiwakes...
- **Nordenskiöld Glacier Views** — The glacier visible from town is one of Svalbard's most dramatic — you can often hear calving from the main plaza.
- **Pyramiden Hotel Bar & Postcard** — The only fully renovated building in town.

BEST WALKS

- **Pier to Town Center** 1.5 km • Flat gravel • Guided only — Walk the main road from Kola Pier into the heart of the settlement, passing the Soviet-era apartment blocks and arriving at the...
- **Town Center to Pyramiden Sign** 0.5 km • Flat • Guided — Short walk to the Pyramiden entrance monument — a metal pyramid sculpture and polar bear statue.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		16°	9°	15d
Jun		34°	26°	16d
Aug		41°	32°	19d
Sep		33°	25°	17d
Oct		20°	13°	16d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 3:42AM–9:58PM · Sep 5:32AM–8:01PM · Oct 8:24AM–4:30PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring Norwegian Krone (NOK) cash. Due to international sanctions on the Russian operator, credit cards frequently fail at the hotel bar and gift shop.
- Never leave your guide. Polar bears are active throughout Svalbard. Straying from the group is illegal and genuinely life-threatening.
- Dress for Arctic conditions even in summer. Even July can bring wind, fog, and near-freezing temps. Waterproof layers, gloves.