

CHRISTMAS IN THE POLAR NIGHT

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DAY 1: DECEMBER 23: WELCOME TO LONGYEARBYEN!

Arrive at Longyear Airport in Svalbard followed by a shuttle transfer to your accommodation in Longyearbyen. At the rustic yet modern Basecamp Hotel, the reception staff will help you get familiar with the town by giving you a map and booking a lunch reservation for you. Then prepare for your wilderness adventures by relaxing in the glass-roofed lounge looking up at the sky filled with stars – and maybe even northern lights – or by losing yourself in the stories of the arctic explorers.

In the evening, you will be picked up at the hotel for an evening at Basecamp Trapper's Station in Bolterdalen, about 10 km outside of town. As you ride out of town, the artificial lights will fade, with only the big mountains and dark sky surrounding you. If you're lucky, the northern lights will follow you to Trapper's Station, where dinner will be served.

Return to Basecamp Hotel in the evening.

HIGHLIGHTS: Longyearbyen - Northern lights - Trapper's Station

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DAY 2: DECEMBER 24: SNOWMOBILE SAFARI & CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

Christmas Eve is an exciting day, when Santa leaves his North Pole home to visit families around the world. Meanwhile in Longyearbyen, you can get a peek at Santa's hideway by taking a walk up to Mine 2, known as "The Home of Father Christmas". Later you will join a guided snowmobile excursion with interesting stops along the way, during which you'll be able to switch off the engine to fully experience the tranquil solitude of the arctic wilderness. If conditions are right, you might get to see some northern lights as well.

After returning to town you can join the afternoon Christmas service or just relax and get dressed up for your festive Christmas Eve dinner in the evening, served at Restaurant Polfarer. If you're lucky, Santa might drop in before he sets out for his big tour around the world!

Spend the night at Basecamp Hotel.

HIGHLIGHTS: Longyearbyen - Northern lights - Trapper's Station

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DAY 3: DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DOG-SLEDDING ADVENTURE

Get ready for a thrilling dog-sledding experience on Christmas Day! After breakfast, you will be provided with warm outerwear and then driven to the kennel where 90 Alaskan Huskies eagerly await to dash across the snow. You will learn how to harness and control your team of dogs (with 2 guests sharing a sledge, taking turns driving) and then off you go. Out in the Polar Night, the only sound you will hear is the mushing of paws and the sledge scraping against the snow.

Back at Trapper's Station the guide will put the dogs back into their houses and then you'll enjoy a bonfire lunch outside under the stars. You will be back to the hotel in Longyearbyen in the early afternoon, with time to relax before your Christmas dinner at Restaurant Huset.

Spend the night at Basecamp Hotel.

HIGHLIGHTS: Longyearbyen

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DAY 4: DECEMBER 26: MOUNTAIN HIKE AND DINNER

Wake up to a late breakfast and enjoy a leisurely morning. Around noon, your guide will meet you at the hotel for a hike up the Plateau Mountain, an activity which offers a spectacular view of Longyearbyen. An expedition lunch will be served along the way.

Back at Basecamp Hotel you can warm up and enjoy the evening as you wish. For dinner, the hotel reception staff can offer recommendations.

Spend the night at Basecamp Hotel.

HIGHLIGHTS: Longyearbyen

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DAY 5: DECEMBER 27: LAST DAY IN THE ARCTIC

After an adventurous few days, today you will begin your journey home. Before departure, have a last look around this small town, beautifully covered in darkness and pristine white snow.

HIGHLIGHTS: Longyearbyen

Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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