

SPITSBERGEN - EXPEDITION SVALBARD WITH MATTIAS KLUM | MS QUEST



INTRODUCTION

On this Svalbard tour, we are pleased to welcome Mattias Klum, a renowned photographer and filmmaker, as a special lecturer.

The ice has loosened its hold on the islands, allowing passage through the archipelago to the east. On land, we can go on amazing hikes with breathtaking vistas. Svalbard's amazing geology shines through, providing a striking contrast to the glaciers. You have an excellent chance to view some of the true giants, such the beautiful blue whale and the humpback whale, which are frequently spotted in the ocean. You can also view walrus colonies during this season.

We will witness the final moments of the enchanted midnight sun at the start of the journey. When the sun starts to set towards the end of August, we can take in the gorgeous sunsets and warm picture light.

About Mattias Klum

Mattias Klum, born in 1968 in Uppsala, Sweden, is an acclaimed photographer, cinematographer, and director, known for his work in nature and cultural storytelling. Since 1986, he has contributed to numerous international publications, including National Geographic, and has been a key figure in both the documentary and art worlds. Klum has received several prestigious honors, including a medal from the King of Sweden and an honorary Doctorate in Natural Sciences. He is also a Young Global Leader and an ambassador for IUCN and WWF.

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TRIP CODE

ACPOESMK

DEPARTURE

21/08/2025

DURATION

12 Days

LOCATIONS

Svalbard & The Arctic



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DAY 1: Arrive Longyearbyen

Today you will arrive in Longyearbyen where you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day will be spent at your leisure to explore the quaint sights of Longyearbyen.



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DAY 2: Expedition Cruising - Day 2 to 11

Explore Longyearbyen on your own before meeting up your fellow travellers and guides for lunch. In the afternoon we board the expedition ship and sail out through the spectacular Isfjorden - the Arctic expedition has begun! We are now in a part of the world where we are completely dependent on the ice and weather conditions. Our exact itinerary will depend on these factors and on the wildlife we encounter. Our aim is to head out on Zodiac cruises every day and to go ashore when the opportunity arises. Here are some examples of places we may visit:

Northwest Spitsbergen: The scientific village of Ny-Ålesund is located in Kongsfjorden. It was from here that Amundsen and Nobile started their heroic expeditions to the North Pole. Two other courageous attempts to reach the North Pole started on the island of Danskøya. The Swedish explorer Andrée made an attempt with a hydrogen balloon, and the American journalist Wellman started with an airship. Interesting remnants of these expeditions can still be seen here. Magnificent fjords: Svalbard offers visitors countless spectacular fjords. During our journey we will explore some of them such as: Liefdefjorden, meaning “The fjord of love”, is lined with snow-capped mountain peaks and here we hope to cruise along the face of the spectacular Monaco Glacier. Many common eiders and pink-footed geese nest in the area. In Krossfjorden we revel in the beautifully sculpted front of the 14th of July Glacier and are greeted by the many kittiwakes and Brünnich’s guillemots that nest on the nearby cliffs. Raudfjorden is an area of immense natural beauty – dominated by magnificent glaciers. It is also a favourite haunt of seals and the bird cliffs are abuzz with activity. Hinlopen Strait and Alkefjellet: Ice conditions permitting, we enter the Hinlopen Strait. Here we find Alkefjellet, an impressive basalt cliff that is home to an estimated 200 000 Brünnich’s guillemots. We may also continue into the beautiful bay of Palanderbukta on Nordaustlandet. Eastern Svalbard: The island of Nordaustlandet is covered by a huge ice cap and has fascinated naturalists and historians alike. Here the giant glacier Bråsvellbreen stretches for 180 kilometres! The 15-20 metre high ice edge is punctuated by hundreds of by hundreds of waterfalls. Barentsøya and Edgeøya offer magnificent scenery and vast tundra. Barentsøya and Edgeøya offer magnificent scenery and vast tundra. There is a good chance of seeing walrus, arctic fox and Svalbard reindeer. Southwest Spitsbergen: The grand fjords of Hornsund offer spectacular glaciers and a breathtaking landscape of towering mountain peaks, often reaching above the clouds. On a clear day you can see the summit of the highest mountain, Hornsundtind, at 1431 meters. Hornsund is a favourite haunt of some of Svalbard’s polar bears and bearded seals can often be seen resting on the fjord ice.



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DAY 12: Depart Longyearbyen

Early in the morning, we disembark from our expedition ship and begin our journey back home. Please note: All itineraries are for guidance only. Our exact route will depend on the ice, weather conditions, wildlife and government regulations. The places mentioned are just examples of some of the many sites Svalbard has to offer. We always strive to maximise your experience. Please remember that flexibility is the key to a successful expedition! *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin On Board Ship & Hotel

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One night in a hotel in Longyearbyen.
Cabin accommodation on board ship.
Lunch on day two.
All meals, tea, and coffee on board throughout your voyage.
All scheduled landings and excursions.
Guiding and leadership by expert exploration team and crew.

EXCLUSIONS

Flights to/from Longyearbyen.
Group transfers to/from hotel and ship.
Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above.
Passport and visa expenses.
Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above.
Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended.
Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned.
Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew.
Meals ashore unless otherwise specified.
Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights.
Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified.
Optional Adventure Activities.

Inclusions

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Difficulty Rating	2 (Light Adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request. A supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, triple, and twin cabins.</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.</p> <p>Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions*</p>
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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