



Ice Warrior Svalbard Hiker

Beyond the Bounds of Tourism – Worthwhile and Life Changing

Summer Hiking through the Spectacular Arctic Tundra North of Isfjorden



Svalbard - Ice Warrior Expedition 2007

The Ice Warrior Svalbard Hiking trip starts with an early morning wake-up call and breakfast at your accommodation in Longyearbyen where we will have spent our first night meeting our fellow hikers and preparing for the off.

It is then down to the docks to load all the gear onto RIBS for the trip across Isfjorden to a remote landing site some 25 Km away.

Once the RIBS have departed we will feel truly alone in this magnificent remote landscape.

The next 10 days we will be hiking through the area, both along the coast and inland, sometimes setting a base camp for a couple of nights and other times pitching camp in a new location.

You should be able and prepared to carry all your belongings including a tent that we will provide and your share of the food along with some of the team equipment.

You will be sleeping in your own tent or you can share with others and we will take a larger “mess” tent where freeze dried meals will be prepared.

Amongst the wildlife we might well encounter are walrus, bearded, and ringed and harp seals, beluga whales, the rare and elusive bowhead whale, reindeer, Arctic fox and immense seabird colonies. The real prize though is the mighty polar bear who reigns over this magnificent domain.

At the end of the trip we will once again rendezvous with the RIB's and return to Longyearbyen and your well-deserved end of trip dinner and a good night's sleep prior to departure the following morning.

Expedition: **ICE WARRIOR SVALBARD HIKER**

Location: North of Isfjorden

Purpose: Summer hiking through the spectacular Arctic tundra and counting polar bears for the Norwegian Polar Institute

Description: Immersing ourselves in Arctic environment

Number of Participants: A minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12

Grade: 2 – need to be able to carry a loaded rucksack across mountainous terrain

Dates: 24th August – 2nd September 2012

Duration: 10 days

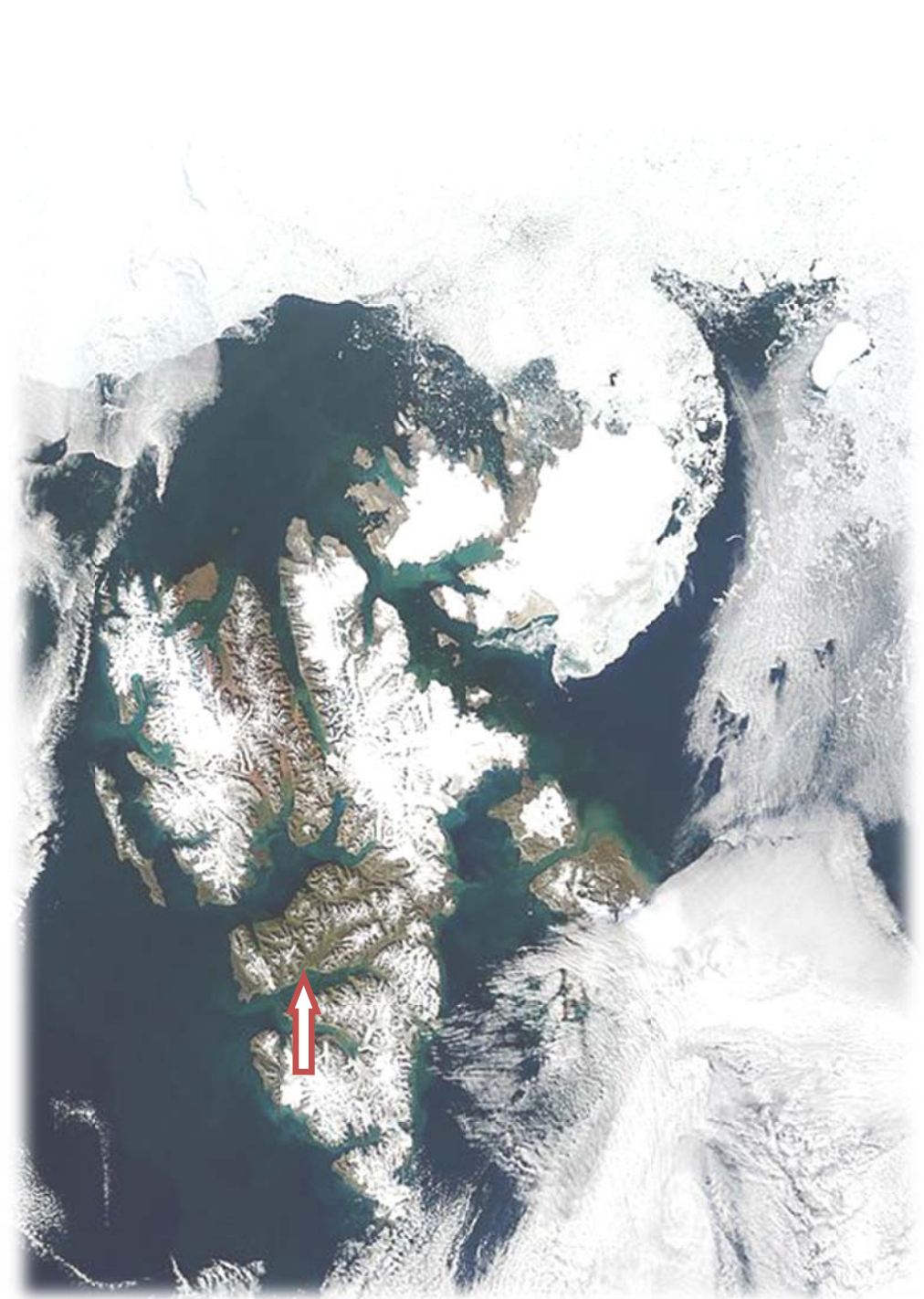
Accommodation: First and last night Guesthouse accommodation the remainder of the time in your own tent.

Mode of Transport: RIB and hiking

Cost: £1800.00

Exclusions: Insurance, travel to and from Longyearbyen, end of trip dinner, your favourite snacks on the trip all your kit

Reference: SVH1112



Svalbard – satellite image

Questions and Answers

When?

Arrive at Longyearbyen Airport on 24th August where you will be met by your Ice Warrior representative. Depart from Longyearbyen Airport on 2nd September 2012.

Where?

You will meet your fellow travellers at the Spitzbergen Guesthouse where we will spend the night. We will discuss the details of the hike and get to know one another over supper. The following day we will check everybody's kit and clothing and prepare for the journey.

What should you expect?

Weather – you can expect a minimum of 0°C and a maximum of 12°C, with an outside chance of rain or snow.

Camp – You will be sleeping in tents with a larger “mess” tent in the middle where delicious freeze dried meals will be prepared.

Ablutions will be primitive but effective and each person will be advised to bring along their own moist wipes to keep clean. We will not be able to shower or bathe whilst we are in the field but personal hygiene is very important indeed.

We also operate a light-footed approach to nature making as little impact as possible and shipping out all our refuse.

Food – We use super freeze dried food supplemented with fresh produce. A typical day's menu would be porridge or pancakes for breakfast, tea or coffee – lunches – cheese and cold meat sandwiches with snack bars and biscuits and hot apple drinks from a thermos – dinners – a staple such as potatoes, rice or pasta with re-hydrated protein-based “sauce” such as chillied or casseroled beef, lamb or chicken.

PLEASE ADVISE US OF ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS.

Wildlife – Amongst the wildlife you will be sharing your trip with you may see are walrus, bearded, and ringed and harp seals, beluga whales, the rare and elusive bowhead whale, reindeer, Arctic fox and immense seabird colonies. The real prize though is the mighty polar bear who reigns over this magnificent domain.

Featured Bird Species

About 163 species of birds have been found on Svalbard, and 20 to 30 of these regularly nest there: The Little Auk, the Kittywake, the Fulmar, the Eider, the Brünnich's Guillemot, the Pink-footed Goose. The Little Auk is probably the most common species in the Svalbard archipelago during the nesting period. The Svalbard Ptarmigan which is subspecies of the Ptarmigan is the only bird that stays at Svalbard throughout the winter. Other species typically Arctic like the gull of Sabine, the gull of Ross and seagull Senator also spend winter in Svalbard or in the area.

Mammals

There are 17 mammal species in Svalbard, of which 3 are endangered & 3 are vulnerable. Bowhead Whale, North Atlantic Right Whale, Minke Whale, Blue Whale, Fin Whale, Humpback Whale, Narwhal, Beluga, Bottlenose Whale, Arctic Fox, Red Fox, Polar Bear, Walrus, Hooded Seal, Bearded Seal, Harp Seal, Ringed seal.

What is included in that cost?

All expedition costs from Longyearbyen including: RIB, group camping equipment and food, safety equipment - satellite phone, EPIRB, hand-held radios, mess shelter, shotgun, pen flares, pistol flares, bear spray, float rope, emergency grab bag, etc.

What is not included?

Insurance, travel to and from Longyearbyen, end of trip dinner, your favourite snacks on the trip all personal your kit.

What clothing and personal kit will I need?

We will send you a separate clothing and personal kit check list where you can also place an order for purchase or hire of items.

What about insurance?

Due to the extremely remote nature of our expeditions Jim McNeill writes a specific proposal for underwriters.

For those living in the UK this is normally arranged through the British Mountaineering Council. The slight disadvantage with this is that you have to be a member of the BMC in order to qualify for the insurance which currently costs £14.97. Typical cost of the insurance is around £250.

If you live elsewhere you will have to get insurance from your own country. Please contact us if you have any problems.

Do we have to be fit?

Just normally fit for life. We will be walking each day and you will need to be able to carry your own tent, personal equipment and supplies. You will need to be happy with normal camp life.

Do we have to help the expedition; putting up tents, washing up, cooking, etc?

No, there is no need to help with the chores although our guides will encourage it as it does constitute part of the overall expedition experience.

What happens about booking flights?

So as to avoid any possible repayments and cancellations we accumulate the minimum number of expedition team members and then contact you with suggestions of the best flights to book.

What are the risks involved?

There are inherent risks involved when really immersing yourself in a highly remote environment alongside wildlife. We have a continual briefing and practice system with comprehensive plans to evacuate individuals or the whole team if necessary. A full Safety Strategy will be sent to you before departure.

How do we communicate with civilisation?

We have a special method and protocol for communications with home and a Communications Strategy will be sent to you before departure.

What to do right now –

1. If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to call us +44(0)1344 883861
2. Provisionally book your place on the expedition – the enrolment form is below.
3. We will acknowledge your provisional booking, once we have received your deposit.
4. We will then send you the Joining Pack – with information, kit list, clothing list and plan of action.
5. We will keep you informed of all matters regarding the expedition and will be available to answer any questions that arise.
6. We will issue your final invoice and upon receipt of full payment and confirm your place on the expedition.



ICE WARRIOR EXPEDITIONS LIMITED, hereinafter known as “The Company”

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By signing The Company's Enrolment Form you agree to comply with and be bound by the following Terms and Conditions. Once a completed Enrolment Form has been accepted by The Company the participants named on the Enrolment Form will have entered into a binding contract on the basis of the following Terms & Conditions. These Terms & conditions are subject to variation without prior consent in writing from The Company. Expeditions are known as activities.

Pricing

Unless otherwise indicated, the cost of The Company's activities are inclusive of all accommodation, meals, some beverages, licenses (where applicable), taxes and necessary transportation (except flights – see later). Costs do not include flights, travel insurance, visa fees, vaccinations, passports, excess baggage charges, meals and drinks taken in place of those provided.

We reserve the right to alter costs in response to a variety of conditions beyond our control. We will absorb the first 2% of any increase but thereafter will pass further increases on to you. Extreme environment travel costs can fluctuate dramatically so please be aware of this. All such surcharges have to be paid before embarkation.

Travel Delays

Travel in extreme environments is not easy and delays due to weather are frequently experienced. Extra costs incurred as a result of delays will be met by expedition members.

Payment

Full payment is required 8 weeks prior to commencement of activities. A deposit of £500 per person is required to secure a place before this time.

Insurance

All participants must ensure that they have taken out full and appropriate insurance for their particular activity and we require that copies of such insurance be sent to us as soon as possible after enrolment. We are able to advise on insurance for those who wish. All participants must be insured for search & rescue, medical costs and repatriation in an emergency. Baggage and personal effects are at the risk of the participant at all times.

Participant Conduct

Participants are expected to comply with the reasonable instructions and leadership of The Company's staff and conduct themselves in a reasonable manner at all times. The Company reserves the right to remove any participant from the activity at the staff's discretion and will not be liable to any losses as a result and is also entitled to any reasonable costs arising, payable upon demand.

Medical conditions and fitness

Participants must complete and sign a consent form prior to commencement. Medical information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence. The Company cannot be held responsible for illness occurring as a result of an ongoing medical condition or poor fitness level. If you have a medical condition The Company advises you to seek your own doctor's advice.

Complaints

Complaints will only be accepted during the activity period and should be brought to the attention of a member of staff who will endeavour to rectify any situation causing dissatisfaction. Should the cause of a complaint persist please notify us in writing within 28 days and we will endeavour to deal with the matter fairly and swiftly.

Cancellation of your Expedition – by you

If for any reason you wish to cancel your participation we must be notified in writing, on receipt of which, we will acknowledge your cancellation. The charges made by us, based on the date we received your written confirmation of cancellation are as follows: More than 56 days notice – deposit only
56-28 days notice – 60% of total cost
27-14 days notice – 80% of total cost
Less than 14 days notice – 100% of total cost

Proven exceptional circumstances will be considered, however, we advise you to have cancellation insurance.

Cancellation or Alterations – by us

The Company will not be responsible for any delays or alternations to the intended plan caused by illness, weather, strikes, war or threat of war, natural disaster, refusal of visas, riots, terrorism, political events or civil action affecting air or ground transport, or other events amounting to force majeure. We will send you details of alterations as soon as we are aware of them. Should we have to cancel the activities for reasons beyond our control (as above) then we will inform you without delay and shall offer a prompt refund of monies paid. We accept no liability for compensation beyond this refund. No refund will be made for any costs incurred by The Company up to this point. However, we will endeavour to obtain a refund ourselves for those costs and should we be successful then we will pass this on to you, less any administrative charges. Whilst safety will always be The Company's first concern, it is understood and acknowledged by the participants that The Company's activities are potentially hazardous as they may involve adventurous travel in remote and extreme environments. The Company reserves the right to cancel all and any activities without reason or notice. In this unlikely event The Company agrees to refund all monies in full.

Liability

The Company's activities are by nature never completely free from hazard. Whilst all reasonable precautions are taken to minimise the risks, participants accept that accidents, including serious injury and death can occur without The Company being at fault. Participants also recognise that The Company is not responsible for any loss or damage to the personal property of the participant, including money, clothing or equipment. The Company will only accept liability for physical injury to a client that is shown to result from negligence on the part of The Company and takes no responsibility for any loss or injury occurring as a result of the participant's failure to follow instruction and also takes no responsibility for any mishap during an activity from any instruction or information not given by The Company's staff. The participant also recognises that attendance on The Company's activities in no way qualifies him or her to teach the course content. The Company therefore accepts no responsibility for any mishap occurring to third parties taught by attendees of any Company course.

Equipment

Where clients are entrusted with the use and care of specialist equipment they may be made liable for payment arising from any loss or damage made as a result of misuse or negligence.

Miscellaneous

Participants must accept and abide by the decisions of The Company's staff and by signing the Enrolment Form agree to do so. All participants should be fit and in sufficiently good health to enjoy their chosen activities. If you have doubts about your health, please discuss this with us and we can advise. It is your responsibility to ensure that your passports and visas are valid and that you carry with you any vaccination certificates required for your journey. All contracts and matters arising from them shall be subject to English Law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts. Participants are required to sign the Enrolment Form acknowledging that they have read and fully understand and accept The Company's Terms & Conditions.



Enrolment Form

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS throughout

Contact Details

Title		Contact Tel.	
First Name		Date of Birth	
Surname		Nationality	
Address			
Postcode		Passport No.	
Country		Expiry Date	
Email Address			

Payment

Expedition Ref:	Ice Warrior Svalbard Hiker 24 th August – 2 nd September 2012	SVH1112	Please select
	I enclose a deposit of	£500.00	
	Or I enclose full payment of	£1800.00	
	Please make cheques payable to Ice Warrior Expeditions Ltd.		
	Contact us to pay by Bank Transfer, PayPal, Google Checkout or for IBAN & BIC codes for overseas payments		

Declaration

I have read and accepted the Terms and Conditions. I will be arranging adequate insurance and will forward copies to Ice Warrior Expeditions Ltd prior to commencement of activities.

Signed:

Date: