

Trusted Guide - Snowshoe & Sailing Adventure

SVALBARD

Option A: June 22 - 29

Option B: June 30 - July 7

PETER
BLOKLAND

MOONDANCE
EXPEDITIONS

'A once-in-a-lifetime trip to Svalbard. I was highly impressed with the crew on board, they were enthusiastic, highly skilled, upbeat, dependable. The landscape was more than amazing, it was magic. I had a most memorable week, and hope to be sailing onboard the Moondance again, sometime.'

'Once-in-a-lifetime'
Paul Moraal

A D V E N T U R E

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FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF WILLEM BARENTSZ

Join us on a voyage of discovery around Svalbard. It is truly an adventure that begins in the harbour of Longyearbyen, where we will plan our adventure together based on the weather forecast. From there, we will set off to explore and head for various fjords where we will be dropped off by a support boat. This is where our snowshoeing adventure, of approximately 4 to 8 hours per day, will begin.

T O G E T H E R

WORKING AS A TEAM

We sleep on board and as a team we are responsible for all tasks such as cooking, navigating, sailing, cleaning the ship, etc. This adventure takes us to one of the most remote parts of our planet, which we will enter with respect. We are sure to encounter wildlife such as polar bears, walruses, puffins, foxes, whales, belugas and many species of birds.



‘How tiny we humans are’

Patrick Schodts

‘A flabbergasting and unparalleled expedition on board of a cosy sailing ship with a great crew and respectful guides. Unexpected vast and impressive views along with encounters with local fauna and flora that remain part of your long term memories for sure are a daily treat. A must do for every nature lover who wants to experience how tiny we humans are...’

LOCATION



The Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard is located north of mainland Norway, between latitudes 74°N and 81°N, nestled between the Greenland Sea and the Barents Sea. It marks the northernmost stretch of the ocean and is the last land before the North Pole. Many famous explorers have raced to reach this northernmost point on Earth, and Svalbard remains one of the planet's most remote frontiers.

The best time to sail and explore Svalbard is from mid May to the end of August. During this period, you'll experience endless daylight, low sea ice levels, and the most favourable weather conditions (although weather can change rapidly). The terrain is vast, with nearly 3,200 kilometers of accessible coastline and untouched landscapes. Temperatures during this time range from -5°C to 15°C.

O U R S T A Y

A sailboat is positioned in the lower-left foreground on a body of water. In the background, a range of rugged mountains is partially covered in snow under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is a serene Arctic or alpine landscape.

THE MOONDANCE

Moondance, a 56ft Koopmans ship, draws its design inspiration from Dick Koopmans' sailing ship "De Jager," winner of the "Round of Britain 2006" and "Cold Handed Cup 2007."

This makes Moondance a truly exceptional vessel, purpose-built for expeditions and the unforgiving Arctic. With its lofty central lounge, comfy accommodations for nine, an array of heaters, a well-appointed bathroom inc. shower, and generous storage, Moondance combines adventure and comfort in one package, promising unforgettable journeys on the high seas.



‘It will enrich you greatly’

Peter van Berendoncks

Spitsbergen, Svalbard, a place where you become one with nature. A quiet area, glaciers, sea, pure nature, unspoilt, captivatingly beautiful! Discover this archipelago with the ‘Moondance’, a charming sailing boat with a top crew and excellent guides, people who share the same spirit. In short, an experience that is difficult to put into words. You have to experience it for yourself to know how unique this trip is. It will enrich you greatly.

C R E W



Peter Blokland - Trusted Guide

Working for twenty-five years, I thought it was time to reinvent myself. That is easy to say, but it turned out to be quite an expedition. The solution actually lay in less is more. This gave me the idea of not being connected to anything other than myself and nature for 30 days. This is where I discovered the power of calmness, space and slowing down to reconnect before speeding up. Now I work as a guide at work and a guide in nature and share my experience. What it has brought me is peace, joy and a more valuable life. For myself and for my environment.



Luuk van den Engel - Captain

After 25,000 nautical miles, loads of guests and several documentaries I am more than ready for the new sail to ski season in Norway. Our gained knowledge, experiences and our new expedition sailing ship Moondance is helping us a lot. I can't wait to work with Arctic guides to organise never-to-be-forgotten expeditions.



PRACTICAL

PRICE

Price € 4.500,- (incl 21% BTW)

INCLUDED

Stay sailing ship 'Moondance'

Bed linen and towels

Breakfast, lunch, diner and snacks

Sailing suits onboard

Snowshoes

EXCLUDED

Travel to starting point

Alcoholic beverages

must be paid separately)

GEAR - YOU NEED TO ORGANISE

(With help from Trusted Guides)

- Sturdy walking shoes (waterproof)
- Socks
- Walking trousers
- Jacket with hood
- Fleece
- Rain jacket and trousers
- Small backpack
- Thermal clothing
- Hat / cap / neck warmer
- Thin and thick gloves
- Sunglasses
- Toiletries
- First aid kit
- Slippers for on board
- (Sailing) boots

There is no better way to experience the fjords and their glaciers than by sailboat. Every evening we anchored in a different place and the next day we discovered the grandeur of nature with experienced guides and enjoyed the impressive silence. We came back as different people, what a wonderful experience!

‘We came back differently’

Rob van den Berg



C O N T A C T

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about the Svalbard trip, one of the other trips we organise or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Hope to see you soon on the Moondance!



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