

## HIGH VENTURE TRAVEL

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### North Pole Joy (helicopter)

*Duration (Barneo-Barneo): 1 day*

*(Longyearbyen-Longyearbyen): 4 days/ 3 nights*



All flights dependent on the weather

Day 1	Meeting at Longyearbyen airport. (Spitsbergen, Norway), transfer to hotel. Collection of your polar clothing kit. Information meeting, where our staff will brief you on the current situation at the Barneo Ice Camp, inform about polar flight departure time, and answer any questions you might have. Night at hotel.
Day 2	Transfer to the airport for the flight to Barneo Ice Camp. Flight from Longyearbyen to Barneo by AN-74 aircraft (approx. flight duration: 2 hrs 30 min). Arrival to Barneo, acquaintance with Barneo Ice Camp, located at 89 degree North. MI-8 helicopter brings you to the geographic North Pole at first chance, depending on weather and ice conditions (approx. flight duration: 40 min). Celebrating of the arrival to the North Pole. You have an opportunity to make a short phone call to your friends or relatives via satellite phone. We have about 1-2 hours at the North Pole. Return to the Barneo Ice Camp (by MI-8 helicopter, approx. flight duration: 40 min). Full catering during your stay at Barneo Ice Camp. Free time (around 2 hours). 6-7 hours after arrival to Barneo we take off back to Longyearbyen on the AN-74 aircraft (approx. flight duration 2 h 30 min). Transfer to hotel.
Day 3	The North Pole Certificate ceremony. Time and place are to be discussed with expedition participants and announced in advance.
Day 4	Free time. You have a chance to take part in Svalbard entertainment programmes (for additional costs, advance booking required). Transfer to the airport for your flight home. End of our service.

**Period of the expedition (Longyearbyen – Longyearbyen) – 09.04 – 12.04.2009**

(Optional dates: 17.04-20.04)

**Departure from Longyearbyen – 10.04** (optional date: 18.04)

**Departure from Barneo - 10.04** (optional date: 18.04)

**Price per person is 9,900 euro**

**Changes** and amendments may apply to the programme, depending on the weather, ice or other conditions. It is important to consider possible delays or alterations, and take them with patience. We strongly recommend you to acquire insurance against full or partial cancellation of the expedition.

**Important:** Each expedition to the North Pole is the ultimate adventure full of random factors. Though we are making all possible efforts to accomplish every expedition, agency reserves the rights to change or cancel an itinerary due to weather and / or ice conditions, group fitness, political situation, strikes, wars, revolutions, terrorism and / or other factors beyond its control. Such changes are to be made in our customers' interests and with regards to their safety.

#### **Attention:**

1. Our agency does not guarantee expeditions starting on optional dates to be conducted if the group has insufficient number of participants. Please, see Terms and Conditions.
2. Prices are based on the tariffs and exchange rates operating at the time of publication and therefore are subject to change. Please, check the latest prices before booking.
3. Note: Costs of the expeditions increase at 10% for booking made after 1st February 2009.

#### **Price includes:**

- Meeting at the Longyearbyen airport ( Spitsbergen , Norway );
- 2 transfers airport-hotel-airport;
- Aircraft flights Longyearbyen - Barneo - Longyearbyen;
- Helicopter flights Barneo - North Pole - Barneo;
- 1 satellite phone call from the North Pole (2 min maximum, if battery capacity is sufficient);
- Using Barneo facilities;
- Full catering at Barneo Ice Camp;
- Disposable plates, spoons, forks and cups (2 sets per visiting a mess-tent per person);
- Rent of the safety equipment (communication, navigation aid, weapon);
- Certificate of the North Pole visit;
- Festive ceremony at Longyearbyen;
- Guides' and VICAAR representatives' service;
- Personal polar clothes kit (boots, trousers, coat, mittens, hat);
- 15 kilos of luggage.

#### **Price does not include:**

- Travel costs from your place of residence to Longyearbyen ( Spitsbergen , Norway ) and back;
- Accommodation in Longyearbyen;
- Catering in Longyearbyen;
- Transfers in Longyearbyen (excl. airport-hotel-airport for travel home and hotel-airport-hotel for travel to the North Pole);
- Activities in Longyearbyen (dog-sledge rides, tours to the glacier, excursion to the coal mine: depending on the weather);
- Alcohol drinks ;
- Full medical-evacuation insurance with minimum coverage for evacuation 50,000 Euro - required;
- Insurance against full or partial cancellation of the expedition, luggage insurance, life insurance (strongly recommended);
- Private belongings;
- All the unforeseen costs related to the flights delays;

- Souvenirs and postal expenses;
- Overweight luggage - 20 Euro/kilo.

#### List of equipment:

- Thin underwear made of Polycolon(so-called thermal underwear): 1 set
- Fleece jacket and trousers made of Polartec 300 or Polartec 200
- Mittens or gloves you are usually using during the winter: 1 pair
- Thick expedition socks: 2 pairs
- Sunglasses 100% UV & IR: 1
- Sun protection cream: SPF 40
- Hygienic lipstick: SPF 40
- Personal medical kit: medicine, you normally take along with aspirin, plaster, bandage, etc.
- Large bag or rucksack for your gear: 1 or 2

*P.S. Polartec 300 or 200 jacket and trousers could be replaced with your usual winter pullovers and long knit pants if worn over the thermal underwear.*

#### Received from us and becomes your property:

- Winter coat and trousers with Thinsulate insulation: 1 set
- Expedition footwear: 1 pair
- Expedition mittens: 1 pair
- Woolen hat with Windstopper membrane: 1

#### Qualification of the expedition members.

Participation in The North Pole Joy is not extremely difficult, if you do not have a serious disability. There are no any special requirements to potential members of the expedition. If you are able to fly on the regular flights, it is most likely you can fly on the charter aircrafts. AN-74 is a simple yet reliable and comfortable jet airplane, and MI-8 helicopter, though having a plain interior, meets all the safety requirements. Barneo Ice Camp meets all the standards of the winter base-camp. It is equipped with heated tents for sleeping accommodation and large and comfortable mess- tent.

We provide you with polar outer clothing suitable for temperatures between -20 and -35 C ° , and you only have to take the garment from the recommended list. Please, let us know in advance if you require some specific items of this sort - we might be able to help you.

Staying at the Barneo Ice Camp and the North Pole includes walks in the surrounding, exploration of the local ice summits (ice-hummocks of 1-2 m high), photographing and things like these.

Generally, you don't have to worry about anything; our friendly and experienced guides would always take care of.