

HIGH VENTURE TRAVEL

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The North Pole Touch with dogs

Duration (Barneo-Barneo): 4 days/ 3 nights

(Longyearbyen-Longyearbyen): 7 days/ 6 nights



A day before: meeting at Longyearbyen airport, transfer to hotel.

Day 1	Meeting with guide, collection of your expedition clothing kit, check-out your individual and group gear, general instruction, packing the expedition gear; Information meeting, where our staff will brief you on the situation at the Barneo region, planned departure time and answer your questions; Overnight at the hotel.
Day 2	Transfer to the airport, custom duties, boarding. Flight from Longyearbyen to Barneo (approx. flight duration: 2 hrs 30 min). Acquaintance with Barneo Ice Camp, located at 89 degree North. Lunch in Barneo mess-tent. Pitching the expedition camp at Barneo site. Overnight at the expedition tents (1 tent accommodates 2 persons).
Day 3	MI-8 helicopter will take us to the start point, a camp, where mushers with dogs are waiting for us. Here we will spend the rest of the day training our skills in dogteam driving and make a short trip around the camp.
Day 4	We move north. This tour contemplates not only dogsled driving, but also a lot of skiing, because each team consists of guide and other member of the expedition, who drive the sled by turns. Apart that, the path survey, helping the dogs with bridging the obstacles and things like these will be possibly required on the march. In the evening we stop to pitch our tents again for dining and resting before the last rush to the Pole.
Day 5	On the arrival at the top of the globe we will celebrate it, and you can make a short phone call to your friends or relatives via satellite phone. We will spend a few hours nearby the Pole before helicopter takes us back to Barneo Ice Camp. Dinner in the Barneo mess-tent. Flight from Barneo to Longyearbyen on the AN-74 aircraft (approx. flight duration 2 h 30 min). Night at the hotel
Day 6	The North Pole Certificate ceremony. Time and place are to be discussed with expedition participants and announced in advance. Night at the hotel.
Day 7	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) – 07.04 – 15.04.2009

(Optional dates: 10.04-18.04)

Departure from Longyearbyen – 10.04 (optional date: 13.04)

Departure from Barneo - 13.04 (optional date: 16.04)

Price per person is 18, 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;
- Introductory dinner in Longyearbyen;
- Aircraft flights Longyearbyen - Barneo - Longyearbyen;
- Helicopter flights according to the programme;
- Using Barneo facilities;
- Full catering at Barneo Ice Camp and on the trek;
- Disposable plates, spoons, forks and cups at Barneo (2 sets per visiting a mess-tent per person);
- Personal polar expedition clothes kit (please, see Equipment check-list);
- Rent of the safety equipment (communication, navigation aid, weapon);
- Rent of the skis with binding and ski poles;
- Rent of the cargo sledge and tent;
- Rent of the other group gear;
- Stove fuel;
- 1 satellite phone call from the North Pole (2 min maximum, if battery capacity is sufficient);
- Certificate of the North Pole visit;
- Festive ceremony at Longyearbyen;
- guides service;
- Accommodation in the heated tents at Barneo and full catering at Barneo Camp before departure to Longyearbyen (in case the group completed expedition before the time);
- 50 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:

- Windstopper gloves: 1 pair
- Plastic mug with press-on cap : 1
- Strong plastic spoon :1
- Plastic bowl of 2-3 cups capacity :1
- 1 L stainless steel thermos: 1
- Knife :1
- Karabiners : 2 standard
- Sunglasses or goggles 100% UV & IR:1 pair
- Sun cream: SPF 40 large tube
- Hygienic lipstick: SPF 40, at least 2 pieces
- Personal medical kit: medicine, you normally take, along with aspirin, plaster, bandage, etc.
- Personal hygienic kit incl. toilet paper, toothbrush, etc.
- Wide-mouthed plastic bottle for using as an urinal in the night: 1
- Shoes or Gore-Tex socks for using inside the tent
- Large bag or rucksack for your gear: 1 or 2

Received from us and becomes your property:

- Thin underwear made of Polycolon: 2 sets
- Polartec 200 jacket and trousers:1 set
- Storm shell jacket and pants: 1 set
- Warm coat and trousers with Thinsulate insulation: 1 set
- Woolen hat with Windstopper membrane: 1
- Windstopper pile hat : 1
- Polycolon balaclava : 1
- Thick expedition socks: 2 pairs
- Expedition footwear: 1 pair
- Expedition mittens: 2 pair
- Individual sleeping bag liner: 1
- 35 L backpack: 1
- 6 mm rope: 10 m

Free rented from the agency:

- Expedition tent: 1 for two persons
- Ski with binding :1 pair
- Ski poles : 1 pair
- Cargo sledge : 1
- Expedition class (-30 C°) sleeping bag
- Sleeping mats 40 mm
- Cooking stove with fuel, cooking utensils.