

## Ponant : 11D10N Pristine Spitsbergen – with National Geographic

Price per person  
from  
MYR68142



### Tour Itinerary

#### Day 1:- ARRIVE PARIS, FRANCE (FLIGHT) - LONGYEARBYEN, SPITSBERGEN (EMBARKATION)

Fly from Paris to Longyearbyen. Upon arrival meet & greet at the airport by our local English-speaking representative. Transfer to the pier for embarkation. Your cruise ship is ready for boarding. Embarkation from 16h00 to 17h00. Departure at 18h00.  
NOTES: We highly recommend you arrive in Paris the day before this flight.

**Dinner**

#### Day 2:- ISFJORDEN

The vast Isfjorden is one of the main fjords in Svalbard. These different branches reach the heart of the island of Spitsbergen. Located deep inside the Billefjorden, the Nordenskiöld Glacier with its front of ice, nearly 5 km wide, is one of the most spectacular in the Svalbard Archipelago. You will perhaps have the opportunity to discover the ghost town of Pyramiden. Constructed at the foot of a mountain in the form of a pyramid, this former mining town, founded by Sweden at the beginning of the 20th century before being sold a few years later to the Soviet Union, and abandoned in 1998, has conserved all the buildings from its glory days, when it lived off coal mining.

**Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

#### Day 3:- KONGSFJORDEN (KING BAY), SPITSBERGEN

Very close to the former mining town of Ny-Ålesund, set off to discover Kings Bay. Your ship will sail in one of the most beautiful fjords in Svalbard: Kongsfjorden (the fjord of the King), a gateway to grandiose landscapes. Here, the snow-capped mountains are reflected in the water where superb icebergs try to outdo each other in their beauty, a delight for photographers. Seals, reindeer, barnacle geese and black guillemots frequent these places that have a unique atmosphere. Once you arrive at the end of the fjord, admire the Kongsbreen (glacier of the King) and its three characteristic rocky points, which take their names from three Scandinavian countries: Svea (Sweden), Dana (Denmark) and Nora (Norway).

**Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

## Day 4:- NORDVEST-SPITSBERGEN NATIONAL PARK

Like the other protected areas of Svalbard, the Nordvest-Spitsbergen National Park was established in the early 1970s to protect this exceptional environment against the growing interest of the mining industry. Nunataks, glaciers, islands and large bays, arctic tundra scattered with moss and lichen in shades of silver and gold... This region will fascinate you with its landscapes and with the numerous vestiges that bear witness to the history of the men ? whale hunters and those involved in the first expeditions to the North Pole ? who found themselves on these shores from the start of the 17th century. In this pristine environment, you will be able to observe arctic sterns or seals on the rocks that emerge at low tide.

**Breakfast** **Lunch** **Dinner**

## Day 5:- SAILING ICE FLOES

Enjoy the absolutely unique experience of sailing to the heart of the ice floe, this vast expanse of virgin, immaculate ice. The landscapes are constantly changing, shifting from a smooth, flat wilderness to a chaos of ice, then to channels of open water. Your ship will sail along these naturally open channels and through the areas where the frozen layer is thinnest, offering you the chance to experience magic maritime moments in the midst of drifting sea ice. It will also often be an opportunity to see a particular kind of fauna, totally dependent on the ice floe.

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## Day 7:- SOR-SPITSBERGEN NATIONAL PARK

The Sor-Spitsbergen National Park, established in 1973, is the largest national park in Norway and Europe with an area of up to 13,300 km<sup>2</sup>. Two-thirds of its area is made up of ice and its sublime landscapes are divided between vast plains along the coast, alpine relief and impressive glaciers. You will discover Hornsund, the southernmost fjord and one of the most beautiful fjords in Spitsbergen with a length of 28 km. Its 8 large glaciers extend down to the sea and form an immense 25 km long ice front and important iceberg calvings, making up one of the most spectacular panoramas in Spitsbergen. You will have the opportunity to observe numerous colonies of birds and polar bears living in this nature sanctuary.

**Breakfast** **Lunch** **Dinner**

## Day 8:- SOR-SPITSBERGEN NATIONAL PARK

Another day for you to observe wildlife animals in their natural habitat and marvel the vast plains along the coast, alpine relief and impressive glaciers in Sor-Spitsbergen National Park.

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## Day 10:- SAILING BY BJORNOYA (BEAR ISLAND)

Halfway between Norway and Spitsbergen, you will sail not far from the coastlines of Bjørnøya, the southernmost island of Svalbard. From your ship, observe this isolated piece of land discovered in 1596 by the Dutch navigator Willem Barents, then looking for the Northwest Passage. Following a tough fight between a polar bear and the members of the expedition, he dubbed the place Bear Island. Regularly covered by a thick layer of fog, Bjørnøya shelters a meteorological station built in 1923, which is still in operation. Declared a nature reserve in 2002, the island is above all home to an enormous colony of sea birds: skuas, guillemots, puffins, Tridactyl gulls, petrels, gulls and little auks all coexist here.

**Breakfast** **Lunch** **Dinner**

## Day 11:- AT SEA

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board.

**Breakfast** **Lunch** **Dinner**

## Day 12:- DEPART TROMSO (DISEMBARKATION) - PARIS, FRANCE (FLIGHT)

Disembarkation after breakfast. Meet and greet at the pier. Transfer to airport in time for flight back to Paris. Service end in Paris airport. NOTES: We highly recommend you stay one night in Paris after this flight

### Breakfast

## What's included

**Destination:** ARCTIC , Norway

**Departure Location:** Longyearbyen

**Return Location:** Tromso

**Additional Information:** **Tour Deal:** : ~ 30% PONANT Bonus Discount : ~ First Time Cruiser EUR 250 : ~ No single Supplement

### Price includes:

- ~ 10 nights shipboard on PONANT Cruise
- ~ 24 hour room service (special selection)
- ~ Butler service (special selection)
- ~ Free unlimited WIFI onboard
- ~ Evening entertainment and events

### Price does not include:

- ~ International air ticket
- ~ Airport transfer
- ~ Gratuities

Luxury cruise aboard to experience a truly exceptional sea voyage with a difference. Discover expeditions to the majestic landscapes of the Arctic and the Antarctic. Great choice for couples, solo travelers and those who love small-ship cruising. Ponant Cruises offers exceptional bilingual service, world-class dining and elegantly-appointed accommodation and public areas in terms of the onboard experience. Choose a cruise on an Explorer Class vessel, you will benefit from several expedition-style features. Relaxing in the Blue Eye Lounge, an underwater multi-sensory environment that boasts comfortable seating and privileged views of life beneath the waves. Ponant's expedition ships also carry a fleet of Zodiacs deployed frequently throughout each itinerary for sightseeing excursions and trips ashore.

### Cancellation Policy

~ Postpone or cancel free of charge up to 10 days after the booking is confirmed  
~ From 10 days after the booking is confirmed to 365 days prior to departure: EUR 150 plus RM100 refund admin fees per guest per cruise for the cruise service only  
~ From 364 to 211 days prior to departure: 10% of total price  
~ From 210 – 91 days prior to departure: 25% of total price  
~ Cancellation within 90 days prior to departure: 100% of total price

### Payment Terms

~ Deposit payment of 25% must be received within 10 days after the booking is confirmed.  
~ Balance payment must be made 90 days prior to departure  
~ Booking made within 90 days prior to departure require full payment at the time of booking