

Svalbard Odyssey

Aboard *Greg Mortimer* | 11–22 August 2024





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Longyearbyen

DAY 1 | Monday 12 August 2024

Latitude:
78° 13.7'N
Longitude:
015 36.2'E

Wind Speed:
20 knots SE
Barometer:
1021 hPa

Course:
In port
Speed:
0 knots

Air Temp:
16°C

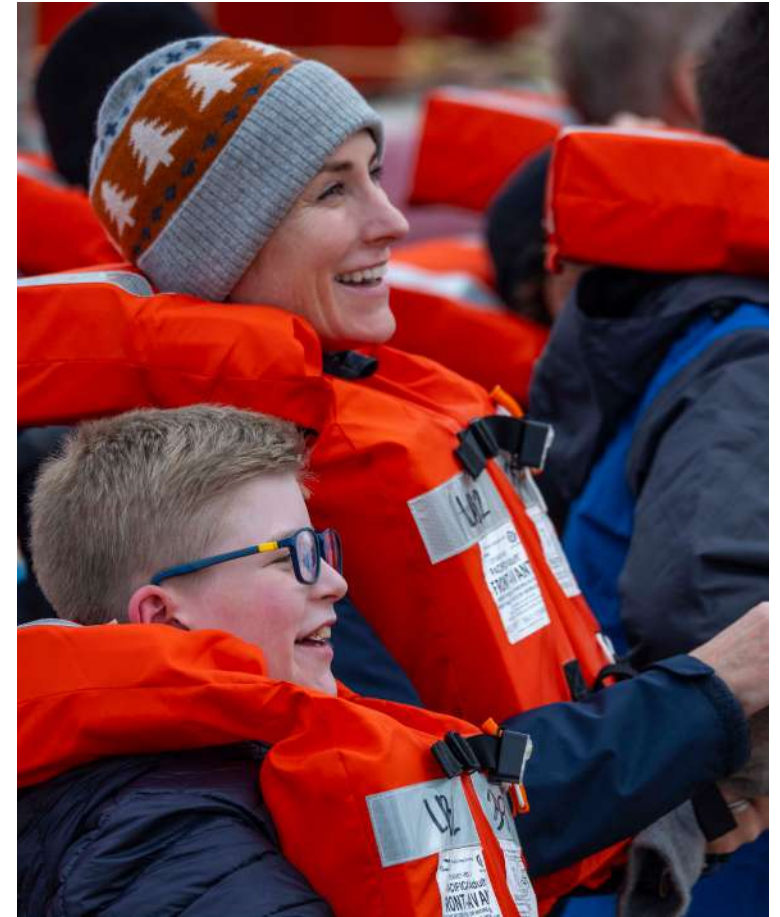
Here we are inside the Arctic Circle, at 78° north. Surrounded by spectacular mountains in the picturesque coal-mining town of Longyearbyen, we got off our tour buses knowing that this will be our last glimpse of civilisation for a while. Over the next 10 days, we are more likely to encounter a fox, reindeer, or polar bear than another human.

Upon arrival at the pier, we were greeted by Kerry, the Onboard Expedition Manager, Eamon; Head Kayak Guide; and Photography Guide, Adrian, who took our photos. The Expedition Team showed us on board to a waiting banquet of canapes.

After checking in and enjoying refreshments at the Elephant Island Bar, the stewards helped us navigate the decks to our cabins and settle into our 'home away from home'.

Expedition Leader, Christophe, then called us into the lecture theatre to welcome us aboard. To start, he shared a short welcome video by Greg Mortimer himself, who explained why the X-BOW design and the spirit of adventure is what truly enhances each day of an expedition with Aurora. We were then introduced to a multi-skilled Expedition Team, who are eager to share their knowledge and are as excited as we for what lies ahead.





Hamburgbukta

DAY 2 | Tuesday 13 August 2024

Latitude:
77° 28.4' N
Longitude:
018° 09.0' E

Course:
At anchor
Speed:
0 knots

Wind Speed:
15 knots E
Barometer:
1025 hPa

Air Temp:
8°C

As we finished breakfast, the bridge team found our first polar bear and we could observe the 'King of the North' swimming in the waters of Burgerbukta.

The bear crawled on land, lying on the slope, and started to roll on its back and ambling around, a majestic sight that captivated us all.

Following this amazing start of our journey, we attended a Zodiac briefing by Leo, who meticulously explained the safety protocols and logistical details for our upcoming days. Christophe provided vital information about polar bear safety, emphasising the importance of

vigilance and respect for these powerful predators.

We boarded the small inflatable boats, eager to explore the fjord's icy waters. The breathtaking scenery of glaciers and icebergs set a stunning backdrop as we navigated the area.

Our patience paid off when we headed to see the polar bear a bit closer, this time sleeping peacefully on the green-and-brown slope. Additionally, we spotted numerous bird species, including black and Brunnich's guillemots, kittiwakes, colourful puffins, and arctic skuas, adding to the day's rich wildlife encounters.







Boltodden & Mathiesenbukten

DAY 3 | Wednesday 14 August 2024

Latitude:
77° 28.4'N
Longitude:
018° 09.1'E

Course:
At anchor
Speed:
0 knots

Wind Speed:
15 knots S
Barometer:
1025 hPa

Air Temp:
8°C

By breakfast time we had arrived at a site called Boltodden. We decided to Zodiac-cruise to shore. On land we were amazed to see dinosaur footprints. Clear prints in the solid rock, frozen in time. These are reportedly from 120 million years ago.

Also on land was a variety of botany. Wildflowers, fungi, lichens and mosses coloured the landscape. John would present the many types and names at recap tonight, threatening that we would be tested at the end of the trip.

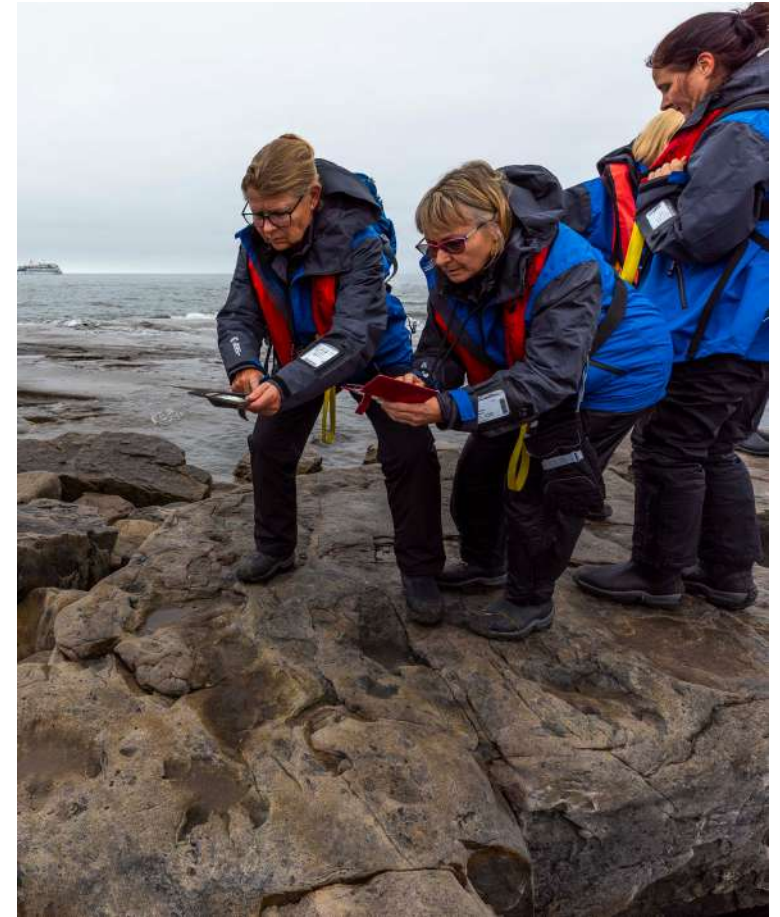
After lunch, we arrived at Arnesenbreen and went out in the Zodiacs

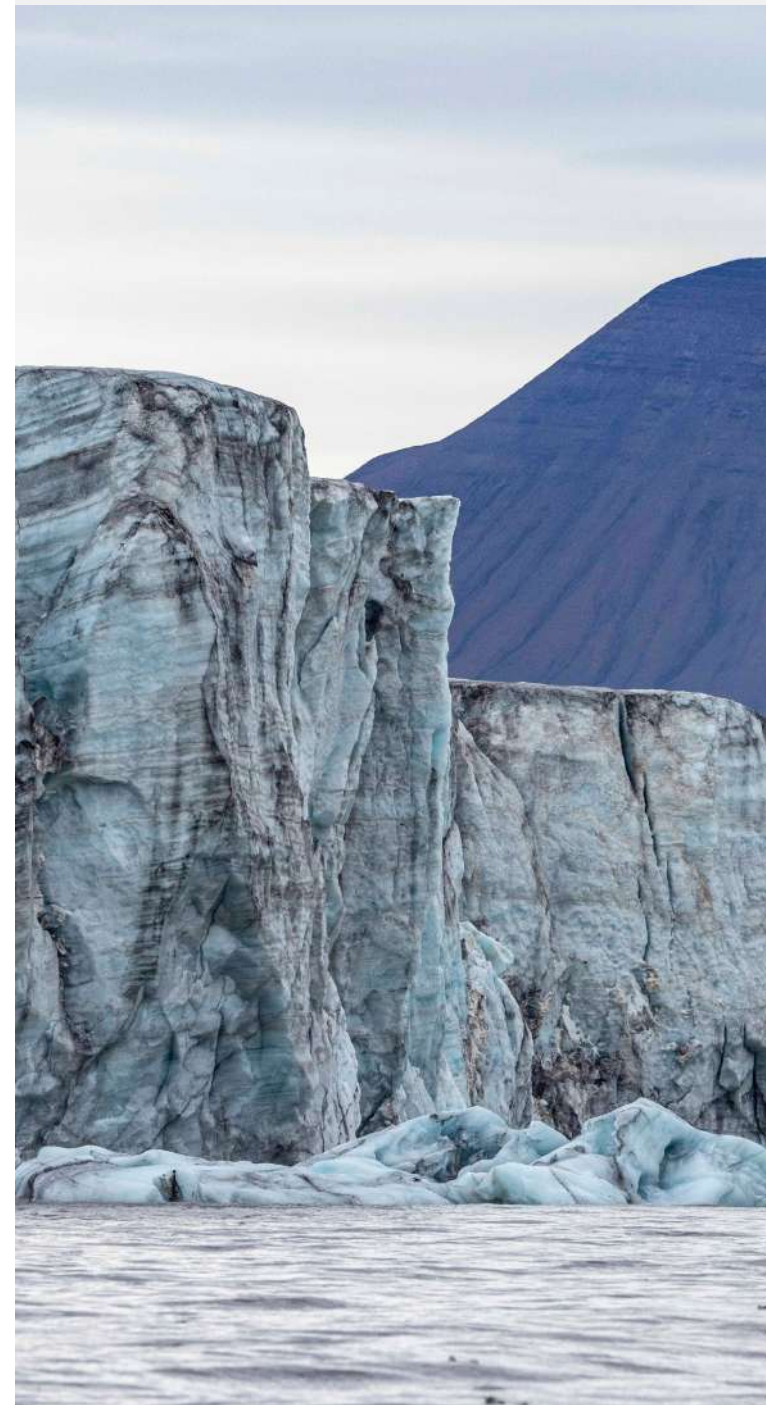
to explore. Even the depth of the sea here was not well charted, so it was a real exploration for us all. We entered the sheltered bay of Mathiesenbukten.

Here, glaciers flowed in from different angles. The glacier on the prominent point was covered by silt, rocks and alluvial deposits. It was black, whereas the glaciers to the south were the more classic whites and blues. There was a rule about how close we could approach the face of the glacier, so we marvelled at this impressive sight from over 400 to 500 metres away. The water was glassy calm in here with chunks of brash ice bobbing all around.











Jakimovičøyane Island

DAY 4 | Thursday 15 August 2024

Latitude:
78° 34.0' N
Longitude:
019° 15.4' E

Course:
311°
Speed:
3 knots

Wind Speed:
6 kts NE
Barometer:
1022 hPa

Air Temp:
4°C

Today Daniel gave a presentation on icebergs. He encouraged us to see the connections between the physical geography of world and the biological. John also took to the lecture room, and spoke about a popular subject: polar bears. He discussed the biology of bears, how they grow and live and behave, and a little of the history of human interaction with bears here in the arctic.

As if his talk had summoned them, just after lunch Marcos identified a bear on a small island, Jakimovičøyane Island. Soon the Zodiacs were in the water and watching a bear poking its head above the rocks.

Soon it disappeared, and as the Zodiacs turned the corner, another

bear appeared, running at almost full gallop across the beaches. The one had spooked the other and it had headed for the safety of the water.

Given the rough terrain, the Zodiac fleet moved around the island to investigate reports of a third bear. Sure enough, it appeared, and all Expeditioners got to watch a young bear ripping into a walrus carcass. Its nervous looks inland spoke to its continuing worry of a bigger bear appearing to drive it away. After observing the bear for some time, and soaking up the incredible moment, the Zodiacs turned for the warmth and comfort of the ship, another amazing day complete in the Arctic.



Alkefjellet & Frazerbreen

DAY 5 | Friday 16 August 2024

Latitude:
79° 34.2'N
Longitude:
018° 47.1'E

Course:
140°
Speed:
5.1 knots

Wind Speed:
5 knots SE
Barometer:
1019 hPa

Air Temp:
4°C

Operations started at 8.30am at Alkefjellet, located on the island of Lomfjordhalvøya. The name Alkefjellet means 'guillemot mountain'. There are over 60,000 breeding pairs of Brünnich's guillemots. The cliffs are made of basalt columns up to 100 metres high.

We saw the beautiful waterfalls, and thousands and thousands of birds. Our morning outing ended by the beautiful glacier and after two hours, we zoomed back to the ship. As we left Alkefjellet the fog closed in on us again. Perfect timing!

After lunch we had a landing planned. Again, the fog was playing us; we couldn't see a thing as the fog surrounded the ship. Well, you know us! A bit of fog won't hold us back. It felt like a proper expedition cruising in the fog - so mystical.

Around 4pm hours we headed down to the mudroom, excited for what the afternoon would bring. A Zodiac exploration in Wahlenbergfjord in front of the glacier Frazerbreen. What a fantastic place!









Ardneset & Bråsvellbreen

DAY 6 | Saturday 17 August 2024

Latitude:
79° 19.38' N
Longitude:
019° 37.8' E

Course:
122°
Speed:
2 knots

Wind Speed:
5 knots S
Barometer:
1020 hPa

Air Temp:
6°C

This morning, we set out to visit our first group of walrus at Ardneset. Despite the thick fog that blanketed the area, we embarked on a Zodiac exploration and had a beautiful encounter with these magnificent creatures from the water. The mist added an air of mystery to the experience, making our close-up views of the walrus even more special.

After returning to the ship, we were treated to an amazing lecture by Avi, who captivated us with fascinating insights. As the afternoon unfolded, more adventures awaited us.

The fog remained steadfast around the ship as we navigated towards

Bråsvellbreen, one of the longest glacier fronts in the northern hemisphere, spanning approximately 200 kilometres. The arctic is full of surprises, and today was a reminder that nature sets its own schedule.

While waiting for the conditions to improve, we enjoyed a documentary and later gathered for a talk by Marcos about the geology of the region. Time passed, but the fog remained. As evening approached, we convened in the lecture theatre for the day's recap and briefing. We learned more about walrus, and Christophe shared the plans for tomorrow.







Kvitøya

DAY 7 | Sunday, 18 August 2024

Latitude:
79° 34.2'N
Longitude:
018° 47.1'E

Course:
140°
Speed:
5.1 knots

Wind Speed:
5 knots SE
Barometer:
1019 hPa

Air Temp:
4°C

Today, we were set to explore the north-easternmost coasts of the archipelago, aiming for the infamous White Island, Kvitøya.

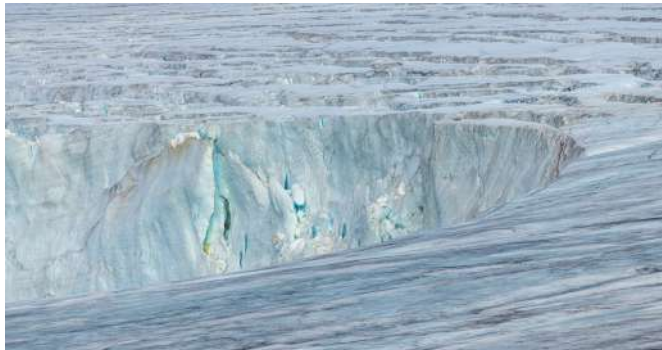
This remote arctic island, nearly swallowed by its dome of ice, is renowned for its impressive megafauna. But as we approached the north-eastern side, near Kræmerpynten, the arctic had other plans. The morning fog rendered an outing impossible, forcing us to pivot. Fortunately, our skilled Expedition Team quickly turned the change in plans into new and enticing offerings on board.

Bridge tours were announced, giving us an insider's look at the 'brain' of the ship, guided by our Captain and officers. We also had the

chance to contribute to Citizen Science, participating in the 'Walrus from Space' project, where we helped estimate walrus populations across the arctic.

After lunch, the fog lifted, and the long-awaited adventure began. Zodiacs were deployed for an exploration of Kvitøya's southwestern end, at Andréeneset. It was an unforgettable experience. From the water, we spotted not one, but four polar bears, and a lively gathering of walruses, complete with adorable pups.









In the Sea Ice

DAY 8 | Monday 19 August 2024

Latitude:
81°41.6'N
Longitude:
021°13.6'E

Course:
348°
Speed:
2.4 knots

Wind Speed:
NW 1 knots
Barometer:
1018 hPa

Air Temp:
5°C

We ventured north of 81 degrees, greeted by a dense, almost surreal fog that blanketed the horizon. Despite the limited visibility, the morning offered us a unique opportunity to experience the ship's innovative viewing platforms, known as the wings.

Extending out from the sides of the vessel, these platforms allowed us to step beyond the ship's edge, giving us the sensation of floating above the arctic waters. Even with the fog obscuring the view, the feeling of being suspended in the vastness of the arctic was truly one of a kind.

Later in the morning, we gathered for a lecture by Marcos, one of our

expedition experts, who shared his deep knowledge of sea ice.

As the lecture ended, anticipation grew for the morning's highlight: the polar plunge. Just before lunch, 45 adventurous Expeditioners braved the icy waters of the Arctic Ocean. At 2 degrees Celsius, the water was shockingly cold, and the plunge was both exhilarating and invigorating.

After lunch, the fog began to lift, revealing a breathtaking landscape of ice and sea. Our Expedition Leader, Christophe, announced that we had found a perfect ice floe for an afternoon landing. We eagerly set off in the Zodiacs, stepping onto the solid ice and taking in the serene, otherworldly beauty of the Arctic.











Raudfjorden

DAY 9 | Tuesday 20 August 2024

Latitude:
79°43.6'N
Longitude:
012°02.2'E

Course:
169°
Speed:
8 knots

Wind Speed:
E 2 knots
Barometer:
1020 hPa

Air Temp:
8°C

The day was mirror calm and the skies clear (a distinct shift from the foggy setting of the last couple of days) for miles upon entering Raudfjorden, northwest Spitsbergen's crown jewel - an infrequently visited tongue of emerald water enclosed by glacially garlanded mountains. Upon approach to its southern end, a polar bear was spied sleeping just above the western shoreline (another brilliant, unscripted occurrence).

A landing was no longer an option. Zodiacs fanned out towards the shore below the bear's location; the animal hardly stirred. The fleet cruised slowly deeper into the fjord, by cascading glaciers set aglow in the morning light. The seas remained reflective the entire time: a photographer's dream setting.

During lunch, our vessel repositioned to the mouth of the fjord.

A landing was launched upon the gravelly belt, backed by an expansive lagoon. Terns and kittiwakes whirled in the skies and stood sentinel upon the lagoon's shores. Hikes of varying lengths and difficulty fanned out to explore the terrain. The red Devonian sandstone matrix was the substrate upon which varied resilient species of mosses, lichens and vascular plants added a subtle sheen of colour to the otherwise monochromatic realm of the arctic.









Lilliehöökbreenn & 14e Julibreen

DAY 10 | Wednesday 21 August 2024

Latitude:
79° 20.8' N
Longitude:
011° 42.3' E

Course:
025°
Speed:
2.3 knots

Wind Speed:
1.5 knots NE
Barometer:
1015 hPa

Air Temp:
5°C

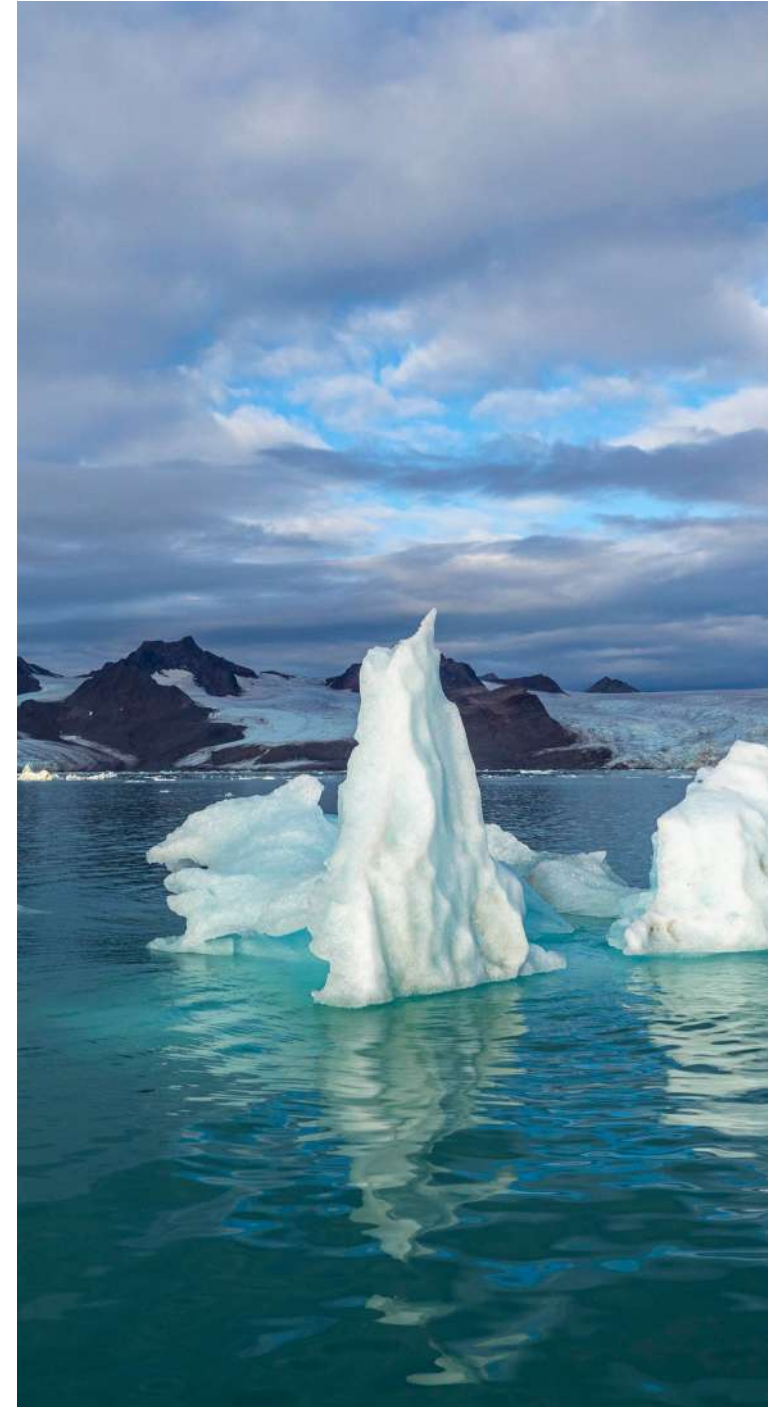
We woke up in Krossfjorden to a breathtaking view of Lilliehöökbreenn, a magnificent glacier stretching 7 kilometres across the horizon. The sight was awe-inspiring, but the real adventure began with our morning Zodiac ride. As we ventured through the fjord, we were surrounded by gorgeous icescapes, with a dazzling array of blue hues and intricate, otherworldly ice formations. The glacier was alive with activity, especially at a massive ice cave, where we witnessed the awe-inspiring spectacle of ice calving. Each chunk of ice crashing into the water below was accompanied by a roaring thunder that echoed across the fjord. The sheer power and beauty of the moment left us breathless.

The afternoon brought us to the 14th of July Glacier (14e Julibreen), where the day's wonders continued. Not only were we greeted by a herd of reindeer, but we also watched in delight as puffins took daring leaps off the cliffs. The highlight of the afternoon, however, was a curious polar fox that made a rare appearance, giving us yet another unforgettable close encounter with arctic wildlife.

This expedition, circumnavigating Svalbard, has been nothing short of extraordinary. The wildlife encounters we have been gifted, have been extraordinary and unforgettable. We have travelled far and wide, from the jagged peaks of the south, through the remote and wild landscapes of the east, across the frozen seascapes of the far north, and back to the lush, Gulf Stream-warmed west.









Longyearbyen

DAY 11 | Thursday 22 August 2024

Latitude:
78° 13.7'N
Longitude:
015° 36.1'E

Wind Speed:
10 knots E
Barometer:
1020 hPa

Course:
At Anchor
Speed:
At Anchor

Air Temp:
8°C

Aurora Expeditions thanks you for joining us aboard *Greg Mortimer* as we explored Svalbard's incredible scenery, history and wildlife. We hope to see you on the high seas again some day!



BBQ





Polar Plunge











Kayaking Log

with Kayak Guides: Vanja Davidsen, Daniel Stavert, Eamon Larkin

Tuesday 13 August, PM – Burgerbukta
2.1km

This was our first outing. We were very efficient at getting dressed and fitted so we were keen to get out on the water. However, we were a little torn. There was a polar bear. It had been sighted not far from our position. Of course, we could not paddle near a bear, but we wanted to see it. The wind and waves on the way out to our bear were not great for us towing kayaks. The poor kayaks were getting slowly filled with water and even occasionally tipping. It really slowed our progress, but we managed to get a glimpse of our first polar bear. It was sleepy mostly. The return was better, and we were soon in the much calmer, still waters near the ship. We glided along the coastline past some little waterfalls and mossy rocks. Around the headland we saw some beautiful sculptures of ice and one decent-sized iceberg. The cliffs above were stained with orange streaks. It was a good setting for our initial outing.

Wednesday 14 August, AM –
Boltodden 4.8km

A strong ocean swell and some gusty wind from the south made conditions look challenging. Yet the hardy kayakers were soon aboard their vessels and moving north. With a following sea and the wind at their backs, the team quickly found their rhythm. The breaking surf off hidden reefs below the looming cliffs set an atmospheric scene as the kayakers cruised past. High above the water, the layers of sedimentary geology, each one a different geologic event, were both beautiful and intriguing. Layers of coal, limestone, mudstone and sandstone all combining into a stunning sight. The cliffs were home to numerous puffins, black guillemots and fulmar. The puffins and the guillemots working hard to stay in the air as the fulmar soared disdainfully above. With time running low, Eamon brought in the Zodiacs, and kayakers swiftly re-embarked and turned their noses for home. A great chance to stretch out and paddle some distance in scenic and dramatic conditions.



Number of Kayakers: 15	Kayakers:	Anando Stangl	Carol Schwartz
Total Paddle Outings: 8	Graham Long	Dan Phillips	Alan Schwartz
Total Distance Paddled: 29.7 km	Hillary Lewis	Jacqui Phillips	
	Paul Tuttle	Murray McLean	
	David Balkin	Sasha Buch	
	Daniela Zitta	Carolyn Wiseman	
	Kim Burnett	Cher Brazenor	

Wednesday 14 August, PM – Mathiesbukta 1.7km

Looking from the ship, the sea and wind around us did not make it look inviting to kayak this afternoon. However, we could see that the bay beside us offered good shelter. Off we set, towing our kayaks into the bay towards the glaciers. We found that smooth, calm water that we had spied from the ship. It was perfect. The bay was glassy and the glacier in front of us was very imposing. Actually, we had glaciers on three sides and they were all different. The one on our right was covered by silt, soil and rock. The ice was barely visible underneath. The glacier in front of us was a striking mix of blues, greys and whites. It looked like it regularly calved bergs off its steep face. The glacier on the left of us resembled concrete as it gently sloped into the bay. We were heading towards this glacier with an intent to land briefly beside it, when we heard the call to return to the ship, now! Apparently, the swell and wind increased a lot about the ship, and we needed to cease our outing in the calm bay.

Friday 16 August, AM – Alkefjellet 4.8km

A thick layer of fog lay over the islands of Spitsbergen and the wide waters of the Hinlopen Strait. In the mist the *Greg Mortimer* was just in earshot of the raucous noise of a huge bird colony; the incredible site of Alkefjellet.

After a few days of training, the kayakers had got the hang of their gear and systems and soon they were sliding with grace and style into their vessels and away from the launching Zodiac. The boats moved quietly and gently through a glowing green sea. The mirrored surface punctuated by waterfalls cascading from melting ice above. Towers and tunnels in the dark dolerite stone of the cliffs led the eye up into the dizzying heights of the cliffs above. All throughout this stone wonderland the cries of seabirds could be heard. Rounding the corner, the full scale of the guillemot colony was revealed; 60,000 pairs of birds wheeling and swirling in the sky. The ledges and edges packed with breeding birds. The

kayakers moved slowly through, the gentle current pushing them along. Finally, the current ushered the team out and beyond the cliffs into a further glacial bay, and a final paddle back to the ship; another fantastic paddle complete in the High Arctic.

Friday 16 August, PM – Frazerbreen 3.3km

This glacier looked very interesting on the map; it was a right-angled glacier. That is, it stuck out like a sharp 90-degree corner off the land. On the side of the glacier there the land showed obvious signs of recent glacial activity. We hopped from iceberg to iceberg on the way to some interesting-looking rocks. As we cruised beside these rocks somebody spotted a seal, possibly a ringed seal. It did not hang around. We headed towards the looming glacier slowly, checking the distances as we went. It was an impressive glacier.

We paddled beside it and reached its sharp corner. Instead of cutting the corner we headed straight out to a very blue iceberg

that some said looked like a scoop of ice cream and others an elf's hat. Overall, we were pretty happy with this little glacier. It had been a fantastic full day.

Tuesday 20 August, AM – Ayerfjorden 3.6km

Arriving in Ayerfjorden early on the 20th, the kayakers were ready to get back into their boats and into action. The mist had lifted, and suddenly all around the fjord were mountains sharp against the sky. The team was soon afloat and paddling away into the southern end of the fjord. The reflections of glaciers shimmered in the calm waters, and the red hills of the fjord were a surprising change from the world of ice and sea that the kayakers had been in the previous few days.

Every now and again a curious head would pop up above the water. A whiskery bearded seal, his moustache bristling with surprise at the strange yellow, red, and blue craft cruising past. As the time available came to a close, Eamon and Vanja ran



ahead and scouted a small beach. Ashore went the paddlers, and finally after days at sea the team had their feet on the red dirt of Raudfjorden. The driftwood, incredible geology, and peace of the landing site were a beautiful way to finish another unique kayak experience in Svalbard.

Tuesday 20 August, PM – Kapp Svenskund 5.8km

After an incredible morning in Ayerfjorden the ship repositioned just to the north, onto the eastern shore of Raudfjorden. From the ship the kayak team could see bird cliffs and waterfalls beckoning to be explored. With the full kayak team assembled they drifted with the wind, with puffins zooming past on their way to their burrows, and curious bearded seals lifting their quizzical noses above the calm waters. Steering close to shore brought the incredible geology into view. The pink feldspars and wild, chaotic conglomerate rocks were a delight to paddle among and around. Rounding the corner, the kayak pods spied a beautiful private beach. Daniel and Vanja ran ashore

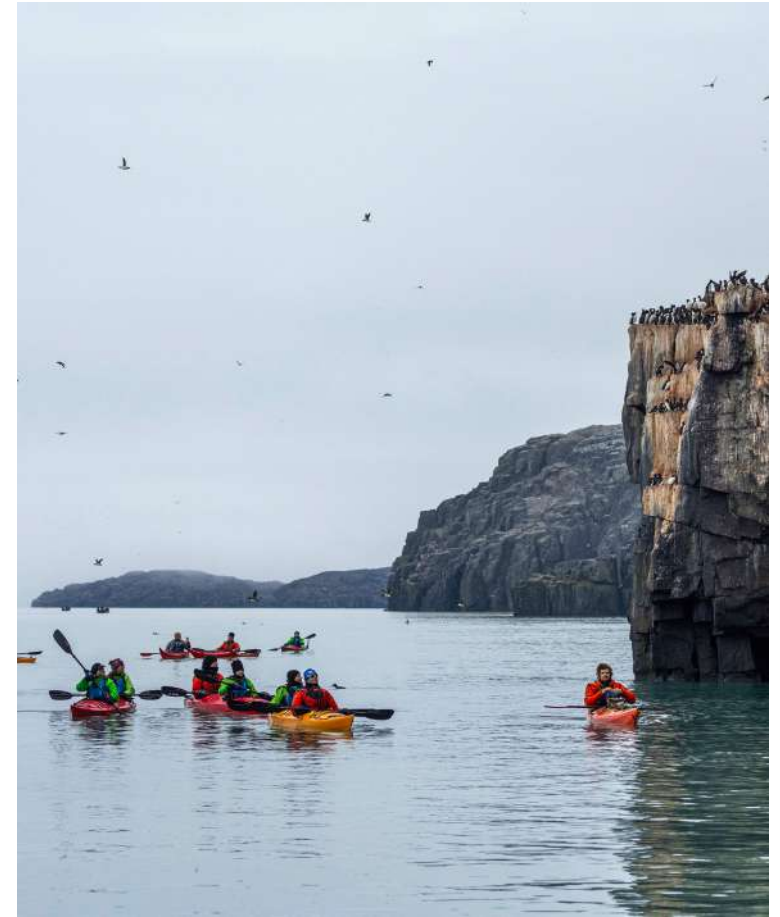
quickly, and checked that all was clear until again the kayakers could land the boats directly onto the beach. From the water the landscape, while spectacular, looked barren and bare. Yet, once they stood on shore, the kayakers could see that every inch of earth was home to a microscopic world of surprising plenty. Moss campion, mouse-ear, sorrel, harebell, and mushrooms and lichens in scores. The colour and variety were astonishing and the more so in such a place. Reaching a high point, the team paused by a large waterfall before returning to the shore, and home to the *Greg Mortimer*.

21 August Lilliehöökreen – 3.6km

The last day of the expedition and the team was ready in the kayak room in the incredible glacial bay of Lilliehöökreen. The paddlers were in their gear in a fraction of the time it took only a week ago. With their speed and skills honed by the previous days of action they were soon on the water and moving through the calm of the bay. The water glowed with glacial sediment;

crystals of ice that scattered the light and lent the water a luminescent quality. The brash ice crashed against hulls as the fleet moved through with a percussive paddling experience that is completely unique to polar kayaking. The sun rose higher and the 11-kilometre-long face of Lilliehöökreen shone in the daylight; its blues and white, greys and blacks, stretching for miles and miles into the hinterland of Spitspergen. The exposed moraines and scouring lines on its flanks revealing the rate of change in even this most mighty of glaciers.

With time running out, the team gathered together and leaped back up and onto the waiting Zodiacs for a last return to the warmth and comfort of the *Greg Mortimer*.







Map



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