



ARCTIC EXPEDITION 2026

July 30-Aug 10th, 2026 – 11 spots only! \$17,500 USD pp

Small group focused on up close Arctic wildlife imagery of Polar Bears, Walrus, Arctic fox, Seabirds & seals.



Join **Becky Schott** of Liquid Productions in one of the most remote places on our planet, the Arctic! We have been organizing Arctic safaris to **Svalbard Norway** for years. This which is one of the world's premier destinations for nature photography. Svalbard is a Norwegian archipelago in the Arctic Ocean north of mainland Norway at around 74-81 degrees north latitude. Longyearbyen is the world's northernmost settlement with a lot of history. In addition to world class wildlife sightings there are many historical sites, varied landscapes, glaciers, mountains, flowering tundra, pack ice and incredible scenery. Our trip will be focused on close encounters with the King of the Arctic the Polar Bear and we'll spend time with various walrus colonies and look for other Arctic species including Arctic Fox, Reindeer, Sea Birds including puffins,

Harbor and Bearded seals, beluga whales, humpback whales and on past trips we've always seen a blue whale!

Why this trip? It's all about targeting wildlife for amazing viewing and photography. Our guides will position us in the best locations, with the best light and with only 6 people on a zodiac. We have **no set schedule** so we can stay for hours, if possible, without disturbing the animals. Many ships go out at set times with 20+ zodiacs and more than 120-150 people. They only stay out for an hour to get back for lunch. This is not that trip. We will be in the Arctic when there's the **"Midnight sun"** and 24 hours of daylight! That means if we spot a polar bear at 11pm we'll board the zodiacs to go out for the most opportunities possible in the soft beautiful lighting conditions. If you want to sleep this may not be the trip for you, but if you want to add to your photography portfolio and really make the most out of an Arctic trip this is one of the best opportunities. This trip is for photographers of all levels and if you're not a photographer that's ok too! I have a lot of guests join that just want to experience the Arctic and spend the most time possible in nature.

Underwater Walrus – Do you dream of unique underwater imagery. I know I do. For years I dreamed of filming walrus underwater in the Arctic. This is no easy task but on this small group trip we are dedicated to experimenting and trying to capture unique imagery. Inquire with Becky about doing this. These are large and potentially dangerous animals, so this is not to be taken lightly. She can help set you up with her experience and we will spend a few days at the walrus colonies attempting to let the walrus get used to us and capturing some split shots or underwater images of these incredible animals. You won't find this on any other trip! We will not be in the water with them diving or snorkeling so this will take pre-planning and practice ahead of time. A strong photography background and knowledge of animal behavior is important but Becky will help you if you're serious.





Unlike many of the cruise ships that have set itinerary, on these trips we have no specific schedule, this is exploratory based on conditions and wildlife. This is the best way to do the Arctic because the guides will always be on watch for great opportunities. We will travel up north of Spitsbergen Island around 300-500 miles from the North Pole into the pack ice to look for polar bears on the ice. This is one highlight of the expedition. With the midnight sun we could be up all day and see bears, bearded seals, ring seals, walrus and seabirds. Each year the pack ice can vary and be further north or south but we will get into it. The guides get us close without disturbing the animals. In fact, the ship usually turns off its engines and drift with the ice all night, listening to the sounds of the ice and let the polar bears come to us....and the bears will come to us out of curiosity. From over a mile away a bear spotted the ship and jumped over leads and swam to finally walk right up to the vessel and looked up at us. I could hear her breathing; she paced around the ship for about an hour allowing the most incredible images. This is why we have no set itinerary. We will be able to choose what's best and meet different personal goals for the expedition. We may even see Beluga at the ice edge and other amazing moments.

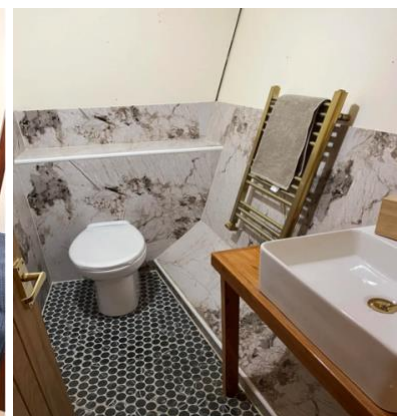


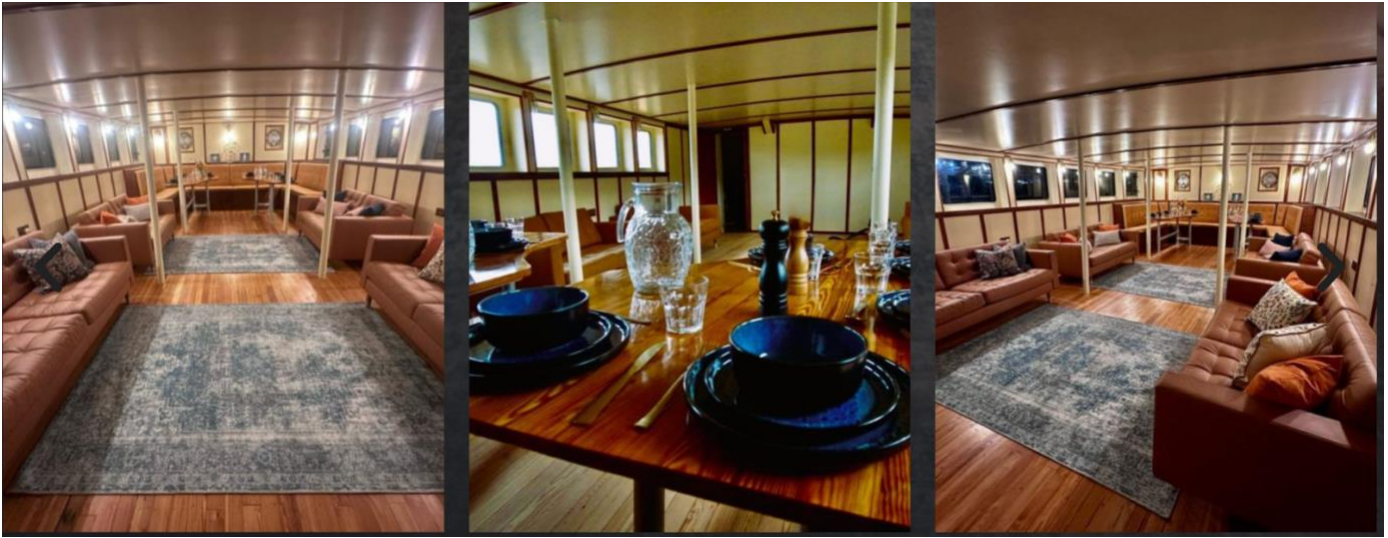


Our trip will begin in **Longyearbyen Norway**. We'll meet at our host hotel and go out to dinner in town. If you decide to arrive early (that is encouraged because baggage can get delayed and Longyearbyen is an incredible Arctic town to explore). There is a lot to see in town and activities including the Svalbard Museum, Dog Wheeling, Coal mines and walk around town limits. We will board the ship on the day of departure and bags will be taken to your cabins. We will be traveling on an ice class rated ship which is an excellent platform for our expedition north. **She carries just 12 passengers plus crew**. The ship is specifically designed to sail in dense pack ice. We can freely walk around the whole deck or hang out in the open bridge. The deck is incredible for photography especially when we make it into the drift ice and start viewing bears or as we drift through fjords.

The crew is constantly on the look-out for bears and wildlife and can deploy the two zodiacs very quickly. Because there are only 12 passengers, we load fast so there's no waiting. The ship will provide new PFD's to everyone and a float suit which is very warm to wear if we're spending hours out on the water.

The ship has **6 shared cabins**, 4 cabins with side by side twin beds, 1 cabin with a double bed for a couple and one cabin with bunk beds. All have en-suite bathrooms and are cozy and comfortable cabins. All of the bathrooms are private with hot towel racks and were remodeled in 2025!





The food is excellent and there is plenty of it. They serve a traditional European breakfast with fresh baked breads, meats, eggs, hot cereal, locks and more with juices, coffee and tea. Lunch can be fish, pasta, meat, pizza, soups, salads and dinner is typically traditional Swedish or Norwegian dishes consisting of stews and a lot of meat and potato's, salmon and other fish. If you have dietary restrictions, the chef can absolutely accommodate that. The staff is hard working and extremely friendly and everyone including the chef is looking for wildlife. The encounters they provide are world class and the ship will make you feel like an explorer.



At least one of our 2 guides is from Longyearbyen and has extensive experience locating wildlife and educating us about it along the way. I feel it's important to not only capture great images but learn more about the animals we are observing. It's very likely we'll see predation, or bears fighting over a whale carcass and snacking on a seal. We'll be so close you can hear the walrus's ivory tusks clang against each other as they spar. Having a small group really allows us to focus on observing and photographing wildlife without a crowd and having the time to do so if everything is going well.



More polar bears call Svalbard home than people. What's not to love about that! Let's go explore, this is sure to be one of the most memorable polar trips I can offer you. It's truly a photographers dream trip. If you're not a photographer and just love nature you're welcome to join as well and soak in all the Arctic has to offer. I have plenty of non-photographers come on past trips to get the most out of their Arctic adventure.

There will be presentations during some of the transits on the wildlife and the history of Svalbard and I will be available to everyone for photography critiques or assistance before and during the trip since this is such a small group. My goal is for everyone to have the most incredible Arctic experience and go home with some mind-blowing imagery you are proud of.



this is a sample of a possible itinerary where we'd visit known walrus colonies and search for the best polar bear opportunities, along with bird cliffs and do some landings looking for reindeer and Arctic fox!



Includes:

- 1 night hotel in Longyearbyen (July 30th)If you'd like additional nights in Longyearbyen before the trip please let me know as soon as possible. Hotels book up very fast there.
- Breakfast included at the hotel
- 10 nights / 11 Days Accommodations
- All meals aboard ship
- Tea, coffee, water, juice, soft drinks
- Transfers to the ship from hotel
- Polar Wildlife Photography individual assistance geared towards you

Not Included

- International airfare to/from Longyearbyen (LYR) SAS is the best choice of airline to get there.
- Gratuities
- Alcohol
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)

Price : July 30- August 10th, 2026

\$17,500 USD per person

First payment due upon booking \$7000 USD

Second payment due Oct 1st 2025 \$6000 USD

Final Payment due January 2nd 2026

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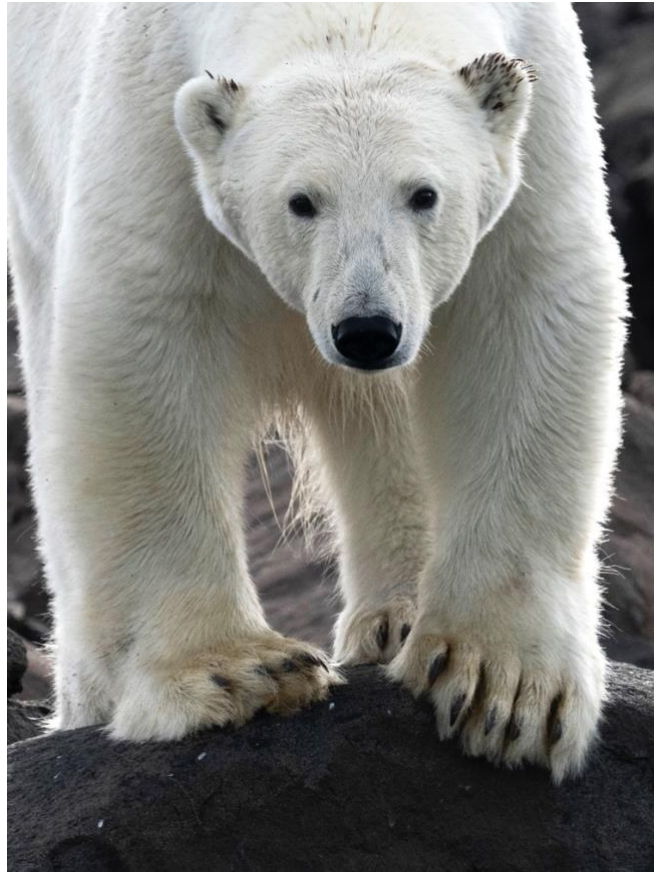
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Other Facts

- The ship electrical system is 220v EU plugs
- Ice strengthen ships
- The ship does not provide muck boots or waterproof boots. I highly recommend you have some
- **HEALTH-** I will be sending a medical form. There is **NO doctor** aboard the ship although the crew is trained in CPR and first aid. I highly recommend you are in good health coming on this trip and bring all necessary medications. If there is an emergency a helicopter can be dispatched from Longyearbyen. Safety is important and getting a health check up ahead of time.
- **Weather** – Plan on 25-30f degrees sometimes it's colder with wind or staying out for long periods of time. Bring a gortex shell jacket and snow pants. The ship will provide everyone with a float suit that is mandatory to be worn and also helps keep us warm. It's best to put this over your own outerwear.

















Don't slack like this slacker polar bear sliding down a slippery slope. Book your spot soon!
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