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AN EYOS OWNER'S VOYAGE

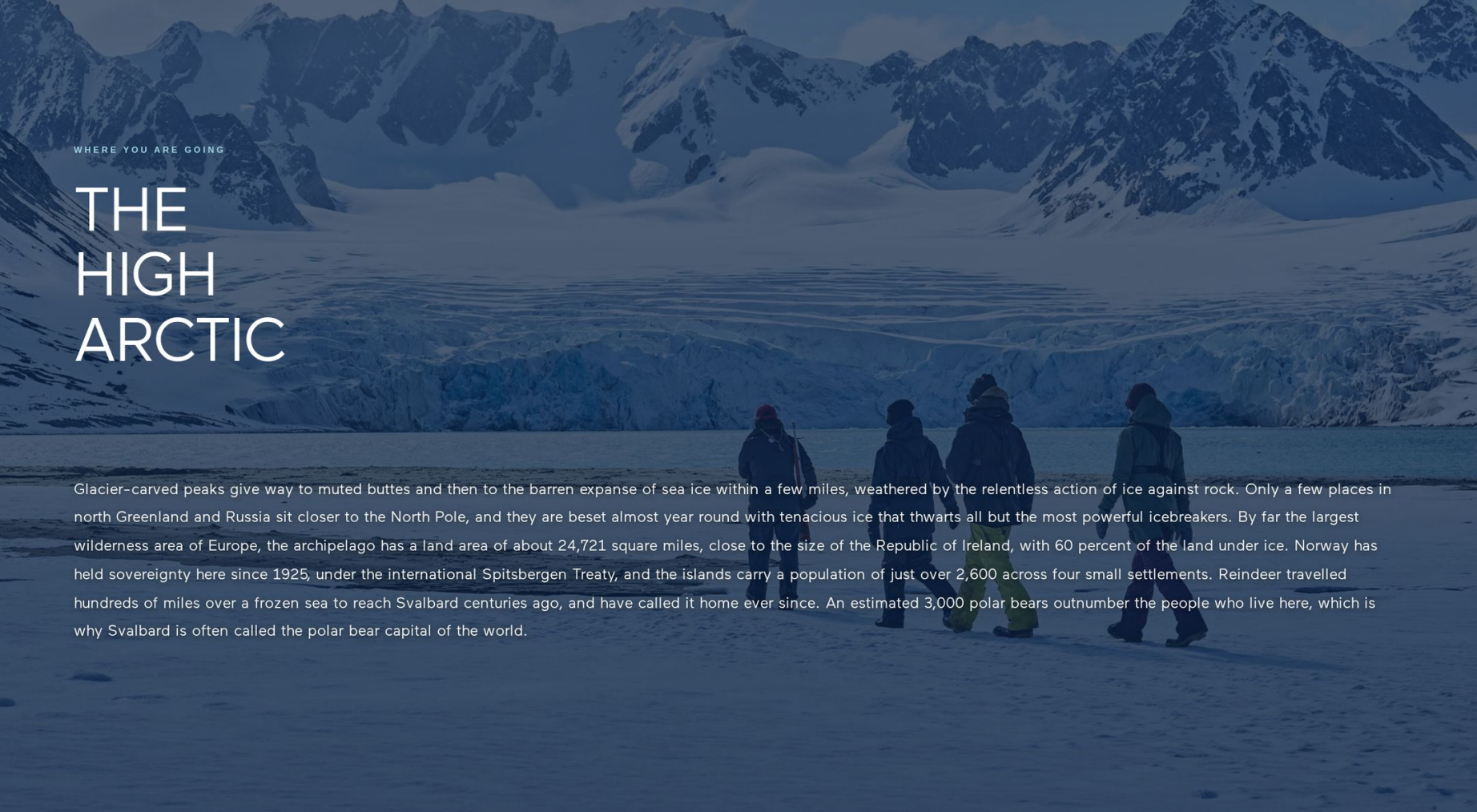
SVALBARD
THE HIGH ARCTIC

Seven days along the northern edge of the archipelago, where a yacht can sail closer to a pole than anywhere else on the planet.

7
EXPEDITION DAYS

6
NIGHTS ABOARD

Longyearbyen
EMBARK



WHERE YOU ARE GOING

THE HIGH ARCTIC

Glacier-carved peaks give way to muted buttes and then to the barren expanse of sea ice within a few miles, weathered by the relentless action of ice against rock. Only a few places in north Greenland and Russia sit closer to the North Pole, and they are beset almost year round with tenacious ice that thwarts all but the most powerful icebreakers. By far the largest wilderness area of Europe, the archipelago has a land area of about 24,721 square miles, close to the size of the Republic of Ireland, with 60 percent of the land under ice. Norway has held sovereignty here since 1925, under the international Spitsbergen Treaty, and the islands carry a population of just over 2,600 across four small settlements. Reindeer travelled hundreds of miles over a frozen sea to reach Svalbard centuries ago, and have called it home ever since. An estimated 3,000 polar bears outnumber the people who live here, which is why Svalbard is often called the polar bear capital of the world.

THE THREE STRETCHES

THE JOURNEY, REGION BY REGION



JULY · DAYS 1 – 2

ISFJORDEN & THE WEST

LONGYEARBYEN → ALKHORNET → ISFJORDEN

The voyage begins in Longyearbyen and heads out along the archipelago's western coast toward Alkhornet. Wildlife you may encounter here is never guaranteed, since Svalbard is wild and its animals move on their own terms, but these waters are known for arctic fox, Svalbard reindeer, walrus, Atlantic puffin, beluga whale and polar bear. For many captains and crews bringing an expedition yacht to Svalbard, this is the first time they have cruised through bear country, and the first two days set the pace the rest of the week will keep.

JULY · DAYS 3 – 4

INTO THE GLACIERS

FORLANDSUNDET → KONGSFJORDEN → KONGSBREEN

This stretch of coast holds some of the richest concentrations of marine mammals in the archipelago, and the route each day is decided by where the ice and the wildlife are. Zodiacs work the water slowly beneath the glacier faces, close enough for good photographs while keeping a respectful distance from any animals nearby.





JULY · DAYS 5 – 7

NY-ÅLESUND & HOME

NY-ÅLESUND → KROSSFJORDEN → LONGYEARBYEN

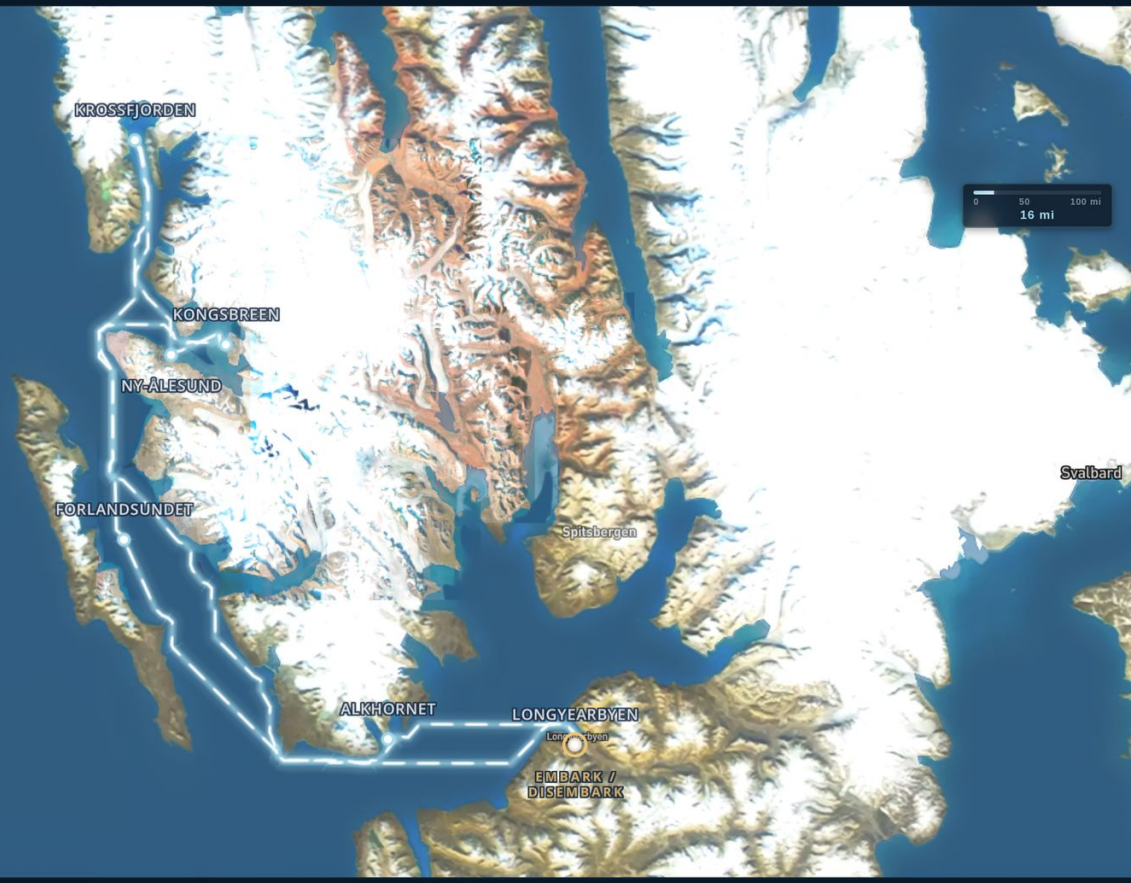
Svalbard has been home to Arctic research since the First International Polar Year in 1883, and that tradition continues at Ny-Ålesund, one of the world's northernmost settlements and an Arctic research station. The final two days work the quieter inner arms of Krossfjorden, depending on ice and weather, before the yacht heads south for Longyearbyen and the end of the week.

THE ROUTE

SEVEN DAYS IN THE NORTH

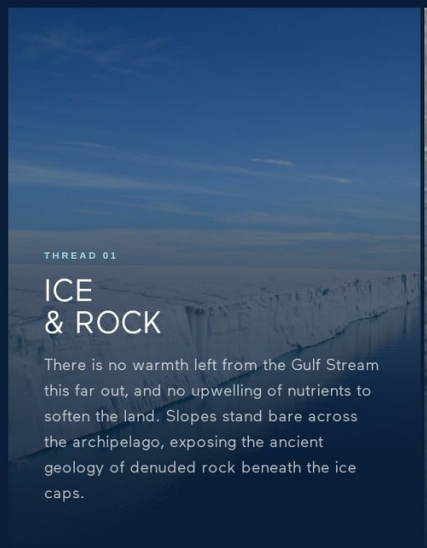
West and north from Longyearbyen through Isfjorden and Forlandsundet to the glacier fronts of Kongsfjorden and Ny-Ålesund, then south again.

1. LONGYEARBYEN
   July · Embark
2. ALKHORNET
   July
3. FORLANDSUNDET
   July
4. KONGSBREEN
   July
5. NY-ÅLESUND
   July
6. KROSSFJORDEN
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KNOWLEDGE ACROSS THE VOYAGE

FOUR THREADS THROUGH SVALBARD



THREAD 01

ICE & ROCK

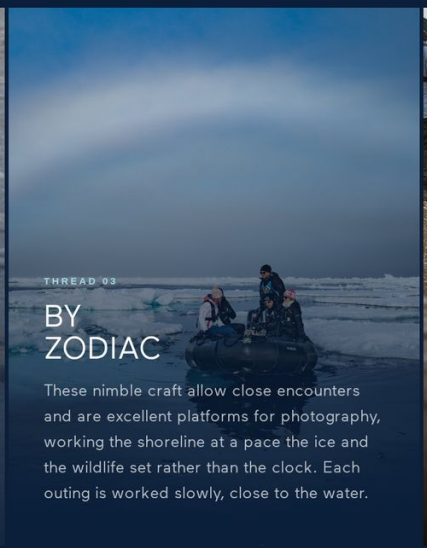
There is no warmth left from the Gulf Stream this far out, and no upwelling of nutrients to soften the land. Slopes stand bare across the archipelago, exposing the ancient geology of denuded rock beneath the ice caps.



THREAD 02

THE WILDLIFE

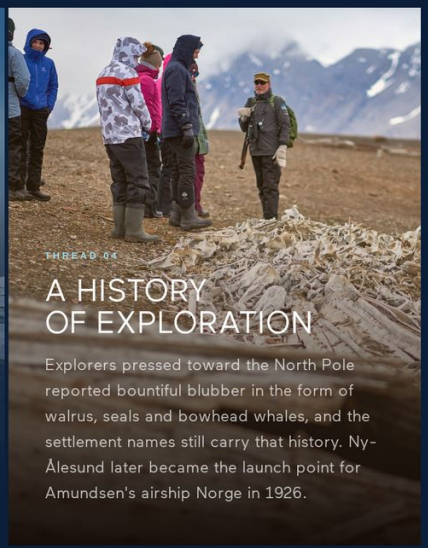
On both land and at sea, Svalbard holds a mixture of species found nowhere else, with more than fifteen marine mammals recorded here. In July the archipelago's seabird cliffs are at their busiest, with guillemots and kittiwakes crowding the ledges.



THREAD 03

BY ZODIAC

These nimble craft allow close encounters and are excellent platforms for photography, working the shoreline at a pace the ice and the wildlife set rather than the clock. Each outing is worked slowly, close to the water.



THREAD 04

A HISTORY OF EXPLORATION

Explorers pressed toward the North Pole reported bountiful blubber in the form of walrus, seals and bowhead whales, and the settlement names still carry that history. Ny-Ålesund later became the launch point for Amundsen's airship Norge in 1926.

"An estimated 3,000 polar bears share these islands with just over 2,600 people, across four small settlements."

SVALBARD · ROUND TRIP FROM LONGYEARBYEN

DAY BY DAY

SEVEN DAYS LONGYEARBYEN AND BACK



LONGYEARBYEN

A horn of rock over the entrance to Isfjorden, a seabird colony on its faces and deep green tundra beneath it grazed by Svalbard reindeer. The guest boards in Longyearbyen, the yacht comes alongside, and the first evening is spent heading out along the coast with the guide to begin the search for wildlife.



ALKHORNET

Cruising in Zodiacs is the polar version of a game drive on safari. Set off with your guide to explore Svalbard's coasts in search of wildlife. Every shoreline bay presents possibilities to see seals, reindeer, arctic fox, nesting seabirds, or the phantom of the ice, the polar bear.



FORLANDSUNDET

The warming influence of the last vestiges of the Gulf Stream keeps this coast open each summer. Walrus, beluga whale, and bearded seal are among twenty types of marine mammals that may be encountered along the channel, worked by Zodiac wherever ice, weather and wildlife allow it on the day.



KONGSBREEN

Tre Kroner above Kongsbreen and Kronebreen, three peaks over the glacier fronts at the head of Kongsfjorden. Colossal glaciers and vast stretches of frozen tundra give the day an otherworldly scale, the water worked slowly by Zodiac beneath the ice.



NY-ÅLESUND

Ny-Ålesund, the northernmost permanent settlement in the world, the mast Amundsen used to launch the airship Norge in 1926. A large bust of Roald Amundsen commemorates the first airship flight over the North Pole, and the launching tower remains on the outskirts of town. A well-stocked shop provides a chance to send a postcard from the most northerly post office in the world.



KROSSFJORDEN

Lilliehöökbreen and the kayaks, Signehamna, a quiet inner arm of the fjord system. The surrounding ice floes often attract walrus, ringed seals, and polar bears, particularly in early summer, and a last day is given to watching for them from the boat before the yacht turns south.



LONGYEARBYEN

Breakfast aboard as the yacht comes back alongside in Longyearbyen, then farewells on the pier before the transfer to the airport. The last of the tundra and the seabird faces of the archipelago's coast fall astern on the way in.

YOUR EXPEDITION TEAM

LED ON THE ICE



EXPEDITION LEADER & FOUNDING PARTNER

ROB MCCALLUM

New Zealander Rob McCallum is the co-founder of EYOS Expeditions, widely regarded as the world's foremost provider of marine-based private expedition services. He is a former conservation manager and author and an accomplished polar and tropical guide. Together he and his team have planned and managed over 1200 safe and successful expeditions to the most remote and pristine parts of our planet.

An acknowledged expert in deep-water submersible operations, he was directly responsible for the overall design, management and leadership of the record-breaking Five Deeps Expedition, regarded as "the most ambitious exploration expedition in a century" (Capt. Don Walsh Ph.D). This achievement has opened the pathway to the last frontier of exploration on Earth; the deep ocean. These expeditions add to the long list of world firsts and world records achieved by EYOS Expeditions clients. In 2021 Rob dived to the deepest point on Earth; Challenger Deep (10,925 m).

Rob consults regularly to clients in the private and commercial worlds about expedition vessels. This includes the partnership between EYOS Expeditions and Damen Shipyards on the design, build and operation of the SeaXplorer range of purpose-built expedition yachts.

In addition to working with exclusive clients interested in exploring beyond the beaten path, Rob has consulted for the National Geographic Society, Discovery Channel, the Norwegian Navy, BBC, NHK and CNN. He is a licensed aircraft pilot, a PADI Dive Master, an award-winning Fellow of the Explorers Club (NY) and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in London. He is a regular contributor to both industry and mainstream media. He is a Trustee for Nekton Mission, a founder of Yachts for Science, and has just completed the maximum term on the Executive Committee of IAATO. He has worked in Antarctica for over 25 years.



EXPEDITION LEADER

TIM SOPER

EYOS co-founder Tim Soper has spent his life exploring the world's wildest places by sea and is an expert at planning and managing superyacht expeditions.

Growing up sailing and diving on the Devon coast of Southwest England Tim developed a keen interest in the ocean, which led to a degree in marine biology and oceanography. As a professional diver, guide and expedition leader, he voyaged throughout the polar regions and tropics, gaining a comprehensive knowledge of extraordinary destinations worldwide.

He has managed some of the most extreme superyacht expeditions ever completed, guiding clients to the most inaccessible and beautiful locations for remarkable experiences. These include the record setting voyage of Arctic P to Antarctica's Ross Sea, navigating further south than any other vessel in history and received BOAT International's Voyager award. He has led numerous voyages through the Northwest Passage, skiing expeditions to Antarctica and Greenland, and has completely circumnavigated both polar regions, and has twice reached the geographic north pole. In the tropics he has guided expeditions to dive the reefs of some of the most remote and pristine oceanic islands, never before visited by superyachts.



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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

SEE YOU IN LONGYEARBYEN

The yacht will be alongside in Longyearbyen in July. From there it is seven days of glacier fronts, walrus haul-outs and the long Arctic light along the northern edge of the archipelago. Rob, Tim and the rest of the team will be on the pier.

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