

Svalbard Odyssey

Aboard *Greg Mortimer* | 20 – 30 June 2024





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Longyearbyen

DAY 1 | Thursday 20 June

Latitude:
78° 14.4'N
Longitude:
015 35.8'E

Wind Speed:
5 knots SSE
Barometer:
1026 hPa

Course:
340°
Speed:
9.1 knots

Air Temp:
3°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 would 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 the Expedition Team, who fitted us with lifejackets and loaded us into Zodiacs. En route to the ship, our driver explained what to do in the event of a 'man overboard' and made sure that we knew how to stay safe in a Zodiac.

Today, we embarked the *Greg Mortimer* via the back marina deck, located at the aft of the ship. Once in the mudroom, we found our lockers, stored our lifejackets, and headed up to deck four. At the end of the corridor, we were greeted by our Onboard Expedition Manager, Justine, and Photography Guide, Adrian, for our first group photo of the trip.

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'.





At Sea | 14th of July Glacier

DAY 2 | Friday 21 June 2024

Latitude:
79° 03.1'N
Longitude:
011 08.0' E

Course:
067°
Speed:
11.4 knots

Wind Speed:
15 knots E
Barometer:
1026 hPa

Air Temp:
10°C

Early this morning we were greeted with the awe-inspiring sight of not one, but three polar bears – a mother and her two cubs – strolling in the gorgeous sunshine. What a start to the day!

After getting our Muck Boots fitted in the mudroom, we listened intently as John delivered an intriguing lecture about polar bears. Who knew that a polar bear's skin is black, it can run up to 40 kilometres per hour, and that it has protective membranes over its eyes, which functions like a pair of sunglasses?

After lunch, anticipation peaked as we prepared to explore the 14th

of July Glacier. We boarded the Zodiacs and set out on our adventure. Initially, the landscape seemed barren, but as we approached in the small boats, a vibrant world revealed itself.

We spotted common eiders, black guillemots, glaucous gulls, puffins, and kittiwakes adorning the cliffs and shoreline. The excitement continued as we caught sight of a walrus gliding through the water, adding to the day's marvels. The stoic glacier itself was mesmerising, especially as we witnessed a few calvings and experienced the ice 'popping' around the Zodiacs.









Smeerenburg | Hamiltonbukta

DAY 3 | Saturday 22 June 2024

Latitude:
79° 48.4'N
Longitude:
011 00.9'E

Wind Speed:
12 knots E
Barometer:
1027 hPa

Course:
164°
Speed:
3.4 knots

Air Temp:
10°C

After breakfast, half of us went ashore at Smeerenburg on Amsterdamøya while the other half went on a Zodiac cruise. Smeerenburg translates as Blubbertown. In the first half of the 17th century, there was a busy whaling station here on shore.

Katja led us to a group of around 20 walrus that were hauled out on the beach, lazily snoozing in the sun. Sometimes one would raise its head, have a good scratch and then go back to sleep. Occasionally, a walrus would be sighted in the water, but it would soon join the others ashore. We saw only male walrus. The females were staying farther east in Svalbard – as far east as Franz Josef Land. Only during

the mating season from December to February will the bears mix.

The Zodiac cruisers went across the bay and observed a sleeping polar bear. They could clearly see its tracks in the snow. An outing like this, when you see walrus, a polar bear and important whaling history all at once, is very special.

Our afternoon destination, Hamiltonbukta in Raudfjorden, translates as Red Bay. They saw many Brünnich's guillemots, kittiwakes, a ringed seal and a baby bearded seal. Passing the rugged ice cliffs of Hamiltonbukta was very impressive. The Zodiac cruise ended at a wooden hut built in 1927 by Swedish trapper Sven Olsen.







Chermsideøya | Pack Ice (Farthest North - Latitude: 80°56.10' N)

DAY 4 | Sunday 23 June 2024

Latitude:
80° 33.2' N
Longitude:
020° 15.7' E

Course:
266°
Speed:
8.7 knots

Wind Speed:
21 knots WNW
Barometer:
1024 hPa

Air Temp:
1°C

The *Greg Mortimer* steamed out of the pack ice and towards the south, aiming for the northernmost reaches of the island of Nordauslandet.

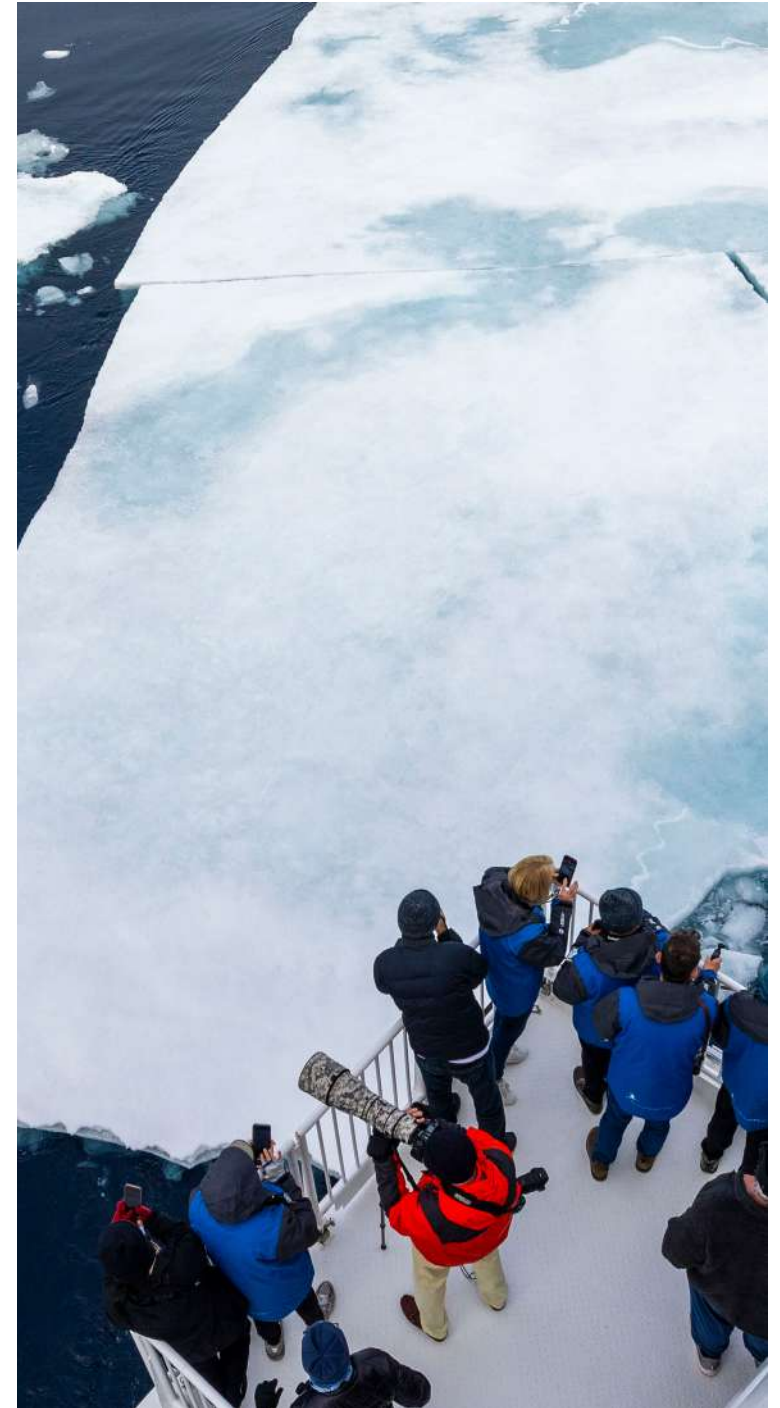
We emerged from the fog into brilliant sunshine. Following breakfast, our numbers landed on Chermsideøya, an infrequently visited, somewhat flat, sandy haunt of lonely granite and tortured metamorphic strata. Human history, spelled out in intriguing geoglyphs that chronicle the visits of late 19th- and early 20th-century expeditions to the region. This was followed by the time-honoured activity known as the polar plunge. Why Expeditioners willingly cast themselves into the frigid briny is a matter of endless

speculation – with some reasons as eccentric as those who complete the exercise. It is also a source of unbridled entertainment as a spectator sport.

After lunch, our vessel headed north to the polar pack ice. Our goal was simple – reach the ice edge and open our eyes to discovery. After roughly two hours of deadheading due north, the telltale white horizon came into focus.

Slowly, inexorably, thicker and larger floes of ice emerged like a gauntlet – sprawling, flat and inviting. The sea was calm, almost undisturbed; it bore the sheen of liquid mercury, doldrumsque in the conspicuous lack of even the slightest breeze.









Torellneset | Bråsvellbreen

DAY 5 | Monday 24 June 2024

Latitude:
79° 27.7'N
Longitude:
019° 52.0'E

Course:
136°
Speed:
9.9 knots

Wind Speed:
12 knots E
Barometer:
1022 hPa

Air Temp:
1°C

We made a morning landing at Torellneset, a headland hosting a walrus haul-out backed by shingle banks rising to high ground.

Three hikes of different duration let us explore a sequence of raised beaches. The beaches were created through the force of post-glacial isostatic rebound, which happens when land moves upwards after the weight of any ice has been removed, leaving beaches high and dry above the waves and creating the impression of a receding sea level. So high gravels, which once lay below the surface over 6,000 years ago, are now more than 30 metres above sea level, carrying the bones of a whale skyward to be surrounded by tiny spring wildflowers in the High Arctic desert.

We made our way around to the southern coast, Bråsvellbreen, a glacier flowing, flowing from Austfonna to terminate in a vast cliff of ice. Bråsvellbreen translates as 'sudden swell glacier', from the huge surges observed here in the late 19th and 20th centuries. During a surge, ice slides forward much faster than usual, lubricated by an accumulation of meltwater flowing under the glacier. A surge in the late 1930s extended the glacier tongue almost 10 kilometres offshore.

Weaving through bergs and brash in Zodiacs, watching guillemots in low-level flight, and roaring waterfalls. The glacier front stretched ahead of us, disappearing into the mist. At 160 kilometres long, it is the longest glacier in the Northern Hemisphere.









Andréeneset | Kvitøya | At Sea

DAY 6 | Tuesday 25 June 2024

Latitude:
80° 01.1'N
Longitude:
030° 42.2'E

Course:
047°
Speed:
6.9 knots

Wind Speed:
8 knots SE
Barometer:
1018 hPa

Air Temp:
0°C

We decided to put the Zodiacs in the water and explore the rugged coast of Andréeneset, a dramatic landscape rich in history.

During the cold Zodiac ride along the coast, we were able to observe several walrus in the water. We then arrived at the exact location where Salomon Andrée and his men spent their final days after their tragic and unsuccessful expedition to the North Pole. We paid tribute to these courageous and passionate men, from our Zodiacs in front of the monument erected in their honour at this site.

The wind quickly began to pick up, bringing along the fog. While the *Greg Mortimer* disappeared into the distance, all the Zodiacs managed to return safely, showcasing excellent teamwork aided by

our GPS devices. In just a few minutes, this place revealed its wild and aggressive nature to us. Upon returning to our luxurious expedition vessel, a delightful lunch awaited us!

After warming up and filling our bellies, John, our beloved biologist, invited us to the second part of his talk about polar bears – fascinating marine mammals perfectly adapted to this environment! To maximise the remainder of the afternoon, we indulged in a delightful afternoon tea. Following this, Katja delivered a captivating presentation on climate change and its impact on the Arctic.







Alkefjellet, Wilhelmøya

DAY 7 | Wednesday 26 June 2024

Latitude:
79° 32.0' N
Longitude:
019° 23.5'

Wind Speed:
11 knots SSW
Barometer:
1012 hPa

Course:
297°
Speed:
6.5 knots

Air Temp:
0°C

Approaching Alkefjellet, located on the island Lomfjordhalv, we couldn't see a thing as the ship was surrounded by fog. But a bit of fog wasn't going to hold us back! We lowered the Zodiacs, and then headed down to the mudroom, excited for what the day would bring. Cruising through the fog was so mystical it felt like a proper expedition. And, as we reached the cliffs, the sky suddenly cleared and – WOW!

We saw beautiful waterfalls, thousands and thousands of birds, and some of us were lucky enough to spot an arctic fox. Others kayaked in between the freestanding columns. Our morning outing ended

by the beautiful glacier. After almost two to three hours, we were zooming back to the ship, with the fog closing in on us again.

After lunch we did our exploring the from the ship, spotting heaps of walrus and seals on the ice.

At approximately 4.00pm, we heard the ding-dong and Jeff's voice on the speaker, announcing 'we have spotted polar bears in the area.' Yay! All of us stormed to the observation lounge with our cameras and binos. True enough there were a few bears, one in particular caught our attention and was close enough for us to slowly approach. What a gift to see a bear in its 'hood.







Floraodden | Kinnvika

DAY 8 | Thursday 27 June 2024

Latitude:
79° 56.9' N
Longitude:
018° 02.9' E

Course:
026°
Speed:
5.1 knots

Wind Speed:
17 knots NW
Barometer:
1012 hPa

Air Temp:
0°C

We disembarked at Floraodden, eager to explore this untouched gem. Our first encounter was with the remnants of an old trapper's hut, or what was left of it after years of nature's gentle reclaiming. It was less of a hut and more of a suggestion of a hut.

We embarked on a loop through the various landscapes, marvelling at the flora and fauna. Others found quiet spots to relax and soak in the surroundings. Two reindeer appeared, looking surprised to see us. They strutted around as if they owned the place – which, technically, they probably do. Nearby, astonishing rock formations loomed, ancient and magnificent.

Returning to the ship, we warmed up and indulged in an amazing lunch that tasted even better after our morning exploits. Full and happy, we set sail for Kinnvika Station.

At Kinnvika, we stretched our legs and imaginations, wandering the grounds and pondering what it must have been like to endure a winter in such a stark yet beautiful place. The station's history whispered through the walls, blending tales of survival with our modern-day sense of adventure.







Texas Bar | Monacobreen | Liefdefjorden

DAY 9 | Friday 28 June 2024

Latitude:
79° 38.8' N
Longitude:
013° 34.9' E

Course:
204°
Speed:
6.8 knots

Wind Speed:
19 knots SW
Barometer:
1016 hPa

Air Temp:
2°C

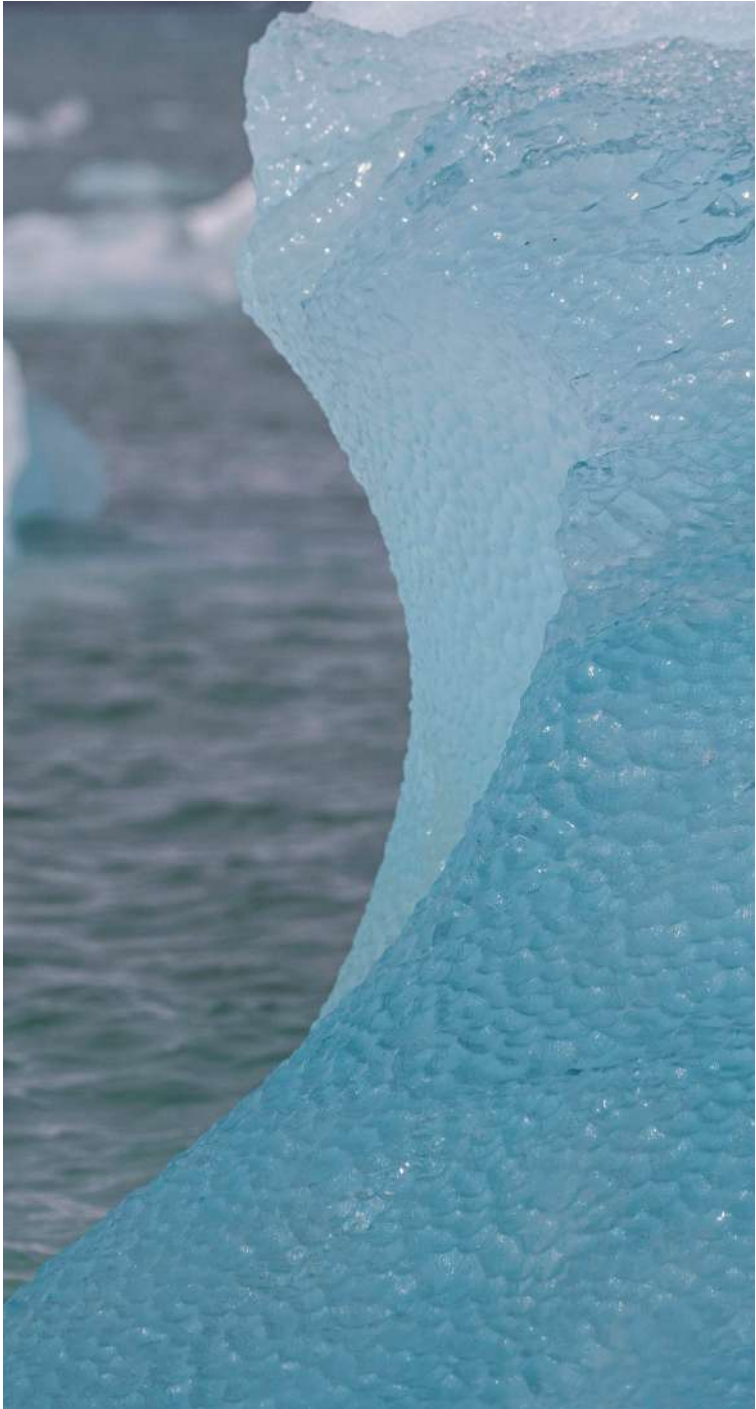
Today we explored the Liefdefjord north-west of Svalbard. *Liefde* translates as love, but the fjord was probably named after a ship.

In the morning, we visited the Texas Bar, an old trapper hut built in 1927 by the famous Norwegian trapper, Hilmar Nøis. Nøis used this hut as a secondary hunting base during his 38 years in Svalbard. To our surprise, the hut was well-stocked with bottles of alcohol. The area around the hut was rich in vegetation. After our last few days in the barren polar desert, the number and variety of plants was dazzling. We saw white mountain avens, purple-coloured woolly lousewort, pink moss campion, yellow whitlow grass and even the rare net-leaved willow on our various walks.

During lunch, the Captain brought the ship closer to Monacobreen. More intimate was our encounter with the glacier when we boarded the Zodiacs in the afternoon and went for a cruise along the glacier front. Until 2013, Monacobreen and Seligerbreen shared a common glacier front. Today, both glaciers have receded – Monacobreen by more than 2.5 kilometres since 1997. For us it was still an awe-inspiring experience to see the towering ice cliffs, hear the rumble of collapsing ice, and marvel at the many shades of blue. Many kittiwakes circled in front of the glacier, making use of the rich supply of zooplankton. While driving through brash ice, we heard it popping and fizzing as it released the air inside.









Fuglehuken, Signehamna

DAY 10 | Saturday 29 June 2024

Latitude:
79° 02.8' N
Longitude:
010° 22.5' E

Course:
174°
Speed:
10.4 knots

Wind Speed:
17 knots S
Barometer:
1023 hPa

Air Temp:
2°C

By breakfast, the *Greg Mortimer* was on final approach to the northern tip of Prins Karls Forland, westernmost and fifth largest island in the Svalbard archipelago.

The run to the landing site was lengthy and over lively seas. Historically significant and well preserved and teeming with nesting seabirds whirling over its bucolic expanse of verdant mosses and higher plants against a backdrop of inspiring mountains, the site stood tall as one of the most memorable of our journey.

Our vessel steamed to the west during lunch and into Krossfjorden on the northwest coast of the island of Spitsbergen. Near its terminus, rises the leading icy front of the great Lilliehöökbrean. Near its terminus, rises the leading icy front of the great Lilliehöökbrean,

standing guard over a relatively low spit of sheltered land flanked by two gentle bays, one of which is Signehamna, one of Svalbard's most visited sites. We landed in the southern bay to explore the surrounding terrain. It was our last foray into Svalbard's hinterlands – a realm laced with ice, a riot of wildflowers, birds and reindeer. Glaciers and commanding mountains rounded the scene. It stood as a sublime sort of microcosm, and an epilogue to our collective story.

Our final transit west and south around Prins Karls Forland and then west into Isfjorden, is a striking contrast to the initial sail east and north from the capital, which is marked by a giddy anticipation of sights yet unseen. Heading to Longyearbyen, we are satiated from our 10-day adventure.







Longyearbyen

DAY 11 | Sunday 30 June 2024

Latitude:
78° 14.1'N
Longitude:
015° 36.3'E

Wind Speed:
12 knots N
Barometer:
1023 hPa

Course:
074°
Speed:
7.3 knots

Air Temp:
4°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: Peter Wainwright, Vanja Davidsen, Eduardo Larranaga

Friday 21 June, PM – 14th of July
Glacier 3.6 km

Welcome to Svalbard, team! Our first outing couldn't have been better. After a very busy morning, attending several mandatory briefings and trying out our kayaking gear, finally we put the kayaks on the water! We started kayaking from the ship and headed up to the beautiful cliffs from Julibukta, an amazing bay at the entrance of Krossfjorden. On the cliffs we observed very unique birdlife, like barnacle geese, thick-billed murres, and of course, the colourful puffins! After exploring this rocky area, we paddled towards the glacier front. The day was stunning – dead-calm seas and sunshine. Once we reached the glacier front, we spent some time there admiring the landscape and listening to the sound of nature; the great silence.

Saturday 22 June, AM –
Smeerenburg 1.3 km

Conditions couldn't have been better. As we planned to make a landing, we towed a short distance closer to the shore to maximise our time on the water. We launched near some barely exposed rocks and began paddling around the outside of a small island just offshore of Danskøya (Dane's Island). Admiring the eider ducks and arctic terns, we rounded the southern point and in the distance we spotted animal tracks in the snow. Following the tracks led us to the unmistakable yellow hulk of a large polar bear lying down, some 800 metres from us. Knowing that a polar bear could cover this distance in 4 minutes we quickly loaded into the Zodiac, returned to the ship to drop the kayaks off, and then joined the other Zodiacs that were now viewing the relaxed bear. After 15 minutes with the bear we headed over to Smeerenburg (Blubber Town) on Amsterdamøya, to view the cultural remains



Number of Kayakers: 13
 Total Paddle Outings: 11
 Total Distance Paddled: 53.7 km

Kayakers:
 Devendra Billimoria
 Les Brooks
 Martha Fogler
 Irwin Gross
 Nicki Haynes
 Alyssa Jones
 Stephen Lathlean

Lizzi Lindley
 Stephen Molan
 Katharine Patel
 Angie Pinto
 James Tattersall
 Tracy Wilson

of the whaling post and of course the 20 or so walrus that were hauled out on the point. What a rewarding morning even though our paddle was cut short and we didn't make it as far as Virgohamna.

Saturday 22 June, PM – Hamiltonbukta 5.9 km

Amazing kayaking in the best conditions. We towed the kayaks north from the ship, against the wind. Not much wind today, but enough that we wanted it at our backs instead of in our faces. There were about 10 of us on the water. Today we were ALL scouting for polar bears – and we did discover several of them! Only the ones we saw today were sculptures made from tree trunks or ice. We hugged the coastline and paddled almost six kilometres in two hours. On our way we passed one of Stockholm Sven's huts. As his name suggests, Sven was born in Stockholm, but came to the Arctic when he was 32 years old and chose to live his life in isolation as a trapper.

We spent some time locating the streams that ran under the snow-covered mountainside. The trip ended magically – deep in a bay in front of the most amazing glacier.

Sunday 23 June, AM – Chermsideøya 4.6 km

Another great kayaking session in Svalbard! This was our northernmost kayak outing, in the very remote area off the north-east tip of Nordaustlandet (the second-largest in the Svalbard archipelago).

We started paddling right from the ship in perfect calm conditions. The sky was blue, there was no wind and the air temperature was very pleasant. This session wasn't very long, but we still had enough time to explore the whole area, the coastline with its remaining sea ice, and to play among the blue ice floes. We saw huge polar bear tracks on the snow, and also, just a few minutes before finishing the paddle, we were surprised by a big and noisy avalanche.

Monday 24 June, PM – Bråsvellbreen 6.5 km

We were excited to get on the water in the afternoon because the morning paddle had been cancelled. We paddled from the ship towards the third-largest ice shelf in the world – 150 kilometres long – the largest one being in Antarctica, and the second largest being in Greenland. As we headed towards the two big waterfalls running down the glacier front, we could hear the massive force of the water running into the ocean. We then paddled downwind, north of the glacier front, through brash ice and enjoyed listening to the wonderful sounds of the ice crackling. This is a new paragraph. Move the text down to the next line. After laying 6.5 kilometres behind us in two hours, we jumped into the Zodiac and zoomed back to the ship.

Wednesday 26 June, AM – Alkefjellet 4.8 km

When we arrived in Alkefjellet we couldn't see anything from the ship due to the heavy fog. With the help of our GPS, we made our

way to this amazing bird cliff. Once we were close enough, we saw this majestic place with thousands of Brünnich's guillemots flying above our heads. We spent almost two hours exploring the place, observing the guillemots nesting, and admiring the unique geology, a huge dolerite intrusion that forms a perfect habitat for these birds to nest.

Thursday 27 June, AM – Florabukta and Nordvika 8.3 km

This morning, we kayaked in the most amazing place filled with colourful rock formations – huge stripes of black, red and many different variations of brown/reddish colours – absolutely beautiful. There wasn't much wildlife to see, however, we did manage to spot a few birds like arctic tern and Eider. It was a peaceful trip where people soaked in the beauty of this place.

Thursday 27 June, PM – Kinnvika 4.5 km

With the wind a little stronger than in the morning, we sought shelter in the lee of a



low-lying headland. We ventured around this and paddled into a narrow lagoon that was still partially frozen with fast ice. We checked out the glaucous gulls and kittiwakes, but alas, there were no seals, and fortunately, no predators either around. We turned back with the wind now behind us and paddled back around the headland and into the main bay. Working our way back upwind, we hugged the lee shoreline and then cut across to the landing site, where we pulled up the kayaks and headed inland to check out the remains of the scientific research station that had been built here in the 1950s. Avi gave us a great run-down on the history and significance of the camp buildings, and we explored around before the biting cold wind had us beat a retreat to a waiting Zodiac for a swift ride back to the warm ship.

Friday 28 June, AM – Texas Bar 4 km

Today we did a short but sweet kayak trip four kilometres in little over one hour, because we wanted to land as well. We towed the kayaks from the ship and hugged the coastline towards the Texas Bar. On our way, we saw some amazing rock formations

in front of us and five or six pairs of barnacle geese nesting on the cliffs. These birds migrate to Scotland. We waved to the other Expeditioners who were on the long hike. Shortly before we reached the Texas Bar, we entered a little bay. The wind picked up a bit, so we turned around and headed for the landing site. On land, Avi told us the story of the Texas Bar and we enjoyed a short hour before going back to the ship.

Friday 28 June, PM – Monacobreen 5.6 km

It felt like we had a 360-degree panorama of ice with the huge tidewater glacier faces on either side. Launching behind some small rocky islands, for protection in case a calving event might happen, we then worked our way from one end of the Seligerbreen glacier front to the other. Although we always stayed more than 400 metres from the glacier, it felt closer, especially when there was a loud crack and chunks of ice crashed into the icy water below. It was fascinating just drifting through the constant crackling and popping sounds of air escaping the brash ice, and the clink of small chunks as they bumped together. We

observed a snow and ice avalanche come off the steep mountainsides to the south. A frenzy of kittiwakes, likely feeding on capelin fish from an upwelling in front of the ice cliff, really emphasised the scale of the glacier for us. Soon we were turning east and gliding past the longer, more active Monacobreen. The current was constantly trying to lure us closer to its ice wall. We rafted up proficiently for a group photo taken by Adrian, and then continued to drift and paddle towards the bigger chunks of ice. As the wind began picking up, we decided to head back towards the ship.

Saturday 29 June, PM – Signehamna 4.6 km

Having been unable to paddle in the morning, we decided to pull off one last kayaking outing at Signehamna, and thank goodness because conditions were near perfect. Deep inside the fjord there was none of the morning's swell, the water was almost glass-like. Paddling over from the ship, we were immediately under a small cliff with 'hanging gardens' and steep mossy slopes leading to vertical bird-nesting cliffs above. Two reindeer began following us as

we paddled into the bay of Signehamna. We saw puffins and Brünnich's guillemots on the water, and numerous eider ducks dotting the shore. We continued north around a small headland into a second shallow bay, which had a freshwater creek draining a large lake above it and a glacial meltwater creek pouring silty sediment into it. Taking five minutes to silently drift along with the wind at our backs gave us each a bit of time to be present in the moment, or to contemplate the immensity of the scenery, or to be grateful for the chance to experience Svalbard by kayak and in great company, or to reflect on something more personal. It was a fitting and beautiful last outing to round out a great trip with very favourable conditions.







Bird & Mammal Sightings

Bird Species	June										
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Arctic tern	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Glaucus gull	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	
Herring gull		•									
Kittiwake	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Sabine's gull						•	•	•			
Ivory gull						•	•				
Great skua			•								•
Arctic skua	•	•	•		•			•	•	•	
Long-tailed skua			•								
Northern fulmar	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Guillemot		•								•	•
Brünnichs guillemot	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Atlantic puffin	•	•	•	•			•				•
Black guillemot	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Little auk (Dovekie)	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	
Pink-footed goose	•	•	•					•	•	•	•
Barnacle goose	•	•	•						•		
Snow goose	•										
Common eider	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Bird Species	June										
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
King eider	•	•				•			•		
Red-throated diver	•					•	•		•		
Ringed plover	•		•								
Dunlin			•								
Golden plover	•										
Purple sandpiper	•							•			
Grey phalarope			•								
Rock ptarmigan	•										
Snow bunting	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•

Mammal Species	June										
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Ringed seal			•	•							
Bearded seal			•	•			•				
Walrus	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			
Minke whale		•		•					•		
Polar bear		•	•				•				
Arctic fox			•				•				
Reindeer	•	•	•	•	•			•		•	•

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Map



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