

Tour Report Svalbard Photo Expedition 19 – 26 May 2025

Arctic fox on glacier



Walrus



Intrepid explorers



Polar bear



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Monday 19 May 2025

Day 1:

Oslo to Longyearbyen; board M/S Stockholm

The group had a mid-morning flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen, via Tromsø. We departed on time, landing at Tromsø, where we all had to disembark the aircraft, before heading through passport control, and boarding once more. We then enjoyed a smooth flight up to Longyearbyen.

As we approached this Arctic town, we had our first views of the spectacular peaks of the island of Spitsbergen (the main island on the archipelago). It was a beautiful day in this pocket of civilisation in one of the world's wildest corners. We were soon in the baggage hall, collecting our bags, before hopping aboard our transfer bus. Our first stop was the ship, where we were able to drop off our bags before heading into town while the ship readied itself for our voyage.

There was plenty of time for the group to find some lunch and explore this unusual conurbation. After a couple of hours of discovering what Longyearbyen had to offer, it was time to head back to the bus and drive the short distance down to the harbour. There, waiting for us, were our expedition leaders – Christian and Beau. Having had them both before, I knew we were going to be in for an exceptional week.

Once the group was all aboard, we were shown to our cabins and luggage was delivered accordingly. It was then time to head up to the lounge for an introduction and a run-through of all the necessary safety procedures. Setting sail almost immediately, there was already wildlife on offer around the harbour, with common and king eider, as well as black guillemot, giving us a glimpse of what's on offer in this magical part of the world.

There were some rough seas forecast overnight, and with that in mind, we had our evening meal in the relative shelter of Isfjorden. Sailing through this vast fjord, we were joined by northern fulmar and glaucous gull, while one of the group spotted some belugas. Incredible! What an amazing start to the voyage.

Knowing that a swell would hit as we approached the open ocean beyond the fjord, everybody headed to their cabins for a night's rest. It wasn't long before the swell hit and we steamed north as fast as we could.

Tuesday 20 May 2025

Day 2:

Bjornfjord & Hamiltonbukta

Having had a rather bumpy first night on Stockholm, we reached the shelter of the islands on the north-west coast of Spitsbergen. Here we started our search for the specialist Arctic wildlife that calls the islands home. It is important to state that for the 2025 season, the Norwegian authorities introduced new polar bear viewing legislation, and although that would affect how we would observe and photograph bears, I can assure you the sightings and photographic opportunities to come were exceptional.

After breakfast, the group headed upstairs to try on our winter survival suits, which would need to be worn on all of our cruises and shore excursions. Once everyone had the right sizes and the life jackets had been fitted, a few of them went to the bow of the ship to see how warm they were.

Cruising the fjords, always scanning, Christian spotted our first bear. What luck! Our first full day aboard the Stockholm and we had been blessed with a bear. Now, it is important to say it was a distant bear, and it didn't want to stick around. The bear was soon in the water, swimming, and we didn't want to encroach upon it, so we left it a lot of space. We hoped it might land onshore somewhere we could enjoy better views, but it was not to be. So as not to disturb the bear, we decided to move on from Bjornfjord and headed around Hamiltonbukta. On our way out, we came across a minke whale and a large flock of common eiders with a few king eiders mixed up among them.

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As we worked our way into Hamiltonbukta, we saw two more polar bears resting on the fast ice. It turned out to be a mother and a cub. Although the views were distant again, it was an incredible start to our time aboard Stockholm.



In order to cover the ground we wanted to, we started to make our way north-east after lunch, working our way across open water to Moffen Island. We enjoyed a fabulous dinner on the way, and the crew had a little surprise for dessert.

Until this point, I had managed to keep it a surprise that it was my birthday, but the crew had baked a cake and presented me with a card, and there was champagne for everyone. A wonderful way to spend an evening in the Arctic. However, the day wasn't done yet. We arrived at Moffen Island to see the walrus haulout, but due to restrictions (actually to do with breeding birds), we were unable to approach too close. There was a strip of drift ice nearby, and we decided to explore and see what we could find.

Working your way through ice is something everyone should experience. It's a unique, memorable moment and when the weather gods are kind, it's all the better. Just as we were about to leave the ice and continue eastwards, the crew spotted a walrus hauled out on an ice floe. It was only right that we went to take a closer look.



The light was exceptional as it was getting late. The walrus, a large male, was very relaxed with our presence and put on quite a show. Staying aboard the Stockholm, we slowly approached him and did our best to use the low sides to get some striking portraits, alongside some wide-angle work too. I couldn't have asked for a better birthday, while the whole group were smiling too.

So as not to disturb the walrus, we decided to leave it in peace and carry on with our voyage to the East. Tomorrow morning, we hoped to be in the Hinlopen Strait. One by one, the group headed back into the warmth and returned to their cabins for a night's rest. One of the hardest things to do in the Arctic is be disciplined with your sleep. It's all too easy to stay up late, meaning you'll end up suffering the next day after a lack of sleep.

Wednesday 21 May 2025

Day 3:

Lomfjorden, Alkefjellet & Wahlenbergfjorden

We awoke to the most beautiful morning. We were in Lomfjorden and surrounded by ice. It wasn't long before a walrus was spotted resting on the ice edge. You can never have enough large walrus on ice floes, and so we made our way closer. We were treated to yet more fantastic photography, capturing this impressive male in the vastness of the fjord. You really can't beat an encounter like this before you've even had breakfast.



There was a busy day ahead of us, and with the walrus slipping into the water, we decided to head down to the dining room for breakfast. While we were enjoying our morning meal, the crew repositioned the boat. Moving out into the Hinlopen Strait and round to the famed guillemot colonies of Alkefjellet.

Having had our fill, everyone was told to put on their suits and prep for a morning's zodiac cruise along the base of the cliffs. Everybody was soon fully kitted and ready to board the zodiacs. Christian and Beau helped the group aboard the two zodiacs and we started to make our way to the base of the cliffs. As the second zodiac, helmed by Beau, reached the shallower waters, a young bearded seal popped up right next to us. We radioed the second boat, and they came over to join in the fun photography.

Being a young seal, it was particularly curious and kept popping up all over the place. We were never quite sure exactly where it would appear, but it made for some fabulous portraits as it spy-hopped and swam around to get a better view of its strange primate visitors. After ten minutes or so, it finally lost interest in us and we carried on along the bottom of the cliffs.



The towering cliffs of Alkefjellet are truly something to behold. They rise vertically out of the water, like skyscrapers in a city, providing the perfect narrow ledges for Brunnich's guillemots to nest. There are hundreds of thousands of birds that return here year after year to breed.



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While we were cruising along, Christian spotted an Arctic fox on the prow. It was trotting along the base of the cliffs, in a slightly more accessible area, and we were able to position the boat to try and capture some imagery.



We followed the fox for quite some way, as it trotted along seemingly searching for an easy meal. It then started to call, and at this point, a second fox emerged after the first called out. There was a brief interaction between the two before they split again, heading in different directions.

Having plenty of time to observe, follow and photograph the foxes was a real treat, and the manoeuvrability of the zodiacs allows for these sorts of opportunities. For me, the most memorable moment, and most striking image, was when one of the foxes had worked its way up onto the neighbouring glacier and paused with its long shadow stretching out beyond it. It stood in front of an incredible piece of ice and rolling patterns in the snow. These are the scenes which make Svalbard in May so special.



We had plenty on the agenda for the rest of the day, so it was time to start making our way back to the ship. First though, we stopped at a fantastic piece of glacial ice, with the ship in the distance adding to the scene.



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Upon our return aboard Stockholm, it was nearly time for lunch. We would enjoy yet another fabulous meal as we crossed the strait and headed to Wahlenberfjorden. It is only in recent years that this huge fjord has opened up (thanks to climate change) and it is one of the best places at this time of year to spot bears.

As we arrived on the western edge of the fjord, a pod of beluga was spotted as they made their way through the shallows along the shoreline. Belugas are well known for avoiding ships, with a particular dislike of engine noise, and they were clearly in no mood to get any closer. We couldn't have followed them here anyway, as the charts for this part of the fjord are nonexistent.

The ship proceeded eastwards, and it was here that we spotted our next bear. Christian and Beau spotted the bear asleep on the fast ice, next to a mound of crumpled ice. It got up to its feet, not because of us, and wandered nonchalantly across the ice towards the water's edge.



Realising the bear was going to follow the ice edge around, and not wanting to approach or disturb the bear, we crossed this part of the fjord and planned on waiting on the other side. It was we were here that another large male walrus was spotted resting on the ice.

It was another cooperative subject, giving everyone plenty of opportunities to capture some more striking imagery. In fact, the background here was particularly attractive and made for some wonderful environmental scenes. All the while we spent time with the walrus, the crew kept an eye on the polar bear, but it didn't seem to be getting any closer.

After a prolonged session photographing the walrus from the ship, it decided to head off into the water to feed. It was then that another bear was seen. They soon realised it wasn't just one bear, it was three. There, crossing the frozen fjord was a mother with two cubs. Just incredible to see such a sight. When the expedition leaders are excited, you know it's a particularly special encounter. It might have been distant, but you can't ask for more than that.



The mother suddenly moved at speed (nothing to do with us as we were still around a kilometre away), and they headed to the far side of the fjord. It was time for dinner, and so we headed down from the bow and enjoyed yet another exquisite meal. Stockholm really does deliver on all counts and the crew are beyond excellent. We were parked on the ice edge throughout our meal, hoping that one of the bears might make another appearance. It seemed, though, that we would have to make do with the views we'd already been spoiled with.

Thursday 22 May 2025

Day 4:

Sorgfjorden, Lagoya & pack ice

Having had a polar bear-filled day, we only hoped for a slightly closer sighting. We'd been incredibly lucky so far, but would the wildlife gods continue to be on our side? Everyone was tucked up in bed when there was a knock on my cabin door. It was 2.45 am. Christian told me that a polar bear had been spotted in the distance.

Within a few minutes, I was up on the bridge with the crew, and we were watching a polar bear way off in the distance. It soon transpired that there were two bears. A large male and a female started to move towards one another. Then they were making their way together, in the direction of our ship. It was time to wake everyone else up – it was now around 3.30 am. What happened over the next couple of hours is something that will live in my and my group's memory for a lifetime. One of those encounters you never forget.

As they started to head in our direction, we were parked in the fast ice. The bow of the ship was nestled in the ice and the engines went off so we didn't disturb the bears. They suddenly picked up speed, covering swathes of fast ice with incredible speed. They were walking, but it was incredible as to how quickly they covered the ground.



It was apparent now that this was a pair of polar bears in courtship. We watched as they chased one another, played with one another and generally enjoyed one another's company.



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It was a privilege to see such remarkable behaviour, and enjoy such clear prolonged views. The pair started to jump in the water, swim together and the climb out and goad the other into playing again. Wrestling matches, boxing and even ice throwing were all the order of the day, building that bond before mating might occur. This behaviour is very rarely witnessed, and something that our expedition had never seen in 15 years of guiding.



I've been lucky to have visited this part of the world a number of times, and this is without a doubt the most memorable encounter I have had to date. The group revelled in the standout photography opportunities as we ensured we kept our distance, always adhering to the new legislation. Using long telephoto lenses, we were able to still capture this amazing behaviour.

We spent around two hours watching the bears. The whole while, the bears continued to play, to swim and take great delight in one another's company. This is the polar bear encounter everyone could have only dreamt of. Despite the wake-up, and very disrupted sleep, everyone was smiling from ear to ear. Unbelievable!

There were a couple of hours before we were due to have breakfast, and some of the group, including myself, headed back to bed to catch up on a little sleep. There was a whole day ahead of us after all. From here, we continued north-east once again, making our way to the island of Lagoya, off the coast of Nordaustlandet. On our voyage across the open water, there was a little more time to catch up on some sleep.

Arriving at the fast ice around Lagoya, the team spotted a young bear walking in the distance. A decision was quickly made to head around the island and park the ship in the fast ice on the other side. That way, we would not disturb the bear, and it could decide whether or not it wanted to make a closer approach. As we settled on the edge of the ice, we spotted a bear, but it looked like it was a different individual. This was turning into yet another bear day – we really were being spoiled. Sauntering across the ice, it slowly found its way to the edge of the fast ice and gave us some fantastic views and environmental photography opportunities.

Walking with speed, she determinedly crossed the ice, moving around the ship. Putting on quite a show, the whole group were on the bow and the gunwale of Stockholm.

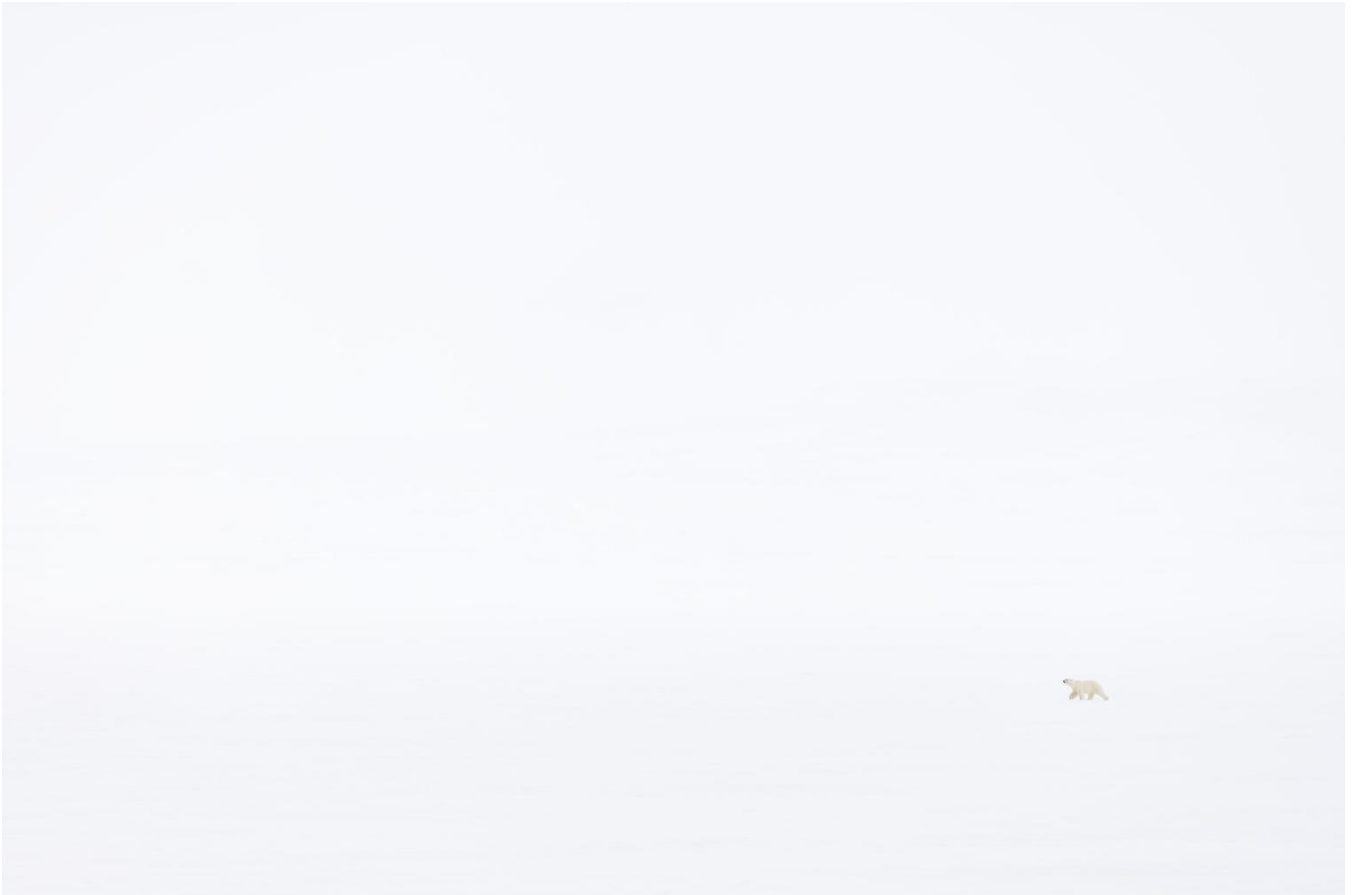


Having walked around the ship, at quite a distance, she headed back to the edge of the ice and suddenly she was swimming. The bear was swimming with speed across the bay, moving effortlessly in the open water. The ship was still nestled within the ice, ensuring we made as little impact on the environment as possible. Now was the perfect time to head down to lunch. We really couldn't have asked for a better morning.

Another excellent meal was served. The group were suitably refreshed, and it wasn't long before another bear made an appearance. A male. This bear, similarly, worked its way along the edge of the fast ice, allowing for more photography opportunities.

It wasn't quite as photogenic as the female from earlier, and it slowly moved away, further back into the fjord. Then the weather started to close in. A snowstorm swept across the ice before the ship, reducing visibility. A third bear was now on the move, likely the youngster we spotted earlier in the morning and made a direct approach toward the large male. It was only as it got a little closer that the youngster realised it had made a mistake. This was not a bear to get close to. It quickly turned and picked up the pace, ensuring it always kept distance between itself and the larger male.

The female was now covering the fast ice, also approaching the male. Soon, we had three different polar bears all within the same scene. It was possible to photograph all three bears in one frame, admittedly through our long lenses, and it was fascinating to see how they all came closer and then separated again. There was no repeat of the incredible courtship we had seen first thing, so we just had to 'make do' with the three bears wandering across the ice at different distances from the ship. Five bears for the day so far. The group was being spoiled and they were loving every single moment in this exceptionally beautiful wilderness aboard a magnificent vessel.



As you can see, the photography opportunities were out of this world. Days like this don't happen too often

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and we were going to make the most of every single moment.

As we were so far north, we intended to head up to the pack ice. And so, with memory cards packed with polar bear images, we tore ourselves away from Lagoya, steaming north-west to find the ice. The plan was to arrive in the ice after dinner, allowing everyone the opportunity to enjoy the pack ice. For a few adventurous souls, there was also the opportunity to head up the mast and enjoy the spectacular views from the crow's nest.



After an exceptionally exciting, action-packed day, the group slowly drifted off to their cabins and caught up on some sleep. And so, with the bow now empty of intrepid explorers, the ship turned south-west, intending to arrive in Fuglefjorden in time for everyone waking up.

Friday 23 May 2025

Day 5:

Fuglefjorden & Smeerenberg

As planned, the Stockholm had sailed through the night, with the crew always on the lookout for wildlife, and we had arrived in the spectacular scenery of Fuglefjorden. There was still a buzz among everyone on board after our exceptional day. Everyone wondered what today might have in store for us.

It wasn't long before Beau had already earned his keep. He had spotted a bear island hopping, and so we sat in the fjord and watched to see what might happen. The bear entered the water, and so we stayed in the middle of the fjord, waiting to see where it might come ashore.



It came ashore and proceeded to walk across the snow-covered hillside, moving around the headland and out of sight. We did not attempt to follow it and simply enjoyed our time watching and photographing the bear from where we were.

It was here that we also saw our first Atlantic puffins of the trip, while an Arctic skua posed on a low-lying island. From here, we were to sail down to Smeerenberg, where we had an appointment with the walrus haul-out. The group all knew the drill by now. Everyone was soon in their winter suits, lifejackets were secured, and camera gear was at the ready.

Everyone was soon aboard the two zodiacs and we were motoring our way to shore. Upon landing on the beach, Christian and Beau ensured that everything was safe, and then we proceeded to disembark. There was a little introduction as to how to behave around the walrus, and then we started to walk in single file to the haul-out.

You don't realise how big a walrus is until you are on foot, or eye-level with them. They are leviathans. Masses of blubber and tusks, the walrus barely paid any attention to us as we made our approach. The large males bickered over their space, crushing one another as they rolled or turned to find a more comfortable spot. We were able to watch and photograph these squabbles as a few snowflakes started to fall.

Along the tide line, a couple of purple sandpipers were busy feeding, only taking flight when a walrus emerged from the depths and started to shuffle its way through the shallows. The group were all in position, maximising the photographic opportunities which are afforded here. This is arguably one of the best places in the world to get close to walrus without any risk of disturbing them. Finally, this huge male nestled himself within the group and caused yet more squabbles.



So as not to add any unnecessary stress upon the walrus, we decided to leave them in peace and walk the short distance back to the zodiacs, and were soon aboard the Stockholm for lunch.



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Our plans after lunch were to make the most of a quiet bay where harbour (common) seals are known to rest along the shore and on submerged rocks. As it was a Thursday, we enjoyed a traditional Swedish pea soup with crepes for dessert, and then we were back in our winter suits for the next zodiac excursion.

The zodiacs moved into the shallow bay and almost immediately we were treated with exceptional views of over 20 seals. We were able to very gently work our way around the colony, photographing the seals as they rested on rocks and posing in some particularly uncomfortable-looking positions.



We could have spent hours among the seals, with camera shutters rolling all around, but again, we didn't want to disturb them. After a prolonged period we called time and headed back to the ship, content with another fabulous photography session. This afternoon was our best opportunity to marvel at one of Svalbard's countless spectacular glaciers. And the landscape here was absolutely beautiful. This was a landscape photographer's dream.





The wildlife sightings didn't end there, though. From the bow of the ship, we parked on the edge of the fast ice by Smeerenberg Glacier, and we enjoyed views of common and king eider, black-legged kittiwake and even a distant Arctic fox. The fox was crossing the fast ice, which sat along the front of the glacier, before climbing on one side and disappearing out of view.

Before we knew it, dinner was upon us. We had to drag ourselves away from the breathtaking scenery. It's all too easy to lose oneself in such a beautiful, pristine wilderness. As we sat down for dinner, the ship was underway once again, heading south. Overnight, we planned to sail down to Isfjorden, where we would spend a couple of days exploring the ice and spectacular scenery.

Saturday 24 May 2025

Day 6:

Isfjorden; Yoldiabukta & Ekmanfjorden

Having had a night of rolling seas, but nothing too rough, we arrived in the calm waters of Isfjorden. It was the most glorious day. Bright sunshine and blue skies overhead. The group were able to just revel in the scenery and the warm sunshine.

Stockholm was working its way along the fast ice edge. Who knew what might lie in store for us today? We had chosen to spend a couple of days in the area of Isfjorden as rough seas were forecast along the west coast of Svalbard. Despite its proximity to Longyearbyen, the area can be particularly fruitful for all sorts of Arctic wildlife.

It wasn't long before one of the team spotted a distant polar bear on the fast ice. Unfortunately, it wasn't really at a distance we could photograph, but it was a delight to see yet another bear in this magnificent scenery.

One of the highlights this morning was a huge pod of belugas. Once again, they were distant, but to see so many was a real treat. Photographically, they were too far away, but with binoculars, it was a wonderful sighting. We had been so lucky to have multiple views of belugas. There were also countless Svalbard reindeer feeding on the lichen and tiny patches of grass hidden under the snow.

With limited photographic opportunities so far, we decided to head to the next fjord and see what might be in store. On the way, Beau gave the group a superb lecture on polar bears, giving everyone an insight into the animals we had been able to see.

Arriving in the fjord, the team had decided that we would be heading out on the zodiacs once again. We were going to go for a cruise along the fast ice, seeing what wildlife we could approach (not bears) and, hopefully, photograph. It was going to be another day of walrus, it seemed, as there were several individuals hauled out on the ice.



The first stop was at a group of three walrus sprawled out on an ice floe. We very slowly inched our way around the piece of ice, making sure the group were able to capture imagery from all angles. Although the walrus seemed very relaxed, we didn't want to add any stress and so we moved on to the next individual.

One of the wonderful things about being on a zodiac is that you can be eye-level with your subjects. By slowly working our way into position, keeping the engine power to a minimum, we were able to make a close approach. This allowed for some really intimate photography and the clients were in the perfect position to make the most of the opportunities as they presented themselves.

Each zodiac moved in tandem, working together to give everyone the chance to capture the images they were after. This is what makes an Arctic voyage on a small ship incomparable to a traditional expedition ship. This is what it is all about!



From the image above and below, you can see the approach and then the photographic opportunity available. It really is amazing to be so low and capture the wildlife in their environment.



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We were able to spend a prolonged period photographing these gentle giants as they slept, stretched and scratched themselves back to sleep. Despite their blubbery, rotund appearance, they can be incredibly emotive and expressive. The whole group were able to build up an impressive portfolio of imagery on this zodiac cruise.



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Having had the chance to capture both animals in the environment and some close-up portraits, it was time to head back to Stockholm and continue on this remarkable expedition.



Once we were back aboard the ship, we set sail for somewhere to park the ship for the night. We were looking to find fast ice of a certain quality (stability and thickness), to give the group a unique small ship experience. The plan was to moor the ship to the ice, using wooden stakes, and spend the night with the engines off.

Furthermore, the group would have the opportunity to disembark the ship and set foot on the ice for the first time. This really is an experience that is hard to comprehend. Standing on the ice, enjoying a cocktail and revelling in this frozen world is something to behold.





We had the most amazing evening, with plenty of photos taken by the group and the crew. However, our plan to spend the night here didn't go entirely to plan. As we headed back on board, a swell came around the headland and into the fjord. Within a couple of hours, the fast ice had broken up and our ice mooring was now mobile. The crew had to use the zodiacs to retrieve the lines and the wooden stakes. As the group nestled down in their bunks, the crew were working hard to get the ship readied to move to our final stop, Billefjorden.

Sunday 26 May 2025

Day 7:
Billefjorden

For our final, full day aboard the Stockholm, we were spoiled once again with big blue skies and spectacular scenery. Overnight, after the ice had broken up, we made our way to Billefjorden. The fjord is famous for the old mining town of Pyramiden, a now mainly abandoned Russian settlement. The plan is to spend the morning here, waiting to see if a bear might appear and provide us all with some final, amazing memories of what has been an incredible voyage.

Despite the beautiful weather, it started off a little quiet, with Brunnich's guillemot and northern fulmar proving to be the highlight. With that in mind, Christian decided to give us a lecture on ice – rather appropriate given the incredible sights of the past seven days.

Just as we were thinking the patience and determination of the crew might lead to us having a beautifully peaceful final day, the news of a polar bear disrupted our lunch. Before we knew it, everyone was up on deck watching a polar bear wandering across the ice. It was distant to start with, but it was continuing to move along the edge of the fast ice, slowly coming closer to where the ship was drifting in the ice.



We ensured to move the boat away from the ice edge, making sure we kept our distance from the bear. It then walked straight across in front of the settlement of Pyramiden, an industrial backdrop in what would ordinarily be a pristine scene.



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The bear kept on following the edge of the ice, working its way across the fjord. It then headed up onto the broken ice and jumped from one floe to another. All the while, the scenery behind the bear was utterly spectacular. Towering peaks and glaciers provide the most remarkable backdrop. What a final day. This brought us up to 15 polar bears for the voyage. We really couldn't have asked for more.



The forecast had predicted strong winds out in Isfjorden, which were only meant to get worse as the day went on. With that in mind, it was decided that we were best to head back to Longyearbyen and spend the night moored in the harbour. This would mean that we could enjoy a meal without any rocking and rolling, and we could enjoy a calm night in our bunks.

And so, having had one final highlight, we started the engines and headed out into the rough waters of the main fjord. Within a couple of hours, we were in the relative calm, off Longyearbyen, waiting for a spot on the jetty to become free. After a little wait, the crew had us moored safely. After a wonderful final dinner, there was a little celebration with the senior crew and expedition leaders. Many thanks were said after such a successful voyage. Everybody on board had worked seamlessly to allow us to experience this incredible wilderness. A massive thank you again to all the crew and to my group.

Monday 27 May 2025

Day 8:

Longyearbyen to Oslo

We awoke to a rather gloomy, cold day in Longyearbyen and due to issues with buses, we would have to disembark the ship earlier than planned. The group said a big thank you to the crew as we set foot back on terra firma, before loading our bags on the bus.

It was only a short drive into town, where we offloaded the bags and I went to get the code for the luggage

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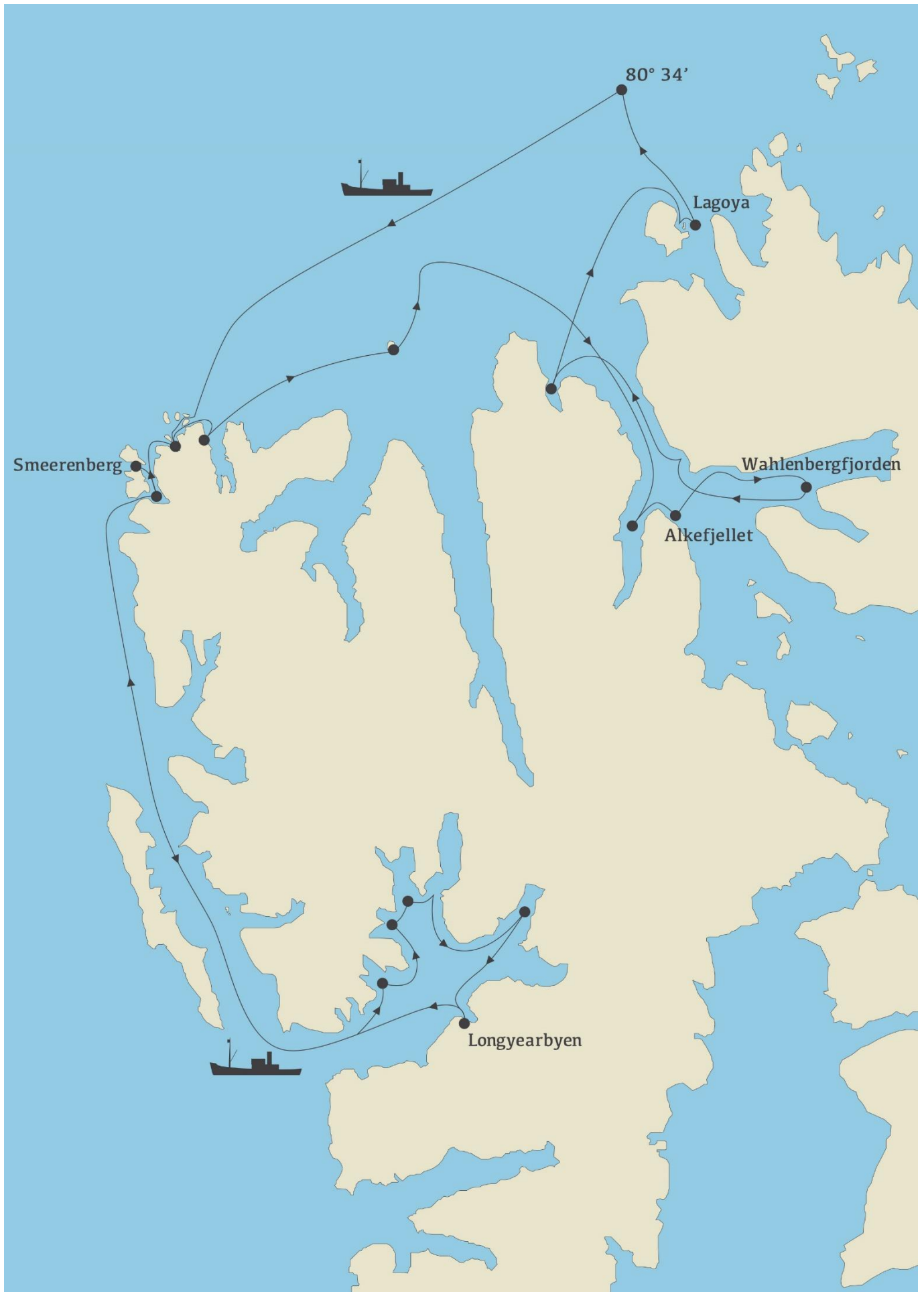
store. We were soon able to have all our luggage secured, and then the group had a few hours to explore the town and get some lunch before we would then head to the airport.

Upon arrival at the airport, the group were soon checked in and through security. Everybody boarded without any hiccups, and we enjoyed a smooth flight down to Oslo. It was here that we said our goodbyes as a group, as everybody was heading off on different flights, while a few of us were staying at the Radisson airport hotel.

All in all, this was an exceptional voyage, with world-class wildlife sightings and some exceptional photography. We really couldn't have asked for more.

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Checklist for Svalbard Photo Expedition



	Common Name	Scientific Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
	BIRDS									
1	Pink-footed goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>		✓			✓			
2	Common eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	King eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓			
4	Long-tailed duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	✓						✓	✓
5	Northern fulmar	<i>Fulmaris glacialis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Purple sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>		✓			✓		✓	
7	Arctic skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>					✓			
8	Black-legged kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9	Glaucous gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Ivory gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>				✓				
11	Little auk	<i>Alle alle</i>		✓	✓		✓			
12	Atlantic puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>					✓			
13	Black guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Brunnich's guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>			✓	✓		✓		
15	Snow bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
	MAMMALS									
1	Minke whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>		✓						
2	Beluga	<i>Delphinapterus leucas</i>	✓		✓			✓		
3	Arctic fox	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>			✓		✓			
4	Polar bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Atlantic walrus	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
6	Bearded seal	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>		✓	✓	✓				
7	Harbour seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>		✓			✓			
8	Ringed seal	<i>Pusa hispida</i>				✓				
9	Svalbard reindeer	<i>Rangifer tarandus platyrhynchus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	

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