

# POLAREXPLORERS

## NORTH POLE FLIGHT WITH OVERNIGHT AT BARNEO



*Fly to the Geographic North Pole and spend the night at the world's most unusual base camp.*

Few places have captured the imagination of the world more than the North Pole. It is both mysterious and magical with its ever-changing appearance and extreme conditions. You can experience it all, from the sub zero temperatures to the 24 hour sunlight of the Arctic spring. The constant movement of the ice, called drift, can make the exact location of the North Pole hard to pinpoint. With a GPS in hand you can try to "find" 90 degrees north. Even within a 10 foot radius it can be elusive. But you will be AT the North Pole with plenty of time to celebrate. This expedition is the fastest, least difficult and least expensive way to get to and from the North Pole. It is ideal for travelers who have limited time, but an unlimited sense of adventure.



Skill level:



No outdoor experience is necessary. An eager spirit and sense of adventure will get you through! You will be required to climb several stairs into and out of aircraft and you will need to walk across the uneven terrain of the ice. Contact us with any questions regarding your participation.

**Flight time:** +/- 2.5 hours by jet (each way) plus +/- 45 minutes by helicopter (each way).

**Duration:** 1 night on the ice. 3 nights all-in.

**The Full Arctic Experience:** Combine your North Pole Flight with a guided snow mobile or dogsled adventure in Spitsbergen to experience the best the Arctic has to offer. Choose from one-day or multi-day adventures that explore this beautiful island. Look for polar bears, seals and reindeer while traversing valleys and fjords. Contact us for more details.

## Daily Itinerary

**Pre-expedition:** *Arrive in Longyearbyen.* We will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your lodging (not included). Longyearbyen is a beautiful mountain village in the Svalbard Archipelago located at 78 degrees north latitude, well above the Arctic Circle. It has all the amenities of home including first class hotels and restaurants, internet access and mobile phone coverage. Your PolarExplorers guide will set up a time to check your gear and answer your questions about the upcoming itinerary.

**Day 1:** *Morning free and afternoon briefing.* Your morning is free to explore Longyearbyen or participate in one of the many guided tours of the area. A late afternoon pre-flight briefing provides information about the Barneo Ice Camp, the flight to the North Pole and a tentative departure time for the following day. Dinner is on your own, though we are happy to make recommendations!

**Day 2-3:** *Charter flight from Longyearbeyn to the floating "Barneo" Ice Camp.* The timing of the flight to Barneo will be determined by weather and various other logistics. The flight takes approximately 2.5 hours.



The Barneo Ice Camp, the only one of its kind in the world, lies near the North Pole though its exact whereabouts vary daily as it drifts with the ice. The camp consists of a heated recreational / dining tent, several heated sleeping tents (with 10-12 sleeping cots per tent), primitive rest rooms, and support / staff quarters. Depending on timing and weather conditions the helicopter flight to the North Pole may occur shortly after we arrive or later in the program. The duration of the helicopter flight is approximately 20-45 minutes. The short flight takes us over the frozen pack ice of the Polar Sea. A look out the window will reveal a landscape unlike anything you've ever seen with beautiful frozen pressure ridges and open water leads created by the wind and current-driven movements of the ice.

**The North Pole:** When the helicopter lands you will experience first-hand the incredible and delicate polar environment. You will be standing at the top of the world where everything on Earth lies south of your location. It is an amazing experience and somewhat surreal. Don't forget your banners, flags and signs for our photo session. You'll also get the chance to call home to a family member or friend.

The amount of time we spend at the North Pole is dependent upon the weather but you can expect anywhere from 45 minutes to two hours. Upon returning to Barneo you'll have a chance to participate in the goings-on of the base camp. Enjoy the camaraderie in the dining / social tent, or participate in one of the special activities organized by your guide. The sleeping tents offer a comfortable respite from the 24 hour sunlight and a good place to relax or sleep. A charter flight returns you to Longyearbyen the following day. Back in Longyearbyen you will reunite with the amenities of civilization and a comfortable night at your hotel.

This is the official end of the expedition. Consider spending an extra day or two in Longyearbyen to join one of the many guided tours that explore Spitsbergen. We are happy to make recommendations and help you book your trip. Your final transfer to the Longyearbyen Airport on your departure day is not included. Both Taxi and Flybussen pick-ups can be arranged at the front desk of your hotel or guesthouse.

*This itinerary is highly dependent on a number of factors and it is subject to change.*





### Ask us for references!

We have guided hundreds of people to the North Pole. Ask us for references from your city or country and we will put you in contact with someone who has done this expedition and can give you the “inside scoop”. References can be the BEST way to learn about the expedition.

### Getting there:

SAS and Norwegian are the only commercial airlines flying to/from Longyearbyen. Their flight schedules are quite limited. Connections are made through Oslo, Norway. Travel in the polar regions requires flexibility. Delays are often the rule rather than the exception. We recommend that you get the most flexible tickets that allow for changes. Trip cancellation insurance and medical evacuation insurance are required. Contact us for assistance!

### Additional information:

Please contact us for links to our expedition videos, expedition reviews, equipment checklist, dates and rates and FAQ.

### Meet us!

We are always free to meet you, check your gear, or discuss your expedition via Skype or Google. Give us a shout!

# WANT TO JOIN? HERE'S HOW:



- 1 Complete and return our application.**

To join one of our expeditions you'll need to complete and return our [online application](#). You can also request an application by emailing [annie@polarexplorers.com](mailto:annie@polarexplorers.com).
- 2 Reserve your space with a deposit.**

A 25% deposit will reserve your space on any expedition. Contact us at [annie@polarexplorers.com](mailto:annie@polarexplorers.com) to request an invoice for your deposit. Deposits can be paid by wire transfer, credit card or USD check. Currency exchange fees and credit card processing fees may apply.
- 3 Review your eConfirmation Kit.**

Upon receipt of your completed application and deposit we will send you a comprehensive eConfirmation Kit that includes all the information you need to prepare for your expedition including what to expect, what to pack and how to prepare. From this point on we are always available answer any questions and to offer assistance during your preparations.
- 4 Get ready!**

All of our expeditions require varying degrees of preparations. There will be forms to complete and travel insurance to purchase. We can assist you with any of these requirements. Some of our expeditions also require physical and mental preparations or participation on our [Polar Shakedown Training](#). We are always available to talk with you about training regimens and to help you prepare as best as possible.
- 5 Let the adventure begin!**

As the expedition approaches we will be in touch on more regular basis. We will meet you at the expedition's starting location and check your kit to ensure you have everything you need. With your preparations behind you now is the time to let the adventure begin. We will be right beside you to help you make the most of the expedition!



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