

SvalbardGuideOpplæringen - SGO

Svalbard Guide Training Course

13. – 20. February 2023



Self-study:

Every participant of the course needs to read the compulsory online study and go through the written exam on day 1.

Self-study site: www.visitsvalbard.com/en/SGO

Coffee/tea/water will be available for free, while lunch might be bought at Barentz Pub.

Monday 13.			
Module 1 - basic course			
When	What	Whom	Where
08.30-09.45	Introduction to SGO, sustainability and tourism in Svalbard	By Visit Svalbard; Ronny Brunvoll and Sara B. Madsen	Radisson
09.45-10.30	Written test – exam based on the web study (need to be passed in order to follow the rest of the course)	By Visit Svalbard; Sara B. Madsen	Radisson
10.45–13.15	The environment and the role of the guide (lunch break in between)	By Sigmund Andersen, ANG Study (Arctic Nature Guide)	Radisson
13.30–15.00	Svalbard and Longyearbyen; history lesson. An introduction to local history and the community of Longyearbyen.	By Anna Lena Ekeblad, True North Arctic Guideservice	Radisson
15.15–16.15	Science and education in Svalbard - with examples from Arctic biology	By UNIS, Stephen James Coulson	Radisson
Module 3 - field course			
18.00-19.30	Information on the winter field course	By Thor Elvebakk	IGP 2nd floor
Tuesday 14.			
Module 1 - basic course			
When	What	Whom	Where
08.30–14.00 (lunch 11.15-11.45)	Meeting the Governor and the SaR-team: Environmental management in Svalbard, Cultural heritage in Svalbard, The police; emergency and rescue services + Visit to CHC Helicopter Service, including transport	By Sysselmesteren	Radisson
14.15-15.15	Visit to North Pole Expedition Museum	By Ida Marie Eilertsen	North Pole Expedition Museum
15.30–16.30	Visit to Svalbard Museum	By Sigrun Selboe, Svalbard Museum	Svalbard Museum
16.45-17.45	Tourism in Svalbard	By Thomas Haavik, Sysselmesteren	Radisson

Wednesday 15. Module 2 - safety course (2-day module)			
When	What	Whom	Where
08.00-09.00	Polar bear safety - theory	By UNIS, Arve Johnsen	UNIS
09.15-16.00	Polar bear safety – practice (including transport)	By UNIS, Arve Johnsen	Shooting range
Thursday 16. Module 2 - safety course (2-day module)			
When	What	Whom	Where
08.00-16.00	First aid course (Note: combined indoor-outdoor so please wear appropriate clothes)	By Longyearbyen Røde Kors	Radisson

The 2-day module is for the ones that is taking both the polar bear safety course and the first aid course.

Thursday 16. Module 2 – polar bear safety (1-day module)			
When	What	Whom	Where
08.00-09.00	Polar bear safety - theory	By UNIS, Arve Johnsen	UNIS
09.15-16.00	Polar bear safety – practice (including transport)	By UNIS, Arve Johnsen	Shooting range

The 1-day module is for the ones that are only taking the polar bear safety course.

Module 3 – winter field course

Meet at the UNIS field at 08.00, if not otherwise told at the prep meeting Monday 13. Back in Longyearbyen on Monday 20. approximately 14.00.

NB: you need to have your own snowmobile (or rent one) and your own personal gear in order to follow the field course. The equipment list will be shared with participants in mid-January.

17.-20. Module 3 – winter field course			
When	What	Whom	Where
Monday 13. 18-19.30	<i>Information on the winter field course</i>	<i>By Thor Elvebakk</i>	<i>IGP 2nd floor</i>
Day 1 08.00	Off we go into the wilderness! Bring gear according to list and info given on Monday 13. by the instructors.	Fredric Frøberg, Thor Elvebakk and Calle Schönning	UNIS field
08.30-14.00	On snowmobile to location		Field
14.00-	Establish winter camp		Field
Day 2 8.30-16.00	Glaciers and avalanches; training		Field
16.00-	Establish snow bivouak		Field
Day 3 8.00-12.00	To location for training on sea ice		Field
12.00-16.00	Safety and rescue on sea ice		Field
16.00-	To location for overnight stay		Field
Day 4 8.30-14.00	Return to town		Field
14.00-	Evaluation		IGP/SSU
18.00	Round up with pizza and refreshments	All participants and instructors	Kroa

This program is with reservations; the content, hours and instructors may be changed before and as the course is held.



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