

Svalbard Guide Training Course - SGO

16. – 19. and 23.-25. June 2025



Self-study:

Every participant of the course needs to read the compulsory online study and go through the test 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 16.			
Module 1 - basic course			
When	What	Whom	Where
08.30-09.30	Introduction to SGO, sustainability and tourism in Svalbard	By Visit Svalbard; Ronny Brunvoll and Moa-Maria Kero	Radisson
09.30-10.00	Written test – exam based on the web study (need to be passed in order to follow the rest of the course)	By Visit Svalbard	Radisson
10.15-12.15	The environment and the role of the guide	By Anna Lena Ekeblad, True North Arctic Guideservice	Radisson
12.15-13.00	Lunch		
13.00-14.30	Svalbard and Longyearbyen; history lesson. An introduction to local history and the community of Longyearbyen.	By Anna Lena Ekeblad, True North Arctic Guideservice	Radisson
14.45-16:15	Climate, science and education in Svalbard	By Marius Jonassen, UNIS	Radisson
Module 3 - field course – prep meeting			
16.30-17.30	Information on the summer field course	By Instructors	SSU 2nd floor
Tuesday 17.			
Module 1 - basic course			
When	What	Whom	Where
08.30-09:45	Environmental management in Svalbard, Cultural heritage in Svalbard, Tourism in Svalbard	By Sysselimesteren	Radisson
10:00-11:30	The police; emergency and rescue services	By Sysselimesteren	Radisson
11.30-12.15	Lunch		
12:15-13:45	Visit to CHC Helikopter Service, including transport	By CHC	Airport
14.00-15.00	Free time		
15:15-16:15	Visit to Svalbard Museum	By Saskia / Anne	Svalbard Museum
16:30-17:30	Visit to North Pole Expedition Museum	By Ida Marie Eilertsen	North Pole Expedition Museum

Wednesday 18. Module 2 - safety course			
When	What	Whom	Where
08.00-16.00	First aid course (Note: combined indoor-outdoor so please wear appropriate clothes)	By Longyearbyen Røde Kors	Røde Kors
Thursday 19. Module 2 - safety course			
When	What	Whom	Where
08.00-09.00	Polar bear safety - theory	By Svalbard Adventures	SSU 2 nd floor
09.30-16.00	Polar bear safety – practice (including transport)	By Svalbard Adventures	Shooting range

Module 3 – summer field course

Meet outside SSU at 08.00, if not otherwise told at the prep meeting Tuesday 11.

June 23.-25. Module 3 – Summer field course			
When	What	Whom	Where
Monday 16th 14.15-15.45	<i>Information on the Summer field course</i>	By Instructors	SSU 2 nd floor
Day 1: 08.00	Off we go into the wilderness! Bring gear according to list and info given by the instructors.	By Instructors	Meet at SSU In field
Day 2:	Full day in the field		In field
Day 3: 14-16.00	In field Return to town and evaluation		In field SSU
18.00	Round up with pizza and refreshments	All participants on module 3 and instructors	Kroa

NB: The equipment list will be shared with participants in mid-May.

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



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