

Svalbard Guide Training Course - SGO

1.-8. June 2026



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 1.			
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
10.00-11.00	Longyearbyen Community Council	By Mayor Terje Aunevik	Radisson
11.00-12.00	Lunch		
12.00-14.00	The environment and the role of the guide	By Kine Bjelland, ANG Study (Arctic Nature Guide)	Radisson
14.00-15.15	Climate, science and education in Svalbard	By Sibylle and Luca Katharina Eichorn, UNIS	Radisson
	Break		
15.30-17.00	Svalbard and Longyearbyen; history lesson. An introduction to local history and the community of Longyearbyen.	By Anna Lena Ekeblad, True North Arctic Guideservice	Radisson
Tuesday 2.			
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
10.00-11.15	The police; emergency and rescue services	By Sysselimesteren	Radisson
11.15-12.00	Lunch		
12.00-13.45	Visit to CHC Helikopter Service (including transport 12:00 and 13:30)	By CHC	Airport
13.45-14.45	Visit to Svalbard Museum	By Saskia Heynekamp	Svalbard Museum
15.00-16.00	Visit to North Pole Expedition Museum	By	North Pole Expedition Museum
Module 3 - field course			
16.15-17.15	Information on the summer field course	By instructors	IGP 2nd floor

Wednesday 3.		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 Depot
Thursday 4.		Module 2 - safety course	
When	What	Whom	Where
08.30-09.30	Polar bear safety – theory	By Svalbard Adventures	SSU
09.30-15:45	Polar bear safety – practice (including transport 09:30 and 15:30)	By Svalbard Adventures	Shooting range

Module 3 – summer field course

Meet outside SSU at 08.00, if not otherwise told at the information meeting Tuesday 2nd.
NB: The equipment list will be shared with participants in mid-May.

June 5.-8.		Module 3 – Summer field course	
When	What	Whom	Where
Tuesday 2. 16.15-17.15	<i>Information on the Summer field course</i>	By Instructors	<i>IGP 2nd floor</i>
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		
Day 3	Full day in the field		
Day 4 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

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



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