

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 Sara Borchgrevink	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
15.30–16.30	Visit to North Pole Expedition Museum	By	North Pole Expedition Museum
16.45-17.45	Visit to Svalbard Museum	By Anne Karsgard	Svalbard Museum
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 Alexander Vågenes, Sysselmasteren	Radisson
10.00-11.15	The police; emergency and rescue services	By André Stormorken, Sysselmasteren	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
14.00-15.30	Svalbard and Longyearbyen; history lesson. An introduction to local history and the community of Longyearbyen.	By Anna Lena Ekeblad, True North Arctic Guideservice	Radisson
Module 3 - field course			
16.15-17.15	Information on the summer field course	By Thor Elvebakk, Mikkel Breedveld and Fredric Borchgrevink	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 9.00, 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 By Thor Elvebakk, Mikkel Breedveld and Fredric Borchgrevink	<i>IGP 2nd floor</i>
Day 1 9.00	Off we go into the wilderness! Bring gear according to list and info given by the instructors. Bus pickup at 9.30.	By By Thor Elvebakk, Mikkel Breedveld and Fredric Borchgrevink	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. Bus pickup at 15.00.		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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