The risk of encountering polar bears is present everywhere in Svalbard year-round. Consequently, we strongly advise against venturing outside the settlements without a firearm and flare gun.

We recommend all visitors wishing to experience the wilderness of Svalbard to go on an organized tour run by one of the activity providers in Longyearbyen. The local guides have the experience and training necessary to assess the threat of polar bears. Moreover, they can assess the avalanche risk and ice conditions, etc. You will find an overview of activities and experiences in Svalbard at www.visitsvalbard.com.
Attractions

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Dining, winning and shopping in Longyearbyen

In our small town of 2 400 people we have an abundance of options for both dining & wining, as well as shopping. The cafés, restaurants and bars are varied, but all offering good food and drinks in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. The local love going out eating and drinking, so why don’t you join them?

In between doing activities or visiting attractions you may plan for shopping in one of the town’s many shops. Souvenirs, outdoor equipment, gold – silver – diamonds, T-shirts – fleece – caps, Fur and leather products are to be found – at very reasonable prices as Svalbard is all tax-free (see VAT). NB: There is no ATM in Longyearbyen, and the shops prefer the use of credit cards.

**Splitstøgen** is exempt from VAT, all goods are tax-free.

Caring for Svalbard

- Help us keep Svalbard beautiful. Use our rubbish bins and leave no traces behind.
- If you are heading out of town, join an organised tour.
- Notify the Governor’s office (Sysselmesteren) before setting off on longer field excursions alone.
- If you are heading out of town, please try to take photos.
- Do not pick flowers in Svalbard.
- Do not feed birds or animals and birds or get too close to take photos.
- Park your car in parking areas.
- Notify the Governor’s office, or local authorities, if you see any damage to buildings is also prohibited.
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