



Ski camp Atomfjella Mountains, seventeen-day summit ski climb trip

The winter is very long on Svalbard, in May the sun warms and we have daylight all day and night. This makes ideal conditions for a ski expedition in a magnificent winter landscape just below the North Pole. This expedition takes us from one of Spitsbergen's northernmost points, only 1200 kilometres from the North Pole. From there, we will ski through the north-west parts of Spitsbergen with its pointy mountains, wide fjords and vast

glaciers, before we end our journey in a small fjord in Isfjorden area. With all our equipment packed in individual pulkas, we will travel through secluded areas where you rarely see other people. Out here, it is the seabirds, bears, seals, reindeer and a single trapper that reign. The durability of the ski expedition is 15 days, and the route is 210 kilometres long. We will use 2 additional days for preparations and transportation.

Day 1 Ski trip in the surrounding area of Longyearbyen preparations and planning.

We will gather the participants in the morning at 09:00 for a short briefing. Then we will make a short ski trip to one of the nearby mountaintops, thus allowing the participants to get accustomed to the arctic conditions and to experience the mountains around Isfjorden. We will use the rest of the afternoon for preparations and planning of the trip. We will brief you on the planned route and give you an update on the weather forecast.

Day 2: A long day of being transported to Atomfjella. The guide will pick you up early in the morning and take you to our storage. We will make the final preparations before we are transported out to Atomfjella by snowmobile. We will be transported approximately 200 km, unless due to poor ice conditions the transport distance will be 250 km. Please be aware that weather/snow conditions may cause us to stay overnight before we reach our designated campsite. Once we reach Atomfjella, we will wave goodbye to the snowmobile patrol and set up our camp.

Day 3 – 17: 15 days ski expedition in the arctic wilderness

From our first camp in Atomfjella will head down the glacier Trygvebreen. The next two days will cross and ski by Austfjorden until we reach Purpurdalen. From there, we will head west. We will cross the mountains between Wijdefjorden and Woodfjorden and ski over the ice on Woodfjorden and in Bockfjorden. We can expect to see arctic fauna newly awakened after the dark polar night. In the inner regions of Bockfjorden, we will pass by the only hot springs on Svalbard, and the volcanic mountain that was last active. The journey continues up to Isacsfonna on wide glaciers encircled by pointy mountains and "nunataks" We will cross the glacier east of the famous mountains Tre Kroner that were named by Fritjof Nansen. If the weather is good, we will establish camp here and try to ascend one of the three mountains. Finally, we will ski down Holmstrømbreen to Ekmannfjorden. We will take small boats back to Longyearbyen. We will round off the expedition in Longyearbyen, and enjoy the evening reminiscing with our good expedition friends.

General information: Be aware that the length per day, the trip and campsites may change along the journey due to weather conditions and the composition of the group.

Demands of participants: Each stretch is approx 20 km in varied terrain. We will ski between 8 and 9 hours each day. All participants must pull their own pulkas weighing 40-50 kg. The tour is demanding and participants should have experience from skiing and camping in high mountains. No glacier experience necessary, our guide will teach and supervise you. We will sleep in tents in pairs.

Map: Norwegian Polar Institute map, C5, B4, B5, B6, B7, A7.

Price NOK 29.600 per person

Extra:

If 3 participants only, NOK 1.000,- per person

If 2 participants only, NOK 2.000,- per person

Sleeping bag for hire NOK 300,-

Tour start 14.- 30 May 2012

Included in price: Transport to/from your accommodation, transport to **Atomfjella** by snowmobile, boat back from the fjord, pulka, food, tent, sleeping mat, experienced guide with necessary safety equipment. The price does not include sleeping bag and drinks except coffee/tea.

The night between day one and two is not inclusive.

For accommodation we recommend Guesthouse 102.

Minimum 4 and maximum 12 participants.