

Course information

The Svalbard Guide Training Course



The Svalbard Guide Training Course: Mission

The Svalbard Guide Training Course is an introduction to the guide profession in Svalbard. The training will comply with the different demands set by the Svalbard nature, the local tourism industry and the official regulations, regarding the guide's level of knowledge about Svalbard and field safety qualifications.

Module 1: Basic Svalbard Guide

Objective

By undertaking a web-based self study, and a two day basics course in Longyearbyen, the participants should have acquired knowledge about Svalbard's nature, cultural heritage, history and local official regulations. The participants should also have gained an awareness and understanding about the different aspects of the guide role.

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Course	Time	Subject
Web-based basic self-study		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge about the nature - The history of Svalbard and the present society. - Communication and basic guide skills. - Governing and management of Svalbard
Written exam		Pass / Fail
The Longyearbyen community and meeting with the Governor of Svalbard.	1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Get to know the Longyearbyen community - Meeting the Governor of Svalbard.
The environment and the guide: seminar	1 dag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to move around in the Svalbard nature in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. - Guide competence and communication skills. - The guide's role as part of the adventure production - Increased awareness about climate changes and challenges related to the local culture.

Module 2: Svalbard Safety Course

Objective

The participants will learn how to master the special demands set by the Svalbard nature when it comes to polar bear protection, first aid and accident management.

Prerequisite

A two-day basic first aid course, completed within the last two years.

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Svalbard safety course	1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polar bear safety - Handling of rifles and pyrotechnical equipment - How to handle accidents in the field and first aid.
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Module 3: Svalbard Summer Field Course

Objective

The participants should develop qualifications in guiding and in organizing a group of tourists during different kinds of activities in the Svalbard nature. There will be a strong emphasis on safety and accident prevention during both a planning phase, which will include risk assessment, and the execution phase where focus on routines and safe travelling routes will be continuously discussed. The module will include how to improvise a rescue operation and how to manage an accident scene. The course will focus in general on the different risk scenarios that could be encountered during travel in the Svalbard nature during summer.

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Course	Time	Subject	Responsibility
Web- based basic self-study, summer field course.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Navigation - Movement on glaciers - Movement on tundra 	
Summer field course	2 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using small boats in arctic waters. - Camp sites and camp routines. - Planning of the trip. - Navigation - Practical nature- and cultural heritage dissemination - The role of the guide while travelling in the Svalbard nature in summer time 	

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MODULE 4. SUPPLEMENTARY MODULE: SVALBARD GLACIER GUIDE

OBJECTIVE

After the course, the participants should be able to guide guests in a safe manner on glaciers in Svalbard in summer time. During the course the participants will obtain thorough knowledge of glaciers in Svalbard by practical exercises and by experience. To fulfil the course the participants will have to demonstrate that they master both safe travel on glaciers and rescue techniques used on glaciers.

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Web-based basic self-study and reading.		“ <i>Breboka</i> ” (handbook on travel on glaciers) Glaciers in Svalbard	
The glacier course	6 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic knowledge about glaciers. - Glacier equipment and knots. - Use of safety devices - Walking techniques. - Rope team routines - Navigation on glaciers. - Alpine hazards. - Buddy rescue. - Route choices and travel on Svalbard glaciers in general 	