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Walking around Longyearbyen

The settlement of Longyearbyen is small (about 1.6km x 3.3km), so we can reach anywhere on foot. There are bicycles for rent at Nybyen, if you so desire. There is more than enough to do in and around town to fill a day. Please do not stray from the roads around town; Polar Bears can be found in the area!



Map of Longyearbyen



Aerial view from airplane on approach

1. Svalbard Polar Hotel (Radison SAS Polar Hotel)
2. Centrum
 - Shopping at Svalbardbutikken
 - Lompen senteret with many shops
3. Haugen (Spitsbergen Hotel)
4. Mine 2b
5. Nybyen
6. Sverdrupbyen (Huset, theater)
7. Svalbard Museum
8. Wharf, airport, Mine 3

Longyearbyen, a Norwegian mining settlement, is the administrative centre of Svalbard, and has an airport open throughout the year.

1. Svalbard Polar Hotel

The name of the hotel is now "Radisson SAS Polar Hotel". The Radisson opened as a hotel on March 4, 1995 after hosting sponsors of the American winter Olympic national team in 1994. The hotel contains a restaurant, pub, conference room, and library.

2a. Svalbardbutikken

Svalbardbutikken is a supermarket stocking a variety of articles including groceries, clothing, shoes, electrical appliances, cosmetics, jewelry, gifts, souvenirs, wines and spirits. Svalbard is a duty and tax-free region, therefore alcohol can be purchased at low prices. In so remote an outpost of civilization, you may be surprised to find the most modern of computer games and DVDs here.

2b. Lompen

Lompen is the miners' bathhouse. The building also contains shops such as clothing, hairdresser, photography, etc.

3. Haugen

"Haugen" means hill. This is the location of the Spitsbergen Hotel (formerly the Funken Hotel).

4. Mine 2b

Coal was transported from this opening on a ropeway via a row of wooden trestles until 1968.

5. Nybyen

Nybyen is situated at the bottom of the valley. It opened in 1946 and has developed as the place of residence for miners. The Nybyen Guesthouse and youth hostel, located here, were former residences for miners.

6. Sverdrupbyen

This building was named after Einar Sverdrup (1895 - 1942), former managing director of SNSK A/S (the northernmost mining company in the world). Huset contains a cafe, pub, kiosk and bar. The cinema is located on the second floor.

7. Svalbard Museum

The two-story building was a former piggery dating from 1950. In the first floor, the exhibits cover geology, fossils, plants, and animals of Svalbard, along with history of the early trappers, various expeditions, WWII, etc. In the second floor, history of SNSK A/S is exhibited.

8. Wharf, airport, Mine 3

These facilities are situated the west of the settlement. The new wharf is 0.5km from the town center. The airport and mine 3 are 4km from town.

In the coal mine 3, visitors can walk down the tunnel after donning a miner's outfit. You can even experience the unique atmosphere of the mining environment by hauling heavy drills through low tunnels, filling your nostrils and lungs with black coal dust.

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Downtown Longyearbyen



Tegnforklaring Legend

- Scooterløype, max 30 km/h
- Snowmobile track, max 30 km/h
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- Apotek
Pharmacy
- Bank
Bank
- Barnehage
Kindergarten
- Bibliotek
Library
- Bilverksted
Garage
- Bensinstasjon
Gas Station
- Dagligvarer
Grocery shop
- Gravplass
Graveyard
- Hotell, overnatting
Hotel, accommodations
- Idrettshall
Sports hall
- Idrettsplass
Sports ground
- Kafeteria
Cafeteria
- Kiosk
Newsstand
- Kirke
Church
- Kino, forsamlingshus
Cinema, assembly building
- Lege
Doctor's office
- Parkering
Car Park
- Politi, sysselmannskontor
Police, Governor's office
- Postkontor
Post office
- Restaurant
Restaurant
- Snøscooterverksted
Snowmobile garage
- Severdighet
Sights
- Svømmehall
Swimming hall
- Sykehus
Hospital
- Teleforvaltning
Telecom administration
- Turistinformasjon
Tourist information
- Gangveg
Pedestrian road

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