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## Detail tour informations by the tour operator

This Newtontoppen Ski Expedition (Spitsbergen) is offered to you by terra polaris – specialised agency for polar travel – **on behalf of the tour operator in charge: Spitsbergen Travel AS, Longyearbyen.**

In addition, please download the following documents from our website [www.terrapolaris.com](http://www.terrapolaris.com) as a basis for an eventual booking:

- **Booking and travel conditions of Spitsbergen Travel AS**
- **Trip application form by Spitsbergen Travel AS**

The Newtontoppen Ski Expedition is offered regularly since the 1990s as a demanding, long skiing tour. The main challenge is usually not so much technical difficulties, but uncalculable weather and terrain conditions, which can make the tour physically strenuous, and/or which may cost a lot of time. Under good conditions, the tour can be managed easily within the given time by fit and experienced nordic skiers, plus a number of further peaks and day excursions in the magnificent Atomfjella region. Under hard conditions, Newtontoppen may not be reached, at all. Participants of this tour must accept that nature dictates the actual route and itinerary out there in the wilderness, plus the objective of avoiding risky situations.

The filled-in and signed trip application form is to be sent to terra polaris.

**But now: the original detail informations on the tour, provided by Spitsbergen Travel:**

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## Newton Ski Expedition, Spitsbergen

### Tour description by the tour operator: Spitsbergen Travel AS, Longyearbyen

A fifteen day long expedition to Svalbard's highest mountain, Newtontoppen, 1.713 m. We ski across vast glaciers in the heart of Spitsbergen and among the untamed peaks mountain ranges we experience the hardships and joys of camping life.



**From NOK 22.500,- per person**

**Departure: E01 Sunday 18. 04. 2010 – Sunday 02. 05. 2010**

**Number of participants: Minimum is 6 persons and maximum is 12 persons.**

**Equipment:** We will provide food, tents, camping mattresses, cooking equipment, etc. Participants should have their own high-quality winter equipment, e.g. warm, well worn-in comfortable ski boots, a warm, down jacket and a warm 4-season sleeping bag. Sturdy mountain skis with good bindings (please bring spares) are also required. See detailed equipment list further down.

**Operating in pairs:** The expedition leaders will share the food and equipment before we leave Longyearbyen. The party will be divided into pairs and each pair will receive all the equipment they need: sled (one sled each), shovel, tent, cooking equipment and food. This enables them to function independently when setting up camp.

## Tour itinerary Spitsbergen Newton Ski Expedition

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### Transport to Billefjorden

The tour is an advanced ski expedition through the imposing mountains and glaciers of northeast Spitsbergen. One of our aims is to reach the summit of the Newtontoppen, Svalbard's highest mountain. This is an area seldom visited. The transportation from Longyearbyen to the starting point in Billefjord (or Gipsdalen) is made by snowmobile or tracked vehicle, and the distance is 70 km. From Billefjord we will continue across the glaciers on skis, carrying all the equipment we need in rucksacks and on sleds. Expedition leaders will be carrying the necessary safety and specialist equipment. There is no fixed itinerary for the tour; the party and the weather conditions will determine the route and pace.

**Four days to the top:** The distance from the starting point to the Newtontoppen is approx. 60 km, which is an adequate distance if the weather is poor. Participants therefore need to be fit and used to skiing through mountainous terrain. They should also have experience of winter camping, but for those who are willing to put in a little extra hard work, the feeling of achievement will be even greater. We usually reach the Newtontoppen on the fourth day.

**Overwhelming view:** The final stage of the expedition before we reach the summit is steep, but does not require climbing skills. The view from the top is fantastic. To the northwest is the Austfjord and the mighty Atom-mountains, to the northeast, the desolate, barren Nordaustland.



**Back to town:** On the return journey, we will take a route through the Widjefjord, across the Mittag Lefler Glacier, the Billefjord and the Nordenskiöld Glacier. We will be picked up by snowmobiles and taken back to Longyearbyen where showers and dinner await us.

## Day-by-day programme Spitsbergen Newton Ski Expedition

### Sunday (day 1)

09.35 SK4414 from Oslo, via Tromsø (arr. 11.45, dep. 12.15), arrival 13.55, airport shuttle NOK 50,- pr. Person.

20.40 SK4496 from Oslo, direct flight, arrival 23.30, transfer to Spitsbergen Guesthouse included.

22.50 SK4492 from Tromsø, arrival 00.30, transfer to Spitsbergen Guesthouse included (connecting flight from Oslo to Tromsø: SK4434, 19.50 - 21.35).

**Monday (day 2)**

07.00 Breakfast is served until 10.00.

11.00 Information meeting/briefing at the guesthouse.

Before lunch we prepare the expedition going through the gear and instructions for use of cooking gear, pulk, ski equipment, tent, food and drinks. We discuss clothing, ski techniques, etc.

13.00 Lunch in Brasseri Nansen at Radisson Blu Polar Hotel Spitsbergen.

After lunch we do the final packing of all of our equipment for our ski expedition.

19.00 Dinner in Funktionærmessen Restaurant at Spitsbergen Hotel.

**Tuesday (day 3)**

07.00 Breakfast is served until 10.00. Check-out. Transportation by snowmobiles (or tracked vehicle) out of Longyearbyen, to the drop off point in the Billefjord. From there we start our journey skiing north.

**Wednesday - Thursday (day 4 – 12)**

For the first four days we ski approximately 15 km per day and we usually reach Newtontoppen in that time. The next few days are spent in the spectacular Atomfjella where Perriertoppen, 1.712 m, is located. On the tenth day we descend to Trygvebreen towards Wijdefjorden.

**Friday (day 13)**

We continue south towards Billefjorden and the Nordenskiöld glacier where we meet up with our transport back to Longyearbyen. Check in at Spitsbergen Guesthouse.

19.00 Dinner in Funktionærmessen Restaurant at Spitsbergen Hotel.

**Saturday (day 14)**

07.00 Breakfast is served until 10.00.

Time to rest and look around Longyearbyen. Visit at Svalbard Museum. Individual dayexcursions can be booked at the reception.

13.00 Lunch in Brasseri Nansen at Radisson Blu Polar Hotel Spitsbergen.

19.00 Dinner in Brasseri Nansen at Radisson Blu Polar Hotel Spitsbergen.

**Sunday (day 15)**

Please note that breakfast for early departure have to be booked in the reception by 18.00 Saturday.

06.30 Transfer from Spitsbergen Guesthouse to the airport for departure SK 4499, included.

08.00 SK4499 to Oslo, direct flight, arrival 11.00.

14.45 SK4425 to Oslo, via Tromsø (arr. 16.20, dep. 17.15), arrival Oslo at 19.00. Airport shuttle NOK 50,- per person.

All times are subject to change.

Schedule will change when ice- and weather-conditions make it necessary.

Full board included in the program.

**How demanding is the expedition Spitsbergen Newton Ski Expedition ?**

This expedition does demand a sufficient level of fitness to cope with relatively long trips carrying your own equipment in a rucksack and pulling a sled with group equipment. You must be prepared for the weather to change very quickly, and also be prepared for some very harsh weather conditions with cold temperatures.

## Equipment

High quality, sturdy winter clothing. Nordic Telemark skis (not narrow cross-country skis. Randonnè is NOT recommended unless you are very skilled) with steel edges, strong bindings and sturdy ski boots, which provide support. Adhesive skins are also important to have. Please find our Equipment list here:

### Equipment guide for Spitsbergen Newton Ski Expedition

#### Weather conditions in April/May:

- Average temperature approx. -10°C
- We may have temperatures down to approx. -25°C
- Daylight around the clock
- Cold winds are common

#### Equipment which every participant should bring:

- Backpack for personal equipment
- Sleeping bag good for temperatures down to -25°C
- 1 pair of solid, sturdy and well adjusted ski-boots
- 1 pair of Nordic Telemark skis (NOT narrow cross-country skis) with steel edges and strong bindings (randonee skis are not recommended)
- Adhesive skins (to have under the skies)
- 1 pair of solid ski poles
- 1 pair of gaiters
- Mountain jacket (windproof, waterproof and breathing)
- Mountain trousers (windproof, waterproof and breathing)
- Warm hat (+ a headband if wanted)
- Balaclava
- Scarf or fleece tube
- 1 pair of windproof mittens
- 1 pair of gloves
- 2 pairs of mittens (we recommend wool, to have inside the windproof mittens)
- 2 sets of long underwear (longjohns and sweater, we recommend wool)
- Warm woollen sweater or fleece sweater-/jacket
- 3-4 pairs of warm woollen socks
- Down jacket
- 1-2 sets of casual indoor clothing for the stay in Longyearbyen
- 2 thermos bottles
- 1 drinking bottle
- 1 pair of sunglasses with side protection
- 1 par of snow-goggles
- Sun- and cold block cream (not based on water)
- Knife
- Toilet articles and small first-aid-kit with sports tape and compeed



Remember to pack in plastic bags as the equipment may become wet during the tour.

#### In addition we recommend:

- Thermarest sleeping-mat
- Map and compass (you can buy a map in Longyearbyen or to [www.npolar.no](http://www.npolar.no))
- Binoculars
- Camera (film is sold in Longyearbyen)
- Ski wax
- A book in case of bad weather and long days in the tents

### Spitsbergen Travel provides the following equipment:

- Tent
- Sleeping-mats
- Sleds
- Shuffles
- Glacier-rope
- Glacier equipment
- Stove
- Fuel
- Cooking equipment
- Food

**If you have questions about equipment or about the trip in general, please contact us for more information.**

## Prices 2010 Spitsbergen Newton Ski Expedition

Category	Description	NOK
K1	Sharing Double room Longyearbyen, double tent on tour	22500
T1	Supplement for single room, 4 nights Longyearbyen	2200

### Additional night at Spitsbergen Guesthouse, per room:

Double room NOK 850

Single room NOK 550

### The price includes:

Transfer on scheduled arrivals and departures, visit to the museum in Longyearbyen, overnight stay in a double room (shared shower/wc), tent, camping mat, all meals, shared equipment, rescue insurance, transport to and from the Billefjord (or Gipsdalen).

During the trip, participants are expected to help out with putting the tents up and preparing the meals.

### The price does not include:

Airfare, sleeping bag, skis, personal clothes and equipment (a list of equipment will be sent out after you have booked or on request), beer, wine and mineral water, personal travel insurance.

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