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Svalbard: Spitsbergen, Jan Mayen, Frank Josef Land (Bradt Travel Guides)



Synopsis

There is no other guide to Svalbard. This stunningly gorgeous, seriously remote Arctic archipelago is about as far from civilization as you can get in Europe. Permafrost freezes the ground up to half a kilometer in depth, while winter temperatures can drop to over 40 below zero. Svalbard's glorious mountains, majestic fjords and sprawling valleys are the perfect setting for journeys to the back of beyond - by snowmobile, snowshoe or Siberian husky. This new edition includes extensive information on the history, wildlife and landscape of this unique destination with details on national parks and areas of exploration unavailable in other books.Â

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'A mass of useful information.' The Express Recommended reading by Wanderlust Magazine

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I ordered this and another quite different book in preparation for a trip to Svalbard. There was more information than was applicable to me but the writing style and content was interesting enough that I read nearly all of it anyway. The history was probably what interested me most. We won't be camping or trekking but those sections were interesting to read to try to learn what life is like there. If

you are going to Svalbard you really do want to read this book: it covers everything from the history, terrain, weather, clothing you need, and what sort of protection to take along with you if you are going "out there". This book is literally packed with page after page of useful, interesting and worthwhile information.

This is a good, dense book full of information. It probably has both too much and too little information. There is a lot of good stuff there for someone spending a lot of time in Svalbard, but not enough stuff for someone trying to plan a short trip there. Also, it is not up to date enough (which is a difficult task) to list all the current tour vendors or give you enough information to decide which excursions are worth doing. Still, there is little other information out there, even on the internet, so if you are going to visit for a few days or longer, I recommend the book. Just read it before you get there...

lots of great info here about a very unique place. a very useful tool for travelers (i'm planning a winter trip to Longyearbyen and this book is well worth the time to read it).

I will be visiting Svalbard in June. This book will accompany me on my journey. It is packed with helpful information and tips for travelers.

Great guide

This book is a must have for anyone visiting Svalbard!

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