

For locals: With sailing ship Meander to Ny-Ålesund, Kongsfjord and Forlandsund

Thursday, 23 May (1800) – Sunday, 26 May (around 2000)





The best things in life often come as a surprise! That's how it is here and now: unexpectedly, sailing ship *Meander* has some days off in May. Staying in port is boring, we rather sail and have some fun – locals only, at a cost-covering price!

Our idea is to schedule a 3 day trip, aiming for Ny-Ålesund and a look around in Kongsfjord, with several stops on the way there and back. Such as looking for walruses in Forlandsund, cruising in Kongsfjord and making a landing or two somewhere in these waters as it fits. This is our plan A; of course, ice and weather may have a say in this as well.

Come to the floating pier to join us on *Meander* on Thursday (23 May) evening at 1800. We will be back in Longyearbyen on Sunday (26 May) evening, probably some time near 2000 but don't schedule an important date on Sunday evening, it may be later. But you will be back in time to go to work on Monday morning  $\odot$ 





## The days between might look like this:

Thursday: boarding at 1800. Welcome, departure, dinner.

**Friday:** in Forlandsund. We could have a look at the mighty glacier Dahlbreen in the morning and try to find walruses in the afternoon. There are several sites known for good walrus potential in Forlandsund; of course it is still early in the summer and we will have to see if they are already at home.

**Saturday:** we spend the morning in Ny-Ålesund and will have time in the afternoon to enjoy Kongsfjord, cruising the ice and maybe hopping ashore somewhere for a look around and a little walk on land.

**Sunday:** we can use the morning for a landing in Forlandsund or Isfjord, depending on how far we have sailed during the night, weather and ice. We will then



use the afternoon to cover the remaining distance to Longyearbyen. Arrival in port around 2000 or later, depending on conditions.



*Meander* is a sailing ship. If we have suitable wind, we will of course hoist the sails and for this, we might ask you for some help (no experience needed). But we have some miles to cover to get to Kongsfjord and back, so real sailing will depend on suitable winds.

Next to the captain, there will be a mate, a deckhand, a chef and a guide on board. The owner/captain and guide team Mario Czok and Rolf Stange have many trips around Svalbard behind them – we know the places, we know the waters. We love what we do and we do what we love!

*Meander* has 6 twin cabins, so we can take a maximum of 12 guests with us. Two of the cabins have private toilet and shower each ("comfort cabins"), the other ones have shared toilets and showers. The cabins are small but cozy and practical. *Meander* has a salon with enough space for everybody around the tables so we can enjoy our meals, relax and discuss things with all of us together at the same time.



The price includes everything you need on board: cabin, breakfast, lunch and dinner, water, tea and coffee. Food may be a little bit simpler than in Huset's restaurant – no 7 course dinner, but it is good. Soft drinks, beer and wine come at an extra (fair) price. Some help with washing the dishes after meals is appreciated; after all, we are on a sailing ship with a small crew and a little kitchen.

The price is cost-covering and not profit-orientated, at 6990 kroner (or 595 Euro) per person in a standard cabin or 7990 kroner (685 Euro) in a comfort cabin with private toilet and shower. We need a minimum of 6 participants to make this happen.

Interested? Get in touch with captain/owner Mario! Send us an email: <u>info@sailing-expeditions.com</u> To learn more about the sailing ship *Meander*, visit Sailing Expedition's website: <u>https://sailing-expeditions.com/en/</u>

P.S. You are a bunch of 7-12 people with your own ideas of where to go and what to do? Get in touch!

