

## SVALBARD 31. AUGUST – 4. SEPTEMBER



After breakfast day 2, the first item on the program is to walk on Burmaveien (Burma road). Before we go, we take pictures of the church on the other side of the valley.



Here we are waiting for the bus that will take us to Burmaveien, which was built in 1950. It is named after Burma road between Burma and China that got great strategic importance during World War II.





We were driven in buses to the area inland of the coal pier. Here's a picture of it.



Here we look inward Adventfjorden. Longyearbyen is the right of the photo.



After we come out of the bus the group comes together, and the guide tells us about different things about the Coal Quay and Burma Road.



Today we have a new guide, in orange jacket. We are outside the secure area, so there is a danger of hitting bears. Therefore guides with rifles as a precaution.

Then we walk a little bit again.



The guide, who we had the day before are also with us this day. She stands at the far left in the picture.





We are walking above the ropeway between the Ropeway Junction Building and the coal pier.  
Both the ropeway and the Junction Building are protected.



[Adventtoppen](#) which is the highest mountain in the picture. [Hjorthfjellet](#) starts to the right.

Across Adventfjorden we can see one of the first coal mines.

The place is called [Hjorthamn](#). The houses are located by the fjord, while the mine entrance is 582m above sea level.

The operation stopped in 1940.



There is some vegetation on Svalbard. This is [cottongrass](#).





Not everybody goes equally fast, so the group becomes a long line as we go.



Here the guide has stopped to show us the only species of tree that grows on Svalbard. It is a type of willow.  
Svalbard vegetation.



The willow is growing in this slope.



There is freezing temperatures at night at this time, so there is a thin layer of ice on the small streams.



This is the last stop for the group before we end the trip on Burma Road.



A vehicle of unknown origin.





Views across Adventfjorden.



Then we walk down toward the city.



[Sukkertoppen](#) is a mountain located right at the town.



Here we are looking up to Mine 1.





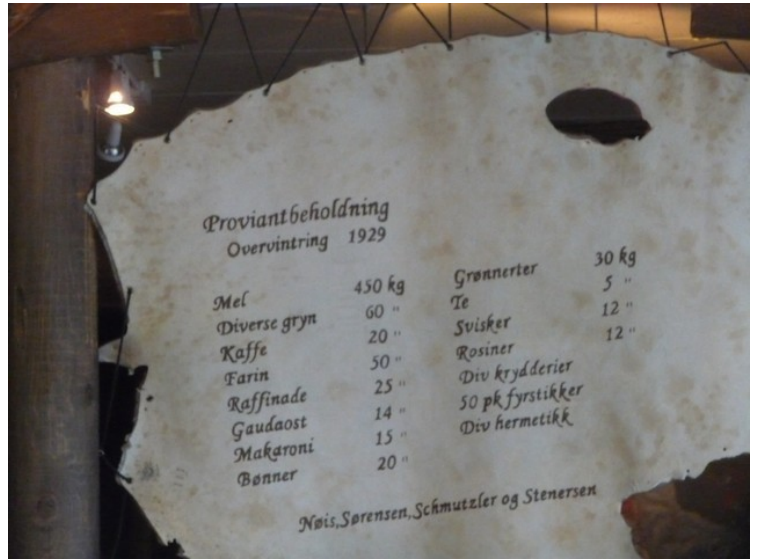
This is [Longyearelva](#) which comes from [Longyearbreen](#) up in the valley. There is little flow of water at this time, but the flow is large in April-June.



District heating pipes are laid in the bottom of the valley.



It was organized a lunch at [Kroa](#). We were some of the first to come down here.



Interesting shopping list.



Some of the interior in Kroa.





After we've eaten lunch we walk down the shopping street towards our hotel. Here there is a sports shop.



This is [Skinnboden](#).



This is one of the pubs in Longyearbyen, [Svalbar](#).



Sports shop Frisk Bris.





Another sports shop, Svalbard Arctic Sport AS.



Grocery store, Svalbardbutikken [Coop Svalbard](#).



Coop Svalbard has the only licensed [liquor store](#) in Svalbard.



[Lompen Senteret](#).



[Karlsberger Pub](#).





Lompensenteret to the left.



Here is [Longyearbyen Lokalstyre](#).



Here has [Statsbygg](#) offices.



This is [Longyearbyen hospital](#).

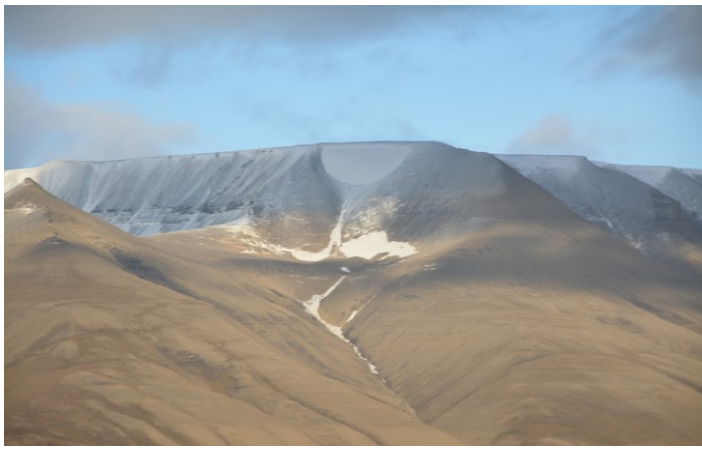


Here we are arriving at our hotel.



Right beside the hotel is [Spitsbergen Travel](#).





In the evening we are off to Camp Barentz. On the way we look up to [Templet](#) with the [champagne glass](#). When the stem brakes, the summer is coming, but the stem is not broken this year.



Approximately here was an [airport](#) during WWII, but now there is a search for a CO2 storage.



Then a few pictures from Adventdalen during the bus ride.



At [Camp Barentz](#).



We're going into this hut.





On the top is [Mine 7](#).



Inside the hut there is lit fires.



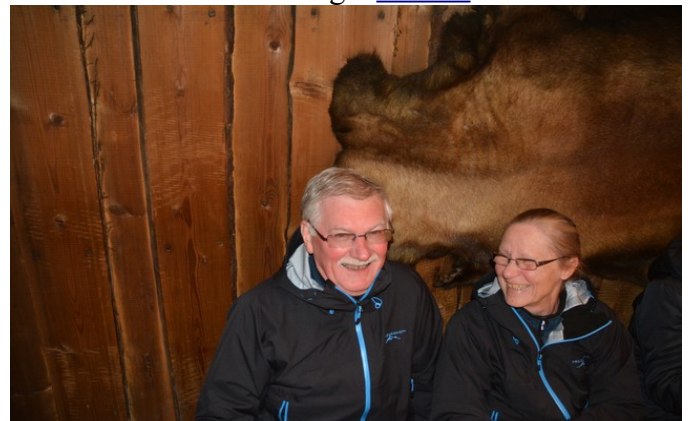
We benches us along the walls.



Here we get [akvavit](#).



Cheers.



Then we get in a good mood. Then we got served [bidos](#). It is a soup with reindeer meat and vegetables. It was very good.





One of the staff. There were 3 of them who looked after us.



When we had eaten, we went outside.



We'll have a look at Barentz house. It is built as a replica of the cabin Barentz and his crew built on Novaya Zemlya.



This is the hostess at Camp Barentz.



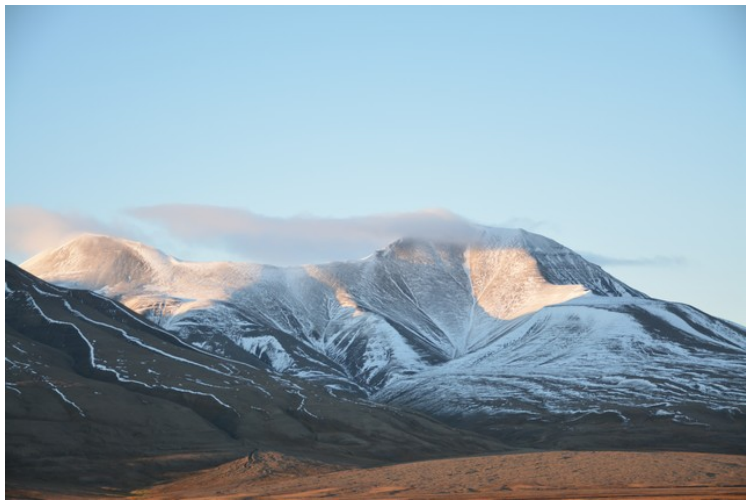
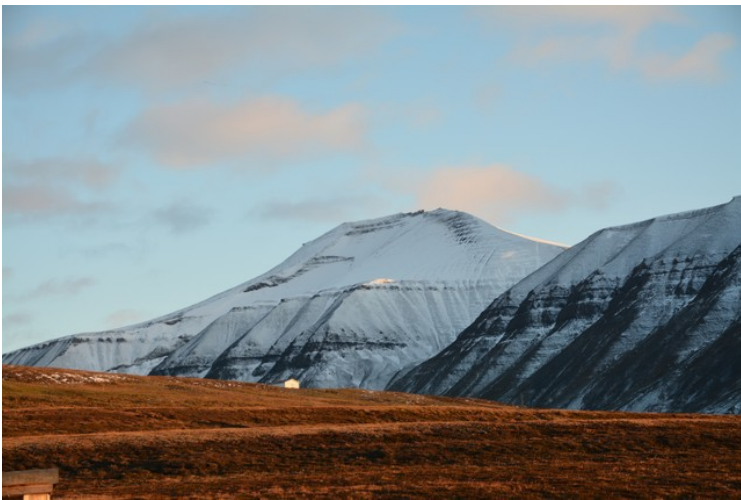
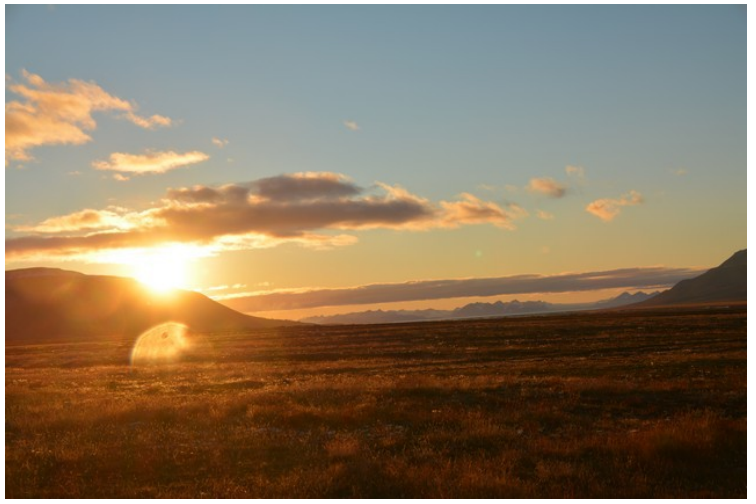
A few pictures from the interior.











This was the end of day 2.