

Fun Facts

- There is a group of islands, north of the Arctic Circle, called Svalbard, Norway, where there are more polar bears than people.
- In the winter, polar nights are so dark that from mid-November until late January the sky is dark all day and all night.
- Northern lights, also called aurora borealis, are so unusual and so colorful, that people travel to the Arctic just to see them. In the South Pole, they are called southern lights or aurora australis.
- There are places in the Arctic and Antarctic where the snow never melts. It just keeps piling up forming giant ice fields and ice mountains called glaciers.
- There are over 2,000 glaciers in Svalbard, Norway. Underneath these ice mountains, you can find ice caves. A local guide will take you on a tour into these icy wonderlands.
- The Arctic Circle includes parts of the United States, Norway, Greenland, Iceland, Sweden, Finland, and Russia.
- Polar bears are only found in the northernmost areas of the world and are considered marine mammals. They can swim for days, reaching speeds of up to 6 mph.
- You can see reindeer all year round in Svalbard, Norway. They are white and grey with short legs and big hoofs.

