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**'I never found out  
precisely what the  
Pig Dance symbolised'**  
Stanley Johnson in French Polynesia

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You can see polar bears in Canada or off the northern Siberian coast in the Russian Arctic

# 15 frozen planet adventures

Want to see polar bears in Siberia or penguins at the South Pole? Head off on a glacial expedition, says **James Ellis**

## Basecamp Spitsbergen, Norway

Head to Longyearbyen for a five-night stay in rugged Basecamp Spitsbergen. Built using driftwood, sealskin and slate, the glass ceiling allows perfect views of the northern lights. The former mining town has a frontier feel and, given the snowy landscape, transport is by snowmobile, dog sleds or skis. Use them to explore glaciers, fjords and floating packs of ice, or take a kayaking expedition around the coast, home to grazing reindeer and colonies of birds. For an extra adventure, spend a night on the Ship in the Ice in Tempelfjord, the only hotel boat frozen in sea ice in the world. **Details** From £1,990pp for five nights' B&B. The price includes flights and

transfers and departures are year-round (020-7426 9888, [blacktomato.co.uk](http://blacktomato.co.uk)).

## Wolves in Prince Albert National Park, Canada

While Saskatchewan's Prince Albert National Park is on the same longitude as London, its remote nature sees it turn into a winter wonderland. On this six-night trip to the vast boreal forest — the largest in Canada — you search for grey wolf, moose and great grey owls. Guides take you on daily excursions by snowshoe, dog sled or 4x4 in search of the elusive wildlife, following their tracks and telltale signs in an attempt to spot them. **Details** From £1,765pp for six nights' B&B. The price also includes four lunches, five dinners, guide service,

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national park entry and equipment and 4x4 hire. Departures are in February and March (020-8742 1556, [windowsonthewild.com](http://windowsonthewild.com)).

## Scott's Antarctica

This month is the 100th anniversary of the race to reach the South Pole between Captain Robert Scott and the Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, and this cruise follows in Scott's sledgemarks. The 20-night cruise takes in remote parts of Antarctica, including Enderby Island, Macquarie Island and the Ross Sea region. The voyage to the Ross Sea will attempt to edge south to Cape Evans, where Scott's 1911 Terra Nova hut is located. The largest historic building on the continent, it was used in the ▶