



Ny-Ålesund Research Station Norway

Attachment to the Ny-Ålesund Research Station Introduction Programme

Thank you for attending the digital introduction programme on March 6, 2025. We appreciate your time and engagement.

To support the discussions and presentations, we have compiled this document with additional details and useful links. These resources complement the information shared in our digital introduction program and are designed to provide further insights. The sections of this document follows the agenda of the meeting.

About Ny-Ålesund Research Station

Ny-Ålesund Research Station is one of the world's northernmost year-round research communities and provides unique access to a natural polar laboratory. Read more about [Ny-Ålesund Research Station](#) here.

The Ny-Ålesund Flagships

To facilitate the best possible use of the unique opportunities that Ny-Ålesund Research Station offers, the research and monitoring activity on site is organized in four broad flagship programmes. The flagships arrange meeting places open for all where collaboration and coordination of research take place. Read more about the flagships and how to join them here: <https://nyalesundresearch.no/the-ny-alesund-flagship-programmes/>

Want to be a part of the flagships? Sign up to their e-mail lists here:

<https://nyalesundresearch.no/newsletter/>

The Research in Svalbard Portal:

Research in Svalbard (RiS) is a portal for registration of all science projects in Svalbard. In the RiS Portal, registered projects may easily submit necessary applications to the Governor of Svalbard and book your stay in Ny-Ålesund Research Station.

Read more about how to submit applications to the Governor here:

<https://nyalesundresearch.no/research-and-monitoring/researchers-guide/research-permissions/>

Read more about registering projects and booking to Ny-Ålesund here: [Registering and booking in Research in Svalbard \(RiS\) | Ny-Ålesund Research Station](#)

When you book your stay in Ny-Ålesund be aware of this in the booking process:

- Each booking should only include travellers who arrive and depart on the same dates. Larger projects must create separate bookings for groups with different travel schedules.
- One booking, One Invoice: Kings Bay accept only one billing address per booking/stay. Costs cannot be split among multiple recipients within the same booking. For special requests, contact reception@kingsbay.no.
- Be careful of correct invoice information in the booking! The invoice address must contain the following:
University/Institution/Company name:
Address line 1:
Address line 2:
Zip/Postal code:
Place:
Country:
- All participants in a project must be registered in RiS before they can be included in a booking.
- Be aware of cancellation deadlines if your plans change. See [Terms And Conditions Kings Bay](#)

Tools

Various tools, such as online maps, various web cameras at several locations, as well as a GIS system (layer in Svalbardkartet) for instruments and field sites in Ny-Ålesund, are available for all.

Read more about the GIS system as well as other tools here:

<https://nyalesundresearch.no/infrastructures/tools/>

Research infrastructure

The research facilities in Ny-Ålesund

There are several research infrastructures and laboratories in Ny-Ålesund that are available for researchers. Some laboratories are used for short term projects/campaigns, and some are observatories for long-term use. The booking procedures vary between the infrastructures:

Facilities that are booked through the RiS-portal:

- [Marine laboratory](#)
- [MS Teisten](#) (research boat/vessel)
- [Veksthuset terrestrial laboratory](#). Free to use for Terrestrial- and Glaciology projects in 2025!
- Boat with driver (Polarcirkel)

Direct booking to Kings Bay on e-mail research@kingsbay.no:

- [Gruvebadet atmosphere laboratory](#) (long- and short-term atmospheric observations)
- [Light-sensitive cabin](#) (for various installations that require low light pollution)

Direct booking to The Norwegian Polar Institute on e-mail: head.nya@npolar.no :

- [Zeppelin Observatory](#) for atmosphere monitoring

Cargo and freight

Logistics in Svalbard must be planned thoroughly. Please read about cargo and freight to and from Ny-Ålesund Research Station here: [Cargo and freight](#)

Some important notes to take considering cargo and freight:

- Ship Cargo (Bring): Between mainland Norway (Tromsø) and Ny-Ålesund approximately every 6 weeks during summer (April-October). [Sailing schedule and more info from Bring here](#).
- Air Cargo (Lufttransport): Total of 20 kg per passenger, i.e. very limited capacity! Additional cargo on the airplane from LyR-NyA needs to be booked well in advance via reception@kingsbay.no .
- No guarantees for extra cargo shipment due to limited capacity on the plane.
- Always plan for return shipping, considering customs regulations in your home country and cargo handling procedures in Ny-Ålesund!

Preparations – consider the need for various permissions

Those conducting research and educational activity in Svalbard must familiarise themselves with the applicable regulations. As a rule, most field activities will require permission from The Governor of Svalbard. You also may need permissions from other Norwegian agencies as well. In addition, there are several local regulations/coordination measures in Ny-Ålesund Research Station that you need to be aware of. To help you get started, please read more here about [Research permissions and applications | Ny-Ålesund Research Station](#).

Also note that you need a permission to borrow firearms for polar bear protection: [Borrowing firearms for polar bear protection | Governor of Svalbard](#).

When in Ny-Ålesund

To make your landing (and your stay) in Ny-Ålesund as efficient as possible, part three of the Researchers' Guide provides you with practical information regarding daily life and activity in Ny-Ålesund: [Part III Researchers Guide - Project execution](#)

Please also read about [staying safe in Ny-Ålesund here](#):

Contact information

You find contact information to the Norwegian Polar Institute and Kings Bay here: [Contact | Ny-Ålesund Research Station](#)