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Besøk i to isgrotter

During corona pandemien Nordmen had the possibility to travel to Svalbard with just a 24 hours quicktest, but no quarantine. One caver used this opportunity and visited Svalbard to make trips to two different ice caves. By walking through the ice channels amazing formations of icicle and icewalls in many colours were seen. Parts of them had sediments and stones inside, even some coaldust.

In fact this first glacier near Longyearbyen rolls down the mountain at about 5m a year, while the second one wasn't mentioned. The second cave was reached by a dog-sled ride and was different in ice and colours – mainly blue clear ice. As an unexpected effect by turning off the lights inside the cave, daylight was shining through the ice in blue colours. In contrast to this experience there was only darkness in the first ice cave. (Read more about Svalbard caves in Norsk Grotteblad Nr. 45, s. 3-22.)