

GREENLAND - GREG MORTIMER



TRIP CODE

ACAEEGE

DEPARTURE

10/09/2021

DURATION

13 Days

LOCATIONS

Arctic, Greenland



INTRODUCTION

EARLY BIRDS: Book and Save up to 20%* on select cabins. Conditions apply, contact us for more details.

Undertake an incredible journey to one of the most isolated habitations in the world. Aboard the Greg Mortimer you will explore the unique serenity of East Greenland. Discover a land painted with some of the most beautiful scenery imaginable. Steep snow-capped mountains rise from the sea and conquer the sky as giant icebergs shaded in blue and white float in deep fjords. You will have the opportunity to explore Scoresbysund, the worlds largest fjord system where glaciers and ice reign eternal. Encounter unique wildlife from the musk ox to the arctic fox, even reindeer. This is a truly remarkable journey.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Reykjavik

Arrive in Reykjavik, Iceland, and make your own way to our group hotel. Welcome to Reykjavík, the capital of Iceland and starting point of our expedition. After arriving via scheduled commercial flight service, you are free to explore this fascinating city. Reykjavík is home to a wealth of cultural institutions including museums, galleries, and the Hallgrímskirkja church. Leisure possibilities inside the city include parks, gardens, and thermal baths. You can also take advantage of Reykjavík’s wide range of shopping possibilities, excellent dining options, and famous nightlife. Your hotel for the night has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the voyage.



DAY 2: Drive Reykjavik to Akureyri


After a leisurely breakfast, check-out of your room and board your comfortable coach for your drive on the ring road north to Akureyri, Iceland’s second largest town, where your ship the Greg Mortimer awaits. Whatever the time of year, Akureyri is a lively and energetic town, and home to around 20,000 inhabitants. It is by far the most densely populated community outside the Reykjavík area, and is the centre of trade, culture and services for the north of Iceland. It is a town closely associated with educational institutions and cultural events, all of those having strong traditional roots. The 400 km/248 mile journey to Akureyri takes approximately six hours and you will get a glimpse of Iceland’s dramatic landscape along the way. Upon embarkation, you’ll have time to settle into your cabin before our important briefings. Spend some time out on the observation decks and say goodbye to Iceland as we sail across the Denmark Strait to Greenland.



DAY 3: At Sea

As we cross the Denmark Strait to Greenland, enjoy informative and entertaining lectures from our expert expedition team including naturalists, historians and geologists. You may also take this time to acquaint yourself with your incredible crew.



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DAY 4: East Greenland - Day 4 - 11

As we approach East Greenland, we may encounter more pack ice where we may see seals and a variety of seabirds, including northern fulmar and migratory Brunnich's guillemots. This stretch of coastline is ripe for exploration, with its many secrets locked in place by drift ice for up to eight months each year. Home to snowy owls and musk ox, it's the world's largest national park, covering 972,000km²; most of which is inland ice and the rest a composite fjord landscape. Over the next seven days a host of choices are open to us, and depending on ice and weather conditions, the east coast of Greenland is ours to explore. Our experienced expedition team, who have made countless journeys to this area, will use their expertise to design our voyage from day to day. This allows us to make best use of the prevailing weather, ice conditions and wildlife opportunities. We will generally make up to two landings or Zodiac excursions per day; cruising along spectacular ice cliffs, following whales that are feeding near the surface. Explore Scoresbysund, the largest fjord system in the world - a spectacular place that simply needs to be seen to be believed. North of Scoresbysund are, Kong Oscar and Kaiser Franz Josef fjords, two of the most significant fjord systems in all of Greenland, each one encompassing several smaller fjords and sounds. Thanks to the fertile volcanic soil mountains that protects areas from the strong winds, the area is rich in wildlife. You may spot everything from musk ox and arctic foxes to mountain hares and even reindeer near the fjord. Look skyward and you could catch a glimpse of birds including glaucous gull, black-legged kittiwake, northern fulmar, common raven and common eider. We plan to visit the remote Inuit community of Ittoqqortoormiit (Scoresby Town) and to hike across the tundra in search of ancient graveyards and summer villages occupied 3,000 years ago by the Inuit.



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DAY 12: The Denmark Strait

In the Denmark Strait, we sail back towards Iceland. Keep a lookout for whale blows and the many seabirds that trail our ship in the ever present Arctic winds. Enjoy the time to reflect on your recent adventures, share and exchange photos, and breathe in the fresh ocean air. As we near Iceland, we re-enter an inhabited world as we encounter fishing vessels working the coastal waters.



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DAY 13: Disembarkation in Akureyri

During the early morning, we arrive into the northern Icelandic town of Akureyri. Upon disembarkation, farewell your expedition team, crew and fellow expeditioners as our buses will be waiting to transfer us back to downtown Reykjavik or to the airport. *Please note: Due to departure flight schedules out of Reykjavik, we recommend that passengers stay overnight in Reykjavik before continuing with your onward international travel arrangements.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	<p>Cabin accommodation on board Greg Mortimer All meals whilst on board All scheduled landings/excursions Guiding and lectures by English-speaking expedition leader and team All port fees All landing fees Complimentary polar expedition jacket Complimentary boot rental during cruise Comprehensive pre-departure info One night accommodation with breakfast in Reykjavik on Day 1 Group transfer from Reykjavik to Akureyri pier on Day 2 Transfer from pier to downtown or airport in Reykjavik on Day 13</p> <p>Exclusions Airmiles to and from embarkation/disembarkation city Visa fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Personal expenses such as laundry, on board communication Gratuities for the crew Pre or post cruise travel expenses Optional activities</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.

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Notes	Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, season & availability.

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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