



### TRIP CODE

ACADNAS

### **DEPARTURE**

24/06/2023

### DURATION

12 Days

### LOCATIONS

Arctic



# **INTRODUCTION**

Challenge yourself on this incredible journey into the wake of the Vikings. On board the Ocean Endeavour, you will follow in the trail of the vikings of old as you sail from Scotland, discovering the incredible beauty of the Faroe Islands and ultimately Iceland itself. This is an incredible journey of personal enrichment as you experience some of the most pristine sights in all of the Arctic. Develop incredible connections to these unique places with your fellow passengers. Witness dramatic bird cliffs, home to hardy puffins and storm petrels. Enrich yourself in the unique viking history of Torshavn before discovering the otherworldly beauty of Iceland complete with steep cliffs, volcanos & dramatic fjords. This is truly a humbling journey to some of the most enriching locations within the Arctic..

\*\*Please note that due to the recent increase in global fuel prices, a fuel surcharge has been applied to all voyages across the Arctic 23 season. This has already been applied to the price\*\*

# **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: Embarkation in Aberdeen

Many of Aberdeen's historic stone buildings are of locally quarried granite; high in mica, they can sparkle like silver. The city is famed for its forty-five parks, gardens, and floral displays. In recent years, Aberdeen has become the gateway to the North Sea oil industry, but the city retains its old world charm and is a wonderful place for a walkabout. Embarkation on board the Ocean Endeavour is scheduled for the afternoon.





### DAY 2: Kirkwall, Orkney

Kirkwall is dominated by the massive St. Magnus Cathedral, dating from 1137. We'll visit the Heart of Neolithic Orkney, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where we'll find the 4,000-year-old Ring of Brodgar. We'll also tour the Hall of Clestrain, childhood home of Arctic explorer John Rae.



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### DAY 3: Fair Isle

Fair Isle was a Viking hub and is now an idyllic island colony of artists and shepherds. Its sixty residents include global citizens who have relocated to help maintain Fair Isle's traditions including world-famous woolen crafts. Fair Isle boasts sightings of three hundred and fifty bird species including puffins and great skuas in substantial numbers. The local museum is dedicated to preserving island heritage. The National Trust Bird Observatory is now being reconstructed after a fire in 2019.



## DAY 4: Suduroy Island & Sumba

Suduroy Island, Faroes, is famed for its dramatic cliffs towering over the North Atlantic. It's a paradise for bird, including northern fulmars, European storm petrels, European shags, blacklegged kittiwakes, Atlantic puffins, common guillemots, and black guillemots. The village of Sumba, population 239, occupied since the seventh century, is a stronghold of Faroese chain dancing. Hiking is excellent in the foothills of nearby Beinisvøro Mountain, affording spectacular, panoramic views of the region.



# DAY 5: Torshavn

Torshavn, literally "Thor's harbour," is the Faroe Islands' capital and largest town, with a population of 19,000. A former Viking trading centre, Torshavn is a splendid little city to explore. The National Art Gallery is a treasure, surrounded by gorgeous grounds with walking trails. Nordic House is a must, widely considered the finest example of architecture in Scandinavia. Torshavn offers excellent shopping and handicrafts, restaurants and pubs, and a cathedral dating 1788.





# DAY 6: Western Faroe Islands - Day 6 & 7

The northwestern shores of Eysturoy and Streymoy islands are beyond spectacular. Hiking, birding and photography are outstanding. Charming villages connected by high-tech tunnels through mountains and beneath the ocean floor are a unique and startling feature of Faroese life. The spectacular waterfall at Gasadalur is reached through one such tunnel— but look for the old switchback trail over the mountain, once used by the local postman!



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### DAY 8: Mykines Island

Mykines is the westernmost of the Faroes and a geological marvel. Great columns of balsalt (called the Stone-wood) tower thirty metres above the ocean. On the western end of the island, connected by a forty-metre footbridge, is the islet Mykinshólmur, famed for its sea stacks and a lighthouse dating to 1909. Mykines has been identified as an Important Bird Area by BirdLife International for its large numbers of puffins and gannets, guillemots, razorbills, northern fulmurs, Manx shearwaters, European storm petrels, European shags, and black-legged kittiwakes.



# DAY 9: At Sea

This day will be spent at sea at your own leisure. Take this time to reflect on the incredible memories you have made so far with your fellow passengers, savour these incredible moments and prepare yourself for the amazing journey ahead.





DAY 10: Heimaey, Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands)

Vestmannaeyjar lies off the south coast of Iceland and comprises fourteen islands, numerous rocks and skerries. Only the largest island, Heimaey, is inhabited. Numerous species of seabirds, including the famous puffin, nest in the steep rock faces along the ocean cliffs. The volcanically active area has seen two major eruptions in recent times: the formation of the island of Surtsey in 1963, and the Eldfell eruption ten years later that destroyed much of Heimaey and nearly blocked its harbour.



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# DAY 11: Disembarkation in Reykjavik

Reykjavík, "steamy bay", is a cosmopolitan capital city on the site of what is believed to be the first permanent settlement in Iceland, established in AD 874. Entirely powered by geothermal energy, Reykjavik is among the cleanest, greenest, and safest cities in the world. Night life, cuisine and culture are vibrant here during the summer months, when locals and visitors alike make the most of the midnight sun. The Culture House promotes Icelandic national heritage, including treasures like the Poetic Edda, and the Norse Sagas in their original manuscripts. Today you will disembark Ocean Endeavour, bid farewell to your fellow passengers and newfound friends, and prepare for the journeys to come.



# **INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship



Inclusions	Cabin accommodation on board vessel All meals whilst on board All scheduled landings & excursions All port fees & landing fees Expedition jacket provides (yours to keep) Pair of expedition boots for use during your voyage Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition team and crew Nikon Camera Trial Program Exclusions Flights to/from embarkation & disembarkation city Visa fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages (other than tea & coffee) Personal expenses such as laundry & on board communication Gratuities for the crew Pre or post cruise travel expenses Optional activities, refer optional activities section for details
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Please Note: Category 3 to 7 cabins have no single supplement. Contact us for more details.
Notes	Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather, ice & sea conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, season & availability.

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# **SUSTAINABILITY**

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local



products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

The Ocean Endeavour in the Arctic works closley with the First Nations communities by direct employment and is a part of a Discovery Fund. Every customer contributes directly to the Fund when they purchase a trip to the Arctic. The Fund covers issues like habitat enhancement, youth outreach, community support and charity projects. The Scientist-in-residence program offers spacem time and resources aborad The Ocean Edneavoru for parcticing scientists and researches. Passenger contributions to the citizen science program is also facilitate onboard. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click **HERE** 

