

THE ARCTIC - WELCOME TO THE LAND OF VIKINGS | SEA SPIRIT



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DURATION
14 Days
LOCATIONS
Greenland, Iceland


## INTRODUCTION

Experience the wonders of Greenland on this 14 day voyage departing from Reykjavík, Iceland and finishing in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland. This expedition will sail through the countless fjords of Greenland's west coast, discovering well-preserved Viking ruins and fertile landscapes to Disko Bay, deep inside the Arctic Circle.

Along Greenland's west coast we find colorful Inuit villages, as well as the capital city of Nuuk. In Disko Bay we find spectacular natural wonders including the famous Ilulissat Icefjord. This voyage offers the perfect balance of stunning landscapes, culture, wildlife and history.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Arrival in Reykjavik, Iceland

Welcome to Reykjavík, the capital of Iceland and starting point of our expedition cruise! Even though this country lies below the Arctic Circle, Reykjavik is the world's northernmost capital of a sovereign state. Visitors needn't travel far to find geysers and waterfalls, mountains, and glaciers. Accommodations tonight at a centrally located deluxe hotel will make embarkation tomorrow much more convenient.



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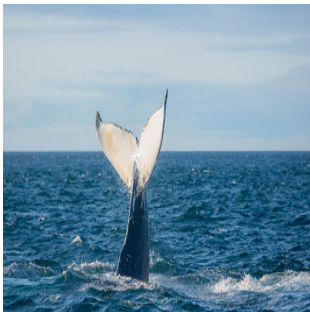
## DAY 2: Embarkation in Reykjavik, Iceland

This afternoon, meeting in the lobby for your transfer to the port and embarkation of the Sea Spirit. There’s time to get settled in and explore this ship, your home-away-from-home for the next ten days. After departure, keep an eye out for our first whales (humpback and Minke whales are most common) as we sail out of the picturesque bay.



## DAY 3: At Sea - Day 3-4

Enjoy a few restful days at sea, as we get ready for icebergs, Inuit villages, whales and much more! Along with our expedition team, watch for whales and seabirds from the deck, or participate in their presentations in the Oceanus Lounge on the flora, fauna, geology and cultural heritage to be found along West Greenland’s western coast.

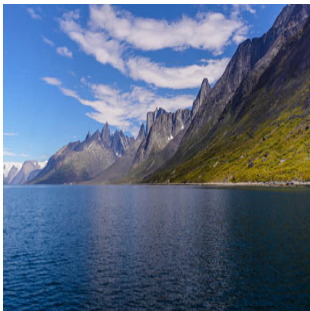


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DAY 5: Nanortalik, Uunartoq, Hvalsey: Days 5-9

The Sea Spirit rounds Cape Farewell, the southernmost point in Greenland, and calls in at Greenland’s most southerly town Nanortalik. The town lies at the mouth of beautiful Tasermiut Fjord surrounded by steep mountains that flank an intricate fjord system. The local open-air museum demonstrates the fascinating history from Viking and Inuit times to the present days. The Uunartoq area is famous for its natural hot springs, where we can soak in the geothermal waters watching the icebergs pass by. During the next few days, we head further north to visit some enchanting Greenlandic settlements and explore the beautiful fjords of Greenland’s western side. Hvalsey, or "Whale Island", is the site of Greenland’s largest and best-preserved Norse ruins. It was originally settled by an ancestor of Erik the Red in the late 10th century. There’s time to wander and learn about the ancient farmstead that includes a granite stone Christian church, likely built in the early 14th century, and several adjacent buildings. The fells and fjord around the farmstead have not changed at all over the centuries, and the site is believed to have been a meeting place for festivals and banquets throughout the year. Set amidst breathtaking scenery, our visit to Qaqortoq gives us some additional cultural and Viking background on the region. Placed on a beautiful hillside, the small settlement boasts colorful houses and a museum. We continue north in the wake of the Vikings as our Sea Spirit navigates through the picturesque Eriksfjord to the settlement of Qassiarsuk. The town was founded back in the 10th century by Eric the Red following his exile from Iceland for murder. We will see the foundation remains of his manor house and other buildings. Nowadays, the area is known as a sheep farming settlement. As we approach, Paamiut, there are good opportunities to see humpback and fin whales along the coastline. It is also an especially good place to spot white-tailed eagles. Inhabited by incredibly welcoming locals, Paamiut justifiably proud of their church that was built in 1909. The architecture reflects the Danish colonization of Greenland. Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, is lively and surrounded by natural beauty. Here, old traditions meet modern change. Fashion shops and a cultural center represent the modern Greenland; the picturesque old port area, however, testifies to the island’s long history. The town was founded by the danish missionary Hans Egede in the early 18th century, and you’ll learn much more about the area on an included tour. In the National Museum, you’ll be fascinated by the mummies of Qilakotsoq – evidence of a bygone era.



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## DAY 10: Exploring Disko Bay - Day 10-13


Fjords and scenic Inuit villages shape the landscape of this icy region of western Greenland. The Sea Spirit holds her course north, and landings and activities are adapted to the current ice and weather conditions. Accordingly, we will plan to visit some of the following: Sisimiut, the second-largest city in Greenland with about 5,400 inhabitants, is located 40 km north of the Arctic Circle. While there are modern elements, you'll also find an outdoors hunting and fishing culture. A small museum depicts the history of trade, shipping and industry in the region. Ilulissat, the "city of icebergs", is the a focal point of West Greenland tourism. The fjord is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and pushes unimaginable amounts of icebergs into the bay. A hike to the historic Sermermiut settlement offers some spectacular views. The famous Danish polar explorer Knut Rasmussen is a son of the city and an interesting museum here is dedicated to his life. Itilleq is a typical Greelandic fishing village on a small island just above the Arctic Circle, with a local population of about 120. The residents make a living from fishing and hunting and there are probably more dog sleds than residents.



## DAY 14: Disembarkation in Kangerlussuaq

Our adventure finishes at the port of Kangerlussuaq. We disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our outbound flight and further connection flights home.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Inclusions	<b>INCLUSIONS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-voyage night on Day 1 in Reykjavik;</li> <li>• Group transfer from the hotel to the ship for embarkation on Day 2;</li> <li>• Shipboard accommodation;</li> <li>• All meals on board throughout the voyage;</li> <li>• Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily;</li> <li>• All scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions);</li> <li>• Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader &amp; Expedition Team;</li> <li>• Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka;</li> <li>• Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise;</li> <li>• Welcome and Farewell cocktails;</li> <li>• All port fees;</li> <li>• Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation;</li> <li>• Pre-departure materials;</li> <li>• Digital Voyage Log;</li> <li>• Wi-Fi on board.</li> </ul>
	<b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory charter flight Kangerlussuaq - Reykjavik on the day of disembarkation (<a href="#">details below</a>)</li> <li>• International airfare;</li> <li>• Transfers from the airport to the hotel;</li> <li>• Visa and passport fees (if applicable);</li> <li>• Luggage and trip cancellation insurance;</li> <li>• Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations;</li> <li>• Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges;</li> <li>• Mandatory Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of US\$ 200,000 per person;</li> <li>• Kayaking;</li> <li>• The cost of any applicable medical tests (such as COVID-19) or vaccinations required either by a national government or Poseidon Expeditions before, during or after the cruise;</li> <li>• Staff gratuities.</li> </ul>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	• Available upon request. Contact for more detail.

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Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please note this itinerary may be subject to weather and ice conditions.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><b>CHARTER FLIGHT TO REYKJAVIK</b>            We provide a <b>mandatory</b> charter flight from Kangerlussuaq to Reykjavik on the day of disembarkation.</p> <p><b>Charter flight costs:</b>            Economy class \$399 - A\$599 - £339 - €419            Business class \$699 - A\$1049 - £579 - €729</p> <p>We highly recommend you stay one night in Reykjavik after this flight.</p>
	<p><b>Price Dependent upon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departure date, seasonality, and availability</li> </ul>

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