

## GREENLAND - EXPEDITION TO THE THULE REGION | LE BOREAL



### INTRODUCTION

This voyage takes you into northwest Greenland, a region shaped by long-standing Inuit traditions, remote coastal settlements and wide Arctic landscapes. Departing from Nuuk, the route moves through fjords, glaciers and quiet bays, with time to visit communities that maintain a strong cultural connection to the far north.

You may be able to view wildlife such as musk oxen, seals, seabirds and occasional whale sightings, with zodiac outings giving you access to shorelines and ice formations that larger ships can't reach. Landings focus on short walks, cultural encounters and time to observe the area's geology and coastal scenery. It's a straightforward journey through one of Greenland's most isolated regions, offering a steady mix of cruising, community visits and time in the high Arctic environment.

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### DAY 1: Paris to Nuuk

Your cruise package includes a charter flight from Paris to Nuuk, Greenland. The flight duration is approximately 5 hours. We highly recommend you arrive in Paris the night before this flight. When Erik Le Rouge, the exiled Norse chief, landed on the coast of Nuuk, he found a fertile and welcoming land dotted with fjords. He settled there with a group of his former countrymen, and the Norse remained the principal inhabitants until, over a period of 500 years, their population declined and gave way to the Inuit. Nuuk is situated at the mouth of one of the largest networks of fjords in the world, where the waters never freeze. The town spreads gently out towards the Davis Strait and enjoys an historic center that is particularly rich in national heritage. The vivid reds, blues, greens and yellows of the houses are a lively contrast to the somber waters of Greenland and serve to lift the spirits of the locals during the Winter months. Embarkation is scheduled between 4-5pm.



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### DAY 2: Sisimiut

During your cruise, we invite you to discover Sisimiut, founded in 1756 and the second largest town in Greenland. This small town is typical of Greenland, boasting bewitching panoramas: here and there, colourful stilt houses dot the undulating landscape, and the small fishing port stands as the gateway to an icy realm. As for the town centre, it is home to a number of historic buildings, a small church and a museum which retraces the history of the Inuit people, as well as many craft shops. When your ship drops anchor here, you will set out to meet the locals in a typically arctic atmosphere.



### DAY 3: Disko Bay

To the east of Baffin Bay, discover Disko Bay, scattered with countless icebergs produced by the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. From your ship, admire the majestic ballet of these ice giants as they slowly drift across the dark waters. This site is a natural marvel of Greenland, and is also renowned as an observation point for the region's many humpback whales. The encounters with wild fauna and stunning landscapes in the heart of this spectacular and fragile nature will be pure moments of wonder for you.



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### DAY 4: Eqi Glacier

'The most beautiful place in the Arctic' is how Paul-Émile Victor described Greenland, a land of great icebergs and of towering ice formations calved by the giant glaciers of the polar ice cap. The Eqi Glacier is one of the region's most impressive sights. Here, the silence is broken only by the roaring and cracking of the ice. It is impossible to know if one is shivering from cold or from the sheer thrill of being here... Imagine the vast outline of a glacier, its translucent crystals glowing with an ice-blue fire in the sunlight. Paul-Emile Victor's shelter cannot be overlooked; it was from here that the French Polar Expeditions' anthropological and geographic explorations set off in the 1950s.



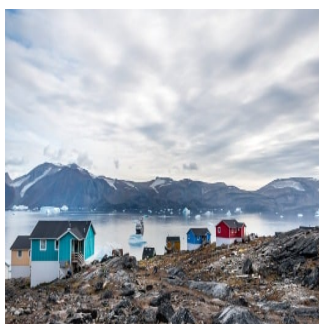
### DAY 5: Akulleq

In the curve of Uummannaq Bay, opposite a narrow passage between two islands, you will discover the moonscape of the small desert island of Akulleq. The ochre yellow and orange of this mineral site look ablaze under the sunshine of the polar summer. From the island's summit you will be able to contemplate a panoramic view of the bay's magical landscape and its huge icebergs with surprising shapes.



### DAY 6: Kullorsuaq

Well beyond the Arctic Circle, in the majestic landscapes of Greenland's Northwest, you will find the village of Kullorsuaq, the last bastion of Greenland's traditional hunters. Here is where you will find Greenland's true character... Vast mineral expanses, sumptuous mountains, impressive glaciers and, above all, the local population which still lives off fishing and seal or bear hunting. Hospitality and respect for nature are essential elements in the daily lives of these men, who live an austere life. When we drop anchor in this remote part of the world, set off to discover these friendly people who are also talented craftsmen, deftly sewing the furs and skins of marine mammals. This will be a unique and authentic experience.



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### DAY 7: Savissivik

Some places in this world are so magical that their beauty cannot be described in words... Savissivik, a small Inuit village with less than a hundred inhabitants, is one such place. Rightly considered to be the biggest iceberg graveyard in Greenland, it is a stunning sight to behold. During your Zodiac outing, you will sail between these icy giants. Once on land, you can hike to a viewpoint from which to enjoy breathtaking views over these icebergs, which come in an incredibly diverse range of shapes and colours. Photographers will love it. Savissivik Bay attracts many bears and is also known for having been the home of one of the world's biggest meteorites, but the latter has now been moved to a museum in New York.



### DAY 8: Thule Region - Day 9 to 10

Thule, the region located to the northwest of Greenland, is the mythical name used to designate the Far North. The presence of many drifting icebergs calved from the glaciers of Greenland and sheets of ice floe can make sailing tricky - but spectacular - in this region. You will attempt to sail as far north as possible and if you are lucky enough you will perhaps observe one of the many polar bears that roam this favourable environment. You'll perhaps visit traditional villages such as Dundas ("old Thule") and Siorapaluk, Greenland's northernmost native settlement, where you will probably be greeted by a joyous group of children, who are always happy to welcome visitors.



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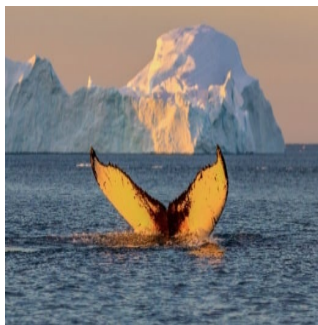
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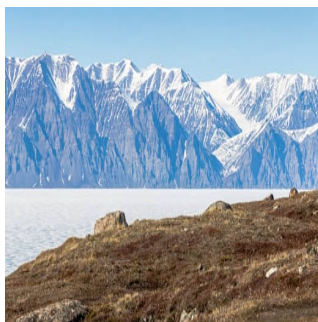
### DAY 10: At Sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.



### DAY 11: Pond Inlet, Nunavut

On Baffin Island, located in northern Canada at the mouth of the famous NorthWest Passage, there is a small Inuit settlement at the very bounds of infinity. To get there, cross the Arctic Circle, the imaginary line that separates man from lands of mystery and wonder. It's not so much the way of life that sets Pond Inlet's inhabitants apart, so much as the setting. Snow-capped mountains, fjords and glaciers combine in a dazzling natural environment that fills space and expands time. Some discoveries change you forever: this is one of them.



### DAY 12: Devon Island - Day 12 & 13

Located in Baffin Bay, Devon Island is part of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. Robert Bylot and William Baffin were the first Europeans to sight Devon Island in 1616 but it would only be mapped two centuries later by the British sailor William E. Parry, who named it after the eponymous English region. Around 1920, the Hudson's Bay Company set up a fur-trading outpost there, until the departure of the Inuits in 1936. A new attempt to populate it was made at the beginning of the 1950s. Only a few buildings in ruins, vestiges of that time, remain today. In the heart of these Far North landscapes, keep your eyes peeled for the Arctic wildlife that populates these shores, including the Lord of the Kingdom, the polar bear, that you may be lucky enough to spot.



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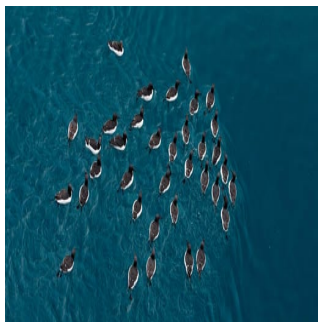
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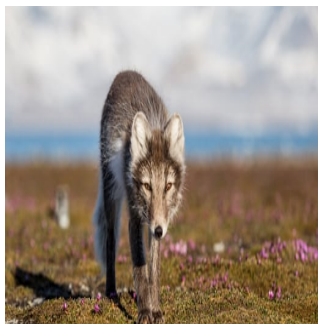
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### DAY 16: Nooralak

Located a few kilometres away from the Arctic Circle, the Nooralaq peninsula features raw and untamed beauty. Nature reigns supreme here, with the tundra stretching as far as the eye can see, decked out in various forms of flora and inhabited by Greenland's emblematic fauna — snow buntings, common ravens, reindeer, musk oxen, and the discreet Arctic fox. The heights of Nooralaq afford sublime panoramas over the Itteleq fjord, whose water reflects the moving skies of the Far North.



### DAY 17: Disembarkation in Nuuk

You will disembark your vessel in Kangerlussuaq in the early morning. Take this time to bid farewell to your fellow passengers and crew, reflecting on the incredible memories you have made together. Your cruise package includes a return charter flight to Paris. Please note the flight duration is approximately 5 hours. We highly recommend you spend the night in Paris after your flight.



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| <b>Accommodation</b>        | Cabin on board a ship   |
| <b>Inclusions</b>           | <p><b>INCLUSIONS</b><br/>           Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Boreal<br/>           Charter flight Paris/Nuuk on Embarkation Day<br/>           Charter flight Nuuk/Paris on Disembarkation Day<br/>           Transfers to/from airport to vessel<br/>           All meals whilst on board<br/>           Open bar (no premium brands)<br/>           Mini bar in your stateroom (Champagne additional fee)<br/>           Scheduled landings and excursions, conditions permitting<br/>           Guiding and lectures by expedition team<br/>           Complimentary Polar expedition jacket<br/>           Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions<br/>           All port taxes<br/>           Comprehensive pre and post voyage informational material<br/>           Free WIFI</p> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b><br/>           Airfares other than specified<br/>           Pre and post land arrangements and accommodation in Paris<br/>           Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)<br/>           Travel Insurance<br/>           Personal expenses such as laundry<br/>           Gratuities for the crew (recommend US\$15 per person per day)<br/>           Optional Activities not mentioned in itinerary</p> |
| <b>Difficulty Rating</b>    | 2 (light adventure)   |
| <b>Single Surcharge</b>     | Available upon request. A supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please <a href="#">contact us</a> for more information.  |
| <b>Notes</b>                | <p>Please note flight from Paris to Nuuk on embarkation day &amp; Nuuk to Paris on disembarkation day is included in your cruise price.</p> <p>Prices are based on per person, twin share.<br/>           Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.<br/>           Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p> <p>In rare and unforeseen situations, an operator may apply a fuel surcharge after your booking has been confirmed and paid. This is outside our control and uncommon, but transparency with our travelers is important to us.</p>   |
| <b>Price Dependent upon</b> | Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and 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.

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](#)

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