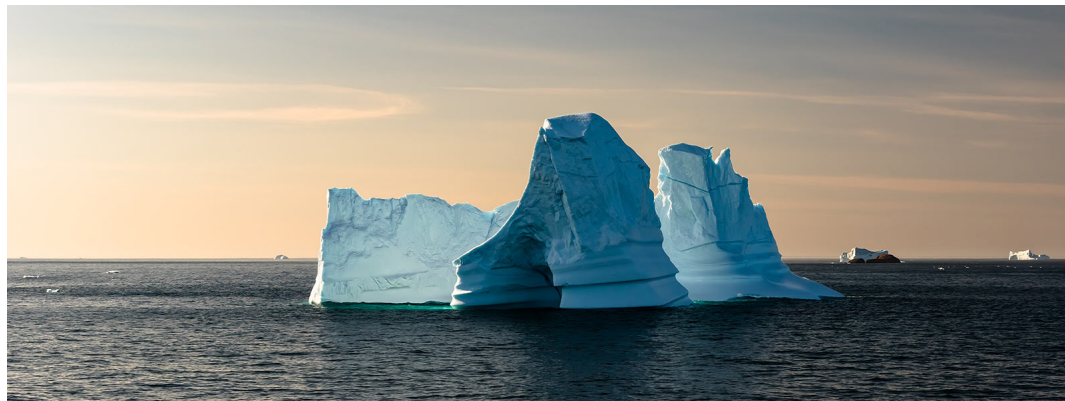


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### INTRODUCTION

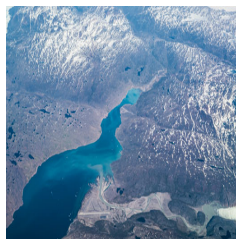
Enjoy an Arctic adventure in Greenland, beginning in Narsarsuaq, a region that is rich in culture and history, with Norse explorers and Inuit culture as well as beautiful natural scenery, hot springs and whales. Explore the vast Prince Christian Sound, with its pointy mountain landscapes and continue to sail along the untouched and wild eastern coastline. End the expedition by exploring the town of Tasiilaq, where you can learn about the local Tunumiit culture. Cruise through the vast Sermilik Fjord, where you will see icebergs of various shapes and sizes.

Onboard the M/S Balto you will be accompanied by a small and intimate group of likeminded travellers, with the ship taking just 12 guests. This allows for more unique departures, flexibility and the maximum amount of time onshore. You will also have the chance to visit the remote settlements that are home to welcoming locals and have an authentic experience, learning about their culture and history.

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Fly to Narsarsuaq and embarkation

We fly to Narsarsuaq and embark the M/S Balto. We are now on a true expedition cruise. Our exact route is depending on weather and ice and the itinerary must be kept flexible!



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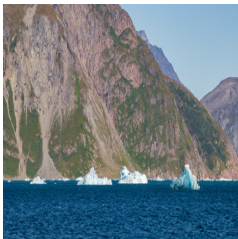
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## DAY 2: Expedition in depth - Day 2 to 9

We sail out through Eriksfjord, named after Erik the Red, a Norse explorer believed to have founded the first settlement in Greenland around year 980, after being banished from Iceland for manslaughter. We plan to go ashore at Brattahlid, the estate he established at the end of the 10th century. We also aim to visit Hvalsey Church, one of the best-preserved Norse ruins in Greenland. We stop in Qaqortoq, the largest town in South Greenland with a population of around 3200. Qaqortoq is beautifully situated on a mountainside and surrounded by magnificent fjords. This part of Greenland has many stories to tell. We learn about the Inuit culture and their great respect and symbiotic relationship with the environment and animals. Many of the stories originate from times of great weather changes and declining animal numbers, and they used objects from hunting and fishing to create artistic objects and amulets. There is great respect and love for animals, which are sacrificed, and the sea goddess Sedna is worshipped for releasing the souls of animals. Even today, the Inuit carry a small jug of fresh water with them when they hunt seals. After killing a seal, they give it fresh water to keep its soul from going thirsty. We will have the opportunity to hear many stories and legends, and to learn about different eras and the people who have migrated to Greenland. This part of Greenland offers much more than history and culture. We will set foot on rarely visited islands and watch for playful whales. We also hope to visit one of the many sheep farms in southern Greenland. In Uunartoq we will have the opportunity to relax in one of the natural hot springs, while admiring the breathtaking views of mountain ranges and drifting icebergs. We then continue our journey south. Through the western mouth of Prince Christian Sound, we slowly make our way into this extraordinary fjord system. Here we are surrounded by a mountainous landscape with peaks of up to 2000 metres and steep cliffs plunging into the fjord, and we see the similarity to the fictional landscape of Mordor from Lord of the Rings. We look out for harbour seals, ringed seals and whales. We have now reached East Greenland and are travelling along a wild and unspoilt coastline. We are very dependent on the weather and ice conditions, and our itinerary will be adapted accordingly. A couple of days will be spent mostly at sea. We are likely to see a parade of icebergs drifting south on the strong currents, and we marvel at mighty glacier walls plunging straight into the sea. Along the coast we hope to explore one of the rarely visited fjords. Perhaps we stop at Umivik Bay, from where Fridtjof Nansen began his East to West trek across Greenland in 1888. When we arrive in the vast Sermilik fjord system, we are greeted by icebergs of all shapes and sizes. Most of these come from the Helheim glacier in the centre of the fjord, which produces some of the largest icebergs in Greenland. Sermilik Fjord is 90 kilometres long and cuts through a rugged landscape of towering glaciers and jagged peaks. The beauty around us is stunning! We anchor in beautiful spots and keep an eye out for whales. Perhaps the ice will let us through to the small village of Tasiilaq. The wooden houses are beautifully situated, with the great Sermilik Fjord in the background. Here the local Inuit culture and traditional hunting and fishing activities play an important role in the way of life. Here we have the chance to go on a nice hike to get an overview of the Sermilik Fjord and its icebergs!



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## DAY 10: Kulusuk & Keflavik

We disembark in Kulusuk and head to the airport for our flight to Keflavik, and check into our hotel. (Included in the flight and hotel package.)



## DAY 11: Homeward bound

Today we bid our farewells and return home or onwards for new adventures. Please note: Our exact route will depend on ice, weather conditions and wildlife. The places mentioned are just examples of some of the sites this region of Greenland has to offer. We always strive to maximize your experience. Please remember that flexibility is the key to a successful expedition!



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Inclusions	<b>INCLUSIONS</b> Flight from Kulusuk (Greenland) to Keflavik (Iceland) Transfers in connection with flight mentioned above, from airport to hotel One hotel night in Iceland Cabin accommodation on board ship. All meals, tea, and coffee on board throughout your voyage. All scheduled landings and excursions. Guiding and leadership by expert exploration team and crew. Passenger taxes and harbour/landing fees Advertised price includes mandatory transfer package which covers one-way flight to Iceland and accommodation in Iceland. (2025 Price: USD\$1,590 per person and 2026 Price: USD\$2,190 per person - subject to change)
	<b>EXCLUSIONS</b> Flights to embarkation point or other flights not mentioned above. Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above. Passport and visa expenses. Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above. Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended. Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned. Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew. Meals ashore unless otherwise specified. Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights. Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified.
	<b>Difficulty Rating</b> 2 (light adventure)
	<b>Single Surcharge</b> Available upon request. A supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Single Cabins are available. Please <a href="#">contact us</a> for more information.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, and vary from single to various twin/double cabins. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.  Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions*

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