

THE ARCTIC - ICELAND & EAST GREENLAND: THROUGH THE LENS | SYLVIA EARLE




INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our **Iceland & East Greenland Through the Lens Photography** expedition.

Embark on our Photography Expeditions where you'll capture the world's wonders, alongside some of the finest photographers on the planet. Our photographers will teach you the tricks of the trade, whether you're wielding professional gear or snapping shots on your smartphone. Enjoy extended opportunities for breathtaking shots, from specially designed Zodiac cruises to immersive onshore excursions, where every moment becomes an invitation to create. Our multiple award-winning photographers will inspire you with their passion, sharing their insights through onboard presentations and off-ship guidance.

An exploration crafted for the discerning eye; this one-of-a-kind photography voyage unveils the dramatic landscapes of Eastern Greenland and Iceland's Westfjords. East Greenland beckons, a land where colossal icebergs calve from glaciers into deep fjords, offering unparalleled opportunities to capture the raw power of nature. Witness the dance of light as kittiwakes, arctic terns, and glaucous gulls dive amidst the sculptural ice, a photographer's dream. In Scoresbysund, the world's largest fjord system, photograph icebergs drifting serenely against the vibrant autumnal flora, while keeping your lens ready for arctic hares, musk oxen, and the camouflaged ptarmigan. True photographic exploration awaits at every turn.

ITINERARY

TRIP CODE
ACAEIGTL
DEPARTURE
31/07/2027
DURATION
11 Days
LOCATIONS
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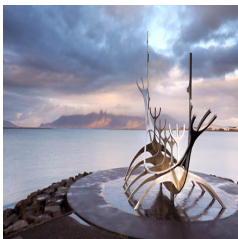
DAY 1: Arrive Reykjavik

Having made your way to Reykjavik, you will be met by a representative and transferred to our group hotel. Upon arrival at your included hotel, please visit the hospitality area where you can leave your luggage and enjoy refreshments if you arrive prior to 4pm. Whilst here you can collect your luggage cabin tags speak with our ground operations team, who may have information to share with you about pre-embarkation or to provide you with information about where to dine, withdraw cash or purchase last minute items from a local pharmacy or supermarket. The remainder of your time is at leisure. All meals today are at your own expense.



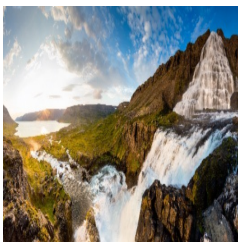
DAY 2: Embarkation in Reykjavik

Today we follow the path of one of Reykjavik’s most popular seismic attractions - the Golden Circle. Stops along our route include Thingvellir National Park, accredited as the site of Iceland’s first parliament. A shaky start to the new nation, it is also the point where the Eurasia and North American tectonic plates meet as an open fissure. Our next stop is Gullfoss waterfall. This impressive water feature tumbles 34 meters into the Hvítá River, offering a popular photographic opportunity. Next we explore the geothermal fields and geysir’s for which Iceland is famous. The variety of hot springs and bubbling pools are mesmerising as the sheer capacity of water and steam erupting from the ground makes you ponder just how much power is beneath your feet. Late afternoon we return to Reykjavik to board the Sylvia Earle. After boarding, there’s time to settle into your cabin before our important safety briefings before we ‘throw the lines’ to begin our Greenland adventure. This evening, meet your expedition team and crew at the Welcome Dinner.



DAY 3: Dynjandi

Begin your photographic journey with a wet landing at the spectacular Dynjandi waterfall, one of the Westfjords’ most iconic natural wonders. Cascading 100 metres down a series of tiered cliffs, Dynjandi offers stunning opportunities for landscape photography; think silky long exposures of flowing water, sweeping shots of the surrounding fjord, and close-up textures of moss-covered rocks. With Iceland’s moody skies and crisp Arctic light, this location is a dream for photographers.



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DAY 6: East Greenland - Day 2 to 9

In the coming days, a host of choices are available to us, and depending on the 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 tailor our itinerary on a day-to-day basis. This allows us to make best use of the prevailing weather, ice conditions and encounters with wildlife. We generally attempt up to two landings or Zodiac excursions per day, including cruising along spectacular ice cliffs, following whales feeding near the surface. East Greenland contains some of the Arctic's most impressive scenery. Deep fjords and narrow channels, flanked by sharp ice-clad peaks up to 2,000 m (6,562 ft) high. Gigantic icebergs calved from glaciers drift throughout the fjord system creating breathtaking scenery. The landscape is filled with multi-colored tundra home to musk oxen and arctic hare. Throughout the area are ancient Thule archaeological sites, historical trappers' huts, and modern Inuit hunters' cabins. A highlight is a visit to the Inuit village of Ittoqqortoormiit, the most isolated and northernmost permanent settlement in the region, with approximately 500 inhabitants. Here you can explore the village, the fascinating museum or sit in the beautiful Lutheran Church. The locals are friendly, and from underneath their Arctic fox-fur jackets, the shy young children are keen to say hello and practice their English. The community boasts an excellent museum, gift shop, an abundance of Greenlandic sled dogs, and the opportunity to meet Inuit people. Each day offers new compositions: reflections on glassy waters, glacial textures, and vast tundra painted in autumn hues. Thanks to the fertile volcanic soil mountains that protects areas from strong winds, the area is rich in wildlife. You may spot everything from muskox and arctic foxes to mountain hares and even reindeer near the fjord. Look skyward and you could catch a glimpse of birds including common eider, glaucous gull, black-legged kittiwake, northern fulmar, and arctic terns gracefully gliding or plunging into icy bays for zooplankton. North of Scoresbysund, we hope to visit Kong Oskar and Kaiser Franz Josef fjords, two of the most significant fjord systems in Greenland, each one encompassing several smaller fjords and sounds. Thanks to the fertile volcanic soil and the surrounding mountains offering protection from 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 the glaucous gull, black-legged kittiwake, northern fulmar, common raven and common eider. There are great hiking options in the area, where flowering tundra plants, scattered bones of whales and muskox from centuries of hunting by the Inuit and fumaroles can be found. These are areas where heated groundwater boils to the surface creating bubbling pools and mineral formations as the water reacts with the atmosphere. The area also boasts some of the most striking sedimentary sandstone, shale, and siltstone formations imaginable. The layers of sediment here are estimated to have taken about 4,000 years to be laid down, and the alternating colors and patterns in the layers of rocks are stunningly beautiful. Golden-hour light and expert guidance from onboard photographers ensure unforgettable images and creative growth each day.



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DAY 7: At Sea

As we cross the Denmark Strait to Iceland, enjoy our series of informative and entertaining onboard lectures from our team of experts.



DAY 8: Disembarkation in Reykjavik

During the early morning, we cruise into Reykjavik and disembark at approximately 8.00 am. Farewell your Expedition Team and fellow passengers as we all continue our onward journeys. Transfer to Keflavik airport. Note: At the conclusion of the voyage, we recommend booking flights departing after 12.00 pm on the day of disembarkation in case there are delays. *Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin onboard a ship
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Inclusions	<p>INCLUSIONS</p> <p>All transfers as mentioned in the itinerary</p> <p>One night's hotel accommodation including breakfast, in Reykjavik on Day 1</p> <p>Golden Circle tour on Day 2, prior to embarkation (time permitting)</p> <p>On board accommodation during voyage, including daily cabin service</p> <p>All meals, snacks, tea, coffee, soft drinks and juices during voyage</p> <p>Beer and house wine with dinner</p> <p>Captain's Farewell reception including four-course dinner, house cocktails, house beer and wine, non-alcoholic beverages</p> <p>All shore excursions and zodiac cruises</p> <p>Educational lectures and guiding services provide by Expedition Team</p> <p>Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic (initial consultation)</p> <p>One 3-in-1 waterproof, polar expedition jacket</p> <p>Complimentary use of Muck Boots during the voyage</p> <p>Comprehensive pre-departure information</p> <p>Port surcharges, permits and landing fees</p> <p>Gratuities during excursions and enrichment program for local guides, drivers, venues and local sites</p> <p>Wi-Fi (please note we travel to remote regions and therefore the connection can be unreliable)</p>
	<p>EXCLUSIONS</p> <p>International or domestic flights - unless specified in the itinerary</p> <p>Transfers - unless specified in the itinerary</p> <p>Airport arrival or departure taxes</p> <p>Passport, visa, reciprocity and vaccination fees and charges</p> <p>Travel insurance or emergency evacuation charges</p> <p>Hotel accommodation and meals - unless specified in the itinerary</p> <p>Optional excursions and optional activity surcharges</p> <p>All items of a personal nature, including but not limited to, alcoholic beverages (outside of dinner service), on board gratuities, laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, email or phone charges</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

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Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, quad/triple/twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p> <p><i>PLEASE NOTE: A USD\$15 per person, per day gratuity for the crew is automatically added to your onboard account. It is at your discretion if you would like to remove the tip (or adjust the amount) when you settle your bill. It is not necessary to tip the expedition team members. This gratuity amount is included for suites as part of their ‘Suite Benefits’.</i></p>
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

SUSTAINABILITY

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