THE ARCTIC - EAST GREENLAND: STORIES OF ICE AND LIGHT | OCEAN VICTORY



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ACADVGIL
DEPARTURE
20/07/2027
DURATION
14 Days
LOCATIONS
Iceland, The Arctic & Greenland

INTRODUCTION

Over two weeks, this Arctic voyage combines exploration of Iceland's Westfjords with Greenland's vast fjord systems, glaciers, and coastal communities. This itinerary allows you to explore rugged coastlines, fjords, and glaciers, with daily activities such as Zodiac excursions, guided walks, immersive landings, and cultural visits. Cultural encounters include visiting Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the world's northernmost communities, where local hosts share traditions and daily life. Highlights also include hot springs at Uunartoq, Norse ruins at Hvalsey, and the dramatic landscapes of Sermersooq, ending in Nuuk. Wildlife spotting in this incredible ecosystem is highlighted by puffins, muskox, seals, whales and diverse range of seabirds. Evenings will bring views of drifting icebergs under the midnight sun which is great for getting just the right light for your photographs. The itinerary balances time at sea with immersive landings, offering a comprehensive view of the region's history, ecology and people.

NOTE: Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather & ice conditions

Deckplan for this 2027 Arctic Season Ocean Victory itinerary

Optional charter flight information and cost:
Southbound Charter Flight: Nuuk, Greenland to Toronto, ON, Canada. Evening arrival. Price: $1,595 USD. (*Cost subject to change*)

Please note these costs are **NOT** included in the advertised cruise price.

Charter flight packages are highly recommended for this region, even for European-based guests, due to the variable ice conditions in the high Canadian Arctic. This is especially true for the western end of the Northwest Passage trips. If the operator and captain decide they are not able to make it to the end destination due to sea ice, they may change where the trip ends and then re-direct the charter flight accordingly, at no

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ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive Reykjavik

Reykjavík rises from steam and sea; colourful homes scattered across lava fields, the air hints of salt and the scent of sulfur. Beneath the streets, geothermal warmth hums quietly, as if the earth itself were breathing. It's a city of storytellers, where old sagas live comfortably beside cafés, music, and modern art. Before departure, take time to wander the harbourfront or step into the National Culture House, where the Poetic Edda and Norse sagas rest in their original manuscripts. As evening settles, lights shimmer across Faxaflói Bay. The ship turns north, first toward the Westfjords, then onward to Greenland; vast, glacial, and alive with promise.



DAY 2: The Westfjords

In Iceland's far northwest, mountains drop straight into the sea. The air has the organic scent of seaweed; the wind breathes through the grass. Puffins and guillemots wheel over basalt cliffs, their cries carried on the breeze. Travel along this rugged coast by Zodiac and on foot, pausing where tide pools reflect the sky. The Westfjords invite a slower rhythm; time to stand still, to listen, to let the landscape speak for itself. As the ship sails away, the cliffs fade into mist, and the open sea beckons.



DAY 3: At Sea

A day for inner and outer horizons; a time of learning as much about the mind as the sea's edge. The Atlantic deepens to cobalt; fulmars follow the ship's wake. Conversation, presentations, and hands-on workshops fill the lounge, or perhaps you would prefer a quiet corner on deck to watch the changing sea. Ahead lies Greenland; its first icebergs already visible on the edge of vision.



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DAY 4: Scoresby Sound

Kangertittivaq, also known as Scoresby Sound, is a labyrinth of fjords, islands, and ice reaching deep into East Greenland. Mountains rise sharply from still water; glaciers move with patient force. The light shifts constantly—from silver to blue, from glow to shadow. Days spent exploring by Zodiac and on foot draw you deep into this seldom-visited landscape. Each landing offers a new glimpse of Arctic life: saxifrage bright against stone, the possibility of muskox grazing on slopes, the clean silence between echoes of calving ice. Along the shore, traces of ancient Inuit camps show how long this landscape has been lived in and understood. Inuit cultural interpreters, who travel with us, share stories of ice, animal, and season, connecting past to present in ways no map can capture. Evenings bring calm and reflection. Icebergs drift past like sculpted memory; the midnight sun hovers low, painting the water in impossible blues and golds. Ahead lies Ittoqqortoormiit, a far-northern community where the stories of land and sea meet and evolve.



DAY 7: Ittoqqortoormiit

At the mouth of Kangertittivaq lies Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the world's northernmost communities, where brightly painted homes stand against sea, ice, and tundra. Life follows the rhythm of the seasons—hunting, fishing, and gathering—each activity shaped by deep knowledge of place and weather. The local economy flows with these patterns: seal, narwhal, and muskox hunting; fishing for Arctic char; and the making of art and crafts in narwhal tusk, soapstone, and sealskin. Some residents work in guiding, education, or public service, while expedition visits and small-scale tourism add new layers of exchange. Yet the heart of life here remains close to the land and sea, bound to the movement of ice and the return of light. Visitors are welcomed ashore by local hosts who share stories of their community and connection to the environment. Children's laughter mingles with the sound of sled dogs and the creak of sea ice. This is a place of continuity, not distance—where knowledge, tradition, and creativity sustain daily life. From here, the ship follows the coast south along Greenland's eastern edge, where glimpses of the island's vast ice sheet appear now and then along the mountainous fringe.



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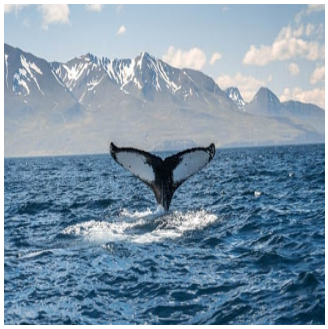
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DAY 8: Eastern Greenland

Farther south along Greenland's east coast, the scenery grows wilder and more intricate. Mountains lean over the sea, glaciers split and tumble, and icebergs turn slowly in calm fjords the colour of steel and turquoise. Zodiac cruises and landings bring travellers close to the cliffs, where ice and stone meet in sculpted silence. When conditions allow, hikes ashore offer a chance to feel the land underfoot and take in its stillness. In calm weather, reflections blur sea and sky until the world feels weightless. The ship then turns again toward open water; the route bending south into another shade of blue.



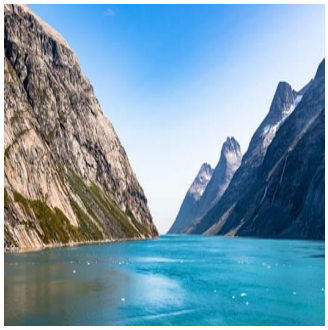
DAY 10: At Sea

As we travel south along Greenland's east coast, the rhythm of the sea sets the tone for the day; calm, steady, and full of quiet wonder. The fjords give way to open water, and the coastline drifts by in shades of ice and rock, glacier and mist. Out on deck, guests linger to trace the slow movement of bergs, watch seabirds trace the wind, and feel the pulse of the North in every rolling swell. Inside, the atmosphere is easy and engaging. An expedition team member might share stories of Greenland's geology, wildlife, or Inuit heritage, while others enjoy reading, journaling, or conversation over coffee. There's laughter on deck, the creak of the ship in gentle swells, and time to simply watch the world unfold. As the light shifts across the water, the day becomes both restful and rich; a pause between destinations that deepens connection to this vast and beautiful coast.



DAY 11: Prince Christian Sound

Sailing through Ikerasassuaq, one of the world's most dramatic waterways, jagged peaks of gneiss and granite rise in wild, serrated lines, streaked with waterfalls and glaciers. This is the moment to be on deck; watching light and ice shift with every turn as the Irminger and Labrador Seas meet through Uummannarsuaq, the islands of the Cape Farewell Archipelago at Greenland's southern tip. Calving ice cracks through the air; fog curls between cliffs; sunlight slides down the mountainsides. It's a passage that humbles and renews. South Greenland now opens ahead, lush with life.



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DAY 12: Uunartoq & Hvalsey

At Uunartoq, hot springs steam beside a cold bay—a meeting of extremes that feels almost ceremonial. Nearby stand the ruins of Qaqortukulooq (Hvalsey), once a Norse farmstead. Its stone church still holds its shape after six hundred years. The last written record from the colony describes a wedding here in 1408. Today, only wind and birds move through the valley. Moss softens the stones; history feels close enough to touch. As the ship sails westward, the landscape grows greener, warmed by the North Atlantic Current that softens the climate along these southern coasts. It was in this area that Erik the Red established his settlements and, some say, named the island "Greenland"—perhaps to attract settlers, or perhaps inspired by this genuinely fertile and temperate shore.



DAY 13: Semersooq

Sermersooq, known as the “place of many glaciers”, unfolds into deep valleys, bright tundra, and fjords lined with wildflowers in summer. This is a coastline alive with movement and sound: the sharp call of white-tailed eagles overhead, the sweep of glaucous gulls and kittiwakes along the cliffs, and now and then the soft exhale of a minke or humpback whale just beyond the bow. Beyond these fjords, the journey’s final harbour awaits.



DAY 14: Disembark in Nuuk

The voyage ends in Nuuk, Greenland’s capital; a city alive with art, language, and everyday life. On the waterfront, fishing boats, families, and sea ice share the same horizon. Nuuk feels both timeless and forward-looking; a community rooted in tradition and alive with new ideas. As departure approaches, the northern light lingers, carrying the sense that the story continues; and that, in some quiet way, you are now part of it.



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Accommodation	Cabin On board a Ship
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Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A limited number of single cabins, with their own designated cabin price, are available. Subject to cabin availability. Contact Us for more details.

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Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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