THE ARCTIC - COMPLETE EAST GREENLAND | OCEAN ALBATROS

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DEPARTURE
17/09/2027
DURATION
12 Days
LOCATIONS
Greenland & Iceland

INTRODUCTION

Explore the stunning coasts of East Greenland, one of the world's most untamed and isolated places. On an exceptional journey that combines the best of East Greenland, discover the beauty and diversity of the area. Among the wonders we want to witness on the untamed beaches of Earth's largest island are the flashing aurora borealis, massive glaciers, towering mountains, and captivating Arctic fauna. Discover the amazing history, culture and take in the unparalleled grandeur of the world's largest national park, North-east Greenland National Park.

This exciting itinerary takes you on a fascinating journey across three distinct locations of East Greenland, all from the capital city of ReykjavÃk in Iceland. After crossing the Denmark Strait, we arrive at the Ammassalik region. Here, we will see the historical landmarks, charming towns, and breathtaking natural beauty of the area before visiting Tasiilaq, the capital of East Greenlandic culture and tradition. We will travel from Ammassalik to Ittoqqortoormiit, a community in the extensive fjord system of Scoresbysund, where guests can engage in the distinctive rituals and practices of the Inuit settlers who settled in this area. We're going to head out of Scoresbysund and towards the North East Greenland National Park. With the exception of species like beluga whales splashing in the freezing fjords and muskoxen grazing on the tundra, this is the biggest protected stretch of land on Earth. Encircled by spectacular landscape, we will explore large glaciers on our fleet of Zodiacs, land at distant locations, and, with any chance, witness the majesty of the northern lights in pure wilderness. This journey provides an incredible opportunity to witness some of the most captivating species in the Arctic while showcasing Inuit culture and the vast wildness of the region.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrive Reykjavik & Embarkation

Hallgrímskirkja Church towers over Reykjavik, a vibrant city known for Nordic cuisine, unique museums, and lively shopping. After safety briefings, we set sail toward the wild coasts of East Greenland.

DAY 2: At sea, crossing the Denmark Strait

The Denmark Strait, a narrow passage between Iceland and Greenland, teems with rich marine life. Our onboard experts guide guests in spotting wildlife as we cross these productive waters. Nearing Greenland, the team shares insights on ecology, geology, and wildlife, preparing guests for Zodiac operations and polar bear safety.

DAY 3: Kuummiut and Ikateq, East Greenland

The day begins in Kuummiut, a picturesque and prosperous village nestled in the serene Ammassalik Fjord. Roughly meaning “People who Live by the River,” Kuummiut thrives on its rich fishing grounds and is home to East Greenland’s only fish factory, drawing fishermen from across the local area. With no road access, the sea serves as its highway, and the village offers a glimpse into traditional East Greenlandic life, marked by sled dogs, motorboats, and the quiet rhythm of Inuit life. It’s a peaceful setting to watch drifting icebergs and meet the locals to learn about their beautiful culture. In the afternoon, the journey continues eastward to Ikateq, a fjord steeped in wartime history. During World War II, the U.S. military built a large airbase here—Bluie 2 East—as part of a transatlantic air route. Despite hazardous terrain and harsh weather, a full airfield, port, hangars, and supplies were established. When the base was abandoned in 1947, nearly everything was left behind. Decades of political debate between Nuuk, Copenhagen and Washington followed over the site’s environmental impact, leading to a cleanup of hazardous materials. Today, Ikateq stands as a haunting and well-preserved relic of the wartime era, set amid Greenland’s breathtaking natural landscape.

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DAY 4: Tasiilaq, East Greenland

Tasiilaq is East Greenland's largest settlement, sitting on rugged Ammassalik Island. Isolated from European contact until its founding as a trading post in 1894, it preserves the unique culture of the Tunumiit people. Once home to Greenland's last shamans, Tasiilaq is the origin of the tupilak, a feared magical creature – now a celebrated art form. Visitors can meet sled dogs (with owners' permission), experience drum dancing, hike tundra meadows, and visit the famous Stunk Artist's Workshop.

DAY 5: At sea, en route to Ittoqqortoormiit

Keep your binoculars to hand as we sail along this remote rugged coastline; cold currents drifting down from the Arctic Ocean mix with the last gasp of the Gulf Stream along the East Greenlandic coast, creating vast biological productivity. As we sail these rich seas, guests can enjoy fascinating lectures, indulgent spa treatments, or simply relax and watch seabirds and other wildlife from the ship's hot tubs.

DAY 6: Ittoqqortoormiit

The only settlement in this region, Ittoqqortoormiit is among the most remote communities on Earth. While the establishment of the town by Danish authorities in 1925 was challenging, residents continue a subsistence hunting lifestyle, essential when supply ships arrive only once or twice per year. Ittoqqortoormiit is a town with a strong sense of community and traditional culture, hosting an excellent museum, a beautiful traditional church, and locals often welcome visitors wearing colourful traditional costumes. Perfectly positioned at the fringes of the Northeast Greenland National Park, Ittoqqortoormiit represents the end of human civilisation, and the start of thousands of miles of pristine Arctic wilderness.

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DAY 7: Northeast Greenland National Park - Day 7 to 9

As the ship sails past the rugged Liverpool Land peninsula, we enter the vast Northeast Greenland National Park — the world's largest protected land area, spanning nearly a million square kilometers and encompassing the northernmost land on Earth. Uninhabited today, the region was once home to nomadic Inuit hunters who thrived off its natural abundance until the mid-19th century. Due to the extreme remoteness and unpredictable Arctic conditions, the itinerary within the park is flexible and dictated by weather, wind, sea, and ice. The Captain and Expedition Leader determine daily plans, which are announced the evening before. Potential highlights include Ella Island's dramatic 1300-meter cliffs at Bastionen, the historically significant Maria Island — site of a German WWII camp — and Blomsterbugten on Ymer Island, where visitors may enjoy views of the striking Teufelsschloss mountain and its vivid geological layers. Other possible destinations include the calving Waltershausen Glacier, the magnificent Moskusokse Fjord, and the wildlife hotspots of Jameson Land. Throughout our time in the Park, your Expedition Team provides engaging lectures, friendly discussions, and onshore insights, while always scanning the landscape for Arctic wildlife. In this remote and pristine wilderness, guests are promised a journey rich in natural beauty, discovery, and adventure.

DAY 10: Blosseville Coast

The Ocean Albatros will sail south along Greenland's Blosseville Coast, a rugged landscape shaped by volcanic activity around 50 million years ago. First surveyed by explorer Ejnar Mikkelsen, this area has long been navigated by the Inuit. If conditions allow, we may land in this now-uninhabited region of breathtaking beauty.

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DAY 11: At Sea

During our time at sea approaching Reykjavik, relax and reflect on your thrilling Arctic adventure. Attend final lectures from the Expedition Team, relive your adventure at the voyage slideshow, and celebrate your voyage with new friends at the Captain's Farewell Cocktail Party.

DAY 12: Disembark in Reykjavik

Hallgrímskirkja Church towers over Reykjavik, a vibrant city known for Nordic cuisine, unique museums, and excellent shopping. Such a bustling capital may feel strange after the remote wilderness of the Arctic! After a hearty breakfast, it is time to bid a fond farewell to the Crew and Expedition Team and descend the gangway back to dry land with memories of the voyage of a lifetime.

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Inclusions

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Accommodation onboard the Ocean Albatros in booked cabin category
All meals on the ship (full board): breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks
"Welcome" and "Farewell" cocktail parties
Complimentary house wine, beer, and soft drinks at dinner (selected labels and brands)24-hour access to tea, coffee, and 'Grab and Go' comfort food
500MB WiFi card for use on your personal devices
Expedition Parka, yours to keep
Use of rubber style muck boots, on loan for the duration of your expedition
English-speaking Expedition Team
Briefings and educational lectures by the Expedition Team
All scheduled landings and excursions
Citizen Science program
Photography Coach available throughout the voyage
Participation in the Polar Plunge
Access to onboard medical clinics
Access to onboard fitness centres
All port taxes and landing fees
Digital Expedition Memento, including a curated selection of photos, videos, expedition log and map, and wildlife list

INCLUDED ON BALCONY SUITE (A) AND ABOVE
Wine and fruit on arrival
In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages
Complimentary laundry service
In-room espresso machine

EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights other than specified
Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified
Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information
Pre or post cruise travel expenses other than specified
Visa (if applicable) and passport fees
Travel insurance (compulsory)
Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings
Paid adventure options and all personal expenses
Tobacco, or selected premium beverages
Miscellaneous extras
Laundry and communication charges on board, except as listed in inclusions
Gratuities for Expedition team and crew
For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets, waterproof outer shell jacket, and boots
For guests who require larger sizing; Waterproof outer shell jacket and rubber boots

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Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, a supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please Contact Us for more information.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, and may be based on 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.
Price Dependent upon	Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY

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