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DEPARTURE
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DURATION
14 Days
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INTRODUCTION

Embark on an unforgettable luxury cruise from Iceland to Greenland, where untamed Arctic landscapes and centuries of Nordic and Inuit heritage come together in one extraordinary voyage. Begin in vibrant Reykjavik, then sail across the icy North Atlantic toward Greenland's awe-inspiring wildernessâ towering fjords, luminous glaciers, and dramatic coastal sceneryâ delivering front-row access to one of the world's most breathtaking frontiers.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive in Reykjavik

Upon arrival in Reykjavik, you will be met by a representative and transferred to the hotel included in your package. Spend the evening exploring the city while preparing for your adventure in the Arctic.



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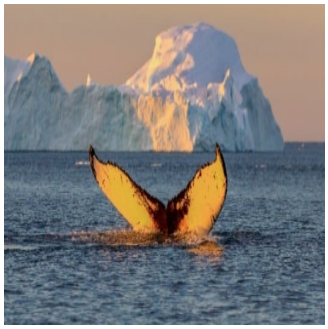
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DAY 2: Embarkation in Reykjavik



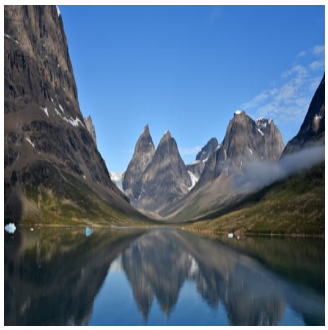
This morning you will be picked up at your hotel and transferred to the ship for embarkation. Reykjavík, despite its small size, is the capital of Iceland. At the top of the town stands the distinctive Hallgrímskirkja church, designed by renowned Icelandic architect Guðjón Samúelsson. The revitalised harbour area features the futuristic Harpa Concert Hall and the Maritime Museum, showcasing the city's cultural heritage A trip to Reykjavík would be incomplete without a visit to the Blue Lagoon, famous for its therapeutic geothermal waters.

DAY 3: At Sea



Spend your day at sea enjoying the facilities available onboard. Head to the sauna, get in a workout in the state-of-the-art gym or relax in the hot tub while taking in incredible views along the way. If you prefer to learn a little more about your surroundings, listen to an informative talk or have a chat with one of our knowledgeable experts.

DAY 4: Skjoldungen



On the craggy east coast of Greenland, the stunningly scenic, U-shaped Skjoldungen Fjord is surrounded by lofty snow-capped mountains, dwarf birch, Arctic wildflowers and willow forests ending with the Thrym Glacier. High rock walls, serpentine rivers and large crevasses of ice pillars known as seracs give way to carved icebergs in the fjord that gleam in a white to blue spectrum. You might also have the opportunity to see whales.

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DAY 5: Prince Christian Sound & Aappilattoq

The remote and beautiful Prins Christian Sund fjord carves a dramatic path between magnificent granite cliffs and glaciers, offering a stunning panorama of icebergs, rugged peaks and crystal-clear waters. Stretching 100 km at the southernmost tip of Greenland,this long and winding passage separates the mainland from Sammisoq and the Cape Farewell Archipelago, creating a breathtaking waterway that captivates adventurers and nature lovers alike. Colourful Nordic houses stand against dramatic mountain ridges encircling Aappilattoq, a remote Inuit village in Greenland's Prins Christian Sund. Accessible only by boat or helicopter, Aappilattoq is home to around 100 rugged individuals who make a living through fishing and hunting. Often called the southernmost inhabited area in Greenland, Aappilattoq is in fact at the midpoint of the east and west coasts.



DAY 6: Gronnedal & Ivittut

Kangilinnguit, formerly Grønnedal, is a historic spot in southwest Greenland and an area of exceptional natural beauty. Once a key U.S. WWII naval base, it lies near Ivigtut and the cryolite mine in scenic Arsuk Fjord. Ships navigate a narrow channel past the Kajartalik lighthouse, Arsuk village and Kungnat Bay, where dramatic landscapes unfold, including the towering 4,600-ft Mt. Kungnait and the breathtaking Arsuk Glacier at the fjord's head. The deserted mining town of Ivittuut (formerly Ivigtut) was once vital for WWII aircraft production with the world's largest reserve of cryolite, a mineral used in aluminium production. Abandoned houses, the enormous mine pit and above-ground cemetery reveal the history of this settlement. Scattered cryolite chunks on the rocky shore mix with relics like old engines from when Inuit used cryolite for snuff. Now only muskoxen roam this eerie place.



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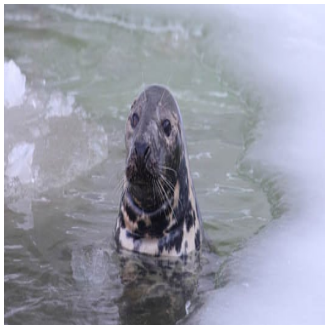
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DAY 7: Nigerlikasik

Nigerdlikasik, at the end of Kvanefjord, is a remote and relatively untouched wilderness offering solitude and stunning views of steep cliffs, mountains and the Nigerdlikasik Brae, a small glacier ice field. The glacial ice creates dramatic scenery with ice formations, meltwater streams, steep cliffs and valleys. Carved by ancient ice, the fjord's volcanic geology and rare-earth mineral deposits make it visually and geologically significant.



DAY 8: Nuuk

Home to more than a third of Greenlanders, the capital of Greenland has a thriving cultural scene including the Greenland National Museum, home to the world-renowned Qilakitsoq mummies. Also known by its Danish name of Godthåb (Good Hope), Nuuk's bustling harbour features Nuuk Cathedral and colourful wooden houses, alongside modern architecture. Nuuk also serves as a gateway to Inuit experiences and adventures in the surrounding fjords and mountains.



DAY 9: Evighedsfjorden

The Evigheds Glacier, a majestic outflow from the Greenland Ice Sheet, carves through the dramatic Kangerlussuatsiaq Fjord, also known as Eternity Fjord. This 75-km-long waterway is a haven for wildlife, with white-tailed eagles and black-legged kittiwakes soaring above. Calving icebergs showcase Greenland's raw beauty, but sadly like many glaciers, it is slowly retreating due to global warming's impact on this fragile Arctic ecosystem.



DAY 10: Qeqertarsuaq

Qeqertarsuaq is the largest town on Disko Island, Greenland’s largest island, where colourful houses pop against dramatic red basalt mountains. Overlooked by striking Lyngemark Glacier, the area is shaped by its volcanic origin, unique terrain featuring dramatic basalt columns, rolling hills black sand beaches. Thanks to its relatively fertile landscape, it supports unique plant species, such as wild angelica, rarely found elsewhere in Greenland.



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DAY 11: Eqi Glacier & Disko Bay

Eqi Glacier, or Eqip Sermia in Greenlandic, is one of Greenland's largest and most active calving glaciers, spanning nearly 4 km wide and towering over 200 m. Visitors can almost always witness calving, where pieces of ice break off the glacier's face, creating deafening bangs and giant splashes that send waves across the bay. The contrast between thunderous calving and the ensuing silence provides a glimpse of Greenland's dynamic icy landscape. Known for its Inuit culture, whales, and icebergs, Disko Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in Western Greenland. The bay is also home to the Ilulissat Icefjord, one of the fastest-moving glaciers in the world. First visited by Europeans in 1596 in search of a Northwest Passage to Asia, the region has been inhabited by Inuit communities for centuries. The village of Qeqertarsuaq embodies thriving Inuit traditions, preserving a rich and evolving cultural legacy.



DAY 12: Ilulissat

Sailing through the iceberg capital of the world to Disko Bay, the Ilulissat Icefjord is one of the cruise highlights. Given UNESCO World Heritage Site status, the Ilulissat Icefjord is a popular tourist destination, and thanks to the productive Sermeq Kujalleq glacier, thousands of gargantuan icebergs calve from the Greenland ice cap into the sea. The city of Ilulissat is home to many sled-dogs.



DAY 13: Sisimiut

The second largest town in Greenland, just above the Arctic Circle, Sisimiut remains remarkably ice free in winter and is known as an adventure sports hub all year round. Inhabited for more than 4,500 years by the Dorset, Thule and eventually the Inuit people, dog sledding remains a vital form of transportation. The area is home to humpback whales and Arctic foxes in their summer coat.



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DAY 14: Disembarkation in Kangerlussuaq



Once a WWII airbase at the head of Kangerlussuaq Fjord, Kangerlussuaq's history is told at the airport's museum, showcasing Inuit artefacts. This ice-filled glacial area and tundra is a haven for wildlife, including reindeer, arctic foxes, arctic hare, gyrfalcons and around 10,000 muskoxen. Upon disembarkation, you will be transferred to the airport in time for your onward charter flight from Kangerlussuaq to Reykjavik. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship & Hotel

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Cabin accommodation on board ship in selected stateroom All meals onboard throughout your voyage. Complimentary hot & cold beverages, beer, wine & spirits 24-hour room service 24/7 self-service laundry All scheduled expedition landings One selected shore excursion per port of call Lecture programs by expedition team and guest speakers A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions A branded parka (yours to keep) Waterproof backpack and refillable water bottle (yours to keep) A Memory Package documenting the expedition Onboard gratuities & port taxes Entry level WI-FI (upgraded packages available) **MANDATORY CRUISE PLUS PACKAGE (INCLUDED)** Group return transfers from airport to cruise port and hotel One night pre-cruise accommodation in a 4/5-star hotel with breakfast Includes economy class one-way charter flight from Kangerlussuaq to Reykjavik upon disembarkation. **EXCLUSIONS** International flights 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 Meals ashore unless otherwise specified Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights Other personal charges unless specified Optional Adventure Activities
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.

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Notes	Prices are based on per person, and vary from single and twin cabins. Any Promotional Pricing has already been applied to the published 'From' price 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. Includes economy class one-way charter flight from Kangerlussuaq to Reykjavik upon disembarkation. Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions*
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability. Any Promotional Pricing has already been applied to the published 'From' price.

SUSTAINABILITY

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