

THE ARCTIC - EXPEDITION TO THE EDGE OF THE ICE SHEET 2028 | LE BOREAL




INTRODUCTION

This expedition takes you along Greenland's remote east coast, travelling through fjords, glaciers and coastal settlements shaped by Inuit culture. Sailing from Reykjavík, you'll reach Scoresby Sund, the world's largest fjord system, where towering ice formations, quiet bays and broad glacial fronts define the landscape. The itinerary also includes time along the Blosseville Coast, an area known for its steep cliffs and rarely visited shorelines.

Wildlife sightings may include musk oxen, Arctic foxes, seals and a range of seabirds, with zodiac outings offering close views of icebergs and coastal terrain. Landings focus on short hikes, community visits and opportunities to observe the region's geology and traditional ways of life. With its mix of cruising, shore exploration and time among some of the Arctic's most impressive ice formations, the journey provides a clear and well-paced introduction to East Greenland's wilderness.

ITINERARY

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14 Days
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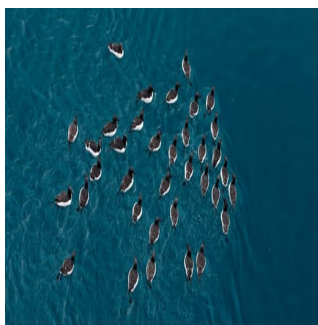
DAY 1: Arrival & Embarktion from Reykjavik - Day 1-2

Iceland's capital stretches along the edge of a vast bay in the west of the country. Perlan, the "Pearl of Reykjavík", a museum located on 'Oskjuhlíð hill, offers a panoramic view of the lush, green landscapes. A little further, one can easily spot the signpost showing the way to the evangelical Hallgrímskirkja church, and to the historical centre where one can stroll along the Skólavörðustígur and the Laugavegur, two lively streets with charming small shops. For some relaxation just outside of the city, visitors have the opportunity to visit the Reykjanes peninsula and its famous thermal lagoons of the Blue Lagoon. Embarkation from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and departure at 12:00 am.



DAY 3: At Sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.



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DAY 4: Tasiilaq

In Tasiilaq, on Ammassalik Island, follow in the wake of Captain Jean-Baptiste Charcot’s famous ship, the Pourquoi Pas ?, which set off with its crew in 1935 to discover this small island of primitive and wild beauty that remained unexplored until the end of the 19th century. Along with Ittoqqortoormiit, a village with 500 inhabitants located at the entrance of the Scoresby Sound, the village of Tasiilaq and its surroundings, 800 kilometres (500 miles) further north, are the only inhabited areas on the east coast of Greenland. The name of this island is a reference to the capelin, a small flamboyant silver-coloured fish whose presence in the thousands announces to inhabitants the return of spring. A surprising discovery in a spectacular setting.



DAY 5: Timmiarmiut Fjord


Located on the south-eastern coast of Greenland, the Timmiarmiut Fjord opens onto a world of vertiginous alpine mountains whose jagged peaks rise to over 2,000 metres (6,560 ft) and plunge directly into the icy waters below. Lined by active glaciers and both extremely remote and rarely visited, Timmiarmiut embodies the very essence of polar exploration. In this pristine, untouched environment, you may be fortunate enough to spot a polar bear.



DAY 6: Prins Christian Sund

Your ship glides silently towards the Greenland coast, in a setting punctuated by pointed peaks and majestic glaciers... You are on the verge of crossing the Prins Christian Sund, a narrow channel that stretches out and zigzags over some one hundred kilometres between Greenland’s south-east and south-west. Fall under the spell of the primitive beauty of these unique landscapes, including rocky cliffs and waterfalls that are fed by the ice sheet and plunge into the icy waters. Here, bearded seals love to lie on the floating ice to soak up the sunshine.



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DAY 7: Hvalso & Igaliku

Around you, a grassy meadow filled with flowers stretches out, dotted with imposing granite rocks. A few semi-wild sheep and horses greet you; they are the only inhabitants of this place surrounded by beautiful mountains. You are in Hvalsø, in the heart of the fertile lands in Greenland's south. During the 10th century, this site was colonised by the Vikings, who established a large community here. When your ship calls at these lands brimming with history, you will see the ruins of a church whose remains are still very well preserved. It was most likely built in the 14th century. It has lost its timber roof, but its four stone walls continue to stand proudly as a moving relic of a long-gone era. Nestling on the southern tip of Greenland, Igaliku offers a peaceful panorama, dominated by high snow-capped mountains and vibrant valleys of flowers on fine days. Home to the first Viking agricultural settlements, this bucolic village houses the remains of the Garðar religious site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



DAY 8: Narsarsuaq Region

The Narsarsuaq region is a veritable Arctic jewel, famous for its majestic landscapes and its historic and cultural treasures. Fall under the spell of the untamed power of this region's deep fjords, between sheer cliffs and impressive summits, during a Zodiac cruise on the Bredefjord. You will navigate among the icebergs with their fascinating shapes and blue tones, or set off to explore the neighbouring island for a total immersion in this grandiose nature. You will also discover the local history and culture by visiting the remarkably well-preserved Viking vestiges - evidence of a rich past and a reminder that they were the first to discover Greenland in 942 (Erik the Red) - or the charming village of Qassiarsuk, where you will learn more about the way of life of local communities.



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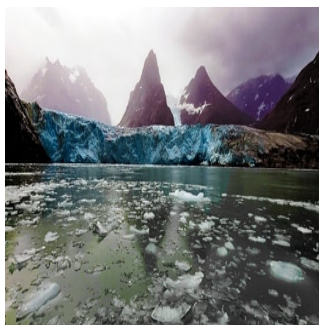
DAY 9: Paamiut (Kvanefjorden)

Bathed by the waters of the Labrador Sea, the small town of Paamiut offers an ideal gateway for exploring deep fjords and discovering a wild, unspoiled natural environment. Where gentle hills meet the Arctic tundra and rocky shores, the landscape opens out into seemingly endless vistas. In this almost sacred silence, snow buntings, great northern divers and seals find refuge. Marvel at the raw beauty of the surroundings during a hike or an excursion across these calm waters by inflatable dinghy.



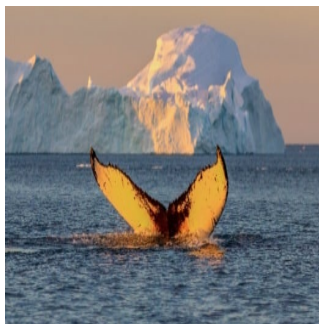
DAY 10: Evighedsfjorden

Your ship glides slowly along the water towards the west coast of Greenland, to enter Evighedsfjorden, just a few kilometres south of Kangerlussuaq. Evighedsfjorden means “the fjord of Eternity”, and for good reason: just when you think you’ve reached the end of this stretch of sea measuring over 100 kilometres in length, it seems to go on forever, as though to bring even more pleasure to those sailing in it. The spectacular scenery ranges from glaciers to tundra with an abundant flora, and jagged cliffs where numerous bird species have taken up residence. Take the time to observe the white-tailed eagles and the colonies of seagulls and black-legged kittiwakes flying overhead in the area.



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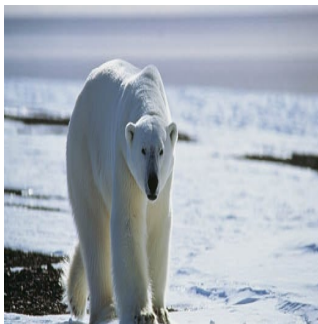
DAY 12: Disko Bay

To the east of Baffin Bay, discover Disko Bay, scattered with countless icebergs produced by the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. From your ship, admire the majestic ballet of these ice giants as they slowly drift across the dark waters. This site is a natural marvel of Greenland, and is also renowned as an observation point for the region’s many humpback whales. The encounters with wild fauna and stunning landscapes in the heart of this spectacular and fragile nature will be pure moments of wonder for you.



DAY 13: Nooralak


Located a few kilometres away from the Arctic Circle, the Nooralaq peninsula features raw and untamed beauty. Nature reigns supreme here, with the tundra stretching as far as the eye can see, decked out in various forms of flora and inhabited by Greenland’s emblematic fauna — snow buntings, common ravens, reindeer, musk oxen, and the discreet Arctic fox. The heights of Nooralaq afford sublime panoramas over the Itteleq fjord, whose water reflects the moving skies of the Far North.



DAY 14: Disembarkation in Nuuk

When Erik Le Rouge, the exiled Norse chief, landed on the coast of Nuuk, he found a fertile and welcoming land dotted with fjords. He settled there with a group of his former countrymen, and the Norse remained the principal inhabitants until, over a period of 500 years, their population declined and gave way to the Inuit. Nuuk is situated at the mouth of one of the largest networks of fjords in the world, where the waters never freeze. The town spreads gently out towards the Davis Strait and enjoys an historic center that is particularly rich in national heritage. The vivid reds, blues, greens and yellows of the houses are a lively contrast to the somber waters of Greenland and serve to lift the spirits of the locals during the Winter months.



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Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Boreal
 Charter flight Nuuk/Paris on Disembarkation Day
 Transfers from vessel to airport
 All meals whilst on board
 Open bar (no premium brands)
 Mini bar in your stateroom (Champagne additional fee)
 Scheduled landings and excursions, conditions permitting
 Guiding and lectures by expedition team
 Complimentary Polar expedition jacket
 Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions
 All port taxes
 Comprehensive pre and post voyage informational material
 Free WIFI

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares other than specified
 Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
 Travel Insurance
 Personal expenses such as laundry
 Gratuities for the crew (recommend US\$15 per person per day)
 Optional Activities not mentioned in itinerary
City Tax Iceland: as of 01/01/2024, Iceland has reintroduced the tourist tax, newly extended to cruise passengers in response to the social and environmental impact of tourism. This tax, amounting to ISK 400 per passenger and per day spent on Icelandic territory, will be charged on board at the end of the cruise and paid to the port authorities.

Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge Available upon request. A supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

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Notes	Please note flight from Nuuk to Paris on disembarkation day is included in your cruise price.
	Prices are based on per person, 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.
	In rare and unforeseen situations, an operator may apply a fuel surcharge after your booking has been confirmed and paid. This is outside our control and uncommon, but transparency with our travelers is important to us.
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Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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