

THE ARCTIC - DEEP GREENLAND EXPEDITION: GLACIERS, FJORDS & DISKO BAY CIRCUIT | SH VEGA



TRIP CODE

ACSHDGGF

DEPARTURE

19/08/2027

DURATION

14 Days

LOCATIONS

Iceland & Greenland



INTRODUCTION

Discover the wild side of Greenland on an expedition beyond the usual Arctic routes, combining dramatic glacier landscapes, remote communities and rewarding wildlife encounters. Sail through Disko Bay and Greenland's vast fjord systems, explore ashore by Zodiac, watch for seabirds and marine life from ship and shore, and gain deeper insight into the region through expert-led presentations and citizen science activities.

Visit colourful coastal settlements and remote Polar Inuit communities where Arctic traditions remain part of daily life, while witnessing towering icebergs and some of Greenland's most active glaciers. This voyage offers a well-rounded mix of nature, culture and hands-on exploration through one of the Arctic's most remote regions.

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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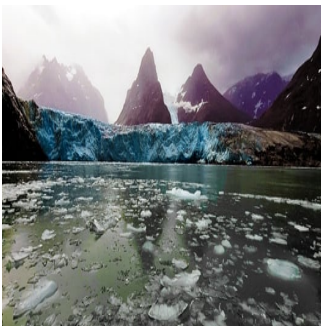
DAY 2: Fly to Kangerlussuaq & Embarkation

This morning, you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the airport for your charter flight to Kangerlussuaq. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the cruise ship for embarkation. 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.



DAY 3: Evigheds Glacier

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 4: 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.



DAY 5: Uummannaq

The word Uummannaq means 'heart-shaped' in Greenlandic and refers to the twin-peaked granite mountain shaped like a heart, which covers nearly the whole northern half of the island. Folklore has it that a piece of your heart remains on the island forever, calling you back. Sheltered by glaciated mountains, this charming fjord region is referred to as the sunniest spot in Greenland and has been a refuge for Inuit migrations for over 4,500 years.

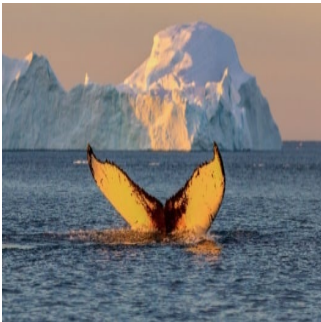


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DAY 6: At Sea

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 7: Thule

Once home to one of the world's most strategically significant air bases, Thule sits at the edge of the habitable world — a place where Arctic wilderness and 20th-century history collide. Surrounded by vast frozen landscapes and dramatic coastal scenery, this remote corner of northwest Greenland offers a rare glimpse into a land shaped by ice, wind, and extraordinary human endurance. The area is rich in wildlife, with opportunities to spot seabirds, Arctic foxes and marine mammals against a backdrop of glaciers and open sea.



DAY 8: Siorapaluk & Qaanaaq

One of the northernmost permanently inhabited settlements on Earth, Siorapaluk is home to a small community of Polar Inuit who have called this remote Arctic outpost their home for centuries. Life here revolves around the rhythms of the sea and seasons — dog sledding, hunting and fishing remain central to daily existence. A visit to Siorapaluk offers a rare and humbling encounter with a culture that has thrived at the very edge of the world, maintaining traditions largely unchanged despite the passage of time. The main hub of northwest Greenland, Qaanaaq is the heart of Polar Inuit culture — a small but vibrant community perched above a stunning fjord, surrounded by towering mountains and sea ice. Known as one of the most isolated towns on the planet, it offers an extraordinary window into Arctic life, where dog sleds remain a primary mode of transport and the hunting traditions of the Inuit have been preserved for generations. The landscape around Qaanaaq is breathtaking in scale and silence, with icebergs drifting through the fjord and the possibility of wildlife encounters in every direction.



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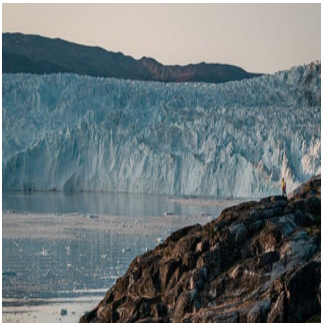
DAY 10: Upernavik

Colourful homes dot the hillside of this harbour town. Upernavik's history unfolds at the open-air Upernavik Museum with a church, grocers and original colonial buildings, alongside whale hunting, sea kayaking and Viking and Norse history with the Kingittorsuaq Runestone. To the north, the Upernavik Icefjord is dotted with icebergs. Nearby Apparsuit Island hosts the world's largest seabird cliffs, teeming with black-legged kittiwakes.



DAY 11: Eqip Sermia Glacier

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.



DAY 12: Ilulissat, Disko Bay

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.



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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.



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 in Reykjavik Includes economy class return charter flights to/from Reykjavik and Kangerlussuaq.
	EXCLUSIONS International flights (other than ones mentioned above) 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. 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 return charter flights to/from Reykjavik and Kangerlussuaq. 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.

SUSTAINABILITY

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