

East Greenland: Northern Lights

Scoresby Sund, the world's largest fjord system, beckons you to explore Greenland. Enticing you with some of the best displays of the northern lights, the Inuit settlement of Ittoqqortoormiit and its inhabitants offer you a rare connection to the past with their tradition of living off the land, just as their ancestors did hundreds of years ago.

Iceberg-choked fjords, tundra hikes and the arctic wildlife of Northeast Greenland National Park create picture-perfect scenes every day. This is one of our most active expeditions, where long hikes are offered to those wanting to appreciate the views from on high and watch herds of grazing muskoxen on the horizon. This is pure wilderness at its finest: the untouched Arctic as it was thousands of years ago.

EXPEDITION IN BRIEF

- Experience Greenland's vast landscapes
- Explore the world's largest fjord system
- Visit the largest and most remote national park on the planet
- Possibly catch sightings of muskoxen and whales
- Cruise in a Zodiac
- Hike the tundra
- Visit a local community
- Take advantage of optional kayak adventure

DID YOU KNOW? *There are dozens of myths and legends associated with the aurora borealis (northern lights). From Finland and Norway to Canada and Greenland, different native peoples have different stories about what the dancing lights are. Some believe them to be an omen of war; others say that the lights are spirits playing with a walrus skull. In East Greenland, the traditional belief is that the lights are the spirits of children who died at birth.*

Adventure Options

Booking an Adventure Option as part of your expedition is a great way to enhance your polar experience. These options are subject to availability and fill up quickly, so be sure to book yours early. Please note that Adventure Options are weather dependent.

KAYAKING

Imagine gliding along the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers! Our kayaking adventures are the best way to feel at one with the sea. Taken by small groups of 10 people, multiple times per voyage, kayaking adventures are only conducted during calm weather conditions. We recommend you have some prior kayaking experience, including the capability to do a wet exit.

More information about your Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser.

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES (VARY BY DEPARTURE)

HIKING

Hiking is a great way to appreciate the immense windswept landscapes of the Arctic. The tundra comes alive during the brief arctic summer, with bursts of color from shrubs and plants that live in this polar environment. You'll find that each hike is different: you'll explore communities, shorelines or glaciated landscapes, often on the lookout for wildlife. Hiking participation is optional, and your Expedition Team will advise you of what levels of activity you can expect prior to each excursion.

Itinerary

DAY 1 Reykjavik, Iceland

Your adventure begins with an overnight stay in the modern city of Reykjavik, the world's northernmost capital city.

DAY 2 Embarkation Day in Akureyri, Iceland

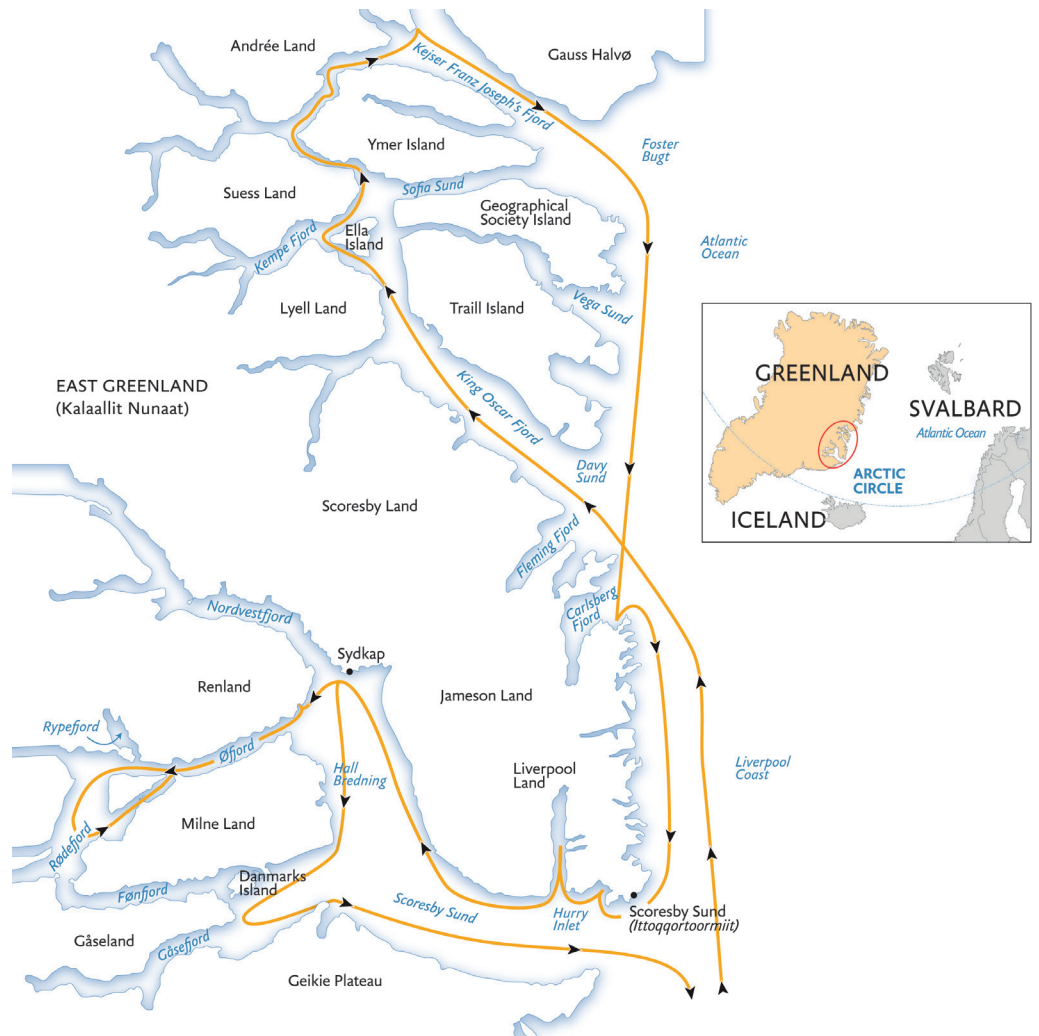
You'll fly from Reykjavik to the northern Icelandic town of Akureyri to begin your expedition to Greenland. As you sail out to sea, your first wildlife sightings will be seabirds above and whales below. Get ready for a great adventure!

DAY 3 At Sea

Sail through the Denmark Strait en route to mysterious Greenland. Your Expedition Team will keep you informed and entertained with presentations about Greenland's wildlife, history and geography.

DAYS 4 TO 7 Northeast Greenland National Park

Fjords and colorful tundra punctuate the scenery of Northeast Greenland National Park, where arctic fox and muskoxen roam free. Your days will be spent exploring and learning about the unique history and geology of Greenland.



This voyage starts and ends in Reykjavik, Iceland. Ship embarkation and disembarkation takes place in Akureyri, Iceland. Group charter flights between Reykjavik and Akureyri are included in the package price.



Actual itinerary may vary based on conditions and voyage length.

King Oscar Fjord is a hiker's paradise. Marvel at the vibrant fall colors as you walk across the tundra at Holm Bay, cruise in a Zodiac through spectacular Alpefjord or challenge yourself with a trek to the top of nearby Ella Island (the views are worth it).

From Ella Island, you'll head to the Antarctic—the Antarctic Sound, that is. Yes, curiously, there is an Antarctic Sound in the Arctic. The area is home to beautiful purple- and gold-colored rocks, with Ymer Island and Blomsterbugten, known as the Bay of Flowers, in the distance, waiting to be explored.



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Keeping a watchful eye out for wildlife, you will then head south along the Liverpool Coast.

DAYS 8 TO 11 *Scoresby Sund Fjord*

Arriving at Scoresby Sund, you'll find yourself mesmerized by the largest, longest and—some say—most beautiful fjord system in the world. This area was named after William Scoresby Jr., who charted the east coast of Greenland in 1822. With clear skies, you may catch a glimpse of the northern lights during our evenings in the fjord.

At the start of the sound, Ittoqqortoormiit is East Greenland's most northerly community. You'll have the chance to support the local Inuit artisan community by purchasing unique handicrafts. Your time here is spent bonding with the Inuit people and gaining an appreciation of their way of life.

Sailing deeper into Scoresby Sund, you'll encounter massive icebergs and an ancient Thule settlement as we approach Sydkap and Øfjord. The scenery here is beyond belief, with towering mountainsides and hundreds of apartment-sized icebergs playing tricks with your sense of perception.

Pushing onward, your expedition will come to Rypefjord and C. Hofmann Halvø. We will keep our eyes peeled for sightings of rare blue icebergs, which are usually seen in the Antarctic. With binoculars in hand, birders should keep

watch for ptarmigans, wheatears, snow buntings and ravens at Rypefjord.

At C. Hofmann Halvø, we'll have a good chance of experiencing muskoxen up close and enjoying a final hike out on the colorful tundra.

DAYS 12 AND 13 *At Sea*

Our journey back to Iceland has us re-crossing the Denmark Strait, allowing a couple of days for whale watching.

During our crossing, you may see white-beaked dolphins and humpback, minke and blue whales. Birders will enjoy spotting kittiwakes, gannets, guillemots, fulmars and razorbills.

DAY 14 *Disembarkation Day in Akureyri, Iceland*

Your Greenland adventure comes to an end as you enter port in Akureyri and board your flight to Reykjavik. We provide a transfer to downtown Reykjavik. If you have time, it's worth sticking around to explore this great city.

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Arrival & Departure Details

Welcome! As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested to know the details of your arrival and departure. Since air transportation to and from your voyage is not included in the cost of your expedition, you will need to arrange flights from your home to the starting point, and home again from the finishing point. Quark Expeditions® can assist you with booking air arrangements on an individual basis, or feel free to contact your preferred travel agent or airline. Here are the details for your expedition.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

ARRIVING IN REYKJAVIK

You may arrive in Reykjavik at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary, and make your own way to the included hotel.

On arrival at the hotel, you will receive a welcome letter outlining the departure information for the following day's flight. An agent representing Quark Expeditions® will be available in the lobby of the hotel this evening to answer any questions about the charter flight(s) scheduled for the following morning.

Please note: There is a strict luggage limit of 44 lbs (20 kg) checked luggage and 11 lbs (5 kg) cabin baggage on the flights between Reykjavik and Akureyri, where the ship is docked. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Reykjavik. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

AKUREYRI AND EMBARKATION

Your flight to the Arctic is expected to depart from Reykjavik to Akureyri on Day 2 of the itinerary, after breakfast. Although the scheduled flight time will be communicated in your welcome letter, there is significant variability based on weather conditions. You should be prepared to depart the hotel for the airport on our group transfer at any time.

CONTINGENCY PLAN

In the unlikely event that the plane is unable to depart on the planned date of the charter flight, you will be provided a full day of activities in Reykjavik, meals included. If the weather is not suitable on Day 3, you will enjoy an additional day of activities and meals in Reykjavik. On Day 4 should the charter flight not be able to take off by 14:00, Quark Expeditions® will officially cancel the voyage and provide letters for all clients to submit to their travel insurance providers under the trip delay/interruption and cancellation clause.

Quark Expeditions® will make every effort to ensure your program takes place, but due to weather conditions, flying in this region can be difficult and is beyond our control. Quark Expeditions® will not offer passengers a refund in the event of a trip delay or cancellation due to the charter flight being unable to depart as planned.

We strongly recommend that all expedition guests purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy including trip delay, cancellation and interruption insurance, in addition to the required medical coverage. Please note that international airfare may not be covered by insurance in the event of a cancellation. Please ask your Polar Travel Adviser about travel insurance.



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Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN AKUREYRI

Your ship is scheduled to arrive back at the pier in Akureyri, between 7 am and 8 am local time. After breakfast, and once the ship has docked, you will have time to bid farewell to your Expedition Team and shipmates before completing your disembarkation. The process takes about an hour. After disembarkation, you will transfer to the airport for the return charter flight to the domestic airport in Reykjavik.

DEPARTING FROM REYKJAVIK

Upon arrival in Reykjavik, there will be a group transfer to a central downtown location for those who have chosen to stay in Iceland for additional time.

Please note: Weather conditions can always delay our arrival, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur. Booking flexible tickets is always encouraged, as we cannot be held responsible for delays due to unforeseen circumstances. A post-expedition hotel night is recommended.

Included Hotel Accommodations

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day, please contact your Polar Travel Adviser for hotel options. Since accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

REYKJAVIK AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival transfers in Reykjavik are not included; however, your Polar Travel Adviser can arrange them for you. A final transfer is provided from the Reykjavik domestic airport to a central downtown location at the end of the expedition.



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Inclusions

THIS EXPEDITION INCLUDES

- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All breakfasts, lunches, dinners and snacks on board
- All shore landings per the daily program
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and special guests as scheduled
- Photographic journal documenting the expedition
- Waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings
- Official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Hair dryer and bathrobe in every cabin
- Comprehensive predeparture materials, including a map and an informative Arctic Reader
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency evacuation insurance to a maximum benefit of US\$100,000 per person
- Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Reykjavik with breakfast
- Transfer from hotel to Reykjavik airport
- Flights to and from Akureyri
- Transfers to and from the ship
- Transfer from Reykjavik domestic airport to downtown

THIS EXPEDITION EXCLUDES

- *International airfare*
- *Passport and visa expenses*
- *Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above*
- *Meals ashore unless otherwise specified*
- *Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended*
- *Excess-baggage fees on international flights*
- *Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned*
- *Laundry, bar, beverage and other personal charges unless specified*
- *Phone and Internet charges*
- *Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew*
- *Additional overnight accommodation*
- *Optional kayaking activities*

Note: Baggage allowance on charter flights is 44 lbs (20 kg) checked and 11 lbs (5 kg) carry-on.

Dates & Rates

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Expedition Aboard the Adventure Ship **SEA ADVENTURER**

Dates	Days	Start/End	Triple	Lower Deck	Main Deck Porthole	Main Deck Window	Superior	Deluxe	Suite	
August 16 - August 29, 2017	14	Reykjavik	\$10,915	\$14,295	\$15,725	\$17,415	\$19,235	\$21,185	\$23,395	

All rates per person in CAD.



HOW TO BOOK YOUR EXPEDITION & ADVENTURE OPTIONS

To book your cabin or inquire about the availability of Adventure Options, contact a Polar Travel Adviser **1.888.892.0073 (+1.203.803.2666)**.

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East Greenland

POSSIBLE LANDINGS AND WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

BLOMSTERBUGTEN, YMER ISLAND

Known as the Bay of Flowers, Blomsterbugten is a colorful and lush landscape quite different from other Arctic regions like Spitsbergen. Expect a range of flora and fauna here, with a possible hike to Noa Lake.

C. HOFMANN HALVØ

This is often the best location for getting close to muskoxen. The peninsula is also home to wheatears and snow buntings, and you may spot rock ptarmigans or great northern divers while at sea.

DENMARK ISLAND

Encounter some of the most stunning icebergs before hiking across Denmark Island, which offers stupendous views of Scoresby Sund and Fønford below.

HOLM BAY AND ELLA ISLAND

Toward the northern end of Scoresby Land is King Oscar Fjord. Holm Bay is a common landing site, allowing for panoramic views of the fjord and the surrounding area. Within the fjord, and hence within Northeast Greenland National Park, lies Ella Island, where the Danish navy unit known as Sirius Sledge Patrol trains in summer. Muskoxen may be spotted in the island.

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Around 500 people call this northern settlement home. Traditional hunting and fishing ways are alive and well here, as are the northern lights. This is one of the best places to possibly see the mysterious aurora borealis. Hiking from Ittoqqortoormiit toward Hurry Inlet, you'll be immersed in arctic flora, with wildflowers coloring the landscape.

RØDEFJORD

The Red Fjord, or Rødefjord, is named for the colorful sandstone located on its western side. The stone has been “stained” red by hematite, creating an oddity in this part of Greenland.

SCORESBY SUND

Revered by many as the most beautiful fjord system in the world, Scoresby Sund is definitely the longest and largest. The sound was named after William Scoresby Jr., a whaler, scientist and man of the cloth, who was famed for mapping more than 400 miles (640 km) of Greenland's coastline.

SYDKAP

Icebergs and early history take center stage here, as remains of an ancient Thule settlement may be seen. Be on the lookout for arctic hare and muskoxen in this area.

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