

The Arctic - Iceland to Greenland: Total Solar Eclipse 17 Day | Ocean Explorer

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Introduction

Set sail on a once-in-a-lifetime 17-day Arctic expedition, timed to experience the awe-inspiring 2026 total solar eclipse from the pristine waters between Iceland and Greenland. Journey through dramatic volcanic landscapes and remote polar fjords, guided by expert astronomers and seasoned expedition leaders.

ECLIPSE EXPERT

We're honoured to have a world-leading eclipse expert **Michael Zeiler** onboard for the journey. Geographer-turned-eclipse cartographer Michael Zeiler became obsessed with the study of eclipses upon witnessing his first total eclipse in 1991. In his 2009 book, *Modeling Our World*, he explored how advanced GIS technology could be applied to high-precision eclipse maps. After creating his first eclipse map for the total solar eclipse of July 22, 2009, Zeiler launched the web site eclipse-maps.com to showcase new and historic eclipse maps. In 2014, in response to the growing worldwide interest in eclipse-watching, he established GreatAmericanEclipse.com, and subsequently co-authored *Atlas of Solar Eclipses: 2020 to 2045*. Zeiler is a member of the International Astronomical Union Working Group on Solar Eclipses and is honored to have the asteroid (53253) Zeiler named after him.

Itinerary

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03/08/2026 Arrive in Reykjavik, Iceland

Duration

17 Days Reykjavik and transfer

Locations Directly to your hotel, which is

~~Iceland, Greenland~~ Charter Flight & Hotel

Package. Depending on your arrival time, you may wish to explore sites of the fascinating capital, which is known for its mix of modern architecture and Viking heritage. At 64°08' north, Reykjavik is the world's northernmost capital of an independent sovereign state.



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DAY 2: Embarkation & Explore the

Westfjords - Day 2 to 4

17 Days

After breakfast on Day 2, you'll have time to

explore Iceland, Greenland

transfer to the modern, purpose-built ship

Ocean Explorer. We set sail for "Iceland's

best-kept secret"—the Westfjords. This

rugged peninsula, on the remote

northwestern tip of Iceland, is dominated by

mountains, volcanic rock and fjords.

Mountains slope down to the sea in a

dramatic fashion, providing plenty of

opportunities for incredible landscape

photography. We'll spend the day exploring

by Zodiac and ship, as well as guided shore

landings where possible. The views are

diverse: dramatic cliffs, gushing waterfalls,

colorful beaches, rolling green hills, high

moorlands dotted with rocky outcrops and

tiny lakes. You'll likely spot Icelandic ponies

and shaggy sheep grazing the hillsides. A

few outposts of civilization include small

fishing communities at the fjord edges and

along the shores of the Denmark Strait. One

of the highlights in the Westfjords is a

chance to visit Vigur, a private island where

guests can delve into Icelandic culture and

heritage as far back as the 11th century.

Vigur is widely regarded as a capsule of

Icelandic heritage. Upon arriving on shore

by Zodiac. One of the island's co-owners is

polar explorer Felicity Aston, the first

woman to ski solo across Antarctica. You'll

learn about the Icelandic tradition of

reiderdown harvesting, and the wide array of

Arctic birdlife and seals that are found in

Vigur. It's estimated that Vigur Island is

home to over 7,000 breeding ducks,

100,000 puffins, Europe's largest colony of

Black Guillemots, and huge flocks of Arctic

terns. You'll also have opportunities to

ramble about the island, taste local food and

visit the island café. Today's adventure

options include Zodiac cruising, sea

kayaking, paddle excursion program, and,

potentially, a guided shore hike. Right

across the bay is Mongufoss, one of

Iceland's most remote and beautiful

waterfalls, which we'll visit by ship. We may

also visit Flatey, a small 1.5 km-long island

in Breiðafjörður Bay.



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17 Days At Sea: Crossing the Denmark Strait

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~~Iceland~~ ~~Greenland~~ ~~Cross the Denmark Strait~~
~~between Iceland and Greenland, the~~
Expedition Team will prepare you for the
exciting adventures ahead—both on and off-
ship. Our team of polar experts will present
on a wide range of topics, including Arctic
history, wildlife, geology, and climatology.
The team will also search for and identify
seabirds soaring about the ship—and they'll
most certainly alert you whenever there's a
whale sighting.



DAY 6: Northeast Greenland: Kong Oscar
Fjord - Day 6 & 7

Navigating within the boundaries of the
Northeast Greenland National Park—the
planet's largest national park covering
972,000 square kilometers—we will sail into
Kangerluk Kong Oscar, also known as Kong
Oscar Fjord, on the northern border of
Scoresby Land. This major fjord system,
popular for its famously bright sandstone,
stretches 110 kilometers long and 10 to 25
kilometers wide. You will also experience
the wonders of nature in Segelsällskapet
Fjord, where a spectacular display of
“geological art” awaits: alternating layers of
limestone and dolomite stretching before
you in a stunningly beautiful canvas created
over tens of thousands of years.



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Itinerary Our purpose-built vessel will cruise deep into Scoresby Sound, allowing guests to marvel at the overwhelming beauty of the world's largest fjord system and its vast icebergs. This area offers plenty of opportunities to explore during Zodiac cruises and onshore visits, and, if conditions allow, time to visit Ittoqqortoormiit, the most remote community in East Greenland. There will be a palpable sense of excitement in the air as anticipation builds for our much-awaited eclipse viewing. Behind the scenes, your Expedition Leader and the Ship Captain will work closely together, monitoring sea and ice conditions and meteorological forecasts—particularly cloud cover—to strategically position Ocean Explorer in the best location possible to maximize your views of the solar eclipse.



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03/08/2026 Solar Eclipse Viewing: In the Path

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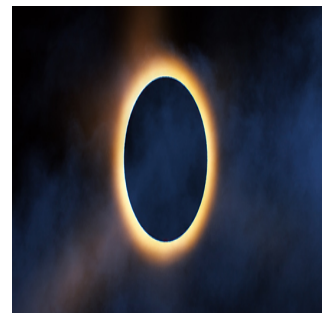
17 Days

Ocean Explorer will sail further into

Iceland, Greenland and where the team will identify

the most optimal viewing point along the path of totality. With the total eclipse of the sun lasting 2 minutes and 17.2 seconds, this region of the Arctic provides the longest duration of totality along the entire eclipse path. The eclipse will start at 2:34 pm, and totality will begin at 3:34 pm and end at 3:36 pm. The eclipse viewing experience, a duration of 2 hours, 1 minute, and 3 seconds, will conclude at 4:35 pm.

Throughout this exciting day, you will have opportunities to learn from our guest eclipse expert, Michael Zeiler. This 2026 eclipse is part of Saros series 126, which is a cycle of solar eclipses that repeats approximately every 18 years. It's worth noting that total solar eclipses in Polar Regions are relatively rare due to the smaller land area and the fact that the sun only illuminates each pole for part of the year. The Quark Expeditions team and our special eclipse expert will continue to research the geography of this region as we prepare for the event. Right up until the day of the eclipse itself, our team will study the mountainous terrain, the angles of the sun in the sky, localized ice conditions and weather patterns to determine the best possible viewing experience. Your Expedition Leader will outline the day's agenda in the days and hours leading up to the eclipse.



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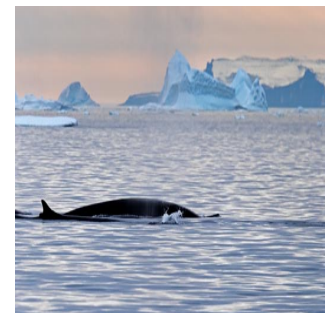
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DAY 12: Sailing the Coast of Greenland -

Duration 13

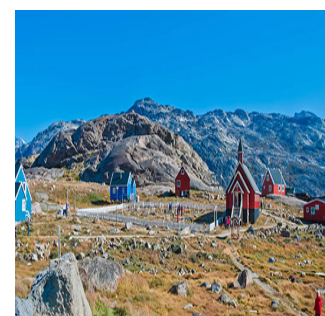
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You'll have plenty of opportunities during your Iceland to Greenland Ocean Explorer. Guests can relax in Tundra Spa, the gym, the sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis, or deepen your polar knowledge in the light-filled Discovery Library. Almost all suites have verandas, ideal for watching the passing Arctic landscape. Spending time outside on deck as we transit south along the east coast offers an opportunity to spot icebergs and, as always, we keep our eyes peeled for whales. Remember to check the lineup of polar presentations featuring our learned Expedition Team and guest eclipse expert.



DAY 14: Aappilattoq and Prince Christian Sund

Tiny and picturesque Aappilattoq, home to approximately 100 permanent residents, is perched on the shores of one of the world's most scenic fjords, the 100-km long Prins Christian Sund (also known as Ikerasassuaq). Aappilattoq is the second-most southerly settlement in Greenland (after Narsamiit). The name Aappilattoq has been interpreted to mean "sea anemone," or "red" after the crimson mountain rising above the settlement. The area has been inhabited since the 1800s, but the current village was only established in 1922. The majority of residents rely on hunting and fishing, with local fishermen selling surplus cod and turbot to a small fish factory run by Royal Greenland. Services include a general store, fire station, elementary school, boat service, church and a general repairs workshop.



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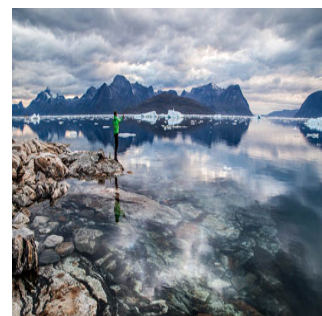
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Location: Formerly known as Ivigtût (“grassy plain”), is a abandoned mining town near Cape Desolation in southwestern Greenland, close to the ruins of the ancient Norse Middle Settlement. Historians and archeologists believe this settlement—the least documented Norse settlement in Greenland—once comprised about 20 farms. A handful of mining-related structures still remain—some dilapidated—including a barracks, a storehouse and a cemetery. The 1987 translocation of muskoxen to Ivittuut from the Kangerlussuaq area is the reason you may see the lumbering beasts in the area. Otherwise, native wildlife consists mostly of Arctic hare and Arctic fox. It’s also possible to spot semi-domestic reindeer from Greenland’s only active reindeer husbandry operation, the Isortoq Reindeer Station, located south of Ivittuut.



DAY 16: Disembarkation in Nuuk

Upon arriving in Greenland’s capital, enjoy one more Zodiac ride to shore for the group transfer to the airport to catch your charter flight to Reykjavik, Iceland. Upon arrival in Reykjavik, we will transfer you to your hotel. Both your hotel and charter flight are included in the Charter Flight & Hotel Package.



DAY 17: Depart Reykjavik, Iceland

After a restful night at your hotel, make your way to Keflavik International Airport for your onward flight, or spend additional time exploring Reykjavik at your leisure.



Inclusions & Details

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Cabin On Board Ship & Hotel

INCLUSIONS

An official parka to keep

A pair of special protective eclipse-viewing eye glasses

Special presentations and keynote address by eclipse experts

Leadership throughout your voyage by experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities

All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program

All shore landings as per the daily program

Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping

All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage

Complimentary select beer, wines and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner

Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock

Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled

A photographic journal documenting the expedition

A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions

Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin

Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications (premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications)

All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program

All luggage handling aboard the ship

Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax

CHARTER FLIGHT & HOTEL PACKAGE INCLUDES:

One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Reykjavik

Group transfer from the Reykjavik hotel to the ship on Day 2

Group transfer from the ship to the Nuuk airport on disembarkation day

Charter flight from Nuuk to Reykjavik

Group transfer from Keflavik international

One night's post-expedition airport hotel accommodation in Keflavik

EXCLUSIONS

International airfare

Arrival and departure transfers in Reykjavik

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 and domestic flights

Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned

Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified

Phone charges may vary by location

Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew

Additional overnight accommodation

Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities

2 (Light Adventure)

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

Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

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Price Dependent upon
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Sustainability

Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, quad, triple, 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.

Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.