

The Arctic - Southeast Greenland & Iceland | Venture

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Introduction

This expedition itinerary combines Iceland's volcanic coastline with the dramatic fjords and ice-dominated environments of Southeast Greenland. The program emphasizes active exploration with a focus on daily off-ship activities such as Zodiac cruising, naturalist-led interpretation, expert-led guided hikes and wildlife viewing. You will have spectacular opportunities to photograph glaciers, fjords and coastal landscapes while learning from an onboard expedition team specializing in geology, marine biology, and Arctic culture.

On board, the small-ship format supports flexible routing based on weather and ice, allowing the team to maximize time in scenic areas as well as offering close-up observations of the incredibly biodiverse seabird colonies of the region as well as potential sightings of seals, whales and other Arctic wildlife. Throughout the voyage, guests experience meaningful cultural touchpoints into Inuit heritage and the ways in which they are continuing to adapt to the changing climate in their local ways of life. The round-trip Reykjavik itinerary provides a balance of structured exploration, open-water cruising and immersive learning designed for travelers seeking a deeper understanding of the Arctic's least-visited environments.

Itinerary

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DAY 1: Arrive Reykjavik

Duration

15 Days in history and bursting with

contemporary flair, Reykjavik, the capital of

Arctic Greenland, Iceland, was founded around 870 C.E,

marking the birth of the first permanent

settlement on this island nation. Today, it is

home to approximately 200,000 inhabitants,

making up nearly 60% of Iceland's

population. Reykjavik holds the title of the

world's northernmost national capital, and it

takes pride in its reputation as one of the

cleanest, greenest, and safest cities

globally. Its commitment to sustainability

and eco-consciousness is evident in every

corner, from its energy-efficient buildings to

its pollution-free skies.



DAY 2: Heimaey, Westman Islands

Heimaey Island is the largest in the

Westman Islands located four miles off the

south-west coast of Iceland. One of the most

visually impressive islands in Iceland, it is

ringed by tall, vertical sea cliffs many

hundreds of feet high. Heimaey is also the

home to over eight million Atlantic puffins,

more nesting puffins than anywhere else on

earth. A local story tells that puffin chicks,

taking their first flights at night, often

become stranded in the village streets,

where the local children rescue them and

set them free the next day. In January of

1973 the island received the nickname,

'Pompeii of the North' when a volcanic

eruption and lava flow destroyed half the

town. This caused a crisis when the town's

only harbor was nearly blocked by

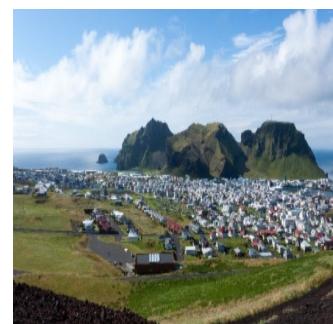
advancing lava. Nowadays it is a lively place

with a vibrant culture and over four

thousand residents. Archaeological

excavations suggest that people lived on

Heimaey as early as the 10th Century.



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DAY 3-4 At Sea - Day 3 & 4

Duration

15 Days

Make the most of these days at sea by

locations in relaxation and taking full

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advantage of the ship's amenities. Breathe

in the crisp, clean air as you soak in the

panoramic views of the vast ocean

stretching out before you.



DAY 5: Qaqortoq & Hvalsey

Qaqortoq is the largest city in Southern Greenland with 3,300 inhabitants. The town

rises steeply above the natural small-boat harbor with its fish, shrimp and fur

processing plants. It was founded in 1775

by the Dano-Norwegian trader Anders

Olsen, working on behalf of the General

Trading Company. Qaqortoq is best known

for its open-air art exhibition. The Stone &

Man project, designed to transform the

town into an outdoor gallery, had the

participation of 18 Nordic artists from

Iceland, Sweden, Norway, Finland and

Greenland. Initially 24 stone sculptures

were created using the existing rock faces

and boulders in the town. Now there are

over 40 sculptures celebrating Greenlandic

culture. Other points of interest include

Mindebrønden, the oldest fountain in

Greenland, the Qaqortoq Museum and The

Saviors Lutheran Church. Eighteen

kilometers northwest of town are the

famous remains of the Viking church of

Hvalsey. It represents the last written

record of the Greenlandic Norse, who

attended a wedding there in A.D. 1408.

Hvalsey is the most prominent Norse site in

Greenland.



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Duration

15 Days to be awed by Southern

Greenland's dramatic contrasts; a region

where lush tundra valleys meet towering

granite peaks, and ancient Norse history

mingles with vibrant Inuit culture. This is

Greenland's cradle of civilization, home to

the country's oldest settlements and the

UNESCO-listed ruins of Hvalsey Church,

built by Norse settlers in the 14th century.

The fjords here are gentler than their

eastern counterparts, winding through

green hills dotted with sheep farms and

colorful villages like Qaqortoq and Narsaq.

Your Seabourn expedition voyage delves

deep into this cultural and geological

wonderland, where icebergs drift past

Viking ruins and waterfalls tumble into

glassy fjords. Southern Greenland's milder

climate supports a surprising abundance of

flora and fauna, including Arctic foxes,

seals, and migratory birds. The region's

fjords — such as the breathtaking Tasermiut

Fjord, often called the "Patagonia of the

North" — offer world-class kayaking and

Zodiac cruising beneath sheer cliffs and

glacial tongues. Expect a rich blend of

nature and heritage, with highlights that

may include: Zodiac landings at Norse

archaeological sites Encounters with local

Greenlandic communities Scenic hikes

through wildflower-strewn valleys Glacial

exploration in remote fjord arms.



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Locations

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The immense scale of the peaks around this village dwarfs anything built there. Still, the tall white steeple of the church juts up with a spirit of endurance and perseverance that matches the character of those who make this arctic outpost their home. It also echoes the shape of icebergs floating in the surrounding seas, shed from the immense icefields that cover much of the island.

Tasermiut Fjord stretches for more than 40 miles along the coast of southwestern Greenland. Known as the “Patagonia of the North,” this glacial inlet is revered for its breathtaking beauty, with jagged, sky-high peaks mirroring off the icy waters. Rock climbers have long coveted it for some of the sport’s best “big walls” — the massive Ulamertorsuaq, often compared to Yosemite’s El Capitan; Nalumasortoq, noted for its distinctive, “open book” shape; and the Ketil pyramid — all of which reach more than 6,000 feet in height. Tasermiut had terminated at a glacial front just a few decades ago; since then, climate change has caused noticeable retreat and created a “hanging” glacier that no longer connects to the fjord. Seabourn guests explore Tasermiut by Zodiac and, if conditions allow, can join the Kayak Team on an optional paddle along the pristine shoreline.



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DAY 8 - Appilattoq

Duration

15 Days

Location

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Appilattoq is located in the Prince Christian Sound at Greenland's southern tip, in the municipality of Kullaleq. Its name means 'red' in Greenlandic. The sound is enfolded by steep, unglaciated mountains, rising sheer from the water to sharp, shattered peaks. The town's setting is particularly picturesque, its brightly painted houses scattered across a small peninsula of humped granite domes, under a backdrop of a looming pyramid of stone. The little red town church nestles next to a white-picketed graveyard. The sound itself is dotted with icebergs slowly melting into expressionist sculptures. It is a place where the infrequent visitors routinely fill their camera cards with unforgettable images of Greenland's spectacular visual splendor.



DAY 9: Prins Christian Sund

The transit of the Prins Christian Sund is one of the highlights of cruising in Greenland. The approximately 60-mile sound cuts between the mainland and an archipelago of islands from east to west, under the southern edge of the massive Greenland Ice Sheet, which covers 80 percent of the island. The sound is narrow, sometimes as little as 1500 feet across, and numerous glaciers reach the sea on its shores, calving icebergs into the sound. High, barren and sharply defined peaks tower on both sides. The only indications of humanity to be seen are the Ikerassasuaq weather station (using the Greenlandic name for the sound) where the ship enters, and the small village of Appilattoq, housing approximately 100 people. Animal life is more abundant, with minke, fin and blue whales seen frequently, as well as ringed and bearded seals that haul out on the floating ice. It is a breathtaking display of natural splendor in the severe, rugged vernacular of rock, ice and sea that is unique to the arctic realm.



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Duration: Skjoldungen Fjord

15 Days

Location: Arctic, Greenland, Iceland
Imagine a narrow fjord bordered by rugged peaks, vertical rock walls and serpentine rivers of ice plunging into the sea. This is Skjoldungen Fjord, named by Wilhelm August Graah after the honorific title Skjoldungen which, according to Norse mythology, was given to successors of legendary King Skjold to the Danish throne. Numerous tidewater glaciers calve during the summer, releasing large chunks of ice that plunge into the fjord. Above, huge crevasses and free-standing pillars of ice, known as seracs, are silhouetted against a blue Greenlandic sky. Barren of large trees, Skjoldungen Fjord is carpeted in colorful dwarf birch and willow forests that may grow several feet high, as well as a variety of low-growing Arctic wildflowers. This fjord was likely inhabited by Paleo-Eskimo (Inuit) nomadic people as early as 4,000 years ago. Archaeological remains of later historical periods, such as Thule culture graves, have also been found, indicating that Inuit people have lived in the area continuously. Scattered within this stunning scenery are remains of more recent abandoned Inuit dwellings along the fjord's western shores.



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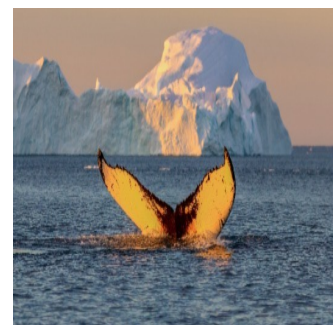
15 Days

In Greenland, nature is big and almost overwhelming! You will be awed by towering mountains, huge distances, epic adventures, harsh weather and challenges that loom and beckon even in summer. The people of the Saqqaq culture arrived here from the north, the first to reach this part of Greenland. The Viking Norse first became familiar with this area when they made it their first landfall on the voyage from Iceland's Snæfellsnes peninsula to Greenland. Today that location is known as Tasiilaq, and it is the largest town in Eastern Greenland with 2,000 inhabitants. The island where Tasiilaq is located was formerly known as Angmagssalik in Greenlandic, meaning 'the place with capelin.' Walking through Tasiilaq is, in many ways, like walking through time. You will likely see many of the town's over 1,000 sled-dogs, as well as wooden dog-sledges, skin covered kayaks, fish air-drying on racks and maybe even the hides of seals and polar bears, just as in eras long past.



DAY 12: At Sea

Make the most of this day at sea by indulging in relaxation and taking full advantage of the ship's amenities. Breathe in the crisp, clean air as you soak in the panoramic views of the vast ocean stretching out before you.



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03/07/2027 Patreksfjordur, Iceland

Duration

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The small village of Patreksfjörður serves as

gateway to the Westfjords peninsula in

Arctic Greenland, Iceland and some of the

northeastern Iceland and some of the

country's most spectacular attractions.

Fishing is the main industry here, although

tourism is quickly growing thanks to

Patreksfjörður's proximity to such natural

wonders as Dynjandi waterfalls. Dynjandi —

which translates as “thunderous” — rivals

Gullfoss in sheer spectacle, cascading more

than 325 feet down a series of increasingly

wider steps; the rocky footpath to the top

passes seven smaller falls. Látrabjarg, a

rocky promontory that marks the

westernmost point of Europe (not counting

the Azores), is recognized as one of the best

birdwatching spots on the planet.

Látrabjarg's four rugged, wind-battered

cliffs — stretching for nearly nine miles and

reaching close to 1,500 feet in height — are

home to more than 1 million birds, including

massive colonies of colorful puffins and

around 40 percent of the world's nesting

razorbills. The red sands of Rauðasandur

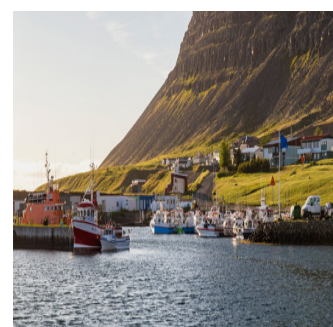
beach are a stark contrast to most of the

country's black volcanic beaches, while the

wreck of Gardar BA 64, Iceland's oldest

steel whaling ship, lies in rusting ruins

along Patreksfjörður's shore.



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DAY 14 Flatey & Grundarfjordur

Duration

15 Days

The remote island of Flatey is located in

Grundarfjörður Bay on the northwestern part

of Iceland. Flatey Island is 2 km long and 1

km wide has only one road through the

quaint little old village. Sheep and seabirds

are the most numerous inhabitants,

including large numbers of Atlantic puffins

and Arctic terns. The island is a paradise for

bird watching with over 30 different species

during the breeding season. The charming

small fishing village of Grundarfjörður is

located in the middle of the Snæfellsnes

Peninsula and thus provides easy access to

Stykkishólmur, Snæfellsbær and the

Snæfellsnes National Park. Its best-known

landmark is undoubtedly the peak of Mt.

Kirkjufell. Translated as ‘church mountain,’

Kirkjufell is the most easily recognizable

peak, and one of the most photographed

mountains in Iceland. During summer

months a Viking Village is built in the center

of town where Viking re-enactments occur

quite regularly. During the Á góðri stund

town festival in July, the town’s 900

residents decorate their houses in red, blue,

yellow, and green, transforming the town

into a spinning kaleidoscope of color. The

town first began trade in 1786, and around

1800, French merchants came to Iceland

and settled in Grundarfjörður, where they

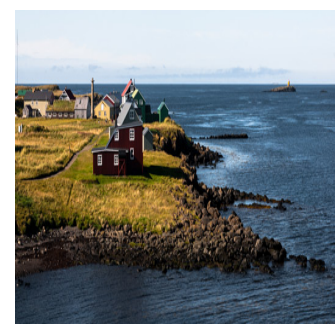
constructed a church and a hospital. The

town has prospered through the fishing

industry for a long time. The surrounding

sea is rich with birdlife & marine life

throughout the year.



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Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship

INCLUSIONS

Accommodation onboard the Venture in booked cabin category

Group transfers to/from the airport and to/from the ship* (subject to date/time restrictions*)

All meals onboard the Venture including snacks and 24/7 in room dining

Complimentary spirits and wine available on board at all times - full open bar including premium beverages & in room minibar

Inspiring enrichment program and lectures from the expedition team

All applicable shore excursions and zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost)

Digital photography workshops

Complimentary expedition-grade parka and day pack

All port taxes & landing fees

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights unless specified

Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified

Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information

Pre or post cruise travel expenses

Visa (if applicable) and passport fees

Travel insurance (compulsory)

Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings

Paid adventure options and all personal expenses

Miscellaneous extras


Laundry and communication charges on board

Tipping onboard (optional) - We recommend \$15USD per person per day

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Available on request. A Single Supplement may be applied. Subject to availability. Please note 'willing to share' option is not available. Contact us for more details.
Duration	
15 Days	Prices are based on per person, twin share*
Locations	Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.
Notes	Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions
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 Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.
Sustainability	