

Arctic 2027

South Greenland: Exploring Glaciers, Fjords and Viking Culture

Onboard *Ultramarine*



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Expedition Overview

South Greenland: Exploring Glaciers, Fjords and Viking Culture

Our 12-day South Greenland: *South Greenland: Exploring Glaciers, Fjords and Viking Culture* takes you to remote Greenlandic settlements rarely seen by independent travelers. This itinerary delivers some of the wildest landscapes you've ever imagined: towering icebergs and sweeping glaciers, plus the chance to see the Greenland Ice Sheet—the second-largest ice mass on the planet. For Viking enthusiasts, South Greenland is one of the best places on Earth to experience Norse history. You can step into Viking ruins that date back to 985.

Highlights



Witness unsurpassed views of the Arctic wilderness during a heli flightseeing excursion



Visit colorful Greenland villages rarely seen by independent travelers



Stand in awe before towering icebergs and sweeping glaciers



Explore Kujataa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where Viking and Inuit history meet



Embrace once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to paddle remote Greenlandic fjords



Experience the most dramatic fjords of South Greenland, including a chance to land on the southern outlet of the massive Greenland Ice Sheet.



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Arrive in the Icelandic capital and make your way to the group hotel—included in the Charter Flight & Hotel Package. You will have the rest of the day to explore this fascinating city, known for its Norse history and stunning architecture.

DAY 2 | FLY TO NUUK, GREENLAND AND EMBARK

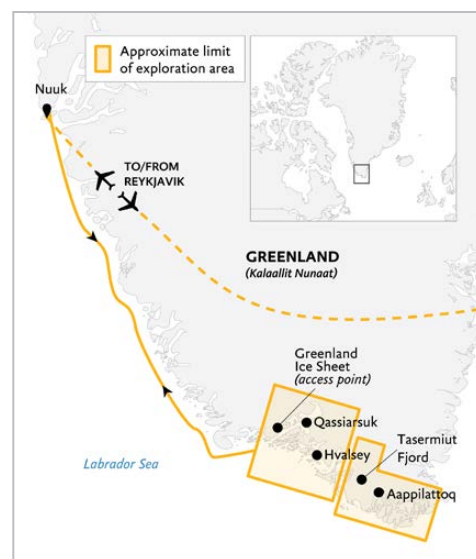
After an early breakfast at the hotel, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Nuuk, Greenland. Upon arrival in Greenland's capital—and if time allows—you may be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to enjoy some time on your own to explore this quaint port town before making your way to the pier. After a late afternoon embarkation, you will depart Greenland's capital city en route to the stunning Arctic wilderness and picturesque coastal communities.

DAY 3 | AT SEA

Your first full day in Greenland will be spent onboard *Ultramarine* as we transit south along the west coast of the largest island in the world. Today is an excellent opportunity to learn about Greenlandic history, glaciology, and ecology from our team of onboard polar experts. Spend some time on the outer deck to spot ice carried along by the currents of Baffin Bay, observe seabirds in flight above and around the ship, and keep your eyes peeled for any Arctic wildlife. Today also includes all mandatory briefings and preparations for Zodiac excursions and other off-ship adventures.

DAYS 4 & 5 | THE WESTLANDS

Over the next two days you'll experience the contrast between the Greenland Ice Sheet—the second-largest body of ice on the planet—and the grassy valleys of the coast, which is steeped in Viking



SOUTH GREENLAND: Exploring Glaciers, Fjords and Viking Culture

Onboard the *Ultramarine* ———
Flight to/from Reykjavik - - - - -

history, especially at landmarks such as the Kujataa UNESCO World Heritage site. The latter provides an excellent opportunity to learn about the region's history and cultural traditions, as well as the interaction between Norse and Inuit cultures.

We'll hike the surrounding foothills, cruise through ice-filled waters, and engage with local communities. We will visit the small settlement of Qassiarsuk, as well as the remains of Erik the Red's estate of Brattahlíð, both of which offer further insights into South Greenland's history and culture. You will appreciate quite quickly why Erik the Red chose this land as his home and gave Greenland its name: every direction you look rewards visitors with vistas of blue, ice-strewn waters set against a breathtaking backdrop of lush, verdant

valleys and green pastures bursting with blooms.

Unique to Greenland, and indeed the entire Arctic, warm microclimates deep in the fjords have created a surprisingly fertile Arctic Garden of Eden. South Greenlandic farming traditions dating back to Viking days are still kept alive. Many families work their remote sheep farms along the shores of the fjords, their lives very much attuned to the seasons as they produce a variety of organic homegrown produce (such as potatoes, turnips and kale).

Also in the west, we find perfect access points to the Greenland Ice Sheet, which we'll reach by helicopter. You'll enjoy the most incredible views of the largest mass of ice in the northern hemisphere flowing from the heights of the polar plateau to sea level.

DAYS 6 - 8 | ARCTIC PATAGONIA

We'll transit through the scenic 105-kilometer long Prins Christian Sund Fjord (Ikerasassuaq), and explore the dramatic fjords of South Greenland. Our team has planned a visit to the village of Aappilattoq, where you can experience local culture, music, and traditional foods. The journey continues to the steep-walled 70-kilometer Tasermiut Fjord, known as Arctic Patagonia, where overnight camping and various excursions are available amidst stunning glaciers and peaks. The maze of fjords, sounds, islets, inlets and skerries (rocky islands) in and around Cape Farewell (Nunap Isua) at Greenland's most southern tip reveals a magic found nowhere else. Transiting the Prins Christian Sund Fjord (Ikerasassuaq)—one of the world's most scenic fjords—will be truly unforgettable. Guests can then look forward to dramatic



mountain and seascapes with glaciers sweeping down to the coast, and spectacular vistas around every corner. Inhabiting this domain are Southern Greenlanders living on the frontier, a people as unique as the landscape they call home. This is where the migrating hunting peoples from the east finally settled around the European trading posts.

The few villages in this southern region have gained a level of fame thanks to the inhabitants who remain steadfastly faithful to their hunting and fishing heritage.

Your time in Arctic Patagonia will allow you to marvel at the impressive glacier at its head, with rivers of ice tumbling

toward the sea, and the imposing peaks of Nalumasortoq and Ulamertorsuaq that dominate the skyline, making for the most scenic backdrops to your hike or helicopter excursion.

DAY 9 | HVALSEY: ICONIC NORSE RUINS

The four walls and foundation of the still-standing 14th-century Hvalsey church are considered the most iconic of all Norse ruins in Greenland. For history buffs, this site is akin to a pilgrimage. While we will have encountered Norse ruins earlier in the voyage and visited reconstructions of long-lost villages, Hvalsey evokes a surprisingly complex range of emotions—haunting, reverent, and deeply curious. Standing almost alone in an otherwise wild landscape, the Hvalsey church

prompts one to wonder how civilizations can be forgotten for centuries, and then suddenly remembered. The rolling terrain of this well-chosen site, a mix of rock and vegetation, will appeal to hikers in the group.

DAY 10 | AT SEA: NORTHBOUND TO NUUK

While heading to Nuuk, relax and enjoy yourself as we cruise along the coast of Greenland, or continue your Arctic education by attending another expert-led presentation. Weather-permitting, there may be an opportunity for one last shore excursion near Ivittuut, a small peninsula on the mainland. Today is also your last chance to take advantage of *Ultramarine's* beautifully-designed Tundra Spa & Sauna.



DAY 11 | DISEMBARKATION, EXPLORE NUUK, FLIGHT TO REYKJAVIK

After breakfast, you will be transferred from the pier to the town center. You will have a half-day to explore Old Nuuk and visit the Hans Egede Church and waterfront statue, commemorating the Norwegian missionary who founded Greenland's first European settlement in 1721. You will have the chance to visit the Greenland National Museum to explore exhibits on Greenland's cultural heritage, including the famous 500-year-old mummies and the 4,000-year-old kayak tradition. After exploring Nuuk, guests

will meet at a designated spot in town for the transfer to the airport for their charter flight to Reykjavik, which is included in the Charter Flight & Hotel Package.

DAY 12 | DEPART REYKJAVIK

After breakfast at your included hotel, make your way independently to Keflavik international for your onward flight, or continue your independent explorations of Reykjavik at your leisure.

EXPEDITION SPIRIT

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Science & Discovery

A new initiative designed to foster community, curiosity and education.

Beginning in our Arctic 2027 season on select *Ultramarine* itineraries, Quark Expeditions is collaborating with leading scientists and researchers to enrich guest learning on- and off-ship.

Guest Engagement: Through researcher-led sessions, and interactive learning and field experiences with our expedition team, guests will gain a better understanding and appreciation of the polar wilderness.

This Science & Discovery program will enable guests to:

- **Interact and connect with scientists and researchers** who are actively collecting data during expeditions.
- **Participate in citizen science programming** to broaden their understanding and knowledge of the incredible polar ecosystem.
- **Work with our expedition team** to help collect and record data, ranging from experiences such as conducting seabird surveys on deck to documenting whale sightings on Zodiac excursions or joining interactive sampling activities to measure water conditions.

SCIENCE IN THE FIELD

Quark Expeditions supports academic research through partnerships with institutions such as Seabird Watch to deepen our understanding through access to projects that are contributing to published research and projects of high importance.

CITIZEN SCIENCE

In collaboration with the Polar Citizen Science Collective and Fjord Phyto, guests can engage in meaningful scientific data collection that supports targeted field research for projects like Happywhale.

QUARK SCIENCE HUB

This designated space on *Ultramarine* enables guests to share knowledge, information and insights with scientists, researchers, and our Expedition Guides.



Gather with scientists, researchers and expedition guides to share findings and insights from the voyage.



Engage with interactive digital displays featuring multimedia content for self-guided discovery even when staff aren't present.



Learn how data collection methods, such as drones, wildlife tags, and biopsy and guano sampling, enable us to study the health, population, and migratory pathways of unique birds, whales, and seals.

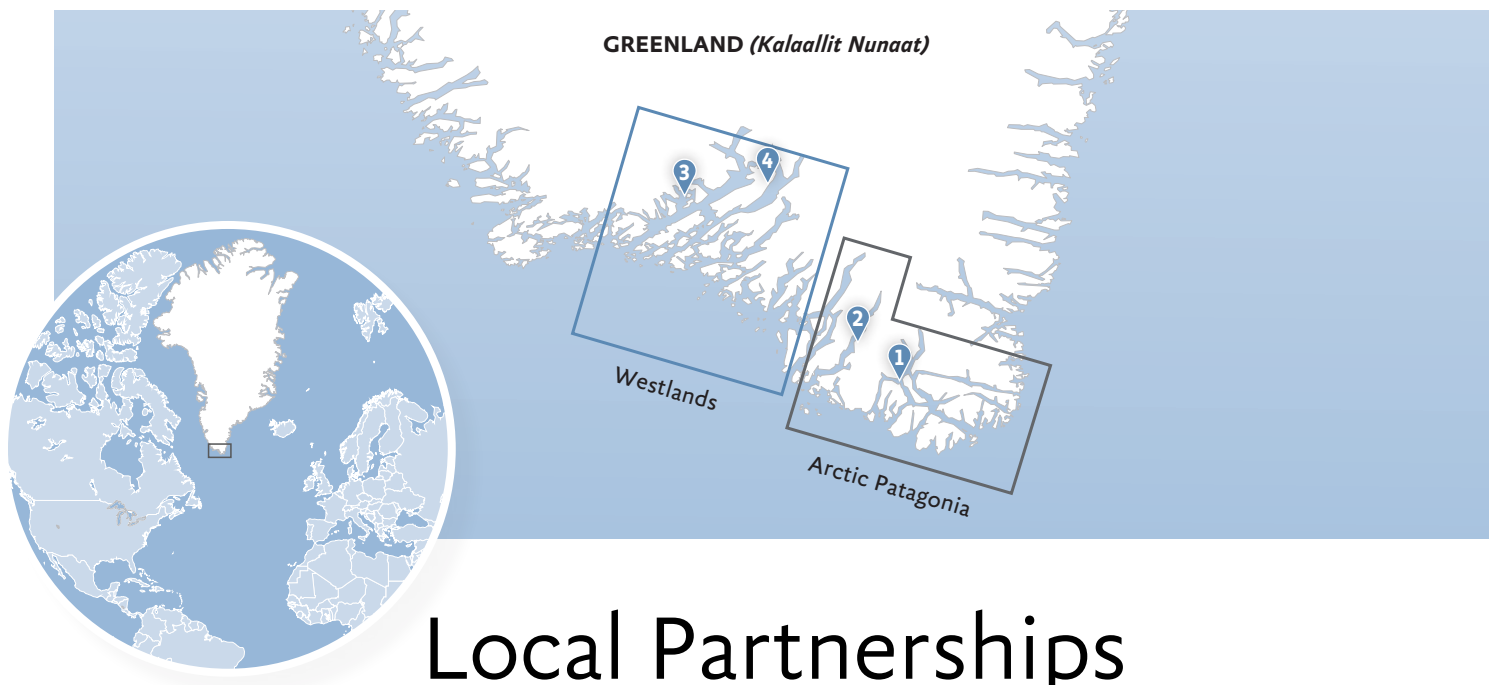


Review and discuss observations and explore samples collected during science Zodiac cruises with other participants.

Note: The Science Hub is open to guests for self-guided exploration when staff are otherwise occupied.

THE POLAR COLLECTIVE
protect the poles together.





Local Partnerships

South Greenland: Exploring Glaciers, Fjords and Viking Culture itinerary is the first of its kind to be designed in full collaboration with local partners. This program not only aligns with local tourism development strategies, but it has been endorsed by Kommune Kujalleq, the regional government of South Greenland. This itinerary will offer more local touch points than any other Quark Expeditions voyage.



1 | AAPPILATTOQ

Storytelling, food, music and friendly competition are some of the experiences you can expect during this visit to one of Greenland's smallest communities.



2 | TASERMIUT CAMP

Join your Greenlandic hosts for a taste of overnight life on the land in one of our most immersive local experiences.



3 | TAMASSA

For a special voyage event, we welcome a range of local artists, craftspeople, musicians, and chefs onboard for an immersive cultural festival, Tamassa.



4 | KUJATAA UNESCO SITE

See where Viking and Inuit history meet as you explore the sub-Arctic farming landscape of South Greenland.



Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning

DAY 1	DAY 2	EXPEDITION DAYS		DISEMBARKATION DAY	FINAL DAY
International flight in* Arrival and hotel night	Charter flight to embarkation point and embarkation	On ship or landing days		Disembarkation, charter flight and hotel night	Leave hotel International flight onward

* Arrive anytime on Day 1 or earlier. Day 1 includes an optional briefing.
 International flights are not included in the cost of the voyage.

Arrival

DAY 1 — ARRIVAL AND HOTEL NIGHT IN REYKJAVIK

You may arrive at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary. Make your own way to the group hotel, which is included in your Charter Flight & Hotel Package. A Quark Expeditions representative will be available in the lobby later in the day to answer any questions.

DAY 2 — CHARTER FLIGHT AND EMBARKATION IN NUUK

Your charter flight to Nuuk is expected to depart from Reykjavik in the morning. The scheduled flight time will be communicated in your welcome letter, and you will be transferred from your hotel to the airport check-in.

PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Reykjavik and Nuuk. There is no option to pay for additional luggage.

You will find in your final documents:

- › Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights.
- › Hotel information and check in time
- › Charter flight time to embarkation point
- › Embarkation plan
- › Departure charter flight time

Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN NUUK

Your voyage is scheduled to end in Nuuk, where you will disembark after breakfast. The disembarkation process takes approximately one hour, after which you will have time to explore Nuuk or be transferred to the airport for your return charter flight to Reykjavik, depending on charter flight times.

DEPARTING FROM REYKJAVIK

Upon arrival in Reykjavik, there will be a group transfer to your included post-expedition hotel. After breakfast the following morning, you may make your way to the airport to connect with your onward flight, or stay longer if you have booked additional accommodation.

PLEASE NOTE

Reykjavik Hotel Accomodatsion:

The Charter Flight & Hotel Package for this expedition includes two nights of hotel accommodations on Day 1 and Day 11. The group hotel is typically located at a central downtown location. If you plan to explore locally before or after your expedition, consider your hotel's location when choosing your accommodation.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

REYKJAVIK AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Transfers between Keflavik International Airport and your hotel are not included when you arrive in Iceland from your international flight or when you depart for your international flight at the end of the voyage. You will need to arrange your own transportation.





ULTRAMARINE

The technologically advanced *Ultramarine* is built to go beyond the familiar in polar travel and to immerse guests in the best the region has to offer.

Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs, *Ultramarine* offers the industry's largest portfolio of off-ship adventures. The vessel features the most spacious suites in its category, fine dining, breathtaking public spaces, exceptional wildlife-viewing areas, and sustainability systems that exceed industry standards. *Ultramarine* also features an onboard Science Hub, the centerpiece of our Science & Discovery program.

Wellness amenities include Tundra Spa with VOYA treatments, morning stretch classes, a sauna, a fully equipped fitness center, and health-conscious dining designed to restore balance and vitality at sea.

Ultramarine is designed to deliver unforgettable polar memories.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

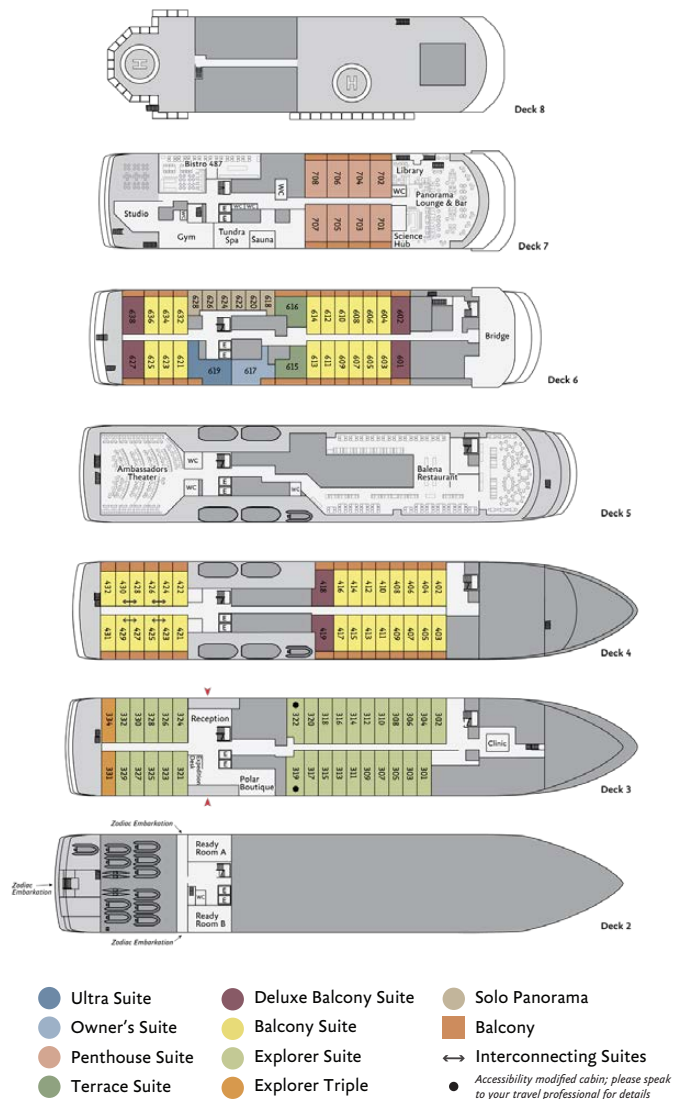
Staff and Crew: 140

Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

Ice Class: PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.





Included Activities

Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a diverse selection of immersive activities (mostly off-ship). Some are included in your trip; others cost extra.



FLIGHTSEEING

While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they're even more stunning from the air, a view you can enjoy while seated in one of the two twin-engine helicopters stationed on *Ultramarine*. Typically in groups of fewer than 10, you will experience an unforgettable aerial tour of the Arctic during a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion that's included in the cost of the voyage. Additional helicopter activities may also be available for purchase on board. Please note: all helicopter operations are weather- and logistics-dependent.



ICE SHEET EXPERIENCE

Explore beyond cascading coastal glaciers to access the icy realms of the second-largest ice mass in the world, the Greenland Ice Sheet. An excursion on one of *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters means you'll enjoy views of the Ice Sheet very few other humans get to experience. You'll learn about the dynamics of this environment from our team of glaciologists while you explore this vast, seldom-visited body of ice. This activity is offered over a two-day period to ensure every guest is able to experience this exclusive adventure option.



COMMUNITY VISITS

Our Greenland Adventure voyages include the widest range of community experiences in the Quark Expeditions portfolio. During this voyage we hope to offer visits to two iconic South Greenlandic communities (Aappilattoq and Qasiarsuk) and provide opportunities for guests to share their journey and engage with our local partners. Learning about the wonders of Greenland from Greenlanders will be a highlight of this voyage.



PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.



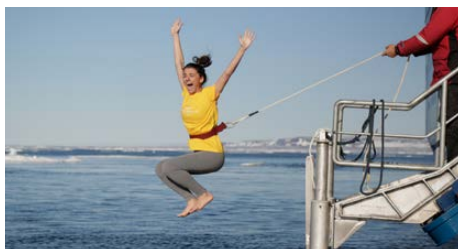
ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and spot unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.



HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every guest.



POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!



PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guides will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the Polar Regions.



SCIENCE & DISCOVERY

Our Science & Discovery program offers guests the unique opportunity to engage directly with scientists and researchers and participate in citizen science activities with the expedition team to collect and record data. Activities include conducting seabird surveys on deck, documenting whale sightings, and participating in interactive water sampling activities to measure environmental conditions. This program provides travelers with rare, first-hand experiences that contribute to global scientific research and deepens their understanding of and appreciation for the polar environment.

Contact your Polar Travel Advisor or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including required experience, physical requirements and cost.



Adventure Options

These additional activities, which cost extra, fill up quickly and should be booked in advance.



GREENLAND CAMP EXPERIENCE

Join local hosts at Tasermiut Camp, one of the most exclusive camps in Greenland. Our local guides will lead you through the wonders of their homeland. Spend ample time, in intimate groups, walking through the beautiful landscapes and pristine valleys, roam the tundra with a local chef who will show you fresh ingredients and then prepare an incredible meal together. Overnight at the camp and, if conditions are right, experience the magnificent colours of the polar twilight which will bring the beautiful mountainous surroundings into full effect. Depending on conditions, this is also an excellent venue to enjoy the Northern Lights.



TUNDRA TO TABLE

Our ground-breaking Tundra to Table experience, hosted by Inuit chefs who are experts in Indigenous cuisine, is a one-of-a-kind adventure into the culinary traditions of the Inuit in Greenland and Nunavut. Guests will enjoy dishes from these Arctic regions while learning about local Inuit culture and history. At the heart of this experience, enjoyed in *Ultramarine's* main restaurant, Balena, is the purity of the ingredients. While the menu varies from trip to trip, Inuit fusion dishes may include beer-braised muskox, South Greenlandic lamb, and pickled halibut served with lumpfish dip and bread. Chefs will also engage in storytelling throughout the meal. Limited seating. Book early.



PADDLE EXCURSION

Join us for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. *Included with limited availability.*



PLEASE NOTE

For all paid activities, pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.



Our Commitment to Conservation & Community

We're proud to partner with local communities to create immersive guest experiences that build respect for wildlife, culture and the land, and to work with leading scientists to support the conservation of the Arctic regions.

Empowering Local Development

We champion Arctic communities' goals for economic development and sustainable tourism through local hiring, infrastructure support, and advance visit planning.

Investing Directly in Communities

With guest support, we help fund community-led projects—from food banks to cultural and language-based programs.

Co-creating with Community Partners

By partnering with local groups, we create authentic experiences—such as Tundra to Table, developed with [Igapall](#), which enables Inuit chefs to share Greenlandic cuisine and culture. This program is available on most *Ultramarine* itineraries that operate in Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic.

To also learn about our conservation efforts, and how we connect guests to the natural world through hands-on experiences and education, visit us online at [Community & Conservation](#).



Community




We deliver authentic experiences for our guests that benefit local partners and the communities we visit.



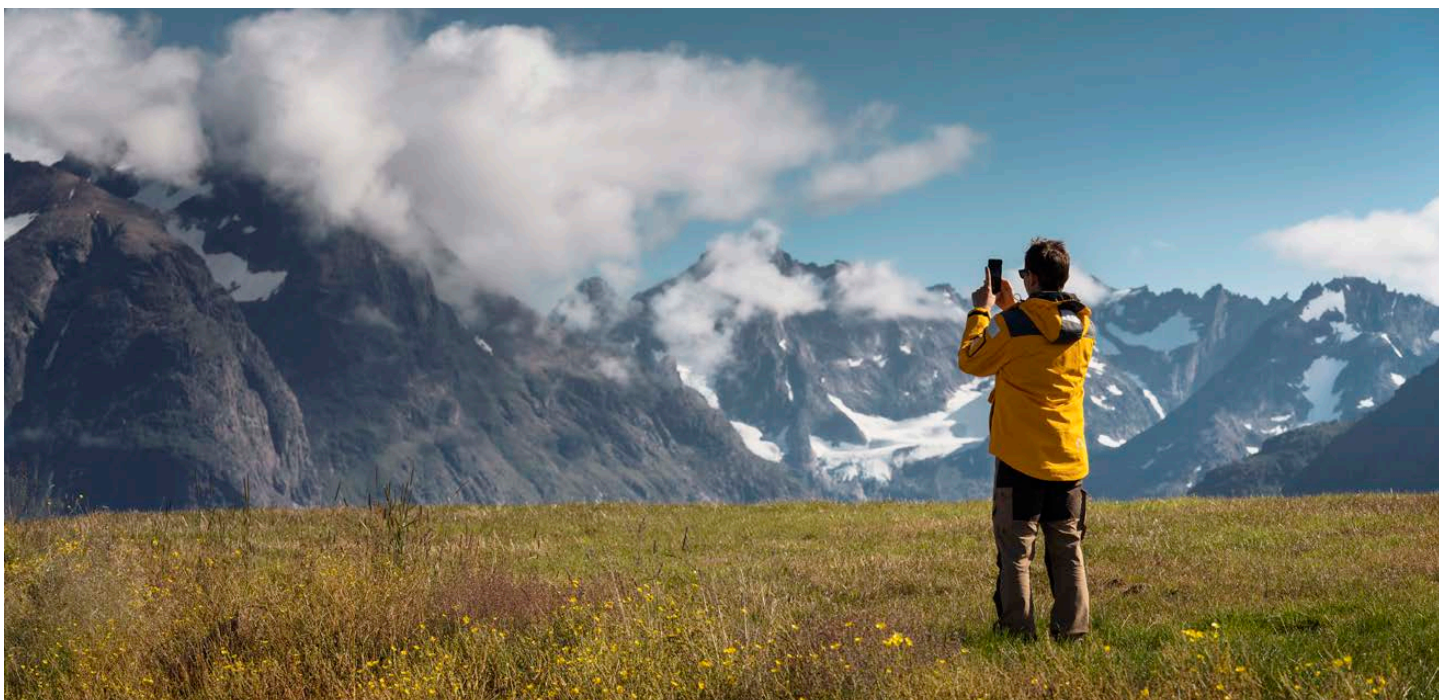
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ULTRAMARINE

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Start / End</i>	 <i>Flightseeing</i>	 <i>Ice Sheet Experience</i>	 <i>Paddle Excursion</i>	 <i>Tundra to Table</i>	 <i>Camp Experience</i>
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\$ Paid Activities



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

- One 10-15 minute heli flightseeing excursion
- One helicopter-supported Greenland Ice Sheet Experience
- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- Leadership throughout your voyage by our 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. Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible.)
- 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.) Note: Internet access in the polar regions is subject to geography, climate, and other factors beyond our control.
- 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 (breakfast included)
- Charter flights between Reykjavik and Nuuk
- Group transfers between the Nuuk airport and the ship
- Group transfer from Reykjavik airport to hotel on disembarkation day
- One night's post-expedition hotel (breakfast included)

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Charter Flight & Hotel Package*
- International airfare
- Arrival transfers in Reykjavik
- Passport and visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on domestic and international flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar, spa 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.



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders and their teams bring diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Arctic.

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.



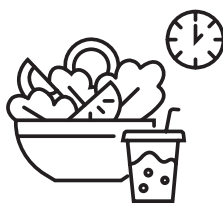


On-Ship Dining

Every on-board meal is included in the cost of your trip.



9 BREAKFASTS



9 LUNCHES



9 DINNERS

If there's one constant on board, it's incredible food. You enjoy three delicious meals daily—all included. Let us know before your expedition about any dietary restrictions.

Breakfasts and lunches are typically buffet-style, while dinners are plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, ensuring top quality every time.

Coffee, tea, cocoa, and water stations are available—at no charge—24/7.

Complimentary soft drinks and juices are served during meals and when the bar is open. Bonus: enjoy complimentary alcohol throughout your voyage (see "Raise A Glass" sidebar for details).

Premium wines and champagne are available for purchase. Our well-stocked bars are open late morning, afternoon, and evening—hours may shift slightly to accommodate the expedition schedule.

Raise A Glass

Enjoy complimentary select beer, wines and select cocktails during bar service hours and dinner—throughout your voyage—as part of our "Raise A Glass and Stay Connected" Program.



Possible Excursions

AAPPILATTOQ

Aappilattoq, a colorful community at the west end of Prins Christian Sund, is enveloped by steep, glacially carved mountains. There are fewer than 100 year-round residents, many of whom are fishermen. Visiting Aappilattoq offers an authentic experience that takes guests off the beaten path.

BRATTAHLÍÐ

Brattahlíð (meaning “the steep slope”) was Erik the Red’s estate in the Viking Eastern Settlement, which he established in 985. It’s also the site of the first Greenlandic parliament, as well as Greenland’s first Christian church, built for Erik’s wife, Tjodhilde. The ruins of several buildings, including living quarters, outhouses and Tjodhilde’s church, are still visible today, and replicas of the original chapel and longhouse are located nearby. The present village, Qassiarsuk

(the Greenlandic name for Brattahlíð), was founded in 1924. The area is home to some of the most fertile land in the country, just as it was when Erik first laid eyes on it.

HVALSEY

One of the most iconic landmarks in all of the Arctic, the Hvalsey church walls and foundation remain standing after an estimated 700 years. There aren’t many visual testaments to the long-gone Norse civilization that are more profound than this church, and it is absolutely a landmark any traveler to South Greenland will want to visit. The terrain is gentle and suitable for hiking, and it’s clear why this area was chosen as a community site centuries ago.

IVITTUUT

A small peninsula with reasonable access to the transit route back to Nuuk, as long as conditions allow. While wildlife can never be predicted or guaranteed, muskoxen may be spotted here.



NARSAQ

Located on the Nuup Kangerlua (Narsaq Sound), Narsaq is known for its colorfully painted homes surrounded by beautiful mountains. It's home to Norse ruins and excavation sites. These ruins and the affiliated museum offer excellent opportunities to reflect on the region's history.

PRINS CHRISTIAN SUND

This long, often narrow waterway connects the open ocean to the east through a network of fjords. The region is visually striking, partly due to the surrounding steep mountains. Ice often adds an otherworldly feel. Hiking and Zodiac cruising may be possible, depending on ice conditions. You can frequently spot glaciers, as well as summertime waterfalls and glacial

streams. Nearby peaks rise nearly 2,000 meters (7,200 feet), marked by jagged summits and sheer cliffs.

TASERMIUT FJORD

Exploring Tasermiut Fjord allows for a closer connection with the landscape that is considered one of the most beautiful places in Greenland. At 43 miles (70 km) long, this picturesque fjord will be a highlight of your south Greenland experience. The mountains and hiking opportunities around Klosterdan and Qoorormiut Kangillit will satisfy hikers, whether they are looking for longer, more strenuous hikes, or more casual strolls to appreciate the scenery. The jagged mountain scenery will provide excellent opportunities for landscape photography, and a surprising amount of vegetation can be found here.

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What to pack on your Greenland expedition

BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top* ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom* ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)
- ☐ Glove liners* ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Sunscreen ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Worn-in Hiking footwear: While Muck-boots are provided and encouraged for most shore excursions, additional hiking footwear (Goretex-lined boots or similar water-proof hiking boots) can add to your hiking comfort, especially if you are a keen hiker
- ☐ (Smart) Wool or synthetic hiking socks for above footwear (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Lightweight and quick-dry, trekking pants that may or may not convert to zip-off shorts* (*depending on your thermo-regulation)
- ☐ Breathable waterproof pants* and rain jacket** for outdoor activities in inclement weather (*can be the same pair you use for Zodiac operations / ** can be outer shell of complimentary Quark 3in1 Parka)
- ☐ Comfortable long or short-sleeve shirt for hiking either synthetic/quick-dry or merino (smart) wool
- ☐ (Hiking) gloves (medium thickness, waterproof preferred)
- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm)
- ☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- ☐ Additional reusable thermos or water bottle
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
- ☐ Swimsuit for the Polar Plunge. Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Waterproof cell phone case or rain sleeve for camera
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)
- ☐ Insect repellent ☐ Mosquito netting



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go.

- To view our packing checklist online, visit: [QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Greenland](https://www.quarkexpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Greenland)
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WEATHER CONDITIONS & TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.



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