

Arctic 2027



# Southeast to West Greenland: Glaciers, Fjords and Viking History

Onboard *Ocean Explorer*



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# Expedition Overview

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On our 15-day *Southeast to West Greenland: Glaciers, Fjords and Viking History*, guests can explore East, South and West Greenland in a single expedition, following a rarely traveled route along the southeast coast, around the greener southern tip, and briefly onward to the glacier-carved west. The voyage reveals Norse ruins, Greenlandic coastal communities, and two UNESCO World Heritage sites, set against a backdrop of deep fjords, ice-choked bays, steep mountains, and valleys that burst into color during Greenland's brief Arctic summer.

## Highlights

-  Explore West, South and East Greenland in a single voyage
-  Explore two UNESCO sites: Ilulissat Icefjord and Kujataa farming communities
-  Meet locals and experience Inuit settlements
-  Visit Norse historical sites and learn about this fascinating culture
-  Zoidac cruise among towering icebergs and tidewater glaciers
-  Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Arctic with optional kayaking adventures



**DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND**

Arrive in Reykjavik and transfer independently to your hotel, which is included in the 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.

**DAY 2 | EMBARK**

This afternoon, you'll board your vessel and begin your expedition. Get ready for a great adventure ahead.

**DAY 3 | CRUISING**

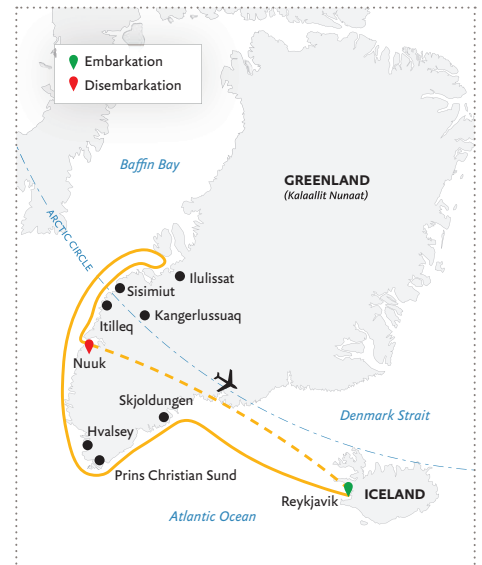
As we sail across the Denmark Strait, your Expedition Team will teach you about the wildlife and enthralling history of Greenland, its fascinating geology, ecology and climate, and the incredible sights you will soon explore. Staff will also keep watch for the

seabirds you'll likely see soaring around your ship, as well as the whales that can be encountered here.

**DAYS 4 & 5 | EXPLORING EAST GREENLAND**

Your exploration of Greenland begins with South East Greenland, one of the least visited and most remote parts of the island. Your days sailing along the coast will be guided by weather and ice conditions, with each day and each excursion presenting new adventures. The region is a sight to behold, boasting a mesmerizing maze of vast glaciers, steep mountains and breathtaking fjords.

One location we hope to visit, conditions permitting, is Skjoldungen Fjord (Saqqisikuik), where you'll cruise between steep mountains to view glaciers. The narrow reaches offer an ideal setting to launch our Zodiacs for a closer, more immersive exploration. If conditions allow, you may also visit the site of an abandoned Inuit settlement, whose residents were relocated to larger, more accessible communities around 1961.



**SOUTHEAST TO WEST GREENLAND  
Glaciers, Fjords and Viking History**

Onboard the *Ocean Explorer*  
Flight from Nuuk to Reykjavik ————  
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If you're feeling even more adventurous, perhaps you'll treat yourself to an optional paddling excursion (extra cost), an unforgettable opportunity to glide past icebergs and glaciers and capture some photographs from a unique perspective.

Another possible destination is Lindenow Fjord (Kangerlussuatsiaq), and if conditions are favorable, it's a great spot for hiking through lush and varied flora, surrounded by epic mountain vistas. This rarely visited deep fjord is fed by a number of glaciers and offers ample opportunities for your camera to get a workout.

### **DAYS 6 & 7 | EXPLORING SOUTH GREENLAND**

Sailing on, we'll explore Greenland's fertile southern coast. Nicknamed Arctic Patagonia, this region is as rich in spectacular scenery as it is in history and culture. Here, it's easy to see why Erik the Red gave Greenland its name: everywhere you look rewards with vistas of icy waters set against a backdrop of soaring mountains and unbelievably lush, green valleys. Scattered around the shores of the fjord systems that

dominate the area are several small settlements, both ancient and present day, making South Greenland an ideal place to explore.

Prins Christian Sund (Ikerassuaq) is a mesmerizing maze of narrow fjords and winding channels—an exceptional place to explore by ship. You'll cruise through this dramatic sound, where calving glaciers, jagged mountains and sheer cliffs plunge into the water. Sailing through this fjord from the vantage point of your ship or a Zodiac is an exhilarating experience. If conditions allow, venturing ashore provides opportunities for all levels of hiking.

Steeped in Norse history, the southern coast of Greenland provides plenty of opportunities to learn about this ancient culture. One such landing we hope to make is at Hvalsey (Qaqortukuloq), the site of Greenland's largest and best-preserved Norse ruins. Exploring the remains of the circa 14th-century church will feel like stepping back in time, as the building appears much as it did when it was abandoned in the 15th century and the surrounding fells and fjord remain similarly untouched.

The little village of Igaliku, home to about 25 inhabitants, is Greenland's oldest sheep-farming settlement. It's a charming place to go ashore, as sheep peacefully graze on the grass, surrounded by bloom-covered rolling valleys and tall mountains. The area is also known for its storied past, as evidenced by the remarkable red sandstone ruins of the Gardar cathedral (the largest church in Greenland in the Middle Ages) and bishop's residence, which date back to the early 12th century, when Greenland's first bishop was appointed. Wandering the foundations, excavated in 1926, you'll get to see a bit of history firsthand as you learn about this interesting relic of the Viking period. Together with four other historic farming communities, Igaliku is part of the newly established UNESCO World Heritage Site Kujataa.

### **DAYS 8 - 13 | EXPLORING WEST GREENLAND**

Boasting spectacular glaciers, mountainous landscapes, and vibrant communities, the west coast of Greenland will leave you awestruck. Heading north, each day we hope to take Zodiac excursions from the ship to



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explore local bays, channels and landing sites, discovering some of the quaint communities dotting the islands and fjords in the region and cruising in some of Greenland's most picturesque places.

The west coast is home to Nuuk, the charming Greenlandic capital. You'll have time to wander the streets of the historic Old Nuuk neighborhood and see the Hans Egede Church and Hans Egede statue near the waterfront, both named after the missionary who founded the settlement. History buffs will want to visit the national museum to view the famous Greenlandic mummies, found under a rock outcrop in 1972 by two brothers who were ptarmigan hunting.

Sisimiut is another interesting place to go ashore. You'll have time to wander the town's historic area, where several 18th-century colonial buildings still stand, including Greenland's oldest surviving church. Your expedition will also look to arrange a traditional kayak demonstration. Experiencing a cultural resurgence, the kayak is a symbol of Greenland and can be traced back over

4,000 years to the Inuit, who used the vessels for hunting and transport.

Another beautiful locale, and one of west Greenland's highlights is the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Home to the world's most productive glacier in the northern hemisphere, Jakobshavn Glacier or Sermeq Kujalleq in Greenlandic, this is a great place to enjoy a cruise through the icebergs for a unique perspective not afforded by land. Venturing ashore in the nearby town, Ilulissat (which means "iceberg"), rewards with its own spectacle: enormous bergs floating out to Disko Bay. A hike from the town to the icefjord will allow you to view this unforgettable river of ice from the rocky shore. Given that in the past, it has been known for having more sled dogs than people, it's not surprising that Ilulissat is the birthplace of the first European to traverse the Northwest Passage by dogsled, explorer Knud Rasmussen.

Surrounded by sea and mountains, the fishing community of Itilleq (meaning "crossing place") is situated in a scenic

hollow on a small island, about a mile (2 km) above the Arctic Circle. Explore traditional wooden houses painted in a rainbow of colors, chat with the locals and join a customary football (soccer) match between visitors and residents, and you'll be experiencing Itilleq's famous friendly vibe in no time.

#### DAY 14 | DISEMBARK IN NUUK AND FLY TO REYKJAVIK

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 15 | DEPART REYKJAVIK

Today, after breakfast, make your way independently to the airport for your flight home, or continue your personal travel plans as prearranged.





# Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning

	<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>EXPEDITION DAYS</b>		<b>DISEMBARKATION DAY</b>	<b>FINAL DAY</b>
<i>International flight in*</i> Arrival and hotel night		Embarkation	On ship or landing days		Disembarkation, charter flight and hotel night	Leave hotel <i>International flight onward</i>

\* 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 and Embarkation

### DAY 1 — ARRIVING IN REYKJAVIK

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

### DAY 2 — EMBARKATION IN REYKJAVIK

On the morning of Day 2, your luggage will be collected from the hotel lobby and transferred to the ship, and stored in your cabin. Ship embarkation will occur on Day 2 of your itinerary, usually around 4 p.m. You and your shipmates will meet in the hotel lobby and board the waiting buses for transfer to the ship. Information about transfer timing will be posted in your Reykjavik Hotel Final Day and Departure document.

### PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Nuuk and Reykjavik. 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 about an hour. After disembarkation, you may have time to explore Nuuk. Otherwise, you will be transferred to the airport for the return charter flight to Reykjavik.

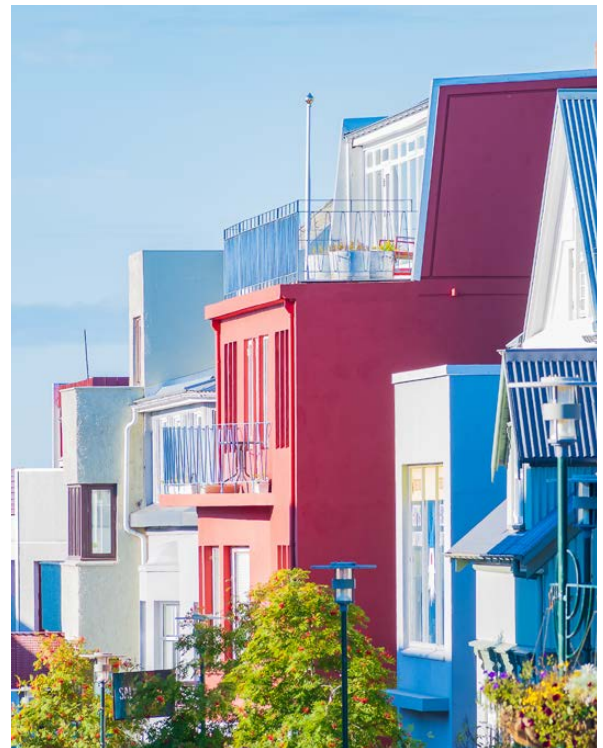
### DEPARTING FROM REYKJAVIK

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 homeward flight, or stay longer if you have booked additional accommodation.

## Arrival and Departure Transfers

### REYKJAVIK AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival and departure transfers in Reykjavik are not included; if you require a transfer, you will need to arrange your own transportation.





## OCEAN EXPLORER

The modern and elegant *Ocean Explorer* is one of the newest additions to our fleet. The 142-passenger vessel features the ULSTEIN X-BOW®—cutting-edge marine engineering that ensures smooth, comfortable sailing.

Spacious cabins feature bespoke Scandinavian design, most with verandas. Located at the bow is the two-story, light-filled library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the ship. *Ocean Explorer* guests have access to ample outdoor viewing areas and multi-height outer decks, ideal for long-view photography and wildlife viewing.

A fleet of 15 Zodiacs ensures guests disembark quickly and safely for unforgettable off-ship adventures. *Ocean Explorer* has an industry leading mix of sustainability systems, including fuel-efficient Rolls Royce engines.

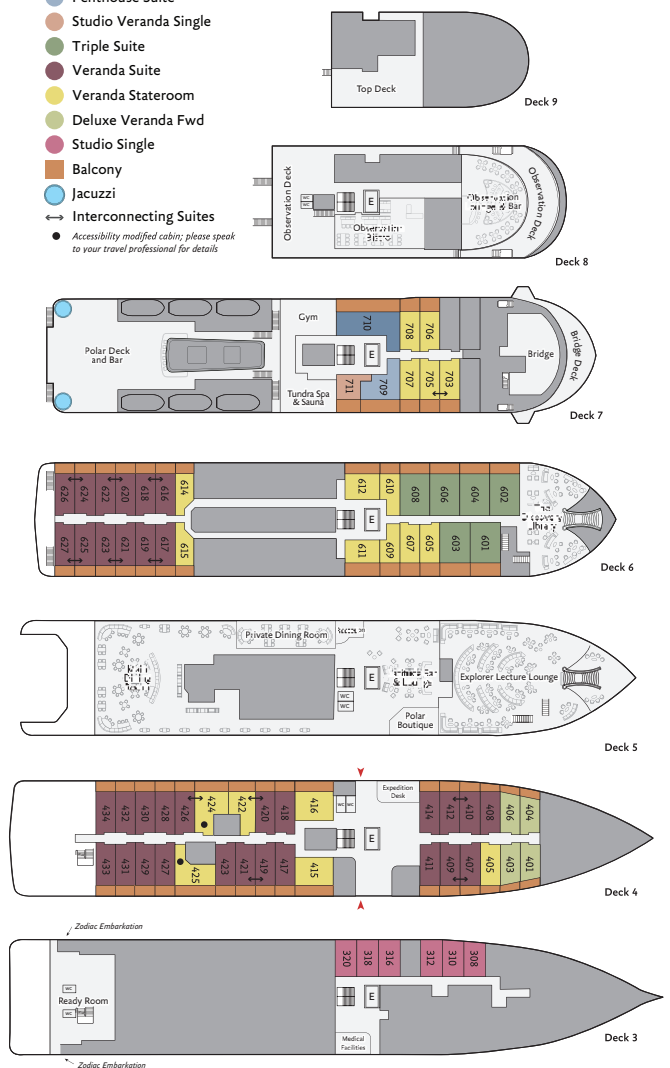
Wellness options on *Ocean Explorer* feature VOYA spa treatments, sauna and Jacuzzi hydrotherapy, morning stretch sessions, a gym, and health-conscious dining—everything you need stay healthy throughout your expedition.

### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

- Staff and Crew: 105
- Guests: 142
- Lifeboats: 2
- Ice Class: 1A, PC6

Visit [QuarkExpeditions.com](http://QuarkExpeditions.com) to view deck plan details.

- Owner's Suite
- Penthouse Suite
- Studio Veranda Single
- Triple Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Veranda Stateroom
- Deluxe Veranda Fwd
- Studio Single
- Balcony
- Jacuzzi
- ↔ Interconnecting Suites
- Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details





# Included Activities

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.

Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions® voyage offers a variety of recreational activities to enhance your polar experience.

## 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 search for 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## COMMUNITY VISITS

Thanks to Quark Expeditions' longstanding partnerships in the Arctic, our expedition team arranges community visits—always coordinated in close collaboration with local partners—and dependent on ice and weather conditions. These opportunities give guests meaningful insights into the culture, traditions, food, and everyday life of Arctic people. Many visits include time in Indigenous communities, often Inuit in Nunavut or Greenland, where guests may experience music, dance, food, and storytelling that reflect the resilience and richness of life in the North.

*Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities.*



# Adventure Options

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



## SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

## PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up 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. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.

### 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.



# Departure Dates

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**OCEAN EXPLORER**

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Start / End</i>	 Sea Kayaking	 Paddling Excursion
<b>ARCTIC 2027</b>				
AUGUST 5-19, 2027	15	Reykjavik / Nuuk	\$	\$

\$ Paid Activities



# Inclusions and Exclusions

## Inclusions

### RATES INCLUDE:

- 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
- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- 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)
- Group transfer from the Reykjavik hotel to the ship on embarkation day
- Group transfer from the ship to the Nuuk airport on disembarkation day
- Charter flight from Nuuk to Reykjavik
- One night's post-expedition hotel (breakfast included)

## Exclusions

### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Charter Flight & Hotel Package\*
- International airfare
- Arrival and departure transfers in Reykjavik
- Passport and visa expenses
- Canadian eTA required for non-Canadian or U.S. visa-exempt passengers
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above
- 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, 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.



**13 BREAKFASTS**



**13 LUNCHES**



**13 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

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

## East Greenland

### SKJOLDUNGEN FJORD (SAQQISIKUIK)

This fjord offers contrasting colors of bright turquoise water and piercing white ice. Waterfalls pour down the tall cliffs, with the Thryms Glacier in the distance. The fjord was once home to a small Inuit settlement, which was relocated by the government in 1961.

## South Greenland

### HVALSEY

Also known as Qaqortukuloq, Hvalsey is the site of Greenland's best-preserved Norse ruins. Built around 1300, the

medieval church attracted people from near and far to attend Christian festivals throughout the year. The last written record of the Norse in Greenland recounts the wedding of an Icelandic couple here in 1408. Surrounding the church are the ruins of a farmstead, including stables and a banquet hall. The site is part of the Kujataa UNESCO World Heritage Area.

### IGALIKU

Part of the UNESCO World Heritage Area known as Kujataa, the small community of Igaliku (Igaliko) was founded in 1783 and is Greenland's oldest sheep-farming settlement. Quite different from the distinctive colorful wooden houses seen throughout Greenland, the 19th- and early 20th-century stone dwellings of Igaliku incorporate building stones from the Norse ruins of the nearby Gardar cathedral and bishop's farm (the largest in the country).



## KIJATAA

This sub-Arctic farming landscape—the earliest example of agriculture in the Arctic—was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Area in 2017. Featuring archeological sites and agricultural lands, Kujataa is comprised of five areas (Igaliku, Hvalsey, Qassiarsuk, Sissarluttoq and Tasikuluulik) that represent the most comprehensive cultural histories of Norse and Greenlandic farmer-hunters. In honor of the designation, Greenlandic Post issued a stamp in 2018 showcasing the landscape of Kujataa.

## PRINS CHRISTIAN SUND (IKERASSUAQ)

The massive tidewater glaciers and dramatically steep cliffs dominating this picturesque fjord system, named after Christian III of Denmark, are one of the many reasons South Greenland has earned the moniker Arctic Patagonia. Aappilattoq, is home to about 100 people and is one

of only two settlements in this remote region. This is an ideal place for ship cruising, as the icebergs here come in all shapes and sizes.

## West Greenland

### ILULISSAT ICEFJORD

North of the Arctic Circle, this ice fjord is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Recognized as one of the fastest-moving glaciers in the world, the Jakobshavn Glacier (or Sermeq Kujalleq in Greenlandic) located at the head of the icefjord can move as much as 40-60m per day. More glacial ice is calved into the ocean here than anywhere else in the Arctic.

### NUUK

Explore Old Nuuk, the city's historic heart, where colorful wooden houses line quiet streets overlooking the waterfront. A short walk leads to the landmark Hans Egede Church and

the nearby statue of Hans Egede, key symbols of the city's past. If time permits, visit the Greenland National Museum & Archives, one of the country's most important cultural institutions. Its exhibits offer insight into Greenland's history and traditions, including the traditional kayak—a national symbol with origins dating back over 4,000 years—and the museum's renowned 500-year-old Greenlandic mummies.

### SISIMIUT

The second-largest town in Greenland, Sisimiut is a place to stretch your legs. Inhabited for more than 4,000 years, Sisimiut has a history that is a mix of Saqqaq, Dorset and Thule cultures. The colorful wooden houses here are typical of Greenlandic communities today. Nasaasaaq, an impressive mountain, provides a scenic backdrop for this settlement.



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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\*
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- 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.

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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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