

At a Glance

Witness how the yin and yang philosophy is conveniently demonstrated in some of Greenland's regions: contrasting cultures and phenomena complementing each other. Learn staggering history, and behold unique marine wildlife and jaw-dropping landscapes as you sail from Reykjavik to Kangerlussuaq aboard the luxury, ice-strengthened Ocean Endeavour. Go on a 13-day small ship expedition, discovering the wonders, cultures and terrains of famed regions that'll leave you astounded.

Your adventure begins in Reykjavik, where you will spend the day exploring the magic of the cosmopolitan haven before boarding the Ocean Endeavour. Marvel at the serenity and beauty of the Denmark strait as you sail through to Greenland. Explore the remote reaches of east Greenland and unveil its mysteries. Soak in the beauty of one of the world's most alluring waterways, Ikerasassuaq and its surrounding landscapes. Tour southern Greenland, a staggering contrast to typical Greenland, flush with jagged mountains and lush fields. Visit the World Heritage Site of Kujataa and the historic Hvalsey Church. Immerse in the first Viking settlement on Greenland, Brattahlíð. Discover the enchantment of famed capital city of Greenland, Nuuk, enjoying unique terrains, culture and captivating history. Your magnificent journey ends as you sail up Kangerlussuaq Fjord, after which you charter a flight to Toronto, where the trip ends.

Each day is a personal voyage of discovery. Enrich your knowledge with hand-picked experts as you join them on deck searching for wildlife, share daily meals for in-depth private conversations, participate in workshops, attend presentations, and learn on the land. Fill your days getting off the ship and into thrilling zodiac adventures in the search for wildlife, remote coastlines and outport communities to where the action is as you experience these natural splendours at their fullest.

Our spacious, ice-strengthened vessel, Ocean Endeavour, is perfect for expedition cruising. This impressive vessel is equipped with twenty Zodiacs, skilled medical personnel, and comfortable facilities, including several lounges, a restaurant, gym, sauna and a pool deck. Each day, your onboard and onshore programming is thoughtfully planned to make the most of the local environment, from strolling, hiking, wildlife viewing, touring historic sites, zodiac cruising and visiting local communities. Create your adventures and explore at your own pace by choosing activities that best suit you. Indulge in friendly games in the top-deck lounge. Take a soothing dip in the hot tub and pool with magnificent views of nature surrounding you. Attend onboard educational activities or get fascinatingly lost in a great book in the library. This vessel offers a myriad of activities keeping you entertained at every step of the way.

This luxury package includes 12 nights of accommodation aboard the Ocean Endeavour on a twin-share basis. All onboard meals are included with afternoon tea and snacks all around. All guided activities, zodiac excursions, exploration jackets, interactive workshops and expert voyagers who will guide and passionately create the best adventures for you will be available throughout the trip.

Indulge in this expedition with an open mind, allowing yourself to absorb the fascination of nature, history and diverse culture. See that the world is so much more beyond your imagination on this thrilling journey from Iceland to Greenland.

Trip Highlights

- Search for whales while following the Viking route across Denmark Strait to Greenland
- Experience east Greenland's pristine, stunning fjords
- Get close to glaciers and calving mighty icebergs
- Experience village life in Greenlandic fishing hamlets
- Visit the Norse ruins at Hvalsey, abandoned in the 1400s
- Tour Erik the Red's former estate at Brattahlíð
- Explore Greenland's newest UNESCO World Heritage Site, the fertile farmlands of Kujataa
- Wander the streets of Nuuk, Greenland's dynamic capital

What's Included

- All shipboard meals
- A team of expedition experts
- Guided tours
- Nikon Camera Trial Program
- All Zodiac excursions
- Pre-departure materials

Itinerary

DAY 1 EXPLORE THE CAPITAL OF ICELAND & BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY ONBOARD OCEAN ENDEAVOUR

We spend the day exploring Iceland's cosmopolitan capital, Reykjavik. This city, established in 874 AD, was founded by Ingolfr Arnarson, who fancied the steamy local hot springs. Today, Reykjavik boasts of several geothermally heated outdoor pools and is considered one of the cleanest, greenest cities on Earth.

Make sure to make the most of your time in the beautiful city of Reykjavik by engaging in as many activities as possible. Try out sumptuous meals, dip in one of the famed outdoor pools, or check out the towering expressionist-style Hallgrímskirkja Church or the National Culture House, which preserves treasures like the Poetic Edda the Norse Sagas in their original manuscripts.

In the evening, as we get ready to depart Reykjavik, you will be greeted by the staff, who will provide you with your cabin tags. Fill in your name and ship cabin number carefully, so your luggage can be delivered to the vessel. Following that, our adventure onboard Ocean Endeavour begins.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Ocean Endeavour

DAY 2 STEAM ACROSS THE DENMARK STRAIT & EQUIP YOURSELF FOR GREENLAND

Today, we sail the Denmark Strait from Iceland like the Vikings. The Denmark Strait, also called the Greenland Strait, lies between Greenland (west) and Iceland (east). As we sail this delightful navigational passage, watch out for whales and seabirds.

This journey to Greenland will also be an enlightening one, as the onboard learning program will prepare you for the archaeology, history, culture, and wildlife of our destination, Greenland.

Meals:

Accommodation: Ocean Endeavour

DAY 3-5 TOUR GREENLAND'S WILD EAST COAST BY SHIP & ZODIAC

For the next few days, we will explore the remote reaches of east Greenland. This part of Greenland isn't convenient for humans to establish habitats but is worth touring by ship and Zodiac. This coast is filled with numerous fjords dotted with pack ice and spectacular peaks. Join our expedition team on deck to watch iconic Arctic wildlife, including seals, humpbacks, bears, and whales. We will explore the remote reaches of glaciated fjords by Zodiac.

Marvel at the beauty of the wild on east Greenland as we set out on Zodiacs among the endless acres of ice grind down the polar pack, stunning fjords and fantastic peaks. Get a closer look at the whales and seals as they come in and out of the water. Keep your cameras nearby to immortalise these breathtaking moments.

Meals:

Accommodation: Ocean Endeavour

DAY 6 SOAK IN THE BREATHTAKING SCENERY OF IKERASSASSUAQ

The best part about today is the heart-stopping sights you get to behold. Join the experts on deck as they scout for landing opportunities on the skirts of the mountains. Drink in the jaw-dropping allure of one of the world's most majestic waterways, Ikerassassuaq (Prince Christian Sound).

Ikerasassuaq is where the Irminger and Labrador seas join through the islands of the Cape Farewell Archipelago. This waterway is decorated with high crags and calving glaciers that spit icebergs into the sea.

Meals:

Accommodation: Ocean Endeavour

DAY 7 VISIT SOUTHERN GREENLAND & TOUR THE KUJATAA WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Today, we explore southern Greenland, which lives up to its name and is characterised by jagged mountains and green pastures, in stark contrast to the barren ice that covers much of the country. Here, agriculture thrives, and sheep farms directly border ice fjords. Watch out for uniquely adapted wildlife, including seals, humpbacks and caribou.

We visit the Kujataa UNESCO World Heritage Site, where there is a clean blend of Norse history and modern Greenlandic fishing and hunting communities. This subarctic farming landscape bears witness to the fusion of the cultures of European Norse and Inuit.

Meals:

Accommodation: Ocean Endeavour

DAY 8 TOUR THE HVALSEY CHURCH

Get immersed in Norse history as you tour the ruins. Visit the Hvalsey Church, which has its stone walls intact but is without a roof and is situated near the modern-day community of Qaqortoq.

This fjord-side ruin which doubles as the best-preserved and most eerie Norse structure in Greenland held a wedding as its last recorded event in September 1408. Learn more about the settlement and try to decipher which speculations may be true. Did the Norsemen starve en masse during the Little Ice Age? Decamp back to Iceland?

Meals:

Accommodation: Ocean Endeavour

DAY 9 VISIT THE FIRST VIKING SETTLEMENT ON GREENLAND: BRATTAHLID

Feel history come alive as you visit the captivating Brattahlíð anglicised as Brattahlid, the fabled home of Erik the Red and his descendants until the 1400s and a UNESCO World Heritage. Situated in the most fertile part of Greenland, it used to be the seat of power of the Eastern settlement, which hosted thousands of settlers on as many as five hundred farms.

Go on to explore the Norse church and Viking longhouse featured here to get into it. Now, Greenlandic Inuit run the sheep farms originally worked by Norse settlers.

Meals:

Accommodation: Ocean Endeavour

DAY 10 EXPLORE THE MUNICIPALITY OF SERMERSOOQ

Traverse the transcendent Sermersooq region of Greenland by Zodiac, on foot, or maybe in kayaks depending on the landing conditions. This region is decorated with an awe-inspiring myriad of mountain peaks, glaciers and plunging fjords. We will spend most of our time on the region's western coast, where there are records of human habitation stretching back over 1,500 years.

Keep an eye out for nattoralik (white-tailed eagles), seabirds, marine mammals, and bright tiny blooms on the tundra as you enjoy the green vegetation of southwest Greenland.

Meals:

Accommodation: Ocean Endeavour

DAY 11 HELLO, NUUK!

Today, we make a stop at the lively capital of Greenland, Nuuk. This picturesque harbour functions as a bridge between old and new. It pays homage to colonial Denmark (the 170-year-old Saviour's Church and the statue of missionary Hans Egede) and modern Greenland (the seaside Inuit sculptures and the spectacular national museum where the famed Qilakitsoq mummies rest).

Shop and traverse the Nuuk's downtown, known for its awe-inspiring art, chic boutiques, pubs and cafes. There is also the ancient parliament house and a market where hunters sell sea mammal meat. Explore and enjoy big-city living on the world's coolest island.

Meals:

Accommodation: Ocean Endeavour

DAY 12 GET TO UNDERSTAND WHY KANGERLUSSUATSIQAQ IS THE FJORD OF ETERNITY

Witness how Kangerlussuatsiaq lives up to its Danish name, Evighedsfjorden, meaning "the fjord of eternity." This fjord is defined by cacophonous bird cliffs, cascading ice water streams, tidewater glaciers, and jagged mountain peaks, with a towering mountain as the backdrop.

The waters in this region are relatively warm due to the West Greenland Current and the subarctic location. Be prepared to marvel at its beauty as we venture to the face of the glacier either by ship or Zodiac cruise. A sublime experience that promises to be unforgettable.

Meals:

Accommodation: Ocean Endeavour

DAY 13 JOURNEY ACROSS THE LONGEST FJORD IN WESTERN GREENLAND & SAY YOUR GOODBYES

Bringing our journey to an end, we sail up Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord), a whopping 190-kilometre-long fjord, accessorised by mountains and glaciers, and cross the Arctic Circle on your way. A true polar pleasure.

Kangerlussuaq, the historic settlement, is what lies at the head of the fjord. It is a former US Air Force base and Greenland's primary flight hub. Here, we will disembark the Ocean Endeavour, transferring by Zodiac to the shore, after which you'll be transported to the airport for your charter flight to Toronto, ON where your enlightening trip ends. Forge forward with a new sense of adventure and inspiration on your journey onwards.

Meals: None

Accommodation: None