



## Classic Greenland Coastal Voyage

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YOUR  
ADVENTURE  
AWAITS

10 days/9 nights

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1, Tuesday: Arrive Iceland

Arrive at Keflavik International Airport and transfer to your central Reykjavik hotel for a two-night stay. The balance of the day is free to explore the city, take a city tour in the afternoon or one of the many available activity tours such as whale watching, cycling or horseback riding.

#### Day 2, Wednesday: Golden Circle

A full day Golden Circle tour, visiting some of Iceland's iconic sights; the ancient parliament site of Thingvellir, the waterfall at Gullfoss and the dramatic hot springs at Geysir. Time in the evening to find one of Reykjavik's wonderful restaurants, and enjoy the late summer-evening light as you explore the city.

(B)

#### Day 3, Thursday: Fly Reykjavik to Ilulissat

Transfer on your own to the Reykjavik airport in the morning for the direct flight to Ilulissat, where you will stay for three nights at Hotel Arctic in the beautiful town of Ilulissat. You will be met at the airport on arrival by a local guide and transferred to the hotel for check-in and an orientation meeting. The hotel is a short walk from town centre and also runs a shuttle service into and out of town. During a guided walking tour through the town the guide will tell you



about the history of Ilulissat. You will visit the old part of town and see buildings from the start of the Danish trading station, the busy fishing harbour, the old church and the museum, with entry included. Tour will take about 1.5 hours, including the transfer from the hotel. Meals: (D)

The town of Ilulissat is known for the giant icebergs floating in the bay and home to the UNESCO designated Ilulissat Ice Fjord. This is the third largest town in Greenland and a place where modern life meets traditional life style, all surrounded by amazing nature. Here, ice is the main theme; get close to the icebergs covered in the rays of the midnight sun on an amazing Ice Fjord cruise, join a full-day boat excursion to the calving glacier Ekip Sermia. You can also visit some of the remote settlements where fishing and hunting still is the only way to survive.

#### **Day 4, Friday & Day 5, Saturday: Ilulissat**

In Ilulissat with free time to take one of the many optional excursions available, including the dramatic boat tour to the face of the Eki Glacier or simply hiking to one of the local Greenlandic settlements. There are ample opportunities to enjoy Greenlandic life while you are staying in Ilulissat, and we are sure that you will love your time there. Meals: (B)

Optional excursions during stay in Ilulissat (pre-booking recommended to ensure the tours of your choice, as most tours sell out):

- Ilulissat City Walk (3 hours)
- Hike to Sermermiut (3 hours)
- Hunter's Settlement, Ilimanaq (6 hours)
- Hunter's Settlement, Rodebay (6 hours)
- Midnight Cruise to the Ice Fjord (3 hours)
- Home Visit (2 hours)
- Calving Glacier Eki and Ataa (6-7 hours)
- Fishing Tour (6 hours)
- Feed the Huskies (1 hour)
- Whale Safari (5 hours)
- Deluxe Flight over the Ice Fjord (1 hour)
- Ice Fjord Photo Sightseeing (35 minutes)
- Northern Glacier Photo Sightseeing (45 minutes)
- Hike on the Cecily Trail (8 hours)

#### **Day 6, Sunday: Board Sarfaq Ittuk for Classic Greenland Coastal Voyage - Aasiaat**

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Sailing plays a very important role in the Greenlandic infrastructure and a cruise along the West coast of Greenland is a fabulous way of experiencing this beautiful and varied country. Accommodation is in outside cabins with private facilities.

Transfer provided from your hotel to the pier to board the Sarfaq Ittuk this afternoon for the sailing south to Nuuk. This ship, a vital link for the Greenlandic coast, and the primary inter-community vessel will take you south for the next 36 hours. You will have a comfortable outside, twin cabin. While not extravagant, the on-board restaurant and lounge offer good food for purchase (not included in your tour price) and the chance to mix with both local travellers and others touring this remote and gorgeous destination. There will be a short stop in Aasiaat. Meals: (B)

The Sea Voyage: Meet the local population travelling from town to town to visit relatives and friends along the coast. Enjoy the beautiful and varied landscape as we leave the rugged Arctic nature in the Disko Bay and reach green and fertile South Greenland. We sail in open waters and narrow straits, so close that you can almost touch the mountains. Along the way the ship calls at the major towns and small settlements. Everywhere, the arrival of the ship makes people rush to the harbour to welcome friends and relatives. Life on board is relaxing; Enjoy the view and make sure to keep your eyes open, as humpback whales are sometimes seen. Meal plans are available for pre-purchase for the duration of your coastal voyage, saving you vs. purchasing them a la carte and paying locally. Please ask us for meal plan options.

#### **Day 7, Monday: Sisimiut - Kangaamiut - Manitsoq**

The ship will stop today at Sisimiut, Kangaamiut and Manitsoq, offering you the chance to disembark and explore these communities, each quite different from the other. Catch a glimpse into the daily life of Greenlanders in their remote and picturesque communities. Meals: (none)

#### **Day 8, Tuesday: Arrive Nuuk**

Arrive in Nuuk, the Greenlandic capital, in the early morning and transfer to the Hotel Hans Egede for a one-night stay.

Enjoy a city tour of Nuuk including a visit to the museum. You will go to the Colonial Harbour and visit the National



Museum, which features the famous Qilakitsoq mummies, national costumes and the qajaq. You will also visit Our Saviour's Church, built in 1849, the Parliament and the Atlantic harbour. The tour ends at Katuaq, the cultural centre of the town. The tour takes about 2 hours.

You will have the balance of the day to explore the city. This fascinating town of contrasts, will offer you a glimpse of old Greenlandic culture and at the same time show you a modern capital with shopping possibilities, good restaurants and the beautiful Arctic nature just outside town. Meals: (none)

**Day 9, Wednesday: Depart Nuuk for Reykjavik**

Today is free time until the transfer departs from the hotel to the airport to catch the flight to Reykjavik. Make your own way by taxi or bus to your central Reykjavik hotel for your overnight. Meals: (B)

**Day 10, Thursday: Depart from Iceland**

After breakfast check out of your hotel and take the included transfer bus to Keflavik airport to catch your flight home. Direct and private transfers are also available – please ask for customized pricing. Meals: (B)

Optional tour in Reykjavik (pre-booking is required due to limited, timed entry): Blue Lagoon Spa including transportation from Reykjavik, entrance to the spa and transfer to the airport – various packages available.

## Details

**Trip Code:**

002588 - W20

## INCLUDED

- Round-trip transfers between Keflavik and downtown Reykjavik
- Three nights of accommodation with breakfast (B) in Reykjavik
- Golden Circle day tour in Iceland
- Return airfare between Iceland and Greenland
- Taxes on airfare
- Transfers in Ilulissat and Nuuk
- Three nights of accommodation with breakfast (B) in Ilulissat
- One dinner on day of arrival (D) at Hotel Arctic, Ilulissat
- Information meeting in Ilulissat the night prior to the coastal voyage
- Transportation onboard M/V Sarfak Ittuk with outside, twin berth cabin
- One night of accommodation with breakfast (B) in Nuuk
- Guided city walk/tours in Ilulissat and Nuuk
- Local representatives in Ilulissat and Nuuk

## NOT INCLUDED

- Guiding during the coastal voyage portion of the trip
- Meals other than those indicated in the itinerary above (option to add-in meal plan onboard the ferry)
- Gratuities to hotel and ship's staff
- Travel insurance
- Passport and visa fees, vaccinations as required
- Items of a personal nature

## TOUR NOTES

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