



In the Wake of the Vikings

Greenland's east coast still beckons explorers from Iceland, breathtaking fjords define this seldom-seen region, whales and seabirds are abundant here. Photographers, birders, and hikers will be in awe!



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

12 days/11 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Reykjavik

Iceland's cosmopolitan capital, Reykjavik (Steamy Bay) was established in 874 AD. Powered by geothermal energy, Reykjavik is widely considered one of the cleanest, greenest cities on Earth.

Despite centuries of relative isolation, today Reykjavik is a contemporary city with plenty to see and do. The National Culture House preserves treasures like the Poetic Edda, and the Norse Sagas in their original manuscripts. We depart Reykjavik in the evening aboard the [Ocean Endeavour](#).

Day 2 - Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands)

Vestmannaeyjar lies off the south coast of Iceland and comprises fourteen islands, numerous rocks and skerries. Only the largest island, Heimaey, is inhabited.

Numerous species of seabirds, including the famous puffins, nest in the steep rock faces along the ocean cliffs. The volcanically active area has seen two major eruptions in recent times: the formation of the island of Surtsey in 1963, and the Eldfell eruption ten years later that destroyed much of Heimaey and nearly blocked its harbour.

Day 3 - At sea

Sailing west from Iceland, we will truly be in the wake of the Vikings. Norse explorers set out from Iceland a millennium ago in open longboats. Their destination: Greenland. Later, they would also reach Baffin Island, Labrador, and Newfoundland.

We'll be watching for marine mammals and bird life as we sail in these rich northern waters. Along the way, our expedition team will enrich your understanding of the archeology, history, culture, and wildlife that await us in Greenland!

Day 4 - East Greenland

An expedition day on Greenland's east coast means that we'll be cruising in the ice, looking for opportunities for Zodiac exploration. As ever, our expedition team will be on deck looking for bears, seals, and humpback whales as we navigate a coastline traced with innumerable fjords and dotted with pack ice.

Day 5 - Ikerassuaq (Prince Christian Sound)



We'll be scouting for wildlife and vistas as we approach Ikerasassuaq through ice. This remote and stunning body of water joins the Irminger and Labrador seas. We are among the islands of the Cape Farewell Archipelago, near Greenland's southernmost tip.

Craggy mountain peaks tower over narrow fjords. Glacial tongues plunge toward the water. Conditions are favourable for calving icebergs, while strong tidal currents limit the formation of sea ice.

Day 6 - 7: South Greenland

South Greenland lives up to its namesake; here, the land is fertile and agriculture thrives. Farms and vegetable husbandry contrast with the barren ice that covers so much of the country. Jagged mountains rise from beyond green pastures, with sheep farms directly bordering ice fjords. Here, Norse settlement history intersects with contemporary Greenland life.

Day 8 - Hvalsey and Qaqortoq

Hvalsey Church is the best-preserved Norse ruin in Greenland. The last known official record from the original Norse colony is of a wedding held here in September 1408! Nearby Qaaqortoq is the largest town in South Greenland. The area has been inhabited for over 4,000 years, beginning with the Saqqaq culture.

Day 9 - Brattahlid

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Brattahlid—meaning “steep slope,”—lies at the head of Tunulliarfik Fjord. In this location, the famous Viking explorer Erik the Red had his estate. His descendants made their homes here until the mid-1400s. This area features the best farming conditions in Greenland.

Here we will find a reconstruction of the first Norse church in Greenland, as well as a Viking longhouse. There are substantial archeological remnants here, preserving the legends of the Norse.

Day 10 - Nuuk

Greenland's capital bridges old and new. The old harbour region of town includes many buildings dating from the Danish colonial days. The modern downtown core includes shopping, cafes and restaurants, and public institutions with a European flair.

The Greenland National Museum is one of Nuuk's outstanding features; the world-famous Qilakitsoq mummies are housed here. The museum's exhibits also offer in-depth information about colonial, Norse, and Inuit presence in Greenland—a must-see.

Day 11 - Qeqqata Kommunia

The west Greenland coastline is a rich mixture of fishing communities, many islands and complex coastal waterways. The waters are relatively warm here, due to the West Greenland Current and the sub-Arctic location—making for more lush vegetation. We will be making an expedition stop here to explore the landscape of wild Greenland.

Day 12 - Kangerlussuaq

Sondre Stromfjord is one of the longest fjords in the world and boasts 168 kilometres of superb scenery. We end our adventure by sailing up this dramatic fjord as the sun rises to greet us.

Kangerlussuaq, the town at its eastern head, is a former US Air Force base and Greenland's primary flight hub. Here we will disembark the [Ocean Endeavour](#) and transfer to the airport for our return charter flight.

Details

Group Size: Max. 198

2019 Departures:

July: 14

Sale discounts will be applied to the regular prices listed below.

2019 Pricing:

Category 1, Quad - US\$4,495

Category 2, Triple - US\$5,995

Category 3, Main Twin, Deck 5 - US\$7,395



Category 4, Main Twin, Deck 4 – US\$8,695
Category 5, Main Twin, Deck 5 – US\$9,995
Category 6, Comfort Twin – US\$11,295
Category 7, Select Twin – US\$12,595
Category 8, Superior Twin – US\$13,895
Category 9, Junior Suite – US\$15,195

Prices are in US\$, per person, based on four people sharing a quad cabin, three people sharing a triple, two in a double/twin and one in a single cabin.

See Tour Notes for special pricing and discounts available for solo travellers; under 30's travellers discount, great for multi-generational family travel; multiple expedition savings.

Trip Code:

004223 - W20

INCLUDED

- Twelve days of on-board accommodation in the cabin category booked
- Shipboard meals, afternoon tea, 24-hour coffee, tea and snacks
- Hors d'oeuvres and snacks during evening recaps
- Windproof expedition jacket
- Expertise and guidance of expedition staff
- On-board educational programming and interactive workshops
- Use of ship's pool, sauna and gym facilities
- Evening entertainment
- Nikon Camera Trial Program
- Sightseeing including museum entries, park access and port taxes
- Zodiac tours
- Discovery Fund Fee

NOT INCLUDED

- Commercial flight to Reykjavik
- Charter flight from Kangerlussuaq (see pricing area under Details)
- Mandatory medical/evacuation insurance
- Additional touring options - scuba diving available on this departure
- Personal expenses
- Additional expenses in the event of delays or itinerary changes
- Discretionary gratuities to ship's crew (suggest US\$15 per passenger, per day)
- Visas, or inoculations, if required
- Possible fuel surcharges as assessed

TOUR NOTES

Singles: Free single supplement! Singles get their own cabin in categories 3-7 aboard the Ocean Endeavour at no additional cost—subject to availability.

Multiple expedition savings: Book multiple expeditions with Adventure Canada in a single calendar year aboard the Ocean Endeavour and receive 10% off the total berth cost of Arctic itineraries and 20% off the total berth cost of east coast itineraries!

30 Under 30: Save 30% on the berth cost of travellers under thirty aboard Ocean Endeavour expeditions! Great option for family multi-generational travel!

Children & Infants: Children under two travel for free, and children between two and four pay for charter flights only!

Price Guarantee: If the price of the berth portion of your program decreases more than 120 days prior to departure, previously booked clients may claim the lower rate. So, no need to wait for sales to get the best price!

League of Adventurers Loyalty Program: Return travellers are eligible for savings and added benefits when booking on an Ocean Endeavour expedition voyage. Ask us for details.

To check availability for any of these special offers and applicable terms and condition, just give us a call!



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