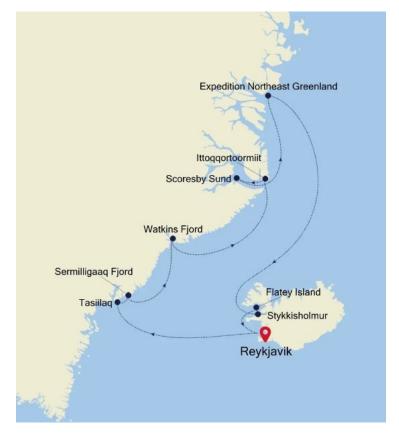


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### **ITINERARY**

Day 1 Pre Cruise

### Day 2 Reykjavik ICELAND

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### Day 6 Watkins Fjord GREENLAND

### Day 7 Ittoqqortoormiit GREENLAND

In the 1920s the sparsely settled coast of East Greenland had too many families living in Ammassalik (today's Tasiilag) for the hunting grounds available and in 1925 Scoresbysund was chosen to start a new settlement with some 70 Inuit from Ammassalik and four families from West Greenland. Less than 10 kilometers from the entrance to the Scoresbysund system, Ittoggortoormiit ("Big House Dwellers") lies on the southern tip of Liverpool Land, a low and rounded area compared to the steeper mountains further south or into the fjord system. Some 460 inhabitants call Ittoggortoormiit, one of Greenland's most isolated settlements, their home. Not counting the military and civilian researchers at Daneborg, Northeast Greenland, their closest neighbors actually live in Iceland. Although Greenland's hottest hot springs are located some 8 kilometers south of Ittoggortoormiit, the village is frozen in some nine months of the year and access to other parts of the country can only be done via the Nerlerit Inaat Airport at Constable Point some 38 km to the north with flights to Iceland and West Greenland. The former village's shop serves as a small museum and features historic photographs and costumes and shows what a typical hunter's home from the 1960s looked like. Today hunting narwhals, seals, polar bears and muskoxen is still an important part of the

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life, but tourism is gaining importance.

### Day 8 Scoresby Sund GREENLAND

Scoresby Sund is the largest and longest fjord system in the world, and exhibits all the natural wonders Greenland has to offer. This labyrinth of islands, fjords and ice boggles the mind at every turn. Named in honour of William Scoresby, the English explorer who mapped the area in 1822, Scoresby Sund today hosts only the small town of Ittoggortoormiit, although it has been inhabited by many Paleo-Eskimo cultures in the past. The area is incredibly rich in Arctic wildlife, hosting musk oxen, arctic foxes and a wealth of marine life including whales, belugas, narwhals, walrus and seals, as well as several species of sea birds, including King Eiders, Atlantic Puffins and several species of geese which migrate to the area during the fleeting Arctic Summer. It is also one of the best places in the world to see polar bears in their natural habitat, an experience that can never be forgotten. But the scenery is the true highlight of Scoresby Sund. The area is very sheltered, and the waters of the fjords are often glassy and calm, save the vast icebergs which calve off the vast glaciers which drain from the Greenland Ice Sheet into the fjord. Staggering geological variation means no two mountain views are the same, some black, layers and covered with permanent ice, while some are jagged, pinnacled cliffs sweeping out to the fjord to eye-watering heights, crowned with ice that never melts.

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#### Days 11 - 15 Expedition Northeast Greenland GREENLAND

Remote, harsh, and beautiful, Northeast breathtakingly Greenland tales the breath way like nowhere else. Administratively, the area is split between Sermersoog and Avanaatta Municipalities and the vast Northeast Greenland National Park, the northernmost and largest national park in the world. So large is this protected wilderness that it is larger than all but the largest twenty nine countries on Earth, and only marine reserves are larger, in terms of protected areas. In the past, the area saw migration by waves of paleo-Eskimo cultures, all taking advantages of the rich hunting in the area, many migrating over the north of Greenland, and down the East Coast. Northeast Greenland is rich in archaeological sites as people

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followed the prey with the seasons. Today, the area has no permanent population, but hunters from Ittoqqortoomiit ('People who Live in Big Houses'), the only town in the area, often frequent the area by dogsled, hunting for musk oxen, polar bears, walrus and seals, all of which are common in the area. The non-native popultaion is scattered around a few remote scientific stations, and the legendary Sirius Patrol, an elite branch of the Danish military in charge of enforcing Danish Sovereignty and acting as a long-range reconnaissance unit, travelling by dogsled into the wilderness, often for weeks at a time.

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#### Day 17 Stykkisholmur ICELAND & Flatey Island ICELAND

Stykkishólmur, located in western Iceland at the northern end of the Snæfellsnes peninsula, is the commerce center for the area. Its natural harbor allowed this town to become an important trading center early in Iceland's history. The first trading post was established in the 1550s, and still today fishing is the major industry. The town center boasts beautiful and well-preserved old houses from earlier times. Stykkisholmur is very environmentally conscious – it was the first community in Europe to get the EarthCheck environmental certification, was the first municipality in Iceland to start fully sorting its waste, and was the first town in Iceland to receive the prestigious Blue flag eco-label for its harbor. It has also been a European

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Destination of Excellence (EDEN), since 2011. Flatey is the 'flat island' just as the name sounds. These days Flatey is mainly seasonally populated with many brightly painted, wooden summer cottages to be found here. Like many other small islands around Iceland though, Flatey was once a hub for fishing and trade. This particular island prospered so much that it was the center of commercial and cultural life in the 19th century for this part of Iceland. Thanks to the surroundiung nutrient-rich waters 35 species of birds have been counted on Flatey ranging from Eider Ducks and Atlantic Puffins, to Arctic Terns, Red-necked Phalaropes, Ringed Plover and Snow Buntings.

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### Day 19 Post cruise

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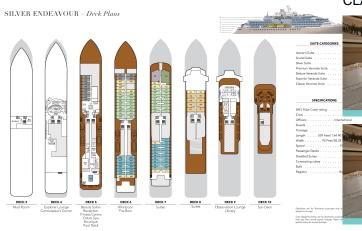


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