

# **ICELAND TO GREENLAND: IN THE WAKE OF THE VIKINGS 13 DAY ADVENTURE CRUISE**

The Norse originally set sail from Iceland in search of plentiful farmland, and their search was rewarded in the beautiful and fertile fjords of Greenland. Follow Erik the Red's original route to explore this seldom-seen coastline, visiting important archaeological sites and modern Greenlandic communities along the way.



#### **ITINERARY**

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland - Begin Your Adventure

Your journey begins in the late afternoon, following a day of independent exploration and arrival in the captivating city of Reykjavik. Iceland's cosmopolitan capital was established in the year 874 CE.

Powered by geothermal energy, Reykjavik is widely considered

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one of the cleanest, greenest cities on Earth. Food, culture, and nightlife abound.

The National Culture House preserves treasures like the Poetic Edda and the Norse Sagas in their original manuscripts.

#### Day 2: At Sea - Set Sail like the Vikings

Watch for whales and seabirds as we sail the Denmark Strait. You'll be truly in the wake of the Vikings as we journey westward from Iceland.

The on-board learning program will prepare you for the archaeology, history, culture, and wildlife that await you in Greenland!

Day 3-5: East Greenland - Witness Fjords, Icebergs, and Whales

Explore the remote reaches of east Greenland by ship, in Zodiacs, and on land.

Your first views of this seldom-visited region will reveal a stunning coastline traced with innumerable fjords and potentially dotted with pack ice.

Whether on foot, on shore, or on the ship, our expert expedition team will be by your side, sharing their extensive knowledge and insights. Join them out on deck to keep a keen eye out for iconic Arctic wildlife, including the polar bears, seals, and humpback whales. Learn from their expertise as they provide fascinating interpretation and help you gain a profound connection to the

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stunning landscapes we traverse.

Day 6: Ikerasassuaq (Prince Christian Sound) - Marvel at Mountains and Glaciers

Make the most of your time out on deck, as our experts scout for opportunities to go ashore along this breathtaking landscape.

Soak in the breathtaking beauty of one of the world's most majestic waterways, Ikerasassuaq (Prince Christian Sound), where the Irminger and Labrador Seas join through the islands of the Cape Farewell Archipelago.

Here, craggy mountain peaks tower over still waters fed by calving glaciers.

Day 7: South Greenland - Visit Kujataa UNESCO World Heritage Site

Pay a visit to the Kujataa UNESCO World Heritage Site, where Norse settlement history intersects with contemporary Greenlandic life.

Admire the jagged mountains that rise from beyond green pastures, with sheep farms directly bordering ice fjords.

Along its southern coast, Greenland lives up to its name; the land is fertile, agriculture thrives, and farms and vegetable husbandry contrast with the ice that covers so much of the rest of the country.

Discover Greenland's only heated outdoor spa with complete

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views of icebergs and mountain peaks. This hot spring has been cherished for centuries, with a notable tale about Leif Erikson who, a thousand years ago, took a refreshing swim before embarking on his journey towards uncharted lands to the west.

Unlike volcanic hot springs, this oasis gets its warmth from geothermal subsoil. As the soil layers rub against each other in the spring, the water is heated, reaching temperatures of around 38 degrees Celsius (100 degrees Fahrenheit).

Day 8: Hvalsey - Immerse Yourself in Viking Archaeology

Walk amongst the ruins of captivating history!

Learn more about the settlement at haunting Hvalsey, a major Norse centre in the early centuries of the last millennium.

Hvalsey Church is the best-preserved Norse ruin in Greenland--the last known record from the original Norse colony is of a wedding held here in September 1408!

#### Day 9: Brattahlíð - Tour a Reconstructed Norse Settlement

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Visit fascinating Brattahlið, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the most fertile region of Greenland. Walk amongst a reconstructed Norse church and Viking longhouse to fully immerse yourself in the experience.

It was once the home of Viking explorer Erik the Red and his descendants until the 1400s. Today, Greenlandic Inuit run the sheep farms originally worked by Norse settlers.

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Day 10: Sermersooq - Enjoy Birdwatching and Zodiac Cruising

Explore the Sermersooq region of Greenland by Zodiac or by foot, as landing conditions permit.

Here you'll find a stunning myriad of mountain peaks, glaciers, and deep fjords, with records of human habitation that stretch back over 1,500 years.

Keep a look out for nattoralik (white-tailed eagles), seabirds, and marine mammals while you enjoy the lush vegetation of southwest Greenland.

#### Day 11: Nuuk - Visit Museums, Shops, and Cafés

Stop in at vibrant Nuuk, the capital of Greenland. Visit the Greenland National Museum, one of the city's many outstanding features, where the world-famous Qilakitsoq mummies rest.

The old harbour includes many buildings dating from Danish colonial days, while contemporary Nuuk is known for art, shopping, pubs, and cafes.

Day 12: Kangerlussuatsiaq Fjord (Evighedsfjorden) - Take a Zodiac Cruise at the Foot of a Glacier

Kangerlussuatsiaq means "the rather big fjord" in Greenlandic, while the Danish name Evighedsfjorden translates to "the fjord of eternity," underscoring its vastness and seemingly never-ending nature.



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See why Kangerlussuatsiaq Fjord lives up to its name and marvel at this complex coastal waterway that includes calving glaciers, sheer bird cliffs, and streams cascading against a towering mountain backdrop.

Explore this sublime glacial landscape by ship and by Zodiac. The waters here are relatively warm, due to the West Greenland Current and the subarctic location.

Day 13: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland - Cross the Arctic Circle

Complete your journey up Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord), a 190-kilometre-long fjord surrounded by mountains and glaciers, and cross the Arctic Circle on your way. Kangerlussuaq, the settlement at the head of the fjord, is a former US Air Force base.

Transfer by Zodiac to shore, then ride to the airport by bus for your charter flight to Toronto, ON.

#### Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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### **YOUR SHIP: OCEAN ENDEAVOUR**

**Ocean Endeavour** 

YOUR SHIP:	
VESSEL TYPE:	
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Sailing with a maximum of 198-passengers, Ocean Endeavour is the perfect vessel for expedition cruising. Outfitted with twenty Zodiacs, advanced navigation equipment, multiple lounges and a top deck observation room, she is purpose-built for passenger experiences in remote environments. The Ocean Endeavour boasts a 1B ice class, enabling her to freely explore throughout the Arctic summer.Launched in 1982, she has had numerous upgrades, most recently in 2010 and 2014. At 137 meters (450ft) in length, Ocean Endeavour has plenty of interior and exterior space. Enjoy multiple decks offering comfortable lounge chairs, outdoor dining, a swimming pool, sauna and even a hot tub! The spacious interiors allow for multiple workshops and presentations to occur simultaneously. Community is at the heart of Adventure Canada's expedition experience. We gather together to learn, enjoy a drink, sing a song or share a yarn connecting with one and other. The three lounges aboard Ocean Endeavour are fantastic public spaces for seminars, events and dialogue. The Ocean Endeavour's private spaces are stylish and comfortable. All cabins have private washroom facilities, a phone for internal calls, radio, TV and air-conditioning. There are a variety of cabin categories available ranging from 9-30 m2

(100-320 sq ft).Ocean Endeavour's crew is experienced, and friendly. Her shallow draft and maneuverability allow her to access isolated fiords, bays and secluded communities. The stylish vessel is at home among the glorious settings we seek. Enjoy the class and comfort of a boutique hotel, while venturing to some of the world's last great frontiers aboard the Ocean



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# INSIDE YOUR SHIP

#### CABIN CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 10 | SUITE

unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, private bath wi full tub, refrigerator – approx. 310 sq. ft. CATEGORY 9 | JUNIOR SUITE Deck free (picture windows, unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, sitting area – approx. 270 sq. ft.),

unobstructed; matrimonial bed, private bah with fit tub, sitting area — approx. 290 sq. ft) private bath, refrigerator

Deck five (two picture windows, unobstructed view; two lower berths, sitting area – approx. 210 sp. ft.), deck seven forward (forward: facing picture windows, unobstructed; matrimonial bed, private bath with ful tub – approx. 180 sq. ft.), deck seven midship (picture windows, partial lobstruction; matrimonial bed –

CATEGORY 7 | SELECT TWIN Deck free (jicture windows, unobstructed view, two lower berths OR matrimonial bed, approx. 190 sq. fl and deck eight (oversize windows, partial obstruction matrimonial bed – approx. 445 sp. ft.) private bath.

refrigerator CATEGORY 6 | COMPORT TWIN Deck four (two porthole windows, unobstructed vie two lower berths OR matrimonial bed – approx. 17 sq. fb.) deck seven (picture window, partial lostituci two lower berths – approx. 135 sq. fb.), and deck eig

CATEGORY 5 | MAIN TWIN

Deck five. Picture window, unobstrue

CATEGORY 4 | EXTERIOR TWIN Deck four. Porthole window, unobstructed view; tw

lower berths, private bath — approx. 100 sq. ft. (1 90 sq. ft. (Single)

CATEGORY3 | INTERIOR TWIN Deck five. Interior cabin, two lower berths, prival

CATEGORY 2 | TRIPLE

private baths — approx. 200 sq. ft.

CATEGORY1 | QUAD Deck four. Interior cabin, four lower berths, private

parate snov O sq. ft.



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