



SOUTH GREENLAND, VIKING TRAILS

A voyage to the South of Greenland, following the Viking trails, spot White-tailed Eagles, bathe in a hot spring surrounded by icebergs, visit the famous medieval Norse Cathedral and see where Viking Eric Red lived. In Nordre Sermilik (Isafjord) we are surrounded by mountains of over 1000 m. We make a landing on Eqaluit qeqertat and old Thule settlement, and push, as far as the ice-bergs will allow us, to the glacier front of Eqalorutsit Kangidlit Sermiat. Please note: 2 Jul - 9 Jul, 2016 Bilingual - English - Dutch speaking trip



ITINERARY

Day 1: Embarkation at Narsarsuaq

We arrive at Narsarsuaq by chartered plane from Reykjavik and board the ship.

Day 2: Nordre Sermilik (Isafjord)

In Nordre Sermilik (Isafjord) we are surrounded by mountains of over 1000 m. We make a landing on Eqaluit qeqertat and an old Thule settlement, and push as far as the ice-bergs will allow us, to the glacier front of Eqalorutsit Kangidlit Sermiat. Other landings will be possible.

Day 3: Qoormooq

Today in Bredefjord at Qoormooq, we land in an area with beautiful remains of houses from the Thule culture. Later we sail to the beautiful glacier fronts of Qaleralik Sermia, where we will have some zodiac excursions and make some landings near the glacier. It is a good area for White-tailed Eagles.



Day 4: Lichtenau

We reach Lichtenau a lovely but nearly deserted Greenlandic village, where the Herrnhuters had a mission in the 18th Century, and where some of their large buildings still remain. We will try to get to Uunartoq, where we can bathe in a large hot spring surrounded by icebergs. Across at Vagar we find the remains of a Viking homestead.

Day 5: Herjolfsnes (Ikigait)

Herjolfsnes (Ikigait) was the first landfall site for the Vikings when they arrived from Iceland in Greenland. Across is the small settlement of Fredriksdal, where the Moravians had an important mission post.

Day 6: Hvalsey

At Hvalsey we visit the famous medieval Norse Cathedral, the largest Norse building in Greenland.

Day 7: Viking sites of Gardar

In Eriksfjord we visit the Viking sites of Gardar (a walk of 3 km from the landing site at Itilleq in the neck of the Peninsula) and Brattahlí, where Erik Red lived about a thousand years ago. In the evening we arrive at the port of Narsarsuaq.

Day 8: Disembarkation at Narsarsuaq

From Narsarsuaq we fly by scheduled plane to Keflavik.

Please Note:

A typical itinerary to South Greenland is illustrated above. This itinerary is for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on local ice and weather conditions, the availability of landing sites and opportunities to see wildlife. The final itinerary will be determined by the Expedition Leader on board. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

S/V 'Rembrandt Van Rijn' was originally built as a herring lugger. The vessel was rebuilt as a three-masted passenger sailing schooner in The Netherlands in 1994 and sailed in Spitsbergen (1994 - 1996) and in Galapagos (1998 - 2001). The vessel underwent a complete rebuilding and refurbishment program in 2011. The communication and navigation equipment has been completely renewed according to the latest SOLAS regulations. The Rembrandt van Rijn measures 56 meters in length (168 ft.), 7 meters in width and has a draft of 2, 5 meters. The maximum engine speed is 9 knots. She has an experienced crew of 12 on board including two tour guides. The ship can accommodate a maximum of 33 passengers in 16 cabins: 1 Triple Private cabin with porthole (with shower and toilet), 6 Twin Private Inside cabins (with shower and toilet, no porthole), 9 Twin Private cabins (with shower and toilet and porthole). The general interior public areas include a spacious restaurant area so that all meals can be taken together as well as separate bar area and reading table area. There is room to relax, read and socialize. The ship is well suited for expedition cruising among small islands and offers excellent open deck viewing areas, even when under sail. The two inflatable rubber crafts (zodiacs) enable landing

and wildlife viewing opportunities in otherwise



inaccessible areas.



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