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WEST GREENLAND: DISCOVERING MASSIVE ICEBERGS AND INUIT COMMUNITIES, NORTHBOUND

Our 11-day West Greenland: Discovering Massive Icebergs and Inuit Communities, Northbound itinerary is designed for travelers who want the most immersive journey possible into West Greenland--where tidewater glaciers, storied fjords, colossal icebergs, and picturesque coastal communities bring the spirit of the region to life. You will journey deep into both Eternity Fjord--and the rarely-visited Itilleq Fjord. You'll also explore Ilulissat, Eqip Sermia and Uummannaq--West Greenland's crown jewels of ice and stone--all in one seamless trip. And thanks to our partnerships with locals, we'll take you beyond the guidebooks, connecting you with Greenland through those who call it home. Plus, you'll cross the iconic Arctic Circle.

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ITINERARY

Day 1 - Arrive in Reykjavik, Iceland

Arrive in the Icelandic capital and make your way to the group hotel near Keflavik Airport. You will have the rest of the day to explore this fascinating city, known for its Norse history, and stunning architecture. If you plan to visit the city of Reykjavik, allow for a one-hour transfer between Keflavik and Reykjavik.

Day 2 - Fly to Nuuk, Greenland and Embark

After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Nuuk, Greenland. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to a central downtown location to enjoy time on your own to explore this quaint port town--which is the capital of Greenland--before making your way to the pier for a lateafternoon embarkation.

Day 3 - Eternity Fjord: Towering cliffs and glaciers

Eternity Fjord lives up to its name--its beauty feels endless. You will be surrounded by precipitous mountains rising straight out of the sea and glaciers spilling down deepcut valleys. Within the fjord, you may explore by Zodiac or foot--or both--with the potential to cruise the coastlines and floating glacial ice. You can anticipate a range of hiking or on-shore walks--always accompanied by our seasoned team, whose expertise bring the world's largest island into focus. Transiting the fjord by ship will provide excellent opportunities for you to soak in the scenery from the outer decks of the vessel.

Day 4 - Sisimiut: First stop above the Arctic Circle

Congratulations, you've crossed $66^{\circ}33'$ north latitude. On our firststop ship excursion in the Arctic, we'll visit Sisimiut, a community rich in Greenlandic history and culture. As we approach via the inner harbor, you'll spot locals coming and going from the marina, bringing halibut, shrimp and other seafood freshly harvested from Baffin Bay. Upon reaching shore, we'll walk winding roads past colorful homes and Arctic cotton grass blooming under the summer sun. While the waterfront may be lively with boat traffic, life uphill moves at a relaxed pace. You may hear children laughing, sled dogs barking, and locals exchanging greetings--sounds that often bring smiles to both visitors and residents. Greenlandic dogs, often seen in kennels



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throughout town, reflect the deep bond between owners and their canine teams. As in any Arctic community, always ask before petting or approaching these working dogs. During our visit, we aim to team up with our local mountain-biking partners in Sisimiut, exploring trails that lead outside the town limits. Our expedition team and local partners will lead guided walks and provide insight into daily life in Greenland--and you will be able to share your own story with locals, who will be eager to learn about your part of the world. One scenic walk leads to the Taseralik Cultural House, beside Nalunnguariup Tasia, a small tranquil lake at the base of a 780-meter (2,560 mile) Nasaasaaq mountain. You'll walk the same paths locals use every day, experiencing not just the look of Sisimiut, but its rhythm, sounds and genuine sense of place.

Day 5 - Eqip Sermia: Epic Tidewater Glacier

Today you'll visit Eqip Sermia, also known as Eqi Glacier. This wide-faced tidewater glacier is renowned for its frequent calving, sending chunks of ice crashing into the sea. You'll likely see icebergs drifting in the bay, accompanied by smaller chunks called brash ice. On quiet days, listen for the soft crackle of those floating shards, and, if you're lucky, the thunderous roar of calving ice from the glacier's face. While the glacier is the main attraction, the surrounding landscape is perfect for shore excursions. You can wander the tundra, photographing the summer vegetation and stunning Arctic scenery, or hike farther (and a little uphill) for an elevated view of the glacier and bay. The terrain, a mix of rock and vegetation, allows for various hiking options. We'll take care not to disturb the delicate plant life that flourishes during Greenland's brief summer. Following an invigorating morning ashore--perhaps hiking across ancient tundra--you'll return to the ship, where warmth, a freshly

prepared lunch, and a chance to reset await. But the wild Arctic experience isn't over for the day. From the outer decks, you can watch as icebergs drift by like sculpted monuments, seabirds trace circles overhead, and the vast silence of the Arctic settles around you. Humpback whales are known to frequent the area on their annual return to the Arctic, lured by rich feeding opportunities, so you may spot them through your binoculars as they swim among the drifting icebergs. This is what we call the quiet middle--where comfort meets wilderness--as the ship carries you steadily toward your next experience.

Day 6 - Uummannaq: Mountains, ice, and Greenlandic smiles

We arrive in Uummannaq Fjord in the morning and cruise toward the community of Uummannaq. In Greenlandic, Uummannaq translates to "heart-shaped," inspired by the dramatic mountain that rises above the town. Visiting this remote community is a rare privilege. We reach town by Zodiac and may be greeted by locals-- and the ever-smiling chief of police. It's said that smiles here are as common as drifting icebergs. Winding roads take you past colorful homes before reaching a meadow of turf houses beside a stone church. You can visit the local museum and artisan market for a glimpse of life in northern Greenland. Another nearby museum honors artist Rockwell Kent, who was inspired by the landscapes of Uummannaq Fjord and Disko Bay. You may choose to join a guided walk or explore on your own. Several homes may open for kaffemik--a social gathering with warm drinks, light snacks, and a chance for locals and visitors to connect. Rest assured, the people of Uummannaq will be curious about your part of the world. Shy smiles and translated conversations are natural parts of these authentic cultural exchanges--and often become some of the most memorable moments of visiting this remote Greenlandic community. A



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parting gift from one local fisherman: "Keep life simple--simple is beautiful."

Day 7 - Disko Bay & Ilulissat: Explore a UNESCO World Heritage site

Ilulissat, located in Disko Bay, is home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ilulissat Icefjord, which serves as the thoroughfare for countless icebergs calved from the world's fastest-moving glacier, Sermeq Kujalleq. A small boardwalk leads to an elevated overlook, where you can view bergs of all sizes spread out before you. From this vantage point, it feels as though you're standing where the town ends and the wilderness begins--where the sweeping view of ice evokes a humbling sense of scale. You will also notice the Arctic cotton grass and summer wildflowers thriving in the long daylight hours. The inner harbor often holds evidence of the icefjord's reach, with drifting icebergs mingling among fishing boats and skiffs. The town itself is well worth exploring, and has become one of Greenland's top destinations. Recent years have brought growth--colorful homes now sit beside new restaurants, boutique hotels and small businesses. History buffs will be excited to know Ilulissat is the birthplace of Arctic explorer Knud Rasmussen, who traveled by dog sled from Greenland to Alaska (and briefly Siberia) during the Fifth Thule Expedition (1921-1924). Fluent in Kalaallisut, he learned from and documented the Circumpolar Inuit he met--considered one of the Arctic's greatest expeditions. The dramatic landscapes around Ilulissat inspired Rasmussen's life of exploration. As we approach town, watch out for whales, which occasionally frequent the icebergladen waters.

Day 8 - Itilleq Fjord: Glaciers, snowfields, picturesque valleys, and jagged peaks

We will spend the afternoon in Itilleq Fjord, a place that feels both beautifully raw and peaceful at the same time. Elevation

rises in all directions, and from the right vantage point, the mountain ranges seem to continue in layers, endlessly into the horizon. A visitor to Itilleq Fjord once said, "I'm not quite sure where Earth stops and heaven begins, but it seems to be somewhere right out there." Conditions permitting, your Expedition Team will help you explore the shorelines by Zodiac, on foot--or perhaps both. Rivers wind between jagged peaks, descending picturesque mountain valleys and providing several hiking options. In summer, the shorelines and valleys come alive with grasses, wildflowers, succulents, lichens, and even mushrooms. Small glaciers and snowfields linger year-round at higher elevations, completing this striking mountainous coastal landscape. You may spot the occasional small boat in the fjord--likely belonging to a local fisherman from the nearby town of Itilleq. Moments like these often leave our guests reflecting on this life--one shaped by the tides, weather, and the rhythms of land and sea.

Day 9 - Itilleq Town: A Greenlandic Welcome

The small settlement of Itilleq has always been a favorite among guests and Expedition Team members, thanks to the warm welcome we've received over the years. The 100 residents live among brightly painted homes--greens, pinks, purples, baby blues, mustard yellows, and chocolate browns--and many people earn their living at sea, as evidenced by the small seafood processing building near the pier. Despite its size, the village is full of life, from respected elders to playful children. You may be invited to a kaffemik, where people socialize over coffee and cake, or follow a short dirt road to a viewpoint overlooking the fjord and surrounding mountains. Watch your step--lichens, succulents, and mushrooms thrive underfoot. A longstanding tradition features a friendly football (soccer) match



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with locals, including guests, staff, crew and residents. It's a fun, memorable experience--whether you're on the field or cheering from the sidelines.

Day 10 - Disembark at Kangerlussuaq and fly to Reykjavik

Today, we disembark in Kangerlussuaq, formerly known as Søndre Strømfjord, and transfer you to your charter flight to Reykjavik, where you'll spend the night in your included hotel, both of which are included in your Charter Flight & Hotel Package.

Day 11 - Depart Reykjavik

Today, after breakfast, make your way independently to the airport for your flight home, or continue your personal travel plans as prearranged.

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Ocean Explorer is a modern ship, elegant and purpose-built for polar exploration. The 138-passenger vessel has been designed with the latest in expedition ship technology. One of the ship's key features is the ULSTEIN X-BOW®, a marine engineering innovation that ensures a comfortable and smooth sailing experience thanks to the inverted bow. Located at the bow is the two-story, light-filled library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the expedition ship. Spacious cabins feature a modern, bespoke Scandinavian design and almost all have verandas. Guests can relax and find comfort in the spacious gym, sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis. Ocean Explorer features ample outdoor viewing areas and multi-height outer decks, which are ideal for long-view photography and wildlife viewing. The vessel is equipped with a fleet of 15 Zodiacs that enable guests to get off the ship quickly and safely for off-ship adventures. In addition to the well-appointed and spacious public areas, Ocean Explorer has an industry-leading mix of sustainability systems, including fuel-efficient Rolls Royce engines. Two Story Library Light-filled interior library--at the bow of the ship-- allows guests to sit and relax indoors while taking in the surrounding polar landscapes

from their choice of two levels. **Leading Edge Sustainability** With the latest sustainability technology in polar expedition, the ship features fuel-efficient Rolls-Royce engines and the ground-breaking MAGS gasification system that converts waste into energy, eliminating the environmental impact of waste transportation. **ULSTEIN X-Bow** In addition to forming the double-story library, the innovative X-Bow design ensures calm, energy-efficient sailing in rough waters. **High Observation Outdoor Decks** Observation areas on Decks 7 and 8 allow for higher, longer-view landscape photography while contending with less sea spray. **Quiet and Comfortable** Spacious and luxurious cabins ensure your quiet ambience with no sound disturbance from adjoining cabins--and almost all cabins feature a balcony for outdoor viewing. **Stunning Interior Design** Each interior element was carefully hand-picked by designers for you to enjoy, from the dramatic two-story forward lounge, the floor-to-ceiling glass refuge in the library, to the grand fixtures and luxe furnishings throughout the ship. **Main Dining Room** Contemporary meets cozy in this modern dining room with its stylish lighting and contemporary art. Located on Deck 5, the Main Dining Room seats 144 guests, and features expansive floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the spectacular polar wilderness. **Private Dining Room** Tasteful and intimate. This stylish, private dining room on deck 5 provides a relaxed dining experience--with views of the polar landscape--for up to 36 guests. **The Latitude Bar** A popular social hub on Deck 5, the beautifully-lit Latitude Bar--with its lush sofas and faux marble-topped end tables--is large enough to seat 46 and is ideal for enjoying a quiet drink on your own or hanging out with



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friends. Library Located on Deck 6 at the top of the gorgeous atrium staircase, this beautiful Library with floor-to-ceiling glass, accommodates up to 47 people Dry Sauna After a day of exciting off-ship adventure, guests can relax on the sauna's traditional wood benches while gazing at the polar wilderness just outside the large sauna windows. Accommodates 15 people on Deck 7. Fitness Center Stay fit with the latest work-out equipment in the Fitness Center on Deck 7. Jacuzzis Two outdoor Jacuzzis on deck 7, at the ship's stern, mean you can relax alfresco while soaking up the breath-taking polar views. Observation Lounge This stylish lounge at the top of the ship guarantees incredible views. Guests also frequent this spacious lookout on Deck 8 to enjoy cocktails and conversation with fellow



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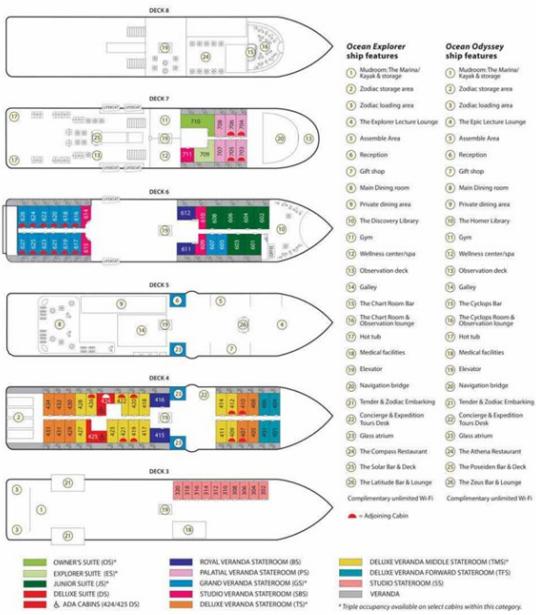


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