

Arctic 2027

Northeast Greenland: Glaciers and Fjords

Onboard *Ocean Explorer*



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Expedition Overview

Northeast Greenland: Glaciers and Fjords

Explore one of the last unspoiled wilderness areas on the planet—while experiencing 24 hours of daylight. On our 11-day *Northeast Greenland: Glaciers and Fjords* itinerary, you'll cruise along Greenland's remote northeast coast—home to the world's largest fjord system—and witness its diverse, rugged landscapes. You'll experience Greenlandic culture at Ittoqqortoormiit, visit ancient Thule sites, and marvel at massive icebergs and jagged peaks in the Land of the Midnight Sun. The magic of this voyage is exploring Greenland's wild northeast while it's bathed in endless summer light.

Highlights



Experience 24 hours of daylight in the Arctic



Hike the tundra, visit an Inuit community and explore the fjords



Cruise in a Zodiac to explore majestic landscapes



Experience the excitement of an optional kayaking adventure



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Arrive in the Icelandic capital and make your way to your included hotel. You will have the rest of the day to explore this fascinating city, known for its Norse history, and stunning architecture.

DAY 2 | EMBARK

This afternoon, you'll board your vessel and begin your expedition. Get ready for a great adventure ahead.

DAY 3 | SAILING NORTHBOUND TO GREENLAND

As we cruise north across the Denmark Strait, with views of Greenland in the distance, your Expedition Team will prepare you for the adventures that await. Learn about the storied history

and politics of the Arctic, geology, ecology and climate, and the incredible sights you will soon explore. The team will also search for the seabirds soaring around your ship, as well as the whales that frequent the waters here.

DAYS 4 - 8 | EXPLORING NORTHEAST GREENLAND

Experience the wonders of nature in Segelselskåbets Fjord, where a spectacular display of "geological art" awaits your landing: alternating layers of limestone and dolomite stretching before you in a stunningly beautiful canvas created over tens of thousands of years. In the afternoon, cruise the natural beauty of Alpefjord and pass by the impressive Selströms Glacier.



NORTHEAST GREENLAND:
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During your tour of Greenland's remote northeast coast, you'll enjoy Zodiac cruises and shore visits to several locations. We'll also keep an eye out for grazing muskoxen, as 40 percent of the world's population lives in Northeast Greenland National Park. At the entrance of the sound is East Greenland's most northerly community, Ittoqqortoormiit, where you may spend time interacting with the Inuit people and learning about their way of life. Magnificent vistas also await at Kong Oscar Fjord, with possible landings at Ella Ø, renowned for its rugged cliffs and ice-choked waters, and flower-rich Botanikerbugt, on Ymer Ø.

DAYS 9 - 10 | SAILING SOUTHBOUND ACROSS THE DENMARK STRAIT.

As your Arctic adventure winds down, take in a presentation by our onboard experts, share your photos or sip an icy cocktail in the bar—there are many activities during your time at sea.

DAY 11 | DISEMBARK AT REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

You'll disembark in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, at the end of your journey. If you have booked post-expedition accommodation, we provide a transfer to a central downtown location.

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Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning

					
	DAY 1	DAY 2	EXPEDITION DAYS	FINAL DAY	
	<i>International flight in*</i> Arrival and hotel night	Embarkation	On ship or landing days	Disembarkation	<i>International flight onward</i>

* Arrive anytime on Day 1 or earlier. Day 1 includes an optional briefing.
 International flights are not included in the cost of the voyage.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN REYKJAVIK

You may arrive in Reykjavik at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary and make your way to the included hotel.

DAY 2 — EMBARKATION IN REYKJAVIK

On the morning of Day 2, your luggage will be collected from the lobby of your hotel, transferred to the ship and stored in your cabin.

Ship embarkation will occur on Day 2 of your itinerary, usually around 4pm. You and your shipmates will meet in the lobby of your hotel and board the waiting buses for transfer to the ship. Information about transfer timing will be posted in your Reykjavik hotel.



Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN REYKJAVIK AND ONWARD

Your ship is scheduled to arrive in Reykjavik and you will disembark after breakfast. The process takes about an hour. After disembarkation, you will transfer to a central downtown location.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

REYKJAVIK AIRPORT TRANSFERS

ARRIVAL

An arrival transfer in Reykjavik is not included; if you require a transfer to the city, you will need to arrange your own transportation. Most airports used on our voyages have good taxi ranks in the arrivals area, or you can often pre-book a transfer online.

DEPARTURE

A transfer is provided from the Reykjavik port to a central downtown location at the end of the expedition. A transfer to the airport is not included.

PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated in your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day. If you would like to extend your stay, you can book directly with the hotel or through a third party.





OCEAN EXPLORER

The modern and elegant *Ocean Explorer* is one of the newest additions to our fleet. The 138-passenger vessel features the ULSTEIN X-BOW®—cutting-edge marine engineering that ensures smooth, comfortable sailing.

Spacious cabins feature bespoke Scandinavian design, most with verandas. Located at the bow is the two-story, light-filled library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the ship. *Ocean Explorer* guests have access to ample outdoor viewing areas and multi-height outer decks, ideal for long-view photography.

A fleet of 15 Zodiacs ensures guests disembark quickly and safely for unforgettable off-ship adventures. *Ocean Explorer* has an industry leading mix of sustainability systems, including fuel-efficient Rolls Royce engines.

Wellness options on *Ocean Explorer* feature VOYA spa treatments, sauna and Jacuzzi hydrotherapy, morning stretch sessions, a gym, and health-conscious dining—everything you need stay healthy throughout your expedition.

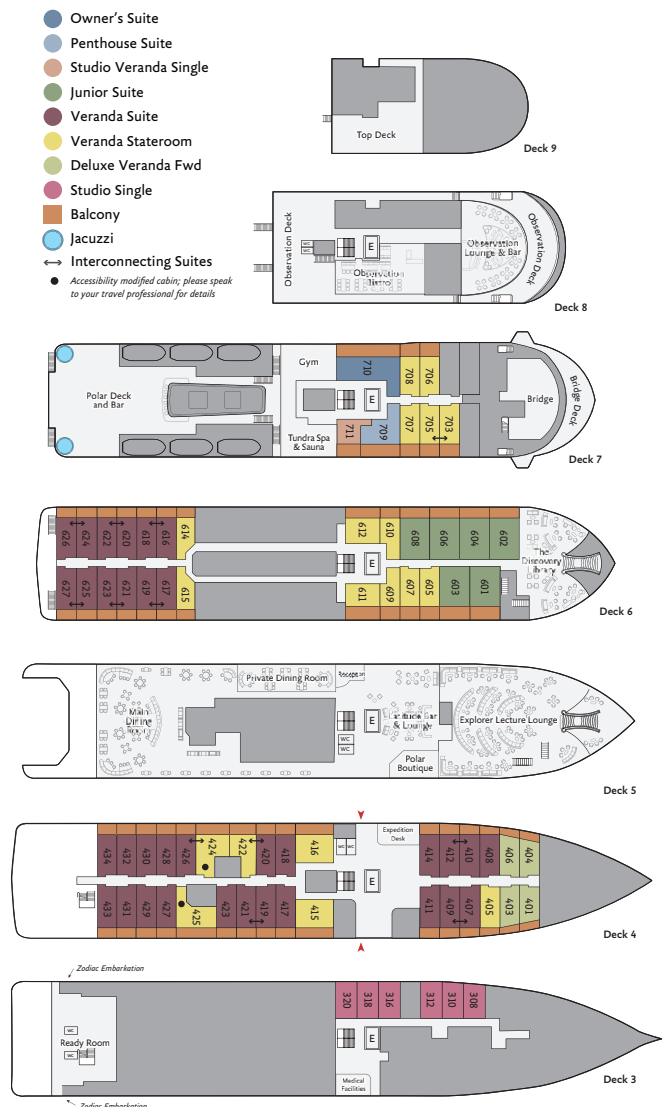
SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Staff and Crew: 105

Guests: 138

Lifeboats: 2

Ice Class: 1A, PC6





Included Activities

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.

Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions® voyage offers a variety of recreational activities to enhance your polar experience.



ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines and explore shallow inlets. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.



HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every guest.



PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts —expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.



POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff —and just about every single camera on board.



PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.



COMMUNITY VISITS

Thanks to Quark Expeditions' longstanding partnerships in the Arctic, our expedition team will plan community visits—dependent, of course, on weather and ice conditions. These community opportunities—always coordinated in advance with the collaboration of local partners—enable guests to learn more about the culture, traditions, food and lifestyles of Arctic people. Many feature visits to Indigenous communities, often the Inuit of either Nunavut or Greenland. Music, dance, food and storytelling are some of the experiences guests can expect.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost.



Adventure Options

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



PLEASE NOTE

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.

✦ SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

✦ PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



Our Commitment to Conservation & Community

We're proud to partner with local communities to create immersive guest experiences that build respect for wildlife, culture and the land, and to work with leading scientists to support the conservation of the Arctic regions.

Empowering Local Development

We champion Arctic communities' goals for economic development and sustainable tourism through local hiring, infrastructure support, and advance visit planning.

Investing Directly in Communities

With guest support, we help fund community-led projects—from food banks to cultural and language-based programs.

Co-creating with Community Partners

By partnering with local groups, we create authentic experiences—such as Tundra to Table, developed with [Igapall](#), which enables Inuit chefs to share Greenlandic cuisine and culture. This program is available on most *Ultramarine* itineraries that operate in Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic.

To also learn about our conservation efforts, and how we connect guests to the natural world through hands-on experiences and education, visit us online at [Community & Conservation](#).



Community

We deliver authentic experiences for our guests that benefit local partners and the communities we visit.



Departure Date

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OCEAN EXPLORER

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Start / End</i>	 Sea Kayaking	 Paddling Excursion
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\$ Paid Activities

Raise a Glass and Stay Connected
See below for specifics on our complimentary Wi-Fi and bar service.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible.)
- Complimentary select beer, wines and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting the expedition

- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.) Note: Internet access in the polar regions is subject to geography, climate, and other factors beyond our control.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Reykjavik
- Group transfer from the Reykjavik hotel to the ship on Day 2
- Group transfer from the ship to downtown Reykjavik on disembarkation day

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- International airfare
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Passport and visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar, spa and other personal charges unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders and their teams bring diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Arctic.

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.



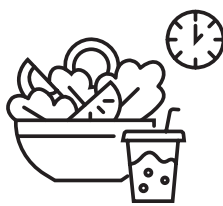


On-Ship Dining

Every on-board meal is included in the cost of your trip.



9 BREAKFASTS



9 LUNCHES



9 DINNERS

If there's one constant on board, it's incredible food. You enjoy three delicious meals daily—all included. Let us know before your expedition about any dietary restrictions.

Breakfasts and lunches are typically buffet-style, while dinners are plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, ensuring top quality every time.

Coffee, tea, cocoa, and water stations are available—at no charge—24/7.

Complimentary soft drinks and juices are served during meals and when the bar is open. Bonus: enjoy complimentary alcohol throughout your voyage (see "Raise A Glass" sidebar for details).

Premium wines and champagne are available for purchase. Our well-stocked bars are open late morning, afternoon, and evening—hours may shift slightly to accommodate the expedition schedule.

Raise A Glass

Enjoy complimentary select beer, wines and select cocktails during bar service hours and dinner—throughout your voyage—as part of our "Raise A Glass and Stay Connected" Program.



Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

Iceland

REYKJAVIK

Iceland has been ranked by the United Nations as one of the best countries in which to live. Its capital, Reykjavik (which means “Smoky Bay”), was named by the country’s first settler, Norseman Ingólfur Arnarson, who was inspired by the geothermal mist rising from the ground.

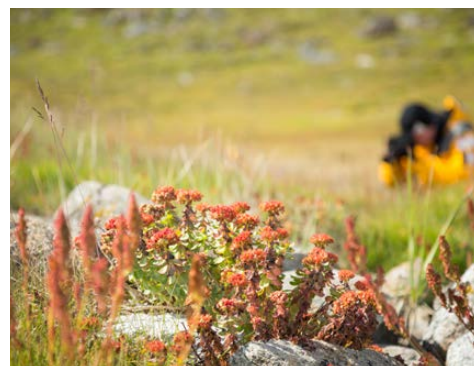
East/Northeast Greenland

BLOMSTERBUGTEN

Known as the Bay of Flowers, Blomsterbugten boasts a colorful and lush landscape that is quite different from other Arctic regions.

BOTANIKERBUGT

In King Oscar Fjord, this bay is home to a variety of flora. It is on the south coast of mountainous Ymer Ø (Ymer Island), part of Northeast Greenland National Park.



C. HOFMANN HALVØ

This peninsula can be a great location for viewing muskoxen. It is also home to wheatears and snow buntings, and you may spot rock ptarmigans or great northern divers (common loon) while exploring the shore.

BJORNE ISLANDS (BEAR ISLANDS)

Encounter stunning icebergs at this group of small, rugged islands, which offer stupendous views of Scoresby Sund and Øfjord. If conditions allow for a landing, take a short hike to an archaeological site.

FREDERIKSDAL

Exploring this valley system on foot may offer views of muskoxen, glaciers and ancient Thule remains.

HOLM BAY AND ELLA Ø (ELLA ISLAND)

Toward the northern end of Scoresby Land is King Oscar Fjord. Holm Bay is a common landing site here, offering panoramic views of the fjord and

surrounding area. Within the fjord, and hence within Northeast Greenland National Park, lies Ella Ø (Ella Island). The legendary Danish navy unit Sirius Sledge Patrol operates here in summer. Muskoxen may also be spotted.

ITTOQQORTOORMIIT

Around 360 people call this northern settlement home. Ittoqqortoormiit is the picturesque and very welcome port of call for expedition cruise ships exploring the north-east coast of Greenland during summer. Focal points include the church and the small, local museum whose historical costumes, tools, and pictures tell the story of lives lived in remote and harsh conditions. Visitors can also enjoy discovering the vibrantly green football (soccer) field set in an endless landscape of rock and snow, and wandering between the colourful houses soaking in the atmosphere of Greenland's most isolated town.



Ø FJORD

One of Scoresby Sund's many fjords, this deep fjord, whose name means Island Fjord, is truly impressive, flanked by towering mountains and dotted with large icebergs.

KONG OSCAR FJORD

Also known as Kangerluk Kong Oscar, Kong Oscar Fjord is a major fjord system in Northeast Greenland National Park, with the main fjord stretching 110 kilometres (68 miles) in length and anywhere from 10 to 25 kilometres (6 to 15 miles) wide. The fjord system marks the northern border of the Scoresby Land Peninsula. Many visitors remark on the bright sandstone of Kong Oscar Fjord. When conditions allow, Quark Expeditions' guests have the opportunity to hike in Skipperdal Valley at Kong Oscar Fjord.

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What to pack on your Greenland expedition

BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- ☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top* ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
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- ☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- ☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- ☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- ☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)
- ☐ Glove liners* ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- ☐ Sunscreen ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)
- ☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)

*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- ☐ Worn-in Hiking footwear: While Muck-boots are provided and encouraged for most shore excursions, additional hiking footwear (Goretex-lined boots or similar water-proof hiking boots) can add to your hiking comfort, especially if you are a keen hiker
- ☐ (Smart) Wool or synthetic hiking socks for above footwear (bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Lightweight and quick-dry, trekking pants that may or may not convert to zip-off shorts* (*depending on your thermo-regulation)
- ☐ Breathable waterproof pants* and rain jacket** for outdoor activities in inclement weather (*can be the same pair you use for Zodiac operations / ** can be outer shell of complimentary Quark 3in1 Parka)
- ☐ Comfortable long or short-sleeve shirt for hiking either synthetic/quick-dry or merino (smart) wool
- ☐ (Hiking) gloves (medium thickness, waterproof preferred)
- ☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- ☐ UV protection (hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm)
- ☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- ☐ Additional reusable thermos or water bottle
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

WHAT TO BRING Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
- ☐ Swimsuit for the Polar Plunge. Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Waterproof cell phone case or rain sleeve for camera
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)
- ☐ Insect repellent ☐ Mosquito netting



Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go.

- To view our packing checklist online, visit: [QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Greenland](https://www.quarkexpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Greenland)
- Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page: [QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions](https://www.quarkexpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions)

WEATHER CONDITIONS & TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.



To book your next adventure
Contact your Travel Professional
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