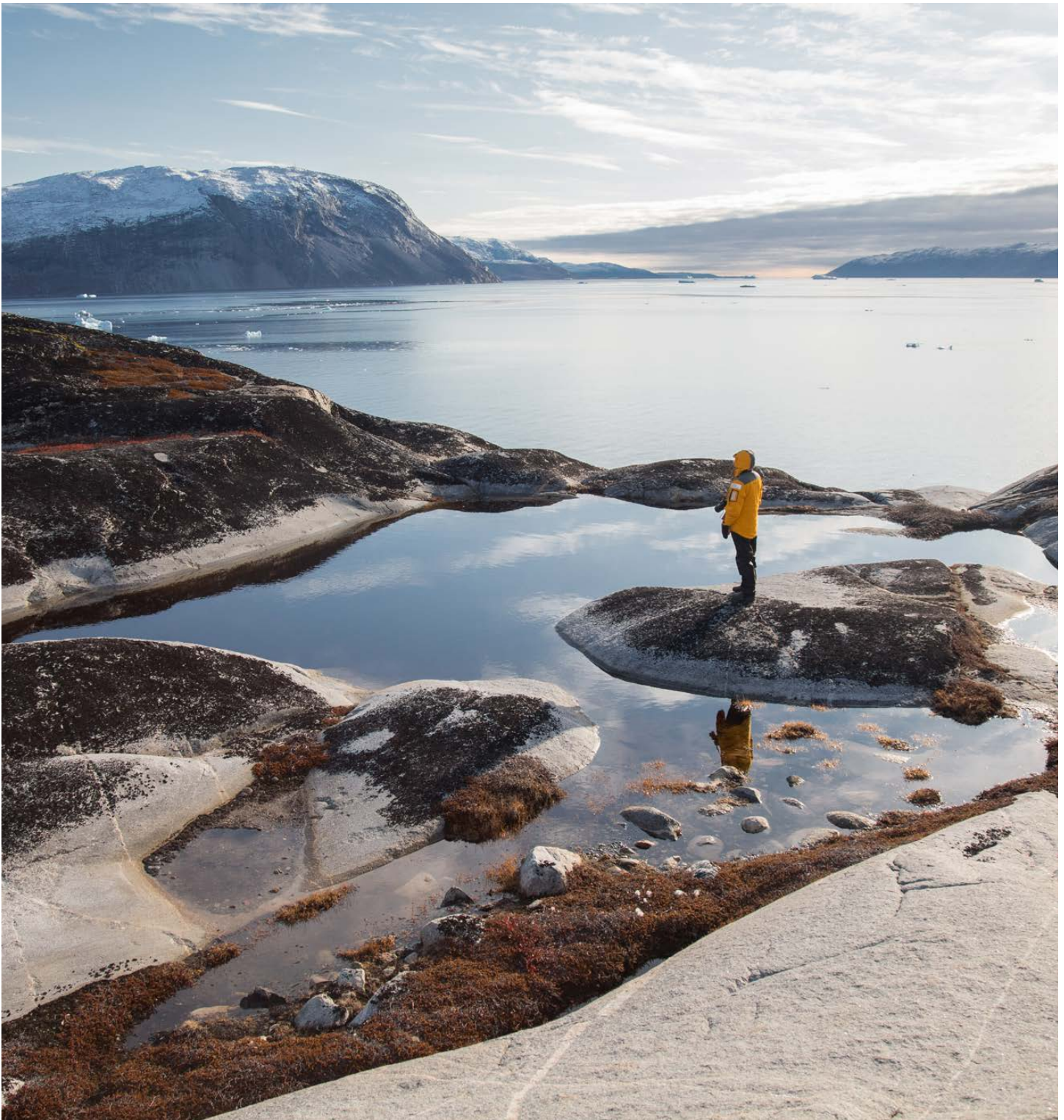


Arctic 2027

West Greenland: Exploring the Far North

Onboard *Ocean Explorer*



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Expedition Overview

West Greenland: Exploring the Far North

No other itinerary within our Greenland portfolio travels farther north than our 16-day *West Greenland: Exploring the Far North*—which has the potential to reach an astonishing 78° north latitude. Ideal for guests with a passion for discovery and rarely visited destinations, this voyage ventures into regions tied to legendary explorers like Knud Rasmussen and Robert Peary. In fact, this is the only 2027 Arctic itinerary to visit the remote communities of Upernavik—and to explore the remarkable Smith Sound, where, on a clear day, Greenland and Canada are visible on the same horizon. Journey with us to the Far North.

Highlights



Reach Kap Alexander and beyond for the most northerly destination on our journey



Explore the Illulissat Icefjord UNESCO World Heritage Site



Strong likelihood of viewing the enchanting Northern Lights



Visit the remote communities of Qanaaq and Upernavik



Reach Smith Sound, where Greenland and Canada are mere miles apart



Experience Greenlandic traditions at Uummanaq.



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Arrive in the Icelandic capital and make your way to the group hotel near Keflavik airport, included in your Charter Flight & Hotel Package. You will have the rest of the day to explore this fascinating city, known for its Norse history and stunning architecture. If you do plan to visit Reykjavik, allow for a one-hour transfer to and from the airport area.

DAY 2 | FLY TO NUUK AND EMBARK

After breakfast, guests and their luggage will be transferred to the airport for the charter flight to Nuuk, the capital of Greenland. Upon arrival, guests will be transferred to their ship, *Ocean Explorer*.

DAY 3 | SISIMIUT: FIRST STOP ABOVE THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

Congratulations, you've crossed 66°33' north latitude. On our first-off ship excursion in the Arctic, we'll visit Sisimiut, a community rich with 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 through this vibrant town dotted with 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



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relaxed, peaceful pace. You may hear children laughing, sled dogs barking, and locals exchanging greetings.

Greenlandic dogs, often seen in kennels 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.

Today's activities feature a locally guided town walk that includes admission to the museum, and a taste of local Greenlandic food. You will also be able to converse with locals who will be eager to learn about your part of the world. One scenic walk leads to the Taseralik Cultural House, beside Nalunnguarfiup Tasia, a small tranquil lake at the base of the 780-meter (2,550 feet) 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.

Guests can also book our Mountain Bike Adventure Option (see page 12). Led by local partners, this biking tour includes the town harbor area as well as the tundra surrounding Sisimiut.

DAY 4 | DISKO BAY: ICEBERGS, STUNNING VIEWS AND A GREENLANDIC WELCOME

In September, Disko Bay is bathed in an ethereal autumn light—a phenomenon specific to the high latitudes. Giant icebergs drift with the currents, many of which can be seen in nearby Illulisat Icefjord, which was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004 because of its outstanding natural beauty and its significance in understanding ice-cap glaciology. You'll quickly realize that icebergs come in all shapes and sizes—some of them larger than *Ocean Explorer*. Disko Island shelters the expansive bay, where we hope to make landfall at or near the small community of Qeqertarsuaq. Colorfully painted homes dot the gentle rocky slopes of this quiet community, which moves at a pace set by the changing seasons, the tides, and the steady rhythm of small skiffs heading out from the harbor into the vast surrounding landscape.

The sea horizon here feels endless. Icebergs drift past—some bound for Baffin Island, Labrador, or even

Newfoundland—reminding us of our vast, interconnected world. From this point, we begin to leave behind the more populated regions of West Greenland and push farther northwards. Shortly after lunch, we set a course northward toward *Ultima Thule*—the extreme far north.

DAY 5 | UPERNAVIK: REMOTE COMMUNITY VISIT IN THE FAR NORTH

There's a good chance you will wake up surrounded by icebergs and mountainous landscapes to the east. We continue our push north, arriving at the beautiful community of Upernavik around midday. Although much farther north than most Greenland communities, Upernavik is relatively large, with a population topping 1,000, most of whom live in brightly painted homes that climb the hillside from the sea. The signature quiet of the town amplifies the lap of waves on rock, barking sled dogs, children's laughter, and the hum of ATVs. Down in the small harbor, you may see fishermen and hunters heading out or just returning from sea.

Although Upernavik is an active harbor town, the pace is noticeably slower than



in Sisimiut. There's a deep connection to the sea and sea ice. Here, we'll meet friendly, welcoming locals—proud of their home and local culture.

We may visit the grave of Navarana, the wife of famous Arctic explorer Peter Freuchen, who was buried here in the 1920s. Navarana, a seasoned Arctic traveler, joined her husband and Knud Rasmussen on numerous expeditions, using her vast knowledge to guide them through the coastlines, ice, and cultures of northern Baffin Bay.

We aim to leave Upernavik after dinner to continue our epic journey to the high north.

DAY 6 | AT SEA: SAILING NORTH INTO THE VAST ARCTIC WILDERNESS

Reaching *Ultima Thule*, at the highest latitude on our voyage, is no small feat—it requires covering great distances at sea. Today you'll be able to relax on board, gaze out at the horizon, spot icebergs and possibly marine mammals. Our Expedition Team will host a variety of presentations as they recap

recent experiences and set the stage for what lies ahead. Sea days also offer opportunities to connect with fellow travelers from around the world—united by a shared passion for Arctic travel. Conversations flow easily here, many leading to lifelong friendships.

DAY 7 | KAP ALEXANDER: THE FARTHEST POINT NORTH

Today marks the northernmost point of our journey, in the region of Kap Alexander and Smith Sound—the famous narrow body of water separating Greenland and Canada by less than 55 kilometers (35 miles). On clear days, both coastlines may be visible from Smith Sound. This dynamic area is shaped by drifting sea ice from the Arctic Basin. Conditions vary daily—packed sea ice one day, open water the next. Your Expedition Team will navigate accordingly to make the most of our time in Kap Alexander.

We may Zodiac cruise here, immersed in the remote, far-north landscapes—where drifting ice, resilient wildlife, and distant

mountains of Greenland and Canada surround us. Shore landings may be possible in places few have ever set foot. In early September, migratory birds often gather, and other iconic Arctic species—polar bears, muskoxen, Arctic foxes, and belugas—are sometimes spotted. Wildlife is never guaranteed, but always worth watching for. Reaching this latitude is a rare privilege, and you'll feel just how different it is here compared to regions 1,000 nautical miles to the south.

While daylight hours still offer warmth by day and Northern Lights when darkness falls, you'll sense the polar night approaching—ready to return and cloak this region in darkness for months. Here, time isn't marked by conventional sunrises or weekdays, but by polar extremes. Take a moment to look north, deeper into Smith Sound, and let your imagination follow the Arctic wilderness as it stretches into the Arctic Basin and across the polar ice to Siberia. This is a place where nature—not the clock—sets the rhythm.



EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice, wildlife, and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you'll experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife sightings as described are expected but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not a guarantee.

DAY 8 | QAANAAQ: GREENLAND'S NORTHERNMOST COMMUNITY

Approaching Qaanaaq (home to fewer than 700 people) along Inglefield Fjord, near the entrance to Smith Sound, we'll likely encounter large icebergs drifting or resting in the waters around town. The ship will navigate through this maze of ice to reach Greenland's northernmost community—and the second northernmost town in the world (after Longyearbyen, Svalbard). But unlike Longyearbyen, which welcomes tens of thousands of visitors annually, Qaanaaq is far more remote and receives only a small fraction of that number.

We'll reach this community by Zodiac, arriving at the end of the pier where we'll likely be greeted by smiling children—just as curious about us as we are about their High Arctic way of life. In town, you're welcome to wander among the colorful homes, where you'll meet friendly locals and see many working sled dogs. As mentioned above, always ask before petting these dogs, who spend much of their life out on the sea ice.

In town, we urge you to visit Qaanaaq Katersugaasivia (Qaanaaq Museum), which showcases the ingenious tools of Inuit hunters—including collapsible barbed hooks crafted from ivory, bone

and animal hide. Historic photographs offer a glimpse into life at these northern extremes, and the friendly museum staff are happy to answer questions. Locals may also share stories of life on the sea ice, where hunting and fishing remain vital to survival. The legacies of explorers like Knud Rasmussen, Robert Peary, and Peter Freuchen and his Greenlandic Inuit wife, Arctic guide Navarana, are also celebrated in this museum.

For those keen to explore outdoors, short hikes above town may be possible, weather permitting, of course. Keep your camera ready to capture the sweeping views of endless landscapes and seascapes.

While this itinerary includes several community visits, Qaanaaq often leaves the strongest impression in terms of its deep, ongoing relationship with the surrounding wilderness. Located hundreds of miles farther north than most settlements, Qaanaaq is difficult to reach by boat, helicopter or plane. As a result, the community continues to rely on traditional skills refined over centuries of adaptation to this high Arctic environment. Expect to see a mix of modern conveniences—as well as tried-and-true practices of past

generations. For example, while skiffs with outboard motors are anchored off shore, you will also see traditional kayaks, propelled by hand-carved paddles, gliding through the water.

As we sail south, many travelers leave with a deep appreciation for this remarkable, remote community—wishing they could stay just a little longer.

DAYS 9 & 10 | AT SEA: SOUTHBOUND TO GLACIERS AND SCENIC SHORES

We will spend two full days journeying southward until we reach the fjords just north of Disko Bay, where we will visit areas unexplored earlier in our voyage. Indulge in the amenities of *Ocean Explorer*: the two-story, light-filled library at the bow of the ship; two outdoor Jacuzzis, sauna and fitness center; our unique observation areas on Decks 7 and 8 that allow for higher, longer-view landscape photography; and stylish lounges where you can share a drink with new-found friends while enjoying even more incredible views.

DAY 11 | UUMMANNAQ: MOUNTAINS, ICE AND GREENLANDIC SMILES

We arrive in Uummannaq Fjord in the morning and cruise toward the community of Uummannaq, which,



in Greenlandic, 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 been said that smiles in Uummannaq are as common as drifting icebergs.

Winding roads take you past colorful homes before reaching a meadow of turf houses and 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 your time in this remote Greenlandic community.

A parting gift from one local fisherman: “Keep life simple—simple is beautiful.”

DAY 12 | EQIP SERMIA: ONE OF GREENLAND'S MOST ACTIVE GLACIERS

Today we’ll explore the northern regions of Disko Bay, possibly including the Eqi Glacier—known locally as Eqip Sermia. This tidewater glacier is a highlight for many reasons. Its wide glacial face makes it one of Greenland’s most active glaciers, regularly calving ice into the sea. You’ll likely see icebergs drifting in the bay, along with smaller pieces called brash ice. On quiet days, you can hear the ice popping and crackling—and if you’re lucky, the thunderous rumble of the calving glacier.

Though the glacier is the main attraction, the surrounding landscapes make for

interesting shore excursions. Whether you prefer a slow walk among the tundra, taking in autumn vegetation and sweeping views, or a more vigorous hike for elevated glacial vistas, the terrain suits all levels. Underfoot, expect a mix of rock and vegetation, and we’ll tread carefully to protect the fragile plant life that thrives during the brief Arctic summer.

DAY 13 | ILLULISAT: 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. The overlook, a rocky outcropping, gives the feeling of standing at the edge of town and the beginning of a vast wilderness. Looking out over the ice evokes a humbling sense of scale.



As you explore, notice the Arctic cotton grass and summer wildflowers thriving in the long daylight hours. The inner harbor often holds evidence of the ice fjord'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 moved slowly, learning from and documenting the Circumpolar Inuit he met—considered one of the Arctic's greatest expeditions. The dramatic landscapes around Ilulissat inspired Rasmussen's life of exploration. And as we approach town, watch out for whales, which occasionally frequent the iceberg-laden waters.

DAY 14 | ITILLEQ: PLAYING FOOTBALL WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The small settlement of Itilleq is a favorite among guests and Expedition Team members, thanks to the warm welcome we've received over the years. When it comes to community charm, Itilleq stands out. Approximately 100 residents live among brightly painted homes—greens, pinks, purples, baby blues, mustard yellows, and chocolate browns. 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 near the cemetery. The view into the fjord and surrounding mountains is worth the walk. Watch your step—lichens, succulents, and mushrooms thrive underfoot.

A longstanding tradition is a friendly football (soccer) match 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 15 | DISEMBARK AT KANGERLUSSUAQ

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 16 | DEPART REYKJAVIK

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





Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning

DAY 1	DAY 2	EXPEDITION DAYS		DISEMBARKATION DAY	FINAL DAY
International flight in* Arrival and hotel night	Charter flight to embarkation point and embarkation	On ship or landing days		Disembarkation, charter flight and hotel night	Leave hotel International flight onward

* 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 at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary. Make your own way to the group hotel, conveniently located near Keflavík International Airport. The hotel is included in your Charter Flight & Hotel Package. A Quark Expeditions representative will be available in the lobby later in the day to answer any questions.

DAY 2 — TRANSFER TO AIRPORT, FLIGHT TO NUUK AND EMBARKATION IN NUUK

On the morning of Day 2, guests and their luggage will be transferred to the airport for the flight to Nuuk.

Upon arrival at Nuuk, guests and their luggage will be transferred to the pier, where they will be transported directly to their awaiting ship by Zodiac.

PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Reykjavik and Nuuk, and between Kangerlussuaq and Reykjavik. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Reykjavik. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

You will find in your final documents:

- › Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights.
- › Hotel information and check in time
- › Charter flight time to embarkation point
- › Embarkation plan
- › Departure charter flight time

Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN KANGERLUSSUAQ

Your voyage is scheduled to end back in Kangerlussuaq where you will disembark after breakfast. The disembarkation process takes about an hour. After disembarkation, you will be transferred to the airport for the return charter flight to Reykjavik.

DEPARTING FROM REYKJAVIK

Upon arrival in Reykjavik, there will be a group transfer to your included post-expedition hotel. After breakfast the following morning, you may make your way to the airport to connect with your homeward flight, or stay longer if you have booked additional accommodation.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

REYKJAVIK AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival and departure transfers in Reykjavik are not included; if you require a transfer, you will need to arrange your own transportation. Most airports we travel in and out of have reliable taxi ranks in the arrivals area, or you can often pre-book a transfer online.

PLEASE NOTE

Reykjavik Hotel Accommodations:

The Charter Flight & Hotel Package for this expedition includes two nights of hotel accommodations (on Day 1 and Day 15 of your expedition) at a hotel close to Keflavik International Airport. This is outside Reykjavik. If you wish to visit the city of Reykjavik, make sure you allow for a one-hour transfer to and from Keflavik and Reykjavik. Consider your accommodation plans if you are planning additional sightseeing beyond the expedition.





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, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. 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.



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 guides 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.



Adventure Options

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



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.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Feeling like a more active adventure? Our team has joined with local partners to identify incredible mountain biking routes through the stunning scenery just beyond the town boundaries of Sisimiut, Greenland. While others explore the community our expert guides and local partners will take you to the best terrain to start your adventure and be with you throughout the activity.

Participants must be fit and comfortable biking on dirt roads and trails. Riders should expect a combination of wide trails and remote gravel roads. Riders should be able to roll over small obstacles (like roots or rocks), and shift gears comfortably when anticipating and responding to changing terrain.



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

Dates	Days	Start / End	 Sea Kayaking	 Paddling Excursion	 Mountain Biking
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SEPT 2 - 17, 2027	16	Reykjavik	\$	\$	\$

\$ Paid Activities



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

*CHARTER FLIGHT & HOTEL PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Reykjavik (breakfast included)
- Charter flight from Reykjavik to Nuuk
- Group transfer from the ship to the Kangerlussuaq airport on disembarkation day
- Charter flight from Kangerlussuaq to Reykjavik
- One night's post-expedition airport hotel accommodation near Keflavik airport (breakfast included)

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Charter Flight & Hotel Package*
- International airfare
- Arrival transfers in Reykjavik
- 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.



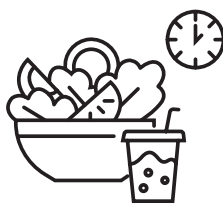


On-Ship Dining

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



13 BREAKFASTS



13 LUNCHES



13 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

EQIP SERMIA

Eqip Sermia, also known as Eqi Glacier, is one of Greenland's most active tidewater glaciers, frequently calving icebergs of all sizes into the sea. The surrounding landscape is vast, offering visitors a true sense of scale. The gentle terrain near the glacier offers ample opportunities for hikes of varying levels of difficulty, from slow-paced walks focused on the enormity of the landscape, to more brisk-paced hikes to elevated views.

ILLULISAT

Home to the Illulissat Icefjord, the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Illulissat offers visitors access to the world's fastest moving glacier. Here you will see icebergs of all sizes, some towering and some small, all moving down the fjord and out to sea. While icebergs are visible from the ship, a short walk on the boardwalk will provide visitors with much more memorable views of the fjord itself.

ITILLEQ

A small community of under 100 residents, Itilleq has welcomed Quark Expeditions' guests for several years. Visitors can walk through the

community and up to a vantage point that looks out toward the neighboring fjord, and may be invited into residents' homes for a kaffemik, a social tradition involving coffee, cake and conversation. Activities typically feature a football match, during which guests, Expedition Staff, and community members form teams. You can always cheer on from the sidelines if you don't wish to play.

KAP ALEXANDER AND SMITH SOUND

The northernmost point of our journey, this region is famous in Arctic exploration circles. Kap Alexander lies at the southern entrance to Smith Sound, and marks the northwestern tip of Greenland, directly across from Cape Isabella on Ellesmere Island, Canada—just 55 kilometers (35 miles) to the west. For generations, families have lived and traveled on both sides of the modern border—often without recognizing the boundary—viewing the region as a single, intimately connected environment. The near-constant inflow of Arctic Basin Sea ice means we may encounter bears on the ice. Arctic foxes, muskoxen, belugas, and migratory birds are also sometimes seen, particularly between summer and early fall.



QAANAAQ

The northernmost community in Greenland, Qaanaaq (population: 656) is well-known but rarely visited. It's a place where inhabitants truly live in harmony with the land, the sea, and the ice. Hunting, fishing, dogsledding and kayak building are part of life here. Located hundreds of kilometers farther north than most settlements, Qaanaaq is difficult to reach. As a result, the community continues to rely on traditional skills refined over centuries of adaptation to navigate this high Arctic environment.

QEQERTARSUAQ

A small community at the southern tip of Disko Island, Qeqertarsuaq (approximately 830 people) is known for its brightly painted homes and surprising amount of vegetation—especially during the season we visit. Icebergs are regular features offshore. This quiet town has a deep connection to the sea and ice, and welcomes visitors each year. Hiking here can be rewarding, and conditions may also permit Zodiac cruising or paddling. One of Qeqertarsuaq's main appeals is

its location—framed by the iceberg-rich Disko Bay and the open waters of Baffin Bay. This results in a range of stunning Arctic vistas.

SISIMIUT

One of Greenland's fastest growing communities and the economic hub north of the capital city, Sisimiut offers visitors a glimpse into the day-to-day life of Greenlanders. The community is picturesque, with colorfully painted homes situated at the base of the 780-meter (2,560 feet) Nasaasaaq Mountain. Walk the streets in town and you may encounter local residents keen to strike up a conversation. You'll appreciate the working harbor of Sisimiut, an active fishing port, and its important relationship with this Arctic community.

UUMMANNAQ

Uummannaq Fjord (meaning "heart-shaped") is a small island community of approximately 1,500 people, located about 600 km (375 miles) north of the Arctic Circle. The village sits at the base of a towering rock that rises steeply

from the ocean, giving the island its name. It's a truly spectacular setting. The 1,450-meter (4,750 feet) mountain is composed primarily of granitic gneiss—sometimes called "basement gneiss" because it forms the oldest, deepest bedrock in Earth's crust. These ancient rocks have weathered over time and were later carved by glaciers, forming the dramatic fjords seen today.

UPERNAVIK

The second northernmost community in Greenland, Upernavik is a seldom-visited by expedition vessels. Like many Greenlandic communities, it is warm and welcoming, with brightly colored homes nestled in a rocky coastal landscape, often surrounded by drifting icebergs. Its location—between the open waters of Baffin Bay to the west and more sheltered areas to the east—has long made it ideal for hunters, fishermen and explorers. Upernavik was frequently used as a port by Arctic explorers venturing deep into the Canadian Arctic. The community also has a complex history, including the story of Navarana, the Inuit wife of explorer Peter Freuchen, who is buried here.



EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, the ice and the weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you'll experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife sightings as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not a guarantee.

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*
- ☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom* ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
- ☐ 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)



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.



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