

Greenland Disko Bay Discovered 2023

8 Days | Starts/Ends: Reykjavik or Copenhagen



Discover the icy wonders of Greenland and cross the Arctic circle on this 8-day expedition cruise which takes in magical fjords, calving glaciers and remote towns. Cruise past giant icebergs in Disko Bay, look out for whales and other marine life breaching the waves and sail up close to the spectacular Eqip Sermia Glacier. Explore beautiful Uummannaq, the Iceberg capital of Ilulissat, the tiny Inuit settlement of Sarfannuit and Sisimiut.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Experience summer in the Arctic complete with gigantic icebergs and stunning glaciers, fascinating settlements, whales and seals
- Sisimiut - take a guided tour of Greenland's second city, which was founded in 1756 by Count Johan Ludvig Holstein
- Disko Bay - travel north of the Arctic Circle and see giant icebergs which have calved from the Ilulissat Icefjord
- Qeqertarsuaq - attend a traditional Greenlandic Kaffemik (a friendly gathering with coffee, cake, traditional dances and music) at a local community centre in this tiny settlement on Disko Island
- Uummannaq - visit the Greenlandic Riviera and enjoy a walking tour of this beautifully located town, surrounded by snow-covered peaks and an iceberg littered fjord
- Eqip Sermia Glacier - sail as close as possible to this spectacular calving glacier, renowned for its jaw-dropping beauty
- Ilulissat - enjoy an evening walk to the Sermermiut plain and opt to join a boat trip to the Icefjord or take a thrilling helicopter ride over the sprawling Icefjord (optional activities at an additional cost)
- Sarfannuit - learn about the traditional Inuit way of life and see the hardy villagers who call this isolated settlement home
- Kangerlussuaq - discover the small town which is nestled between Greenland's giant ice sheet, the Fjord and imposing mountains
- 7 nights aboard the Ocean Atlantic/Ocean Albatros expedition cruise ship in a shared outside double cabin with private facilities (other cabins available on request)
- Return flights from Reykjavik or Copenhagen - Kangerlussuaq
- Transfer from Kangerlussuaq airport to the port on day 1
- Services of the ship captain and crew, expedition team and English-speaking guides
- Guiding and lectures by our experienced expedition leader and team and a special photo workshop
- City tours in Sisimiut, Qeqertarsuaq, Uummannaq and Ilulissat
- Museum visits in Sisimiut, Qeqertarsuaq and Ilulissat and church visits in Qeqertarsuaq and Ilulissat
- A 'Kaffemik' visit in Qeqertarsuaq
- Welcome and farewell cocktails
- Digital visual journal link after the voyage, including voyage log, gallery, species list and more!
- Taxes and tariffs

What's Included

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners - full board with complimentary coffee, tea and water

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

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- Any meals not onboard the ship & any drinks (excluding tea and coffee)
- Pre and post tour accommodation, plus any airport or port transfers
- Optional excursions

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Fly to Greenland



Reykjavik or Copenhagen - Kangerlussuaq (Greenland). Included flight from Reykjavik or Copenhagen to Kangerlussuaq, one of the main settlements on Greenland, with a population of around 500. On arrival, there's an optional Reindeer Glacier excursion (this optional tour is subject to an additional charge). Anyone not participating in the excursion, can take a stroll around the town on their own until embarkation time at 3 pm.

After finishing the day's excursion, we will transfer to the harbour and board the ship by Zodiacs that ferry us to the ship anchored about one kilometer out into the fjord. **Overnight - Ocean Albatros Ship (D)**

Day 2 : Exploring Sisimiut



Kangerlussuaq - Sisimiut. This morning we dock at Sisimiut, Greenland's

'second city'. Enjoy a guided tour taking in the highlights of the settlement including the historical colonial quarter, 18th century Blue Church and the oldest house in town, which dates back to 1756, when Count Johan Ludvig Holstein established a colony here.

After our tour, we set sail, heading north towards Disko Bay. Cruising on magical fjords, we pass small villages and towns on the coast. Keep your eyes peeled from the observation deck in search of whales and dolphins. As we are now in the Arctic Circle, the nights will be bright, and you can spot gigantic icebergs from the nearby Ilulissat Icefjord floating by in the midnight sun.

Overnight - Ocean Albatros Ship (B, L, D)

Day 3 : Disko Island & Qeqertarsuaq



Sisimiut - Qeqertarsuaq. Today we dock at the southern tip of Disko Island, in the natural harbour of Qeqertarsuaq. The town has a rich history, and was once an economic hub for the now-banned whaling industry. During our visit, we wander through town, taking in the octagonal church and a local community centre where we join a traditional Greenlandic "kaffemik" - a friendly gathering of the locals with coffee, cake and traditional music.

Overnight - Ocean Albatros Ship (B, L, D)

Day 4 : Uummannaq



Qeqertarsuaq - Uummannaq. Wake up this morning 600km north of the Arctic Circle in Uummannaq, one of Greenland's most picturesque and sunny regions. Uummannaq means 'place where the heart is' and an impressive 1175m high heart-shaped mountain towers over this town which is located on a small island.

There's time to explore the town before heading back to the ship for lunch. From the town there is an extraordinary vista comprising the island's 1,000-meter tall rock faces, the snow-covered peaks on Nuussuaq peninsula to the south, and out across the fiord. In the fiord, icebergs of all shapes and sizes majestically float by on a course set by wind and current. **Overnight - Ocean Albatros Ship (B, L, D)**

Day 5 : Eqip Sermia Glacier



Uummannaq - Eqip Sermia glacier - Ilulissat. This morning the ship reaches the spectacular Eqip Sermia glacier, which is renowned for its jaw-dropping beauty. Admire this incredible natural wonder as we enjoy lunch on the sun deck. We will sail as close as possible to the ice's edge - but at a safe distance to avoid any falling blocks of ice and crashing waves which can result from the calving glacier.

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This afternoon we travel on to Ilulissat where we dock for the evening. In the evening we enjoy an evening walk to the Sermermiut plain.

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Day 6 : Ilulissat



Ilulissat is Greenland's third largest town and its name literally translates to 'icebergs' in Greenlandic. In Disko Bay, which is located just off the coast of Ilulissat, gigantic icebergs rise from the freezing waters which have earned Ilulissat, the name of 'the Iceberg Capital'. These icebergs come from the Icefjord, which is located a half hour's hike south of Ilulissat.

Today there's an optional boat trip to the Icefjord (optional and subject to an additional charge). The journey takes about two and a half hours in total, a great opportunity to take a closer look at the amazing ice-sculpted scenery. If a hike or a boat trip doesn't appeal, there is also an opportunity to arrange a flightseeing ride over the Icefjord (optional, subject to an additional charge and must be booked in advance).

Later in the day we leave Ilulissat behind and head out of Disko Bay to begin our return journey south.

Overnight - Ocean Albatros Ship (B, L, D)

Day 7 : Sarfannguit



Ilulissat - Sarfannguit. Our port of call today is the tiny remote settlement of Sarfannguit. The hardy inhabitants here maintain a traditional Inuit lifestyle of hunting, trapping and fishing, although modern amenities such as internet and smartphones have made life easier.

Colourful houses covering the hillside with views across the water make this a little town a beautiful place to stop and thanks to good caribou hunting and fishing opportunities the settlement is relatively well off. Sarfannguit means 'small streams' in Greenlandic and is located on an island of the same name. On a walk through the village we will discover more about rural life in this challenging part of the world before returning to the ship. Setting sail, we head back towards Kangerlussuaq, taking in amazing views of the surrounding high mountains and steep valleys. **Overnight - Ocean Albatros Ship** (B, L, D)

Day 8 : Kangerlussuaq

Sarfannguit - Kangerlussuaq - Reykjavik or Copenhagen. During the night we will have completed our passage through the 160km Kangerlussuaq Fjord. After breakfast aboard the ship, we will bid farewell to the ship's staff and the Zodiac boats will shuttle us to shore. There's an included flight back to Reykjavik or Copenhagen airport, where your tour comes to an end.(B)

ACCOMMODATION

Highlighted below are some of the accommodation/ hotels which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve

the right to substitute these stays to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel or start point and further arrival information.

Ocean Albatros

Making her debut in November 2022 the Ocean Albatros is set to become one of the most popular expedition cruise vessels in the world. With the highest Polar code 6 and Ice class 1A, the Ocean Albatros is ideal for small-ship expedition cruising in the Arctic, with a sturdy construction offering high stability in rough weather. For shore landings the ship has 18 motorized rubber 'Zodiac' boats, taking you to exciting areas that the larger vessel can't reach. This state-of-the-art vessel is also part of a new generation of low-energy vessels, ensuring it's environmentally friendly with a 50% lower carbon footprint than traditional expedition ships. There are 95 comfortable cabins and suites on board, including 12 single cabins. All of the cabins are spacious with an en suite bathroom, sofa and a TV, with either portholes or windows, offering an unobstructed sea view. The higher category of cabins also have their own balcony. On board you can soak up the scenery and spot wildlife from the viewing deck and observation lounge or head to the Sunpool Deck to enjoy the swimming pool, jacuzzi and pool bar. The spa boasts a unique panorama sauna and there's a gym if you want to work up a sweat. Enjoy tasty international cuisine in the two on board restaurants and relax with a drink in the Nordic bar after an incredible day spotting giant glaciers and icebergs.



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PRICES / DATES INFO

The prices shown are per person based on twin occupancy sharing a Category D State Room with porthole on the Ocean Albatros ship. 'Single Room' prices are applicable to those who don't have anyone to share a room with or anyone wanting the privacy of a single cabin. 'Single Room' prices are based on Category G Single Room with porthole. There are other cabin categories available and prices vary. See the deck plan for cabin options. This is a specialist voyage and availability is limited. This trip cannot be booked online, please contact us for availability.

PRICES / DATES 2023

Date	Twin Share	Single
08 Aug	USD 6,305	USD 7,615
15 Aug	USD 6,305	USD 7,615