GREENLAND EXPLORER

12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS ON BOARD

REYKJAVIK TO KANGERLUSSUAQ

Experience the diversity of Earth's largest island on this thrilling voyage through East, South, and West Greenland. Join us on an expedition cruise from Reykjavík, tracing the Norse sea route to Greenland in far more comfort than a Viking longship. Our journey begins on the rugged east coast, where we'll experience Tunumiit culture in Tasiilaq and Kuummiut, explore haunting military history at Ikateq, and admire the icy majesty of Sermilikfjord. From here we sail southwards into Skjoldungen Fjord's perfect stillness, navigate glacier-lined Prins Kristiansund, and venture into the green valleys of South Greenland.

Here we'll visit Brattahlíð at Qassiarsuk, the first European settlement in the Americas, and trek to Igaliku, once the seat of Greenland's bishops. Continuing north, we explore Nuuk, Greenland's colourful capital, where traditional houses stand beside glass towers, and seal hunts meet smartphones. Passing Kangaamiut, steeped in Greenlandic tradition, we'll end with the soaring cliffs and glaciers of Eternity Fjord.

Join us for a voyage filled with Norse history, Inuit culture, and breathtaking Arctic wilderness.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience Tunumiit culture and history in Tasiilaq
- Soak in pristine Arctic nature in Skjoldungen
- Walk in the footsteps of the Vikings in verdant South Greenland
- Discover Nuuk, Greenland's colourful capital
- Discover wartime heritage at Ikateq Airbase

EXPEDITION DATE ABOARD OCEAN VICTORY

Board	Disembark
Aug 15, 2026	Aug 26, 2026

Day 1, All aboard in Reykjavik!

Hallgrímskirkja Church towers over Reykjavik, a vibrant city known for Nordic cuisine, unique museums, and lively shopping. After safety briefings, we set sail towards East Greenland.

Day 2, At Sea, crossing the Denmark Strait

The Denmark Strait, a narrow passage between Iceland and Greenland, teems with rich marine life. Join your Expedition Team on the outer decks to watch for



wildlife. Nearing Greenland, the team shares insights on ecology, geology, and wildlife, as well as briefings preparing guests for Zodiac operations and polar bear safety in the wilderness of Greenland.

Day 3, Tasiilaq, East Greenland

Tasiilaq is East Greenland's largest settlement, sitting on rugged Ammassalik Island. Isolated from European contact until its founding as a trading post in 1894, it preserves the unique culture of the Tunumiit people. Once home to Greenland's last shamans, Tasiilaq is the origin of the tupilak, a feared magical creature – now a celebrated art form. Visitors can meet sled dogs (with owners' permission), experience drum dancing, hike tundra meadows, and visit the famous Stunk Artist's Workshop.

Day 4, Ikateq and Kuummiit

During the morning, we approach Ikateq, also known as Bluie Two East – a haunting remnant of the American military presence on Greenland during the Second World War. Marvel at the remains of this vital airbase, untouched since it was abandoned in 1947.

In the afternoon we reposition to Kuummiit – a small village deep in the calm waters of Ammassalik Fjord. Here we will have a chance to connect with the friendly locals and experience East Greenlandic culture in one of country's most beautiful and welcoming villages.

Day 5, Sermilikfjord

Our next stop is the breathtaking Sermilikfjord – a vast ice-choked fjord which drains the colossal Helheim Glacier. Armadas of vast icebergs drift from the Greenland Ice Sheet out into the North Atlantic, creating one of the most spectacular natural sights on Earth. Join your Expedition Team on a Zodiac cruise and marvel at the gigantic icebergs, natural ice sculptures tens of thousands of years in the making!

Day 6, Skjoldungen/Saqqisikuik

Today, we explore Skjoldungen, a stunning fjord on Greenland's southeast coast, known to locals as Saqqisikuik. Once visited by Inuit and briefly settled in the 20th century, it is now remote and uninhabited. Surrounded by breathtaking peaks, highlights include Thryms Glacier and the valley of Dronning Marie Dal. Weather permitting, we may land to explore or cruise by the glacier.

Day 7, Prins Christian Sund and Appilaattoq

In the morning, we sail through spectacular Prins Christian Sund, a 60 km iceberg-filled strait linking East and West Greenland. Surrounded by mountains, glaciers, and valleys, it's one of the world's most spectacular waterways. By afternoon, we reach Aappilattoq, a small, remote village beneath granite cliffs, known for its traditional lifestyle, scenic hiking, and famous local choir.

Day 8, Qassiarsuk and Itilleq Kujalleq

Next, we cruise through Tunulliarfik Fjord to Qassiarsuk, a lush village known for sheep farming and its rich Norse history. Founded in 1924, the modern village sits on the site of Erik the Red's 10th-century farm, Brattahlíð. Legend has it that his wife Thjodhild refused to join her pagan husband's bed until he built her a church – the first in the Americas. In the afternoon, we hike from nearby Itilleq to Igaliku and the ruins of Garðar, the seat of Norse Greenlandic power.

Day 9, At sea, en route to Nuuk

From South Greenland, we sail north along the rugged coast. Nearly all of Greenland's settlements lie on the western coast, facing the Davis Strait. Warm Atlantic currents enrich these waters, attracting whales, seals, human hunters, and many seabirds—so keep an eye out during our day at sea!

Day 10, Nuuk, Capital of Greenland

Home to 20,000 residents, Nuuk, Greenland's capital, offers culture, history, and stunning natural beauty. Inhabited since 2200 B.C. by Paleo-Inuit and later by Norse settlers, Nuuk is now Greenland's cultural and political center, featuring the Parliament, National Museum (home of the Qilakitsoq mummies), Katuaq cultural center, local art shops, and cozy cafés. Affectionately known as "Nuuk York" by locals, it stands as a singular blend of the ancient and the contemporary.

Day 11, Kangaamiut and Evighedsfjorden

On the final full day of our voyage, we arrive in Kangaamiut, a village where traditional hunting, fishing, and weather shape daily life. Guests can hike for panoramic views, and enjoy a warm cultural welcome with local crafts, food, and performance. In the afternoon, we venture into Evighedsfjorden—"The Eternity Fjord"—by Zodiac, cruising past majestic glaciers and dramatic bird cliffs, a thrilling and unforgettable finale to our Arctic voyage.

Day 12, Kangerlussuaq disembarkation

As our journey concludes, we sail up the 160 km Kangerlussuaq Fjord and disembark by Zodiac. Though Kangerlussuaq is more known for its Cold War-era military roots and role as a transport hub than cultural heritage, its surrounding wilderness offers striking natural beauty – the perfect place to end our thrilling expedition.

