

TOTAL ECLIPSE AND GREENLAND

13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS ON BOARD

REYKJAVIK TO KANGERLUSSUAQ

Experience nature's most dazzling phenomenon in one of the world's most awe-inspiring destinations.

Embark on a breathtaking Arctic adventure aboard the Ocean Albatros to witness a total solar eclipse off Greenland's wild and rugged Blosseville Coast—a rare spectacle in one of the world's most breathtaking destinations. From the vibrant Icelandic capital of Reykjavík, set sail along East Greenland's dramatic coastline—from the remote coasts of totality, where towering glaciers cascade from jagged peaks, to colorful towns with thriving Inuit culture. Cruise through the glacier-lined Prins Christiansund strait and explore South Greenland's Norse legacy. Discover Nuuk, a captivating capital where tradition meets modernity, before venturing into the awe-inspiring Fjord of Eternity (Evighedsfjord), where colossal glaciers plunge into crystal-clear waters. Prepare to be captivated by Greenland's raw wilderness and timeless culture on this once-in-a-lifetime expedition.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness a total solar eclipse in breathtaking Arctic surroundings
- Experience East Greenlandic culture and traditions in Tasiilaq
- Explore iceberg-studded fjords by Zodiac
- Visit Nuuk, Greenland's vibrant capital
- Discover ancient Norse heritage in South Greenland, home of Erik the Red

EXPEDITION DATE ABOARD OCEAN ALBATROS

Board	Disembark
August 10, 2026	August 22, 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 toward 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. Experts guide guests in safely viewing the eclipse. Nearing Greenland, the team shares insights on ecology, geology, and wildlife, preparing guests for Zodiac operations and polar bear safety.



Day 3, Eclipse Day, East Greenland

On Eclipse Day, Ocean Albatros approaches the once-feared Blosseville Coast. Anchoring at the perfect vantage points beneath the eclipse's center line with clear southwestern views, guests disembark by Zodiac to prepare for the celestial show. At 16:37, the partial eclipse begins, building to totality at 17:37, with darkness settling over the landscape. Witness the stunning "Diamond Ring" effect at 17:40 as totality ends. The eclipse concludes by 18:33 as the moon's shadow moves on. After this unforgettable spectacle, guests return to the ship for a gala dinner.

Day 4, Along the Blosseville Coast

We sail south along Greenland's Blosseville Coast, a rugged landscape shaped by volcanic activity around 50 million years ago. First surveyed by explorer Ejnar Mikkelsen, this area has long been navigated by the Inuit. If conditions allow, we may land in this now-uninhabited region of breathtaking beauty.

Day 5, 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 Stunk Artist's Workshop.

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 peaks and glaciers, highlights include Thryms Glacier and the valley of Dronning Maries 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 peaks, 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 hikes, and famous local choir.

Day 8, Tasermiut and Uunartoq

Tasermiut Fjord is known for its towering granite cliffs and fertile valleys. Once called Ketil's Fjord by Norse settlers, it's now popular with elite climbers and hikers. We sail to Uunartoq Island to relax in geothermal springs with views of drifting icebergs – an experience unmatched even by Iceland's legendary spas!

Day 9, 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 10, At sea, en route to Nuuk

From South Greenland, we sail north along the rugged coast. Nearly all Greenland 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 11, 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 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 12, Kangaamiut and Evighedsfjorden

On the final full day, 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 13, 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.

