

14 DAYS EAST GREENLAND AND ICELAND NORTHERN LIGHTS - OCEAN ADVENTURER

DESTINATIONS



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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Reykjavik
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A



Welcome to Iceland! Your Arctic voyage begins in Reykjavik Iceland's artistic capital city. You can arrive in Reykjavik any time today and make your way to your included hotel. You will have the day to explore the city on your own so you may want to visit one of the many museums, cathedrals or galleries – or perhaps seek out one of Iceland's famous hotdogs from a popular street stall.

DAY 2

Destination	Reykjavik 
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Cruise	Ocean Adventurer, or similar



After a free morning to continue exploring the city, you'll make your way to your ship in the afternoon to board your vessel and begin your expedition. After you board the ship and set sail you'll be able to enjoy a range of activities on board – but don't forget to keep an eye out for Arctic animals in this wildlife-filled water.

DAY 3

Destination	 Westfjords 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Ocean Adventurer, or similar

Spend today exploring the Westfjords (or Vestfjords as they're known in Iceland), a lesser-visited haven for nature, bird and history lovers, where the land meets the sea in the most dramatic fashion. Discovering this rugged peninsula at the country's remote northwestern tip offers awe-inspiring vistas of mountains, fjords and towering cliffs. If you're lucky and conditions allow, we might cruise along Látrabjarg, Europe's largest bird cliff, teeming with puffins, razorbills, guillemots and more. Another possible destination is the quaint island of Flatey, where a replica of Iceland's largest medieval manuscript, Flateyjarbók, can be viewed in the library. The church here features murals symbolizing life on the island, including one of Jesus wearing a classic Icelandic sweater.

DAY 4



Destination	 At Sea 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Ocean Adventurer, or similar

As you cruise north across the Denmark Strait, your Expedition Team will prepare you for the adventures that await. Learn about the storied history and politics of the Arctic, its fascinating wildlife, 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.

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DAY 12

Destination	 Northeast Greenland 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Cruise	Ocean Adventurer, or similar

The next week will be spent voyaging around of Greenland's remote northeast coast. Over the days, you'll enjoy Zodiac cruises and shore visits to several locations. It's worth keeping an eye out for grazing muskoxen, as 40 percent of the world's muskoxen population lives in Northeast Greenland National Park. Sailing through spectacular Scoresbysund, the birthplace of many icebergs, you'll immediately see why some say it's the most beautiful fjord system on the planet. Sites such as Frederiksdal and Sydkap offer opportunities to explore the colourful tundra and the remains of ancient Thule settlements. 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. You may also have a chance to see the northern lights here if the skies are clear. Deeper in the sound, Røde Øya offers a picturesque locale for admiring the beauty of sky-blue bergs set against striking red sandstone cliffs. Magnificent vistas also await at Kong Oscar Fjord, with possible landings at Ella Øya, renowned for its rugged cliffs and ice-choked waters, and flower-rich Botanikerbugt, on Ymer Øya.

POSSIBLE LANDINGS AND WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS



- **BLOMSTERBUGTEN**
Known as the Bay of Flowers, Blomsterbugten boasts a colorful and lush landscape that is quite different from other Arctic regions like Spitsbergen. Expect spectacular fall colors, with a possible hike to Noa Lake.
- **BOTANIKERBUGT**
In Kong Oscar Fjord (King Oscar Fjord), this bay is home to a variety of flora. It is on the south coast of

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- mountainous Ymer Oya (Ymer Island), part of Northeast Greenland National Park.
- C. HOFMANN HALVØ
This can be a great location for viewing muskoxen. The peninsula is also home to wheatears and snow buntings, and you may spot rock ptarmigans or great northern divers while at sea.
 - DENMARK ISLAND
Encounter stunning icebergs before hiking across Denmark Island, which offers stupendous views of Scoresbysund and Fønfjord below.
 - 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 Kong Oscar Fjord (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 Danish navy unit called Sirius Sledge Patrol trains here in summer. Muskoxen may also be spotted.
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DAY 13

Destination	 At Sea 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Ocean Adventurer, or similar

As your Arctic adventure winds down, take in a presentation by your onboard experts, share your photos with fellow travellers, sip an icy cocktail in the bar or watch a movie— there are many activities during your time at sea. Your Expedition Team will also be on hand to answer any questions and point out wildlife.

DAY 14

Destination	 Reykjavik, Disembark Cruise
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your journey comes to an end today in Reykjavik, where you'll disembark from the ship. If you have booked post-expedition accommodation, you'll be transferred to a central downtown location, otherwise you can make your way onward.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Travel with Intrepid Travel
- Explore the natural wonders on this Arctic expedition from icy fjords to the Northern Lights
- Join the expedition through East Greenland and Iceland, a mix of nature and culture
- Travel to the spectacular icebergs of Scoresbysund touted as the world's most beautiful fjords in the world
- Take in the largest bird cliff in Europe with cute puffins and other seabirds
- Be surprised with the culture and history of this remote region
- Meet the Inuit people and learn their way of life to the quaint island of Flatey
- Visit a church sporting a mural of Jesus in a classic Icelandic sweater
- 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 11 dinners

CABINS & UPGRADES

Cabin Bedding and Upgrades

Bedding on board the cruise is restricted to the following configurations. If you wish to upgrade your cabin, the following amounts are payable in addition to the package price prior to travel.

Lower Deck Twin: INCLUDED

Located on the Lower deck - Deck 1, approximately 11 sq. m (115 sq. ft.), porthole with exterior views (please note, this may be covered on sea days or in rough weather), two lower berths, ensuite bathroom with hairdryer and bathrobes, flat screen TV and In room safe.

Please request your cabin upgrade in the 'special requests' field. Availability and price will then be confirmed and added to your invoice upon acceptance.

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ABOUT YOUR SHIP

The **Ocean Adventurer** is the perfect ship for people who enjoy soft adventure with creature comforts.

This sturdy expedition ship was built in 1975 and underwent an \$8 million refurbishment in 2017 which included new engines and refurbished cabins and public spaces. All her cabins are ensuite with exterior views.

To know more about your ship, please click [HERE](#).

Onboard Features

- 24 hour tea and coffee available
- Theatre style auditorium for presentations
- Gym with a selection of fitness equipment
- Clinic with licensed Doctor
- Polar boutique selling essentials, souvenirs and clothing
- Emergency evacuation insurance to a maximum of US\$100,000 per person
- Wifi in certain public areas (data usage charges apply)
- Ship to Shore telephone communications (charges apply)
- Optional webmail account for email (charges apply)
- On board laundry service (charges apply)

Fine Print

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

Flexible Date Change Option

Book now, change later with our Flexible Date Change option. You may

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select this \$99pp option at time of purchase, giving travellers the flexibility to change your date without penalty (subject to availability, less third party costs incurred, plus any applicable surcharges for the new date selected).

Date change must be requested prior to 65 days before your original selected departure date*. Once inside 65 days of departure, date changes are not permitted. *some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.

Please refer to our 'Book with Confidence' section for terms and conditions.

The Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

Cooling off period

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period. Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply.

Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to support@inspiringvacations.com, including the reason for cancellation.

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Please follow the 'book now' prompts to view the deposit amount
- A second installment will be due 28 days after your initial deposit of 10% per person
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure

Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

Booking On Request

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19

Due to COVID there maybe disruptions to standard operating

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schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portorage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard.

Single Supplement

Please follow the 'book now' prompts and select 1 passenger to view the single supplement cost

Triple Share

Not Available

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation including, e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Group Size

Group size varies from package to package. Depending on the services provided, the group size might range from private 2 person experiences up to coaches of 50 people depending on your selected holiday.

Tour Type - Independant

On these packages you will travel from city to city on your own, exploring at your own pace. We have arranged transportation in most cases and day tours for you to see the destination. Enjoy the time and flexibility to linger longer or pick up the pace and see as much as possible. The choice is yours.

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Children

Children must share a room with parents at all times and are charged the same price as adults.

EXCLUSIONS

- Flights
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- Optional activities
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)

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