Eagle-Eye Tours

Iceland to Greenland Cruise Itinerary

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Tour Overview

Discover one of the last great wildernesses on Earth on this unforgettable expedition through the spectacular fjords, glaciers, and coastal communities of Greenland. Sailing from Iceland across the Denmark Strait, we follow the route of the Norse explorers to a land of towering mountains, immense icebergs, and vibrant Inuit culture. Along the way, we'll explore remote fjords by Zodiac, visit the enduring stone church at Hvalsey, one of Greenland's most evocative archaeological sites, cruise through the dramatic Prince Christian Sound, and experience both traditional fishing villages and the modern capital of Nuuk.

Greenland's pristine Arctic waters are rich with wildlife, offering excellent opportunities to search for humpback, fin, and minke whales, seals, White-tailed Eagles, and a variety of seabirds. Throughout the voyage, our expert expedition team will help bring this remarkable landscape to life, sharing insights into its geology, wildlife, history, and culture. With breathtaking scenery around every corner, this is an exceptional journey for nature lovers, photographers, and anyone seeking to experience one of the world's most remote and awe-inspiring destinations.

Itinerary

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland



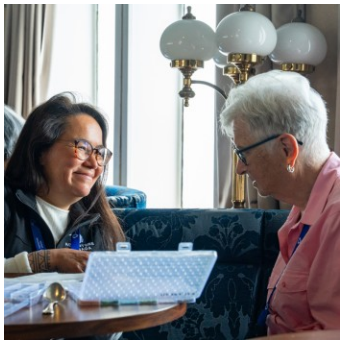
Reykjavík rises from steam and sea—colourful homes scattered across lava fields, the air hints of salt and the scent of sulfur. Beneath the streets, geothermal warmth hums quietly, as if the earth itself were breathing. It's a city of storytellers, where old sagas live comfortably beside cafés, music, and modern art. Before departure, take time to wander the harbourfront or step into the National Culture House, where the Poetic Edda and Norse sagas rest in their original manuscripts. As evening settles, lights shimmer across Faxaflói Bay. The ship turns north, first toward the Westfjords, then onward to Greenland—vast, glacial, and alive with promise.

Day 2: The Westfjords



In Iceland’s far northwest, mountains drop straight into the sea. The air has the organic scent of seaweed; the wind breathes through the grass. Puffins and guillemots wheel over basalt cliffs, their cries carried on the breeze. Travel along this rugged coast by Zodiac and on foot, pausing where tide pools reflect the sky. The Westfjords invite a slower rhythm—time to stand still, to listen, to let the landscape speak for itself. As the ship sails away, the cliffs fade into mist, and the open sea beckons.

Day 3: At Sea



A day for inner and outer horizons—a time of learning as much about the mind as the sea’s edge. The Atlantic deepens to cobalt; fulmars follow the ship’s wake. Conversation, presentations, and hands-on workshops fill the lounge, or perhaps you would prefer a quiet corner on deck to watch the changing sea. Ahead lies Greenland—its first icebergs already visible on the edge of vision.

Day 4–6: Kangertittivaq (Scoresby Sound), Greenland



Kangertittivaq—Scoresby Sound—is a labyrinth of fjords, islands, and ice reaching deep into East Greenland. Mountains rise sharply from still water; glaciers move with patient force. The light shifts constantly—from silver to blue, from glow to shadow. Days spent exploring by Zodiac and on foot draw you deep into this seldom-visited landscape. Each landing offers a new glimpse of Arctic life: saxifrage bright against stone, the possibility of muskox grazing on slopes, the clean silence between echoes of calving ice. Along the shore, traces of ancient Inuit camps show how long this landscape has been lived in and understood. Inuit cultural interpreters, who travel with us, share stories of ice, animal, and season, connecting past to present in ways no map can capture. Evenings bring calm and reflection. Icebergs drift past like sculpted memory; the midnight sun hovers low, painting the water in impossible blues and golds. Ahead lies Ittoqqortoormiit, a far-northern community where the stories of land and sea meet and evolve.

Day 7: Ittoqqortoormiit



At the mouth of Kangertittivaq lies Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the world's northernmost communities, where brightly painted homes stand against sea, ice, and tundra. Life follows the rhythm of the seasons—hunting, fishing, and gathering—each activity shaped by deep knowledge of place and weather. The local economy flows with these patterns: seal, narwhal, and muskox hunting; fishing for Arctic char; and the making of art and crafts in narwhal tusk, soapstone, and sealskin. Some residents work in guiding, education, or public service, while expedition visits and small-scale tourism add new layers of exchange. Yet the heart of life here remains close to the land and sea, bound to the movement of ice and the return of light. Visitors are welcomed ashore by local hosts who share stories of their community and connection to the environment. Children's laughter mingles with the sound of sled dogs and the creak of sea ice. This is a place of continuity, not distance—where knowledge, tradition, and creativity sustain daily life. From here, the ship follows the coast south along Greenland's eastern edge, where glimpses of the island's vast ice sheet appear now and then along the mountainous fringe.

Day 8–9: Eastern Greenland



Farther south along Greenland's east coast, the scenery grows wilder and more intricate. Mountains lean over the sea, glaciers split and tumble, and icebergs turn slowly in calm fjords the colour of steel and turquoise. Zodiac cruises and landings bring travellers close to the cliffs, where ice and stone meet in sculpted silence. When conditions allow, hikes ashore offer a chance to feel the land underfoot and take in its stillness. In calm weather, reflections blur sea and sky until the world feels weightless. The ship then turns again toward open water—the route bending south into another shade of blue.

Day 10: At Sea



As we travel south along Greenland's east coast, the rhythm of the sea sets the tone for the day—calm, steady, and full of quiet wonder. The fjords give way to open water, and the coastline drifts by in shades of ice and rock, glacier and mist. Out on deck, guests linger to trace the slow movement of bergs, watch seabirds trace the wind, and feel the pulse of the North in every rolling swell. Inside, the atmosphere is easy and engaging. An expedition team member might share stories of Greenland's geology, wildlife, or Inuit heritage, while others enjoy reading, journaling, or conversation over coffee. There's laughter on deck, the creak of the ship in gentle swells, and time to simply watch the world unfold. As the light shifts across the water, the day becomes both restful and rich—a pause between destinations that deepens connection to this vast and beautiful coast.

Day 11: Ikerasassuaq (Prince Christian Sound)



Sailing through Ikerasassuaq, one of the world's most dramatic waterways, jagged peaks of gneiss and granite rise in wild, serrated lines, streaked with waterfalls and glaciers. This is the moment to be on deck—watching light and ice shift with every turn—as the Irminger and Labrador Seas meet through Uummannarsuaq, the islands of the Cape Farewell Archipelago at Greenland's southern tip. Calving ice cracks through the air; fog curls between cliffs; sunlight slides down the mountainsides. It's a passage that humbles and renews. South Greenland now opens ahead, lush with life.

Day 12: Uunartoq & Qaqortukulooq (Hvalsey)



At Uunartoq, hot springs steam beside a cold bay—a meeting of extremes that feels almost ceremonial. Nearby stand the ruins of Qaqortukulooq (Hvalsey), once a Norse farmstead. Its stone church still holds its shape after six hundred years. The last written record from the colony describes a wedding here in 1408. Today, only wind and birds move through the valley. Moss softens the stones; history feels close enough to touch. As the ship sails westward, the landscape grows greener, warmed by the North Atlantic Current that softens the climate along these southern coasts. It was in this area that Erik the Red established his settlements and, some say, named the island "Greenland"—perhaps to attract settlers, or perhaps inspired by this genuinely fertile and temperate shore.

Day 13: Sermersooq



Sermersooq—the "place of many glaciers"—unfolds into deep valleys, bright tundra, and fjords lined with wildflowers in summer. This is a coastline alive with movement and sound: the sharp call of white-tailed eagles overhead, the sweep of glaucous gulls and kittiwakes along the cliffs, and now and then the soft exhale of a minke or humpback whale just beyond the bow. Beyond these fjords, the journey's final harbour awaits.

Day 14: Nuuk, Greenland



The voyage ends in Nuuk, Greenland's capital—a city alive with art, language, and everyday life. On the waterfront, fishing boats, families, and sea ice share the same horizon. Nuuk feels both timeless and forward-looking—a community rooted in tradition and alive with new ideas. As departure approaches, the northern light lingers, carrying the sense that the story continues—and that, in some quiet way, you are now part of it. Here is where you will complete your journey. Transfer by Zodiac to shore, then to the airport for the charter flight to Toronto, ON.

What to Expect

Our small ship Iceland to Greenland cruise program allows you to experience the best of the natural world, while enjoying the comforts of our friendly floating hotel. The ship generally makes crossing between islands at night, so every morning you awake to new vistas and discoveries. Every day we offer a combination of interesting shore excursions and fun shipboard activities. You can choose which elements of the program you want to participate in.

This is a general natural history and cultural expedition rather than a dedicated birding tour. Travellers can look forward to a mix of wildlife viewing, cultural experiences, and time to appreciate the region's incredible scenery — with opportunities for birding included along the way.

This expedition cruise necessitates passengers to be in reasonably good health. Zodiac cruises and transfer times can be lengthy. You must be able to climb stairs between decks on the ship, as well as the external gangway stairs to transfer between the zodiac and ship.

Some of our shore landings will be 'wet', requiring waterproof boots. Once you have left the zodiac, you'll find our shore excursions accommodate both those who wish to enjoy a gentle stroll and those who prefer more active hikes. The excursion may involve walking over uneven or sandy terrain in variable weather conditions. Our onboard specialists will join us on these shore excursions to provide interpretation and narration to these wonderful landscapes and experiences.

Each evening we will gather in the lounge to recount the day's events and share memorable stories. Our onboard musician will provide some lively entertainment during happy hour and the expedition leader will outline the following day's schedule. Our resource staff of naturalists, historians, and other guest speakers will give informative talks at various times throughout the voyage.

Meals in the ship's dining room are a great opportunity to meet new friends and recount the day's adventures. Special diets can be accommodated with advance notice. Safety is also a top priority with Eagle-Eye Tours – our team has extensive experience in the field, and all of our Voyages are run in conjunction with operators with the highest safety standards.

When the ship is underway, it is a wonderful time to join a naturalist on deck, take photos of the stunning scenery, or get caught up on some reading in the library.

Weather, ice, government regulations, and community requests may necessitate changes to the planned itineraries and/or the cancellation of certain shore excursions and enhancements. Published itineraries are examples only and we reserve the right to change or modify the itinerary and landing sites at any time prior or during an expedition. Changes will be communicated at your expedition orientation or during your onboard expedition briefings.

We know that everyone travels for different reasons. Over the years, however, we have found one common element among the guest who choose to travel with us – a thirst of knowledge and authentic experience. Knowing this drives us to ensure the highest quality learning experience on our trips, by taking time to carefully design each trip we offer.

What's Included

Tour Price Includes
• Passage aboard the ship
• Applicable taxes and credit card fees
• Complimentary expedition jacket
• Special access permits, entry, and park fees
• Expert expedition team
• Guided activities
• Sightseeing and community visits
• All Zodiac excursions
• Port fees
• Pre-departure materials
• Educational program
• Interactive workshops
• Evening entertainment
• All shipboard meals
• Wi-Fi access (basic service included)

Tour Price Does Not Include
• Commercial and charter flights
• Program enhancements/optional excursions
• Gratuities
• Personal expenses
• Mandatory medical evacuation insurance
• Additional expenses in the event of delays or itinerary changes
• Possible fuel surcharges and administrative fees
• Pre- and post-trip hotel accommodation
• Kayak program
• Premium internet access available at an additional cost