

NORTHEAST GREENLAND

WITH SEA ENUDRANCE

27th August - 7th September 2017

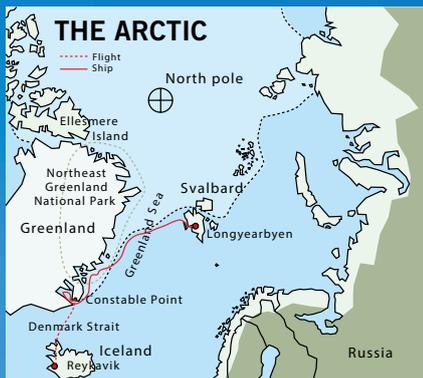


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Join us on an expedition cruise to Northeast Greenland – one of the world's last unspoiled wildernesses. The grandiose landscape is dominated by glaciers and beautifully shaped icebergs. Most of the year this ice-choked coast is inaccessible and it is only in late summer, when the tundra is clad in autumn colours, that we have a chance to get here.



On this exciting Arctic expedition, we venture into one of the largest remaining wilderness areas in the Northern Hemisphere, where large areas are virtually untouched by man. Northeast Greenland National Park, covering an area over of over 972,000 square kilometres, is the world's largest national park.



The expedition cruise starts in Svalbard, where we embark the small and comfortable expedition ship *Sea Endurance*. During the first part of the expedition, we explore Spitsbergen's fjord-indented coastline,

framed by pointed mountains and magnificent glaciers fronts. We continue west towards Greenland and take turns searching for whales from the open decks. Our goal is to reach Greenland's coastline as far north as the pack ice border and weather allows. We continue south along one of the world's most spectacular coastlines, where the vast fjord systems are littered with icebergs. We have chances of visiting remains of ancient Inuit dwellings and the fascinating settlement of Ittoqqortoormiit. With our sturdy Zodiacs we cruise along impressive glacier fronts and amongst large icebergs. During refreshing hikes on the tundra we hope to meet some of the many musk ox that roam here. We then fly from Constable Point in Northeast Greenland to Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, where we stay one night at a hotel.

Day 1: Longyearbyen, Svalbard

Arrive in Longyearbyen and embark our expedition ship *Sea Endurance*.

Day 2: Northwest Spitsbergen

We visit some of the many magnificent fjords

in western Svalbard, where vast glaciers tumble down into the sea. As we sail along the beautiful fjords we keep an eye out for the Arctic wildlife that inhabits the area.

Day 3 - 4: The Greenland Sea

We shape a south-westerly course and from the decks we keep a constant lookout for whales which may be encountered in these waters. Our knowledgeable guides entertain us with lectures on the Arctic flora, fauna, geology and history. During parts of the crossing we can expect to meet the pack ice boarder, which often embraces Greenland's northern coast. Few things in life are as exciting as standing on board a ship cruising past large floes of pack ice!

Day 5 - 10: Northeast Greenland

We reach the shores of Greenland and are now in a part of the world where we are totally dependent on ice and weather conditions. Our ambition is to make landings or cruises every day with our Zodiacs and the following are some of the places we may visit:





Clavering Island

Clavering Island is a hunter's hut, which reveals a bit about the life of a hunter and trapper in these high latitudes. On the tundra we hope to see some of the many musk ox, which inhabit these shores. Northeast Greenland is one of very few places in the world where you have the chance to encounter these huge, woolly herbivores, weighing up to 400 kilos.

Kaiser Franz Josefs Fjord & Kong Oscars Fjord

We hope to explore and make several landings in these beautiful fjord systems, which are framed by mountains shooting vertically out of the sea. This area is unspoiled and virtually uninhabited with a population of less than 40 people, consisting mainly of scientists and personnel from the Danish Sirius Patrol in Daneborg located further up north. Examples of places we may visit are



Blomsterbugten and Ella ø. In Blomsterbugten, "the bay of flowers", we find beautiful purple and gold coloured rocks and Ella ø is a hiker's paradise surrounded by ice-choked waters, rugged cliffs and blue icebergs.

Scoresbysund

Scoresbysund – the world's largest fjord system – offers some of the most spectacular scenery Greenland has to offer: jagged peaks as tall as 2000 meters coming straight out of the sea and rare glimpses of the Greenland ice cap, the largest ice cap in the northern hemisphere. As we reach Scoresbysund we enjoy the breathtaking view of this immense fjord. Here we have chances of seeing remnants from the Thule people, who arrived to Greenland in the 12th century. In the small village of Ittoqqortoormiit, with only 500 inhabitants, we learn more



about life in this isolated place 300 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

Day 11: Constable Point - Reykjavik

In the morning we disembark *Sea Endurance*, which has been our home for the past 10 nights. We leave the wilderness of Greenland behind as we board the chartered flight that will take us to Iceland and Reykjavik, where we check into a comfortable hotel.

Day 12: Reykjavik

We start our journey home or continue on to further adventures.

Please note: Our exact route will depend on ice, weather conditions and wildlife. The places mentioned above are just examples of some of the many sites this expedition has to offer. We always strive to maximise your experience, but remember that flexibility is the key to a successful expedition!



THE EXPEDITION SHIP SEA ENDURANCE (FORMER M/S QUEST)

The ship was built in Denmark in 1992 to serve as a ferry on Greenland's west coast. In 2004/2005 she was completely refurbished and now has a career as a small and comfortable expedition ship. *Sea Endurance* takes 53 passengers and all 26 cabins are outside cabins with private facilities. The triple cabins have upper and lower berths. All other cabins have two lower berths or a double bed. In your cabin you find a desk with a chair and a cupboard for storage. The superior cabins are spacious and have armchairs and TV/DVD. The Owner's cabin has a double bed, two large picture windows, a separate seating area and TV/DVD. In the dining room you are treated to delicious meals in between landings and in the panorama lounge you can enjoy breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape. Here you can listen to entertaining talks on the area's flora, fauna and history. In the lounge you also find a bar and a small library. The ship has spacious observation decks, where you can enjoy the beautiful vistas. Passengers are welcome on the bridge around the clock and there is always something to see or search for. There is an international crew on board the *Sea Endurance* and the atmosphere is relaxed and very friendly.



DATES & PRICES

Duration: 12 days.

Dates: 27th August – 7th September 2017.

Group size: Maximum 53 passengers.

Accommodation: Cabin on board *Sea Endurance*, hotel in Reykjavik.

Transport: Expedition ship, airplane, Zodiac.

Price: From USD 7 990 per person.

PRICE INCLUDES: 10 nights on board *Sea Endurance*, 1 night in a hotel in Reykjavik, chartered flight between Constable Point and Reykjavik, all meals on board, an experienced Expedition Leader and knowledgeable guides, guiding ashore and talks on board, all excursions and activities.

NOT INCLUDED: Flight to Longyearbyen and flight from Reykjavik, travel and cancellation insurance, the customary gratuity to the ship's crew, personal expenses such as bar and shop charges.

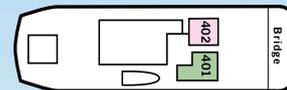
Please note: PolarQuest organises this cruise in cooperation with an international photo club that will focus on photography.

Cabin category

Price per person in USD

F: Triple Cabin (bunk beds)	7 990
E: Twin Cabin Regular (2 twin beds)	9 990
D: Twin cabin Plus (2 twin beds)	10 590
C: Double Cabin (double bed)	10 590
B: Double Cabin Superior (large double bed)	10 990
A: Owner's Cabin (large double bed)	12 590

Deck 4



Deck 3

