



Itinerary

Greenland & Iceland: A Nordic-Inspired Voyage

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Pre Night: CenterHotel Midgardur



Would you like to begin your vacation with an additional Hotel in Reykjavik?

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins



Awaken your intrepid spirit as you travel by land and sea on an expedition to two captivating Nordic countries - Greenland and Iceland. Your Nordic tour opens in Reykjavík. Step into Icelandic culture and explore the historic side of this capital city during a guided walking tour. As we make our way through the old section of the city, see the towering Hallgrímskirkja Church, City Hall and the Harpa Concert Hall, with its famous glass façade. Continue on to the Blue Lagoon, located on the rugged lava fields of the Reykjanes Peninsula. Enjoy time at leisure to take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a delectable Icelandic dinner at a distinctive local restaurant.

Hotel

Centerhotel Midgardur
Reykjavik

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 13°
Low 8°
Rain 2"

Day 2: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Kangerlussuaq, Greenland - Board Ship



Travel the Golden Circle. This spectacular route takes you to many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Begin at Thingvellir National Park, where Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established one of the world's first parliaments. Here, at Thingvellir's Rift Valley, stand at the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Next, lose yourself in the beauty of the Gullfoss Waterfall. Stop at the famous thermal area of Geysir and see the fountain geyser known as Strokkur. Then visit Friðheimar, a family-run greenhouse cultivation centre. Learn how the Icelanders grow delicious vegetables with the aid of the island's geothermal energy; you'll also learn about their family tradition of breeding Icelandic horses. This evening, board your flight* to Greenland and board the MV Ocean Atlantic. Join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner as your ship glides through the frosted blue waters of the Kangerlussuaq Fjord.

Hotel

Reykjavik

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 21°
Low 12°

Day 3: Sisimiut



Today you'll be introduced to the vibrant town of Sisimiut, where humble wooden homes in a rainbow of hues cling to the craggy terrain. With 5,400 inhabitants, Sisimiut is considered Greenland's second-largest "city" and an epicentre for education and industry. On a walking tour, discover the historic Colonial Quarter, Sisimiut Museum, the iconic Blue Church and the bustling city centre. This afternoon, you'll return to your ship and continue north of the Arctic Circle into the southern waters of Disko Bay.

Hotel

Sisimiut

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 21°
Low 12°
Rain 2"

Day 4: Qeqertarsuaq, Disko Island - Eqip Sermia Glacier



Drop anchor in Qeqertarsuaq, Disko Island (or "The Large Island"). Nestled in Disko Bay, the island's landscape is a delightful combination of steep basalt mountains, verdant swathes of greenery, and glittering glaciers. You'll have time to wander through town, pausing to admire the intriguing Lutheran octagonal church, nicknamed "God's Inkpot." Stop at a local community centre where you'll attend a Greenlandic kaffemik, a traditional celebratory gathering complete with coffee, cake, dancing and music. As the day draws to a close, head back to the ship and venture on to see a magnificent natural highlight – the enormous Eqip Sermia Glacier.** Situated 50 nautical miles north of Ilulissat, the Eqip Sermia Glacier is one of the most active glaciers in Greenland and renowned for its jaw-dropping beauty. Your ship will sail close to the glacier's face in order to safely discover its brilliant shades of white and blue.

Hotel

Qeqertarsuaq, Disko Island

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 21°
Low 12°
Rain 2"

Day 5: Ilulissat



Today you cruise to the town of Ilulissat – the "Iceberg capital." In the bay, discover massive icebergs floating along the waters – a result of the natural marvel, the Ilulissat Icefjord (UNESCO). The icebergs produced by this glacier represent more than 10% of all icebergs in Greenland. With free time to explore, you may spend the day discovering Ilulissat's array of cultural attractions, or enjoy a leisurely hike to take in incredible views of the surrounding nature. You may also choose to embark on an optional boat trip to the Icefjord to get an up-close view of this ice-carved marvel, or perhaps take an optional helicopter ride for a bird's-eye view of the stunning glacier from high in the sky.

Hotel

Ilulissat

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 21°
Low 12°
Rain 2"

Day 6: Itilleq - Kangerlussuaq



Leave the resplendent Disko Bay behind for the remote settlement of Itilleq. Approximately 100 people live here, making their living off of fishing, trapping and hunting. Take a stroll through this charming hamlet and learn how locals have worked to preserve their unique traditions and Inuit heritage. Board your ship again and make your way to Kangerlussuaq. Along the way, be dazzled by panoramic views of snow-capped mountains, deep valleys and raw tundra.

Hotel

Itilleq

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 21°
Low 12°
Rain 2"

Day 7: Kangerlussuaq - Disembark Ship - Reykjavík, Iceland



Disembark your ship and be shuttled to shore by Zodiac. Head off by 4WD tundra coach to Reindeer Glacier.*** View the colossal walls of ice as your guide talks about the history and folklore of the area. Back in Kangerlussuaq, enjoy time to explore the natural beauty that surrounds you and the rich landscape that has been shaped by glaciers. This evening, bid farewell to Greenland and return to Iceland via charter.

Hotel

Centerhotel Midgardur
Reykjavik

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 13°
Low 8°
Rain 2"

Day 8: Reykjavík - Tour Ends



This morning, head home reflecting on the magical natural wonders of two breathtaking Nordic countries.

