

## Texas A&M University

### From Iceland to Greenland Arctic Expedition 2025

*Itinerary Highlights* (Please note that the itinerary is subject to change and weather dependent.)

#### Day 1 – 3 Reykjavik, Iceland

**Welcome orientation and group dinner**



#### Golden Circle day tour including lunch

The Golden Circle is Iceland's most famous scenic route combining stunning landmarks and historically significant places. Visit Þingvellir, site of the annual Icelandic parliament for close to a 1000 years, located on a rift between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates.



Continue to Geysir, from which all geysers around the world are named, and the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall.



#### Explore Reykjavik

During your free morning explore Iceland's colorful capital Reykjavik. Discover vibrant street art, cool coffee shops, intriguing museums, and historic monuments.



Don't miss world-famous Hallgrímskirkja church and the statue of Leif Erikson.



#### Day 3 Embarkation



#### Getting to know the ship

After your free morning, board your ship, settle in, and get to know the vessel. The Expedition Team will introduce itself to all passengers and host a welcome dinner to celebrate the commencement of this Arctic adventure.



## Day 4 At sea

### Cruise across the Denmark Strait

Follow in the wake of Viking Erik the Red as you sail between Iceland and Greenland. This nutrient-rich body of water where cold and warm currents meet supports a rich ecosystem.



Expedition guides will give talks in their areas of expertise, such as Inuit and Viking history, Greenlandic culture, and Arctic birds and whales. Learn how to capture Arctic wildlife and natural vistas at their best with the onboard photographer.



## Day 5 – 7 East Greenland

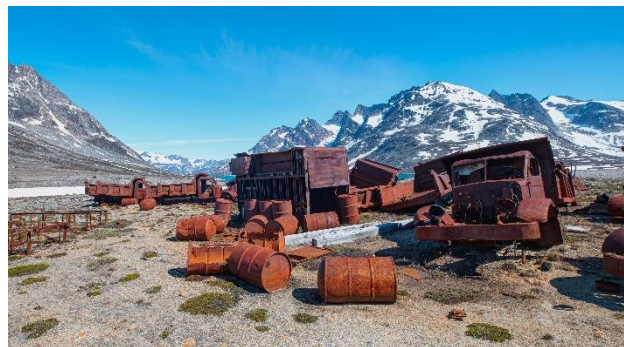
### Tasiilaq

Hike in the rugged landscapes of East Greenland's largest settlement and visit the local museum to learn about Inuit heritage and their rich cultural traditions.



### Ikateq

American forces established an airbase in this spectacular fjord during WWII. Abandoned since 1947, this eerie site is a stark sign of the fragility of politics and the environment.



### Kuummiut

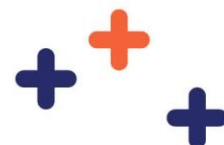
With no roads in or out, sled dogs and boats are the primary forms of transport in this beautiful but isolated fishing village.



### Sermilik

Icebergs from the Helheim Glacier fill this spectacular fjord. Whether by zodiac cruise or landing on shore, you will be entranced by the outstanding natural beauty of the deep blue, white and translucent icebergs of all shapes and sizes.





## Day 8 – 9 South Greenland

### Skjoldungen

Named for Skjold, the ancient Danish King of legend, this staggeringly beautiful fjord is surrounded by vast saw-toothed mountains. Hike through a flower-lined glacial valley whilst taking in the striking vistas.



### Prins Christian Sund

Travel through one of the most spectacular waterways anywhere on Earth. Mountains rise dramatically straight out of the water, some reaching over 6,000 ft in height, and large glaciers flow from the ice sheet directly into the sea.



Nestled between towering mountains at the end of the sound, the small, quiet settlement of Aappilattoq is renowned throughout Greenland for the local choir.



## Day 10 Qassiarsuk and Itilleq Kujalleq

### Qassiarsuk

Banished from Iceland, Norse explorer Erik the Red sailed west and eventually settled on this site at the turn of the first millennium. Encouraging other Viking settlers by naming this new land 'Greenland', he established the Brattahlid homestead. Explore archaeological remains and reconstructions of buildings and the first church in the Americas.



### Igaliku

Follow a farm trail that leads to the village of Igaliku and trek through the hills to see the remains of the Norse Bishop's palace at Garðar – once a place of great power and influence in this remote corner of the Norse world.

The fjords here are lined with lush green meadows and dotted with small sheep-farming settlements. These settlements are now part of the Kujataa Greenland: Norse and Inuit Farming at the Edge of the Ice Cap UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## Day 11 At sea

Learn more from your expedition guides as you watch Arctic birds glide alongside the ship and look out for seals and the telltale signs of whales.





## Day 12 Nuuk

### The world's northernmost capital

A mixture of skyscrapers and traditional colorful wooden houses, Nuuk is a lively and bustling city with roads, buses, traffic lights, and a shopping center with Greenland's only escalator!



There is plenty to explore including the famous Mother of the Sea statue and the Katuaq Cultural Center. A 'must visit' is the exceptional Greenlandic National Museum, with extensive exhibitions of the multi-millennial history of the people of Greenland from the first Saquqaaq inhabitants to the present day.



## Day 13 Kangaamiut and Evighedsfjorden

### Kangaamiut

The Greenlanders of this picturesque settlement live a mostly traditional lifestyle surviving by hunting and fishing. Meet the locals and learn more about their culture from clothing to food and art in a small but impressive museum.



### Evighedsfjorden

Translated from Danish, this 'Eternity Fjord' is vast, stretching 100km between glacier-clad mountains, bisecting the massive ice cap between Nuuk and Sisimiut, Greenland's two largest cities. Take a Zodiac cruise in front of the Evigheds Glacier, watching for calvings from the glacier and sea birds on the nearby cliffs.



## Day 14 Disembarkation

### Flight to Iceland

Your Greenland adventure ends at the modern airport terminal in Kangerlussuaq for your 3-hour Greenland Air flight to Reykjavik. Be sure to watch one of the many local films on board!

**Farewell group dinner and overnight in Reykjavik**

## Day 15 Reykjavik to USA

**Depart for USA**