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Iceland to Greenland: In the Wake of the Vikings

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SPECIAL GUEST

Margaret Atwood

Ten Fantastic Sights from Iceland to Greenland

Fascinating Viking archaeology, breathtaking geology, and fantastic wildlife sightings set our hearts aflutter in this special region. These are our ten picks for the top experiences of this trip of a lifetime, Iceland to Greenland: In the Wake of the Vikings.



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Sail on the trail of Erik the Red, the first-ever Norseman in Greenland

According to the Sagas, Thorvald Asvaldsson was expelled from Norway for “some killings.” He settled in Iceland with his red-headed son Erik. Carrying on the family tradition, Erik also killed some people, so he too was banished. In the year 982 CE he went west, into the history books. Sail across the rich Denmark Strait to follow after him, in the company of countless fulmars, shearwaters, cormorants, and other seabirds.



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2 Ogle the wild east Greenland coast, teeming with whales and ice

The storm-tossed coast of southeast Greenland is too inhospitable for human settlement, but it's a heck of a place to tour by ship and Zodiac. Here, endless acres of ice grind down from the polar pack, churning amongst stark islands, stunning fjords, and fantastic peaks. The floes provide haul-outs for a variety of seal species and a stunning backdrop for photos of breaching humpback whales.



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3 Visit haunting Hvalsey, the last place Norse Greenlanders were ever seen

With its stone walls intact but its roof open to the heavens, Hvalsey Church, near the modern-day community of Qaqortoq, is the best-preserved Norse structure in Greenland. It's also the most eerie. In 1408 it hosted a wedding—the last recorded event before the Greenlandic Norse vanished. Visit this fjord-side ruin and join in the speculation: Did they starve en masse during the Little Ice Age? Decamp back to Iceland? Or were they out-competed by the determined Inuit, who at the time were moving down from the north?



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4 Feel small (in a good way) in the wondrous, humbling Fjord of Eternity

Greenland's southwest coast is transcendent, thronging with peaks, glaciers, and plunging fjords. Explore the Sermersooq area by Zodiac, on foot, and maybe in kayaks, keeping a lookout for *nattoralik* (white-tailed eagles), seabirds, marine mammals, and bright, tiny blooms on the tundra. Further north, in Kangerlussuatsiaq—the Fjord of Eternity—visit cacophonous bird cliffs, stroll beside cascading ice water streams, and visit the face of a tidewater glacier, waiting with bated breath to see if an iceberg will calve.



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5 Savour the crags and glaciers of Ikerassuaq, a.k.a. Prince Christian Sound

At Greenland's south tip is brooding Cape Farewell, a headland jutting aggressively into the North Atlantic. But a sneak-route lies behind it—an intimate, sublime passage called Ikerassuaq, or Prince Christian Sound. Transit in the shadow of kilometre-high crags and marvel at glittering glaciers that spit icebergs into the sea.

6 Shop (and sup) 'til you drop in Greenland's cosmopolitan capital, Nuuk

Greenland's capital, Nuuk, bridges old and new. The charming harbour pays homage to colonial Denmark (note the 170-year-old Our Saviour's Church and the towering statue of missionary Hans Egede) as well as to modern Greenland (catch the seaside Inuit sculptures and the amazing national museum). Downtown are chic boutiques and coffeeshops, but also the distinctively Indigenous parliament house and a market where hunters sell sea mammal meat. Shop, eat, stroll the streets, and enjoy big-city living on the world's coolest island.



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7 Experience the bucolic farmlands in the fjords of southwest Greenland

Erik the Red called his colony "Greenland" as a sales ploy, enticing potential settlers with notions of a lush oasis. But he wasn't entirely lying. Here, deep in the fjords of southwest Greenland, warmed by tongues of the Gulf Stream, are pastures where crops and livestock thrive. As you'll discover, the farmers and shepherds are no longer Vikings, but rather Inuit, making for a fascinating cultural mashup. Meet the locals, trek their landscape, and marvel at this agricultural haven blooming just kilometres from the Greenlandic icecap.



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8 Cross the Arctic Circle in west Greenland's greatest fjord

Sailing up Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord) is a true polar pleasure. A whopping 190 kilometres long but just two clicks wide, this remarkable seaway is flanked all along by frosted peaks and glaciers. En route you'll cross the Arctic Circle—an achievement few travellers can claim. And at the end of it all is humble-but-historic Kangerlussuaq. Once a United States air force base key in fighting the Nazis, it's now Greenland's main international airport. Look for muskoxen, scruffy trees, and several fine souvenir shops around the airport terminal.



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9 Bask in the beauty of Brattahlíð, Erik the Red's thousand-year-old estate

The estate of Brattahlíð was the fabled home of Erik the Red and his descendants. In its day it was the seat of power of the Eastern Settlement, which for half a millennium hosted thousands of settlers on as many as five hundred farms. It was also from here that Erik's son, Leif the Lucky, set sail west, becoming the first European to reach Canada. Visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site, explore the reconstructed Norse church and longhouse, and feel history come alive.

10 Have a hot time in Reykjavík, a city that's ancient, quaint, and chic

According to lore, Iceland's hip little capital was founded by Ingólfr Arnarson, who liked the steamy local hot springs (Reykjavík means "smokey bay"). Today, more than eleven centuries later, the city boasts dozens of geothermally heated outdoor pools. Spend an extra few days here to take a dip, check out the towering expressionist-style Hallgrímskirkja Church, the placid Tjörnin pond in the city center, or the National Culture House (which preserves the Norse Sagas in their original manuscripts).



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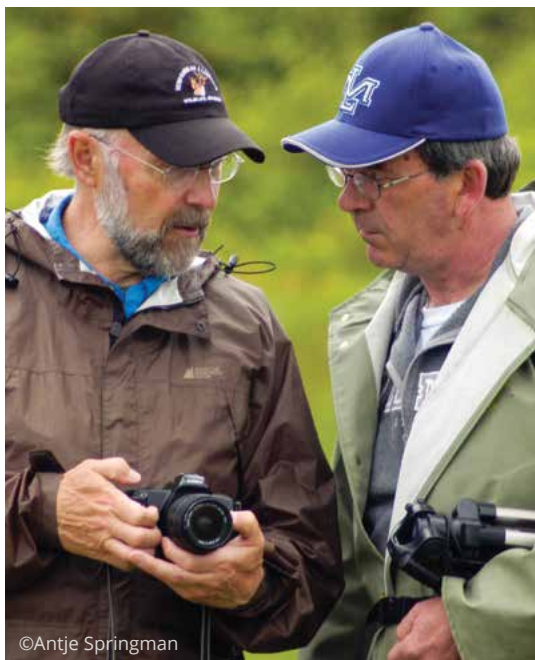


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Wildlife encounters

Daily excursions with expert guides put you where you are most likely to see wildlife such as whales and seabirds. Whether viewing on deck, in the Zodiac, or learning during our presentation series, you'll come away with an appreciation for the fine creatures that inhabit our world. Our best practices ensure the safety and integrity of the wildlife we have the privilege to view.

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With Special Guest
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July 13–25, 2023

Starts: Reykjavík, Iceland

Ends: Toronto, ON, Canada

From **\$4,695** to **\$12,995** USD

*plus \$624 USD fuel surcharge
(\$48 USD per day) per person

(details p.16)

Aboard the *Ocean Endeavour*

Solo cabins based on availability

Charter Flights (details p.16)



Itinerary Map

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland

Day 2: At Sea

Day 3–5: East Greenland

Day 6: Ikerasassuaq (Prince Christian Sound)

Day 7: South Greenland

Day 8: Hvalsey

Day 9: Brattahlíð

Day 10: Sermerssoq

Day 11: Nuuk

Day 12: Kangerlussuatsiaq Fjord
(Evighedsfjorden)

Day 13: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

Highlights

- Search for whales while following the Viking route across Denmark Strait to Greenland
- Experience east Greenland's pristine, stunning fjords
- Get close to glaciers, and calving mighty icebergs
- Experience village life in Greenlandic fishing hamlets
- Visit the Norse ruins at Hvalsey, abandoned in the 1400s
- Visit Erik the Red's former estate at Brattahlíð
Explore Greenland's newest UNESCO World Heritage Site, the fertile farmlands of Kujataa
- Wander the streets of Nuuk, Greenland's dynamic capital



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Itinerary

DAY 1: REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

Iceland's cosmopolitan capital, Reykjavík was established in 874 AD. Powered by geothermal energy, Reykjavík is widely considered one of the cleanest, greenest cities on Earth. Food, culture, and nightlife abound. The National Culture House preserves treasures like the Poetic Edda and the Norse Sagas in their original manuscripts. We depart Reykjavík in the evening aboard the *Ocean Endeavour*.

DAY 2: AT SEA

Sailing west from Iceland, we are truly in the wake of the Vikings. We'll be watching for whales and seabirds as we sail the Denmark Strait. Our onboard program will prepare you for the archaeology, history, culture, and wildlife that awaits us in Greenland!

DAY 3-5: EAST GREENLAND

Our first view of Greenland's east coast will reveal a coastline traced with innumerable fjords and potentially dotted with pack ice. Our spotters will be watching for bears, seals, and humpback whales. We'll explore the remote reaches of glaciated fjords by Zodiac.

DAY 6: IKERASSASSUAQ (PRINCE CHRISTIAN SOUND)

Joining the Irminger and Labrador Seas through the islands of the Cape Farewell Archipelago, Ikerassassuaq (Prince Christian Sound) is among the world's most majestic waterways. Craggy mountain peaks tower over still waters fed by calving glaciers. We'll make the most of our deck time, scouting for landing opportunities on the skirts of the mountains.

DAY 7: SOUTH GREENLAND

South Greenland lives up to its namesake; the land is fertile and agriculture thrives. Farms and vegetable husbandry contrast with the barren ice that covers so much of the country. Jagged mountains rise from beyond green pastures, with sheep farms directly bordering ice fjords. Here we find the Kujataa UNESCO World Heritage Site, where Norse settlement history intersects with contemporary Greenland life.

DAY 8: HVALSEY

The settlement at Hvalsey was a major Norse centre in the early centuries of the last

millennium. Hvalsey Church is the best-preserved Norse ruin in Greenland. The last known record from the original Norse colony is of a wedding held here in September 1408!

DAY 9: BRATTAHLÍÐ

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Brattahlíð is in the most fertile part of Greenland and was the home of Viking explorer Erik the Red and his descendants until the 1400s. A reconstructed Norse church and Viking longhouse are featured here. Greenlandic Inuit now run the sheep farms originally worked by Norse settlers.

DAY 10: SERMERSOOQ

The Sermersooq region of Greenland has a stunning myriad of mountain peaks, glaciers, and deep fjords. Our time will be spent on the western coast of the region, where records of human habitation stretch back over 1,500 years. We'll explore by Zodiac or by foot, as landing conditions permit. We'll keep a look out for *nattoralik* (white-tailed eagles), seabirds, marine mammals, and enjoy the lush vegetation of southwest Greenland.



DAY 11: NUUK

Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, bridges old and new. The old harbour region of town includes many buildings dating from the Danish colonial days. Nuuk is known for art, shopping, and cafes.

The Greenland National Museum is one of Nuuk's many outstanding features: the world-famous Qilakitsoq mummies rest here.



DAY 12: KANGERLUSSUATSIAQ FJORD (EVIGHEDSFJORDEN)

Defined by jagged mountain peaks, sheer bird cliffs, cascading streams, and calving glaciers, Kangerlussuaq lives up to its Danish name, Erighedsfjorden which means "the fjord of eternity." Whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or kayak, a visit to the face of the glacier is truly a sublime experience.

DAY 13: KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND

Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord) offers 190 kilometres of superb scenery. Kangerlussuaq, the settlement at the head of the fjord, is a former U.S. Air Force base and Greenland's main flight hub. Here we will disembark the *Ocean Endeavour* and transfer to the airport for our charter flight to Toronto.



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SHIP

The *Ocean Endeavour*



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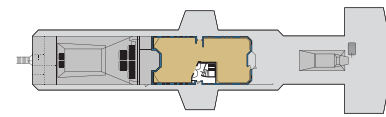
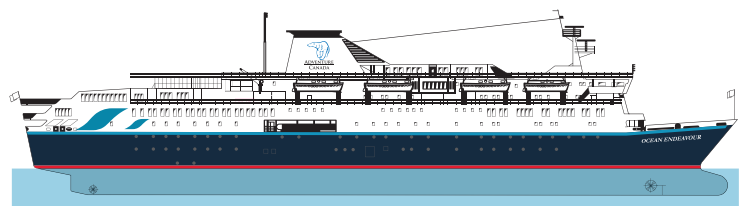
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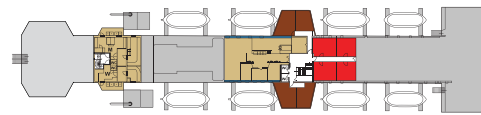
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The *Ocean Endeavour* is the perfect vessel for expedition cruising. Outfitted with twenty Zodiacs, advanced navigation equipment, multiple lounges, and a top deck observation room, she is purpose-built for passenger experiences in remote environments. The *Ocean Endeavour* boasts a 1B ice class, enabling her to explore throughout the polar summers. Launched in 1982, she has had numerous upgrades, most recently in 2016.

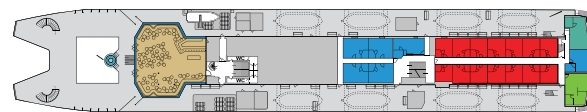
At 137 metres in length, the *Ocean Endeavour* has plenty of interior and exterior space. Ample deck space offers comfortable lounge chairs, a swimming pool, two saunas, and a hot tub. The spacious interior allows for varied workshops and presentations to occur simultaneously. The three lounges aboard the *Ocean Endeavour* are optimal locations for seminars, events, parties, and conversation.



DECK 9



DECK 8



DECK 7



DECK 6



DECK 5



DECK 4



● CATEGORY 10 SUITE

Deck seven: forward-facing picture windows, unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, private bath with full tub, refrigerator — approx. 310 sq. ft.

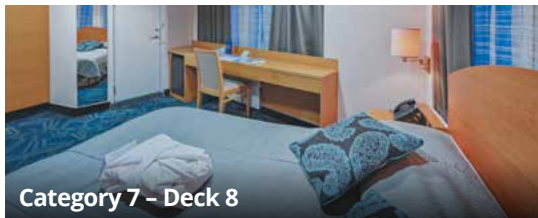
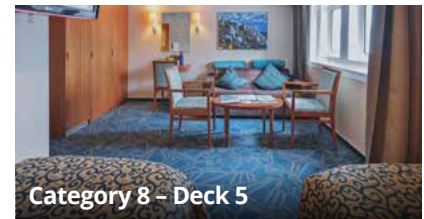


● CATEGORY 9 JUNIOR SUITE

Deck five: picture windows, unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, sitting area — approx. 270 sq. ft. **Deck seven forward:** forward-facing picture windows, unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, sitting area, private bath with full tub, refrigerator — approx. 290 sq. ft.

● CATEGORY 8 SUPERIOR TWIN

Deck five: two picture windows, unobstructed view; two lower berths, sitting area — approx. 210 sq. ft. **Deck seven forward:** forward-facing picture windows, unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, private bath with full tub — approx. 180 sq. ft. **Deck seven midship:** picture windows, partial obstruction; matrimonial bed, private bath, refrigerator — approx. 190 sq. ft.



Category 7 – Deck 8

● CATEGORY 7 SELECT TWIN

Deck five: picture windows, unobstructed view; two lower berths, approx. 190 sq. ft. **Deck eight:** oversize windows, partial obstruction; matrimonial bed, private bath, refrigerator — approx. 145 sq. ft.



Category 6 – Deck 4

● CATEGORY 6 COMFORT TWIN

Deck four: two porthole windows, unobstructed view; two lower berths — approx. 175 sq. ft. **Deck seven:** picture window, partial obstruction; two lower berths — approx. 135 sq. ft. **Deck eight:** picture windows, obstructed view; matrimonial bed, private bath, refrigerator — approx. 160 sq. ft.



● CATEGORY 5 MAIN TWIN

Deck five: picture window, unobstructed view; two lower berths, private bath — approx. 115 sq. ft.



● CATEGORY 4 EXTERIOR TWIN

Deck four: porthole window, unobstructed view; two lower berths, private bath — approx. 100 sq. ft. (twin) / 90 sq. ft. (single).

● CATEGORY 3 INTERIOR TWIN

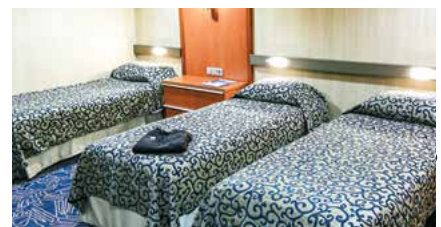
Deck five: interior cabin, two lower berths, private bath — approx. 125 sq. ft. (twin) / 110 sq. ft. (single).

● CATEGORY 2 TRIPLE

Deck four: interior cabin, three lower berths, two private baths — approx. 200 sq. ft.

● CATEGORY 1 QUAD

Deck four: interior cabin, four lower berths, private bath — approx. 240 sq. ft.



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ICELAND TO GREENLAND: IN THE WAKE OF THE VIKINGS JULY 13-25, 2023	13	\$12,995	\$11,995	\$10,995	\$10,495	\$9,695	\$8,995	\$8,295	\$6,995	\$5,695	\$4,695	
		*plus \$624 fuel surcharge per person (\$48per day)										
		Southbound Charter Flight: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, to Toronto, ON, Canada. Evening arrival.										\$1,455

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