

GREENLAND - GREG MORTIMER



TRIP CODE

ACAEWGE

DEPARTURE

18/05/2020

DURATION

11 Days

LOCATIONS

Arctic, Greenland



INTRODUCTION

Discover one of the worlds most remote places as you explore the incredible sights of West Greenland. Depart from Nuuk on the Greg Mortimer as you prepare for a journey of indescribable landscapes and truly deep cultural experiences. Experience some of the largest icebergs in the world and glaciers as far as the eye can see. Kayak through deep fjords in backdrops of incredible snow capped peaks. Meet friendly Inuit locals who will describe what life is like in some of the most remote and harshest environments in the world. Sail through gleaming waters teeming with whales feeding on plentiful krill. Discover true beauty on this incredible voyage.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Nuuk, Greenland

Arrive in Greenland's capital, Nuuk and transfer to our group hotel. The northernmost capital in the world, Nuuk was founded in 1728 by the Norwegian missionary Hans Egede, and has more than 17,000 inhabitants. The centre of Greenland lies at the mouth of its very own fjord system, on the mid-west coast of Greenland. The fjord system, is the second largest fjord system in the world and is one of the country's main drawcards.



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DAY 3: Embark the Greg Mortimer

On an introductory tour, discover Nuuk's contrasting architecture from beautiful old buildings to colourful houses - one of Nuuk's trademarks, with the brightly-coloured houses providing a stark to the rocks or white winter snow. Stop by the newly renovated and roof-covered "brættet", where the day's catch of seal, birds and fish are sold. Other attractions in the town include the award-winning culture centre Katuaq, City Hall, the cathedral from 1849, as well as the National Museum, located down by the colonial buildings at the old harbor, with a stunning view over the fjord. The museum was established in 1966 and became Greenland's National Museum and Archives, offering a unique ethnographical collection. Discover the famous mummies and costumes from Qilakitsoq in northwest Greenland, as well as the world's oldest and almost complete intact skin boat the Pearyland Umiaq, whose well-preserved remains are estimated to date back to the 1470s. After discovering Nuuk on city tour, embark the Greg Mortimer to commence your voyage.



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DAY 3: Exploring Greenlands West Coast - Days 3-9

Over the coming days, you will discover the immense beauty of west Greenland. In true expeditionary style. We plan to visit the following places. Sismuit is Greenland's second largest town. Famous for its old blue church with the main gate being made of whale jaws. There are various hiking trails, some of which venture into the mountains which offer spectacular vantage points. Ilulissat, where mountainous icebergs drift from one of the most productive glaciers in the Northern hemisphere and out into Disko Bay. A short distance south of town is the mind-blowing Ilulissat Icefjord, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004 and home to one of the most actively calving glaciers in the world, Sermeq Kujalleq. Perhaps enjoy a Zodiac-cruise at the mouth of the fjord and kayak through sea ice and icebergs. Uummannaq. Surrounded by steep islands, and an endless supply of icebergs from the Qarajaq Glacier, Uummannaq (meaning "heart-like") is the centrepiece of the archipelago - a great place for hiking, kayaking and Zodiac-cruising to explore the coastline. Disko Island is a volcanic island much younger than the rest of Greenland. The island rose up from the continental split where Iceland is now located. Rich with marine life, the waters around the island hosts, humpback, fin, minke and bowhead whales - perfect for Zodiac-cruising and encounters with whales.



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DAY 10: At Sea

As you sail back south to Nuuk, keep a lookout for whale blows and the seabirds that trail your ship in the ever-present Arctic winds. Enjoy the time to reflect on your recent adventures in Greenland, share and exchange photos, and soak in the spectacular scenery of West Greenland.



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DAY 11: Disembarkation In Nuuk

Arrive back in Nuuk where you disembark and farewell your crew, expedition team and fellow travellers. A transfer to downtown or to the airport is included.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	Cabin accommodation on board Greg Mortimer All meals whilst on board All scheduled landings/excursions Guiding and lectures by English-speaking expedition leader and team All port fees All landing fees Complimentary polar expedition jacket Complimentary boot rental during cruise Comprehensive pre-departure info Arrival airport transfer to group hotel on Day 1 One nights hotel accommodation in Nuuk on Day 1 Group transfer from ship to airport in Nuuk on Day 11 Exclusions Airfares to and from embarkation/disembarkation city Visa fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Personal expenses such as laundry, on board communication Gratuities for the crew Pre or post cruise travel expenses Optional activities
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Itinerary subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, season and availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structured to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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