

## THE 'WILD SIDE' OF GREENLAND | OCEAN ALBATROS



### INTRODUCTION

Enter the largest fjord system on Earth as you undertake this unforgettable expedition into Greenland. Departing from Reykjavik, this 10 day expedition will allow you to experience the vastness of the Scoresby Sound and the mysterious waters of Milne Land. From Reykjavik your first port of call will be the remote and isolated Inuit community of Ittoqqortoormiit - inhabited by only 300 people - the people of this small town will give you a deep, meaningful insight into the lives of one of the world's most remote people. From here, magnificent rock cliffs and sky-reaching towers will form the maze of geographical icons that make up the vast and indescribable Scoresbysund. Here the deep fjords give a perfect avenue for expedition activities including zodiac cruising on the glacial waters or adventurous hiking on the Arctic tundra.

Back in the heart of the fjord you will sail around the island of Milne Land - an area that covers the size of Denmark. Here you will find plenty of unique landing sites which make possible incredible hikes and kayaking experiences. Musk oxen are often seen feeding on the scarcely vegetated slopes and in the icy waters beluga whales and on rare occurrences narwhal, may often be observed here. You will aim to make a last landing at Danmark Fjord before heading back into the open waters of the Blosseville Coast and disembarking at Reykjavik.

### ITINERARY

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#### DEPARTURE

14/09/2023, 23/09/2023

#### DURATION

10 Days

#### LOCATIONS

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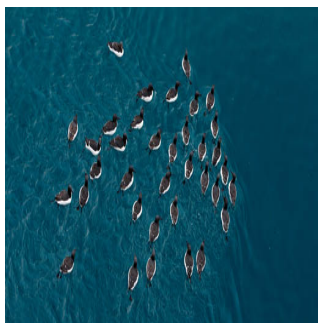
## DAY 1: Embarkation in Reykjavik

In the afternoon, we board the Ocean Albatros in Reykjavík and set our course northbound for Greenland. After boarding and welcome drinks, the Expedition Leader will inform you about the voyage, the ship's daily routines and the various security and safety procedures, then you will have time to unpack and get comfortable in your cabin. Before sailing, there will be a mandatory safety drill. The Captain takes the ship out of Reykjavík in the early evening, as we enjoy our first hours onboard.



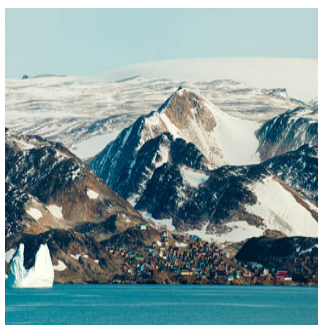
## DAY 2: At Sea


Our lecturers onboard will make inspiring and enriching presentations about both Iceland and Greenland's past history and about nature, wildlife and climatology.



## DAY 3: Ittoqqortoormiit

We cross the huge entrance of Scoresbysund during the night and arrive at the Inuit community Ittoqqortoormiit (Scoresbysund) in the morning. About 350 people live here, most of whom base a large portion of their households on hunting. Seal, muskoxen and polar bear skins hang to dry outside many of the houses, and the sled dogs are waiting for sea ice to be safe for the first hunts of the fall. The town is extremely isolated, and the inhabitants only receive ship supplies twice a year. We have established good contacts with the local residents during our earlier visits and can go ashore to experience this unique little community.



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### DAY 4: Scoresbysund - Day 4 to 6

The amazing visual menu of the following days is nothing less than the longest fjord in the world, Scoresby Sund. We will explore this fjord and hope to be able to offer kayaking and some exciting landings. The program for the next few days in the "Wild side of Greenland" as we delve into the fjord system depends on the weather and ice conditions. The route and the landings are determined by the Captain and the Expedition Leader jointly and are typically announced the night before. Some of the interesting landings we strive to visit are: Our voyage into one of these last unspoiled wild areas of the world, will begin with a visit at Eskimo Bay (Eskimobugt). We have spent the night moving into the vast fjord system and drink our morning coffee arriving into the bay at the inner Nordvestfjord. We use our Zodiacs to make a landing with the snowcovered mountains as our backdrop and from a distance we hope to see the remains of the Thule site that lies here (The ruins have been known since 1930ies but are very rarely visited). Our expedition staff will be on hand to tell us more about this cultural site. Another fantastic option is the Daugaard-Jensen Glacier, that lies well within the deeper fjord system (Nordvestfjord). Explorer Lauge Koch mapped these areas back in 1931-34, during his three year expedition. Much of the ice that ends up in northern Iceland, starts its seafaring days right here in this super productive glacier. It is only in the most recent years that ships have been able to get close to the glacier. Please note that, as always all the outings and landings rely on weather, sea and ice conditions being favorable both for the ship to access the areas, as for the zodiacs and kayaks to maneuver under adequate conditions, ensuring the safety of all our passengers and staff. For this reason, during moments of harsh weather and throughout the entire trip, Ocean Albatros has excellent public areas, such as wellness/sauna, restaurant, bar and a library for our passengers to spend their spare time. Our ship is staffed by experts in the field who will also share great lectures along the way, ranging from exploration history to biology, geology, ice and wildlife.



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## DAY 7: Blosseville Coast - Day 7 to 8

Possibly the most dramatic coast outside of Antarctica, the Blosseville is guarded by Greenland's highest mountains and steepest fjords - and a belt of pack ice which before global warming would keep out any explorer for years. The recent decade has had warmer summers and much less ice which enables ice strengthened vessels such as the Ocean Albatros to venture along the coast, on lookout for polar wildlife, abandoned Inuit settlements and otherworldly landscapes.



## DAY 9: At Sea - Lectures and Bird Watching

The last day will be at sea getting glimpses of sea birds migrating south. Our lecturers onboard will make inspiring and enriching presentations about both Iceland's and Greenland's history, nature, wildlife and climatology. A captain's farewell drink and a slideshow of our voyage will also be presented this evening.



## DAY 10: Disembarkation in Reykjavik

Early in the morning we slowly approach the Icelandic capital, Reykjavík, and your Arctic adventure will have concluded. We enter Reykjavík in the morning and bid farewell to the vessel and crew.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin on board ship
<b>Inclusions</b>	Not Available
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available on request. Please contact us for more information.

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**Notes** Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather, ice and sea conditions.

**Price Dependent upon** Departure date, seasonality and availability.

### SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

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