

THE ARCTIC - NORTHEAST GREENLAND EXTREME: AURORA BOREALIS | HONDIUS



TRIP CODE

ACOWHNGE

DEPARTURE

06/09/2026

DURATION

14 Days

LOCATIONS

The Arctic & Greenland



INTRODUCTION

On this journey into distant Greenland, discover the northernmost regions of Northeast Greenland and venture far into the loose sea ice in search of whales, seabirds, and polar bears. This is a truly Arctic adventure, with numerous of landing spots, wildlife encounters, historical monuments, and the splendour of the Northern Lights to be found along the fjord systems, tundra, and shoreline.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Embarkation in Longyearbyen

You touch down in Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Svalbard archipelago. Enjoy strolling around this former mining town, whose parish church and Svalbard Museum make for fascinating attractions. In the early evening, the ship sails out of Isfjorden, where you might spot the first minke whale of your voyage.



DAY 2: At Sea To Greenland

At open sea, we sail toward Greenland and meet migrating seabirds and whales. The waters here can sometimes be dramatic - the scent of adventure is in the air!



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DAY 3: Among The Sea Ice

Sailing westward, we see the jagged edge of the sea ice flashing ahead of us. Keep watch for whales, migrating seabirds, and seals here. If you're lucky, you may even spot a polar bear.



DAY 4: Isle de France

If ice and weather conditions are favorable, we land at Isle de France, which was first reached by the Duke of Orleans on the Belgica in 1905. We aim to go ashore at Kap St. Jacques, where, under the guidance of an archeologist from the National Greenland Museum, we can see the remains of the Independence II culture. If we don't make it to Isle de France, we will spend a day on the ice or on the west coast of Germania Land, an area with musk oxen and sometimes lonely, ranging wolves.



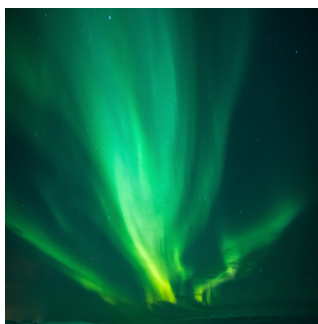
DAY 5: Dove Bugt

When sailing into Dove Bugt, we have landing possibilities at the south coast of Germania Land, a mostly unglaciated area west of the Danmarkshavn station. Alternatively we land at Store Koldewey, named by the second German Polar Expedition of Koldewey 1869-'70, at Kap Ahrend or Kap Alf Trolle.



DAY 6: Sabine (Pendulum Island)

Sir Edward Sabine performed his pendulum experiments on Sabine Ø (formerly Inner Pendulum Island) in 1823. Koldewey built a station at Germaniahavn. On its south side is Hvalros Island, where the population of walrus is increasing again. From this date onward, sailing south, we will experience darkness at night and have increasing opportunities to see the Aurora Borealis.



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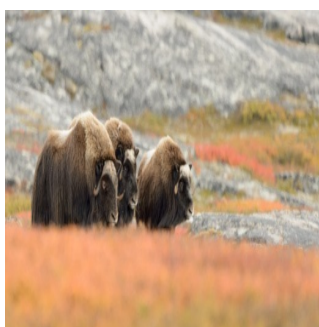
DAY 7: Clavering Øer

On the south side of Clavering Ø, the English Explorer Douglas Clavering met the local Inuit in 1823. It was the first and last time Europeans met these people in Northeast Greenland, but the material remains of their culture are frequently seen. We hope to make a landing near Eskimonaes.



DAY 8: Foster Bugt

We may sail into Foster Bugt and land at Margrethedal, where there are remains of Thule culture from some centuries ago on the east side of the river. Musk oxen populate the lower tundra areas near the shores. From there, we sail through Sophia Sund, surrounded by mountain slopes where musk oxen graze.



DAY 9: Segelsällskapetets Fjord

You enter Segelsällskapetets Fjord, with the banded slopes of the Berzelius Mountains bordering the north side. You will land on the south shore, where ancient sedimentary formations lie right at your feet. A hike takes you close to a small lake with good chances to see musk oxen, Arctic hares, and ptarmigans. Alternatively, you land in Blomsterdal (Flower Valley) near Antarctic Havn, where we often spot groups of musk oxen. In the evening, we sail along the strait between the island of Isikaja and the mainland. Until 30 years ago, Isikaja was connected to the mainland by a glacier, but it has now disappeared.



DAY 10: Ittoqqortoormiit

The morning stop is Ittoqqortoormiit, the only settlement in Scoresby Sund at about four hundred inhabitants. At the post office, you can buy stamps for your postcards or stroll around to see the sled dogs and drying skins of seals and musk oxen. If time allows, you may land at a beautiful lagoon a few km west of Kap Stewart, where migratory birds gather, and you will have an opportunity for a stroll on the autumnal tundra of Jameson Land.



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DAY 11: Sydkap

In the morning, you will likely encounter icebergs, some over 100 meters high and a km long. Most of them are grounded as the fjord is only about 400 meters deep. You then land near Sydkap, with fine views of Hall Bredning and Arctic hares. Today's walk may go from Sydkap to Nordöstbugt (12 km to the northeast), where the river coming from Holger Danskes Briller flows into the sea. We can walk south along the shore to Satakajik and see whale vertebrae in the construction of the remains of Thule summer houses. Passengers who opt out of the long walking group will join again at this location. In the evening, we will sail south by Kap Brewster near the southern entrance of the fjord.



DAY 12: Milne Land

In the early morning, we will sail by the east coast of Milne Land among a multitude of giant icebergs. After a visit to the basalt columns and ice formations of Vikingebugt, where we now and then have met polar bears, you may also enjoy a Zodiac cruise past one of the glacier fronts on the Volquart Boons Coast. In the early evening, we leave Greenland, sailing south by Kap Brewster.



DAY 13: At Sea towards Iceland

We will sail southward in the cold East Greenland Current and later in the warm Gulfstream Current with a multitude of sea life (whales, seals, seabirds) at the mixing zones of these waters. A sea day grants you the opportunity to spot whales and seabirds - and, at night, the magical Northern Lights.



DAY 14: Disembarkation in Akureyri (Iceland)

You disembark in Akureyri, where, on request, you can transfer by chartered bus (a six-hour drive that you must book in advance) to the bus stop Harpa Concert Hall and Conference Centre at Austurbakki, Reykjavík.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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All meals on board including snacks, coffee and tea.
 Accommodation onboard the Hondius in booked cabin category.
 Onboard lecture program from Expeditions Team and Naturalists.
 All applicable shore excursions and Zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost).
 Use of rubber boots & snowshoes.
 Transfers and baggage handling between the airport, hotels and ship only for those passengers on the group flights to Longyearbyen.
 All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.
 AECO fees and governmental taxes.
 Comprehensive pre-departure material.
 Access to 1.5 GB of free internet connectivity per person, which resets every 24 hours. Supplementary vouchers available to purchase on onboard. Subject to satellite coverage.

Inclusions

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International or internal flights unless specified.
 Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified.
 Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information.
 Pre and post land arrangements.
 Visa & passport fees (if applicable).
 Travel insurance (compulsory).
 Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings.
 Additional optional activities.
 Tobacco, alcoholic or beverages (other than coffee and tea).
 Meals ashore.
 Personal expenses such as laundry & bar.
 Miscellaneous extras.
 Gratuities for the crew (guidelines will be provided).
 Government arrival or departure taxes (if applicable).

Difficulty Rating 2 (Light Adventure)

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Single Surcharge	Available upon request. A supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, and vary from twin share cabins.</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.</p> <p>Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions*</p>
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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