



National Trust *for* Historic Preservation

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Greenland's Arctic Grandeur
Traditional Culture & Glacial Landscapes
Aboard *Exploris One*

August 30 – September 9, 2025

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

SAIL aboard the newly renovated *Exploris One*, specially built for polar expeditions, along Greenland's western coast with expert naturalist guides, who will illuminate the glaciers, local culture, and Arctic flora and fauna

BEGIN with an **overnight stay in Reykjavík**, exploring Iceland's capital before boarding a privately chartered flight to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, for your Arctic adventure

JOIN experts aboard Zodiacs to cruise **up close to Greenland's most awe-inspiring glaciers**

SPOT massive icebergs and migrating whales along the UNESCO-listed **Ilulissat Icefjord**

OBSERVE firsthand **the effects of climate change with expert guides**, who will explain glacier dynamics, ice sheet melt, and shifting Arctic ecosystems during Zodiac excursions and onboard lectures

WITNESS one of nature's most awe-inspiring phenomena: **the dramatic spectacle of "ice calving"**—when large pieces of a glacier break away and form icebergs—at the three-mile-wide **Eqi Glacier**

CRUISE by Zodiac to **Disko Island's unique Kuannit coastline** to admire fields of angelica and breathtaking volcanic basalt cliffs

MEET members of **local Indigenous communities** for insights into their unique culture and traditions that have endured for centuries

EXPERIENCE 4,500 years of history with experts at exceptional museums, including the **Greenland National Museum & Archives** and the **Sisimiut Museum**, home to the island's oldest intact church



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Dear National Trust Traveler,

Greenland's colossal ice sheet and rugged coastline hold secrets of Earth's past and clues to our future. The world's largest island, three times the size of Texas, has drawn explorers and settlers for millennia, and its Arctic landscapes stand on the brink of dramatic change. In August 2025, join the National Trust as we **sail along Greenland's western coast**, where glaciers calve icebergs into pristine fjords and Indigenous communities preserve ancient ways of life.

This is your chance to explore one of Earth's last frontiers before it transforms forever. Embark on an extraordinary journey above the Arctic Circle, sailing in comfort aboard the newly renovated, exclusively chartered *Exploris One* (formerly Silversea Cruise Line's *Silver Explorer*), custom-built for polar expeditions. Arrive in remote villages and ports inaccessible to large ships.

After an overnight stay with guided tours in Reykjavík, take a privately chartered flight to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, to board this eight-night Arctic adventure. Throughout the program, join expert naturalist guides on Zodiac excursions up close to glaciers and other massive ice formations, spotting whales, seabirds, and other Arctic wildlife. With their perspectives, you will have an awe-inspiring firsthand understanding of Greenland's unique geology, wildlife, and the impacts of climate change on its epic glaciers.

For even more enriching depth on your journey, cruise with professors and scientists from leading universities including Dartmouth's esteemed polar scientist **Melody Brown Burkins**, Director of the Institute of Arctic Studies; Cornell's **John Tobin-de la Puente**, an applied economics professor with a focus on ecology and sustainability; Harvard climate scientist **Daniel Jacob**; and the University of Chicago's **Susan Kidwell**, a paleontologist and geologist whose recent work on post-glacial shelves aligns with studying Greenland's evolving landscape.

You will also experience Greenland from the perspectives of Indigenous residents, learning about their traditions, from hunting to crafts, and enjoy inside looks at small yet remarkable art collections and museums housing more than 4,500 years of Greenlandic history.



Reserve your cabin aboard *Exploris One* today by calling National Trust Tours at 888-484-8785. We hope you join on this unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime voyage into the Arctic frontier.

Sincerely,

Meg Annacone-Perez
Director, National Trust Tours

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Reykjavík, Iceland

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30: DEPARTURE

Depart for Reykjavík, Iceland, on an overnight flight.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31: REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

Arrive this morning and transfer to the hotel for an overnight stay. After lunch, choose from three options, including spending the afternoon at leisure. You may also join a rejuvenating excursion to the **Sky Lagoon**, an oceanside thermal pool that modernizes Iceland's ancient bathing traditions. While enjoying a relaxing soak, savor views of the Atlantic as well as sights like Bessastaðir, known as Iceland's presidential residence, and the 700,000-year-old Snæfellsjökull glacier.

As a third option, participate in an island tour, including a visit to the **National Museum of Iceland**, which preserves the country's expansive heritage through its vast collections, from medieval artifacts to 20th-century photographs.

Continue to the historic center of Reykjavík, once a Viking village, and admire its charmingly colorful, corrugated-iron houses. This evening, gather for a private cocktail reception at a special venue, with dinner at leisure. L,R

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: REYKJAVÍK / KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND / EMBARK *EXPLORIS ONE*

After checking out of the hotel this morning, transfer to the Keflavik airport for a privately chartered flight to Greenland. Arrive in **Kangerlussuaq**, Greenland's hub for air transport. This tiny municipality sits at the end of a 110-mile-long fjord, where you will board ***Exploris One***.

After settling into your cabin, the ship will set sail along the fjord and out to sea for the rest of the evening, heading south along Greenland's western coastline to the capital of Nuuk. B,L,D

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: NUUK

Accessible only by sea or air, **Nuuk** is Greenland's largest city, situated at the mouth of one of the world's largest fjord systems, known for its waterfalls, humpback whales, and icebergs. Notably, Paleo-Eskimo people settled here around 2200 B.C. Walk along Nuuk's waterfront dotted with pastel-colored houses, with the nearly 4,000-foot-tall Sermitsiaq mountain as a dramatic backdrop.

During the stop here, make your way to the **Greenland National Museum & Archives**, housed in one of Nuuk's traditional colonial harbor warehouses. Admire its collections charting 4,500 years of Greenland's history, from its Stone Age inhabitants to the modern lives of Inuit hunters and fishermen. Here, a native Greenlander will lead you through a private introduction to the local culture.

Before returning to *Exploris One*, you may opt to join a local guide for a visit to the **Nuuk Art Museum**. Peruse early 20th-century paintings of Greenland as well as Greenlandic figurines from the the holdings of two prominent private collectors. Enjoy the captain's welcome aboard reception and dinner, where you will meet the crew. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: SISIMIUT

Exploris One will cross the Arctic Circle this morning as it cruises toward **Sisimiut**, Greenland's second-largest town and a settlement for more than 4,000 years. Home to many students and business organizations, Sisimiut is notable as Greenland's northernmost port that remains ice-free during the winter.

You may choose to take a privately guided tour of the **Sisimiut Museum**, housed in a collection of colonial buildings, some dating to as early as the 18th century. Its exhibits are devoted to the local Inuit history, shipping and trade, and archaeological artifacts documenting life dating back 4,000 years.

One of the museum's buildings is the **Bethelkirken** (commonly known as the "Blue Church" for its color), Greenland's oldest intact house of worship, prefabricated in Copenhagen in 1771 and assembled here in 1775. Return to *Exploris One* for dinner and set forth for Kitsissuarsuit. B,L,D



Icefjord Centre, photo by Aningaak Rosint Carlsen, Visit Greenland

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: KITSISSUARSUIT

This morning, arrive off the coast of **Kitsissuarsuit** and transfer by Zodiac into town. First settled in 1830 by Dutch whalers, this Inuit settlement of just 50 inhabitants remains self-sufficient thanks to its marine resources, and its tiny population has kept its age-old traditions alive. Explore the island on foot, enjoy local entertainment, and sample local delicacies. Return to *Exploris One* by Zodiac before setting sail toward the Eqi Glacier, one of nature's great spectacles. B,L,D

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5: EQI GLACIER / QEQERTAQ

Board Zodiacs in the company of naturalist guides and embark on an up-close cruise to the toe of the monumental **Eqi Glacier**, which stands more than 30 stories tall with a width of more than three miles. This large tidewater glacier, which flows directly into the sea, originates from the Greenland Ice Sheet, which covers more than 80 percent of the island.

As you approach the Eqi Glacier, loud cracks, seemingly of thunder, break the silence as huge chunks of ice "calve," or break off, into the bay, forming icebergs. **Have your cameras ready as this epic scene unfolds**, with pieces of various sizes crashing into the water. Learn more about the formation of the Eqi Glacier and how climatologists are monitoring it and similar glaciers as Earth's temperature rises.

Stay on the Zodiacs for the voyage back to *Exploris One*, enjoying a lunchtime sail to **Qeqertaq**, a small settlement of 140 people. A local guide will lead you on a tour of the village, where residents primarily earn their living through halibut fishing and a fish processing facility. Halibut is a valuable and sought-after delicacy, particularly when transformed into *rækling*, a wind-dried version of the fish. B,L,D

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: ILULISSAT / DISKO BAY

Be on deck this morning to see the Northern Hemisphere's most active glacier—**Jakobshavn**—often surrounded by icebergs in all shapes and sizes and in varying shades of white and turquoise. Jakobshavn comprises part of the **Ilulissat Icefjord**, known as "the birthplace of icebergs." Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004, Ilulissat Icefjord produces nearly 20 million tons of ice daily into Disko Bay.

Step ashore in **Ilulissat**, founded in 1741 and now Greenland's third-largest settlement, with a population of 4,900. The town offers a very small yet intriguing selection of museums and art galleries for a deeper look at Greenlandic art, history, and culture.

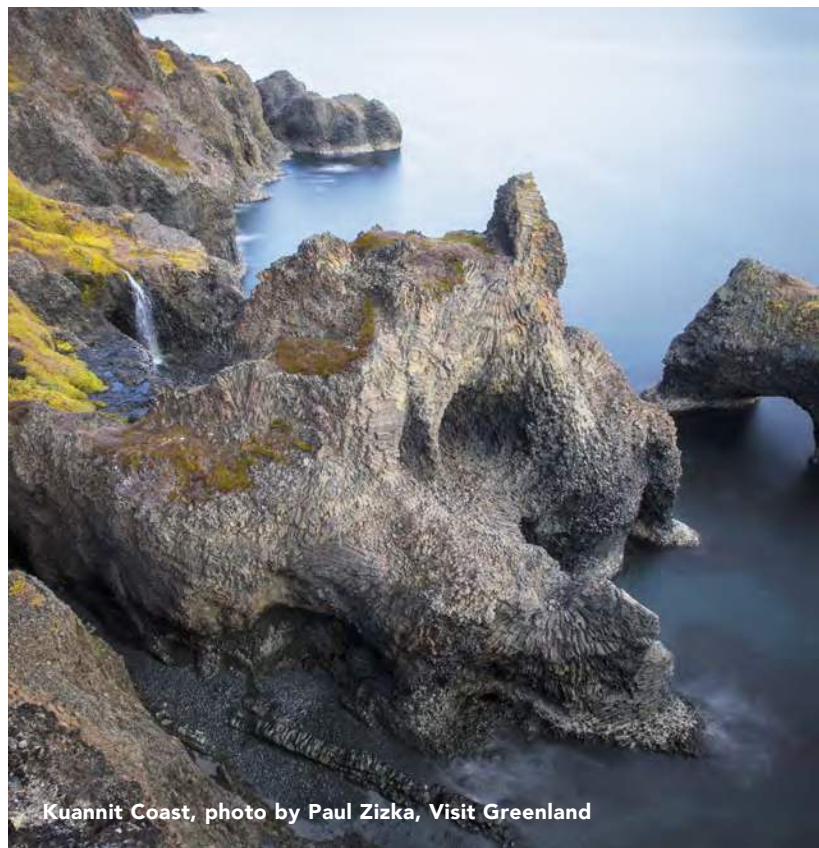
During our guided walking tour of Ilulissat, take an inside look at the **Ilulissat City Museum**, with its exhibits covering prehistoric life, urban history, fishing practices, and Greenlandic national clothing. You will also peruse the museum's collection of photographs by Danish photographer Jette Bang and pioneering anthropologist Knud Rasmussen.

You may have some free time to explore the **Icefjord Centre**, which opened in 2021. Here, art and science converge to enhance our understanding of Greenland's ice sheets and their global significance. Take an inside look at art installations and a display of ice cores that document climatic and cultural changes dating back as far as 100,000 years, holding insights into forgotten events like volcanic eruptions and meteor impacts.

In the evening, board local fishing boats for a sunset cruise among icebergs that have recently been calved off the enormous glaciers. B,L,D

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: KUANNIT COAST / QEQERTARSUAQ (DISKO ISLAND)

In **Disko Bay**, transfer to Zodiacs for a cruise along **Disko Island** and its **Kuannit Coast**, where huge volcanic cliffs and basalt rock columns offer refuge for numerous sea birds. Considerably younger geologically than mainland Greenland, Disko Island boasts tall basalt mountains formed by volcanic activity dating back 25 to 65 million years. Its unique location between the low and high Arctic climates fosters diverse flora uncommon for its latitude.



Kuannit Coast, photo by Paul Zizka, Visit Greenland

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Qeqertarsuaq Church

Return to *Exploris One* later this morning and depart for North Greenland's former capital of **Qeqertarsuaq**, a small fishing town founded in 1773, set on a peninsula on Disko Island's southern coast. With a backdrop of gleaming red basalt mountains and black-sand beaches, step ashore for a guided walk and meet a local expert to learn about Qeqertarsuaq's history and secrets of modern Arctic life.

Stop at the charming, octagonal **Qeqertarsuaq Church**, built in the early 20th century. Then enjoy an inside look at the **Qeqertarsuaq Museum**, housed in the former official residence of the bailiff for North Greenland. Delve deep into the museum's exhibitions on the town's colonial history, its Arctic research station, and the paintings of Jakob Danielsen (1888–1938), a Danish-born artist and local hunter. B,L,D

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: EVIGHED FJORD

Sail into **Evighed Fjord**, which is aptly named "the fjord of Eternity," as it stretches over 60 miles, seemingly endless in its beauty. The landscape transitions from glaciers to tundra, with rich flora and jagged, bird-filled cliffs.

Step off a Zodiac cruise, then take a gentle hike amid the stunning glacial scenery and watch as birds such as white-tailed eagles and black-legged kittiwakes soar above. Later, return to *Exploris One* and gather for the captain's festive farewell dinner this evening. B,L,D

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: KANGERLUSSUAQ / DISEMBARK / REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND / RETURN

After disembarking this morning, transfer to the Kangerlussuaq airport for the charter flight back to Iceland to connect to homebound flights. B,L

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Exploris One

The recently renovated *Exploris One* (formerly Silversea Cruise Line's *Silver Explorer*) was specially designed to sail the world's most demanding waters in the polar regions. Equipped with a reinforced hull, *Exploris One* is a global benchmark for exploring glacial regions in a completely safe environment. Enjoy an exceptional level of comfort, along with personalized service.

The ship features 60 cabins and 12 suites, among the most spacious available on expedition ships. Enjoy a fitness and well-being area, panoramic decks and lounges, and outdoor Jacuzzis for a moment of relaxation with a view. Onboard Zodiacs allow passengers to disembark all together several times a day, depending on the navigation conditions, in areas that are usually inaccessible.



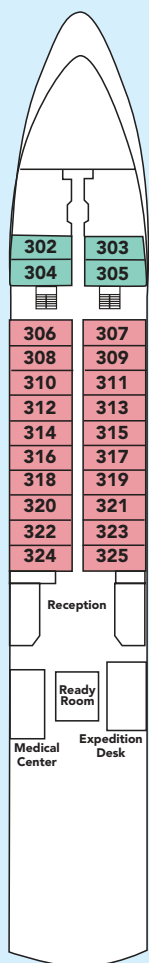
Exploris One Grand Restaurant

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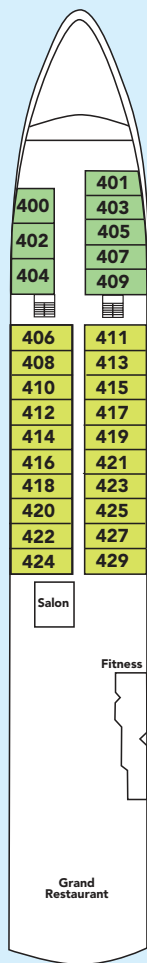
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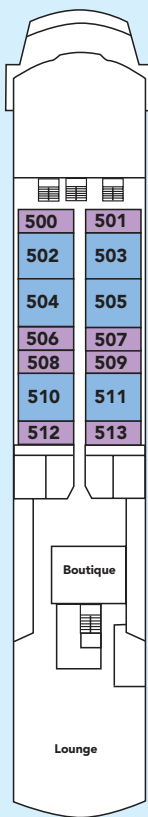
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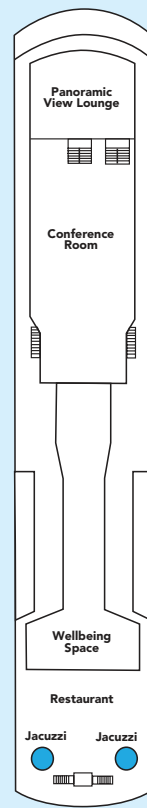
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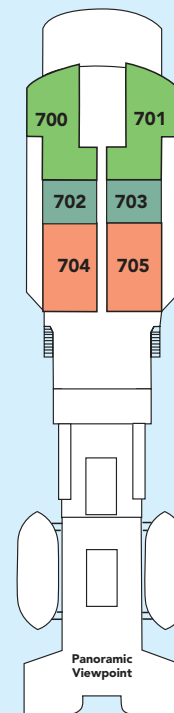
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CRUISE RATES

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
302-305	Deck 3	\$8,999	\$10,999
Premium staterooms (appx. 160 sq ft, two portholes)			
306-325	Deck 3	\$9,999	\$12,499
Ocean Staterooms (appx. 192 sq ft, small picture window)			
400-405, 407, 409	Deck 4	\$10,999	\$13,799
Superior Staterooms (appx. 185 sq ft, small picture window)			
406, 408, 410-425, 427, 429	Deck 4	\$11,999	\$17,999
Deluxe Staterooms (appx. 192 sq ft, large picture window)			
500, 501, 506-509, 512, 513	Deck 5	\$14,999	Inquire
Balcony Staterooms (appx. 210 sq ft, French balcony)			
502-505, 510, 511	Deck 5	\$19,999	Inquire
Discovery Suites (422 sq ft, two French balconies)			
702 & 703	Deck 7	\$20,999	Inquire
Navigator Suites (400 sq ft, private balcony)			
700 & 701	Deck 7	\$22,999	Inquire
Grand Suites (618 sq ft, private balcony)			
704 & 705	Deck 7	\$25,999	Inquire
Owners Suites (728 sq ft, large private balcony)			

RATES INCLUDE

- One night hotel accommodations in Reykjavík, Iceland
- Eight nights cabin accommodations aboard the exclusively chartered and renovated *Exploris One*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wine and beer with all included lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar aboard *Exploris One* throughout the cruise (including all standard spirits)
- Privately chartered, internal, round-trip flights (Reykjavík-Kangerlussuaq-Reykjavík)
- Airport/hotel/airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested and charter flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES: International airfare to/from Reykjavík; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; premium spirits and alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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