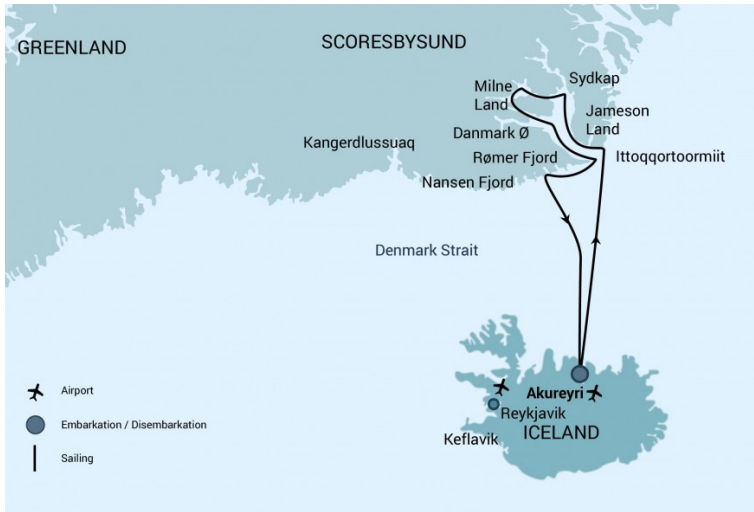


# East Greenland Scoresby Sund - Aurora Borealis

## Witness the Northern Lights at Scoresby Sund



Title:	East Greenland Scoresby Sund - Aurora Borealis
Dates:	9 Sep - 17 Sep, 2023
Tripcode:	HDS13-23
Duration:	8 nights
Ship:	m/v Hondius
Embarkation:	Akureyri
Disembarkation:	Akureyri
Language:	English speaking voyage, Language assisted voyage
Important:	Kayaking is an optional activity. (No supplement for TRAK kayakers who bring their own kayak and drysuit)

## ITINERARY

### PLEASE NOTE:

All itineraries are for guidance only. Programs may vary depending on ice, weather, and wildlife conditions. Landings are subject to site availabilities, permissions, and environmental concerns per AECO regulations. Official sailing plans and landing slots are scheduled with AECO prior to the start of the season, but the expedition leader determines the final plan. Flexibility is paramount for expedition cruises. The average cruising speed of our vessel is 10.5 knots.

The East Greenland – Scoresby Sund cruise crosses the Arctic Circle into the home waters of multiple species of whale. The expedition will spot huge icebergs as it journeys into the largest and deepest fjord system in the world. Along the way the Northern Lights is guiding our way.

### TRAK Kayaking: Kayak Skills Progression Camp in cooperation with TRAK

Ever wanted to join a course that teaches useful and effective kayaking skills? Now you can learn from the experts, and all in a fantastic Arctic environment. We're offering our new [Kayak Skills Progression Camp](#), in cooperation with TRAK, to an exclusive group of four to eight kayakers. Participants will be split into two groups of four people, and each group will be offered one outing per day (morning or afternoon) of one to two hours (weather permitting). We hope for five activity days from Sunday to Thursday, depending on local conditions.

The supplemental fee for this activity covers your use of industry-leading TRAK single-seater kayaks and dry suits for the duration of your trip, but if you have your own dry suit, we recommend using that instead. For kayakers who bring their own TRAK kayak and dry suit, no supplemental fee will be charged. Basic kayaking experience is helpful but not a requirement.

Physical fitness, however, is essential. Since it can be breezy and cool in the early season (Arctic springtime), please bring your own thermal layers for additional warmth. This course is aimed at beginners and intermediate kayakers who want to kayak in sheltered fjords, bays, and small secluded harbors. It's a fun activity in a leisurely format, focusing on education and skills progression. Morning kayakers will return for lunch aboard the vessel at midday, after which they'll swap activities with morning hikers.

All kayak outings will operate under the guidance of seasoned kayak guides who will take into account the experience and physical fitness levels of the participants. Kayak groups will also be escorted by one Zodiac boat for added safety. Kayaking routes cannot be determined in advance because local conditions will have an influence on the final program.

The map therefore outlines a possible but not final itinerary, as all itineraries are subject to change.

### Day 1: On the Iceland road

Your journey begins in the morning, where by request you can transfer via chartered bus **(T)** from the city hall of Reykjavik (the meeting point) to the ship in Akureyri (the embarkation point). You arrive in the afternoon after a six-hour drive through northern Iceland.

PLEASE NOTE: This transfer **(T)** must be booked and paid for in advance. In the early evening, the ship departs from the port of Akureyri, sailing north toward the Denmark Strait.

### **Day 2: Sailing to east Greenland**

While sailing north you're likely to see fulmars, kittiwakes, gannets, and common guillemots. You then cross the Arctic Circle, possibly spotting whales. By evening, the first icebergs flash into sight with your approach to the east Greenland coast, near Brewster.

### **Day 3: Inuit neighborhood of yesteryear**

Today you reach Scoresbysund, sailing along the glaciated Volquart Boons Kyst. You may also enjoy a Zodiac cruise past one of the glacier fronts, along with a visit to the basalt columns and ice formations of Vikingebugt. The afternoon goal is to visit Danmark Island, where you find the remains of an Inuit settlement abandoned around 200 years ago. The circular stone tent rings indicate the summer houses, while the winter houses can be seen closer to a small cape. The sites are well preserved, with easy identifiable entrances, bear-proof meat caches, and grave sites. In the evening you continue sailing the berg-crowded fjords to the west.

### **Day 4: Colors of the cape**

The goal is a Zodiac cruise near Røde Ø, one of the world's most cherished iceberg attractions: The austere blue-white of the icebergs sets sharp against the brooding red backdrop of the sediment slopes. The afternoon plan is to sail through the northern parts of Røde Fjord, with the chance to see musk oxen and warm autumnal foliage.

### **Day 5: Enormous bergs, Arctic hares**

In the morning you encounter colossal icebergs, some over 100 meters (328 feet) high and more than a kilometer (.62 mile) long. Most of them are grounded, as the fjord is only about 400 meters deep (1,312 feet). You then land near Sydkap, with fine views of Hall Bredning and a good shot of seeing Arctic hares.

### **Day 6: Settlement at Scoresbysund**

Today you make a tundra landing on Liverpool Land, in Hurry Inlet. The afternoon stop is Ittoqqortoormiit, the largest settlement in Scoresbysund at about five hundred inhabitants. At the post office you can buy stamps for your postcards, or just stroll around to see the sled dogs and drying skins of seals and musk oxen. In the afternoon you sail south, passing the picturesque landscapes of the Blossville Coast.

### **Day 7: Remote shores**

Turner Sound and Rømer Fjord grant you the opportunity to sail far inland, as they have no glacier front at the head and are not clogged with ice. In this location, you may get the opportunity to spot narwhals.

### **Day 8: Sea life under the northern lights**

A sea day grants you the opportunity to spot whales and seabirds – and at night, the magical northern lights.

### **Day 9: Journey's end at Akureyri**

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. You disembark in Akureyri, where on request you can transfer by chartered bus (T) (a six-hour drive that you must book in advance) to the Reykjavik city hall, taking home memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.

## ACTIVITIES YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN



### Hiking

FREE

There will be easy, moderate and more demanding walks available in the vicinity of the landing sites. Rubber boots with a grip sole appropriate for hiking will be provided on our motor vessels but not on our smaller sailing vessel- for our sailing vessel you should bring your own sturdy ankle-high hiking boots and gaiters.



### Photo Workshop

FREE

Participants with a special interest in photography will bring their personal photo equipment. The workshop must be pre-booked prior to departure.



### Kayak Skills Progression Camp

450 USD

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There will be no supplement for kayakers who bring their own TRAK kayak and dry suit. This course is aimed at kayakers with previous kayak experience. Physical fitness is essential.



### Kayaking

ON REQUEST

**This activity is currently sold out. You can request to be added to the waitlist in case of a cancellation.**

Basic kayaking experience is of advantage, but it is not a requirement. Physical fitness is essential. Kayaking is subject to weather and prevailing ice conditions.

# CABINS & PRICES



## Quadruple Porthole

- 2 portholes
  - 2 upper & lower berths
  - Small sofa
  - Private shower & toilet
  - Flatscreen TV
  - Desk & chair
  - Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
  - Hair dryer
  - Cabinet
  - Safe deposit box
  - Wardrobe
- This cabin is suitable for families traveling with children, or passengers who do not require a twin or more luxurious cabin



### Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

**18400 USD**



### Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

**4600 USD**



## Triple Porthole

- 2 portholes
  - 1 upper berth & 2 lower berths
  - Small sofa
  - Private shower & toilet
  - Flatscreen TV
  - Desk & chair
  - Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
  - Hair dryer
  - Cabinet
  - Safe deposit box
  - Wardrobe
- This cabin is suitable for families traveling with children, or passengers who do not require a twin or more luxurious cabin



### Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

**17100 USD**



### Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

**5700 USD**



## Twin Porthole

- 2 portholes
- 2 single beds
- Small sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe



### Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

**12800 USD**



### Single cabin

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).

**10880 USD**



### Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

**6400 USD**



## Twin Window

- 1 window
- 2 single beds
- Small sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe

Please be aware that the view from some windows might be partially obstructed due to the design requirements of the ship



### Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

**13800 USD**



### Single cabin

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).

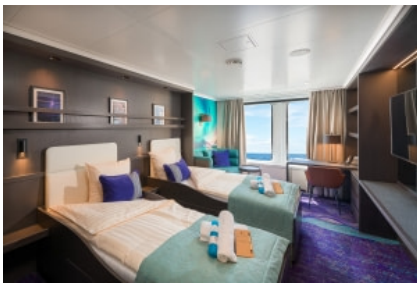
**11730 USD**



### Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

**6900 USD**



### Twin Deluxe

- 2 windows
- 2 single beds
- Sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe



#### Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

14600 USD



#### Single cabin

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).

12410 USD



#### Sharing berth

Share your cabin with others for the best price

7300 USD



### Superior

- 2 windows
- 1 double bed
- Sofa
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe



#### Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

16600 USD



#### Single cabin

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).

14110 USD



### Junior Suite

- 1 double window
- 1 double bed
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe



#### Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

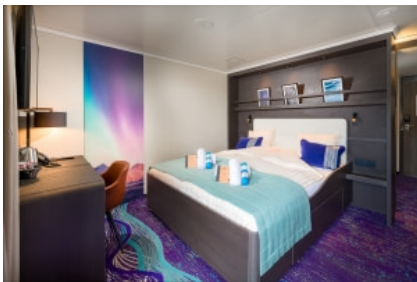
17700 USD



#### Single cabin

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).

15045 USD



### Grand Suite with private balcony

- 1 double window
- 1 double bed
- Sofa
- Private balcony
- Private shower & toilet
- Flatscreen TV
- Desk & chair
- Telephone and WiFi (supplemented)
- Refrigerator
- Coffee & tea maker
- Bathrobe
- Hair dryer
- Cabinet
- Safe deposit box
- Wardrobe



#### Complete cabin

Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

20600 USD



#### Single cabin

Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate).

17510 USD

