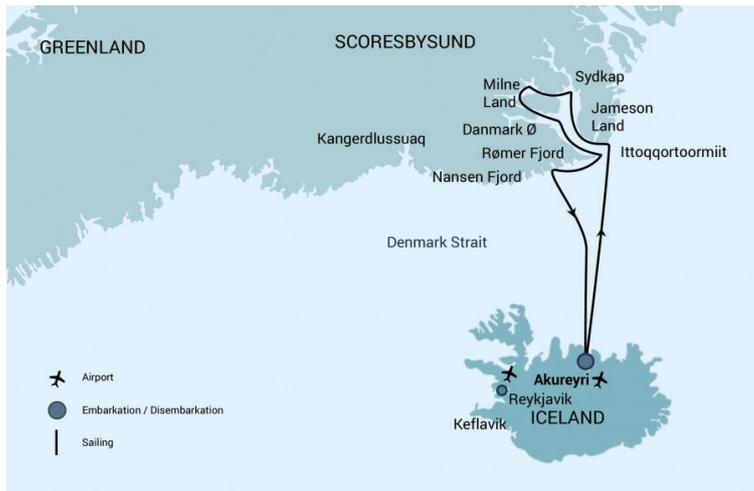


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Witness the Northern Lights at Scoresby Sund



Title:	East Greenland Scoresby Sund - Basecamp Free kayaking, hiking, photo workshop (diving supplemented)
Dates:	9 Sep - 17 Sep, 2022
Tripcode:	OTL14-22
Duration:	8 nights
Ship:	m/v Ortelius
Embarkation:	Akureyri
Disembarkation:	Akureyri
Language:	German language assistance, English speaking voyage
Important:	Diving is an optional activity. Experience with cold-water diving and dry-suit dives (at least 30) is a must!

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.

Background on Basecamp cruises: -

On this voyage we will offer free activities (kayaking, hiking, and photo workshop).

Our Basecamp voyages focus on land and near-shore activities with minimal disturbance to local wildlife. If time and conditions permit, the expedition team will also look for wildlife opportunities whenever possible.

By definition, a basecamp is a temporary camp from which expeditions or other outdoor activities can be carried out.

During our designated Basecamp cruises, the ship navigates to carefully chosen areas in the Scoresby Sund, staying in fewer locations than during our regular trips so that it can serve as a comfortable hub for multiple outdoor activities.

Hikers can embark on vigorous walks in the backcountry, photographers can capture the dramatic surroundings in pictures, and kayakers can explore waterways through which the ship cannot always sail.

Passengers who do not wish to engage in these activities can enjoy Zodiac excursions and easy-to-moderate shoreline walks that focus on wildlife. All activities are free of charge. Polar scuba diving is the only supplemented activity on these trips. See our section on polar diving in the introduction.

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.

Included in this voyage

- Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary
- All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea.
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.
- Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.
- Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.
- AECO fees and governmental taxes.
- Comprehensive pre-departure material.

Excluded from this voyage

Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights

Pre- and post- land arrangements.

Passport and visa expenses.

Government arrival and departure taxes.

Meals ashore.

Baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is strongly recommended).

Excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges.

Transfer supplement for bus shuttle between Akureyri (ship) and Radhus Reykjavikur / city hall in Vonarstraeti and v.v. (6 hours)

The customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN

Diving

550 USD

23 places left



You must be advanced and experienced in dry suit and cold water diving. Diving is subject to local ice and weather conditions.

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.

Kayaking

FREE



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.

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.

CABINS & PRICES

Quadruple Porthole



2 portholes
 2 upper / lower berths
 Private shower & toilet
 Desk & chair
 Flatscreen TV
 Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
 Hair dryer
 Ample storage space



Complete cabin
 Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

18000 USD



Sharing berth
 Share your cabin with others for the best price

4500 USD

Triple Porthole



2 portholes
 1 upper / lower berth + 1 single lower berth
 Private shower & toilet
 Desk & chair
 Flatscreen TV
 Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
 Hair dryer
 Ample storage space



Complete cabin
 Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

18900 USD



Sharing berth
 Share your cabin with others for the best price

6300 USD

Twin Porthole



2 portholes
 2 lower berths
 Private shower & toilet
 Desk & chair
 Flatscreen TV
 Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
 Hair dryer
 Ample storage space



Complete cabin
 Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied.

12600 USD



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

10710 USD



Sharing berth
 Share your cabin with others for the best price

6300 USD

Twin Window



2 windows
2 lower berths
Private shower & toilet
Desk & chair
Flatscreen TV
Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Complete cabin
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied. 13600 USD



Single cabin
Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate). 11560 USD



Sharing berth
Share your cabin with others for the best price 6800 USD

Twin Deluxe



3 windows
2 lower berths
Private shower & toilet
Desk & chair
Small sofa
Refrigerator
Coffee & tea maker
Flatscreen TV
Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Complete cabin
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied. 14400 USD



Single cabin
Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate). 12240 USD



Sharing berth
Share your cabin with others for the best price 7200 USD

Superior



2 windows (minimum)
1 double bed
1 single (sofa) bed
Private shower & toilet
Desk & chair
Flatscreen TV
Telephone & WiFi (supplemented)
Refrigerator
Coffee & tea maker
Hair dryer
Ample storage space



Complete cabin
Price for the complete cabin, fully occupied. 16300 USD



Single cabin
Price for the complete cabin occupied by 1 person (1.7x the shared rate). 13855 USD