



East Greenland Coastal Cruise

2016

A Unique Visit to Greenland

11 Days Thursday through Monday

Greenland's East Coast is remote even by Greenlandic standards. This tour offers exciting insights into a unique and exotic land

We personally know a little about East Greenland, even traveled by sled with seal hunters, but here's a great tour we haven't tried. (Yet). While Western Greenland and its waters were known to Europeans since before the year 1000 the East coast was a mystery to all but a few hundred residents until the late 1800's.

This tour goes between a few settlements and into some incredible fjords and landfalls. The landings are by Zodiac inflatable boats which must be entered by going down and up a steep gangway and the shore visits are on rugged and untracked terrain. These aspects will rightly dissuade some travelers from this cruise. But the healthy, the sound and the adventurous traveler will see this as unique.

And want to go!

We've reset the price on this adventure to make this even more attractive.

Day 0 - Leave the US

Day 1 - Arrival in Iceland and use your voucher to take the Flybus in to your hotel.

Day 2 - You'll take a cab to the Reykjavik airport and fly to Kulusuk. The flight leaves Reykjavik domestic airport 10:45. Arriving at Kulusuk 10:25. Local times; (you'll be flying with the sun).

Day 3 thru 7 You'll be met at the Kulusuk airport and taken to board the S/V 'Rembrandt Van

Rijn' and begin cruising.

After sailing parallel to the magnificent coast of East Greenland you'll reach Umivik, where Nansen began his crossing of the Greenland ice-cap in 1888. You can follow a very short distance in his steps towards, and onto the Greenland ice-cap. Then the ship sails on inshore waters into some fjords back to the north sailing into Kag Bugt's landscape which is ice bound much like Antarctica. Continuing on to Unartoq, with its warm springs. With a brief

visit to vegetated tundra at Husryggen. Isortoq is an East Greenland outpost, where the people still live a traditional life on an island near the foot of the Greenlandic ice-cap, descending here right down to the sea. No guarantees, but the possibility of seeing the glacier calving icebergs into the sea. The captain will see how far the ship can safely get into the famous Sermilik Fjord and Johan Petersen Fjord with their steep glacial walls.

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Day 8 -A visit to Tasiilaq (about 2000 inhabitants) which is the centre of East Greenland, and has a good museum. This is where Europeans first met the Eskimos of East Greenland at the end of the 19th century.

Day 9 From the island of Kulusuk you'll take the scheduled flight to Reykjavik. Leaving Kulusuk at 1425, reaching Reykjavik domestic airport at 1805 night at Baron

Day 10 Because weather delays are some times experienced on flights from Greenland there will be a "safety" night built in here. There is plenty to see and do in Reykjavik on this day for which we'll give a descriptive list and you'll also find much sales literature at airports and your guesthouse.

Day 11 Your voucher for the Flybus will get you out to Keflavik airport and you'll start on your trip home.



PRICES

Prices in US Dollars Per person/double occupancy -
Twin Inside 4421
Twin Outside 4882

DATES

Leave US	Tour Starts	Return to Iceland	Return to US
Sun Aug 21	Tue Aug 23	Tues Aug 30	Thu Sept 1
Sun Aug 28	Tue Aug 30	Tues Sept 6	Thu Sept 8

The Ship

S/V 'Rembrandt Van Rijn' was built as a herring lugger early last century. The vessel was rebuilt as a three-mast passenger sailing schooner in the Netherlands in 1994 and sailed in Spitsbergen (1994 – 1996) and in Galápagos (1998 - 2001). The vessel underwent a complete rebuilding and refurbishment program until 2011. The communication and navigation equipment has been completely renewed according to the latest SOLAS regulations.

Perfect for expedition cruising among small islands

The ship is well suited for expedition cruising among small islands and offer good open deck viewing areas, also when under sail. The 2 inflatable rubber crafts (zodiacs) enable landing and wildlife viewing opportunities in otherwise inaccessible areas. The Rembrandt van Rijn measures 56 meters in length (168 ft.), 7 meters in width and has a draft of 2,5 meters. The maximum speed on engines is 9 knots. It has an experienced crew of 12 persons on board including 2 tour guides. The ship can accommodate a maximum of 33 passengers in 16 cabins in 1 Triple Private cabin (with shower and toilet and porthole), 6 Twin Private Inside cabins (with shower and toilet, no porthole), 9 Twin Private cabins (with shower and toilet and porthole). See pictures of the ship and cabins under the tab "photos".

Comfort and Character

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Age range & Nationality onboard

Passengers on a typical voyage range from their 30s to their 80s - with a majority usually from 45 - 65, but a little younger on the Rembrandt van Rijn, between 30 - 55. Our expeditions attract independent-minded travellers from around the world. They are characterised by a strong interest in exploring remote regions. The camaraderie and spirit that develops aboard is an important part of the expedition experience. Many departures have several nationalities on board.

The electrical supply aboard the ship is 220 volt 50hz. Electrical outlets are standard European with two thick round pins. U.S. passengers may need a 220v/110v converter.

Excursions & Landings

Every day there will be excursions on land, weather and ice permitting. The landings will take three to six hours per day over untracked area. According to circumstances (the weather, the ice-situation or the passengers' wishes) the program can sometimes be adjusted. Ample time will be devoted to wildlife, vegetation, geography and history.

Gratuities

The customary gratuity to the ship's crew and expedition leader is made as a blanket contribution at the end of the voyage. You will receive detailed guidelines aboard. Tipping is a very personal matter and the amount you wish to give is at your discretion. We suggest to give cash in Euros, US Dollars or Danish kroner.

Non-smoking policy

On board our vessels we have a non-smoking policy. It is prohibited to smoke inside the ship. You can smoke on deck but do not throw your cigarette filter overboard ! Do not smoke on the aft deck in the proximity of zodiacs, engines and fuel. Please respect the wishes of non-smokers.

The crew

The crew of the 'Rembrandt van Rijn' consists of 9 experienced crew and 2 tour guides and a cook. The sailors are in charge during sailing and will bring us ashore. Whilst sailing the assistance of the passengers is appreciated for handling the sails and taking the helm. This includes being on watch during nightly sailing.

Your physical condition

You must be in good general health and you should be able to walk several hours per day. The expedition is ship-based and physically not very demanding. Although we spend as much time as possible ashore, you are welcome to remain aboard the ship if you like. To join most excursions, you must be able to get up and down the steep gangway from the ship to the water level to board the Zodiacs. Staff will assist you in and out of the boats. This will become progressively easier with practice. Ashore it can be slippery and rocky. You are travelling in remote areas without access to sophisticated medical facilities, so you must not join this expedition if you have a life-threatening condition, or need daily medical treatment.



Price includes round trip air from Icelandairs' east coast gateways (JFK, Newark, BOS, and Washington Dulles) airport transfers, pre – and 2 post-tour nights in double rooms with breakfast in Reykjavik, flights between Reykjavik and Kulusuk, transfers between the airport and the port in Greenland, 8 day voyage with meals, shore excursions, use of snow shoes, all taxes and fees, lectures by naturalists on board, and guidance by experienced leaders on expeditions.

NOT included in the price are travel insurance (which is required) meals other than breakfast in Iceland, transfer between the Reykjavik domestic airport and your hotel, meals ashore in Greenland, personal expenses – laundry, beverages, communications, any tours or optional services in Iceland, anything NOT specifically included.



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