

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

WITH ALBATROS EXPEDITIONS IN 2023



*The following optional
excursions are available on
some of our fantastic
Arctic cruises.*



EXCURSION PACKAGE:

AVAILABLE FOR VOYAGE:

THROUGH THE NORTH ATLANTIC FROM SCOTLAND TO SVALBARD

Stoneage Clickimin Broch and Shetland sightseeing

Once securely docked at the port, we depart through Lerwick towards Scalloway for a short scenic drive. From the elevated position we can enjoy the view of the charming village and the imposing Scalloway Castle. After a short photo stop, we continue eastwards through the area that is locally known as the “Black Gates” – an area where peat is still cut to use as fuel.

Following the road northwards our main destination of Clickimin Broch is only a short drive. There will be free time to discover this well preserved and restored Broch and learn more about life in the Iron Age. Includes transport in coach. The Broch of Clickimin is a large, well preserved but restored Broch in the heart of Lerwick.

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Activity level	Easy
Terrain	Walking at Clickimin Broch is at guests own discretion. Some uneven ground
Suitable for wheelchairs	We request that wheelchair guests are accompanied as the guide cannot undertake responsibility for them during the tour
Total walking distance	Minimal to and from the Broch and whilst walking around. Some walking at photo stops.
Refreshments/meals	None included
Shopping	N/A – In town centre after the tour
Special Clothing	Warm and waterproof clothing, sturdy footwear
Additional Comments	Photo stops throughout the tour



Torshavn: Sightseeing and Kirkjubøu visit

Come with us on this look back into history! We drive out of the capital and over the mountains to the south. As the climate on the Faroe Islands is 'stably unstable' it is not unlikely that we will drive through the cloud base and experience some fog on the way. But if you wait a moment, it is also not unlikely that it will clear up and give us a dramatic view. We arrive in Kirkjubøur, the most important historical site on the islands. Kirkjubøur was in medieval times the Episcopal center of the Faroe Islands, and also its undisputed cultural center. We visit the ruins of the impressive Magnus Cathedral that perhaps never was completed, and the St. Olav church – the only remaining medieval church on the Faroe Islands. During our excursion we will learn a lot more about the Faroe Islands, both geographically, historically and the current state of the isles.

Activity level	Easy
Terrain	Hillsides, soft ground and flat terrains on photo stops. Mostly flat terrains on town visits. Some slightly rugged/elevated terrains if you walk off road.
Suitable for wheelchairs	We request that wheelchair guests are accompanied as the guide cannot undertake responsibility for them during the tour
Total walking distance	Approx. 1,5 km
Refreshments/meals	None included
Shopping	N/A – Shopping available in Torshavn
Special Clothing	Warm and waterproof clothing, sturdy footwear
Additional Comments	Bring camera! Remember that the Faroese weather is unreliable, but part of the total experience!

Prebooking rate for excursion package: 110 EUR/132 USD per person for a coach excursion to Stoneage Clickmin Broch and Shetland sightseeing & Torshavn sightseeing and Kirkjubøu visit.

The excursions can be bought separately on board pending of availability. Stoneage Clickmin Broch and Shetland sightseeing rate is 74 USD per person & Torshavn sightseeing and Kirkjubøu visit is 74 USD per person.



BOATTRIP TO THE ICEFJORD

AVAILABLE FOR VOYAGE:

IN THE WAKE OF ERIC THE RED & GREENLAND DISKO BAY

On this day, you will also have the opportunity to join a boat trip to the Icefjord. The journey takes about two and a half hours in total, and presents an opportunity to gain a closer look at the amazing ice-sculpted scenery. The trip is definitely something out of the ordinary and a great natural experience that you will remember for years to come - but be sure to remember warm clothes!

Activity level	Easy
Terrain	Zodiac to shore pontoon, where we also board the boat
Suitable for wheelchairs	No
Total walking distance	N/A – we are on the boat for whole excursion
Refreshments/meals	None included
Shopping	N/A – Shop available at Shop Siku close to pontoon
Special Clothing	Warm and waterproof clothing
Additional Comments	Weather permitting, fantastic photo options throughout the tour

Prebooking rate 110 EUR/132 USD per person for sailing on the Icefjord.
On board rate is 140 USD pending availability.



ICEFJORD FLIGHT SIGHTSEEING

AVAILABLE FOR VOYAGE:

IN THE WAKE OF ERIC THE RED & GREENLAND DISKO BAY

Discover huge iceberg pushing towards the mouth of the Kangia Icefjord, and breaching their way into the Disko Bay. Get to see the very small settlement of Ilimanaq just south of the icefjord, and if you are lucky, you might get a glimpse of the many whales in the bay on your way back to Ilulissat. We fly Vulcanair Partenavia P68 airplanes. These airplanes are ideal for the purpose of sightseeing flights. Being high wing mounted with large windows at each seat, you have the perfect conditions for taking pictures and bringing your memories back home, as well as giving you a clear view of the landscape. The Partenavia, can carry up to 5 passengers plus the pilot Duration: approx. 40 min.

Activity level	Easy
Terrain	Zodiac to shore pontoon, walk up boarded bridgewalk to car that takes us to airport
Suitable for wheelchairs	No
Total walking distance	N/A – we are on the plane for whole excursion
Refreshments/meals	None included
Shopping	N/A – Shop available at Shop Siku close to pontoon
Special Clothing	Warm and waterproof clothing (only recommended for Zodiac transport part)
Additional Comments	Weather permitting, fantastic photo options throughout the tour
Remark	We reserve the right to increase price due to fuel rates

Prebooking rate 400 EUR/465 USD per person for a flight sightseeing over the Icefjord.
On board rate is 495 USD pending availability.



TUNDRA SAFARI, KANGERLUSSUAQ

AVAILABLE FOR VOYAGE:

IN THE WAKE OF ERIC THE RED, INTO THE NORHTWEST PASSAGE & GREENLAND DISKO BAY AND UMMANNAQ

The trip takes place on one of our tough, off-road 4WD coaches, which are outfitted to accommodate transport in the Arctic's summer and winter terrain. We will follow a route through the beautiful tundra landscape, while the guide tells us about the surrounding flora and fauna.

With a bit of luck, we will observe musk oxen roaming freely in their natural habitat around Kangerlussuaq and learn about these incredible creatures. Musk oxen can be aggressive and charge without warning, so we are unable to confirm how closely we can observe their behavior. However, the guide will always bring a pair of binoculars, ensuring you have a chance to watch these impressive animals.

We will also be on the lookout for other wildlife in the area, such as reindeer, and learn about the tundra's vegetation and flowering plants, including the dense scrub that grows on the south-facing rocky slopes and the wooded thickets of arctic willow that thrive along the rivers and streams.

Geologically-speaking, Kangerlussuaq's history dates back 2.8 – 2.7 billion years, and at least once, the area has been completely frozen over in ice from Kangerlussuaq to the coastal town of Sisimiut. This is evidenced by the area's rigid, moraine landscapes and in the generally lower geological reliefs, in comparison to the geological mass that lies to the north. In other words, the geological structure of Kangerlussuaq's mountain landscapes has been eroded by ice through the ages. Today, the height of the largest rounded hills in the area do not exceed 700 meters. On this excursion, we often drive up to the American-named mountain of Tacan. It is a mountain south of Kangerlussuaq that offers fantastic panoramic views of the valleys, rivers, Kangerlussuaq and even parts of the Greenland Ice Sheet.

We will take a few breaks during the excursion, so you can stretch your legs while enjoying the peacefulness, the fresh air and views of the distant horizon.

Activity level	Easy
Terrain	Somewhat bumpy ride on the rocky roads. The walking terrain is rugged and requires you to be careful and attentive. The walking involved is evaluated as between easy and intermediate difficulty (2 out of 5).
Suitable for wheelchairs	No
Total walking distance	Approx. 300 meters depending on how far you want to walk during the stops
Duration	1,5 hours
Shopping	N/A – but shops available in Kangerlussuaq
Special Clothing	Warm and waterproof clothing, sturdy footwear

Prebooking rate 50 EUR/60 USD per person for a Tundra Safari excursion.
On board rate is 70 USD pending availability.



TRIP TO THE REINDEER GLACIER, KANGERLUSSUAQ

AVAILABLE FOR VOYAGE:

IN THE WAKE OF ERIC THE RED, INTO THE NORHTWEST PASSAGE & GREENLAND DISKO BAY AND UMMANNAQ

The Ice Sheet Is one of Greenland's biggest attractions. It covers 80% of the surface of the country, but the size of this mass of ice is reduced every year, because it melts more than it rebuilds. Our destination is a place we call Reindeer Glacier, which stands tall like an ice wall – in some places up to 60 meters high – displaying a clear contrast between land and ice. The name is due to the frequent sight of reindeers here, but even without the presence of the animals, this location is a world-class spectacle, with a myriad of motives for the camera and a calmness that brings to our thoughts nature's pristine, immaculate beauty. Our journey to one of the area's most remarkable glaciers requires transport via a tundra coach, a 4WD vehicle, which is designed to take on the rocky, changeable terrain and gravel roads. Along the way, keep your eyes open for the wildlife that resides in the area, namely reindeer and musk oxen, while you let your mind wander while listening to the history and stories of the area narrated by our guide. During the warm summer months, glacial thinning and instability within the colossal walls of ice happens more often. These structures can calve and break suddenly; therefore, it is important to maintain a safe distance from the ice giants. After approx. 90 minutes of driving, we will reach the resplendent Reindeer Glacier, where one can walk parallel to the glacier edge up from the waterfall, and there is the opportunity to photograph the scenery from many different good angles, or just enjoy the greatness and silence, interrupted only by the roaring sound of the melting ice water. The area where we spend most of the time is equipped with about twenty benches with tables and primitive but practical mobile toilets for those in need. After an appropriate amount of time in front of the fascinating glacier, we leave the unique nature as it was when we got to it: Untouched, magnificent and unforgettable.

Activity level	Easy
Terrain	Somewhat bumpy ride on the rocky roads. The walking terrain is rugged and requires you to be careful and attentive. The hike is evaluated as between easy and intermediate difficulty.
Suitable for wheelchairs	No
Total walking distance	600-1500 meters depending on how far you want to walk
Refreshments/meals	Sandwich & water
Shopping	N/A – but shops available in Kangerlussuaq
Special Clothing	Warm and waterproof clothing, sturdy footwear

Prebooking rate 115 EUR/130 USD per person for a trip to the Reindeer Glacier.
On board rate is 140 USD pending availability.



TRIP TO RUSSEL GLACIER , KANGERLUSSUAQ

AVAILABLE FOR VOYAGE:

IN THE WAKE OF ERIC THE RED, INTO THE NORHTWEST PASSAGE & GREENLAND DISKO BAY AND UMMANNAQ

The Ice Sheet Is one of Greenland’s biggest attractions. It covers 80% of the surface of the country, but the size of this mass of ice is reduced every year, because it melts more than it rebuilds. At Kangerlussuaq, clear signs have been found that the ice is receding.

Our adventure to the area’s most remarkable glacier requires transport with a tundra coach, a 4WD vehicle, which is designed to take on the rocky, changeable terrain and gravel roads. This leg of our journey takes approximately 1.5 hours. On the way, we will be on the lookout for wildlife, such as reindeer and musk oxen, and listen to stories from our guide about the area’s history. After arriving to Russell Glacier, you can hike along the glacier’s edge, and simply enjoy its immensity. Here, the roar of melting and morphing ice structures are the only sounds that disrupt the peaceful silence. You will find many excellent locations for close-up photography and panoramas. Due to the melting of ice during the warmer summer months, glacial thinning and instability within the colossal walls of ice can result. These structures can calve and break suddenly; therefore, it is important to maintain a safe distance. As the ice slowly moves across the mountain landscapes, its unseen power crushes the rock below, thereby producing an accumulation of stony deposits and fine, gray silt. The silt is actually fine sand, clay and gravel that resulted from the ice’s crushing weight. These moraines and silt serve as a true testament to the great forces that nature can exert. They also help explain the steely gray color of the 160-kilometer (199-mile) long Kangerlussuaq Fjord. After an hour spent enjoying the fantastic glacial surroundings and nature’s might, we will leave Russell Glacier behind, just as we found it – pristine, magnificent and unforgettable.

The Russell Glacier is located within the UNESCO World Heritage site of Aasivissuit - Nipisat.

Activity level	Medium
Terrain	Somewhat bumpy ride on the rocky roads. The walking terrain is rugged and requires you to be careful and attentive. The hike is evaluated as between easy and intermediate difficulty.
Suitable for wheelchairs	No
Total walking distance	6000-700 meters depending on how far you want to walk
Refreshments/meals	Sandwich & water
Shopping	N/A – but shops available in Kangerlussuaq
Special Clothing	Warm and waterproof clothing, sturdy footwear

Prebooking rate 115 EUR/135 USD per person for a trip to the Russel Glacier.
On board rate is 140 USD pending availability.