

EAST GREENLAND EXPEDITION

TOUR INFORMATION PACKAGE

All the details you need to learn about and reserve your remote expedition travel & sea kayak adventure in east Greenland with Spirit of the West Adventures. Designed to introduce our guests to an arctic environment, this trip combines travel by kayak with ample time for hiking into the higher country back from the shore, offering a well-rounded perspective on this extreme paddler's paradise. Please contact us for any question you have!





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AT A GLANCE

TYPE	Remote expedition travel & sea kayaking
LENGTH	11 days, 10 nights
START & END	Reykjavik, Iceland
GROUP SIZE	Maximum 10 guests and 2 guides
ACTIVITY LEVEL	Moderate-challenging
HIGHLIGHTS	Paddling among icebergs, Greenlandic culture, wildlife, remote arctic fiords, hiking in open tundra
WILDLIFE	Opportunities to view arctic fox, harp seal, arctic hare, narwhals, and/or musk ox. There is an abundance of bird life in Scoresbysund as well.
PRICE	\$6450 USD (no tax on international tours)
INCLUDES	All kayaking & safety equipment, camping equipment including tents, sleeping pads and sleep bags, stoves and cooking gear, water bladders and tarps, qualified and personable guides, all meals, snacks and non-alcoholic drinks from lunch on day 1 to lunch on day 11, park and land use permit fees, water taxi transportation with local hunters from Ittoqqortoormiit into the fiord, 2 nights at a guesthouse (Ittoqqortoormiit, Greenland), return flight Reykjavik-Constable Point.
NOT INCLUDED	International flights from your home to Reykjavik, Iceland, sleeping bag, insurance of any kind, items of a personal nature or gratuities, charges incurred as a result of excess baggage.
TOUR DATES	July 30 to August 9, 2016

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PADDLING AMONG ICEBERGS

TRIP SUMMARY

This trip takes place on the east side of Greenland in the immense fiord system of Scoresbysund. Remote and pristine, this region is ironically easier to access than the more populated West Greenland due to flight connections through Iceland (instead of requiring a flight all the way to Europe only to backtrack half a hemisphere).

After meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, we'll fly to Constable Point in East Greenland where we begin the trip. At 71° north, the sun shines almost 24 hours a day, invigorating those of us from more temperate latitudes. Through steep and rocky fiords we'll wind our way among channels and icebergs to find each night's campsite, occasionally coming across ancient Inuit encampments.

Spirit of the West will supply group kayaking equipment (mix of double and single kayaks, depending on group size), camping and cooking equipment, guide(s) and guiding service, meals from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on Day 11, including snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, local knowledge and trip planning services. The trip begins and ends in Reykjavik, Iceland.

WHEATER

Greenland is notorious for its high-pressure system and good weather in the summer. The climate is dry and the temperatures generally range from 35 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Showers and strong wind can occur, although rarely.





SAMPLE ITINERARY & HIGHLIGHTS

One of the highlights of this trip is the amount of ice (mostly icebergs and some floe ice) we will see here due to the many glaciers in the fiord and pack ice that is typically pushed south from higher in the arctic. While not an impediment to travel, it creates an ever-changing “landscape” on the sea that is difficult to take one’s eyes off of. The sound of calving glaciers and icebergs is a constant backdrop to our trip.

Wildlife will also make an appearance, with muskox, arctic fox, harp seal and arctic hare among the more likely visitors. Narwhal enter the fiord in midsummer and may surprise us with their fast swimming and smooth backs. Rarely we would see a minke or fin whale. There is a very small chance of encountering a polar bear, though we would count ourselves quite lucky if we did (they occasionally drift south with the pack ice; we will secure our camp every night regardless).

This is the proposed itinerary for our trip, but it is flexible and may be adapted to suit the interests of those who join the trip as well as the weather conditions.

Day Zero

Depart your home country for Reykjavik. Most flights from North America are overnight, and you will need to be in Reykjavik to check in for your flight to Greenland by mid-morning. To ensure your timely arrival you may wish to err on the side of caution and arrive a day early to explore the city.

Day 1

Arrive in Reykjavik, transfer to Keflavik (Reykjavik domestic airport) and check in with Air Iceland for the 2-3 hour flight to Greenland. On arrival you will transfer from the airport to the village of Ittoqqortoormiit by helicopter for a welcoming meeting and to discuss the upcoming trip. Your guide(s) will be busy readying equipment and food for the journey into the fiord by water taxi. Dinner at the guesthouse and overnight in Ittoqqortoormiit.

Day 2

In the morning we’ll board water taxis driven by local Greenlanders for the boat trip (about 5-7 hours) into the fiord where we’ll begin kayaking. On arrival we’ll sort our gear and set up our first camp.

Day 3

Taking advantage of the spectacular setting we’ll explore on foot up the glacier-carved valley of Hjørnedal, keeping a lookout for our first sightings of muskox.

Day 4 to 8

Winding our way among icebergs and islands, we’ll travel north up Rødefjord at the head of the Scoresbysund Fjord system. With Milne Land to the east and the mainland mountains and icecap to the west we’ll get into the routine of taking down camp, loading boats and paddling for the day’s adventure. Distances will be enough to feel like we accomplished something, but still leave time to ramble about in the evenings taking in the flora and fauna. We will also take at least one more day off of paddling to hike inland, gaining a different vantage point above the sea.

Highlights will be watching icebergs calve around us, keeping track of the numerous birds, spotting muskox and keeping an eye out for the elusive narwhal.

Day 9

Having arrived at our last camp on Cape Hoffman Halvø (straddling the smaller Rypefjord and Harefjord), this day we’ll hike again to higher ground for a long view down the path we just paddled. Another exceptional view awaits.

Day 10

Today we pack up our gear for the return trip to Ittoqqortoormiit. This journey will be most of the day by water taxi, so we’ll spend this night again at the guesthouse in town. There will be some time to wan-



der around town and take in the unfamiliar sights and sounds of another country, possibly picking up a souvenir or two along the way.

Day 11

In the morning we'll return to Reykjavik. Here you may choose to spend some time exploring what Iceland has to offer, or if time is of the essence you can continue back to your home country.

Please note

The itinerary is weather and group dependent. As with travel to any destination in the far north, logistics are vulnerable to weather and delays, so please plan your onward travel from Iceland and post-trip obligations accordingly. We require all guests to purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance to help deal with the unexpected.



TRAVEL TO GREENLAND

Please note that your international flights from and to the tour starting and ending point in Reykjavik, Iceland is NOT included in the Spirit of the West Adventures tour costs. We recommend following Airline to book your travel to Iceland;

<http://www.icelandair.com>

Iceland Air offers multiple flight from many destination in the USA and Canada.

Please contact us if you need any further help to plan your travel.



TESTIMONIALS OF SPIRIT OF THE WEST ADVENTURES

“Can’t thank you all enough – will honestly never forget these inspiring few days.”

Katie and Rosie B.

“Really impressed with the knowledge of both Graham and Asher-especially their enthusiasm and passion for the wildlife and environment and their willingness to share their knowledge.”

N. Moran

“Kind of hard to advance perfection.”

J. Nelles

Professional, inspirational, and full of good times and great adventure.

M. Follet

“Amazingly wonderful.”

Judy K.

“We never believed you could top our previous Spirit of the West expedition, but once again, you did. We enjoyed the scenery, the people, the weather, the adventure, the coordination, the accommodation - we wouldn’t recommend you change a thing!”

Lesley, Michael C.

“It was, as always a wonderful trip! I don’t think that I could wipe the smile off my face, and I’m sure that everyone here at home is getting sick of my “wonderful Spirit of the West” stories. Thanks so much!”

Sheila S.



TOUR TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVING YOUR TRIP

Reserving your adventure with Spirit of the West Adventures is simple. Just call 1-800-307-3982 or 250-285-2121 to speak with one of our friendly and helpful office crew, e-mail your request to info@kayakingtours.com or reserve your trip on the web through our [online reservation request system](#).

If you're not sure if a particular trip is right for you or you're looking for more information, let us know and we would be happy to answer your questions or put you in touch with a past guest who has experienced the trip before.

To reserve space on our tours we ask for a deposit as well as a completed reservation form submitted online, over the phone or by fax. We require a deposit of 25% per person.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A deposit to reserve your space on a tour is due at time of booking. The balance of your trip cost is due 90 days prior to departure. For your convenience, with your authorization, we automatically charge your credit card when the balance is due unless otherwise arranged. Payment can be made by cheque, money order, Visa or MasterCard; any processing charges or fees are your responsibility.

PRICING

All pricing for Canadian-based tours is listed and charged in Canadian dollars. All tours that take place outside of Canada are listed and charged in US dollars. Any foreign currency pricing is only approximate. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. charges in the listed currency and it is your credit card company or bank who determines your exchange rate on the day your transaction takes place. Pricing is subject to change.

For all Canadian tours there is an additional 5% tax called the GST (Goods and Services Tax). Non-residents of Canada purchasing their tour from outside of Canada are eligible for a 50% tax refund. We will send you the necessary paperwork upon registration. Tours that take place outside of Canada are not taxed. Non-tour add-ons such as equipment rentals or merchandise must be charged both 5% GST and 7% PST (Provincial Sales Tax).

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you find it necessary to cancel your tour, please let us know as soon as possible. No refunds are given once tours have departed. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. is not responsible for any additional costs that may arise in the event of a trip alteration or delay caused by circumstances beyond our control. To avoid confusion we require written notice of cancellation, by email, fax or standard mail. The following fees will apply to cancellations and are calculated as of the date we receive your written cancellation notice.

CANADIAN TOURS

If you must cancel your tour, your refund is as follows:

- Earlier than 90 days before trip – If we have not had to turn customers away, full amount is refunded less a \$100 administration fee. If we have

had to turn customers away, the deposit is retained.

- 89-30 days before trip – 50% of total tour price is refunded.
- Later than 30 days before trip – No refund will be given, unless we can find someone to fill your space. In this case, only the deposit is retained.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS

If you must cancel your tour, your refund is as follows:

- Earlier than 90 days before trip – deposit is refunded less a \$250 administration fee and the guest is responsible for any costs incurred for cancelling any additional tours or travel arrangements. If we have had to turn customers away, the entire deposit is retained.
- 90-60 days before trip – 50% of total tour price is refunded.
- Less than 60 days before trip – No refund will be given, unless we can find someone to fill your space. If we can fill your space, only the deposit is retained.

We highly recommend that all guests purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance. Trip cancellation and interruption insurance is mandatory for all international tours. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. is not responsible for ensuring the appropriate level or amount of coverage is purchased. Please contact your travel insurance provider to ensure you have appropriate coverage for your entire trip.

Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. reserves the right to cancel any trip prior to departure for any reason whatsoever, including insufficient bookings, safety threats including natural disasters, political instability, terrorism or logistical problems that may impede trip operations.

If we have to cancel a tour due to insufficient bookings you may choose between an alternate trip or a full refund. We will inform participants of cancellations due to insufficient bookings no later than 60 days prior to the tour. If the alternate trip chosen is of a lower value than the originally booked then you are entitled to a refund of the difference. If the alternate tour chosen is of a higher value then you will pay the difference in price.

If a tour has to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control, e.g. political instability, natural disasters, labour strikes etc, there will be no refund from Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. Please contact your travel insurance provider for details on how to start a claim.

Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. is not responsible for expenses incurred by trip participants in preparing for a cancelled trip (for example non-refundable advance purchase plane tickets, visa fees, inoculations, equipment etc. or for any additional arrangements for other travel plans associated with this tour.) Spirit of the West will make every reasonable effort to contact you as soon as it appears that a trip may be cancelled.

TRIP PREPARATION

Once you've made your choice and sent in your deposit, we will send you a link to a detailed document that includes everything that you will need to prepare.

for your tour including an itinerary, packing list, transportation options, directions, meeting times and frequently asked questions. For international tour destinations, we include information about issues such as passports, visas, immunizations and currency exchange. All you need to bring is your passport, a sense of adventure, your clothing and personal items.

Let us know if you're planning a birthday or anniversary trip. We'll pack a surprise! If you have special dietary considerations, please let us know in advance and we'll make all the accommodations necessary if you're vegetarian, vegan or have food allergies. Please note we are not a peanut or nut free facility. On international tours the availability of ingredients or restaurant kitchens outside of our control may limit the type of dietary accommodation we are able to offer.

MEDICAL AND RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/ LIABILITY RELEASE FORMS

Each participant is required to fully fill out the medical form and liability release form. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. must receive medical forms at least 30 days prior to tour departure. Please read and understand the liability waiver upon registration. You will be asked to sign the liability waiver on your arrival and before tour departure. Minors not travelling with their parents or guardian will need to have the parental consent forms signed before arrival.

GUEST RESPONSIBILITY

Although no previous kayaking experience is required on our tours, as with any adventure there is always an element of risk. While most of our trips are not considered to be overly strenuous or physically demanding, and we do not require a high level of fitness, good general physical condition is necessary. If you have any physical limitations or concerns please let us know. As we are not qualified to evaluate your level of fitness we ask that you (possibly along with your doctor) determine whether or not you are able to join one of our adventures. If you have any special medical conditions, we encourage you to check with your doctor before you reserve your trip. Please also note that all of our tours take place in remote areas and evacuations can take a great deal of time and can be expensive. Persons with various disabilities are welcome on Spirit of the West tours, pending a discussion of any special needs and requirements.

You must also acknowledge that travel with Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. requires a degree of flexibility and understanding that the trip's route, itinerary, accommodation and modes of transport are subject to change without prior notice due to local circumstances. While traveling with Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. you agree to accept the authority of the leader at all times. You need to be aware that group travel may involve compromise to accommodate the diverse desires and abilities of group members. We ask that you welcome your adventure with an open mind and be able to laugh and have fun when encountering the unexpected. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. is dedicated to providing safe, environmentally sensitive, well-organized, fun-filled adventures.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

You must carry a valid passport and/or necessary documentation and have obtained the appropriate visas when travelling with Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. Please ensure your passport is valid for 6 months beyond the

duration of your trip. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the correct visas for your travels. Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. does not accept responsibility if you are refused entry to a country because you lack the correct documentation or the authorities deem you unsuitable for entry.

ACCOMMODATIONS ON TOUR

Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. will do our best to make you comfortable and feel at home on your tour.

Canadian Tours: Keep in mind that our sea kayaking tours are a true wilderness experience that can involve camping in established and non-established sites with minimal facilities and rustic surroundings. This is all part of what we call an adventure! Tenting and lodging is generally based on double occupancy, however if you are traveling alone we do our best to provide you with your own tent or a suitable tent partner.

International Tours: Hotels in the Bahamas are NOT included in tour costs. Hotels in Chile are included in the tour price and are based on double occupancy. There is a \$200 single supplement for Chile tours if you require your own hotel room. Single accommodation on the Mothership in Chile is NOT possible. All tenting is also based on double occupancy, however if you are travelling alone we do our best to provide you with your own tent or a suitable tent partner.

TIPPING

Gratuities are always appreciated. If you feel the guides & crew have done an exceptional job, tipping is a great way to show your appreciation. We also appreciate other expressions of thanks including cards, letters etc.

STORAGE OF PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Due to the nature of our services, it is necessary to collect and store a certain amount of personal and financial information. By providing us with your address, personal and financial information, you consent to the storage of this information for a period of time deemed appropriate by Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. Personal information includes, but is not limited to, your first name, last name, phone number, email address and billing address. Financial information includes, but is not limited to, your card account number, card expiration date and cardholder name.

PRIVACY POLICY

Spirit of the West Adventures Ltd. occasionally sends out an e-newsletter and updates that we think you'll want to hear about. We will NEVER to sell or share your email address with any third party company (unless it is for the purpose of coordinating trip logistics, for example booking airline tickets). You can unsubscribe at any time by emailing or clicking on the links in newsletters. For more information please feel free to call us at 1-800-307-3982 or email us at info@kayakingtours.com.

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