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M/S BALTO

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THE EXPEDITION SHIP M/S BALTO

We are proud to present the latest addition to our fleet of small expedition ships, *M/S Balto*, named after the leading sled dog of 1925 Nome serum run. She was built in 1A in Rauma, Finland, to serve as a government survey and ice escort vessel in the Baltic sea. During 2019-2020, she has been totally refurbished and is now one of the roomiest and most elegant small polar expedition yachts in service. *M/S Balto* offers a relaxed luxury accommodation for 12 guests in 7 spacious outside cabins, all with private facilities and lower beds. The cabins include 1 Owner's cabin, 1 superior cabin, 3 double cabins and 2 single cabins. The Owner's cabin is 30m² suite, has 6 windows and a queen bed, the superior cabin has two twin beds while the double cabins have a queen bed. The Owner's and superior cabin also offer a separate seating area, which could be converted in to additional bunk. In all cabins you find a desk with a chair and a closet for storage.

On the guest deck you will also find a cedar lined sauna, accommodating 4-6 persons, with a cold shower and a small changing room. The richly appointed salon and the beautiful dining messroom feature crotch-mahogany panelling, a bar, a card table, a library, coffee and tea stations. She offers a large restaurant style open galley, where you can check on the marvels of our chefs and sample freshly baked bread. There are several open and semi enclosed deck spaces from where you can enjoy the stunning Arctic sceneries. The ship has been fitted with an electric diesel propulsion capable of maintaining versatile manoeuvring and survey speeds with no vibration. It is therefore ideal as film and photo platform.

FACTS

Country of registry: Cook Islands

Gross tonnage: 422

Official language: English

Length: 39.75 meters

Width: 9 meters

Speed: 9 knots

Draft: 3.2 meters

Zodiacs: 2

Passenger capacity: 12

Crew capacity: 12

Year built: 1975

Place built: Finland



Photo: Christian Engelke

BAR & LOUNGE



Just aft of the guest mess is a small bar area with a card table, Arne Jacobsen's chairs, a large couch, leather club chairs, library, Inuit artifacts and other fine details. The lounge extends upstairs with spacious office and lounge area aft of the bridge deck. This area offers a large long work desk with row of electric outlets (power outlets are EU 220V-through out the vessel), allowing guests to work on their laptops, photos etc, as well as two couches and additional seating. It is shared with ship's radio room and office. The vessel has open bridge policy at most times at the discretion of the master.

GUEST MESS



Forwardmost is a beautiful dining area for passengers with a cast iron oil stove. All guests and Expedition Leaders are seated at one long cumaru wooden table. The lounge opens via a large opening towards the lounge and salon which in turn opens to galley and crew mess, mud room and second cabin deck stairway. Indeed the entire main deck is designed to be flowing and unrestricted, offering comfort, space and warmth while not excluding guests from the life of the ship.

SAUNA



The cedar lined sauna accommodates 4-6 persons, has a cold shower and a small changing room.

CREW MESS & GALLEY



From the dining area there is a Dutch door in to the galley. Here is also a crew mess along the port side of the ship, coffee and tea station, snack bar and an open galley with cold stores and pantry.

LANDINGS & EXCURSIONS



There is also a mud room for expedition gear and two Zodiacs for wilderness cruises and offshore experiences. *M/S Balto* is truly one of a kind when it comes to small polar expedition ships. Travelling with this unique 12-passenger ship offers a completely different and much more intimate experience of Greenland compared to a larger expedition ship.

SAFETY

M/S Balto is a vessel of extremely sturdy construction and seaworthiness and is equipped with all the modern safety, navigation and communication equipment.

LIFE RAFTS

M/S Balto has a total raft capacity of 80 passengers. It consists of two SOLAS life rafts with space for 20 passengers each and two Polar code Viking life rafts with space for 20 passengers each. One fast rescue rib is found at deck too.

LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

The ship is equipped with personal emergency equipment including survival suits, SARS, locators, SOLAS approved life jackets and abandon ship supplies etc.

FIRE SAFETY

The ship is equipped with automatic smoke detectors to all compartments with bridge alarms. Comprehensive fire extinguish equipment is placed on board the ship.

COMMUNICATION

For passenger use *M/S Balto* can offer an on board e-mail account charged by a set up fee and a data transmission rate. This e-mail account can be accessed from the passengers own laptop via a wireless network from almost anywhere on the ship. The passengers can also buy phone cards for the satellite phone.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROCEDURES

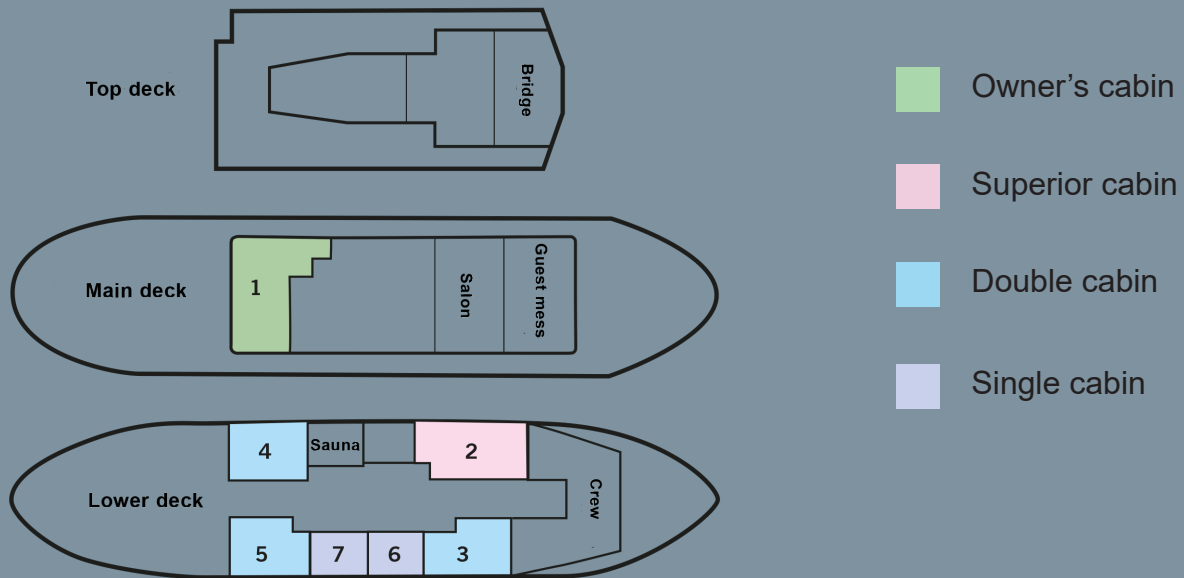
The tap water is drinkable and of high quality.

All sewage is taken care of on board the ship using an eco-sewage processing plant, and a large holding tank capacity for highly sensitive areas.

OBSERVATION DECKS

The ship's observation decks are located on top of the bridge, in the aft of the main deck as well as in the aft and the bow of the lower deck. From the observation decks can you comfortably and safely observe the wildlife and enjoy the magnificent scenery. During certain weather conditions and situations the outer decks might be closed for safety reasons. Foredeck is off limits during anchoring procedures.

CABINS



All cabins have opening portholes. 2 in singles, 3 - 4 in doubles. You find hair dryer, bathrobe, hot water bottles and towels in all cabins, and all bathrooms have shower, toilet, sink and a towel drying heater. Electric power supply is 220 V.

OWNER'S CABIN



The largest cabin on board (30 m²). Here you find a sitting and bed area, wardrobe, desk and six large windows. The bed is queen size (160 cm) and there is space enough to store luggage underneath it, as well as in the wardrobe.

SUPERIOR CABIN



Large cabin (18 m²) with two separate beds (90X200 cm), sitting area, desk and ample storage for luggage in the wardrobe and under the beds. Like in all cabins, you find hair dryer, bathrobe, day-blankets, hot water bottle, towels and sauna towels.

DOUBLE CABIN



Large cabin (16 m² or 12 m²) with queen size bed (160 cm or 140 cm), desk and wardrobe. Double cabin most forward on starboard side, has a bed which is not approachable from both sides as others due to configuration, but it has more sizable room in front because of it.

SINGLE CABIN



Ample size (8m²), light cabin with single twin bed (90 x 200 cm), desk and ample storage for luggage in the wardrobe and under the bed. Like in all cabins you also find hair dryer, bathrobe, day-blankets, hot water bottle, towels and sauna towels.

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Language

On this expedition cruise you will travel with one German and one English speaking guide. Since we are a Swedish based company, your booking confirmation, forms and pre-departure information will be in English.

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Secure Payment

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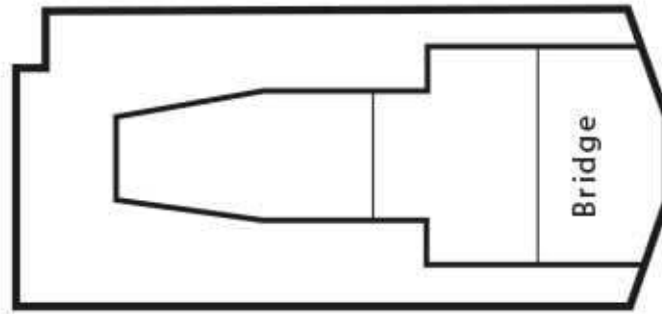
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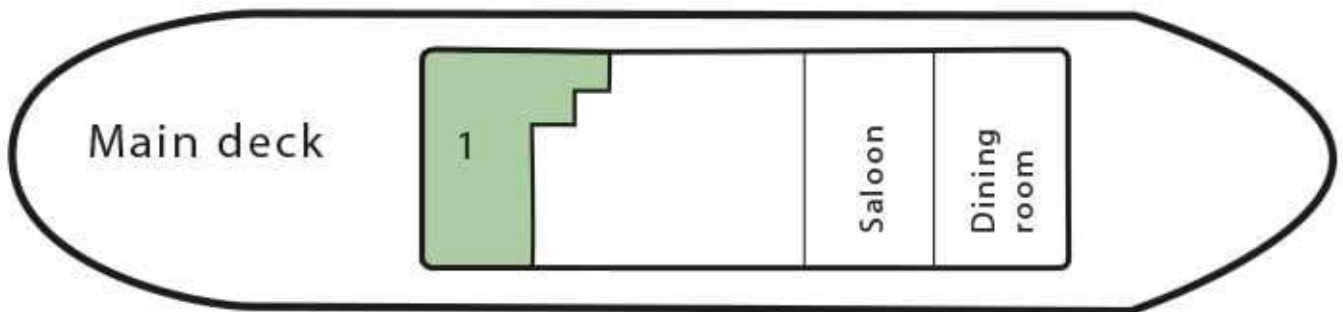
CABINS & PRICES

Cabin category		Price per person
Double cabin	Double bed	USD 11 490
Double cabin	Twin beds	USD 11 490
Superior cabin	Twin beds	USD 12 490
Owner's cabin	Double bed	USD 13 990
Single cabin	Single bed	USD 14 390

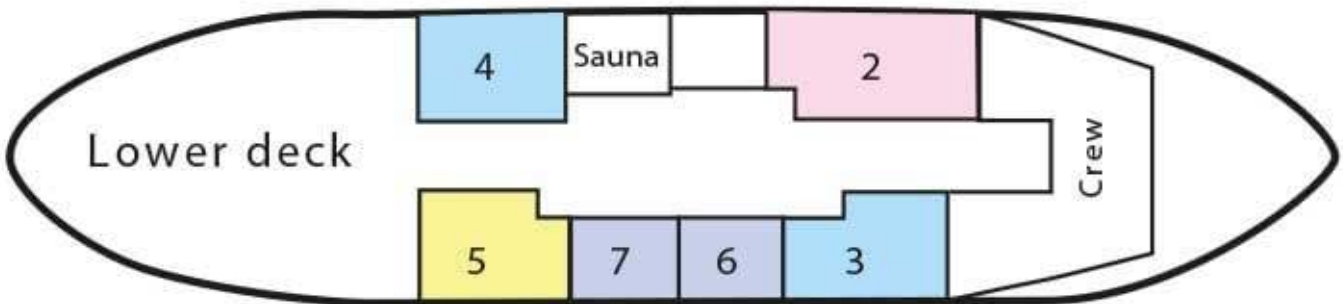
Top deck



Main deck



Lower deck



Price includes

- 9 nights on board M/S Balto
- All meals on board
- Coffee and tea 24 hours
- 1 Expedition Leader and 1 guide
- Guiding ashore and talks on board
- All excursions and activities
- Comprehensive information material before the expedition

Not included

- Flights to and from Greenland
- Travel and cancellation insurance

- Gratuity to the ship's crew
- Personal expenses such as bar charges

DEPARTURES & BOOKING

DEPARTURE	RETURN
27 June 2024	6 July 2024

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April 13

Five whale species you may encounter in Disko Bay

In beautiful Disko Bay and near Disko Island, you have the chance to spot several species of whale. Most often, you will see a dorsal fin or a several-meter-high blowout, but if you are lucky, you get to see when a 30-ton humpback whale makes a high jump above the surface. Hopefully, you will encounter one or some of these giants of the sea during a trip in Disko Bay.



April 11

The enchanting Disko Bay

The rumble of calving glaciers drowns out the sound of whales exhaling. In the magnificent Disko Bay, nature really shows itself in its full glory. The wild landscape on Greenland's west coast is both varied and grandiose, and stands in contrast to the stillness that prevails in the periphery. A trip here leaves no one untouched, not even the pickiest traveller.

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All ships



All trip lengths



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Ilulissat to Narsarsuaq 2024



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11 days 10 nights on ship

USD 12 890

Languages

Departure: July 2024



Tasiilaq – Scoresby Sound 2024



M/S Balto

12 passengers

13 days 10 nights on ship

USD 12 890

Languages

Departure: July 2024



Northeast Greenland 2024



M/S Balto

12 passengers

10 days 7 nights on ship

USD 8 990

Languages

Departures: August / September 2024

FUTURE DEPARTURES TO GREENLAND

DATE	LENGTH OF TRIP	TRIP	PASSENGERS	PRICE PER PERSON
9 Jun 2024	10 days	Disko Bay to Uummannaq – icebergs, whales and Inuit culture 2024	12 passengers	From USD 11 490
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15 Jul 2024	11 days	Ilulissat to Narsarsuaq – Inuit history & magnificent fjords 2024	12 passengers	From USD 12 890
28 Jul 2024	13 days	Tasiilaq to Scoresby Sound – gems of the remote east 2024	12 passengers	From USD 12 890
21 Aug 2024	10 days	Northeast Greenland – Scoresby Sound in Depth 2024	12 passengers	From USD 8 990
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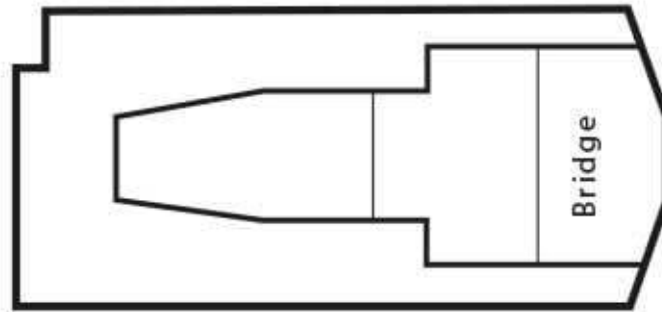
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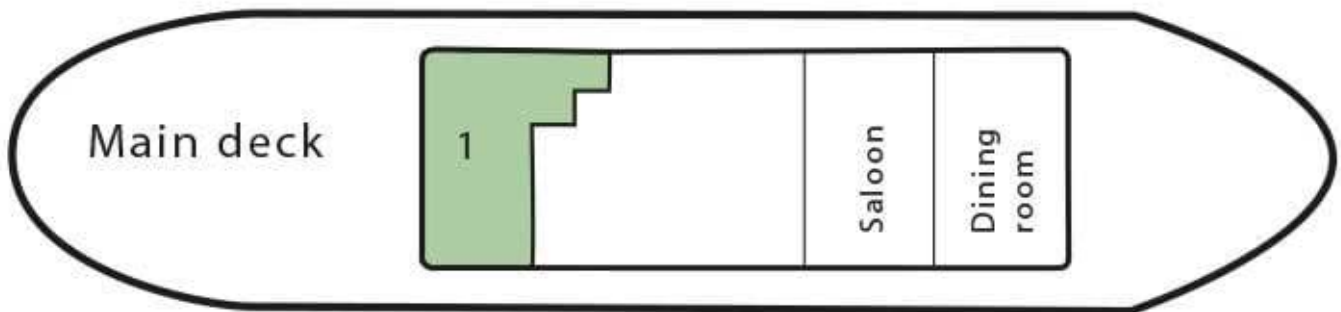
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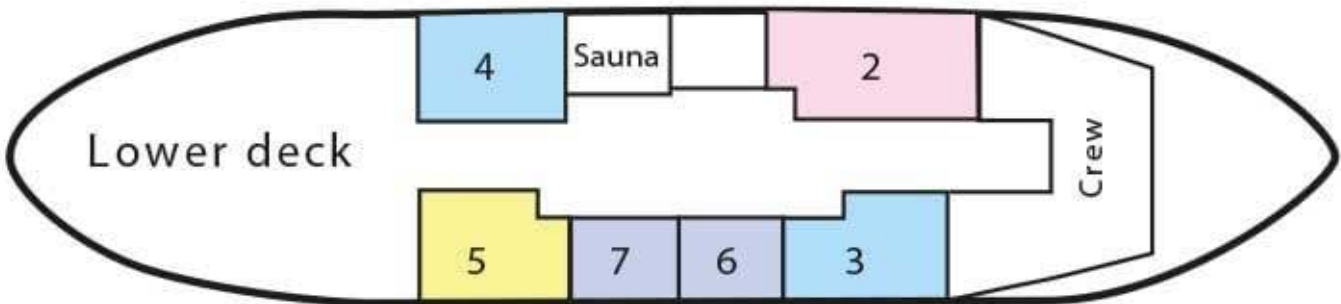
Top deck



Main deck



Lower deck



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Ilulissat to Narsarsuaq – Inuit history & magnificent fjords 2024

Join a voyage filled with fascinating stories of ancient history, cultural legends and natural wonders! We will enjoy humpback feeding grounds, Norse history, Inuit culture and geological wonders. Our trip stretches from the ice-crowned north to the jagged mountains and green pastures of the south, resulting in a large variety of nature, wildlife and culture! The ice, land and nature we sail through will be given another dimension when seen through the prism of myths, legends and history of Inuit and Norse settlers, all shaped by its harsh bounty and beauty.

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- Inuit culture & Norse history
- Beautiful fjords
- Humpback feeding grounds
- Small settlements & the capital Nuuk
- The elegant M/S Balto

Accommodation: Cabin on board the expedition ship M/S Balto.	Transport: Expedition ship, Zodiac.
Ship: M/S Balto.	Passengers: 12 passengers.
Languages: English & Swedish.	Length: 11 days, 10 nights on ship.
Price: From USD 12 890.	Departure: 15 July 2024

ITINERARY





Day 1: Ilulissat, Greenland

We arrive independently to the town by the ice fjord, Ilulissat. Immediately upon arrival we are struck by the natural beauty that surrounds us, with hills, glaciers and a bay filled with icebergs. The remoteness from our everyday life is obvious!

In the afternoon we board M/S Balto. We are now on a voyage in true expedition style and our exact route is depending on weather and ice and the itinerary must be kept flexible!

Day 2 – 10: Expedition cruising through history

We continue to explore the ice-choked **Disko bay** area, before we head south. We are constantly on the lookout, since we are very likely to sail through humpback feeding grounds. We also pass the small and colourful houses of **Aasiaat**. As we continue via an inland passage towards **Sisimiut**, we sail amongst small islands, fjords and cliffs. We might pay a short visit to wander the streets, or we might opt for the surrounding wild fjords with an abundance of cod and various whale species. During hikes we might see reindeer, musk ox and foxes.

As we now leave the ice-filled fjords behind, only random icebergs will pass our way. We pass by Sermersuut Island and might enter the magical **Kangerlussuatsiaq fjord** (the fjord of eternity), where huge mountains up to 2000 metres rise straight from the ocean.

We then reach **Nuuk**. The capital's setting is stunning, and the bay is sometimes visited by minke and pilot whales. We pay a visit to the National Museum, Greenland's largest museum of cultural history. The collections come from all over the country, brought from various archaeological and small museum displays over recent years and the visit gives us great insight into the many different cultures of Greenland.

Our journey continues south towards the fjords around **Qaqortoq**. En route we hope to stop by the abandoned mining town of Ivittuut – one of the few places in the world to have discovered naturally occurring cryolite. During a hike here we have good chances of seeing muskox.

Nearby is the **Ikka fjord**. The legend says that the Inuit people drove invaders out onto the thin ice and when the ice gave way, the invaders died in the ice-cold water. If you look closely, you can catch a glimpse of their petrified remains on the bottom. The figures on the bottom are made of ikaite, an unusual form of chalk or limestone that is formed under an enormous pressure. Only about five other findings of ikaite have been observed around the world.

The places we are travelling through on this voyage have many stories to tell. One is of the Inuit's great respect of and symbiotic relationship with environment and animals. During periods of weather change and animal numbers declining, amulets and fishing or hunting artefact became objects of great beauty and artistry. Of respect and love for the animals, who give themselves to sustain the Inuit life and culture, offerings are made to the Sea Goddess Sedna, to release the animals' souls. Still today, Inuit carry a small jug of fresh water when hunting seal. After a seal is killed it is given fresh water, so its spirit will not go thirsty. We will have many opportunities to learn about stories and legends, different eras and people that migrated to Greenland, conflicts and the ultimate demise of the once powerful Norse civilisation.

We reach **Qaqortoq**, the largest city in Southern Greenland, beautifully situated on the mountain slopes and surrounded by fjords. We venture into **Eriksfjord**, named after Erik the Red, a Norse explorer believed to have founded the first settlement in Greenland. During a landing we visit Brattahlid, the estate he established at the end of the 10th century. We also hope to explore the hot springs of Uunarteq and enjoy a bath in these warm-tempered natural bathtubs, with breath-taking views of mountain peaks and drifting icebergs.

Day 11: Narsarsuaq

At the end of Eriksfjord is **Narsarsuaq**, a small village with approx. 150 inhabitants. Here where we disembark, continue to the airport and begin our journey home.

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Flying to Greenland

Greenland is an enormous island, wild, and remote and offers a fascinating culture and history. Most airports are very small, the airlines flying there are few and flights do not arrive daily. For these reasons you will most likely find it necessary to add extra hotel nights in connection to your outbound and/or inbound flights. Flight tickets to Greenland are also rather high-priced, comparing to many other destinations. But even if flying here is a little bit of a challenge, the grand nature experience that awaits you is incomparable and worth every effort.

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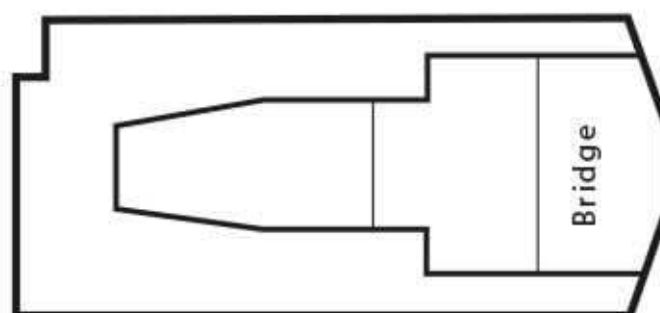
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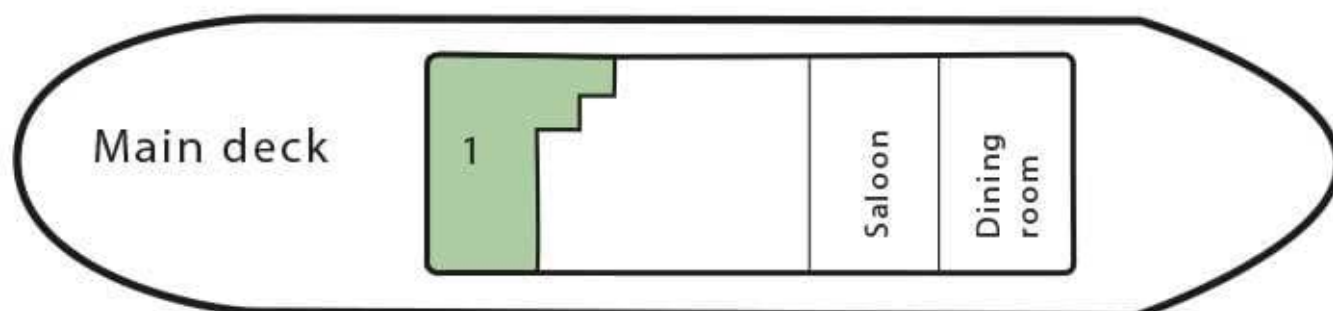
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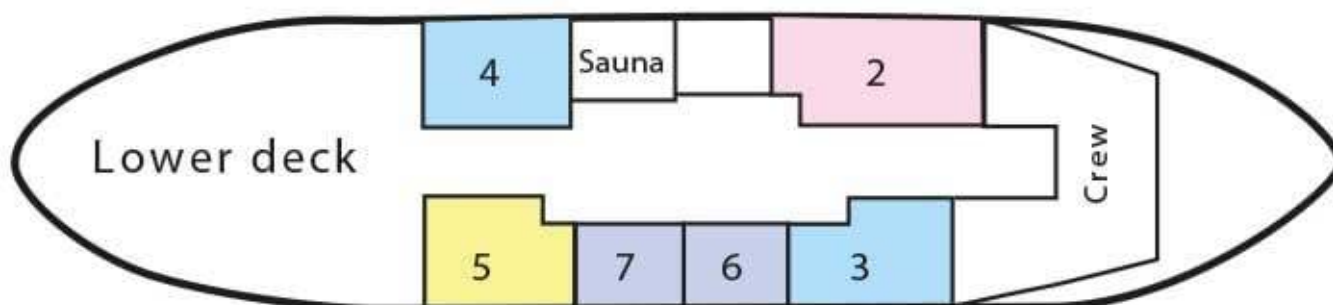
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Tasiilaq to Scoresby Sound – gems of the remote east 2024

Join us on an expedition cruise with M/S Balto along the east coast of Greenland, a wild, beautiful and uncharted coastline. We begin our voyage exploring the grand but still rather unknown Sermilik fjord system, treating us with the aftermath of an ice explosion and icebergs in all shapes and sizes. The area is also known for its stories and myths of the local Tunumiit culture. As we continue our trip north, we enter some of the wildest coastal landscapes in Greenland and sail into deep and unexplored fjords. We visit places like the ice choked Tuttilik fjord and and Watkins fjord, both offering good hiking opportunities with splendid views.

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- Small group of 12 passengers
- The large Sermilik fjord system
- Magnificent icebergs
- Chance of seeing whales
- The wild and unchartered eastern coast
- Stories and myths from the Tunumiit culture

Accommodation: Cabin on board the expedition ship M/S Balto, 2 nights at hotel in Reykjavik.	Transport: Expedition ship, Zodiac, airplane.
Ship: M/S Balto.	Passengers: 12 passengers.
Languages: English .	Length: 13 days, 10 nights on ship.
Price: From USD 12 890.	Departure: 28 July 2024

ITINERARY





Day 1: Reykjavik

We arrive individually to Reykjavik and check into our hotel (included in the flight and hotel package described below).

Day 2: Embarkation day

We fly from Reykjavik into Kulusuk airport. In the afternoon we board M/S Balto and begin our great exploration. On an expedition of this kind the exact route will be decided by weather and ice.

Day 3 – 11: Expedition cruising

We visit the town of **Tasiilaq**. With its 2000 inhabitants it is the largest settlement in East Greenland. It is home to an older and different Inuit culture, where shamanism and native culture is much more vibrant and alive than in other parts of Greenland. During our expedition here, we will learn more of local myths and legends, as the one about tupilaqs. In Greenlandic Inuit religion, a tupilaq was an avenging monster fabricated by a practitioner of witchcraft or shamanism by using various objects such as animal bone, skin, hair or sinew. If lucky we get to witness some ritual or singing.

We continue to explore the impressive **Sermilik fjord system**. We navigate amongst a myriad of icebergs of all shapes and sizes, in a never-ending spectrum of blue. These fjords are awe-inspiring and could be explored for days. We make several remote anchorages, visit a hunting village and are constantly on the lookout for whales, which are sometimes seen in the fjords.

As we sail north we get to experience the eastern wild, beautiful and uncharted coastline.

The strong currents are carrying a parade of icebergs south. Glacier faces goes straight into the ocean and there are many unexplored fjords. The following are just examples of places we might stop at along our way:

In the ice choked **Tuttilik fjord**, meaning the place where the reindeer live, we hope to go ashore and explore some abandoned Inuit winter houses.

As we continue north, we enter some of the wildest coastal landscapes in Greenland. In favourable conditions we enter **Kangerlussuaq fjord** and **Watkins fjord** with beautiful hiking possibilities.

A little bit further up the coast is **Nansen fjord**, which lies directly south from the impressive Gunnbjörn fjeld, Greenland's (and the Arctic's) highest mountain, measuring 3694 meters. We have now entered the area where we are most likely to see polar bears and we intensify our scouting! Polar bear sightings are rare and not an everyday thing in Greenland, but if you wish to see one, the leg from here to Scoresby Sound offers the best chances.

We pass Kap Vedel en route to the **Barclay Bugt area** and are thus officially sailing along the Blosseville Coast. This is arguably one of the most perilous coastlines in the Arctic in terms of ice, current and tide. This stretch of coast was discovered by Jules de Blosseville in 1833 aboard La Lilloise. **Høst Havn** provides a good anchorage and hiking opportunities. We continue and explore the area of **Rømer fjord**, **Deichmann fjord** and **Steward Ø**. On rare occasions Narwhals have been spotted here.

On our final day we aim to venture into **Scoresby Sound**. Here we are surrounded by breath-taking nature, icebergs in all shapes and the fascinating and uniquely flowing basalt columns.

Day 12: Disembarkation

In the morning we disembark in Constable Point and fly to Reykjavik and check in to our hotel (included in the flight and hotel package described below).

Day 13: Homeward bound

Fly back home from Reykjavik.

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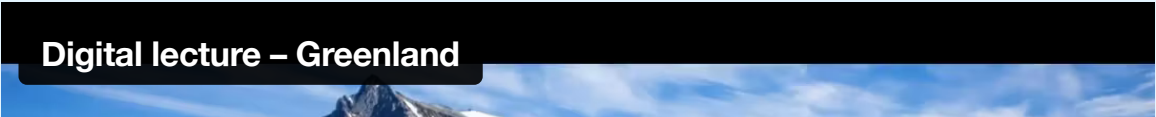
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Why mandatory flight and hotel package?

Northeast Greenland is a true and very remote wilderness. To get here with ship from Iceland takes at least three or four sea days on the Denmark strait, a passage that can be quite rough for a small ship like M/S Balto. To be able to offer you a more comfortable experience with focus on Greenland's spectacular nature, we have therefore chosen to book flights between Reykjavik (Iceland) to Kulusuk (Greenland) and from Constable Point (Greenland) to Reykjavik. We have also included two hotel nights in Reykjavik, one before the expedition and one after. This is to allow for potential flight delays.

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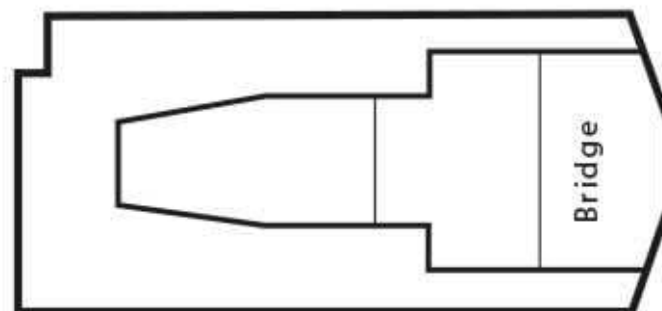
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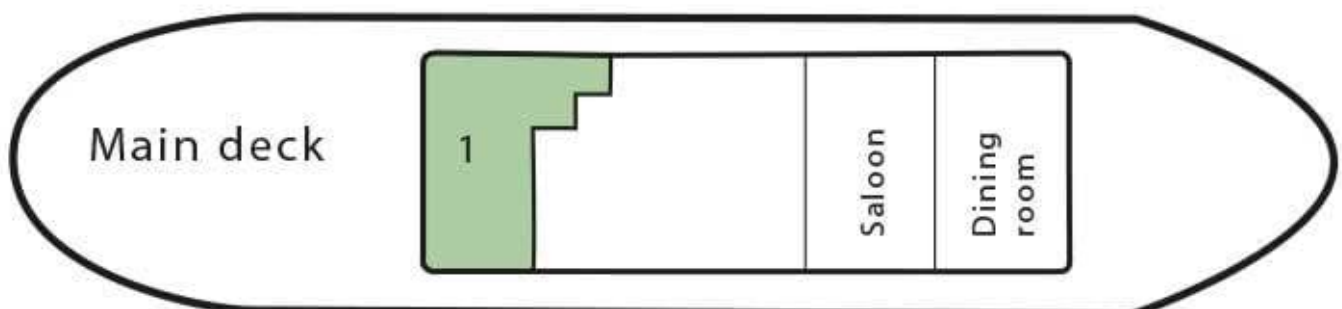
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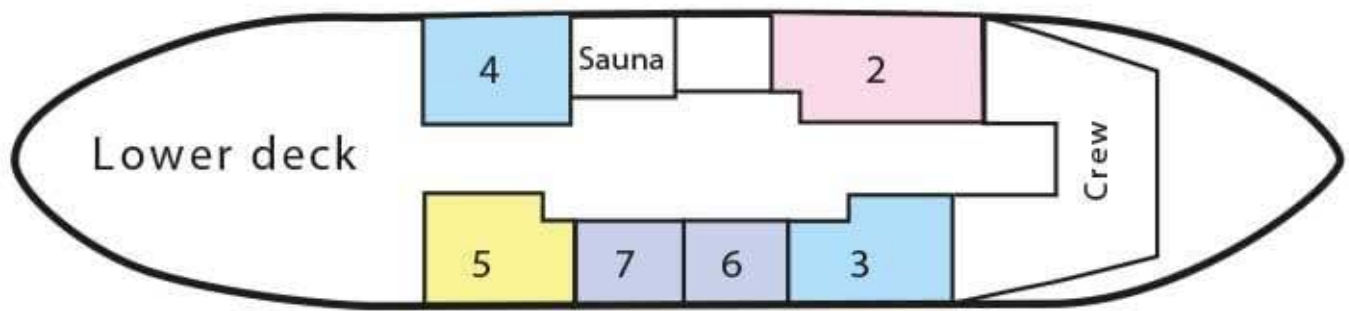
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Main deck





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Five Greenlandic traditions that will surprise you

From enormous glaciers and iceberg-filled fjords to its hot springs, Greenland's natural appeal has no limits. The island also holds important Inuit cultural history and evidence of human settlement stretching back thousands of years. Here are five Greenlandic traditions that may come as a surprise to you.

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Northeast Greenland – Scoresby Sound in Depth 2024

Join us on an expedition cruise to Northeast Greenland – one of the last unspoiled wildernesses in the world. As we venture into the world's largest fjord system with the 12-passenger ship M/S Balto, we will experience breath-taking nature and scenery, large icebergs in unimaginable shapes. The fresh air, the silence and the enormity of nature is captivating.

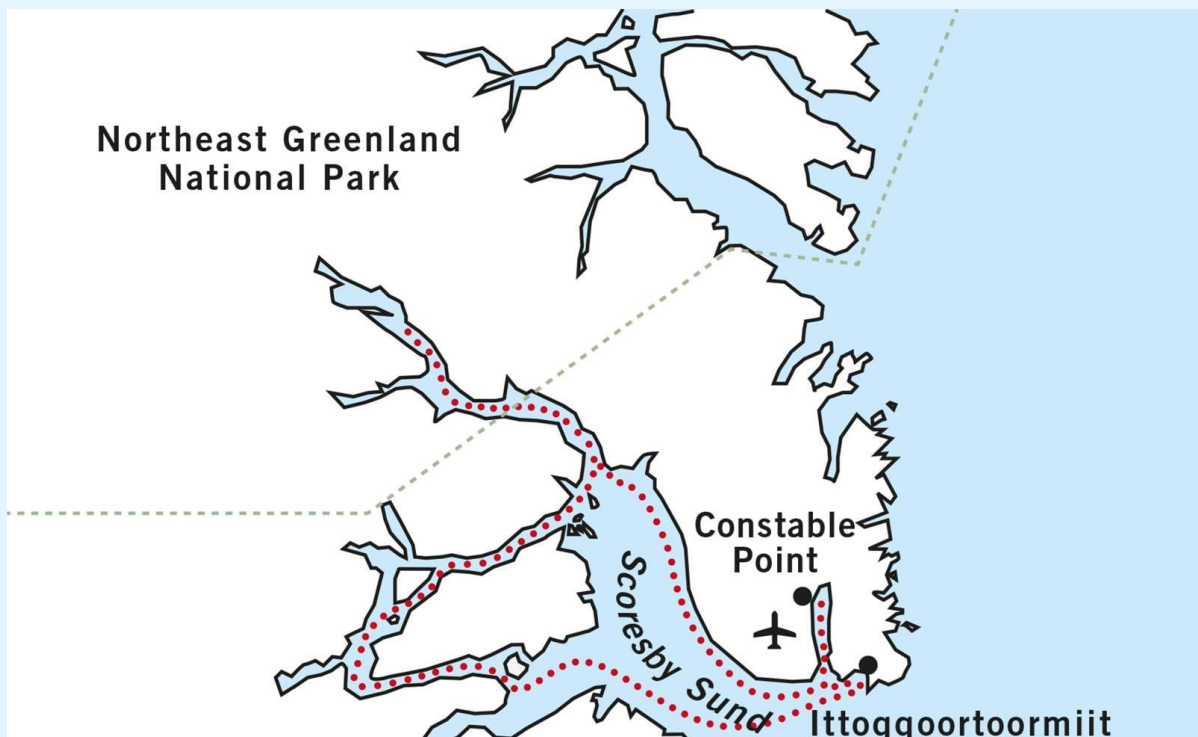
During walks we are always keeping an eye out for grazing musk-ox, Arctic hare, Arctic fox and other wildlife. With our sturdy Zodiacs we explore further afield, cruise amongst large stranded icebergs and make shore landings. If we are very lucky, we get to see groups of narwhal in the innermost fjords. It is truly exciting and a great privilege to witness these beautiful unicorns of the sea. In September, we also have the chance to see the spectacular Northern Lights dancing in the sky.

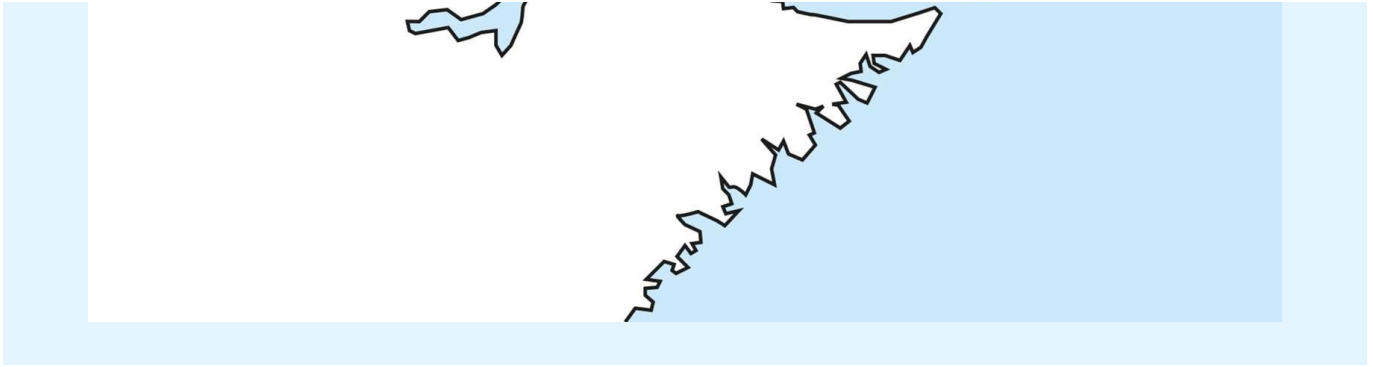
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- Gigantic icebergs
- Chance to encounter musk-ox
- Beautiful sunsets
- Remote and hard to reach
- Fly over the Denmark Strait
- Small group of max 12 passengers
- The unique ship M/S Balto

Accommodation: Cabin on board the expedition ship M/S Balto, 2 nights at hotel in Reykjavik.	Transport: Expedition ship, Zodiac, airplane.
Ship: M/S Balto.	Passengers: 12 passengers.
Languages: English & Swedish .	Length: 10 days, 7 nights on ship.
Price: From USD 8 990.	Departures: 21 August 2024, 28 August 2024, 4 September 2024, 11 September 2024

ITINERARY





Day 1: Reykjavik

We arrive individually to Reykjavik and check into our hotel (included in the flight and hotel package described below).

Day 2: Constable Point

Our group of passengers meet up for a transfer to the airport, from where we fly to one of the world's smallest airports, Constable Point, located at the end of a narrow fjord. We embark the M/S Balto and make ourselves at home. We are now in a part of the world where we are totally dependent on ice and weather conditions. Our exact itinerary depends on these factors and on the wildlife we encounter. Our ambition is to make landings every day with our rigid Zodiac crafts.

Day 3 – 8: Exploration of Scoresby Sound

We are travelling in one of the largest wilderness areas in the Northern Hemisphere. It introduces its visitors to some of the most spectacular coast lines in the world and the deep fjords are surrounded by majestic peaks and tundra covered slopes. We will use our sturdy Zodiacs to explore further afield, cruise amongst large stranded icebergs and make shore landings.

Scoresby Sound is the world's largest fjord system and could be explored for weeks. It offers some of the most spectacular scenery Greenland has to offer: jagged peaks as tall as 2000 meters coming straight out of the sea and rare glimpses of the Greenland ice cap, the largest ice cap in the northern hemisphere. Large glaciers pour into the sea, giving birth to an unexpected quantity of beautiful icebergs, some of them larger than high-rise buildings.

During our expedition we have good chances to spot magnificent prehistoric-looking musk-ox or the lovely white Arctic hare. We also keep an eye out for snow bunting, gyrfalcon and ptarmigans. With a portion of luck, we actually might encounter polar bears.

We hope to circumnavigate Milne Land, the second largest island in Greenland, sailing through the narrow and spectacular Føhn Fjord, Røde Fjord and Ø Fjord. During walks on the tundra we may find remains from early Inuit cultures that settled here. The archaeological record in Northeast Greenland is long and involves a remarkable diversity of groups that discovered and explored the region at least seven times over thousands of years.

As we sail into the rarely visited Nordvestfjord, we also enter the largest national park in the world at almost 1 million square kilometers, more than twice the size of Sweden. This fjord is often filled with icebergs making for challenging but spectacular navigation.

We also plan to visit **Ittoqqortoormiit**, home to some 450 Greenlanders and the only settlement in Northeast Greenland. It is located 500 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle and nearest town is Tasiilaq, 800 kilometres to the south.

In a town where the sea ice blocks ships from visiting most part of the year, hunting and fishing are the only ways of survival. During our visit we get a unique opportunity to learn more about the living and surviving in this remote part of the world.

Day 9: Disembarkation

In the morning we disembark in **Constable Point** and fly to Reykjavik and check in to our hotel (included in the flight and hotel package described below).

Day 10: Homeward bound

Please note: Our exact route will depend on ice, weather conditions and wildlife as well as permissions and restrictions from local authorities. The places mentioned are just examples of some of the many sites this region of Greenland has to offer. We always strive to maximize your experience. Please remember that flexibility is the key to a successful expedition!

The Package Travel Directive – protects the traveller's rights

When you have booked a trip with PolarQuest, you are protected by the Package Travel Directive. This includes that you have the right to rebook your trip or cancel and receive a full refund, if your Government, or other relevant authorities, have implemented restrictions against travelling. This includes documented quarantine requirements in the country you are travelling to. However, free cancellation is only possible when it is less than 30 days to departure, provided the travel restrictions are still in place and clearly will affect your trip. You are also entitled to a full refund, should PolarQuest cancel the trip for any reason whatsoever.

Why mandatory flight package?

Northeast Greenland is a true and very remote wilderness. To get here with ship from Iceland takes at least three or four sea days on the Denmark strait, a passage that can be quite rough for a small ship like M/S Balto. To be able to offer you a more comfortable experience with focus on Greenland's spectacular nature, we have therefore chosen to book flights between Reykjavik (Iceland) and Constable Point (Greenland) with return. We have also included two hotel nights in Reykjavik, one before the expedition and one after. This is to allow for potential flight delays.

Be inspired by our digital polar lectures!

To sail along Greenland's spectacular coastline offers some of the most remarkable nature experiences. But what is it like to be on an expedition cruise in Greenland with a small, unique 12-passenger ship? Maybe you are wondering which places you can visit or what separates the east coast from the west coast? We believe that this digital polar lecture will give you a lot of answers and inspiration about our expeditions to Greenland. The presentation is be given by one of our Greenland expert and expedition leader, Gunilla Lindh.



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On the guest deck you also find a cedar lined sauna with a cold shower and a small changing room. The richly appointed saloon and the beautiful dining messroom feature crotch-mahogany panelling, a bar, a card table, a library, coffee and tea stations. She offers a large restaurant style open galley, where you can check on the marvels of our chefs and sample freshly baked bread.

There are several open and semi enclosed deck spaces from where you can enjoy the stunning Arctic sceneries. You are welcomed by an international crew and the bridge is open for visitors.

The ship has been fitted with an electric diesel propulsion capable of maintaining versatile manoeuvring and survey speeds with no vibration. It is therefore ideal as film and photo platform. There is also a mud room for expedition gear and two Zodiacs for wilderness cruises and offshore experiences. *M/S Balto* is truly one of a kind when it comes to small polar expedition ships. Travelling with this unique 12-passenger ship offers a completely different and much more intimate experience of Greenland compared to a larger expedition ship.

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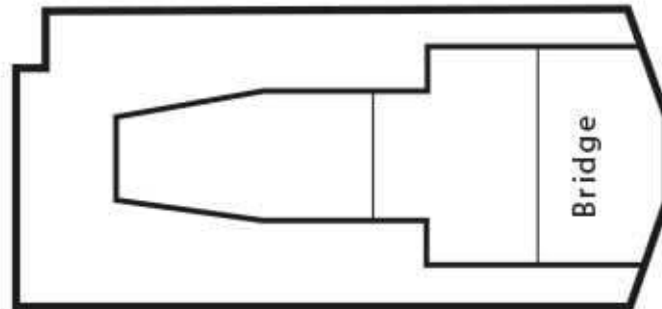
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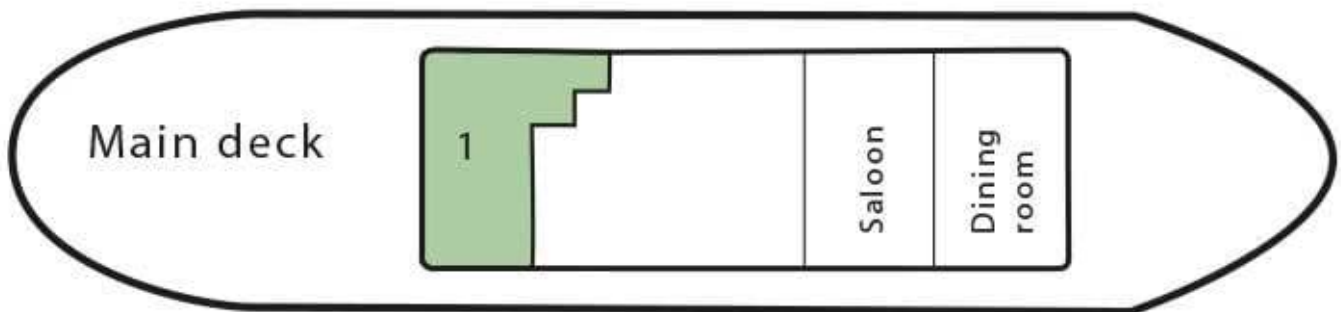
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Preliminary price is USD 2 590 per person (prices for the flights will be confirmed approx. 10 months prior to departure and this price is therefore subject to change). Please note that this cost will be added to the cabin prices listed above.

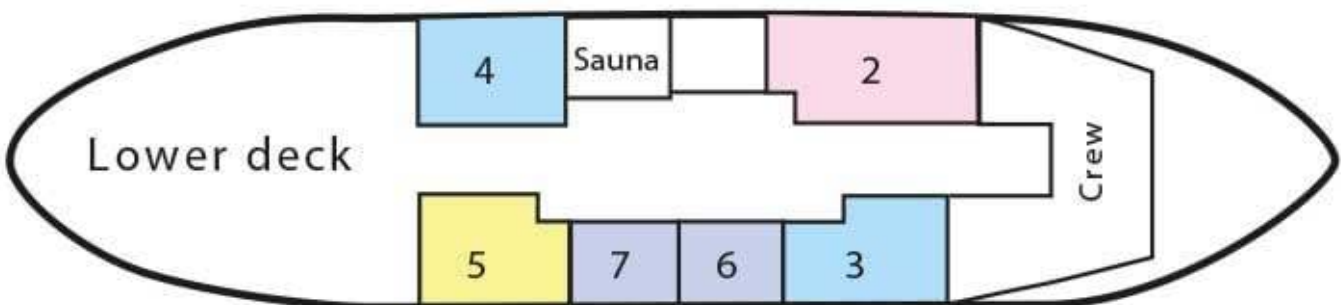
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Main deck



Lower deck



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- 7 nights on board M/S Balto
- All meals on board
- Coffee and tea 24 hours
- 1 Expedition Leader and 1 guide
- Guiding ashore and talks on board
- All excursions and activities
- Comprehensive information material before the expedition

Not included

- Mandatory flight & hotel package (Flight from Reykjavik (Island) to Constable Point (Greenland) roundtrip, pre and post expedition hotel night in Reykjavik, transfers in connection with flight mentioned above, between hotel and airport in Reykjavik)
- International flights to and from Iceland
- Travel and cancellation insurance
- Gratuity to the ship's crew
- Personal expenses such as bar charges

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From enormous glaciers and iceberg-filled fjords to its hot springs, Greenland's natural appeal has no limits. The island also holds important Inuit cultural history and evidence of human settlement stretching back thousands of years. Here are five Greenlandic traditions that may come as a surprise to you.

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East Greenland and the mighty fjords around Sermilik 2025

In the heart of the Greenlandic wilderness lies a hidden gem waiting to be explored – the grand Sermilik fjord and its surrounding areas, full of beautiful hiking opportunities. In many terms these parts of the world are still undiscovered. We are greeted by towering mountain chains, calving glaciers, icebergs of all shapes and crystal-clear waters. The nutritious waters provide feeding ground for both humpbacks and fin whales and if lucky we will encounter these giants of the sea. We also get unique insight into the Inuit culture, their way of life, traditional practices, and cultural heritage. This natural wonder of East Greenland is so much more than a destination, it's a true experience of a lifetime!

Small group of 12 passengers

The impressive Sermilik fjord

Remote and unexplored

Magnificent icebergs

Chance of seeing whales

Fascinating Inuit culture

Offer: USD 500 Discount

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Ship: M/S Balto.

Languages: English & Swedish.

Price: From USD 9 590.

Transport: Expedition ship, Zodiac, airplane.

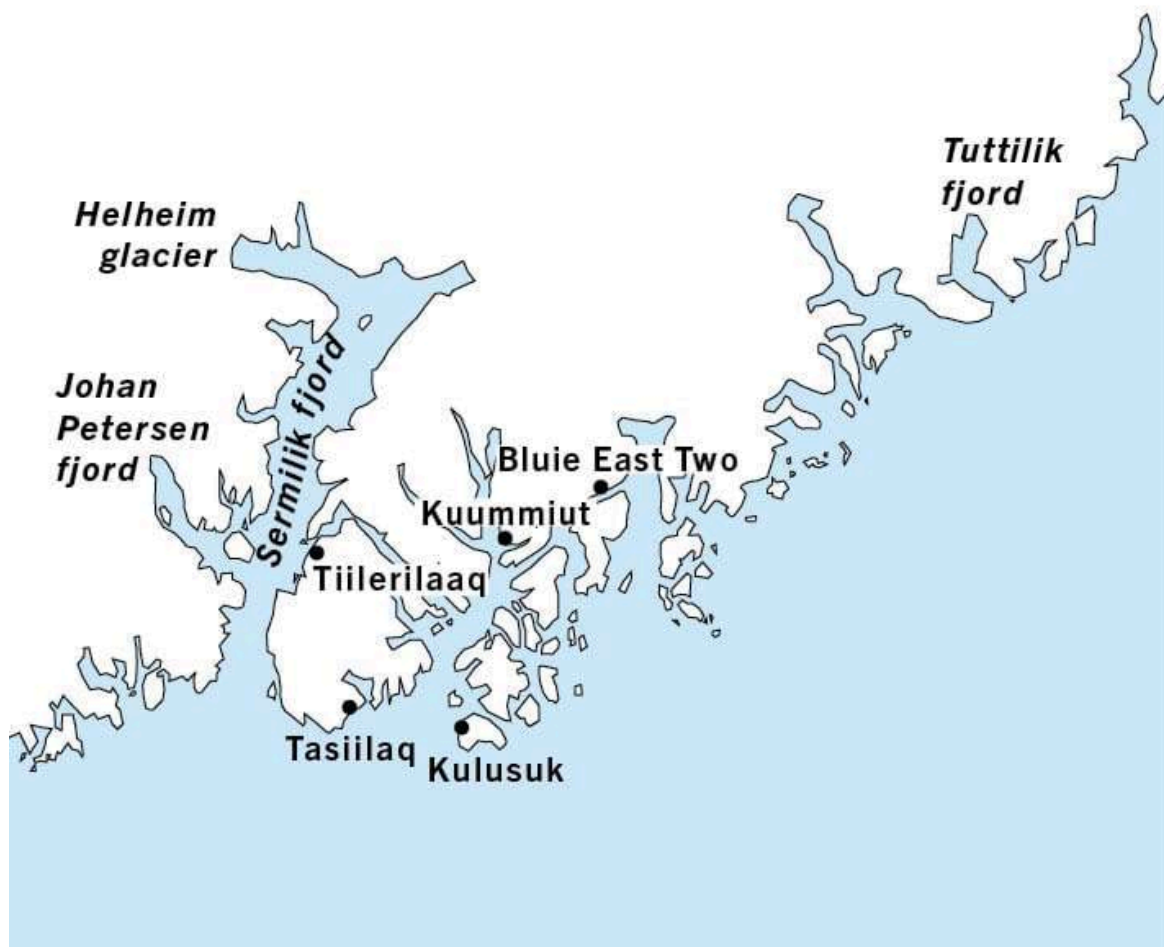
Passengers: 12 passengers.

Length: 10 days, 7 nights on ship.

Departures: 21 August 2025, 28 August 2025, 4 September 2025, 11 September 2025

ITINERARY





Day 1: Reykjavik

We arrive individually to Reykjavik and check in to our hotel (included in the flight and hotel package described below).

Day 2: Reykjavik & flight to Kulusuk, Greenland

Explore the lovely city of Reykjavik on your own. In the afternoon we transfer to Keflavik and our flight to **Kulusuk**, and the airport built by the US Air Force in 1956. Kulusuk means “the village with the mountain that looks like the breast of a bird” in the Greenlandic, referring to the Isikajia Mountain located directly behind the airport. In the evening we board our expedition ship and begin our great exploration.

Day 3 – 8: Expedition cruising

We are now on an expedition cruise and our exact route will be decided by weather and ice. Some areas can be filled with ice and therefore not always reachable. Please note that the places mentioned below are just examples of places we can visit on this true expedition cruise.

We visit the town of **Tasiilaq**. With just under 2000 inhabitants, it is the largest settlement in East Greenland. It is home to an older and different Inuit culture, where shamanism and native culture is much more vibrant than in other parts of Greenland. During our expedition here, we will learn more of local myths and legends, as the one about tupilaqs. In Greenlandic Inuit religion, a tupilaq was an avenging monster fabricated by a practitioner of witchcraft or shamanism by using various objects such as animal bone, skin, hair, or sinew. Tasiilaq is also known for its art scene, where local artists create prints, sculptures and textiles mostly portraying the animals, landscapes and traditional stories of the area.

We venture into the serenity of the Ammassalik fjord system and the small settlement of **Kuummiut**. This is a relatively unknown pearl of east Greenland, nestled within the Ammassalik Island group. The surrounding fjords – lined by tall mountain tops offer perfect hiking opportunities, with hidden waterfalls and spectacular views. Kuummiut has a rich Inuit heritage, and we hope to get the opportunity to learn about the traditional practices.

Further up north is the Ikateq fjord, where we might make a landing at the abandoned military base from World War II, **Bluie East Two**. It played an important role in serving as a refuelling and maintenance stop for aircrafts travelling between north America and Europe. Today it is no longer in operation, but some remnants still exist, such as abandoned fuel drums, buildings and vehicles.

Further east are two impressive glaciers: Karale and Knud Rasmussen. Sailing in this area, we are likely to hear and see the thunderous calving of these two very active glaciers.

We continue into the mighty **Sermilik fjord**. It stretches over 90 kilometres and cuts through a rugged landscape of towering glaciers and jagged peaks, and we find ourselves amongst a myriad of icebergs of all shapes and sizes. Most of them originating from the impressive Helheim glacier at the deep end of the fjord, which produces some of the largest icebergs in all of Greenland. The beauty around us is stunning!

On the southern shores of Sermilik fjord is the tiny village of **Tiilerilaaq**. The wooden houses are beautifully situated on a hill, with the grand Sermilik fjord in the background. The local Inuit culture and the traditional hunting and fishing activities play a significant role in the way of life here. Before we wave goodbye, we head out on a nice hike to overview the surrounding landscapes and the many icebergs!

If the ice allows, we enter **Johan Peterson fjord**. On the northern side of the entrance of the fjord is Qeertartivatsiaq Island, where we find Inuit ruins on the southern shore of the island. At the head of the fjord are some outlet glaciers from the inland ice coming straight down to the sea. This is one of few places you can catch sight of the actual inland ice, although please know that it is often blocked by beautiful icebergs.

We are continuously looking for Arctic foxes, seals and different species of whale.

Day 9: Kulusuk – Reykjavik

After a good breakfast we disembark at **Kulusuk**. We have one last tour before it is time for the airport and the flight to Keflavik. Once in Iceland, we check into our hotel for a good night's sleep. (Included in flight and hotel package).

Day 10: Homeward bound

Today we bid our farewells and return home or onwards for new adventures.

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Kulusuk from above. Photo: Mads Pihl - Visit Greenland

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Be inspired by our digital polar lectures!

Would you like to learn more about our upcoming adventures on M/S Balto in East Greenland? Watch this recorded webinar from January 2024. During this virtual tour one of PolarQuest's most experienced Greenland guides, Gunilla Lindh, will tell you more about our cruises in the Sermilik area of East Greenland.

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CABINS & PRICES

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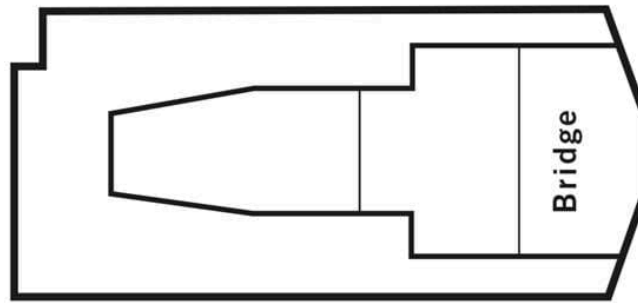
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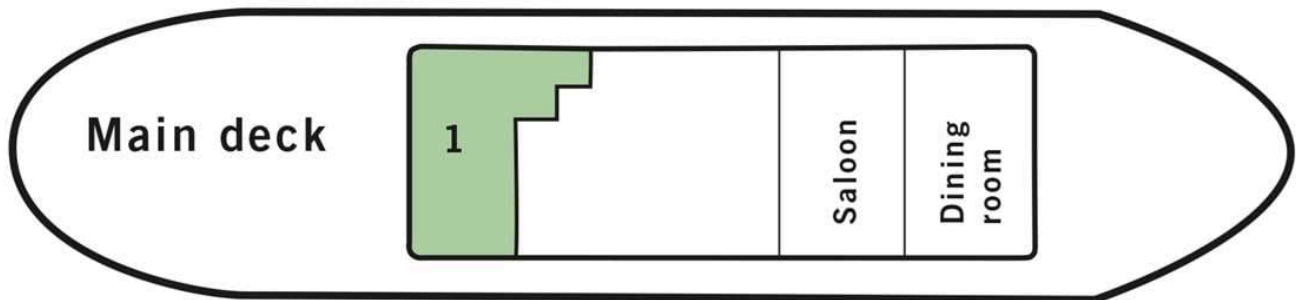
- Flight from Keflavik (Iceland) to Kulusuk (Greenland) roundtrip
- Two hotel nights in Iceland, one night prior to the expedition and one night after
- Transfers in connection with flight mentioned above, between hotel and airport in Keflavik

Price: USD 2 250 per person. Please note that this cost will be added to the cabin prices listed above.

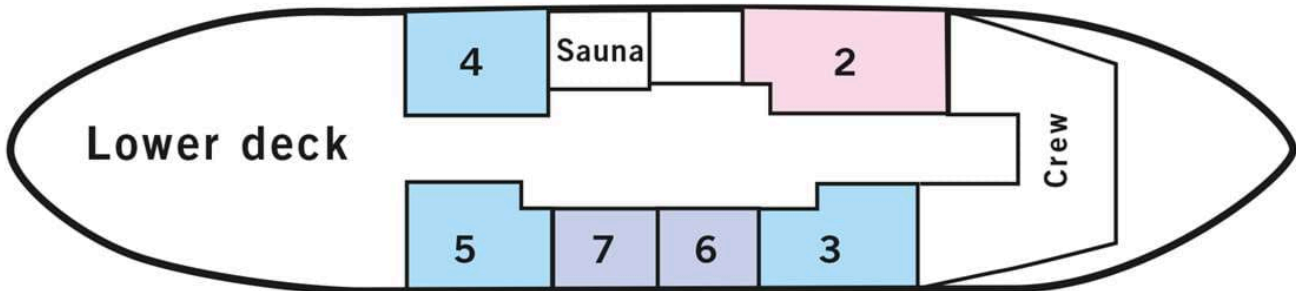
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Main deck



Lower deck



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Not included

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Narsarsuaq to Tasiilaq – Hot springs, history and iceberg parade 2025

Our journey from South Greenland to East Greenland begins in Narsarsuaq and an area that is as rich in history and culture as it is in natural wonders - with Norse explorers, Inuit culture, hot springs, whales and amazing scenery. We then explore the pointy mountains of Prince Christian Sound and continue along the wild, beautiful and unexplored eastern coastline. Our final destinations, the Sermilik Fjord area and the town of Tasiilaq, will treat us to icebergs in all shapes and sizes - as well as the stories and myths of the local Tunumiit culture.

Travelling with a small group of merely 12 passengers gives us more flexibility, more unique itineraries and more time ashore. Also, the footprints we leave behind are a lot smaller! We get to visit remote settlements, meet the welcoming people living here and in a personal way learn more about their fascinating culture.

Small group of 12 passengers

Inuit culture and Norse history

Hot springs and icebergs

The large Sermilik fjord system

Chance of seeing whales

The wild and uncharted East coast

Offer: USD 500 Discount

Accommodation: Cabin on board the expedition ship M/S Balto, one hotel night in Iceland.

Ship: M/S Balto.

Languages: English & Swedish .

Price: From USD 13 590.

Transport: Expedition ship, Zodiac.

Passengers: 12 passengers.

Length: 12 days, 10 nights on ship.

Departure: 5 August 2025

ITINERARY





Day 1: Flight to Narsarsuaq and embarkation

We fly to **Narsarsuaq** and embark the M/S Balto. We are now on a true expedition cruise. Our exact route is depending on weather and ice and the itinerary must be kept flexible!

Day 2 – 10: Expedition in depth

We sail out through **Eriksfjord**, named after Erik the Red, a Norse explorer believed to have founded the first settlement in Greenland around year 980, after being banished from Iceland for manslaughter. We plan to go ashore at Brattahlid, the estate he established at the end of the 10th century.

We also aim to visit **Hvalsey Church**, one of the best-preserved Norse ruins in Greenland.

We stop in **Qaqortoq**, the largest town in South Greenland with a population of around 3200. Qaqortoq is beautifully situated on a mountainside and surrounded by magnificent fjords. This part of Greenland has many stories to tell. We learn about the Inuit culture and their great respect and symbiotic relationship with the environment and animals.

Many of the stories originate from times of great weather changes and declining animal numbers, and they used objects from hunting and fishing to create artistic objects and amulets. There is great respect and love for animals, which are sacrificed, and the sea goddess Sedna is worshipped for releasing the souls of animals. Even today, the Inuit carry a small jug of fresh water with them when they hunt seals. After killing a seal, they give it fresh water to keep its soul from going thirsty. We will have the opportunity to hear many stories and legends, and to learn about different eras and the people who have migrated to Greenland.

This part of Greenland offers much more than history and culture. We will set foot on rarely visited islands and watch for playful whales. We also hope to visit one of the many sheep farms in southern Greenland. In **Uunartoq** we will have the opportunity to relax in one of the natural hot springs, while admiring the breathtaking views of mountain ranges and drifting icebergs.

We then continue our journey south. Through the western mouth of **Prince Christian Sound**, we slowly make our way into this extraordinary fjord system. Here we are surrounded by a mountainous landscape with peaks of up to 2000 metres and steep cliffs plunging into the fjord, and we see the similarity to the fictional landscape of Mordor from Lord of the Rings. We look out for harbour seals, ringed seals and whales.

We have now reached East Greenland and are travelling along a wild and unspoilt coastline. We are very dependent on the weather and ice conditions, and our itinerary will be adapted accordingly. A couple of days will be spent mostly at sea. We are likely to see a parade of icebergs drifting south on the strong currents, and we marvel at mighty glacier walls plunging straight into the sea. Along the coast we hope to explore one of the rarely visited fjords. Perhaps we stop at **Umivik Bay**, from where Fridtjof Nansen began his East to West trek across Greenland in 1888.

When we arrive in the vast **Sermilik fjord system**, we are greeted by icebergs of all shapes and sizes. Most of these come from the Helheim glacier in the centre of the fjord, which produces some of the largest icebergs in Greenland. Sermilik Fjord is 90 kilometres long and cuts through a rugged landscape of towering glaciers and jagged peaks. The beauty around us is stunning! We anchor in beautiful spots and keep an eye out for whales. Perhaps the ice will let us through to the small village of **Tiilerilaaq**. The wooden houses are beautifully situated, with the great Sermilik Fjord in the background. Here the local Inuit culture and traditional hunting and fishing activities play an important role in the way of life. Here we have the chance to go on a nice hike to get an overview of the Sermilik Fjord and its icebergs!

We visit the town of **Tasiilaq**. With a population of just under 2000 it is the largest settlement in East Greenland. There is an older and different Inuit culture here, where shamanism and indigenous culture are much more alive than in other parts of Greenland. During our expedition here we will learn more about local myths and legends, such as that of the Tupilaqs. In Greenlandic Inuit religion, a tupilaq was a vengeful monster created by a witch doctor using various objects such as animal bones, skin, hair or tendons. Tasiilaq is also known for its art scene, where local artists create prints, sculptures and textiles, usually depicting animals, landscapes and traditional stories from the region.

Day 11: Kulusuk – Keflavik

We disembark in **Kulusuk** and head to the airport for our flight to Keflavik, and check into our hotel. (Included in the flight and hotel package.)

Day 12: Homeward bound

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The flight to Narsarsuaq, where the trip starts, is self-booked. It is highly recommended to book changeable tickets and remember to book your flight tickets well in advance.

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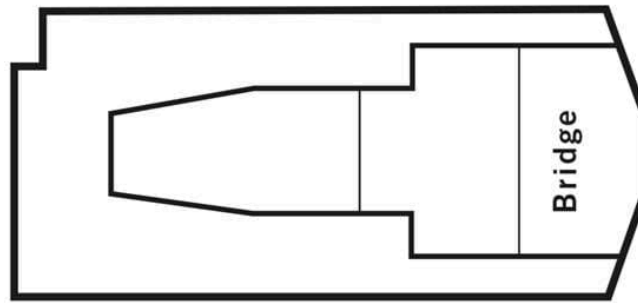
Flight from Kulusuk (Greenland) to Keflavik (Iceland)

One hotel night in Iceland

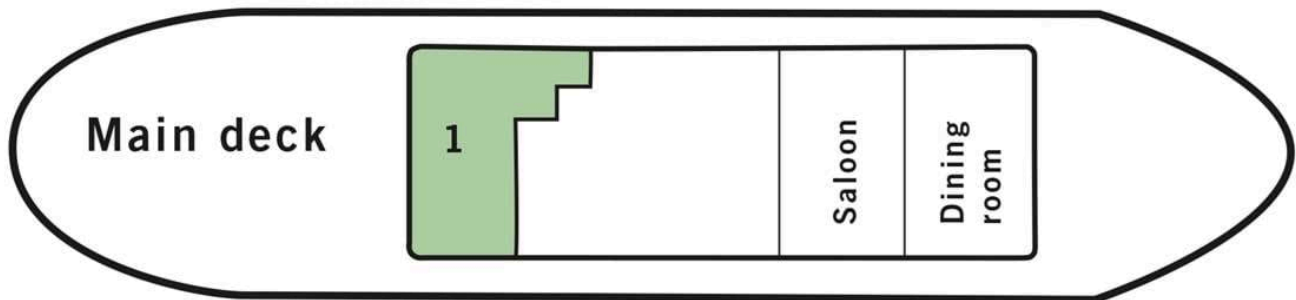
Transfers in connection with flight mentioned above, from airport to hotel.

Price: USD 1 290 per person. Please note that this cost will be added to the cabin prices listed above.

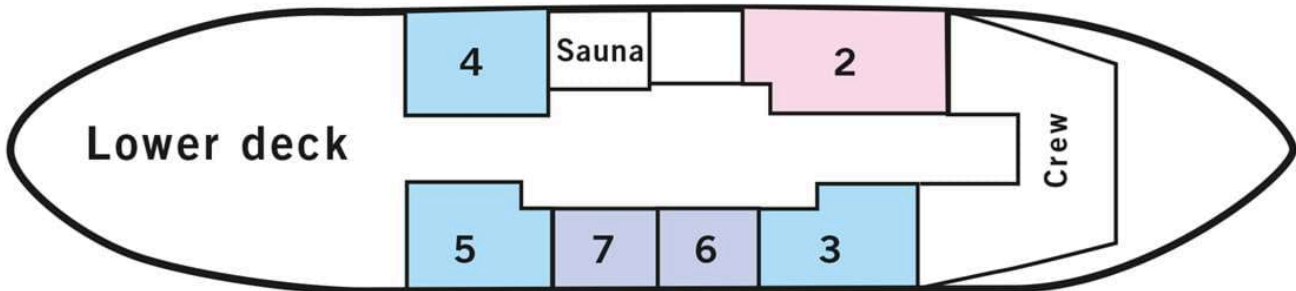
Top deck



Main deck



Lower deck



Price includes

- 10 nights on board M/S Balto
- All meals on board
- Coffee and tea
- 1 Expedition Leader and 1 guide
- Guiding ashore and talks on board
- All excursions and activities
- All passenger taxes and harbour fees

Not included

- Mandatory flight & hotel package (See details above)
- Flights to Narsarsuaq and home from Keflavik
- Travel and cancellation insurance
- Gratuities to the ship's crew
- Personal expenses such as bar charges

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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or wish to make a reservation.

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5 August 2025	16 August 2025

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Schiffsname		
Reisename/ -Route		
Abfahrt von - bis (tt/mm - tt/mm/jj)		
Alternative Abfahrt (tt/mm - tt/mm/jj) (falls ausgebucht)		
Kabinenkategorie		
Alternative Kabinenkategorie (falls ausgebucht)		

- ☐ Doppelkabine ☐ Doppelkabine zur Einzelnutzung ☐ Halbe Doppelkabine zur Mitbenutzung

Zubringerflüge:

Abflughafen	
Hinflugdatum (tt/mm/jj)	
Rückflugdatum (tt/mm/jj)	
bevorzugte Airline	

- ☐ Economy-Class ☐ Business-Class

Zusätzliche Hotelübernachtungen:

Hotelname/Übernachtungsort		
Aufenthalt von - bis (tt/mm - tt/mm/jj)		
Hotelname/Übernachtungsort		
Aufenthalt von - bis (tt/mm - tt/mm/jj)		

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