

THE ARCTIC - ICELAND & SCORESBY SUND | VENTURE



INTRODUCTION

Explore the wonders of the Arctic on this 10 day expedition cruise aboard the luxurious Seabourn Venture.

Starting you trip in Reykjavik, Iceland you will cruise through stunning fjords and past huge, thunderous waterfalls. Explore charming small towns and villages and visit one of Europe's best birdwatching destinations, L  itrabjarg. The rugged cliffs here are home to more than 1 million birds including colonies of colourful puffins and nesting razorbills. You will also visit Heimaey Island, a dramatic volcanic island that is home to more than 4 million nesting puffins.

Explore the shores of Greenland where you can admire the colourful houses of Ittoqqortoormiit and cruise the longest fjord on earth, Scoresby Sund.

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11 Days

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## DAY 1: Reykjavik

Reykjavík, established by Viking settler Ingólfur Arnarson around 870 C.E, is the location of the first permanent settlement in Iceland. The census of 1703 recorded that Reykjavík had 69 residents and consisted of a farm and a church. The impressive statue of Leif Erikson, in the center of town, reminds all of Iceland’s Viking heritage. Its name translates to ‘smoky bay’, due to the geothermal nature of the surrounding area. Today about 200.000 people live in the Icelandic capital, roughly 60% of the country’s population. It has evolved into a sophisticated city. The northernmost national capital in the world is also one of the cleanest, greenest, and safest on Earth. Walking Reykjavik streets one will find rich culture, history, music, shopping and in the late hours vibrant night-life. Colorful rooftops and the elegant spire of Hallgrímskirkja Church dominate Reykjavik’s skyline. Known for its arts, Reykjavik hosts a number of internationally recognized festivals, notably the Iceland Air music festival, Reykjavik Arts Festival and the Reykjavik International Film Festival.



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## DAY 2: Grundarfjordur

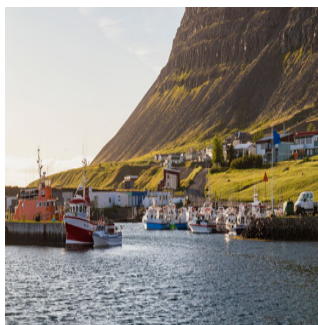
The charming small fishing village of Grundarfjörður is located in the middle of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula and thus provides easy access to Stykkishólmur, Snæfellsbær and the Snæfellsnes National Park. Its best-known landmark is undoubtedly the peak of Mt. Kirkjufell. Translated as ‘church mountain,’ Kirkjufell is the most easily recognizable peak, and one of the most photographed mountains in Iceland. During summer months a Viking Village is built in the center of town where Viking re-enactments occur quite regularly. During the Á góðri stund town festival in July, the town’s 900 residents decorate their houses in red, blue, yellow, and green, transforming the town into a spinning kaleidoscope of color. The town first began trade in 1786, and around 1800, French merchants came to Iceland and settled in Grundarfjörður, where they constructed a church and a hospital. The town has prospered through the fishing industry for a long time. The surrounding sea is rich with birdlife & marine life throughout the year.



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### DAY 3: Patreksfjörður & Dynjandi

The small village of Patreksfjörður serves as gateway to the Westfjords peninsula in northeastern Iceland and some of the country's most spectacular attractions. Fishing is the main industry here, although tourism is quickly growing thanks to Patreksfjörður's proximity to such natural wonders as Dynjandi waterfalls. Dynjandi — which translates as “thunderous” — rivals Gullfoss in sheer spectacle, cascading more than 325 feet down a series of increasingly wider steps; the rocky footpath to the top passes seven smaller falls. Látrabjarg, a rocky promontory that marks the westernmost point of Europe (not counting the Azores), is recognized as one of the best birdwatching spots on the planet. Látrabjarg's four rugged, wind-battered cliffs — stretching for nearly nine miles and reaching close to 1,500 feet in height — are home to more than 1 million birds, including massive colonies of colorful puffins and around 40 percent of the world's nesting razorbills. The red sands of Rauðasandur beach are a stark contrast to most of the country's black volcanic beaches, while the wreck of Gardar BA 64, Iceland's oldest steel whaling ship, lies in rusting ruins along Patreksfjörður's shore. Today, we welcome you to the Westfjords, a secluded and untamed region of Iceland, as we set course for Arnarfjörður, a sprawling fjord that meanders in myriad directions. A jewel in the crown of this fjord is the magnificent Dynjandi Waterfall, also known as Fjallfoss. This natural spectacle cascades down a mountain for approximately 100 meters (about 300 feet), its silhouette from afar resembling a bridal veil. Dynjandi, along with the grasslands at its base, forms a vital habitat for various seabirds and ducks, making it a must-visit destination for nature enthusiasts. INCLUDED EXPEDITION: Join our expert Expedition Team for an exciting visit to the foot of the awe-inspiring Dynjandi Waterfall. As we make landfall, keep an eye out for common eiders and their chicks nestled in the kelp beds along the shoreline. Arctic terns have made their homes near the waterfall's base, their elegant white figures a sight to behold against the backdrop of the falls. Embark on a journey up the falls, traversing as many levels as you desire. Prepare to be enveloped by mist and spray as you ascend - after all, Dynjandi translates to 'thunderous.'



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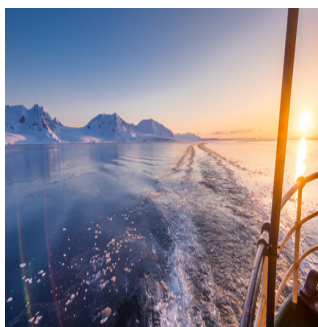
### DAY 4: Saudarkrokur

Sauðárkrúkur is a coastal town in northern Iceland, nestled along the beautiful Skagafjörður fjord. Known for its rich history and Icelandic horse culture, it's a popular spot for travelers looking to experience Iceland's rural charm. The town is surrounded by mountains and open landscapes, offering nearby attractions like natural hot springs and the scenic Drangey Island.



### DAY 5: At Sea

Spend the day at sea indulging in the ship's amenities. Take this opportunity to relax and make acquaintances with your fellow travelers.



### DAY 6: Ittoqqortoormiit

The small Greenlandic town of Ittoqqortoormiit sits at the entrance to Scoresby Sund, the longest fjord on Earth. Although founded in 1925, the original colonists to the area were Palaeo-Eskimo peoples 4,000 years ago. Housing 500 people, Ittoqqortoormiit derives its name from Greenlandic meaning 'Big-House Dwellers'. A walk through town, reveals a vibrant Greenlandic culture. Seal, muskox and even a polar bear skin can be seen drying on racks outside of private homes. Greenlandic sled dogs sit patiently on their leashes in front yards, awaiting winter, their wooden sledges propped against buildings. In the local food store seal and whale meat are among the regular traditional foodstuffs laid out beside common western items. Ittoqqortoormiit has a post office where you can purchase Greenlandic stamps and mail your postcards as well as a quaint church, its gabled interior painted in white and sky-blue. The entire community, in fact, is a picturesque kaleidoscope of color, each building painted in bright hues of red, blue, yellow and green.



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## DAY 7: At Sea - Day 7 to 9

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## DAY 10: Heimaey Island

Heimaey Island is the largest in the Westman Islands located four miles off the south-west coast of Iceland. One of the most visually impressive islands in Iceland, it is ringed by tall, vertical sea cliffs many hundreds of feet high. Heimaey is also the home to over eight million Atlantic puffins, more nesting puffins than anywhere else on earth. A local story tells that puffin chicks, taking their first flights at night, often become stranded in the village streets, where the local children rescue them and set them free the next day. In January of 1973 the island received the nickname, 'Pompeii of the North' when a volcanic eruption and lava flow destroyed half the town. This caused a crisis when the town's only harbor was nearly blocked by advancing lava. Nowadays it is a lively place with a vibrant culture and over four thousand residents. Archaeological excavations suggest that people lived on Heimaey as early as the 10th Century.



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| Inclusions                                                                                                                        | <b>INCLUSIONS</b><br>Accommodation onboard the Venture in booked cabin category<br>Group transfers to/from the airport and to/from the ship* (subject to date/time restrictions*)<br>All meals onboard the Venture including snacks and 24/7 in room dining<br>Complimentary spirits and wine available on board at all times - full open bar including premium beverages & in room minibar<br>Inspiring enrichment program and lectures from the expedition team<br>All applicable shore excursions and zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost)<br>Digital photography workshops<br>Complimentary expedition-grade parka and day pack<br>All port taxes & landing fees |
|                                                                                                                                   | <b>EXCLUSIONS</b><br>International or internal flights unless specified<br>Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified<br>Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information<br>Pre or post cruise travel expenses<br>Visa (if applicable) and passport fees<br>Travel insurance (compulsory)<br>Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings<br>Paid adventure options and all personal expenses<br>Miscellaneous extras<br>Laundry and communication charges on board<br>Tipping onboard (optional) - We recommend \$15USD per person per day                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                   | <b>Difficulty Rating</b> 2 (light adventure)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                   | <b>Single Surcharge</b> Available on request. A Single Supplement may be applied. Subject to availability. Please note 'willing to share' option is not available. Contact us for more details.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                   | <b>Notes</b> Prices are based on per person, twin share*<br>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.<br>Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Price Dependent upon</b> Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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