

Route of the Vikings: Greenland to Nova Scotia



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Tour Code: 161N

Days: 13

Day 1
Sat, 29 Aug

Copenhagen, Denmark

Your journey begins with an overnight stay in Denmark's vibrant capital, a city that epitomises Scandinavian cool. Copenhagen is full of exceptional architecture, art, history and food.

You'll be greeted at the airport and escorted to your luxury accommodation. Take a moment to soak in the anticipation of the experiences ahead amidst the captivating charm of Copenhagen before setting sail on a remarkable journey.

Day 2
Sun, 30 Aug

Copenhagen, Denmark > Kangerlussuaq, Greenland (B,D)

After breakfast in your hotel, board your flight from Copenhagen to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, where your 6-star Discovery Yacht awaits.

The Captain and crew of Scenic Eclipse will welcome you on board with a glass of Champagne as you familiarise yourself with your new home. With only up to 228 guests on board, you'll experience an immersive, engaging cruise through this fascinating part of the world.

Meet Scenic Eclipse's world-class crew, including the Discovery Team comprised of expert naturalists, marine biologists, and historians, who will enrich your voyage with their passion and knowledge. Settle into your luxurious suite, then join your fellow guests on the Sky Deck to toast the start of an unforgettable voyage.

Day 3
Mon, 31 Aug

At Sea (B,L,D)

After a restorative night of rest in your ultra-luxury suite, wake on your own time. The day is yours to spend exactly as you wish, so take some time to explore the ship and familiarise yourself with all the areas on board your new ultra-luxury home. Visit the Sky Bar and outdoor Vitality Pool on Deck 10. Step into the tranquil Senses Spa# on Deck 6 with its steam rooms, saunas, plunge pool and heated therapy lounge.

Then join the Discovery Team in the state-of-the-art theatre for an introductory lecture where they'll share their insights about your upcoming ports.

**Day 4
Tue, 01 Sep****Ilulissat & Disko Bay, Greenland (B,L,D)**

Spectacular days await as you cruise Disko Bay. Ilulissat is the main town on the bay, named from the Inuit word for 'iceberg'. It's famous for the large number of icebergs breaking away from the nearby Ilulissat Icefjord, a World Heritage-listed site. The Icefjord is the mouth of the vast Sermeq Kujalleq Glacier, one of the world's fastest moving and most active glaciers, calving a remarkable 46 cubic kilometres of ice annually. Listen for the rumbling sounds in the distance as huge chunks of ice break from the glacier and tumble into the water below.

Scenic Freechoice:

Town Walk of Ilulissat & Museum: Enjoy a guided walk of Ilulissat, exploring this town at 69°N, once called the town of 10,000 souls. Discover polar explorer Knud Rasmussen's bust and birth home, and learn of the town's cultural growth 400 km north of the Polar Circle.

Sermermiut Easy Hike: Hike through the ancient Inuit settlement of Sermermiut, approximately 3km, to a cliffside viewpoint over the iceberg-filled fjord, learning about its history and Arctic nature along the way.

Kangia Ice Fjord Cruise: Board a local boat for an unforgettable journey among the towering icebergs of Ilulissat's Kangia Fjord. Drift through this frozen wonderland and experience the pure, tranquil beauty of the Arctic.

Greenlandic Kaffemik: Visit a Local Family: Step inside a local home for coffee, cake and heartfelt hospitality. Hear stories of life in the far north, see traditional costumes and share in the warmth of Greenlandic traditions.

Sled Dog Visit: Visit a local dog site and meet Greenland's sled dogs. Learn about their history, how they are trained and cared for, and their vital role in Arctic life from sledding to ice fishing, while hearing captivating stories of Greenlandic culture.

Scenic Discovery:

Weather permitting and with harbour master approval, you may get the opportunity to enjoy immersive Discovery experiences including hiking and Zodiac cruising.

Offshore: 07:00 - 07:00 (next day)

**Day 5
Wed, 02 Sep****Eqip Sermia Glacier, Greenland (B,L,D)**

Expect more thundering ice today as we sail around the Eqip Sermia Glacier, one of Greenland's most active glaciers. Hear and feel the shudder as huge blocks of ice calve into the water from your private verandah or the Observation Lounge. The expert Discovery Team will be on hand to guide you through the glacier's activity, showcasing its awe-inspiring beauty and fascinating history.

Scenic Discovery:

Weather permitting and with harbour master approval, you may get the opportunity to enjoy immersive Discovery experiences including kayaking and Zodiac cruising.

**Day 6
Thu, 03 Sep****Sisimiut, Greenland (B,L,D)**

Sitting around 40 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle, Sisimiut is the second-largest town in Greenland. With colourful houses sprinkled around a picturesque bay, the town is bathed in perpetual sunlight during the summer months. Explore Sisimiut's rich history, dating back some 4,500 years, at the local museum, which has a collection of ancient Saqqaq artifacts. You'll have the opportunity to purchase souvenirs crafted from qiviut, the inner wool of a muskox, such as scarves, hats, or mittens. Immerse yourself in authentic interactions with local communities, adding depth and authenticity to your Arctic experience.

Scenic Freechoice:

Sisimiut Town Walk: Stroll through Sisimiut at a relaxed pace, exploring the old town, Nalunnguarfik Lake and the colourful houses on Saaliimiip Aqq, while discovering the town's history, culture and everyday life.

Mountain Discover Hike: Venture into Greenland's wild beauty with a hike along the Arctic Circle Trail. Cross clear-water creeks, discover delicate Arctic flora and take in breathtaking mountain views before returning to the ship energized and inspired.

Greenlandic Tasting at Grandmother's House: Enjoy a visit to Aannaap Illua (Grandmother's House), a cozy wooden cottage, to experience authentic Greenlandic flavours. Explore traditional dishes, gaining insight into cultural heritage in a warm setting reflecting daily life.

Cruise to Nipisat Island: Sail through Sisimiut's stunning archipelago to UNESCO-listed Aasivissuit-Nipisat. Explore ancient Inuit history and wildlife on Nipisat Island, guided by a local expert. Experience Greenland's rich culture and pristine Arctic wilderness on this mini cruise and moderate hike.

Scenic Discovery:

Weather permitting and with harbour master approval, you may get the opportunity to enjoy kayaking in this unique location with your Discovery Team.

Offshore: 12:00 - 19:00

**Day 7
Fri, 04 Sep****Evighed Fjord, Greenland (B,L,D)**

Enjoy a slow day cruising through Evighed Fjord, or 'Eternity Fjord', considered one of the most beautiful in Greenland. Stretching for more than 75 kilometres, you'll be awed by the endless fields of ice glittering under the sun. Tall, jagged peaks threaded with glaciers rise straight up out of the calm blue waters. Many of the glaciers are very active and you will likely hear chunks of ice calving away and collapsing loudly into the ocean. In Evighed Fjord, you'll feel the beauty and power of nature all around you.

Scenic Discovery:

Weather permitting and with harbour master approval, you may get the opportunity to enjoy immersive Discovery experiences including kayaking and Zodiac cruising.

**Day 8
Sat, 05 Sep****At Sea (B,L,D)**

Freshly squeezed juice, steaming barista-made coffee or tea delivered to your door by the butler will help you start your day. After a busy start to your Arctic journey, some relaxation could be on the menu today. Curl up with a book or your binoculars on the hanging chairs on Deck 7, join a Pilates class or guided stretching session in the PURE studio, or enjoy a long lunch with new friends at Azure Bar & Cafe.

As Scenic Eclipse sails through the Davis Strait, linking Baffin Bay with the Labrador Sea, marvel at its rich marine life and hear the Discovery Team talk about its historical significance.

Enjoy captivating lectures by the Discovery Team in the theatre throughout the day and end with an engaging evening recap.

**Day 9
Sun, 06 Sep****At Sea (B,L,D)**

For relaxation and wellbeing at sea, the indulgent Senses Spa awaits on Deck 6. Inside this luxurious retreat you can be pampered with a range of holistic ESPA treatments* including massages, facials, manicures and pedicures. A range of alternative therapies are on offer, like Japanese shiatsu and Indian Ayurvedic massage. Afterwards, hold on to that feeling of calm for a while longer in the Zen-like space of the Vitality Lounge.

You'll also find Nordic bathing experiences, infra-red saunas, chromo-therapy pressure showers, and separate steam rooms and relaxation lounges for men and women.

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**Day 10
Mon, 07 Sep****L'Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland, Canada (B,L,D)**

Sitting at the northern tip of the island of Newfoundland, L'Anse aux Meadows is the site of the first recorded European contact with North America. It's a true milestone in the history of human migration and discovery. Now a World Heritage Site, it marks the sole Viking-established settlement on the continent, dating back to the 11th century. The archaeological remnants, including remnants of wood-framed peat-turf buildings, mirror those found in Norse Greenland Iceland. Exploring the site, you'll embark on a fascinating journey tracing the footsteps of Vikings who arrived in North America centuries before Columbus.

Scenic Freechoice:

The Great Viking Experience: Explore Canada's top Viking sites at L'Anse aux Meadows, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and nearby Norstead Viking Village. Discover Viking life through interactive exhibits, reconstructed sod huts, and a historic trading port that brings their legendary journeys to life.

Coastal Hike & Birdwatching: Hike rugged coastal trails with a naturalist guide, spotting seabirds like puffins and gannets while enjoying breathtaking views of the Labrador Sea. Conclude with a gourmet picnic on a secluded bluff amid stunning surroundings.

Kayaking along the Viking Coast: Kayak along the pristine coast near L'Anse aux Meadows with expert guides. Enjoy close-up views of rugged shores, spot seals and seabirds, then relax with a warm beverage on a secluded beach.

Explore the North Coast: Discover the wild beauty of Newfoundland's northern coast on a scenic excursion to St. Anthony, including a memorable boat cruise. Watch for whales, dolphins, and seabirds while a local biologist shares fascinating insights into the region's marine life and culture.

Scenic Discovery:

Weather permitting, you may join the Discovery Team for an exciting kayaking experience or a guided coastal hike, where breathtaking views of the rugged shoreline await.

Offshore: 12:00 - 18:00

**Day 11
Tue, 08 Sep****Bonne Bay (Woody Point), Newfoundland, Canada (B,L,D)**

Scenic Eclipse will continue sailing down the west coast of Newfoundland, bound for Bonne Bay and Woody Point. These small towns are nestled within Gros Morne National Park, a World Heritage-listed site that was formed over 485 million years. This sprawling and beautiful park is made up of strikingly diverse landscapes, from moody mountains and deep fjords to barren tablelands and deserted beaches. On the water, the cove is divided into Inner and Outer Bonne Bay. Inner Bonne Bay boasts serene wooded coves and sandy beaches, while Outer Bonne Bay serves as the gateway to the majestic Bonne Bay fjord.

Scenic Freechoice:

Gros Morne Geological Hike: Hike Gros Morne's extraordinary terrain with a geologist, exploring ancient rock formations and the UNESCO-listed Tablelands. Walk atop exposed Earth's mantle, enjoy panoramic Bonne Bay views and savour a luxurious picnic featuring local flavours.

Woody Point Cultural & Culinary Experience: Stroll through Woody Point's charming village with a local guide, explore heritage buildings and indulge in a private tasting of authentic Newfoundland specialties on this cultural and culinary journey.

Kayaking Hidden Coves of Bonne Bay: Glide through Bonne Bay's tranquil waters in premium sea kayaks with expert guides. Explore hidden coves and coastal trails inaccessible by larger boats, paddle beneath dramatic cliffs, spot seabirds and otters, and enjoy a warm beverage on a secluded shore.

Scenic cruise in Bonne Bay: Explore the breathtaking fjords of Bonne Bay on a scenic cruise through one of Newfoundland's most remarkable landscapes. Admire views of Gros Morne Mountain and the Tablelands while watching for whales, seabirds, and other wildlife along the way.

Scenic Discovery:

Weather permitting and with harbour master approval, you may join the Discovery Team for an exciting kayaking experience.

Offshore: 09:30 - 15:00

**Day 12
Wed, 09 Sep****Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, Canada (B,L,D)**

Step into a piece of living history when you go ashore at Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island. This well-preserved 18th century fortress will immerse you in French colonial life amidst charming cobblestone streets and historic buildings. It's the largest historical reconstruction in North America and authentic fortifications, kitchen gardens and homes sit alongside the original ruins. Uncover the secrets of this World Heritage-listed site as you wander through its picturesque streets and soak in the unique atmosphere.

Scenic Freechoice:

Fortress of Louisbourg: Step back to 1744 at the Fortress of Louisbourg, Canada's largest historical reconstruction. Explore bustling streets, meet costumed locals, and enjoy a taste of heritage chocolate in this immersive 18th-century seaport experience.

Heart of the Island: Experience Cape Breton's Scottish soul at the Nova Scotia Highland Village. Explore historic homes, hear Gaelic stories, and take in breathtaking views of the Bras d'Or Lakes on this immersive cultural journey through 180 years of heritage.

Coal Miners of Cape Breton: Discover the rich coal-mining heritage of Cape Breton at the Glace Bay Miners Museum. Descend into the Ocean Deeps Colliery with a retired miner and explore life underground, then wander the restored miners' village above.

Sydney Highlights: Uncover Sydney's storied past on a scenic drive through its historic harbour, coastal villages and former industrial communities. Visit Whitney Pier and Lingan, where coal, steel and wind have shaped both landscape and local life.

Offshore: 12:00 - 17:30

**Day 13
Thu, 10 Sep****Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (B)**

Your journey concludes this morning in Halifax, Nova Scotia. A charming coastal city, Halifax boasts a rich maritime history, vibrant waterfront, and welcoming atmosphere.

After a final delicious breakfast onboard, bid farewell to the crew and new friends who shared this incredible voyage with you. You'll be transferred to the airport for your onward journey or return flight home, taking with you memories that will last a lifetime.

Docked or Offshore: 09:00

Please book your flight to depart out of Halifax after 12:00 PM.

+All drinks on board, including those stocked in your mini bar, are included, except for a very small number of rare, fine and vintage wines, Champagnes and spirits. #Spa treatments at additional cost. ~Kayaking may not operate in all locations.

Helicopter not operational in Greenland and Canada. Submersible not operational on this voyage.

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