8D7N: Disko Bay and Inuit villages



Trip Highlights

- Explore the north-west coast of Greenland, featuring welcoming Inuit villages and superb scenery (Disko Bay, Eqi Glacier, Eternity Fjord
- Discover the landscapes (icebergs, snow-capped mountains, glaciers, ice cap, fjords) and the wildlife (seabirds, musk oxen, cetaceans, etc.).
- Activities : opportunities for dinghy outings and shore visits with your naturalist guides, hikes, visits to traditional villages, kayaking
- Outings and shore visits in zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- Hiking opportunity.
- Visit traditional villages and encounter the Inuit people.
- Disko Bay, listed as a Unesco World Heritage Site, to see the Northern Hemisphere’s largest icebergs.
- Landscapes: fjords, jagged mountains, glaciers, tundra, sheer cliffs and polar ice cap.

Trip Itinerary

Destination:	Arctic
Departure Location:	Nuuk (Greenland)
Return Location:	Nuuk (Greenland)
Tour Validity:	02 Sept 2027 - 09 Sept 2027

Day 01: Nuuk

When Erik Le Rouge, the exiled Norse chief, landed on the coast of Nuuk, he found a fertile and welcoming land dotted with fjords. He settled there with a group of his former countrymen, and **the Norse** remained the principal inhabitants until, over a period of 500 years, their population declined and gave way to the Inuit. **Nuuk** is situated at the mouth of one of the largest networks of fjords in the world, where the waters never freeze. The town spreads gently out towards the **Davis Strait** and enjoys an historic center that is particularly rich in national heritage. The vivid reds, blues, greens and yellows of the houses are a lively contrast to the somber waters of Greenland and serve to lift the spirits of the locals during the Winter months.

Day 02: Evighedsfjorden

Your ship glides slowly along the water towards the west coast of Greenland, to enter **Evighedsfjorden**, just a few kilometres south of Kangerlussuaq. Evighedsfjorden means "**the fjord of Eternity**", and for good reason: just when you think you've reached the end of this stretch of sea measuring over 100 kilometres in length, it seems to go on forever, as though to bring even more pleasure to those sailing in it. The spectacular scenery ranges from glaciers to **tundra** with an abundant flora, and jagged cliffs where **numerous bird species** have taken up residence. Take the time to observe the white-tailed eagles and the colonies of seagulls and black-legged kittiwakes flying overhead in the area.

Day 03: Qeqertarsuaq

On the southern coast of **Disko Island**, Qeqertarsuaq is one of just two small villages on this island **the size of Corsica.** Its isolation makes it an observation post popular among naturalists since the beginning of polar exploration and the set-up, in 1906, of the Arctic Centre research facility. During a zodiac cruise you will have the chance to explore the natural wonders of Greenland, meet its wildlife such as the humpback whale and contemplate the basaltic organ landscapes that offer pure moments of wonder for you. In the heart of this spectacular and fragile nature, enjoy the breath-taking views of the grandiose and varied landscapes of Disko Island and Disko Bay.

Day 04: Base Paul-Emile Victor, Eqi Glacier

"The most beautiful place in the Arctic" is how Paul-Émile Victor described Greenland, a land of great icebergs and of towering ice formations calved by the giant glaciers of the polar ice cap. **The Eqi Glacier** is one of the region's most impressive sights. Here, the silence is broken only by the roaring and cracking of the ice. It is impossible to know if one is shivering from cold or from the sheer thrill of being here... Imagine the vast outline of a glacier, its **translucent crystals** glowing with an ice-blue fire in the sunlight. Paul-Émile **Victor's shelter** cannot be overlooked; it was from here that the French Polar Expeditions' anthropological and geographic explorations set off in the 1950s.

Day 05: Akulleq - Uummannaq

In the curve of Uummannaq Bay, opposite a narrow passage between two islands, you will discover the **moonscape** of the small desert island of Akulleq. The **ochre yellow and orange** of this mineral site look ablaze under the sunshine of the polar summer. From the island's summit you will be able to contemplate a panoramic view of the bay's magical landscape and its huge icebergs with surprising shapes. The **"heart-shaped" rock** overlooking it is what inspired the name of the island and village of Uummannaq, where the locals will welcome you with their incredible sense of hospitality and humour, essential to their survival in these northern lands. Seven **Inuit villages** also dot this territory where people still get around on dog sleighs or in kayaks.

Day 06: Disko Bay

To the east of Baffin Bay, discover **Disko Bay**, scattered with countless icebergs produced by the Ilulissat Icefjord, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. From your ship, admire the majestic ballet of these ice giants as they slowly drift across the dark waters. This site is a natural marvel of Greenland, and is also renowned as an observation point for the region's many humpback whales. The encounters with wild fauna and stunning landscapes in the heart of this spectacular and fragile nature will be pure moments of wonder for you.

Day 07: At sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

Day 08: Sisimiut

During your cruise, we invite you to discover **Sisimiut**, founded in 1756 and the second largest town in Greenland. This small town is typical of Greenland, boasting bewitching panoramas: here and there, **colourful stilt houses** dot the **undulating landscape**, and the small fishing port stands as the gateway to an icy realm. As for the town centre, it is home to a number of historic buildings, a small church and a museum which retraces the history of the Inuit people, as well as many craft shops. When your ship drops anchor here, you will set out to meet the locals in a typically arctic atmosphere.

Day 09: Nuuk

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What's included

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 8 nights shipboard on Ponant Cruise
- Return air ticket Santiago/Ushuaia v.v
- 24 hour room service (special selection)
- Butler service (special selection)
- Free unlimited WIFI onboard
- Evening entertainment and events
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- Free unlimited WIFI onboard
- Evening entertainment and events

PACKAGE EXCLUDE

- International air ticket
- Airport transfer
- Gratuities

Price & Cost

Date	Price	Ship
02 Sept - 09 Sept 2027	**FULLY BOOKED**	**Le Lyrial Ship**
Superior Stateroom	FULLY BOOKED	Available
Deluxe Stateroom	RM 52,230	Available
Prestige Stateroom	RM 56,460	Available
Deluxe Suite Deck 6	RM 79,710	Available