

## WEST GREENLAND: DISKO BAY CRUISE

# WELCOME TO BIRTHPLACE OF ICEBERGS



Though seemingly larger than life, Disko Bay is almost not large enough to hold its many wonders.

This voyage centers on Disko Bay, a region on the west coast of Greenland famous for its icebergs, whales, and friendly Inuit villages. It departs from the capital of Greenland city of Nuuk and finishes in Kangerlussuaq. Attractions include volcanic landscapes, museums, iconic churches in numerous settlements, Greenlandic sled dogs, and stunning scenery everywhere.

Our area of exploration encompasses a wealth of natural wonders such as the famous Ilulissat Icefjord, the beautiful Eqip Sermia glacier, the heart-shaped Uummannaq mountain, and breathtaking fjords, such as Nuuk fjord, reaching deep into the mountainous wilderness of Greenland.



**DATES - 22 May; 30 May 2018**

*DURATION - 9 days*

*EMBARKATION - Nuuk (Greenland)*

*DISEMBARKATION - Kangerlussuaq  
(Greenland)*

*SHIP - M/V Sea Spirit*

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### ILULISSAT ICEFJORD

The spectacular Ilulissat Icefjord is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At the head of this steady stream of ice lies Sermeq Kujalleq (Jakobshavn Glacier), an outlet of the Greenland Ice Sheet through which around 46 cubic kilometers of ice are calved annually into the sea.

Situated nearby is the town of Ilulissat, which offers easy access for close viewing of icebergs emanating from the immense glacier front. The combination of a highly scenic ice sheet and a fast moving ice stream, along with the dramatic sound produced by grinding icebergs, presents an unforgettable natural spectacle.

### INUIT VILLAGES

Cultural traditions are blended with modern living in contemporary Inuit villages throughout the Disco Bay area. Colorful houses are a modern reflection of the pride and felicity of this robust and ancient culture. The preservation of a subsistence lifestyle is evident in fishing boat captains and sled dog mushers. Village youth enjoy soccer with some of the sport's most scenic backdrops.

Each village has its own unique history and character. Settlements on our route include Itilleq, Sisimiut, Aasiaat, Ilulissat, Qeqertarsuaq, and Uummannaq.

### DISKO ISLAND

Disko Island is the largest island on the west coast of Greenland. The island's characteristic volcanic

landscape contains hot springs, red basalt mountains, lush greenery, and amazing rock formations. The small, traditional town of Qeqertarsuaq is among of Greenland's oldest.

The waters around Disko Island are home to a variety of whale species including humpback, fin, minke, and bowhead (also known as the Greenland right whale). The abundance of icebergs makes whale watching here a particularly awesome experience.



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Air flight from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Nuuk, Greenland; embarkation

Your individual arrival to Kangerlussuaq is followed by flight to Nuuk (Kangerlussuaq – Nuuk flight is provided by Poseidon Expeditions and included in the price of the voyage).

Our voyage starts in the capital of Greenland – city of Nuuk. It has a population of over 16,000, making it one of the smallest capital cities in the world by population. It is also the world's northernmost capital, located only a few kilometers further north than Reykjavik.

Today we welcome you aboard the luxury expedition ship M/V Sea Spirit. Explore the ship and get comfortable in your home away from home for the extraordinary adventure to come. Savor the anticipation of your Arctic dreams coming true as we slip our moorings and sail along the picturesque fjord.





## Day 2-8: Exploration of West Greenland

Though settlements abound in this part of Greenland, unpredictable weather and dearth of docking facilities nevertheless make this a real expedition. As such, our route and exploration opportunities along this coast are heavily dependent on the weather and ice conditions we encounter. Our experienced captain and expedition leader decide the itinerary and continually adjust plans as conditions and opportunities warrant. You can be sure that the best possible advantage will be taken of the circumstances presented to us by Nature in this wild and remote region. Possible sites of exploration include:

**Nuuk fjord** – Just outside of Nuuk lies the second largest fjord system in the world. The fjord is embraced by snow-capped mountains, towering waterfalls, and gleaming icebergs.

**Sisimiut** – The second-largest town in Greenland boasts a youthful, urban vibe. The Sisimiut Museum offers insight into the local culture and a history of human habitation dating back 4,500 years.

**Qeqertarsuaq** – Located on volcanic Disko Island, the small town of Qeqertarsuaq enjoys views of basaltic mountains and the huge icebergs of Disko Bay. Founded in 1773 as a whaling station, Qeqertarsuaq is one of the oldest towns in Greenland. Cultural attractions include a distinctive octagonal church called the “Lord’s Ink Pot”. Some hiking options are available in the area: a longer hike to the basalt cliffs and a shorter one to the waterfall.



**Uummannaq** – Founded in 1763 on the island of the same name, the town of Uummannaq is a hunting and fishing base with a canning factory and a marble quarry. Rising above town is the distinctive 1,170-meter

Uummannaq Mountain. Danish and Greenlandic children believe that Santa Claus lives on the island. A Zodiac cruise in Uummannaq fjord reveals a breathtaking scenery around.



**Eqip Sermia** – This active tidewater glacier is situated in a wild and scenic fjord. In the period after the Second World War, this area functioned as a starting point for expeditions onto the ice cap conducted by the French explorer Paul Emile Victor, whose hut still stands today.

**Ilulissat** – Formerly called Jakobshavn, the town of Ilulissat is best known for unbelievable quantities of icebergs issuing from the nearby Ilulissat Icefjord, into which one of the world’s fastest moving and most active glaciers calves 46 cubic kilometers of ice annually. The breathtaking ice formations are best appreciated from a boat (a boat trip along the fjord is included in the price of the voyage). Attractions in town include the Inuit Art Museum, which contains a large collection of paintings by Greenlandic, Faroese, and Danish artists.

**Itilleq** – Located just north of the Arctic Circle, Itilleq (also known as Itivdleq) is a settlement on a small island with about 100 inhabitants. The main trade here is fishing and hunting. The island has no freshwater, so Itilleq has a facility that makes freshwater from seawater.

## Day 9: Disembarkation in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland.

After breakfast we say farewell in Kangerlussuaq, the site of Greenland's largest commercial airport. After disembarkation we transfer to the airport for our air flight to Copenhagen and further flight home.



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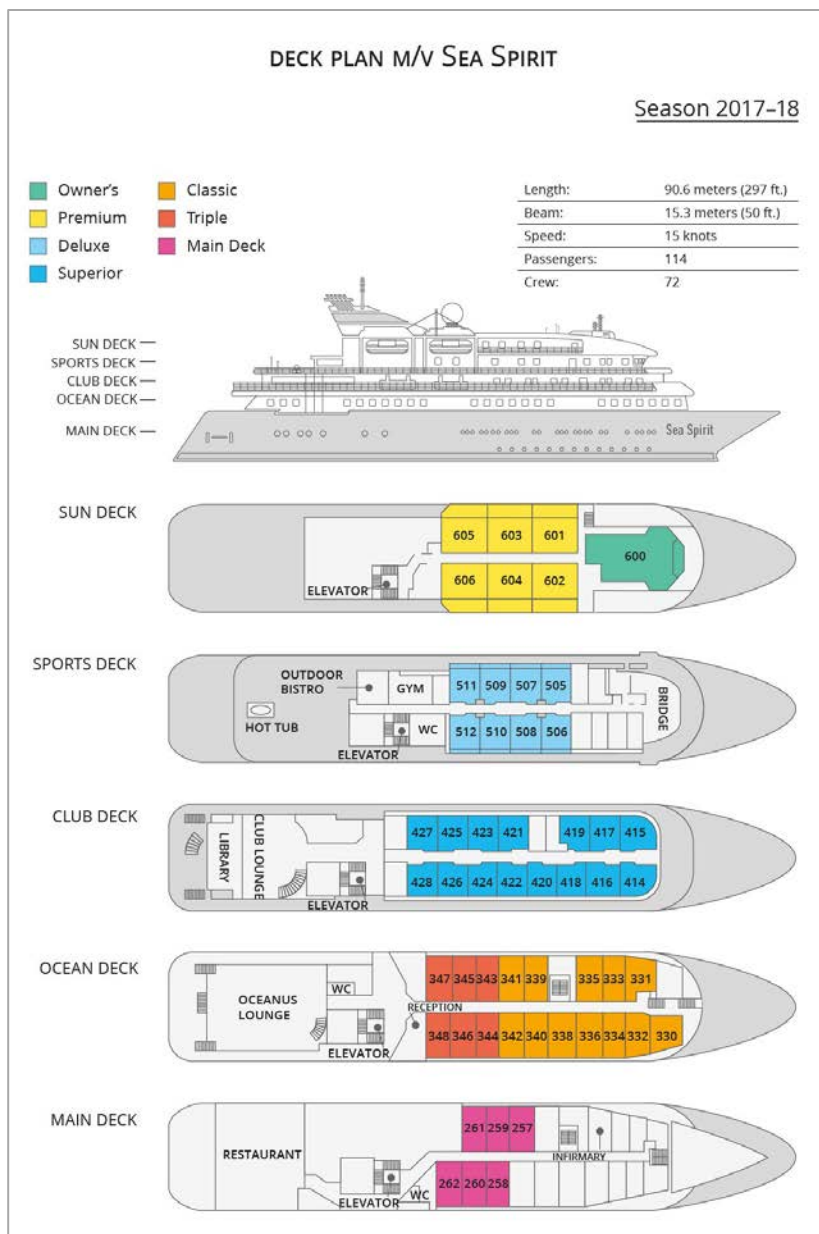
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CLASSIC SUITE	\$ 6,095
SUPERIOR SUITE	\$ 6,195
DELUXE SUITE	\$ 7,195
PREMIUM SUITE	\$ 8,295
OWNER'S SUITE	\$ 9,795

**RATES INCLUDE:**

Air flight from Kangerlussuaq to Nuuk; Group transfer to the ship on day of embarkation; Shipboard accommodation; All meals on board throughout the voyage; Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily; All scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions); Museum entrance fee; Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team; Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka; Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise; Welcome and Farewell cocktails; All port fees; Group transfer to airport or central location upon disembarkation; Pre-departure materials; Digital Voyage Log; Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a maximum benefit of US 100,000 per person (up to 85 years of age).

**RATES DO NOT INCLUDE**

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