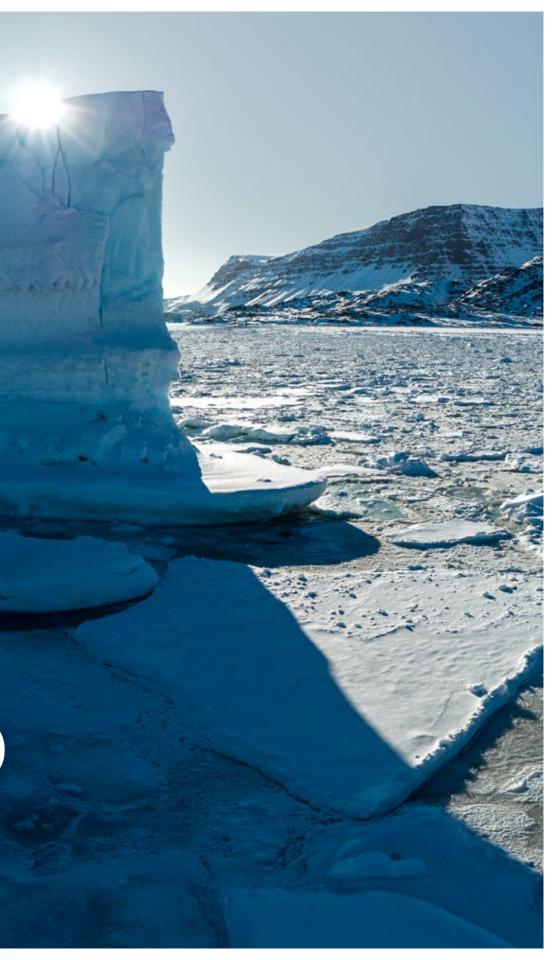
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## GREENLAND

SEVEN-NIGHT ITINERARY

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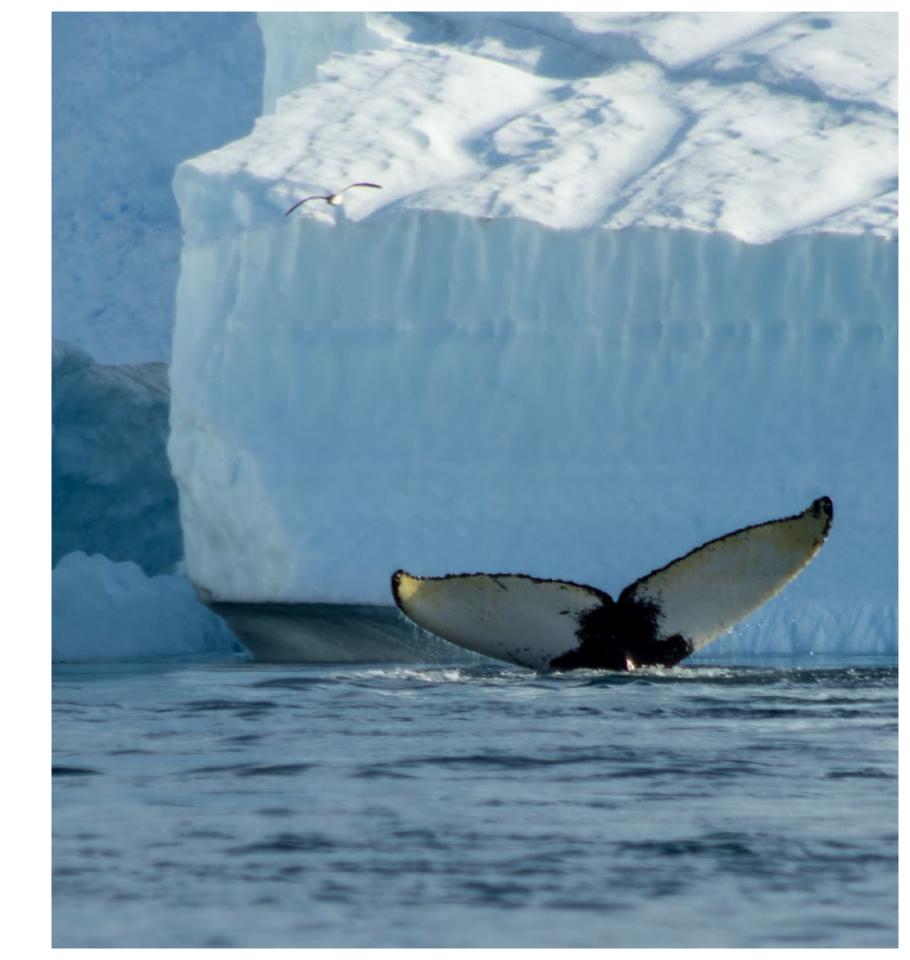
### A WORLD OF BREATH-TAKING

beauty carved by Ice Age glaciers and characterized by its challenging environment, Greenland lies mostly north of the Arctic Circle. It's a land of sled dogs, kayaks, majestic glaciers, icebergs, immense landscapes, colourful settlements and warm, friendly people. Existence in the remote regions is as one with nature, dependent on the hunt for fish, seals and whales using skills passed down through generations of native Greenlandic hunters.

Part of the North American continent, Greenland is one of the oldest land areas in the world, with bedrock up to 3.8 billion years old. The vast Greenland Ice Sheet covers over 80% of the landmass, and holds 10% of the world's water reserves. At the intersection of the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans, Greenland is the world's largest island.

The summer months are filled with green hills, deep fjords and blue sea, and the coastal fringes provide a stunningly beautiful arena for exploration by sea. The offshore waters are summer feeding grounds for about 20 species of whales, while 5 species of seals, approximately 50 species of birds and a variety of other Arctic wildlife also call Greenland home.

Exploring Greenland by yacht provides the utmost flexibility and allows those aboard to reach remote locations in comfort for exceptional experiences. Land wherever we choose for hikes across the wild tundra, brimming with life during the brief but busy Arctic summer, or to visit isolated communities. Use kayaks to paddle secluded fjords strewn with glistening ice and explore along the rocky coasts in the company of seals and seabirds.





#### DAY 1 ILLULISSAT

After a short domestic flight from Kangerlussuaq, arrive in Ilulissat, meaning "The Icebergs." The town is well named as it is located next to the fjord leading to SermeqKujalleq, the most productive glacier in the northern hemisphere, which fills this fjord with some of the largest icebergs found outside of the Antarctic. This procession of icebergs makes its way down the 30-mile fjord, before being released into the waters of Disko Bay at a rate of about 20 million tons per day. The Ilulissat icefjord is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The town was founded in 1741 as a summer mission and trading center and is now Greenland's fourth largest town, popular with visitors who come to see the ice fjord and its surroundings. Remain in the area for day 2 allowing more time for for activities in and around the icefjord or visit sites a short distance away. There are some small traditional communities to visit as well as numerous options for hiking, kayaking, fishing and exploring in the tenders.

#### DAY 2 SERMEREIUT

We may visit Sermereiut, a beautiful valley just outside of town, walking amid the tundra wildflowers and visit the archaeological sites with a stunning view across the icefjord. There are also options for kayaking, cruising amongst the icebergs and for sightseeing flights to view the icecap and glacier from the air. Cruising with the yacht or tenders amongst the icebergs in the late-evening light is a real highlight.

#### DAY 3 SULLORSUAQ STRAIT & DISKO ISLAND

Disko Island is the largest and newest island in Greenland at only 50 million years old; its volcanic origins makes it geologically different from the rest of the country.

Sail a short distance northwest during the night to spend the day exploring the Sullorsuaq Strait, the northern entrance to Disko Bay. There are many options for wilderness landings and hikes on either the Nuussuaq Peninsula to the north or the shores of Disko Island to the south. Arguably one of the most beautiful settlements in the area is Sarqaq, which is home to about 175 Greenlanders. Most locals hunt and fish for a living, and we can visit the village to learn about the local's way of life. On the northern shores of Disko Island is the ghost town of Qutlissat, a mining settlement abandoned in the 1960s. Here one can explore the empty buildings to get a fascinating insight into what life was like here. Continue up into the high ground behind the town for a fantastic view across the strait strewn with icebergs.









#### DAYS 4 & 5 UUMMANNAQ FJORD

The name Uummannaq Fjord is derived from the heart-shaped mountain on Uummannaq Island, where the largest community in the region is located. Nearly 400 miles beyond the Arctic Circle, this will be the northernmost point of the voyage, and the long daylight hours of the far north can be spent making expedition landings amongst the striking landscape of towering mountains and deep fjords.

Visit the ancient winter settlement of Qilakitsog nestled in a small cove on the shores of Uummannaq Fjord. This was the site of one of Greenland's most important archeological discoveries in 1972 when local hunters stumbled upon a group of incredibly well preserved mummified bodies, preserved by the cold, dry conditions for 500 years. Walking around this pretty cove you can see the remains of dwellings and ancient burial sites, complete with skeletons, and a scramble along the cliffs takes us to the small cave where the mummies were discovered. Further inland at the head of the fjord, tidewater glaciers meet the sea and the fjords are choked with ice. Cruise inland as far as possible and land for hikes to overlook the glaciers.



#### DAY 6 ATA SUND & EQIP SERMIA GLACIER

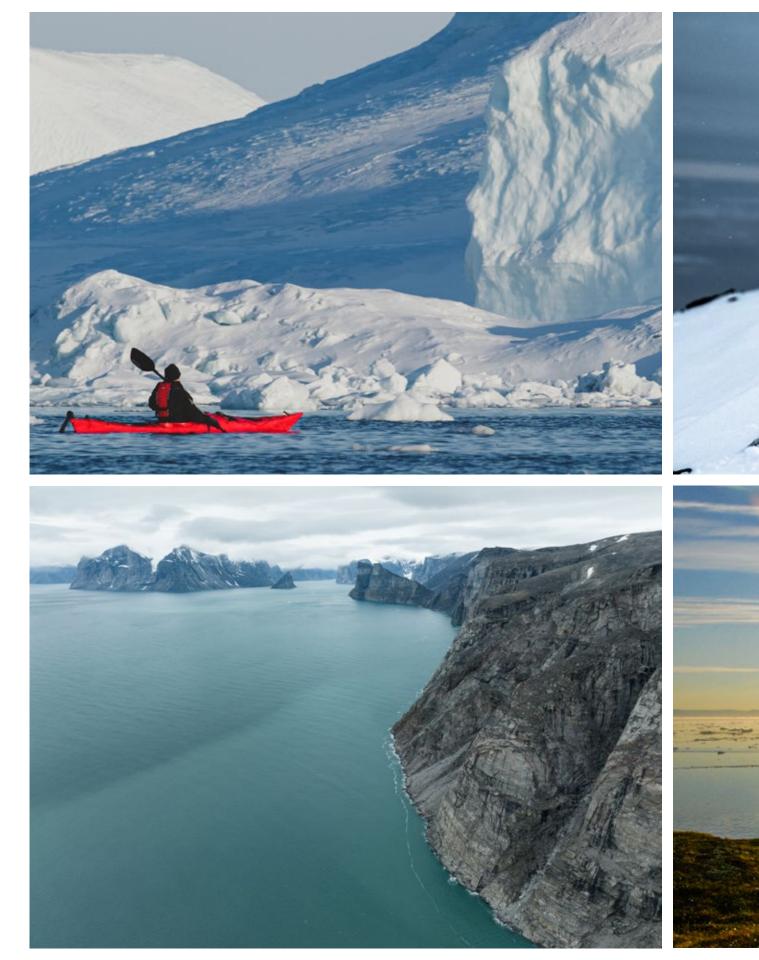
Spend the day exploring the north-eastern corner of Disko Bay around Ata Sound and the Eqip Sermia Glacier, a large and active tidewater glacier producing many small icebergs from its frequent calving. Here among the network of protected fjords there are many options for tender cruising, kayaking and hiking.

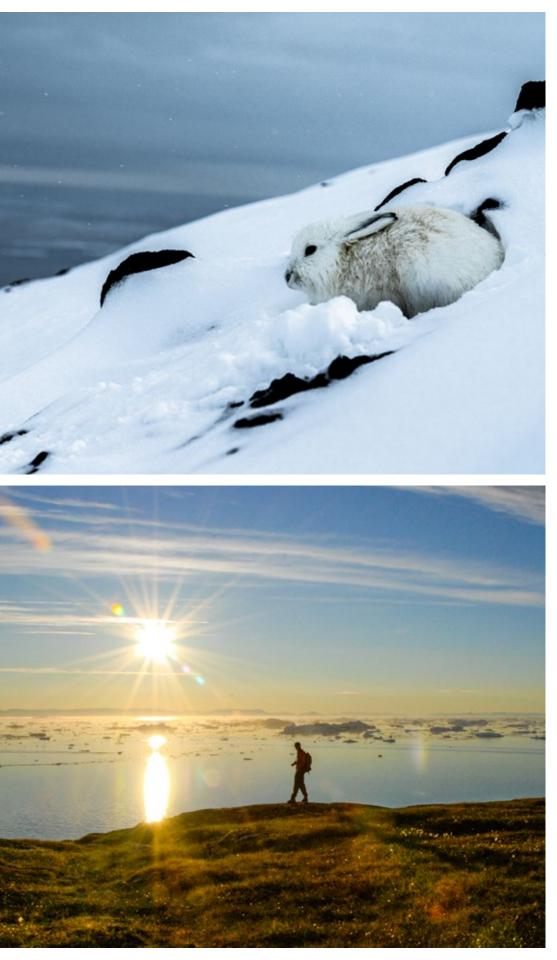
#### DAY 7 EXPLORING SOUTHERN DISKO BAY / ILULISSAT

Spend your last day as you choose. After several days on board you will have seen some places on the chart that you would like to discover for yourself, or your Expedition Guide can present many options for landings and hikes. The southern entrance to Disko Bay is a prime area for whale watching and depending on your encounters so far with marine mammals, you may wish to devote some time to searching for them. Alternatively, the southern part of Disko Bay is made up of a beautiful archipelago of small islands, often referred to as the "land of a thousand islands." Home to a wealth of avian and marine life, the islands and channels are perfect for exploration by kayak as the native Greenlandic do. Alternatively, return to Ilulissat to enjoy more of the activities available around the town.

#### DAY 8 ILULISSAT

Disembark your yacht for the short flight to Kangerlussuaq. If you wish, take time to visit the icecap, airbase museum or old military installations before your international flight.







#### THE EYOS TEAM

#### ABOUT US

Your expedition will be supported by both an on-board EYOS Expedition Leader and a strong shore-based team on hand to provide 24/7 support for the duration of the voyage. Together we are underpinned by several decades of Arctic experience. We are passionate about the Arctic and genuinely look forward to sharing it with you. Although our field staff members have completed hundreds of expeditions in polar latitudes, we have never lost our enthusiasm for ice and the experiences that it provides.

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# SCINTILLA MARIS

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46m *Scintilla Maris* is a brand new expedition yacht built on the recycled hull of a classic DAMEN trawler design. With new hybrid engines offering four sailing modes, she is extremely efficient and nearly vibration-free—a nimble vessel ideal for exploration.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

**BUILDER** DAMEN MAASKANT

**YEAR BUILT** 1988

**COMPLETE REBUILD** 2023

**LENGTH** 45.68M

**BEAM** 9M

**DRAFT** 4.9M **GUESTS** 8-10

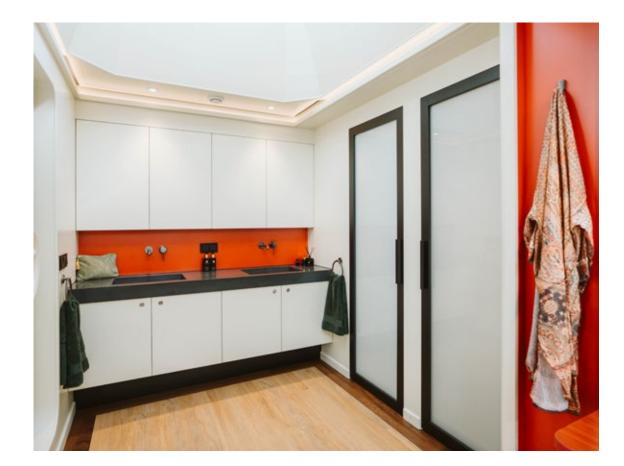
**CREW** 8-10

MAX SPEED 13.5 KNOTS

ENGINE MARELLI ELECTRO MOTOR/ 4 VOLVO GENERATORS







#### ACCOMMODATIONS

*Scintilla Maris* comfortably accommodates 10 guests in a spacious master cabin, 2 double-bed cabins and 2 bunk-style twin cabins, all with ensuite showers and amenities.







