



# Traveling Aggies

A PROGRAM OF  
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## SOUTH & WEST GREENLAND AND DISKO BAY

WELCOME TO THE LAND OF VIKINGS

25 MAY – JUNE 7, 2023

14 DAYS

*Embarkation: Reykjavik (Iceland)*

*Disembarkation: Kangerlussuaq (Greenland)*

*M/v Sea Spirit*

*Activities:*



# OUR EXPEDITION



# Itinerary



## Day 1 - May 25 - Reykjavik, Iceland

Welcome to Reykjavík, the capital of Iceland and starting point of our expedition cruise! Even though this country lies below the Arctic Circle, Reykjavik is the world's northernmost capital of a sovereign state. Visitors needn't travel far to find geysers and waterfalls, mountains, and glaciers. Accommodations tonight at a centrally located deluxe hotel will make embarkation tomorrow much more convenient.



## Day 2 - May 26 - Reykjavik (Iceland), embarkation

This afternoon, meeting in the lobby for your transfer to the port and embarkation of the Sea Spirit. There's time to get settled in and explore this ship, your home-away-from-home for the next ten days. After departure, keep an eye out for our first whales (humpback and Minke whales are most common) as we sail out of the picturesque bay.



## Day 3-4 - May 27 & 28 - At sea

Enjoy a few restful days at sea, as we get ready for icebergs, Inuit villages, whales and much more! Along with our expedition team, watch for whales and seabirds from the deck, or participate in their presentations in the Oceanus Lounge on the flora, fauna, geology and cultural heritage to be found along West Greenland's western coast.





## Days 5-9 - May 29 – June 2 - Exploring South and West Greenland

The Sea Spirit rounds Cape Farewell, the southernmost point in Greenland, and calls in at Greenland's most southerly town Nanortalik. The town lies at the mouth of beautiful Tasermiut Fjord surrounded by steep mountains that flank an intricate fjord system. The local open-air museum demonstrates the fascinating history from Viking and Inuit times to the present days.

The Uunartoq area is famous for its natural hot springs, where we can soak in the geothermal waters watching the icebergs pass by.

During the next few days, we head further north to visit some enchanting Greenlandic settlements and explore the beautiful fjords of Greenland's western side.

Hvalsey, or "Whale Island", is the site of Greenland's largest and best-preserved Norse ruins. It was originally settled by an ancestor of Erik the Red in the late 10th century. There's time to wander and learn about the ancient farmstead that includes a granite stone Christian church, likely built in the early 14th century, and several adjacent buildings. The fells and fjord around the farmstead have not changed at all over the centuries, and the site is believed to have been a meeting place for festivals and banquets throughout the year.

Set amidst breathtaking scenery, our visit to Qaqortoq gives us some additional cultural and Viking background on the region. Placed on a beautiful hillside, the small settlement boasts colorful houses and a museum.

We continue north in the wake of the Vikings as our Sea Spirit navigates through the picturesque Eriksfjord to the settlement of Qassiarsuk. The town was founded back in the 10th century by Eric the Red following his exile from Iceland for murder. We will see the foundation remains of his manor house and other buildings. Nowadays, the area is known as a sheep farming settlement.

As we approach, Paamiut, there are good opportunities to see humpback and fin whales along the coastline. It is also an especially good place to spot white-tailed eagles. Inhabited by incredibly welcoming locals, Paamiut justifiably proud of their church that was built in 1909. The architecture reflects the Danish colonization of Greenland.

Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, is lively and surrounded by natural beauty. Here, old traditions meet modern change. Fashion shops and a cultural center represent the modern Greenland; the picturesque old port area, however, testifies to the island's long history. The town was founded by the danish missionary Hans Egede in the early 18th century, and you'll learn much more about the area on an included tour. In the National Museum, you'll be fascinated by the mummies of Qilakotsoq – evidence of a bygone era.



## Days 10-13: June 3 – 6 - Exploring Disko Bay

Fjords and scenic Inuit villages shape the landscape of this icy region of western Greenland. The Sea Spirit holds her course north, and landings and activities are adapted to the current ice and weather conditions. Accordingly, we will plan to visit some of the following:

Sisimiut, the second-largest city in Greenland with about 5,400 inhabitants, is located 40 km north of the Arctic Circle. While there are modern elements, you'll also find an outdoors hunting and fishing culture. A small museum depicts the history of trade, shipping and industry in the region.

Ilulissat, the "city of icebergs", is the a focal point of West Greenland tourism. The fjord is a UNESCO World

Heritage Site and pushes unimaginable amounts of icebergs into the bay. A hike to the historic Sermermiut settlement offers some spectacular views. The famous Danish polar explorer Knut Rasmussen is a son of the city and an interesting museum here is dedicated to his life.

Itilleq is a typical Greenlandic fishing village on a small island just above the Arctic Circle, with a local population of about 120. The residents make a living from fishing and hunting and there are probably more dog sleds than residents.



#### **Day 14 – June 7 - Disembarkation in Kangerlussuaq (Greenland); Homeward flights.**

Our adventure finishes at the port of Kangerlussuaq. We disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our outbound flight and further connection flights home.

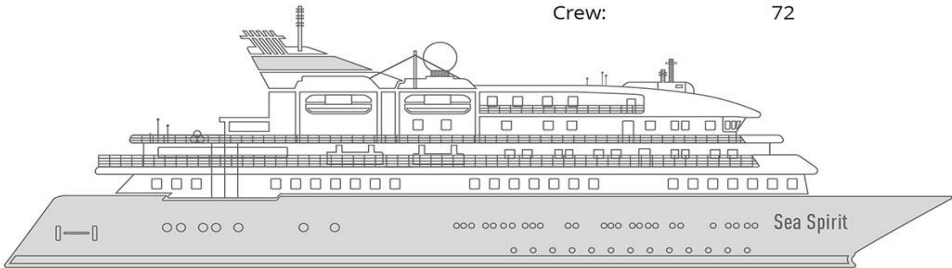
# M/v Sea Spirit

## DECK PLAN M/V SEA SPIRIT

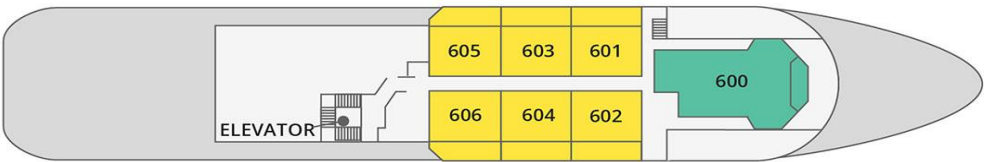
- Owner's
- Premium
- Deluxe
- Superior
- Classic
- Triple
- Main Deck

Length:	90.6 meters (297 ft.)
Beam:	15.3 meters (50 ft.)
Speed:	15 knots
Passengers:	114
Crew:	72

- SUN DECK —
- SPORTS DECK —
- CLUB DECK —
- OCEAN DECK —
- MAIN DECK —



### SUN DECK



### SPORTS DECK



### CLUB DECK



### OCEAN DECK



### MAIN DECK





## Triple Suite



Averaging 21 square metres/226 square feet, these staterooms have two twins and a comfortable sofa bed. The twins also convert to a King, if desired. Located on Oceanus Deck, these suites have a picture window, two wardrobes and en suite facilities. Amenities include: in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.

## Classic Suite



Averaging 21 square metres/226 square feet, these cabins are located on the Oceanus Deck. They feature a picture window, two wardrobes and a choice of either two twin beds or a King Size bed. Amenities include: en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control and hair dryer.

## Main Deck Suite



Averaging 23 square metres/248 square feet, Main Deck cabins are equipped with either two twins or a King Size bed. They are located on the Main Deck with a minimum of two portholes for exterior views. Amenities include: en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD individual temperature control and hair dryer.

## Superior Suite



Superior Suites are located on the Club Deck. Averaging 20 square metres/ 215 square feet, these cabins feature two twin beds or a King Size bed. The picture window overlooks an outside walkway on the Club Deck. Amenities include: en suite facilities, walk-in closet or wardrobe, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, hair dryer.

## Deluxe Suite



The Deluxe Suites with balconies are located on the Sports Deck. Averaging 24 square metres/ 258 square feet means plenty of room. Choose from either two twin beds or a King Size bed. A sliding glass door leads to a private balcony. These suites feature a walk-in closet or wardrobe. Amenities include en suite facilities, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and a hair dryer.

## Premium Suite



The Premium Suites are located on the Sun Deck. Averaging a generous 30 square metres/ 323 square feet, with two twin beds or a King Size bed. Access the private balcony by a sliding glass door. Amenities include: en suite facilities, lounge area, in-room safe, refrigerator, satellite telephone access, TV/DVD, individual temperature control, and hair dryer.

## Owners Suite



Super-spacious (63 square metres/ 678 square feet) elegant suite on the Sun Deck. Designed for entertaining, the Owner's Suite has a separate living room with game and meeting area. A BOSE stereo system provides background music, or watch videos on the HD plasma TV. Sliding glass doors lead to a private deck. Refresh in the jetted bathtub in en suite facilities. Slumber in the King Size bed. A sofa bed can accommodate a third person.





## Sea Kayak Club

### Kayaking fee \$655

Sea Kayak Club is typically offered on voyages that include High Arctic destinations such as Greenland, Svalbard (Spitsbergen), Franz Josef Land, or a combination of these thrilling places. Experience calving glaciers in Svalbard, cathedral-like icebergs in Greenland, or labyrinthine expanses of sea ice in the Arctic Ocean, all from our sturdy and stealthy sea kayaks. Join us for an unscripted kayaking adventure as we explore rugged coastlines and remote waters that very few people have ever paddled.



## Photography

### Free option

The Polar Regions are perhaps the most photogenic on earth, with countless beautiful scenes presenting themselves every day. Endless expanses of ice, beaches crowded with seals or penguins, sunsets over unbroken horizons, starlit skies, and even the majestic northern lights – they all present fantastic photographic opportunities – and in order to make sure that you come home with some spectacular images we offer you the chance to learn and practice your photography alongside an experienced professional.

Our expert Photographer will be on hand to answer your questions and give advice, both in the form of on-board lectures and workshops on shore. Explore the key elements of photography in a fun and relaxed setting, with plenty of opportunities for questions and feedback. Learn how to see light in a new way and experiment with the techniques of composition and framing.

## Special Rates for The Traveling Aggies, Texas A&M University

Triple Suite	Main Deck Suite	Classic Suite	Superior Suite	Deluxe Suite	Premium Suite	Owners Suite
US\$ 7,595	US\$ 10,495	US\$ 11,195	US\$ 11,395	US\$ 12,895	US\$ 14,095	US\$ 17,995
US\$ 5,316	US\$ 7,347	US\$ 7,837	US\$ 7,977	US\$ 9,027	US\$ 9,867	US\$ 12,597

*A savings of 30% for all bookings up to departure date for the Traveling Aggies.*

Cruise rates are quoted **per person** and based on passengers sharing a cabin. Single supplement: 1.7 for Main Deck and Classic, Superior Suite; 2 for Deluxe, Premium and Owner's Suite.

### RATES INCLUDE:

- Pre-voyage night on Day 1 in Reykjavik
- Group transfer from the hotel to the ship for embarkation on Day 2
- 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)
- 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
- Wi-Fi on board

### RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Airfare
- Transfers from the airport to the hotel
- Visa and passport fees (if applicable)

- Luggage and trip cancellation insurance
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations
- Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges
- Mandatory Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of US\$ 200,000 per person
- Kayaking
- The cost of any applicable medical tests (such as COVID-19) or vaccinations required either by a national government or Poseidon Expeditions before, during or after the cruise
- Staff gratuities.

All extra on-board services are added to the guest on-board accounts. Hotel Manager shall balance the accounts and organize the possibility for passengers to pay their bills (cash or credit cards) on board before disembarkation.

#### **How to make a reservation:**

For cabin availability and reservations please contact [Poseidon Expeditions](https://www.poseidonexpeditions.com) at [\(347\) 801-2610](tel:3478012610) or [salesUSA@poseidonexpeditions.com](mailto:salesUSA@poseidonexpeditions.com) and our reservation specialists, Valerie Bryan or Shulie Klein can assist you. You can also contact Jennifer Kunath, Director of Sales, if you have any questions at [jkunath@poseidonexpeditions.com](mailto:jkunath@poseidonexpeditions.com) or 205.706.0306.

For questions or additional information about the Traveling Aggies please call (979) 845-7514.

**Air Arrangements:** Airfare is not included in the cruise rate. However, we can direct you to our preferred air supplier, Klaus at **Exito Travel**, [klaus@exitotravel.com](mailto:klaus@exitotravel.com) who is familiar with our routing and can assist you with your air arrangements.

#### **Insurance for your Polar Cruise Expedition:**

Traveling to the Antarctica is a great adventure, but sometimes unexpected illness or injury during the trip itself may change your plans and require medical evacuation. Please note that Poseidon Expeditions requires emergency medical and evacuation/repatriation insurance coverage for all aboard the Sea Spirit for this expedition cruise in Antarctica in the amount of US \$200,000.

Emergency medical and evacuation/repatriation insurance coverage is not the same thing as cancellation insurance. We strongly recommend cancellation insurance, but do not require it.

You will receive information from the [Traveling Aggies](https://www.travelingaggies.com) about travel and emergency medical and evacuation/repatriation insurance. Please contact the Traveling Aggies at (979) 845-7514 for more information about insurance.

#### **Reservations and Payments:**



A deposit of 20% of the appropriate cabin rate is required to confirm the reservation; the final payment (80%) is due 90 days prior to the departure. All payments are to be made in the agreed currency indicated on the invoice. The deposit can be made by credit card or via bank transfer. The final payment is to be made via bank transfer. North American office also accepts credit cards and checks for deposit and final payment.

### **Booking Cancellations/Refunds:**

All requests for cancellation must be made in writing. Reservations cancelled more than 120 days prior to departure are subject to a USD 750 per person cancellation fee. Reservations cancelled from 119 to 91 days prior to departure are subject to 20% per person cancellation fee.

Reservations cancelled 90 days or less prior to departure are subject to full fare forfeiture (cancellation fee is 100%). **For these and other reasons mentioned below, passengers are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance.**

The services included in the cruise rate are based on group participation, and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which passengers choose not to participate, including any Zodiac cruises or landings. It should be understood that refunds will not be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for any reason whatsoever.

### **Terms and Conditions**

For complete general terms and conditions please visit the Poseidon Expeditions website:

[https://poseidonexpeditions.com/upload/files/terms/PE\\_T&C.pdf](https://poseidonexpeditions.com/upload/files/terms/PE_T&C.pdf)

*Please note: Itinerary, landings and all other activities during the cruise will depend strongly on ice and weather conditions and are subject to the decisions of the Expedition Leader and the Captain of the vessel.*

*Encounters with any mentioned wildlife cannot be guaranteed.*