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Iceland & Greenland Arctic Adventure
Aboard *Exploris One*

with Heather Huson '97, Associate Professor, Animal Science

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The April 2024 total solar eclipse sparked unprecedented global fascination. Now's the perfect time to set your sights on the next total solar eclipse: **August 12, 2026**. On our 11-day Arctic expedition aboard *Exploris One*, witness this rare phenomenon as you cruise round-trip from Reykjavík, Iceland, and along Greenland's less-traveled yet spectacular east coast. Guided by a professional astronomer with special glasses and telescopes, view the total solar eclipse from a prime, yet little-known, viewing location—along the Scoresby Sound, one of the world's largest fjords systems, in eastern Greenland. This remote area was chosen for optimal conditions of clear skies, extended totality, and a vast, picture-perfect Arctic expanse as your backdrop.

Aboard *Exploris One*, custom-designed for polar waters, accompany naturalist guides and expert lecturers to see icebergs up close via Zodiac excursions and explore geological wonders and glaciers unseen elsewhere on Earth. Meet residents of Inuit settlements for insights into local culture. In private island sanctuaries, observe Arctic animals like polar bears, musk oxen, and colonies of puffins in their natural habitats.

TRAVELING WITH YOU



Heather Huson '97, Associate Professor of Animal Science, emphasizes the practical applications of genetics, guiding students through comparative genomics and its real-world impact on agriculture, companion animals, and conservation. Heather applies genomic tools to enhance animal health, performance, and adaptation in livestock and working dogs. She raced sled dogs for 25 years and studies the genetics of their athleticism, resilience, and evolution. A Cornell alumna (B.S., 1997), Heather earned a PhD from the University of Alaska. She received the 2022 CALS Alumni Recognition Rising Star Faculty Award and is an Atkinson Center Faculty Fellow.



Map of the region

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the 2026 total solar eclipse off Greenland's eastern coast in the Scoresby Sound, an optimal yet little-known location to witness this rare celestial event, all with specialized equipment and esteemed astronomers at your side
- Take a guided tour through a private Icelandic island and wildlife sanctuary, Vigur Island, spotting puffins, Arctic terns, and eider ducks, and learning about the intricate ecosystem supporting 100,000 nesting birds
- Navigate the labyrinthine waterways of Scoresby Sound, the world's largest fjord system, via Zodiac as an expert guide explains how towering icebergs are formed
- Enjoy a full-day, expert-guided tour of Iceland's Snæfellsnes Peninsula, stopping at Kirkjufell, with its 1,519-foot peak, and mystical Snæfellsjökull, a 4,744-foot stratovolcano that inspired local legends and novelists like Jules Verne
- Participate in educational lectures, photography workshops, and social gatherings, enriching your understanding and enjoyment of the Arctic's unique environment and culture



Puffin, Vigur Island, Iceland

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5: DEPARTURE

Depart for Reykjavík, Iceland, on an overnight flight.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6: REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND / EMBARK EXPLORIS ONE

Upon arrival in Iceland, enjoy a half-day of excursions around Reykjavík's harbor. Following lunch, embark **Exploris One**, settle into your cabin, and attend a welcome orientation. Enjoy a welcome dinner as the ship sets sail. L,D

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7: VIGUR ISLAND / ÍSAFJÖRÐUR

In the morning, arrive at **Vigur Island**, a green jewel in Iceland's Westfjords. This tiny private paradise and wildlife sanctuary teems with feathered inhabitants, including puffins with their comical waddle, black guillemots chattering from rocky perches, Arctic terns swooping overhead, and eider ducks nestling along the shoreline.

At the heart of this natural spectacle, take **an inside look at the local farmstead**, which has been settled since the late 12th century. Here, six generations of the same family have tended the land and mastered the delicate art of eiderdown harvesting. You will also see a windmill from 1840, Iceland's last remaining heritage windmill.

As midday approaches, we'll set course for **Ísafjörður**, the bustling hub of the Westfjords. This coastal town pulses with maritime energy, its harbor dotted with fishing boats and framed by towering mountains. You may stroll Ísafjörður's streets, where colorful timber houses from the 18th century rub shoulders with modern buildings.



Ísafjörður, Iceland

Alternatively, for a deeper dive into local lore, take a guided look at the **Ísafjörður Maritime Museum**, housed in an 18th-century edifice. Active travelers may choose to lace up their hiking boots and strike out into **the majestic mountains cradling Ísafjörður**. Trails wind upward, rewarding your efforts with sweeping views of fjords and distant glaciers. Return to *Exploris One* this evening for dinner. B,L,D

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8: DAY AT SEA

Enjoy **a relaxing day at sea** as *Exploris One* crosses the Denmark Strait. Engage in a variety of onboard activities designed to enrich your Arctic experience, including lectures on Arctic wildlife, where you can learn about the unique species that inhabit this remote region. Enhance your photography skills with specialized workshops that offer tips and techniques for capturing the stunning landscapes and wildlife you'll encounter.

For those seeking tranquility, unwind in the ship's spa, indulging in soothing treatments and enjoying the serene atmosphere as you sail through the open waters. B,L,D

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - TUESDAY, AUGUST 11: SCORESBY SOUND, GREENLAND

Venture into **Scoresby Sound**, a colossal network of waterways that carves deep into Greenland's eastern coast. This sprawling fjord system stretches more than 200 miles inland, its icy fingers branching out across nearly 15,000 square miles of Arctic wilderness.

As the ship glides through these pristine waters, towering icebergs loom on all sides. Pass vertiginous cliffs that plunge 5,000 feet into inky depths. Around each bend, discover a new vista, from snow-capped peaks and massive glaciers to narrow inlets that snake into the mountainous interior.

Numerous opportunities for adventure await: **You may step ashore and hike across the tundra** for panoramic views of this frozen realm. From windswept ridges, gaze out over a landscape sculpted by millennia of ice and stone.



Scoresby Sound, Greenland



Kirkjufellsfoss, Grundarfjörður, Iceland

You may also **join experts for Zodiac excursions up close to icebergs and wildlife**. Musk oxen roam the tundra, their shaggy coats perfect insulation against Arctic winds. Seals bask in the sun on ice floes, ever alert for polar bears prowling the shoreline. Arctic hares bound across rocky slopes, their white fur a perfect camouflage.

Aboard *Exploris One*, **enjoy engaging lectures on the area's history and environment**, enhancing your understanding and appreciation of the complex ecosystem and cultural heritage of this magnificent Arctic wilderness. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12: SCORESBY SOUND FOR THE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

As *Exploris One* anchors in the **Scoresby Sound**, anticipation mounts for today's celestial event—the total solar eclipse. Our destination has been selected to ensure optimal viewing conditions (eclipse duration and probability of clear sky) for the eclipse against the stark Arctic backdrop. With expert guidance from a professional astronomer, you will have rare insights into the mechanics and significance of the eclipse.

Participate in guided observation sessions on deck, equipped with special viewing glasses and telescopes to witness the sun's corona as it briefly eclipses the moon. You may also take part in **onboard photography workshops**, learning from experienced photographers who capture astronomical events. The ship's photographers will offer real-time tips, helping you preserve this fleeting moment forever. B,L,D

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13: DAY AT SEA

After the eclipse, *Exploris One* will begin its way back to Iceland. Today, enjoy an opportunity to relax and reflect on the profound experience you've just witnessed. **Engage in enlightening educational talks** where experts delve into the scientific and cultural significance of solar eclipses, providing a deeper context to the event you've just witnessed.

Join special film screenings about celestial phenomena and Arctic exploration, offering further insights into the wonders of the natural world. Socialize with fellow passengers during lively gatherings where you can share stories, impressions, and photographs from the eclipse. B,L,D

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14: GRUNDARFJÖRÐUR, ICELAND / SNAEFELLSNES PENINSULA

In the morning, *Exploris One* docks at **Grundarfjörður**, a small Icelandic fishing town, where you will step ashore for a captivating full-day exploration of the dramatic **Snaefellsnes Peninsula**. With your expert guide, stop at **Mount Kirkjufell**, its 1,519-foot peak with a distinctive arrowhead shape reflected in the nearby **Kirkjufellsfoss** waterfall. The three-tiered cascade tumbles 39 feet over ancient lava fields.

Walk black-sand beaches forged by volcanic fury and see the wind-sculpted basalt cliffs tower overhead as waves crash against the shore. Your journey concludes at **Snaefellsjökull**, a 4,744-foot glacier atop a slumbering volcano. This mystical spot is famous as the portal in Jules Verne's *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, yet its importance in Icelandic mythology precedes that 1864 novel by centuries. This evening, return to *Exploris One* for the festive farewell dinner. B,L,D

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15: REYKJAVÍK / DISEMBARK / RETURN

After breakfast, disembark this morning to catch your flight back home. B

Extend the adventure with an optional Iceland postlude with dates, pricing, and itinerary details to come.

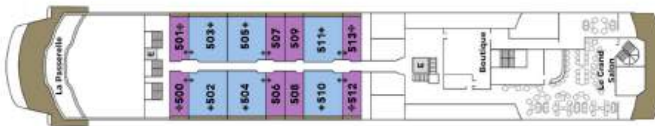
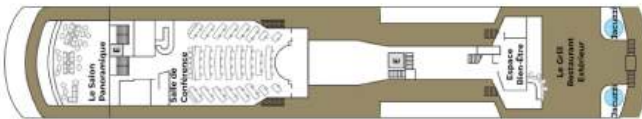
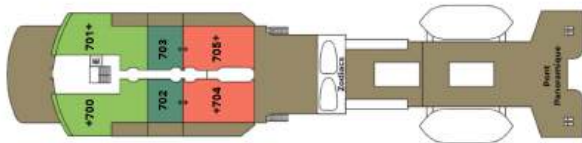


Snaefellsjökull, Iceland

DISCLAIMER: This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

CRUISE RATES

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
302-305 Premium Cabin	Deck 3	\$9,999	\$12,499
400-405, 407, 409 Superior Cabin	Deck 4	\$11,499	\$14,499
306-325 Ocean Stateroom	Deck 3	\$12,499	\$17,499
406, 408, 410-425, 427, 429 Deluxe Stateroom	Deck 4	\$13,499	\$20,299
500, 501, 506-509, 512, 513 Balcony Staterooms	Deck 5	\$16,999	Inquire
702 & 703 Navigator Suites	Deck 7	\$19,999	Inquire
502-505, 510, 511 Discovery Suites	Deck 5	\$20,999	Inquire
700 & 701 Grand Suites	Deck 7	\$23,999	Inquire
704 & 705 Shipowner's Suite	Deck 7	\$26,999	Inquire



Grand Restaurant, Exploris One

EXPLORIS ONE

The recently renovated *Exploris One* (formerly Silversea Cruise Line's *Silver Explorer*) was specially designed to sail the world's most demanding waters in the polar regions. Equipped with a reinforced hull, *Exploris One* is a global benchmark for exploring glacial regions in a completely safe environment. Enjoy an exceptional level of comfort, along with personalized service.

The ship features 60 cabins and 12 suites, among the most spacious available on expedition ships. Enjoy a fitness and well-being area, panoramic decks and lounges, and outdoor Jacuzzis for a moment of relaxation with a view. Onboard Zodiacs allow passengers to disembark all together several times a day, depending on the navigation conditions, in areas that are usually inaccessible.



Exploris One

RATES INCLUDE

- Nine nights cabin accommodations aboard the exclusively chartered and renovated *Exploris One*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wine and beer with all included lunches and dinners; complimentary open bar aboard *Exploris One* throughout the cruise (including all standard spirits)
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; optional Iceland postlude; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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By registering and paying your deposit for herein the "Program" (as described in the tour brochure, updated itinerary, or final itinerary), you, and each registered participant covered by your deposit, agree to the following Terms & Conditions in order to participate in the Program. This agreement is accepted in New York, NY.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

To reserve your space on the Program, a \$1,000 deposit is required per participant. Final payment by cash, check, wire transfer, ACH, debit card, or American Express credit card only, is due no later than 120 days prior to the date of departure. If full payment is not received by Arrangements Abroad Inc. (AA) 120 days prior to the departure date, your reservations may be canceled without notice. See "Cancellation Policy" for further information.

AIRFARE

For the convenience of Program participants, AA offers the services of an air concierge who is pleased to assist you with air travel arrangements, including suggested group flights or individual requests, for a processing fee of +\$40 per person. Complete details will be provided in your confirmation packet. As noted below, neither AA nor the sponsor of the Program is liable for any airline cancellation or flight change fees, incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable air ticket or any other expenses incurred by you in preparing for, or participating in the Program.

SPECIAL HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

For the safety and security of all Participants, staff, and destination hosts, AA highly recommends being vaccinated and receiving up-to-date boosters against COVID-19 and its variants, as well as self-testing for COVID-19 prior to joining the Program. Wearing masks in public places and on buses and other transportation during the Program is strongly advised and may be required by the Tour Director at any time.

HEALTH

All participants must be in good physical and mental health. Program excursions and visits require walking a minimum of one mile continuously, at an average pace, over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs without handrails, standing during on-site lectures, and touring sites that may not be handicapped accessible. On some Programs, hiking or extensive walking is necessary to participate. [Program Activity/Pacing Levels are described on the FAQ page on the AA website](#) and these levels are used in brochures, itineraries and "What to Expect" information sent to you upon registration for the Program. Please consult your Client Services

Associate for specific program requirements. In order to provide the best service we can, AA requires that any condition you have that may need assistance, such as special diets, medical treatments or mobility limitations, be reported on the Personal Information Form. If you require special attention during the Program, such as walking assistance, and do not travel with a companion who is willing and able to assist you, you may be asked to hire an assistant and/or private conveyance to participate in the Program. AA encourages you to consult your personal physician for specific advice regarding the activities and destinations of the Program. For general health information visit cdc.gov/travel

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs or, in some cases, audio/video recordings of trip participants may be used for educational or promotional purposes by the sponsoring institution and AA, and no compensation will be paid thereof. Please let us know in writing prior to the start of the trip if you do not wish to be included.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

AA strongly recommends that you purchase medical insurance as well as insurance for emergency medical evacuation, loss of luggage, accident, travel and cancellation insurance to protect against unforeseen events that may impact your participation in the Program. Please see AA's CANCELLATION POLICY and RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE below. AA, or the sponsoring institution, will send an insurance application from a provider upon receipt of deposit, but of course, participants may select an alternative insurer of their choice.

US STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL ADVISORIES

For the most up-to-date information about the risks involved in traveling to overseas destinations, visit travel.state.gov and review the travel advisories for each country you will visit.

TRAVEL TO CUBA

Travel to Cuba is permitted by the US Department of the Treasury only if the travel falls into one of the 12 categories of licensed activities. The participants on this program will be licensed under a General License for Support For The Cuban People. To comply with the requirements of the license, you will be asked to certify in writing that you agree to follow a full-time schedule of activities. Also, to enter Cuba, a Cuban Visa and Cuban Health Insurance is required. For more information about the requirements for travel to Cuba, please see: ofac.treasury.gov/faqs/topic/1541

CHANGES IN ITINERARY & COSTS

All reasonable efforts are made to provide the itinerary as presented in the brochure. However, the itinerary, in whole or in part, including the lecturer(s), dates, timings, ships, hotels, guides, and all other elements of the program are subject to modifications and changes at any time, with or without notice, at the sole discretion of AA. If substitutions are made for ships, accommodations or other elements of the Program, reasonable efforts will be made to supply an equivalent or superior element. Prices quoted are based on prevailing prices, fuel costs, airfares, and currency exchange rates in effect at the time of brochure printing and are subject to change without notice. Any participant deviations from the scheduled itinerary are solely at your expense.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE

Arrangements Abroad, its employees, shareholders, officers and directors (collectively "AA"), and the sponsoring institution and/or its agents, employees and representatives (collectively "Sponsor"), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services

for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground or safari operators' guides, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, neither AA nor the Sponsor is responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity. In addition, neither AA nor the Sponsor is responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity it does not own or control, nor for any action or inaction of any third party not under its control.

Without limitation AA and the Sponsor are not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, financial or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond its control, including, without limitation, any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract or violation of local law or regulation of any third party such as an airline, train, hotel, bus, taxi, van or safari operator, local ground handler or guide, whether or not it uses the AA and/or Sponsor's name, financial default or insolvency of any supplier which is to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip. Similarly, AA is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, transportation delays or cancellations or the failure of any transportation mechanism to depart or arrive timely or safely, overbooking of accommodation, default of any third party, attacks or bites by animals, pests, or insects, injury or death, nor any of the same on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or by other third parties, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or acts of or orders of government, acts of terrorism, or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics, pandemics or the threat thereof, criminal activity, or any other cause beyond its control. In addition, you hold AA harmless from AA's own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

Certain hotels, ships, resorts, camps, lodges and other venues and suppliers, from time to time offer various activities such as bicycle riding, horseback riding, ATVs, hiking, balloon rides, carriage rides, etc. to guests. AA does not control or supervise any such activities and is not responsible for any injury, illness, delay, costs, inconvenience or death resulting thereof.

The right is reserved to alter, cancel or postpone the itinerary or trip, at AA's sole discretion, as it may deem necessary or advisable. AA reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any passenger on any of its tours if, in its sole discretion, it deems accepting or retaining any such passenger as creating a health or safety risk to any person or being detrimental to the tour, or if that person's continued presence is inconsistent with the best interests of the trip, other guests or staff. In the event any passenger is removed from a trip, AA's only obligation is to refund to that person that portion of the payment allocable to unused services.

CANCELLATION POLICY

AA strictly adheres to its cancellation policy to offset costs incurred prior to the commencement of the Program, which may include but are not limited to: advance payments to land operators; ship/train charters; communication expenses; itinerary development, client services, brochure production and promotional expenses, and/or the loss of time that might have permitted resale of reserved space. All cancellations must be made in writing to the offices of AA and are subject to cancellation penalties, outlined below. No refunds are given for cancellation on or after the day of departure, or for unused portions of the Program for any reason. Any refunds which may be issued are limited to amounts actually received by AA. This policy also applies to

any prelude, postlude, or pre and/or any extra arrangements confirmed on your behalf, which are a part of the Program or extend your trip.

At the time AA receives written notification of cancellation, the following cancellation charges will apply:

On Programs departing before December 31, 2025:

Up until 120 days before departure: \$500 per person administrative fee
119 to 91 days prior to departure: 20% of the Program cost is non-refundable*
90 to 61 days before departure: 50% of the Program cost is non-refundable*
60 days or less before departure: 100% of the Program cost is non-refundable

On Programs departing after January 1, 2026:

Up until 120 days before departure: \$1000 per person administrative fee
119 to 91 days prior to departure: 50% of the Program cost is non-refundable*
90 to 61 days before departure: 100% of the Program cost is non-refundable*

To reserve your space on a Program operating in 2025, a \$1,000 deposit is required per participant. To reserve your space on a Program operating in 2026 and thereafter, a \$2,000 deposit is required per participant. Final payment by cash, check, ACH, wire transfer, or American Express card only, is due no later than 120 days prior to the date of departure. If full payment is not received by AA 120 days prior to the departure date, participant reservations may be canceled without notice.

NOTE: Neither AA nor the Sponsor shall be liable for any costs, other than for the Program, including airline cancellation fees incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable ticket. In the case of a cancellation due to a shortage of participants, AA will attempt to notify all participants at least 45 days prior to departure and will refund all payments made for the Program. However, AA has no obligation or duty to cancel any program for any reason whatsoever, including cases of force majeure and/or government action. Neither a postponement nor a withdrawal of sponsorship by a Sponsor constitutes a cancellation by AA. Should AA cancel the Program prior to departure for any reason, other than a shortage of participants, reimbursement of refundable costs as determined by AA shall constitute full settlement with the participant.

BINDING ARBITRATION IN N.Y., NEW YORK

These Terms & Conditions are accepted in the State of New York. In the unlikely event that any dispute arises between you and AA, including any dispute arising out of or related to the Terms & Conditions as stated in this agreement or the trip itself, you agree that such dispute shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration before the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS) Comprehensive Arbitration Rules and Procedures in New York City, New York. The arbitration will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) New York law and will take place in New York, New York. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. Any arbitration commenced against AA must be on behalf of only the signatory to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members who traveled with the signatory, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can a Program participant be part of a class or other joint action. By agreeing to these Terms & Conditions, both parties are waiving their rights to a trial by jury.

Upon registering for and paying a deposit to AA for the Program, the participant(s) agrees to be legally bound by all of the above Terms & Conditions.



Reykjavik

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RESERVATION FORM**

To reserve a place, please contact Arrangements Abroad at phone: 212-514-8921 or 800-221-1944; fax: 212-344-7493; email: trips@arrangementsabroad.com; or complete this form with your deposit of \$2,000 per person (of which \$1,000 is non-refundable for administrative fees), payable to *Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 260 West 39th Street, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10018-4424.

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone (home)

(business)

Fax

E-mail

ACCOMMODATIONS

Exploris One cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a cabin with _____

FORM OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check (payable to *Arrangements Abroad*)

☐ Debit card

☐ Credit card

Name on debit/credit card

Debit/credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code

Expiration date

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program (see www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms to review or call for a copy). I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.

Signature (required)

Date

Signature (required)

Date