

## Remote Coast of East Greenland

**PS910-14** Aug 27 (Friday) – Sept 8 (Wednesday), 2010 (13 days / 12 nights)

*The Polar Regions naturally remain some of the most remote regions on earth. East Greenland is a special area, now protected as a National Park. Its treasures include stunning natural landscapes, shy and elusive Arctic wildlife, and fantastic stories of mankind's exploration and settlement in harsh conditions. This is an incredible opportunity to see all of this and feel the immense grandeur of the wilderness with Arctic wildlife, dramatic fjords, pack ice, late summer icebergs and endless tundra – truly stunning.*

**DAY 1: Friday, Aug 27 (Svalbard)** Embark in **Longyearbyen**, the main community of Spitsbergen in Svalbard.

**DAYS 2 & 3: Saturday – Sunday, Aug 28 & 29 (Spitsbergen)** Before heading west, explore the Arctic nature and wilderness – it is possible to see walrus and the mighty Polar Bear. Possible landing sites include **Alkehornet**, **Freskvannsbukta Fjord**, **Magdalenefjord** and **Amsterdamøya**. Time permitting the ship will also cruise near **Moffen Island**.

**DAYS 4 & 5: Monday – Tuesday, Aug 30 & 31 (At Sea)** These two days at sea allow time to relax, attend lectures and keep a vigilant watch for wildlife and pack ice from the decks and observation lounge as we cross the **Greenland Sea**.

**DAYS 6 – 9: Wednesday – Saturday, Sept 1 – 4 (East Greenland)** The ship steams as far north as the ice allows – and every day is a new adventure as we explore this remote and spectacular National Park with landings, trekking and Zodiac cruises. It is a rugged world with tundra, fjords, icebergs, waterfalls and glaciers but the tenacity of mankind is seen in remnants of explorer's huts, Greenlandic (Inuit) settlements and the Danish Sled Dog Patrol. With a long history of being hunted, the wildlife is shy but it is possible to see Polar Bear, Musk oxen, seals, whales and the Iconic Gyr falcon to name a few. Destinations we may make landings at include **Shannon Island**, **Hansa Bay**, **Daneborg**, **Dead Man's Bay**, **Wordie Glacier**, **Myggbukta**, **Blomsterbukten**, **Isfjord** and **King Oscar's Fjord**.

**DAY 10: Sunday, Sept 5 (East Greenland)** Spend a day exploring **Scoresbysund Fjord**, considered the largest in the world. The scenery is stunning as the ship cruises into the fjord – imposing granite walls, mountain peaks, glaciers and icebergs beautifully carved by the glaciers.

**DAY 11: Monday, Sept 6 (East Greenland)** Visit **Ittorqortoormitt** in the morning. It is the most northerly permanent settlement in East Greenland. The museum, Women's House, weather station, church and other public facilities are open for visits. There is a walking tour of this colourful settlement with Inuit residents and many sled dogs. The ship sets off for Iceland in the afternoon.

**DAY 12: Tuesday, Sept 7 (At Sea)** This day **at sea** provides time for wrap up lectures, finish journals and then gather for the final recap and Captain's farewell function.

**DAY 13: Wednesday, Sept 8 (Iceland)** Disembark in **Reykjavik**.

*(Please note that this is our planned itinerary – actual execution is subject to weather and scheduling limitations. PSE reserves the right to adjust the itinerary as needed without recourse.)*