



## Story Starters

### Villages and Vikings of The Lofoten Islands

A Luxe B&B Kayaking Adventure in the Arctic Circle

A country of breathtaking fjords, immense glaciers, otherworldly landscapes, and remnants of the Vikings in every corner, Norway may be the perfect place for adventure travel.

The Lofoten Islands, a remote archipelago in the far north of the country, above the arctic circle, may offer some of the best paddling experiences in a country already renowned for its sea kayaking. The fishing villages that dot the coastline here date to the time of the vikings. The largest viking longhouse ever found in Europe, at 83m in length, is located here. It was rebuilt to its original grandeur and is today part of Norway's best [viking museum](#).

Paddling from village to village allows kayakers to take in the majesty of the landscape, spotting sea eagles, colonies of puffins, and marine life in the gin-clear waters of the fjords while staying each night in a comfortable *robuer*, or 'fisherman's house', some of which are centuries old. On land one can explore the vibrant communities still inhabited today by the ancestors of those vikings. Expedition Engineering's 8-day [Lofoten Islands B&B kayaking trip](#) runs June 30- July 7, 2022. Cost is €3950.

## A 'Greener' Iceland To Greenland Cruise

A small ship tour that uses wind and human-power to explore these arctic hotspots.

Visiting both Iceland and Greenland on a small sailing yacht, with only eight guests on board, Expedition Engineering's [Iceland to Greenland Hiking and Kayaking Expedition](#) may be the ultimate way to experience these popular polar destinations in a single trip. The 60' Arktika will use wind power (when possible) and guests will be supplied with expedition-grade sea kayaks for intimate encounters with jaw-dropping fjords, arctic wildlife and icebergs.

The tour begins in Iceland's [Hornstrandir Nature Reserve](#), one of the most remote, and unspoiled areas in the country, with numerous hiking opportunities and seabird colonies. After two or three days exploring the Reserve, the ship will sail across the Denmark Strait to Greenland's east coast.

Unlike larger cruise ships, which have fixed schedules and are limited by where they can visit, this small ship cruise offers unparalleled freedom to explore. "No two trips are the same and we don't follow a fixed itinerary," says Matt Edwards, Expedition Engineering's lead guide. "Depending on what the group desires, and the weather, we may spend time hiking, paddling, whale watching or visiting villages."

Polar bears, orcas, narwhals, and arctic foxes are typically seen. Most tours also visit the small Greenlandic communities to learn about life in these rugged landscapes, for a truly immersive experience in arctic culture.

Expedition Engineering's 12-day, [Iceland and Greenland Hiking and Kayaking Expedition](#) runs July 28 - August 8, and August 15-26, 2022. Cost is € 6270. (space is very limited)

## Heli Skiing in Greenland

### Bucket List Worthy Adventure Skiing

Greenland may be the ultimate heli skiing adventure--treeless landscapes, rugged raw beauty and an ends-of-the-earth feel that's unlike anywhere else. Vast glaciated peaks and unnamed runs descend into ice-filled fjords. Flying out over gleaming icebergs on your way to the mountains, you'll often spot the native Greenlandic people on their dog sleds traversing the ice floes, hunting seals or whales or muskox. Polar bears are prowling these ice floes too.

"It's the only heli ski destination in the world where you need to ski with a gun," says Matt Edwards, lead guide for Expedition Engineering, an outfitter that has been pioneering heli ski tours to East Greenland since 2015. "Polar bears are sometimes hanging around the pickup points," he explains, but he's never had to use the Remington .30-06 rifle he skis with.

On down days when the helicopter can't fly due to weather, which average about once per week, local dogsled operators from the nearby village can be hired to take the guests out for a tour. It is a totally chaotic and adventurous experience, as the dogs are excited and often fight with other dog teams.

The combination of stunning scenery, arctic wildlife, Greenlandic culture and world-class adventure skiing has made heli skiing in Greenland a true bucket list experience.

Expedition Engineering's 8-day [East Greenland Heli Ski trip](#), includes a helicopter flight from Kulusuk to Tasiilaq, accommodation, meals, ACMG guides and avalanche safety equipment. Cost is € 8500.

### About Expedition Engineering

Expedition Engineering specializes in designing unique adventures to some of the planet's most interesting and least visited locations. Our staff have the highest level of certifications and safety training in the guiding industry. Due to the lingering uncertainty of the pandemic and possible future disruptions to international travel, Expedition Engineering has created one of the best [Worry Free\\* booking](#) policies in the adventure travel industry.

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