Greenland Sept. 2016 Itinerary

Hotel / Meals Included designated by (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner, H-Hotel)

<u>Day 1: (Sept. 1st)</u> Travel to Copenhagen, Denmark: Overnight in Hotel / Intro to Course / Gear Check. Airport Transfer to Hotel excluded. (D, H)

Day 2: (Sept. 2nd: Friday)

Flight from Copenhagen - Kangerlussuaq. We are welcomed by your guide at Kangerlussuaq Airport. We get your luggage and together distribute our tents, gear and food between us. We pack and drive to the end of the dirt road where we start our tour with a short hike just to get us started. Camping by the lake Tasersuatsiaq (Lake Ferguson). 3 km. Evening Lectures. (B, L, D)

Day 3: (Sept. 3rd: Sat)

After breakfast we walk up towards the lakes Southeast of Tasersuatsiaq. We are already on the first day going well into the wilderness with good populations of musk oxen. 10 km and 380 vertical meters. Evening Lectures. (B,L,D)

Day 4: (Sept. 4th: Sunday)

The lake we tent by is in the middle of the wilderness and one of the favorite spots of the musk ox. We paddle on the lake and hope to get really that thrilling experience of a lifetime close to these special mammals. Cases during the day. 12-20 km kayaking.

(B, L, D)

Day 5: (Sept. 5th: Monday)

We start paddling and hope for more thrilling encounters with the wildlife. At the other end of the lake we land and go for the grand view to the Ice Cap and the immense wilderness with rivers, valleys and the grand Greenlandic Ice Cap as well as the beautiful Kiinnarissut mountains. After the hike we go for more special moments with the prehistoric looking musk oxen. 12 km kayaking, 6 km trekking. (B, L, D)

Day 6: (Sept. 6th: Tuesday)

We start in hilly terrain in the Ammalortup Nunaa highland and descent to Lake Ammalortoq. On route we will have great views to the Ice Cap. We pass three graves which, as tradition dictated, is placed with good view to the lake and surrounding landscape. We also pass a summer settlement, which was used up to the 1920 'ies by a family from Kangaamiut who had their hunting grounds here,

every year doing the long journey from the outer coast in kayaks and umiaqs. We cross a big stream, the slow running water is normally knee deep. 14 km. (B, L, D)

Day 7: (Sept. 7th: Weds.)

From the plains in the low land we hike up the valley to the ice berg lake Iluliartooq. On our hike we will see the great change in landscape and vegetation. We are rewarded with an amazing view over lake, glacier and Ice Cap. 14 km and 370 vertical meters.

(B, L, D)

Day 8: (Sept. 8th: Thursday)

As we have two nights here we can leave the tents and do the hike to the Ice Cap with light bags. The route is hilly and there will be many breathtaking views on our way. If your guide finds it safe there might be a possibility of a short walk on the Ice Cap. 16 km. Cases in stead of the hike?
(B, L, D)

Day 9: (Sept. 9th: Friday)

We hike down the valley between Kiinnarissut Avannarliit and Kiinnarissut Kujalliit (Northern and Southern Peregrine Falcons) and pass the most characteristic mountain in the area, which is easily recognizable for many miles. After crossing the big stream in knee deep water at Ammalortoq and find our idyllic camp by the water. 14 km. There should be time for some cases this day. (B, L, D)

Day 10: (Sept. 10th: Sat.)

From the lowlands up to the higher Ammalortup Nunaa. 14 km and 450 vertical meters.

(B, L, D)

Day 11: (Sept. 11th: Sunday)

We enjoy a nice morning in the idyllic surroundings. Then we pack the camp down and head back to civilization again. On the way we take time to look at some meat caches and other remains from the Inuit culture, who had their hunting grounds in the same areas we pass through. From the dirt road at Tasersuatsiaq we go by car back to Kangerlussuaq. 13 km trekking. Night at Hostel (B, L, D, H)

Day 12: (Sept. 12th: Monday)

Departure from Kangerlussuaq. Arrive in Copenhagen. Some may choose to catch an immediate flight home vs overnight in Copenhagen vs extend travel. If you plan to say the night in Copenhagen, we can help arrange hotel accommodations. (B)

Day 13: (Sept. 14th: Tuesday)

Depart Copenhagen and return home.