

Working together for responsible expedition/cruise tourism in East Greenland

Dear Partners,

We warmly welcome the growing interest in East Greenland as a cruise and expedition destination and appreciate the increasing number of port calls. We look forward to working with you to ensure that every visit creates memorable experiences for your guests while respecting the people, culture, and nature of our region. To achieve this, we strongly encourage all cruise and expedition operators to plan their activities in close cooperation with a local tour operator, not only when visiting towns and settlements, but also when planning landings at remote sites throughout East Greenland.

Local operators provide far more than excursions. Their knowledge of local communities, weather, sea ice, wildlife, and seasonal activities helps ensure that visits are safe, culturally respectful, and adapted to local conditions. Many fjords and coastal areas are essential for subsistence hunting, fishing, and everyday life, making local knowledge invaluable when planning shore landings and visitor activities. Working with local operators also helps ensure that visits align with community expectations and recognised best practices for responsible expedition tourism, including the principles promoted by AECO.

To ensure the best possible experience, we strongly encourage you to contact local operators as early as possible during your planning process; while they are often able to accommodate requests made 7-14 days in advance, due to change of plans, shorter notice may limit options, and we kindly ask for your patience and flexibility with what can be arranged.

Visit East Greenland, as the regional Destination Management Organisation (DMO), is also available to support your planning by providing destination information and facilitating contact with local stakeholders. Responsible tourism is a shared responsibility. By working together, we can ensure that East Greenland remains a destination where outstanding visitor experiences go hand in hand with respect for local communities and the Arctic environment.

Thank you for your partnership and your commitment to responsible tourism in East Greenland.

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