

# Greenland Sea Kayak Expedition

(2011 EXPEDITION INFORMATION)

## Is It For Me?

This expedition is a committing undertaking and you should be confident that your ability level is suitable. If you are unsure please speak to us about this. We will be paddling fully laden sea kayaks for 20-30km a day, and over the course of the 12 days will cover about 230km. We will take rest days as the weather dictates or if it is needed by the group. The temperature can be anything from 3 degrees to 20 degrees, and we will be camping for the majority of the time, cooking on MSR stoves – so previous camping expedition experience is essential. Due to the water temperature only being about 2 degrees – capsizing is not an option! We do not look to go out on rough days, however you need to be confident that you can paddle your kayak and stay upright in force 5 conditions – at this stage we will be looking for a landing and campsite! Rolling is not essential – staying upright is! So if you are comfortable with the above and are up for an adventure of a lifetime – this expedition is definitely for you.

## What We Cover

Our time away is spent sea kayaking in the stunning Cape Farwell area of South Greenland. As well as experiencing travelling by kayak in and around icebergs with glaciated mountains as a backdrop, we will educate you in the expedition skills required to be self sufficient in an arctic environment.

Having arrived in the town of Nanortalik, by helicopter from Nassarsuq, we will spend our first day sorting out all the equipment and get out for a local paddle (to get our first taste of paddling amongst icebergs!). Then we will start to pack our kayaks and ensure we have time to explore the town of Nanortalik where we are staying.

The next day we will set off for 12 days kayaking, weather, fitness and interest permitting, moving to a new camp almost every day. We'll be totally self sufficient for the trip, and our journey will take us through some of the most spectacular scenery on earth. We will journey along the outside coast of south Greenland for the first few days to just before the infamous Cape Farewell.

Then we will head up the mountainous fjords and explore these as we head to where the Greenland Icecap carves into the fjords. We will have an opportunity to also visit the most southerly settlement in Greenland, Appilatoq. We will generally average between 20-30km a day, and fingers crossed be enjoying some fine sunny Greenland weather! We will be using 2 person tents, and each tent will prepare its own meals.

After 12 days our trip finishes in Appilatoq where a charter boat returns us to the comforts of a hostel in Nanortalik, before flying home the following day.

## The Accommodation

Throughout the expedition we will be using a variety of accommodation types. Hotels / Youth Hostels will be used at the start and close of the trip and in tents whilst we kayak around the fjords of South Greenland



## **Arrival & Departure Information**

The course will begin on Friday 22nd July 2011, meeting in Copenhagen, having arranged your own flights from a convenient airport. On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, we fly from Copenhagen to Greenland (Narsarssuaq).

The return journey will be the above in reverse, leaving Greenland on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August, over nighting in Copenhagen and then back to the UK on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

Due to frequent changes of Greenland Air flight schedules these dates may vary by a day or two. We will confirm the exact dates when we look into booking flights in November 2010. Please do not book any flights yourself until we let you know, we will help and advice with this.

## **What Will I Need?**

We will provide P&H Capella plastic kayaks, paddles, buoyancy aids, wet suits, pogies, wet suit booties, tents, stoves, fuel, pots & kfs, expedition food.

Further information, an equipment list and a full itinerary will be sent out nearer the expedition date, along with details of flight arrangements. Do not book any flights until these details have been sent and discussed.