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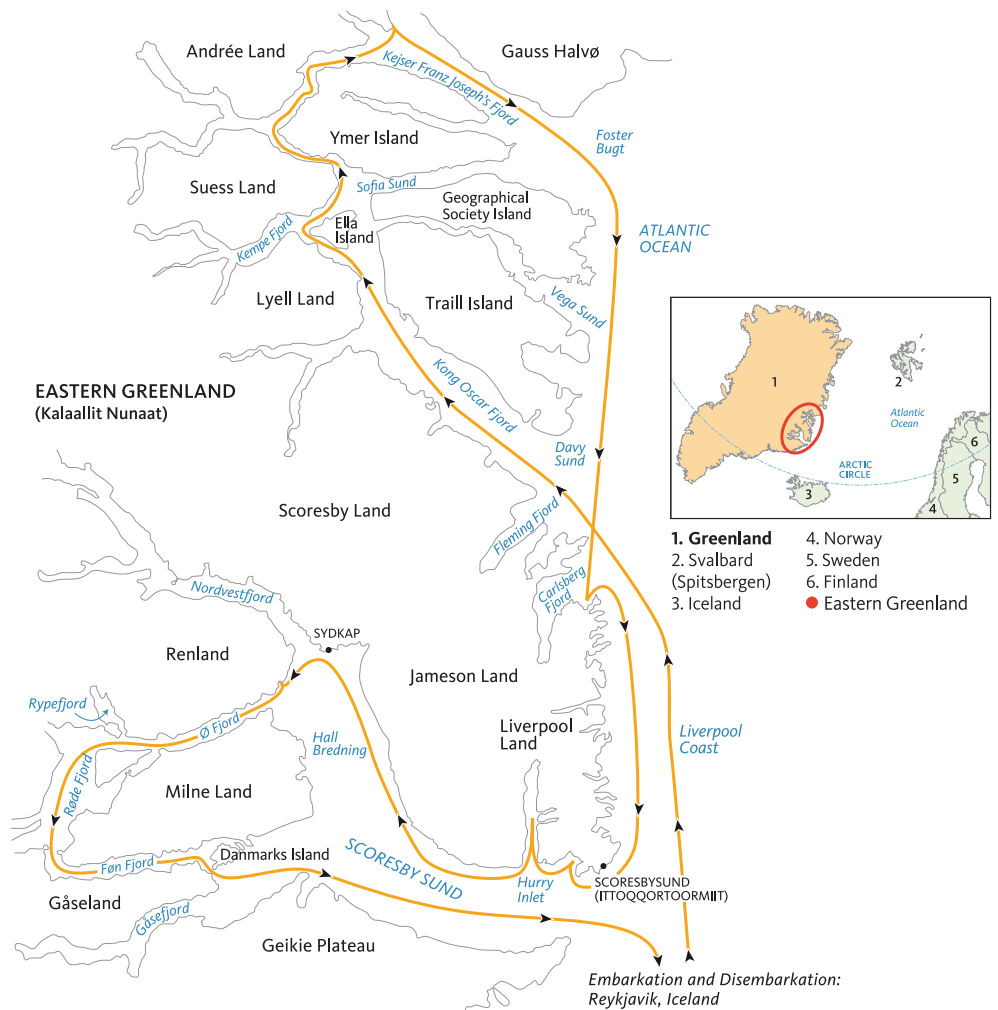
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“It was amazing how active and involved the entire group of travelers became. There’s an instant friendship that comes from sharing this unique experience.”

Quark traveler



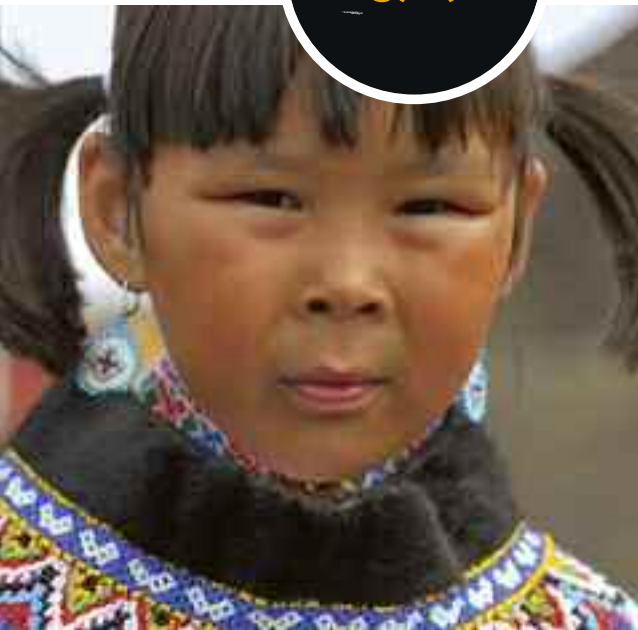
Greenland's Northern Lights

Fjords and Tundra Treks

LEFT: An Inuit girl in traditional dress.
RIGHT: The northern lights in Eastern Greenland provide a majestic display.

Beginning and ending in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, this expedition takes travelers on a 14-day journey up and down the east coast of Greenland. See the magnificence of the northern lights, and revel in the wildlife and natural beauty of the Arctic while visiting the Inuit of Ittoqqortoormiit (Scoresbysund) — one of the most northerly settlements in the world. With the largest national park in the world, Greenland — and this expedition — has something for everyone.

Per person
prices from
\$5,890*



VESSEL CODE:

VAV



SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Staff & Crew	53
Guests	107
Lifeboats	2 fully enclosed
Length	117 m
Breadth	18.2 m
Draft	6.0 m
Propulsion	Diesel Twin Engines (6,700 horsepower)
Ice Class	L1
Cruising Speed	13 knots in open water
Registered	Russia

Akademik Sergey Vavilov

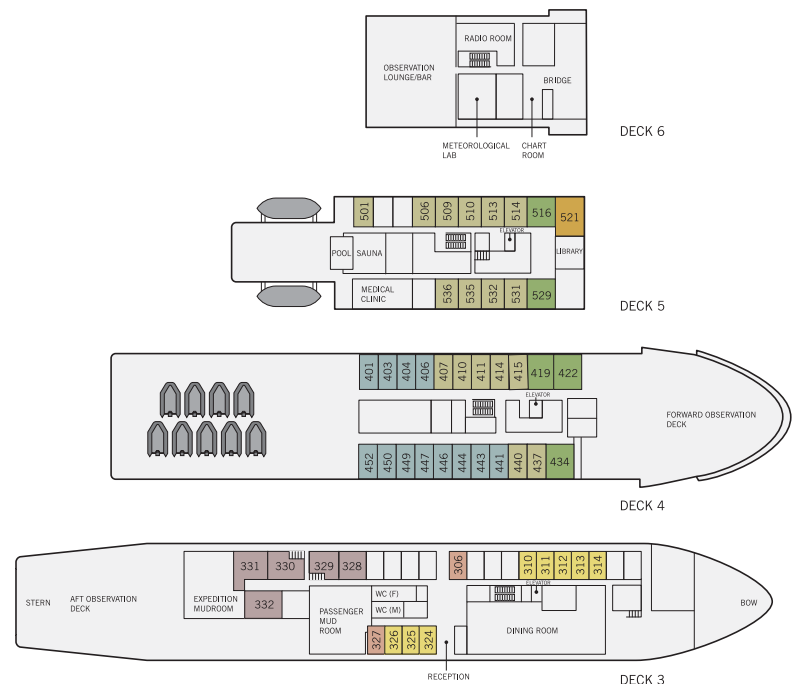
ABOVE: Vavilov's exterior decks are excellent platforms for photography and wildlife watching.

CABINS AND AMENITIES

- All cabins have exterior views
- Cabins have either shared, semi-private or private facilities (See deck plan)
- One dining room with unreserved seating
- Theater-style presentation room
- Observation lounge and bar, open afternoon and evening
- Library, with a collection of polar-themed books
- Ship-to-shore communications via satellite
- Clinic, with licensed doctor
- Gym, sauna and swimming pool
- One elevator, between decks 1 and 5
- Ice-strengthened hull

Deck Plan

- Triple (shared facilities)
- Twin (shared facilities)
- Twin (semi-private facilities)
- Twin (private facilities)
- Superior
- Suite
- Cook Suite



Greenland's Northern Lights: Fjords and Tundra Treks

If your “bucket list” includes first-hand sightings of the majestic Aurora Borealis – the Northern Lights - this is the tour for you. Nowhere on earth can nature’s most spectacular light show be better seen than in the autumn and winter skies above Greenland’s eastern coast. This tour is also perfect for those who enjoy plenty of walking and hiking with their adventure travel. One of the best ways to experience new landscapes and cultures is by getting out on the land and exploring it first-hand. This tour offers once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to hike some of the most pristine wilderness on the planet.

Because Quark has been sailing this remote coast for decades, we know all the best spots for hiking, trekking and wildlife viewing. Our longstanding relationships with Inuit elders mean you’ll be welcomed as new friends to Ittoqqortoormiit with its fascinating blend of native culture and modern life.

Day 1 - Reykjavik, Iceland

Your adventure begins with an overnight stay in thoroughly-modern Reykjavik, the world’s northernmost capital city.

Day 2 - Embarkation Day

After a leisurely morning exploring Reykjavik on your own, join Quark’s group transfer to Reykjavik’s port, and board your ship – polar adventure vessel *Akademik Sergey Vavilov*. Linger on deck with your camera or binoculars, and scan the sky for seabirds, and the horizon for breaching whales.

Days 3 to 4 - At sea

Sail through the Denmark Strait en route for mysterious Greenland. Your onboard Expedition Team keep you informed and entertained with presentations about Greenland’s wildlife, history and geography. You’ll also receive several important safety and operational briefings.

Day 5 - King Oscar Fjord and Ella Island

Rimmed by the majestic Fjord Mountains, King Oscar Fjord (named in 1899 for Sweden’s then king, Oscar II) offers plenty of opportunity for Arctic adventure.

Depending on conditions, we may hike the delicate flower-and-berry-strewn tundra at Holm Bay, Zodiac-cruise through spectacular Alepfjord (to the southwest), and climb to the top of Ella Island. Be sure to pack both binoculars and camera: Ella Island offers unparalleled views of five fjords, beyond which you may also spot grazing musk oxen.

Day 6 - Sofia Sound, Antarctic Sound, Western Ymer Island

Yes, there is an “Antarctic” Sound within the Arctic Circle! Here you’ll see the beautiful purple and gold of layered sedimentary rock on the barren eastern side of Ymer Island, and the lush vegetation of Blomsterbugten (“Bay of Flowers”) on the west side. We may hike from this lovely bay to Noa Lake and onwards, climbing slightly for a spectacular view of neighboring Dusens Fjord.

Day 7 – Liverpool Coast

The jagged Liverpool Coast stretches southward from King Oscar Fjord to Scoresbysund (“Scoresby’s Sound”), the largest, longest, and – some say – most beautiful fjord system in the world. This area was named for William Scoresby, a whaler, scientist and man of the cloth who charted the east coast of Greenland in 1822.

We’ll let the elements decide our activities today. We may board the Zodiacs and cruise to Uunartoq Qeqertaq (the “warming island” – so called for its 2005 discovery after glacial ice melt revealed it to be an island, and not part of the Liverpool Coast), or into nearby Storefjord.

Day 8 - Itoqqortoormitt, Hurry Inlet

Itoqqortoormitt is East Greenland’s most northerly community, and one of the world’s last remaining examples of a living hunter society. It’s also one of the best places on the planet to view the northern lights, and boasts superb hiking opportunities in nearby Hurry Inlet.

We’ll visit with Inuit residents, and you’ll be able to purchase unique handicrafts made from locally harvested materials by the area’s multi-talented artisans. We hope to see sledge dog demonstrations, and visit the “women’s house,” where many items are still made by hand, and animal skins are prepared for use during the long, cold winters.

Day 9 - Sydkap, Øfjord

Here we plan to Zodiac-cruise among massive icebergs, landing at an ancient Thule settlement once used as a winter camp. You may still see the centuries-old subterranean homes, tent rings and discarded whale bones left behind by these nomadic ancestors of today’s Inuit.

The surrounding vistas are extraordinary, and include hundreds of icebergs, each the size of a large apartment building. The rich tundra supports herds of enormous musk ox, and the fjord is ringed by soaring mountain peaks. Visitors sometimes say they feel they’ve entered some mythic land of giants, while they themselves have shrunk to the size of ants.

If the weather cooperates, we’ll end this action-packed day with a festive BBQ on *Vavilov’s* deck.

Day 10 - Rypefjord, Kap Hofmann Halvø

Sailing through the steep-walled Rypefjord, you may see a number of rare blue icebergs. More normally seen in the Antarctic, these magnificent ice-castles seem to glow an iridescent blue. Birders should keep watch for Wheatears, Snow buntings and Ravens.

At Cape Hofmann Halvø we’ll have our best chance of spotting grazing musk oxen, and also enjoy the delicate beauty of tundra wildflowers such as dwarf willow and dwarf birch.

Day 11 - Røde and Denmark Islands

Here’s your chance to Zodiac-cruise among “grounded” icebergs through another of East Greenland’s spectacular fjord systems. We plan to land on the curiously colored “Red Island,” which takes its name from the island’s beautiful hematite-colored sandstone.

On Denmark Island you'll have another opportunity to hike a beautiful, lush tundra, this time culminating in magnificent views over Scoresbysund and Fohn Fjord. You'll also enjoy a visit to an ancient Inuit archaeological site, led by our ship's historian.

Days 12 to 13 - At sea

Our homeward journey takes us back across the Denmark Strait, where you may spot white-beaked dolphins, and humpback, minke and even blue whales. Birders should keep watch for Kittiwakes, Gannets, Guillemots, Fulmars and Razorbills. Take a last look at the stunning Aurora Borealis on your final two evenings in magical Greenland!

Day 14 – Disembarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland

Your Greenland's Northern Lights tour ends where it began, in Iceland's vibrant capital. From here you're free to fly home or extend your trip.

When travelling in extremely remote regions, your expedition crew must allow the sea, the ice and the weather to guide route and itinerary details. The above is a tentative outline of what you'll experience on this cruise – please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed.

15 and under on all activities taking place off the ship. Children aged 8 or 9 may also apply for participation provided they weigh at least 64 lb (29 Kg), are at least 48" (1.2 mt.) tall, and have previously spent time on a boat or ship. All guests must be comfortable getting in and out of a Zodiac, and walking up and down the gangway. Note that guests under the age of 18 will not be allowed to participate in the optional kayaking activity available on this voyage.

East Greenland departure with focus on walking and hiking added

The Greenland's Northern Lights departure, September 16-29, 2012, will offer a variety of full and half-day walking, hiking, and trekking excursions appealing to clients with different fitness levels.

Over 80% of Greenland is covered by its ice sheet. Over millions of years, the weight and movements of this sheet have led to the creation of some of the most spectacular scenery on earth. The Greenland coast is home to the Arctic's most diverse iceberg landscape. During this voyage, we aim to spend as much time on land as possible to

allow clients to explore, take time to take photographs, or just soak up the incredible sights. We have chosen to run the trip at this time of year to take advantage of the optimum atmospheric conditions which produce the famous Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights. With some luck, we will see this fantastic light display at least a couple of times over the course of the trip.

Clients don't need to be highly experienced hikers to enjoy this voyage. On each landing, guests can choose which hiking group to join – whether a leisurely three-hour stroll, or a full day excursion including several challenging and rewarding treks. All clients need is a love of walking and a pair of sturdy shoes. Here are some reasons why clients will enjoy the Greenland's Northern Lights departure:

- Walking, hiking, and trekking is the focus of the voyage
- A chance to see the Northern Lights
- Fantastic photography opportunities
- Access to remote areas otherwise unreachable
- As much time as possible spent ashore

PRICE: Included in the cruise fare

ARCTIC 2012**On all ships, rates include:**

- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping.
- All breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and snacks on board throughout your voyage. (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- All shore landings per the daily program.
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader, including shore landings and other activities.
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program.
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and Special Guests as scheduled.
- Photographic Journal on DVD, documenting the voyage.
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings.
- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep.
- Coffee, tea and cocoa.
- Hair dryer and bathrobe in every cabin.
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials, including a map and an informative Arctic Reader.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program.
- All luggage handling aboard ship.
- On disembarkation day, group transfer from the ship to the airport or other local designated drop-off location.
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$100,000 per person

Also included during expeditions on board 50 Years of Victory:

- All helicopter transfers and aerial sightseeing according to each day's program.
- 1 night pre- and 1 night post-expedition hotel accommodation, including breakfast.
- Complementary wine, beer, liquor and soft drinks.
- On embarkation day, group transfer from the host hotel to the airport and from the airport to the ship.

Also included during expeditions embarking and disembarking in Spitsbergen:

- If arrival is the day prior to embarkation, group transfer to a Longyearbyen hotel, then to the ship on the day of embarkation.
- If arrival is on the day of embarkation, group transfer to the town of Longyearbyen, then an afternoon group transfer from a pre-arranged location to the ship.

- 1 complimentary night pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Reykjavik with breakfast, as indicated in the itinerary. (The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel.)
- On embarkation day, group transfer from the host hotel to ship.

Rates specifically do not include:

- Any airfare. For some departures, the purchase of economy seats on our charter flights in conjunction with the expedition is mandatory. The applicable per-person cost is indicated on the Dates and Rates summary.
- Passport and any applicable visa expenses.
- Government arrival and departure taxes.
- Any meals ashore with the exception of breakfast at the host hotel before embarkation, when applicable.
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption, and medical travel insurance.
- Excess baggage charges.
- Bar and beverage charges, except on board 50 Years of Victory.
- Laundry and other personal charges.
- Telecommunications charges.
- The voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew.
- On icebreakers, any private helicopter flying time that may be available for optional flights can be purchased at an hourly rate to be announced on board.

ARCTIC 2012 DATES AND RATES - USD

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Expeditions Aboard the Icebreaker 50 YEARS OF VICTORY

Voyage name	Tour Dates (incl. pre/post-expedition hotel night)	Days	Gateway	Embark	Disembark	Twin	Mini Suite	Suite	Victory	Arktika	Charter Flight	Notes
North Pole: The Ultimate Arctic Adventure ~	June 25 - July 8, 2012	14	Helsinki	Murmansk	Murmansk	\$22.790	\$25.290	\$31.490	\$32.490	\$33.490	\$1.690	
North Pole: The Ultimate Arctic Adventure ~	July 6 - July 19, 2012	14	Helsinki	Murmansk	Murmansk	\$22.790	\$25.290	\$31.490	\$32.490	\$33.490	\$1.690	

Expeditions Aboard the Adventure Ship SERGEY VAVILOV

Voyage name	Tour Dates	Days	Gateway	Embark	Disembark	Triple	Twin Shared Facilities	Twin Semi-Private Facilities	Twin Private Facilities	Superior	Suite	Cook Suite	Notes
Spitsbergen Snowshoeing: Exploring Norway's Arctic Paradise	June 9 - June 19, 2012	11	Longyearbyen	Longyearbyen	Longyearbyen	\$4.590	\$5.990	\$6.790	\$7.290	\$7.890	\$8.590	\$8.990	Includes a Snowshoeing program
Spitsbergen Circumnavigation: Big Island, Big Adventure	June 19 - July 1, 2012	13	Longyearbyen	Longyearbyen	Longyearbyen	\$5.490	\$7.190	\$8.190	\$8.790	\$9.490	\$10.290	\$10.790	Charter Requested
Spitsbergen Explorer: Wildlife Capital of the Arctic ^	July 1 - July 11, 2012	11	Longyearbyen	Longyearbyen	Longyearbyen	\$4.990	\$6.490	\$7.290	\$7.790	\$8.190	\$8.790	\$9.490	
Spitsbergen Circumnavigation: Big Island, Big Adventure ^	July 11 - July 23, 2012	13	Longyearbyen	Longyearbyen	Longyearbyen	\$5.990	\$7.790	\$8.790	\$9.390	\$9.790	\$10.590	\$11.490	
Spitsbergen Explorer: Wildlife Capital of the Arctic ^	July 23 - Aug 2, 2012	11	Longyearbyen	Longyearbyen	Longyearbyen	\$4.990	\$6.490	\$7.290	\$7.790	\$8.190	\$8.790	\$9.490	
Spitsbergen Family Adventure: Polar Bear Safari ^	Aug 2 - Aug 9, 2012	8	Longyearbyen	Longyearbyen	Longyearbyen	\$3.690	\$4.790	\$5.190	\$5.590	\$5.990	\$6.290	\$6.790	Family Friendly Dept
Three Arctic Islands: Iceland, Greenland, Spitsbergen ^	Aug 9 - Aug 22, 2012	14	Longyearbyen/ Reykjavik	Longyearbyen	Reykjavik	\$6.390	\$7.990	\$8.790	\$9.290	\$9.990	\$10.990	\$11.990	
Three Arctic Islands: Iceland, Greenland, Spitsbergen **	Aug 21 - Sept 4, 2012	15	Reykjavik/ Longyearbyen	Reykjavik	Longyearbyen	\$6.390	\$7.990	\$8.790	\$9.290	\$9.990	\$10.990	\$11.990	
Three Arctic Islands: Iceland, Greenland, Spitsbergen	Sept 4 - Sept 17, 2012	14	Longyearbyen/ Reykjavik	Longyearbyen	Reykjavik	\$6.390	\$7.990	\$8.790	\$9.290	\$9.990	\$10.990	\$11.990	Charter Requested
Greenland's Northern Lights: Fjords and Tundra Treks *	Sept 16 - Sept 29, 2012	14	Reykjavik	Reykjavik	Reykjavik	\$5.890	\$7.390	\$7.990	\$8.590	\$9.190	\$10.290	\$10.990	Includes a Hiking program

~ with option for hot air ballooning
 ^ with option for kayaking
 * includes a pre-expedition hotel night

Note: When booking flights in conjunction with one of these expeditions, please ensure that sufficient time is allowed to transfer from the airport to the package start location and from the package end location to the airport for the homeward-bound flight. Please take into account the possibility of delays. For example, for voyages starting in Longyearbyen clients should plan to arrive the day before embarkation or, at the latest, in the morning of embarkation day. For voyages ending in Longyearbyen, clients should not book on homeward-bound flights scheduled to depart before 12 noon on disembarkation day.

Adventure Options

Kayaking
 \$525 p/person

Hot Air Ballooning
 \$250 p/person

Extra Hotel Nights On Request

City	Hotel	Rate p/room	Included Meals	Additional Info	Hotel information
Helsinki - Jun 25 - July 8	Crowne Plaza	\$346 twn/sgl	Buffet breakfast	\$158 sgl supplement for group night	http://www.crowneplaza-helsinki.fi
Helsinki - July 6 - July 19		\$196 twn - \$178 sgl	Buffet breakfast	\$130 sgl supplement for group night	
Reykjavik	Radisson Blu Saga	\$270 twn - \$230 sgl \$330 trpl	Buffet breakfast	\$180 sgl supplement for group night	http://www.radissonblu.com/sagahotel-reykjavik
Longyearbyen	Radisson Blu Polar	\$306 twn - \$280 sgl \$372 trpl	Buffet breakfast		http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-spitsbergen
Oslo	Park Inn Oslo, Airport	\$190 twn/sgl	Buffet breakfast		
	Park Inn by Radisson City, Oslo	\$194 twn/sgl	Buffet breakfast		

Extra hotel nights are available on request in conjunction with a Quark voyage.
 Rates are net and non-commissionable.

Transfers On Request

City	Transfer	Rate	Additional Info
Helsinki	Airport to Hotel	\$165	Rates are per car and include up to 2 passengers per car.
	Hotel to Airport	\$165	
Reykjavik	Keflavik airport to Hotel	\$168	Rates are per car and include up to 3 passengers per car.
	Hotel to Keflavik airport	\$168	
Oslo	Airport to Hotel	\$380	Rates are per car and include up to 3 passengers per car.
	Hotel to Airport	\$380	

All transfers are private.
 Rates are net and non-commissionable.