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Dates: May 26 to June 7, 2021

Duration: 13 days

Departure: ex Reykjavík, Iceland

Price: €19,900 per person

▲ Below the summit of Mount Gunnbjörn. Photo: Steve Moffat

Climb and ski Greenland's three highest peaks on this 13-day expedition into the heart of the Arctic's pristine Watkins Mountains. Described as a ski mountaineer's dream expedition, our team will explore the beautiful wilderness of Greenland's east coast on a unique and unforgettable adventure.

Greenland is the largest island in the world, with three quarters of its surface enveloped by permanent ice cap. This results in an immaculate landscape offering vast swathes of untracked ski mountaineering not found elsewhere.

This expedition begins with an ascent of the highest peak in the Arctic Circle, Mount Gunnbjörn (3,694m/12,119ft), a stunning rocky mountain protruding through the glacial ice. The expedition then continues to the island's second and third highest peaks, Dome (3,682m/12,080ft) and Cone (3,669m/12,037ft), with a change of Base Camp opening up breathtaking new areas of ski touring to explore.

With spectacular views abounding in one of the least populated locations on the planet, prepare to be amazed.

HOW THE EXPEDITION OPERATES

The expedition will begin in Reykjavík, Iceland, where you will meet your guide for an initial briefing and gear check. The next morning we fly to Akureyri in the north of the country, before continuing on by privately chartered ski-plane to Greenland. A brief stop will be made in Ísafjörður, a small fishing village in the Westfjords of Iceland, in order to fuel up.

We can either establish our Base Camp close to the landing site, right in the middle of the Watkins Mountains, or we may decide to move a bit higher on the glacier, closer to the mountain, to gain more altitude and make the summit day shorter. Mount Gunnbjörn will be climbed in one long day from Base Camp. Gentle slopes lead to the summit ridge where skis will be left behind and the rest then climbed using ice axe and crampons.



▲ Travel by skis between camps. Photo: Steve Moffat

As the peak is located high in the Arctic, the air is thinner than on similar-altitude summits elsewhere, so feels higher than its 3,694m/12,119ft.

After climbing Mt. Gunnbjörn, the Base Camp will be relocated to move us closer to Mounts Cone (3,669m/12,037ft) and Dome (3,682m/12,080ft). From this second camp, both of the summits can be climbed.

We then move to a third Base Camp location, where we have plenty of possibilities for skiing and mountaineering. The Expedition Leader will choose suitable objectives according to the snow conditions and the interests of the group.

From the Watkins Mountains, we will fly back to Akureyri and from there to Reykjavik, where the expedition officially ends.

PREREQUISITE EXPERIENCE

Although not technically difficult, the ascents of the Three Peaks of Greenland are fairly strenuous and prior experience in winter travel and glacier crossing is important. The expedition is for strong skiers who are physically and mentally prepared for some days out in a remote area where harsh weather and conditions can be expected. A good level of fitness and the ability to work along as part of a small team is also important.

EXPEDITION DATES & ITINERARY

Dates: May 26 to June 7, 2021

Day 1	Arrive in Reykjavik, Iceland
Day 2	Team briefing and gear checks
Day 3	Fly Reykjavik to Akureyri, then on to Greenland to establish Base Camp
Day 4	Acclimatisation climb and ski, move to High Camp if used, equipment preparation and skills refresher
Day 5	Ascent of Mt Gunnbjörn (3,694m/12,119ft)
Day 6	Move camp closer to Dome and Cone
Day 7	Ascent of Dome (3,682m/12,080ft)
Day 8	Rest day
Day 9	Ascent of Cone (3,669m/12,037ft)
Day 10–12	Ski touring in the Watkins Mountains
Day 13	Return to Iceland, trip ends

NOTE: We recommend that team members allow flexibility with air travel arrangements at the end of the expedition to allow for delays or itinerary changes.

TEAM SIZE

The team will have a minimum size of 3 members and 1 guide and a maximum size of 8 members and 2 guides.



▲ the summit of [unclear] [unclear]. Photo: Steve Moffat

THE ADVANTAGES OF CLIMBING WITH ADVENTURE CONSULTANTS

Adventure Consultants is renowned for the quality of its service and strategy applied to high altitude expedition climbing and polar travel. Our reputation is attributed to meticulous planning and experienced logistics coordination. We have a philosophy of investing in every expedition to offer our climbers the best possible chance of success.

We employ strong and specialised Expedition Leaders and support staff, who are some of the most pre-eminent in the industry.

We pride ourselves on operating with small teams, utilising the best back up and support available. This includes nutritious and ample quantities of food, comfortable Base Camp facilities, reliable communications systems and the necessary medical back up.

Many of our expedition members come to us because they have seen us in action on a previous trip and decide to opt for our level of service and proven experience. Others return because they know we do our very best to make expeditions safe and successful.

FOOD

Food will be of the highest standard possible, given the remoteness of the situation. Our cuisine will be varied and nourishing to ensure health and energy levels are maintained and the group will gather together in our dining tent for breakfast and evening meals.

Please inform us in advance if you have any special dietary requirements.

SAFETY & COMMUNICATIONS

To safeguard members of the expedition, we will be carrying a satellite telephone and emergency supplies. Evacuation insurance is included in the expedition fee for the period of the climb, but is limited to legitimate accident only and to the nearest port within Greenland. We require expedition members to carry additional insurance for repatriation as well as normal travel medical expenses. Please contact us for expedition insurance advice.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Expedition members will be provided with a medical questionnaire and asked to visit their family physician to receive a full medical examination. This information will be sighted by our medical adviser and the guides only and will be treated with full confidentiality.

TRAVEL TO REYKJAVÍK

There are regular flights from destinations around the UK/Europe and North America into Iceland's main international terminal at Keflavík Airport. Regular shuttles depart from the airport for the 50km journey into Reykjavík, and will drop you off at your accommodation.

EQUIPMENT LIST

Expedition members will be sent a list detailing all necessary clothing and equipment to bring. We recommend you bring your own ski touring equipment rather than relying on the limited rental options available in Reykjavík.

As the ski-plane has limited capacity and we will move our whole camp several times, weight is everything. Hence we will rationalise every item we carry. A gear check will be carried out prior to departing Reykjavik to allow us to finalise loads.

Adventure Consultants will supply all group gear (e.g. tents, stoves, food and sleds). Expedition members are to provide their personal clothing and equipment.

VISAS

Generally, entry visas are not required for travellers staying less than three months in Greenland. However, please check the latest information with your travel agent prior to departure. The climbing permits are a separate matter dealt with by the expedition agent.

DOCUMENTATION & PHOTOGRAPHS

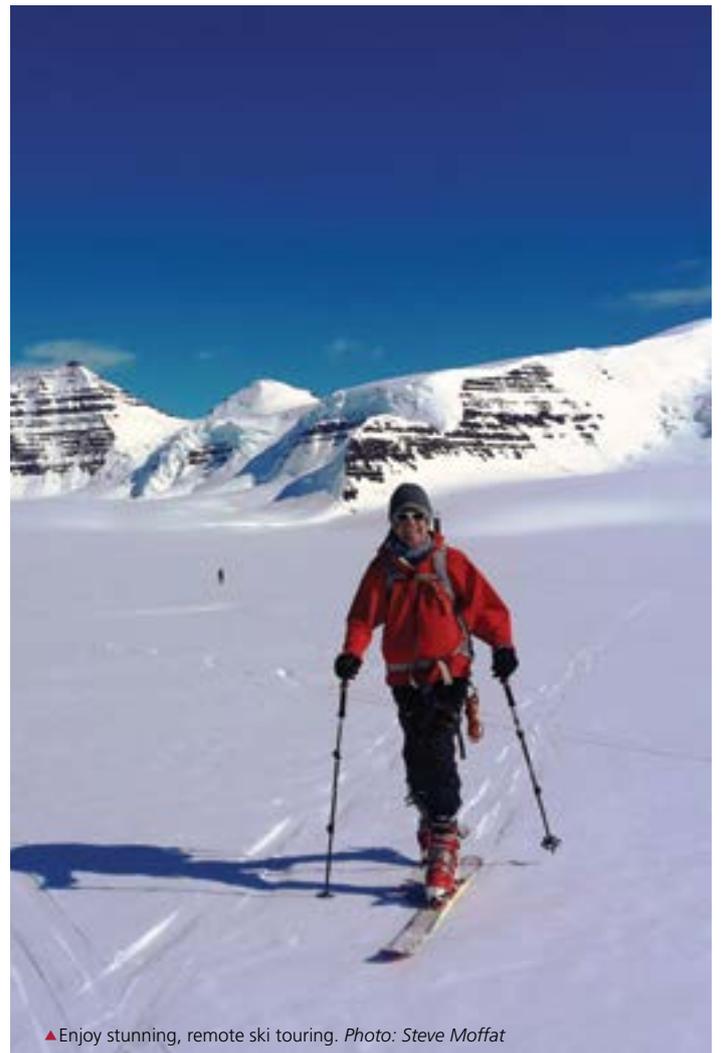
Expedition members will need to provide 2 passport photographs for permits and a copy of their passport biodata page.



▲ On the summit of Mount Gunnbjörn. Photo: Ívar Finnbogason



▲ Spectacular wilderness camping. Photo: Steve Moffat



▲ Enjoy stunning, remote ski touring. Photo: Steve Moffat

EXPEDITION FEE

The cost of the expedition ex Reykjavík, Iceland is €19,900 per person:

This is an inclusive cost and covers the following:

- Adventure Consultants Mountain Guide
- All expedition organisational requirements
- Expedition permits
- Expedition food and equipment
- Flights from Reykjavík to Akureyri and return
- Privately chartered ski-plane from Akureyri to the Watkins Mountains and return
- Transport of 20kg of personal equipment (and 6kg of hand luggage)
- Group equipment (ropes, sleds, tents, stoves, cookware, etc.)
- Use of the expedition satellite telephone for outgoing calls
- Emergency evacuation insurance

The expedition fee **does not** include the following:

- International airfare to Reykjavík and return
- Personal clothing and equipment
- Personal travel/trip cancellation insurance
- Personal rescue and medical evacuation costs beyond Greenland
- Airport transfers
- Hotel and personal expenses in Reykjavík
- Excess baggage over 20kg of personal luggage (and 6kg of hand luggage of limited volume)
- Any costs associated with an early departure from the expedition
- Cost of satellite telephone calls whilst on expedition
- Gratuity

NOTE: Pricing may change due to increases in airfares and other costs outside the control of Adventure Consultants.

PAYMENT DETAILS

All payments should be made by bank transfer to the following Euro bank account:

Bank of New Zealand
Offshore Branch
42 Willis Street
Spark Central
Wellington
New Zealand

For the account of Adventure Consultants Limited

Account Number: 1000-594771-0002

Account Type: Euros

Swift Address: BKNZN22

NOTE: All bank transfer charges are for the remitter's account.



▲ Explore the Watkins Mountains. Photo: Steve Moffat



▲ An al fresco breakfast. Photo: Steve Moffat



▲ Enjoy breathtaking views. Photo: Steve Moffat



▲ Fly by Twin Otter into Greenland's Watkins Mountains. Photo: Steve Moffat



▲Descending off Mount Cone. Photo: Steve Moffat

We can also accept your deposit and balance payment by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, and Amex) plus a 3% card fee.

DEPOSIT

A non-refundable deposit of €2,000 is payable to secure a place on the expedition.

BALANCE

The balance is payable 120 days prior to the expedition start date.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

An expedition member may then cancel their participation on the following basis:

- Cancellations outside of 120 days will result in the loss of the trip deposit.
- For cancellations made within 120 days of the trip commencement date we reserve the right to retain 50% of the balance payment fee.
- For cancellations within 90 days of the departure date a cancellation fee of 100% of the full fee applies.

We strongly recommend you take out trip cancellation insurance via your travel agent if you wish to be covered against cancellation due to medical or personal reasons.

HOW TO JOIN THIS EXPEDITION

If you would like to join our 2021 Three Peaks of Greenland Expedition, please complete our online application form at <https://www.adventureconsultants.com/expeditions/arctic/three-peaks-of-greenland/book-now> and submit your trip deposit.

CONTACT US

Please contact us if you'd like any further information or assistance in planning your trip:

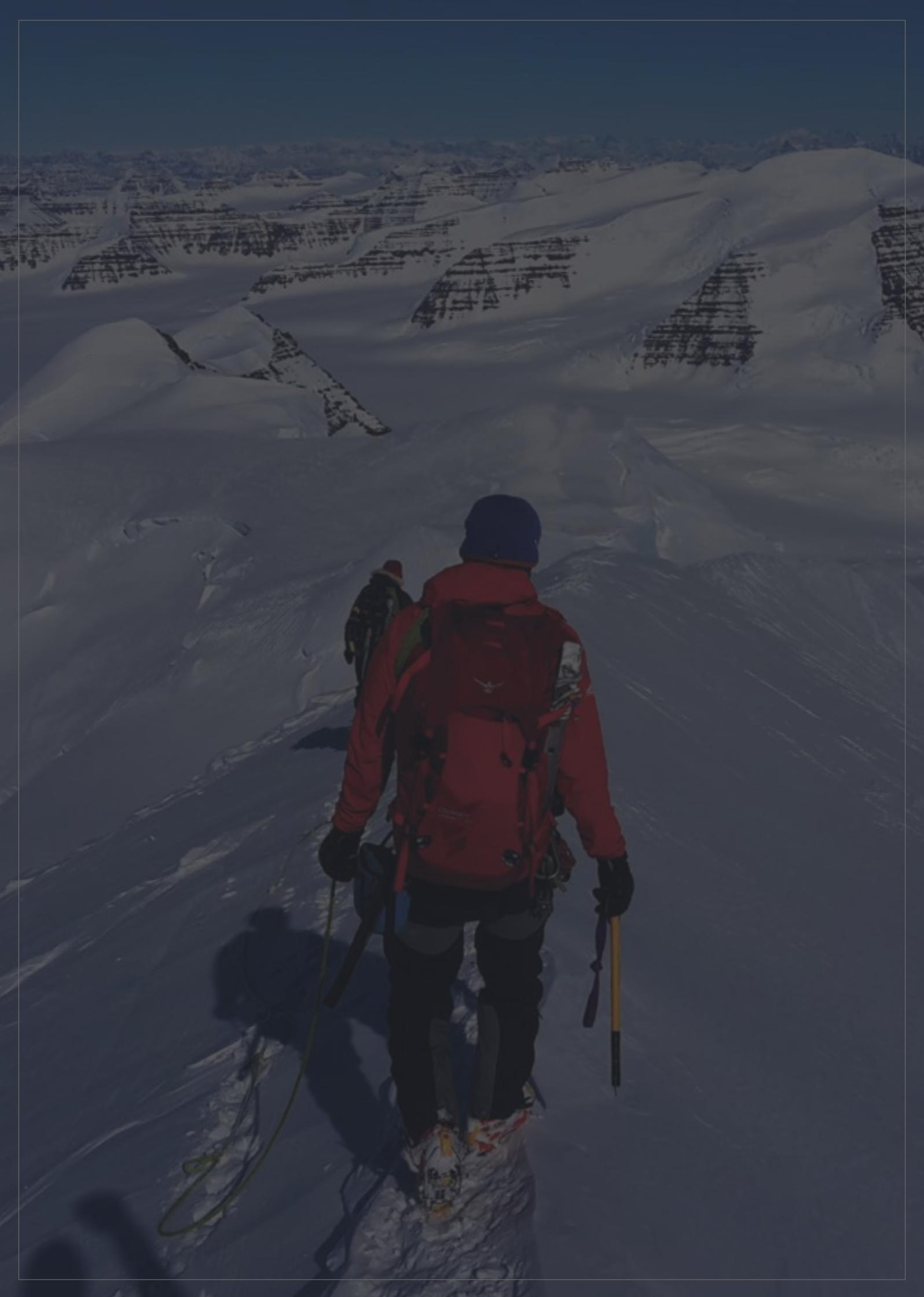
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▲ Views across the Watkins Mountains. Photo: Steve Moffat



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