

SEDNA



# QILALUQAT

IN THE HEART OF MELVILLE BAY WITH THE LAST  
HUNTERS OF THE POLE

## GROUP

4 to 6 people

## DATES & DURATIONS

8 days from Copenhagen  
to Copenhagen in  
September 2024

## DIFFICULTY

3/5

## LOCATION

Melville Bay in Greenland,  
one of the Arctic's most  
beautiful sanctuaries

## EXPERIENCE

Join the last hunters of the  
pole in the heart of Melville  
Bay on the trail of  
narwhals and belugas



## DATES

September 5 to 12

September 12 to 19

### EXPLORATION

In September, at the start of winter in Greenland, the narwhals and belugas that feed in Melville Bay begin their migration to warmer waters.

This is when the Greenlanders take to their kayaks and camp along the way. In their company, we eagerly await the arrival of narwhals, belugas and, often, their predator, the polar bear.

### SCIENCE

On this trip, we'll have the opportunity to map the rapid retreat of Melville Bay's glaciers.

In addition, we'll be collecting rock samples and recording the underwater sounds emitted by narwhals as they travel and take refuge on the bay floor, using hydrophones.

### SHARING

We'll join the hunters of Kullorsuaq for an extraordinary experience: camping in front of icebergs and under the northern lights to watch for the arrival of the animals.

This rare opportunity will allow us to explore the almost mystical bond they have with these creatures crucial to their sustenance.

What's more, this will be a unique opportunity to dive and observe the deep sea, the ice, and maybe even witness an underwater encounter.



## EQUIPMENT & SEQUENCE

From Upernavik we fly over breathtaking scenery, iceberg-filled fjords and a handful of villages to reach the small community of Kullorsuaq.

From here, we'll take a small boat to Melville Bay. We'll each take 2 kayaks, as this is the only means of travel permitted in Melville Bay Park, and allows us to approach the narwhals in silence.

We'll spend 2 to 3 nights in traditional tents.

**During your stay, temperatures will fluctuate between 5° and -5°. In Kullorsuaq, we'll provide you with all the equipment you need for your activities:**

- Boots, gloves and cold-weather comforter
- Warm wetsuit
- Complete diving equipment (dry suit, mask, fins and snorkel)
- Traditional single-seater kayak



## ACCOMPANIMENT

**Guardians of an ancestral tradition,** the people of Kullorsuaq spend most of their lives navigating the ice floes by sled, or the fjords by boat and kayak. They derive their livelihood from fishing and hunting, with immense respect for their nurturing environment.

They do us the honor of accepting us into their midst, allowing us to share some very special moments in their lives. They will set the pace for this unique mission and **give us access to their world, their customs and their know-how.**

To bring you this authentic experience, **Nicolas Dubreuil will be your guide** and interpreter, allowing you to communicate with them.



## BUDGET

An expedition to Northern Greenland is **a physical, moral and financial commitment.**

In these regions, there's no room for improvisation or approximation. Everyone's comfort and safety depend on the quality and level of organization.

**This expedition can accommodate 4 to 6 travelers.** You'll experience this traditional way of life at first hand.

**19 750€ per passenger (June 2023 prices subject to availability) including :**

- flights and transport from Copenhagen (business class to Kangerlussuaq),
- accommodation,
- food,
- equipment and expedition supplies,
- insurance,
- supervision by Nicolas Dubreuil

« *Silarsuaq Sikulu Kisimi Naagalavoq - Only weather and ice are masters* »  
— *Greenlandic proverb*