



NEW – Rock Climbing in Greenland

Explore the remote and rugged summits of East Greenland, scaling sheer granite cliffs and glacial remnants in pursuit of breathtaking views of Scoresbysund's ice-filled fjords.

Experienced climbers will relish the chance to explore up and along the rarely-scaled peaks that dominate the landscape. And when you reach the top? A view that few people on earth will ever lay eyes on!

This is a unique opportunity to add a thrilling climbing experience to your expedition – and one not to be missed! So strap on your climbing shoes, clip on your carabiners and join us for an incredible climbing adventure.

Required Experience

Our rock climbing program requires a reasonable level of climbing experience (at least Grade 10/Difficult/5.2) and a solid level of fitness. There will be long, exploratory day climbs and opportunities for technical pitches. Abseiling experience is also an advantage. While there are opportunities to develop skills during the expedition, this is not an instructional adventure and is therefore unsuitable for complete beginners. However, you can expect to learn aspects of technical climbing along the way.

Please note: Your guide will assess your ability on the initial climb and if you have insufficient experience, they reserve the right to restrict your participation.

How to Book

If you would like to participate in our Rock Climbing activity, please return a completed activity form. Our guide will review your form for suitability and experience before approving your place.

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Fitness Requirements

Rock climbing participants should be fit and well prepared for this activity. You should be able to walk or climb with a moderate pack of approximately 10kgs for up to 4-10 hours a day.

If you have any queries regarding your suitability please do not hesitate to contact us. One of our guides will be more than happy to talk through the experience required with you.

Rock Climbing Outings

Our rock climbing activity will take place in the beautiful and rugged Scoresbysund on Greenland's East Coast. We'll begin with some training excursions on granite cliffs before attempting at least two major ascents over a series of challenging and exhilarating days.

The average outing will last between 4 – 10 hours, and we aim to get out everyday we are in Scoresbysund; weather and conditions permitting.

Your Guides & Group

Your expert guides have many years of experience climbing and leading groups in Greenland and around the world, and all hold relevant mountain instruction and safety certificates. You will also be joined by an expert polar historian who will be available to help you interpret the landscapes and historical sites we may encounter along the way. Our climbing excursions will have a minimum of two guides with a 1:5 ratio. More difficult climbs may require lower ratios.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance, including emergency evacuation, is mandatory on all Aurora Expeditions voyages and not included in the price of the activity. You will need to ensure that your insurance policy covers you for this activity and any related equipment. An additional policy or premium may be required to ensure you have adequate coverage. Please contact Aurora Expeditions or your travel agent if you need assistance with your insurance policy.

Age Requirement

Climbers must be at least 14 years old to participate.

What to Bring

Good quality equipment is essential for safe climbing. Your climbing guide will inspect all equipment prior to the first outing to ensure it is up to standard. If any of your personal items are deemed unsafe or unsatisfactory for the climbing conditions your guide reserves the right to refuse the use of your equipment.

Climbing Equipment

Aurora Expeditions will supply all necessary ropes and survival equipment. We ask that where possible, you supply the following:

- Helmet: A UIAA rated climbing helmet
- Climbing harness, three self-locking carabiners and two snap link carabiners
- An abseil/belay device
- Rock climbing shoes
- Good day pack (30L capacity) and water bottle(s).
- Personal slings, prussiks or other technical devices you may wish to bring.





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Clothing

Conditions in Greenland are typically calm and settled, with average temperatures around 10°C (50°F) and the eastern coast enjoying an average of 300 days of sunshine a year. However, the weather is unpredictable and you should be prepared to dress for different conditions. We recommend wearing appropriate layers in breathable fabrics to prevent sweating and protection against wind chill.

- Boots - You will require good quality hiking boots to access the climbing areas. Leather or synthetic boots covering the ankle – running shoes are not acceptable.
- Water proof jacket and pants – lightweight Gore-Tex or similar
- Thermal underwear
- Light weight gloves – thermal
- Sunglasses
- Peaked cap
- A silk or cotton neck gaiter or scarf
- Good quality sunscreen and lip balm.

Activity Surcharge

Rock Climbing in Greenland is available for an additional surcharge and includes your guides, permits, outings and some equipment.

For more information please contact your travel agent, or Aurora Expeditions on:

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Please complete the Rock Climbing Activity Form and return with your expedition booking form. This application will be reviewed by one of our Rock Climbing Guides prior to confirming your climbing place.

To plan our expedition properly we require an indication of your climbing experience. You will need to be a reasonably experienced rock climber and have an adventurous attitude. Even if your experience is limited, feel free to contact us to discuss your suitability. We may be able to recommend a reputable rock climbing operators in your area for some tuition prior to your trip. Please note there are a limited numbers available for rock climbers.

Passenger details

Expedition Name: Expedition Date:
Surname: Given Names:
Date of Birth: Gender identity:
Nationality:
Country: City: State:
Email address: Phone Number:

Rock Climbing Experience

From the below, how would you rate your rock climbing experience?

- Some experience: I have climbed to Grade 10/Difficult/5.2 in either outside or gym settings a few times. I am physically fit but don't climb very often or have not climbed in a while.
- Moderate experience: I climb reasonably often in outside or gym settings and can second climbs to grade 10/Difficult/5.2 or above
- Experienced: I climb often in either outside or gym settings to grade 10/Difficult/5.2 and above. I second harder climbs (above 15/Hard Severe/5.6) or am leading climbs of 10/Difficult/5.2 and above.

If you hold a climbing qualification or have attended a course please state what you have done below.

Instructional options – if you haven't climbed and are fit and active then we can offer you a training programme and recommend a suitable instructor in your home country or abroad. Contact us for more information.

Equipment

Aurora has limited supplies of climbing hardware aboard. We do not supply climbing rock shoes. We ask that where possible, you supply the following:

A UIAA rated climbing helmet	YES	NO	Rock climbing shoes	YES	NO
Two snap link carabiners	YES	NO	Good day pack (30L capacity)	YES	NO
Climbing harness	YES	NO	Three self-locking carabiners	YES	NO
Abseil/belay device	YES	NO	Water bottle(s)	YES	NO

I have read and understood the equipment section (please tick)



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Assumption of risk, release from liability and waiver of claims

I acknowledge that I am undertaking a guided trip and/or course and alpine tour (“the organised activity”) with Aurora Expeditions Limited (“AEX”) and that in order to do this I will need to involve myself in special travel, risks of all various kinds, different living conditions and different altitudes and weather patterns.

I understand that the organised activity carries a certain element of risk and I willingly accept those risks. I agree that, although AEX may take precautions to reduce the risks and increase the safety of the organised activity, it is not possible for AEX to make the organised activity completely safe or free from risk. These risks include, but are not limited to, avalanches, rock or ice fall, falling, crevasse hazards, weather and other environmental hazards, and hazards caused by participants.

I waive any and all claims that I have or may in the future have against AEX their shareholders, directors, employees, agents, assistant guides, instructors, independent contractors, subcontractors and any representatives of AEX and shall hold same free from all liabilities, losses, costs, expenses and damages of every kind and nature whatsoever arising out of my involvement in the organised activity due to any cause whatsoever.

In entering into this agreement I am not relying on any oral, visual or written representations or statement made by AEX with respect to the safety of the organised trip other than as set out in this agreement. The terms of this release shall serve as a release and acceptance of risk by myself and bind all members of my family and estate.

I have read, understood and accept the above conditions (please tick)

Print Name:

Signature:

Date: