

# BOREA ADVENTURES // ICELAND

Sailing, Skiing, Kayaking, Hiking & Wildlife Trips in High Latitudes

## 2010 schedule



**Here below is the schedule of all adventure trips of Borea Adventures in Iceland, East Greenland and Jan Mayen.** It's full of exciting things to do and should fit people of all ages, families, experienced and inexperienced that have great interest in nature and what it has to offer.

Borea Adventures adheres to the principles of low impact, sustainable tourism. Our trips are "silent", as we try not to use any motorized vehicles. We like to encourage physical activity to suit any level of ability from easy sailing and hiking through to exhilarating action sports. On our trips, we tie together our local knowledge of times gone by, the culture, wildlife and the know how of where are the best spots to do exciting things. Last but not least, the word of captain Siggí's cooking skills are spreading and totally makes the day after a fulfilling experience in the wild nature of Iceland.

Every year we try to include something new and unique and this year is not any different.

All the best and with hope for a good season in 2010.

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## WINTER



### Mountaineering

**Highlights: Cross country skiing over the mountains, mountaineering instructions, northern lights, one night in an igloo (optional), natural geothermal pool**

Located just below the Arctic circle, the West Fjords of Iceland is an ideal playground for learning the tricks of winter camping. This course is intended to give people with little or no previous experience of travelling in the winter an opportunity to try this in a safe and fun environment. This course can also be enjoyed by people with more previous experience. Even if we are in real arctic environment we are still relatively close to nearest settlements in case of unexpected events. We will spend the first days on the remote Korpudalur farm which has been converted into a comfortable guesthouse. There we will spend all day outdoors with basic lessons in rope handling, use of ice axes and crampons, cross-country skiing etc. We will also build snow caves and igloos and maybe sleep there under the northern lights. We will then head on into the mountains and use 2-3 days to cross an easy mountain range over to another valley where we will finish the trip with a nice dip into a natural, outdoor, geothermal pool and good dinner at the Heydalur farm guesthouse. This is prime time to see the northern lights racing across the sky.

**Dates: 8-13 March**

**Price: 1250 Euros**

**Included: All food, camping and climbing equipment, stay in a farm guesthouse, guiding and transfers from/to domestic airport.**

## **Backcountry skiing**

**Highlights: Skiing between isolated fjords, make fresh tracks every day, staying on board comfortable sailing yacht, options for first ski descents, untamed nature**

The backcountry skiing trips are probably our most successful product. It's for sure a totally different experience. We will ski between the remote fjords and anchor in a different spot every night. Many of the mountains and ridges have never been skied before so don't expect to wait in a line-up before cruising down the mountain of your choice! There are many different slopes and we will plan our routes to fit people of all abilities and interest. Most people use AT (randonnée) or Telemark skis but snowboards, cross-country skis or snowshoes can be used as well. We usually spend about 6-8 hours in the mountains each day but those who want shorter days, can just ski down to the boat when they choose. The period from late March to end of May, are prime time for skiing with usually settled weather and plenty of snow. We also carry few kayaks on the yacht and people are quite welcome to take a break from skiing and do some kayaking as well.

**Dates: 22-27 March :: 29 -3 April :: 5-10 April :: 12-17 April :: 19-24 April :: 25-30 April :: 3-8 May :: 10-15 May :: 17-22 May :: 24-29 May**

**Price: 1390 for the first two departures and 1520 Euros for other dates**

**Included: All food, yacht service, kayaking gear, Gore Tex sailing clothing, guiding and transfers from/to domestic airport.**

## **Glacier ski touring – NEW!**

**Highlights: Cross country skiing, camping on Drangajökull glacier, geothermal formed ice craters, two nights in a hut beside a geothermal swimming pool**

In the spring, we'll be offering one six days ski touring trip on Drangajökull Glacier and over to Reykjafjörður Fjord on the north side of Hornstrandir Nature Reserve. This area is the perfect place to practice your winter travel skills in a safe and fun environment. Starting from Kaldalón on the south side, we begin skiing up the slopes of the glacier and camp for two nights on the glacier. En route, we'll look at the magnificent ice craters formed by geothermal heat under the glacier. Then we ski down to Reykjafjörður Fjord for two overnight stays in a hut beside a geothermal swimming pool. There is no road connection or electricity in the fjord and a great chance that we'll be the only souls around! Last night is spent on the glacier on the way back to civilization.

**Dates: 3-8 May and 10-15 May**

**Price: 1250 Euros**

**Included: All food, camping equipment, accommodation in a mountain hut, guiding and transportation. Ski equipment can be arranged on a fair price**

## SUMMER



### **Sea kayaking with Aurora as a mother ship**

**Highlights: Sea kayaking in our favourite spots, close encounters with seals and rich birdlife, walking, geothermal pool and hot springs**

The remote fjords and coves of the Hornstrandir Nature Reserve in the West Fjords of NW Iceland are the perfect area for sea kayaking tours. The landscape is dramatic with majestic bird cliffs and lush valleys. The wildlife is rich with almost 50 species of breeding birds, arctic foxes, seals, whales and porpoises. Using the comfortable expedition yacht AURORA as a mothership gives us flexibility in itineraries and enhanced safety. We can choose to paddle all day between anchorages or we can take the kayaks onboard the yacht and sail to a different location if the weather changes. There are many opportunities to combine the paddling with hikes and walks in the mountains and along the coast. We will try to cover four great spots for seakayaking: Hornbjarg bird cliffs, Vigur Puffin Island, Leirufjörður with Drangajökull ice cap and glacier river and Reykjanes hot springs.

**Dates: 14-19 June**

**Price: 1520 Euros**

**Included: All food, sea kayaking gear, yacht service, Gore Tex sailing clothing, guiding and transfers from/to domestic airport.**

## **Sea kayaking in the wild – NEW!**

**Highlights: Sea kayaking in the wilderness, close encounters with seals and rich birdlife, walking, camping in beautiful fjords and coves**

This is the perfect trip for those looking for more self reliance in their travel since we'll be on our own in the total wilderness of the Hornstrandir Nature Reserve, kayaking where we feel to and where nature and the elements allow us. There are plenty of beautiful spots to make camp in the evenings and light bonfire on the beach from driftwood and maybe some barbeque. The trip begins in Hesteyri and we'll steadily make our way along the coast and end in Ögur in Ísafjarðardjúp. Sea kayaking is truly a unique way to enjoy nature from a different angle; getting closer to birds and curious seals that would otherwise stay in a safe distance.

**Dates: 19-24 :: 26-31 July :: 2-7 August. Can be extended**

**Price: 1250 Euros**

**Included: All food, sea kayaking gear, tents and stoves , guiding, transfers from/to domestic airport and transfers to/from sea kayaking starting and ending points.**

## **Multi adventure – as seen in Wanderlust magazine**

**Highlights: Walking, sailing, glacier day, sea kayaking, Hornbjarg bird cliffs, hot springs**

A great package for those who want to do it all. On this trip we'll incorporate a mixture of sea kayaking, hiking, wildlife watching and glacier walk on Drangajökull Glacier. If you want to experience the best of all worlds, this is the trip for you. People of different physical abilities can easily find their "karma" experiencing different adventures every day and relaxing on board Aurora when they feel like it, reading the books they never have time to read!

**Dates: 19-24 July :: 26-31 July :: 31-4 Sep :: 6-11 Sep :: 13-18 Sep**

**Price: 1520 Euros for dates in July and 1390 Euros for dates in September**

**Included: All food, yacht service, kayaking gear, , guiding, transfers from/to domestic airport.**

## NATURE



### Wildlife trips

**Highlights: Biggest bird cliffs in the north Atlantic, Arctic foxes, seals, whales and more than 50 species of breeding birds**

In the Hornstrandir Nature Reserve in the West Fjords of Iceland, nature rules unchallenged. The last permanent residents moved away in 1952 and now there are only summer houses, no roads are anywhere in this area and only access is by boat or by foot. The wildlife is rich with about 50 species of breeding birds, arctic foxes, seals, whales and porpoises. The great bird cliffs of Hælavík and Hornvík are two of the biggest bird cliffs in the north Atlantic and home to 3-4 million seabirds. The noise from all these birds is very dramatic and you feel humble standing close to the edge of the cliffs, watching the birds feeding the youngsters and arguing with the neighbour. Just like we humans do!

We'll for sure spot at least minke whales and humpbacks if we're a bit lucky. Sea eagles, the ruler of the sky can sometimes be spotted. We'll look for Arctic fox dens and keep our eyes open at all times for the wonders of nature

**Dates: 14-19 June**

**Price: 1520 Euros**

**Included: All food, sea kayaking gear, yacht service, Gore Tex sailing clothing, guiding and transfers from/to domestic airport.**

## ARCTIC



### **Jan Mayen skiing and volcano adventure**

**Highlights: The most northerly active volcano in the world, unique skiing, climbing and walking experience, rich history**

In 2010 we are running two exclusive expedition to the remote Arctic island of Jan Mayen (70°59'N 8°32'W). It lies 600 km north of Iceland, 500 km east of Greenland and 1,000 km west of the Norwegian mainland. It's most northerly point is about the same latitude as Nordkapp on the Norwegian coast.

We will start in Ísafjörður and use around 2,5 days sailing onboard our comfortable 60ft sailing yacht AURORA. En route we should have good opportunities to see whales such as Humpbacks and Orcas as well as Porpoises and Dolphins.

When we arrive in Jan Mayen, the group will move to a camp on the island and get ready to climb Mt Beerenberg (2277m), the world's most northerly active volcano. This volcano last erupted in 1984. The climb is technically easy but we will be roping up on the glacier. We will also use the opportunity to look at the sights on the island: icecaps, black cliffs, birdlife and even visit the small Norwegian weather station at Olonkinbyen.

After a successful climb of Mt Beerenberg (5-6 days on the island), we'll set sails again and take the course back to Húsavík, north Iceland. The second trip will be reversed and ending in Ísafjörður.

**Dates: 21-1 July :: 5-15 July**

**Price: 2450 Euros**

**Included: All food on board and on land, tents, stoves and ropes, yacht service, Gore Tex sailing clothing, guiding and transfer from/to Ísafjörður airport.**

## **East Greenland sailing adventures**

**Highlights: Inspiring mountains and fjords, ice bergs, humpbacks and seals, sea kayaking and walking in total wilderness, calving glaciers, Inuit culture and...maybe polar bears!**

The east coast of Greenland is an awesome wilderness. More than 2.600 kilometres of coastline are inhabited by only 3.500 people in two towns and a few small settlements. This is the Arctic with all its breathtaking beauty and striking scenery. Ísafjörður, Iceland is the nearest port to east Greenland, less than 200 nautical miles away.

### **We are doing two trips in 2010**

The first trip is a real arctic expedition where we will be exploring places where few or no others have been before. We will start in Isafjordur, sail across the Denmark Strait and spend 10 days exploring this astounding landscape using our yacht, kayaks and feet. The trip will end in Kulusuk where guests can have an option of spending extra days in the Ammassalik area or fly straight back to Reykjavik.

On the second trip we will be focusing on the Ammassalik area, following more known routes around the three great fjords of Sermiligaq, Angmagssalik and Sermilik where e.g. five glaciers calve in the same fjord. We'll see the local hunters keeping on with their everyday life, humpbacks blowing with sheer mountains and glaciers in the background.

This trip is more suitable for guests who like general exploring and easy cruising in sheltered fjords. We will complete the trip by crossing the Denmark Strait back to Isafjordur. There is an option for people to skip the ocean crossing, leave the boat in Tasiilaq and fly directly back to Reykjavik from Kulusuk.

**Dates: 2-12 August :: 16-26 August**

**Price: 2450 Euros**

**Included: All food on board and on land, kayaking gear, yacht service, Gore Tex sailing clothing, guiding and transfer from/to Ísafjörður airport.**

## CHARTER



### **Corporate and incentive**

Expedition sailing yacht AURORA is the perfect venue for team building, meeting, incentive or recognition programs. We can take groups out for shorter or longer trips to the fjords and bays around Ísafjörður and organize exclusive activities to fit the group's needs. It can include BBQ on the beach in an isolated place, special gourmet food on request and exciting activities.

### **Expeditions**

Sailing, climbing, skiing, kayaking, science projects.... are you planning your own expedition? We are always interested in planning private expeditions together with our guests. It doesn't matter if it's short, long, easy or extremely difficult. If you have an idea for your dream trip and you can't find it in our regular schedule, let us help you organising it. Our comfortable expedition yacht AURORA can be available for customized trips in the north Atlantic. If you have other areas or other activities in mind we may be able to organize your expedition in cooperation with some of our friends in other countries.

Please don't hesitate to [contact us](#) and let's see what we can do.

Please notice that dates and prices are subject to change. Check our booking system on the website for updates.