The world’s first mountain bike adventure to be offered in Greenland. You can be a pioneer and lay first tracks in this spectacular arctic destination. Ride beside the UNESCO World Heritage designated ‘Icefjord’, see whales (often!), take an overnight ship down the west-coast and traverse pristine wilderness on our first-ever bike-packing expedition.

WHY BIG MOUNTAIN?

Professional Leaders. Mountain bike trips to far-away places requires local knowledge. We work with the best guides in all destinations, many since 2001.

Your Safety. Our guides have first-aid certification, our trips have safety management plans and our riders’ wellbeing is the number one priority on all of our trips.

Groups that Work. All riders complete a detailed Rider Questionnaire to ensure that they are well matched for the trip physically and technically and with the rest of the group. We almost always have optional rides just in case.

Preparation is Key. We offer excellent pre-trip support and all departures include a detailed Preparation Guide specific to the destination. Of course we’ve been on every trip that we offer.

Expert Trip Design. We know how to create exceptional mountain bike trips. And, we’re constantly reviewing and improving itineraries if we feel that it’s needed.

Peace of Mind. Travel & Medical Insurance is mandatory on our trips and Big Mountain Bike Adventures Ltd. has commercial general liability insurance.
The following is a ‘general’ outline for the Arctic Circle trip. Big Mountain reserves the right to make alterations and substitutions to the itinerary as weather or terrain conditions dictate or as necessary to improve the trip quality or to accommodate the comfort, convenience, and well-being of our guests.

**DAY 1**
Welcome to Ilulissat Greenland.
Warm-up ride Ilulissat Icefjord. Meet at Reykjavik Domestic Airport this morning for the flight to Greenland with amazing aerial views of the Greenland ice cap. Arrive to Ilulissat, a coastal town with rainbow-coloured houses located at the mouth of the UNESCO World Heritage designated Ilulissat Icefjord where icebergs the size of buildings float past, broken off the nearby Sermq Kujalleq glacier, the most active glacier in the world. After building our bikes we’ll go for a warm up pedal in the rock slab (and some dirt) playgrounds just out of town.
Overnight: Hotel Hvide Falk.
Ride: 10km, 370m+

**DAY 2**
Boat shuttle to Oqaatsut, ride to Ilulissat. Overnight ferry to Sisimiut.
This morning we board a private charter boat and sail up the coast to the old fishing and whaling village of Oqaatsut, population 40. From here it’s a beautiful seaside singletrack ride with fantastic slick rock sections back to Ilulissat. We’ll then board the overnight ferry to Sisimiut. The views on the crossing will not disappoint as we navigate icebergs, see wales and marvel at the rugged Greenlandic coastline.
Overnight: ferry.
Ride: 21km, 468m+

**DAY 3**
Arrive to Sisimiut. Boat shuttle up the fjord. Start bikepacking traverse.
Arrive to Sisimiut this morning, Greenland’s second biggest town with a population 5490 with its brightly coloured homes and mountainous backdrop. After stocking up on supplies we’ll board a private charter boat and head inland for a few hours, up fjords and past old fishing settlements to the start of our bikepacking journey.
Overnight: bikepacking.
Ride: 16km, 400m+

**DAY 4**
Ride bikepacking traverse.
Wake up to untouched nature in all directions with not much more to do than pedal your bike all day. After coffee and breakfast we set out along lakes and rivers, up and over passes and down valleys to tonight’s camping spot.
Overnight: bikepacking.
Ride: 30km ride, 483m+

**DAY 5**
Ride bikepacking traverse.
Another big day as we continue riding west along rivers and lakes. In the afternoon we’ll lay eyes on the Kanderluarsuk Tulleq fjord and start the biggest climb of the trip up the formidable Qerrirtusup Mjoriaa pass. We’ll set up camp in a beautiful valley surrounded by impressive peaks.
Overnight: bikepacking.
Ride: 32km, 865m+

**DAY 6**
Ride bikepacking traverse. Explore Sisimiut.
This morning we have a short pedal into Sisimiut. Once there we’ll check into our hotel, have a deserved shower and a warm meal. This afternoon we’ll pack our bikes and explore Sisimiut, its artisans and local culture.
Overnight: Seamen’s Home Hotel
Ride: 8km, 90m+

**DAY 7**
Fly Sisimiut to Reykavik.
Fly Sisimiut to Nuuk and onto Reykjavik. Bon voyage!
ACTIVITY LEVEL

The minimum technical ability required for Greenland is Advanced+. This trip is suitable if you have been riding consistently for a decade or more and can navigate technical sections and conditions. Expect walking and pushing sections and some technical trials-esque riding. This trip is a Level 5/6 for fitness. The accumulation of multiple long days of riding will add up, as it is on all of our trips the fitter you are, the more fun you’ll have.

THE RIDING

The first two rides are without bike bags across a fun rocky landscape of granite slabs with technical trials-esque ups and downs where you’ll get off and on your bike. The bike packing portion of the trip is on a mostly dirt trail, compact and wet at times that’s 80+% rideable for a strong and fit rider. Due to the remoteness of this trip it’s imperative to avoid injury and mechanicals. Riders should have some bike-packing experience and self-sufficient riding experience.

LODGING AND FOOD

On this adventure we spend two nights at a three-star hotel, one night in private cabins on an arctic ship and three nights camping. Greenlandic cuisine is traditionally based on meat from marine mammals, game, birds, and fish, and normally contains high levels of protein. Since the arrival of international trade, the cuisine has been increasingly European influenced. Please notify Big Mountain Bike Adventures if you have any special dietary needs.

CLIMATE

July and August through early September are the best months to visit Greenland. There are more bugs earlier in the summer and in early September it can get cold and snow can fall. Riders must be prepared for all types of cool and wet weather.
We'll be happy to provide you with references of satisfied past travellers.

CONTACT US
If you have questions or require additional information please email us at info@ridebig.com or call us toll free USA/CAN 1-866-894-0220 or international +1-604-902-1807.

WHY BIG MOUNTAIN IS YOUR CHOICE
Since 2001 Big Mountain Bike Adventures is the pioneer of performance mountain bike adventures to destinations worldwide. Our itineraries are designed by local professional guides and Big Mountain travel experts and lead by the very best local leaders available. Our mission is to deliver safe, quality trips with the best customer service - ensuring a trip of a lifetime.

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT
The single room supplement is an additional fee for solo travellers who wish to have their own room during the trip. If a solo rider agrees to share a room with someone of the same gender we will pair you up. If there isn’t another single participant of the same gender available, you will automatically have your own room and incur the additional single supplement fee. Note that single rooms are not available for all nights on certain trips and that the single room supplement is different for each trip, please contact us to confirm.

YOUR SAFETY
Our trips take place in remote regions with limited evacuation options available. Our guides have basic first aid training and if a serious injury is suspected they will call helicopter search and rescue at the cost of the participant. Personal medical travel insurance is mandatory for all riders. If you choose to participate in our trips it is up to you to ride well within your limits, to ride conservatively, to walk sections if needed and to be safe as mountain biking is a dangerous sport. There are always risks and hazards on all trails that we ride. You must inspect your bikes (or rental bike) daily and keep it in excellent condition. Alcohol and drugs are not permitted while riding on our trips.

THE NEXT STEPS
Email us to make sure that the trip is confirmed and there’s space on your desired departure. You can also call us toll free USA/CAN 1-866-894-0220 or international +1-604-902-1807. We’ll then send you a short Rider Questionnaire to learn about your riding experience and ensure that you are suitable for the trip. Next step is to read and understand our Terms and Conditions and our Waiver. The last step is to complete our secure online Registration Form, link found on the trip page that you’re registering for. Once your Registration Form has been received, we’ll send you detailed pre-departure information and further steps on preparing for your departure.

PAYMENT
Once you’ve completed our online registration form and we’ve confirmed that we have the needed number of riders to proceed, we’ll collect a deposit of 25% of your trip cost that is refundable up to 14 days after registering (outside of 60 days before the trip departure). After 14 days your deposit is non-refundable. At 60 days prior to departure, the full trip balance will be collected. Please review our Terms & Conditions for full details on payment, cancelation and refund policies. Please note that while our land costs are quoted in the destination country’s preferred currency, the balance and deposit are processed in Canadian dollars. The exchange rate is based on the daily rate quoted using the Bank of Canada. If you are paying with credit card and reside outside of Canada, you may incur a foreign transaction fee. If you wish, there’s the option of paying with a wire transfer or you can also send us a cheque. Please contact us anytime to discuss your options.

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