

ARCTIC CIRCLE GREENLAND



BIG MOUNTAIN



GROUP SIZE 4-6

DURATION 6 nights, 7 days

SKILL & FITNESS LEVEL Level 3

TYPE XC/bikepacking

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.

Piece of Mind. Travel & Medical Insurance is mandatory on our trips and Big Mountain Bike Adventures Ltd. has commercial general liability insurance.



OUR GUIDES

There are few guides that have what it takes to lead riders in remote Greenland. Our Canadian leader is experienced in Arctic and Antarctic expeditions and is a pioneer of mountain biking in Greenland.

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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 Sermeq 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 whales 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 Reykjavik.

Fly Sisimiut to Nuuk and onto Reykjavik. Bon voyage!

DETAILS

BIKE AND EQUIPMENT

The perfect bike for this trip is a 140mm to 160mm dual-suspension trail bike that must be in excellent working order. Please bring extra brake pads, a replaceable derailleur hanger, tubes, a patch kit, and any other parts specific to your bike. Also required: helmet, hydration pack, eye protection, knee pads and appropriate clothing. Riders also require a full bikepacking set up and equipment required for overnight camping such as stove, tent (or bivy sac), etc. We will send you a very detailed list of required equipment and clothing before departure.

SUGGESTED BIKE FOR THIS TRIP:

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Professional Big Mountain leader.
- Two nights 3-star hotel.
- Two breakfasts.
- Overnight ferry (private cabin with two beds) including bike transport fee.
- Detailed pre-departure information including packing list and trip extension assistance.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- All meals (except two breakfasts).
- Bikepacking & camping equipment such as bivy sac (or small tent), sleeping bag, stove, pot set, fuel, etc.
- Personal items like drinks (wine, beer, coffee, etc).
- Your bike & equipment needed to ride.
- Airfare to Illulissat & from Sisimiut (via Reykavik) including extra baggage fees.
- Optional sea kayaking excursion.
- Mandatory personal travel and medical insurance.
- Unexpected additional costs if itinerary is amended due to rider injury, weather delays, bike mechanical, etc.

TRAVEL INSURANCE



Medical Insurance is mandatory on all Big Mountain Bike Adventures' trips and Travel Insurance is strongly recommended. Please [visit our recommended insurance provider](#) World Nomads to learn more.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

The technical ability required for this trip is rated as advanced. The trails are technical with rock slab features (up & down), rock gardens and natural obstacles. Riders must know when to dismount their bikes if a section is too challenging. For fitness level, riders must be fit to very fit. There is hike-a-biking daily and the on the bikepacking portion of the trip it is exposed weather-wise and as such riders need to be prepared to ride and camp in adverse weather. As it is on all of our adventures, participants must train accordingly to fully enjoy this trip.

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.

DETAILS cont.



YOUR SAFETY

All participants must ride safely and within their limits daily as mountain biking is a dangerous sport with risks and hazards. Most accidents occur at the beginning of a trip due to jet lag, fatigue and unfamiliarity of trail conditions and obstacles; it is imperative that riders especially take it easy at the beginning of the trip. Alcohol and drugs are not permitted while riding. Participants will remain hydrated and rested throughout the trip. Riders will be responsible for their daily bike checks and keeping bikes in good working condition. Everyone is ultimately responsible for their own well being on our trips. Our guides have basic first aid training and if a serious injury is suspected, will call local search and rescue and/or an evacuation helicopter at the cost of the participant. The majority of our trips take place in remote regions with limited evacuation options. Personal medical travel insurance is mandatory on all trips.

THE NEXT STEPS

Call us toll free at 1-866-894-0220, or +1-604-902-1807 for international guests or email at info@ridebig.com to confirm there's space on this trip. If Skype is preferred please send us an email to arrange a meeting. We like to speak to everyone interested in joining our trips. This helps ensure everyone signing up is well matched for the group!

Make sure you have read and understand our [Terms and Conditions](#) and also our [Waiver](#). Both found on our website under registration.

To confirm your spot please complete our secure online [Booking Form](#) found on our website.

Once your online registration form has been received, we'll send you detailed pre-departure information, for review, to ensure you're well prepared for the adventure ahead.

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 \$750.00 CAD deposit that is refundable up to 14 days after registering (outside of 90 days before the trip departure), afterwards your deposit becomes non-refundable. At 90 days prior to the departure, the full trip balance will be collected. Please review our [Terms & Conditions](#) for full details on payment, cancellation 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.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

The single supplement of €795 is an additional fee for solo travellers who wish to have their own rooms during the trip (available for two nights hotel & one night ferry only). If riders agree to share a room with someone of the same gender BM 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.



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.

REFERENCES

We'll be happy to provide you with references of satisfied past travellers.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to call us at 1-866-894-0220 or email info@ridebig.com if you have any questions or need any additional information. We are here to help!

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