Polar Explorers Announces 2011 and 2012 Dates for Greenland Icecap Crossing Expeditions

Polar Explorers, an adventure travel company specializing in leading Arctic and Antarctic expeditions, announces dates for its Greenland Icecap Crossing ski trekking expeditions. Polar Explorers guides lead amateur explorers across Greenland's icecap following a daily regimen of cross country ski trekking, camping in expedition tents and exploring Greenland's vast wilderness.

Wilmette, IL (PRWEB) January 11, 2011 -- Polar Explorers, an adventure travel company that offers trekking and dogsled expeditions to the Arctic, Antarctic and Greenland, announces 2011 and 2012 dates for its dogsled and ski trekking Greenland Icecap Crossing Expedition. The Greenland dogsled and ski trekking expedition is 26 days long, with 16-21 of those days spent trekking across the Greenland icecap. Polar Explorers recommends that prospective Greenland Icecap Crossing team members undergo a cardiovascular training program that enables them to ski comfortable for several hours at a time. However, Polar Explorers notes that team members must be fit, but not high level athletes.

The trek across Greenland's icecap begins in Kangerlussuaq, a town on the west coast. From there, the team travels by charter air or skidoo to the icecap's western edge, and begins the daily schedule of ski trekking and camping in the gorgeous, windswept Greenland wilderness. Each day a dogsled team led by experienced, local Greenland mushers carries all the gear so that the team members can ski free from the burden of pulling a gear sled. Since it never gets completely dark during Greenland's summer, the team often chooses to ski during the night, when the snow's crisp surface allows for easier travel. The trekking adventure across Greenland's icecap ends in the town of Isertuoq on the east coast.

Polar Explorers chose this route across the icecap because it highlights traditional Greenland culture, traverses magnificent terrain that closely resembles the Antarctic and proceeds to the east coast via the retired Dye II early warning line radar station, an abruptly abandoned cold war relic that still houses high-tech radar equipment as well as personal effects of the last operators. Visiting the Dye II is a once in a lifetime experience that gives civilians a glimpse into one of the US' formerly restricted, high tech tactical outposts.

“Trekking across Greenland is an awe inspiring adventure on par with skiing to the North or South Pole,” says Annie Aggens, director of Polar Explorers. “This trekking expedition across the icecap combines the experience of skiing across Antarctic-like conditions with encountering traditional Greenland culture, embodied in our dogsled mushers as well as the towns we visit. I have been guiding trips all over the Arctic, Antarctic and northern Norway for almost 20 years, and this trek across Greenland is one of my favorite adventures in the world.”

Greenland Icecap Crossing dates
May 12 – June 7, 2011
May 14 – June 8, 2012

For more information and a detailed itinerary, navigate to http://polarexplorers.com/expeditions/greenland-dogsled.shtml
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