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The Ellesmere Island Expedition

In March 2013 American John Huston, Norwegian Tobias Thorleifsson, Canadian Hugh Dale-Harris, and South African Kyle O'Donoghue, an expedition videographer, will traverse 630 miles on Ellesmere Island in the Canadian High Arctic. Powered by wind, muscle, and four canine skijoring companions the expedition will travel through one of the last untouched wildernesses on the planet. During the 72-day journey the team will document, film, and share their experiences. The history of exploration on Ellesmere Island combines the celebrated polar traditions of Norway, the United States, and Canada. Ellesmere Island also represents a great responsibility moving forward, how society exploits this region and others like it will reveal a great deal about the future of modern civilization. Through well-considered educational and media outreach the expedition team will tell the fascinating story of heroic historic achievement, present-day adventure, and an unknown future.

Goals:

- Travel through one of the last untouched places on earth.
- Film and document the journey for distribution.
- Celebrate the 2nd Fram Expedition led by Otto Sverdrup.
- Advocate for climate change education.

Values:

- **Optimism.** The unwavering belief in oneself and others. An absolute commitment to positive outcome.
- **Integrity.** Taking on challenges with a conviction of honesty, accountability, and commitment. Acting with strong consideration for the impact of one's actions.
- **Humility.** The defining characteristic a modest person, the pragmatic ability to adapt to and learn.



Map of Ellesmere Island and Expedition Route



Tobias Thorleifsson on an iceberg, Ellesmere Island 2008.

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