

The Arctic - Into the Northwest Passage | Ocean Victory

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Introduction

Embark on an epic 17-day journey through the Northwest Passage, also known as Inuit Nunangat, aboard the modern Ocean Victory. This voyage immerses you in vibrant Inuit culture, exploring their language, arts, cuisine, music, and traditions through integrated educational programs. Engage with Inuit artists, educators, and community members, participate in traditional games, sample local foods, and explore the stunning Arctic landscape. Marvel at the enormous icebergs at Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and witness the fastest-calving glacier in the world. Navigate pristine Arctic waterways, spotting wildlife such as polar bears, seabirds, whales and other marine mammals. Visit the historic Beechey Island, learn about the ill-fated Franklin Expedition, and hear stories of European explorers and Inuit travelers. Excursions include visits to Nunavut's communities, hiking, photography, bird watching, and lectures from onboard experts, offering a profound connection to the land, culture, and history of the Arctic.

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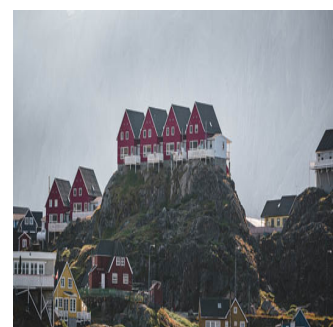
DAY 1: Arrive Nuuk, Greenland

Your journey begins in Nuuk, Greenland's vibrant capital city and home to the country's newest airport. As Greenland's cultural and economic hub, Nuuk blends modern life with rich history and stunning natural beauty. With a population of under 20,000 people, it's one of the smallest capital cities in the world, offering a unique mix of contemporary architecture and traditional Inuit culture. After your (optional) charter flight from Toronto, Canada, you'll transfer to the ship by zodiac.



DAY 2: Sisimiut Coast - Day 2 & 3

Explore West Greenland's complex coastal waterways that include small communities, glaciers, islands, and fjords against a towering mountain backdrop, with plentiful opportunities for hiking and Zodiac cruising. Learn about the Saqqaq, Dorset, Thule, and modern Inuit cultures that have called the Sisimiut region home for the past 4,500 years. The waters are relatively warm here, due to the West Greenland Current and the subarctic location.



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Ilulissat Icefjord, renowned for its enormous
icebergs. Ilulissat means “iceberg” —an apt

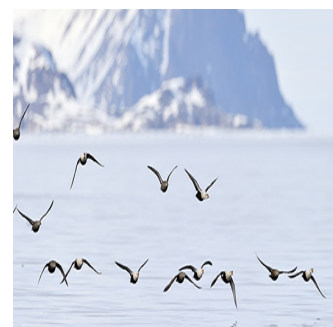
name for this site at the outlet of the
Sermeq Kujalleq glacier. It is a UNESCO
World Heritage Site and the source of many
of the icebergs in the North Atlantic. Marvel
at the sheer grandeur of the towering ice
formations as you take a stroll along the
boardwalk—truly a sight to behold! Visit the
town, with its captivating museums,
charming cafes, craft shops, and bustling
fishing harbour. Be sure to make your way
to the Ilulissat Icefjord Centre, where you
can delve into the fascinating narratives
surrounding the ice and gain a deeper
appreciation for this awe-inspiring natural
wonder.



DAY 5: Western Greenland

Exploring by ship and Zodiac along the west
coast of Greenland, we have numerous
options for expedition stops, to make the
most of weather and wildlife conditions.

Whether you're setting foot on land,
cruising by Zodiac, or out on the ship's
deck, you'll have plenty of chances to learn
alongside expert geologists, naturalists, and
marine biologists. With Inuit expedition
team members at your side, you'll gain an
intimate perspective on the abundant flora
and fauna you encounter. Take a moment to
savour the tranquility and absorb the
knowledge and stories shared by Inuit
cultural educators, which will deepen your
connection to this breathtaking landscape.
Departing Greenland, we cross Baffin Bay
toward Nunavut.



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DAY 6: Davis Strait

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As we sail toward Nunavut, our expedition

Location will deepen your understanding of the

Greenland & Canadian Arctic.

This is an excellent time to enjoy

workshops, watch a documentary, or get out

on deck. Keep your binoculars ready for

minke and humpback whales, as well as the

seabirds that are sure to mark our passage.

Take the unique opportunity to learn from

Inuit in their homeland, gaining a better

understanding of the daily lives of the

regions we visit. Enjoy cultural

performances and maybe even participate in

Inuit games, or sample country food.

Through shared experiences and

interactions, develop a deep appreciation

for the region's vibrant culture and gain a

connection to the stunning landscapes we

traverse.



DAY 7: High Arctic

Enjoy the warmth of an Inuit welcome as

drum dancers, throat singers, and cultural

ambassadors share their stories, songs, and

connections to the land. Explore the

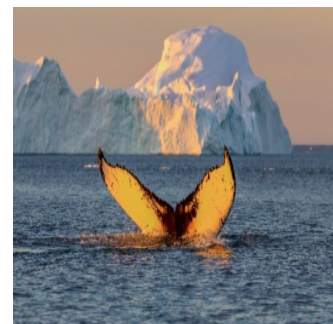
beautiful surroundings of an Arctic hamlet,

get to know local residents and learn about

their ways of life, and have the opportunity

to purchase carvings and handicrafts to

bring back home.



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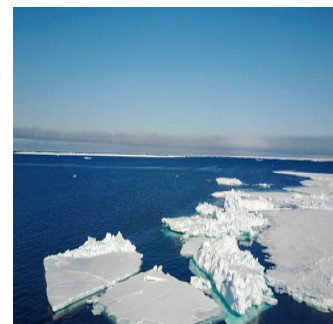
DAY 8 - Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster

Sound) Day 8 & 9

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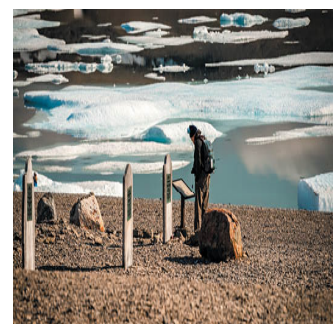
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We will spend ample time exploring Greenland & Canadian Arctic. Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound), one of the newest National Marine Conservation Areas in Nunavut. Narwhal, beluga, and bowhead whales transit and feed in this area. Cruise by ship and Zodiac in search of wildlife with expert biologists and ecologists. Learn more about the crucial role Inuit play in conserving the vibrant biodiversity of these waterways and the enduring connection between the ocean and Inuit. On the northern border of Tallurutiup Imanga lies Devon Island, the largest uninhabited island on Earth at over 50,000 square kilometres. Flat-topped mountains, glacial valleys, and a substantial ice cap give Devon Island its unique character. We will hike the tundra, cruise a glacier face, and seek wildlife from the ship and onshore.



DAY 10: Beechey Island

In 1845, Sir John Franklin set out from England with the HMS Erebus and HMS Terror, attempting to sail through the Northwest Passage. His crew overwintered at Beechey Island, where three of his men died. Numerous search parties later used Beechey as a depot and rendezvous. Amundsen, Bernier, and Larsen visited Beechey. Thomas Morgan of the HMS Investigator was buried here in 1854 alongside Franklin's men. The graves and ruins of Northumberland House are a haunting memorial.



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17 Days Peel Sound, once traversed by the Franklin

Expedition on its route south, presents

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numerous wildlife and exploratory

opportunities. As we sail through this

region, we'll enter prime polar bear

territory where we'll be on the lookout for

good spotting opportunities. The area is also

home to muskoxen, belugas, and other

wildlife, making every moment a potential

discovery. Depending on ice conditions, we

may make expedition stops along the way

among the spectacular landscapes, a perfect

setting for hiking and exploring the

geological diversity of the area.



DAY 12: Ikirahaq (Bellot Strait)

Discover the famed Ikirahaq (Bellot Strait),

a narrow passage separating Somerset

Island from the Boothia Peninsula. As we

sail through this two-kilometre-wide

waterway, get the unique opportunity to

reach the northernmost part of mainland

North America. Keep watch for an array of

enchancing marine mammals from beluga

whales to narwhals and seals. Delve into the

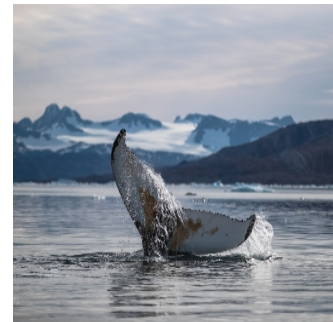
region's fascinating history and learn about

Joseph René Bellot, French naval officer and

Arctic explorer who joined an 1850s

expedition in search for Sir John Franklin,

who inspired the strait's namesake.



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DAY 13: Kugluktuk Region

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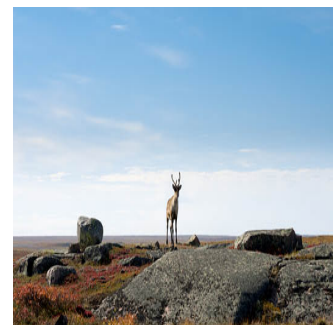
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Navigate the ice-strewn waters of this

historic waterway in search of wildlife.

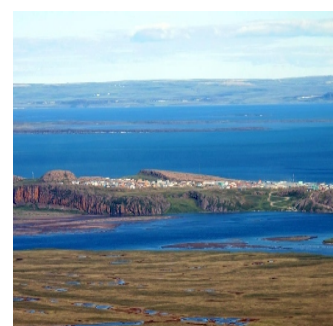
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Although this is Nunavut's least-populated region, this area is home to a diverse range of wildlife, both in the sea and on land. Visit a local community where Inuit hosts will share their knowledge of their home and the area's history. Discover the legacy of this important waterway and the captivating story of Roald Amundsen, who overwintered in the bay for two years while searching for the Northwest Passage. Learn more about the triumphs of explorers like Amundsen and the vital role that Inuit knowledge played in successful crossings.



DAY 17: Disembark in Kugluktuk

Today marks the completion of your incredible journey through the Northwest Passage—an achievement few can claim. Arriving in Kugluktuk, take pride in having traversed one of the world's most historic and storied waterways, following in the wake of legendary explorers while forging your own unforgettable path through the Arctic. Located at the mouth of the Coppermine River, Kugluktuk is the westernmost community in Nunavut. Known for many years as Coppermine, the community reverted to its original Inuinnaqtun name—meaning “place of moving waters”—on January 1st, 1996. Iqaluktuuttiaq (Cambridge Bay), NU, is an alternate disembarkation point, and may be used based on sea and weather conditions. After disembarkation, transfer to the airport for your (optional) charter flight to Yellowknife, Canada. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



Inclusions & Details

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INCLUSIONS

Cabin aboard the Ocean Victory

All meals on board

24/7 free (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) beverages included

Applicable taxes and credit card fees

Complimentary expedition jacket

Special access permits, entry, and park fees

Expert expedition team

Guided activities

Sightseeing and community visits

All Zodiac excursions

Port fees

Pre-departure materials

Educational program

Interactive workshops

Evening entertainment

Basic Wi-Fi (Please note: travel to remote regions and therefore the connection can be unreliable)

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

Optional Charter flights (please see notes for more details)

International Flights

Group transfers to/from the ship

Program enhancements/optional excursions

Gratuities

Personal expenses

Mandatory medical evacuation insurance

Additional expenses in the event of delays or itinerary changes

Possible fuel surcharges and administrative fees

Any pre or post land arrangements

2 (light adventure)

A limited number of single cabins, with their own designated cabin price, are available. Subject to cabin availability. [Contact Us](#) for more details.

Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

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Notes

Price Dependent upon

Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Sustainability