

The Arctic - Out of the Northwest Passage | Ocean Victory

Trip Code

ACADEONW

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Introduction

Embark on an extraordinary 17-day Arctic voyage through the Northwest Passage, starting in (Coppermine) Kugluktuk, Nunavut. Experience the rich Inuit culture, explore historic sites, and marvel at the stunning landscapes of glaciers, fjords, and icebergs. Enjoy wildlife viewing opportunities including whales, other marine mammals, polar bears, and seabirds, while cruising aboard the comfortable Ocean Victory. Engage in various excursions such as hiking, photography, birdwatching, and participate in educational lectures from the expert expedition team. Immerse yourself in Inuit traditions through interactions with local artists, cultural educators, and community members, and enjoy unique activities like drum dancing and throat singing. The journey concludes in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, offering a comprehensive and immersive Arctic adventure.

NOTE: Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather & ice conditions

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Itinerary

DAY 1: Kugluktuk (Coppermine), NU,
Canada

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 embarkation point, and may be used based on sea, ice, and weather conditions. After your (optional) charter flight from Yellowknife, Canada, you'll transfer to the ship by zodiac. Please note that the cost of the charter flight package is not included in the advertised cruise price and an additional charge applies.



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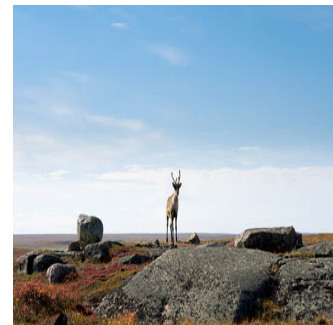
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Experience the glory of the subarctic tundra
in the vast and perhaps discover a geological
wonder at Foul Bay. Here, intriguing

rock formations known as stromatolites
stand as evidence of some of Earth's earliest
life forms. These fossilized structures,
created by cyanobacteria billions of years
ago, played a crucial role in producing
oxygen, forming an essential link in creating
Earth's atmosphere and allowing other life
forms to evolve. Sail onward into the storied
waters of the Coronation Gulf, where the
legendary Roald Amundsen navigated with
his six-man crew to complete the Northwest
Passage in 1905. Learn more about the vital
role that Inuit knowledge played in Arctic
exploration, including Amundsen's
expedition. Visit an Inuit community in this
least populated region of Nunavut and feel
the excitement and warm hospitality as you
listen to stories of resilience, adaptation,
and a deep love for the land. Join a Zodiac
cruise at Conningham Bay, where the stark
beauty of the Arctic tells a timeless story of
survival and adaptation. Here, the paths of
polar bears intersect with the watery
journeys of belugas—one the hunter, the
other the prey. With luck, you'll witness
these majestic creatures in their natural
habitat, an unforgettable moment etched
onto the stark Arctic landscape. Each stop
along the way feels like stepping into a
living museum, where geology, landscape,
wildlife, and culture weave together into a
story only this iconically northern place can
tell.



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Discover the famed Ikirahaq (Bellot Strait),

Location a narrow passage separating Somerset

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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

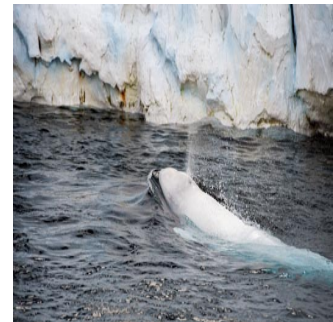
region's fascinating history and learn about

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.



DAY 7: 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

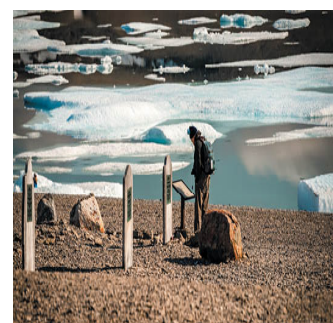
Beechey. Thomas Morgan of HMS

Investigator was buried here in 1854

alongside Franklin's men. The graves and

the ruins of Northumberland House are a

haunting memorial.



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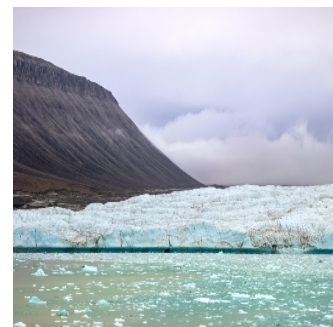
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Locations

We will spend ample time exploring Canadian Arctic & Greenland. Our first stop is 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.



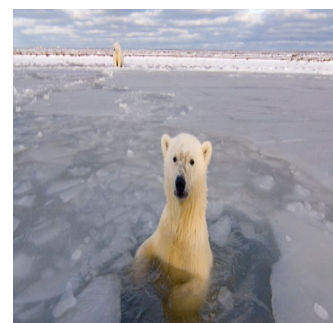
DAY 9: Ausuittuq (Grise Fiord)

Ausuittuq means "place that never thaws." 1,150 kilometres above the Arctic Circle, Canada's northernmost civilian community originated during the Cold War. In 1953, Inuit were relocated here by the Canadian government under false pretenses, with the aim of asserting Canadian sovereignty. We'll be welcomed into the hamlet, where we will have a chance to meet members of the community, learn about their way of life, and hear their poignant stories.



DAY 10: Smith Sound

Smith Sound, an ancient Inuit travel route, divides Ellesmere Island from Greenland, and served as the main route for explorers and adventurers searching for the North Pole. Adolphus Greely, Sir George Nares, and Elisha Kent Kane all travelled these waters with varying degrees of success.



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On this exploration day, we'll be making the most of what the wind, weather, and wildlife have to offer. Our expedition team will scan

for polar bears, walrus, whales, seals, and seabirds as we go. 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. Indulge in 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

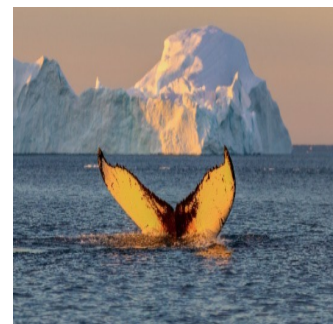
country food. Through shared experiences

and interactions, develop a deep

appreciation for the region's vibrant culture

and gain a connection to the stunning

landscapes we traverse.



DAY 12: Northwest Greenland - Day 12 &

13

We will explore stunning fjords that line the

coast. Glaciers and icebergs abound here. In

true expedition style, we will seek

opportunities to hike, explore, and view

wildlife as conditions allow. 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. You'll gain an intimate

perspective on the abundant flora and fauna

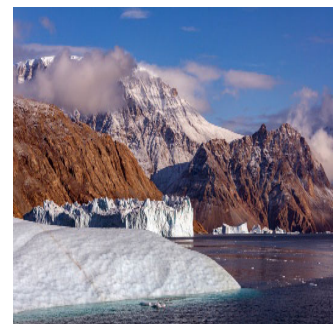
you encounter. Take a moment to savour

the tranquility and absorb the knowledge

and stories shared by Inuit cultural

educators, which will deepen your

connection to this breathtaking landscape.



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Experience the remarkable beauty of

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 museums, charming cafes,

craft shops, and bustling fishing harbour. Be

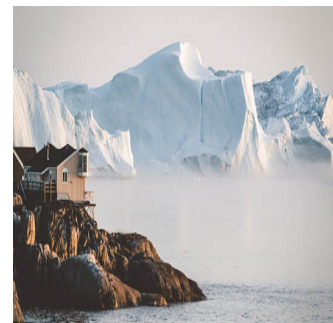
sure to make your way to the Ilulissat

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 15: Sisimiut Coast - Dat 15 & 16

Explore West Greenland’s complex coastal

waterways that includes 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

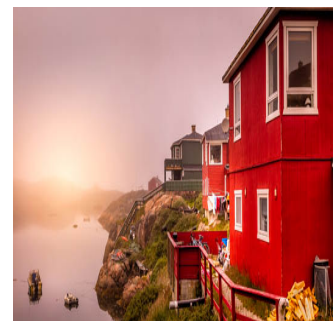
cultures that have called the Sisimiut region

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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Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord) is

one of the longest fjords in the world and

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boasts 190 kilometres of superb scenery.

We end our adventure by sailing up this dramatic fjord. Kangerlussuaq, the town at its eastern head, is a former U.S. Air Force base. After disembarkation, transfer to the airport for your (optional) charter flight to Toronto, Canada. Please note that the cost of the charter flight package is not included in the advertised cruise price and an additional charge applies. *Please note:

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

Sustainability