

The Arctic - Baffin Bay Secrets | Le Lyrial

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Introduction

On a remarkable 14-day adventure cruise to Baffin Bay, set sail onboard the Le Lyrial. In Kangerlussuaq, you will set out on an incredible tour across the most breath-taking Arctic landscapes.

Your first stop, the west coast of Greenland, will greet you with its magnificent icebergs, vibrant settlements surrounding by mountains, and basalt formations. This is the perfect chance to interact with the community and discover Inuit culture in Greenland.

The Arctic tundra's remote settlements of peat homes in Baffin Bay, where the last bear hunters and narwhal fishers still live according to ancestral customs, can be seen as you travel farther north. Additionally, you'll learn about Savissivik, the largest 'iceberg graveyard,' and witness the relics of old Inuit civilizations.

During the last part of your cruise, you will be able to enjoy really exploring Baffin Bay; you will look for the ice floe and try to spot polar bears. You will head south to reach Evighedsfjorden, which means the 'eternity fjord' in Danish, where the landscapes made up of glaciers, tundra and jagged cliffs will help you end this journey on a high.

Itinerary

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27/08/2026 Paris to Kangerlussuaq

Duration

14 Days

Take the chartered flight from Paris to

Kangerlussuaq. Embarkation will be in the

Greenland, Canada

afternoon with departure in the early

evening. From 1941 to 1992, the town of

Kangerlussuaq in Greenland was home to

an American military base. Nowadays,

thanks to its international airport, it has

become a transit point for travellers seeking

adventure in the Far North. Located to the

north of the Arctic Circle, this town is the

starting point of magnificent discoveries

surrounded by unspoiled nature. Indeed,

just a few dozen kilometres from there it is

possible to get close to the Greenland ice

sheet, the largest body of ice in the

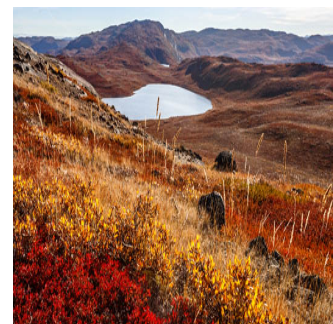
Northern Hemisphere. From

Kangerlussuaq, admire also the superb

landscapes of tundra in autumnal colours,

where Arctic hares, musk oxen, Arctic foxes,

reindeer, falcons and eagles live.



DAY 2: Sisimiut

During your cruise, we invite you to

discover Sisimiut, founded in 1756 and the

second largest town in Greenland. This

small town is typical of Greenland, boasting

bewitching panoramas: here and there,

colourful stilt houses dot the undulating

landscape, and the small fishing port stands

as the gateway to an icy realm. As for the

town centre, it is home to a number of

historic buildings, a small church and a

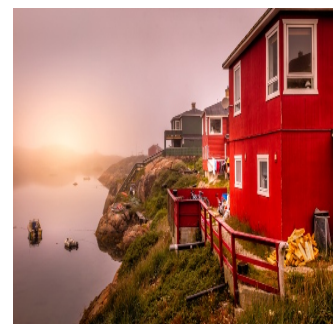
museum which retraces the history of the

Inuit people, as well as many craft shops.

When your ship drops anchor here, you will

set out to meet the locals in a typically

arctic atmosphere.



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DAY 3 - Disko Bay

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To the east of Baffin Bay, discover Disko

Bay, scattered with countless icebergs

produced by the Ilissat Icefjord, a

UNESCO World Heritage Site. From your

ship, admire the majestic ballet of these ice

giants as they slowly drift across the dark

waters. This site is a natural marvel of

Greenland, and is also renowned as an

observation point for the region's many

humpback whales. The encounters with wild

fauna and stunning landscapes in the heart

of this spectacular and fragile nature will be

pure moments of wonder for you.



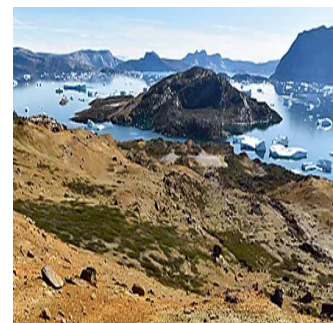
DAY 4: Eqi Glacier

'The most beautiful place in the Arctic' is how Paul-Émile Victor described Greenland, a land of great icebergs and of towering ice formations calved by the giant glaciers of the polar ice cap. The Eqi Glacier is one of the region's most impressive sights. Here, the silence is broken only by the roaring and cracking of the ice. It is impossible to know if one is shivering from cold or from the sheer thrill of being here... Imagine the vast outline of a glacier, its translucent crystals glowing with an ice-blue fire in the sunlight. Paul-Émile Victor's shelter cannot be overlooked; it was from here that the French Polar Expeditions' anthropological and geographic explorations set off in the 1950s.



DAY 5: Akulleq

In the curve of Uummannaq Bay, opposite a narrow passage between two islands, you will discover the moonscape of the small desert island of Akulleq. The ochre yellow and orange of this mineral site look ablaze under the sunshine of the polar summer. From the island's summit you will be able to contemplate a panoramic view of the bay's magical landscape and its huge icebergs with surprising shapes.



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Well beyond the Arctic Circle, in the majestic landscapes of Greenland's Northwest, you will find the village of Kullorsuaq, the last bastion of Greenland's traditional hunters. Here is where you will find Greenland's true character... Vast mineral expanses, sumptuous mountains, impressive glaciers and, above all, the local population which still lives off fishing and seal or bear hunting. Hospitality and respect for nature are essential elements in the daily lives of these men, who live an austere life. When we drop anchor in this remote part of the world, set off to discover these friendly people who are also talented craftsmen, deftly sewing the furs and skins of marine mammals. This will be a unique and authentic experience.



DAY 7: Savissivik

Some places in this world are so magical that their beauty cannot be described in words... Savissivik, a small Inuit village with less than a hundred inhabitants, is one such place. Rightly considered to be the biggest iceberg graveyard in Greenland, it is a stunning sight to behold. During your zodiac outing, you will sail between these icy giants. Once on land, you can hike to a viewpoint from which to enjoy breathtaking views over these icebergs, which come in an incredibly diverse range of shapes and colours. Photographers will love it. Savissivik Bay attracts many bears and is also known for having been the home of one of the world's biggest meteorites, but the latter has now been moved to a museum in New York.



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Duration

14 Days Devon Island, located in northern

Canada at the mouth of the famous

Greenland, Canada Northwest Passage, there is a small Inuit

settlement at the very bounds of infinity. To

get there, cross the Arctic Circle, the

imaginary line that separates man from

lands of mystery and wonder. It's not so

much the way of life that sets Pond Inlet's

inhabitants apart, so much as the setting.

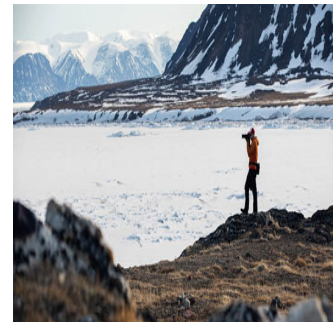
Snow-capped mountains, fjords and glaciers

combine in a dazzling natural environment

that fills space and expands time. Some

discoveries change you forever: this is one

of them.



DAY 9: Dundas Harbour

On the southern coast of Devon Island,

Dundas Harbour, a Royal Canadian

Mounted Police post in the early 20th

century, keeps watch over the entrance to

the Northwest Passage. This site has been

frequented for centuries by the Inuit, who

call it Talluruti - or "woman's chin with

tattoos on it" in Inuktitut - in reference to

the lines of the landscape which are

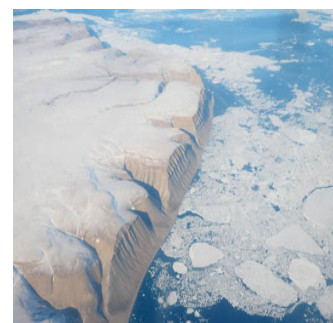
reminiscent of their traditional tattoos. Its

hills, covered in taiga reflecting greens,

browns and golds, are edged by the deep

navy waters of a bay dotted with white and

turquoise ice floe glistening in the sunlight.



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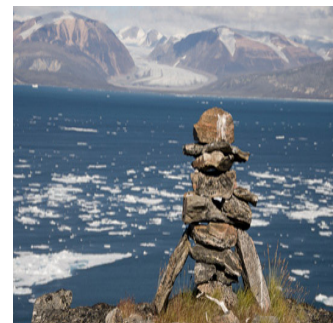
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27/08/2026 North Arm Fjord

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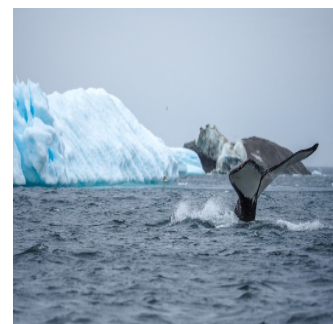
14 Days

The sun makes its way deeper into the fjord, leaving you free to admire the spectacular geological formations that plunge abruptly into the emerald-green waters of Baffin Bay. When the temperature rises and the ice begins to melt, Nunavut becomes one of the best places in the world to observe the wildlife of the Arctic. Be on the lookout for polar bears, which hide away amongst the scree to seek out the freshness of the permafrost. On the water's surface, you could get the chance to glimpse the tusk of a narwhal, or perhaps the silhouette of an orca or a bowhead whale. And in the sky, it is not uncommon to see a colony of arctic fulmars with their impressive wingspan gliding near the ship.



DAY 11: Icy Arm Fjord

The east coast of Baffin Island is a real lacework of fjords. Among them, in the north, is the spectacular Icy Arm fjord. As you sail these parts, you'll be dazzled by the immense cliffs that are sometimes over 1,000 metres high. This is a paradise for base jumping (parachute jumping from the top of the cliffs). During your stop here, you will have the opportunity to hike at the feet of these mountains and within the glacial valleys. Keep your eyes open when you get back on your boat: you'll probably get the chance to observe marine mammals, such as whales, orcas and even narwhals.



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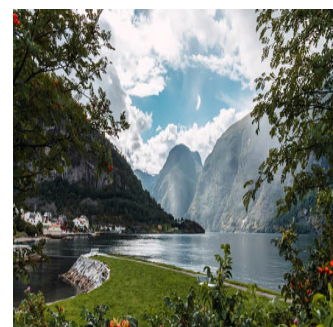
Location
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Great yourself to a moment of relaxation in
the spa or stay in shape in the fitness
centre. Depending on the season, let
yourself be tempted by the swimming pool
or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a
port of call will also be an opportunity to
enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on
board, to do some shopping in the boutique
or to meet the PONANT photographers in
their dedicated space. As for lovers of the
open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's
upper deck to admire the spectacle of the
waves and perhaps be lucky enough to
observe marine species. A truly enchanted
interlude, combining comfort, rest and
entertainment.



DAY 13: Evighedsfjorden

Your ship glides slowly along the water
towards the west coast of Greenland, to
enter Evighedsfjorden, just a few kilometres
south of Kangerlussuaq. Evighedsfjorden
means “the fjord of Eternity”, and for good
reason: just when you think you’ve reached
the end of this stretch of sea measuring
over 100 kilometres in length, it seems to go
on forever, as though to bring even more
pleasure to those sailing in it. The
spectacular scenery ranges from glaciers to
tundra with an abundant flora, and jagged
cliffs where numerous bird species have
taken up residence. Take the time to
observe the white-tailed eagles and the
colonies of seagulls and black-legged
kittiwakes flying overhead in the area.



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Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin on board a ship

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Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Lyrial
Return flight Paris/Kangerlussuaq
Return transfers from the vessel to/from the airport
All meals whilst on board
Open bar (no premium brands)
Mini bar in your stateroom (Champagne additional fee)
Scheduled landings and excursions, conditions permitting
Guiding and lectures by expedition team
Complimentary Polar expedition jacket
Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions
All port taxes
Comprehensive pre and post voyage informational material
Free WIFI

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares other than specified
Pre/Post land arrangements and accommodation in Paris
Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
Travel Insurance
Personal expenses such as laundry
Gratuities for the crew (recommend US\$15 per person per day)
Optional Activities not mentioned in itinerary
2 (light adventure)
Subject to availability upon request, contact us for more details.
Return flights from Paris to Kangerlussuaq and transfers to/from the ship to airport are included in your cruise price.
Prices are based on per person, twin share.
Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.
Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Difficulty Rating
Single Surcharge

Notes

Price Dependent upon

Sustainability