

## **The Arctic** - High Arctic Expedition: Where Art Meets Land | Ocean Nova

Trip Code

ACADHAEN

Departure



### Introduction

**This cruise offers a rare opportunity to explore the Arctic through both artistic and cultural lenses.** Guests will sail past glaciers, fjords, and remote islands while learning about the Group of Seven's northern legacy. In partnership with the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, this voyage retraces the journeys of Canadian artists A.Y. Jackson, Frederick Banting, and Lawren Harris. Daily activities include guided shore landings, wildlife viewing, and onboard programming includes illustrated talks, field observations and interactive lectures led by curator John Geoghegan, offering context on how the North shaped Canadian art and identity. This itinerary also features meaningful engagement with Inuit communities who share stories of resilience and creativity, offering insight into contemporary life in Canada's northernmost regions. Travel through Greenland and Canada's High Arctic vibrant ecosystems, where guests can witness calving glaciers, marine wildlife, and blooming tundra valleys.

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

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Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive Qausuittuq (Resolute),

Canada

Arrive by charter flight from Ottawa and step into Qausuittuq, set on gravel flats and moraine beneath the glow of continuous summer light. The community's history of relocation in 1953 intertwines with its present role as a hub for Arctic research and travel. As you prepare to embark aboard the Ocean Nova, take time to orient yourself to the stories and landscapes that shape this place.



DAY 2: Beechey Island

Come ashore on Beechey Island, where Arctic history feels near enough to touch. This windswept National Historic Site holds the graves of Franklin's men and echoes of Inuit knowledge that helped uncover their fate. Here, Inuit knowledge has been central to uncovering the fate of Franklin's lost ships, reshaping how this history is understood. As you walk the shoreline, the stark beauty invites reflection on exploration, endurance, and cultural memory—threads that still weave through this storied place.



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DAY 3 - Lancaster Sound & Devon Island

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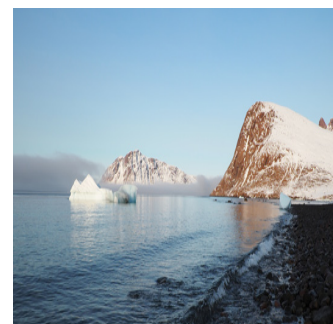
15 Days

Sail through Tallurutiup Imanga, one of Canada's largest marine protected areas, Canadian Arctic, Greenland  
Cave with whales, seals, and seabirds.  
Beneath towering cliffs and drifting ice, the sea glimmers with shifting light. Step ashore on Devon Island, the world's largest uninhabited island, where glaciers meet the sea and tundra unfolds in broad, glacial valleys. Here, light and silence create their own compositions, inviting stillness, reflection, and a deep sense of the Arctic's living beauty.



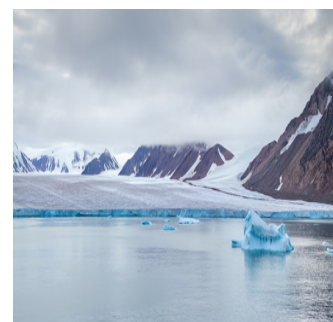
### DAY 4: Ajuittuq (Grise Fjord)

Set amid stark mountains and sweeping tundra, Ajuittuq, "the place that never thaws," is Canada's northernmost community. Here, residents share powerful stories of their families' 1953 relocation from northern Québec and Mittimatalik—stories of resilience and adaptation that continue to shape life here. Walking the tundra with local hosts, you'll learn how deep knowledge of land, sea, and season sustain this community of enduring strength, ingenuity, and culture that define life at the top of the world.



### DAY 5: Ellesmere Island

Explore the rugged coastline of Ellesmere, Canada's most northerly island. Towering mountains, vast ice caps, and deep fjords define this northern wilderness. The austere beauty recalls Lawren Harris's Arctic visions—landscapes of pure form and luminous stillness.



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DAY 6: Kane Basin

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15 Days Kane Basin, where Ellesmere

Island and Greenland nearly meet. Glaciers

Canadian Arctic, Greenland

lower sea ice drifts, and the shifting Arctic

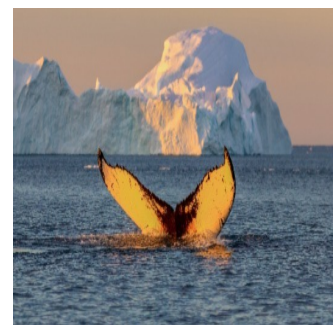
light transforms every moment. For

generations, Inuit navigated these passages

with skill and insight—long before explorers

heading toward the Pole followed in their

wake.



### DAY 7: Alexandria Fjord

Framed by steep glacial cliffs and mirrored

waters, Alexandria Fjord reveals a softer

side of the High Arctic. In late summer,

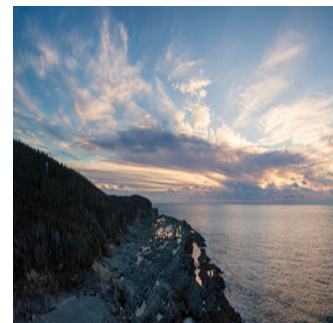
tundra mosses and wildflowers lend muted

colour to the valley beneath sheltering

peaks. Here, the stillness feels sacred—as

though the land itself was holding its

breath.



### DAY 8: Qaanaaq, Greenland

Set against a backdrop of mountains and

drifting sea ice, Qaanaaq is one of the

world's northernmost towns and a centre of

Inughuit culture. Here, knowledge of the

land, sea ice, and animals continues to

shape daily life, alongside modern

influences. Traditions such as dog-sledding

and hunting remain vital to community

identity, reflecting deep connections to

place. Meeting residents offers a rare

opportunity to experience a way of life

defined by continuity, adaptation, and

enduring northern relationships.



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Step ashore at Kap York, where meteorite

locations once provided iron for tools.

Your walk ashore where geology, history,

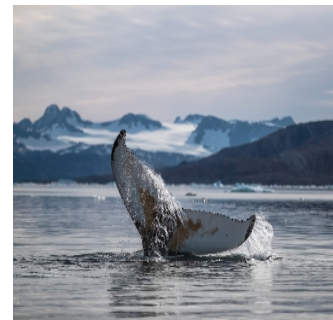
and human ingenuity intersect. Feel the

stark forms and elemental contrasts of the

landscape and recall the Group of Seven's

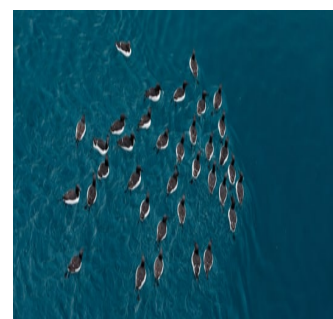
Arctic canvases, where every line and

shadow carried story and spirit.



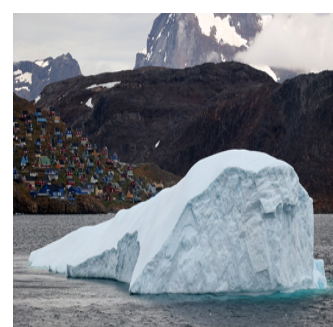
### DAY 10: At Sea

Spend a day at sea as the ship sails south along Greenland's rugged coast. Attend lectures, workshops, and cultural presentations that bring Arctic history, art, and ecology into sharper focus. From the deck, watch for whales surfacing among icebergs and seabirds soaring overhead, each fleeting moment a study in movement and light.



### DAY 11: Upernavik

Nestled amongst a maze of islands, Upernavik is a town where past and present meet on the edge of the Arctic. Visit Greenland's oldest museum, founded in 1959, with exhibits housed in historic buildings that share stories of Inuit life and colonial history. This is also where a young Knud Rasmussen—later known for his Thule Expeditions—spent part of his youth learning the skills and traditions that shaped his future. As you wander among brightly painted houses and gaze over a sea strewn with ice, you'll feel how deeply place and story intertwine here.



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Sail along towering glaciers and drifting

bergs, each one a shifting sculpture in white

and blue. Fjords echo with the sound of

calving ice, and mountains rise sheer above

waters crowded with floes. The scale and

geometry here—immense, elemental, ever-

changing—recall the stark forms the Group

of Seven once sought to capture in paint.



### DAY 13: Qeqertarsuaq

Visit Qeqertarsuaq on Disko Island, a place

shaped by volcanic forces and known for

striking geological contrasts. Black sand

beaches meet basalt cliffs, while icebergs

drift past offshore. Hike to a waterfall that

ascends down from the high tundra

plateau, carving bright paths through dark

rock. The juxtapositions here—fiery geology

against icy seas, flowing water against

frozen forms—echo the Group of Seven's

fascination with elemental contrasts.



### DAY 14: Sisimiut Coast

Cruise along the dramatic Sisimiut coast,

where mountains rise sharply from the sea

and small settlements cling to the shoreline.

This region reflects Greenland's seafaring

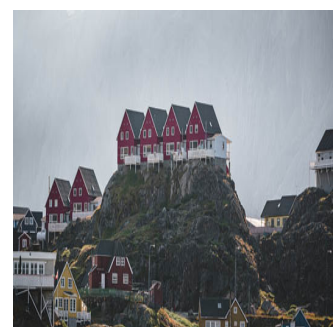
traditions, with communities deeply tied to

land and water. As you sail, the shifting

light across jagged peaks creates endless

new scenes—each one a masterpiece of

Arctic colour and form.



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Greenland's vibrant capital. Explore its

lively streets and visit museums that

celebrate Inuit art and history. Here,

traditional knowledge and modern life come

together in creative conversation. Like the

artists who once looked north for

inspiration, you'll return home with your

vision reshaped by northern light and the

enduring power of curiosity. \*Please note:

Cruise itinerary is subject to change

depending on weather conditions, ice

conditions and other factors.



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### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin On board a Ship

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Cabin aboard the Ocean Nova  
All meals on board  
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  
Program enhancements/optional excursions  
Gratuities  
Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, juices  
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

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Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

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

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*Charter flight packages are highly recommended. If the operator and captain decide they are not able to make it to the end destination due to sea ice or weather conditions, they may change where the trip ends and then re-direct the charter flight accordingly, at no cost to guests. This can also affect the starting location of the next voyage.*

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