

The Arctic - Greenland to Newfoundland | Ultramarine

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Introduction

This expedition cruise follows a rarely travelled Arctic route across the Davis Strait, connecting Greenland with northern Canada. The journey brings together lively coastal towns, remote Inuit communities and vast wilderness areas. Highlights include iceberg viewing at the UNESCO-listed Ilulissat Icefjord, visits to cultural centres in Nunavut and Labrador, and a stop at the Viking site of L'Anse aux Meadows.

Each day is shaped by local conditions and led by experienced expedition staff, with opportunities for Zodiac cruising, guided hikes and kayaking among ice-filled fjords and along rugged coastlines. Sea days offer time to watch for wildlife and hear from onboard experts about Arctic history, culture and wildlife, creating a balanced and engaging expedition experience.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive Iceland

Upon your arrival at Keflavik International Airport, make your way independently to your included hotel in downtown Reykjavik, approximately 45 minutes from the airport. If your arrival schedule allows, you'll have time to explore the fascinating Icelandic capital on your own. Many major tourist attractions and historic sites are within walking distance of the city center.



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DAY 2: Fly to Kangerlussuaq & Embarkation

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14 Days
This morning you'll catch your charter flight

to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, where

your board your vessel and begin your

expedition. Get ready for great adventures

ahead. Expect a welcome and safety

briefing from your Expedition Leader.



DAY 3: Explore Sisimut & Maniitsoq

Today we'll explore two towns in the

Qeqqata Municipality on the west coast of

Greenland along the Davis Strait. The first

is Maniitsoq, which translates into "the

place of rugged, uneven terrain." That's

precisely what you see in the surrounding

terrain: towering mountains, pristine rivers,

seemingly endless glaciers and incredibly

deep fjords. In fact, one of the day's

highlights is a journey along Eternity Fjord,

which is 75 kilometers (47 miles) long and

reaches a depth of 1,200 meters (3,937

feet). Later in the day you'll have time to

wander through the historic town of

Sisimiut, where several 18th-century

colonial buildings still stand, one of which is

Bethel Church. Just look for the striking

blue-and-red wooden place of worship.

Today's activities also include a

demonstration of the traditional art of kayak

making. Experiencing a cultural resurgence,

the kayak is a symbol of Greenland and can

be traced back over 4,000 years to the Inuit,

who used the vessels for hunting and

transportation. For those inclined to other

modes of transport, mountain biking is

another option during our visit to Sisimiut.



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DAY 4: Ilulissat: Unesco World Heritage Site

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Ilulissat, Greenlandic for icebergs, is one of the highlights of any journey along west Greenland. Declared a UNESCO World

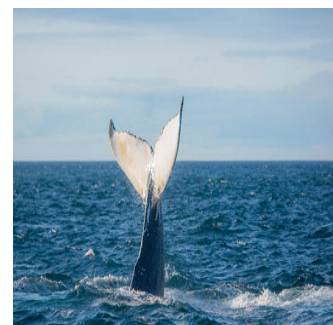
Heritage Site in 2004, Ilulissat Icefjord gives birth to countless icebergs. In fact, it's home to one of the most productive glaciers in the northern hemisphere, Sermeq Kujalleq (also known as Jakobshavn Glacier). A Zodiac excursion is a unique way to enjoy the spectacle of enormous bergs floating out to Disko Bay. We plan to Zodiac cruise ashore to visit the nearby town of Ilulissat, and from there we'll hike to the icefjord, where you can view this incredible parade of icebergs from the rocky shore.

Expect to see a lot of dogs while you're in town. There was a time when sled dogs actually outnumbered citizens in Ilulissat, which, unsurprisingly, is the birthplace of the first European to traverse the Northwest Passage by dogsled, explorer Knud Rasmussen. If time allows, you can visit a local museum dedicated to his memory.



DAY 5: At Sea: Crossing the Davis Strait

As your ship navigates across the Davis Strait, onboard polar experts will present on a variety of topics to deepen your understanding of the places featured in the itinerary. Our experts include glaciologists, historians, wildlife specialists and other polar specialists.



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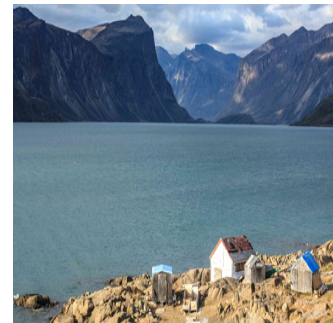
DAY 6 - Pangnirtung: Stronghold of Inuit

Duration

14 Days

**Today is our first day exploring the
Greenland & Canadian Arctic** as we arrive in Nunavut,

Canada's youngest territory. Nunavut, which means "our land" in the Inuktitut language, stretches north of the Arctic Circle and covers over 1.8 million square kilometers, and is considered the homeland of the Inuit in Canada. Guests will get to spend time in Pangnirtung, located at the mouth of Pangnirtung Fjord, which merges with Cumberland Sound. It's a stronghold of the Inuit community, and an ideal place to learn about Inuit culture while admiring finely crafted traditional art, especially the textiles. You may want to purchase a famous Pang toque, a must-have knit cap for anyone visiting the community.



DAY 7: Cape Mercy

History buffs will enjoy a visit to Cape Mercy, an isolated cove at the southern tip of Cumberland Sound in Nunavut. Cape Mercy was named by British explorer John Davis, who sailed through this part of the Arctic in 1585. Fastforward several centuries to the 1950s when Cape Mercy was selected as the site of a Distant Early Warning Line (DEW) installation, a system of radar stations set up during the Cold War to detect nuclear attacks. It should be noted that the Inuit hunted and fished in Cape Mercy and the surrounding area long before the arrival of European explorers. You can join a guided shore walk to enjoy incredible views of the vast Davis Strait, which connects Baffin Bay to the Labrador Sea.



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Location

Torngat Mountain National Park will leave

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you west to east in the 10,000 square-

Kilometer national park, established in

2008, are Canada's highest mountains east

of the venerable Rockies. The park is a

wilderness landscape painting brought to

life: breathtaking fjords, dramatic glacial

formations, stunning landscapes, boreal

woodlands and wildlife. For students of

Indigenous history, Torngat Mountain

National Park is especially meaningful: the

park is located at the northern edge of

autonomous Nunatsiavut territory, which

was recognized as the homeland of the

Labrador Inuit in 2005, operating under its

own constitution and administration. In fact,

these lands have been home to the

Nunatsiavut and their predecessors for over

7,500 years. We are honored to explore this

majestic wilderness territory with you.

Torngat, in Inuktitut, means "place of the

spirits," which reflects the spiritual

significance of the region to the Inuit

communities. As a national park, this

wilderness domain offers protection to

boreal woodland caribou, black bears,

Labrador wolves, red and Arctic foxes, polar

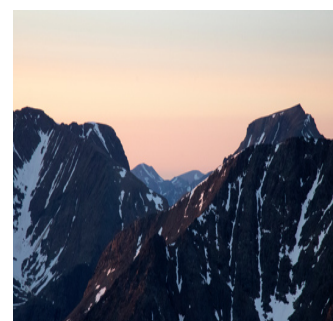
bears, and peregrine falcons, among other

species. You will have opportunities to

explore this national wilderness area during

Zodiac and kayaking excursions, as well as

guided hikes.



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DAY 10: Inain, Nunatsiavut

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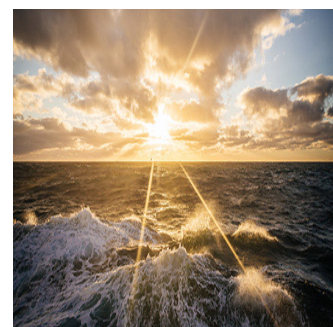
14 Days

Inain, which has a population of approximately 1,200, is the administrative capital of Nunatsiavut, the semi-autonomous region in northern Labrador claimed by the Inuit. Visitors can learn about Labrador Inuit heritage through interactive exhibits, artwork, and cultural programs at the very modern-looking Illusuak Cultural Centre. Then, to learn about the other cultural group that influenced the region, stroll through town to discover the historic Moravian Mission complex, established in 1771. The white-painted church and mission house bear witness to centuries of cultural exchanges between the Inuit and European missionaries. You'll have time to engage with friendly locals to hear stories passed down through the generations, and sample traditional foods like arctic char and cloudberries. There will be a guided hike to take in breathtaking vistas of the surrounding mountains and sea.



DAY 11: At Sea

As our ship heads south, enjoy the views of the southern coast of Baffin Island Labrador. While at sea for the day, join expedition staff out on deck as they look for whales and birdlife. This is also your chance to relax with a glass of wine or hot tea and simply take in the wondrous beauty around you.



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DAY 12: L'Anse aux Meadows

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Consider the wooden longboats that

inspired the Vikings an incredible 2,180

kilometers from Greenland to

Newfoundland in 1000 AD. Today, you're

going to visit the archeological remains at

the place they landed in their handhewn

vessels. L'Anse aux Meadows National

Historic Site (also a recognized UNESCO

World Heritage Site) is the only confirmed

Norse or Viking settlement in North

America. Join a guided tour to see where

Norseman Leif Erikson, son of Erik the Red,

is believed to have founded "Vinland" (the

East Coast area including what would later

be known as Newfoundland) around 1000

AD. Explore the reconstructed sod huts and

Norse ruins throughout the historic site;

proof that Vikings discovered North

America 500 years before Christopher

Columbus' much-chronicled arrival.



DAY 13: At Sea

Your final at-sea day is a great opportunity

for you to ask any lingering questions you

have for our team of onboard experts,

attend one last polar presentation, relax in

Tundra Spa & Sauna or in one the outdoor

Jacuzzis.



DAY 14: Disembarkation in St-John's, Newfoundland

Your ship arrives at the pier in St. John's for

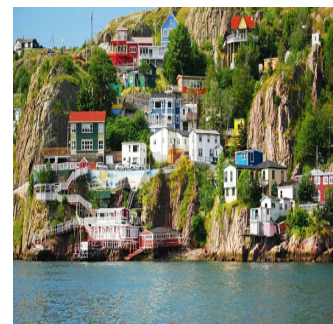
a morning disembarkation. After breakfast,

you may make your way to St. John's

International Airport to connect with your

onward flight, or stay longer if you have

booked additional accommodation



Inclusions & Details

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Cabin on board ship & Hotel

INCLUSIONS

Cabin accommodation on board ship.
Return charter flights from Reykjavik to Kangerlussuaq.
All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.
Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock.
All scheduled landings and excursions.
Guiding and leadership by expert exploration team and crew.
A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions.
An Expedition parka (yours to keep).

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above.
Passport and visa expenses.
Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above.
Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended.
Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned.
Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew.
Meals ashore unless otherwise specified.
Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights.
Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified.
Optional Adventure Activities.

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request. A supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, quad, triple, and twin cabins.
Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

Notes

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
Includes charter flight from Reykjavik to Kangerlussuaq.
Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions*
Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Price Dependent upon

Sustainability