

The Arctic - Northwest Passage & Northern Lights | SH Vega

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Introduction

Discover the legendary Northwest Passage on a luxury expedition cruise from Greenland to Canada, where Arctic history and raw wilderness unfold at every turn. This immersive round

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive Reykjavik

Upon arrival in Reykjavik, you will be met by a representative and transferred to the hotel included in your package. Spend the evening exploring the city while preparing for your adventure in the Arctic.



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DAY 2: Fly from Reykjavik to Kangerlussuaq

Embarkation

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Today, you will be transferred from your hotel to the airport for your charter flight from Reykjavik to Kangerlussuaq. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the ship for embarkation. Once a WWII airbase at the head of Kangerlussuaq Fjord, Kangerlussuaq's history is told at the airport's museum, showcasing Inuit artefacts. This ice-filled glacial area and tundra is a haven for wildlife, including reindeer, arctic foxes, arctic hare, gyrfalcons and around 10,000 muskoxen.



DAY 3: Sisimiut

The second largest town in Greenland, just above the Arctic Circle, Sisimiut remains remarkably ice free in winter and is known as an adventure sports hub all year round. Inhabited for more than 4,500 years by the Dorset, Thule and eventually the Inuit people, dog sledding remains a vital form of transportation. The area is home to humpback whales and Arctic foxes in their summer coat.



DAY 4: Disko Bay

Known for its Inuit culture, whales, and icebergs, Disko Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in Western Greenland. The bay is also home to the Ilulissat Icefjord, one of the fastest-moving glaciers in the world. First visited by Europeans in 1596 in search of a Northwest Passage to Asia, the region has been inhabited by Inuit communities for centuries. The village of Qeqertarsuaq embodies thriving Inuit traditions, preserving a rich and evolving cultural legacy.



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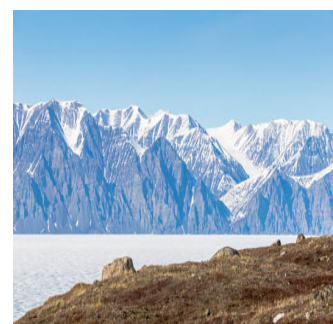
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DAY 6: Pond Inlet

The views of snow-capped mountains have given Pond Inlet in northern Baffin Island the name of Canada's 'jewel of the north' and the area is a prime breeding ground for narwhals - toothed whales with a distinct large tusk. The traditional Inuit community living in the hamlet of Mittimatalik are renowned for their craft skills from printmaking and stone carving.



DAY 7: Croker Bay

Gracing the eastern high Arctic, Croker Bay, a mesmerising Arctic waterway, carves its way into Devon Island within the vibrant Qikiqtaaluk Region. This deep inlet, an extension of Lancaster Sound and Barrow Strait, unveils a landscape of captivating beauty. The Devon ice cap feeds the huge South Croker Bay Glacier that calves into the bay.



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This area is closely associated with the location of Canada's High Arctic and the Greenland & Canadian Arctic Northwest Passage. Much of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago was mapped while searching for the missing crew of British explorer Sir John Franklin's fateful 1845-46 Northwest Passage Expedition. Radstock Bay sits below the mighty Caswall Tower mountain and hides many secrets, with evidence of sledge tracks, camps and food tins that may help reveal what happened. Visit Beechey Island Sites, five historical locations in Canada's High Arctic, mark where Sir John Franklin wintered in 1845-46 during his ill-fated Northwest Passage expedition. The search for his crew led to much of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago being mapped. Nearly six decades later, in 1903, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first to successfully navigate the Northwest Passage.

DAY 8: Radstock Bay & Beechey Island



DAY 9: Port Leopold & Batty Bay

Port Leopold is a place of raw, rugged natural beauty and landscapes that evoke a sense of awe and wonder. The pristine wilderness and untouched terrain create a feeling of remoteness and isolation, while the Arctic wildlife that calls this place home adds a touch of wildness and unpredictability. The area's history as a former Hudson's Bay Company trading post also lends a sense of nostalgia and intrigue. Uninhabited Batty Bay, Nunavut, part of Prince Regent Inlet on Somerset Island, features dramatic cliffs and hills and is a historic Arctic site. It saw early explorers like Sir John Franklin and Captain John Ross, who left boats there in 1832. Batty Bay's history and pristine Arctic setting continues to attract explorers and researchers. While not a beluga hotspot, the wider region sees significant beluga migrations.



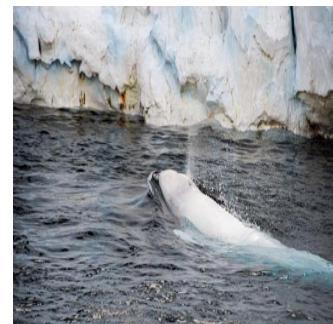
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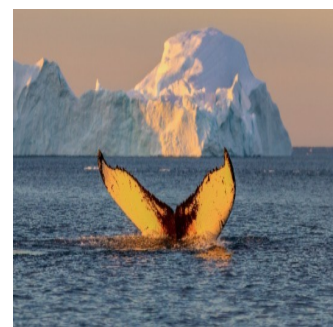
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Day 10: Bellot Strait & Strzelecki Harbour
The Bellot Strait, named in honour of the French explorer Joseph René Bellot, is a narrow, 2.3-km-wide, and 25-km-long waterway. It separates Somerset Island to the north from the Boothia Peninsula to the south. This strait played a historical role during an expedition to locate Sir John Franklin's lost expedition, tragically marked by Bellot's death in the area in 1853. Strzelecki Harbour, on the east coast of uninhabited Prince of Wales Island, lies within Peel Sound opposite Bellot Strait. Its nutrient-rich waters attract arctic marine mammals like beluga whales and narwhal, while the surrounding low tundra offers occasional sightings of polar bears and muskoxen. This remote island was first encountered by Europeans in 1851 during Sir Francis McClintock's search for the lost Franklin Expedition.



DAY 11: Cunningham Inlet

Cunningham Inlet, on the eastern side of Nunavut's Somerset Island, draws crowds of beluga whales each summer. Up to 2,000 whales gather around the Cunningham River estuary. The whales come to the inlet to mate, raise their young, socialise and shed their old, yellowed skin in the warm, shallow waters, revealing their snow-white epidermis beneath. Observers can witness these activities firsthand, often enjoying close-up views from the shore.



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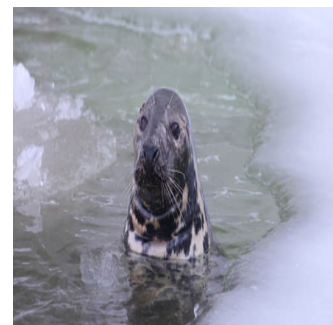
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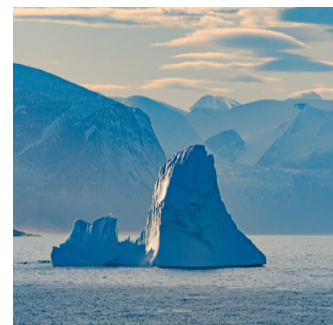


DAY 13: Buchan Gulf

Buchan Gulf, a remote Arctic fjord on Baffin Island's northeastern coast, is one of the world's most important nesting sites for northern fulmars, who roost on the towering cliffs and rocks. Polar bears roam the shores

of Icy Arm, a narrow fjord with the relics of an ancient Thule semi-subterranean home sitting on the edge of the boggy tundra.

Pods of narwhals are at home in the deep waters of this glacial fjord system on eastern Baffin Island.

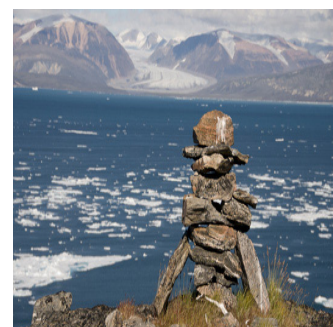


DAY 14: Qikiqtarjuaq

Qikiqtarjuaq is a remote, beautiful Baffin Island community surrounded by towering mountains and glaciers. The rugged landscape and pristine wilderness offer

endless opportunities for outdoor adventure, from kayaking to wildlife watching. The town's Inuit culture and traditions are still alive. But what sets

Qikiqtarjuaq apart is the warmth and hospitality of its people, who welcome visitors and share their rich history and traditions with pride.



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wildlife, including reindeer, arctic foxes,

arctic hare, gyrfalcons and around 10,000

muskoxen. Upon disembarkation, you will

be transferred to the airport in time for your

onward charter flight from Kangerlussuaq

to Reykjavik. *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 accommodation on board ship in selected stateroom
All meals onboard throughout your voyage.
Complimentary hot & cold beverages, beer, wine & spirits
24-hour room service
24/7 self-service laundry
All scheduled expedition landings
One selected shore excursion per port of call
Lecture programs by expedition team and guest speakers
A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
A branded parka (yours to keep)
Waterproof backpack and refillable water bottle (yours to keep)
A Memory Package documenting the expedition
Onboard gratuities & port taxes
Entry level WI-FI (upgraded packages available)
MANDATORY CRUISE PLUS PACKAGE (INCLUDED)
Group return transfers from airport to cruise port and hotel
One night pre-cruise accommodation in a 4/5-star hotel with breakfast
Includes economy class return charter flights to/from Reykjavik to Kangerlussuaq.

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International flights
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
Meals ashore unless otherwise specified
Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
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.

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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 one-night pre-cruise accommodation in a 4/5-star hotel with breakfast & economy class return charter flights to/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

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