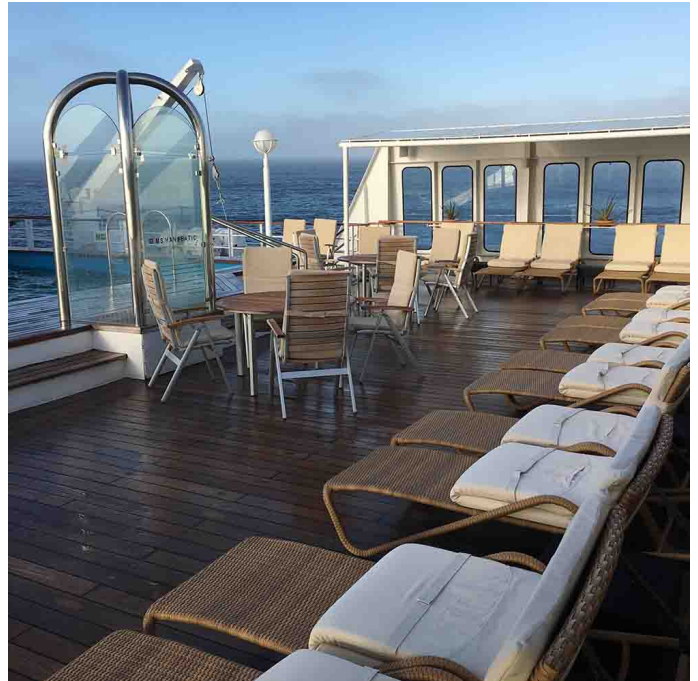




South Baffin Island Explorer



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

11 days/10 nights

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Day 1: Ottawa - Iqaluit

We depart Ottawa this morning on our scheduled flight to Iqaluit, capital of Nunavut, situated on the south-eastern coast of Baffin Island. Upon arrival we enjoy a walking tour of this historic settlement before boarding our expedition ship, RCGS Resolute, in the afternoon. After settling into our cabins and exploring the ship, we meet our expedition team and fellow passengers.

Excitement is in the air as we enjoy a welcome cocktail and cast off to explore one of the most remote regions on Earth.

Day 2: Monumental Island, Frobisher Bay

Located in the Davis Strait, the rocky dome of Monumental Island can be clearly seen as we approach. We travel by zodiac to explore the rocky shoreline and hope to encounter polar bears in this vicinity. In good weather a complete circumnavigation of the island is possible, and we should see our first large icebergs as they drift south towards Labrador and Newfoundland on the currents of the Davis Strait. Walruses have also been encountered in this area, so we keep a close look out on the shoreline for this iconic species. Over the next few days, and throughout the voyage, our onboard experts educate and entertain us with a series of presentations about Inuit culture and traditions, as well as the environment, wildlife and history of Baffin Island.

Day 3: Kimmirut

The tiny community of Kimmirut is home to just 400 people and was once a Hudson's Bay Company Trading post. A particular focus of our visit is the local art scene and after cruising into a narrow channel we travel ashore by zodiac, where we enjoy a warm welcome from the locals. This community is well known for its arts and crafts including stone carvings, sealskin clothing, jewelry and fine bead work among other items. Many of Kimmirut's residents are renowned carvers whose art is collected worldwide. The small Soper Gallery is housed in an old wooden cottage and run by the Qulirukut Arts and Crafts Society. But it's not all art: among the animals native to the area are caribou, Arctic wolves, walruses, seals, Arctic hare, and whales, as well as numerous bird species including peregrine falcons, ptarmigan, snow bunting and snowy owls. There are some great sea kayaking opportunities in this area and our guides will be keen to



head out for a paddle.

Days 4 & 5: Cape Dorset

Cape Dorset offers so much for visitors, no matter what their interest, and two-days allows time for a thorough exploration of the hamlet and surrounding areas. The community is home to more than 1,300 residents and is Baffin Island's best-known

art centre, referred to as the 'Capital of Inuit Art', with almost a quarter of the hamlet's residents actively engaged in the visual arts. Much of their artwork reflects the wilderness and environment of Baffin Island, with objects such as whales, narwhals, seals, walruses, bears, wolves, foxes and more providing a focus for artistic expression. These artworks reflect the deep connection the Inuit people have to one another, past generations, the land and nature, as well as a spiritual connection to the Earth. The celebrated Art Co-operative is the best place to view these striking works and observe the artists at work.

Cape Dorset is also blessed with superb Arctic landscapes, home to migratory caribou, seabirds, whales, seals and walruses which can be found in the vicinity. There are some excellent hiking opportunities through rolling hills to secluded waterfalls and lakes, providing great views and chances to observe the local wildlife or watch ice floes drift slowly by.

Day 6: Walrus Island and Coral Harbour

During the night we sail into the western reaches of Hudson Strait and today promises some exciting excursions. A zodiac cruise at the small outcrop of Walrus Island allows a close encounter with these fascinating animals. Returning to the ship

we make our way north to the small hamlet of Coral Harbour, situated on Southampton Island. This area has a fascinating history. In more recent times, early whalers plied the nearby waters hunting for bowhead whales and in the 1920s, the

Hudson's Bay Company established an outpost here.

Today the island is an important migratory bird flyway, visited by species including the common eider and lesser snow goose. ptarmigans, snowy owls, peregrine falcons and gyrfalcons are also spotted in this vicinity. On land, caribou are abundant and

both the red fox and Arctic fox are sometimes spotted. The hamlet is also known for the production of intricate wall hangings, each telling a unique visual story.

Day 7: Digges Islands, Cape Wolstenholme and Erik Cove

Located at the north-western tip of the Ungava Peninsula, the Digges Islands mark the juncture of the Hudson Strait and north-eastern Hudson Bay, and their rocky cliffs are ideal for seabirds. Just to the east is the headland at Cape Wolstenholme, located at the most northerly point of the Province of Quebec. Here the cliffs soar to some 300 metres and are home to one of the largest colonies of thick-billed murre on Earth. There are also a number of walrus colonies in the area. Polar bears can be found throughout this region and we will hope to encounter them from a safe distance while cruising in the zodiacs. We continue sailing east, around the northern tip of Quebec, and enter the very remote Erik Cove for an afternoon excursion. The remnants of a Hudson's Bay Company store lie on the southern shore and we enjoy a walk with our guides along the waterfront, soaking up the beautiful scenery and learning something of the area's early history.

Day 8: Shaftesbury Inlet

During the night we sail north-east across the Hudson Strait and this morning we find ourselves once again on the southern shores of Baffin Island. Shaftesbury Inlet is a narrow and strikingly beautiful fjord and we'll likely be on deck as the Captain navigates our ship into this narrow channel. This inlet is characterized by steep shorelines and high tides, with tide height changing as much as 10 - 12 metres daily. We will plan to visit ashore at the mouth of a small river and hike up the river valley, eventually reaching a lake. This is a wonderful place to get out and stretch our legs as our naturalists and guides share their love of the Arctic with you.

Day 9: Akpatok Island and Lower Savage Islands

Akpatok Island is a large uninhabited island situated in Ungava Bay, off Quebec's northern coastline. Ringed by steep cliffs, it is home to a staggering abundance of birdlife. Thick-billed murre, black guillemot, glaucous gulls and peregrine falcon all

nest here. It's also a well-known location for walruses and polar bears, the latter often observed climbing the steep cliffs. Ice floes often surround parts of the island, and these attract both seals and walruses, making this a popular hunting ground for

polar bears. In the late summer the bears retreat to the land, scavenging whatever protein source they can find, until the ice re-forms, and the more abundant food sources return. The island has historically been a traditional hunting ground for Inuit

people, also attracted by walruses, polar bears and whales. We plan to cruise along the shore line in zodiacs, allowing close-up views of the huge numbers of birds nesting on the cliffs, and we'll hopefully spot some polar bears scouting the landscape.



Day 10: Lower Savage Islands

To the north of Akpatok, the extraordinary Lower Savage Islands are bisected by narrow channels that provide spectacular zodiac cruising opportunities. The islands are ideally situated between the dynamic flow of the Hudson Strait, and this mixing of nutrient rich waters makes for a diversity of marine life. We rejoin our ship on the other side of the island group and tonight, as we near the end of our journey, we enjoy an entertaining voyage recap from the Expedition Leader. We celebrate with a special dinner attended by the Captain of the ship and reflect on the culture, art and landscapes of this inimitable region.

Day 11: Iqaluit Disembarkation - Return flight to Ottawa

This morning we find ourselves anchored off Iqaluit. We say goodbye to our crew, make our way ashore in zodiacs and are then transferred to the airport for our scheduled flight to Ottawa.

On arrival in Ottawa our journey comes to an end. A transfer is provided to a downtown location.

Details

2019 Departures:

July: 30

Special offer discounts are not reflected in the regular prices listed below. Revised price will be quoted at the time of your inquiry.

2019 Pricing:

US\$7,995 – Main Deck Triple
US\$10,295 – Twin Private
US\$11,595 – Superior
US\$11,895 – Superior Plus
US\$13,495 – Shackleton Suite
US\$15,195 – One Ocean Suite

Tax 5% GST

US\$695 – Kayaking, pre-book at the time of reservation. Limited numbers.

Prices are shown in US\$, per person, based on three people sharing a triple cabin or two people sharing regular cabins or suites. Single cabins are available for 1.5X the per person twin occupancy price for regular cabins or 2X for suites. Single rates are not available in the triple cabin category.

Trip Code:

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INCLUDED

- Comprehensive pre-voyage information package including details to help you prepare for your trip in Canada's High Arctic
- Transfers to the ship on embarkation day and from the ship to the airport or local hotel on disembarkation
- Shipboard accommodation in your selected cabin category with daily housekeeping. Cabins feature outside views with windows or portholes that open on each deck
- High quality, eco friendly, Canadian made natural amenities in every cabin
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners on board throughout your voyage with daily afternoon tea
- 24-hour tea, coffee, hot chocolate in bar lounge plus in-cabin tea, coffee, hot chocolate replenished daily
- Experienced Expedition Leader and professional expedition team of marine biologists, naturalists, historians, adventure guides and photographers
- Daily off-ship excursions by zodiac boat breaking into small groups for shore landings
- Guided hikes and walks on shore of various durations for guests of all abilities
- Visits to wildlife colonies, historic sites, places of outstanding natural beauty and community visits
- Educational presentations and talks by polar experts in their field on board or on shore
- Resident photography guide available to assist all guests
- An emergency trained medical physician onboard every voyage
- Dedicated hospitality team
- Onboard sauna, plunge pool, jacuzzi and fitness centre
- Access to well stocked library full of polar reference books
- End of voyage video, photos and take home (USB)
- Port fees and all permits to access visited areas



NOT INCLUDED

- Any international or local airfare unless otherwise specified in the voyage itinerary
- Visa and passport expenses
- Pre or post-cruise hotel accommodation unless otherwise specified in the itinerary (or pre-arranged)
- Pre or post-cruise transfers unless otherwise specified in the itinerary (or pre-arranged)
- Personal expenses on board such as alcoholic beverages, bar charges or laundry expenses
- Telecommunication charges (ie. email, satellite phone)
- Baggage, cancellation or medical travel insurance related expenses (comprehensive travel insurance is mandatory on all One Ocean Expeditions trips)
- A voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and ship crew (suggested amount – US\$12-15 per day)
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)
- Items of a personal nature
- Optional tours

TOUR NOTES

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