



Arctic Safari

Featured on Discovery's Mighty Cruise Ships – Our classic Arctic expedition will be complimented this year by our partners at WWF-Canada as we travel in the company of their experts, beginning in Ilulissat, Greenland and across the Davis Strait to the Canadian Arctic.



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

12 days/11 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Qausuittuq (Resolute), NU

Qausuittuq, or “place with no dawn” is truly the land of the midnight sun—daylight persists constantly from about April 29 to August 13 each year. Archaeological evidence, points to at least three stages of occupation at Qausuittuq by Dorset, Thule and advanced Thule people. The community’s English name, Resolute Bay is in honour of the HMS Resolute, one of the ships in the Franklin search expedition commanded by Captain H.T. Austin. In 1953, Inuit from Inukjuak, Quebec, and Mittimatalik were relocated to Qausuittuq by the Canadian government.

Today our early morning charter flight will bring us to Qausuittuq, where we will board the Ocean Endeavour and begin our expedition.

Day 2: Beechey Island

In 1845, Sir John Franklin set out from England on an attempt to sail through the Northwest Passage for the first time. Not a soul returned from the fateful expedition. The three graves found at Beechey Island left no indication as to the fate of the rest of the British party. With the discovery of Franklin’s flagship, HMS Erebus in 2014, and Terror in 2016, the graves at Beechey Island and nearby ruins of Northumberland House are bound to be a haunting highlight.

Day 3: Devon Island

Devon Island is the largest uninhabited island on Earth, comprising over fifty thousand square kilometres. The island’s geology consists of reddish Precambrian gneiss and Paleozoic siltstones and shales; these, combined with its harsh climate, have led NASA to test its Mars rovers on Devon Island! Devon’s finest features include massive landforms, shining glaciers and long-abandoned ruins—and undisturbed habitats for Arctic wildlife.

Day 4: Lancaster Sound

We will spend the day exploring the ocean wilderness of Lancaster Sound, which is a proposed Marine Protected Area. Large populations of marine mammals, including narwhal, beluga and bowhead whales transit and feed in this area. There is a great selection of landing sites available, depending on weather, wildlife, and sea conditions.

Day 5: North Baffin Island

Today will be an expedition day in the truest sense as we navigate the waterways surrounding Northern Baffin Island. Wildlife will be on our minds—the region is habitat for Thick-billed Murres and Kittiwakes, among other seabirds. Baffin’s mountains are striking, affording stunning perspectives on geological processes. Weather, ice, and opportunity will determine our route, and our team will be on deck for the duration, searching for wildlife and contextualizing the mighty landscape through which we travel.

Day 6: Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet)

Mittimatalik is a bustling Arctic community surrounded by one of the most beautiful landscapes in the eastern Arctic. We will have a chance to explore the town, including its excellent library and other facilities, and meet many



local citizens who will gladly share their culture. A cultural presentation at the Community Hall is not to be missed—arts and crafts may be available here, too. The Northern and Co-op stores offer unique perspective on daily life in the Arctic, and sometimes have carvings as well.

Day 7: At sea

Our presentation series will continue as we steam across Davis Strait towards Greenland. While out on deck, keep your eyes peeled for minke and humpback whales amid potential pack ice, as well as the seabirds that are sure to mark our passage.

Day 8: Karrat Fjord

Today we will cruise one of Greenland's most spectacular fjords, known for plentiful marine life and awe-inspiring landscapes. The rocky peaks of Karrat Fjord tower over a seascape littered with icebergs produced by the glaciers that extend from Greenland's vast ice cap. Time spent on deck today should result in some good wildlife sightings, not to mention unbeatable photographic opportunities of icebergs against the majestic rock faces.

Day 9: Uummannaq Fjord

Uummannaq Fjord in northwest Greenland is the country's second-largest system of fjords, characterized by its developed coastline and various bays, islands, and peninsulas. It is considered to be the sunniest spot in Greenland, and favourable weather—coupled with proximity to coastal travel routes—has made the fjord system a popular destination for Greenlandic Inuit. It has been settled and re-settled continually for the last 4,500 years. Expect another day of extraordinary photographic opportunities!

Day 10: Ilulissat

Ilulissat translates literally into "iceberg", and there couldn't be a more fitting name for this remarkable place. Here, we will cruise in our fleet of Zodiacs at the mouth the Ilulissat Icefjord—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The icefjord is the outlet of the Sermeq Kujalleq Glacier, one of the most active and fastest moving in the world at nineteen metres per day—calving more than thirty-five square kilometres of ice annually, and creating the majority of the icebergs in the North Atlantic in the process. The bustling town of Ilulissat, with its museums, cafes, craft shops, and busy fishing harbour, offers items of interest for every visitor.

Day 11: Sisimiut Coast

Warmed by the West Greenland current, the waters around Sisimiut are free of sea ice, making the area an important fishing and shipping centre as well as a habitat for marine mammals. The fish market and folk museum in Sisimiut offer an opportunity to experience modern, and historic Greenland side by side.

Day 12: Kangerlussuaq

Sondre Stromfjord is one of the longest fjords in the world and boasts 168 kilometres of superb scenery. We end our adventure by sailing up this dramatic fjord as the sun rises to greet us. Kangerlussuaq, the town at its eastern head, is a former US Air Force base and Greenland's only international flight hub. Here we will disembark the Ocean Endeavour and transfer to the airport for our return charter flight.

Itinerary details are subject to change based on weather conditions and visits to particular communities cannot be guaranteed.

Details

2018 Dates:

August: 06

2018 Pricing:

Cat. 1, Quad – US\$5,995

Cat. 2, Triple – US\$7,195

Cat. 3, Interior Twin – US\$8,595

Cat. 4, Exterior Twin – US\$9,895

Category 5: Main Twin US\$11,195

Category 6: Comfort Twin US\$12,495

Category 7: Select Twin US\$13,795

Category 8: Superior Twin US\$15,095

Category 9: Junior Suite US\$16,395

Category 10: Suite US\$17,695



Discovery Fund Fee: US\$250

Charter Flights:

06 August & 17 August, 2018 – US\$2,295

Charter Prices in US\$ per person, inclusive of all taxes and fees

Prices are shown in US\$, per person, based on four people sharing a quad cabin, three people sharing a triple, two people sharing a twin or suite and one person in a single cabin. Special single rates are offered in Category 3-7, based on availability.

Trip Code:

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INCLUDED

- Twelve day voyage in the cabin category of your choice
- All entry & park fees
- Team of resource specialists
- Educational program and pre-departure materials
- All shipboard meals
- All Zodiac excursions
- Service charges and port fees

NOT INCLUDED

- Commercial flights
- Mandatory medical / evacuation insurance
- Personal expenses
- Additional expenses in the event of delays or Itinerary changes
- Discretionary gratuities to ship's crew (suggest US\$15 per passenger, per day)
- Visas, or inoculations, if required
- Possible fuel surcharges
- \$250 Discovery Fund Fee

TOUR NOTES

We begin by exploring Greenland's fjords and communities. The great icefjord at Ilulissat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and source of the majority of the icebergs in the North Atlantic, is one of many highlights. Across the Davis Strait, the Canadian Arctic experience begins in the picturesque community of Mittimatilik (Pond Inlet).

As we head north, opportunities for polar bear, whales, and musk ox abound on Devon Island and throughout Lancaster Sound, while Prince Leopold Island is one of Canada's best birding areas. Abandoned RCMP and HBC posts offer a glimpse into the region's rich history; at Beechey Island, we'll pay our respects at the graves of three of Sir John Franklin's men. Resolute Bay memorializes the courage of the Inuit of Canada's Arctic.

On this trip, we will live and breathe the natural history of some of the planet's most striking features as we search for the cultures and wildlife of the vast and beautiful north.

This is our proposed itinerary. It is highly probable that weather, sea, and ice conditions will not allow us to travel this exact route. Our Expedition Leader and the *Ocean Endeavour's* captain will determine our exact route day by day.

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