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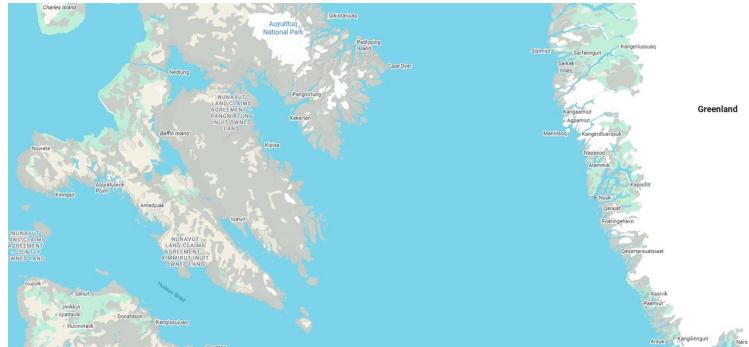


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16 DAYS LUXURY ARCTIC CRUISE - NUUK TO NUUK

Cross the Davis Strait to explore the wild coast of Baffin Island -- sheer cliffs, vast seabird colonies, and Arctic wildlife. Step ashore at Iqaluit and navigate remote isles like Lower Savage, Monumental, and Lady Franklin, scanning for polar bears, walruses, and whales. Visit Inuit communities before witnessing the busy Eqip Sermia Glacier in action and sailing Ataa Sound. Conclude among Ilulissat's colossal icebergs before arriving back in Nuuk's colorful harbor.



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Day 1 - Nuuk (Godthab)

- **Pre Cruise Benefits** —
- **Hotel** —
- **Charter flights** —

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Day 2 - Day at sea

Days at sea are the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind, and catch up with what you've been meaning to do. So whether that is going to the gym, visiting the spa, whale-watching, catching up on your reading, or simply topping up your tan, these blue sea days are the perfect balance to busy days spent exploring shoreside.

Day 3 - Iqaluit (Nunavut)

Iqaluit is the capital of Canada's newest territory, Nunavut, which is Inuktitut for "our land". The community is located at the head of Frobisher Bay, an inlet of the North Atlantic extending into southeastern Baffin Island. The Bay is so long that it was first taken to be the possible entrance of a Northwest Passage. In Iqaluit, the Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum and the Nunavut Legislative Assembly Building both house incredible collections of Inuit artwork with interesting local prints for sale in the museum shop.

Day 4 - Halford Island

Day 4 - Lower Savage Islands

The Lower Savage Islands are a small group of islands off of the southeastern tip of Baffin Island, and a common location for polar bears to be found during the summer months. With plenty of land to roam while giving each other a wide berth, plus opportunities to feed, it seems perhaps bears can be found here as the ice vanishes with the summer season's warming temperatures.

Day 5 - High Bluff Island

Discover the untouched beauty of High Bluff Island - a remote island waiting in the icy waters of the Hudson Strait. Rising from the frigid seas, just south of one of the world's largest islands, Baffin Island, a visit to this uninhabited land promises a unique Arctic experience. Whether you're capturing the sights and scenery through the camera lens or taking in the distant wonders by foot or Zodiac, there's much to discover on and around this tiny isle. The island's closest neighbor, Big Island, lies to the west, while a series of rocky outcrops can be found to the south. Along the upper coastline, 330-foot-tall precipices rise, looking out across North Bay's vast waters toward Baffin Island. Watch for Arctic wildlife, including marine mammals, as you explore and embark on expedition activities. Silversea's expert expedition team will be on hand throughout to help you identify wildlife and the unique features of this isolated Arctic island. Part of the Kimmirut Inuit Owned Land, the official name for High Bluff Island has now been changed to Qikiqtarjuarusiq, in recognition of the Inuit ownership and connection with these lands. The nearest town, Kimmirut, lies to the north, tucked into an inlet on Baffin Island's southern coastline.

Day 6 - Monumental Island

Monumental Island is a splinter of ancient metamorphic rock, hunching in the frigid waters of the Davis Strait, defying the



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ocean and ice around it. Named to honor the legendary Polar Explorer Sir John Franklin, the island displays at times displays everything Nunavut has to offer, in an ocean studded with vast icebergs drifting across from Greenland. Monumental Island is a well-known den site for polar bears, the icon of the Arctic; there is a good chance to see mother bears with cubs on the island, as the bears become trapped by the lack of summer ice, using the island as a base to hunt until the ice returns in the Autumn. Seeing the white silhouette of a polar bear against the ancient black rock and autumn tundra colors is an experience that will remain long after returning on board. Groups of harp seals are a common sight in the waters around Monumental Island and can be very curious, often swimming very close to investigate new objects such as boats. There are several sites on the island also used as haul-out sites for the charismatic Atlantic Walrus. These vast animals are surprisingly gentle and skittish, and can often be observed caring for their calves on the rock bluffs while keeping a careful watch for polar bears. Almost nowhere else in Nunavut can the charismatic wildlife of the Arctic be observed in such a stunning setting.

Day 6 - Lady Franklin Island

Named in honor of Sir John Franklin's widow, the lonely and uninhabited Lady Franklin Island lies off of Baffin Island's Hall Peninsula at the entrance to Cumberland Sound. The island is named for the wife of Sir John Franklin, the Arctic explorer who died trying to discover the Northwest Passage. The geology of the island is striking with vertical cliffs of Archean rocks, likely to be some of the oldest stone in Canada. The waters around Lady Franklin Island offer an abundance seabirds, ducks, seals, and walrus. With a bit of luck, it is possible to see Atlantic Puffins here and perhaps even a rare Sabine's Gull.

Day 7 - Pangnirtung, Nunavut

The Inuit hamlet of Pangnirtung promises a warm welcome to all - regardless of the crisp temperatures outdoors. Known as 'The place of Bull Caribou,' the people here have hunted and fished these lands for thousands of years. The low, brightly-painted buildings are set against dramatic and snow-capped mountain scenery, which gives Switzerland's finest a run for their money. A little further north the jagged mountains and glaciers of Auyittuq National Park wait - offering adventures on skis, hiking trails, and climbing ropes, as well as awe-inspiring views of Mount Thor's distinctive hammerhead granite formation. Crystal-clear waters on Cumberland Sound reflect the fresh snow on majestic peaks, and are filled with large, Arctic char and turbot. Marine mammals also call by, with bowhead whales, beluga, and narwhal among the visiting cast. Located just a few miles south of the Arctic Circle, Pangnirtung basks in glorious, extended summer daylight - a time of extended activity, as snowmobiles and dog sledges dart across the landscapes, and hikers traverse crunchy trails along fjords and rivers. Local creatives draw rich inspiration from the natural setting and their ancestral lands - crafting beautiful sculptures, prints and tapestries. Visit the Center for Arts and Crafts to browse handcrafted wares from local artisans. You'll want to seek out a much-coveted, crocheted Pang Hat too - which is sure to keep you toasty, warm, and on-trend during your time in the far north.

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Day 9 - Kronprinsen Ejland

Day 10 - Eqip Sermia Glacier

Scattering chunks of sea ice like confetti, Eqip Sermia Glacier's 2-mile-wide wall of ice is alive with thrilling activity. Known as the Calving Glacier, this immense formation towers up to 550 feet above the surface. Cracks and rumbles echo through the air from Eqip Sermia Glacier, one of the most active in the Northern Hemisphere. Enjoy the show, as dramatic collapses send mini-icebergs tumbling across the surface and the ship rolls gently on the ensuing waves. Explore this incredible glacier up close, immersed in pure silence, with only the calls of seabirds and the murmurings of the ice breaking the quiet. Eqip Sermia Glacier is retreating quickly, and this rapid movement drives the frequency of its calving events. Found at the terminus of Eqi Fjord, the compacted flow of ancient ice mass spills down through black and white mountains from its roots in the Greenland Ice Sheet - the second-largest body of ice in the world after Antarctica, covering 80% of the island. The deep blues and turquoise hues are caused by centuries of compression. Icy sculptures from Eqip Sermia Glacier and nearby Jakobshavn Glacier and Kanglerngata Sermia Glacier drift toward Disko Bay, where fin, humpback, and minke whales breach and roll through the lively waters.

Day 10 - Expedition Ataa Sound

Day 11 - Ilulissat

Known as the birthplace of icebergs, the Ilulissat Icefjord produces nearly 20 million tons of ice each day. In fact, the word Ilulissat means "icebergs" in the Kalaallisut language. The town of Ilulissat is known for its long periods of calm and settled weather, but the climate tends to be cold due to its proximity to

the fjord. Approximately 4,500 people live in Ilulissat, the third-largest town in Greenland after Nuuk and Sisimiut. Some people here estimate that there are nearly as many sled dogs as human beings living in the town that also boasts a local history museum located in the former home of Greenlandic folk hero and famed polar explorer Knud Rasmussen.

Day 12 - Sisimiut

Sisimiut ("The People of the Fox Holes") is Greenland's second city, the largest Arctic City in North America, and a hub between the warmer South and the frozen North of the country. With a young, dynamic population, including students from all over the country, Sisimiut is one of the fastest-growing cities in Greenland. Inhabited for more than four and a half thousand years, the Danish Colonial Era saw the rapid development of the city into a trade center, and the old buildings and artifacts can be seen at Sisimiut Museum, a collection of beautifully restored buildings displaying everything from ancient turf houses to modern Inuit art. The local artisans are considered some of the best in Greenland and often sell their wares direct from their communal workshop in the harbor, where they barter with hunters for raw materials. Today, modern industry focuses on processing seafood and shipping; KNI, the state-run chain of general stores operating in even the most remote settlements is based in Sisimiut. Most residents still live in the colorful wooden houses Greenland is so well known for. Sisimiut's vast backcountry offers excellent opportunities for hiking and fishing, and the locals often use sled dogs or snowmobiles to get around their vast mountainous playground during the long winters. In the summer, one can walk as far as Kangerlussuaq International Airport, a trail also used for the grueling Polar Circle Marathon, one of the toughest endurance events in the world.



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Day 13 - Evighedsfjord

Evighedsfjord (Eternity Fjord) is a large fjord northeast of Kangaamiut in southwest Greenland. The fjord has a length of 75 kilometers and several branches with numerous glaciers coming down from the Maniitsoq Ice Cap to the north can be seen. The Evighedsfjord has several bends and whenever the ship reaches the supposed end the fjord continues in another direction and seems to go on forever. Qingua Kujatdleq Glacier is at its southeastern end. At the northwestern end, a U-shaped valley has seven glaciers coming down from the mountains but not reaching the water. The glaciers had their maximum extent around the year 1870 and have gone through several cycles of advance and retreat. The mountains on either side of the fjord can reach in excess of 2,000 meters and the fjord has a depth of up to 700 meters. Evighedsfjord's snowline is at 1,100 meters and the Evighedsfjord region is famous as one of Greenland's best heli-skiing areas.

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Day 15 - Post Cruise

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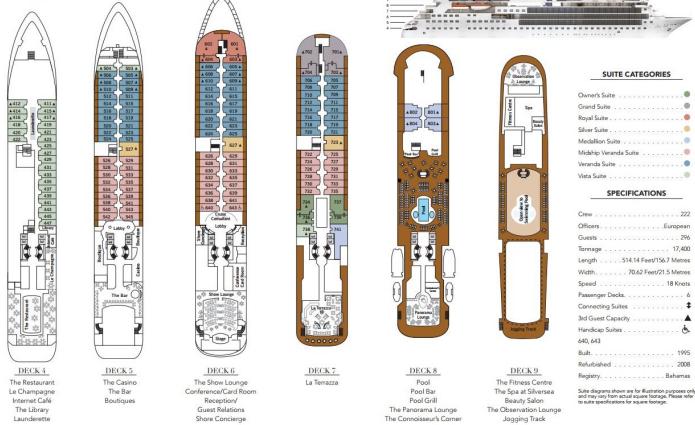
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