

ARCTIC CANADA AND GREENLAND EXPEDITION - CIRCUMNAVIGATING BAFFIN BAY

Four iconic Arctic regions After a flight from Reykjavik, your voyage of discovery begins in Nuuk. On this all-encompassing expedition cruise, you'll discover the wonders of four Arctic regions; the jagged east coast of Baffin Island, the azure shores of Devon Island, the spine-tingling fjords of Northwest Greenland, and the awe-inspiring Disko Bay in West Greenland. Life in the Far North You'll sail through biologically rich sea ice environments and visit remote coastal communities. Learn about Inuit culture through firsthand experiences and search for wildlife like bowhead whales, narwals, seabirds and elusive polar bears. On board your fully equipped vessel, you can recharge between adventures and delve into the science of the region with your Expedition Team.



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Day 1 Cosmopolitan Copenhagen

Start your adventure in Denmark´s wonderful capital

Your adventure begins with an overnight stay in Denmark's capital Copenhagen.

Enjoy this stylish and compact city, packed with architectural gems, coffee shops and parks. The colourful canal district of Nyhavn is a great place to people watch and enjoy a Danish pastry.

No visit to Copenhagen would be complete without a visit to see



the Little Mermaid - getting there by bike or on foot beside the waterfront is easy.

Day 2 Embarkation day at Nuuk

Welcome to the capital of Greenland

You'll have an early start today as we depart Copenhagen and fly to Nuuk.

Nuuk is Greenland's colourful and compact capital. With a population of fewer than 20,000, it's a striking mix of old and modern buildings. If you're more a fan of the former, head down to the old part of town by the waterfront, where you'll find Nuuk Cathedral and the statue of Hans Egede standing on a hill. In the water below, you'll see the beautiful Mother of the Sea statue - a striking juxtaposition between the two.

Your expedition ship awaits you in the harbour. After being welcomed aboard and collecting your complimentary expedition jacket, it's time to settle into your cabin and enjoy your first dinner aboard.

Day 3 At sea

Crossing the Arctic Circle

Sailing towards the Arctic Circle, your Expedition Team will brief you on the AECO rules and recommendations regarding visiting the Arctic region safely and responsibly. Make sure you attend these mandatory presentations if you want to join planned landings as we head north.

You can also enjoy the state-of-the-art ship facilities and join the first lectures on Arctic Canada-related topics such as ornithology, geopolitics and culture. You'll also learn about the Citizen Science projects we run on board the ship.

At some point during the sailing, we'll cross the Arctic Circle, entering the lands of the Midnight Sun at the height of summer.

Day 4-6 East coast Baffin Island (Qikiqtaaluk)

Cross into the majesty of the unknown

The shores of Baffin Island (Qikiqtaaluk) are guarded by ice for most of the year. In August, the ice begins to recede allowing for ships to navigate these waters for just a short period of time. The sea ice environment around the island is a natural wonder which creates a rich habitat for wildlife.

Our objective is to reach the small settlement of Qikiqtarjuaq, where we hope to begin our adventures in Arctic Canada.

In true explorer style, our route will be determined by the presence and concentration of sea ice. We will plan our excursions and landing sites in consultation with local communities, so as not to disrupt their seasonal activities.

Possible destinations include:

Isabella Bay (Ninginganiq)

Ninginganiq (Isabella Bay) National Wildlife Area is a critical habitat for Arctic wildlife, most notably bowhead whales. As a summer feeding ground for these massive marine mammals, it's a crucial area for their conservation.



Sam Ford Fjord (Kangiqtualuk Uqquqti) and Gibbs Fjord

With towering peaks and epic glaciers, these fjords are renowned for their impressive scenery and are popular with nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers alike. This area is rich in wildlife, with marine mammals like seals and whales, and a variety of bird species.

Coutts Inlet (Inalugaarjuup Kangiqłua)

Experience the solitude and serenity of this remote and seldom-visited wilderness. The 50-mile-deep fjord system contains two arms; the 'North Arm' and the main inlet itself. One of the Arctic's most elusive species, the narwhal, can be found here.

Day 7 Relax at sea

Sailing to the gates of the Northwest Passage

After a few days of exploration, enjoy a day at sea and prepare for what lies ahead as we continue northward to the entrance of the Northwest Passage.

Days at sea are the perfect time to relax on board, perhaps chatting with new friends in the Expedition Lounge & Bar, catching up on any lectures you may have missed and enjoying leisurely lunches. If you haven't tried the hot tubs yet, now's your chance.

Day 8-11 Exploration of Lancaster Sound and Devon Island

Lancaster Sound and Devon Island

Welcome to Lancaster Sound (Tallurutiup Imanga), the gateway to the Northwest Passage.

This breathtaking sound is home to incredible scenery, iconic Arctic wildlife and colourful Inuit communities. We plan to sail deep into the sound, and over the course of three days in the area, our possible exploration sites include:

Dundas Harbour

This historic and scenic site is on the southern shores of Devon Island. The harbour is a former Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) post, and it was also a base for scientific research and exploration. A great spot for a hike, musk oxen are frequently seen along the peninsula.

Beechey Island (Iluvilik)

This site holds a significant place in the history of Arctic exploration, known particularly for the ill-fated Franklin expedition in the mid-19th century. The island is home to several well-preserved grave sites of expedition members and a monument commemorating Arctic exploration efforts.

Croker Bay

A picturesque bay on the south coast of Devon Island. With two large outlet glaciers streaming down from the island's ice cap, this is an excellent place for small boat cruising. You may even spot walruses lounging around the calved ice floes.



Coburg Island (Nirjutiqarvik)

This island is a protected National Wildlife Area, and it lives up to its Inuktitut name, Nirjutiqarvik, meaning 'The Place of Animals'. The island is renowned for its significant seabird colonies, including large populations of Thick-billed Murres and Northern Fulmars, and it's an important feeding ground for marine mammals.

Day 12 Expedition day

Enjoy a day of adventure in the Far North

Before your adventure continues to Northwest Greenland, enjoy a day on expedition in the north of Baffin Bay.

From landings to kayaking, be ready for anything as your Captain and Expedition Team decide on the best sites and activities based on the day's conditions. Land at sites linked to early exploration history, visit Inuit communities, and look out for Arctic wildlife such as whales, narwhals, seals and seabirds.

Day 13-14 Discovering the Thule region

Explore life at the edge of the world

'Ultima Thule' was the term used in the 4th century BC by the Greek explorer Pytheas to describe a mythical land in the far north. Nobody knows for sure which land Pytheas had in mind when he coined this name, but for some, it has come to refer to the far north in Greenland.

As we explore here, expect wild beauty at the edge of the inhabitable world. Extreme climatic conditions year-round guarantee isolation and tough living conditions for the inhabitants, and even by Arctic standards the Thule region is harsh and remote. And yet, this was the first region in Greenland ever to be colonised by the forerunners of the Inuit, somewhere around 4,500 years ago. How they managed to survive and thrive in that environment still puzzles Arctic archaeologists.

The abundant bird and animal life provides sustenance, and the traditional hunting culture has survived better here than elsewhere in Greenland. The polar travel know-how of the locals has been highly sought after on European and American expeditions, either as guides or saviours. In fact, thanks to its position, the region has been the natural starting point for many travellers heading towards the North Pole.

Always adapting our programme to the changeable weather and ice conditions, we will spend the next days exploring the region. We aim to visit some of the local communities, land with expedition boats to marvel at the power of nature, sail through icy channels and - with a bit of luck - spot some of the giants of the Arctic, including walruses, orcas, narwhals, belugas, and perhaps even polar bears.

Day 15 Melville Bay

Relax and learn at sea

We'll spend the day on the open seas crossing Melville Bay. This is a huge bay bordering the icy coast of Lauge Koch, where the ice caps meet the sea. Known by the locals as Qimusseriarsuaq, meaning 'The Great Dog Sledding Place', the bay was renamed by British explorers after Robert Dundas, 2nd Viscount of Melville in the mid-19th century.



Enjoy your day as we sail well beyond 70 degrees north. Relax on board, join in with wildlife watches out on deck with the Expedition Team, and learn more about the Arctic with the ongoing series of lectures on topics such as nature, geology and mythology.

Day 16-18 West Greenland

Discover the wonders of west Greenland

The final chapter of our epic voyage around Baffin Bay takes us to an area of extreme natural beauty - the fjords of West Greenland and Disko Bay. Known as the 'iceberg factory of the Arctic', this area produces the most ice of anywhere in the northern hemisphere.

As always nature is in charge and our exact route will depend on the weather and ice conditions on the day. Possible landing sites include:

Uummannaq Fjord

In Greenland's 'Far North', the beauty of the land and the relative productivity of the environment have attracted people here for thousands of years. Intriguing archaeological sites are mute witness of the ability of Arctic people to thrive in such a harsh environment. We may visit the community of Uummannaq - a beautiful island town with a heart-shaped mountain - or the archaeological site of Qilakitsok, where the famed Greenland mummies were discovered.

Viagat Sound

Also called Sullorsuaq Strait, this beautiful waterway sits between two rugged land masses at the north end of Disko Bay. Depending on the weather and wildlife conditions, we might use our small expedition boats to land on a beach or perhaps get up close to a glacier. Have your binoculars and camera ready as wildlife sightings in this region can include humpbacks, orcas and bowhead whales, as well as several types of seals.

UNESCO-listed Ilulissat Icefjord

This spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site regularly tops the list of things to see and do in Greenland. Marvel at giant icebergs floating placidly in the deep blue waters as they take on different hues of white, grey and blue. All photographers, regardless of skill, will return to the ship with the most enviable images. Visit the Icefjord Centre in Ilulissat to learn more about the ice in this fascinating area and take a hike to Sermermiut to drink in the incredible views.

Day 19 Explore Sisimiut

A modern town on the edge of the wilderness

On our journey south we'll visit Sisimiut, which lies 25 miles north of the Arctic Circle. The modern town has grown alongside ancient remains that date back to more than 4,000 years. You can learn more about the ancient Saqqaq cultureat the interesting local museum. If you're looking for a special souvenir, pick up a scarf, hat or mittens made of qiviut, the inner wool of a musk ox, said to be 10 times warmer than sheep wool.



Day 20-21 End of expedition in Nuuk & flight to Copenhagen

Return to Nuuk

Today, as we arrive back in Nuuk, you'll have completed your voyage around Baffin Bay. Say a fond farewell to MS Roald Amundsen, her crew and the Expedition Team. Nuuk is a relative metropolis compared to all other towns in the country you have visited over the last couple of weeks, and it's a fascinating window into modern Greenland. Enjoy a Hosted Day Experience in Nuuk, where you'll enjoy guided activities and lunch and dinner. From here, you'll catch an evening flight back to Copenhagen that arrives early in the morning next day.

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Launched in 2019, The state of the art vessel features new and environmentally sustainable hybrid technology that will reduce fuel consumption and show the world that hybrid propulsion on large ships is possible. MS Roald Amundsen is the first of two hybrid ships to be launched cutting emissions by sailing with electrical propulsion. Hybrid technology, combined with the advanced construction of the hull and effective use of electricity on board will reduce fuel consumption and CO2-emissions on the ships by 20 percent. The future of shipping will be silent and emission free. MS Roald Amundsen will lead the way towards an even more sustainable way of traveling. Sailing on electrical power is not only a great benefit for the environment, but it will also enhance the impact of experiencing nature for the guests. The ship will be specially constructed for voyages in polar waters and serve as a comfortable basecamp at sea - bringing adventurers from all over the world to the most spectacular destinations in the most sustainable way. These ships combine state-of-the-art technology together with a premium onboard experience. All cabins are outside, half have private balconies, and aft suites even boast private outdoor Jacuzzis, to soak up the stunning scenery in style. Facilities on board One of the most eye-catching exterior design features of the ships will be the two-level indoor/outdoor Observation Deck wrapped around the top of the ships' raked bow. In a vast area behind it, you'll find the core of the onboard experience: Amundsen Science Center. Packed with state of the art technology and high tech gadgets such as touch screens and science equipment, the immersive edutainment area will be the place guests and staff/crew meet, mingle and create a deeper understanding for the areas they explore. The flexible venue will feature lecture spaces, a small library, and speciality areas for workshops in photography, biology, and more. The stunning scenery will be reflected in a rich and comfortable interior design. Scandinavian materials from nature, such as granite, oak, birch and wool will be used to create relaxed and stylish cabins and public areas. All cabins are outside, 50 % will have private balconies, aft suites will feature private outdoor Jacuzzis with





spectacular views.

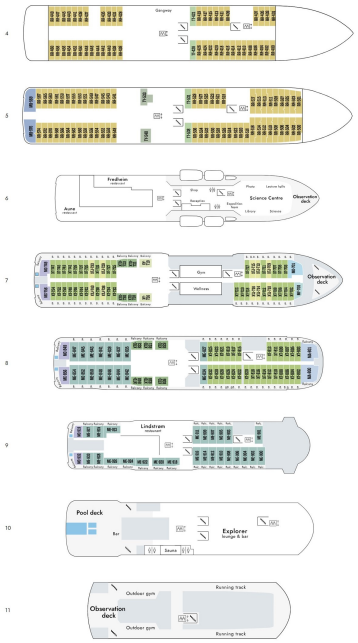
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