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BAFFIN ISLAND: EXPLORING CANADA'S WILD ARCTIC FRONTIER

Sail across the Davis Strait into the remote reaches of Canada's High Arctic, where sheer cliffs rise from the sea, ancient ice floes drift past the bow and charismatic wildlife thrives in one of the most untouched ecosystems on the planet. Baffin Island, with its vast, roadless landscape, is the centerpiece of this extraordinary voyage and you'll venture deep into its seemingly inaccessible network of icy bays, inlets and fjords aboard the purpose-built National Geographic Resolution. This is true expedition travel, and your days will be guided by the ice, weather and wildlife as your naturalists, historians and photographers deepen your understanding of the land and daily life in the Arctic.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Reykjavik, Iceland

Arrive in Reykjavik, the world's northernmost capital. Transfer from the airport and spend the day exploring the city at your own pace. Check in with the hospitality desk at your hotel this afternoon to make final arrangements before your charter flight the following day.

Day 2 Reykjavik / Nuuk, Greenland / Embark Ship

Fly from Reykjavik on the recommended flight to Nuuk, Greenland's thriving capital city, where you'll embark the National Geographic Resolution. Settle into your cabin and then be on deck to enjoy a scenic sailing out of Nuuk fjord as the ship navigates north along the coastline and into open waters.

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Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Crossing the Davis Strait

Spend the day at sea crossing the Davis Strait, which connects the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans. Listen to expert talks from your expedition team, relax with a book in the lounge or hang out on the Bridge or the observation deck, keeping an eye out for whales as the ship travels across the continental shelf. Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Days 4-10 Exploring Baffin Island, Nunavut, Canada

Over the next six days, explore the natural wonders of Baffin Island, Canada's largest island and the fifth largest in the world. Known as Qikiqtaaluk by Inuit and inhabited for over four thousand years, the shores of this majestic island are rife with opportunities to step back in time and discover one of the most remote areas of the planet like the earliest explorers who came before.

With no set itinerary, your veteran captain and expedition leader will decide on routes and activities in real time as they respond to the day's elements and wildlife sightings, navigating the state-of-the-art polar ship further into the ice to uncharted fjords or returning to favorite landing sites.

As you head south, you'll experience the region's breathtaking landscapes, defined by glaciers, waterfalls and towering peaks, and watch for the wildlife that inhabits these waterways and rugged isles such as polar bears, seals, whales and, with luck, maybe even the elusive narwhal.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 Crossing the Davis Strait

Sail across the Davis Strait once more as you reflect on your experience in the far reaches of the globe, exchanging stories with your fellow travelers or editing photos with the help of your certified photography instructor. Take advantage of the ship's amenities one last time with a relaxing spa treatment from your wellness specialist, a dip in the infinity-style hot tub or a session in the sauna as you take in the ocean views. Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 Nuuk / Disembark Ship / Reykjavik, Iceland

Disembark in Nuuk and join the recommended group flight to Reykjavik. Transfer to the nearby hotel for an included overnight stay.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13 Reykjavik

Transfer to the airport for flights home. Meals Included: Breakfast

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC RESOLUTION

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

A next-generation expedition ship, purpose-built for polar navigation. National Geographic Resolution is a next-generation expedition ship, purpose-built for polar navigation. A twin to National Geographic Endurance, she is a fully stabilized, highly strengthened, ice-class Polar Class 5 (PC5) vessel, it is designed to navigate polar passages year-round, and safely explore uncharted waters, while providing exceptional comfort. Its patented X-BOW® is key to its design; its powerful wave-slicing action provides an extremely smooth ride in even adverse conditions, and even reduces spray on deck, for superior observation. She carries a full suite of expedition tools and offers a variety of experience-enhancing amenities. The luxury of comfort on expedition. National Geographic Resolution comfortably accommodates 126 guests in 69 outside-facing cabins. Cabins are efficiently designed, with sizes range from the 140-square-foot solo cabin to the 430-square-foot category 7 suite. Fifty-three of the 69 cabins, including all 12 of the solo cabins, will feature small balconies with floor-to-ceiling sliding doors that bring in the spectacular views and ample natural light. Comfort & convenience in every room. Every cabin has two portholes, a large window or balcony, and temperature controls.

Bathrooms are modern and stocked with botanically inspired hair products, soap, and shower gel, plus a hairdryer. Cabins are equipped with expedition command centers with tablets and USB/mobile device docking, TVs, Wi-Fi connections, and hair dryers. Dining. Food served aboard is fresh, local, and delicious, and sourced from suppliers who share our values of sustainable use whenever possible. Meals aboard are almost always served in the dining room, located aft of the lounge deck. When weather conditions allow, lighter fare may be served on the observation deck. There is no assigned seating and our dining room accommodates the entire expedition community in a single seating. During meals your expedition leader, naturalists, and any guest speakers aboard will join you. Public Areas: Two restaurants, a Chef's Table for small group dining, Observation Lounge with bar, gym, Wellness area, infinity-style outdoor hot tubs, library, main lounge with full service bar, 24-hour beverage, state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations, and a photo workshop area; plus, an expedition base with lockers for expedition gear, and an "open bridge" for access to our captain, officers and the art of navigation. Meals: Two restaurants, featuring local, sustainable choices and unassigned seating for flexible, inclusive dining; plus a Chef's table for intimate, small group dining. Main restaurant has 270° views, and the Observation deck restaurant features lighter, made-to-order fare. Special Features: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler, an internet cafe and laundry. Wellness: The vessel is staffed by our wellness specialists and features a

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glass-enclosed yoga studio, gym, treatment rooms and spa relax area, and high- and low-heat saunas with ocean views. Expedition Landing Craft. Key to our operation is our fleet of expedition landing craft, which we use to land in places that would otherwise be inaccessible. With 14 of these boats and two loading stations used every time we disembark, we're able to transfer guests off the ship quickly, so you can be out on adventures, not idly waiting. The expedition landing craft we use are 19 feet long, powered by four-stroke outboard engines, and are capable of comfortably carrying 10-12 people. They are widely recognized as the safest and most versatile small boats afloat. Remotely Operated Vehicle. Capable of reaching 1,000 feet, far beyond the range of any Scuba diver, the ROV allows you to literally view parts of the undersea that are as unexplored as the moon. Chances are you, like many of our guests, will be struck by how surprisingly colorful undersea life is in these unlikely places. And this glimpse may fundamentally change how you view the ocean. Kayaks. National Geographic Resolution will be equipped with a fleet of kayaks large enough to ensure everyone who wants to can paddle at every opportunity. Consequently, prior kayaking experience isn't necessary--many of our guests have their first kayaking experience in extraordinary locations. Our custom-designed floating platform lets us deploy kayaks from the ship, or any location we want--including far from shore. Kayakers are usually free to explore where they want within boundaries set by the undersea specialist and officer of the watch. Underwater camera. Our undersea specialist will dive often during your expedition, even in polar regions, with cold-water gear, to shoot high-definition, Cousteau-like footage of the deep. Colorful nudibranchs, swimming, plant-like crinoids, and mysterious fish with antifreeze blood that thrive in the frigid sea will give you an

entirely new appreciation of the marine environment. Video microscope. Naturalists will use the video microscope to help explain all elements of the environment, including tiny organisms that are the building block of the marine ecosystem. Spellbinding live views of krill at 80x magnification fills the high-definition screens in the lounge with vivid detail, and fills every onlooker with a sense of wonder at the importance of otherwise unobservable creatures. Hydrophone. This underwater microphone is deployed to listen to the vocalizations of marine mammals. Real time transmissions of their eerie, haunting sounds can be broadcast through the ship or recorded for later playback. Few experiences in nature are as captivating as watching humpback whales feed close to the ship as their vocalizations play through the ship's PA system. Electronic charts. An electronic chart showing the ship's location, course, and speed is almost always on display in the lounge. Open bridge. You'll find our captains are engaged, knowledgeable members of your expedition who are eager to share their passion with you. National Geographic Resolution's open bridge features comfortable spaces to sit, enjoy the view, drink your morning coffee, or simply chat with the officers. Snorkeling gear & wetsuits. On warm weather itineraries where there will be snorkeling, you'll select a mask, snorkel, fins, and wetsuit that remain yours for the duration of the expedition. There's no need to pack and tote your own gear, although guests who prefer to are welcome to bring

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