SCOTLAND, THE FAROE ISLAND, & ICELAND: NORTH ATLANTIC SAGA

Stunning Múlafossur waterfall
The perfect photo backdrop, the Múlafossur waterfall plunges into the North Atlantic leaving behind Gásadalur, a small village and the home to about 20 people. Settled under the highest mountain on Vágar island, Gásadalur until recently could only be accessed by foot.

Mykines island’s puffin colony
The breeding ground for a wide range of migratory seabirds, Mykines has been identified as an Important Bird Area by BirdLife International. The western part of the island is covered with puffin burrows and seabird nests.

Tórshavn, the capital of the Faroe Islands
Admire the history and beauty of Tórshavn’s red-painted wooden buildings covered with turf roofs. Home to the Faroese government and a former Viking trading centre, this nation’s capital is a splendid little city to explore. The National Art Gallery is a treasure, surrounded by gorgeous grounds with walking trails.

Iceland, the realm of the active earth
At the edge of the Arctic Circle, Iceland is dominated by geology—and defined by the sea. Volcanoes, waterfalls, mountains, fjords, sea stacks, bird cliffs, lava fields, glaciers, and caves... even if you’re not a geologist, Iceland has something for you!

Neolithic Scottish history – only seen by sea!
Off the north coast of mainland Scotland, Orkney has been settled for at least eight thousand years. Many Neolithic archeological sites have been preserved here, including villages, ceremonial sites, and burial chambers.

**ITINERARY**

**Day 1: Aberdeen, Scotland The Adventure Begins**
Many of Aberdeen’s historic stone buildings are made of locally quarried granite; high in mica, they can sparkle like silver. The city is famed for its forty-five parks, gardens, and floral displays. Though it is now a modern city, Aberdeen retains its old world charm. We board the Ocean Endeavour in the afternoon.

**Day 2: Kirkwall, Orkney Heart of Neolithic Orkney UNESCO World Heritage Site**
Kirkwall is dominated by the massive St. Magnus Cathedral, dating from 1137. We’ll visit the Heart of Neolithic Orkney, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where we’ll find the 4,000-year-old Ring of Brodgar. We’ll also tour the Hall of Clestrain, childhood home of Arctic explorer John Rae.

**Day 3: Fair Isle Birdwatching & Island Culture**
Once a Viking hub, Fair Isle is now an idyllic island colony of artists and shepherds. The island boasts 350 bird species, including puffins and great skuas in substantial numbers. The local museum is dedicated to preserving island heritage.

**Day 4: Sumba, Suðuroy Island, Faroe Islands Faroese Culture & Spectacular Hiking**
Suðuroy Island, Faroes, is famed for its dramatic cliffs towering over the North Atlantic, and is a paradise for birds, including European storm petrels and Atlantic puffins. The village of Sumba, population 239 and occupied since the seventh century, is a stronghold of Faroese chain dancing. Hiking is excellent in the foothills of nearby Beinisvørð Mountain, affording spectacular, panoramic views of the region.

**Day 5: Tórshavn Museums, Shopping, and Cafés**
Tórshavn, “Thor’s harbour,” is the Faroe Islands’ capital and largest town. A former Viking trading centre, Tórshavn is a splendid little city to explore. The National Art Gallery is a treasure surrounded by gorgeous grounds with walking trails. We will visit Nordic House and experience excellent shopping, restaurants, and pubs.

**Day 6-7: Western Faroe Islands Dramatic Mountains & Waterfalls**
The northwestern shores of Eysturoy and Streymoy islands are perfect for hiking, birding, and photography. Charming villages connected by high-tech tunnels through mountains and beneath the ocean floor are a unique and startling feature of Faroese life. The spectacular waterfall at Gásadalur is reached through one such tunnel—but look for the old switchback trail over the mountain, once used by the local postman!

**Day 8: Mykines Island Birdwatching**
Mykines is the westernmost of the Faroes and a geological marvel. Great columns of basalt (called the Stone-wood) tower thirty metres above the ocean. On the western end of the island, connected by a forty metre footbridge, is the islet Mykineshólmur, famed for its sea stacks and a lighthouse dating to 1909. Mykines has been identified as an Important Bird Area by BirdLife International.

**Day 9: At Sea Onboard Learning**
Today we will enjoy a day at sea with plenty of onboard education opportunities. We’ll also spend time out on deck, using our binoculars and keeping our eyes open for marine
wildlife and seabirds!

Day 10: Heimaey, Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands), Iceland Volcanic Landscapes
Vestmannaeyjar lies off the south coast of Iceland and comprises fourteen islands, numerous rocks, and skerries. Only the largest island, Heimaey, is inhabited. Numerous species of seabirds, including the famous puffin, nest in the steep rock faces along the ocean cliffs, which make for beautiful Zodiac cruising. The volcanically active area has seen two major eruptions in recent times: the formation of the island of Surtsey in 1963, and the Eldfell eruption ten years later that destroyed much of Heimaey.

Day 11: Reykjavík, Iceland A Fond Farewell
Reykjavík ("smoky bay") is a cosmopolitan capital city on the site of what is believed to be the first permanent settlement in Iceland, established in the year 874 CE. Entirely powered by geothermal energy, Reykjavík is among the cleanest, greenest, and safest cities in the world. We’ll disembark the Ocean Endeavour in the morning.

Please Note:
Adventure Canada itineraries may be subject to change without notice due to weather, ice, and sea conditions.
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VESSEL TYPE: Expedition
LENGTH: 137m
PASSENGER CAPACITY: 198
BUILT/REFURBISHED: 1982 - refurbished 2010 & 2014

Sailing with a maximum of 198-passengers, Ocean Endeavour is the perfect vessel for expedition cruising. Outfitted with twenty Zodiacs, advanced navigation equipment, multiple lounges and a top deck observation room, she is purpose-built for passenger experiences in remote environments. The Ocean Endeavour boasts a 1B ice class, enabling her to freely explore throughout the Arctic summer. Launched in 1982, she has had numerous upgrades, most recently in 2010 and 2014. At 137 meters (450ft) in length, Ocean Endeavour has plenty of interior and exterior space. Enjoy multiple decks offering comfortable lounge chairs, outdoor dining, a swimming pool, sauna and even a hot tub! The spacious interiors allow for multiple workshops and presentations to occur simultaneously. Community is at the heart of Adventure Canada’s expedition experience. We gather together to learn, enjoy a drink, sing a song or share a yarn – connecting with one and other. The three lounges aboard Ocean Endeavour are fantastic public spaces for seminars, events and dialogue. The Ocean Endeavour’s private spaces are stylish and comfortable. All cabins have private washroom facilities, a phone for internal calls, radio, TV and air-conditioning. There are a variety of cabin categories available ranging from 9-30 m² (100-320 sq ft). Ocean Endeavour’s crew is experienced, and friendly. Her shallow draft and maneuverability allow her to access isolated fiords, bays and secluded communities. The stylish vessel is at home among the glorious settings we seek. Enjoy the class and comfort of a boutique hotel, while venturing to some of the world’s last great frontiers aboard the Ocean Endeavour!
INSIDE YOUR SHIP

CABIN CATEGORIES

CABIN CATEGORY 1
- balcony with sliding glass doors, private balcony
- mini-bar
- separate sitting area
- separate flat-screen TV
- en-suite bathroom with tub and shower
- hairdryer

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