



NORTHWEST PASSAGE EXPEDITION - THROUGH THE ARCTIC LABYRINTH GREENLAND TO ALASKA

Northwest Passage: the fabled journey through nature 's icy maze Sailing through the Northwest Passage on a state-of-the-art ice-class expedition ship is a captivating journey that blends natural wonders, culture and history. The passage, once an elusive route for explorers, now offers intrepid travellers a chance to witness breathtaking Arctic landscapes and learn about Indigenous communities through firsthand experiences. On this adventure, we'll attempt a voyage all the way from Nuuk in Greenland to Nome in Alaska. Breathtaking beauty of Arctic Canada and Alaska Our 26-day voyage takes us 'above' the North American continent to the frozen Far North. In Eastern Arctic Canada, specifically the waterways around Lancaster Sound, you'll experience a pristine and remote wilderness featuring surreal vistas of sea ice. As we pass into the Western Arctic, the region is marked by its proximity to Alaska. Look out for wildlife as we sail through the famed Beaufort Sea and Bering Strait, before ending our transit in Alaska. US Pacific Northwest. _Please check for adjusted prices based on the option to fly from Copenhagen instead of Reykjavik._

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Day 1 Flight from Reykjavik to Nuuk, embarkation day at Nuuk

Welcome to the capital of Greenland

Enjoy time in cosmopolitan Reykjavik before an afternoon flight to Nuuk. It has a population of 18,000, and features a striking mix of old and new buildings.

If time allows, we'll explore this fascinating city, comparing the old buildings - such as Hans Egede House and Nuuk Cathedral - with the ultra-modern architecture of the Parliament of Greenland building.

Your ship awaits you in Nuuk harbour. After collecting your complimentary expedition jacket, it's time to check out your

cabin, meet the Expedition Team and explore the ship as we set sail on this epic voyage through the Northwest Passage.

Day 2-4 West Greenland

Discover the magical beauty of West Greenland

The first chapter of our journey encompasses the majestic coast of West Greenland.

Over the next three days you'll experience some of the most iconic sites in all of Greenland. Our objectives include:

Evighedsfjord

As we head north, we plan to offer an exploration day in the magical and pristine Evighedsfjord near Maniitsoq. We'll determine on the day what adventures we can take part in.

The 'Fjord of Eternity' is fed by an ice cap that calves huge icebergs into its 2,300 ft deep waters. It's surrounded by mist-cloaked mountains with beautiful white ridges, punctuated by crystal blue ice caves.

Sisimiut

Sisimiut is Greenland's second city, situated in a spectacular location just above the Arctic Circle. This area has history spanning more than 4,500 years, and old traditions are alive and well.

Learn more about ancient Saqqaq artifacts in the local museum or stretch your legs on a hike. If you're looking for a special

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souvenir, pick up a scarf, hat or mittens made of qiviut, the inner wool of the musk ox that's said to be 10 times warmer than sheep's wool.

Ilulissat

Nestled at the edge of the magnificent Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is Ilulissat. Here you'll find an ever-changing gallery of passing icebergs set against a backdrop of colourful houses. In town you can visit a multitude of shops selling local crafts, and on the outskirts walking trails take you along the epic icefjord.

Day 5-6 Crossing Baffin Bay

Watch for wildlife and get involved in Citizen Science

Leaving Greenland behind, we spend two days at sea crossing Baffin Bay towards Nunavut.

Gain authentic insight into Inuit culture and heritage with our onboard Cultural Ambassadors. Their stories reveal the Inuit people's profound connection to the land, shaped by generations of tradition and resilience.

Meanwhile, your Expedition Team leads lectures on topics such as Arctic wildlife and the history of exploration in the region. You can also take part in Citizen Science, such as the GLOBE Program, where you'll observe clouds to help scientists study our climate.

Day 7-10 The Eastern Canadian Arctic

Entering into the Northwest Passage

Following our crossing of Baffin Bay, we find ourselves in the Eastern Canadian Arctic. The main waterway of this area is Lancaster Sound (Tallurutiup Imanga), the eastern gates to the Northwest Passage.

This chapter of our exploration is likely to be action-packed, with excursions planned on each of the four days we hope to spend in and around this area. Remember, all our excursion plans are weather and ice dependent but, conditions permitting, our days will be filled with excitement and discovery.

Excursion stops and local highlights we hope to share with you include:

Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik)

Dundas Harbour

Croker Bay

Beechey Island (Iluvilik)

Prince Leopold Island (Appait)

Day 11 Bellot Strait

Navigate the dividing line between East and West

The 'Rubicon' of the Canadian Arctic, dividing East from West, is the infamous Bellot Strait. This narrow body of water separates the northernmost part of mainland North America from Somerset Island, one of the largest islands in the Canadian Arctic

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archipelago.

Bellot Strait is approximately 15 nautical miles long and just over half a mile wide at its narrowest point. Our ability to navigate this passage will be determined by ice and weather conditions.

Day 12-19 Into the West

Spend eight days exploring the Western section of the fabled Northwest Passage

Over the next eight days in this section of our voyage we'll transit through three distinct regions - Nunavut, Northwest Territories, and Yukon - and two traditional Inuit Territories - Inuvialuit and Nunavut.

During our time here, we anticipate up to five days of shore excursions and four transit days. Excursion stops and local highlights we hope to be able to visit include:

Gjoa Haven (Uqsuqtuuk)

Cambridge Bay (Iqaluktuuttiaq)

Coronation Gulf

Ulukhaktok

Smoking Hills

Herschel Island

Day 20-23 Bering and Beaufort Sea

Science and wildlife watching at sea

As we navigate the Beaufort Sea and Bering Strait, these days at sea provide the perfect opportunity to reflect on your journey and make the most of your ship's facilities.

Immerse yourself in the onboard Science and Education programme and contribute to real-world research through Citizen Science. Or simply take time to relax - enjoy a drink with fellow explorers, watch the world drift by from the hot tub, or soothe your body and mind in the sauna.

Keep an eye out for bowhead and grey whales as we cross the Beaufort Sea to Point Barrow, the northernmost point of the United States. If sea ice is present, we may also see congregations of pacific walrus on the ice floes.

In the Beaufort Sea, seasonal sea ice can fluctuate. If the sea ice levels are greater than the seasonal average, it will likely affect the speed we can sail through. Expecting the unexpected is all part of the expedition experience.

The highlights of this transit include:

The Beaufort Sea

The Bering Strait

The International Date Line

Wildlife watching

Day 24 Final stop - there's no place like Nome



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Learn about Alaska's 'golden' past

Prospectors first came to Nome in 1898, and people still hunt for gold here today. You'll see evidence of the Gold Rush era all around, including abandoned dredges, turn-of-the century steam engines and old railroad tracks, lending the town a unique and intriguing atmosphere.

Wyatt Earp, the famous sheriff, opened a saloon here. Nome was also the end point of three of Roald Amundsen's great polar expeditions.

From here you'll take a flight to Seattle for an overnight stay.

Day 25 Scenic Seattle

End your adventure in the Emerald City

Waking up in your hotel in Seattle marks the end of your adventure through the Arctic labyrinth. After breakfast, and if you have time before your onward journey, why not explore the Emerald City and see what it has to offer.

Why not take a stroll through the nine-acre Olympic Sculpture Park for incredible views of Puget Sound and the surrounding mountains, admiring the work of renowned artists as you go. For a feast of the senses, visit the famous Pike Place Market. Operating for over a century, this lively farmer's market boasts everything from buskers and bars to salmon-throwing fishmongers.

Please Note:

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Fridtjof Nansen is a small cruise ship specifically designed to be one of the most sustainable ships that can visit the Polar regions. Launched in 2020, 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 Fridtjof Nansen is the second 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 Fridtjof Nansen 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

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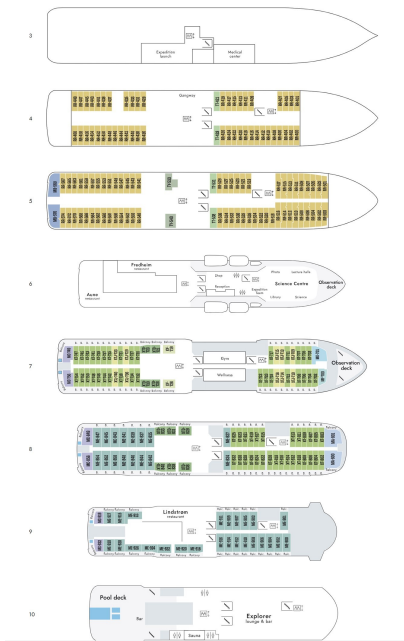
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