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SABLE ISLAND: WILD HORSES AND OUTPOST LEGACY CRUISE

An unusual cruise to visit Sable Island, a remote Canadian National Park, 100 miles from the nearest point in Canada. Sable Island is inhabited by 500 wild horses, hundreds of thousands of seals and birds, and a few scientists. Some 350 ships are believed to have foundered on this strip of land, 27 miles long by just .75 of a mile wide at its widest point. Day 1: St. John's, NL, Canada Day 2: At Sea Day 3 -6: Sable Island Day 7: Saint-Pierre, France Day 8: St. John's, NL, Canada



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Day 1. St Johns

Our journey begins in the vibrant, salt-tinged heart of Newfoundland: St. John's. With its colourful row houses, steep streets, and lively spirit, this harbour city is not only picturesque--it's storied. Since 1498, Europeans have fished here, making St. John's the oldest continuous European settlement in North America. But long before that, this coast was known to Indigenous peoples, the Beothuck, who populated the coast and navigated these waters.

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Casting off from St. John's is a moment to savour. We'll pass through the legendary Narrows, where Signal Hill towers above--a sentinel to centuries of comings and goings. As Cape Spear, North America's easternmost point, slips past on starboard, we'll head into open waters with stirring anticipation.

The adventure is underway.

Day 2. At sea

Our time at sea offers the perfect opportunity to dive into the stories that shape the journey ahead. Today, our on-board presentation series begins in earnest, as members of the expedition team share their knowledge of Sable Island's extraordinary ecology, geology, and human history.

While the learning continues inside, the outer decks beckon. Keep your binoculars at the ready--this corner of the northwest Atlantic is rich with life. Watch for seabirds, whales, and dolphins from deck. Life aboard balances comfort and discovery--with inviting lounges, great food, a library, and sweeping views of open ocean.

Days 3-6. Sable Island

As we approach Sable Island, its long crescent of sand emerges from the Atlantic, an isolated world shaped by wind, water, and time.

Our time there is conducted in close collaboration with Parks Canada, ensuring all visits are respectful of this delicate and protected ecosystem.

Landing by Zodiac (weather permitting), we step onto sand sculpted by wind and tide. Grey seals dot the shoreline like boulders, their grunts and scent carried by the salty breeze. Endemic Ipswich sparrows--the island's signature songbird--flit among marram grass and beach peas. Arctic and common terns wheel overhead.

Looking to the horizon, wild horses may appear first as ghostly shapes in the mist or as distant silhouettes cresting the dune ridges. You may hear the rhythmic thunder of hooves, and, with patience, you may witness tender moments between mares and foals, or stallions sparring over the attention of a mare.

These animals are not just icons of wildness--they're testaments to survival, having endured decades of isolation, wind, and shifting sands.

Naturalists will guide our experience with insight into the island's layered history. We'll hear shipwreck tales, explore shifting landscapes, and learn about Sable's former life-saving stations--hubs of human endurance in a remote and volatile world. Zodiac outings offer a unique sea-level view of the island's coastal life, seal colonies, and its ever-changing contours.

Day 7. St Pierre

Today we arrive in Saint-Pierre--a small but spirited remnant of France nestled off Newfoundland's southern coast. As the last vestige of France's once-vast colonial presence in North America, Saint-Pierre offers a cultural experience that feels both familiar and entirely unexpected.

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The island's 6,500 residents are of diverse descent, including French, Basque, Breton, and Norman. Their heritage is evident not only in the language but in the rhythm of daily life--from cafes that spill onto cobbled sidewalks to the melodic lilt of local conversation.

Saint-Pierre's architecture is as eclectic as its history: narrow alleys, colourful facades, and charming storefronts evoke a sense of old-world charm that's rare this side of the Atlantic. During our visit, you'll enjoy a guided tour as well as time to explore at your own pace. Perhaps you'll sample French wine and cheese, visit a local museum, or simply soak in the island's unmistakable ambiance.

It's a day to savour--a little slice of Europe wrapped in salt air and Atlantic mist.

Day 8. St Johns

We sail back through the Narrows into the wide embrace of St. John's harbour. The colourful houses of the Battery welcome us home, and Signal Hill stands watch, just as it did at our departure.

As we disembark, we'll say farewell to shipmates and expedition team members who have shared stories, sightings, and unforgettable moments along the way. The journey ends--but the experience, and the connections made, will travel with you long after the lines are tied.

Published itineraries are examples only, weather, ice,

government regulations, and community requests may necessitate changes to the planned schedules. These sometimes necessary adjustments present exciting opportunities for exploration, discovery, and adventure.

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YOUR SHIP: OCEAN NOVA

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

The ice-strengthened 73 metre long expedition ship Ocean Nova was built in Denmark in 1992 with high ice class to serve Greenland's west coast. In 2004 to 2005 she was completely refurbished and has now a career as a small and comfortable expedition ship. The Ocean Nova can accommodate 86 passengers (but is often limited to 65 - 80 for some cruises) in single, double and triple cabins, all with sea-view and private facilities. The double cabins have either twin beds. The triple cabins have upper and lower beds. In your cabin you will also find a desk with chair and ample storage space for clothes and equipment. In the dining room you are treated to delicious meals in between landings and in the panorama lounge you can enjoy a drink with a breathtaking view of the surrounding polar landscape. This is where on board specialists entertain and educate you with lectures on polar biology, history, geology and conservation. There is also a library with panoramic views and a good selection of polar books. On board there is a satellite phone, gym and medical doctor. Passengers are welcome on the bridge around the clock and there is always something to see or search for from the spacious observation decks. The ship has North European officers and there is a friendly and informal

atmosphere on board. Travelling with this small expedition ship offers an entirely different experience and perspective than you can get on a larger and more conventional cruise ship. Cabins are spread over two decks and include cabins for the single traveller, double and triple cabins, all with sea-view and private facilities. The comfortable dining room located on the Upper deck seats all passengers in a single sitting and offers delicious meals with a mixture of table service and buffet. The informal dining arrangement adds to the friendly atmosphere onboard and meals are a great chance to discuss all you have seen with your fellow travellers, and for the expedition team to share their knowledge. With one of the highest ice classes (1B) and a 2000 hp diesel engine, Ocean Nova is a small but sturdy expedition vessel just as at home in the icy waters of Svalbard as she is in a tranquil Scottish loch. The ship has a crew of 34, including North European officers, whose prime concern is your safety as well as ensuring wildlife sightings and weather conditions are maximised. For your safety there are two fully enclosed lifeboats and a medical

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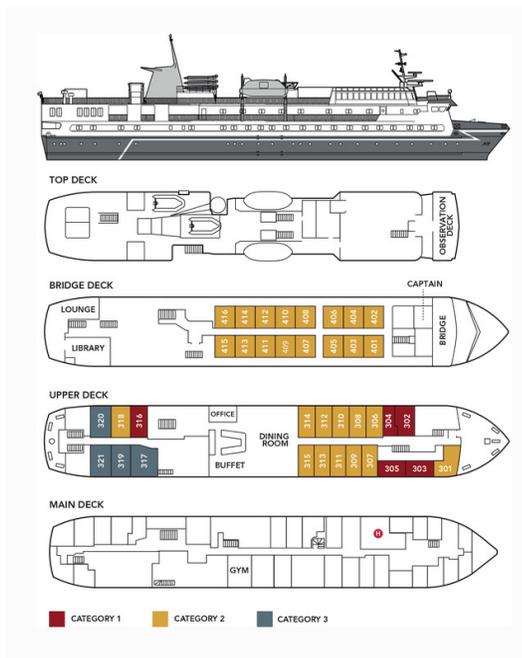
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