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Amazing views of icebergs



Throat singing with Inuit culturalists



Breaching humpback whale. Photo by Eric Ogan

Few people ever make it as far north as Greenland and the outer limits of Canada in the province of Nunavut. Expect stunning scenery, rare wildlife encounters, and a chance to learn about historic adventurers including Sir John Franklin who explored this stark terrain with difficulty. Learn about the indigenous peoples who have lived in harmony with this harsh but beautiful Arctic environment for thousands of years and still call it home.

Itinerary

Tues., August 11 Qausuittuq (Resolute Bay)

Meet your fellow travellers in Ottawa, Ontario for a charter flight to Qausuittuq to embark your ship, the *Ocean Endeavour*. Qausuittuq, or “place with no dawn,” is named for its winters. But in summer, the sun persists constantly from about April 29 to August 13. The community’s English name, Resolute Bay, honours the HMS *Resolute*. “Resolute” also describes local Inuit who were relocated in 1953 by the Canadian government.

Wed., August 12 Beechey Island

In 1845, Sir John Franklin set out on an attempt to sail through the Northwest Passage. Franklin’s party overwintered at Beechey Island where 3 of his men died. Search parties later used Beechey as a depot and rendezvous. Amundsen, Bernier, and Larsen all visited Beechey. Thomas Morgan of HMS *Investigator* was buried there in 1854. The graves and the ruins of Northumberland House are a haunting memorial.

Thurs., August 13 Devon Island

Devon Island is the largest uninhabited island on Earth at over 50,000 km². Its geology is stunning. Flat topped mountains, glacial valleys, and an ice cap give this island a unique character. Be on the watch for wildlife too. Devon Island also boasts impressive historical and archeological features.

Fri., August 14 Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound)

Spend the day exploring the ocean wilderness of Tallurutiup Imanga. This enormous body of water was declared a National Marine Conservation Area in 2017. Many marine mammals, including narwhal, beluga, and bowhead whales transit and feed here. There is a great selection of landing sites available to choose from, depending on conditions.

Sat., August 15 North Baffin Island

This is an expedition day to explore Baffin Island’s mountainous fjords. Opportunity, weather, and ice will determine the route among the spectacular geology. Expert spotters on deck will search for seabirds, including thick-billed murres and kittiwakes. Watch for marine mammals as well, and scan the shores for muskoxen, caribou, and bears.

Sun., August 16 Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet)

Mittimatalik is a bustling Arctic community in a beautiful setting. The views of nearby Bylot Island are stunning. You will have a chance to explore the town, including its excellent library and other facilities. A cultural presentation at the Community Hall is not to be missed—arts and crafts may be available here, too. The Northern and Co-op stores offer a unique perspective on life in the Arctic, and sometimes have carvings as well.

Mon., August 17 At Sea – Davis Strait

Deepen your understanding of the Arctic as you cross Davis Strait towards Greenland—an excellent time to enjoy workshops and group learning, watch a documentary, or dive into the ship's library. Keep your binoculars ready for minke and humpback whales amid potential pack ice, as well as seabirds.

Tues., August 18 Western Greenland

Greenland's coast is stunning. A stop will offer many outstanding features of interest. Hikers, walkers, photographers, and contemplators will all be delighted. From mighty mountains to the tiniest tundra flowers, there's much to explore.

Wed., August 19 Uummannaq Fjord

Uummannaq Fjord's favourable climate with proximity to coastal travel routes has made it a popular destination for Greenlandic Inuit. The region has been settled for thousands of years. The famous 'Greenland mummies' dating to the 1400s were found in Qilakitsoq, near Uummannaq.

Thurs., August 20 Ilulissat

Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the outlet of the Sermeq Kujalleq Glacier, source of many of the North Atlantic's icebergs. Cruise in a fleet of Zodiacs to appreciate the icebergs and visit the bustling town of Ilulissat, with its museums, cafes, craft shops, and fishing harbour.

Fri., August 21 Sisimiut Coast

People have lived in the Sisimiut area for 4,500 years. The ice-free conditions in the sea here, including some of Greenland's deepest fjords, allow you to sail in waters with many whales and seals.

Sat., August 22 Kangerlussuaq

Sondre Stromfjord is one of the longest fjords in the world with 168 kilometres of superb scenery. Sail the fjord in the sunrise. Kangerlussuaq, the town at its head, is Greenland's primary flight hub. Here, disembark and transfer to the airport for your return charter flight to Toronto, Ontario and say farewell to your companions on this incredible journey.

Fare per person (USD):

Interior Twin: \$11,759	Select Twin: \$16,959
Exterior Twin: \$13,059	Superior Twin: \$16,695
Main Twin: \$14,359	Jr. Suite: \$17,995
Comfort Twin: \$15,659	Suite: \$19,295

Fare includes

- Passage aboard the Ocean Endeavour
- All onboard dining
- Entry and park entrance fees
- Team of expedition staff
- TourMagination leadership
- Expedition jacket, Zodiac excursions, sightseeing and community visits
- Interactive workshops including photography workshop with use of professional-quality camera equipment
- On-board entertainment
- Port fees and applicable taxes

Fare excludes

- Airfare
- Charter flights (Ottawa to Resolute Bay \$1,078; Greenland to Toronto \$1,417)
- Optional excursions
- Tips and gratuities (estimated at around \$165)
- Pre- and post-trip hotel stays if required
- Mandatory medical evacuation insurance
- Trip cancellation/interruption insurance

No single supplement fee (as space allows on ship according to cruiseline)

Insurance

Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) insurance is **mandatory** and cancellation/interruption insurance is **highly recommended**.

Payments

Rates shown are in effect Oct. 2018. Though every effort is made to maintain established prices, TM reserves the right to adjust prices should it become necessary. The price is guaranteed when paid in full. We accept cheque and credit card payments. Credit card payments are charged a 3% fee.

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