

## 17 Day Into the Northwest Passage Expedition Cruise

17 days

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### Highlights

- Cross the Arctic Circle as you sail the length of Søndre Strømfjord - 168 kilometres!
- Cruise among icebergs at Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Spend three days in Canada's second largest National Marine Conservation Area, Tallurutiup Imanga, searching for marine life
- Visit Queen Maud Gulf, home to the wrecks of the Franklin ships, HMS Erebus and HMS Terror. Seek polar bears, seabirds, and other Arctic wildlife in pristine natural environments
- Retrace the historic route of European Explorers, who for centuries picked their way through ice in hopes of finding a sailing route through the passage
- Transit Ikirasak (Bellot Strait), the narrow and dramatic waterway at the very northern tip of continental North America

### Inclusions

- Passage aboard the Ocean Endeavour
- Applicable taxes and credit card fees
- Complimentary expedition jacket
- Contribution to Adventure Canada's Discovery Fund
- Special access permits, entry, and park fees
- Expert expedition team
- Guided activities
- Sightseeing and community visits
- All Zodiac excursions
- Port fees
- Pre-departure materials
- Educational program
- Photo Equipment Trial Program
- Interactive workshops
- Evening entertainment
- All shipboard meals

### Exclusions

- Commercial and charter flights

- Program enhancements/optional excursions
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Mandatory medical evacuation insurance
- Additional expenses in the event of delays or itinerary changes
- Possible fuel surcharges and administrative fees
- Pre- and post-trip hotel accommodation

\* \*Prices are based on entry-level accommodation, upgraded cabin types and private cabins available. Please call for other pricing options.

Note: Pricing based on deck 4, porthole window with private bathroom. Single Occupancy limited and on request. Our TwinShare Program is not available for this tour. Includes charter flights from Toronto to Kangerlussuaq and from Kugluktuk to Yellowknife and Discovery Fee (\$250).

A \$2000 non-refundable deposit per person is required at time of booking to hold your Escorted Vacation package. Final payment is requested 120 days prior to departure. If a reservation is made within 120 days of departure, full payment is required at time of booking.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Arrive in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

After your charter flight from Toronto, ON, you'll transfer to the Ocean Endeavour by Zodiac.

Begin your journey by sailing down Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord), a 190-kilometre-long fjord surrounded by mountains and glaciers, and cross the Arctic Circle on your way.

Kangerlussuaq, the settlement at the head of the fjord, is a former US Air Force base and Greenland's primary flight hub.

Overnight: Kangerlussuaq

Included Meal(s): Dinner

### Day 2: Sisimiut Coast, Greenland

Colourful Sisimiut is Greenland's second largest city. Access the extensive museum through a towering whalebone archway and be sure to stop in at the artisan's co-operative for the chance to purchase outstanding handicrafts.

Traditional qajaq (kayaking) is in resurgence here, and there's plenty of other fun outdoor activities for the adventurous to enjoy

Overnight: Sisimiut

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### Day 3: Ilulissat, Greenland

Visit the town of Ilulissat, with splendid museums, cafés, craft shops, and a busy fishing harbour.

View the icebergs from shore on a hike along the boardwalk at this UNESCO World Heritage Site, then board a Zodiac to cruise your way among them!

Ilulissat translates literally to "iceberg"--an apt name for this site at the mouth of the Sermeq Kujalleq glacier, a source of many of the icebergs in the North Atlantic.

Overnight: Ilulissat

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### Day 4 & 5: Western Greenland

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Choose the activity you like best during an expedition landing on Greenland's stunning west coast.

Whether you prefer hiking, walking, photography, or sitting contemplatively, you'll be delighted!

Admire the mighty mountains and the tiniest tundra flowers--a stop in this area will offer many outstanding features to pique your interest.

Overnight: Western Greenland

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

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### **Day 6: Davis Strait**

Deepen your understanding of the Arctic as we steam across the Davis Strait towards Nunavut, Canada.

Enjoy workshops and presentations, watch a documentary, and get out on deck with your binoculars to look for whales, seabirds, and marine wildlife.

Overnight: Davis Strait

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

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### **Day 7: Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet), Nunavut**

Attend a cultural performance put on by the talented Tununiq Arsarniit Theatre Group, featuring drum dancing, throat singing, and storytelling.

Mittimatalik is a busy Arctic community in a beautiful setting--the views of nearby Bylot Island are stunning!

Enjoy exploring the town and take the opportunity to purchase unique handcrafted mementos when available, too.

Overnight: Mittimatalik

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

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### **Day 8 - 10: Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound) & Devon Island, Nunavut**

Spend three fun-filled days exploring Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound), one of Canada's newest National Marine Conservation Areas.

Cruise by ship and by Zodiac in search of narwhal, beluga, and bowhead whales that transit and feed in this area.

Admire Devon Island's unique geological character, with its flat-topped mountains, glacial valleys, and substantial ice cap. At the northern edge of Tallurutiup Imanga, it's the largest uninhabited island on Earth at over 50,000 square kilometres.

Hike the tundra, cruise a glacier face, and keep your eyes peeled for polar bears and other wildlife from ship and from shore.

Visit archaeological sites with expert interpretation to learn about the human history of Inuit and their ancestors who once lived on this now-abandoned island.

Then catch a glimpse of more recent history when you visit the remains of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Hudson's Bay Company site at Dundas Harbour.

Overnight:

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

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### **Day 11: Beechey Island, Nunavut**

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Pay your respects at this haunting memorial to Sir John Franklin's failed expedition.

Learn the compelling history of the HMS Erebus and HMS Terror's attempts to sail through the Northwest Passage.

Franklin's crew overwintered at Beechey Island, where three of his men died, and numerous search parties later used the spot as a depot and rendezvous. Thomas Morgan of the HMS Investigator was buried here in 1854 alongside Franklin's men.

Visit their graves and the ruins of nearby Northumberland House while contemplating the poignant history.

Overnight: Beechey Island

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### **Day 12 & 13: Prince Regent Inlet, Nunavut**

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Search this area rich in marine and avian life for the thick-billed murre, ivory gulls, beluga, narwhal, and bowhead whales who reside in the ice-strewn waters.

Delve deeper into the exploration of the Northwest Passage and the mercantile efforts of the Hudson's Bay Company at intriguing expedition landing sites.

Overnight: Prince Regent Inlet

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### **Day 14 - 16: Kitikmeot Region, Nunavut**

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Navigate the ice-strewn waters of this infamous waterway in search of wildlife. Although this is Nunavut's least-populated region, wildlife abounds here both in the sea and on land.

Listen to the stories shared by locals of Roald Amundsen, who overwintered in the bay for two years while searching for the Northwest Passage. Amundsen became the first European to cross the Northwest Passage, thanks to the knowledge and largesse of Inuit.

Overnight: Kitikmeot Region

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### **Day 17: Kugluktuk, Nunavut**

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Say your goodbyes to the Arctic in Kugluktuk, the westernmost community in Nunavut, located at the mouth of the Coppermine River.

Known for many years as Coppermine, the community reverted to its original Inuinnaqtun name--meaning "place of moving waters"--on January 1st, 1996.

Iqaluktuuttiaq (Cambridge Bay), NU, is an alternate disembarkation point, and may be used based on sea, ice, and weather conditions.

Disembark the Ocean Endeavour and transfer by Zodiac to shore for your charter flight to Yellowknife, NT.

Overnight:

Included Meal(s): Breakfast