

CANADIAN ARCTIC - BAFFIN ISLAND & GREENLAND: CIRCLING THE MIDNIGHT SUN | OCEAN ENDEAVOUR



INTRODUCTION

Gain a deeper comprehension of the local landscape, customs, and history as we navigate the Davis Strait in the direction of Greenland. Take advantage of this unique chance to interact with and learn from Inuit people in their homeland.

Start your adventure in Nunavut's capital, Iqaluit Harbour, which is located at the head of Frobisher Bay. Admire Nunavut's astounding geology. Discover the shoreline while keeping an eye out for marine life, polar bears, and seabirds. As you traverse the rolling tundra in the height of Arctic summer, take in the full seasonal blossoms. Visit the Uqqurmiut Inuit Arts Centre to immerse yourself in famous Inuit art where skilled Inuit artisans craft exquisitely woven prints and tapestries. Learn more about the history, culture, and ecosystem of the area as we hear from Inuit people living in their homeland.

Discover the stunning majesty of the Ilulissat Icefjord, known for its massive icebergs, and the untamed splendour of the Cumberland Peninsula. Discover West Greenland's intricate coastal waterways, which offer plenty of hiking and zodiac cruising options and are surrounded by towering mountains, glaciers, islands, and fjords.

Mandatory charter flight information and cost:

2025 DEPARTURE:

Northbound Charter Flight: Ottawa, ON, Canada to Iqaluit, NU, Canada - Early-morning departure. Price USD\$950 per person.

Southbound Charter Flight: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Toronto, ON, Canada - Evening arrival. Price USD\$1,450 per person.

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12 Days
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DAY 1: Iqaluit, NU, Canada

Begin your journey by transferring to the ship by Zodiac through Iqaluit harbour. Iqaluit, at the head of Frobisher Bay, is Nunavut’s capital. A population of nearly 8,000 calls the city home. Local attractions include the territorial Legislature, igloo-inspired St. Jude’s Cathedral, art shops, and more.



DAY 2: Kitigtung (Lady Franklin Island)

Journey to Lady Franklin Island, one of the many rugged and wildlife-rich islands dotting the south Baffin Island coast. Explore the coastline by Zodiac keeping watch for seabirds, polar bears, and marine life. A wonderful introduction to the geology of Nunavut, examine the rock formations from the sea. With Inuit expedition team members by your side, you'll gain an intimate perspective on the captivating wildlife and geological wonders that cross your path.



DAY 3: Southeast Baffin Island

Spend time on the nuna—the Inuktitut name for land. Take a hike that best suits your interest accompanied by our expert expedition team who offer insightful interpretations of the surroundings. Soak in the full seasonal blooms at the height of Arctic summer as you explore the rolling tundra. A stop here will give you a unique opportunity to connect with nature on a profound level.



DAY 4: Panniqtuuq (Pangnirtung)

Experience Panniqtuuq, nestled on a coastal plain amidst stunning mountains and a winding river valley. Meaning “the place of the bull caribou” in Inuktitut, this charming community is embraced by snow-capped peaks and the ocean. Immerse yourself in renowned Inuit art at the Uqqurmiut Inuit Arts Centre. Step inside the print and weave shop, where talented Inuit artists create beautifully woven tapestries and prints. Get the opportunity to purchase the acclaimed "Pang" hats—colourfully patterned crocheted toques—at the centre's gift shop.



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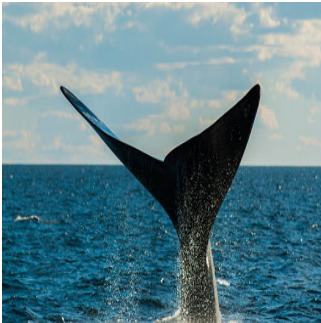
DAY 5: Cumberland Peninsula - Days 5 to 6

Spend two days exploring the Cumberland Peninsula, a stunning Arctic region steeped in cultural heritage. Jutting from the southeastern coast of Baffin Island, this peninsula encompasses Cumberland Sound, whose profuse wildlife sustained Inuit and their predecessors for thousands of years. We hope to experience the same natural wonders as we sail through the marine-rich waterway. It was even considered a potential missing link in the early search for the Northwest Passage. While exploring, you'll have the opportunity to delve into the captivating maritime history of the region, gaining a deeper understanding of its past and present significance. We'll make the most of every opportunity to hike the vast tundra and Zodiac in the ice-strewn waters. Make sure to keep an eye out for the abundant wildlife that calls this region home, including polar bears, Arctic foxes, and beluga whales.



DAY 7: At Sea - Davis Strait

Deepen your understanding of the environment, cultures, and history of the region as we sail across the Davis Strait towards Greenland. Get the privileged opportunity to engage with and learn from Inuit in their homeland. Enjoy workshops and presentations, watch a documentary, and get out on deck! Try your hand at athletic feats during an interactive cultural performance of Inuit games. Through shared experiences and interactions, develop a deep appreciation for the culture and gain a profound connection to the stunning landscapes we traverse. Keep your binoculars ready to spot whales and seabirds who follow in our wake.



DAY 8: Western Greenland - Days 8 to 9

Welcome to Kalaallit Nunaat, or Greenland! Choose the activity you like best during an expedition landing on Greenland's spectacular west coast. Whether you prefer hiking, walking, photography, or sitting contemplatively, you'll be delighted! Alongside our team of knowledgeable naturalists, marine biologists, and geologists, embrace every opportunity to learn and deepen your connection to the landscapes we explore. Admire the mighty mountains and the tiniest tundra flowers—a stop in this area will offer many outstanding features to pique your interest.



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DAY 10: Ilulissat

Experience the remarkable beauty of Ilulissat Icefjord, renowned for its enormous icebergs. Ilulissat means “iceberg”—an apt name for this site at the outlet of the Sermeq Kujalleq glacier. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the source of many of the icebergs in the North Atlantic. Marvel at the sheer grandeur of the towering ice formations as you take a stroll along the boardwalk—truly a sight to behold! Visit the town, with its museums, charming cafes, craft shops, and bustling fishing harbour. Be sure to make your way to the Ilulissat Icefjord Centre, where you can delve into the fascinating narratives surrounding the ice and gain a deeper appreciation for this awe-inspiring natural wonder.



DAY 11: Sisimiut Coast

Explore West Greenland’s complex coastal waterways that include glaciers, islands, and fjords against a towering mountain backdrop, with plentiful opportunities for hiking and Zodiac cruising. Learn about the Saqqaq, Dorset, Thule, and modern Inuit cultures that have called the Sisimiut region home for the past 4,500 years. The waters are relatively warm here, due to the West Greenland Current and the subarctic location.



DAY 12: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

End your journey by sailing up 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. We will disembark in the morning and transfer by Zodiac for our return charter flight to Toronto, ON.



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	INCLUSIONS Cabin aboard the Ocean Endeavour All meals on board Applicable taxes and credit card fees Complimentary expedition jacket 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 Interactive workshops Evening entertainment EXCLUSIONS Mandatory Charter flights (please see notes for more details) International 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 Any pre or post land arrangements Mandatory charter flight information and cost: 2025 DEPARTURE: Northbound Charter Flight: Ottawa, ON, Canada to Iqaluit, NU, Canada - Early-morning departure. Price USD\$950 per person. Southbound Charter Flight: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Toronto, ON, Canada - Evening arrival. Price USD\$1,450 per person.
Inclusions	
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Subject to availability upon request. Contact us for more details. No single supplement on a limited quantity of cabins in categories 3-7. Once these cabins are sold, the single supplement fee is 1.5 times the berth cost. Single occupancy in categories 8-10 is available at full double-occupancy rates. Subject to cabin availability.

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