


GREENLAND - JOURNEY ACROSS THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE | VENTURE



INTRODUCTION

Traverse the Arctic seas through the legendary Northwest Passage, a historic route once sought by explorers for its narrow channels of icy waters. However, this adventure can now be aboard a luxurious cruise ship equipped for adventure. Learn about the region`s history and ecology from expert guides on board. Indulge in gourmet cuisine and luxurious amenities on your Arctic voyage. Discover hidden gems along the way, from remote Inuit villages to ancient ruins. Explore the stunning fjords and rugged coastlines of the Arctic wilderness. Encounter rare wildlife such as polar bears, whales, musk ox, caribou, and arctic foxes. The abundance of birdlife makes this a very popular route for birders the chance to see arctic species that would be out of reach otherwise.

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DAY 1: Reykjavik, Iceland

Your Arctic journey commences in Reykjavík, Iceland's capital, established by Viking settler Ingólfur Arnarson around 870 C.E. It stands as the site of Iceland's first permanent settlement. Initially documented with 69 residents in the 1703 census, Reykjavík comprised a farm and a church. The city's landscape is adorned with the impressive statue of Leif Erikson, a reminder of Iceland's Viking heritage. Its name, translating to 'smoky bay', reflects the geothermal activity in the surrounding area. Today, Reykjavík is home to approximately 200,000 people, representing roughly 60% of Iceland's population. Evolving into a cosmopolitan center, it ranks as one of the world's northernmost national capitals and boasts exceptional cleanliness, green spaces, and safety. Strolling through Reykjavík, one encounters a tapestry of culture, history, music, and shopping, alongside vibrant nightlife. Colorful rooftops and the graceful spire of Hallgrímskirkja Church grace the city's skyline. Known for its artistic flair, Reykjavík hosts several globally recognized festivals, including the Iceland Air music festival, Reykjavik Arts Festival, and the Reykjavik International Film Festival.



DAY 2: Fly to Kangerlussuaq & Embarkation

Today, you will board a flight to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, and embark on your Arctic journey in the afternoon, with the ship setting sail at approximately 8 pm. In October 1941, the United States Army Air Force established an airbase at Kangerlussuaq. This base served as a refueling stop for single-engine military aircraft en route to Britain during World War II. Situated 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) from their last port of call, Goose Bay, Labrador, Kangerlussuaq fjord ('Big Fjord') spans 170 kilometers (105 miles) and was often veiled in fog, posing a significant navigation challenge for aircrews. Today, advancements in technology have mitigated navigation concerns. The landscape's suitability for an airport was unparalleled, with a vast alluvial plain formed by a nearby glacial-outflow river providing a naturally flat surface. Kangerlussuaq now stands as the largest commercial airport in Greenland, supporting a population of 500. A lesser-known fact is that from 1971 to 1987, 33 missiles from various countries were launched from Kangerlussuaq for upper atmospheric scientific research.



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DAY 3: At Sea

Spend this day at sea making the most of the ship's amenities and getting to know your fellow travelers. Enjoy the tranquility of the open ocean as you relax and unwind aboard the vessel.



DAY 4: Ilulissat

Today's itinerary brings you to Ilulissat, where you'll have the opportunity to witness a spectacle unmatched anywhere else on Earth: the awe-inspiring icebergs. In fact, the name Ilulissat translates to 'Iceberg' in Greenlandic, showcasing the significance of these icy giants to the region. Despite its proximity to immense glaciers, Ilulissat has been inhabited for over 4,000 years. Established in 1741 by Danish merchant Jacob Severin, the modern town boasts a population of 4,500, making it the third-largest city in Greenland. Along the narrow inner harbor, you'll find a picturesque array of colorful houses, characteristic of Greenlandic villages. Ilulissat's claim to fame lies in the sheer magnitude of icebergs, originating from the nearby Jakobshavn Glacier. This phenomenon has propelled Ilulissat to become Greenland's premier tourist destination. With the glacier moving at speeds of up to 45 meters (150 feet) per day, it annually drains 6.5% of the Greenland ice sheet and contributes approximately 10% of all icebergs worldwide. Consequently, Ilulissat Icefjord has been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, recognizing its unparalleled natural beauty and significance.



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DAY 5: Sisimiut

Today's destination is Sisimiut, where you'll have the chance to immerse yourself in an environment characterized by ruggedness, authenticity, and isolation. Located just 24 miles (40 km) north of the Arctic Circle, Sisimiut has earned a reputation as a premier outdoor adventure destination. As Greenland's second-largest city with a population of 5,600, Sisimiut traces its roots back to 1756 when it was founded under the guidance of Danish missionary Hans Egede. The name 'Sisimiut' derives from Greenlandic, meaning 'place of fox dens,' a testament to its rich cultural heritage spanning over 4,500 years of continuous habitation. Nestled within a serene fjord and framed by the imposing Mount Nasaasaq standing at 2,572 feet (784 m), Sisimiut is renowned for its picturesque charm. Vibrant houses painted in hues of red, yellow, green, and blue punctuate the landscape of bare rock, creating a striking contrast against the backdrop of gray and white. Explore the Sisimiut Museum, which offers insight into Greenland's traditional way of life with exhibits including a reconstructed Greenlandic peat house and the remnants of an 18th-century kayak.



DAY 6: At Sea

Take advantage of this day at sea to fully embrace the comforts of the ship and foster connections with your fellow adventurers. Delight in the serene expanse of the open ocean as you unwind and rejuvenate amidst the gentle sway of the waves. Allow yourself to immerse in the tranquility of this maritime journey, savoring moments of relaxation and contemplation while traversing the boundless waters.



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DAY 7: Pond Inlet, Nunavut, Canada

Arriving at noon, you'll reach Pond Inlet, an Inuit town nestled amidst the picturesque Eclipse Sound, framed by the glaciated peaks of Bylot Island. Initially named in 1818 by explorer Captain John Ross after English astronomer John Pond, this community of over 1,600 inhabitants stands as one of northern Canada's most culturally rich locales. A leisurely stroll through Pond Inlet offers a glimpse into modern Inuit life, where tradition seamlessly blends with contemporary living. Homes adorned with caribou antlers and skulls reflect the community's close ties to the land, while the sight of sealskin, caribou, and polar bear hides drying in the sun adds to the town's charm. At the local market, a diverse array of traditional Inuit foods awaits, including seal, whale, caribou, and an abundance of fish. Wooden sledges known as qamutiqs, once pulled by dogs but now towed by snowmobiles, await the arrival of the first snowfall in front yards. Immerse yourself in Inuit culture at the local museum and cultural center, where you can enjoy a captivating performance of Inuit throat-singing accompanied by dancers in traditional sealskin anoraks and mukluks. Experience the warm hospitality of Pond Inlet's residents as you engage with their traditions, creating lasting memories of your Arctic exploration.



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DAY 8: Philpots Island, Baffin, Canada

Arriving early morning at Philpots Island in Baffin, you'll be greeted by the serene beauty of this remote Arctic locale. Nestled within the rugged landscape of Baffin Bay, Philpots Island offers a captivating blend of untouched wilderness and breathtaking vistas. As you step ashore, immerse yourself in the tranquility of this pristine environment, where the crisp Arctic air invigorates the senses and the vast expanse of untouched nature stretches before you. Take a leisurely stroll along the rugged coastline, where towering cliffs meet the crystal-clear waters of the bay, creating a stunning backdrop for exploration. Philpots Island is home to an array of fascinating wildlife, from majestic seabirds soaring overhead to curious seals bobbing in the icy waters. Keep your eyes peeled for sightings of Arctic foxes, polar bears, and other iconic Arctic species as you explore the island's rugged terrain.



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DAY 9: Dundas Harbour & Croker Bay

Today in the morning, you'll embark on zodiacs to explore Dundas Harbour, an abandoned community rich in Arctic heritage. Remnants of the R.C.M.P. post serve as silent reminders of the Inuit settlers who arrived in 1934. Amidst the Arctic Autumn colors, stark white crosses mark one of the most northerly cemeteries on Earth, while nearby ancient stone remains offer glimpses into earlier Inuit civilizations. Later in the day, you'll venture to Croker Bay, a majestic fjord on the southern coast of Devon Island, flanked by vibrant, 450-meter high mountains. Here, a tidewater glacier descends from the island's icefield, creating spectacular ice cliffs. Amidst the brash ice, polar bears, seals, and beluga whales may be spotted. The glacier, although receding, still reaches the sea, providing a breeding ground for fulmars, kittiwakes, and occasional walruses. The glacier's wide face, framed by colorful rock layers, offers a stunning photographic opportunity, and adventurous souls can even hike onto its surface.



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DAY 10: Northwest Passage Experience - Day 10 & 11

Over the next two days, you'll embark on an unforgettable journey through the Northwest Passage. This historic route, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans through the Canadian Arctic Archipelago, spans approximately 900 miles from Baffin Island to the Beaufort Sea above Alaska. As your ship navigates through this legendary sea corridor, each moment promises contemplation and discovery. The landscape here, sculpted by glaciers, is characterized by vast expanses of sea ice, serving as platforms for marine life like walruses, Arctic ringed seals, and the majestic polar bears. Despite its barren appearance, the region has witnessed significant changes since Roald Amundsen's pioneering voyage in 1906, with shrinking sea ice coverage posing challenges to the animals reliant on it for survival. This area holds deep cultural significance, once serving as traditional Indigenous hunting and fishing grounds, as evidenced by archaeological finds dating back 4,000 years. During your expedition, you'll partake in exhilarating activities such as zodiac excursions, providing up-close encounters with towering icebergs and wildlife sightings guided by expert expedition team members. Nature Hikes offer the chance to explore the tundra landscapes on foot, discovering delicate flora and perhaps encountering arctic foxes and hares along the way.



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DAY 12: Gjoa Haven

Arriving at noon, you'll step ashore in Gjoa Haven, a remote community nestled in the heart of Nunavut. Tendered by zodiac, your journey from ship to shore offers a close-up encounter with the pristine Arctic waters and rugged coastline. Gjoa Haven, named after Roald Amundsen's ship "Gjøa," which wintered here in 1903-1904 during his historic Northwest Passage expedition, holds a rich history and cultural significance. As you explore this tranquil hamlet, you'll immerse yourself in the traditional Inuit way of life and the warm hospitality of its residents. Venture further inland to discover the breathtaking natural beauty that surrounds Gjoa Haven. Marvel at the vast expanses of tundra, dotted with wildflowers and lichen, and keep an eye out for wildlife such as Arctic foxes and migratory birds.



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DAY 13: At Sea

Today, your journey continues through the Northwest Passage, offering captivating opportunities to encounter majestic marine mammals like walruses and Arctic ringed seals, along with the iconic polar bears.



DAY 14: Cambridge Bay Village

Today, you'll have the opportunity to explore Cambridge Bay Village, a charming Inuit community nestled in the vast wilderness of Canada's Arctic. As you step ashore, you'll be greeted by the rugged beauty of the surrounding landscape and the warm hospitality of the locals. Take a leisurely stroll through the village, immersing yourself in its rich culture and heritage. Visit the local shops and markets to discover authentic Inuit crafts and artwork, and perhaps engage in conversation with residents to learn more about their way of life in this remote and resilient community. As you explore, keep an eye out for glimpses of Arctic wildlife and soak in the serene atmosphere of this unique Arctic outpost.



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DAY 15: Northwest Passage Experience - Day 15 to 21

Sailing through the Northwest Passage is a rare travel experience that has been hundreds of years in the making. The passage — more specifically, a series of channels through the Canadian Arctic Archipelago that connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans — extends approximately 900 miles from Baffin Island to the Beaufort Sea above Alaska. The glacier-carved landscape here is dominated by sea ice, which is used as a platform by marine mammals such as walrus and Arctic ringed seals — as well as the polar bears that hunt them. Yet the region has experienced monumental change since Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen first mapped the Northwest Passage in 1906, and the rapidly shrinking sea ice coverage now allows ships to navigate the route year-round — while also creating existential challenges for the animals that rely upon the ice for survival. Many of the areas you pass through were traditional Indigenous hunting and fishing grounds, and archaeological discoveries show that the Pre-Dorset people occupied this region some 4,000 years ago.



DAY 22: Nome

As the locals like to say, “There’s no place like Nome.” Set at the southern tip of the Seward Peninsula and only accessible by air or the Bering Sea, this Arctic Alaska town offers a rich mix of gold rush history, Inupiat Eskimo culture, rugged adventure, and abundant wildlife. Gold was first discovered here in 1898; a year later, the population had ballooned to more than 20,000. (Nome has around 3,500 residents today.) Gold mining remained a vital industry well into the 20th century, and the region’s retreating sea ice has brought a new generation of treasure hunters who dredge in converted fishing boats just offshore. You can learn more at the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, and snap a selfie next to the “World’s Largest Gold Pan.” During the winter of 1925, a diphtheria epidemic raged among the area’s Alaska Natives; when fierce blizzard conditions prevented airplanes from leaving Anchorage with the life-saving serum, a rescue effort was organized to deliver it via dog sled. The annual Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race still follows the same path as those heroic mushers.



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DAY 23: Disembark in Nome & Fly to Anchorage

Bid farewell to the crew and your fellow travelers as you disembark in Nome. You will then be transported to the airport for a flight to Anchorage, where you will spend your final night. As the locals like to say, “There’s no place like Nome.” Set at the southern tip of the Seward Peninsula and only accessible by air or the Bering Sea, this Arctic Alaska town offers a rich mix of gold rush history, Inupiat Eskimo culture, rugged adventure, and abundant wildlife. Gold was first discovered here in 1898; a year later, the population had ballooned to more than 20,000. (Nome has around 3,500 residents today.) Gold mining remained a vital industry well into the 20th century, and the region’s retreating sea ice has brought a new generation of treasure hunters who dredge in converted fishing boats just offshore. You can learn more at the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, and snap a selfie next to the “World’s Largest Gold Pan.” During the winter of 1925, a diphtheria epidemic raged among the area’s Alaska Natives; when fierce blizzard conditions prevented airplanes from leaving Anchorage with the life-saving serum, a rescue effort was organized to deliver it via dog sled. The annual Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race still follows the same path as those heroic mushers.



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DAY 24: Anchorage

Anchorage, Alaska’s largest city lures with wild natural beauty, urban comforts, a rich Native heritage, and a thriving arts community. Set along the Cook Inlet with the Chugach, Kenai, and Talkeetna mountain ranges as a backdrop, Anchorage is the starting point for the annual Iditarod, the iconic dog-sled race that ends in Nome some 1,049 miles away. The city also serves as gateway to Denali National Park via domed railcar, as well as Seabourn expedition voyages in Far East Russia. Even if you’re just here for an overnight or to catch your homebound flight, take time to explore Anchorage’s vibrant downtown packed with interesting shops, public art installations, and homey restaurants where you can sample reindeer sausage and a locally crafted brew. Take a bike ride along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail or hike in Chugach State Park; anglers can reel in King and silver salmon along Fish Ship Creek. The Alaska Native Heritage Center offers a fascinating introduction to the state’s diverse Indigenous cultures. Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Inclusions	INCLUSIONS One night pre tour accommodation in Reykjavík, Iceland One night post tour accommodation in Anchorage, Alaska Accommodation onboard the Venture in booked cabin category Group transfers to/from the airport and to/from the ship* (subject to date/time restrictions*) Charter flights in economy class as per itinerary All meals onboard the Venture including snacks and 24/7 in room dining Complimentary spirits and wine available on board at all times - full open bar including premium beverages & in room minibar Inspiring enrichment program and special guest speakers on board All applicable shore excursions and zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost) Digital photography workshops Complimentary expedition-grade parka and day pack All port taxes & landing fees
	EXCLUSIONS International or internal flights unless specified Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information Pre or post cruise travel expenses Visa (if applicable) and passport fees Travel insurance (compulsory) Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings Paid adventure options and all personal expenses Miscellaneous extras Laundry and communication charges on board Tipping onboard (optional) - We recommend \$15USD per person per day
	Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)
	Single Surcharge Available on request. A Single Supplement may be applied. Subject to availability. Please note 'willing to share' option is not available. Contact us for more details.
	Notes Prices are based on per person, twin share* Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions
Price Dependent upon Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.	

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