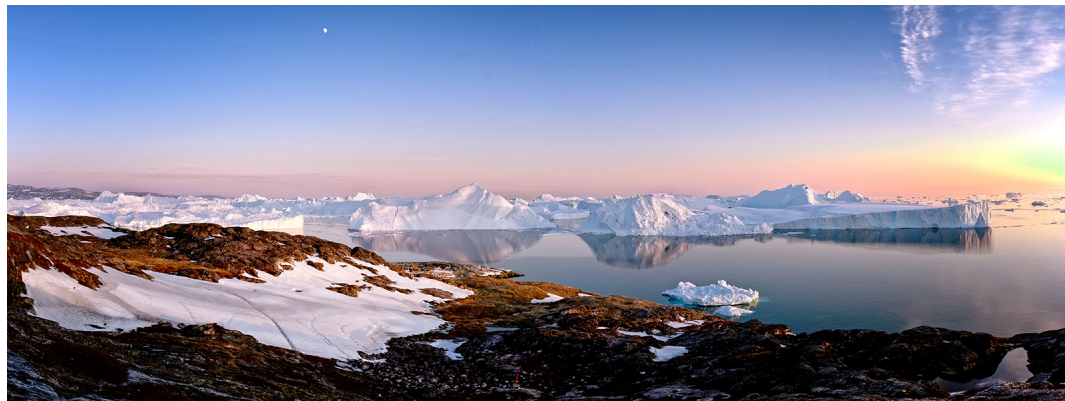


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INTRODUCTION

Jump aboard the Ocean Endeavour for 11 days and cruise in comfort from Qausuittuq (Resolute Bay), Nunavut to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland. This is the high Arctic at the height of summer and you will be rewarded with the history, culture, marine life and glittering scenery of this region. Highlights include a visit to Beechey Island National Historic Site; Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Protected Area; an Inuit cultural welcome at Mittimatalik; cruise amid icebergs at Jakobshavn Glacier (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and explore Greenland's beautiful west coast. This journey starts in Toronto with a charter flight Northbound and ends with a charter flight southbound to Ottawa. . There is the opportunity to do it in reverse from Ottawa to Toronto on certain dates.

Mandatory charter flight information and cost. **2023 DEPARTURE:**

-Northbound Charter Flight: Ottawa, ON to Resolute, NU. Early-morning departure.

Price: \$1,270 USD

-Southbound Charter Flight: Kangerlussuaq, GL to Toronto, ON. Evening arrival.

Price: \$1,375 USD

****Please note that due to the recent increase in global fuel prices, a fuel surcharge has been applied to all voyages across the Arctic 23 season. This has already been applied to the price****

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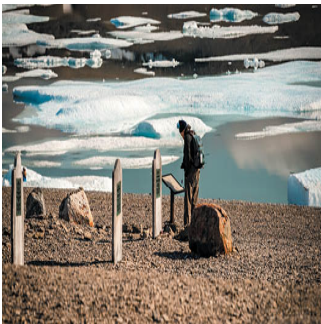
DAY 1: Ottawa - Qausuittuq

Please make your own way to Ottawa Airport for the early morning charter flight to Qausuittuq. On arrival you will be transferred to the port to embark the Ocean Endeavour. (We highly recommend you arrive in Ottawa a day prior to your chartered flight). Qausuittuq, or “place with no dawn,” is named for its dark winters. But in summer, the sun persists constantly from about April 29 to August 13 each year. The community’s English name, Resolute Bay, honours the HMS Resolute. “Resolute” also describes local Inuit who were relocated, in 1953, from Inukjuak, Québec, and Mittimatalik by the Canadian government.



DAY 2: Beechey Island

In 1845, Sir John Franklin set out from England with HMS Erebus and Terror, attempting to sail through the Northwest Passage. Franklin’s party overwintered at Beechey Island where three of his men died. Numerous 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 alongside Franklin’s men. The graves and the ruins of Northumberland House are a haunting memorial.



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DAY 3: Lancaster Sound/Devon Island - Day 3 to 6

We will spend four days exploring Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound), one of Canada's newest National Marine Conservation Areas. Narwhal, beluga, and bowhead whales transit and feed in this area. We'll cruise by ship and Zodiac in search of wildlife. On the northern border of Tallurutiup Imanga lies Devon Island, the largest uninhabited island on Earth at over 50,000 square kilometres. The island's geology is stunning. Flat topped mountains, glacial valleys, and a substantial ice cap give Devon Island its unique character. We'll visit a number of the bays—hiking the tundra, discovering the botany, cruising a glacier face, and wildlife-spotting from ship and from shore. Once home to Inuit and their ancestors, we will visit archaeological sites with expert interpretation to learn about the human history of this now-abandoned island. We'll also catch a glimpse of recent human history as we visit the remains of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Hudson's Bay Company site at Dundas Harbour.



DAY 7: Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet)

Mittimatalik is a busy Arctic community in a beautiful setting. The views of nearby Bylot Island are stunning. We will have a chance to explore the town. The cultural presentation at the Community Hall is not to be missed—arts and crafts may be available here, too.



DAY 8: At Sea - Davis Strait

Our onboard presentation series will continue as we steam across Davis Strait towards Canada. This is an excellent time to enjoy workshops, watch a documentary, and get out on deck looking for whales, seabirds, and marine wildlife.



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DAY 9: Western Greenland

Greenland's west coast is simply stunning. From mighty mountains to the tiniest tundra flowers, our stop in this area will offer many outstanding features of interest. Hikers, walkers, photographers, and contemplators will all be equally delighted.



DAY 10: Ilulissat

Ilulissat translates literally into "iceberg", an apt name for this site at the mouth of the Ilulissat Icefjord—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The icefjord is the outlet of the Sermeq Kujalleq glacier, a source of many of the icebergs in the North Atlantic. Here, we will cruise in our fleet of Zodiacs to appreciate the icebergs. We will also visit the town of Ilulissat, with its museums, cafes, craft shops, and busy fishing harbour.



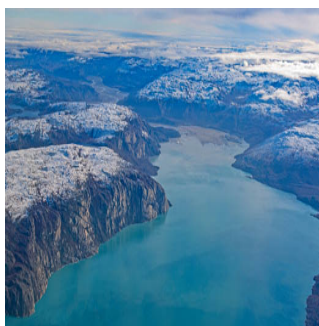
DAY 11: Sisimiut Coast

People have lived in the Sisimiut area for 4,500 years. For the first 2,000 years, the people of the Saqqaq culture occupied the area. Approx. 2,500 years ago, new people brought the Dorset culture to the Sisimiut area. They lived here for 1,500 years and were followed by the people of the Thule culture—the ancestors of the current population. All these cultures came from Canada. The people primarily lived on fish, birds and mammals such as whales and seals. The ice-free conditions in the sea around Sisimiut, including some of Greenland's deepest fjords, allow us to sail in waters that are home to many whales and seals.



DAY 12: Kangerlussuaq - Toronto

Sondre Stromfjord is one of the longest fjords in the world and boasts 168 kilometres of superb scenery. You end your adventure by sailing up this dramatic fjord as the sun rises to greet you. Kangerlussuaq, the town at its eastern head, is a former US Air Force base and Greenland's primary flight hub. Here, you will disembark the Ocean Endeavour and transfer to the airport for your return charter flight to Toronto.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation Deluxe

Inclusions

- All accommodation on board the Ocean Endeavour.
- All onboard meals
- Applicable taxes and credit card fees
- Complimentary expedition jacket
- Special access permits and entry fees
- Port fees
- All zodiac excursions and interactive workshops

Exclusions

- Mandatory Charter flights (see Notes for more details)
- Gratuities
- Mandatory medical evacuation insurance
- Additional expenses due to delays or itinerary changes
- Possible fuel surcharges
- Pre and post trip accommodation

Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge Please Note: Category 3 to 7 cabins have no single supplement. Contact us for more details.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

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We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

The Ocean Endeavour in the Arctic works closely with the First Nations communities by direct employment and is a part of a Discovery Fund. Every customer contributes directly to the Fund when they purchase a trip to the Arctic. The Fund covers issues like habitat enhancement, youth outreach, community support and charity projects. The Scientist-in-residence program offers spacem time and resources aboard The Ocean Endeavour for practicing scientists and researchers. Passenger contributions to the citizen science program is also facilitated onboard. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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