

THE ARCTIC - HEART OF THE ARCTIC | OCEAN ENDEAVOUR




INTRODUCTION

Discover the heart of the Arctic on an incredible journey as you discover incredible wonders of both Canada and Greenland. This 13-day expedition cruise aboard the comfortable Ocean Endeavour explores three different Arctic regions. Delve into the deep fjords and traditional culture of Greenland; meet local artists in South Baffin Island's Inuit communities and explore the Arctic coast of Quebec, Nunavik. This trip is ideal for those with an interest in nature and culture. Excursions include Zodiac cruises to see bears, birds, whales and caribou and you will learn about the unique Arctic scenery and culture from scientists, historians and Inuit artists.

Mandatory charter flight information and cost. **2024 DEPARTURE:**
 -Northbound Charter Flight: Ottawa, ON, Canada to Iqaluit NU, Canada. Early-morning departure. (*900USD per person)
 -Southbound Charter Flight: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, to Toronto, ON, Canada. Evening arrival. (*1375USD per person)

PLEASE NOTE: Pricing is subject to change and availability at the time of booking. Cabins are subject to availability and currency fluctuations. Contact us for more information.

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TRIP CODE
ACADHOA
DEPARTURE
22/07/2024
DURATION
13 Days
LOCATIONS
Canadian Arctic, Greenland


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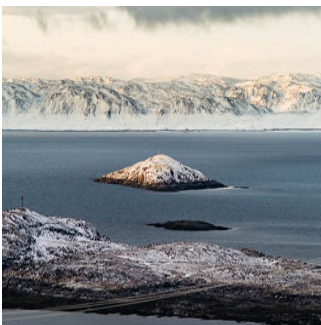
DAY 1: Ottawa - Iqaluit

Please make your own way to Ottawa Airport for the early morning charter flight to Iqaluit. Iqaluit, at the head of Frobisher Bay, is Nunavut’s bustling capital. A population of nearly 8,000 (and growing) call Iqaluit home. Local attractions include the territorial Legislature, igloo-inspired St. Jude’s Cathedral, art shops, and more.



DAY 2: Frobisher Bay

Expect compelling scenery, as you soak up the Arctic splendour. Discovered in 1576 by Sir Martin Frobisher it was originally believed to be a strait before being identified as a bay in 1860. Not only will you be on the lookout for an abundance of wildlife but also will be able to learn about the unique characteristics of the native tundra flora. Our geologists will have you raving about rocks!



DAY 3: Kimmirut (Lake Harbour)

Kimmirut means “the heel” in Inuktitut, referring to an outcrop of marble across the bay from the community. Kimmirut is considered one of the most charming communities on the South Baffin coast. Art aficionados may know the hamlet as Lake Harbour, once the home of a Hudson Bay Company post. Art has played a major role in putting Kimmirut on the map. The Dewey Soper Building houses a gallery of outstanding works of art.



DAY 4: Kinngait - Cape Dorset

Sail onward to what was once the birthplace of the Inuit art market. In 1959, the West Baffin Eskimo Co-operative was established: it remains the oldest arts organization in the Canadian Arctic and the oldest professional Inuit printmaking studio in Canada. Old and new generations of outstanding artists, carvers, and printmakers continue to make Kinngait a proud centre for Inuit art. You’ll visit studios and meet the incredible local artists here, as well as having an opportunity to purchase outstanding works straight from the source.



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DAY 5: Hudson Strait

Your expedition continues as you navigate the icy waters of the Hudson Strait. Make the most of the natural winds and catch glimpses of magnificent floating icebergs. Cruise the waters as you scan the surroundings for wildlife like polar bears, walruses, whales, seals and incredible seabirds. Visit Nunavik's northernmost community, Iqaluit. This dramatic setting sits at the confluence of the Hudson Strait and Hudson bay. With a population of under just five hundred, the setting and high tidal environment for a rich variety of wildlife such as the thick-billed murre.



DAY 6: Ungava Peninsula, QC - Day 6 & 7

Enjoy hiking across the treeless tundra of the Ungava Peninsula. This area is a haven for lovers of geology, with an abundance of rich geology and flora. You can enjoy hiking experiences and a zodiac cruise.



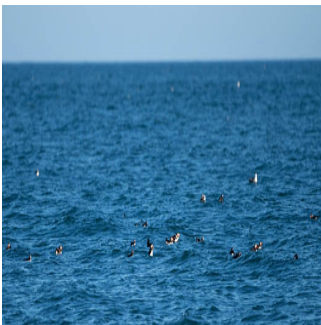
DAY 8: Ungava Bay - Day 8 & 9

Large and shallow, Ungava Bay is a rich ecosystem and home to a variety of wildlife, including an endangered Beluga population and Canada's largest number of breeding Thick-billed Murres. Here we'll use our Zodiacs to scout the shorelines and any outlying ice with hopes of seeing polar bears, walrus, and other marine life. We'll pay a visit to uninhabited Akpatok Island, the biggest island in Ungava Bay, at over nine hundred square kilometres. It's named for the akpat—the Thick-billed Murres—that nest on ledges of Aktpatok's lofty cliffs.



DAY 10: At Sea - Davis Strait

You will continue on as you steam across the Davis Strait towards Greenland. Our resource staff will deepen your understanding of the Arctic as you go. This is an excellent time to enjoy workshops and group learning, watch a documentary or dive into our library. While out on deck, keep your binoculars ready for minke and humpback whales amid pack ice, as well as the seabirds that are sure to mark our passage.



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DAY 11: Nuuk

Welcome to Nuuk, the capital of Greenland that bridges old and new. The old harbour region of town includes many buildings dating from the Danish colonial days. The modern downtown core includes shopping, cafes and restaurants, and public institutions with a European flair. The Greenland National Museum is one of Nuuk’s many outstanding features; the world-famous Qilakitsoq mummies are housed here. The museum’s exhibits also offer in-depth information about colonial, Norse, and Inuit presence in Greenland.



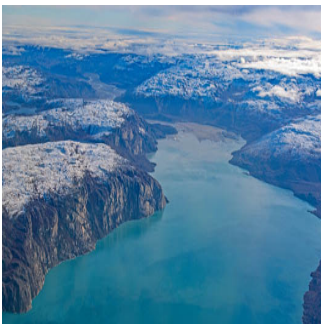
DAY 12: Kangerlussuatsiaq Fjord

West Greenland’s complex coastal waterways include glaciers, islands and fjords against a towering mountain backdrop. The waters are relatively warm here, due to the West Greenland Current and the sub-Arctic location. We’ll explore this sublime landscape by ship, and by Zodiac.



DAY 13: Kangerlussuaq - Toronto

Early this morning you'll complete your overnight journey up Sondre Stromfjord—a 168-kilometre-long fjord surrounded by mountains and glaciers. Kangerlussuaq, the town at its eastern head, means ‘the big fjord’. Kangerlussuaq is a former US Air Force base and Greenland’s primary flight hub. You'll transfer to shore by Zodiac and be bused along Greenland’s longest road—less than twenty kilometres—to the airport, where our charter flight will take you to Toronto.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin Onboard a Ship

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Inclusions	INCLUSIONS Cabin accommodation on board the Ocean Endeavour Applicable taxes and Credit card fees Complimentary Expedition jacket (Ocean Endeavour only) Contribution to Adventure Canada's Discovery Fund Special access permits, entry and park fees Team of expedition staff Guided activities Sightseeing and community visits All Zodiac excursions Port fees Pre-departure materials Educational program Interactive workshops Evening entertainment All shipboard meals
	EXCLUSIONS Mandatory Charter flights (please see notes for more details) Commercial flights Program Enhancements/optional excursions 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 Tobacco, alcoholic or beverages (other than coffee and tea) Miscellaneous extras Laundry and communication charges on board Gratuities for Expedition team and crew (recommended US\$15 per person per day) Personal expenses Mandatory medical evacuation insurance Additional expenses in the event of delays or itinerary changes Pre- & post-trip hotel accommodation Possible fuel surcharges and administrative fees
	Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)
	Single Surcharge Please Note: Category 3 to 7 cabins have no single supplement. Contact us for more details. Subject to limited availability.

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Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quadruple cabins)
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.

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.

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

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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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