



Greenland & Canada Northwest Passage Adventure Cruise

14 Days



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Northwest Passage Adventure Cruise

Embark on this exciting voyage aboard the brand new Ocean Albatros, tracing the footsteps of explorers who sought the Northwest Passage. Combining the dramatic fjords and inlets of Arctic Canada, around Baffin and Ellesmere Island, with the colorful settlements along northwest Greenland, this trip is both a wilderness adventure and immersive cultural discovery. Start in West Greenland's Kangerlussuaq, then witness the beautiful landscapes of Nunavut while on the lookout for polar bears, narwhal, and bowhead whales. Visit Qaanaaq, the northernmost town in Greenland, and marvel at the majestic mountains of the Sam Ford fjord. Stand in awe before the glaciers at Mittmatalik, and the beautifully positioned town of Uummannaq. End your adventure in the scenic town of Ilulissat, 'the iceberg capital of the world.' Note: This cruise is not privately chartered for MT Sobek travelers. In order to offer the widest selection of travel dates and flexibility for our guests, MT Sobek works directly with the ship owner to book MT Sobek travelers on scheduled departures throughout the year, and we are

Details

Arrive:	Keflavik, Iceland
Depart:	Keflavik, Iceland
Duration:	14 Days
Group Size:	189-passenger vessel
Minimum Age:	8 Years Old
Activity Level:	

Testimonials

"Great experience every time with some of the most knowledgeable guides in their fields. We always come home with wonderful memories of the people we meet and things we see."

Bob J.

"We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek."

Dennis G.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

MT Sobek's Polar Value Promise means that we offer in-house services to help plan and execute your polar adventure for no added cost.

REASON #02

Over 30 years offering polar voyages we have built strong relationships with polar service providers and ships that cruise the High Arctic.

REASON #03

We choose ships and operators that maintain a high level of commitment to safety, people, value, quality, environment, well-being, and customer service.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Cruising by ice-strengthened ship and small Zodiac boats, wildlife viewing, easy guided walks, and optional scenic flights.



LODGING

The 189-passenger Ocean Albatros offers ensuite cabins, some with balconies, two restaurants and state-of-the-art amenities, including a pool and fitness area.



CLIMATE

Temperatures in this region of Arctic Canada and Greenland range between 30°F and 40°F.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.


For over twenty five years, David has been involved in the Arctic expedition and travel business. Since moving from Scotland to the Arctic, he has led, organized or participated in more than three hundred Arctic and Antarctic expeditions, trips and projects. In that time he has travelled thousands of miles by dog sled, ski, snowmobile, boat, kayak, ship, foot and most recently became the first person to cross Baffin Island by fat tire bike. He has completed eighteen successful expeditions through the Northwest Passage and guided over seventy trips to Churchill, Manitoba.

David Reid

Lisa has over 20 years' experience in the polar regions through work adventures ranging from fishing, mining to tourism: commercial fishing King Salmon in the Bering Sea; navigating thru remote tundra across Canada's Arctic gold prospecting; assisting mountaineering expeditions to summit Denali; working at a basecamp facilitating tourism and research below the Ellsworth Mountains in Antarctica. In her personal time, she finds herself travelling to northern Siberia to learn the culture of the Evans Peoples and backcountry ski touring from her home in the Selkirk Mountains. She just completed a master's degree in Polar Law, having studied in Iceland, Greenland and Norway.

Lisa Pettenuzzo

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Itinerary

DAY 1

FLY FROM ICELAND TO GREENLAND

Board the chartered flight in Keflavik, Iceland, in the afternoon, to fly to Kangerlussuaq in Greenland. On arrival, transfer on Zodiac boats to the small port located west of the airport, where the stunning new Ocean Albatros is anchored. Check into your stateroom and, after the mandatory safety drill, enjoy dinner as we start our journey through the 100-mile Kangerlussuaq fjord — the longest fjord in Greenland.

Meals: D

DAY 2

SAIL TOWARDS BAFFIN ISLAND

Spend the day at sea, heading across Davis Strait to Baffin Island in the Canadian territory of Nunavut. Relax in the ship's library, participate in the series of lectures held by Albatros Expedition experts and enjoy bird watching and whale spotting on the voyage to the southwest. Onboard lecturers deliver inspiring and enriching talks about John Davis, Canada's and Greenland's history, and the unique polar wildlife, nature and climatology.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

VISIT THE PICTURESQUE TOWN OF QIKIQTARJUAQ

Approach Cape Dyer overnight, the site of one of many US DEW (Distant Early Warning) stations that surround the Arctic. Cape Dyer itself towers towards the Davis Strait at about 2,600-foot elevation, and the cliff and the station are your first sighting of Arctic Canada! Like its Greenlandic counterpart of Qeqertarsuaq, Qikiqtarjuaq means "the big island." Visit the picturesque town, which has around 600 inhabitants and lies on an island outside Baffin's east coast. The area is home to many whale species; the bowhead whale, found only in polar waters, is often observed in congregations here — so get your binoculars out.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

SPOT WHALES AT ISABELLA BAY & NINGINGANIQ NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA

Sail along the Baffin Island's east coast further north to Isabella Bay, a designated bowhead whale sanctuary, where you can spot one of the hundreds of whales that feed here each summer. The Ninginganiq marine habitat is a protected National Wildlife Area, and an important habitat for a variety of marine mammals and seabirds. Take in the beautiful, desolate landscapes of the northeastern area known as the Qikiqtaaluk region, which includes Ellesmere, Devon and Baffin Island.

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 5

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF SAM FORD FJORD

Catch sight of the many migratory birds and marvel at the sheer magnitude of vertical rocks on each side of the spectacular Sam Ford Fjord, a veritable pilgrimage spot for rock climbers with cliff walls rising 5,000 feet. Admire the fjord's natural beauty and the dark waters that are home to narwhals and seals. Sail on towards the Nunavut region.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

EXPLORE MITTMATALIK, THE INUIT 'JEWEL OF THE NORTH'

Stroll around the Inuit town of Pond Inlet, known in the local language as Mittimatalik. Consisting of around 1600 inhabitants, most of whom are Inuit, the town has a unique architecture and culture, as well as dazzling views of the surrounding mountains, glaciers and floating icebergs. Known as the 'Jewel of the North,' this area is home to an abundance of wildlife, including polar bears, caribou, wolves, arctic foxes, ringed seal, and narwhals. Return to the ship for lunch and head north through the Eclipse Sound that divides Baffin Island and Bylot Island.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

CRUISE INTO LANCASTER SOUND, START OF NORTHWEST PASSAGE

Sail further north into the gateway to the Northwest Passage, Lancaster Sound. During the day enjoy a cruise along the eastern coast of Devon, the largest uninhabited island in the world, and continue north towards Ellesmere Island. Then break east and set sail for Greenland's western coast, waving goodbye to Canada's coastal waters as you approach Greenland.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

SEE QAANAQ, GREENLAND'S NORTHERNMOST TOWN

Traverse Smith Sound overnight and arrive at Greenland's northwest corner, entering Inglefield Bay. Take in the magnificent sight of some of Greenland's biggest bird cliffs. Disembark in Qaanaq, the only proper town in northwest Greenland with a population of 600. Stroll through the lovely town and visit the small museum that showcases local history.

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 9

VOYAGE ACROSS HISTORIC MELVILLE BAY

Leave Qaanaaq in the evening and pass the American Thule Base, Meteor Island, and the settlement of Savissivik during the night. Learn about past adventurers as you cruise across Melville Bay. Until modern times, year-long sea ice and plenty of calving glaciers into the bay had isolated North Greenland, and it was only through the adventurous dogsledding expeditions and tireless work of Knud Rasmussen and his friends at the beginning of the 1900s that the Thule Inuit came into contact with the Greenlanders further south.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10

EXPLORE UPERNAVIK TOWN

Explore the charming town of Upernavik, inhabited by 3000 people, mostly Inuit hunters. Part of the Upernavik territory that covers an area nearly the size of Great Britain, the town is home to the world's northernmost open-air museum with well-preserved buildings from the colonial period. Today Upernavik is a mix of traditional hunter culture and high-tech fishing. Take in the unique sight of dog sleighs racing alongside modern snowmobiles. After a stroll and museum visit, we leave Upernavik and sail past the darkly colored hills of Svartenhuks. Stay on the lookout for abundant whales that inhabit these waters.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 11

EXPERIENCE UUMMANNAQ'S SPLENDID SETTING

Find yourself 370 miles north of the Arctic Circle, in one of Greenland's most beautiful and sunny regions. The ship reaches Uummannaq, situated on a small island, with the spectacular 3,800-foot heart-shaped mountain dominating the view; Uummannaq means 'the place where the heart is'. Explore the town and enjoy its gorgeous setting before heading back to the ship for lunch.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 12

SEE ILULISSAT, THE WORLD'S ICEBERG CAPITAL

Admire Ilulissat, one of the most scenic towns in Greenland. The name simply means 'icebergs' in Greenlandic, and the town's nickname is rightly 'the iceberg capital of the world.' Explore the vibrant town with its wide range of cultural attractions, and join a boat trip to the Ice fjord, listed on the UNESCO's World Heritage List for its incredible ice-sculpted scenery and glacier activity. It is also possible to take an optional flight excursion in fixed-

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wing aircrafts over the Ice fjord (not included in general tour price). We cruise southward in the evening, leaving lovely Disko Bay behind.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 13

ENJOY ONBOARD LECTURES & BIRD WATCHING

Spend the last full day at sea, getting glimpses of sea birds migrating south.?? Alternatively, enjoy the onboard lectures about Greenland's?history, nature, wildlife, and climatology. Join the captain for a farewell drink and a slideshow of the voyage's highlights captured by the onboard photographer.?

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 14

DISEMBARK AT KANGERLUSSUAQ & RETURN TO ICELAND

After breakfast aboard the ship, bid farewell to the ship's staff and board the Zodiac boats to Kangerlussuaq. Opt for an excursion (not included in the tour price and not recommended for people who suffer from bad necks or backs, as the gravel road to the ice sheet is occasionally bumpy and uneven) to the beautiful UNESCO-listed Reindeer Glacier. Take in this spectacular sight and look out for wildlife such as reindeer and musk oxen. Finally, board the flight from Kangerlussuaq to Keflavik in Iceland.

Meals: B

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Dates

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Inclusions & Exclusions

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of experienced adventure guides
- Pricing based on double occupancy in a Balcony Stateroom
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Charter flight Reykjavik-Kangerlussuaq-Reykjavik with transfers in Kangerlussuaq
- Meals while onboard
- Coffee, tea and afternoon snacks
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Excursions and activities as noted
- Taxes, tariffs and fees
- Photo workshop

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare to/from Reykjavik, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Accommodations before/after the voyage
- Transfers in Reykjavik
- Beverages (other than tea and coffee)
- Gratuities for shipboard staff
- Excursions and activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- Mandatory medical/evacuation coverage
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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