

HEART OF THE ARCTIC

DETAILED ITINERARY

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South Greenland's stunning coast. The communities of south Baffin. The islands of Ungava Bay. People, wildlife and landscape are the true Heart of the Arctic!

Visit three distinct Arctic regions on this voyage aboard the Ocean Endeavour. Explore the deep fjords and vibrant communities of Greenland, including the world's smallest capital, Nuuk. Cross the Davis Strait in the wake of the explorers, searching for marine life and seabirds.

South Baffin Island's Inuit art-making communities are famous throughout the world. Meet the artists. Pick up a carving, a print, or a tapestry. Nunavik, the Arctic coast of Quebec, offers outstanding archeology and wildlife.

Plentiful sea ice means great opportunities for wildlife viewing from the ship or board a Zodiac—or board a Zodiac to seek whales, bears, and caribou. Keep your binoculars ready for thick-billed murre, guillemots, dovebies, and more.

FACTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- 13 days • Start in Iqaluit, NU, Canada and finish in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland • All meals on board included
- Travel aboard the Ocean Endeavour • Cross the Arctic Circle by ship via glorious Sondre Stromfjord • See and learn about the Qilakitsoq mummies at the Greenland National Museum in Nuuk • Seek polar bears, marine mammals, and seabirds in the rich waters of Hudson Strait • Visit Nunavut's great art communities, learn about Inuit art and culture from artists and experts
- Discover Akpatok Island, a designated important bird area, and home to up to 4.5% of the global North Atlantic Thick-billed Murre population • Zodiac along the face of a Greenlandic glacier • Bask in the glowing Arctic light with 18-20 hours of daylight – a photographers dream • Marvel at the tundra in summer bloom

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICE

Jul 22 – Aug 03, 2024

Triple Cabin	-	\$6995 USD
Interior Twin	-	\$8295 USD
Exterior Twin	-	\$9595 USD
Main Twin	-	\$10295 USD
Comfort Twin	-	\$10995 USD
Select Twin	-	\$11795 USD
Superior Twin	-	\$12995 USD
Junior Suite	-	\$13295 USD

Price does not include charter flights costs of \$2275 USD.

Activity Level: 1

Comfort Level:

Seas can be rough. Wet and dry zodiac landings required.

ACCOMMODATIONS

All travel aboard the Ocean Endeavour.

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DAY 1 IQALUIT, NU

Iqaluit, at the head of Frobisher Bay, is Nunavut's capital. A population of nearly 8,000 call Iqaluit home. Local attractions include the territorial Legislature, igloo-inspired St. Jude's Cathedral, art shops, and more.

We will transfer by Zodiac to Ocean Endeavour through Iqaluit harbour.

DAY 2 FROBISHER BAY

We'll be on the lookout for wildlife, of course, and our geologists will have you raving about rocks. Expect compelling scenery, and soak up the Arctic splendour as we go!



DAY 3 KIMMIRUT (LAKE HARBOUR)

Kimmirut means “the heel” in Inuktitut, referring to an outcrop of marble across the bay from the community.

Art aficionados may know the hamlet as Lake Harbour, home to one of the first Hudson’s Bay Company outposts on Baffin Island. Art has played a major role in putting Kimmirut on the map. The hamlet of approximately four hundred is known for its ivory scrimshaw and jewellery making. The blooming tundra offers easy walking.

DAY 4 KINNGAIT (CAPE DORSET)

Kinngait was ground zero for the Inuit art market. In 1959, the West Baffin Eskimo Co-operative was established 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. We’ll visit studios and meet the artists here—an opportunity to purchase outstanding works.

DAY 5 HUDSON STRAIGHT

Today we’ll navigate the icy, fast-moving waters of Hudson Strait. Join our expedition staff on deck, scanning for polar bears, walrus, whales, seals, and seabirds.

DAYS 6 -7 UNGAVA PENINSULA, QC

Along the Ungava Peninsula, we explore an area of treeless tundra rich in geology and flora. We’ll enjoy hiking and a Zodiac cruise.

DAY 8 -9 UNGAVA BAY

BLarge 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 STRAIGHT

Our resource staff will deepen your understanding of the Arctic as we steam across the Davis Strait towards Greenland. Enjoy workshops, watch a documentary—and get out on deck! Keep your binoculars ready for minke and humpback whales, as well as the seabirds that are sure to accompany our ship.

DAY 11 NUUK, GL

Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, bridges old and new. The old harbour includes many buildings dating from Danish colonial days, while contemporary Nuuk is known for art, shopping, pubs and cafes.

The Greenland National Museum is one of Nuuk’s many outstanding features; the world-famous Qilakitsoq mummies are housed here.

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, GL

In the early morning we'll complete our overnight journey up Sondre Stromfjord—a 168-kilometre-long fjord surrounded by mountains and glaciers, bisected by the Arctic Circle.

Kangerlussuaq, the settlement at its head is a former US Air Force base and Greenland's primary flight hub. We'll transfer to shore by Zodiac, then bus to the airport for our charter flight to Toronto, ON.





THE OCEAN ENDEAVOUR DETAILS:



Maximum: 198 passengers

Outfitted with twenty Zodiacs, advanced navigation equipment, multiple lounges and a top deck observation room, the Ocean Endeavour is purpose-built for passenger experiences in remote environments. The Ocean Endeavour boasts a 1B ice class, enabling her to freely explore throughout the Arctic summer. Launched in 1982, she has had numerous upgrades, most recently in 2010 and 2014.



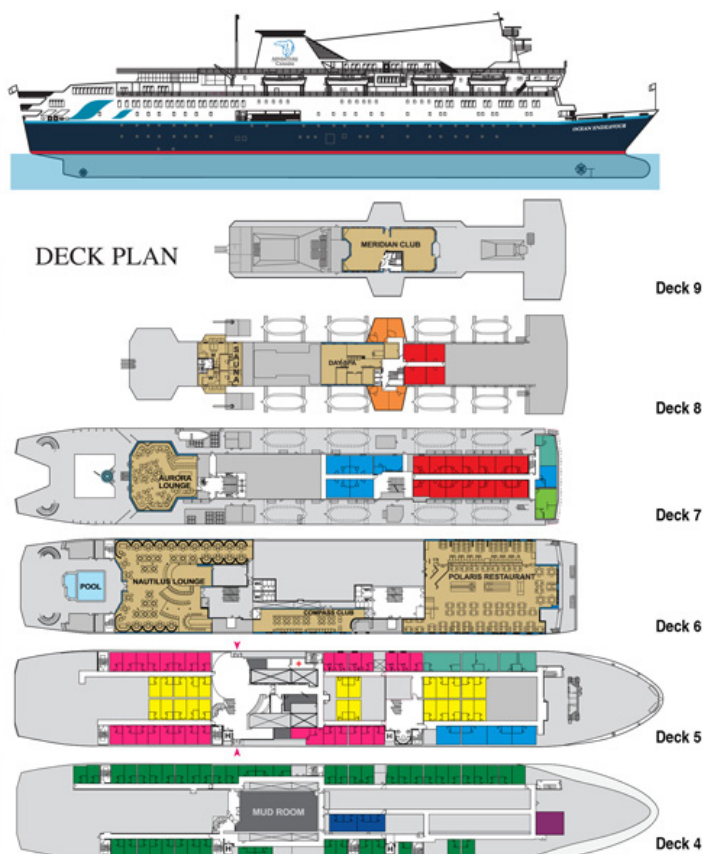
Aurora Lounge aboard the Ocean Endeavour.



Exterior Twin Cabin aboard the Ocean Endeavour.

CABIN CLASS CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 2	TRIPLE
Deck four. Interior Cabin, three lower berths, private bath	
CATEGORY 3	INTERIOR TWIN
Deck five. Interior Cabin, two lower berths, private bath	
CATEGORY 4	EXTERIOR TWIN
Deck four. Porthole window, two lower berths, private bath	
CATEGORY 5	MAIN TWIN
Deck five. Picture window, two lower berths, private bath	
CATEGORY 6	COMFORT TWIN
Deck seven & eight. Picture windows (obstructed view), two lower berths or matrimonial bed, private bath, refrigerator	
CATEGORY 7	TOP DECK TWIN
Deck eight. Large picture windows (partial obstruction), matrimonial bed, private bath, refrigerator	
CATEGORY 8	SUPERIOR TWIN
Deck five & seven. Picture windows, twin or matrimonial bed, private bath, refrigerator	
CATEGORY 9	JUNIOR SUITE
Deck five & seven. Picture windows, separate sitting area, sofa, desk, refrigerator, matrimonial bed, private bath	
CATEGORY 10	SUITE
Deck seven. Picture windows overlooking the bow, separate sitting area, sofa, desk, refrigerator, matrimonial bed, private bath with full tub	









QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. HOW BIG ARE THE GROUPS?

The Ocean Endeavour is a 198 passenger vessel. On board you will also have between 10 to 15 resource staff.

2. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

From day 1 to disembarkation meals, entrance fees, and accommodations are included.

3. WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

International & charter flights, and tips. Personal expenses like alcoholic beverages, telephone calls, internet & laundry are not included and put onto their ship board account which is payable in USD the night prior to disembarkation. Ships crew gratuities are not included, we suggest between \$10-\$14 per day per passenger. This goes into a lump sum and distributed to the entire crew equally.

4. WHAT IS THE DISCOVERY FUND?

The Discovery Fund is the result of committed passengers longing for a way to give back to the regions they have visited during their expeditions. Our local supplier has made a point to support local organizations and groups focusing on the environmental, cultural and educational needs of each region you will visit. Our local supplier, in cooperation with their friends in the North, assess where the demand is the greatest and supports each cause through monetary donations. Each passenger who travels with our local supplier donates an additional \$250 USD to ensure the longevity and success of the initiatives in these regions. Throughout the voyage you will see some of the projects that we have funded over the years. Your donation goes a long way and helps ensure that many of these important organizations, many at the grassroots level, are able

to carry on. Most of these local initiatives do not have charitable status and thus do not have the ability to issue tax receipts. If it is essential for you to obtain a tax receipt for your donation, the local supplier will send your portion to an organization which has this capability.

5. ARE THESE “EDUCATIONAL” TOURS?

Yes, in the broadest sense of the word, “educational”. We visit museums and local villages. We also have talks and discussions on many aspects of the history and culture of the areas we travel through, but this is only one aspect of what we do. We believe that it is equally educational to meet new people on a non-commercial basis. Sometimes the most “educational” moments are spent having a cold drink with the locals.

6. HOW DO WE TRAVEL DURING THE TOUR?

We cruise on our vessel and often use zodiac’s for our adventure excursions.

7. WHAT ARE OUR ACCOMMODATIONS LIKE?

The ship offers interior and exterior cabins. All cabins have private washroom facilities, a phone for internal calls, radio, TV and air-conditioning. There are a variety of cabin categories available ranging from 9-30 m2 (100-320 sq ft). Please call for pricing and cabin availability.

8. WHAT ABOUT THE WEATHER?

We travel to the high arctic during the summer season. In general, we can experience temperatures between 41-60 F (5-15 C).

9. WHEN IS PAYMENT DUE?

A non-refundable deposit of \$2500 USD is due as soon as you decide to go and will reserve your place on the tour. The balance of the land payment is due 150 days before departure. Cancellation charges are

applicable and these are outlined in the “Terms & Conditions” section of our brochure.

10. IS MEDICAL INSURANCE REQUIRED?

Insurance coverage is not included in the cost of your trip. Please note that medical insurance is required for this adventure with a minimum of \$500,000 coverage for evacuation insurance, including air ambulance. We strongly recommend cancellation and interruption insurance as well! ElderTreks offers comprehensive travel insurance and we are happy to provide you with a quote if you call our office. If you are purchasing insurance elsewhere, please ensure

you provide the details to ElderTreks as soon as possible.

11. WHAT MEALS ARE INCLUDED?

All meals are included, starting with dinner on day 1 and finishing with breakfast on departure day.

12. WHAT SHOULD I TAKE ON THE TOUR?

There is a detailed “What to Take” list in our Trip Kit, which we will send to you after you have booked the trip.

13. CAN YOU ARRANGE MY FLIGHTS?

We would be happy to take care of your air arrangements. ElderTreks offers personalized flight itineraries, not group flights. Stop over enroute, come in a few days early, or extend your stay. Call us for a customized itinerary.

14. WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any further questions about the adventure, please call our office for more details. A Trip Specialist will be happy to answer your questions. A Trip Kit containing further details on the destination will be sent to you once you have booked the trip.

