

CANADIAN ARCTIC - HIGH ARCTIC EXPLORER REVERSE | OCEAN ENDEAVOUR



INTRODUCTION

Jump aboard the Ocean Endeavour for 11 days and cruise in comfort from Kangerlussuaq to Qaqsuittuq (resolute Bay, Nunavut). 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 Mittimatilik; 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: Toronto, ON to Kangerlussuaq, GL. Early-morning departure. **Price: \$1,375 USD**

-Southbound Charter Flight: Resolute, NU to Ottawa, ON. Evening arrival. **Price: \$1,270 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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25/07/2023

DURATION

12 Days

LOCATIONS

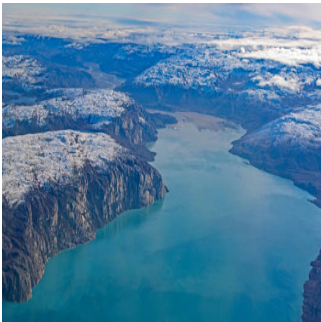
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DAY 1: Toronto - Kangerlussuaq

Kangerlussuaq is a former U.S. Air Force base and Greenland’s primary flight hub. Here we will be transferred by Zodiac to the Ocean Endeavour. With 190 kilometres of superb scenery, Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Sondre Stromfjord) is one of the longest fjords in the world. We begin our adventure by sailing down this dramatic fjord, crossing the Arctic Circle as we go.



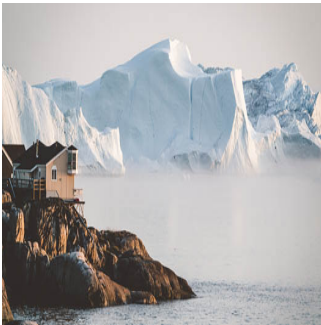
DAY 2: Sisimiut Coast

West Greenland’s complex coastal waterways include glaciers, islands, and fjords against a towering mountain backdrop that we’ll explore by ship and by Zodiac. The waters are relatively warm here, due to the West Greenland Current and the subarctic location. 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. 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 modern-day Inuit population.



DAY 3: Ilulissat

Ilulissat translates literally to “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 4: 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.



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DAY 5: 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 with your binoculars to look for whales, seabirds, and marine wildlife.



DAY 6: 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—handcrafted goods may be available here, too.



DAY 7: Lancaster Sound, Devon Island - Day 7 to 10

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.



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DAY 11: Beechey Island

In 1845, Sir John Franklin set out from England with HMS Erebus and HMS Terror, attempting to sail through the Northwest Passage. Franklin’s crew 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 the HMS Investigator was buried here in 1854 alongside Franklin’s men. The graves and the ruins of nearby Northumberland House are a haunting memorial.



DAY 12: Resolute - Ottawa

Qausuittuq, or “place with no dawn,” is named for its dark winters. During our time in the summer months we will experience the midnight sun, a time of no darkness. The ending of our journey is characterized by shoreline gravel flats, rocky coastal bluffs, and deposits of glacial moraine. More significant is the origin of the hamlet. In 1953, Inuit from Inukjuak, Québec and Mittimatalik were relocated under false pretences by the Canadian government with the aim of asserting Canadian sovereignty. Today the community is home to just under 250 people and is an important staging point for High Arctic research, tourism, and military activities. Here we will disembark the Ocean Endeavour and take the charter flight to Ottawa, ON.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
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Inclusions	<p>Cabin accommodation on board vessel All meals whilst on board Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition crew Complimentary expedition jacket All park permits and access fees All scheduled landings and excursions by zodiac Educational program and Nikon Camera Trial Program</p> <p>EXCLUSIONS Mandatory Charter flights International flights Travel and medical insurance Pre or post travel arrangements and hotel accommodation Visa or reciprocity fees (if applicable) Customary gratuity for staff and crew Any optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary Possible fuel surcharges and administration fees</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	For those who prefer not to share, we have a limited quantity of cabins in category 3 through to category 7 with no single supplement. Subject to availability and change at the time of booking.
Notes	<p>Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather, ice and sea conditions. Mandatory charter flights payable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northbound Charter Flight: Toronto, ON to Kangerlussuaq, GL. Early-morning departure. Price: \$1,375 USD • Southbound Charter Flight: Resolute, NU to Ottawa, ON. Evening arrival. Price: \$1,270 USD
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality and availability.

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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.

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

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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 facilitate 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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