



# **INTRODUCTION**

On this 12-day Newfoundland circumnavigation cruise, you will have the chance to experience some of the best of this famous Canadian province. Colourful houses, friendly locals, and a scenic, rugged coastline of outstanding geology await, along with picturesque national parks rich in unique botanical life.

Newfoundland is also home to plenty of unique wildlife, so you'll have ample opportunity to spot whales, numerous bird species, foxes, and even icebergs that have made their way down from Greenland into iceberg alley. As you travel aboard the Ocean Endeavour, you'll learn about the pristine local environment, maritime history, and the First Nations Mi'kmaw people will welcome you during a special visit to their community.

Over the course of the 12 day journey, prepare for incredible excursions such as Labrador's Red Bay Basque Whaling Station and Viking archaeological dig L'Anse aux Meadows, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Charming towns like St. John's and Saint-Pierre, France are wonderful to discover, but you also won't want to miss Gros Morne National Park, with its epic fjord and mountain peaks, so keep your camera handy.

This expedition is sure to give you some unique insights to Newfoundland and will provide many unforgettable experiences, creating a Canadian expedition that you'll never forget.

\*\*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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01/10/2023

#### DURATION

12 Days

## **LOCATIONS**

Canada





## DAY 1: St. John's, NL, Canada

Welcome to St. John's—the vibrant capital of Newfoundland and Labrador. Board the Ocean Endeavour for an evening departure and sail out of the historic port, looking out for Signal Hill as you exit the world-famous Narrows. Photograph the charming houses of the Battery, always a hit with shutterbugs. Watch for whales and seabirds as we sail!



## DAY 2: Northeast Coast Days 2-4

Look forward to a characteristically warm Newfoundland welcome upon your arrival in the picturesque villages and unique communities that dot the rocky shores of the northeast coast of Newfoundland. Have your camera at the ready—photographers will have their work cut out for them capturing all the special charm of classic island communities and rambling coastlines.



## DAY 5: L'Anse aux Meadows

Wander through the reconstructed Viking habitation at L'Anse aux Meadows, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the only authenticated Norse settlement in North America. Learn more about the archaeological remains that date to approximately 1000 CE, and how—amazingly—the site was first found here in 1960 by a close reading of the Viking sagas. Be sure to visit the superb interpretation centre and meet the actors in period costumes as you make your way through the reconstructed Norse-style sod buildings. This is a must-see for any visitor to Newfoundland and Labrador!



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DAY 6: Red Bay

Make a stop in Labrador at the Red Bay Basque Whaling Station, which became a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2013. Learn firsthand about how Basque whalers operated out of the harbour in the 1500s, creating what was to be North America's first export industry. Browse through the excellent interpretation centre to see the tools, personal items, and navigational instruments recovered from the wreck of the whaling ship San Juan, which was lost in a storm in 1565 and found centuries later submerged in the harbour. Visit nearby Saddle Island to delve even deeper into the history of the whaling industry.



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## DAY 7: Gros Morne NP & Woody Point

Stretch your legs with a walk or hike at Gros Morne National Park. Soak in the extraordinary views of beautiful Bonne Bay and be sure to take time to explore the park's excellent interpretation centre and the town of Woody Point. Witness for yourself the spectacular Tablelands, a sixhundred-metre plateau that forms one of the world's best examples of exposed mantle. Normally found below the Earth's crust, the mineral-rich rocks support very little life, making the Tablelands an eerie landscape.



## DAY 8: Southern Coast Days 8-9

Journey through the beautiful and windswept coast of southern Newfoundland, dotted with bays, coves, and a few remaining remote outport communities. Admire outstanding geology and gorgeous botanical life. Spot plentiful birds, whales, and other wildlife as we make the most of every opportunity for Zodiac and land excursions.





## DAY 10: Miawpukek (Conne River)

Receive a formal welcome from local leaders of the First Nations community of Miawpukek. Learn more about the history of the community, formerly called Conne River, which became a permanent settlement sometime around 1822. Before then, it was one of many semi-permanent camping sites used by Mi'kmaw people, who traditionally travelled nomadically throughout the east coast of Canada. Have a chance to explore this special community, which was established as a reserve in 1987 and has successfully bridged traditional knowledge and contemporary practices.



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### DAY 11: Saint-Pierre, France

Indulge in the colourful town of Saint-Pierre, a charming finale to your trip. Just off the shores of Newfoundland lie the islands of Saint-Pierre and Miquelon—an official territory of France. Wind through charming streets lined with shops, houses, and cafés that bring a taste of Europe to the east coast of North America.



## DAY 12: St. John's, NL, Canada

Complete your journey by sailing back through the picturesque Narrows and into St. John's harbour. Say your farewells in this cultural hotspot and what is sometimes called North America's oldest city.



# **INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship



Inclusions	Inclusions Cabin accommodation on board the ship 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 USD\$528 FUEL SURCHAGRE (2022 departure) Gratuities Mandatory medical evacuation insurance Additional expenses due to delays or itinerary changes Pre and post trip accommodation.
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Please Note: Category 3 to 7 cabins have no single supplement. Contact us for more details.
Notes	<b>2022 DEPARTURE:</b> *plus \$528 USD fuel surcharge (\$44 per day)
Price Dependent upon	Season 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 closley 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 aborad The Ocean Edneavoru for parcticing scientists and researches. 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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