

THE ARCTIC - GREENLAND & ARCTIC CANADA | OCEAN ENDEAVOUR




INTRODUCTION

Jump aboard the Ocean Endeavour for 12 days and cruise in comfort from Qausuittuq (Resolute Bay), Nunavut to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland. 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 Mittimatalik; 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 Toronto to Ottawa on selected dates.

Mandatory charter flight information and cost. **2024 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: 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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DURATION
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LOCATIONS
Arctic, Canadian Arctic, Greenland


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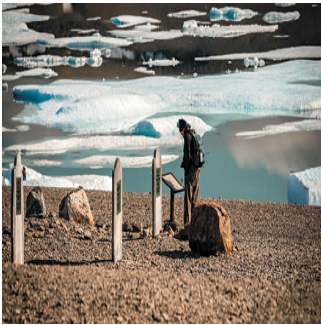
DAY 1: Ottawa - Qausuittuq

Please make your own way to Ottawa Airport for the early morning charter flight to Qausuittuq. On arrival you will be transferred to the port to embark the Ocean Endeavour by Zodiac. (We highly recommend you arrive in Ottawa a day prior to your chartered flight). Begin your journey in Qausuittuq (Resolute). The community's name, meaning "place with no dawn," comes from its dark winters, but during your visit at the height of summer, you'll experience the midnight sun—a time of no darkness. Take in the unique geography and geology here, characterized by shoreline gravel flats, rocky coastal bluffs, and deposits of glacial moraine. Learn about the significance of 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.



DAY 2: Beechey Island

Pay your respects at this haunting memorial to Sir John Franklin's failed expedition. Learn the compelling history of the HMS Erebus and HMS Terror's attempts to sail through the Northwest Passage. Franklin's crew overwintered at Beechey Island, where three of his men died, and numerous search parties later used the spot as a depot and rendezvous. Thomas Morgan of the HMS Investigator was buried here in 1854 alongside Franklin's men. Visit their graves and the ruins of nearby Northumberland House while contemplating the poignant history.



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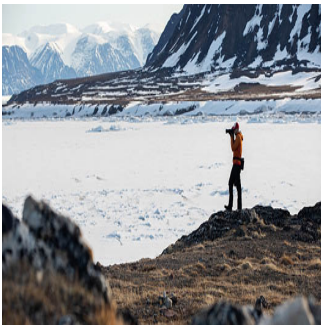
DAY 3: Lancaster Sound/Devon Island - Day 3 to 7

Spend five fun-filled days exploring Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound), one of Canada's newest National Marine Conservation Areas. Cruise by ship and by Zodiac in search of narwhal, beluga, and bowhead whales that transit and feed in this area. Admire Devon Island's unique geological character, with its flat-topped mountains, glacial valleys, and substantial ice cap. At the northern edge of Tallurutiup Imanga, it's the largest uninhabited island on Earth at over 50,000 square kilometres. Hike the tundra, cruise a glacier face, and keep your eyes peeled for polar bears and other wildlife from ship and from shore. Visit archaeological sites with expert interpretation to learn about the human history of Inuit and their ancestors who once lived on this now-abandoned island. Then catch a glimpse of more recent history when you visit the remains of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Hudson's Bay Company site at Dundas Harbour.



DAY 8: Mittimatalik

Attend a cultural performance put on by the talented Tununiq Arsarniit Theatre Group, featuring drum dancing, throat singing, and storytelling. Mittimatalik is a busy Arctic community in a beautiful setting—the views of nearby Bylot Island are stunning! Enjoy exploring the town and take the opportunity to purchase unique handcrafted mementos when available, too.



DAY 9: At Sea - Davis Strait

Deepen your understanding of the Arctic as we steam across the Davis Strait towards Greenland. Enjoy workshops and presentations, watch a documentary, and get out on deck with your binoculars to look for whales, seabirds, and marine wildlife.



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DAY 10: Western Greenland

Choose the activity you like best during an expedition landing on Greenland’s stunning west coast. Whether you prefer hiking, walking, photography, or sitting contemplatively, you’ll be delighted! Admire the mighty mountains and the tiniest tundra flowers—a stop in this area will offer many outstanding features to pique your interest.



DAY 11: Ilulissat

Visit the town of Ilulissat, with splendid museums, cafés, craft shops, and a busy fishing harbour. View the icebergs from shore on a hike along the boardwalk at this UNESCO World Heritage Site, then board a Zodiac to cruise your way among them! Ilulissat translates literally to “iceberg”—an apt name for this site at the mouth of the Sermeq Kujalleq glacier, a source of many of the icebergs in the North Atlantic.



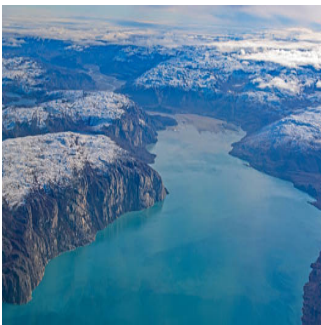
DAY 12: Sisimiut Coast

Explore West Greenland’s complex coastal waterways that includes glaciers, islands, and fjords against a towering mountain backdrop, with plentiful opportunities for hiking and Zodiac cruising. Learn about the Saqqaq, Dorset, Thule, and modern Inuit cultures that have called the Sisimiut region home for the past 4,500 years. The waters are relatively warm here, due to the West Greenland Current and the subarctic location.



DAY 13: Kangerlussuaq - Toronto

Complete your journey up Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord), a 190-kilometre-long fjord surrounded by mountains and glaciers, and cross the Arctic Circle one last time on your way. Kangerlussuaq, the settlement at the head of the fjord, is a former US Air Force base and Greenland’s primary flight hub. Here, you will disembark the Ocean Endeavour and transfer to the airport for your return charter flight to Toronto.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board a ship
Inclusions	<p>Inclusions</p> <p>All accommodation on board the Ocean Endeavour. 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</p> <p>Exclusions</p> <p>Mandatory Charter flights (see Notes for more details) Gratuities Mandatory medical evacuation insurance Additional expenses due to delays or itinerary changes Possible fuel surcharges Pre and post trip accommodation</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Please Note: Category 3 to 7 cabins have no single supplement until allocation is exhausted. Contact us for more details. After allocation has sold out Single Cabins will be 1.5X the price.
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Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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