THE ARCTIC - NORTHWEST PASSAGE 2027: CALGARY TO TORONTO | SYLVIA EARLE



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16 Days
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Canadian Arctic, Greenland

INTRODUCTION

Embark on a remarkable journey through the Northwest Passage, tracing the historic routes of explorers like Franklin and Amundsen. This expedition offers an immersive experience into the Canadian High Arctic's rich history, diverse wildlife, and indigenous cultures.

This tour operates in remote and challenging environments, and in the spirit of expedition travel, we encourage you to adopt a flexible and adventurous attitude when joining our voyages. This itinerary is a guide only and is subject to change due to weather, sea state and other conditions beyond our control. On this voyage, we visit remote Inuit hamlets and settlements, where the local Inuit people still practice traditional hunting methods including whaling that some people may find confronting. If you find yourself feeling upset and disturbed by what you see, please alert a member of the expedition team immediately, who will do their best to address your concerns and take action to mitigate the problem, wherever possible.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrival in Calgary



Having made your way to Calgary, you will be met by a representative and transferred to our group hotel located in downtown Calgary. Upon arrival at your included hotel, please visit the hospitality desk to collect your luggage cabin tags and to speak with our ground operations team, who may have information to share with you about pre-embarkation procedures and the charter flight to Calgary tomorrow. You will receive cabin tags for your luggage. Please clearly label the tags with your name and ship cabin number. The remainder of your time is at leisure. All meals today are at your own expense.

DAY 2: Fly to Resolute for Embarkation



Please ensure that your luggage is fitted with cabin tags clearly labelled with your name and cabin number. Any valuables or personal items should be kept on you throughout the day. Your luggage will be delivered to your cabin ahead of your arrival on board. After breakfast at the hotel, board our charter flight to Resolute, where the Greg Mortimer awaits. After boarding, there is time to settle into your cabin before our important safety briefings. This evening, meet your expedition team and crew.

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DAY 3: Expedition Cruising Days 3-7

In genuine expeditionary style, our itinerary for the following days is heavily dependent on weather conditions and unpredictable sea ice. The following places are some that we hope to visit. At Elwin Bay (Ikpiarjuk) on Somerset Island, polar bears patrol the ice edge while beluga whales and Arctic foxes are sometimes spotted along the scenic coastline. The raw, rugged beauty of this inlet makes it a paradise for photographers. Port Leopold tells a sombre tale of survival, where search parties for the lost Franklin expedition overwintered in 1849. Here, a solitary Hudson Bay hut and a rock engraving from the era serve as haunting reminders of Arctic hardship. Prince Leopold Island (Appait) is a vital Arctic bird sanctuary, home to half a million nesting seabirds in summer. Its towering cliffs and surrounding sea ice also attract seals and prowling polar bears. On Beechey Island (Iluvilik), the graves of Franklin's crew and Amundsen's historic landfall connect you directly to some of the most significant moments in Arctic exploration history. Maxwell Bay (Tasiujaq) offers a rich blend of hiking, Zodiac cruising, and wildlife encounters - from caribou and muskoxen on land to walruses, seals, and seabirds in sheltered waters and quiet coves. On Devon Island (Tallurutit) - the largest uninhabited island on Earth - you'll witness spectacular geology and possibly land at Dundas Harbour, where abandoned RCMP and Hudson's Bay outposts stand amid rolling tundra, frequented by walruses and nesting birds.



DAY 8: Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik)

Today we hope to visit Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik), a captivating Inuit community nestled on the northern tip of Baffin Island. Surrounded by towering ice-capped mountains, vast glaciers, and pristine fjords, this remote outpost offers an unparalleled wilderness experience. As you step ashore, you'll be greeted by the warm hospitality of the local Inuit, whose deep connection to the land is evident in their culture and lifestyle. Immerse yourself in their traditions through engaging cultural encounters and gain insights into their unique perspective on life in the Arctic.



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DAY 9: Feacham Bay, Baffin Island

Tucked away on the eastern shores of Baffin Island, Feacham Bay is a spectacular, pristine corner of the Canadian Arctic that offers incredible wildlife viewing and unforgettable scenic beauty. Surrounded by towering cliffs and deep fjords, this remote bay is often a haven for wildlife, where muskoxen and Arctic foxes roam the rocky shores, and seals haul out on the ice. The crystal-clear waters of the bay are ideal for Zodiac cruises, where you may spot elusive polar bears hunting along the coast or perhaps witness whales feeding in the nutrient-rich waters.



DAY 10: At Sea

We exit Canada and cross Baffin Bay to Greenland. Find a spot in one of our many observation lounges and enjoy the spectacular surrounding landscapes. Our talented and knowledgeable expedition members will present informative and entertaining talks about the region that you're travelling through.



DAY 11: Northwest Greenland Expedition Cruising Days 11-12

Explore the remote northern reaches of West Greenland, where traditional Inuit settlements cling to the rugged coastline and towering icebergs drift through the deep, clear waters. Every day presents new possibilities, guided by your expedition team, who will hunt for the perfect location to explore the stunning fjord systems by Zodiac. Vast fjord systems such as Uummannaq Fjord, offers endless opportunities for adventure, every corner revealing jaw-dropping views, monumental icebergs, and vibrant rock formations that beg to be explored. Whether you're cruising silently through the ice-choked waters, hiking across the colourful tundra, or visiting one of the remote communities that dot the coast, the options for discovery are limitless. Kayakers can paddle among the floating icebergs while keeping an eye out for humpback and minke whales. With the spirit of true expedition cruising, this region invites you to immerse yourself in the untamed beauty of Greenland's northern frontier.



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DAY 13: Ilulissat

In the afternoon we arrive in Ilulissat. Known as the 'birthplace of icebergs', this region produces some of the most dazzling icebergs found anywhere on Earth. Hike to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Icefjord viewpoint and stand in awe of its immensity. Sermeq Kujalleq, also known as Jakobshavn Glacier, is the most productive glacier – not only in Greenland but the entire Northern Hemisphere. It produces 20 million tonnes of ice each day, all floating into the Ilulissat Icefjord and Disko Bay.



DAY 14: Sisimiut

After a morning sailing north towards the Arctic Circle, we arrive in Sisimiut, Greenland's second largest town. Sisimiut is located approximately 54 kilometres (33.5 miles) north of the Arctic Circle, meaning that during summer, you can experience the midnight sun here. The town is famous for the old blue church with the gate made of whale bone. In the cosy museum next door to the church, you will find an excellent reconstruction of an Inuit turf house as well as exhibits of local history and early life in Greenland. Approximately 4,500 years ago, the Saqqaq culture arrived from Canada and settled in the area. They lived here for approximately 2,000 years, after which they mysteriously disappeared from the area. The Dorset culture arrived around 500 CE and stayed until the 1200s until they were replaced by the Thule culture, and today, the majority of the population of Sisimiut are descendants of the Thule culture.



DAY 15: Disembark in Nuuk. Fly to Toronto

Disembark in Nuuk, capital of Greenland, where you say farewell to the crew and expedition team and transfer to the airport for our charter flight to Toronto for an overnight stay.



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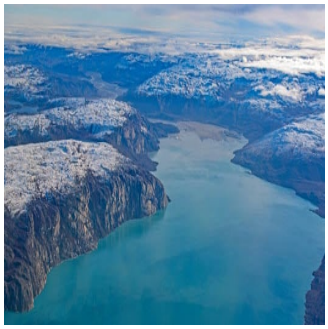
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DAY 16: Depart Toronto

After breakfast, check out of your room and continue your journey. Make your own way to Toronto Airport with the hotel complimentary shuttle.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** All transfers as mentioned in the itinerary One night's hotel accommodation including breakfast, in Calgary on day 1 One night's hotel accommodation including breakfast, in Toronto on day 15 Charter flight from Calgary to Resolute on day 2 Charter flight from Nuuk to Toronto on day 15 On-board accommodation during voyage including daily cabin service All meals, snacks, tea, coffee, soft drinks and juices during voyage Beer and house wine with dinner Captain's Farewell reception including four-course dinner, house cocktails, house beer and wine, non-alcoholic beverages All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises Educational lectures and guiding services provided by Expedition Team Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic (initial consultation) One 3-in-1 waterproof polar expedition jacket Complimentary use of Muck Boots during the voyage Comprehensive pre-departure information. Port surcharges, permits and landing fees. Gratuities during excursions and enrichment program for local guides, drivers, venues and local sites Wi-Fi (please note we travel to remote regions and therefore the connection can be unreliable) **EXCLUSIONS** International or domestic flights, unless specified in itinerary Transfers, unless specified in itinerary Airport arrival or departure taxes Passport, visa, reciprocity and vaccination fees and charges Travel insurance or emergency evacuation charges Hotels and meals – unless specified in the itinerary Optional excursions and optional activity surcharges All items of a personal nature, including but not limited to, alcoholic beverages (outside of dinner service), on board gratuities, laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, email or phone charges
Difficulty Rating	2 (Light Adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

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Notes	Prices are based on per person, quad/triple/twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions. *PLEASE NOTE: A USD$15 per person, per day gratuity for the crew is automatically added to your onboard account. It is at your discretion if you would like to remove the tip (or adjust the amount) when you settle your bill. It is not necessary to tip the expedition team members. This gratuity amount is included for suites as part of their 'Suite Benefits'.* In rare and unforeseen situations, an operator may apply a fuel surcharge after your booking has been confirmed and paid. This is outside our control and uncommon, but transparency with our travelers is important to us.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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