# **THE ARCTIC** - OUT OF THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE | OCEAN VICTORY



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| ACADEONW |
| **DEPARTURE** |
| 10/09/2027, 02/09/2028 |
| **DURATION** |
| 17 Days |
| **LOCATIONS** |
| Canadian Arctic & Greenland |

## INTRODUCTION

**Embark on an extraordinary 17-day Arctic voyage through the Northwest Passage, starting in (Coppermine) Kugluktuk, Nunavut. Experience the rich Inuit culture, explore historic sites, and marvel at the stunning landscapes of glaciers, fjords, and icebergs.** Enjoy wildlife viewing opportunities including whales, other marine mammals, polar bears, and seabirds, while cruising aboard the comfortable Ocean Victory. Engage in various excursions such as hiking, photography, birdwatching, and participate in educational lectures from the expert expedition team. Immerse yourself in Inuit traditions through interactions with local artists, cultural educators, and community members, and enjoy unique activities like drum dancing and throat singing. The journey concludes in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, offering a comprehensive and immersive Arctic adventure.

**NOTE:** Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather & ice conditions

**Deckplan** for this 2026 Arctic Season  Ocean Victory itinerary

**Optional charter flight information and cost:**
Northbound Charter Flight: Yellowknife, NT, Canada to Kugluktuk (Coppermine), NU, Canada. Early-morning departure.
Price: $1,100 USD. (*Cost subject to change*)

Southbound Charter Flight: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Toronto, ON, Canada. Evening arrival.
Price: $1,595 USD. (*Cost subject to change*)

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*based guests, due to the variable ice conditions in the high Canadian Arctic. This is especially true for the western end of the Northwest Passage trips. If the operator and captain decide they are not able to make it to the end destination due to sea ice, they may change where the trip ends and then re-direct the charter flight accordingly, at no cost to guests. This can also affect the starting location of the next voyage.*

## ITINERARY

DAY 1: Kugluktuk (Coppermine), NU, Canada



Located at the mouth of the Coppermine River, Kugluktuk is the westernmost community in Nunavut. Known for many years as Coppermine, the community reverted to its original Inuinnaqtun name—meaning “place of moving waters”—on January 1st, 1996. Iqaluktuuttiaq (Cambridge Bay), NU, is an alternate embarkation point, and may be used based on sea, ice, and weather conditions. After your (optional) charter flight from Yellowknife, Canada, you'll transfer to the ship by zodiac. Please note that the cost of the charter flight package is not included in the advertised cruise price and an additional charge applies.

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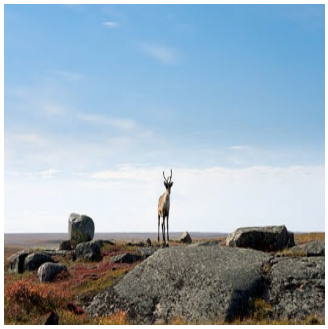
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DAY 2: Kitikmeot Region - Day 2 to 5

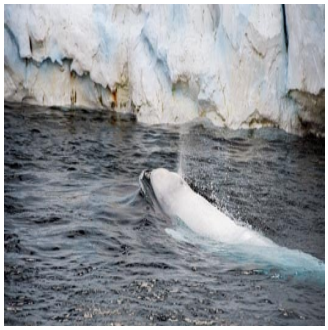
Experience the glory of the subarctic tundra in the fall and perhaps discover a geological wonder at Port Epworth. Here, intriguing rock formations known as stromatolites stand as evidence of some of Earth's earliest life forms. These fossilized structures, created by cyanobacteria billions of years ago, played a crucial role in producing oxygen, forming an essential link in creating Earth's atmosphere and allowing other life forms to evolve. Sail onward into the storied waters of the Coronation Gulf, where the legendary Roald Amundsen navigated with his six-man crew to complete the Northwest Passage in 1905. Learn more about the vital role that Inuit knowledge played in Arctic exploration, including Amundsen's expedition. Visit an Inuit community in this least populated region of Nunavut and feel the excitement and warm hospitality as you listen to stories of resilience, adaptation, and a deep love for the land. Join a Zodiac cruise at Conningham Bay, where the stark beauty of the Arctic tells a timeless story of survival and adaptation. Here, the paths of polar bears intersect with the watery journeys of belugas—one the hunter, the other the prey. With luck, you'll witness these majestic creatures in their natural habitat, an unforgettable moment etched onto the stark Arctic landscape. Each stop along the way feels like stepping into a living museum, where geology, landscape, wildlife, and culture weave together into a story only this iconically northern place can tell.



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DAY 6: Ikirahaq (Bellot Strait)

Discover the famed Ikirahaq (Bellot Strait), a narrow passage separating Somerset Island from the Boothia Peninsula. As we sail through this two-kilometre-wide waterway, get the unique opportunity to reach the northernmost part of mainland North America. Keep watch for an array of enchanting marine mammals from beluga whales to narwhals and seals. Delve into the region's fascinating history and learn about Joseph René Bellot, French naval officer and Arctic explorer who joined an 1850s expedition in search for Sir John Franklin, who inspired the strait's namesake.



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DAY 7: Beechey Island

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



DAY 8: Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound)

We will spend ample time exploring Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound), one of the newest National Marine Conservation Areas in Nunavut. Narwhal, beluga, and bowhead whales transit and feed in this area. Cruise by ship and Zodiac in search of wildlife with expert biologists and ecologists. Learn more about the crucial role Inuit play in conserving the vibrant biodiversity of these waterways and the enduring connection between the ocean and Inuit. On the northern border of Tallurutiup Imanga lies Devon Island, the largest uninhabited island on Earth at over 50,000 square kilometres. Flat-topped mountains, glacial valleys, and a substantial ice cap give Devon Island its unique character. We will hike the tundra, cruise a glacier face, and seek wildlife from the ship and onshore.



DAY 9: Ausuittuq (Grise Fiord)

Ausuittuq means "place that never thaws." 1,150 kilometres above the Arctic Circle, Canada's northernmost civilian community originated during the Cold War. In 1953, Inuit were relocated here by the Canadian government under false pretenses, with the aim of asserting Canadian sovereignty. We'll be welcomed into the hamlet, where we will have a chance to meet members of the community, learn about their way of life, and hear their poignant stories.



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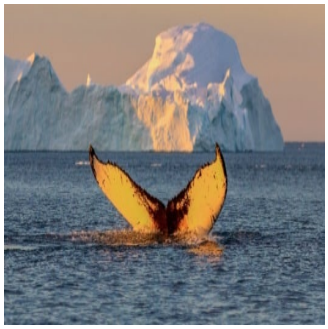
DAY 10: Smith Sound

Smith Sound, an ancient Inuit travel route, divides Ellesmere Island from Greenland, and served as the main route for explorers and adventurers searching for the North Pole. Adolphus Greely, Sir George Nares, and Elisha Kent Kane all travelled these waters with varying degrees of success.



DAY 11: At Sea

On this exploration day, we'll be making the most of what the wind, weather, and wildlife have to offer. Our expedition team will scan for polar bears, walruses, whales, seals, and seabirds as we go. This is an excellent time to enjoy workshops, watch a documentary, or get out on deck. Keep your binoculars ready for minke and humpback whales, as well as the seabirds that are sure to mark our passage. Indulge in the unique opportunity to learn from Inuit in their homeland, gaining a better understanding of the daily lives of the regions we visit. Enjoy cultural performances and maybe even participate in Inuit games, or sample country food. Through shared experiences and interactions, develop a deep appreciation for the region's vibrant culture and gain a connection to the stunning landscapes we traverse.



DAY 12: Northwest Greenland - Day 12 & 13

We will explore stunning fjords that line the coast. Glaciers and icebergs abound here. In true expedition style, we will seek opportunities to hike, explore, and view wildlife as conditions allow. Whether you're setting foot on land, cruising by Zodiac, or out on the ship's deck, you'll have plenty of chances to learn alongside expert geologists, naturalists, and marine biologists. You'll gain an intimate perspective on the abundant flora and fauna you encounter. Take a moment to savour the tranquility and absorb the knowledge and stories shared by Inuit cultural educators, which will deepen your connection to this breathtaking landscape.



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DAY 14: Ilulissat

Experience the remarkable beauty of Ilulissat Icefjord, renowned for its enormous icebergs. Ilulissat means “iceberg”—an apt name for this site at the outlet of the Sermeq Kujalleq glacier. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the source of many of the icebergs in the North Atlantic. Marvel at the sheer grandeur of the towering ice formations as you take a stroll along the boardwalk—truly a sight to behold! Visit the town, with its museums, charming cafes, craft shops, and bustling fishing harbour. Be sure to make your way to the Ilulissat Icefjord Centre, where you can delve into the fascinating narratives surrounding the ice and gain a deeper appreciation for this awe-inspiring natural wonder.



DAY 15: Sisimiut Coast - Dat 15 & 16

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 17: Kangerlussuaq

Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord) is one of the longest fjords in the world and boasts 190 kilometres of superb scenery. We end our adventure by sailing up this dramatic fjord. Kangerlussuaq, the town at its eastern head, is a former U.S. Air Force base. After disembarkation, transfer to the airport for your (optional) charter flight to Toronto, Canada. Please note that the cost of the charter flight package is not included in the advertised cruise price and an additional charge applies. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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| **Inclusions** | **Optional Charter Flight Information & Cost:**<br>Northbound Charter Flight: Yellowknife, NT, Canada to Kugluktuk (Coppermine), NU, Canada. Early-morning departure.<br>Price: $1,100 USD. *Cost subject to change*<br>Southbound Charter Flight: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Toronto, ON, Canada. Evening arrival.<br>Price: $1,595 USD. *Cost subject to change*<br>Please note these costs are **NOT** included in the advertised cruise price. Please contact your booking agent to include charter flights.<br><br>**INCLUSIONS**<br>Cabin aboard the Ocean Victory<br>All meals on board<br>24/7 free (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) beverages included<br>Applicable taxes and credit card fees<br>Complimentary expedition jacket<br>Special access permits, entry, and park fees<br>Expert expedition team<br>Guided activities<br>Sightseeing and community visits<br>All Zodiac excursions<br>Port fees<br>Pre-departure materials<br>Educational program<br>Interactive workshops<br>Evening entertainment<br>Basic Wi-Fi (Please note: travel to remote regions and therefore the connection can be unreliable)<br><br>**EXCLUSIONS**<br>Optional Charter flights (please see notes for more details)<br>International Flights<br>Group transfers to/from the ship<br>Program enhancements/optional excursions<br>Gratuities<br>Personal expenses<br>Mandatory medical evacuation insurance<br>Additional expenses in the event of delays or itinerary changes<br>Possible fuel surcharges and administrative fees<br>Any pre or post land arrangements |
| **Difficulty Rating** | 2 (light adventure) |

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| **Single Surcharge** | A limited number of single cabins, with their own designated cabin price, are available. Subject to cabin availability. Contact Us for more details. |
| **Notes** | Prices are based on per person, may be based on quad/triple/twin share.<br>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.<br>Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather & ice conditions<br>**Deckplan** for this 2026 Arctic Season  Ocean Victory itinerary<br><br>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.<br><br>**Optional Charter Flight Information & Cost:**<br>Northbound Charter Flight: Yellowknife, NT, Canada to Kugluktuk (Coppermine), NU, Canada. Early-morning departure.<br>Price: $1,100 USD. *Cost subject to change*<br>Southbound Charter Flight: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Toronto, ON, Canada. Evening arrival.<br>Price: $1,595 USD. *Cost subject to change*<br>Please note these costs are **NOT** included in the advertised cruise price.<br>*Charter flight packages are highly recommended for this region, even for European-based guests, due to the variable ice conditions in the high Canadian Arctic. This is especially true for the western end of the Northwest Passage trips. If the operator and captain decide they are not able to make it to the end destination due to sea ice, they may change where the trip ends and then re-direct the charter flight accordingly, at no cost to guests. This can also affect the starting location of the next voyage.* |
| **Price Dependent upon** | Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability. |

## SUSTAINABILITY

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