THE ARCTIC - HIGH ARCTIC EXPEDITION: WHERE ART MEETS LAND | OCEAN NOVA



TRIP CODE
ACADHAEN
DEPARTURE
31/08/2027
DURATION
15 Days
LOCATIONS
Canadian Arctic, Greenland

INTRODUCTION

This cruise offers a rare opportunity to explore the Arctic through both artistic and cultural lenses. Guests will sail past glaciers, fjords, and remote islands while learning about the Group of Seven's northern legacy. In partnership with the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, this voyage retraces the journeys of Canadian artists A.Y. Jackson, Frederick Banting, and Lawren Harris. Daily activities include guided shore landings, wildlife viewing, and Onboard programming includes illustrated talks, field observations and interactive lectures led by curator John Geoghegan, offering context on how the North shaped Canadian art and identity.
This itinerary also features meaningful engagement with Inuit communities who share stories of resilience and creativity, offering insight into contemporary life in Canada's northernmost regions. Travel through Greenland and Canada's High Arctic vibrant ecosystems, where guests can witness calving glaciers, marine wildlife, and blooming tundra valleys.

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

Optional charter flight information and cost:
Northbound Charter Flight: Ottawa, ON, Canada to Resolute, NU, Canada. Early-morning departure.
Price: $1,250 USD. (*Cost subject to change*)

Southbound Charter Flight: Nuuk, Greenland to Toronto, ON, Canada. Evening arrival.
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ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive Qausuittuq (Resolute), Canada



Arrive by charter flight from Ottawa and step into Qausuittuq, set on gravel flats and moraine beneath the glow of continuous summer light. The community's history of relocation in 1953 intertwines with its present role as a hub for Arctic research and travel. As you prepare to embark aboard the Ocean Nova, take time to orient yourself to the stories and landscapes that shape this place.

DAY 2: Beechey Island



Come ashore on Beechey Island, where Arctic history feels near enough to touch. This windswept National Historic Site holds the graves of Franklin's men and echoes of Inuit knowledge that helped uncover their fate. Here, Inuit knowledge has been central to uncovering the fate of Franklin's lost ships, reshaping how this history is understood. As you walk the shoreline, the stark beauty invites reflection on exploration, endurance, and cultural memory—threads that still weave through this storied place.

DAY 3: Lancaster Sound & Devon Island



Sail through Tallurutiup Imanga, one of Canada's largest marine protected areas, alive with whales, seals, and seabirds. Beneath towering cliffs and drifting ice, the sea glimmers with shifting light. Step ashore on Devon Island, the world's largest uninhabited island, where glaciers meet the sea and tundra unfolds in broad, glacial valleys. Here, light and silence create their own compositions, inviting stillness, reflection, and a deep sense of the Arctic's living beauty.

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DAY 4: Aujuittuq (Grise Fjord)

Set amid stark mountains and sweeping tundra, Aujuittuq, “the place that never thaws,” is Canada’s northernmost community. Here, residents share powerful stories of their families’ 1953 relocation from northern Québec and Mittimatalik—stories of resilience and adaptation that continue to shape life here. Walking the tundra with local hosts, you’ll learn how deep knowledge of land, sea, and season sustain this community of enduring strength, ingenuity, and culture that define life at the top of the world.



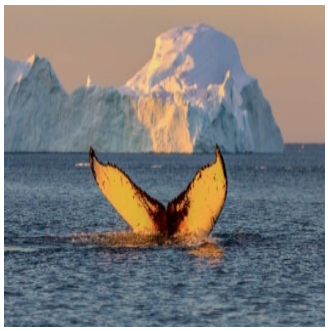
DAY 5: Ellesmere Island

Explore the rugged coastline of Ellesmere, Canada’s most northerly island. Towering mountains, vast ice caps, and deep fjords define this northern wilderness. The austere beauty recalls Lawren Harris’s Arctic visions—landscapes of pure form and luminous stillness.



DAY 6: Kane Basin

Sail into Kane Basin, where Ellesmere Island and Greenland nearly meet. Glaciers tower, sea ice drifts, and the shifting Arctic light transforms every moment. For generations, Inuit navigated these passages with skill and insight—long before explorers heading toward the Pole followed in their wake.



DAY 7: Alexandria Fjord

Framed by steep glacial cliffs and mirrored waters, Alexandria Fjord reveals a softer side of the High Arctic. In late summer, tundra mosses and wildflowers lend muted colour to the valley beneath sheltering peaks. Here, the stillness feels sacred—as though the land itself was holding its breath.



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DAY 8: Qaanaaq, Greenland

Set against a backdrop of mountains and drifting sea ice, Qaanaaq is one of the world's northernmost towns and a centre of Inughuit culture. Here, knowledge of the land, sea ice, and animals continues to shape daily life, alongside modern influences. Traditions such as dog-sledding and hunting remain vital to community identity, reflecting deep connections to place. Meeting residents offers a rare opportunity to experience a way of life defined by continuity, adaptation, and enduring northern relationships.



DAY 9: Kap York

Step ashore at Kap York, where meteorite fragments once provided iron for tools. You'll walk shores where geology, history, and human ingenuity intersect. Feel the stark forms and elemental contrasts of the landscape and recall the Group of Seven's Arctic canvases, where every line and shadow carried story and spirit.



DAY 10: At Sea

Spend a day at sea as the ship sails south along Greenland's rugged coast. Attend lectures, workshops, and cultural presentations that bring Arctic history, art, and ecology into sharper focus. From the deck, watch for whales surfacing among icebergs and seabirds soaring overhead, each fleeting moment a study in movement and light.



DAY 11: Upernavik

Nestled amongst a maze of islands, Upernavik is a town where past and present meet on the edge of the Arctic. Visit Greenland's oldest museum, founded in 1959, with exhibits housed in historic buildings that share stories of Inuit life and colonial history. This is also where a young Knud Rasmussen—later known for his Thule Expeditions—spent part of his youth learning the skills and traditions that shaped his future. As you wander among brightly painted houses and gaze over a sea strewn with ice, you'll feel how deeply place and story intertwine here.



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DAY 12: West Greenland

Sail among towering glaciers and drifting bergs, each one a shifting sculpture in white and blue. Fjords echo with the sound of calving ice, and mountains rise sheer above waters crowded with floes. The scale and geometry here—immense, elemental, ever-changing—recall the stark forms the Group of Seven once sought to capture in paint.



DAY 13: Qeqertarsuaq

Visit Qeqertarsuaq on Disko Island, a place shaped by volcanic forces and known for striking geological contrasts. Black sand beaches meet basalt cliffs, while icebergs drift past offshore. Hike to a waterfall that cascades down from the high tundra plateau, carving bright paths through dark rock. The juxtapositions here—fiery geology against icy seas, flowing water against frozen forms—echo the Group of Seven's fascination with elemental contrasts.



DAY 14: Sisimiut Coast

Cruise along the dramatic Sisimiut coast, where mountains rise sharply from the sea and small settlements cling to the shoreline. This region reflects Greenland's seafaring traditions, with communities deeply tied to land and water. As you sail, the shifting light across jagged peaks creates endless new scenes—each one a masterpiece of Arctic colour and form.



DAY 15: Nuuk, Greenland

Your voyage concludes in Nuuk, Greenland's vibrant capital. Explore its lively streets and visit museums that celebrate Inuit art and history. Here, traditional knowledge and modern life come together in creative conversation. Like the artists who once looked north for inspiration, you'll return home with your vision reshaped by northern light and the enduring power of curiosity. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin On board a Ship
Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Cabin aboard the Ocean Nova All meals on board Applicable taxes and credit card fees Complimentary expedition jacket Special access permits, entry, and park fees Expert expedition team Guided activities Sightseeing and community visits All Zodiac excursions Port fees Pre-departure materials Educational program Interactive workshops Evening entertainment Basic Wi-Fi (Please note: travel to remote regions and therefore the connection can be unreliable) **EXCLUSIONS** Optional Charter flights (please see notes for more details) International Flights Program enhancements/optional excursions Gratuities Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, juices Personal expenses Mandatory medical evacuation insurance Additional expenses in the event of delays or itinerary changes Possible fuel surcharges and administrative fees Any pre or post land arrangements **Optional Charter Flight Information & Cost:** Northbound Charter Flight: Ottawa, ON, Canada to Resolute, NU, Canada. Early-morning departure. Price: $1,250 USD. (*Cost subject to change*) Southbound Charter Flight: Nuuk, Greenland to Toronto, ON, Canada. Evening arrival. Price USD$1,650 per person (*Cost subject to change and doesn't include taxes*) Please note that this cost is **NOT** included in the advertised cost. Please contact your booking agent to include charter flights.
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
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.

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