

13 Day Heart of the Arctic

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Highlights

- Cross the Arctic Circle by ship while enjoying glorious Sondre Stromfjord
- Learn about Inuit art and culture from artists and experts
- Seek polar bears, marine mammals, and seabirds in the rich waters of Hudson Strait
- Appreciate Inuit life in Greenland, Nunavut, and Nunavik!
- Immerse yourself in the creative tradition, science, and culture of the Arctic
- View the spectacular Arctic coastal regions by Zodiac

Inclusions

- Passage aboard the Ocean Endeavour
- Applicable taxes and credit card fees
- Complimentary expedition jacket
- Contribution to Adventure Canada's Discovery Fund
- 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
- Photo Equipment Trial Program
- Interactive workshops
- Evening entertainment
- All shipboard meals

Exclusions

- Charter flights - Charter flights are available at additional cost
- Program enhancements/optional excursions
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses

- Possible fuel surcharges
- Pre/post accommodation
- Mandatory medical evacuation insurance
- Additional expenses in the event of delays or itinerary changes

* **Prices are based on entry-level accommodation, upgraded cabin types and private cabins available. Please call for other pricing options.

Itinerary

Day 1: Iqaluit

Iqaluit, at the head of Frobisher Bay, is Nunavut's bustling capital. A population of nearly 8,000 (and growing) call Iqaluit home. Local attractions include the territorial Legislature, igloo-inspired St. Jude's Cathedral, art shops, and more. We will transfer by Zodiac to the Ocean Endeavour through busy Iqaluit harbour. Take a moment to notice the amazing tide! Once all are aboard, we'll begin our journey down Frobisher Bay.

Overnight: Iqaluit

Day 2: Frobisher Bay

We'll be on the lookout for wildlife, of course. Our geologists will have you raving about rocks, and the tundra plants beneath your feet are worth a closer look. Expect compelling scenery, and soak up the Arctic splendour as we go!

Overnight: Frobisher Bay

Day 3: Kimmirut (Lake Harbour)

Kimmirut means "the heel" in Inuktitut, referring to an outcrop of marble across the bay from the community. Kimmirut is considered one of the most charming communities on the South Baffin coast. Art aficionados may know the hamlet as Lake Harbour, once the home of a Hudson Bay Company post. Art has played a major role in putting Kimmirut on the map. The Dewey Soper Building houses a gallery of outstanding works of art.

Overnight: Kimmirut

Day 4: Kinngait (Cape Dorset)

Kinngait was ground zero for the Inuit art market. In 1959, the West Baffin Eskimo Co-operative was established: it remains the oldest arts organization in the Canadian Arctic and the oldest professional Inuit printmaking studio in Canada. Old and new generations of outstanding artists, carvers, and printmakers continue to make Kinngait a proud centre for Inuit art. We'll visit studios and meet the artists here—an opportunity to purchase outstanding works straight from the source.

Overnight: Kinngait

Day 5: Hudson Strait

On this exploration day, we'll be making the most of what the wind, weather and wildlife have to offer. We can expect to navigate the icy waters of Hudson Strait. Our expedition staff will scan for polar bears, walrus, whales, seals, and seabirds as we go.

Overnight: Hudson Strait

Day 6?7: Ungava Peninsula, QC

Along the Ungava Peninsula, we explore an area of treeless tundra rich in geology and flora. We'll enjoy hiking and a Zodiac cruise.

Overnight: Ivujivik

DAY 8?9: UNGAVA BAY

Large and shallow, Ungava Bay is a rich ecosystem and home to a variety of wildlife, including an endangered beluga population and Canada's largest number of breeding thick-billed murre. Here we'll use our Zodiacs to scout the shorelines and any outlying ice with hopes of seeing polar bears, walrus, and other marine life. We'll pay a visit to uninhabited Akpatok Island, the biggest island in Ungava Bay, at over nine hundred square kilometres. It's named for the akpait--the thick-billed murre--that nest on ledges of Akpatok's lofty cliffs.

Overnight: Arctic Regions

Day 10: At Sea - Davis Strait

Our presentation series will continue as we steam across the Davis Strait towards Greenland. Our resource staff will deepen your understanding of the Arctic as we go. This is an excellent time to enjoy workshops and group learning, watch a documentary or dive into our library. While out on deck, keep your binoculars ready for minke and humpback whales amid pack ice, as well as the seabirds that are sure to mark our passage.

Overnight: Arctic Regions

Day 11: Nuuk

Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, bridges old and new. The old harbour includes many buildings dating from Danish colonial days, while contemporary Nuuk is known for art, shopping, pubs, and cafes.

The Greenland National Museum is one of Nuuk's many outstanding features; the world-famous Qilakitsoq mummies rest here.

Overnight:

Day 12: Kangerlussuatsiaq FJORD

West Greenland's complex coastal waterways include glaciers, islands, and fjords against a towering mountain backdrop. The waters are relatively warm here, due to the West Greenland Current and the subarctic location. We'll explore this sublime landscape by ship and by Zodiac.

Overnight:

Day 13: Kangerlussuaq

In the early morning we'll complete our overnight journey up Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord)--a 190-kilometre-long fjord surrounded by mountains and glaciers, bisected by the Arctic Circle.

Kangerlussuaq, the settlement at its head, is a former U.S. Air Force base and Greenland's primary flight hub. We'll transfer to shore by Zodiac, then bus to the airport for our charter flight to Toronto, ON.

Overnight: Kangerlussuaq