Greenland to Canada: Inuit, Icebergs & Wildlife

An exploration of historic Canadian and Greenlandic sites in the Arctic, combined with abundant wildlife, rich Inuit culture and dramatic icy landscapes equals one amazing arctic expedition. This in-depth adventure provides fantastic opportunities for seeing the Arctic’s iconic creatures, including polar bears.

EXPEDITION IN BRIEF:
- Arctic wildlife - polar bears, whales and walrus
- Traditional Inuit communities
- Tundra hiking for all fitness levels
- Zodiac cruising
- Optional kayak adventure opportunities
- Ilulissat, UNESCO World Heritage Site in Greenland

DID YOU KNOW? Iqaluit means “many fish” in Inuktitut. Along with the populous arctic char, other arctic fish found in Iqaluit waters include northern pike, whitefish, walleye, arctic grayling, inconnu, cod, and Greenland halibut.
Adventure Options

Booking an Adventure Option on your expedition is a great way to enhance your polar experience. These options are subject to availability and fill up quickly, so be sure to book yours early. Please note, Adventure Options are weather dependent.

**KAYAKING**

Imagine gliding along the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers! Our kayaking adventures are the best way to feel at one with the sea. Taken in small groups of 10 people, multiple times per voyage, kayaking adventures are only conducted during calm weather conditions. We recommend you have some prior kayaking experience, including the capability to do a wet exit.

*More information about Adventure Options, including necessary experience, physical requirements and cost available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser.*

**INCLUDED OPTIONS (VARY BY DEPARTURE)**

**HIKING**

Hiking is a great way to appreciate the immense windswept landscapes of the Arctic. The tundra comes alive during the brief arctic summer, with bursts of color from shrubs and plants that eke out a living in this polar environment. You’ll find each hike is different - exploring communities, shorelines or glaciated landscapes, often on the lookout for wildlife. Hiking participation is optional and your Expedition Team will advise you of what levels of activity you can expect prior to each excursion.
**DAY 1 Arrive Ottawa, Canada**

Your arctic adventure begins a little further south, with an overnight stay in Ottawa, Canada’s capital city.

**DAY 2 Embarkation Day in Kangerlussuaq**

After a morning charter flight to Kangerlussuaq, you’ll be transferred to the ship by Zodiac. Kangerlussuaq is a former U.S. military base and serves as the international gateway for the majority of travel to and from Greenland. Enjoy some time out on deck taking in your new surroundings before you set sail on your arctic expedition.

**DAY 3 Itilleq and Sisimiut**

Today the ship will reach the village of Itilleq, a typical Greenlandic community. It is delightfully situated in a hollow (which is the meaning of “Itilleq” in Greenlandic) on an island without any fresh water. The village has approximately 130 inhabitants.

Continuing northward, we’ll explore the 18th-century colonial buildings still standing in Sisimiut. Watch a traditional kayaking demonstration in this northernmost year-round ice-free port in western Greenland.

**DAY 4 Ilulissat**

Meaning “iceberg” in Greenlandic, Ilulissat is home to the fastest-moving glacier outside of Antarctica, Sermeq Kujalleq. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is located north of the Arctic Circle, and moves at an average of 62.3 feet (19 m) per day. Cruise at a safe distance by Zodiac, and if you’re lucky, witness the spectacle of calving ice.

**DAY 5 At Sea**

As we leave Greenland we’ll be sailing over the West Greenland Shelf, an incredibly rich marine ecosystem. Keep your eyes peeled for whales and seabirds as we make our way across the Davis Strait to Canada.

**DAY 6 Qikiqtaajuak (Broughton Island)**

Qikiqtaajuak is known as the iceberg capital of the world, naturally trapping many icebergs as they travel down the Davis Strait. An abundance of marine wildlife can be seen here as beluga and right whales, narwhals and ring and harp seals pass by. Trek up one of the many walking trails to join the inukshuk and share its view overlooking the island and the community.

**DAY 7 Expedition Stop**

We’ll let the weather be our guide as we explore the region’s most interesting scenery, landmarks and wildlife areas. Much of the coast of Baffin Island is relatively unexplored, so in true expedition form we will aim to go ashore and explore. We may not know what we’ll find, but at the very least we may step foot where no one has before.

**DAY 8 Pangnirtung and Kekerten Island**

Pangnirtung is located at the mouth of Pangnirtung Fjord, which merges with Cumberland Sound. It’s a stronghold of the Inuit community, and an ideal area to admire Inuit culture and their high-quality traditional art, especially textiles. While there, pick up a famous Pang touque, a must-have knit cap for anyone visiting the community.

The island is also well-known for its...
abundant vibrant wildflowers, which include arctic daisies, yellow arctic poppies, purple saxifrage, and even fluffy arctic cotton.

We’ll later visit Kekerten, a small island of great historic significance from the whaling days.

**DAY 9 Monumental Island**

You can expect more wildlife encounters at Monumental Island, well-known for potential close sightings of some of the Arctic's most iconic creatures. You’ll enjoy a Zodiac ride along the shores in search of hauled-out walrus and prowling polar bears.

**DAY 10 Akpatok Island**

The largest island in Ungava Bay, Akpatok is an important sanctuary for cliff-nesting seabirds, and is aptly named for the thick-billed murres (akpats) which nest here. This has long been a traditional hunting ground for the Inuit, as the many ice floes around the island attract walrus, whales and polar bears.

**DAY 11 Frobisher Bay**

Located at the southeastern end of Baffin Island, you’ll spend your last full day exploring the cliffs, narrow inlets and streams of Frobisher Bay. This body of water is a great place to explore by Zodiac and take a refreshing hike along its shores.

**DAY 12 Disembark in Iqaluit**

Your final Zodiac ride will take you from the ship to shore. The tides here are some of the largest in the world, and make it quite interesting for your Zodiac drivers. Your time here will be brief, as your flight to Ottawa awaits, signalling an end to your time in the Arctic. Upon arrival in Ottawa, we will transfer you to your included, well-appointed hotel.

**DAY 13 Depart Ottawa, Canada**

Today you can make your way home at your leisure or spend some more time in Ottawa. This fascinating capital city is home to the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Inclusions

**THIS EXPEDITION INCLUDES**

- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All breakfasts, lunches, dinners and snacks on board
- All shore landings per the daily program
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and special guests as scheduled
- Photographic journal documenting the expedition
- Waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings
- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Hair dryer and bathrobe in every cabin
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials, including a map and an informative Arctic Reader
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard ship
- Emergency evacuation insurance to a maximum benefit of US$100,000 per person
- Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax

**THIS EXPEDITION EXCLUDES**

- Mandatory transfer package*
- International airfare
- Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above
- Meals ashore unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption, and medical travel insurance
- Excess baggage charges
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising
- Laundry, bar, beverage and other personal charges unless specified
- Phone and internet charges
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Optional kayaking activities
- Arrival transfer from Ottawa airport to hotel
- Departure transfer from Ottawa hotel to airport

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**MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- One night hotel accommodation in Ottawa with breakfast
- Group transfer hotel to Ottawa airport
- Flight from Ottawa to Kangerlussuaq
- Transfers to and from ship
- Flight from Iqaluit to Ottawa
- Group transfer Ottawa airport to hotel
- One night hotel accommodation in Ottawa with breakfast

*Package cost*: $1,950

Note: Baggage allowance on charter flight is 33 lbs (15 kg) checked and 11 lbs (5 kg) carry-on.
### Dates & Rates

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**Expedition Aboard the Adventure Ship** SEA ADVENTURER

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**Mandatory Transfer package available for $1,950**

*All rates per person in USD.*

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**HOW TO BOOK YOUR EXPEDITION & ADVENTURE OPTIONS**

To book your cabin or inquire about the availability of Adventure Options, contact a Polar Travel Adviser **1.888.892.0073 (+1.203.803.2666).**

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POSSIBLE LANDINGS AND WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

KANGERLUSSUAQ

Kangerlussuaq and the Kangerlussuaq Fjord in Western Greenland present colorful buildings and potential for glimpses of arctic wildlife such as musk oxen and caribou. Lush mountainous landscapes provide a great backdrop at this port of disembarkation, while whales may be spotted at sea.

ILULISSAT

North of the Arctic Circle, this ice fjord is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Recognized as one of the fastest moving glaciers in the world, the Sermeq Kujalleq glacier located here moves at 62 ft. (19 m) per day. More glacial ice is calved into the ocean here than anywhere else, except for Antarctica.

SISIMIUT

A village town, the second largest in Greenland, Sisimiut is a place to stretch the legs. Inhabited for more than 4,000 years, the history here is a mix of Saqqaq, Dorset and Thule cultures. The colorful wooden houses here are typical of Greenlandic communities today. Nasaasaaq, an impressive mountain, provides a scenic backdrop to this settlement, and the nearby Amerloq Fjord is another worthwhile landing site.

ITILLEQ

Itilleq is a settlement in the Qeqqata municipality in central-western Greenland. It was originally founded in 1847 on another island, but was later moved 1 kilometer east to its present location. Its main trade is fishing and hunting, and a facility is required to desalinate seawater, as the island has no freshwater source.

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QIKIQTARJUAQ

Known until 1998 as Broughton Island, this island boasts the highest mountains in North America east of the Rocky Mountain range. From the cape, multitudes of icebergs can be seen coming down the Davis Strait, while whales, seals and narwhals cavort off its shores.

MONUMENTAL ISLAND

This rocky, remote island off the coast of Baffin Island is completely uninhabited except for the plentiful walrus you’ll likely encounter. Here, you’ll have the chance to see these impressive giants hauling-out, basking, waddling or frolicking on its rugged shore.

AKPATOK ISLAND

Predominately comprised of limestone cliffs and deep ravines, this island is a magnet for birdlife. In particular, thick-billed murre, black guillemot and peregrine falcon. So populous is the birdlife here that Akpatok Island is designated as a Canadian Important Bird Area and a Key Migratory Bird Terrestrial Habitat Site.

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