



NORTHWEST PASSAGE

Epic High Arctic





The Trip Overview

We don't use the term "epic" lightly. On this 17-day voyage, journey back in time to the height of Arctic exploration, navigating the waters and visiting the sites that were key to the discovery of the Northwest Passage—eyes peeled for polar bears, walrus, muskoxen and more. This quintessential Arctic adventure stops at many traditional Greenland and Canadian communities, plus Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Experience highlights of the Canadian Arctic and Greenland



Visit traditional Inuit and Greenlandic communities



View arctic wildlife, such as whales, walrus and muskoxen



Explore the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site



Cruise in a Zodiac to get up close to the spectacular scenery



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN OTTAWA, CANADA

Your arctic expedition begins in Ottawa. Explore Canada's capital city on your own before spending the night at your well-appointed hotel.

DAY 2 | FLY TO RESOLUTE

This morning, board your charter flight to Resolute. Upon arrival, you'll have a chance to walk around this small Arctic town before enjoying your first of many Zodiac cruises as you're transferred to your ship.

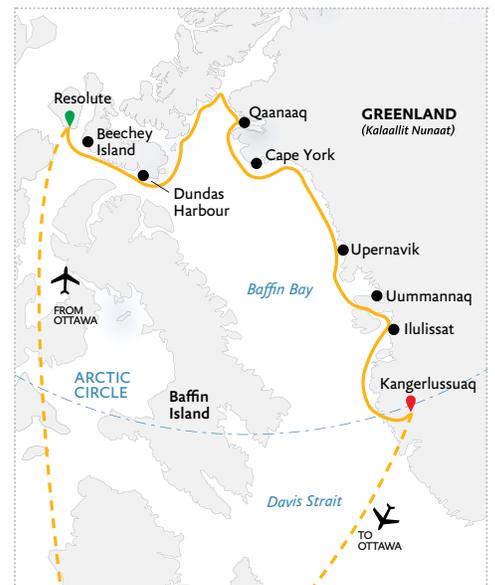
DAYS 3 TO 6 | EXPLORING CANADA'S HIGH ARCTIC

Remote and rich in history, the Canadian High Arctic is as awe inspiring as it is informative.

Named after explorer Frederick William Beechey, of the Royal Navy, Beechey Island is a Canadian National Historic Site. It's an important stop on our voyage, as this is the final resting place of three members of Sir John Franklin's ill-fated 1845-46 expedition to find the Northwest Passage. The graves, on a remote windswept beach, were discovered in 1851 by the crew of British and American vessels searching for signs of Franklin's lost expedition.

Radstock Bay is a popular research location for observing polar bears, which are often seen here in summer. An impressive Thule archaeological site provides insight into how these pre-Inuit people lived in the Far North.

For almost 5,000 years, the hamlet of Arctic Bay and its surrounding area has been occupied by Inuit nomads



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migrating from the west. Surrounded by soaring cliffs teeming with seabirds, this is a great spot to go ashore and learn about the Inuit community's traditional way of life.

The eastern end of Lancaster Sound affords numerous hiking opportunities on Devon Island. We'll anchor at Croker Bay, where we'll Zodiac cruise along the face of an active glacier. We'll try to keep a safe distance, but still hope to get close enough to appreciate the splendor of calving ice. Walrus frequent the waters here, so be sure to have your camera handy. A hike to a nearby archaeological site is another possible excursion. At Dundas Harbour, trek along a beach to a former Royal Canadian Mounted Police outpost. Encounters with muskoxen are possible here.

Canada's most northern settlement, Grise Fjord will be your final shore visit in the Canadian High Arctic. Now home to about 150 residents, the traditional, mostly Inuit community was created in 1953, when the federal government resettled eight Inuit families from northern Quebec. Hunting and fishing are a significant part of their way of life. Visit the monument to the first Inuit settlers, as well as the remnants of the "old camp" where they lived.

DAYS 7 AND 8 | EXPLORING SMITH SOUND

Before saying goodbye to Canada, we'll try to cruise as far north as possible, exploring both sides of Smith Sound, the uninhabited passage between Ellesmere Island and Greenland.

DAY 9 | QAANAQ, GREENLAND

Your first stop in Greenland is Qaanaaq, formerly known as Thule, one of the northernmost towns in the world (there's a reason ancient philosophers called it Ultima Thule, or "edge of known territory"). Here, local Inuit share their culture and traditions, and the museum sheds more light on what it's like living near the top of the world.

DAY 10 | AT SEA

As we sail south along the west coast of Greenland, presentations by our on-board experts will prepare you for the adventures that lie ahead.



DAYS 11 TO 15 | EXPLORING WEST GREENLAND

With spectacular glaciers, soaring fjords and vibrant communities, the west coast of Greenland will leave you breathless.

Nuussuaq (formerly known as Kraulshavn) is the only mainland community in the Upernavik Archipelago. Founded in 1923 as a trading station, it's one of the most traditional hunting and fishing villages in Greenland.

It's not surprising that the red-hued, heart-shaped mountain that rises up behind Ummannaq gave the traditional community its name (*Ummannaq* means "heart-like" in Greenlandic). As your ship approaches the shore, you'll want to be on deck to take in the incredible view of the twin peaks towering over the vibrantly painted wooden houses dotting the rocky terrain below. The settlement was established as a Danish colony in 1758 on the mainland, but it relocated five years later because seal hunting was more plentiful here.

In the nearby archaeological site of Qilaqitsoq (also known as Qilakitsoq), you'll visit the ruins of an ancient settlement, where the remains of eight fully dressed mummies were discovered under a rock outcrop in 1972 by a pair of hunters. The famous Greenlandic mummies, which date back to 1475 A.D., are on view at the Greenland National Museum in Nuuk.

Cruising farther south rewards with spectacular views of Eqip Sermia. The jagged, blue-tinged glacier soaring out of the crystal-clear water is one of the most beautiful sights in Greenland, and we hope to Zodiac cruise along its massive front from a safe distance. We may also go ashore to explore nearby.

Just south of Ilulissat, which means "iceberg" in Greenlandic, is the impressive Ilulissat Icefjord. The UNESCO World Heritage Site is home to Sermeq Kujalleq, the most productive glacier in the northern hemisphere. As we Zodiac cruise at the mouth of the fjord, you may be lucky to witness the wonders of calving ice (listen to the loud roars as the ice breaks off). Founded in 1741, the traditional town, which boasts more sled dogs than people, is famous in its own right: it was the birthplace of explorer Knud Rasmussen, the first to traverse the Northwest Passage by dogsled, in the early 1920s. Hikes here lead out to stunning views of the young icebergs as they float out the fjord to Disko Bay.

In Sisimiut, you'll be treated to a traditional kayaking demonstration. The kayak (an Inuit word that the English borrowed) is Greenland's national symbol and can be traced back to the country's first immigrants, who used vessels that resemble the narrow one- or two-person boats. The town has several 18th-century colonial buildings, including

the oldest surviving church in Greenland, so take time to wander through the historic area. You'll also have a chance to hike amongst the area's surrounding mountains.

Situated in a scenic hollow on a small island with no freshwater, the colorful community of Itilleq, which has about 130 inhabitants, is surrounded by sea, mountains and fjords. The final excursion of your arctic adventure may be a hike around Itilleq Fjord.

DAY 16 | DISEMBARK IN KANGERLUSSUAQ

Enjoy one more Zodiac ride to shore, where you'll board your charter flight back to Ottawa, Canada. Upon arrival in Ottawa, we will transfer you to your included hotel.

DAY 17 | DEPART OTTAWA, CANADA

Today, you can make your way home at your leisure or spend some time exploring this historic city.

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Adventure Options

Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions® voyage offers a variety of fun recreational activities to enhance your polar experience.

Included Activities

HIKING

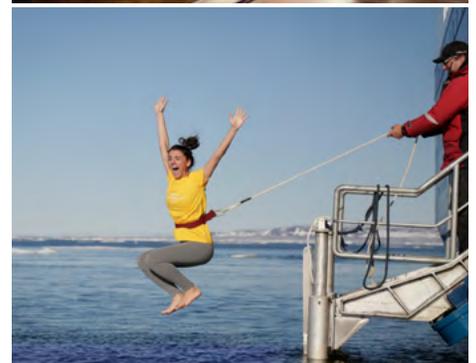
Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is the best way to appreciate the landscape, communities and shorelines.

LECTURES

Daily chats with on-board experts—our guides, scientists and other special guests—let passengers rub shoulders with historians, botanists, ornithologists, zoologists, geologists and more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, experienced just once per expedition, sees you safely jumping into icy ocean waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera lens on board!



ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, safely transporting guests to remote shorelines and shallow inlets—places the ships can't reach. Hopping in and out of them is super-easy.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is both rewarding and constructive. Plus, it is next to impossible to take a bad picture of the Polar Regions.

OTHER EQUIPMENT ON BOARD

Walking poles are provided at each landing for your convenience. This equipment is available at no cost.

More information about your Included and Paid Activities, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost, is available by contacting your Polar Travel Adviser or your travel professional.



Paid Activities

SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking adventures are the best way to feel at one with the sea. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage instead of shore landings. The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent and will only be conducted during calm conditions.

Prior kayaking experience is required for you to feel comfortable on the water, and you must have the capability to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion described below.

PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking and would like to try something less in-depth than Sea Kayaking, you can still enjoy the benefits of adding an on-water experience to your expedition with a Paddling Excursion. Sign up for a one-time paddle on our sit-on-top kayaks, which are stable and unencumbered: perfect for anyone with little to no experience with kayaking. We take rotating groups of passengers out on calm days to connect with the sea. No experience is necessary.



FROM TOP: *Sea Kayaking; Paddling Excursion*



Arrival & Departure Details

As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested to know the details of your arrival and departure. Since air transportation to and from your voyage is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights. Consider extending your adventure beyond your polar cruise and arranging for a stopover in the destination of your choice on your way to or from the Arctic. Quark Expeditions® can help you book your flights, or feel free to contact your preferred travel agent or airline.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

ARRIVING IN OTTAWA

You may arrive in Ottawa at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary and make your own way to the included hotel.

On arrival at the hotel, you will receive a welcome letter outlining the departure information for the following day's flight. An agent representing Quark Expeditions® will be available in the lobby of the hotel this evening to answer any questions about the charter flight(s) scheduled for the following morning.

RESOLUTE AND EMBARKATION

Your flight to the Arctic is expected to depart from Ottawa to Resolute on Day 2 of the itinerary, after breakfast. Although the scheduled flight time will be communicated in your welcome letter, there is significant variability based on weather conditions. You should be prepared to depart the hotel for the airport on our group transfer at any time.



PLEASE NOTE

Please note: There is a strict luggage limit of 44 lbs (20 kg) checked luggage and 11 lbs (5 kg) cabin baggage on the flights between Akureyri and Reykjavik.

Final Day and Departure

DISEMBARKATION IN KANGERLUSSUAQ

Your ship is scheduled to arrive back at the pier in Kangerlussuaq, between 7am and 8am local time. After breakfast, and once the ship has docked, you will have time to bid farewell to your Expedition Team and shipmates before completing your disembarkation. The process takes about an hour. After disembarkation, you will be transferred to the airport for the return charter flight to Ottawa.

DEPARTING FROM OTTAWA

Upon arrival in Ottawa, there will be a group transfer to your included post-expedition hotel. After breakfast the following morning, you may make your way to the airport to connect with your homeward flight, or stay longer if you have booked additional accommodation.

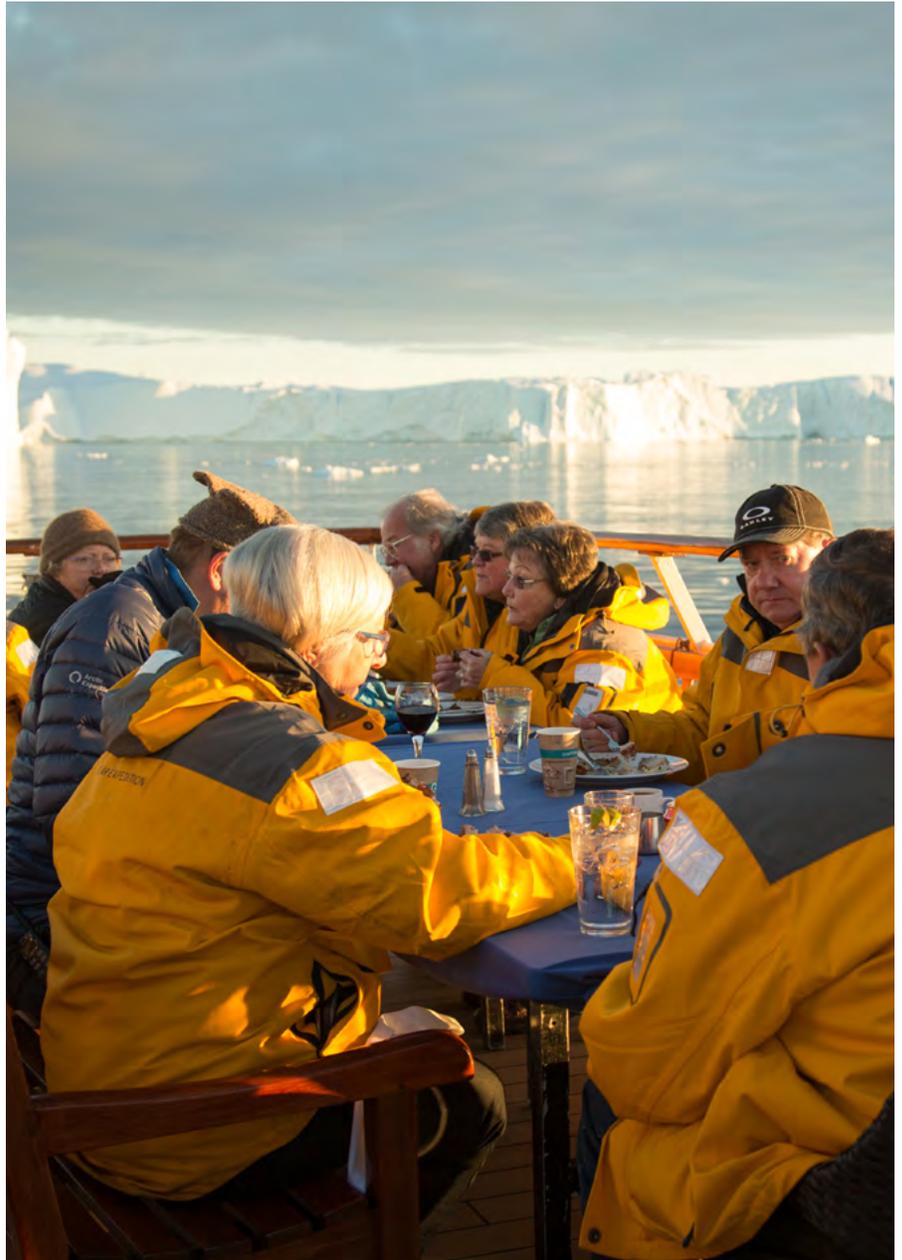
Included Hotel Accommodations

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated on your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day, please contact your Polar Travel Adviser for hotel options.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

OTTAWA AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival and departure transfers in Ottawa are not included; however, if you would like, your Polar Travel Adviser can arrange them for you.



PLEASE NOTE

Weather conditions can always delay our arrival, and airline schedule changes have also been known to occur. Booking flexible tickets is always encouraged, as we cannot be held responsible for delays due to unforeseen circumstances.



Inclusions

YOUR NORTHWEST PASSAGE EXPEDITION INCLUDES

- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board
- Beer and wine during dinner
- 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
- Official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Hair dryer and bathrobe in every cabin

- Comprehensive onboard materials, including a map and an informative Arctic Reader
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- All gratuities
- Emergency evacuation insurance to a maximum benefit of US\$500,000 per person

THIS EXPEDITION EXCLUDES

- Mandatory transfer package*
- International airfare
- Passport and visa expenses
- Canadian eTA required for non-Canadian or U.S. visa-exempt passengers
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above
- Meals ashore unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar, beverage and other

- personal charges unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Optional kayaking activities

*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES

- One night's pre- and post-expedition hotel accommodation in Ottawa with breakfast
- Charter flight from Ottawa to Resolute
- Transfers to and from the ship
- Charter flight from Kangerlussuaq to Ottawa
- Transfers between the airport and hotel in Ottawa

PACKAGE COST: \$2,695



Dates & Rates

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Start/End</i>	<i>Triple</i>	<i>Lower Deck</i>	<i>Main Deck Porthole</i>	<i>Main Deck Window</i>	<i>Superior</i>	<i>Deluxe</i>	<i>Suite</i>	<i>Owner's Suite</i>		
NORTHWEST PASSAGE EPIC HIGH ARCTIC Expedition Aboard the Adventure Ship OCEAN ADVENTURER												
AUG 27-SEP 12, 2019	17	Ottawa	\$9,695	\$12,595	\$13,895	\$15,295	\$16,795	\$18,495	\$20,295	\$22,295	\$695	\$225

*Mandatory transfer package available for \$2,695. All rates per person in USD.

-  Sea Kayaking
-  Paddling Excursion





Your Expedition Ship

OCEAN ADVENTURER

You will be proud to call this ship your home when at sea in the Arctic. Quark Expeditions®' popular ship *Sea Adventurer* has been relaunched as *Ocean Adventurer* after a multi-million-dollar renovation. A team of marine architects, engineers, interior designers and polar expedition specialists worked together to enhance this nimble and intimate fleet favorite. Improvements include a refreshed look and feel throughout, plus the complete remodeling of the lounge, dining room and bar.

All cabins received new soft furnishings and bathrooms, and six new deluxe cabins as well as three new suites have been added. Major technical enhancements include two new Rolls-Royce engines, which yield increased fuel efficiency and a minimized carbon footprint.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

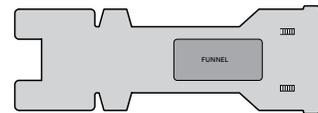
Staff & Crew: 87

Guests: 132

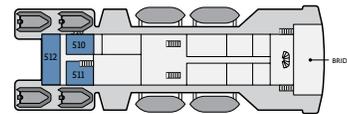
Lifeboats: 4, partially enclosed

Ice Class: 1A

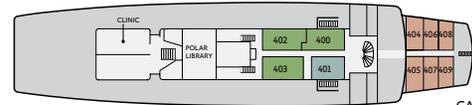
Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.



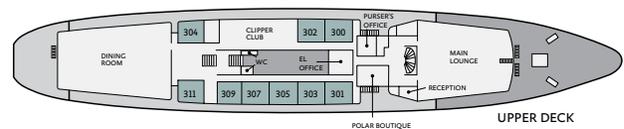
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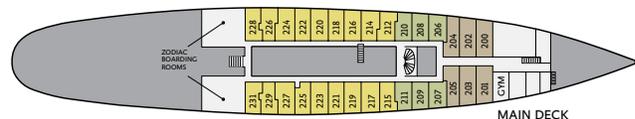
BRIDGE DECK



CAPTAIN'S DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



LOWER DECK

- Triple
- Lower Deck Twin
- Main Deck Twin Porthole
- Main Deck Twin Window
- Superior
- Deluxe
- Suite
- Owner's Suite



Your Expedition Team

Behind the scenes and on the front lines, we are nothing without the dedication, knowledge, energy and passion of our staff. By consistently attracting the most talented people in the polar travel industry, we can keep doing what we do, season after season, to the poles and back and back again. This is where we shine.

Our Expeditions Leaders and staff bring diverse polar expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology and photography. Their knowledge will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further enhance your connection to the Arctic.

With over 25 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions, we know how to handle the unexpected to guarantee the safety of all passengers. Ensuring this hard earned experience is not lost, our new expedition staff receive comprehensive training in our newly developed Quark Academy, which provides real-world polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage.





Possible Landings

Canada

BEECHEY ISLAND

Named after Frederick William Beechey, an explorer with the Royal Navy, this is one of Canada's most important Arctic sites and has been deemed a Canadian National Historic Site. During the Franklin expedition of 1845-46, two of Franklin's ships, HMS *Erebus* and HMS *Terror*, anchored here with perilous results. Three of Franklin's crew died here and are buried at a marked gravesite.

CROKER BAY

A nearby glacier actively calves off chunks of ice, creating a birthing place for icebergs at Croker Bay. The bay was a popular stop during the 1800s, when a path to the Pacific (the Northwest Passage) was at the forefront of Arctic exploration.

DUNDAS HARBOUR

Located on Devon Island, there are remains of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police post here, dating back to 1924. Historically, this area has been settled for more than 3,000 years by Inuit and pre-Inuit cultures. Its original name in Inuktitut is Talluruti, meaning "a woman's chin with tattoos on it." Be alert for wildlife, as walrus, polar bears and muskoxen inhabit the area.

GRISE FJORD

The traditional name for this Ellesmere Island hamlet means "place that never melts." From April to August, the residents of Canada's most northerly Inuit community experience continuous daylight.



PRINCE LEOPOLD ISLAND

Impressive, near perfectly vertical cliffs surround part of this small island. This creates an ideal environment for nesting seabirds, and they nest here in vast numbers—more than 500,000 strong! Thick-billed murres, black guillemots and northern fulmars are most commonly seen here.

RADSTOCK BAY

The bay has been a popular research location for observing polar bears. Denning mothers favor this area, and polar bears are frequently seen during the summer months. A Thule site here provides insight into how the pre-Inuit people survived and lived in the Arctic.

RESOLUTE

One of Canada's most northern settlements, Resolute has everything from a grocery store and cable TV to a Royal Canadian Mounted Police station and a handful of hotels. It also has an airport, which is your gateway back home. About 200 people live in Resolute throughout the year. Hunting is a major source of income, while in the summer months, tourism contributes to the community's stability.



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West Greenland

CAPE YORK

In 1894, Robert Peary visited Cape York, and a soaring monument to the American explorer, erected in 1932, sits atop the promontory to this day. The name of a settlement on a nearby island means “place of meteorite iron,” so it’s not surprising that several meteorites dating back 10,000 years, including the famous Cape York meteorite, have been found in the area.

DISKO BAY

Erik the Red started a settlement on the shores of Disko Bay in 985 C.E. By the 15th century, the community was deserted, as a climate change made the bay impassable during the summer months.

EQIP SERMIA

With an ice front of just under 2.5 miles (4 km), Eqip Sermia is a truly massive glacier, with huge chunks of ice seen—

and heard—calving into the water below. Navigating the narrow sound on the way to the glacier requires traversing ice-clogged water, which produces an eerie sound as the bergs grind against the ship’s hull.

ETAH

An abandoned settlement on the shores of Foulk Fjord, Etah was a starting point of discovery expeditions to the North Pole. It was also the landing site of the last migration of the Inuit from the Canadian Arctic. The huts of the former village, once the most-northerly populated settlement in the world, still stand today.

ILULISSAT

The fjord has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site because the glacier at the head of the fjord produces more icebergs than any other in the northern hemisphere.

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 0.62 miles (1 km) 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.

KANGERLUSSUAQ

Just 37 miles (60 km) north of the Arctic Circle, Kangerlussuaq sits at the head of a long fjord. Muskoxen, reindeer and arctic foxes inhabit the tundra-covered plain that surrounds the town.





KULLORSUAQ

Hunting and fishing remain the way of life in this small, traditional town. This part of the Upernavik Archipelago has fewer economic alternatives than farther south. Whaling is an important part of the livelihood of many of the inhabitants here.

QAANAAQ

Qaanaaq is the world's most northern municipality and one of the world's most northern settlements. Traditional means of living are strong here, and the local museum helps shed some light on what it takes to live this close to the top of the world.

SISIMIUT

The port of Sisimiut is the northernmost in Greenland that is ice-free all year round. Sisimiut's other claim to fame is being the southernmost town in Greenland where dogsledding occurs throughout the year. Sisimiut was founded in 1756, and some of the colonial buildings still stand in the town's old quarter.

UUMMANNAQ

Uummannaq was founded as a Danish colony in 1758 on the Nuussuaq mainland, but in 1763 it was moved to the nearby island, as seal hunting was more plentiful there. Within sight of the Greenland ice cap, this town and the island of the same name are a study in contrasts.





Know Before You Go

Meals on Board

If there is one constant at sea, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals on a daily basis. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three meals a day. Almost any dietary restriction can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top quality meals during the course of your expedition.

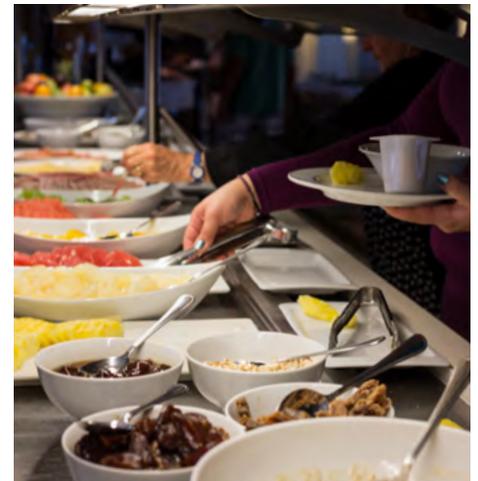
Soft drinks, juices and water are available at all times, and beer and wine are served with dinner, all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at an extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bar on the ship is open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in the late morning, afternoon and evening.

Language Capability

The Quark Expedition Team is sourced globally and brings a wealth of cultural knowledge and language proficiency. Although the main language spoken during the expedition is English, we can accommodate Mandarin speakers on any voyage. Please inquire with Quark Expeditions® to learn what other languages might be accommodated on your voyage.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Weather conditions are highly variable, with temperatures hovering around the freezing mark. The continuous daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may find temperatures warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.



PACKING CHECKLIST

WHAT TO BRING! *Packing for the polar regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark voyages include an expedition parka to keep, and a loan of appropriate polar footwear. Additional suggested items include:*

FOR SHORE LANDINGS

- Base layers (wool, synthetic or a blend)
- Mid-layer warm/fleece top
- Mid-layer warm/fleece pant
- Wool and synthetic socks (3 to 4 pairs)
- Glove liners
- Neck warmer or balaclava
- Warm hat that covers ears
- Waterproof pants
- Waterproof gloves
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses with UV protection

SUGGESTED ITEMS

- Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack
- Swimsuit (for the polar plunge!)
- Binoculars
- Camera with extra batteries
- Extra memory cards
- Earplugs (in case of noisy cabinmates)
- Eye masks for sleeping
- Seasickness, indigestion, headache or other medicine
- Voltage adapters

FOR ON BOARD

- Comfortable casual clothing (pants/jeans, shirts, sweaters)
- Lighter shirts (in case the ship gets warm)
- Comfortable non-slip close-toed unheeled shoes

For more packing and gear-related info, visit the Quark Expeditions® online Polar Boutique at [Shop.QuarkExpeditions.com](https://shop.quarkexpeditions.com)





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