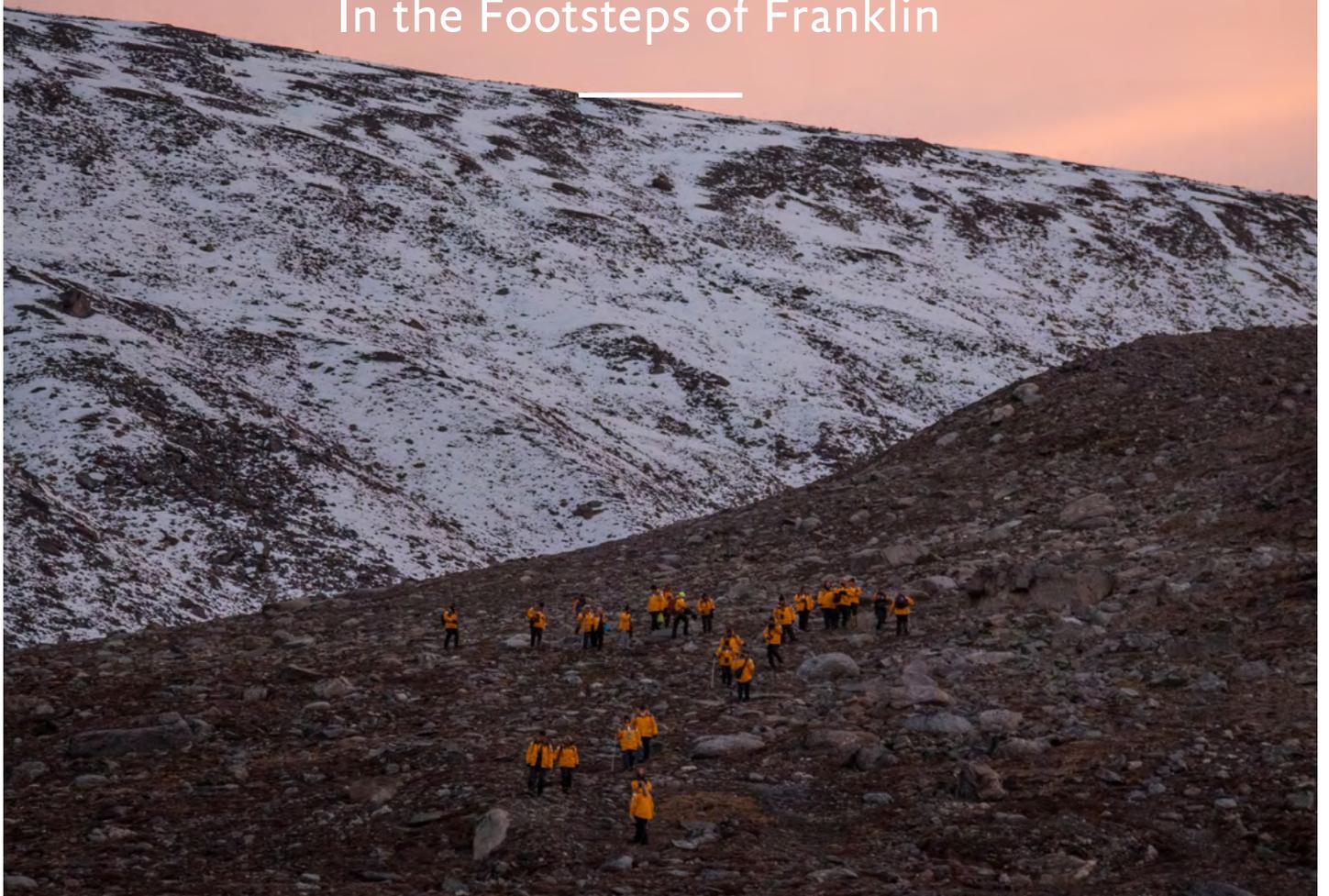




NORTHWEST PASSAGE

In the Footsteps of Franklin





The Trip Overview

Winding your way through the icy channels of the legendary Northwest Passage is like one big history lesson, as you learn about the geopolitical and environmental aspects of the route, retracing the steps of legendary British explorer Sir John Franklin and his lost crew. Interact with remote local communities in Canada and Greenland, reaching waters few have sailed. Hiking and Zodiac excursions deliver intimate wildlife encounters, dramatic fjords, ancient glaciers and mesmerizing icebergs.

EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



Experience highlights of Greenland and the Canadian Arctic



Explore colorful Greenlandic villages and shop for traditional Inuit handicrafts



View iconic arctic wildlife, such as whales, walrus and muskoxen



Hike the colorful tundra



Cruise in a Zodiac to get up close to glaciers, fjords, icebergs and more



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 KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND, AND EMBARK

After breakfast, board your charter flight to Kangerlussuaq, a small seaside community that's your gateway to Greenland. Enjoy your first Zodiac ride as you're transferred from shore to ship. Out on deck, take in your new surroundings before you set sail on your arctic adventure.

DAYS 3 AND 4 | EXPLORING WEST GREENLAND

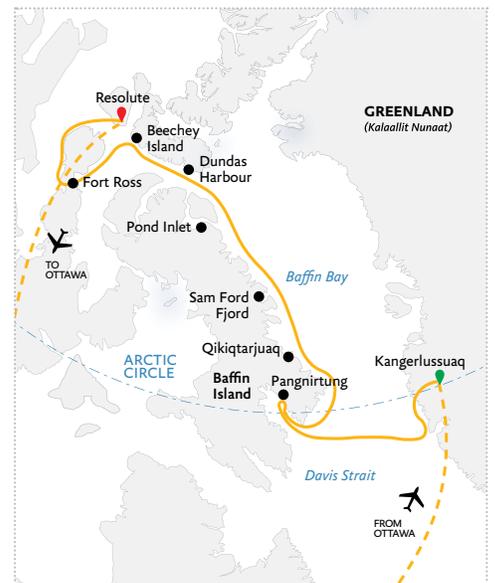
Locals call Maniitsoq the Venice of Greenland, as it's situated in an archipelago intersected by natural

canals. Soaring, snow-capped mountains surround the small, rocky town, whose name means "the uneven place." Playful humpback whales spend summer in the waters around here.

The Greenlandic capital of Nuuk is a haven for history and culture lovers. Stroll down to the waterfront to see the Hans Egede Church and Hans Egede statue, named for the missionary who established the settlement in 1728. Marvel at the famous remains of 500-year-old fully dressed mummies, discovered under a rock outcrop in 1972 by two brothers out hunting, at the Greenland National Museum. The Nuuk Art Museum and Katuaq Culture Centre are also worth visiting.

DAY 5 | AT SEA

Say goodbye to Greenland's shores as you traverse the Davis Strait in pursuit of the Canadian Arctic. Presentations by on-board experts will prepare you for the adventures that lie ahead.



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- Flight to Reykjavik or Ottawa
- On the Ocean Adventurer

DAYS 6 TO 15 | EXPLORING CANADA'S HIGH ARCTIC

Visit towering fjords, historical sites and traditional Inuit communities as you follow in the footsteps of famous explorers from long ago in the Canadian High Arctic.

The picturesque Inuit hamlet of Pangnirtung, nicknamed the Switzerland of the Arctic, is nestled beneath the jagged peaks of Mount Duval. An artist's hub, Pang is renowned for its traditional Inuit arts and crafts, especially lithographs and intricate tapestries. At the Uqqurmiut Centre for Arts & Crafts, watch craftspeople in the tapestry studio and pick up a limited-edition print. A must for visitors, a colorful Pang hat will keep you warm during the remainder of your arctic voyage. You'll also visit nearby Kekerten, an uninhabited island that was a major whaling destination in the 1800s.

At the southern tip of the Cumberland Sound, Cape Mercy was named by British explorer John Davis (yes, he of the Davis Strait), who sailed through it in 1585. The site of an old Distant Early Warning Line installation, it's an ideal spot to go ashore for a hike.

As icebergs travel down the Davis Strait, they're naturally trapped at Qikiqtarjuak (formerly known as Broughton Island), the iceberg capital of the world. The icy waters here are sometimes also home to narwhals, beluga and right whales, and ring and harp seals. A hike up to the hilltop inukshuk (a stone figure made by the Inuit) rewards with spectacular views of the community.

Cruising farther north along the east coast of Baffin Island, we'll approach Isabella Bay, an important summer and fall feeding area for a large population of bowhead whales.

Stacked side by side, the dozens of soaring cliffs of Sam Ford Fjord make for a majestic site as you sail by. One of the most isolated places on the planet, the big-wall playground attracts climbers eager to scale the sheer rock faces that shoot straight out of the sea.

At the northern tip of Baffin Island, near the eastern entrance to the Northwest Passage, is the picturesque hamlet of Pond Inlet. Spend some time exploring this traditional Inuit community that's surrounded by scenic mountains, fjords, glaciers and icebergs.

The area around Lancaster Sound affords several hiking opportunities. At Dundas Harbour, on Devon Island, you'll visit an abandoned beachside outpost of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. At nearby Croker Bay, cruise in a Zodiac (at a safe distance) along the face of an actively calving glacier. Your Expedition Team will also keep its eyes peeled



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for the muskoxen and walrus that are known to visit the bay. A hike to a nearby archaeological site is another possible excursion. Farther west, some of the best ancient Thule remains in the Arctic are at Radstock Bay, beside the soaring Caswell Towers, a polar bear observation site. Exploring the area, you'll gain insight into how these pre-Inuit people lived.

At the western end of Devon Island, the windswept Beechey Island might be small, but it's steeped in history. Named after famed British explorer Frederick William Beechey, it's a Canadian National Historic Site. You'll visit the small marked graves of three crew members who died during Sir John Franklin's tragic 1845-46 expedition. Roald Amundsen landed here in 1903, during the first successful voyage by ship through the Northwest Passage.

Sailing down the east coast of Somerset Island, you may be fortunate to spot beluga whales and narwhals, as they feed on the large numbers of arctic char that enter Creswell Bay in late summer. An Important Bird Area, the bay also attracts such species as black-bellied plovers, king eiders and white-rumped sandpipers. You'll also have time to explore Fort Ross, where the Hudson's Bay Company established a now-abandoned trading post in 1937. At the midpoint of the Bellot Strait, a narrow channel that separates Somerset Island from mainland North America, you'll reach the northernmost area of the continental landmass, Zenith Point.

DAY 16 | DISEMBARKATION IN RESOLUTE, CANADA

After disembarking in Resolute, you'll be transferred to your charter flight to Ottawa, where you'll spend the night at your included hotel.

DAY 17 | DEPART OTTAWA

Today, make your way to the airport to catch your homeward flights, or spend the day exploring Canada's capital city.





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.

KANGERLUSSUAQ AND EMBARKATION

Your flight to the Arctic is expected to depart from Ottawa to Kangerlussuaq 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 RESOLUTE

Your ship is scheduled to arrive back at the pier in Resolute 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 transfer 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.

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.

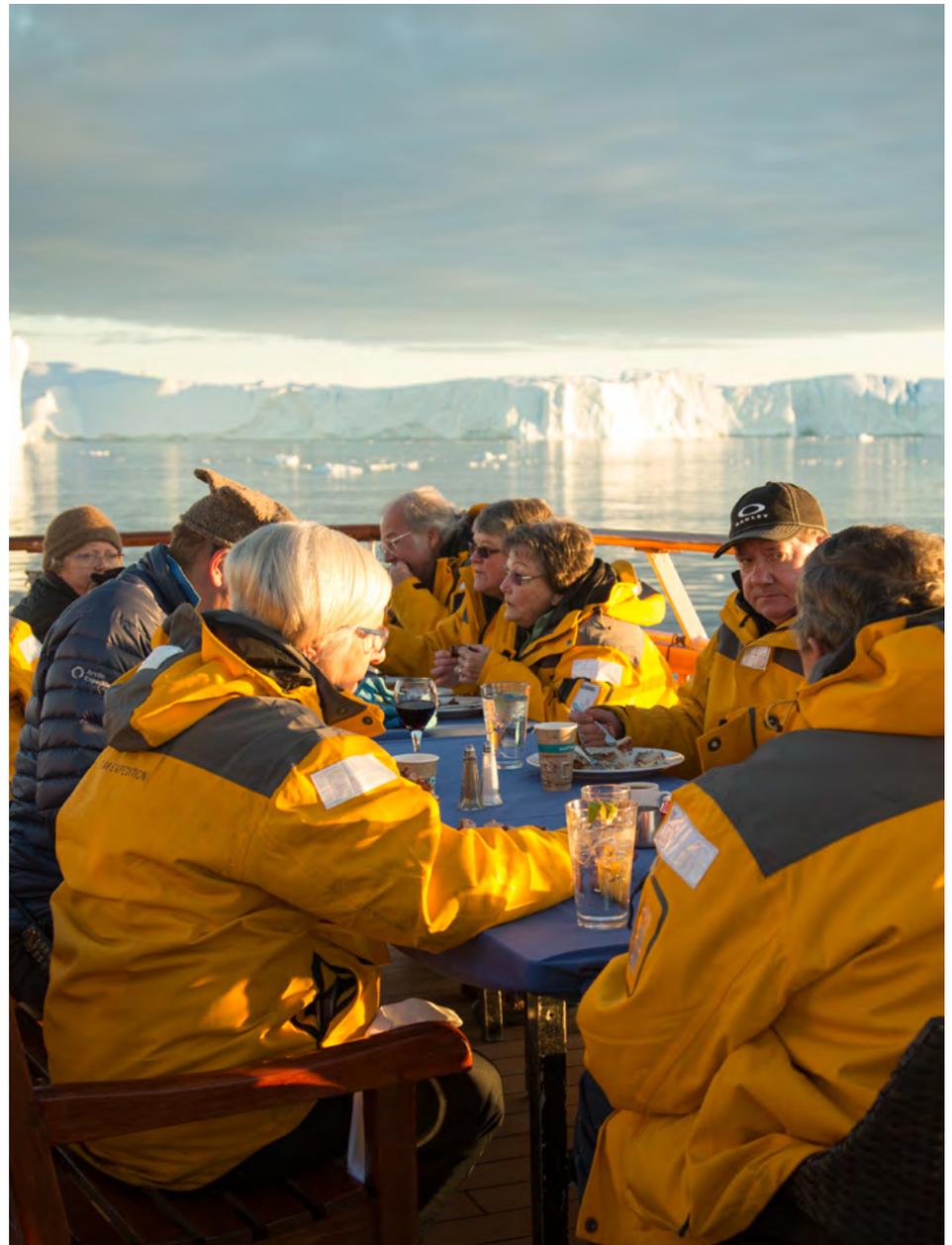
Included Hotel Accommodations

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 like, your Polar Travel Adviser can arrange them for you.





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 Kangerlussuaq
- Transfers to and from the ship
- Charter flight from Resolute 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 IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FRANKLIN 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:

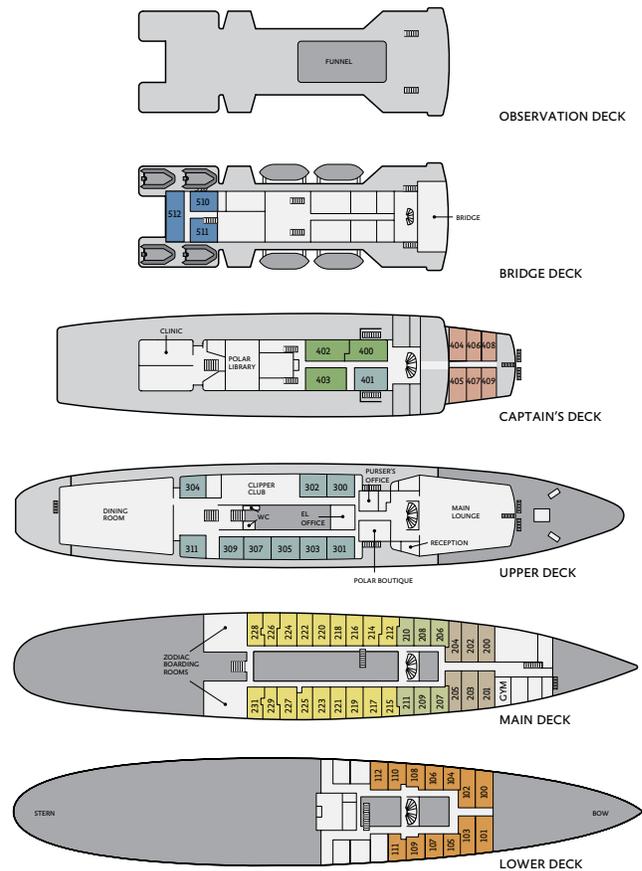
Staff & Crew: 87

Guests: 132

Lifeboats: 4, partially enclosed

Ice Class: 1A

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.



- 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

West Greenland

KANGERLUSSUAQ

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

NUUK

Home to 15,000 people, Nuuk is the capital of Greenland and is the largest settlement on the island. The Hans Egede Church and the statue of Hans Egede near the waterfront are named after the missionary who founded the settlement. The Katuaq Culture Centre and Nuuk Art Museum are also worth exploring.

Canada

ARCTIC BAY

This traditional community has periodically been occupied by Inuit hunters during the past 5,000 years. The protective high hills and sheltered shores of this hamlet make for an ideal nesting habitat for various arctic birds, including thick-billed murres, snow geese, kittiwakes, ivory gulls and Ross's gulls. Seals, narwhals and bowhead whales call the waters here home.

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.

BELLOT STRAIT

The 1.2 mile (2 km) wide Bellot Strait separates Somerset Island from the Boothia Peninsula. During the transit, you sail past the northernmost point of mainland North America.

CAPE MERCY

In June 1585, British explorer John Davis (he of the Davis Strait) embarked on the first of three voyages to search for the legendary Northwest Passage. In August 1585, he reached this area at the northern entrance to the Cumberland Sound and named it Cape of God’s Mercy. Now known as Cape Mercy, it’s the site of a dramatic glacial fjord. Polar bears have been spotted ashore here.

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.

FORT ROSS

In 1937, the Hudson’s Bay Company established a trading post, named Fort Ross, on the coast of Somerset Island. Due to the harsh conditions and isolation of the post, it was closed in 1948. The store and manager’s house still stand.

PANGNIRTUNG

When the Hudson’s Bay Company built a trading post in Pangnirtung in 1926, local Inuit families moved to the tiny settlement. A Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment was established two years later. A hospital opened in 1929, but it wasn’t until 1962 that most of the Inuit who lived on Cumberland Sound



relocated to Pang. The community has become internationally renowned for the tapestries and prints by local artists.

POND INLET

Europeans have been visiting Pond Inlet since the 1600s. The first visitors arrived seeking the Northwest Passage. In the 1800s, whalers brought wood and barter goods to the community. These visitors were Johnny-come-latelies, as the indigenous peoples had been living in the region for thousands of years, according to archeological evidence.

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 murre, black guillemots and northern fulmars are most commonly seen here.

QIKIQTARJUAQ

Known until 1998 as Broughton Island, Qikiqtarjuaq boasts the highest

mountains in North America east of the Rocky Mountains. From the cape, multitudes of icebergs can be seen coming down the Davis Strait, while whales, seals and narwhals cavort off its shores.

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.

SAM FORD FJORD

This fjord is a rock climber's dream. Tempting some of the most famous mountaineers and adventurers, its sheer rock faces form a severe barrier against the sea. The formations and contrasts make for stunning photographs.

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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.

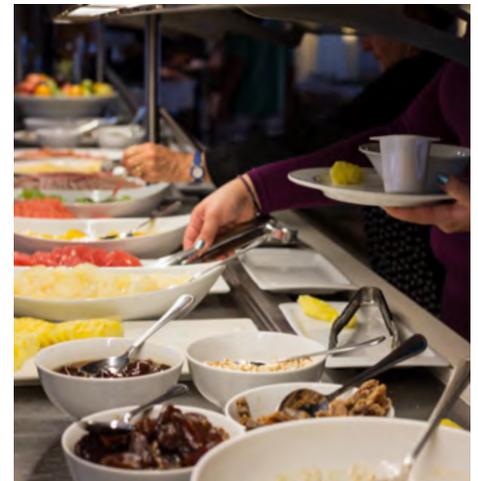
Soft drinks, juices and water are available at all times, and beer and wine are served with dinner, all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at an extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bar on the ship is open to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