

ARCTIC ODYSSEY: ICELAND, GREENLAND, AND CANADA EXPEDITION

Sail in the wake of early Viking explorers on a compelling journey that mixes Arctic wildlife and landscapes with a riveting history that comes alive in well-preserved ruins and local communities continuing to thrive on the edge of the Arctic. Start your adventure in Iceland's remote Westfjords before charting a course for southern Greenland, where you'll glide into dramatic fjords flanked by towering, jagged mountains; and visit colorful Qaqortoq, the unofficial capital of the region. In Canada, trace wild coastlines, keeping an eye out for polar bears, whales, and migrating birdlife.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 Reykjavík, Iceland / Embark Ship

Arrive in Reykjavik, the world's northernmost capital, which lies just below the Arctic Circle. Transfer from the airport and visit the Old Town, including Hallgrimskirkja Cathedral with its 210-foot tower, before embarking the ship in the afternoon.

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

DAY 2 Flatey Island

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Explore Iceland's western frontier, visiting Flatey Island, a trading post for many centuries, turned sleepy summer islet. Walk around the charming little hamlet that has survived, and hike across trails that trace the cliffs past a seasonal

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

puffin population.

DAY 3 Crossing the Denmark Strait

Sail away from the Westfjords of Iceland and across the Denmark Strait. Connecting the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans, the strait is home to the world's largest waterfall, caused by powerful currents underneath the surface. Listen to talks by our experts, relax with a book in the lounge or on the observation deck, and keep an eye out for wildlife as we sail across the continental shelf.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 Prins Christian Sund, Greenland

Sail into Prins Christian Sund, which cuts into the southern tip of Greenland and allows our ship to pass through the sheltered waters of this dramatic polar landscape. Marvel at soaring pinnacles and glimpse hanging glaciers through the fjords that stretch back to the Greenlandic ice sheet. Along the way, keep an eye out for marine and birdlife.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 5-6 Southern Greenland Fjords

Home to some of the best-preserved ruins of the Viking era in Greenland, the town of Qaqortoq and the Tunulliarflik Fjord provide us with two days of insight, culture, and local interactions. Visit the working farms of a UNESCO World Heritage site and learn about how they're carrying on the centuries-old tradition of Arctic sheep farming at the edge of Greenland's ice cap. Walk

through the ruins of Bratthlid, Erik the Red's farm, visiting replicas of the church and the family's longhouse. We'll also explore the same shores from which their son, Leif Eriksson, launched the first voyages to North America--500 years before Columbus.

Visit the unofficial capital of southern Greenland at Qaqortoq, with just over 3,200 residents. The colonial influence is visible throughout the town, home to houses painted in primary colors and architecture dating back to the 1700s. Stroll through the town square and visit the museum, where Greenlandic kayaks, hunting equipment, and local art and handicrafts are on display. Finally, walk through the walls of Hvalsey church, its Norse ruins located in the fjords behind Qaqortoq.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 7-8 At Sea / Crossing the Davis Strait

Spend time on the bow of the ship watching for whales, polar bears, and other wildlife; enjoy the ship's amenities; edit your photos alongside our professional photographers; and attend expert-led talks about the Arctic as we navigate the massive icebergs of Davis Strait on the way to Baffin Island.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 9-12 Exploring the Labrador Coast, Canada

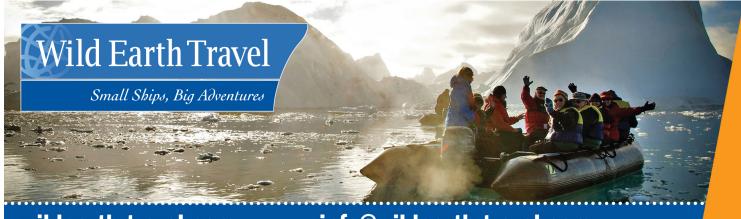
Spend three days tracing the beautiful, wild coast of Labrador, exploring on foot and by kayak and Zodiac. Weaving our way through the Lower Savage islands, keeping a watchful eye for the polar bears that call these islands home, we will use our Zodiacs as safe havens to experience their environment firsthand. Watch for peregrine falcons and other birds soaring over the rocky shorelines of the spectacularly narrow Mugford Tickle and take in the impressive sight of the 4,000-foot-high Kaumajet Mountains. Continue to scenic Battle Harbour to discover the reconstructed 19th-century buildings and legacy of this historic fishing village.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 13 L'Anse aux Meadows



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In the 1960s, the remains of a Viking village established in the 11th century were excavated at L'Anse aux Meadows, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk among the Norse ruins and reconstructed sod huts and learn the saga of the Vikings in North America, who arrived here nearly 500 years before the explorations of Columbus.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 14 Northern Newfoundland

Cliffs, fjords, and beaches grace the northwestern tip of Newfoundland. Hike, kayak, or explore by Zodiac with our experts amid this stunning scenery and keep an eye out for migrating birds and whales.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 15 St. John's, Newfoundland / Disembark Ship

Today, disembark in St. John's and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

YOUR SHIP:	National Geographic Explorer
VESSEL TYPE:	Luxury Expedition
LENGTH:	108 meters
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	148 (single & twin cabins)
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	1982 / 2008

Originally constructed for Norway's renowned Hurtigruten Coastal Express, National Geographic Explorer was a natural fit for the Lindblad Expeditions fleet thanks to her exceptional manoeuvrability, ice-strengthened hull, and purpose-built expedition design. Now fully stabilised and refitted with over five decades of exploration expertise, she is ideally suited for navigating the most remote corners of the globe--from the rugged coasts of Europe to the icy passages of the polar regions. With vast windows throughout and а Scandinavian-inspired interior, the ship invites guests to stay connected with their environment at every turn.

Aboard National Geographic Explorer, every feature is tailored to enhance discovery. From the open Bridge and observation deck to the Chart Room and mudroom for expedition gear, the ship is an authentic platform for adventure. Her recently updated suites offer comfort and understated elegance, while public spaces such as the library, Global Gallery, and multiple dining areas encourage camaraderie and relaxation. Carrying expert guides, state-of-the-art tools, and a fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks, this 148-guest ship brings guests closer to nature with all the style and substance expected of a flagship expedition vessel.

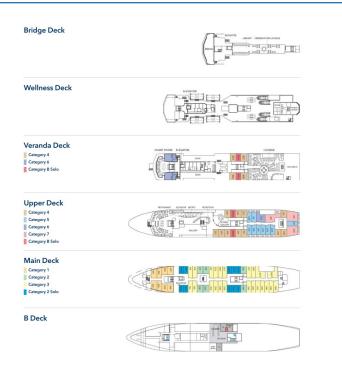


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