### POLAR ADVENTURES

Schiffs- und Flug- Expeditionen in Arktis und Antarktis





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## Saison Arktis 2024

Reederei Direkt-Angebote

ab-bis Hafen für individuelle Planungen

alle Abfahrten der Saison inkl. englischsprachiger Termine

#### Dates and Rates



#### Ocean Adventurer

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	LOWER DECK TWIN	MAIN DECK TWIN PORTHOLE	MAIN DECK TWIN WINDOW	SUPERIOR	DELUXE	SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€5,550-EUR	€6,650 EUR	€7,150 EUR	€8,050 EUR	€8,550-EUR	€8,550-EUR	€10,350 EUR	€11,350-EUR
	Save 50%	€3,250 EUR	€3,800 EUR	<b>€4,050</b> EUR	<b>€4,500</b> EUR	<b>€4,750</b> EUR	<b>€4,750</b> EUR	<b>€5,650</b> EUR	<b>€6,150</b> EUR
ARCTIC   OCEAN ADVENTURER  Spitsbergen Highlights: Expedition in Brief  May 15 - May 21, 2024 (7 days)  Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Helsinki, Finland Languages: English  REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	2 cabins	Sold Out	Sold Out	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	Sold Out	2 cabins	3 cabins
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS  Malking/Hiking	lar Plunge	Zodiac Cruising				PAID A	Paddling Excursion €190 EUR (19)	on se	a Kayaking <b>40</b> EUR (8)

#### CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	TRIPLE	LOWER DECK TWIN	MAIN DECK TWIN PORTHOLE	MAIN DECK TWIN WINDOW	SUPERIOR	DELUXE	SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE
ARCTIC   OCEAN ADVENTURER  Intro to Spitsbergen: Fjords, Glaciers and Wildlife of Svalbard	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€7,850 EUR	€8,950 EUR	€9,850 EUR	€10,750 EUR	€11,750-EUR	€11,750-EUR	€14,550 EUR	€15,650 EUF
May 20 - May 29, 2024 (10 days)	Save 30%	€5,780 EUR	<b>€6,550</b> EUR	<b>€7,180</b> EUR	€7,810 EUR	€8,510 EUR	<b>€8,510</b> EUR	<b>€10,470</b> EUR	<b>€11,240</b> EUI
Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Helsinki, Finland Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	2 cabins	Sold Out	Sold Out	Please Call	5+ cabins	3 cabins	1 cabin	3 cabins
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Prices are shown per person

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ARCTIC   OCEAN ADVENTURER  Spitsbergen Explorer: Wildlife  Capital of the Arctic	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) 1	€9,350-EUR	€10,850-EUR	€11,950-EUR	€12,950-EUR	€14,150-EUR	€14,150-EUR	€17,750-EUR	€18,950-EUR
May 28 - Jun 08, 2024 (12 days)	Save 40%	€5,990 EUR	<b>€6,890</b> EUR	<b>€7,550</b> EUR	€8,150 EUR	€8,870 EUR	€8,870 EUR	€11,030 EUR	<b>€11,750</b> EUR
Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Helsinki, Finland Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	Please Call	Sold Out	Sold Out	2 cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	2 cabins	3 cabins
Malking/Hiking	Plunge	Zodiac Cruising				PAI	D ADVENTURE OPT  Paddling Excurs €190 EUR (13)	sion 🔑 S	ea Kayaking <b>740</b> EUR (0)

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Intro to Spitsbergen: Fjords, Glaciers and Wildlife of Svalbard	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€7,850 EUR	€8,950 EUR	€9,950 EUR	€10,850 EUR	€11,850 EUR	€11,850 EUR	€14,750 EUR	€15,750 EUR
🗖 Jun 07 - Jun 16, 2024 (10 days)		CC 40E	CC 050	C7 700	CO 075	CO 405	CO 40F	C44 000	C40 050500

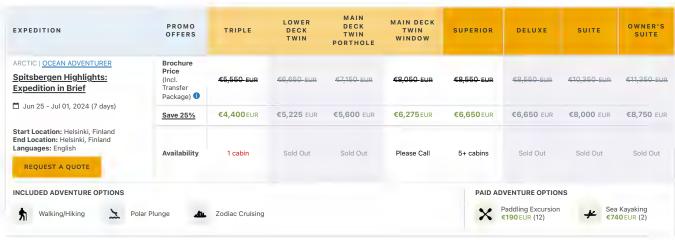


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ARCTIC   OCEAN ADVENTURER Spitsbergen Explorer: Wildlife Capital of the Arctic	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) 1	€9,850 EUR	€11,350 EUR	€12,450 EUR	€13,650-EUR	€14,950 EUR	€14,950 EUR	€18,650 EUR	€19,950- EUR
Jun 15 - Jun 26, 2024 (12 days)	Save 30%	<b>€7,180</b> EUR	<b>€8,230</b> EUR	<b>€9,000</b> EUR	€9,840 EUR	€10,750 EUR	€10,750 EUR	<b>€13,340</b> EUR	<b>€14,250</b> EUF
Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Helsinki, Finland Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	Please Call	Please Call	Sold Out	Sold Out	5+ cabins	2 cabins	3 cabins	3 cabins
NCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS  Malking/Hiking  Polar	Plunge	Zodiac Cruising				PA	ID ADVENTURE OPT  Paddling Excurs  €190 EUR (0)	sion s	ea Kayaking 740 EUR (10)

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🕽 Jun 30 - Jul 11, 2024 (12 days)	Save 40%	<b>€6,470</b> EUR	<b>€7,430</b> EUR	€8,090 EUR	€8,810 EUR	€9,650 EUR	<b>€9,650</b> EUR	<b>€11,930</b> EUR	<b>€12,710</b> EUR
ARCTIC   OCEAN ADVENTURER Spitsbergen Explorer: Wildlife Capital of the Arctic	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€10,150 EUR	€11,750-EUR	€12,850-EUR	€14,050-EUR	€15,450-EUR	€15,450-EUR	€19,250-EUR	€20,550-EUR
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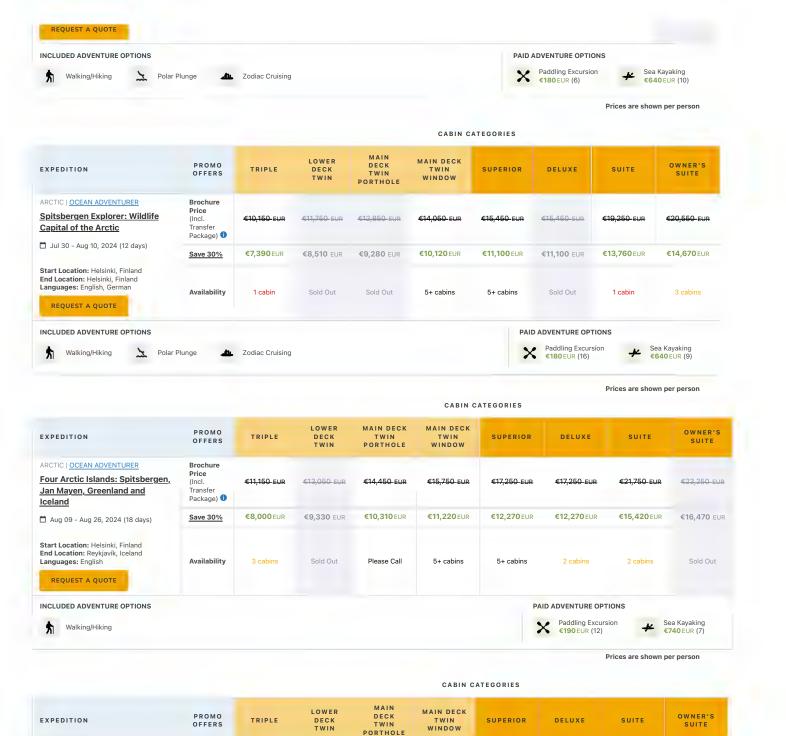
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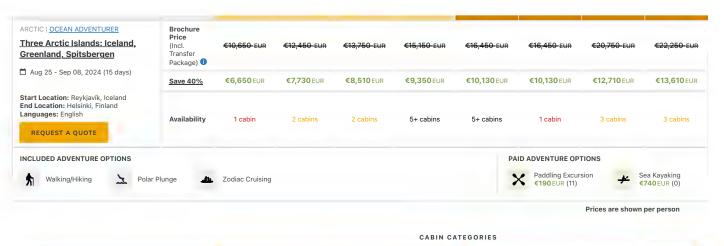
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ARCTIC   <u>OCEAN ADVENTURER</u> Spitsbergen In Depth: Big Islands, Big Adventure	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€12,450 EUR	€14,450-EUR	€15,950 EUR	€17,450-EUR	€19,050-EUR	€19,050 EUR	€23,950-EUR	€25,650 EUR
🗖 Jul 10 - Jul 23, 2024 (14 days)	Save 40%	<b>€7,850</b> EUR	<b>€9,050</b> EUR	€9,950 EUR	€10,850 EUR	€11,810 EUR	€11,810 EUR	<b>€14,750</b> EUR	<b>€15,770</b> EUR
Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Helsinki, Finland Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	4 cabins	Please Call	Please Call	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	2 cabins
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS							D ADVENTURE OP		
Malking/Hiking > Pole	ar Plunge 👛	Zodiac Cruising				>			ea Kayaking 740 EUR (8)

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ARCTIC   OCEAN ADVENTURER Intro to Spitsbergen: Fjords, Glaciers and Wildlife of Svalbard	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€7,850 EUR	€8,950 EUR	€9,850 EUR	€10,850 EUR	€11,850 EUR	€11,850-EUR	€14,750 EUR	€15,750 EUR
🗖 Jul 22 - Jul 31, 2024 (10 days)	Save 25%	<b>€6,125</b> EUR	<b>€6,950</b> EUR	<b>€7,625</b> EUR	<b>€8,375</b> EUR	<b>€9,125</b> EUR	€9,125 EUR	<b>€11,300</b> EUR	<b>€12,050</b> EUF
Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Helsinki, Finland Languages: English, German	Availability	1 cabin	Please Call	1 cabin	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	Sold Out

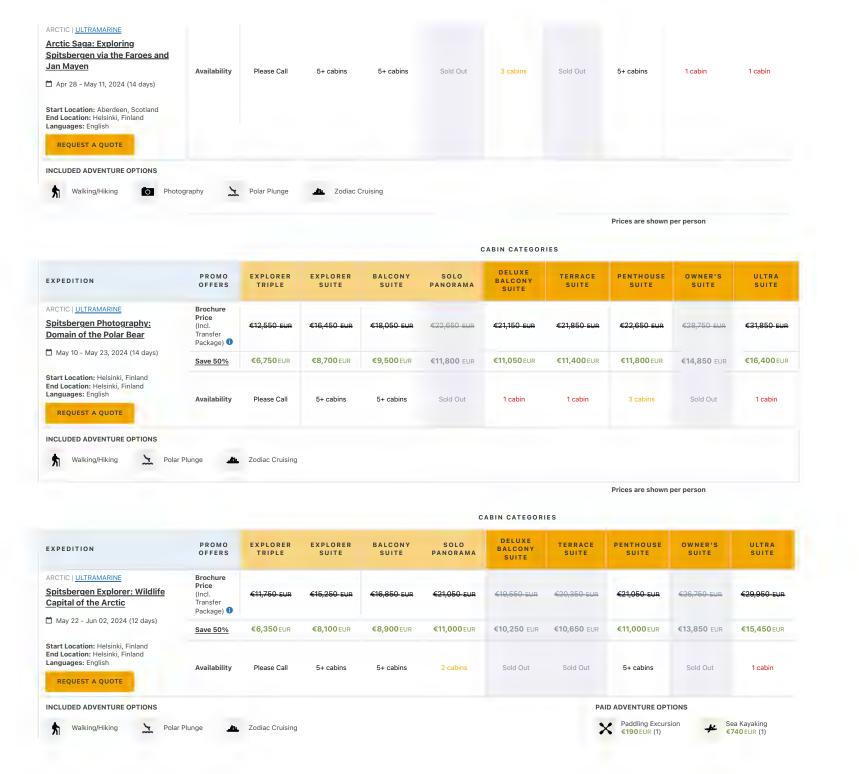




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ARCTIC   OCEAN ADVENTURER Under the Northern Lights:	Brochure Price	€11,100 EUR	€12,900 EUR	€14,500 EUR	€15,900 EUR	€17,400-EUR	€17,400-EUR	€22,100 EUR	€23,700 EUI
Exploring Iceland & East Greenland	Save 25%	€8,325EUR	€9,675 EUR	€10,875 EUR	<b>€11,925</b> EUR	<b>€13,050</b> EUR	€13,050 EUR	€16,575 EUR	€17,775 EUR
Start Location: Reykjavík, Iceland End Location: Reykjavík, Iceland Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	3 cabins	Please Call	Sold Out	5+ cabins	4 cabins	Sold Out	Sold Out	2 cabins
NCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS  Malking/Hiking  Pol.	ar Plunge	Zodiac Cruising				PAID	ADVENTURE OPT  Paddling Excurs  €190 EUR (0)	ion 👃 Se	ea Kayaking 740 EUR (0)

#### Ultramarine

EXPEDITION	PROMO Offers	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€9,350-EUR	€12,150 EUR	€13,250-EUR	£16,750 EUR	€15,550-EUR	€16,150-EUR	€16,750 EUR	€21,350 EUR	€23,550 EUR
	<u>Save 50%</u>	€5,000 EUR	€6,400 EUR	<b>€6,950</b> EUR	€8,700 EUR	<b>€8,100</b> EUR	€8,400 EUR	€8,700 EUR	€11,000 EUR	<b>€12,100</b> EUR



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ARCTIC   <u>ULTRAMARINE</u> Intro to Spitsbergen: Fjords, Glaciers and Wildlife of Svalbard	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) 1	€0,050-EUR	€11,750-EUR	€12,850-EUR	€16,050-EUR	€14,950-EUR	€15,550-EUR	€16,050-EUR	€20,350-EUR	€22,450-EUF
🗎 Jun 01 - Jun 10, 2024 (10 days)	Save 30%	<b>€6,620</b> EUR	€8,510 EUR	€9,280 EUR	<b>€11,520</b> EUR	€10,750 EUR	€11,170 EUR	€11,520 EUR	€14,530 EUR	<b>€16,000</b> EU
Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Helsinki, Finland Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	Sold Out	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	3 cabins	3 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	1 cabin	Sold Out
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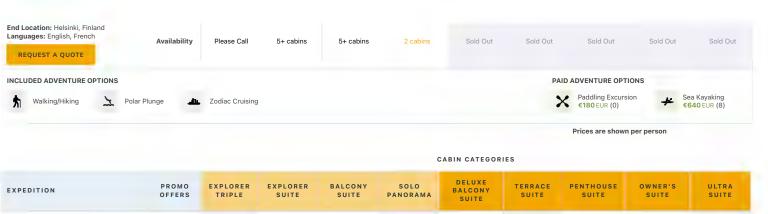
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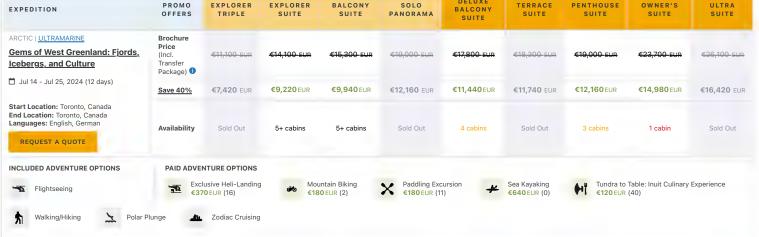
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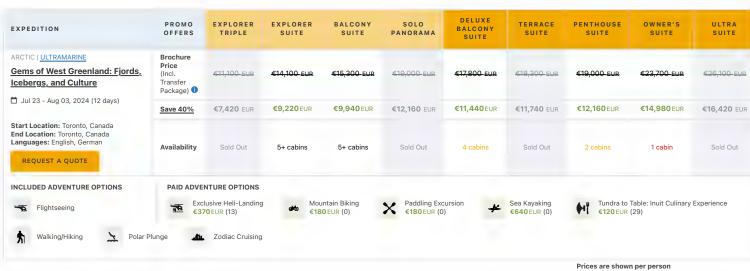
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ARCTIC   <u>ULTRAMARINE</u> <u>Spitsbergen Explorer: Wildlife</u> <u>Capital of the Arctic</u>	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) 1	€11,750-EUR	€15,250-EUR	€16,850 EUR	€21,050 EUR	€19,550-EUR	€20,350 EUR	€21,050-EUR	€26,750 EUR	€29,950-EUR
🗖 Jun 09 - Jun 20, 2024 (12 days)	Save 25%	€9,050 EUR	€11,675 EUR	<b>€12,875</b> EUR	€16,025 EUR	<b>€14,900</b> EUR	€15,500 EUR	€16,025 EUR	€20,300 EUR	<b>€22,700</b> EUI
Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Helsinki, Finland Languages: English, French REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	Sold Out	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	Sold Out	2 cabins	Sold Out	3 cabins	Sold Out	Sold Out
Malking/Hiking	Plunge	Zodiac Cruising					PAII	D ADVENTURE OPTI  Paddling Excursi  €180 EUR (1)	on 🔑 Se	a Kayaking 6 <b>40</b> EUR (0)

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ARCTIC   <u>ULTRAMARINE</u> <u>Intro to Spitsbergen: Fjords,</u> <u>Glaciers and Wildlife of Svalbard</u>	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) 1	€9,250 EUR	€12,050 EUR	€13,150 EUR	€16,350 EUR	€15,250 EUR	€15,850-EUR	€16,350 EUR	€20,750 EUR	€22,850 EUR
Jun 19 - Jun 28, 2024 (10 days)	Save 20%	<b>€7,590</b> EUR	<b>€9,830</b> EUR	€10,710 EUR	€13,270 EUR	€12,390 EUR	€12,870 EUR	<b>€13,270</b> EUR	€16,790 EUR	<b>€18,470</b> EUR
Start Location: Holsinki Einland										







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PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€18,000 EUR	€23,400-EUR	€25,500-EUR	€31,900-EUR	€29,800 EUR	€30,900-EUR	€31,900-EUR	€40,600-EUR	€44,800-EUR
Save 30%	€13,170 EUR	<b>€16,950</b> EUR	€18,420 EUR	<b>€22,900</b> EUR	<b>€21,430</b> EUR	<b>€22,200</b> EUR	<b>€22,900</b> EUR	<b>€28,990</b> EUR	€31,930 EUR
Availability	Sold Out	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	Sold Out	Sold Out	3 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin
			P.	AID ADVENTURE OP	TIONS				
n/Hiking	Zodiac Cruising		1	Exclusive Heli- €370 EUR (1)	Landing	Sea Kayaking €640 EUR (0)			Experience
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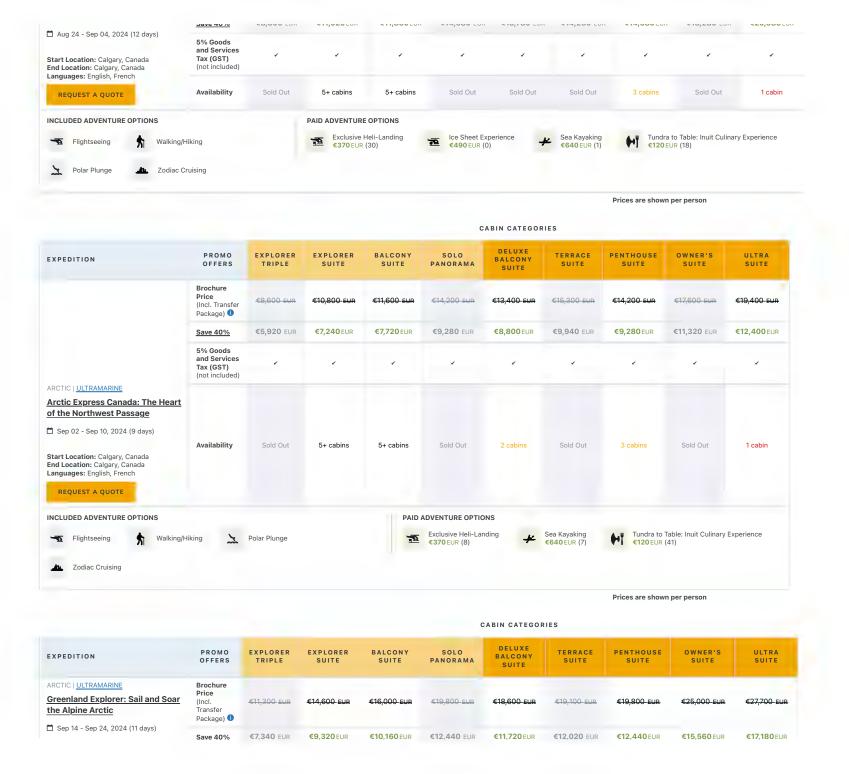
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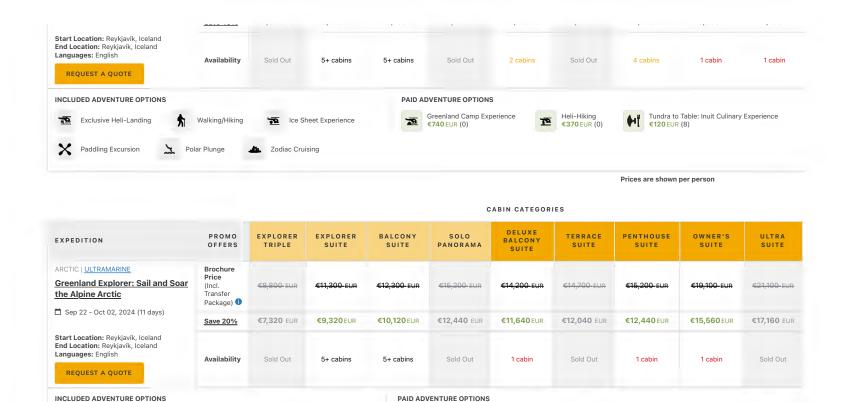
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ARCTIC   <u>ULTRAMARINE</u> Canada's Remote Arctic:  Northwest Passage to Ellesmere	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€13,400-EUR	€17,100 EUR	€18,500-EUR	€23,200 EUR	€21,700 EUR	€22,500 EUR	€23,200 EUR	€29,200 EUR	€32,200-EUI
and Axel Heiberg Islands	Save 30%	<b>€9,950</b> EUR	€12,540 EUR	€13,520 EUR	€16,810 EUR	€15,760 EUR	€16,320 EUR	€16,810 EUR	<b>€21,010</b> EUR	€23,110 EUF
aug 15 - Aug 26, 2024 (12 days)  Start Location: Calgary, Canada  End Location: Calgary, Canada  Languages: English, French	5% Goods and Services Tax (GST) (not included)	,	,	,	*	*	*	,	,	,
REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	Please Call	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	Sold Out	Sold Out	Sold Out	1 cabin	1 cabin	Sold Out
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS			PAID ADVENTURE O	PTIONS						
Flightseeing Malking/	Hiking		Exclusive Hel €370 EUR (6)		Ice Sheet Experi €490 EUR (0)	ience 🖊	Sea Kayaking €640 EUR (0)	Tundra to €120 EUR	Fable: Inuit Culinary (0)	Experience
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Polar Plunge Zodiac C	ruising									

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ARCTIC   ULTRAMARINE  Canada's Remote Arctic:  Northwest Passage to Ellesmere and Axel Heiberg Islands	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	£13,400 EUR	€17,100 EUR	€18,500 EUR	€23,200 EUR	€21,700 FUR	€22,500 EUR	€23,200 EUR	£29,200 EUR	€32,200 EUR
	Save 40%	€8 800 FUR	€11 020 FUR	€11 860 FUR	€14 680 FUR	€13 780 FUR	€14 260 FUR	€14 680 FUR	€18 280 FUR	€20 080 FUR





Greenland Camp Experience

₹740 EUR (0)

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Heli-Hiking

€370 EUR (0)

Tundra to Table: Inuit Culinary Experience

Ice Sheet Experience

Zodiac Cruising

Walking/Hiking

> Polar Plunge

Exclusive Heli-Landing

X Paddling Excursion



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- ) Best Expedition Itinerary: Spitsbergen Explorer 2019 Northwest Passage 2018 North Pole 2018
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- ) Best Expedition Itinerary: Essential Greenland 2019 Greenland Explorer 2018 West Greenland 2017
- ) Best Small Ship Expedition 2017
- ) Best Adventure Destination: Greenland 2017

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Svalbard reindeer.

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Quark Expeditions departs Cape Town for the first passenger voyage to the Far Side of Antarctica, the most remote coastal region of the continent.

#### November 1993

For the first time, Quark Expeditions guests retrace the voyage of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship Endurance.

#### November 1996

Quark Expeditions begins a circumnavigation of Antarctica for commercial passengers, the first-ever voyage of its kind.

#### **CIRCUMNAVIGATION**

**July 1999** 

amazing Arctic itineraries starting

Quark Expeditions completes its first passenger circumnavigation of the Arctic Ocean.

#### November 2003

Quark Expeditions passengers become the first humans to witness a Total Solar Eclipse in Antarctica.

#### November 2004

Quark Expeditions becomes the first operator to confirm the existence and location of the Snow Hill Emperor colony.

#### March 2006

**Quark Expeditions** breaks Roald Amundsen's record set nearly 100 years ago, attaining the most southernly latitude of any vessel.





#### NORTHERN EXPLORATION

#### **June 2008**

Quark Expeditions offers maiden voyage to the North Pole on nuclear icebreaker 50 Years of Victory, the most powerful icebreaker on the planet at the time.

#### April 2011

Quark Expeditions' Three Arctic Islands voyage is voted one of National Geographic Traveler's "50 Tours of a Lifetime."

#### **June 2012**

Quark Expeditions becomes the first tour operator to successfully offer passengers hot-air ballooning at the North Pole.

#### February 2013

Quark Expeditions hosts Jonathan Shackleton (Ernest Shackleton's cousin) and Falcon Scott (Robert Falcon Scott's grandson) as they walk, and camp, on the 7th continent together.

#### November 2013

Quark Expeditions teams up with Hot Docs Canadian International Film Festival to offer the first-ever floating polar film festival onboard Sea Spirit.

#### December 2013

Quark Expeditions is named World's Leading Polar Expedition Operator at the World Travel Awards in Lisbon.



#### October 2017

Quark Expeditions launches Meet our Quark Academy training incredibly talented team program for expedition on page 60 team members, the first training program of its kind in the industry.



#### **December 2018**

**Quark Expeditions** is again named World's Leading Polar Expedition Operator at the World Travel Awards.



#### January 2019

Quark Expeditions launches the construction of the game-changing ship Ultramarine, the very first vessel purpose-built for polar exploration.

#### ULTRAMARINE

#### **April 2019**

Quark Expeditions unveils Polar Promise, the most holistic sustainability policy in the polar expedition industry.

scoop on our Polar Promise sustainability strategy. See

#### December 2020

**Quark Expeditions** is named World's Leading Specialist Cruise Line at the World Travel Awards.



Specialist Cruise Line

#### April 2021

Quark Expeditions officially takes ownership of *Ultramarine* after successful sea trials in Croatia, marking one of our greatest polar milestones!

#### December 2021

Yet another accolade! **Quark Expeditions** is once more named the World's Leading Specialist Cruise Line at the World Travel Awards.



#### December 2021

Ultramarine sets sail at last! Fittingly, the ship's inaugural voyage is a celebration of the life of polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton.

To find out more about Ultramarine. See page 42



#### **July 2022**

We present the first Tundra to Table: Inuit Culinary Experience with local chefs on board **Ultramarine** during a voyage to Greenland.



#### **July 2022**

For the first time ever, guests aboard take to the polar skies in Ultramarine's two twin-engine helicopters.





## The people of the North.

Whenever Quark Expeditions ventures to the remote Arctic, we are ever mindful that we're visiting lands long inhabited by Indigenous peoples who've thrived here long before Europeans set out to explore new territories.

For the northern lands we visit—Nunavut (Canadian Arctic) and remote Greenland, among them—were already known by the Indigenous people who hunted, fished, nurtured their cultural traditions and co-existed with the wildlife in the regions we're fortunate to explore today. Whether we're visiting a community, hiking across the rugged tundra, Zodiac cruising a majestic fjord in Nunavut on itineraries such as Arctic Express Canada: The Heart of the Northwest Passage, or inviting guests to join our Tundra to Table: Inuit Culinary Experience, we recognize we are visitors to the Nunavummiut homeland. Nunavut, in the Inukitut language, means "our land."





Similarly, when we set foot on the Greenland Ice Sheet, visit a historic Thule site, view traditional gajag (kayak) demonstrations or share traditional culinary experiences, we are doing so on the homeland of the Greenlandic Inuit, or Kalaaliit. This land is known to its residents as Kalaallit Nunaat, meaning "The Land of the People".





#### TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTH:

For inviting us into your homes, for giving us the opportunity to experience the beauty of your lands and your rich culture, we say Nakurmiik. Qujannamiik. Matna. Qujanaq. Thank you.

For itineraries that celebrate the Indigenous culture of Greenland or introduce guests to the rich Inuit culture of the Canadian High Arctic, see pages 22-39



AXEL HEIBERG ISLAND is an uninhabited island in the Qikiqtaaluk Region of Nunavut. It's home to the famous mummified trees (or fossil forest) dating back more than 30 million years.



Axel Heiberg Island GRISE FJORD, an Inuit community of about 150 residents, was created in 1953 when the government forcefully relocated eight Inuit families from northern Quebec. It's now Canada's most northern settlement, where many inhabitants rely on hunting and fishing for their livelihoods.

**DEVON ISLAND** is where visitors will find the remains of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police outpost, established at Dundas Harbour in 1924 to prevent foreign whaling and other activities. Guests can visit the small cemetery, one of the most northerly in Canada, which is still maintained by the Royal Canadian Mountain Police.

significant historical sites in Canada. Here, visitors can pay their respects at the marked graves of three crew members of the ill-fated Franklin expedition of 1845-46. Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen stopped here when he made the first successful transit of the Northwest Passage (1903-1906) to pay his respects to

Franklin.

Devon Island

Baffin Island

#### ARCTIC BAY

The sheltered shores and steep cliffs of Arctic Bay (Ikpiarjuk in Inuktitut) in northwest Baffin Island provide an ideal nesting habitat for Brünnich's guillemots and kittiwakes. The community's ancestors lived a traditional Inuit nomadic lifestyle for almost 5,000 years, making Arctic Bay an ideal spot to go ashore and learn more about Inuit culture and cuisine.



CANADA

The Arctic is a mass of sea ice floating over the Arctic Ocean, surrounded by North America, Europe and Asia. Use this infographic to help narrow down your choices of where to explore.

#### **ANCIENT HISTORY & CULTURE**

Visiting local communities in the Canadian Arctic connects travelers to 4,000 years of Inuit history and culture. Pangnirtung, Pang for short, is an artistic community known for its beautiful hand-woven tapestries and lithographic prints.



#### **GREENLAND'S NORTHERN LIGHTS**

Aurora displays occur when protons and electrons from the sun slam into the Earth's magnetic field, resulting in an awe-inspiring dance of multi-colored lights across the night sky. The Northern Lights in Greenland tend to be green, white and purple, and can sometimes be viewed during the month of September.

**UUMMANNAQ ISLAND** is one of the few places in the world where local Inuit still follow a traditional lifestyle based on hunting and fishing. Formerly known as Thule (after the ancestors of modern Inuit), Uummannag is located off the west coast of Greenland and is home to about 1,200 Inuit, making it the second-largest town in North Greenland.

#### **GREENLAND**

#### **UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE**

Ilulissat Icefjord, a tidal fjord and UNESCO World Heritage site, is home to Sermeq Kujalleq, one of the fastest and most active glaciers in

the world.

MANIITSOQ, a town of 2,500 people, is the gateway to some of the most stunning landscapes, fjords, ad sharppeaked mountains in West Greenland. A stop at Maniitsoq typically includes a visit to Eternity Fjord, one of the longest and most beautiful fjords in Greenland.

#### TASERMIUT FJORD

Paddling and Zodiac excursions into the fjord allow for closer connection with a landscape that is considered one of the most beautiful places in Greenland.



#### GREENLANDIC CULTURE

A visit to Ittoqqortoormiit, the most isolated town in Greenland, is a window into the daily life of a remote community where many inhabitants still hunt and fish to continue their traditional heritage.

#### **EXPLORING SVALBARD**

About 60% of Svalbard's mountains, glaciers and islands are protected within seven national parks: Forlandet, Indre Wijdefjorden, Nordenskiöld Land, Nordre Isfjorden, Sassen-Bünsow Land, Sør-Spitsbergen and Nordvest-Spitsbergen. Visitors can find various historical monuments including former whaling stations and burial grounds.

#### SVALBARD

#### THE KING OF THE ARCTIC

Although a polar bear's fur appears white, it is actually a layer of transparent hair with special characteristics that create the illusion of white fur. A polar bear's skin is black. An optimal time to view polar bears in Spitsbergen is during the months of May, June and July.

**ICELAND** 

**FAROE ISLANDS** 

#### MAMMOTH CLIFFS

Approximately 110 bird species nest in the towering cliffs of the Faroe Islands. Cape Enniberg, which stands at 2,400 feet (754 m) high, is one of the highest cliffs in the world.

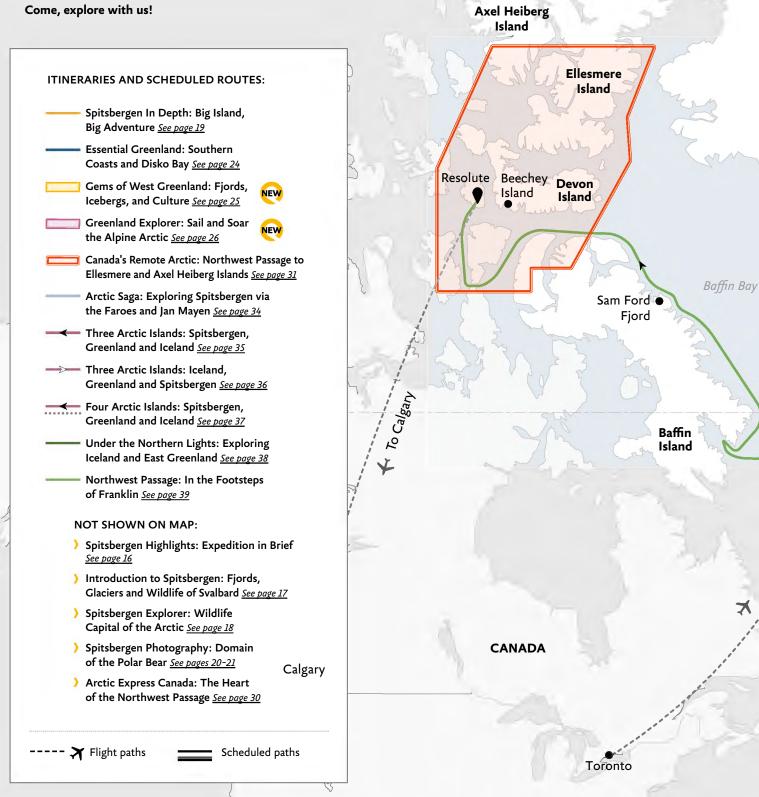
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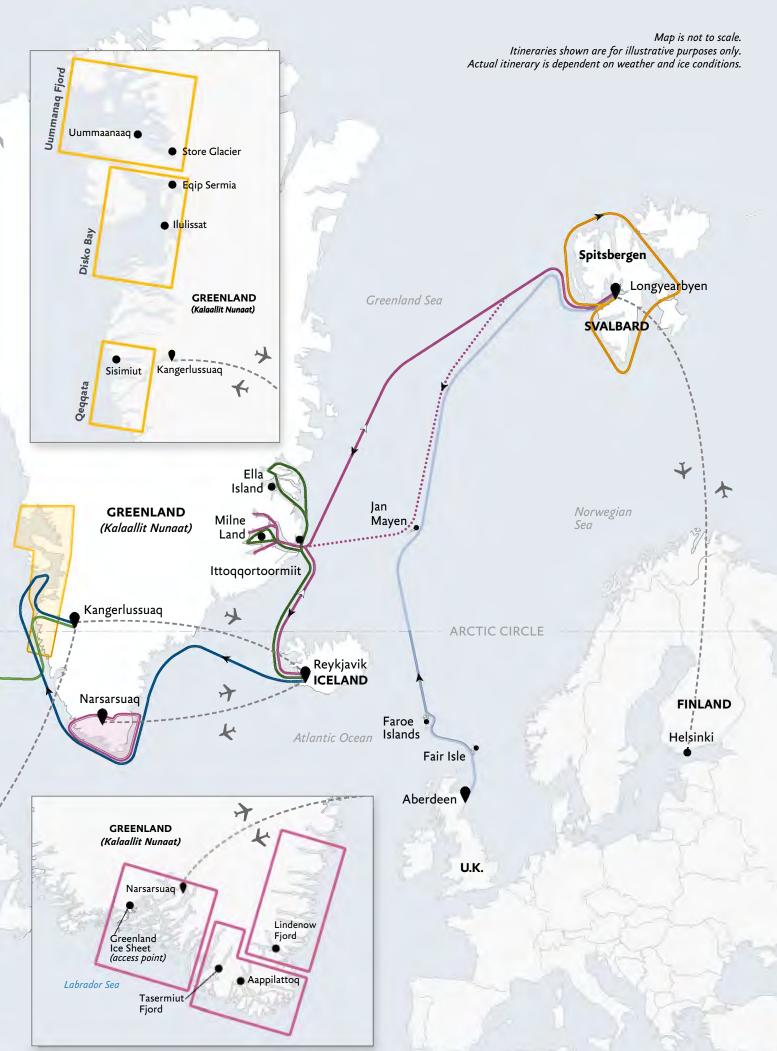
The quest for trade routes to the Far East ignited the passions and obsessions of early explorers. Discover the great sea route at the top of the world.



#### the Arctic.

CANADA, GREENLAND, NORWAY, ICELAND. Where do you want to explore with the most seasoned expedition team in the Polar Regions? With itineraries to the remote Canadian High Arctic, Greenland and Norway, Quark Expeditions' lineup for 2024 offers guests a comprehensive range of Arctic adventures! Guests can choose from multi-destination voyages tailored to those who wish to explore a little bit of everything the Arctic has to offer, as well as our In-Depth Explorations, which allow travelers to truly immerse themselves in specific Arctic regions.





## In-depth explorations.

Our region-specific expeditions to Norway, Greenland and Canada are ideal for those who know where they want to go and for past travelers who've explored the highlights and would now like to drill a little deeper and explore a little further into one Arctic domain. Such trips are also ideal for first-timers who are eager to explore one specific region in depth. Our range of itineraries covers four Arctic regions, allowing you to choose the adventure that best suits your travel desires.

#### NATURE IS THE TOUR GUIDE:

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Enjoying the incredible landscapes of Spitsbergen.

## Spitsbergen Highlights: Expedition in Brief

Our popular *Spitsbergen Highlights* expedition is ideal for guests who are looking to experience the best of Spitsbergen but are short on time. You can pack a lot into just seven days, including a scenic journey along the island's west coast, where you'll encounter rocky mountains, glaciers, towering cliffs and fjords. You'll be on a constant lookout for wildlife—especially for the majestic polar bear.

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# Monaco Glacier Smeerenburg Monaco Glacier Smeerenburg SPITSBERGEN Barentsøya Longyearbyen Edgeøya SVALBARD Greenland Sea Hornsund TO/FROM HELSINKI

Phippsøy

#### 2 departures | 7 days

May/June 2024

**♦** Embarkation/Disembarkation:

Longyearbyen, Norway

Visit the Expedition Page for details.

#### X Charter flight:

To/from Helsinki, Finland (included in mandatory transfer package)

#### Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

#### **Adventure Options:** See pages 56-57 for more details









Zodiac cruising around Spitsbergen; hiking the Arctic terrain; a pair of walruses.

#### Introduction to Spitsbergen: Fjords, Glaciers and Wildlife of Svalbard

Experience everything this island has to offer on our 10-day itinerary, which covers western Spitsbergen as well as the stunning fjords and outlying islands to the north. You'll hike the tundra, zip through fjords on a Zodiac and experience vast expanses of icebergs. Wildlife-viewing includes walruses, reindeer and polar bears. The Norwegian Arctic has been inspiring explorers for centuries—it's time you joined their ranks.

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#### Phippsøy Arctic Ocean Nordaustlandet Moffen Allefallet **SPITSBERGEN** Barentsøya Longyearbyer Edgeøy **SVALBARD** Calypsobyen TO/FROM HELSINKI

#### 5 departures | 10 days

May-July 2024

Embarkation/Disembarkation:

Longyearbyen, Norway

Visit the Expedition Page for details.

#### Charter flight:

To/from Helsinki, Finland (included in mandatory transfer package)

#### Ship:

**Ultramarine** Ocean Adventurer

#### **Adventure Options:**

See pages 56-57 for more details





Spotting a herd of Svalbard reindeer.

#### Spitsbergen Explorer: Wildlife Capital of the Arctic

Explore Spitsbergen's rugged west coast enroute to the lesser visited southern and northern shorelines on a 12-day sailing. We journey in continuous daylight, seeking walruses and polar bears amidst stunning glaciers, towering cliffs, abandoned historical sites and colorful tundra. The landscapes in the outlying islands to the north are as varied as the animal life and will leave you with indelible memories.

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Charter flight:

transfer package)

To/from Helsinki, Finland

(included in mandatory

#### 6 departures | 12 days

May-July 2024

**♦ Embarkation/Disembarkation:**

Longyearbyen, Norway

Visit the Expedition Page for details.



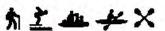
Phippsøya

#### Ship:

**Ultramarine** Ocean Adventurer

#### **Adventure Options:**

See pages 56-57 for more details





Guests hiking the Svalbard landscape; icy waters; an Arctic fox.

#### Spitsbergen In Depth: Big Island, Big Adventure

Our longest Spitsbergen expedition attempts to circumnavigate the island and, if conditions allow, venture around the entire Svalbard archipelago. This trip offers maximum exploration time on land and at sea, making it the best voyage for viewing polar bears and walruses, reindeer and foxes, whales and seabirds. Landing sites yield abandoned whaling settlements, tundra meadows, glaciers and icebergs, seabird breeding grounds and more.

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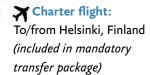
1 departure | 14 days

July 2024

Embarkation/Disembarkation:

Longyearbyen, Norway

Visit the Expedition Page for details.



Ship: Ocean Adventurer

Arctic Ocean

Moffen

Smeerenburg

Adventure Options:

See pages 56-57 for more details

Nordaustlandet

Barentsøya

Edgeøya

**SVALBARD** 

TO/FROM

Alkefjellet

SPITSBERGEN

Longyearbye

Calypsobyen



Scheduled route

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Hinlopen Strait





Guests admire the snow-capped peaks; nature photographer; a majestic polar bear; puffin; guests on a Zodiac cruise spot a polar bear.

#### Spitsbergen Photography: Domain of the Polar Bear

Rather than follow a set itinerary, our quest to photograph polar bears, walruses, birds, reindeer and other Arctic wildlife will determine our route and shore landings as we cruise along the coast, ice edge and inner fjords of Spitsbergen. This unique 14-day voyage will also enable you to photograph snow-topped mountains, massive glaciers, deep-walled fjords, and the untouched tundra in the land of the midnight sun.

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# Phippsøya Arctic Ocean Smeerenburg Hinlopen Strait SPITSBERGEN Barentsøya SVALBARD TO/FROM

#### 1 departure | 14 days

#### May 2024

Embarkation/Disembarkation: Longyearbyen, Norway

Visit the Expedition Page for details.

# Charter flight:

To/from Helsinki, Finland (included in mandatory transfer package)

#### Ship:

**Ultramarine** 

#### **Adventure Options:**



# Greenland

The world's largest island teems with life, welcoming visitors with its breathtaking scenery. East Greenland is vast, sparsely inhabited, and stunning in its austere beauty, while West Greenland offers more Indigenous community experiences, icebergs, Viking history—and much more. Then there's South Greenland, home of the 70-kilometre long Tasermiut Fjord, a vast largely unexplored landscape that beckons to adventurers who long to explore some of the most remote parts of Greenland.











Guests interact with locals on a community visit; playful Greenlandic dogs; Viking ruins.

# Essential Greenland: Southern Coasts and Disko Bay

One of our most popular itineraries, *Essential Greenland: Southern Coasts and Disko Bay* is enhanced with the introduction of our game-changing polar vessel *Ultramarine*. Sail the icy waters of the southeast coast, then voyage down to the lush southern tip, stopping to visit picturesque villages and Norse ruins while admiring the rugged landscape. Then you'll head all the way up to Disko Bay to experience some of the best scenery and culture that Greenland (known by the Inuit as Kalaallit Nunaat) has to offer.

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# Baffin Bay GREENLAND Sisimiut Kangerlussuaq Nuuk Skjoldungen Denmark Strait Hvalsey Prins Christian Sund Atlantic Ocean

#### 1 departure | 15 days

July 2024

Fembarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland

Disembarkation: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

Visit the Expedition Page for details.

#### Charter flight:

Kangerlussuaq to Reykjavik (included in mandatory transfer package)

#### **Ship:** *Ultramarine*

Adventure Options:
See pages 56-57 for more details

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Guests get close-up views of expansive ice formations.



#### Gems of West Greenland: Fjords, Icebergs, and Culture

Explore the dramatic coast of West Greenland with its deep fjords and stunning islands. This trip features the best sites of West Greenland in just 12 days. Visit towns such as Sisimiut and Uummannaq, and coast by massive glaciers on Ultramarine. At summer's peak, you'll enjoy long days, clear vistas, and longer opportunities to see wildlife.

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#### 2 departures | 12 days

July 2024

Embarkation/Disembarkation:

Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

Visit the Expedition Page for details.



To/from Reykjavík, Iceland transfer package)

#### Ship:

**Ultramarine** 

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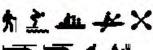
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GREENLAND

**Adventure Options:** 

See pages 56-57 for more details



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Taking a moment to enjoy the stunning Greenlandic scenery; amping up the adventure with a paddling excursion; fresh local ingredients prepared at Tasermiut Camp.



# Greenland Explorer: Sail and Soar the Alpine Arctic

Quark Expeditions has once again accomplished another polar first by offering the first voyage developed in partnership with local communities. Leveraging the best of South Greenland, this expedition will allow you to set foot on the Greenland Ice Sheet, go heli-hiking in the high alpine regions, or choose to participate in one of many adventurous added Adventure Activities. Our local partners will help you experience the best South Greenland has to offer while also enjoying the creature comforts of *Ultramarine* alongside her exceptional expedition facilities including two-twin engine helicopters and a custom zodiac hangar capable of getting you out on your experiences faster than any other vessel.

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# CREENLAND (Kalaallit Nunaat) Narsarsuaq Greenland Ice Sheet (access point) Labrador Sea Appilattoq Approximate limit of exploration area

#### 2 departures | 11 days

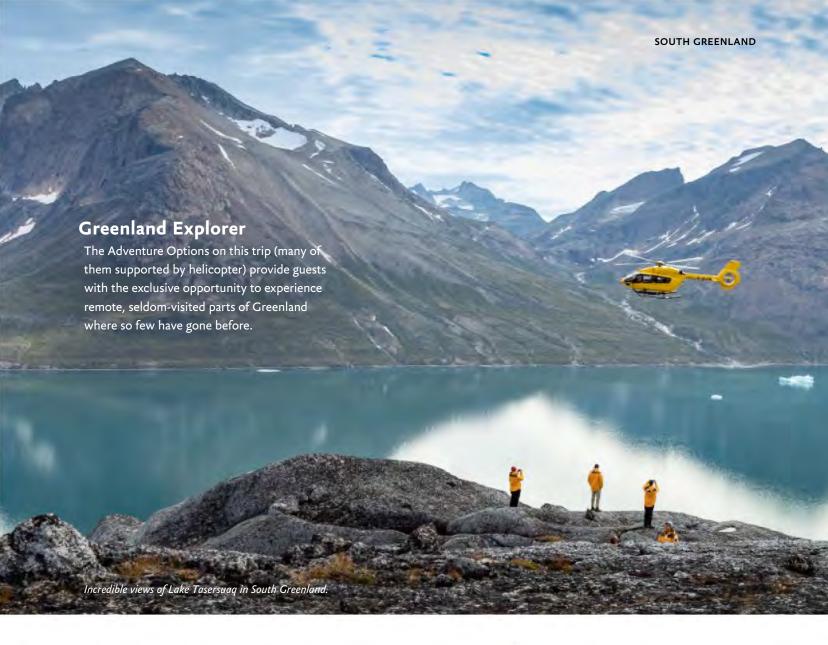
September 2024

• Embarkation/Disembarkation: Narsarsuaq, Greenland

Visit the Expedition Page for details.

Charter flight:
To/from Reykjavík, Iceland
(included in mandatory transfer package)

**Ship:** *Ultramarine* 



#### **Included Activities:**



#### HIKING

Guided hikes are designed to suit guests of different hiking abilities and diverse interests.



#### **PADDLING EXCURSION**

Our program provides sit-on-top, two-person, inflatable kayaks that give guests an intimate, waterlevel experience. Limited availability.

As with any activity the Polar Regions, our Greenland Adventure Options are weather dependent. Guest safety always comes first.

See pages 56-57 for more details on Adventure Options.



#### ZODIAC CRUISING

Enjoy scenic excursions by Zodiac boats to explore remote fjords, shorelines and Arctic bays.



#### **EXCLUSIVE HELI LANDING**

Enjoy stunning aerial views as helicopters transport you to landing sites reachable only by air. Expect more great views when you land.



#### **ICE SHEET EXPERIENCE**

Ascend high above the cascading coastal glaciers onto the immense plateau of the Greenland Ice Sheet.

For the full list of Included Activities visit the Greenland Explorer itinerary page Online.

#### Paid Activities:



#### HELI-HIKING

Our twin-engine helicopters transfer you to and from the most scenic hiking routes of Southern Greenland.



#### **GREENLAND CAMPING** EXPERIENCE

Join local hosts overnight at Tasermiut Camp, one of the most exclusive camps in Greenland.



#### **TUNDRA TO TABLE: INUIT CULINARY EXPERIENCE**

Our ground-breaking Tundra to Table experience, hosted by local chefs, offers guests a one-of-a-kind into the culinary traditions of the Inuit in Greenland and Nunavut.

### Canadian Arctic

The Canadian High Arctic is massive, stretching across the Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut. Canada has more land mass in the Arctic region than any other country. While the population base is relatively small, the Canadian Arctic is rich in Inuit culture, especially in Nunavut. Visitors are often amazed upon realizing there are 35,563 islands in the remote Canadian Arctic Archipelago, of which Baffin Island, the fifth-largest island in the world, is just one. Remote, austere and rugged, the Canadian High Arctic beckons to those who long to navigate its icy channels, following in the footsteps of legendary explorers who braved the unknown to seek the fabled sea route to Asia. Guests hike along the Arctic shoreline. 28 Call a Quark Polar Travel Advisor at 1.888.979.2061 or your Travel Professional





Inuit woman in traditional dress; breathtaking landscapes of the Canadian Arctic; whale sighting.

#### Arctic Express Canada: The Heart of the Northwest Passage

Explore the iconic sea route at the top of the world on our new expedition ship, Ultramarine. You'll get to admire breath-taking landscapes, calving glaciers, polar bears and other iconic wildlife as you journey along the Northwest Passage. Stop at remote outposts such as Beechey Island, where you can pay your respects at the graves of members of the ill-fated Franklin expedition of 1845-46. Experience all the highlights of the Northwest Passage in just 9 days.

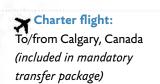
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September 2024

Embarkation/Disembarkation: Resolute, Canada

Visit the Expedition Page for details.









Guests on a hike in Radstock Bay.

#### Canada's Remote Arctic: Northwest Passage to Ellesmere and Axel Heiberg Islands

Journey through the Northwest Passage to Ellesmere and Axel Heiberg Islands on our new expedition vessel Ultramarine. You'll enjoy unique perspectives of the remote bays, inlets and channels of Canada's remote Arctic on Ultramarine's two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs. The wildlife sightings in this rugged, rarely-visited region will astound you: polar bears, whales, seals, walruses and muskoxen.

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Charter flight:
To/from Calgary, Canada

(included in mandatory

transfer package)

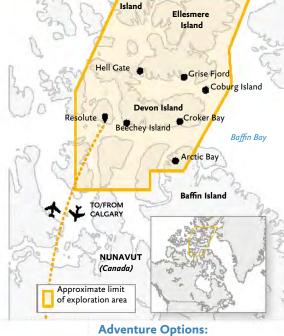
#### 2 departures | 12 days

August 2024

Embarkation/Disembarkation:

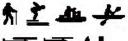
Resolute, Canada

Visit the Expedition Page for details.



Axel Heiberg

Ship: **Ultramarine** 





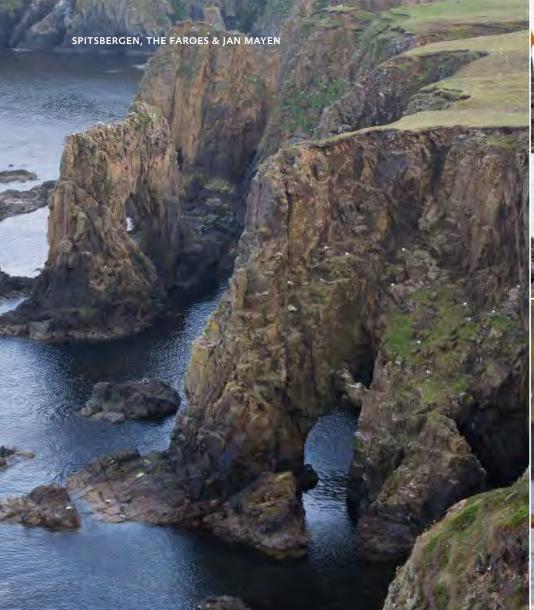
Perfect for first-time travelers to the Arctic, our Multi-Destination itineraries let you experience impressive icebergs, iconic wildlife, traditional Inuit culture and other highlights in different parts of the Arctic and Sub-Arctic. Two voyages (ranging from 14 to 18 days) take in the best that Greenland, Iceland, Spitsbergen, the Faroe Islands and the seldom-visited Jan Mayen have to offer.

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A herd of walruses makes for an imposing wildlife photograph.









Exploring the Fair Isle coastline; an encounter with Svalbard reindeer; capturing the scenery.

#### **Arctic Saga: Exploring Spitsbergen via** the Faroes and Jan Mayen

Departing from Aberdeen, Scotland, the Arctic Saga voyage visits four remote Arctic islands. Sail through the North Atlantic to Fair Isle, famous for its bird observatory, followed by two days exploring the Viking and Norse sites on the Faroe Islands. Then it's onto the world's northernmost volcanic island, Jan Mayen. The last two days of your 14-day voyage are spent exploring Spitsbergen, always on the lookout for polar bears.

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#### GREENLAND **SVALBARD** Longyearbyen **Barents** lan Mayen Norwegian Sea RCTIC CIRCLE NORWAY Faroe Islands Helsinki Shetland Atlantic Ocean Fair Isle Aberdeen North Sea UNITED KINGDOM **Adventure Options:**

#### 1 departures | 14 days

#### April 2024

- Embarkation: Aberdeen, Scotland
- Disembarkation: Longyearbyen, Norway

Visit the Expedition Page for details.

#### Charter flight: To Helsinki, Finland (included in mandatory

transfer package)

#### Ship: **Ultramarine**







A Zodiac cruise with a view.

#### Three Arctic Islands: Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland

▼ SOUTHBOUND

Named one of the 50 Tours of a Lifetime by National Geographic Traveler, this voyage offers the best of the eastern Arctic in one voyage. You start in Spitsbergen, Norway, then sail south to Greenland to explore the world's largest fjord system and end in Iceland. There's something for everyone: polar bears, walrus, muskoxen, local culture, ancient Thule settlements (predecessors of the Inuit), hikes along the glacial moraine and tundra,

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#### 1 departure | 15 days

September 2024

Embarkation: Longyearbyen, Norway

Disembarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland

Visit the Expedition Page for details.

#### Charter flight: From Helsinki, Finland (included in mandatory transfer package)

#### Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

GREENLAND

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#### **Adventure Options:**

See pages 56-57 for more details

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ICELAND



SVALBARD

Atlantic Ocean

Longyearbyen

ARCTIC CIRCLE



Getting a new Arctic perspective while paddling.

#### Three Arctic Islands: Iceland, Greenland and Spitsbergen

▲ NORTHBOUND

Start in cosmopolitan Reykjavik, before heading to the eastern coast of Greenland to visit ancient Thule settlements, look for grazing muskoxen and experience local culture. Then it's on to Norway via Spitsbergen, the largest island in the Svalbard archipelago, which is abundant in wildlife (walrus, polar bears and reindeer), as well as glacier fronts and steep-walled fjords. Witnessing calving glaciers will take your breath away!

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#### Arctic Ocean Longyearbyen GREENI AND SVALBARD Atlantic Ocean Sydkap Milne Land Ittoqqortoormiit Denmar . ARCTIC CIRCLE ICELAND

#### 1 departure | 15 days

August 2024

• Embarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland

• Disembarkation: Longyearbyen, Norway

Visit the Expedition Page for details.

#### **X** Charter flight:

To Helsinki, Finland (included in mandatory transfer package)

#### Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

#### **Adventure Options:**





A passenger taking in the view; Glaucous gulls; chatting with the locals.

#### Four Arctic Islands: Spitsbergen, Jan Mayen, Greenland and Iceland

This expedition offers the best of the Three Arctic Islands voyage, plus it's one of only two opportunities in 2024 to visit the volcanic Norwegian island of Jan Mayen. This small, mountainous island nature reserve in the remote North Atlantic is inhabited only by military and meteorological personnel and numerous colonies of breeding seabirds. Sample four very different Arctic regions, and their respective highlights, in one unforgettable trip.

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your flights and trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected!

#### Longyearbyen GREENLAND SVALBARD (Region of No Atlantic Ocean Scoresby Sund Ittoqqortoormiit Denmark Strait ARCTIC CIRCLE . Reykjavik **ICELAND**

#### 1 departure | 18 days

#### August 2024

- **Embarkation:** Longyearbyen, Norway
- Disembarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland

Visit the Expedition Page for details.

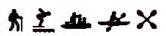
#### **X** Charter flight:

From Helsinki, Finland (included in mandatory transfer package)

#### Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

#### **Adventure Options:**





A guest admires the sculpted ice of Scoresby Sund.

#### **Under the Northern Lights: Exploring Iceland and East Greenland**

Our most comprehensive exploration of East Greenland begins in the seldomvisited Vestfjords in Iceland's north and then on to Greenland's Scoresbysund and King Oscar Fjord systems. You'll search for wildlife, visit the world's largest national park, Northeast Greenland National Park, where 40% of the world's muskoxen live, and await the Northern Lights. Visiting the remote Inuit community of Ittoqqortoormiit will make for an unforgettable experience.

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#### 1 departure | 14 days

September 2024

**▼ Embarkation/Disembarkation:** Reykjavik, Iceland

Visit the Expedition Page for details.

#### Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

#### **Adventure Options:**

Vestfjords

See pages 56-57 for more details



Ella Island

Atlantic Ocean

**ICELAND** 

GREENLAND



Exploring Pangnirtung Fjord; a polar bear and her cub; a performance by Pond Inlet locals.

#### Northwest Passage: In the Footsteps of Franklin

Sail along the coast of Greenland before setting off for the remote Canadian Arctic as we retrace the route of the intrepid Franklin Expedition of 1845 on our game-changing new vessel, Ultramarine. The ship's two helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs enable you to explore Greenlandic villages, view glaciers, dramatic fjords and towering icebergs, and hike the Arctic tundra while looking for whales, walruses, muskoxen and polar bears.

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your flights and trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected!

#### 1 departure | 17 days

#### August 2024

🏮 Embarkation: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

Disembarkation: Resolute, Canada

Visit the Expedition Page for details.

#### Charter flight: From Toronto, Canada; To Calgary, Canada (included in mandatory transfer package)



# Join our fleet on the frozen seas.



Quark Expeditions maintains the most diverse fleet of small polar vessels in the industry, offering guests a wide range of choice based on the polar experience they'd like. The capacity of our ships ranges from 128 to 199 guests, which creates an intimate, relaxed onboard ambience. The small size of our vessels also means we're able to navigate hard-to-reach Arctic destinations that are inaccessible to larger vessels.

Each ship delivers a unique experience of its own. You get to choose. For instance, *Ultramarine*, with its two helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs—not to mention superb onboard amenities—offers the most off-ship adventure activities in the Polar Regions. *World Explorer*, much-loved for its all-balcony suites, is home to the only l'Occitane Spa at Sea in the entire world. And there are the classic touches of *Ocean Adventurer* that make it a favorite with guests and crew alike.







The newest ship in our fleet, Ultramarine is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to help you explore new places, and to immerse you in the best the region has to offer. Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters, Ultramarine offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, and features the category's most spacious suites, breathtaking public spaces, and more outdoor wildlife viewing spaces than other expedition ships its size, complemented by an innovative mix of sustainability features that exceed all industry standards.

#### **SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:**

Staff & Crew: 140 Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

Ice Class: PC6

Ultramarine, with its two helicopters and 20 Zodiacs, offers more ways to explore the Arctic than ever before.

#### **NINE TIERS OF ACCOMMODATION:**

ULTRA SUITE: One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, bedroom/walk-in closet, sitting area/additional walk-in closet, two separate living spaces, powder room, bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.

OWNER'S SUITE: One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, bedroom/walk-in closet, sitting area/additional closet, two separate living spaces, powder room, bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.

PENTHOUSE SUITE: One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.

TERRACE SUITE: One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.

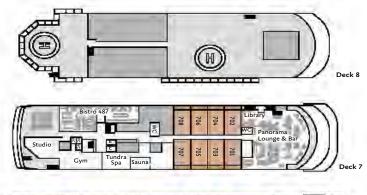
**DELUXE BALCONY SUITE:** One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.

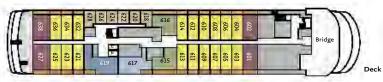
**BALCONY SUITE:** One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors. Some cabins in this category offer interconnecting rooms.

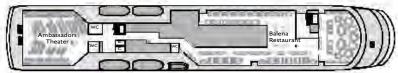
**EXPLORER SUITE**: One double or two single beds, picture window, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors.

**EXPLORER TRIPLE**: Three single beds, two of which can be combined into a double bed, picture window, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors.

SOLO PANORAMA: One single bed, floor-toceiling windows, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors.







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Ultra Suite

Owner's Suit

Penthouse Si

Deluxe Balco

Balcony Suite

**Explorer Suit** Explorer Trip

Solo Panorar

Interconnect

Staff Cabin

Balconv







See Dates & Rates for cabin pricing. Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.

# Unbeatable helicopter experience.

We invite you to venture beyond the ordinary with us, whether it's by ship, kayak, Zodiac-or by helicopter. Quark Expeditions has the longestrunning helicopter program in the Polar Regions—dating back to 1991. Today, our two best-in-class twin-engine helicopters on Ultramarine go further into the Polar Regions and get guests off the ship and enjoying their immersive polar excursions faster than any other operator.

#### The largest portfolio of off-ship adventure options in the industry.

Our two twin-engine helicopters (and two helidecks) plus our fleet of 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs enable guests to enjoy off-ship adventures never before possible, making Quark Expeditions the Leader in Polar Helicopter Adventure. Our helicopter-supported activities—designed to take guests beyond the polar horizons—include:



**S** Flightseeing



Ice Sheet Experience



Greenland Camp Experience



Heli-Hiking



See pages 56-57 for more details on all Adventure Options.







#### Advanced sustainability.

In keeping with our Polar Promise, our helicopters were selected for their:

- · Status as the most fuel-efficient aircrafts of their category
- Small external footprint
- · Reduced noise pollution.

#### Most experienced crew.

Our expedition team draws on 32 years of heli-expertise.

#### You'll fly with:

- · The best trained helicopter pilots in the polar industry
- · Pilots who are well-traveled and worldly
- · Guides who are personable, and always create an intimate and accessible flight experience.

#### Industry leading polar safety.

Our state-of-the-art aircrafts are equipped with the latest technology, placing our helicopters among the safest in their class.

#### Adventure meets luxury.

You'll enjoy superior comfort in a sleek, best-in-class helicopter while flying over the pristine polar landscape.

#### Highlighting your polar flight:

- · Best-in-class window sizes for viewing and photography opportunities
- · The layout gives almost everyone on board an excellent window view (5 out of 8 get a window seat)
- · Quiet flying experience
- · Designed for ultimate comfort.

#### **Ultramarine Amenities**

In addition to the game changing off ship experiences, *Ultramarine* will provide you with an exceptional onboard experience. *Ultramarine* features 102 suites across nine categories, including six solo suites with floor-to-ceiling windows and the largest entry-level twin suites of its class. Each suite has been meticulously designed to keep guests inspired by, and connected to, the breathtaking polar landscapes outside. Learn about everything these cabins have to offer.

	Solo Panorama	Explorer Triple	Explorer Suite	Balcony Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite	Terrace Suite	Penthouse Suite	Owner's Suite	Ultra Suite
Number of Cabins available	6	2	30	46	6	2	8	1	1
Balcony Size	-	-	-	52 ft² (4.8 m²)	70 ft <sup>2</sup> (6.5 m <sup>2</sup> )	100 ft <sup>2</sup> (9.3 m <sup>2</sup> )	67 ft <sup>2</sup> (6.2 m <sup>2</sup> )	46 ft <sup>2</sup> (4.3 m <sup>2</sup> )	46 ft² (4.3 m²)
Cabin Size	132 ft² (12 m²)	285 ft² (26.5 m²)	285 ft² (26.5 m²)	226 ft² (21 m²)	299 ft² (28 m²)	350 ft² (32.5 m²)	369 ft² (34 m²)	446 ft² (41 m²)	563 ft <sup>2</sup> (52 m <sup>2</sup> )
CABIN FEATURES									
Climate control	·	-	✓	<b>4</b>	· /	<b>✓</b>	<b>4</b>	~	-
Fridge	✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	•
In-cabin safe	<b>✓</b>		✓	4			✓		-
Individual cabin storage space	4	*	4		4	4	✓	*	✓
Heated bathroom floors							-		-
Separating beds	-	1	4	4	1	1	4	1	-
Sofa bed	-	-	Select Suites	Select Suites	✓	-	✓		1
Dedicated living area	_	-	-	-	-	-		-	,
Bathtub	_	_	_	_					,
Enclosed toilet	-	-	-	_	1	<u> </u>	7		7
Powder room	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		,
Private bedroom	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	,	,
Walk-in closet	_	-	-	-	_	-	_	,	Ž
EXTERIOR VIEWS									
Picture windows	_	· /	4	_	_	_	_	_	_
Floor to ceiling windows	4			_		_	_	1	1
Walk out balcony	-	_	_	,		,	-	,	,
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Reusable water bottle	Ż		,	,	,	,	,		Ž
Muck Boots, on loan	•								•
for duration of voyage  Dedicated locker	•	•	,	•	,	•	,	•	,
in Ready Room	4	<b>*</b>	4	<b>*</b>	4	~	4	<b>~</b>	✓
Shampoo, conditioner and shower gel	*	•	•	,	4	4	•	•	•
Bathrobes and slippers	~	~	-	~	-	~	<b>4</b>	~	-
Hair dryer	~	-	-	~	-	-	,	~	-
Upgraded bedding	-	-	-	-	-	~	-	✓	•
In suite coffee	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	-	-
Binoculars, on loan for duration of voyage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	1
ENTERTAINMENT/TEC	HNOLOGY								
USB charging station	✓	7	-	✓	-	~	1	✓	/
43" TV	✓	1	1	-	-	-	✓	-	/
55" TV	-	-	-	-	•	✓	✓	✓	1
WiFi package	Complementary	Complementary	Complementary	Complementary	Complementary	Priority	Priority	Priority	Priority
OCCUPANCY OPTIONS Interconnecting cabins	-	_	_	_	_		_		- 1
Solo Request Share Cabins	_	,	,	Ż	_	_	_	_	_
SERVICES									
Access to fitness facilities	_	_	,	.,	,	.,	,	.,	,
Laundry service (for a fee)			4	· ·	4	· ·	4	· ·	· ·
	<b>√</b>	•	-	<b>V</b>	•	<b>Y</b>	7	<b>V</b>	<b>,</b>
Light menu bistro service	-	-	,	- -	-	7	7	2	,
available in between meals In suite dining	-	-	-	-	-	,	,	,	,
(during restaurant hours)							-	-	-
One hour spa treatment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
Arrival transfers, where applicable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	-
Upgraded pre/post-expedition hotel room, where applicable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓

# A day onboard.

Relax, explore, learn, reflect, and so much more!







#### Wake up in your spa-inspired suite.

Every guest on *Ultramarine* wakes up to a view of the polar landscape. Private bathrooms with heated floors add to your morning comfort. Other possible amenities, depending on your suite: a picture window and/or balcony, a walk-in closet and sitting area, among other extra touches.

#### Join the early birds in Bistro 487.

Consider a quiet walk on the deck and then enjoy a morning cup of java with other early risers before breakfast.

#### Enjoy breakfast with a view.

Feel free to remain in Bistro 487 for your breakfast, or choose a table in our sleek, modern dining-room, Balena, which is designed with window views in every direction.

# Get ready to explore the polar environment.

Get suited up for an off-ship excursion in *Ultramarine's* specially-designed Ready Rooms, complete with individual lockers to store and dry personal items and expedition gear while you enjoy your Zodiac cruise through the polar waters.

# Keep your ears open for morning announcements.

Your Expedition Leader will announce any updates to the daily program and share weather announcements over the PA system to help you plan your day.

#### Enjoy wildlife views from the ship.

*Ultramarine* has more open deck space for viewing wildlife than any other ship of its size. Watch for whales, polar bears and other wildlife from the comfort of the ship.

#### Lunch.

Enjoy a delicious lunch while swapping stories and expedition experiences with fellow guests in our Balena Restaurant or Bistro 487.

#### Relax in the *Ultramarine* library.

Lose yourself in one of the many books on a wide array of polar subjects in the comfortable library.

# Enjoy an unforgettable off-ship Adventure Option.

Choose from *Ultramarine*'s robust portfolio of off-ship adventure options, such as sea kayaking, paddling excursions, or sign up for one of our helicopter-supported adventure options such as mountain biking or alpine kayaking.

#### Relax and rejuvenate back on the ship.

Consider a soothing massage or visit the steam room in Tundra, *Ultramarine*'s beautifully designed spa. Or practice yoga in the Studio. Then perhaps experience our sauna with floor-to-ceiling windows that allow you to stay connected to the polar landscape while relaxing indoors.

#### Attend an expert presentation.

Join fellow guests in *Ultramarine*'s Ambassadors Theater to learn from knowledgeable experts who present on various polar subjects. The schedule of these presentations will be determined by the day's activities.





#### Pre-dinner cocktails.

Enjoy a cocktail with fellow guests while your Expedition Leader enthusiastically shares the daily recap and outlines the plan for the following day.

#### Dinner is served.

Sit down to a gourmet meal—inspired by cuisines from around the world—in the Balena Restaurant, which features outstanding views from every seat, full access to the 360-degree wraparound deck, and a variety of seating configurations to comfortably accommodate all guests and expedition staff. You also have the option of dining in the more casual and intimate Bistro 487.

#### Call it a day.

Wrap up your day with a drink in the Panorama Lounge with your new friends, or head out onto the deck to take in the calm, low-light at the end of the day. Then it's back to your spa-inspired cabin to rest up for tomorrow—another life-changing day on *Ultramarine*.



# From wilderness to wellness.

Guests traveling on *Ultramarine* have plenty of opportunities to rejuvenate and relax back onboard the ship after a day spent exploring the polar wilderness. Tundra, our state-of-the-art spa on Deck 7, is the onboard space where our guests can fully relax and unwind before their next off-ship adventure.



#### Tundra Spa

Inspired by the calming and serene polar landscapes, our Tundra spa, in collaboration with VOYA of Ireland, is the core of our wellness offering onboard *Ultramarine*. Guests can enjoy thoughtfully selected wellness treatments and luxurious organic products designed to nourish the body and relax the mind.

#### Amenities include:

- Two dedicated treatment rooms with luxurious heated massage beds, as well as shower facilities, hair treatment studio, and a post-treatment relaxation room with ocean views.
- An array of massages, body scrubs and wraps, including our signature Tundra Hot Stone Massage Journey.
- All treatments feature VOYA organic skincare products, based on organic hand-harvested seaweed oils.



# Studio

#### Sauna

The beautifully-designed co-ed sauna on *Ultramarine* features floor-to-ceiling windows, which enable guests to relax back on the ship while still remaining connected to the icy waters and pristine Arctic landscape outside.

#### Steam Room

The steam room is available for you to relax and rejuvenate after a hike or a workout.

#### Fitness Center and Studio

Our onboard fitness center is fully equipped with state-of-the-art equipment by Technogym, allowing guests to maintain their fitness regimen while traveling. The Studio also features mats and balls for stretching or informal yoga practice.



#### **Nutritious Meals**

With two onboard restaurants, our culinary team delivers contemporary meals with lighter options at every service. (Please notify us of any dietary preferences at the time of booking.)

#### Clean Air

In addition to the fresh air in the wide open spaces of the remote Polar Regions, guests also benefit from *Ultramarine's* advanced air filtration system. We want you to breathe easy on board and off-ship.

## Food & drinks.

Food is an integral element of the expedition experience on Ultramarine. In addition to enjoying fine dining inspired by cuisines from around the world, meal times are excellent opportunities to share the day's highlights with fellow guests and engage with members of the expedition team and onboard polar experts.

Our internationally-trained chefs work with local experts across our far-flung destinations to source local items that provide an authentic flavor accent to selected food and beverage offerings. (Please inform our team of dietary restrictions when you book your voyage.) Desserts are fabulous! Afternoon tea, with pastries or cookies, is provided about 4 pm every day. Fresh pastries arrive warm from the oven for early birds about 6 am. Guests on Ultramarine can choose from two restaurants, as well as two additional bars.

#### **Balena**

Balena is our finer dining restaurant on Ultramarine, serving contemporary cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner with capacity to seat all guests and the entire expedition team at the same time. Expect globally-inspired dishes and regional specialties that feature locally sourced and sustainable ingredients. Savor house wines and beers at

lunch and dinner, or select from our in-restaurant beverage menu, featuring fine regional and global wines, as well as spirits (at an additional cost). Balena is designed so that every seat has a good view and there are four exits directly onto the wraparound deck, ensuring guests have easy access to the sometimes fleeting wonders of nature outside.







#### Bistro 487

Bistro 487 is the more casual restaurant on Deck 7, serving extended breakfast, lunch and dinner to accommodate those who rise early or late or simply want a change of scenery. The Bistro 487 menu features quicker meals and offers "grab and go" staples between meal times. With access to outdoor seating on the aft deck, Bistro 487 hosts the ever-popular Quark Expeditions barbecues and serves as an ideal location for those who relish the opportunity to enjoy a coffee or cocktail in the great outdoors.

#### **Ambassadors**

Ambassadors is the main theater/ lounge on Ultramarine, where guests enjoy informative talks and presentations from a variety of expedition staff, polar experts and special guests. The Ambassadors bar will be open during presentation hours and for special events.

#### Panorama Lounge

The Panorama Lounge on Deck 7 is the main bar on *Ultramarine* and features spectacular forward views, a variety of comfortable seating and a convivial bar atmosphere offering an array of specialty cocktails, 24-hour coffee and tea, plus a well-stocked polar library.





### Ocean Adventurer

A guests favorite, *Ocean Adventurer* underwent a multi-million-dollar renovation several years ago. The ship's traditional mahogany and brass décor has been complemented by a completely refreshed lounge and dining room, as well as new bathrooms in public spaces and all cabins, updated Suites, and the addition of six Deluxe and three Owner's Suites. Technical improvements feature two new Rolls-Royce engines that increase fuel efficiency and minimize the ship's carbon footprint. Facilities include a dining room, multipurpose lounge and bar, gym, Polar Library and Polar Boutique.

#### **SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:**

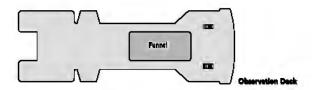
Staff & Crew: 87 Guests: 128

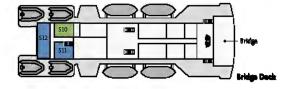
Lifeboats: 4, partially enclosed

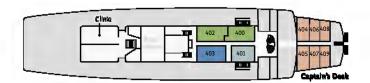
Ice Class: 1A

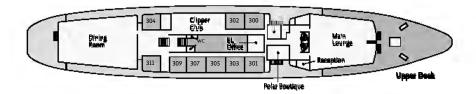
#### **EIGHT TIERS OF ACCOMMODATION:**

- OWNER'S SUITE: Double bed, private sitting area, private bathroom, multiple windows with exterior views.
- SUITE: Double bed, private bathroom (Cabin 403 has bathtub, others have showers), windows with exterior views.
- DELUXE: Two lower beds, private bathroom, windows with exterior views.
- SUPERIOR: Two lower beds, private bathroom, windows with exterior views.
- MAIN DECK TWIN WINDOW: Two lower beds, private bathroom and window with exterior view.
- MAIN DECK PORTHOLE: Two lower beds, private bathroom, porthole with exterior views.
- LOWER DECK TWIN: Two lower beds, private bathroom, porthole with exterior views.
- TRIPLE: Two lower beds and one upper bed, private bathroom, porthole with exterior views.













# Your life onboard.

Quark Expeditions' fleet provides guests with many options to engage, relax, learn and stay connected to the polar environment even when they're onboard the ship.



#### Onboard enrichment

Daily presentations by experts in glaciology, penguinology, history, ornithology, marine biology and other polar-related subjects deepen your expedition experience.



#### Daily briefings and recaps

Guests can expect updates each morning on the day's highlights, weather changes and itinerary along with daily summaries in the afternoon/evening.



#### Opportunities to connect

Connect with fellow guests and expedition team members. Guests frequently interact with expedition team members in the dining room and on outer decks.





#### Superb dining

Our internationally-trained chefs oversee a menu that changes daily. Our culinary team strives to satisfy dietary preferences and tastes. Breakfast and lunch feature a buffet while dinner is a plated service. Afternoon tea (with pastries or cookies) is provided late afternoon, and fresh pastries are available for early birds before breakfast.

#### **Exercise and wellness**

Amenities vary from ship to ship. Guests on Ocean Adventurer have access to a gym, while those traveling on World Explorer can relax in the sauna. Guests on our new ship Ultramarine can book into Tundra spa, enjoy the sauna with floor-to-ceiling windows or practice yoga in the Studio.



#### Wildlife viewing

Every ship has easy-access spots to observe wildlife while onboard. Our newest ship, Ultramarine, has more outdoor wildlife viewing spaces than other expedition ships its size.



#### Lounge and bar

Each ship offers a lounge and bar(s) for guests to gather together to enjoy coffee and afternoon snacks, socialize over drinks and for staff presentations.



# Set foot where few ever will, and do what few ever dream.

Quark Expeditions has the most robust portfolio of adventure options in the polar industry—offering guests the opportunity to experience the Arctic landscape in ways never before imagined. The addition of the technologically-advanced new vessel *Ultramarine*—with its two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs—is a game changer in polar adventure. Quark Expeditions' portfolio of off-ship activities include heli-hiking, Zodiac cruising, heli-flightseeing, mountain biking, participation in the polar plunge, photography excursions and more.



#### **Adventure Activities**

Quark Expeditions offers a full range of adventure activities (some included in the cost of your trip, and some which cost extra) to suit every type of traveler regardless of experience. Please visit the relevant itinerary page on our web site to see what's included in your voyage.



#### **T** Flightseeing

Enjoy a bird's-eye view of the Arctic—icebergs, glaciers, snow-capped peaks, expansive waterways, fjords—while seated comfortably in one of *Ultramarine*'s two twin-engine helicopters. Looking down upon the magnificent Arctic wilderness will give you a unique perspective of the polar environment.

\*Select departures.



#### Zodiac Cruising

These polar-sturdy, reinforced rubber skiffs whisk you safely from the ship to the remote shorelines and back, taking you into the shallow waters that the ship can't reach. Touring around by Zodiac while looking out for wildlife is an intimate and relaxing way of exploring the Arctic bays and inlets.



#### Heli-Hiking

Helicopters will transfer you to the start of the most scenic hiking routes of Southern Greenland and then pick you up at the end point of the route. Each heli-hiking departure will be tailored to your personal needs and level of interests.

\*Select departures.



#### Exclusive Heli-Landing

You'll be transported in small groups on *Ultramarine*'s two twinengine helicopters to landing sites only accessible by air. Expect stunning aerial views from your seat in the helicopter—and yet more incredible polar vistas once you land: glaciers, icebergs, remote landscapes, wildlife and more.

\*Select departures.



#### Ice Sheet Experience

Ascend high above the cascading coastal glaciers onto the immense polar plateau of the Greenland Ice Sheet and take in the immensity of this overwhelming landscape. An excursion on one of *Ultramarine*'s helicopters means you'll enjoy polar views very few others have ever experienced.

\*Select departures.



#### 📆 Greenland Camp Experience

Join local hosts at Tasermiut Camp for a night at one of the most exclusive camps in Greenland. Enjoy an intimate small-group walk through the beautiful Greenlandic landscapes with a local chef who will identify fresh ingredients, after which you and your fellow guests will prepare an incredible meal together.

\*Greenland Explorer voyages only. No experience required.

All of our Included Activities and Adventure Options are weatherpermitting. Not all activities are included on all voyages. See individual itineraries for specific details.





Each shore landing is an excellent opportunity for you to explore the terrain on foot. Travelers are split into groups based on hiking ability and area of interest, giving everyone a satisfying hour or two of exploration.



## 👱 Polar Plunge

As madcap as it looks, willingly jumping into the bone-chilling ocean waters has become a polar rite of passage —and the photo ops are priceless. Dare yourself to take the plunge!



#### Tundra to Table: Inuit Culinary Experience

This one-of-a-kind adventure into the culinary traditions of the Inuit in Greenland and Nunavut is hosted by Inuit chefs who are experts in Indigenous cuisine. Guests get to enjoy four courses of modern Inuit fusion-style cuisine while chefs talk about the origins of the food and elements of Inuit cooking. The dinner, featuring regional tableware, includes cultural storytelling. \*Select departures.



#### 🔼 Mountain Biking

Keen for a more active adventure? Our team has joined with local partners to identify incredible mountain biking routes through the stunning scenery of Southern Greenland. Our guides will take you to the best terrain so you can enjoy some of the most scenic-and unforgettable-mountain biking of your life! \*Select departures.



#### Sea Kayaking

Kayaking along the rugged coastlines and through the calm bays with an experienced guide is one of the most inspiring ways to explore the pristine regions of the Arctic. Guests in the sea kayaking program typically paddle out onto the water multiple times during their expedition. This adventure option is weather-dependent.

\*Select departures. Some previous experience is required.



## > Paddling Excursion

A guided, one-time paddle enables you to enjoy your polar surroundings from a unique and intimate perspective. Just imagine yourself gliding on a stable, sit-on-top kayak, at one with the water, experiencing the Arctic at its most tranquil. That's the kind of memory that will last forever.

\*Select departures. No experience required.



## **Polar Travel Advisors**

Our dedicated team of polar specialists is available to help you from the first email exchange or initial phone call to the friendly follow-up after you've returned home after your voyage. Trust our team of Polar Travel Advisors to have the information you need to plan your life-changing Arctic journey.

- **Polar experience:** All of our Polar Travel Advisors have first-hand experience in the Polar Regions. Some have made multiple polar voyages throughout their career.
- In-depth knowledge: Our Polar Travel Advisors undergo rigorous training. All of them are thoroughly versed in the guidelines and regulations of the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO) and the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO).
- Multilingual: Collectively, our Polar Travel Advisors are fluent in English, French, Spanish, Mandarin and Egyptian Arabic.



## Your Expedition Leaders.

We have the most experienced and most passionate team of Expedition Leaders in the industry. They bring an incredible range of experience and skill to every adventure they lead. Simply put, they know the Arctic like the back of their hands.

All of our Expedition Leaders undergo rigorous training at Quark Expeditions' very own polar training institute, Quark Academy. Along with hands-on training, our teams are fully immersed in the regulations and guidelines established by the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO) and the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), the two bodies which serve to protect the two Polar Regions where we operate.





#### **Abbey Weisbrot**

Home base: Haida Gwaii, British Columbia

Years of polar experience: 8 Polar expeditions to date: 70

Areas of expertise: Bachelor of Tourism Management with a major in

Adventure Studies. Certified Level 3 Lead Sea Kayak Guide with Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of British Columbia.

Advice to polar travelers: "Consciously slow down and soak up the incredible beauty around you, both big and small. Be present, take opportunities as they arise, and spend as much time out on the outer decks as possible."



#### Alison Gordon

Home base: Canberra, Australia Years of polar experience: 10 Polar expeditions to date: 100

Areas of expertise: Alison, who speaks Mandarin, has studied geopolitics and founded a company that tackles the issues of food waste and sustainable protein. She's an avid skier, scuba diver, cyclist, runner and conservationist.

Advice to polar travelers: "Be open to what it feels like to fall in love (again) with our planet and the beauty it contains."





#### **David Burton**

Home base: Shetland Islands, UK Years of polar experience: 11 Polar expeditions to date: 90

Areas of expertise: History and glaciology

Advice to polar travelers: "Head to the outer decks after dinner to take an evening constitutional. There's no better place than the Polar Regions to take some time and reflect on the serene beauty you've witnessed that day, as well as contemplate the life-changing moments you're experiencing. You never know what you might catch sight ofthe majesty of the northern lights or a sighting of some wildlife!"

#### David (Woody) Wood

Home base: Melbourne, AU Years of polar experience: 21 Polar expeditions to date: 300

Areas of expertise: Woody has developed in-depth knowledge of numerous aspects of polar wilderness throughout two decades of polar expedition.

Advice to polar travelers: "Polar voyages touch people in different ways. The polar environment has a power which sets people thinking about their place in our world. Get prepared with gear and have the time of your life! Travel with eyes wide open, with no fixed ideas and be open to the beauty, wonder, tranquility and fury of the polar environment."





#### Jake Morrison

Home base: Lake Simcoe, Ontario, Canada

Years of polar experience: 13 Polar expeditions to date: 75

Areas of expertise: Jake spent six years in Quark Expeditions' head office where he managed multiple elements of shore-side operations. He's a licensed aircraft pilot, sailboat skipper and scuba diver. Jake is passionate about operation logistics.

Advice to polar travelers: "Slow down, let your soul absorb every majestic moment, and spend plenty of time out on deck."

## **Experience Matters!**

Each Expedition Leader brings years of polar experience to the role—as well expertise. Some are marine mammal experts, glaciologists and polar historians while others have specialties in whale studies, marine logistics and conservation. Our guests reap the benefits of this vast polar knowledge.



## Why travel with us?

We go to the ends of the earth to chart new adventures, so you can set foot where few ever will. We've been exploring the Polar Regions for three decades, which means we've been taking guests on life-changing journeys to the Arctic and Antarctic longer than anyone else. As the Leader in Polar Adventures, we're committed to taking travelers beyond the ordinary, outside the predictable and expected. We were the first expedition company to take commercial guests to the North Pole-back in 1991. We led the first-ever passenger transit of the Northeast Passage.

We were the first to offer hot-air ballooning at the North Pole. We've always been driven to discover what's out there—and we're committed to taking you places no one else can.

An arctic fox.

## Explore alongside the most experienced polar experts on Earth.

When you venture into the untouched wilds of the Arctic and Antarctic, you need a great team around you. And we have the greatest. You'll join elite guides trained at Quark Academy—which surpasses every standard imaginable for safety and preparedness in the Polar Regions-and interact directly with world-class polar experts. Our philosophy? The team that explores together, discovers more together.

## Venture far beyond the ordinary with us.

Quark Expeditions goes where others simply can't. Or won't. But our expert guides' abilities to read unknown terrain means where there's a will, there's a way-and that way could be by kayak, Zodiac boat, helicopter, mountain bike, or even hot air balloon. In an environment so unpredictable, it pays to have a few backup plans. We don't just expect the unexpected, we embrace it.

#### We go to the ends of the earth to chart new adventures.

We've been pioneering new types of expeditions into the Polar Regions for over 30 years now. We not only offer the most itineraries, but the most varied as well. Because no matter where you venture, you can explore culture, wildlife, science, physical activity, and beyond. To put it simply: More places to explore, more ways to explore them.

## Discover Earth's hidden beauty with a team dedicated to polar exploration.

Polar exploration is our life's work. It's the only thing we do-in fact, the only thing we've done since 1991, when we brought the very first group of commercial travelers to the North Pole. We understand these unique, otherworldly domains like few others do. So, it's our pleasure to journey with like-minded explorers, giving you the most in-depth experience possible. If these fascinating environments speak to you, speak to us.

## Good explorers respect their environment. Great ones protect it.

The beauty of the Arctic and Antarctic should be appreciated and preserved by all who are lucky enough to experience it. That's why we've developed Polar Promise, a comprehensive sustainability plan which includes key initiatives like reducing emissions and reusing or recycling 100% of waste. After all, polar exploration should leave a lasting impression—but only on the explorers like you.

#### Join the greatest fleet on the frozen seas.

When it comes to polar expeditions, you're only as good as your ships. And our diverse fleet of small polar vessels can take you to places where larger ships can't navigate. Equally key is our fleet of Zodiac boats, which let us make landfall where others are not able. Trust us: when you travel all the way to the edge of the world, you'll want to reach out and touch it too.

#### Set foot where few ever will, and do what few ever dream.

Every voyage starts on a ship, but the real adventure happens off-ship. In the polar wilds, we camp, climb, kayak, mountain bike, and helicopter to remote locations. We paddleboard on icy waters, and rise above the horizon in hot air balloons. With the most adventure options available, how you experience the Polar Regions is entirely up to you.

## Have the most immersive off-ship experience possible.

Quark Expeditions offers the largest and most diverse portfolio of off-ship Adventure Options in the industry. This allows guests to customize their polar experience by choosing from an array of activities, including kayaking, heli flightseeing, Zodiac cruising, camping, Exclusive Heli Landings, hiking and mountain biking. Our goal is for guests to have the most immersive polar experience possible.

# Traveling Solo on a Quark Expeditions Voyage.

Quark Expeditions welcomes couples, groups of friends, families, and solo travelers. Our voyages are especially popular with solo travelers for a variety of reasons.



#### Cost-saving for solo travelers.

Solo travelers can take advantage of Quark Expeditions Request-Share program. Rather than paying a single supplement for your polar voyage, you can request to share a cabin with another guest of the same gender. Both guests will save the single supplement. If a cabin mate cannot be found for you, the single supplement is waived. It's risk-free, plus you're on your way to making a new friend.

#### Small group ambience.

Quark Expeditions limits the number of guests to 199. One of our ships accommodates 128. That makes it very easy to recognize familiar faces. You'll be on first-name basis with fellow guests and staff in no time at all.

## Intimate atmosphere and instant camaraderie.

Guests often comment on the friendliness of our voyages, which extends to guests and expedition team members, alike. Our adventure guides and expert presenters are approachable, and always eager to talk about their polar expertise. As a solo traveler, you certainly won't lack for passionate conversations!

#### Meals together.

There is no assigned seating on any of our ships. Our restaurants and dining-rooms include tables for two, four, eight and even larger groups. Solo travelers are often welcomed to join guests with whom they've spent the day exploring.

#### Off-ship adventure options.

Zodiac cruises with 8 or so fellow guests, onshore hikes, helicopter flightseeing with 7 guests, being paired up in a tandem kayak... Many of Quark Expeditions' off-ship activities are perfectly suited for connecting and "becoming best buddies" with fellow guests enjoying the same adventure. Invariably, after you're back on the ship, you'll be sharing photographs and memories with your new friends over drinks or during dinner.

#### Communal spaces throughout the ship.

Our fleet of small polar vessels are designed with spaces to meet and mingle, talk about the day's adventures, or enjoy a drink at the end of the day. Lounges, lecture theaters (some with small tables and chairs), bars, library, and viewing spaces on the deck are conducive to spontaneous discussions.

#### Polar passion is a great connector.

It's impossible to stand on the deck of a ship watching a polar bear, gaze up at the Northern Lights, or hear your first thunderous glacier calving—and not turn to the guests next to you and share the incredible polar wonder you've just experienced. As a solo traveler, the joy of being with like-minded travelers is that you already have so much in common.

Get ready to explore the Arctic with the best expedition team in the industry—and the most amazing fellow adventurers!

From time to time we feature special offers for solo travelers. Subscribe to our newsletter to find out about these special promotions, as well as updates on new products and itineraries.







#### **Additional Inclusions:**

- › Access to the best people in the polar travel industry, the most experienced polar experts
- ) The best educational programming led by the top specialists in their fields
- > Zodiac cruising and shore landings, morning and afternoon, weather permitting
- > Three delicious meals a day, plus snacks
- > Wine or beer with dinner, soft drinks any time, coffee and tea around the clock

- ) The polar parka, yours to keep
- > The loan of waterproof neoprene boots
- > Taxes, port charges and emergency evacuation insurance for total peace of mind
- Online photo journal post-voyage
- ) Included hotels
- ) Port transfers

## Sustainability.

Good explorers respect their environment. Great ones protect it. In April 2019, we reinforced our commitment to the polar regions with the unveiling of POLAR PROMISE—the most comprehensive and holistic sustainability strategy in place in the polar regions. In Polar Promise, Quark Expeditions identifies measurable goals to be reached by 2025.

This infographic reflects

OUARK EXPEDITIONS'

sustainability successes and goals—celebrating our past while...

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE!

#### REDUCE SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

Quark Expeditions continues to drastically reduce single-use plastics on board our ships. In 2019, we eliminated:



**320,000**Single use bottles.
Our guests receive their own reusable

water bottles!



14,000 Individual yogurt containers.



7,600
Parka bags.
Now in bundles
versus individual
plastic bags.



By working with our hotel provider, we've replaced individually wrapped items like butter, sugar, jam, honey, and yogurt with bulk versions.

We've **installed water fountains** on our vessels so that guests can refill their own reusable Quark Expeditions water bottle as needed.

Cabins have been **outfitted with soap** and shampoo dispensers to reduce waste, and we provide straws, paper napkins, and receipts only on request.

#### **OFF-SHIP INITIATIVES**

\$500,000

Our annual goal to support Polar Research and Conservation.



Quark Expeditions provides free berths to conservation and scientific organizations, giving scientists access to remote regions to further their research. In addition, a portion of the proceeds from our onboard auctions are directed to these organizations.

\$219,924<sub>USD</sub>

Auction proceeds supporting South Georgia Heritage Trust and Friends of South Georgia.



The funds, raised since 2014, support the Habitat Restoration project, whose goal was to restore the sub-Antarctic island to its original status as one of the world's most important seabird sites. Funds were used for baiting during the eradication phase and to support rodent-detecting dogs for the current monitoring and maintenance phase.

## TRAINING THROUGH NALUNAIQSIJIIT:

THE INUIT CRUISE TRAINING INITIATIVE



Through Nalunaiqsijiit—The Inuit Cruise Training Initiative (ICTI), Quark Expeditions hired two interns on *Ocean Adventurer* voyages to Nunavut during the Arctic 2019 season, both of which were hired as staff during the 2019/20 Antarctic season. The goal of this Government of Nunavut program is to equip Nunavummiut with the qualifications and certifications needed to pursue opportunities in the expedition cruise industry.

#### **EVERY PESO COUNTS**

Quark Expeditions participated in SeaGreen recycling initiative during our 2018/19 Antarctic season. Proceeds from the sale of our recyclables raised **120,000 PESOS** to assist Argentinians living with a disability.



#### **GREEN TECHNOLOGIES FOR OUR VESSELS**

#### ULTRAMARINE

like World Explorer, will be equipped with a Micro Auto Gasification System that thermally breaks down waste, reducing its volume by

**UP TO 95**%



These advanced waste systems mean the technologicallyadvanced vessel can operate for 40 DAYS and **WASTE** discharge no solid waste!



Ultramarine has sufficient effluent storage to operate at full capacity with 340 PEOPLE (guests and crew) for 5 DAYS, eliminating the need for any discharge in particularly sensitive areas.



Ultramarine's LED lighting can potentially use 50% LESS energy than standard fluorescent lighting.



Fuel-efficient Ultramarine We expect the average daily fuel consumption of Ultramarine to be approximately half the consumption of older chartered vessels of similar size.

## THE CARBON **EMISSIONS CHALLENGE!**



## Our Polar Promise.



#### **PRINCIPLES**

Embedding responsible practices throughout our business, whether it's in polar wilderness or in the places we work each day.

Goal: By 2025, our goal is to work exclusively with suppliers, vendors and external partners who share our commitment to preserving the polar regions.



#### **PLANET**

Reducing our footprint and building resilience through best practices and advanced sustainability technologies.



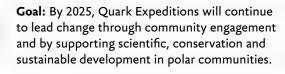
#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

Making a positive impact on the people, environment, and communities we visit through outreach, collaboration, and innovation.

Goal: By 2025, Quark Expeditions will reduce

carbon emissions per passenger by 10% and

Quark Expeditions-owned fleet will be zero





#### POSITIVE IMPACT

Inspiring and empowering our guests to make changes that create positive impacts, wherever they live.

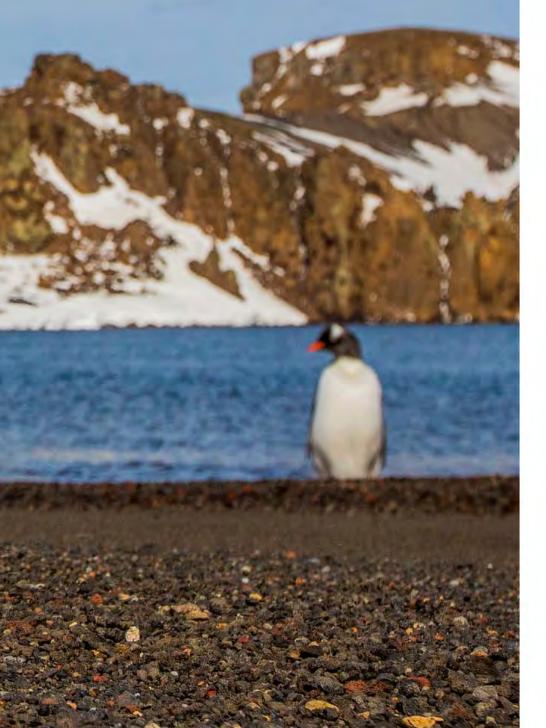
Goal: By 2025, the positive benefit of bringing people to the polar regions will far outweigh any impact of taking people there.

waste to landfill.



At the opposite end of the world, lies another wilderness waiting to be explored: the Antarctic Peninsula. This Polar Region, accessible from the foot of South America, entails a crossing of the iconic Drake Passage (by ship or by plane), where you'll discover penguin rookeries, abandoned whale stations, iceberg filled bays, glaciers and rugged coasts which are home to all manner of bird species. Visits to the 7th Continent hold extra special meaning for students of polar history, many of whom realize a lifetime dream by following in the footsteps of early explorers like Sir Ernest Shackleton. Add the remote islands of the Falklands and South Georgia to this polar magic and you're in for a life-changing journey in Antarctica.

Join us at the other end of the earth



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## POLAR ADVENTURES

Schiffs- und Flug- Expeditionen in Arktis und Antarktis

## Saison Arktis 2025

Reederei Direkt-Angebote

ab-bis Hafen für individuelle Planungen

alle Abfahrten der Saison inkl. englischsprachiger Termine

## Dates and Rates



#### Ocean Explorer

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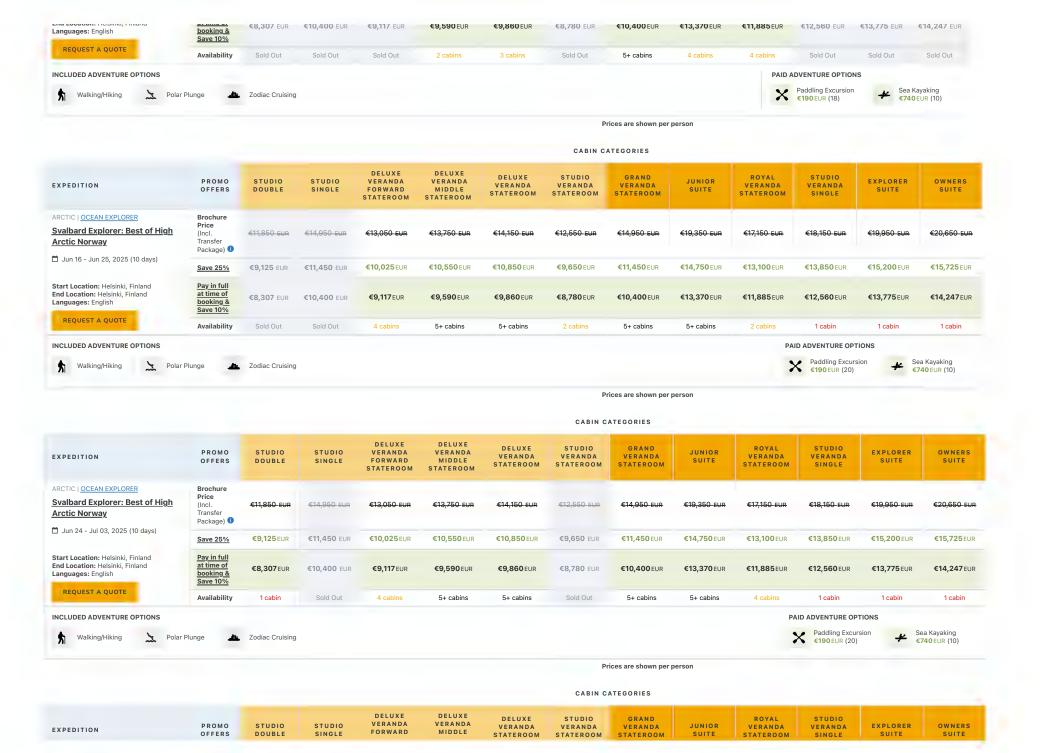
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May 31 - Jun 09, 2025 (10 days)	Save 25%	€8,600 EUR	€10,775 EUR	€9,500 EUR	<b>€9,875</b> EUR	€10,175 EUR	€8,975 EUR	€10,775 EUR	€13,850 EUR	€12,275 EUR	€12,875 EUR	€14,300 EUR	€14,750 EUR
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ARCTIC   OCEAN EXPLORER  Svalbard Explorer: Best of High Arctic Norway	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€11,850-EUR	€14,950-EUR	€13,050-EUR	€13,750-EUR	€14,150-EUR	€12,550-EUR	€14,950 EUR	€19,350-EUR	€17,150 EUR	€18,150 EUR	€19,950-EUR	€20,650 EUR
🗖 Jul 10 - Jul 19, 2025 (10 days)	Save 25%	€9,125 EUR	€11,450 EUR	€10,025 EUR	€10,550 EUR	€10,850 EUR	€9,650 EUR	€11,450 EUR	€14,750 EUR	€13,100 EUR	€13,850 EUR	€15,200 EUR	€15,725 EUR
Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Helsinki, Finland Languages: English	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	<b>€8,307</b> EUR	€10,400 EUR	<b>€9,117</b> EUR	<b>€9,590</b> EUR	€9,860 EUR	€8,780 EUR	€10,400 EUR	€13,370 EUR	<b>€11,885</b> EUR	<b>€12,560</b> EUR	€13,775 EUR	€14,247 EUI
REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	2 cabins	1 cabin	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin	1 cabin
Malking/Hiking Polar	Plunge 🎎	Zodiac Cruising									Paddling Excurs €190 EUR (20)	sion 🔑 Se	ea Kayaking <b>740</b> EUR (10)

#### Prices are shown per person

Paddling Excursion

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PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) 1	€11,850 EUR	€14,950 EUR	€13,050 EUR	€13,750 EUR	€14,150 EUR	€12,550 EUR	€14,950 EUR	€19,350 EUR	€17,150 EUR	€18,150 EUR	€19,950 EUR	€20,650 EUR
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5+ cabins

INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Walking/Hiking > Polar Plunge Zodiac Cruising

5+ cabins

4 cabins

Save 10%

Availability

2 cabins

1 cabin

REQUEST A QUOTE

#### Prices are shown per person

5+ cabins

4 cabins

4 cabins

1 cabin

PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS

Paddling Excursion
€190 EUR (20)

1 cabin

1 cabin

Sea Kayaking €740 EUR (10)

#### CABIN CATEGORIES

2 cabins

ICLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS										PAII	D ADVENTURE OPT	TIONS	
REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	2 cabins	Sold Out	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	Sold Out	1 cabin	1 cabin
Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Helsinki, Finland Languages: English	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	<b>€8,982</b> EUR	€11,277 EUR	€9,927EUR	<b>€10,400</b> EUR	€10,737 EUR	<b>€9,455</b> EUR	€11,277 EUR	<b>€14,517</b> EUR	€12,965 EUR	€13,572 EUR	€15,057 EUR	<b>€15,462</b> EUF
☐ Aug 03 - Aug 14, 2025 (12 days)	Save 25%	<b>€9,875</b> EUR	<b>€12,425</b> EUR	€10,925 EUR	€11,450 EUR	€11,825 EUR	€10,400 EUR	<b>€12,425</b> EUR	€16,025 EUR	€14,300 EUR	<b>€14,975</b> EUR	€16,625 EUR	<b>€17,075</b> EUR
ARCTIC   OCEAN EXPLORER  Svalbard Explorer: Best of High Arctic Norway  Aug 03 - Aug 14, 2025 (12 days)	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€12,850 EUR	€16,250 <u>sup</u>	€14,250 EUR	€14,950 EUR	€15,450 EUR	€13,550 EUR	€16,250 EUR	€21,050 EUR	€18,750 EUR	€19,650 EUR	€21,850 EUR	€22,450 EUF
EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE

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Three Arctic Islands: Iceland, Greenland, Spitsbergen  Aug 13 - Aug 27, 2025 (15 days)	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€16,250 EUR	€20,550 EUR	€17,950 EUR	€18,950 EUR	€19,450-EUR	€17,050-EUR	€20,550 EUR	€26,950 EUR	€23,850 EUR	€25,050 EUR	€27,850-EUR	€28,650 EUR



EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
ARCTIC   OCEAN EXPLORER  Adventures in Northeast	Brochure Price	€11,900-EUR	€15,100-EUR	€13,200-EUR	€13,900-EUR	€14,300-EUR	€12,500-EUR	€15,100-EUR	€19,900-EUR	€17,600-EUR	€18,600-EUR	€20,600-EUR	€21,300 EU
Greenland: Glaciers, Fjords and	Save 25%	€8,925EUR	€11,325 EUR	€9,900 EUR	€10,425 EUR	€10,725 EUR	€9,375 EUR	€11,325 EUR	€14,925EUR	€13,200 EUR	€13,950 EUR	€15,450 EUR	€15,975 EU
the Northern Lights  ☐ Aug 26 - Sep 05, 2025 (11 days)	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	<b>€8,032</b> EUR	€10,192 EUR	<b>€8,910</b> EUR	<b>€9,382</b> EUR	<b>€9,652</b> EUR	<b>€8,437</b> EUR	€10,192 EUR	€13,432 EUR	€11,880 EUR	<b>€12,555</b> EUR	€13,905 EUR	€14,377 EU
Start Location: Reykjavík, Iceland End Location: Reykjavík, Iceland Languages: English  REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	2 cabins	1 cabin	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	3 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS  Walking/Hiking Polar I	Plunge 🔼	Zodiac Cruising									AID ADVENTURE OP  Paddling Excu. €190 EUR (10)	rsion 🔑 S	ea Kayaking 740 EUR (8)

#### Prices are shown per person

XPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
RCTIC   OCEAN EXPLORER	Brochure Price	€11,900-EUR	€15,100-EUR	€13,200 EUR	€13,900-EUR	€14,300 EUR	€12,500-EUR	€15,100-EUR	€19,900-EUR	€17,600-EUR	€18,600-EUR	€20,600 EUR	€21,300-EUI
Greenland: Glaciers, Fjords and he Northern Lights	Save 25%	€8,925EUR	€11,325 EUR	€9,900 EUR	€10,425 EUR	€10,725 EUR	€9,375 EUR	€11,325 EUR	€14,925EUR	€13,200 EUR	€13,950 EUR	€15,450 EUR	€15,975 EU
Sep 04 - Sep 14, 2025 (11 days)	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€8,032EUR	<b>€10,192</b> EUR	<b>€8,910</b> EUR	<b>€9,382</b> EUR	<b>€9,652</b> EUR	<b>€8,437</b> EUR	€10,192 EUR	€13,432 EUR	€11,880 EUR	<b>€12,555</b> EUR	€13,905 EUR	€14,377 EUI
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ICLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS											AID ADVENTURE OF		ea Kayaking

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
ARCTIC   OCEAN EXPLORER  Adventures in Northeast	Brochure Price	€11,400-EUR	€14,600-EUR	€12,800-EUR	€13,400-EUR	€13,800 EUR	€12,100-EUR	€14,600-EUR	€19,300-EUR	€17,100-EUR	€18,000 EUR	€19,900-EUR	€20,600-EUF
Greenland: Glaciers, Fjords and	Save 30%	<b>€7,980</b> EUR	€10,220 EUR	€8,960 EUR	€9,380 EUR	€9,660 EUR	€8,470 EUR	€10,220 EUR	€13,510 EUR	€11,970 EUR	€12,600 EUR	€13,930 EUR	€14,420 EUR
the Northern Lights  Sep 13 - Sep 23, 2025 (11 days)	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€7,182 EUR	<b>€9,198</b> EUR	<b>€8,064</b> EUR	<b>€8,442</b> EUR	<b>€8,694</b> EUR	<b>€7,623</b> EUR	€9,198 EUR	€12,159 EUR	€10,773 EUR	€11,340 EUR	€12,537EUR	<b>€12,978</b> EUR
Start Location: Reykjavík, Iceland End Location: Reykjavík, Iceland Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	2 cabins	1 cabin	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS  Malking/Hiking  Polar	Plunge <b>4</b>	Zodiac Cruising									D ADVENTURE OP  Paddling Excur €190 EUR (20)	sion ළ Se	ea Kayaking 740 EUR (10)

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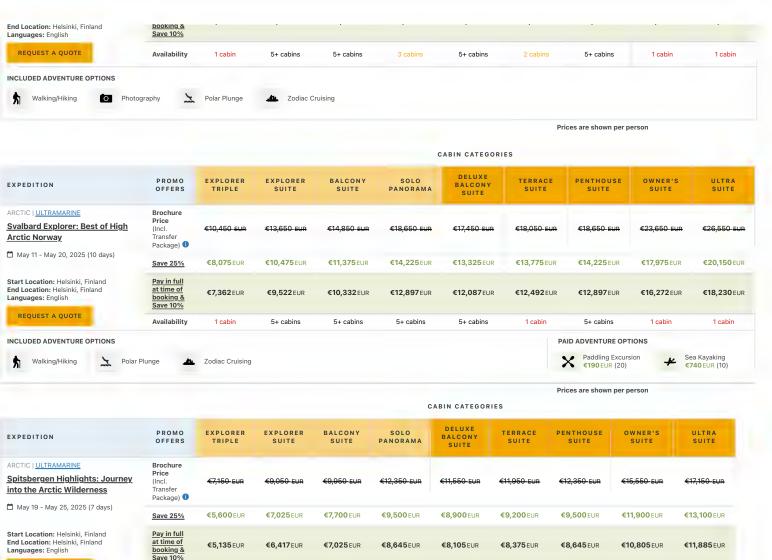
#### CABIN CATEGORIES

EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	STUDIO DOUBLE	STUDIO SINGLE	DELUXE VERANDA FORWARD STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA MIDDLE STATEROOM	DELUXE VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA STATEROOM	GRAND VERANDA STATEROOM	JUNIOR SUITE	ROYAL VERANDA STATEROOM	STUDIO VERANDA SINGLE	EXPLORER SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
ARCTIC   OCEAN EXPLORER  Adventures in Northeast	Brochure Price	€10,600-EUR	€13,600 EUR	€11,900 EUR	€12,500 EUR	€12,900 EUR	€11,300-EUR	€13,600-EUR	€18,000 EUR	€15,900-EUR	€16,800 EUR	€18,600 EUR	€19,300-EU
Greenland: Glaciers, Fjords and	Save 25%	€7,950 EUR	€10,200 EUR	€8,925 EUR	€9,375 EUR	€9,675 EUR	€8,475 EUR	€10,200 EUR	€13,500 EUR	€11,925 EUR	€12,600 EUR	€13,950 EUR	€14,475 EU
the Northern Lights Sep 22 - Oct 02, 2025 (11 days)	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	<b>€7,155</b> EUR	€9,180 EUR	<b>€8,032</b> EUR	<b>€8,437</b> EUR	<b>€8,707</b> EUR	€7,627 EUR	<b>€9,180</b> EUR	<b>€12,150</b> EUR	<b>€10,732</b> EUR	<b>€11,340</b> EUR	<b>€12,555</b> EUR	€13,027 EU
Start Location: Reykjavík, Iceland End Location: Reykjavík, Iceland Languages: English REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	1 cabin	1 cabin	3 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	4 cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin	Sold Out
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS  Malking/Hiking \(\triangleq\) Polar	Plunge <b>A</b>	, Zodiac Cruising								PAI		ion 🔑 Se	ea Kayaking 740 EUR (8)

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EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
ARCTIC   <u>ULTRAMARINE</u> <u>Arctic Saga: Exploring</u> <u>Spitsbergen via the Faroes and</u> Jan Mayen	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) 1	€11,350 EUR	€15,050 EUR	€16,550 EUR	€20,650 EUR	€19,250 EUR	€20,050 EUR	€20,650 EUR	€26,350 EUR	€29,250 EUR
Apr 29 - May 12, 2025 (14 days)	Save 30%	€8,140 EUR	€10,730 EUR	€11,780 EUR	€14,650 EUR	€13,670 EUR	€14,230 EUR	€14,650 EUR	€18,640 EUR	<b>€20,670</b> EUR
Start Location: Aberdeen, Scotland	Pay in full at time of	<b>€7,391</b> EUR	<b>€9,722</b> EUR	€10,667EUR	€13,250 EUR	€12,368 EUR	€12,872EUR	€13,250 EUR	€16,841EUR	€18,668 EUR



#### Save 10% REQUEST A QUOTE Availability 5+ cabins 2 cabins 5+ cabins 5+ cabins 5+ cabins 5+ cabins 1 cabin INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS PAID ADVENTURE OPTIONS Paddling Excursion €190 EUR (20) Sea Kayaking Polar Plunge Zodiac Cruising €740 EUR (10)

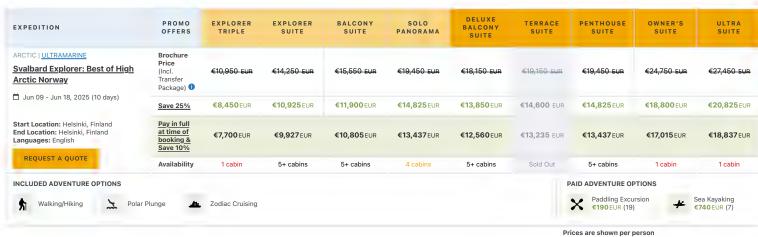
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EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
ARCTIC   <u>ULTRAMARINE</u>	Brochure Price									

Svalbard Explorer: Best of High Arctic Norway	(Incl. Transfer Package) 1	€10,450 EUR	€13,650-EUR	€14,850 EUR	€18,650 EUR	€17,450 EUR	€18,050 EUR	€18,650 EUR	€23,650-EUR	€26,550-EUR
May 24 - Jun 02, 2025 (10 days)	Save 25%	€8,075 EUR	€10,475 EUR	€11,375 EUR	€14,225 EUR	€13,325 EUR	€13,775 EUR	€14,225 EUR	€17,975 EUR	€20,150 EUR
Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Helsinki, Finland Languages: English	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	<b>€7,362</b> EUR	<b>€9,522</b> EUR	€10,332 EUR	<b>€12,897</b> EUR	<b>€12,087</b> EUR	<b>€12,492</b> EUR	<b>€12,897</b> EUR	€16,272 EUR	€18,230 EUR
REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	1 cabin	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	3 cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	Sold Out
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS							PAII	D ADVENTURE OPTI	IONS	
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EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
ARCTIC   <u>ULTRAMARINE</u> Svalbard Explorer: Best of High  Arctic Norway	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€10,450-EUR	€13,650 EUR	€14,850 EUR	€18,650 EUR	€17,450-EUR	€18,050 EUR	€18,650-EUR	€23,650 EUR	€26,550 EUR
🗖 Jun 01 - Jun 10, 2025 (10 days)	Save 25%	€8,075 EUR	€10,475 EUR	€11,375 EUR	€14,225EUR	€13,325 EUR	€13,775 EUR	€14,225 EUR	€17,975 EUR	€20,150 EUR
Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Helsinki, Finland Languages: English	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	<b>€7,362</b> EUR	<b>€9,522</b> EUR	€10,332 EUR	<b>€12,897</b> EUR	<b>€12,087</b> EUR	<b>€12,492</b> EUR	<b>€12,897</b> EUR	<b>€16,272</b> EUR	€18,230 EUR
REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	1 cabin	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	5+ cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin
INCLUDED ADVENTURE OPTIONS							PA	ID ADVENTURE OPT	TIONS	
Malking/Hiking Number 1	Plunge	Zodiac Cruising						Paddling Excurs €190 EUR (20)		ea Kayaking 740 EUR (10)

Prices are shown per person



EXPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
ARCTIC   <u>ULTRAMARINE</u> Svalbard Explorer: Best of High Arctic Norway	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) 1	€10,950-EUR	€14,250-EUR	€15,550-EUR	€19,450-EUR	€18,150-EUR	€19,150-EUR	€19,450-EUR	€24,750-EUR	€27,450-EUR
Jun 17 - Jun 26, 2025 (10 days)	Save 20%	<b>€8,950</b> EUR	€11,590 EUR	€12,630 EUR	€15,750 EUR	€14,710 EUR	€15,510 EUR	€15,750 EUR	€19,990 EUR	<b>€22,150</b> EUF
Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Helsinki, Finland Languages: English	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 15%	€7,750 EUR	<b>€9,994</b> EUR	<b>€10,878</b> EUR	€13,530 EUR	<b>€12,646</b> EUR	€13,326 EUR	<b>€13,530</b> EUR	<b>€17,134</b> EUR	€18,970 EU
REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	Sold Out	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	2 cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin
Walking/Hiking Polar I	Plunge 🚜	Zodiac Cruising						Paddling Excur €190 EUR (16)	sion 🚣 S	iea Kayaking E <b>740</b> EUR (2)

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#### CABIN CATEGORIES

XPEDITION	PROMO OFFERS	EXPLORER TRIPLE	EXPLORER SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	SOLO PANORAMA	BALCONY SUITE	TERRACE SUITE	PENTHOUSE SUITE	OWNER'S SUITE	ULTRA SUITE
Spitsbergen Circumnavigation: A kite of Passage	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package) 1	€15,250 EUR	€19,950 EUR	€21,850 EUR	€27,550 EUR	€25,650 EUR	€26,550 EUR	€27,550 EUR	€35,150 EUR	€38,850 EUI
Jun 25 - Jul 08, 2025 (14 days)	Save 20%	€12,390 EUR	€16,150 EUR	€17,670 EUR	€22,230 EUR	€20,710 EUR	€21,430 EUR	€22,230 EUR	€28,310 EUR	€31,270 EUF
tart Location: Helsinki, Finland nd Location: Helsinki, Finland anguages: English	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	<b>€11,246</b> EUR	<b>€14,630</b> EUR	<b>€15,998</b> EUR	<b>€20,102</b> EUR	<b>€18,734</b> EUR	<b>€19,382</b> EUR	<b>€20,102</b> EUR	<b>€25,574</b> EUR	€28,238 EUI
REQUEST A QUOTE	Availability	2 cabins	5+ cabins	5+ cabins	3 cabins	5+ cabins	1 cabin	5+ cabins	1 cabin	1 cabin
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ARCTIC   <u>ULTRAMARINE</u> <u>Ultimate Arctic Voyage: From</u> <u>Svalbard to Jan Mayen to Iceland</u>	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€10,750-EUR	€14,050-EUR	€15,350-EUR	€19,450 EUR	€18,050-EUR	€18,750 EUR	€19,450 EUR	€24,750 EUR	€27,450-EUR
Jul 07 - Jul 19, 2025 (13 days)	Save 25%	€8,225 EUR	€10,700 EUR	€11,675 EUR	€14,750 EUR	€13,700 EUR	€14,225 EUR	€14,750 EUR	€18,725 EUR	€20,750 EUR
Start Location: Helsinki, Finland End Location: Reykjavík, Iceland Languages: English	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	<b>€7,467</b> EUR	<b>€9,695</b> EUR	<b>€10,572</b> EUR	<b>€13,340</b> EUR	<b>€12,395</b> EUR	<b>€12,867</b> EUR	<b>€13,340</b> EUR	<b>€16,917</b> EUR	<b>€18,740</b> EUR
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Start Location: Toronto, Canada End Location: Toronto, Canada Languages: English	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	<b>€8,447</b> EUR	<b>€10,675</b> EUR	€11,485 EUR	€14,050 EUR	€13,240 EUR	€13,645 EUR	<b>€14,050</b> EUR	€17,560 EUR	€19,247 EUR
Aug 17 - Aug 28, 2025 (12 days)	Save 25%	€9,175 EUR	€11,650 EUR	€12,550 EUR	€15,400 EUR	€14,500 EUR	€14,950 EUR	€15,400 EUR	€19,300 EUR	<b>€21,175</b> EUR
RECTIC   <u>ULTRAMARINE</u> Gems of West Greenland: Fjords, cebergs, and Culture	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€11,600 EUR	€14,900 EUR	€16,100 EUR	€19,900 EUR	€18,700 EUR	€19,300-EUR	€19,900-EUR	€25,100-EUR	€27,600-EUF
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RCTIC   <u>ULTRAMARINE</u> anada's Remote Arctic: orthwest Passage to Ellesmere	Brochure Price (Incl. Transfer Package)	€14,300-EUR	€18,300-EUR	€20,000-EUR	€24,900-EUR	€23,200-EUR	€24,000 EUR	€24,900-EUR	€31,400-EUR	€34,500 EU
nd Axel Heiberg Islands	Save 20%	€11,820 EUR	€15,020 EUR	€16,380 EUR	€20,300 EUR	€18,940 EUR	€19,580 EUR	€20,300 EUR	€25,500 EUR	<b>€27,980</b> EU
Sep 09 - Sep 20, 2025 (12 days)	Pay in full at time of booking & Save 10%	€10,828 EUR	<b>€13,708</b> EUR	<b>€14,932</b> EUR	<b>€18,460</b> EUR	<b>€17,236</b> EUR	€17,812 EUR	€18,460 EUR	<b>€23,140</b> EUR	<b>€25,372</b> EU
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# Adventures in Northeast Greenland

Glaciers, Fjords and the Northern Lights



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## Overview

Adventures in Northeast Greenland: Glaciers, Fjords and the Northern Lights

Explore some of the last unspoiled wilderness areas on the planet by joining our Adventures in Northeast Greenland: Glaciers, Fjords and the Northern Lights itinerary. Cruising along Greenland's remote northeast coast, home to the largest fjord system in the world, you'll discover diverse and dramatically rugged landscapesand possibly cap off a day of Arctic exploration with a nighttime show of the dramatic Aurora borealis as you'll be in a region where the Northern Lights are regularly visible. Immersed in the untamed beauty of the Arctic, you'll experience Greenlandic culture firsthand at Ittoqqortoormiit, visit ancient Thule sites steeped in history, and marvel at the majesty of massive icebergs and against a spectacular mountain backdrop.

The Arctic has been inspiring explorers for centuries, and our expeditions offer the chance for you to discover why. We're excited to host you on your unforgettable adventure! Feel free to reach out to our team of Polar Travel Advisers or your travel professional, who can answer your questions and provide assistance at any time.

#### **EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**



Search for iconic Arctic wildlife, such as polar bears, muskoxen and seals



Hike the tundra, visit an Inuit community and explore a breathtaking fjord system of East and Northeast Greenland



Strong likelihood of viewing the enchanting Northern Lights (Aurora borealis)



Cruise in a Zodiac to explore majestic landscapes



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Arctic with optional kayaking adventures



## Itinerary

#### DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Arrive in the Icelandic capital in the morning and make your way to your included hotel. You will have the day to explore the city on your own.

#### DAY 2 | EMBARK

This afternoon, you'll board your vessel and begin your expedition. Get ready for a great adventure ahead!

#### DAY 3 | CRUISING

As we cruise north across the Denmark Strait, with views of Greenland in the distance, your Expedition Team will prepare you for the adventures that await. Learn about the storied history and politics of the Arctic, its fascinating wildlife, geology, ecology and climate,

and the incredible sights you will soon explore. The team will also search for the seabirds soaring around your ship, as well as the whales that frequent the waters here.

#### DAYS 4 - 8 | EXPLORING NORTHEAST GREENLAND

Experience the wonders of nature in Segelsellskäbets Fjord, where a spectacular display of "geological art" awaits your landing: alternating layers of limestone and dolomite stretching before you in a stunningly beautiful canvas created over tens of thousands of years. In the afternoon, cruise the natural beauty of Alpefjord and pass by the impressive Selströms Glacier.



Glaciers, Fjords and the Northern Lights Onboard Ocean Adventurer

During your tour of Greenland's remote northeast coast, you'll enjoy Zodiac cruises and shore visits to several locations. We'll also keep an eye out for grazing muskoxen, as 40 percent of the world's population lives in Northeast Greenland National Park. At the entrance of the sound is East Greenland's most northerly community, Ittoqqortoormiit, where you may spend time interacting with the Inuit people and learning about their way of life. You may also have a chance to see the Northern Lights here if the skies are clear. Magnificent vistas also await at Kong Oscar Fjord, with possible landings at Ella Ø, renowned for its rugged cliffs and ice-choked waters, and flower-rich Botanikerbugt, on Ymer Ø.

#### DAY 9 - 10 | SAILING SOUTHBOUND ACROSS DENMARK STRAIT AND ONCE MORE CROSSING THE ARCTIC CIRCLE, THOUGH SOUTHBOUND THIS TIME.

As your Arctic adventure winds down, take in a presentation by our onboard experts, share your photos, sip an icy cocktail in the bar or watch a moviethere are many activities during your time at sea. Your Expedition Team will also be on hand to answer any questions and point out wildlife.

#### DAY 11 | DEPART REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

You'll disembark in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, at the end of your journey. If you have booked post-expedition accommodation, we provide a transfer to a central downtown location.

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## Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested to know your arrival and departure details. Since air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

## Arrival Day and Embarkation

#### DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN REYKJAVIK

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

#### **DAY 2 — EMBARKATION IN REYKJAVIK**

On the morning of Day 2, your luggage will be collected from the lobby of your hotel, transferred to the ship and stored in your cabin.

Ship embarkation will occur on Day 2 of your itinerary, usually around 4pm. You and your shipmates will meet in the lobby of your hotel and board the waiting buses for transfer to the ship. Information about transfer timing will be posted in your Reykjavik hotel.





#### Final Day and Departure

#### **DISEMBARKATION IN REYKJAVIK AND ONWARD**

Your ship is scheduled to arrive in Reykjavik and you will disembark after breakfast. The process takes about an hour. After disembarkation, you will transfer to a central downtown location.

#### Arrival and Departure Transfers

#### REYKJAVIK AIRPORT TRANSFERS

#### ARRIVAL

An arrival transfer in Reykjavik is not included; if you require a transfer to the city, you will need to arrange your own transportation. Most airports used on our voyages have good taxi ranks in the arrivals area, or you can often pre-book a transfer online.

#### **DEPARTURE**

A transfer is provided from the Reykjavik port to a central downtown location at the end of the expedition. A transfer to the airport is not included.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

#### Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated in your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day. If you would like to extend your stay, you can book directly with the hotel or through a third party.









### Your Ship

Quark Expeditions boasts one of the most diverse polar-class fleets of any polar operator and the ability to offer our guests this great expedition on one of our ice strengthened vessels.

The entire Quark Expeditions fleet is built for the challenging polar environments, so we can confidently take you to places larger cruise ships cannot navigate.



#### **OCEAN ADVENTURER**

Ocean Adventurer has long been a fleet favorite among guests and crew who've appreciated the charm of this nimble vessel, its ample outdoor deck space, numerous cozy spots to socialize onboard, the outdoor jacuzzi and, of course, the intimacy of a 128-passenger vessel. In 2017, Ocean Adventurer underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation including a refreshed look and feel throughout, plus a completely remodeled lounge, dining room and bar. All cabins received brand new bathroom facilities. Six new deluxe cabins, as well as three new suites, were also added. Major technical enhancements featured two new Rolls-Royce engines, which yield increased speed and fuel efficiency, and a minimized carbon footprint.

#### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

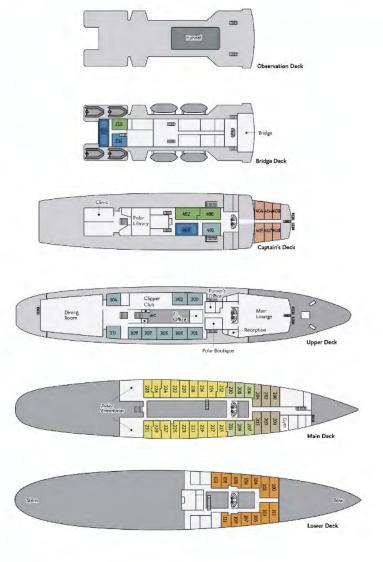
Staff & Crew: 87 Guests: 128

Lifeboats: 4, partially enclosed

Ice Class: 1A

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.







### **Included Activities**

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.

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

#### ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

#### **HIKING**

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every guest.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts -expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

#### **POLAR PLUNGE**

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff -and just about every single camera on board!

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.







### **Adventure Options**

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



#### **PLEASE NOTE**

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.

#### SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

#### X PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-ontop kayaks-perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



### Departure Dates

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#### **OCEAN ADVENTURER**

Dates	Days	Start / End	<i>≠</i> ∠	×	
			Sea Kayaking	Paddling Excursion	
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AUG 26 - SEP 5, 2025	11	Reykjavik	\$	\$	
SEP 4 - 14, 2025	11	Reykjavik	\$	\$	
SEP 13 - 23, 2025	11	Reykjavik	\$	\$	
SEP 22 - OCT 2, 2025	11	Reykjavík	\$	\$	

\$ Paid Activities



### Inclusions and Exclusions

#### **Inclusions**

#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- · Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled

- · A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- · All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax
- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Reykjavik
- Group transfer from the Reykjavik hotel to the ship on Day 2
- Group transfer from the ship to downtown Reykjavik on disembarkation day

#### **Exclusions**

### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- · International airfare
- · Arrival and departure transfers
- · Passport and visa expenses
- 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 and domestic 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 (connectivity may
- vary by location)Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- · Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities



### Your Expedition Team

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

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





### Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions 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 and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock - all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.







### Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

#### Iceland

#### **REYKJAVIK**

Iceland has been ranked by the United Nations as one of the best countries in which to live. Its capital, Reykjavik (which means "Smoky Bay"), was named by the country's first settler, Norseman Ingólfur Arnarson, who was inspired by the geothermal mist rising from the ground.

#### East/Northeast Greenland

#### BLOMSTERBUGTEN

Known as the Bay of Flowers, Blomsterbugten boasts a colorful and lush landscape that is quite different from other Arctic regions. Expect spectacular fall colors, with a possible hike to Noa Lake.

#### **BOTANIKERBUGT**

In King Oscar Fjord, this bay is home to a variety of flora. It is on the south coast of mountainous Ymer Ø (Ymer Island), part of Northeast Greenland National Park.





#### C. HOFMANN HALVØ

This peninsula can be a great location for viewing muskoxen. It is also home to wheatears and snow buntings, and you may spot rock ptarmigans or great northern divers (common loon) while exploring the shore.

#### **BJORNE ISLANDS (BEAR ISLANDS)**

Encounter stunning icebergs at this group of small, rugged islands, which offer stupendous views of Scoresby Sund and Øfjord. If conditions allow for a landing, take a short hike to an archaeological site.

#### **FREDERIKSDAL**

Exploring this valley system on foot may offer views of muskoxen, glaciers and ancient Thule remains.

#### HOLM BAY AND ELLA Ø (ELLA ISLAND)

Toward the northern end of Scoresby Land is King Oscar Fjord. Holm Bay is a common landing site here, offering panoramic views of the fjord and surrounding area. Within the fjord, and hence within Northeast Greenland National Park, lies Ella Ø (Ella Island). The legendary Danish navy unit Sirius Sledge Patrol operates here in summer. Muskoxen may also be spotted.

#### **ITTOQQORTOORMIIT**

Around 360 people call this northern settlement home. Ittoqqortoormiit is the picturesque and very welcome port of call for expedition cruise ships exploring the north-east coast of Greenland during summer. Focal points include the church and the small, local museum whose historical costumes, tools, and pictures tell the story of lives lived in remote and harsh conditions. Visitors can also enjoy discovering the vibrantly green football (soccer) field set in an endless landscape of rock and snow, and wandering between the colourful houses soaking in the atmosphere of Greenland's most isolated town.





#### Ø FJORD

One of Scoresby Sund's many fjords, this deep fjord, whose name means Island Fjord, is truly impressive, flanked by towering mountains and dotted with large icebergs.

#### KING OSCAR FJORD

Also known as Kangerluk Kong Oscar, King Oscar Fjord is a major fjord system in Northeast Greenland National Park, with the main fjord stretching 110 kilometres in length and anywhere from 10 to 25 kilometres wide. The fjord system marks the northern border of the Scoresby Land Peninsula. Many visitors remark on the bright sandstone of King Oscar Fjord. When conditions allow, Quark Expeditions' guests have the opportunity to hike in Skipperdal Valley at Kong Oscar Fjord.

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## What to pack on your Arctic expedition

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

#### BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.
☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
$\hfill\square$ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)
☐ Glove liners*
☐ Hand and feet warmers*
□ Binoculars
☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)
□ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for came or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)
*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.
BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking) In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:
☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)  Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle (in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

#### TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
- Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room.
   See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- □ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- □ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit Card & Small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

) To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Arctic

> Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page: QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to watch our video on what to pack before you go!



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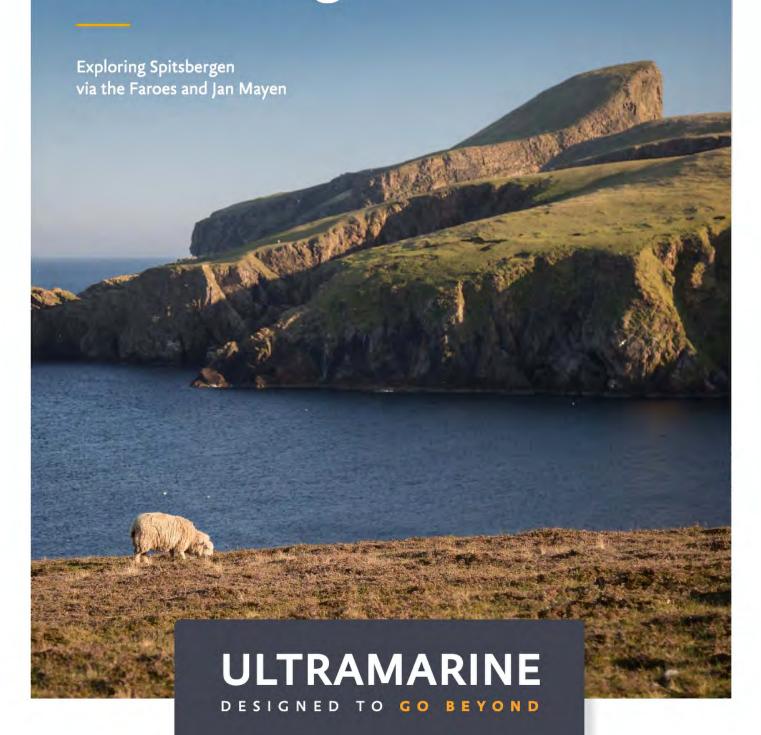
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### Overview

Arctic Saga: Exploring Spitsbergen via the Faroes and Jan Mayen

Ideal for first-time guests to the polar regions, Arctic Saga: Exploring Spitsbergen via the Faroes and Jan Mayen allows you to venture to some of the most remote islands on Earth, observe fascinating history and culture, and experience the dreamlike wonder of the midnight sun. Sailing across the North Atlantic, you will be immersed in the Arctic's rugged beauty, highlighted by visits to the aweinspiring and unspoiled destinations of Fair Isle, the Faroe Islands, Jan Mayen and Spitsbergen.

Prepare to be amazed by an environment different from anything you've ever witnessed, featuring immense fjords, towering glaciers, soaring sea stacks and coastal cliffs teeming with seabirds by the thousands. Observe reindeer, seals and whales in their natural habitat. Guided by the most knowledgeable and passionate team in the industry, go where few others have gone, and return forever changed by the rich history, distinct culture and unforgettable backdrop of the Arctic.

#### **EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**



Follow in the footsteps of the Norsemen on Fair Isle and the Vikings in the Faroe Islands



Explore the volcanic and glaciercovered Jan Mayen island, in the heart of the North Atlantic Ocean



Encounter iconic Arctic and north Atlantic wildlife, such as puffins and other seabirds, reindeer, and whales



Cruise in a Zodiac to explore diverse landscapes and wildlife







### Itinerary

#### DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN ABERDEEN, UNITED KINGDOM

Arrive any time on Day 1 and make your way to your included hotel. The gateway for your Arctic adventure, the Scottish city of Aberdeen has many monikers, but its most famous is Granite City, as it was once the granite capital of the world. Wandering the streets, you'll soon see why, as the Victorian buildings sparkle in the sun. A bustling cultural hub, Aberdeen also offers a range of museums, galleries, theaters, shops, cafés and restaurants to explore.

#### DAY 2 | EMBARK

Today you will have some free time before being transferred to the port to board your ship. As you set sail this afternoon, you'll want to be out on deck, camera in hand-the area's coastal waters

offer excellent possibilities for spotting bottlenose and white-beaked dolphins, harbor porpoises and minke whales.

#### DAY 3 | EXPLORING FAIR ISLE

The U.K.'s most remote inhabited island, the extraordinary Fair Isle is located halfway between the Shetland and Orkney Islands. Boasting a rugged beauty, Fair Isle's landscape is diverse, with fields and moors dominated by seaside cliffs and an astounding number of sea stacks, natural arches and caves.

Despite its small size, the island offers activities for history, nature and photography buffs alike. Visit the museum to immerse yourself in local artifacts, photos, knitwear and other historic memorabilia. Don't forget to snap a shot of the circa 1935 classic red phone booth by the post office!



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In terms of wildlife, orcas are native to the waters around Fair Isle, and they sometimes come close in pursuit of seals. But the island is best known for its coastal cliffs teeming with seabirds in spring and summer. The star attraction is the Atlantic puffin, a clown-like bird that burrows in nests in the grassy flat tops of the island's cliffs. Photographers will surely want to capture pictures of their bemused expressions, and Fair Isle's easily accessible grassy banks make it one of the best places in the Shetlands (if not the entire Scottish Isles!) to observe these colorful creatures. Northern fulmars, kittiwakes, storm petrels, razorbills and guillemots may be spotted soaring over the open waters.

Visitors to this community of crofters, artisans and artists may be able to pick up a traditional Fair Isle sweater to keep warm during the rest of your Arctic voyage.

#### DAYS 4 & 5 | EXPLORING THE FAROE ISLANDS

Known for its beautiful, unspoiled landscape, with verdant pastures giving way to rugged, steep cliffs, the Faroe

Islands have a storied past, though the details of the archipelago's early history remain mysterious. The first settlers may have been seventh-century Irish monks seeking solitude on these islands far removed from any continent. Their isolation ended in 800 AD, with the arrival of Norse farmers, and Norwegian colonization continued throughout the Viking Age. Today, many of the inhabitants of the Faroe Islands, now a self-governing country within the Kingdom of Denmark, are descendants of Norwegian Vikings, and speak Faroese, a descendant language of Old Norse.

We will have two days to explore this seldom-visited archipelago made up of 18 rugged islands located about halfway between Scotland and Iceland. The mighty North Atlantic is omnipresent wherever we go with no place on the Faroe Islands farther than 3 miles (5 km) from its shores. The sea has always dominated life on the Faroesthroughout history as much as today: rich fisheries, magnificent ocean views

and thriving sea bird colonies make up this rare Nordic jewel-often referred to as Europe's best kept secret.

We will spend a day exploring the outer islands of the archipelago, separated by narrow sounds and fjords, and delight in their surreal landscapes, dramatic cliffs, and rock formations. You'll see green valleys engulfed by steep mountains, protecting picturesque villages with colorful turf-topped homes. Wind, weather and sea conditions will influence and shape our activity options, but we will of course always keep our eyes out for marine and bird life, especially the iconic Atlantic puffin.

Our second day in the Faroes will be dedicated to the capital city of Tórshavn, where the Vikings established their government in 825 AD. One of the world's smallest capitals, the picturesque Tórshavn has a relaxed vibe and a number of historical and cultural sites. Meander the maze of narrow laneways of the Old Town, admiring the quaint wooden houses with traditional sod roofs and white paned windows. If





you're looking for more action, a hike to historic Kirkjubøur not only unlocks some of the country's best medieval history but also rewards with sweeping views over the southern islands of Koltur, Hestur & Sandur. Or perhaps you'll prefer to wander the charming harbor, filled with cafés, pubs and old warehouses, and simply gaze out at the sea while sipping a latte.

#### DAYS 6 & 7 | CRUISING

Say goodbye to the Faroes as we cruise toward the world's most northerly volcanic island, Jan Mayen. There are several activities to keep you engaged while at sea. Learn to identify seabirds gliding alongside your ship, attend dynamic presentations by your Expedition Team, relax in our polar library or simply spend some time on deck, admiring the ocean views. With your binoculars and camera at the ready, keep your eyes peeled for the blow of a humpback, blue or fin whale. Encounters with minke whales or orcas are also

possible, since their curiosity can bring them near the ship. If you're lucky, you may even see harp seals.

#### DAYS 8 & 9 | EXPLORING JAN MAYEN

North of the Arctic Circle, about 280 miles (450 km) east of Greenland and 340 miles (550 km) north of Iceland, the mysterious Jan Mayen rises from the depths of the North Atlantic Ocean. Often shrouded in thick fog, the small mountainous island was declared a nature reserve in 2010 and is rarely visited, save for the 18 rotating personnel of the Norwegian military and Norwegian Meteorological Institute, who are the only year-long inhabitants, save for some additional personnel during the summer.

Landing here will be dictated by the weather and sea. If conditions allow, as we approach, keep watch on deck as the spoon-shaped island's highest summit emerges. At 7,470 feet (2,277 meters) high, the breathtaking Beerenberg volcano features a symmetrical cone shape and impressive glaciers that spill into the sea.

During the summer months, the island's lower landscape is covered with grass, moss and a smattering of hardy flowers that add a burst of color to the otherwise barren black lava terrain.

One site we hope to visit is Olonkinbyen and the surrounding area. Named after Russian-Norwegian polar explorer Gennady Olonkin, it's the island's only settlement and the location of the meteorological station, where you may have the chance to learn about polar research while seeing how weather is monitored at the top of the world. Another option might be the black sand beach at Kvalrossbukta, where the remnants of a 17th-century Dutch whaling station and a large northern fulmar colony can be found. In 1632, two Basque ships landed at the small bay and plundered the station. A Dutch party was sent here the following year to protect the land stations during winter, but all seven men perished from scurvy. Whaling in the area came to an end about 20 years later.







If conditions permit, we may view the volcano and the stratified cliffs of the spectacular north coast as we Zodiac cruise around the island, searching for wildlife. Designated an Important Bird Area by BirdLife International for the large numbers of breeding seabirds, Jan Mayen supports colonies of northern fulmars, little auks, glaucous gulls, kittiwakes, and black and Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murres). And if we are fortunate, you might see "sea parrots," the Atlantic puffin again. The waters here are rich feeding grounds for marine life, so keep a lookout for minke, fin, blue or humpback whales.

#### DAY 10 | CRUISING

As we sail farther north, spend some time with your shipmates in the lounge, swapping stories and photos, or take the opportunity to learn about the regions travelled with your experienced and knowledgeable Expedition Team.

### DAYS 11 - 13 | EXPLORING SPITSBERGEN, SVALBARD

Rugged, wild and situated entirely within the Arctic Circle, the largest island of the Svalbard archipelago is unforgettable. From immense glaciers to lush tundra to polar deserts, the landscape here is as varied as the wildlife.

As we explore the fjords of the southwestern corner of this magical island, it won't take long for you to see firsthand why Spitsbergen is the "wildlife capital of the Arctic." Some areas we hope to visit include Hornsund and Bellsund fjords and Hornbreen Glacier.

The possible landing sites at Hornsund, the island's most southerly fjord, have rich histories. You may visit Isbjornhamna, a bay at the entrance of the fjord, where we hope to explore colonies of delightful little auks. You may also spot Svalbard reindeer and hike to a viewpoint for views of calving glaciers.

A 12-mile (20 km) long sound, Bellsund lured miners a century ago to its natural resources. Today, visitors come to Bourbonhamna and Calypsobyen to see historic mining and trapper sites and marvel at the magnificent vistas. It may also be possible to hike along the colorful tundra, dotted with flowers bursting for a taste of sunshine, and discover old whale bones.

#### DAY 14 | DISEMBARK IN LONGYEARBYEN & FLY TO HELSINKI

The time has come to say farewell to your newfound friends and Expedition Team.

After disembarking, spend the day exploring the frontier-style settlement of Longyearbyen before catching the charter flight to Helsinki.

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### Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

#### Arrival Day and Embarkation

#### DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN ABERDEEN

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

#### **DAY 2 — EMBARKATION IN ABERDEEN**

On the morning of Day 2, your luggage will be collected from the lobby of your hotel, transferred to the ship and stored in your cabin.

Ship embarkation will occur in the afternoon. You and your shipmates will meet in the lobby of your hotel and board the waiting buses for transfer to the ship. Information about transfer timing will be posted in your Aberdeen hotel.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Longyearbyen and Helsinki. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

#### You will find in your final documents:

- ) Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights.
- ) Hotel information and check
- ) Charter flight time to embarkation point
- ) Embarkation plan
- Departure charter flight time

#### Final Day and Departure

#### DISEMBARKATION IN LONGYEARBYEN AND CHARTER FLIGHT.

Your ship is scheduled to arrive in Longyearbyen and you will disembark after breakfast. The process takes about an hour and due to port logistics, may involve one last Zodiac ride to the pier.

#### DEPARTING FROM HELSINKI

Arrival times back to Helsinki will not be available until 30 days prior to your voyage. If you wish to book your international flights before this point, we would suggest that you book a post night in Helsinki and depart the following morning. Scheduled charter flight times will appear in your final documents, and any additional updates will be communicated on board prior to disembarkation.

#### Arrival and Departure Transfers

#### **ABERDEEN AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

Arrival transfers in Aberdeen are not included in the expedition; If you require a transfer to the city, you will need to arrange your own transportation.

#### **HELSINKI AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

Departure transfers in Helsinki are not included in the expedition. The voyage concludes on arrival at the Helsinki airport. If you require a transfer to the city, you will need to arrange your own transportation. Most airports we travel in and out of have reliable taxi ranks in the arrivals area, or you can often pre-book a transfer online.

If you are flying home right away, you will most likely be able to board a connecting flight on the same day. Please be sure to allow three hours between our charter arrival and your international departure.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated in your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like to extend your stay, you can book directly with the hotel or through a third party.





### Your Ship: Ultramarine

#### **NEW! ULTRAMARINE**

The newest ship in our fleet, Ultramarine is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to discover new places, and to immerse you in the best the region has to offer.

Equipped with two twin-engine H145 helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, Ultramarine offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, the most spacious suites in this category, breathtaking public spaces, excellent outdoor wildlife viewing areas, plus an innovative mix of sustainability systems that exceeds all industry standards.

With all this and more, Ultramarine is perfectly positioned to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

#### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Staff & Crew: 140

Guests: 199

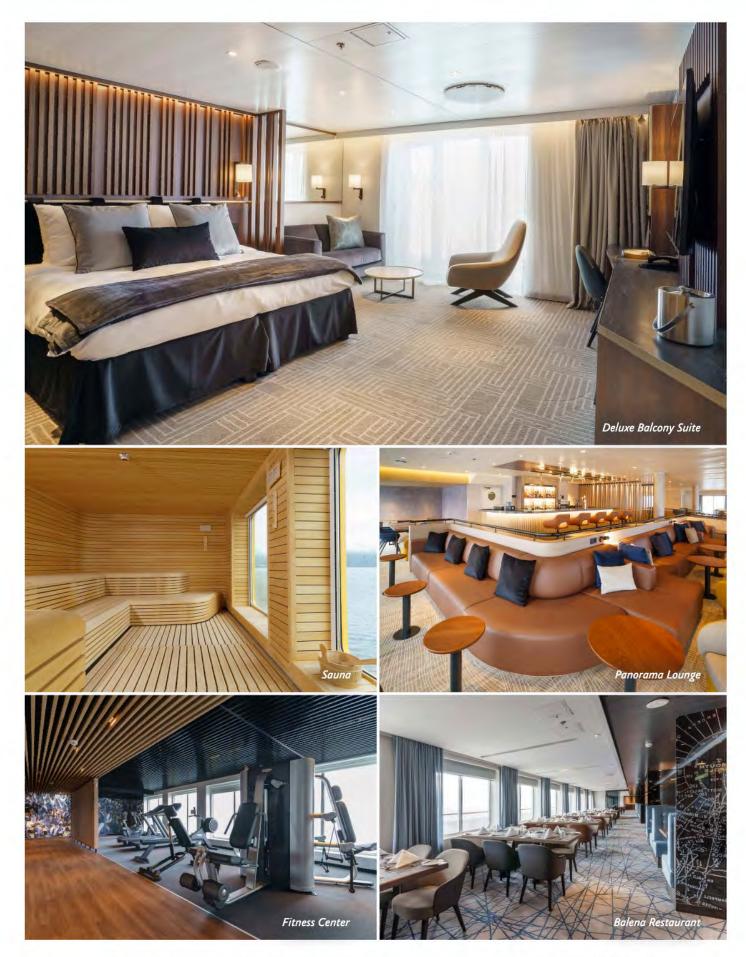
Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

Ice Class: PC6

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### Included Activities

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.

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

#### ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

#### **★** HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every guest.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

#### POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guides will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities.





### Departure Dates

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#### ULTRAMARINE

Dates	Days	Start / End
ARCTIC 2025		
APR 29 - MAY 12, 2025	14	Aberdeen/Helsinki
ARCTIC 2024		
APR 28 - MAY 11, 2024	14	Aberdeen/Helsinki



### Inclusions and Exclusions

#### **Inclusions**

#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- · Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person

#### \*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- · One night's pre-expedition hotel night in Aberdeen
- · Group transfer from Aberdeen hotel to ship on embarkation day
- · Departure transfer in Longyearbyen on disembarkation day
- · Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Helsinki on disembarkation day

#### **Exclusions**

### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- · Mandatory Transfer Package\*
- · International airfare
- Arrival and departure transfers, except where listed in the Mandatory Transfer Package
- · Passport and applicable visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned
- · Meals unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landing and cruising excursions, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar and other personal charges, unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may vary by location)
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and shipboard crew
- Additional overnight accommodation



### Your Expedition Team

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

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.







### Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of *Ultramarine*, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

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 and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock—all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.







### Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

### Scotland and Faroe Islands

#### **FAIR ISLE, SHETLAND ISLANDS**

With a population of just 65 people, Fair Isle is the most remote inhabited island in the United Kingdom. It is also the best place to find rare birds in Britain, with records of 27 first sightings as well as one of top destinations in the Scottish Isles to view the sea parrot, the Atlantic puffin.

#### **TORSHAVN, FAROE ISLANDS**

The Faroe Islands' largest city, Tórshavn features picturesque wooden cottages with charming black-tarred sod roofs mingled with modern architecture in the city's historic Old Town. A symbol of the islands, the oldest of these traditional houses dates back 500 years, though most were built after a devastating fire burned down many of the town's buildings in 1673. The Vikings founded their government (called "ting") here in 825 AD, and Faroese parliament remains in Tórshavn to this day. Named after the Norse god of war, Tórshavn means "Thor's Harbor."

#### Jan Mayen

#### BEERENBERG

Covered in glaciers, this active volcano dominates the northern half of Jan Mayen, taking up a significant part of the island's mere 144 square miles (373 sq km). A soaring 7,470-feet (2,277 meters) high, it last erupted in 1985. Let's hope for clear skies to admire this monolith from the ship or shore.





#### **KVALROSSBUKTA**

One of only two possible landing sites on Jan Mayen is Kvalrossbukta. This small bay is the site of the remains of a 17-century whaling station. The island is home to a variety of birdlife, including a large colony of northern fulmar, which is also located here.

#### **OLONKINBYEN**

Jan Mayen's only settlement, Olonkinbyen is located at the southeastern side of the island, by Båtvika (Boat Cove), the other possible landing site. As a designated nature reserve, Jan Mayen remains uninhabited, except for the 18 rotating personnel who reside in the settlement and work at either the nearby weather station or radio station.

#### Spitsbergen

The most southerly fjord in Svalbard offers some of the most spectacular

scenery, with dramatic calving glaciers, drifting pack ice and majestic peaks (the highest of which are often shrouded in mist). A Polish research station has operated on the northern shore of Hornsund since 1957. Part of Sør-Spitsbergen National Park, this pristine area is rich in wildlifereindeer, Arctic fox and polar bears can be spotted hunting for food, while seals bask on floating ice.

#### LONGYEARBYEN

Twenty-four hundred people inhabit the administrative capital of Svalbard, which is situated on the shore of Isfjorden. The settlement was founded in 1905 by John Munroe Longyear, the majority owner of the Arctic Coal Company of Boston.

#### SAMARINVÅGEN

The Samarin Glacier dominates the landscape that surrounds this bay, where icebergs, kittiwakes and Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murres) may be seen.

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## What to pack on your Arctic expedition

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

#### BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.
☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
$\hfill\square$ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)
☐ Glove liners*
☐ Hand and feet warmers*
□ Binoculars
☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)
□ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for came or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)
*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.
BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking) In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:
☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)  Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle (in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

#### TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
- Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room.
   See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- □ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- □ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit Card & Small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

) To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Arctic

> Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page: QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



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# Canada's Remote Arctic

Northwest Passage to Ellesmere and Axel Heiberg Island



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### Overview

Canada's Remote Arctic: Northwest Passage to Ellesmere and Axel Heiberg Islands

Here, at the top of the world, you will be able to experience the planet in its most pure and natural state. You'll witness a polar landscape preserved in all of its astonishing beauty-unsullied by human development, free of the blemishes of unfettered civilization. On this exciting itinerary, we follow the natural guides of sea and ice to showcase the region's cultural, historic and geographic treasures, aiming to approach the farthest stretches of this rugged, rarely visited landscape. Our goals for this voyage are to visit Nunavut's northernmost islands: Axel Heiberg, and Ellesmere. Our gamechanging new expedition vessel Ultramarine's unprecedented range of Adventure Options, including activities such as helicopter flightseeing, gives you an unrivaled polar experience. You'll be able to view the magnificent wildlife that make their home in this forbidding region, including polar bears, whales, seals, walrus, caribou, and muskox. You'll also learn about the rich Inuit culture that has persevered against all odds. From soaring cliffs to spectacular glacial formations, to stunning alpine vistas, expansive waterways to sheltered shores, Canada's Remote Arctic provides the definitive experience of a mysterious, magical region few ever get to see.

Our newest ship, Ultramarine, equipped with two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs, enables you to explore this breathtaking environment from brand new perspectives. You'll experience the same sense of wonder felt by early explorers as they navigated the region's formidable bays, inlets and channels.

#### **EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**



Channel your inner explorer as we set out to reach Canada's most northerly islands: Axel Heiberg and Ellesmere Island



Enjoy unforgettable flightseeing aboard Ultramarine's two helicopters



Search for iconic Arctic wildlife, such as polar bears, walrus and muskoxen



Gain insight into indigenous culture from Inuit guides onboard and ashore



Set foot on the Devon Ice Cap during the optional Ice Sheet Experience



### Itinerary

#### DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN CALGARY, CANADA

Your Arctic expedition begins in Calgary. Explore this vibrant city on your own before you spend the night enjoying the comforts and amenities of your designated hotel.

#### DAY 2 | FLY TO RESOLUTE & EMBARK

This morning, board your charter flight to Resolute, Nunavut. Upon arrival, you may have a chance to check out this small hamlet on foot before being transferred to your ship via Zodiac or helicopter (depending on ship location and weather conditions).

#### DAYS 3 - 10 | EXPLORING CANADA'S HIGH ARCTIC

Cruising around the remote islands of the Canadian High Arctic aboard Ultramarine, the newest ship in our fleet, you'll navigate the same icy inlets, channels and bays that fascinated legendary explorers of long ago. Designed to give polar adventurers unprecedented access to the hardestto-reach places on the planet-and equipped with two onboard twinengine helicopters for unparalleled access to areas only Quark Expeditions can bring you-this one-of-a-kind ship will take you beyond the familiar in polar exploration. Throughout your journey,



CANADA'S REMOTE ARCTIC Nunavut featuring Ellesmere and Axel Heiberg Islands

Onboard Ultramarine

Flights between Calgary and Resolute - - - - -

your Expedition Team will keep an eye toward immersing you in the best the Arctic has to offer, including reaching Canada's most northerly islands: Axel Heiberg Island and the rarely visited Ellesmere Island, at the top of the world.

Remember that no two polar voyages are alike, since each expedition presents new opportunities and different weather and ice conditions. While this voyage has no fixed itinerary, our objective is to visit as many of the incredible highlights the season has to offer, using our extensive expertise to give you the best experience. Each day, your highly skilled Expedition Team will read the conditions and choose the best course to set, but despite their knowledge of these areas, each visit brings something new to discover. That said, our expeditions will have some elements in common, including daily Zodiac cruising. land excursions, a robust education program, a community visit and wildlife

viewing opportunities. And thanks to our onboard helicopters, you'll also discover the ultimate polar expedition experience: While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea and on land, the view from the air is uniquely stunning. Conditions permitting, you'll enjoy an ultra-immersive flightseeing activity (short sightseeing flights around your ship and surrounding areas) unique to Ultramarine, giving you an awe-inspiring polar experience like no other.

While this waterway is known to European cultures as the Northwest Passage, this area has nurtured and sustained the Inuit and their predecessors who have called these shores home for almost 5,000 years. Moving through these remote landscapes you will be traveling through the ancestral homelands of this ancient culture, illuminated in person by Inuit guides onboard and ashore. Nunavut is an Inuktitut word meaning "our land" and the Nunavummiut (the

people of Nunavut) are renowned for their incredible resourcefulness, hospitality, good humor, and a deep knowledge of the land and animals that has allowed them to thrive in the far north for millennia.

Ultimately, your Expedition Team will keep its eye northward, hoping to follow in the footsteps of the lucky few polar adventurers who have transited through the famous Hell Gate to reach the top of the world, the spectacular Ellesmere Island. If conditions are right, the soaring, ominous snow-capped peaks of this polar desert will come into focus as we approach. The northernmost island in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago, Ellesmere is one of the most remote places on the planet, a land of deep fjords, jagged mountains and massive ice shelves. If we're fortunate enough to reach here, you will be among the few polar explorers to do so.





One of the goals of this expedition is to introduce guests to the unique glaciology of Axel Heiberg Island, Canada's secondmost northernly island, one-third of which is covered in glaciers. A glacier that spreads out as a wide lobe as it leaves a narrow mountain valley to enter a wider valley or a plain. Axel Heiberg is home to the most dramatic and impressive Piedmont glaciers in the world. The Piedmont glacier spreads out as a wide lobe as it makes it way out of a narrow mountain valley into a wider valley or a plain. Birders will want to have their binoculars and cameras at the ready, as the island also affords opportunities for sightings of snow buntings, ptarmigans, jaegers and arctic terns, among others.

Wildlife sightings are almost guaranteed, as many of the areas we hope to explore are home to a surprising number of birds and mammals that thrive in this

challenging environment. You may see polar bears, muskoxen and several bird species, such as gyrfalcons and dovekies (little auks). If you're lucky, you may even spot the elusive narwhal or arctic wolf, though sightings of these iconic creatures in the wild are rare, even in these areas where we have the highest chances of encountering them.

Coburg Island, for instance, is a wildlife reserve for such birds as snowy owls and peregrine falcons, while the impressive vertical cliffs of Prince Leopold Island are dotted with nesting seabirds like northern fulmars and black guillemots. The sheltered shores and steep cliffs of Arctic Bay, a hamlet located off of Admiralty Inlet, provide an ideal nesting habitat for various High Arctic birds such as snow geese, thick-billed murres (Brünnich's guillemots) and kittiwakes. The region has been inhabited by Inuit and Thule cultures for almost 5,000 years.

This community is an ideal spot to go ashore and learn more about the Inuit culture, sampling the local cuisine and mingling with artists, perhaps picking up carvings or other handicrafts as a memento of your polar adventure.

Devon Island is another possible locale for wildlife encounters, as walrus, polar bears and muskoxen inhabit the area, which is also the location of the remains of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police outpost, established at Dundas Harbour in 1924 to curb foreign whaling and other activities. Nearby is a small cemetery, one of Canada's most northerly, still maintained by the RCMP to this day. Another exciting excursion your Expedition Team might offer, conditions permitting, is the opportunity to fly up to explore the Devon ice cap, one of the largest in the Canadian Arctic. History buffs will also be intrigued by the chance to visit an abandoned Hudson's







Bay Company trading post at Fort Ross, at the southern end of Somerset Island, and pay their respects to the ill-fated Franklin expedition of 1845-46 at the gravesite of three crew members on Beechey Island, one of Canada's most significant Arctic exploration sites.

You may have the opportunity to cruise in a Zodiac along the face of an active glacier near Croker Bay and possibly even witness the wonders of calving ice, at a safe distance. Listen closely for the steady crackle and deep roars as slabs of ice break off and crash into the water below. You'll also want to be on the lookout for the walrus that are often seen in the area.

There is no shortage of natural beauty, wildlife and history in Canada's High Arctic. Each day, you'll discover something new and inspiring, whether it is admiration of the tundra flora to survive the extremely rugged environment, a rare bird species soaring overhead, a polar bear on the hunt in its natural habitat, or the ancient remains of a Thule dwelling, predecessors of the Inuit who live here today.

#### DAY 11 | DISEMBARK IN RESOLUTE, **CANADA & FLY TO CALGARY**

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

#### DAY 12 | DEPART CALGARY

Today, make your way to the airport to catch your homeward flights, or spend the day exploring this fascinating city.

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# Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



#### Arrival Day and Embarkation

#### DAY 1 - ARRIVAL AND HOTEL NIGHT IN CALGARY

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

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.

#### DAY 2 — CHARTER FLIGHT AND EMBARKATION IN RESOLUTE

Your flight to the Arctic is expected to depart from Calgary to Resolute on Day 2 of the itinerary in the morning. The scheduled flight time will be communicated in your welcome letter, and you will be transferred from your hotel to check in at the airport. Upon arrival in Resolute, you will be transferred to the ship by Zodiac.

#### PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Calgary and Resolute. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Calgary. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

#### You will find in your final documents:

- ) Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights.
- ) Hotel information and check in time
- ) Charter flight time to embarkation point
- ) Embarkation plan
- ) Departure charter flight time

#### Final Day and Departure

#### DISEMBARKATION IN RESOLUTE AND CHARTER FLIGHT

Your ship is scheduled to arrive in Resolute early morning and you will disembark after breakfast. After breakfast, and once the ship has anchored, you will have time to bid farewell to your Expedition Team and shipmates before taking one last Zodiac ride to shore. After disembarkation, you will be transferred to the airport for the return charter flight to Calgary.

#### **DEPARTING FROM CALGARY**

Upon arrival in Calgary, 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.

### Arrival and Departure Transfers

#### **CALGARY AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

Arrival and departure transfers in Calgary are not included; if you require a transfer, you will need to arrange your own transportation. Most airports we travel in and out of have reliable taxi ranks in the arrivals area, or you can often pre-book a transfer online.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

Included Hotel
Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated in your final voyage confirmation.





# Your Ship: Ultramarine

#### **NEW! ULTRAMARINE**

The newest ship in our fleet, Ultramarine is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to discover new places, and to immerse you in the best the region has to offer.

Equipped with two twin-engine H145 helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, Ultramarine offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, the most spacious suites in this category, breathtaking public spaces, excellent outdoor wildlife viewing areas, plus an innovative mix of sustainability systems that exceeds all industry standards.

With all this and more, Ultramarine is perfectly positioned to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

#### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Staff & Crew: 140 Guests: 199

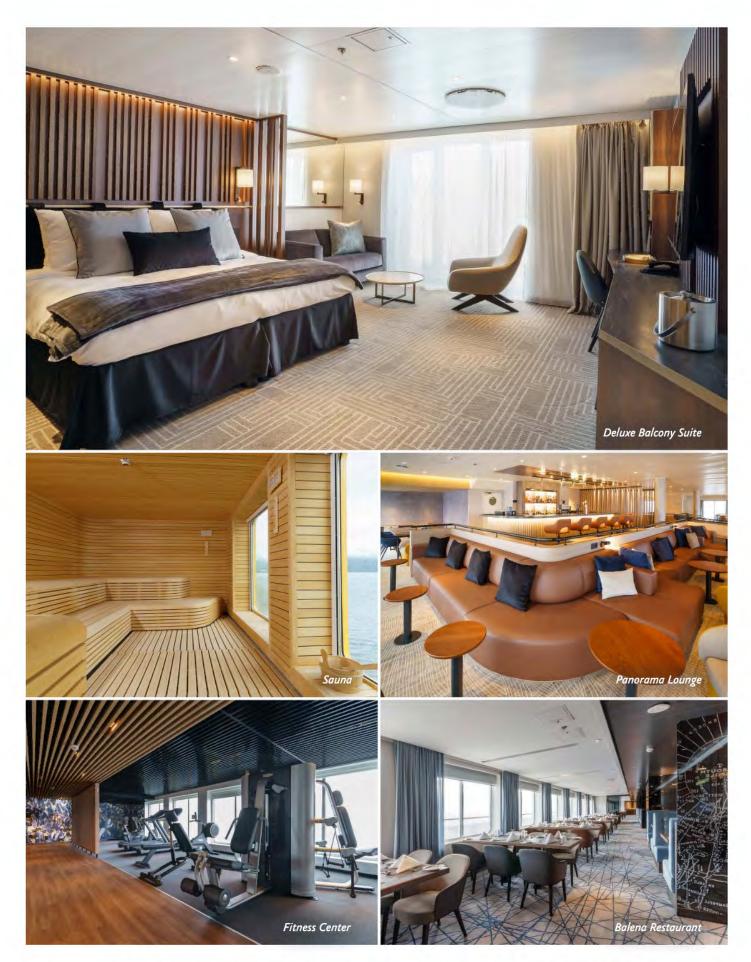
Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

Ice Class: PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.

Ultra Suite Owner's Suite Penthouse Suite Terrace Suite Deluxe Balcony Suite **Balcony Suite Explorer Suite Explorer Triple** Solo Panorama Balcony Interconnecting Suites Accessibility modified cabin; ple to your travel professional for a 

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### **Included Activities**

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.





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

#### FLIGHTSEEING

While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they're even more stunning from the air, a view you can enjoy while seated in one of the two twin-engine helicopters stationed on *Ultramarine*. Typically in groups of 6-9, you will experience an unforgettable aerial tour of the Arctic during a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion that's included in the cost of the voyage. Additional helicopter activities may also be available for purchase on board. Please note: all helicopter operations are weather- and logistics-dependent.



Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

#### HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every guest.







#### PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts-expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

#### **POLAR PLUNGE**

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff-and just about every single camera on board!

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guides will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost.



# Adventure Options

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



#### **PLEASE NOTE**

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.

#### **★ SEA KAYAKING**

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

#### X PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks-perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



# Departure Dates

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#### ULTRAMARINE

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### Inclusions and Exclusions

#### **Inclusions**

#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- · Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare looker meals.)
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock

- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- · A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- · An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- · All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person

#### **Exclusions**

### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Mandatory Transfer Package\*
- · International airfare
- · Arrival and departure transfers in Calgary
- · 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 and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may vary by location)
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- · Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities

#### \*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- · One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Calgary
- · Group transfer from the Calgary hotel to the airport on Day 2
- Charter flights between Calgary and Resolute
- · Group transfers between the Calgary airport and the ship
- · Group transfer from Calgary airport to hotel on disembarkation day
- · One night's post-expedition hotel accommodation in Calgary



# Your Expedition Team

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

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





### Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of *Ultramarine*, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

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 and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock—all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.







### Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

#### Canada

#### ADMIRALTY INLET

Situated on Baffin Island's most northerly shore is Admiralty Inlet, whose steep coastline soars 1,500 feet (460 meters) above sea level. Just off the inlet's northeastern shore lies Arctic Bay, an Inuit community we partner with to coordinate authentic experiences that highlight the best this area has to offer. Narwhals and polar bears are known to frequent the fjord.

#### **ARCTIC BAY**

This picturesque and remote community maintains strong ties to the land and sea, as its Inuit inhabitants have lived as

nomadic hunters in this region for almost 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, kittiwakes, ivory gulls and Ross's gulls. Seals, narwhals and bowhead whales make their home in these waters.

#### **AXEL HEIBERG ISLAND**

Most famous for its mummified forest dating back over 30 million years, the island is home to several bird species, including arctic terns, geese, jaegers, snow buntings and ptarmigans. It's named after Axel Heiberg, the sponsor of the 1897-1902 Norwegian expedition led by Otto Sverdrup to explore and name unchartered areas of the Arctic. Today, the island is the location of one of the longest-operating seasonal field research facilities (est. 1960) in the High Arctic. If we're able to make landing here, we will take precautions to preserve this important geological site.





#### **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 marked gravesites.

#### **COBURG ISLAND**

A well-known nesting ground, Coburg Island is a wildlife reserve with a diverse avian community. Greater snow geese, snowy owls, peregrine falcons and gyrfalcons thrive in the protected environment at certain times of the year.

#### **CROKER BAY**

On the south coast of Devon Island is Croker Bay. A glacier here actively calves off chunks of ice, creating a birthplace for icebergs. 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.

#### **DEVON ISLAND**

This is the largest uninhabited island in the world. Marking the northern side of Lancaster Sound, this desert island is so cold and dry that NASA and other organizations conduct research here for future missions to Mars. The Inuktitut name, Tallurutit means "tatoos on the chin" referring to the similarity of the geological features of the area to an Inuit woman's traditional chin tattoos.

#### **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. Be alert for wildlife, as walrus, polar bears and muskoxen inhabit the area.

#### **ELLESMERE ISLAND**

The most northerly point of land in Canada, this island at the top of the world features dramatic glacier-capped peaks that soar over 8,200 feet (2,500 meters). It is the third-largest island in the country and the 10th largest in the world. Those fortunate to visit Ellesmere will have achieved one of the most elusive landmarks in all of polar exploration.

#### **FORT ROSS**

In 1937, the Hudson's Bay Company established a trading post, named Fort Ross, on the southern 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.

#### GRISE FIORD

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







#### **HELL GATE**

Known as the gateway to the mysterious Norwegian Bay, this narrow waterway runs alongside North Kent Island and sits between two of Canada's most beautiful islands: Ellesmere Island and Devon Island. Transiting the channel is a rite of passage for any High Arctic explorer, as passing through it takes you to one of the most spectacular yet seldom-visited parts of our planet, Ellesmere Island. A natural convergence, channeling currents, drifting ice and marine life between its shores, Hell Gate supports a higher concentration of wildlife, including polar bears and northern fulmars, compared with the surrounding areas.

#### PRINCE LEOPOLD ISLAND

Impressive 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 300,000 strong! Thick-billed murres, black guillemots and northern fulmars are most commonly seen here.

#### RESOLUTE

One of Canada's most northern settlements, Resolute was formed by forceful relocation of Inuit from northern Quebec by the Canadian government in 1953, during the Cold War. Today, it's also a jumping off point for high Arctic research. It has everything from a grocery store and cable TV to a school and a couple of hotels. About 200 people live in Resolute throughout the year, where hunting and logistical support to research, mining and tourism contribute to the community's economy.

#### WINTER HARBOUR, MELVILLE ISLAND

Winter Harbour is the overwintering site of legendary explorer Sir William Parry's famous 1819-20 expedition to find the Northwest Passage. The first recorded voyage to this region, it predates the later exploration of Sir John Franklin and others by over 20 years! The site is home to a large sandstone rock known as Parry's Rock. Designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 1930, this natural monument bears an inscription by the ship's surgeon of the expedition's vessels and their captains, as well as a plaque marking when Canada took possession of the Arctic Archipelago.

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# What to pack on your Arctic expedition

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

#### BY SEA AND AIR

All transfers ship to shore, helicopter flights and Zodiac/ship cruising.
☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac and helicopter ride)
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)
☐ Glove liners*
☐ Hand and feet warmers*
☐ Binoculars
□ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)
☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)
*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.
BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking) In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:
☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
□ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)  Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle (in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

#### TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
- Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room.
   See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- □ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit Card & Small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

) To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Arctic

> Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page: QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



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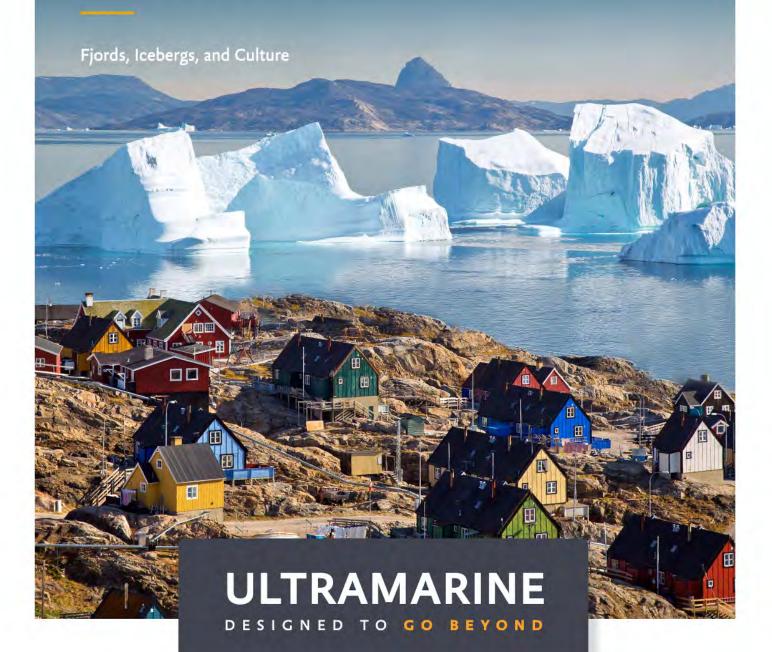
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# Gems of West Greenland



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### Overview

Gems of West Greenland: Fjords, Icebergs and Culture

Immerse yourself along the dramatic coast of West Greenland, exploring deep into fjords and stunning islands. This trip features the best sites of West Greenland and delivers an in-depth experience in just 12 days. You'll have opportunities to visit towns such as Sisimiut and Uummannaq, both rich with culture. Find yourself coasting by massive glaciers while enjoying all the comforts Ultramarine has to offer. At the peak of summer months, you'll enjoy the long sunny days, clear vistas, and abundant opportunities to see wildlife.

#### **EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**



We'll take you deeper into Uummaanaaq and Eternity Fjords than any other operator



Experience the beauty of these landscapes from the air thanks to Ultramarine's twin-engine H145 helicopters



Experience Greenlandic culture by exploring with local partners



Visit three of Greenland's most picturesque, iconic regions in a single voyage



Join unique and immersive optional activities, such as our exclusive heli-landing and mountain biking adventures





## Itinerary

#### DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN TORONTO, CANADA

Arrive at Toronto Pearson International Airport and make your way to your included hotel in Toronto. The rest of the day is yours to explore the multicultural city of Toronto.

#### DAY 2 | FLY TO KANGERLUSSUAQ AND EMBARK

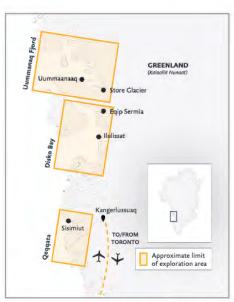
This morning you'll catch your charter flight to Kangerlussuaq, where you'll board your vessel and begin your expedition. Get ready for a great adventure ahead! Expect a welcome and safety briefing from your Expedition Leader.

#### DAY 3 | AT SEA

As we sail north along the west coast to our first area of exploration, your Expedition Team will prepare you for the adventures that lie ahead. Once activity and excursion briefings are completed, our education team will schedule presentations on the wildlife and fascinating history of Greenland, its geology, ecology and climate, and the incredible sights you will soon explore.

#### DAYS 4 - 6 | UUMMANAQ FJORD

Uummannaq Fjord is the second-largest fjord system in Greenland surpassed only by Scoresbysund in east Greenland. On these itinerary days you will have the opportunity to become one of few people ever to explore this area in



GEMS OF WEST GREENLAND: Fjords, Icebergs and Culture Onboard Ultramarine Flight to/from Toronto --

depth and travel beyond the predictable tourist destinations. The fjord is full of cultural and natural wonders. Potential excursions include visits to the town of Uummanag, venturing into Qilakitsog (the site where the famous Greenland Mummies were discovered) and excursions focused around Store Glacier and its immense discharge zone. You'll embrace the expeditionary spirit as we pioneer new destinations within the labyrinth of valleys and channels in the depths of the fjord.

Quark Expeditions' core belief in working closely with our local partners will enhance every experience as we explore alongside local experts. We'll draw on our team's collective knowledge and expertise to deliver incredible experiences.

#### DAYS 7 & 8 | DISKO BAY

Disko Bay is a wide, southeastern inlet of Baffin Bay and is the largest open bay in western Greenland. Try to get out on

deck as we navigate into this iconic bay where whales are often spotted. Disko Bay is full of exciting destinations for us to explore. We will almost certainly visit the community of Illulissat, which is situated at the head of outlet fjord for Sermeq Kujalleq (Jakobshavn Glacier), known for discharging 35 billion tons of ice each year. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004, the fjord is immensely beautiful and we will encourage you to explore it via one of the many marked hiking trails.

Another area we will consider for this itinerary is the wild beauty of Equip Sermia or Torsukatak Fjords, located in the northeast corner of Disko Bay. Both of these remote areas offer fantastic vistas of large active glacial faces and provide plenty of opportunities for hiking, paddling, and Zodiac cruising. This is also an area where, if conditions allow, we will consider utilizing our twinengine helicopters to get you in the air to

appreciate the immensity of this region.

#### DAYS 9 & 10 | QEQQATA

Qeqqata (meaning centre) municipality is Greenland's second smallest administrative region. Situated in the middle of the country's western coast, Qeqqata is home to almost 20% of Greenland's populace, most of whom reside in Sisimiut and Maniitsoq.

During these two days your expedition team will work with our local partners to curate a balance of community and wilderness-focused activities. We are likely to visit Sisimiut, where you can wonder through the open air museum, participate in local tastings or join a hiking group to venture beyond the town limits along one of many incredible hiking trails on Sisimiut's doorstep. This is where we will also offer the (paid) mountain biking activity.

Further south, the areas surrounding Maniitsoq are equally stunning. One of





our favorite destinations in the area is the picturesque alpine lake of Innussuit Tasersuat, which we can hike and share a picnic with friends from Maniitsoq. The fjord systems behind Maniitsoq are deep and seldom visited. Our team will seek to take you beyond the ordinary and into these fjords for magical one-of-a-kind experiences, one of which is Eternity Fjord, which is home to the tallest mountains in all of West Greenland.

#### DAY 11 | KANGERLUSSUAQ

Today, we disembark in Kangerlussuaq and transfer you to your charter flight to Toronto, where you'll spend the night in your included hotel.

#### DAY 12 | TORONTO

Today, make your way to Toronto Pearson International Airport to catch your homeward flights, or spend more time exploring the fascinating city of Toronto, known for its many multicultural neighborhoods and attractions.

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# Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

#### Arrival Day and Embarkation

#### DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN TORONTO

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

#### DAY 2 — TRANSFER TO AIRPORT, FLIGHT TO KANGERLUSSUAQ AND **EMBARKATION IN KANGERLUSSUAQ**

On the morning of Day 2, guests and their luggage will be transferred to the airport for the flight to Kangerlussuaq.

Upon arrival at Kangerlussuaq, guests and their luggage will be transferred to the pier, where they will be transported to their awaiting ship by Zodiac.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Toronto and Kangerlussuaq. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Toronto. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

#### You will find in your final documents:

- ) Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights.
- ) Hotel information and check in time
- ) Charter flight time to embarkation point
- ) Embarkation plan
- ) Departure charter flight time

#### Final Day and Departure

### DISEMBARKATION IN KANGERLUSSUAQ AND CHARTER FLIGHT

Your ship is scheduled to arrive in Kangerlussuaq and you will disembark after breakfast. The disembarkation process takes about an hour. After disembarkation, you will be transferred to the airport for the return charter flight to Toronto.

#### **DEPARTING FROM TORONTO**

Upon arrival in Toronto, 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 onward flight, or stay longer if you have booked additional accommodation.

### Arrival and Departure Transfers

#### TORONTO AIRPORT TRANSFERS

An arrival transfer in Toronto is not included in the expedition; If you require a transfer, you will need to arrange your own transportation. Most airports we travel in and out of have good taxi ranks in the arrivals area, or you can often pre-book a transfer online.

Your final night's included accommodation will be provided and a transfer to the airport will be available on the final day of the itinerary. A transfer to the city is not included if you are extending your time in Toronto after the expedition; be sure to make the appropriate arrangements.

#### PLEASE NOTE

#### Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated in your final voyage confirmation. If you would like to extend your stay, you can book directly with the hotel or through a third party.





# Your Ship: Ultramarine

#### **NEW! ULTRAMARINE**

The newest ship in our fleet, Ultramarine is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to discover new places, and to immerse you in the best the region has to offer.

Equipped with two twin-engine H145 helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, Ultramarine offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, the most spacious suites in this category, breathtaking public spaces, excellent outdoor wildlife viewing areas, plus an innovative mix of sustainability systems that exceeds all industry standards.

With all this and more, Ultramarine is perfectly positioned to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

#### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Staff & Crew: 140 Guests: 199

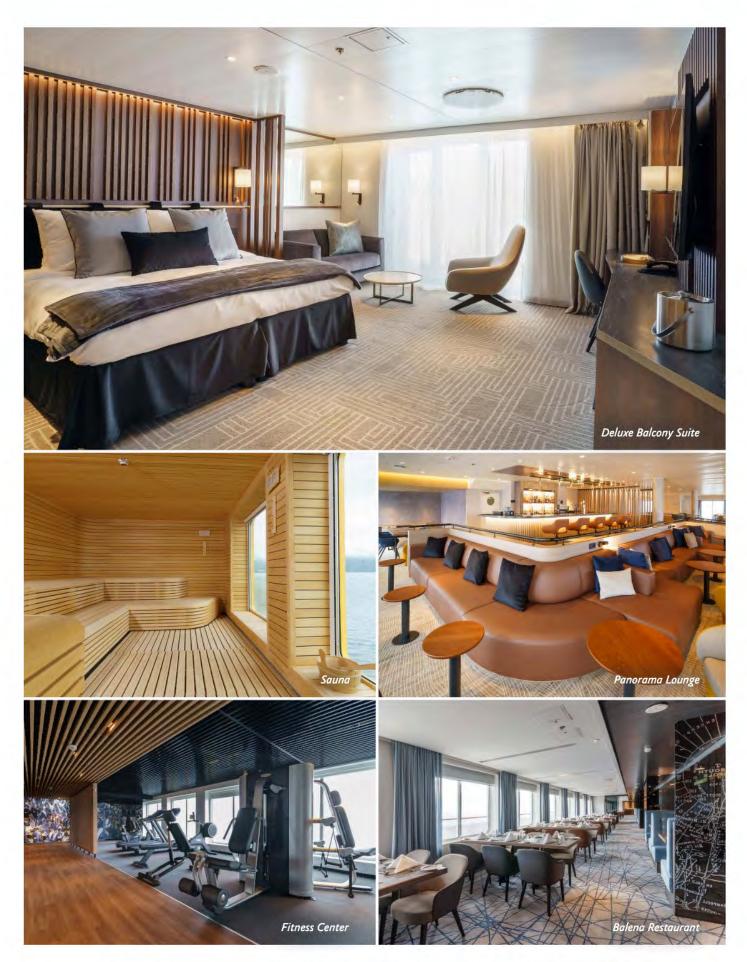
Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

Ice Class: PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.

Ultra Suite Owner's Suite Penthouse Suite Terrace Suite Deluxe Balcony Suite **Balcony Suite Explorer Suite Explorer Triple** Solo Panorama Balcony Interconnecting Suites Accessibility modified cabin; please u to your travel professional for details

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### **Included Activities**

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.





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

#### FLIGHTSEEING

While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they're even more stunning from the air, a view you can enjoy while seated in one of the two twin-engine helicopters stationed on Ultramarine. Typically in groups of 6-9, you will experience an unforgettable aerial tour of the Arctic during a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion that's included in the cost of the voyage. Additional helicopter activities may also be available for purchase on board. Please note: all helicopter operations are weather- and logistics-dependent.

#### ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

#### HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every guest.







#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

#### **POLAR PLUNGE**

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guides will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost.



# **Adventure Options**

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



#### **★ SEA KAYAKING**

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.



#### X PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-ontop kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience.

Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



#### MOUNTAIN BIKING

Feeling like a more active adventure? Our team has joined with local partners to identify incredible mountain biking routes through the stunning scenery just beyond the town boundaries of Sisimiut, Greenland. While others explore the community our expert guides and local partners will take you to the best terrain to start your adventure and be with you throughout the activity.

Participants must be fit, and intermediate to intermediate-strong mountain bikers. Riders should expect a combination of singletrack and remote gravel roads. Riders should be able to roll over small obstacles (like roots or rocks), and shift gears comfortably when anticipating and responding to changing terrain.





**PLEASE NOTE:** For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.

#### EXCLUSIVE HELI-LANDING

Imagine setting foot in an area of the Arctic that can only be safely accessed by helicopter. With a small group of fellow passengers and expert guides, you'll board one of *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters to soar off to an exclusive polar site where no ships can navigate.

Expect stunning bird's-eye views during your flight, and then, upon arrival, simply sit back, relax and take in the splendor of the Arctic from "the best seat in the house": glacial amphitheaters, breath-taking summits, and more. Traveling in groups of 12 with no more than 4 groups (48 guests) at a time on each landing, you'll have time to relax and quietly reflect on the beauty of your polar surroundings, after which you'll be picked up by the helicopters in the same location and returned to *Ultramarine*.

Each exclusive heli-landing experience is uniquely curated by our expedition team, taking conditions, regulations and location capacity into consideration.

#### TUNDRA TO TABLE

Our ground-breaking Tundra to Table experience offers guests a one-of-a-kind adventure into the culinary traditions of the Inuit in Greenland and Nunavut. You'll savor food made with ingredients direct from the sea and surrounding Arctic land—prepared by local chefs. Enjoy an evening of Inuit storytelling as you dine on traditional dishes of the Inuit of Greenland and Nunavut, including beer-braised muskox served with Greenlandic mashed potatoes, and pickled halibut served with lumpfish dip and bread. Our on-ship Tundra to Table experience is the only exclusively Inuit culinary offering of its kind in the world.



# Departure Dates

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#### ULTRAMARINE

Dates	Days	Start / End	-	*	X	T P	@∕⊙	<b>•</b> ••
			Flightseeing	Sea Kayaking	Paddling Excursion	Exclusive Heli-Landing	Mountain Biking	Tundra to Table
ARCTIC 2025								
AUG 17 - 28, 2025	12	Toronto	Included	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ARCTIC 2024								
JUL 14 - 25, 2024	12	Toronto	Included	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
JUL 23 - AUG 3, 2024	12	Toronto	Included	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

\$ Paid Activities



# Inclusions and Exclusions

#### Inclusions

#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- · A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- · Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax

#### \*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- · One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Toronto
- · Group transfer from hotel to Toronto Airport.
- · Charter flight from Toronto to Kangerlussuaq
- · Group transfer from the ship to the Kangerlussuaq airport on disembarkation day
- · Charter flight from Kangerlussuaq to Toronto
- · Group transfer from Toronto Pearson airport to hotel
- · One night's post-expedition hotel accommodation in Toronto

#### **Exclusions**

### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Mandatory Transfer Package
- · International airfare
- · Arrival transfers in Toronto
- · Passport and visa expenses
- 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 and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may vary by location)
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- · Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities



# Your Expedition Team

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

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.







### Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of *Ultramarine*, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

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 and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock—all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.







# Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

#### West Greenland

#### **DISKO BAY**

Disko Bay is the largest open bay in western Greenland. It measures 150 km from north to south, 100 kilometers from east to west and has average depth of 400 metres. After the disappearance of the Norse in the 15th century, the Thule Inuit established themselves in the Disko Bay area and Europeans did not reappear until Danish colonization in the 18th century, apart from an English expedition in 1587. The nutrient-rich waters of Disko Bay sustain abundant marine life, such as capelin and cod fish, and migratory seals

such as harp, ringed, hooded and bearded seals. The bay is also a gathering place for humpback and bowhead whales.

#### **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 seenand heard—calving into the water below. Navigating the narrow sound on the way to the glacier requires traversing ice-clogged water, which produces an ethereal feeling as bergs glide around the ship's hull.

#### **QEQERTARSUAQ**

One of the oldest settlements in Greenland, Qegertarsuag was settled by whalers in 1773, but archeological evidence suggests that people lived here at least 6,000 years earlier. The town and surrounding area stand apart as the island's only volcanic region. The area offers unusual geology and colorful





landscapes, with particularly lush vegetation. More than half of Greenland's plant species are found here, tucked between columns of basalt rock and black sand beaches littered with ice fragments. In town, you don't want to miss Qegertarsuaq's Vorherres Bleaekhus, which hosts musical performances by resident artists. Local guides will also lead walking tours to visit the church, Qeqertarsuaq's shopping area and businesses, and the local museum. If time and weather permit, there's the chance of an extended hike to the incredible basalt columns 10 km down the coast. This hike isn't for the faint of heart.

#### **UUMMANNAQ FJORD**

Uummannaq Fjord (meaning heartshaped) is a small island community of approximately 1,500 people about 600 km (375 miles) north of the Arctic Circle. The small village is located at the foot of a towering rock rising steeply

out of the ocean, giving the island its name. It's a truly spectacular setting! The mountain (1,450 m / 4,640 ft.) is composed of granitic gneiss, sometimes called "basement gneiss." This rock was originally granite and then subjected to heat and pressure several kilometres below the Earth's crust, causing the minerals to form metamorphic rocks. The landscape you'll see has been dramatically eroded, particularly in the areas where faults have occurred in the mountain structure. These areas weathered and were subsequently overrun by glaciers that carved the dramatic fjords.

#### STORE GLACIER

Store Glacier is massive. It's 5.5 km wide at its front and is ranked third in iceberg discharge for West Greenland. It's stunningly beautiful-yet rarely visited. It is one of a number of remarkably stable

Greenland ice sheet outlets. Scientists report there's been no significant change in its front position, based on imagery going back to 1964. It's believed that Store Glacier is heavily grounded, dragging securely along its steep bed.

#### **ILULISSAT**

Ilulissat (formerly Jakobshaven) lies approximately 350 km north of the Arctic Circle. With a population of over 4500, it is the third-largest city in Greenland, after Nuuk and Sisimiut. Founded by Danish trader Jacob Saverin as a trading post in 1741, Ilulissat today is a center for shrimp-fishing in the region. Directly translated, "Ilulissat" is the Kalaallisut word for "icebergs." The town is situated 2 km north of the legendary Ice Fjord, through which colossal icebergs travel out to sea. Ilulissat is also the birthplace of noted polar explorer and anthropologist Knud Rasmussen, Greenland's revered native son. You'll







be able to enter the house where he was born in 1879 as it's now a small museum dedicated to his achievements. From 1906 until the early 1930s, Kununnguaq, or "Little Knud," devoted his life to Arctic studies. His greatest achievements included the Danish Ethnographical Expedition to Arctic North America, also known as the Fifth Thule Expedition, which enabled Rasmussen and his team to take archaeological, geographical and natural history data from Greenland right across the North American Arctic.

SISIMIUT

Sisimiut is located just above the Arctic Circle on the west coast of Greenland, approximately 320 km north of Nuuk. The second-largest city in Greenland, Sisimiut has been inhabited for thousands of years. It's a city of contrasts: in a single day you can walk in the footsteps (and observe the homes) of prehistoric peoples, and next

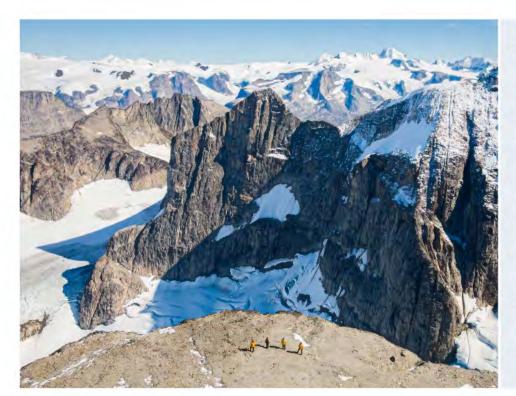
you'll visit one of Sisimiut's fashionable craft stores where you can purchase art that combines traditional and modern techniques. Sisimiut means "the residents at the foxholes." The site has been inhabited for the last 4500 years, first by peoples of the Saqqaq culture, then Dorset culture, and then the Thule people, whose Inuit descendants form the majority of the current population.

#### **MANIITSOQ**

Maniitsoq is hidden behind a series of jagged peaks, which perhaps explains why it's a little-known gem until recently. Visitors are drawn to the area's pristine rivers, huge mountains, seemingly endless glaciers and deep fjords, especially Eternity Fjord, which is one of the longest in Greenland. These diverse features makes Maniitsoq one of the most alluring and wild regions of West Greenland. Vertical cliffs attract thousands of birds, while

rivers are teeming with Arctic char.

Maniitsoq offers excellent whalewatching opportunities. One of our
favorite experiences in the Maniitsoq
area is a hike with our local partners to
a remote and picturesque lake, Innussuit
Tasersuat, where guests can enjoy
a picnic of local delicacies with our
Greenlandic friends.



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# What to pack on your Greenland expedition

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

BY SEA AND AIR All transfers ship to shore, helicopter flights and Zodiac/ship cruising.
☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac and helicopter ride)
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top* ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom* ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)
☐ Glove liners* ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
□ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
☐ Sunscreen ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)
□ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)
*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.
BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking) In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:
☐ Worn-in Hiking footwear: While Muck-boots are provided and encouraged for most shore excursions, additional hiking footwear (Goretex-lined boots or similar water-proof hiking boots) can add to your hiking comfort, especially if wyou are a keen hiker
☐ (Smart) Wool or synthetic hiking socks for above footwear (bring an extra pair)
☐ Lightweight and quick-dry, trekking pants that may or may not convert to zip-off shorts* (*depending on your thermo-regulation)
☐ Breathable waterproof pants* and rain jacket** for outdoor activities in inclement weather (*can be the same pair you use for Zodiac operations / ** can be outer shell of complimentary Quark 3in1 Parka)
$\hfill\square$ Comfortable long or short-sleeve shirt for hiking either synthetic/quickdry or merino (smart) wool
☐ (Hiking) gloves (medium thickness, waterproof preferred)
☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
□ UV protection (hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm)
☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)  Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
☐ Additional reusable thermos or water bottle

#### TO WEAR ON BOARD

☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)
Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!
ADDITIONAL ITEMS
☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport & cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra
batteries
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Scan this QR code or click here to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

- To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Greenland
- > Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page: QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions

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# Northwest Passage

The Legendary Arctic Sea Route

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### Overview

Northwest Passage: The Legendary Arctic Sea Route

Winding your way through the icy channels of the legendary Northwest Passage is history brought to life during this expedition in the Canadian High Arctic and Greenland. On this compelling 17-day journey aboard our game-changing new vessel Ultramarine, passengers retrace the steps of the intrepid Franklin Expedition, which left the shores of England in 1845 in search of the last unexplored section of the Northwest Passage—only to become permanently icebound. Its discovery more than a century and a half later by Norwegian Roald Amundsen was a muchcelebrated moment in polar history.

On Ultramarine, guests benefit from two twin-engine helicopters that will provide spectacular aerial views of the Arctic landscape, the most extensive portfolio of Adventure Options in the industry, more outdoor wildlife viewing spaces than any other expedition ship its size, and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs to get you closer to ancient glaciers, dramatic fjords and towering icebergs. Explore colorful Inuit villages, and shop for traditional Inuit handicrafts. Hike the endless Arctic backdrop and marvel at the vast, colorful tundra. Keep your eyes peeled for the elusive and majestic creatures that make their home in this wilderness, such as whales, walrus, muskoxen and polar bears. Come aboard Ultramarine for this immersive journey along the legendary Arctic sea route, and return home with memories permanently etched in your heart.

#### **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



Enjoy flightseeing on one of Ultramarine's two twin-engine helicopters.



# Itinerary

#### DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN TORONTO, CANADA

Your Arctic expedition begins in Toronto. Explore this vibrant city on your own before spending the night enjoying the comfort and amenities of your designated hotel.

#### DAY 2 | FLY TO KANGERLUSSUAQ. GREENLAND, AND EMBARK

After breakfast, board your charter flight to Kangerlussuaq, a small community nestled deep inside a 118 mile (190 km) long fjord. 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.

#### DAY 3 & 4 | EXPLORING WEST GREENLAND

Cruising around the remote regions of Greenland and the Canadian Arctic aboard Ultramarine, the newest ship in our fleet, you'll navigate the same icy inlets, channels and bays that fascinated legendary explorers of long ago. Designed to give polar adventurers unprecedented access to the hardestto-reach places on the planet-and equipped with two onboard twin-engine helicopters for unparalleled access to areas only Quark Expeditions can bring you-this one-of-a-kind ship will take you beyond the familiar in polar exploration. Throughout your journey, your Expedition Team will keep an



NORTHWEST PASSAGE The Legendary Arctic Sea Route Onboard Ultramarine

Flights from Toronto / to Calgary from the ship ---

eye toward immersing you in the best the Arctic has to offer at the top of the world. 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. See for yourself the unique and thriving culture of contemporary Greenland that mingles the ancient with the modern in surprising and wonderful ways. 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 | CRUISING

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.

#### DAYS 6 - 15 | EXPLORING **CANADA'S HIGH ARCTIC**

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

At the southern tip of the Cumberland Sound, you'll visit Cape Mercy, which was named by British explorer John Davis (yes, he of the Davis Strait), who sailed through it in 1585. This is the site of an old Distant Early Warning Line installation, dating back to the Cold War. These and many other stations were set up to detect Soviet bombers. It's an ideal spot to go ashore for a hike.

As icebergs travel down the Davis Strait, they're naturally trapped at Qikiqtarjuaq (formerly known as Broughton Island). The icy waters here are also home to

ring and harp seals. A hike up to the hilltop inuksuk rewards with spectacular views of the community. Inuksuks are stone figures or cairns that traditionally call attention to the location for navigation, abundant harvesting or spiritual significance.

Cruising further north along the mountainous east shore of Baffin Island, we'll approach Isabella Bay, an important summer and fall feeding area for the largest concentration of bowhead whales in Canada. Bowheads are a truly a remarkable arctic leviathan that research has revealed may live more than 200 years of age - the oldest mammal.

At the northern tip of Baffin Island, near the eastern entrance to the Northwest Passage, is the Inuit hamlet of Pond Inlet, surrounded by scenic mountains, fjords, glaciers and icebergs. Many in the community still follow a nomadic lifestyle and hunt for their food.

At the top of Baffin Island sits Lancaster Sound, a true arctic oasis. Known by the Inuit and their predecessors for



thousands of years, this channel and the surrounding lands are extremely rich in wildlife and history, both indigenous and European.

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 for walrus that are known to visit the bay. Farther west, some of the best ancient Thule remains in the Arctic are at Radstock Bay, beside the soaring Caswell Towers.

At the western end of Devon Island, the windswept Beechey Island is 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. Over 150 years later, 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 if you're very fortunate, narwhals, as they feed at Creswell Bay. 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 nowabandoned trading post in 1937. At the midpoint of the Bellot Strait, the narrow channel that separates Somerset Island from mainland North America, you'll reach the northernmost area of the continental landmass, Zenith Point.

#### DAY 16 | DISEMBARK IN RESOLUTE, CANADA & FLY TO CALGARY

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

#### DAY 17 | DEPART CALGARY

Today, make your way to the airport to catch your homeward flights, or spend the day exploring this unique Western Canadian city.

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# Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



#### Arrival Day and Embarkation

#### DAY 1 - ARRIVING IN TORONTO

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

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.

#### DAY 2 — CHARTER FLIGHT AND EMBARKATION IN KANGERLUSSUAQ

Your flight to the Arctic is expected to depart from Toronto to Kangerlussuaq on Day 2 of the itinerary in the morning. The scheduled flight time will be communicated in your welcome letter, and you will be transferred from your hotel to check in at the airport. Upon arrival in Kangerlussuaq, you will be transferred to the ship by Zodiac.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Toronto and Kanderlussuaaq / Resolute and Calgary. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

#### You will find in your final documents:

- Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights
- > Hotel information and check in time
- ) Charter flight time to embarkation point
- > Embarkation plan
- Departure charter flight time

#### Final Day and Departure

### DISEMBARKATION IN RESOLUTE AND CHARTER FLIGHT

Your ship is scheduled to arrive in Resolute in the morning. After breakfast, and once the ship has anchored, you will have time to bid farewell to your Expedition Team and shipmates before taking one last Zodiac ride to shore. After disembarkation, you will be transferred to the airport for the return charter flight to Calgary.

#### **DEPARTING FROM CALGARY**

Upon arrival in Calgary, 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.

#### Arrival and Departure Transfers

#### **TORONTO /CALGARY AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

Arrival and departure transfers in Toronto /Calgary are not included; If you require a transfer, you will need to arrange your own transportation.

#### PLEASE NOTE

#### Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated in your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like to extend your stay, you can book directly with the hotel or through a third party. Because this voyage starts and ends in different cities, guests will not be able to leave extra luggage behind at their designated hotel for Day 1.





# Your Ship: Ultramarine

#### **NEW! ULTRAMARINE**

The newest ship in our fleet, Ultramarine is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to discover new places, and to immerse you in the best the region has to offer.

Equipped with two twin-engine H145 helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, Ultramarine offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, the most spacious suites in this category, breathtaking public spaces, excellent outdoor wildlife viewing areas, plus an innovative mix of sustainability systems that exceeds all industry standards.

With all this and more, Ultramarine is perfectly positioned to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

#### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Staff & Crew: 140 Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

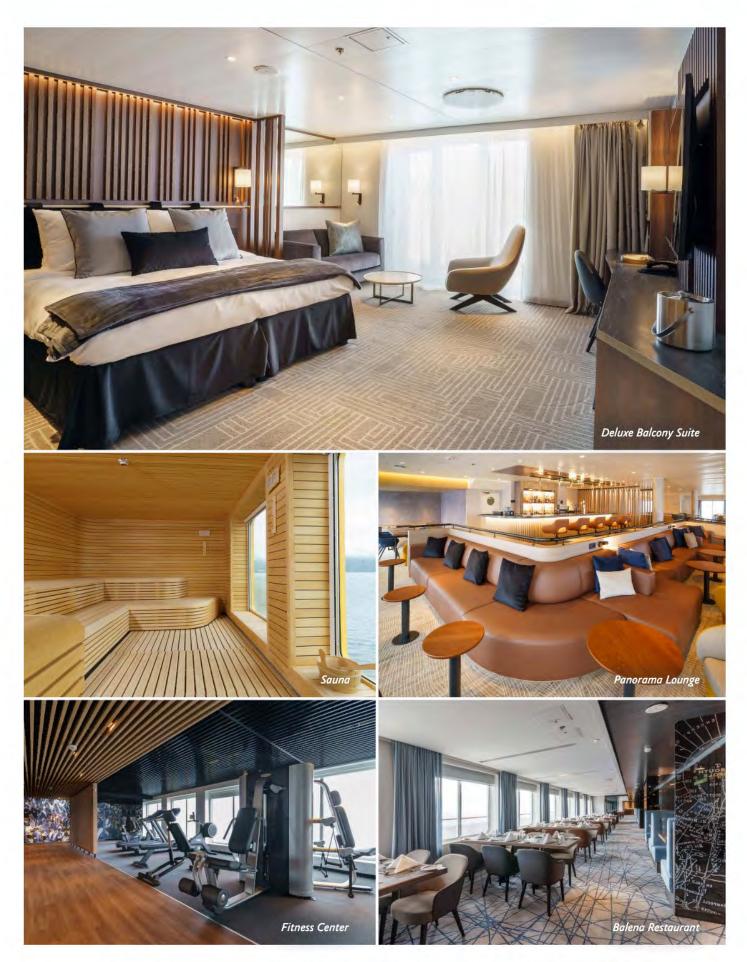
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Ultra Suite





## Included Activities

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.





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

#### FLIGHTSEEING

While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they're even more stunning from the air, a view you can enjoy while seated in one of the two twin-engine helicopters stationed on Ultramarine. Typically in groups of fewer than 10, you will experience an unforgettable aerial tour of the Arctic during a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion that's included in the cost of the voyage. Additional helicopter activities may also be available for purchase on board. Please note: all helicopter operations are weather- and logistics-dependent.



Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.







#### HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every guest.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

#### **POLAR PLUNGE**

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guides will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost.



# Adventure Options

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



#### **★ SEA KAYAKING**

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.



#### X PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-ontop kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



#### TUNDRA TO TABLE

Our ground-breaking Tundra to Table experience offers guests a one-of-a-kind adventure into the culinary traditions of the Inuit in Greenland and Nunavut. You'll savor food made with ingredients direct from the sea and surrounding Arctic land—prepared by local chefs. Enjoy an evening of Inuit storytelling as you dine on traditional dishes of the Inuit of Greenland and Nunavut. including beer-braised muskox served with Greenlandic mashed potatoes, and pickled halibut served with lumpfish dip and bread. Our on-ship Tundra to Table experience is the only exclusively Inuit culinary offering of its kind in the world.



# Departure Dates

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#### **ULTRAMARINE**

Dates	Days	Start / End	-	k	X	₩Ÿ
			Flightseeing	Sea Kayaking	Paddling Excursion	Inuit Culinary Experience
ARCTIC 2025						
AUG 26 - SEPT 11, 2025	14	Toronto/Calgary	Included	\$	\$	\$
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# Inclusions and Exclusions

#### Inclusions

#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- · Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock

- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- · A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- · An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- · Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax

#### \*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- · One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Toronto
- · Group transfer from the Toronto hotel to the airport on Day 2
- · Charter flight from Toronto to Kangerlussuaq
- · Group transfer from the Kangerlussuaq airport to the ship on embarkation day
- · Group transfer from the ship to the Resolute airport on disembarkation day
- · Charter flight from Resolute to Calgary
- · Group transfer from Calgary airport to hotel
- · One night's post-expedition hotel accommodation in Calgary

#### **Exclusions**

### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Mandatory Transfer Package
- · International airfare
- · Arrival and departure transfers in Toronto /Calgary
- · 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 and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may vary by location)
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- · Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities

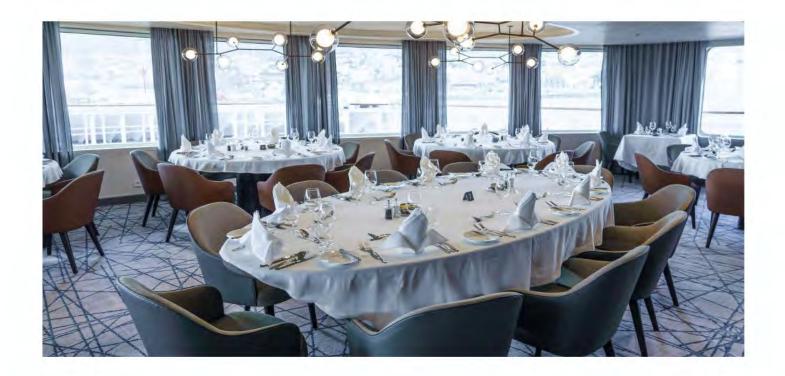


# Your Expedition Team

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

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





### Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of *Ultramarine*, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

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 and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock—all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.







## Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

#### West Greenland

#### **KANGERLUSSUAQ**

Kangerlussuaq sits at the head of a 118-mile (190 km) long fjord. The tiny town has Greenland's largest airport and a unique history. Although Inuit and their predecessors occupied or visited the area, Kangerlussuaq's modern incarnation dates back to the U.S. occupation of Greenland as an air force base beginning in World War II.

#### NUUK

Nuuk is the epicenter of Greenland's fascinating emerging culture. At population 15,000, the world's smallest capital city is a wonderful and curious mix of the traditional and the new.

A particular highlight is the Greenland National Museum, which offers an insight into social change affecting the country from the 1950s onwards. Other exhibits include some of the the world's oldest rocks (approx. 3.8 billion years found close to Nuuk), and the Qilakitsoq exhibit displaying the mummified remains of 15th century Inuit women and a six-month old child. The Katuaq Culture Centre and Nuuk Art Museum are also worth exploring.

#### Canada

#### **ARCTIC BAY**

This picturesque and remote community maintains strong ties to the land and sea, as its Inuit inhabitants have lived as nomadic hunters in this region for almost 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, 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 marked gravesites.

#### **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.

#### **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 southern 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.







#### **POND INLET**

Europeans have been visiting the area that came to be known as 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 latecomers, as the indigenous peoples had been living in the region for thousands of years.

#### PRINCE LEOPOLD ISLAND

Impressive vertical cliffs surround part of this small island. This creates an ideal environment for seabirds, and they nest here in vast numbers—more than 300,000 strong! Thick-billed murres, black guillemots and northern fulmars are most commonly seen here.

#### QIKIQTARJUAQ

Known until 1998 as Broughton Island, Qikiqtarjuaq sits at the foot of the Baffin Mountains, the highest range east of the Rocky Mountains. From the cape, multitudes of icebergs can be seen coming down Davis Strait, and the rich arctic waters are home to numbers of seals and whales.

#### RESOLUTE

One of Canada's most northern settlements, Resolute was formed by forceful relocation of Inuit from northern Quebec by the Canadian government in 19S3, during the Cold War. Today, it's also a jumping off point for much high Arctic research. It has everything from a grocery store and

cable TV to a school and a couple of hotels. About 200 people live in Resolute throughout the year, where hunting and logistical support to research, mining and tourism contribute to the community's economy.



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# What to pack on your Greenland expedition

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

BY SEA AND AIR All transfers ship to shore, helicopter flights and Zodiac/ship cruising.					
☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac and helicopter ride)					
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top* ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*					
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom* ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*					
☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)					
☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection					
☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)					
☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)					
☐ Glove liners* ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars					
□ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)					
☐ Sunscreen ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)					
□ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)					
*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.					
BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking) In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:					
□ Worn-in Hiking footwear: While Muck-boots are provided and encouraged for most shore excursions, additional hiking footwear (Goretex-lined boots or similar water-proof hiking boots) can add to your hiking comfort, especially if wyou are a keen hiker					
☐ (Smart) Wool or synthetic hiking socks for above footwear (bring an extra pair)					
☐ Lightweight and quick-dry, trekking pants that may or may not convert to zip-off shorts* (*depending on your thermo-regulation)					
☐ Breathable waterproof pants* and rain jacket** for outdoor activities in inclement weather (*can be the same pair you use for Zodiac operations / ** can be outer shell of complimentary Quark 3in1 Parka)					
☐ Comfortable long or short-sleeve shirt for hiking either synthetic/quick-dry or merino (smart) wool					
☐ (Hiking) gloves (medium thickness, waterproof preferred)					
☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)					
☐ UV protection (hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm)					
☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)  Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel					
☐ Additional reusable thermos or water bottle					

#### TO WEAR ON BOARD

☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
$\hfill\square$ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)
Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!
ADDITIONAL ITEMS
☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport & cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
☐ Waterproof cell phone case or rain sleeve for camera
□ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
☐ Small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)
☐ Insect repellant ☐ Mosquito netting



Scan this QR code or click here to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

- To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Greenland
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(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)



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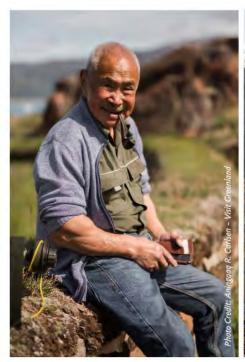
# South Greenland Adventure

The Majestic Alpine Arctic



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### Overview

South Greenland Adventure: The Majestic Alpine Arctic

Our South Greenland Adventure: The Majestic Alpine Arctic itinerary is designed for travelers seeking to explore the majestic fjords, glaciers and mountains of South Greenland. This itinerary offers guests one-of-a-kind excursions exclusive to Quark Expeditions-some of them only made possible by our newest ship, the technologically-advanced Ultramarine, which is equipped with two twin-engine helicopters. On this journey, you can be as active as you like, or you can opt for more relaxing, immersive experiences.

Developed in partnership with local communities—a first of its kind in expedition travel—this itinerary offers unprecedented opportunities to explore the majesty of South Greenland's diverse fjordlands. Ultramarine's two helicopters will take you to areas in South Greenland that others can't reach, especially for off-ship excursions. Some of these, such as our Heli Hiking and the Greenland Ice Sheet Experience, are included for all guests, who can also enjoy hikes, community visits and Zodiac cruises.

This voyage—accessible to guests of all fitness levels—offers something for everyone, whether you're interested in soaking up the serene mountain views, sailing through the icebergs on a Zodiac cruise, or trying optional activities such as heli-hiking or camping in style on the shores of Tasermiut Fjord with local hosts.

#### **EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**



Marvel at South Greenland's alpine peaks and remote ridges during included Heli Hiking and Flightseeing adventures



Experience Greenlandic cultural highlights with local partners



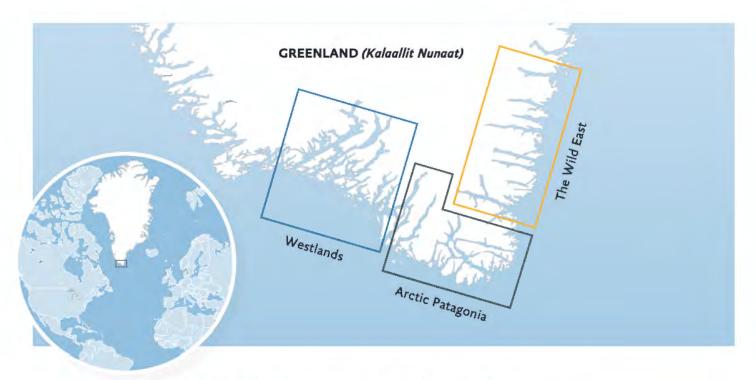
Set foot on the Greenland Ice Sheet, the second-largest ice mass in the world



Choose from off-ship activities geared to all levels of fitness and interests, ranging from relaxed camping to heli-hiking



Visit the Kujataa UNESCO World Heritage site to learn about the intersection of Inuit and Viking cultures.



## The Best of the Arctic

Three Perspectives of South Greenland

Remote, authentic and one of the most welcoming places on the planet, South Greenland is a region as rich in spectacular scenery as it is in history. The southern tip of Greenland boasts the greatest variety of landscapes in the country-from serene, sheltered waterways surrounded by towering cliffs to the massive Greenland Ice Sheet to snow-capped mountains that reach for the sky. Luckily for visitors, these diverse landforms translate into a wonderland where you can enjoy the greatest variety of guest experiences in the Arctic.

South Greenland offers the chance to experience three unique regions with distinct natural attributes. There's the Wild East coast where you'll keep your eyes peeled for marine mammals while savoring the dramatic ice-scapes, alpine feel and absolute remoteness of the region. Then there's the Arctic Patagonia side of South Greenland, known for its stunning fjords, iconic peaks, remote settlements, and some of the most scenic hiking you'll find in the world. And finally, there are the Westlands, where you'll get to explore the impressive Greenland Ice Sheet up close-as well as the starkly different green heart of the island where the fertile soil gives birth to a bounty of home-grown produce, enabling local farmers to live off the land.

Cruising in sublime comfort aboard the newest ship in our fleet, Ultramarine, our floating expedition base, we'll explore farther than ever before, positioning ourselves deep in the protected waters of majestic fjords each day. With the largest portfolio of Zodiac- and helicopter-supported excursions in the industry, you'll be able to curate a oneof-a-kind Greenland experience that speaks to your passions.

Thanks to the two twin-engine helicopters onboard *Ultramarine*, you'll take to the skies for stunning aerial views over the polar landscapes, set foot on the Greenland Ice Sheet, experience our Heli-hiking program (suitable for all skill and interest levels). For the first time, the stunning beauty of remote South Greenland is accessible to all!

If ideal night sky conditions prevail, it could be possible to witness one of nature's most impressive and intimate displays: the Northern Lights (Aurora borealis). On this experience-packed voyage, you will be able to savor and explore the best of South Greenland from every perspective: land, sea and sky.





# Itinerary

#### DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN TORONTO

Arrive at Toronto Pearson International Airport and make your way to your included hotel. You will have the rest of the day to explore this cosmopolitan Canadian city on your own.

#### DAYS 2 | FLY TO NUUK

In the morning after breakfast, guests and their luggage will be transferred to the airport for their charter flight to the Greenlandic capital of Nuuk. This picturesque city of 17,000 is situated on a fjord with the Sermitsiaq mountain in the background. Upon arrival, guests will be transferred to their ship.

#### DAYS 3 - 5 | FROM NUUK TO THE WESTLANDS

The ultimate in contrasts: Greenland Ice Sheet, Viking history and Kujataa UNESCO World Heritage site.

Today, we'll head south along the spectacular west coast of Greenland on our way to the The Westlands. Following in the footsteps of the Greenlandic Norse into the Western fjords, it's easy to appreciate why Erik the Red chose this land as his home and gave Greenland its name: every direction you look rewards visitors with vistas of blue, icestrewn waters set against a breathtaking backdrop of lush, verdant valleys and pastures bursting with blooms.



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Unique to Greenland, and indeed the entire Arctic, warm microclimates deep in the fjords have created a surprisingly fertile Arctic Garden of Eden. South Greenlandic farming traditions dating back to Viking days are still kept alive. Many families work their remote sheep farms along the shores of the fjords, their lives very much attuned to the seasons as they produce a variety of organic homegrown produce (such as potatoes, turnips and kale).

Also in the West, we find the perfect access points to the Greenland Ice Sheet, which we'll reach by helicopter. You'll enjoy the most incredible views of the largest mass of ice in the northern hemisphere and second largest in the world, flowing from the heights of the polar plateau to sea level. Become one of the very few people to ever set foot on this incredible body of ice during our included Greenland Ice Sheet Experience. Over these two days you will have the opportunity to explore the Ice Sheet, hike the surrounding foothills, cruise or paddle through the azure icefilled waters, and engage with our local friends and partners during the most meaningful and in-depth community

experiences offered on any Quark Expeditions voyage.

Guests will learn more about the history and culture of this region at the Kujataa UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is a living history lesson in Viking farming. We hope to offer you the opportunity to visit charming Qassiarsuk, a small sheep farming settlement across the fjord from Narsarsuaq, where you can experience true South Greenland hospitality and gain insight into the fascinating lives of sheep farmers living at the edge of the Ice Sheet. We suggest you take time to explore the remains and replicas of Brattahlíð, Erik the Red's estate, once the epicenter of the Greenland Norse Eastern Settlement.

#### DAYS 6 - 8 | ARCTIC PATAGONIA

Spectacular fjordlands and iconic peaks

The stunning maze of fjords, sounds, islets, inlets and skerries (rocky islands) in and around Cape Farewell (Nunap Isua) at Greenland's most southern tip possesses its own particular magic. Transiting the 100-km long Prins Christian Sund (Ikerasassuag)-one of the world's most scenic fjords-will be truly unforgettable. Guests can then

look forward to dramatic mountain and seascapes with glaciers tumbling down to down to the sea, and stunning vistas around every corner. Inhabiting this domain are Southern Greenlanders living on the frontier, a people as unique as the landscape they call home. This is where the migrating hunting peoples from the east finally settled around the European trading posts.

The few villages in this southern region have gained a level of fame thanks to the inhabitants who remain steadfastly faithful to their hunting and fishing heritage. We hope to visit Aappilattoq, perched on the shores of Prins Christian Sund (Ikerasassuaq), to introduce you to our friends and partners there. We hope to offer you the opportunity to listen to their stories, hear their music, taste their food, learn about their hunting traditions, and perhaps even join a friendly game of soccer as a player or spectator.

If you are looking for the most iconic peaks of South Greenland, you'll be in your glory when we reach the Tasermiut Fjord in the heart of what's known as "Arctic Patagonia," where guests can sign up for overnight camping (with local



hosts) along the 70-km fjord. Marvel at the impressive Sermeq glacier at its head with rivers of ice tumbling almost down to sea level, and the imposing peaks of Nalumasortog and Ulamertorsuag dominating the skyline, making for the most scenic backdrops to your hike or helicopter-enabled excursions.

#### DAY 9 - 11 | THE WILD EAST & JOURNEY BACK TO NUUK (NORTHBOUND)

Jagged peaks, tumbling glaciers, ice-laden landscapes, alpine vistas and wildlife.

We set out for the wild fjords of the uninhabited east coast, one of which is Lindenow Fjord, also known by its Greenlandic name, Kangerlussuatsiaq. Thousands of years ago, groups of paleo-Inuit hunters and fishermen made their home in these isolated fjords, living off the land and surviving mostly on the resources the sea provided, before European explorers and the subsequent establishment of settlements prompted one of the biggest waves of migration in Greenland. Traces of these once proud peoples can still be found today against

the backdrop of cascading glaciers and steep-walled mountains.

These fjords are frequented by marine mammals. Rare sightings of polar bears are possible, as they drift down from the north on sea ice floes propelled by the East-Greenland current. Humpback whales are often sighted when entering fjords as the shallowing seas bring an upwelling of nutrients to the surface. While we keep our eyes peeled for wildlife, the magnificent alpine terrain invites us to explore by sea, land and air to immerse ourselves completely in the remote icescapes of the region. The wild east is ideal for heli landings and hiking, paddle excursions, Zodiac cruises and shore landings.

#### DAY 12 | DISEMBARKATION, EXPLORE NUUK, FLIGHT TO TORONTO

After breakfast, guests will be transferred from the pier to the town. You'll have time to wander the streets of the historic Old Nuuk neighborhood and see the Hans Egede Church and Hans Egede statue near the waterfront. You will also have an opportunity to visit the

Greenland National Museum & Archives to view the collections and exhibitions and to better understand Greenland's cultural heritage, such as the significance of the kayak, which is Greenland's national symbol and can be traced back over 4,000 years. There will also be an opportunity to visit the famous 500-yearold Greenlandic mummies.

After a half-day of exploring Nuuk, guests will meet at a designated spot in town for the transfer to the airport for their charter flight to Toronto.

#### DAY 13 | DEPART TORONTO

After a restful night at your included hotel, make your way to Toronto Pearson International Airport for your onward flight, or continue your independent explorations of Toronto at your leisure.



#### **EXPEDITION SPIRIT**

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy-and excitement-of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice, wildlife, and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you'll experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.



The South Greenland Adventure: The Majestic Alpine Arctic itinerary is the first of its kind to be designed in full collaboration with local partners. This program not only aligns with local tourism development strategies, but it has been endorsed by Kommune Kujalleq, the regional government of South Greenland. We're proud to pioneer this new local engagement ethos. This itinerary will offer more local touch points than any other Quark Expeditions voyage which allows our guests to benefit from the unrivaled hospitality, wisdom, and expertise of the local people.



#### 1 | AAPPILATTOQ

Storytelling, food, music and friendly competition are some of the experiences you can expect during this visit to one of Greenland's smallest communities.



#### 2 | TASERMIUT CAMP

Join your Greenlandic hosts for a taste of overnight life on the land in one of our most immersive local experiences.



#### 3 | TAMASSA

Alongside our Ice Sheet excursions, we welcome a range of local artists, craftspeople, musicians, and chefs onboard for an immersive cultural festival, Tamassa.



#### 4 | QASIARSUK

Learn about South Greenland's agricultural economy at this sheep farming community as part of our final day of excursions.



# Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

### Arrival

#### DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN TORONTO

Arrive in the multicultural city of Toronto on Day 1 of the itinerary and make your way to your included hotel. You will have the rest of the day to explore the city on your own.

#### DAY 2 — CHARTER FLIGHT AND EMBARKATION IN NUUK

On the morning of Day 2, guests and their luggage will be transferred to the airport for their charter flight to Nuuk, where they will embark on their ship.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Toronto and Nuuk. There is no option to pay for additional luggage.

### You will find in your final documents:

- Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights.
- ) Hotel information and check in time
- Charter flight time to embarkation point
- ) Embarkation plan
- ) Departure charter flight time

### Final Day and Departure

#### DISEMBARKATION IN NUUK

Your ship is scheduled to arrive back in Nuuk between 7am and 8am local time. We hope to spend the day exploring the area around Nuuk, returning to the ship for lunch.

#### **DEPARTING FROM TORONTO**

Upon arrival in Toronto, 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 onward flight, or stay longer if you have booked additional accommodation.

### Arrival and Departure Transfers

#### TORONTO AIRPORT TRANSFERS

An arrival transfer in Toronto is not included in the expedition; you require a transfer to the city, you will need to arrange your own transportation. Most airports we travel in and out of have good taxi ranks in the arrivals area, or you can often pre-book a transfer online.

#### PLEASE NOTE

#### Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated in your final voyage confirmation. If you would like to extend your stay, you can book directly with the hotel or through a third party.





# Your Ship

#### **ULTRAMARINE**

The newest ship in our fleet, Ultramarine is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to discover new places, and to immerse you in the best the region has to offer.

Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters, Ultramarine offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, and features the category's most spacious suites, breathtaking public spaces, and more outdoor wildlife viewing spaces than other expedition ships its size, complemented by an innovative mix of sustainability features that exceed all industry standards.

With all this and more, Ultramarine is perfectly positioned to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

#### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Staff & Crew: 140 Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

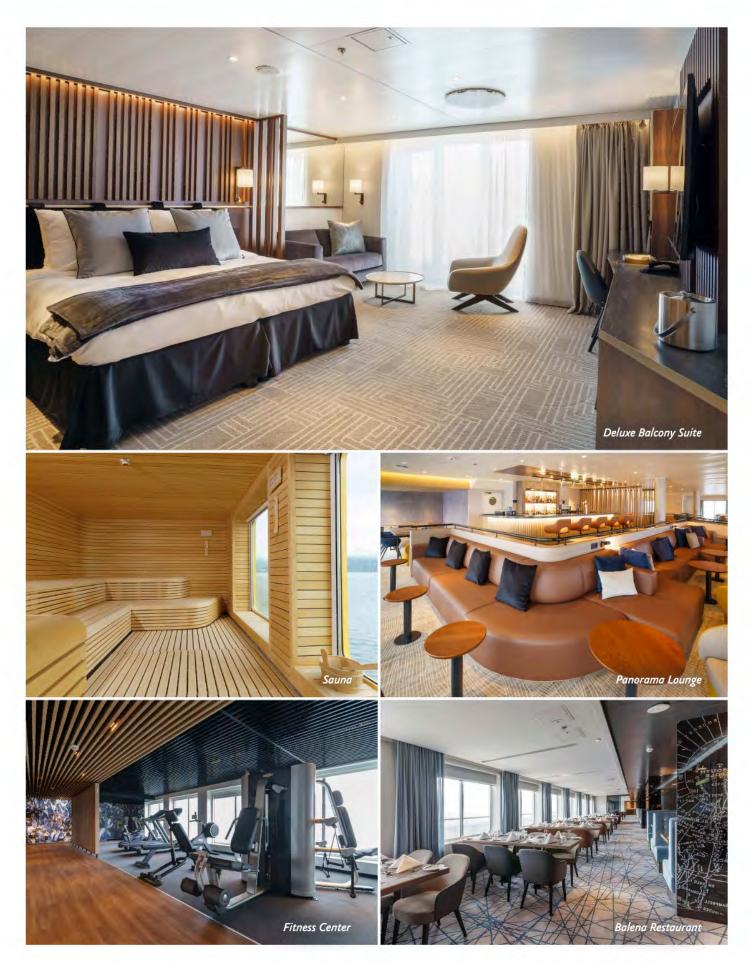
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## Included Activities

Each Quark Expeditions voyage offers a diverse selection of immersive activities (mostly off-ship). Some are included in your trip; others cost extra.



#### HELI HIKING

Our twin-engine helicopters will transfer you to the start of the most scenic hiking routes of Southern Greenland and then pick you up at the end point of the route. Each heli-hiking departure will be tailored to your personal needs and level of interest. You may choose to join one of our fast walking groups who will go for exploration and distance, one of our medium hiking routes where there will be plenty of time to stop for photography and reflection, or explore at a slower pace with ample time to enjoy the scenery and immerse yourself in your surroundings.



#### ICE SHEET EXPERIENCE

Explore beyond cascading coastal glaciers to access the icy realms of the second-largest ice mass in the world, the Greenland Ice Sheet. An excursion on one of Ultramarine's two twin-engine helicopters means you'll enjoy views of the Ice Sheet very few other humans get to experience. You'll learn about the dynamics of this environment from our team of glaciologists while you explore this vast, seldom-visited body of ice. This activity is offered over a two-day period to ensure every guest is able to experience this exclusive adventure option.



#### FLIGHTSEEING

While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they're even more stunning from the air, a view you can enjoy while seated in one of the two twin-engine helicopters stationed on Ultramarine. Typically in groups of 6-9, you will experience an unforgettable aerial tour of the Arctic during a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion that's included in the cost of the voyage. Additional helicopter activities may also be available for purchase on board. Please note: all helicopter operations are weather- and logistics-dependent.



#### A COMMUNITY VISITS

Our Greenland Adventure voyages include the widest range of community experiences in the Quark Expeditions portfolio. During this voyage we hope to offer visits to two iconic South Greenlandic communites (Aappilattoq and Qasiarsuk) and provide opportunities for guests to share their journey and engage with our local partners. Learning about the wonders of Greenland from Greenlanders will be a highlight of this voyage.



#### X PADDLE EXCURSION

Join us for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. *Included with limited availability.* 



### ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.



#### **POLAR PLUNGE**

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!



#### **O PHOTOGRAPHY**

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guides will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the Polar Regions.



### HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every guest.



### PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including required experience, physical requirements and cost.



# Adventure Option

These additional activities, which cost extra, fill up quickly and should be booked in advance.





### GREENLAND CAMP EXPERIENCE

Join local hosts at Tasermiut Camp, one of the most exclusive camps in Greenland. Our local guides will lead you through the wonders of their homeland. Spend ample time, in intimate groups, walking through the beautiful landscapes and pristine valleys, roam the tundra with a local chef who will show you fresh ingredients and then prepare an incredible meal together. Overnight at the camp and, if conditions are right,

experience the magnificent colours of the polar twilight which will bring the beautiful mountainous surroundings into full effect. Depending on conditions, this is also an excellent venue to enjoy the Northern Lights.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

For all paid activities, pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.



# Departure Dates

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Dates	Days	Start / End	Transfer Package	Paddle Excursion	Flightseeing	Ice Sheet Experience	Zodiac Cruising	Polar Plunge	Heli Hiking	Greenland Camp Experience
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\$ Paid Activities



# Inclusions and Exclusions

### **Inclusions**

#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- · Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage. Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ship's galley cannot prepare kosher meals.
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock

- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- · A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- · An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- · All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- · Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax

#### \*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- · One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Toronto
- · Charter flights between Toronto and Nuuk
- · Group transfers between the Nuuk airport and the ship
- · Group transfer from Toronto airport to hotel on disembarkation day
- · One night's post-expedition airport hotel accommodation in Toronto

### **Exclusions**

### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Mandatory Transfer Package\*
- · International airfare
- · Arrival transfers in Toronto
- · Passport and visa expenses
- 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 domestic and international flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may vary by location)
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- · Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities.



# Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders and their teams bring diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion in the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Arctic.

With over 30 years of experience bringing guests to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, all our expedition staff undergo comprehensive training at Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage, as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





### Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of Ultramarine, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

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 and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock-all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.







# Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, helicopter, or shore landing.

### Greenland

#### **BRATTAHLÍ**ð

Brattahlíð (meaning "the steep slope") was Erik the Red's estate in the Viking Eastern Settlement, which he established in 985. Brattahlíð was the site of the first Greenlandic parliament, as well as Greenland's first Christian church, built for Erik's newly converted wife, Tjodhilde. The ruins of several buildings, including living quarters, outhouses and Tjodhilde's church, are still visible

today, and replicas of the original chapel and longhouse are located nearby. The present village, Qassiarsuk (the Greenlandic name for Brattahlíð), was founded in 1924.

The area is home to some of the most fertile land in the country, just as it was when Erik first laid eyes on it.

#### **GREENLAND ICE SHEET**

The largest mass of ice in the Northern Hemisphere-one of only two polar ice sheets on the planet, second only to the Antarctic ice sheet—is the dominant feature in Greenland. The Greenland Ice Sheet covers 80 percent of the country's land area and is nearly 2 miles (3 km) thick. It spans coast to coast, contained to the east and west only by the coastal mountains. Stepping onto the ice, which moves undetected beneath your feet, is a moment you'll never forget.





#### **KUJATAA**

This sub-Arctic farming landscape—
the earliest example of agriculture in
the Arctic—was designated a UNESCO
World Heritage Area in 2017. Featuring
archeological sites and agricultural
lands, Kujataa is comprised of five areas
(Igaliku, Hvalsey, Qassiarsuk, Sissarluttoq
and Tasikuluulik) that represent the
most comprehensive cultural histories of
Norse and Greenlandic farmer-hunters.
In honor of the designation, Greenlandic
Post issued a stamp in 2018 showcasing
the landscape of Kujataa.

#### KANGERLUSSUATSIAQ (LINDENOW FJORD)

Ships rarely venture into Kangerlussuatsiaq (Lindenow fjord), one of the most beautiful fjords in Greenland. With your Expedition Team in the lead, you may cruise by Zodiac in an arm of the fjord while our staff use their years of Arctic experience to search for wildlife. You may also spot waterfalls along the sheer rock face or enjoy a hike amongst waterfalls, flowers and blueberry fields.

#### **AAPPILATTOQ**

Aappilattoq, home to about 100 people, is the only settlement in the remote Kujalleq region of South Greenland. Inhabited since the 19th century, Aappilattoq was only founded in 1922. Its name derives from the Greenlandic word for "red," inspired by the red mountain towering above the settlement.

#### NUUK

Nuuk may be the world's smallest capital city (population: 17,000) but the Greenlandic capital delivers an unforgettable visitor experience. For starters, it's picturesque: the city's waterfront is lined with rows of brightly colored houses against the backdrop of the Sermitsiaq mountain. Situated on a fjord, Nuuk is a rarity in that the city views include waterfalls and icebergs. One of the must-visit venues is the Greenland National Museum: it houses scores of archeological, cultural and historical artifacts, as well as art and handicrafts. The most viewed exhibit is that of the four Qilakitsoq mummies,

the remains of three women and a baby which were discovered in a tomb in 1972. Experts believe the mummies date back to 1475 AD.

#### IKERASASSUAQ (PRINS CHRISTIAN SUND)

The massive tidewater glaciers and dramatically steep cliffs dominating this picturesque fjord system, named after Christian III of Denmark, are one of the many reasons South Greenland has earned the moniker Arctic Patagonia. Aappilattoq, home to about 100 people, is the only settlement in this remote region. This is an ideal place for ship cruising, as the icebergs here come in all shapes and sizes.

#### TASERMIUT FJORD

Paddling and Zodiac cruising into
Tasermiut Fjord allow for a closer
connections with the landscape that
is considered one of the most beautiful
places in Greenland. At 43 miles (70
km) long, this picturesque fjord will be
a highlight of your south Greenland
experience, even if you don't opt to camp.



#### **EXPEDITION SPIRIT**

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# What to pack on your Greenland expedition

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

BY SEA AND AIR All transfers ship to shore, helicopter	flights and Zodiac/ship cruising.			
☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every				
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top* ☐				
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom* ☐				
☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an ex				
☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection				
☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a extras for layering)	dry pair in your bag, and bring			
☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an ex	ktra, lighter pair for hiking)			
☐ Glove liners* ☐ Hand and feet war	mers*   Binoculars			
□ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection retainer: string/clip etc.)	on (consider bringing an eyewear			
☐ Sunscreen ☐ Ski goggles (for Zoo	liac cruising on snowy or windy days)			
□ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or d camera or a waterproof phone case (to				
*recommended layering depending on and reflecting your personal thermo-r				
BY LAND (Shore Excursion In addition to the gear requirements (a for the transit from ship to shore, it is	as above) mandatory			
☐ Worn-in Hiking footwear: While Muck encouraged for most shore excursions, (Goretex-lined boots or similar water-p can add to your hiking comfort, especi	, additional hiking footwear proof hiking boots)			
☐ (Smart) Wool or synthetic hiking socks (bring an extra pair)	for above footwear			
☐ Lightweight and quick-dry, trekking pa zip-off shorts* (*depending on your the				
☐ Breathable waterproof pants* and rain inclement weather (*can be the same passes can be outer shell of complimentary	pair you use for Zodiac operations /			
☐ Comfortable long or short-sleeve shirt dry or merino (smart) wool	for hiking either synthetic/quick-			
☐ (Hiking) gloves (medium thickness, war	terproof preferred)			
☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weathe	r protection)			
☐ UV protection (hat, polarized sun glass	es, sun block, lip balm)			
☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if re Quantities are available to borrow on e				
☐ Additional reusable thermos or water b	pottle			

#### TO WEAR ON BOARD

☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)
Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!
ADDITIONAL ITEMS
☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport & cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
☐ Waterproof cell phone case or rain sleeve for camera
☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
☐ Small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)
☐ Insect repellant ☐ Mosquito netting



Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

- To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Greenland
- Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page: QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions

(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)



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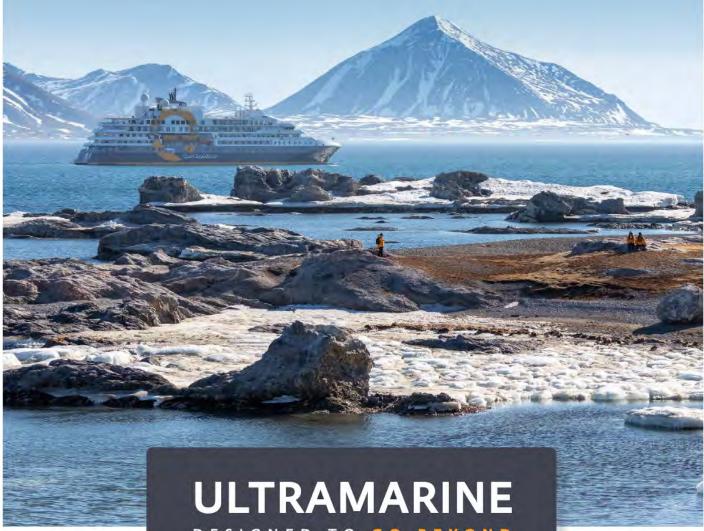
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# Spitsbergen Circumnavigation

A Rite of Passage



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# Overview

Spitsbergen Circumnavigation: A Rite of Passage

This 14-day journey offers the most extensive exploration of Spitsbergen in the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard, including the opportunity to witness iconic Arctic wildlife like walrus, reindeer and polar bears, a glimpse into 16th-century maritime culture at secluded landing sites, and the rare chance to appreciate breathtaking views at the birdwatching utopias 14th of July Glacier and Alkefjellet. If conditions allow, we will also attempt a full circumnavigation of the archipelago, which is considered a rite of passage for many Arctic enthusiastists.

The wildlife-viewing opportunities on this trip will leave you with plenty of memories and photos: the walrus with its long tusks and distinctive whiskers; Arctic birds in all their varied majesty; small herds of reindeer loping across the tundra; and that most iconic of Arctic creatures, the polar bear, as it roams the edges of the pack ice. Shore excursions by Zodiac will enable you to explore places where few humans have ever set foot. This voyage truly is the big adventure you've been waiting for.

#### **EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**



Encounter iconic Arctic wildlife, such as polar bears, walrus and reindeer



View numerous Arctic bird species, like puffins, Arctic terns and purple sandpipers



Anticipate a full circumnavigation of Spitsbergen



Explore glaciers, fjords, icebergs and more with included Zodiac cruising



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Arctic with optional kayaking adventures



Hike the tundra and polar desert







# Itinerary

#### DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN HELSINKI, FINLAND

Your Arctic adventure begins in Helsinki, renowned for its extraordinary architecture and intriguing mix of eastern and western influences. If you arrive early, explore the many museums, galleries and restaurants, relax at a Finnish sauna or wander the vibrant Design District before retiring at your included hotel.

#### DAY 2 | FLY TO LONGYEARBYEN, SVALBARD & EMBARK

This morning, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement. As your ship sets sail, enjoy your first view of the island's rugged, glacier-topped mountains rising majestically from frigid waters.

#### DAYS 3 - 13 | EXPLORING **SPITSBERGEN**

Expect a new adventure every day as we begin our journey by heading north and around the island of Spitsbergen, exploring smaller, outlying islands. We plan to circumnavigate Spitsbergen, but if conditions are favorable, we will also attempt a larger circumnavigation of the archipelago, including many of the outer islands in the Svalbard archipelago. Every expedition will be different, depending on the weather and ice, but some of the places we may visit include the 14th of July Glacier, Ny-London, Phippsøya, Alkefjellet and the seldom-visited Kvitøya.

These names may seem strange to you, but each site has its own unique appeal. There is no shortage of natural



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beauty in Spitsbergen, where colorful tundra meadows are complemented by immense glaciers. For birders, 14th of July Bay is home to puffins, purple sandpipers, black-legged kittiwakes, pink-footed geese, and barnacle geese, while Alkefjellet's cliffs are teeming with nesting Brünnich's guillemots (thickbilled murres).

Always on the lookout for wildlife, be sure to have your camera ready to capture reindeer when we visit sites like Ny-London, Sundneset and Alkhornet. Searching for the iconic polar bear is a constant activity for your Expedition Team. Phippsøya and Isbukta are often home to sea ice, the bears' preferred habitat for hunting, which translates into great potential for you to view and capture them in action.

A big part of appreciating Spitsbergen comes from understanding the historynot just how people live today, but also how this land was first explored. Whaling was a key industry, and you will see remains of outposts from the 16th century, plus other evidence of whaling at landing sites such as Smeerenburg.

#### DAY 14 | DISEMBARK IN LONGYEARBYEN & FLY TO HELSINKI

Your adventure ends in the frontier-style settlement of Longyearbyen. From here, we'll transfer you to the airport for your return group charter flight to Helsinki, included in the transfer package.

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# Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

### Arrival Day and Embarkation

#### DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN HELSINKI

You may arrive in Helsinki at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary. Your included accommodation will be at the airport hotel, so arrival transfers are not necessary. Please keep in mind that your hotel room may not be ready for check in until 3pm. On arrival at the hotel, you will receive a welcome letter outlining the departure information for the following day's flight. Final details and check-in procedures can be found in your final documents. An agent representing Quark Expeditions® will be available in the lobby of the hotel that evening to answer any questions about the charter flight(s) scheduled for the following morning.

#### DAY 2 — CHARTER FLIGHT AND EMBARKATION IN LONGYEARBYEN

After a well rested night at your hotel you will join your flight up to Longyearbyen. Upon arrival in Longyearbyen, you will be transferred from the airport to a drop off point and your luggage will be taken directly to the ship. Details of ship transfer times will be provided during your arrival transfer. Due to port logistics, it is possible that you may need to board the vessel by Zodiac, rather than from the pier.

#### PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Helsinki and Longyearbyen. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Helsinki. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

#### You will find in your final documents:

- Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights
- > Hotel information and check in time
- ) Charter flight time to embarkation point
- ) Embarkation plan
- ) Departure charter flight time

### Final Day and Departure

#### DISEMBARKATION IN LONGYEARBYEN AND CHARTER FLIGHT

Your voyage is scheduled to end back in Longyearbyen where you will disembark after breakfast. The process takes about an hour and due to port logistics, may involve one last Zodiac ride to the pier.

#### **DEPARTING FROM HELSINKI**

Arrival times back to Helsinki will not be available until 30 days prior to voyage. If you wish to book your international flights before this point, we suggest you book a post night in Helsinki and depart the following morning. Scheduled charter flight times will appear in your final documents, and any additional updates will be communicated on board prior to disembarkation.

### Arrival and Departure Transfers

#### HELSINKI AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival and departure transfers in Helsinki are not included in the expedition. Your first night's included accommodation will be provided at the airport hotel, so please make your way to the lobby for check-in when you arrive. The voyage concludes on arrival at the Helsinki airport. If you require a transfer to the city, you will need to arrange your own transportation. Most airports we travel in and out of have good taxi ranks in the arrivals area, or you can often pre-book a transfer online.

If you are flying home right away, you will most likely be able to board a connecting flight on the same day. Please be sure to allow three hours between our charter arrival and your international departure.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated in your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like to extend your stay, you can book directly with the hotel or through a third party.





# Your Ship: Ultramarine

#### **NEW! ULTRAMARINE**

The newest ship in our fleet, *Ultramarine* is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to discover new places, and to immerse you in the best the region has to offer.

Equipped with two twin-engine H145 helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, *Ultramarine* offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, the most spacious suites in this category, breathtaking public spaces, excellent outdoor wildlife viewing areas, plus an innovative mix of sustainability systems that exceeds all industry standards.

With all this and more, *Ultramarine* is perfectly positioned to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

#### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Staff & Crew: 140 Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

Ice Class: PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.

Owner's Suite
Penthouse Suite
Terrace Suite
Deluxe Balcony Suite
Balcony Suite
Explorer Suite
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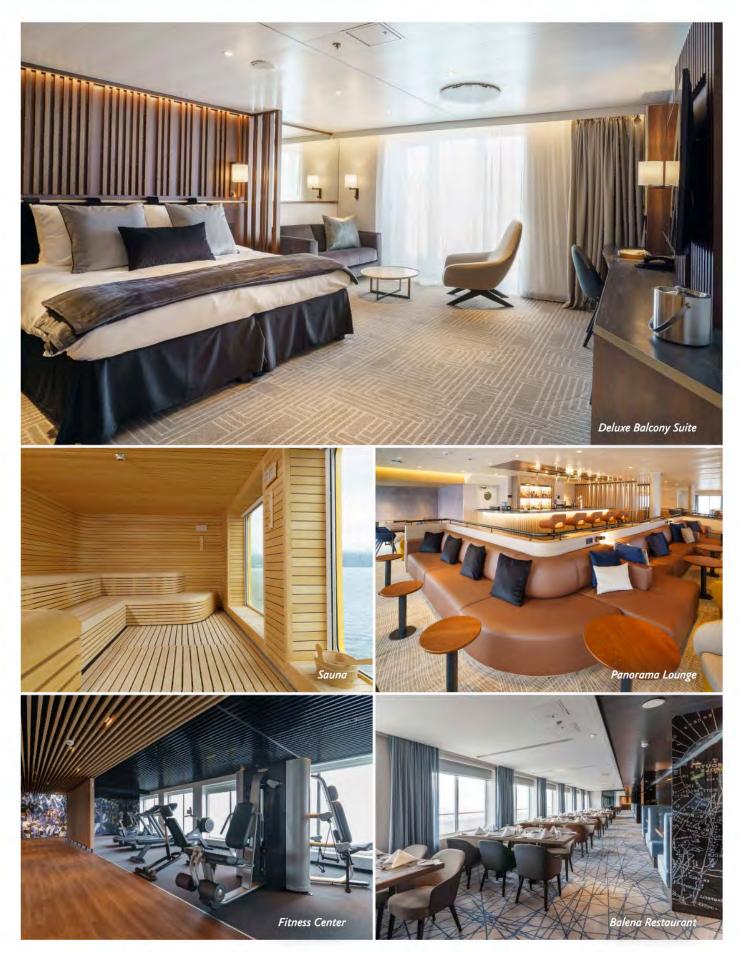
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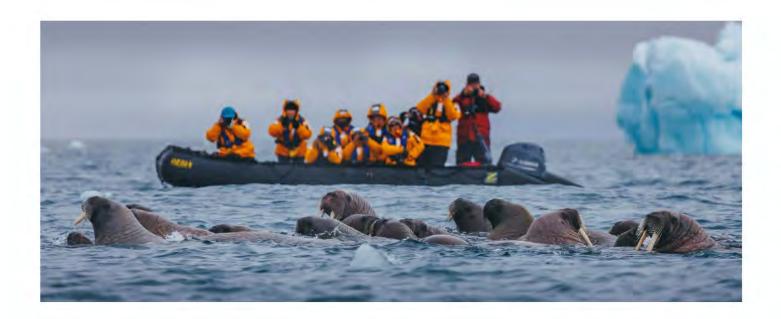
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## Included Activities

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.

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

#### ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

#### **HIKING**

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every guest.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts-expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

### POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff-and just about every single camera on board!

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost.





# **Adventure Options**

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



#### **PLEASE NOTE**

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.

#### SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

#### X PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-ontop kayaks-perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



# Departure Dates

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#### ULTRAMARINE

Dates	Days		Start / End		Sea Kayaking	Paddling Excursion	
ARCTIC 2025							
JUN 25 - JUL 8, 2025		14	Helsinki		\$	\$	

\$ Paid Activities



# Inclusions and Exclusions

### **Inclusions**

#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- · Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock

- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- · A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- · An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- · All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- Transfers between Longyearbyen town center and port on embarkation and disembarkation day

#### \*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- · One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Helsinki airport hotel, with breakfast
- · Charter flight from Helsinki to Longyearbyen
- · Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen
- · Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Helsinki

#### **Exclusions**

### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- · Mandatory Transfer Package
- · International airfare
- · Arrival and departure transfers in Helsinki
- Passport and visa expenses
- 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 and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may vary by location)
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities



# Your Expedition Team

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

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





### Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of Ultramarine, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

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 and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock-all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.







## Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

### Spitsbergen

#### **ALKEFJELLET**

This cliff is a seabird colony, where Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murres) raise their young. An estimated 60,000 breeding pairs reside on the basalt cliffs. The birds do not build nests; rather, they lay eggs on the bare ledges of the cliff. Witness the spectacle of thousands of birds flying to and from their cliff edge, speckling the sky and water, like a beehive on a much grander scale.

#### **DISKOBUKTA**

This bay on the west shore of Edgeøya affords a landing site with a box canyon where black-legged kittiwakes raise their young. Arctic foxes have been seen combing the canyon floor to feed on scraps that have fallen from the nests above. Watch for the bones of ancient North Atlantic right whales—evidence that the land is rebounding since the last major glaciation.

#### **ISBUKTA**

On the eastern shore of the southern tip of Svalbard is Isbukta, which means 'Ice Bay.' Arctic terns, skuas and bearded seals inhabit the bay. Polar bears are known to patrol the area as well.





#### **KVITØYA**

The western part of this island is only 39 miles (62 km) from Victoria Island in Franz Josef Land, which is part of the Russian Arctic. By this definition, this remote outpost is technically closer to the Russian Arctic than it is to Nordaustlandet (50 miles/81 km), though Victoria Island is geologically and geographically part of the Svalbard archipelago, but was omitted by mistake in the Spitsbergen Treaty.

#### LILLIEHÖÖK GLACIER

In 2005, nearly 100 years after his greatgreat-grandfather conducted scientific investigations here, Prince Albert II of Monaco returned to Lilliehöök Glacier to honor his ancestor's memory. Here, you can take a Zodiac cruise amid labyrinths of sparkling icebergs, and witness breathtaking panoramas of ice. You may even spot bearded seals hauled out on the floes.

#### **LONGYEARBYEN**

Home to 2,400 people, the administrative capital of Svalbard is situated on the southern side of Adventfjorden. The settlement was founded in 1905 by John Munroe Longyear, the majority owner of the Arctic Coal Company of Boston. Today as much as ever, this is a true frontier town.

#### MOFFEN ISLAND

This island is designated as a protected sanctuary for walrus, which are only viewed from the ship—have your binoculars ready!

#### MONACO GLACIER

Prince Albert I of Monaco, a pioneer of oceanography, led an expedition to Svalbard in 1906. His team used sophisticated photographic techniques to understand the shape and position of several glacier fronts. Monaco Glacier honors the expedition, the prince and the principality over which he reigned. While touring the glacier front by Zodiac cruise,







listen to the crackle and pop of the brash ice, search for seals and have a chance to admire a natural sculpture gallery.

#### **NORDAUSTLANDET ISLAND**

This is the second-largest island in the entire Svalbard archipelago, and home to the polar desert. Featured here is Bråsvellbreen, an ice cap connected to the larger Austfonna, which together form a 112-mile- (180 km) long ice cliff. Bråsvellbreen's glacier face makes for an impressive sight during a Zodiac cruise, stretching all the way to the horizon.

#### **HORNSUND**

The most southerly fjord in Svalbard offers some of the most spectacular scenery, with dramatic calving glaciers, drifting pack ice and majestic peaks (the highest of which are often shrouded in mist). A Polish research station has operated on the northern shore of Hornsund since 1957. Part of Sør-

Spitsbergen National Park, this pristine area is rich in wildlife—reindeer, Arctic fox and polar bears can be spotted hunting for food, while seals bask on floating ice.

#### PHIPPSØYA AND MARTENSØYA, SEVEN ISLANDS

This small archipelago is the northernmost land in Svalbard. Englishmen left their mark following key expeditions in 1773 and 1827. The islands are named after naval officers that took part, with the smallest and least significant island being named Nelsonøya, after the lowly midshipman who was promoted over the years to the rank and title of Vice Admiral Horatio Lord Nelson! Featuring austere polar desert landscapes, and often shrouded in pack ice, these islands are closer to the North Pole than anywhere else in Svalbard.

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# What to pack on your Arctic expedition

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

#### BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.
☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
$\square$ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)
☐ Glove liners*
☐ Hand and feet warmers*
☐ Binoculars
☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)
□ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for came or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)
*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.
BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking) In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:
☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
$\hfill\square$ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
□ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)  Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle (in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

#### TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
- Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room.
   See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- ☐ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit Card & Small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

) To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Arctic

> Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page: QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to watch our video on what to pack before you go!



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## Overview

Svalbard Explorer: Best of High Arctic Norway

This fascinating expedition provides a taste of everything Spitsbergen has to offer, starting with its largest settlement, Longyearbyen. The largest island of the Svalbard archipelago is known as the "wildlife capital of the Arctic," and we'll show you why on this 10-day voyage, which has one departure of 12 days (see page 16). A key focus of this expedition will be to seek out the abundant wildlife that resides here, including walrus, reindeer, and that most iconic of Arctic denizens, the polar bear, in their natural habitat, while marveling at the surreal experience of continuous daylight. Explore the unique Arctic landscape, hike the vast and colorful tundra, learn about the history and geology of this remote wilderness, and join us on a gripping excursion to a faraway, unforgettable land.

This exciting introductory journey to the remote Norwegian island, renowned for its stunning scenery and abundant, varied wildlife, is now available on two ships, each providing a distinct polar experience. Ultramarine, our new, game-changing polar vessel, can take you to remote destinations most larger ships can't reach. Aboard Ultramarine, explore Spitsbergen in brand new ways-taking advantage of the 20 quick-launching Zodiacs, and more outdoor wildlife viewing spaces than other expedition ships its size—to create the Arctic experience perfect for you. Your other ship option is Ocean Adventurer, a passenger favorite that's much loved for its intimate onboard ambience that enables guests to connect with other travelers and members of the expedition team.

#### **EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**



Encounter iconic Arctic wildlife, such as polar bears, walrus and reindeer



Take advantage of continuous daylight



Hike the tundra and polar desert



Cruise in a Zodiac to explore glaciers, fjords, icebergs and more



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Arctic with optional kayaking adventures







## Itinerary

#### DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN HELSINKI, FINLAND

Your Arctic adventure begins in Helsinki, renowned for its extraordinary architecture and intriguing mix of eastern and western influences. If you arrive early, explore the many museums, galleries and restaurants, relax at a Finnish sauna or wander the vibrant Design District before retiring at your included hotel.

#### DAY 2 | FLY TO LONGYEARBYEN, **SVALBARD & EMBARK**

This morning, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement. As your ship sets sail, enjoy your first view of the island's rugged, glacier-topped mountains rising majestically from frigid waters.

#### DAYS 3 - 9 | EXPLORING SPITSBERGEN

FOR DAYS 3-11 OF THE 12-DAY DEPARTURE, SEE PAGE 11 FOR DATES, AND PAGE 16 FOR ADDITIONAL ITINERARY DETAILS.

You'll cruise around this magical island on a constant search for wildlife. Your expedition will cover western Spitsbergen as well as stunning fjords to the north. From polar flora to immense glaciers, the natural landscape here is just as varied as the wildlife.

Each expedition presents new opportunities and different weather and ice conditions. Consequently, there is no fixed itinerary. However, some of the places we may visit include the 14th of July Glacier, Smeerenburg, Alkefjellet and the Hinlopen Strait. The destinations we visit will be selected for optimum wildlife viewing with an appreciation of the history and geology of Spitsbergen.



SVALBARD EXPLORER: Best of High Arctic Norway Onboard Ocean Adventurer & Ultramarine Flights to/from Helsinki - - - -

The island offers multiple opportunities for wildlife photography. Since most of Svalbard's Arctic ecosystem is uninhabited and well-protected, this remote archipelago is one of the world's best places to spot polar bears against stunning natural backdrops of mountains and ice.

The towering cliffs of Alkefjellet provide homes to thousands of Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murres).

Coming across a walrus haul-out is a moment you won't soon forget. Get a chance to witness the intimate gatherings of giant pinnipeds as they haul out together on small coastal strips.

If you're itching to experience a more intimate view from the water, you can book the sea kayaking or paddling excursion adventure options.

In Spitsbergen, there is no shortage of natural beauty. The tundra can be surprisingly colorful in summer, with wildflowers bursting for a taste of sunshine. Each day, you'll see something interesting, whether it is an everchanging gallery of spectacular icebergs, a polar bear resting between hunts, or an abandoned historical site from centuries ago.

#### DAY 10 | DISEMBARK IN LONGYEARBYEN & FLY TO HELSINKI

FOR DAY 12 OF THE 12-DAY DEPARTURE The time to say goodbye to your Expedition Team and shipmates has come. Your adventure ends as it began, in the historic frontier-style settlement of Longyearbyen. From here, we'll transfer you to the airport for your return group charter flight to Helsinki, included in the transfer package.

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## Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

#### Arrival Day and Embarkation

#### DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN HELSINKI

You may arrive in Helsinki at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary. Your included accommodation will be at the airport hotel, so arrival transfers are not necessary. On arrival at the hotel, you will receive a welcome letter outliming the departure information for the following day's flight. Please keep in mind that your hotel room may not be ready for check in until 3pm. An agent representing Quark Expeditions® will be available in the lobby of the hotel that evening to answer any questions about the charter flight(s) scheduled for the following morning. Final details and check-in procedures can be found in your final documents.

#### DAY 2 — CHARTER FLIGHT AND EMBARKATION IN LONGYEARBYEN

After a restful night at your hotel, you will join your flight to Longyearbyen. Upon arrival in Longyearbyen, you will be transferred from the airport to a drop off point and your luggage will be taken directly to the ship. Details of ship transfer times will be provided during your arrival transfer. Due to port logistics, it is possible that you may need to board the vessel by Zodiac, rather than from the pier.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Helsinki and Longyearbyen. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Helsinki. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

#### You will find in your final documents:

- Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights
- Hotel information and check in time
- ) Charter flight time to embarkation point
- ) Embarkation plan
- ) Departure charter flight time

#### Final Day and Departure

#### **DISEMBARKATION IN LONGYEARBYEN AND CHARTER FLIGHT**

Your voyage is scheduled to end back in Longyearbyen where you will disembark after breakfast. The process takes about an hour and due to port logistics, and may involve one last Zodiac ride to the pier.

#### **DEPARTING FROM HELSINKI**

Arrival times back to Helsinki will not be available until 30 days prior to your voyage. If you wish to book your international flights before this point, we suggest you book a post night in Helsinki and depart the following morning. Scheduled charter flight times will appear in your final documents, and any additional updates will be communicated on board prior to disembarkation.

#### Arrival and Departure Transfers

#### **HELSINKI AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

Arrival and departure transfers in Helsinki are not included in the expedition. Your first night's included accommodation will be provided at the airport hotel, so please make your way to the lobby for check-in when you arrive. The voyage concludes on arrival at the Helsinki airport. If you require a transfer to the city, you will need to arrange your own transportation. Most airports we travel in and out of have good taxi ranks in the arrivals area, or you can pre-book a transfer online.

If you are flying home right away, you will most likely be able to board a connecting flight on the same day. Please be sure to allow three hours between our charter arrival and your international departure.

#### PLEASE NOTE

Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated in your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like to extend your stay, you can book directly with the hotel or through a third party.









# Your Ship Options

Quark Expeditions maintains the most diverse fleet of small polar vessels in the expedition industry. Our ice-strengthened vessels were built for the challenging polar environments, so we can confidently take you to places that larger cruise ships cannot navigate.



#### **NEW! ULTRAMARINE**

The newest ship in our fleet, Ultramarine is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to discover new places, and to immerse you in the best the region has to offer.

Equipped with two twin-engine H145 helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, Ultramarine offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, the most spacious suites in this category, breathtaking public spaces, excellent outdoor wildlife viewing areas, plus an innovative mix of sustainability systems that exceeds all industry standards.

With all this and more, Ultramarine is perfectly positioned to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

#### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Staff & Crew: 140 Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

Ice Class: PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.

Balcony ←→ Interconnecting Suites Accessibility modified cabin; please sp to your travel professional for details

All images are artist's renderings.

Ultra Suite

Owner's Suite Penthouse Suite

Terrace Suite

**Balcony Suite** 

**Explorer Suite** Explorer Triple Solo Panorama

Deluxe Balcony Suite



#### **OCEAN ADVENTURER**

Ocean Adventurer has long been a fleet favorite among guests and crew who've appreciated the charm of this nimble vessel, its ample outdoor deck space, numerous cozy spots to socialize onboard, the outdoor jacuzzi and, of course, the intimacy of a 128-passenger vessel. In 2017, Ocean Adventurer underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation including a refreshed look and feel throughout, plus a completely remodeled lounge, dining room and bar. All cabins received brand new bathroom facilities. Six new deluxe cabins, as well as three new suites, were also added. Major technical enhancements featured two new Rolls-Royce engines, which yield increased speed and fuel efficiency, and a minimized carbon footprint.

#### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

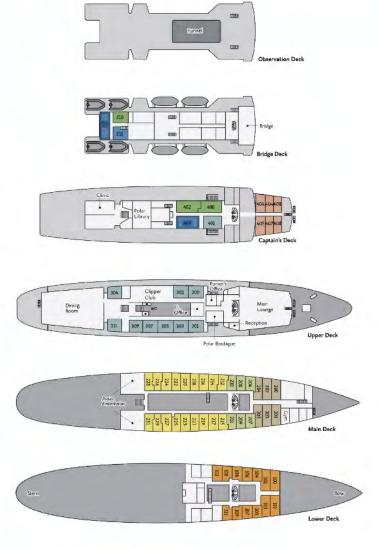
Staff & Crew: 87 Guests: 128

Lifeboats: 4, partially enclosed

Ice Class: 1A

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.







## Included Activities

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.

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

#### ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

#### HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is the best way to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every guest.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts-expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

#### **POLAR PLUNGE**

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff-and just about every single camera on board!

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost.





## **Adventure Options**

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



#### **PLEASE NOTE**

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.

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Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

#### X PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-ontop kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



## Departure Dates

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#### **ULTRAMARINE**

Dates	Days	Start / End	*	Paddling Excursion
			Sea Kayaking	
ARCTIC 2025				
MAY 11 - 20, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
MAY 24 - JUN 2, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
JUN 1 - 10, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
JUN 9 - 18, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
JUN 17 - 26, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$

#### **OCEAN ADVENTURER**

Dates	Days	Start / End	<u>*</u>	X
			Sea Kayaking	Paddling Excursion
ARCTIC 2025				
MAY 15 - 24, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
MAY 23 - JUN 1, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
MAY 31 - JUN 9, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
JUN 8 - 17, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
UN 16 - 25, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
JUN 24 - JUL 3, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
UL 2 - 11, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
UL 10 - 19, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
UL 18 - 27, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
JUL 26 - AUG 4, 2025	10	Helsinki	\$	\$
AUG 3 - 14, 2025	12	Helsinki	\$	\$



## Inclusions and Exclusions

#### **Inclusions**

#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- · Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock

- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- · A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- · An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- · All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- Transfers between Longyearbyen town center and port on embarkation and disembarkation day

#### \*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Helsinki airport hotel, with breakfast
- · Charter flight from Helsinki to Longyearbyen
- · Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen
- · Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Helsinki

#### **Exclusions**

### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- · Mandatory Transfer Package
- · International airfare
- · Arrival and departure transfers in Helsinki
- Passport and visa expenses
- 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 and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may vary by location)
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities



## Your Expedition Team

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

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





## Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions 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 and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock - all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.







## Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

#### Spitsbergen

#### ALKEFIELLET

This cliff is a seabird colony, where Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murres) raise their young. An estimated 60,000 breeding pairs reside on the basalt cliffs. The birds do not build nests; rather, they lay eggs on the bare ledges of the cliff. Witness the spectacle of thousands of birds flying to and from their cliff edge, speckling the sky and water, like a beehive on a much grander scale.

#### LILLIEHÖÖK GLACIER

In 2005, nearly 100 years after his greatgreat-grandfather conducted scientific investigations here, Prince Albert II of Monaco returned to Lilliehöök Glacier to honor his ancestor's memory. Here, you can take a Zodiac cruise amid labyrinths of sparkling icebergs, and witness breathtaking panoramas of ice. You may even spot bearded seals hauled out on the floes.

#### LONGYEARBYEN

Home to 2,400 people, the administrative capital of Svalbard is situated on the southern side of Adventfjorden. The settlement was founded in 1905 by John Munroe Longyear, the majority owner of the Arctic Coal Company of Boston. Today as much as ever, this is a true frontier town.

#### MONACO GLACIER

Prince Albert I of Monaco, a pioneer of oceanography, led an expedition to Svalbard in 1906. His team used sophisticated photographic techniques to understand the shape and position of several glacier fronts. Monaco Glacier honors the expedition, the prince and the principality over which he reigned. While touring the glacier front by Zodiac cruise, listen to the crackle and pop of the brash ice, search for seals and have a chance to admire a natural sculpture gallery.



#### NORDAUSTLANDET ISLAND

This is the second-largest island in the entire Svalbard archipelago, and home to the polar desert. Featured here is Bråsvellbreen, an ice cap connected to the larger Austfonna, which together form a 112-mile- (180 km) long ice cliff. Bråsvellbreen's glacier face makes for an impressive sight during a Zodiac cruise, stretching all the way to the horizon.

For guests who choose the 12-day voyage: You may, on this longer departure, have additional time to explore northeast Svalbard, as well as sites such as the Arctic desert of Nordaustlandet, which is known for its unique windswept beaches, ice caps and glaciers.

#### HORNSUND

The most southerly fjord in Svalbard offers some of the most spectacular scenery, with dramatic calving glaciers, drifting pack ice and majestic peaks (the highest of which are often shrouded in mist). A Polish research station has operated on the northern shore of Hornsund since 1957. Part of Sør-Spitsbergen National Park, this pristine area is rich in wildlife—reindeer, Arctic fox and polar bears can be spotted hunting for food, while seals bask on floating ice.

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- Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room.
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#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- □ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- □ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit Card & Small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

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# Three Arctic Islands

Iceland, Greenland, and Spitsbergen



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## Overview

Three Arctic Islands: Spitsbergen, Greenland & Iceland — Southbound

Named one of National Geographic Traveler's 50 Tours of a Lifetime, this unforgettable voyage begins above the Arctic Circle in Spitsbergen, the "wildlife capital of the Arctic," ventures to the spectacular, remote landscape of East Greenland, and ends in Iceland.

In Spitsbergen, you'll visit spectacular glacier fronts and wind-swept tundra, where possible wildlife sightings include walrus, polar bears, Svalbard reindeer and thousands of birds. During your tour of Greenland's remote eastern coast, you'll explore the remains of ancient Thule settlements and keep an eye out for grazing muskoxen-40 percent of the world's muskoxen population lives here.

The towering cliffs, massive glaciers, rugged fjords and vast swaths of untouched tundra in these breathtaking environments will provide sights, sounds and scenes you've never experienced, permanently transforming your connection to the planet we call home. Explore the amazing Arctic, immerse yourself in the beauty and fragility of a wondrous region, and return with unique memories that will last a lifetime.

#### **EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**



Experience one of National Geographic Traveler's 50 Tours of a Lifetime



Marvel at the glaciers and wildlife of Spitsbergen and East Greenland



Hike the tundra and explore a remote fjord-strewn coast of East Greenland



Cruise in a Zodiac to explore diverse landscapes



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Arctic with optional kayaking adventures





## Itinerary

#### DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN HELSINKI, FINLAND

Your Arctic adventure begins in Helsinki, renowned for its extraordinary architecture and intriguing mix of eastern and western influences. If you arrive early, explore the many museums, galleries and restaurants, relax at a Finnish sauna or wander the vibrant Design District before retiring at your included hotel.

#### DAY 2 | FLY TO LONGYEARBYEN, **SVALBARD & EMBARK**

After breakfast, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement, as part of the transfer package. As you embark this

afternoon, you'll enjoy great views of the mountainous landscape that serves as a backdrop for this seaside town.

#### DAYS 3 - 6 | EXPLORING SPITSBERGEN, **SVALBARD**

Exploring Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Norwegian Svalbard archipelago, rewards you with austere beauty and opportunities to spot its abundant wildlife. Here, you'll visit spectacular glacier fronts and tundra in full bloom, with walrus, polar bears and Svalbard reindeer amongst your possible wildlife sightings. Birders will be thrilled to see Arctic terns, skuas, Brünnich's guillemots, black-legged kittiwakes and ivory gulls. If conditions allow, you could sail within 10 degrees of the North Pole!



THREE ARCTIC ISLANDS: Iceland, Greenland, Spitsbergen Onboard the Ocean Adventurer Flight from Helsinki --

#### DAYS 7 & 8 | CRUISING

While sailing south through the Greenland Sea, your Expedition Team will teach you about the wildlife and history of Greenland, your next stop. On deck, you'll learn to identify seabirds on the wing. Take in a presentation, share your photos, sip an icy cocktail in the bar or watch a film-there are many things to do during your time at sea.

#### DAYS 9 - 12 | EXPLORING **EAST GREENLAND**

During your tour of Greenland's remote eastern coast, you'll enjoy Zodiac cruises and shore visits to several locations. Explore the remains of ancient Thule settlements and keep an eye out for grazing muskoxen-40 percent of the world's muskoxen population lives here. Finally, you will sail through spectacular Scoresbysund, the birthplace of many icebergs and, some say, the most beautiful fjord system in the world. If conditions allow, you may also visit Ittoqqortoormiit, the most remote community in East Greenland.

#### DAYS 13 & 14 | CRUISING

As we sail south, the Denmark Strait is your pathway toward Iceland. Your Expedition Team will keep you informed and entertained with presentations about the history of exploration in the Arctic and the seabirds you'll see soaring above your ship.

#### DAY 15 | DISEMBARK IN REYKJAVIK, **ICELAND**

You'll disembark in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, at the end of your journey. If you have booked post-expedition accommodation, we provide a transfer to a central downtown location.

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## Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

#### Arrival Day and Embarkation

#### DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN HELSINKI

You may arrive in Helsinki at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary. Your included accommodation will be at the airport hotel, so arrival transfers are not necessary. Please keep in mind that your hotel room may not be ready for check in until 3pm. On arrival at the hotel, you will receive a welcome letter outlining the departure information for the following day's tlight. Final details and check-in procedures can be found in your final documents. An agent representing Quark Expeditions® will be available in the lobby of the hotel that evening to answer any questions about the charter flight(s) scheduled for the following morning.

#### DAY 2 — CHARTER FLIGHT AND EMBARKATION IN LONGYEARBYEN

After a well rested night at your hotel you will join your flight up to Longyearbyen. Upon arrival in Longyearbyen, you will be transferred from the airport to a drop off point and your luggage will be taken directly to the ship. Details of ship transfer times will be provided during your arrival transfer. Due to port logistics, it is possible that you may need to board the vessel by Zodiac, rather than from the pier.

#### PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Helsinki and Longyearbyen. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

#### You will find in your final documents:

- Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights.
- ) Hotel information and check in time
- ) Charter flight time to embarkation point
- ) Embarkation plan
- ) Departure charter flight time

#### Final Day and Departure

#### **DISEMBARKATION IN REYKJAVIK AND ONWARD**

Your ship is scheduled to arrive at the pier in Reykjavik and you will disembark after breakfast. The process takes about an hour. After disembarkation, you will transfer to a central downtown location.

#### Arrival and Departure Transfers

#### **HELSINKI AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

An arrival transfer in Helsinki is not included in the expedition. Your first night's included accommodation will be provided at the airport hotel, so please make your way to the lobby for check-in when you arrive.

#### **REYKJAVIK AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

A transfer is provided from the Reykjavik port to a central downtown location at the end of the expedition. A transfer to the airport is not included; you will need to arrange your own transportation.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

#### **Included Hotel Accommodations:**

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated in your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like to extend your stay, you can book directly with the hotel or through a third party.









## Your Ship

Quark Expeditions maintains the most diverse fleet of small polar vessels in the expedition industry. Our ice-strengthened vessels were built for the challenging polar environments, so we can confidently take you to places that larger cruise ships cannot navigate.



#### **OCEAN ADVENTURER**

Ocean Adventurer has long been a fleet favorite among guests and crew who've appreciated the charm of this nimble vessel, its ample outdoor deck space, numerous cozy spots to socialize onboard, the outdoor jacuzzi and, of course, the intimacy of a 128-passenger vessel. In 2017, Ocean Adventurer underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation including a refreshed look and feel throughout, plus a completely remodeled lounge, dining room and bar. All cabins received brand new bathroom facilities. Six new deluxe cabins, as well as three new suites, were also added. Major technical enhancements featured two new Rolls-Royce engines, which yield increased speed and fuel efficiency, and a minimized carbon footprint.

#### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

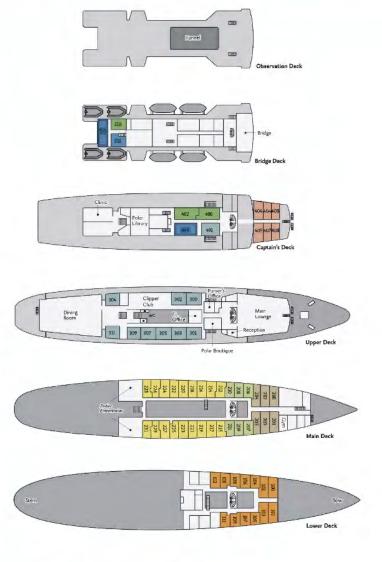
Staff & Crew: 87 Guests: 128

Lifeboats: 4, partially enclosed

Ice Class: 1A

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.







## Included Activities

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.

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

#### ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

#### HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every guest.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts-expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

#### POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff-and just about every single camera on board!

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost.





## **Adventure Options**

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



#### PLEASE NOTE

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.

#### **SEA KAYAKING**

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

#### X PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-ontop kayaks-perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



## Departure Dates

Three Arctic Islands: Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland

#### OCEAN ADVENTURER

Dates	Days	Start / End	*	X
			Sea Kayaking	Paddling Excursion
ARCTIC 2025				
AUG 13 - 27, 2025	15	Helsinki/Reykjavik	\$	\$
ARCTIC 2024				
SEP 7 - SEP 21, 2024	15	Reykjavik/Helsinki	\$	\$

\$ Paid Activities



## Inclusions and Exclusions

#### Inclusions

#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- · Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- · All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- · Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- · All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- · Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- · Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled

- · A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- · A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- · An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- · All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- · All luggage handling aboard the ship
- · Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- · Transfer from Longyearbyen town center to port on embarkation day
- · Group transfer to downtown Reykjavík on disembarkation day
- Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax

## **Exclusions**

#### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- · Mandatory Transfer Package
- International airfare
- Arrival transfer in Helsinki
- · Airport transfer in Reykjavík
- · Passport and visa expenses
- · 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 and domestic flights
- · Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- · Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified
- · Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may vary by location)
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- · Additional overnight accommodation
- · Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities

#### \*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- · One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Helsinki airport hotel, with breakfast
- · Charter flight from Helsinki to Longyearbyen
- · Arrival transfer in Longyearbyen
- · Arrival transfer in Reykjavik to central downtown location



## Your Expedition Team

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

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





## Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions 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 and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock - all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.







# Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

# Svalbard

# 14TH OF JULY GLACIER

Named after France's Bastille Day (the 14th of July), this large glacier is situated in Krossfjorden, a bay on the northwest coast of Spitsbergen. The area is teeming with wildlife, and is the best place in Svalbard to catch a glimpse of the Atlantic puffin. Nesting at certain times of year along the shore are purple sandpipers, common eiders, barnacle geese, Arctic tern and Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murres). Bearded and ringed seals also frequent the waters here.

# LILLIEHÖÖK GLACIER

In 2005, nearly 100 years after his greatgreat-grandfather conducted scientific investigations here, Prince Albert II of Monaco returned to Lilliehöök Glacier to honor his ancestor's memory. Here, you can take a Zodiac cruise amid labyrinths of sparkling icebergs, and witness breathtaking panoramas of ice. You may even spot bearded seals hauled out on the floes.

# LONGYEARBYEN

Home to 2,400 people, the administrative capital of Svalbard is situated on the southern side of Adventfjorden. The settlement was founded in 1905 by John Munroe Longyear, the majority owner of the Arctic Coal Company of Boston. Today as much as ever, this is a true frontier town.





# MONACO GLACIER

Prince Albert I of Monaco, a pioneer of oceanography, led an expedition to Svalbard in 1906. His team used sophisticated photographic techniques to understand the shape and position of several glacier fronts. Monaco Glacier honors the expedition, the prince and the principality over which he reigned. While touring the glacier front by Zodiac cruise, listen to the crackle and pop of the brash ice, search for seals and have a chance to admire a natural sculpture gallery.

# East Greenland

# C. HOFMANN HALVØ

This peninsula can be a great location for spotting muskoxen. It is also home to wheatears and snow buntings, and you may spot rock ptarmigans or great northern divers (common loon) while exploring the shore.

### **DENMARK ISLAND**

Encounter stunning icebergs at Denmark Island, which offers stupendous views of Scoresby Sund and Fønfjord below. If conditions allow for a landing, take a short hike to an archaeological site.

### **RØDEFJORD**

Red Fjord, or Rødefjord, is named for the colorful sandstone located on its western side. Many hillsides in Rodefjord appear 'stained' red due to the presence of iron oxide.

### **SCORESBY SUND**

Revered by many as the most beautiful fjord system in the world, Scoresby Sund is definitely the longest and largest. The sound was named by William Scoresby Jr., a whaler, scientist and clergyman, who was famed for mapping more than 400 miles (640 km) of Greenland's coastline.

All previously mentioned East Greenland sites fall within Scoresby Sund.

# **Iceland**

# **REYKJAVIK**

Iceland has been ranked by the United Nations as one of the best countries in which to live. Its capital, Reykjavik (which means "Smoky Bay"), was named by the country's first settler, Norseman Ingólfur Arnarson, who was inspired by the geothermal mist rising from the ground.

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# What to pack on your Arctic expedition

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

# BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.
☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
$\hfill\square$ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)
☐ Glove liners*
☐ Hand and feet warmers*
□ Binoculars
☐ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)
□ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for came or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)
*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.
BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking) In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:
☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)  Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle (in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

# TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
- Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room.
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# **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

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# Ultimate Arctic Voyage

From Svalbard to Jan Mayen to Iceland



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# Overview

Ultimate Arctic Voyage: From Svalbard to Jan Mayen to Iceland

Perfect for first-time visitors to the Arctic who are seeking lots of adventure, our Ultimate Arctic Voyage: From Svalbard to Jan Mayen to Iceland itinerary highlights three spectacular destinations near the top of the world. This journey provides adventurous guests with a taste of the incredible diversity of the Arctic, featuring wildlife, giant icebergs, towering mountains, historical sites, wide expanses of tundra and more.

Your adventure begins in the remote Norwegian island of Spitsbergen, renowned for its stunning scenery and abundant, varied wildlife such as polar bears and walrus. From there, sail south across the Greenland Sea to the mysterious, volcanic Jan Mayen, a nature reserve so remote that few have ever been fortunate enough to explore this Arctic treasure. Your epic adventure culminates with a journey under the midnight sun to Reykjavik, where you can soak up Icelandic culture in a city that never sleeps.

# **EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**



Search for iconic Arctic wildlife, such as polar bears, walrus and reindeer



Explore the magnificent fjords and glaciers of Spitsbergen



Experience the remote volcanic island of Jan Mayen



Cruise in a Zodiac to explore glaciers, icebergs and more



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Arctic with optional kayaking adventures





# Itinerary

# DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN HELSINKI, FINLAND

Your Arctic adventure begins in Helsinki, renowned for its extraordinary architecture and intriguing mix of eastern and western influences. If you arrive early, explore the many inuseums, galleries and restaurants, relax at a Finnish sauna or wander the vibrant Design District before retiring at your included hotel.

# DAY 2 | FLY TO LONGYEARBYEN, **SVALBARD & EMBARK**

This morning, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement, as part of the transfer package. As you embark this afternoon, expect great views of the mountainous landscape that serves as a backdrop for this seaside town.

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# DAYS 7 & 8 | CRUISING

While sailing south through the historic Greenland Sea toward Jan Mayen, your Expedition Team will keep you informed with presentations about the history and politics of the Arctic, its fascinating



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wildlife, geology, ecology and climate, and the incredible sights you will soon explore. On deck, you'll learn to identify seabirds "on the wing." The team will also keep a lookout for the whales that frequent the waters here.

# DAYS 9 | EXPLORING JAN MAYEN

North of the Arctic Circle, about 280 miles (450 km) east of Greenland and 340 miles (550 km) north of Iceland, the mysterious Jan Mayen rises from the depths of the North Atlantic. Often shrouded in thick fog, the small mountainous island was declared a nature reserve in 2010 and is rarely visited, save for the 18 rotating personnel of the Norwegian military and Norwegian Meteorological Institute, who are the only inhabitants.

Landing here will be dictated by the weather and sea. If conditions allow, as we approach, keep watch on deck as the spoon-shaped island's highest summit emerges. At 7,470 feet (2,277 meters) high, the breathtaking Beerenberg volcano features a symmetrical cone shape and impressive glaciers that spill into the sea.

If we're fortunate, we may get a closeup view of the volcano and the stratified cliffs of the spectacular north coast as we Zodiac cruise along the coast of the island, searching for wildlife. Designated an Important Bird Area by BirdLife International for the large numbers of breeding seabirds, Jan Mayen supports colonies of northern fulmars, little auks, glaucous gulls, kittiwakes, and black and Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murres).

# DAYS 10 & 11 | CRUISING

As we sail south, the Denmark Strait is your pathway toward Iceland. Take in a presentation, share your photos, sip an icy cocktail in the bar or watch a film—there are many things to do during your time at sea. Your Expedition Team will also be on hand to answer any questions and point out wildlife.

# DAY 12 | DISEMBARK REYKJAVIK

You'll disembark in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, at the end of your expedition, and be transferred to your included hotel for the night.

# DAY 13 | DEPART REYKJAVIK

Today, make your way to Keflavik Airport to catch your onward flight, or spend more time exploring the fascinating city of Reykjavik.

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# Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

# Arrival Day and Embarkation

# DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN HELSINKI

You may arrive in Helsinki at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary. Your included accommodation will be at the airport hotel, so arrival transfers are not necessary. Please keep in mind that your hotel room may not be ready for check in until 3 pm.

On arrival at the hotel, you will receive a welcome letter outlining the departure information for the following day's flight. Final details and check-in procedures can be found in your final documents. An agent representing Quark Expeditions® will be available in the lobby of the hotel that evening to answer any questions about the charter flight(s) scheduled for the following morning.

# DAY 2 — CHARTER FLIGHT AND EMBARKATION IN LONGYEARBYEN

Upon arrival in Longyearbyen, you will be transferred from the airport to a drop-off point, and your luggage will be taken directly to the ship. Details of ship transfer times will be provided during your arrival transfer. Due to port logistics, it is possible that you may need to board the vessel by Zodiac, rather than from the pier.

# PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Helsinki and Longyearbyen. There is no option to pay for additional luggage.

# You will find in your final documents:

- ) Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights.
- ) Hotel information and check in time
- ) Charter flight time to embarkation point
- ) Embarkation plan
- ) Departure charter flight time

# Final Day and Departure

# DISEMBARKATION IN REYKIAVIK AND ONWARD

Your voyage is scheduled to end in Reykjavik where you will disembark after breakfast. The process takes about an hour. After disembarkation, you will transfer to your post-expedition hotel for the night. After breakfast the following morning, you may make your way to the airport to connect with your onward flight, or stay longer if you have booked additional accommodation.

# Arrival and Departure Transfers

# **HELSINKI AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

An arrival transfer in Helsinki is not included in the expedition. Your first night's included accommodation will be provided at the airport hotel, so please make your way to the lobby for check-in when you arrive.

# **REYKJAVIK AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

A transfer to the airport is not included. If you require a transfer to the city, you will need to arrange your own transportation. Most airports we travel in and out of have good taxi ranks in the arrivals area, or you can often pre-book a transfer online.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

### Included Hotel Accommodations:

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated in your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like to extend your stay, you can book directly with the hotel or through a third party.





# Your Ship: Ultramarine

### **NEW! ULTRAMARINE**

The newest ship in our fleet, *Ultramarine* is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to discover new places, and to immerse you in the best the region has to offer.

Equipped with two twin-engine H145 helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, *Ultramarine* offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, the most spacious suites in this category, breathtaking public spaces, excellent outdoor wildlife viewing areas, plus an innovative mix of sustainability systems that exceeds all industry standards.

With all this and more, *Ultramarine* is perfectly positioned to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

# SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Staff & Crew: 140 Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

Ice Class: PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.

Owner's Suite

Penthouse Suite

Terrace Suite

Deluxe Balcony Suite

Balcony Suite

Explorer Suite

Deluxe Balcony Suite

Explorer Triple

Solo Panorama

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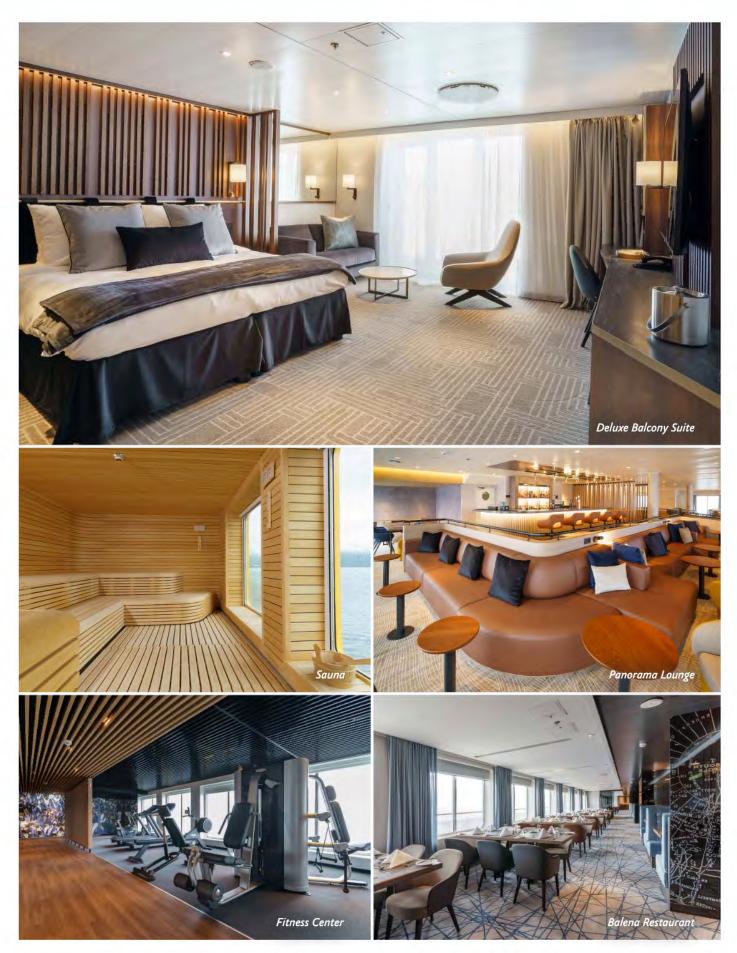
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# **Included Activities**

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.

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

# ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

# HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every guest.

# **PRESENTATIONS**

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts-expedition guides, specialists, photography guides, historians and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, and glaciology of the region, and much, much more.

# **POLAR PLUNGE**

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff-and just about every single camera on board!

# **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost.





# Adventure Options

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



# **PLEASE NOTE**

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.

# SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

# X PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-ontop kayaks-perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



# Departure Dates

Ultimate Arctic Voyage: From Svalbard to Jan Mayen to Iceland

# **OCEAN ADVENTURER**

Dates	Days	Start / End	*	X
			Sea Kayaking	Paddling Excursion
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JUL 7 - 19, 2025	13	Helsinki/Reykjavik	\$	\$

\$ Paid Activities



# Inclusions and Exclusions

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# **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- · Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled

- · A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- · An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- · All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- Transfer from Longyearbyen town center to port on embarkation day
- Group transfer to downtown Reykjavík on disembarkation day
- · Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax

# \*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- One night's pre-expedition hotel night in Helsinki
- · Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen
- · Charter flight from Helsinki to Longyearbyen
- · One night's post-expedition hotel night in Reykjavik

# **Exclusions**

# RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Mandatory Transfer Package
- · International airfare
- · Arrival transfer in Helsinki
- · Airport transfer in Reykjavík
- Passport and visa expenses
- 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 and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may vary by location)
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- · Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities



# Your Expedition Team

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

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.







# Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of Ultramarine, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. A 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 and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock-all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.







# Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

# Svalbard

# 14TH OF JULY GLACIER

Named after France's Bastille Day (the 14th of July), this large glacier is situated in Krossfjorden, a bay on the northwest coast of Spitsbergen. The area is teeming with wildlife, and is the best place in Svalbard to catch a glimpse of the Atlantic puffin. Nesting at certain times of year along the shore are purple sandpipers, common eiders, barnacle geese, Arctic tern and Brünnich's guillemots (thickbilled murres). Bearded and ringed seals also frequent the waters here.

# LILLIEHÖÖK GLACIER

In 2005, nearly 100 years after his greatgreat-grandfather conducted scientific investigations here, Prince Albert II of Monaco returned to Lilliehöök Glacier to fhonor his ancestor's memory. Here, you can take a Zodiac cruise amid labyrinths of sparkling icebergs, and witness breathtaking panoramas of ice. You may even spot bearded seals hauled out on the floes.

### LONGYEARBYEN

Home to 2,400 people, the administrative capital of Svalbard is situated on the southern side of Adventfjorden. The settlement was founded in 1905 by John Munroe Longyear, the majority owner of the Arctic Coal Company of Boston. Today as much as ever, this is a true frontier town.





### MONACO GLACIER

Prince Albert I of Monaco, a pioneer of oceanography, led an expedition to Svalbard in 1906. His team used sophisticated photographic techniques to understand the shape and position of several glacier fronts. Monaco Glacier honors the expedition, the prince and the principality over which he reigned. While touring the glacier front by Zodiac cruise, listen to the crackle and pop of the brash ice, search for seals and have a chance to admire a natural sculpture gallery.

# **POOLEPYNTEN**

This flat peninsula lies on the east coast of Prins Karls Forland (Prince Charles Foreland), which is part of a national park (est. 1973) that includes both the island and the surrounding sea.

Poolepynten is a great place for walrus viewing and photography. Encountering a walrus haul-out is a moment you won't forget. These lumbering giants of the Arctic create quite a noisy scene as each walrus vies for a choice spot of coastline.

# **SMEERENBURG**

Surrounded by fjords, glacier fronts and rugged mountains, the abandoned settlement of Smeerenburg, which means "blubber town," was established by Dutch whalers nearly 400 years ago. One of Europe's most northerly outposts, this is a good spot to explore ashore and learn about Spitsbergen's whaling history. You can also visit a memorial erected in 1906 to honor the whalers who lost their lives in the 17th and 18th centuries. A walrus haul-out can sometimes be seen here.







# Jan Mayen

### BEERENBERG

Covered in glaciers, this active volcano dominates the northern half of Jan Mayen, taking up a significant part of the island's mere 144 square miles (373 sq km). A soaring 7,470 feet (2,277 meters) high, it last erupted in 1985. Let's hope for clear skies to admire this monolith from the ship or shore.

### **KVALROSSBUKTA**

One of only two possible landing sites in Jan Mayen is Kvalrossbukta. This small bay is the site of the remains of a 17-century whaling station. The island is home to a variety of birdlife, including a large northern fulmar colony.

# **OLONKINBYEN**

Jan Mayen's only settlement, Olonkinbyen is located at the southeastern side of the island, by Båtvika (Boat Cove), the other possible landing site. As a designated nature reserve, Jan Mayen remains uninhabited, except for the 18 rotating personnel who reside in the settlement and work at either the nearby weather station or radio station.

# Iceland

# **REYKJAVIK**

Iceland has been ranked by the United Nations as one of the best countries in which to live. Its capital, Reykjavik (which means "Smoky Bay"), was named by the country's first settler, Norseman Ingólfur Arnarson, who was inspired by the geothermal mist rising from the ground.

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# What to pack on your Arctic expedition

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

# BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.
☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top*
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom*
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece top*
☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
$\square$ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
$\hfill\square$ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)
☐ Glove liners*
☐ Hand and feet warmers*
□ Binoculars
□ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)
□ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for came or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)
*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.
BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking) In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:
☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
☐ UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
□ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)  Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
☐ Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle (in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

# TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
- ☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- □ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- ☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit Card & Small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

) To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Arctic

> Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page: QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to watch our video on what to pack before you go!





ARCTIC 2025

# West Greenland Ice Odyssey

Glaciers and Icebergs ULTRAMARINE DESIGNED TO GO BEYOND

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# Overview

West Greenland Ice Odyssey: Glaciers and Icebergs

Immerse yourself along the dramatic coast of West Greenland, exploring deep into fjords and stunning islands. This trip features the best sites and ice-laden realms of West Greenland in just 10 days. You'll have opportunities to visit such towns as Sisimiut, Ilulissat and possibly Ittileq, all rich in local culture. Find yourself coasting by massive glaciers and sculpted icebergs while enjoying all the comforts Ultramarine has to offer. At the peak of summer months, you'll enjoy long sunny days, clear vistas, and opportunities to see ringed, harp and possibly hooded seals, as well as various Arctic birds, including the black guillemot, Arctic tern, northern fulmar and snow bunting. It's also possible, in this region, to encounter whale species, such as humpback, minke and fin whales.

# **EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**



We'll take you deeper into Disko Bay and Eternity Fjords than any other operator



Experience the beauty of these landscapes from the air thanks to Ultramarine's twin-engine H145 helicopters



Experience Greenlandic culture by exploring with local partners



Visit three of Greenland's most picturesque, iconic regions in a single voyage



Join unique and immersive optional activities, such as mountain biking.





# Itinerary

# DAY 1 | ARRIVE N TORONTO, CANADA

Arrive at Pearson International Airport and make your way to your included hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Toronto, one of the most cosmopolitan and multicultural cities in Canada.

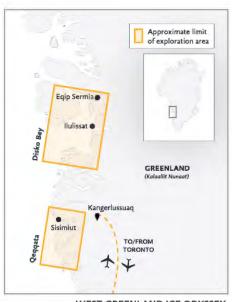
# DAY 2 | FLY TO KANGERLUSSUAQ AND EMBARK

This morning you'll eatch your charter flight to Kangerlussuaq, where you'll board your vessel and begin your expedition. Get ready for a great adventure ahead! Expect a welcome and safety briefing from your Expedition Leader.

Quark Expeditions' core belief in working closely with our local partners will enhance every experience as we explore alongside local experts. We'll draw on our team's collective knowledge and expertise to deliver incredible experiences.

# DAYS 3-5 | DISKO BAY

Disko Bay is a wide, southeastern inlet of Baffin Bay and is the largest open bay in western Greenland. Try to get out on deck as we navigate into this iconic bay where whales are often spotted. Disko Bay is full of exciting destinations for us to explore. We will almost certainly visit the community of Illulissat, which is situated at the head of outlet fjord for Sermeq Kujalleq (Jakobshavn Glacier),



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known for discharging 35 billion tons of ice each year. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004, the fjord is immensely beautiful and we will encourage you to explore it via one of the many marked hiking trails.

Another area we will consider for this itinerary is the wild beauty of Equip Sermia or Torsukatak Fjords, located in the northeast corner of Disko Bay. Both of these remote areas offer fantastic vistas of large active glacial faces and provide plenty of opportunities for hiking, paddling, and Zodiac cruising. This is also an area where, if conditions allow, we will consider utilizing our twinengine helicopters to get you in the air to appreciate the immensity of this region.

# DAYS 6-8 | QEQQATA

Qeqqata (meaning centre) municipality is Greenland's second smallest administrative region. Situated in the middle of the country's western coast, Qeqqata is home to almost 20% of

Greenland's populace, most of whom reside in Sisimiut and Maniitsoq.

During these two days your expedition team will work with our local partners to curate a balance of community and wilderness-focused activities. We are likely to visit Sisimiut, where you can wonder through the open air museum, participate in local tastings or join a hiking group to venture beyond the town limits along one of many incredible hiking trails on Sisimiut's doorstep. This is where we will also offer the (paid) mountain biking activity.

Further south, our team will seek to take you beyond the ordinary and into these fjords for magical one-of-a-kind experiences, one of which is Eternity Fjord, which is home to the tallest mountains in all of West Greenland. Another fascinating community in this region is Itilleq. Surrounded by sea and mountains, Itilleq is located about a mile (2 km) above the Arctic Circle.







The Quark Expeditions team has enjoyed a longstanding relationship with the people of Itilleq, who often gather and invite our staff and guests for a pick-up game of soccer or football.

# DAY 9 | KANGERLUSSUAQ DISEMBARKATION

Today, we disembark in Kangerlussuaq, formerly known as Søndre Strømfjord, and transfer you to your charter flight to Toronto, where you'll spend the night in your included hotel.

# DAY 10 | TORONTO

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# DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN TORONTO

You may arrive at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary and make your way to the included hotel near Keflavik International Airport, a 40-minute commute from downtown Reykjavik.

# DAY 2 — TRANSFER TO AIRPORT, FLIGHT TO KANGERLUSSUAQ AND EMBARKATION IN KANGERLUSSUAQ

On the morning of Day 2, guests and their luggage will be transferred to the airport for the flight to Kangerlussuaq.

Upon arrival at Kangerlussuaq, guests and their luggage will be transferred to the pier, where they will be transported to their awaiting ship by Zodiac.

# **PLEASE NOTE**

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Toronto and Kangerlussuaq. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Toronto. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

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# Final Day and Departure

# DISEMBARKATION IN KANGERLUSSUAO

Your voyage is scheduled to end back in Kangerlussuaq where you will disembark after breakfast. The disembarkation process takes about an hour. After disembarkation, you will be transferred to the airport for the return charter flight to Toronto.

# **DEPARTING FROM TORONTO**

Upon arrival in Toronto, 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.

# Arrival and Departure Transfers

# **TORONTO AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

Arrival and departure transfers in Toronto are not included; if you require a transfer, you will need to arrange your own transportation. Most airports we travel in and out of have reliable taxi ranks in the arrivals area, or you can often pre-book a transfer online.

# **PLEASE NOTE**

Included Hotel Accommodations: Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated in your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like to extend your stay, you can book directly with the hotel or through a third party.





# Your Ship: Ultramarine

### **NEW! ULTRAMARINE**

The newest ship in our fleet, Ultramarine is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to discover new places, and to immerse you in the best the region has to offer.

Equipped with two twin-engine H145 helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, Ultramarine offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, the most spacious suites in this category, breathtaking public spaces, excellent outdoor wildlife viewing areas, plus an innovative mix of sustainability systems that exceeds all industry standards.

With all this and more, Ultramarine is perfectly positioned to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

# SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Staff & Crew: 140 Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

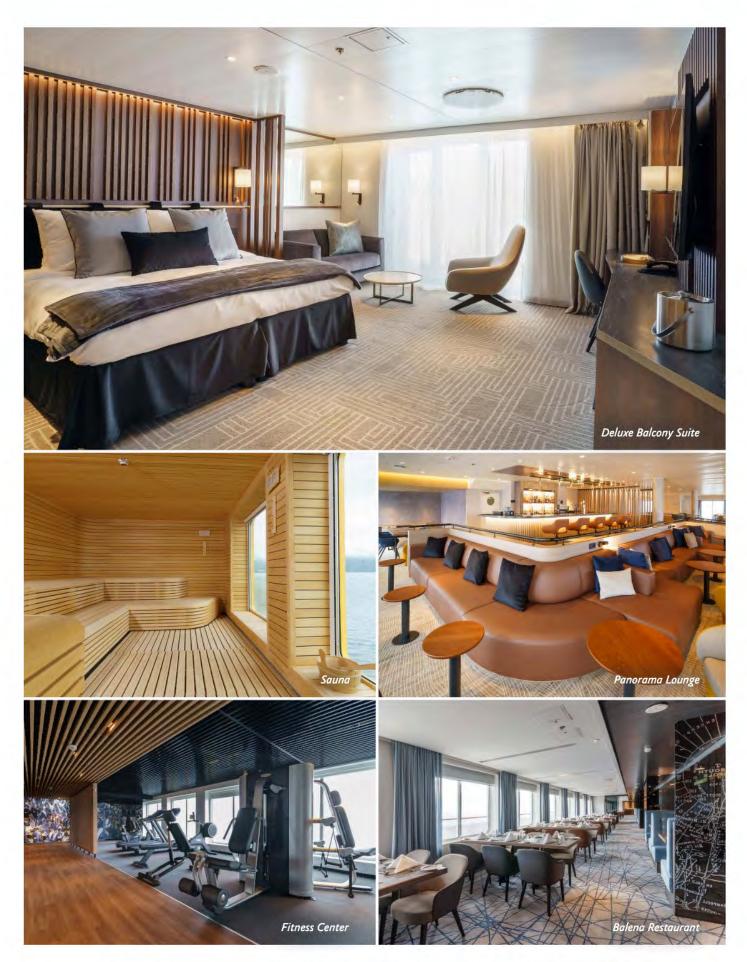
Ice Class: PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.

Owner's Suite Penthouse Suite Terrace Suite Deluxe Balcony Suite **Balcony Suite Explorer Suite Explorer Triple** Solo Panorama Balcony Interconnecting Suites Accessibility modified cabin; please u to your travel professional for details

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Ultra Suite





# **Included Activities**

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.





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

# FLIGHTSEEING

While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they're even more stunning from the air, a view you can enjoy while seated in one of the two twin-engine helicopters stationed on Ultramarine. Typically in groups of 6-9, you will experience an unforgettable aerial tour of the Arctic during a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion that's included in the cost of the voyage. Additional helicopter activities may also be available for purchase on board. Please note: all helicopter operations are weather- and logistics-dependent.

# ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

# HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every guest.







# **PRESENTATIONS**

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts-expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

# **POLAR PLUNGE**

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff-and just about every single camera on board!

# **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guides will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost.



### Adventure Options

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



#### **★ SEA KAYAKING**

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.



#### X PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-ontop kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience.

Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



#### MOUNTAIN BIKING

Feeling like a more active adventure? Our team has joined with local partners to identify incredible mountain biking routes through the stunning scenery just beyond the town boundaries of Sisimiut, Greenland. While others explore the community our expert guides and local partners will take you to the best terrain to start your adventure and be with you throughout the activity.

Participants must be fit and comfortable biking on dirt roads and trails. Riders should expect a combination of wide trails and remote gravel roads. Riders should be able to roll over small obstacles (like roots or rocks), and shift gears comfortably when anticipating and responding to changing terrain.



#### TUNDRA TO TABLE

Our ground-breaking Tundra to Table experience offers guests a one-of-a-kind adventure into the culinary traditions of the Inuit in Greenland and Nunavut. You'll savor food made with ingredients direct from the sea and surrounding Arctic land—prepared by local chefs. Enjoy an evening of Inuit storytelling as you dine on traditional dishes of the Inuit of Greenland and Nunavut, including beer-braised muskox served with Greenlandic mashed potatoes, and pickled halibut served with lumpfish dip and bread. Our on-ship Tundra to Table experience is the only exclusively Inuit culinary offering of its kind in the world.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.



### Departure Dates

West Greenland Ice Odyssey: Glaciers and Icebergs

#### **ULTRAMARINE**

Dates	Days	Start / End	Flightseeing	s	ea Kayaking	Paddling Excursion	n	Mountain Biking	Tundra to Table
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5 Paid Activities



### Inclusions and Exclusions

#### Inclusions

#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- · A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- · Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax

#### \*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- · One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Toronto
- · Charter flight from Toronto to Kangerlussuaq
- Group transfer from the ship to the Kangerlussuaq airport on disembarkation day
- · Charter flight from Kangerlussuaq to Toronto
- $\bullet$  One night's post-expedition airport hotel accommodation in Toronto

#### **Exclusions**

### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Mandatory Transfer Package\*
- · International airfare
- · Arrival transfers in Toronto
- · Passport and visa expenses
- 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 and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified
   Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may
- vary by location)

  Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for
- shipboard staff and crew
- · Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities



### Your Expedition Team

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

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.







### Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of *Ultramarine*, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

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 and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock—all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.







### Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

#### West Greenland

#### **DISKO BAY**

Disko Bay is the largest open bay in western Greenland. It measures 150 kilometers from north to south. 100 kilometers from east to west and has average depth of 400 metres. After the disappearance of the Norse in the 15th century, the Thule, ancestors of modern Inuit, established themselves in the Disko Bay area and Europeans did not reappear until Danish colonization in the 18th century, apart from an English expedition in 1587. The nutrient-rich waters of Disko Bay sustain abundant marine life, such as

capelin and cod fish, and migratory seals such as harp, ringed, hooded and bearded seals. The bay is also a gathering place for humpback and bowhead whales.

#### **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 seenand heard—calving into the water below. Navigating the narrow sound on the way to the glacier requires traversing ice-clogged water, which produces an ethereal feeling as bergs glide around the ship's hull.

#### **QEQERTARSUAQ**

One of the oldest settlements in Greenland, Qegertarsuaq was settled by whalers in 1773, but archeological evidence suggests that people lived here at least 6,000 years earlier. The town and surrounding area stand apart as the island's only volcanic region. The area





offers unusual geology and colorful landscapes, with particularly lush vegetation. More than half of Greenland's plant species are found here, tucked between columns of basalt rock and black sand beaches littered with ice fragments. In town, you don't want to miss Qegertarsuaq's Vorherres Bleaekhus, which hosts musical performances by resident artists. Local guides will also lead walking tours to visit the church, Qeqertarsuaq's shopping area and businesses, and the local museum. If time and weather permit, there's the chance of an extended hike to the incredible basalt columns 10 km down the coast. This hike isn't for the faint of heart.

#### **ILULISSAT**

Ilulissat (formerly Jakobshaven) lies approximately 350 km north of the Arctic Circle. With a population of over 4500, it is the third-largest city in Greenland, after Nuuk and Sisimiut. Founded by Danish trader Jacob Saverin as a trading post in 1741, Ilulissat today is a center for shrimp-fishing in the region. Directly translated, "Ilulissat" is the Kalaallisut word for "icebergs." The town is

situated 2 km north of the legendary Ice Fjord, through which colossal icebergs travel out to sea. Ilulissat is also the birthplace of noted polar explorer and anthropologist Knud Rasmussen, Greenland's revered native son. You'll be able to enter the house where he was born in 1879 as it's now a small museum dedicated to his achievements. From 1906 until the early 1930s, Kununnguaq, or "Little Knud," devoted his life to Arctic studies. His greatest achievements included the Danish Ethnographical Expedition to Arctic North America, also known as the Fifth Thule Expedition, which enabled Rasmussen and his team to take archaeological, geographical and natural history data from Greenland right across the North American Arctic.

#### SISIMIUT

Sisimiut is located just above the Arctic Circle on the west coast of Greenland, approximately 320 km north of Nuuk. The second-largest city in Greenland, Sisimiut has been inhabited for thousands of years. It's a city of contrasts: in a single day you can walk in the footsteps (and observe the

homes) of prehistoric peoples, and next you'll visit one of Sisimiut's fashionable craft stores where you can purchase art that combines traditional and modern techniques. Sisimiut means "the residents at the foxholes." The site has been inhabited for the last 4500 years, first by peoples of the Saqqaq culture, then Dorset culture, and then the Thule people, whose Inuit descendants form the majority of the current population.

#### ITILLEQ

Surrounded by sea and mountains, Itilleq is situated about a mile (2 km) above the Arctic Circle, in a scenic hollow on a small island. It's also known as a welcoming community, where you might experience kaffemik, a Greenlandic tradition of inviting visitors in for coffee, cakes and conversation. Stroll by the town's charming wooden houses which are painted in a rainbow of colors, chat with the locals, and maybe challenge them to a game of football (soccer)—it won't be long before you're experiencing Itilleq's famous friendly vibe.



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# What to pack on your Greenland expedition

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

□ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or

TO WEAR ON BOARD

BY SEA AND AIR All transfers ship to shore, helicopter flights and Zodiac/ship cruising.	
☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac and helicopter ride)	
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top* ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom	k
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☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)	
☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection	
☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)	
$\square$ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)	
☐ Glove liners* ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars	
□ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)	
☐ Sunscreen ☐ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days	5)
□ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)	
*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.	
BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking) In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:	
□ Worn-in Hiking footwear: While Muck-boots are provided and encouraged for most shore excursions, additional hiking footwear (Goretex-lined boots or similar water-proof hiking boots) can add to your hiking comfort, especially if wyou are a keen hiker	
☐ (Smart) Wool or synthetic hiking socks for above footwear (bring an extra pair)	
☐ Lightweight and quick-dry, trekking pants that may or may not convert to zip-off shorts* (*depending on your thermo-regulation)	•
☐ Breathable waterproof pants* and rain jacket** for outdoor activities in inclement weather (*can be the same pair you use for Zodiac operations / ** can be outer shell of complimentary Quark 3in1 Parka)	,
$\hfill\square$ Comfortable long or short-sleeve shirt for hiking either synthetic/quick-dry or merino (smart) wool	
☐ (Hiking) gloves (medium thickness, waterproof preferred)	
☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)	
☐ UV protection (hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm)	
☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)  Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel	
☐ Additional reusable thermos or water bottle	

jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)
Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!
ADDITIONAL ITEMS
☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport & cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
☐ Waterproof cell phone case or rain sleeve for camera
☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to



Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

☐ Small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book

To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Greenland

wind and temperature changes)

☐ Insect repellant ☐ Mosquito netting

medications

for more details)

☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other

> Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page: QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions

(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)



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# Wild Fjords of South Greenland

Land of the Vikings



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### Overview

Wild Fjords of South Greenland: Land of the Vikings

Guests who book the 13-day Wild Fjords of South Greenland: Land of the Vikings explore this fascinating region on the game-changing Ultramarine, the newest addition to our fleet. Enjoy an ultra-immersive exploration of Greenland's serene shores, sailing the icy waters of the rarely traveled southeast coast, traveling down to the lush southern tip, and stopping to visit local communities, Viking sites, and observe imposing glaciers on the south and southeast coasts, which are the featured regions of this voyage. While onboard, guests can take advantage of Ultramarine's luxurious suites, spa and wellness amenities and incredible wilderness viewing spaces. Ultramarine enables us to offer guests more Adventure Options than any other operator in the Polar Regions.

Visits to picturesque communities and Viking sites will provide guests with an intimate look into Greenland's distinct culture and history, while the rugged landscape, highlighted by dramatic fjords, imposing glaciers, towering mountains, verdant valleys and incredible wildflowers will leave you breathless. On Wild Fjords of South Greenland: Land of the Vikings, spectacular, unspoiled wonders await at every turn.

#### **EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**



Search for iconic Arctic wildlife, such as whales, seals and seabirds



Meet locals and experience traditional Inuit settlements



Learn about Viking culture and history



Cruise in a Zodiac to explore icebergs, glaciers, fjords and more



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Arctic with optional kayaking adventures



Experience flightseeing on one of Ultramarine's two twin-engine helicopters







### Itinerary

#### DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Arrive in the Icelandic capital and make your way to your included hotel. You will have the rest of the day to explore the city on your own.

#### DAY 2 | EMBARK

This afternoon, you'll board your vessel and begin your expedition. Get ready for a great adventure ahead!

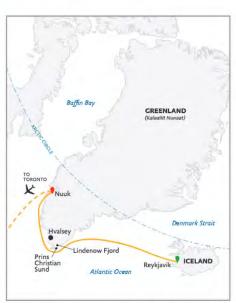
#### DAY 3-4 | TRANSIT FROM ICELAND TO SOUTHEAST GREENLAND

As we sail across the Denmark Strait, your Expedition Team will teach you about the wildlife and enthralling history of Greenland, its fascinating geology, ecology and climate, and the incredible

sights you will soon explore. Staff will also keep watch for the seabirds you'll likely see soaring around your ship, as well as the whales that can be encountered here.

#### DAYS 5 & 6 | EXPLORING SOUTHEAST GREENLAND

Your exploration of Greenland begins with South East Greenland, one of the least visited and most remote parts of the island. Your days sailing along the coast will be guided by weather and ice conditions, with each day and each excursion presenting new adventures. The region is a sight to behold, boasting a mesmerizing maze of vast glaciers, steep mountains and breathtaking fjords.



WILD FIORDS OF SOUTH GREENLAND Land of the Vikings

Onboard Ultramarine Flight from Nuuk to Reykjavik -- If you're feeling even more adventurous, perhaps you'll treat yourself to an optional paddling excursion (extra cost), an unforgettable opportunity to glide past icebergs and glaciers and capture some photographs from a unique perspective.

Another possible destination is Lindenow Fjord (Kangerlussuatsiaq), and if conditions are favorable, it's a great spot for hiking through lush and varied flora, surrounded by epic mountain vistas. This rarely visited deep fjord is fed by a number of glaciers and offers ample opportunities for your camera to get a workout.

#### DAYS 7 & 8 | EXPLORING SOUTH GREENLAND

Sailing on, we'll explore Greenland's fertile southern coast. Nicknamed Arctic Patagonia, this region is as rich in spectacular scenery as it is in history and culture. Here, it's easy to see why Erik the Red gave Greenland its name: everywhere you look rewards with vistas of icy waters set against a backdrop of soaring mountains and unbelievably lush, green valleys. Scattered around the shores of the fjord systems that dominate the area are several small settlements, both ancient and present day, making South Greenland an ideal place to explore.

The magical Prins Christian Sund (Ikerasassuag), a complex maze of narrow fjords and channels, is a great place for cruising. You'll explore this stunning sound, home to calving glaciers, jagged mountains and sheer cliffs that plunge dramatically into the water. Sailing through this fjord from the vantage point of your ship or a Zodiac is an exhilarating experience. If conditions allow, venturing ashore provides opportunities for all levels of hiking.

Steeped in Norse history, the southern coast of Greenland provides plenty of places to learn about this ancient culture. One such landing we hope to make is

at Hvalsey (Qaqortukulooq), the site of Greenland's largest and best-preserved Norse ruins. Exploring the remains of the circa 14th-century church will feel like stepping back in time, as the building appears much as it did when it was abandoned in the 15th century and the surrounding fells and fjord remain similarly untouched.

The little village of Igaliku, home to about 25 inhabitants, is Greenland's oldest sheep-farming settlement. It's a charming place to go ashore, as sheep peacefully graze on the grass, surrounded by bloom-covered rolling valleys and tall mountains. The area is also known for its storied past, as evidenced by the remarkable red sandstone ruins of the Gardar cathedral (the largest church in Greenland in the Middle Ages) and bishop's residence, which date back to the early 12th century, when Greenland's first bishop was appointed. Wandering the foundations, excavated in 1926, you'll





get to see a bit of history firsthand as you learn about this interesting relic of the Viking period. Together with four other historic farming communities, Igaliku is part of the newly established UNESCO World Heritage Site Kujataa.

#### DAYS 9 - 11 | EXPLORING WEST GREENLAND

Boasting spectacular glaciers, mountainous landscapes, and vibrant communities, the west coast of Greenland will leave you awestruck. Heading north, each day we hope to take Zodiac excursions from the ship to explore local bays, channels and landing sites, discovering some of the quaint communities dotting the islands and fjords in the region and cruising in some of Greenland's most picturesque places.

The west coast is home to Nuuk, the charming Greenlandic capital. You'll have time to wander the streets of the historic Old Nuuk neighborhood and see the Hans Egede Church and Hans Egede statue near the waterfront, both named after the missionary who founded the settlement. History buffs will want to visit the national museum to view the famous Greenlandic mummies, found under a rock outcrop in 1972 by two brothers who were ptarmigan hunting.

#### DAY 12 | DISEMBARK IN NUUK AND FLY TO TORONTO FOR POST VOYAGE HOTEL NIGHT

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

#### **DAY 13** | DEPART TORONTO

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

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### Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

#### Arrival Day and Embarkation

#### DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN REYKIAVIK

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

#### DAY 2 — EMBARKATION IN REYKJAVIK

On the morning of Day 2, your luggage will be collected from the lobby of your hotel, transferred to the ship and stored in your cabin.

Ship embarkation will occur on Day 2 of your itinerary, usually around 4pm. You and your shipmates will meet in the lobby of your hotel and board the waiting buses for transfer to the ship. Information about transfer timing will be posted in your Reykjavik hotel.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Nuuk and Toronto. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

#### You will find in your final documents:

- Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights.
- ) Hotel information and check
- ) Charter flight time to embarkation point
- ) Embarkation plan
- Departure charter flight time

#### Final Day and Departure

#### **DISEMBARKATION IN NUUK**

Your ship is scheduled to arrive in Nuuk and you will disembark after breakfast. The disembarkation process takes about an hour. After disembarkation, you will be transferred to the airport for the charter flight to Toronto.

#### **DEPARTING FROM TORONTO**

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

#### Arrival and Departure Transfers

#### **REYKJAVIK AND TORONTO AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

An arrival transfer in Reykjavik and Toronto is not included in the expedition; if you require a transfer to the city, you will need to arrange your own transportation. Most airports we use on our voyages have good taxi ranks in the arrivals area, or you can often pre-book a transfer online.

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### Your Ship: Ultramarine

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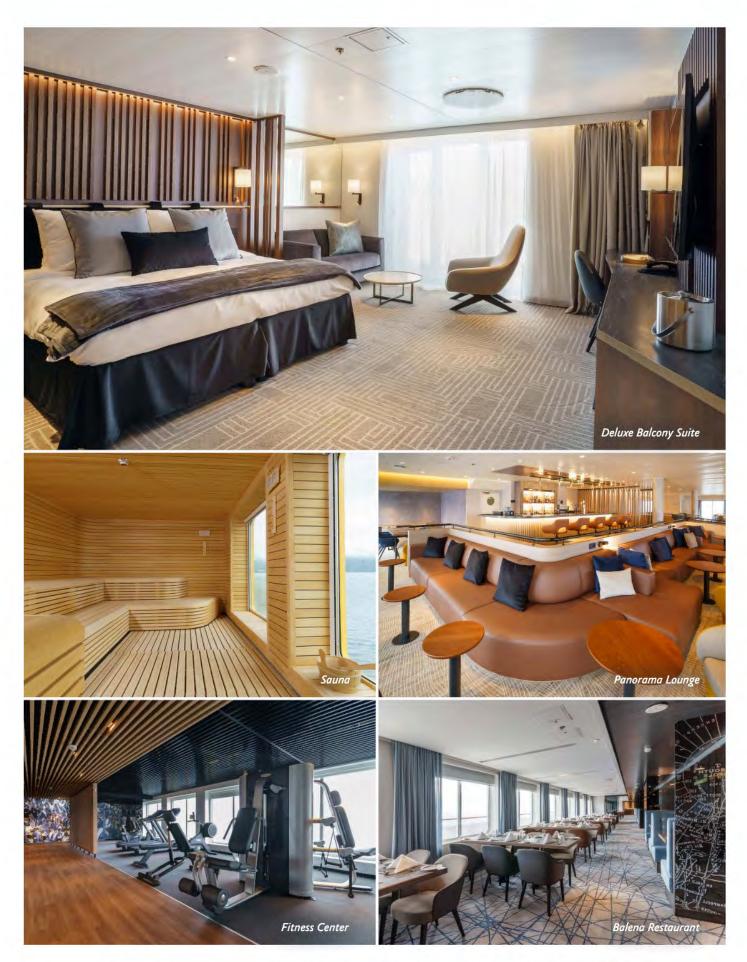
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### **Included Activities**

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.





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

#### FLIGHTSEEING

While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they're even more stunning from the air, a view you can enjoy while seated in one of the two twin-engine helicopters stationed on Ultramarine. Typically in groups of 6-9, you will experience an unforgettable aerial tour of the Arctic during a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion that's included in the cost of the voyage. Additional helicopter activities may also be available for purchase on board. Please note: all helicopter operations are weather- and logistics-dependent.

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#### PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

#### **POLAR PLUNGE**

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guides will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the Polar Regions.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost.



### **Adventure Options**

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



#### **PLEASE NOTE**

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly.

#### SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

#### X PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-ontop kayaks-perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



### Departure Dates

Wild Fjords of South Greenland: Land of the Vikings

#### ULTRAMARINE

Dates	Days	Start / End	Flightseeing	Sea Kayaking	Paddling Excursion	
ARCTIC 2025						
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\$ Paid Activities



### Inclusions and Exclusions

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#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- · Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock

- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- · A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- · An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- · Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax

#### \*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- · One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Reykjavik
- · Group transfer from the Reykjavik hotel to the ship on Day 2
- · Group transfer from the ship to the Nuuk airport on disembarkation day
- · Charter flight from Nuuk to Toronto
- · Group transfer from Toronto Pearson Airport to hotel
- · One night's post-expedition hotel accommodation in Toronto

#### **Exclusions**

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- · Arrival transfers in Reykjavik
- · Airport Transfers in Toronto
- · Passport and visa expenses
- 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 and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may vary by location)
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- · Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities



### Your Expedition Team

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

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote Polar Regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.







### Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of *Ultramarine*, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

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 and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock—all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.







### Possible Excursions

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#### Southeast Greenland

#### KANGERLUSSUATSIAQ (LINDENOW FJORD)

Ships rarely venture into Kangerlussuatsiaq (Lindenow Fjord), one of the most beautiful fjords in Greenland. With your Expedition Team in the lead, you may cruise by Zodiac in an arm of the fjord while our staff draw on their years of Arctic experience to search for wildlife. You may also spot waterfalls along the sheer rock face or enjoy a hike amongst waterfalls, flowers and blueberry fields.

#### South Greenland

#### **HVALSEY**

Also known as Qaqortukulooq, Hvalsey is the site of Greenland's best-preserved Norse ruins. Built around 1300, the medieval church attracted people from near and far to attend Christian festivals throughout the year. The last written record of the Norse in Greenland recounts the wedding of an Icelandic couple here in 1408. Surrounding the church are the ruins of a farmstead, including stables and a banquet hall. The site is part of the Kujataa UNESCO World Heritage Area.

#### **IGALIKU**

Part of the UNESCO World Heritage Area known as Kujataa, the small community of Igaliku (Igaliko) was founded in 1783 and is Greenland's oldest sheep-farming





settlement. Quite different from the distinctive colorful wooden houses seen throughout Greenland, the 19th- and early 20th-century stone dwellings of Igaliku incorporate building stones from the Norse ruins of the nearby Gardar cathedral and bishop's farm (the largest in the country).

#### **KUJATAA**

This sub-Arctic farming landscape—the earliest example of agriculture in the Arctic—was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Area in 2017. Featuring archeological sites and agricultural lands, Kujataa is comprised of five areas (Igaliku, Hvalsey, Qassiarsuk, Sissarluttoq and Tasikuluulik) that represent the most comprehensive cultural histories of Norse and Greenlandic farmer-hunters. In honor of the designation, Greenlandic Post issued a stamp in 2018 showcasing the landscape of Kujataa.

#### **PRINS CHRISTIAN SUND** (IKERASASSUAQ)

The massive tidewater glaciers and dramatically steep cliffs dominating this picturesque fjord system, named after Christian III of Denmark, are one of the many reasons South Greenland has earned the moniker Arctic Patagonia. Aappilattoq, is home to about 100 people and is one of only two settlements in this remote region. This is an ideal place for ship cruising, as the icebergs here come in all shapes and sizes.

#### **AAPPILATTOQ**

Aappilattoq, home to about 100 people, is the only settlement in the remote Kujalleq region of South Greenland. Inhabited since the 19th century, Aappilattog was only founded in 1922. Its name derives from the Greenlandic word for "red," inspired by the red mountain towering above the settlement.







#### West Greenland

#### NUUK

Nuuk is the epicenter of Greenland's fascinating emerging culture. At population 18,800, one of the world's smallest capital cities is a wonderful and curious mix of the traditional and the new. A particular highlight is the Greenland National Museum, which offers an insight into social change affecting the country from the 1950s onwards. Other exhibits include some of the world's oldest rocks (approx. 3.8 billion years found close to Nuuk), and the Qilakitsoq exhibit displaying the mummified remains of 15th century Inuit women and a six-month old child. The Katuaq Culture Centre and Nuuk Art Museum are also worth exploring.

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# What to pack on your Greenland expedition

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

TO WEAR ON BOARD

BY SEA AND AIR  All transfers ship to shore, helicopter flights and Zodiac/ship cruising.
☐ Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac and helicopter ride)
☐ Base-layer wool or synthetic top* ☐ Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom*
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☐ Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
☐ Scarf, buff, or other face protection
☐ Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
☐ Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)
☐ Glove liners* ☐ Hand and feet warmers* ☐ Binoculars
□ Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
$\square$ Sunscreen $\square$ Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)
☐ Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)
*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.
BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking) In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:
□ Worn-in Hiking footwear: While Muck-boots are provided and encouraged for most shore excursions, additional hiking footwear (Goretex-lined boots or similar water-proof hiking boots) can add to your hiking comfort, especially if wyou are a keen hiker
☐ (Smart) Wool or synthetic hiking socks for above footwear (bring an extra pair)
☐ Lightweight and quick-dry, trekking pants that may or may not convert to zip-off shorts* (*depending on your thermo-regulation)
☐ Breathable waterproof pants* and rain jacket** for outdoor activities in inclement weather (*can be the same pair you use for Zodiac operations / ** can be outer shell of complimentary Quark 3in1 Parka)
☐ Comfortable long or short-sleeve shirt for hiking either synthetic/quick-dry or merino (smart) wool
☐ (Hiking) gloves (medium thickness, waterproof preferred)
☐ Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
□ UV protection (hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm)
☐ Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)  Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
☐ Additional reusable thermos or water bottle

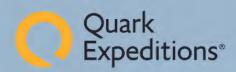
☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
☐ Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.)
Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!
ADDITIONAL ITEMS
☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport & cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
☐ Waterproof cell phone case or rain sleeve for camera
☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
☐ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
☐ Small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)
☐ Insect repellant ☐ Mosquito netting



Scan this QR code or <u>click here</u> to watch our video on what to pack before you go!

- To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Greenland
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### Overview

Spitsbergen Highlights: Journey into the Arctic Wilderness

On this extraordinary journey, you will pack all the excitement of an epic Arctic cruise into just seven days, experience incredible Arctic wilderness you never dreamt possible. Though this rocky island is covered in mountains and glaciers, the towering cliffs and fjords play host to a thriving and diverse ecosystem. Exploring as much of the area as possible, you will enjoy maximum opportunities to spot, among other wildlife, the walrus with its long tusks and distinctive whiskers, the resilient and Arctic birds in all their varied majesty, and that most iconic of Arctic creatures, the polar bear.

As one of our most popular Arctic voyages, Spitsbergen Highlights: Journey into the Arctic Wilderness on Ultramarine, provides a one-of-a-kind polar experience. Ultramarine, our new, game-changing polar vessel, can take you to remote destinations no other ships can reach. Aboard Ultramarine, explore Spitsbergen in brand new ways-taking advantage of the 20 quick-launching Zodiacs and more outdoor wildlife viewing spaces than other expedition ship its size-to create the Arctic experience perfect for you. Ultramarine, a passenger and staff favorite, is much loved for its intimate onboard ambiance that enables guests to connect with other travelers and members of the expedition team.

#### **EXPEDITION IN BRIEF**



View iconic Arctic wildlife, such as polar bears, walrus and reindeer



Enjoy all the adventure of an Arctic expedition in a week



Cruise in a Zodiac to explore glaciers, fjords, icebergs and more



Hike the colorful tundra, one of the many features of this Arctic wilderness



Immerse yourself in the icy realm of the Arctic with optional kayaking adventures







### Itinerary

#### DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN HELSINKI, FINLAND

Your Arctic adventure begins in Helsinki, renowned for its extraordinary architecture and intriguing mix of eastern and western influences. If you arrive early, explore the many museums, galleries and restaurants, relax at a Finnish sauna or wander the vibrant Design District before retiring at your included hotel.

#### DAY 2 | FLY TO LONGYEARBYEN, **SVALBARD & EMBARK**

This morning, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement.

#### DAYS 3 - 6 | EXPLORING SPITSBERGEN

You'll sail around the shores of this magical island, constantly searching for polar bears and other natural wonders. Covering western Spitsbergen, your expedition will afford ample opportunities to view immense glaciers, deep fjords, soaring mountains and unique flora and fauna.

Sailing north into Krossfjorden, have your camera handy, ready to capture some of the best glacier calving in Spitsbergen. Deep in the fjord, the highly active Lilliehöök Glacier awaits. Listen in awe to the growling as big chunks break off into the icy waters below. A Zodiac excursion to nearby Ny-London, an abandoned



SPITSBERGEN HIGHLIGHTS: Journey into the Arctic Wilderness Onboard the Ultramarine Flights to/from Helsinki - - -

mining settlement, provides an ideal place for a guided walk. Encounters with wildlife, such as the endemic Svalbard reindeer, might be possible here.

After cruising overnight, wake up to the stunning sight of the magnificent Monaco Glacier, another prolific iceberg producing glacier. To make this even more thrilling, help your Expedition Team to scan the shorelines and ice edge for marine mammals. Possible landing sites include Texas Bar, Worsleyneset and Alicehamna.

At Smeerenburg you can see the remains of an abandoned settlement that was established by Dutch whalers nearly 400 years ago. Here, at what was once one of Europe's most northerly outposts, you'll have time to explore ashore and learn about Spitsbergen's whaling history. Afterwards, cruising to Magdalenefjorden rewards you with panoramic vistas of snow-capped mountains and massive glaciers reflected in the crystal-clear waters.

We hope to round out the day in Alkhornet, taking in the towering cliffs teeming with nesting seabirds, such as fulmars and Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murres). Encounters with reindeer are possible here too. Later, in the evening, swap stories with your shipmates and crew one last time, at the captain's farewell dinner.

### DAY 7 | DISEMBARK IN LONGYEARBYEN & FLY TO HELSINKI

The time to say goodbye has come. Your adventure ends as it began, in the frontier-style settlement of Longyearbyen. From here, we'll transfer you to the airport for your return group charter flight to Helsinki, included in the transfer package.

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# Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning



As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights.

### Arrival Day and Embarkation

### DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN HELSINKI

You may arrive in Helsinki at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary. Your included accommodation will be at the airport hotel, so arrival transfers are not necessary. Please keep in mind that your hotel room may not be ready for check in until 3pm. On arrival at the hotel, you will receive a welcome letter outlining the departure information for the following day's flight. Final details and check-in procedures can be found in your final documents. An agent representing Quark Expeditions® will be available in the lobby of the hotel that evening to answer any questions about the charter flight(s) scheduled for the following morning.

#### DAY 2 — CHARTER FLIGHT AND EMBARKATION IN LONGYEARBYEN

After a well rested night at your hotel you will join your flight up to Longyearbyen. Upon arrival in Longyearbyen, you will be transferred from the airport to a drop off point and your luggage will be taken directly to the ship. Details of ship transfer times will be provided during your arrival transfer. Due to port logistics, it is possible that you may need to board the vessel by Zodiac, rather than from the pier.

### PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Helsinki and Longyearbyen. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Helsinki. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

### You will find in your final documents:

- Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights
- ) Hotel information and check in time
- Charter flight time to embarkation point
- ) Embarkation plan
- Departure charter flight time

### Final Day and Departure

#### DISEMBARKATION IN LONGYEARBYEN AND CHARTER FLIGHT

Your voyage is scheduled to end back in Longyearbyen where you will disembark after breakfast. The process takes about an hour and due to port logistics, may involve one last Zodiac ride to the pier.

#### **DEPARTING FROM HELSINKI**

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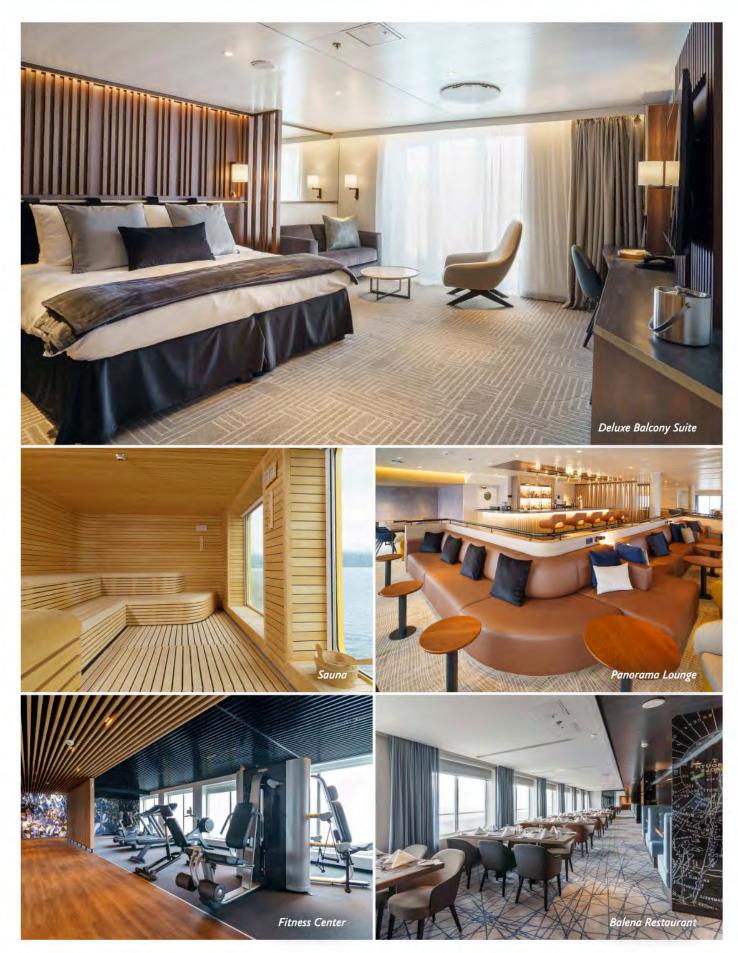
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### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guide will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost.





# **Adventure Options**

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.



#### PLEASE NOTE

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure book for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.

### SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

### X PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-ontop kayaks-perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



# Departure Dates

Spitsbergen Highlights: Journey into the Arctic Wilderness

### ULTRAMARINE

Dates	Days	Start / End	Sea Kayaking	Paddling Excursion
ARCTIC 2025				
MAY 19 - 25, 2025	7	Helsinki	\$	\$

\$ Paid Activities



## Inclusions and Exclusions

### Inclusions

### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- · All shore landings as per the daily program
- · Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock

- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- · A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- · An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- · Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- · All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- Transfers between Longyearbyen town center and port on embarkation and disembarkation day

### \*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- · One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Helsinki airport hotel, with breakfast
- Charter flight from Helsinki to Longyearbyen
- · Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen
- Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Helsinki

### **Exclusions**

### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- · Mandatory Transfer Package\*
- · International airfare
- · Arrival and departure transfers in Helsinki
- · Passport and visa expenses
- 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 and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges (connectivity may vary by location)
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities

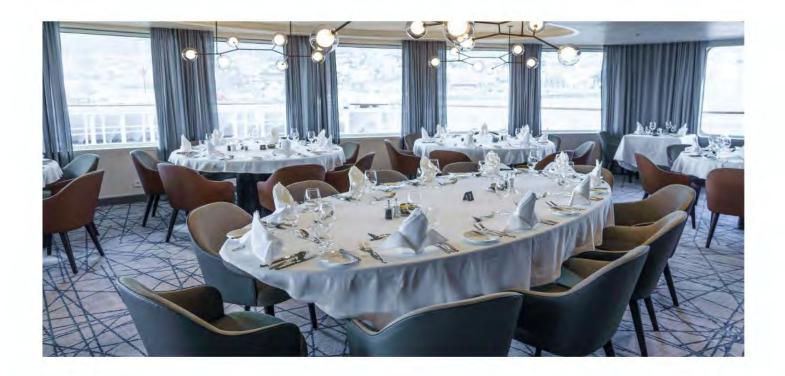


# Your Expedition Team

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

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





### Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Balena Restaurant, the main diningroom on Deck 7 of Ultramarine, features tables that accommodate 2 to 10. Guests can enjoy a quiet dinner with a loved one or join a larger table of new friends. Guests will enjoy views from every seat in addition to direct access to the wraparound deck. Guests can also enjoy a meal in Bistro 487, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience—perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

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 and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock-all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.







### Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

### Spitsbergen

### LILLIEHÖÖK GLACIER

In 2005, nearly 100 years after his greatgreat-grandfather conducted scientific investigations here, Prince Albert II of Monaco returned to Lilliehöök Glacier to honor his ancestor's memory. Here, you can take a Zodiac cruise amid labyrinths of sparkling icebergs, and witness breathtaking panoramas of ice. You may even spot bearded seals hauled out on the floes.

#### LONGYEARBYEN

Home to 2,400 people, the administrative capital of Svalbard is situated on the southern side of Adventfjorden. The settlement was founded in 1905 by John Munroe Longyear, the majority owner of the Arctic Coal Company of Boston. Today as much as ever, this is a true frontier town.

### **MOFFEN ISLAND**

This island is designated as a protected sanctuary for walrus, which are only viewed from the ship—have your binoculars ready!

### MONACO GLACIER

Prince Albert I of Monaco, a pioneer of oceanography, led an expedition to Svalbard in 1906. His team used sophisticated photographic techniques to understand the shape and position of



several glacier fronts. Monaco Glacier honors the expedition, the prince and the principality over which he reigned. While touring the glacier front by Zodiac cruise, listen to the crackle and pop of the brash ice, search for seals and have a chance to admire a natural sculpture gallery.

#### WORSLEYNESET

Worsleyneset is a colorful tundracovered headland with flora boasting such unique names as moss campion (a bright green cushion plant dappled in pink flowers), saxifrage and Arctic mouse-eared chickweed. The point is a pleasure to explore.



Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy-and excitement-of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice, wildlife, and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you'll experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife encounters as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.







# What to pack on your Arctic expedition

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

#### BY SEA

### TO WEAR ON BOARD

- ☐ The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- ☐ Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- ☐ Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- ☐ Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
- Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge! Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room.
   See your ship book for details.)

Just a reminder: No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so!

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

- ☐ Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- ☐ Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- □ Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- □ Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- ☐ Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- ☐ Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- ☐ Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- ☐ Credit Card & Small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

) To view our packing checklist online, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/What-to-Pack/Arctic

> Related topics are covered on our Frequently Asked Questions page: QuarkExpeditions.com/Frequently-Asked-Questions



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