Eagle-Eye Tours

Baffin Island & Greenland Cruise Itinerary

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Tour Overview

The Arctic is a place where land, sea, and sky move in quiet harmony—where ancient rock, shifting ice, and vast horizons shape both the landscape and the stories rooted within it. As you journey from Nunavut to Greenland, you enter Inuit homelands defined by deep knowledge, resilience, and an enduring connection to place.

Along the way, the North reveals its many expressions: the historic sweep of Cumberland Sound, where generations of Inuit lived, travelled, and hunted; the artistic heart of Pangnirtung, where skilled weavers and printmakers carry forward a celebrated cultural tradition; and the Ilulissat Icefjord, where one of the world's most powerful glaciers sends towering icebergs into the open sea. In Greenland, fjords carved by ice rise in dramatic walls around you, offering moments of both awe and stillness.

Yet the Arctic is more than its dramatic geography—it is community, creativity, and continuity. Through shared stories, art, and lived experience, Inuit team members illuminate the deep relationships that shape life in the North.

This voyage invites reflection as much as discovery. It is a chance to move through landscapes alive with history and meaning—and to experience the Arctic as a place where every shoreline, iceberg, and conversation offers a new way of seeing.

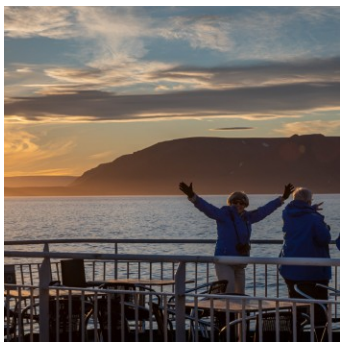
Itinerary

Day 1: Iqaluit, NU



Arrive in Iqaluit, the capital city of Nunavut—its name meaning "place of many fish" in Inuktitut. The city overlooks the vast Frobisher Bay where the sweeping tundra meets powerful tides—among the highest in the world—that rise and fall across ancient rock and glistening flats. This is Inuit Nunangat, the homeland of Inuit, where land and sea move to the same enduring rhythm. As you transfer to the ship by Zodiac, the scale of the tides becomes unmistakable. The air hums with anticipation, carrying the promise of new horizons and the enduring stories of this northern coast.

Day 2: Frobisher Bay



Sail through waters once charted by the English explorer Martin Frobisher—though the land and sea long predate any human map. The story of this place is written in stone: ancient seabeds folded by time, valleys sculpted by ice, and mineral veins that catch the light like whispers from the Earth's deep past. Watch for seabirds and seals, perhaps even the smooth rise of a whale breaking the stillness. The bay's wide horizons invite quiet reflection—an introduction to the scale and rhythm of the North.

Day 3: Southeast Baffin Island



Spend the day on the nuna—the land itself—where Arctic summer reaches its full bloom. Walk through carpets of moss and tiny flowers that defy the elements, their colours intensified by endless daylight. Inuit and scientific guides share insights into ecology, cultural history, and the interwoven life of tundra and sea. Amid this vibrant landscape, time slows; every footstep connects you to deep continuity.

Day 4: Cumberland Sound



Enter the broad sweep of Cumberland Sound, once a gathering place for generations of Inuit and a crucial link in the early search for the Northwest Passage. The Cumberland Peninsula forms its northern flank, a rugged landscape of cliffs and valleys descending toward the sea. During the nineteenth century, these same waters drew whalers from afar, whose presence intertwined—sometimes harshly—with Inuit life and trade. Remnants of old whaling stations still linger on the coast, quiet witnesses to that turbulent era. Explore the coves and islands by Zodiac and foot. The surrounding mountains rise like sentinels, framing a landscape alive with history. Archaeological sites and ancient hunting grounds tell of Inuit and their ancestors who thrived here for millennia. Polar bears roam the shorelines, and beluga whales travel the cold, blue-green channels.

Day 5: Panniqtuuq (Pangnirtung)



Nestled between snow-capped peaks and a winding river valley, Panniqtuuq—known locally as Pang—is a community of art, resilience, and breathtaking beauty. Visit the Angmarlik Visitor Centre to learn about both Thule and modern Inuit life, or the Uqqurmiut Inuit Arts Centre to see weavers and printmakers at work. In the luminous light of the fjord, every thread and carving seems to carry a reflection of the surrounding land.

Day 6: Baffin Island's Cumberland Coast



Along the Atlantic side of the Cumberland Peninsula, the land rises steep and solemn, its cliffs carved by ice and sea into cathedral-like walls. Glacial valleys pour into fjords where turquoise meltwater mingles with the tide. Here the air carries the scent of salt and stone, and the light changes by the hour—from pearlescent dawns to gold-shot haze. This is a coast of raw geometry and silence, where mountains seem to lean toward the ocean, and every ridge tells of slow transformation through ice, wind, and time.

Day 7: At Sea — Davis Strait



As we cross the Davis Strait, the ship becomes a moving classroom. Through stories, workshops, and performances, Inuit team members share knowledge rooted in generations of experience. Try your hand at Inuit games or join a conversation about community, resilience, and change in the modern Arctic. Out on deck, whales and seabirds accompany the ship as the sun lingers above the horizon—its glow deepening the bond between sea, sky, and spirit.

Day 8–10: Western Greenland



Welcome to Kalaallit Nunaat—Greenland—where mountains rise straight from the sea, their bases braided with rivers of ice. Landings offer a chance to hike the tundra, wander through wildflower meadows, or photograph the play of light on stone. Every moment brings contrast: the immensity of glaciers beside the delicacy of Arctic poppies, the silence of a fjord broken by the crack of calving ice. With naturalists and Inuit cultural educators as companions, discovery deepens into understanding.

Day 11: Ilulissat



In Ilulissat, meaning “icebergs,” the power of creation is visible in motion. Walk the boardwalk to the Ilulissat Icefjord Centre, where stories of ice, climate, and community intertwine. From shore, gaze upon the immense flow from the Sermeq Kujalleq, one of the world’s fastest-calving glaciers. Each iceberg that drifts into Disko Bay gleams with its own palette of blues and silvers under the midnight sun. In town, explore museums, craft shops, and cafés alive with Greenlandic culture and hospitality.

Day 12: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland



Sail through Kangerlussuaq Fjord—one of the world’s longest—its cliffs glowing gold in the low-angle light. This dramatic passage marks the closing chapter of the journey. As we disembark for the charter flight to Toronto, the memories remain: the sound of ice fracturing, the laughter of shared stories, and the boundless light of the Arctic summer lingering long after the voyage ends.

What to Expect

Our small ship cruising programs allow you to experience the best of the natural world, while enjoying the comforts of our friendly floating hotel. The ship generally makes crossing between islands at night, so every morning you awake to new vistas and discoveries. Every day we offer a combination of interesting shore excursions and fun shipboard activities. You can choose which elements of the program you want to participate in.

This is a general natural history and cultural expedition rather than a dedicated birding tour. Travellers can look forward to a mix of wildlife viewing, cultural experiences, and time to appreciate the region’s incredible scenery — with opportunities for birding included along the way.

This expedition cruise necessitates passengers to be in reasonably good health. Zodiac cruises and transfer times can be lengthy. You must be able to climb stairs between decks on the ship, as well as the external gangway stairs to transfer between the zodiac and ship.

Some of our shore landings will be ‘wet’, requiring waterproof boots. Once you have left the zodiac, you’ll find our shore excursions accommodate both those who wish to enjoy a gentle stroll and those who prefer more active hikes. The excursion may involve walking over uneven or sandy terrain in variable weather conditions. Our onboard specialists will join us on these shore excursions to provide interpretation and narration to these wonderful landscapes and experiences.

Each evening we will gather in the lounge to recount the day’s events and share memorable stories. Our onboard musician will provide some lively entertainment during happy hour and the expedition leader will outline the following day’s schedule. Our resource staff of naturalists, historians, and other guest speakers will give informative talks at various times throughout the voyage.

Meals in the ship’s dining room are a great opportunity to meet new friends and recount the day’s adventures. Special diets can be accommodated with advance notice. Safety is also a top priority with Eagle-Eye Tours – our team has extensive experience in the field, and all of our Voyages are run in conjunction with operators with the highest safety standards.

When the ship is underway, it is a wonderful time to join a naturalist on deck, take photos of the stunning scenery, or get caught up on some reading in the library.

Weather, ice, government regulations, and community requests may necessitate changes to the planned itineraries and/or the cancellation of certain shore excursions and enhancements. Published itineraries are examples only and we reserve the right to change or modify the itinerary and landing sites at any time prior or during an expedition. Changes will be communicated at your expedition orientation or during your onboard expedition briefings.

We know that everyone travels for different reasons. Over the years, however, we have found one common element among the guest who choose to travel with us – a thirst of knowledge and authentic experience. Knowing this drives us to ensure the highest quality learning experience on our trips, by taking time to carefully design each trip we offer.

What's Included

Tour Price Includes
• Passage aboard the ship
• Applicable taxes and credit card fees
• Complimentary expedition jacket
• Special access permits, entry, and park fees
• Expert expedition team
• Guided activities
• Sightseeing and community visits
• All Zodiac excursions
• Port fees
• Pre-departure materials
• Educational program
• Interactive workshops
• Evening entertainment
• All shipboard meals
• Wi-Fi access (basic service included)

Tour Price Does Not Include
• Commercial and charter flights
• Program enhancements/optional excursions
• Gratuities
• Personal expenses
• Mandatory medical evacuation insurance
• Additional expenses in the event of delays or itinerary changes
• Possible fuel surcharges and administrative fees
• Pre- and post-trip hotel accommodation
• Premium internet access available at an additional cost
