

# Greenland & Wild Labrador Cruise Itinerary

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## Tour Overview

On Greenland & Wild Labrador, you'll journey across the North Atlantic—where wild coasts meet immense horizons, and a world alive with story, music, and connection unfolds. From the bright harbours of Newfoundland to the glacial fjords of Greenland—and along the rugged coastlines in between—you'll explore a living cultural landscape shaped by ice, time, and enduring relationships with the land and sea.

Here, warmth and humanity thrive at the heart of a vast environment. Feel the Newfoundland spirit—alive in song, laughter, and a deep sense of belonging carried on the salt air. Across Nunatsiavut and Greenland, a quiet reverence for the land runs deep. Inuit knowledge, hospitality, and leadership guide each step of the journey, offering a powerful reminder that people and place are inseparable—each giving meaning to the other.

Spend several days in Torngat Mountains National Park, where granite peaks rise straight from the sea and deep fjords cut through ancient rock. Hike across rolling tundra, explore by Zodiac, or pause in awe at a landscape so vast it shifts your sense of scale. Along the Labrador coast, cliffs and coves reveal the raw meeting of land and sea, while L'Anse aux Meadows links Norse and Indigenous histories at the threshold of the North Atlantic. Meanwhile, Greenland unfolds in glaciers, sweeping tundra, and luminous fjords—a realm of elemental beauty where ice and time have shaped the soul of the Arctic.

For the curious traveller, this is more than a voyage between two coasts—it's a journey through beauty and belonging, where you are reminded, in the best possible way, of your small place in something immeasurably grand.

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## Itinerary

## Day 1: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland



Begin your journey by sailing out of Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord), a 190-kilometre-long fjord surrounded by mountains and glaciers. Cross the Arctic Circle on your way and spend time on deck watching for aurora borealis. Kangerlussuaq, the settlement at the head of the fjord, is a former US Air Force base. After your charter flight from Toronto, ON, you'll transfer to the ship by Zodiac.

## Day 2: Kangerlussuatsiaq Fjord (Evighedsfjorden)



Kangerlussuatsiaq means “the rather big fjord” in Greenlandic, while the Danish name Evighedsfjorden translates to “the fjord of eternity,” underscoring its vastness and seemingly never-ending nature. See why Kangerlussuatsiaq Fjord lives up to its name and marvel at this complex coastal waterway that includes calving glaciers, sheer bird cliffs, and streams cascading against a towering mountain backdrop. Explore this sublime glacial landscape by ship and by Zodiac. The waters here are relatively warm, due to the West Greenland Current and the subarctic location.

## Day 3: Nuuk



Stop in at vibrant Nuuk, the capital of Greenland. Visit the Greenland National Museum, one of the city's many outstanding features, where the world-famous Qilakitsoq mummies rest. The old harbour includes many buildings dating from Danish colonial days, while contemporary Nuuk is known for art, shopping, pubs, and cafés.

## Day 4: At Sea — Davis Strait



Deepen your understanding of the environment, cultures, and history of the region as we sail across the Davis Strait towards Labrador. Get the privileged opportunity to engage with and learn from Inuit in their homeland. Enjoy workshops and presentations, watch a documentary, and get out on deck! Try your hand at athletic feats during an interactive cultural performance of Inuit games. Through shared experiences and interactions, develop a deep appreciation for the culture and gain a profound connection to the stunning landscapes we traverse. Keep your binoculars ready to spot whales and seabirds who follow in our wake.

## Days 5-8: Torngat Mountains National Park, NL, Canada



Spend four days exploring an area of treeless, mountainous tundra in Torngat Mountains National Park, where some of Canada's highest peaks east of the Rockies are found. Enjoy your time hiking, visiting archaeological sites, and Zodiac cruising. Here, Inuit of Nunatsiavut will be your guides in their spiritual homeland. Inuit of Nunavik and Nunatsiavut play a key role as partners in the management of Torngat Mountains National Park, and many see the park as a portal for better understanding of Inuit culture. The word Torngat is derived from the Inuttut word tongait, meaning "place of spirits," where Inuit shamans travelled to connect with higher powers. It is not hard, even for a visitor, to feel the power of the place. Marvel at the gorgeous fjords, landscapes ablaze with autumn colours, and wonderful wildlife sighting opportunities, including the possibility of both polar and black bears.

## Day 9: Hebron



Step back in time to the historical site of Hebron, which preserves a Moravian Mission station dating from the 1830s. Call in at the old church, which is where Inuit who resided here in 1959 learned they would be forced to relocate. Take a moment to read the plaque that commemorates this history and the apology to people affected by the relocations, issued by the government of Newfoundland and Labrador in 2005. Listen to the stories shared by our guides and meet former Hebron residents and their kin who continue to visit the site and to hunt and fish nearby.

## Day 10: Nain



Visit Nain, the most northerly community in Labrador and the administrative capital of Nunatsiavut. Stop in at the historic Moravian church, enjoy the vibrant brass band, and visit Illusuak, the stunning cultural centre. Expect a warm welcome and the opportunity to peruse arts and handicrafts at this dynamic visit. This will be your first chance to see trees since the start of your journey!

## Days 11-12: The Labrador Coast



As we continue south the rugged peaks of the North give way to rolling, forested hills and tranquil inlets. Hundreds of rocky islets interrupt the open Labrador Sea, offering some shelter for vibrant Inuit communities where traditions endure and stories flow with the tides. The modern-day cultural mix of this area makes for a rich blend of stories about both different and shared values, resilience, and the universal love of the land and sea. Conditions allowing, we'll embark on expedition landings and Zodiac cruises led by our expedition team. Their expert guidance ensures both your safety and a deeper appreciation of the coastal barrens, boreal forests, wetlands, and rugged shorelines of this remarkable region. Come with an open heart, leave with a new understanding of these magnificent Labrador shores.

## Day 13: L'Anse aux Meadows



Wander through the reconstructed Viking habitation at L'Anse aux Meadows, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the only authenticated Norse settlement in North America. Learn more about the archaeological remains that date to approximately 1000 CE, and how—amazingly—the site was first found here in 1960 by a close reading of the Viking sagas. Be sure to visit the superb interpretation centre and meet the actors in period costumes as you make your way through the reconstructed Norse-style sod buildings. This is a must-see for any visitor to Newfoundland and Labrador!

## Day 14: Northeast Newfoundland



The northeast coast of Newfoundland is known for the dozens of picturesque villages that dot its rocky shores, and we'll find harbour in one of these unique communities. We look forward to a characteristically warm Newfoundland welcome upon our arrival. Photographers will have their work cut out for them capturing the special charm of classic island architecture.

## Day 15: St. John's, NL, Canada



Welcome to St. John's—the vibrant capital of Newfoundland and Labrador. Complete your journey by sailing into historic St. John's harbour, looking out for Signal Hill as you enter the world-famous Narrows. Photograph the charming houses of the Battery, always a hit with shutterbugs. Say your farewells in this cultural hotspot and what is sometimes called North America's oldest city.

## 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.

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# 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
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