

Heart of the Arctic Cruise Itinerary

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Tour Overview

South Greenland's stunning coast. The communities of south Baffin. The islands of Ungava Bay. People, wildlife and landscape are the true Heart of the Arctic!

Visit three distinct Arctic regions on this voyage. Explore the deep fjords and vibrant communities of Greenland, including the world's smallest capital, Nuuk. Cross the Davis Strait in the wake of the explorers, searching for marine life and seabirds.

South Baffin Island's Inuit art-making communities are famous throughout the world. Meet the artists. Pick up a carving, a print, or a tapestry. Nunavik, the Arctic coast of Quebec, offers outstanding archeology and wildlife.

Plentiful sea ice means great opportunities for wildlife viewing from the ship or board a Zodiac—or board a Zodiac to seek whales, bears, and caribou. Keep your binoculars ready for thick-billed murre, guillemots, dovekies, and more.

Itinerary

Day 1: Nuuk, Greenland



Arrive in Nuuk, Greenland's vibrant capital, where ancient stone meets modern rhythm. Set at the mouth of a vast fjord, the city's colourful houses climb the hillsides against a backdrop of rugged peaks. Contemporary art, lively cafés, and a strong sense of community give Nuuk an energy that feels both cosmopolitan and deeply rooted in place. Visit the Greenland National Museum to meet the Qilakitsoq mummies—silent witnesses to lives once lived along this coast. Then wander through the old harbour, where sea air mingles with roasted coffee and the scent of salt and wood. Here, history and daily life flow together, revealing a city that looks both forward and back.

Day 2: Capital Region

Sail into the immense Nuup Kangerlua, where mountains veiled in mist rise from glacial water. The ship weaves between islands and ice, each turn revealing new light and texture. Watch for seals and seabirds while your expedition team shares stories of geology, glaciation, and change. The day drifts by in a quiet rhythm of movement, reflection, and wonder.

Day 3: At Sea — Davis Strait



As the ship crosses Davis Strait toward Canada, the open ocean becomes classroom and companion. Learn from Inuit cultural educators and scientists who share perspectives on climate, language, and life in the North. Join an Inuit games workshop or simply watch the horizon, where whales surface in slow arcs and seabirds follow our wake. The crossing is a time to listen—to voices, to water, to wind.

Day 4: Kimmirut (Lake Harbour), NU, Canada



Kimmirut, meaning “the heel,” lies where marble cliffs meet the sea. Here, art and land intertwine—ivory carvings, jewelry, and stonework shaped by generations of artists. Walk among blooming tundra and feel the marble stone underfoot, luminous against the Arctic light. In this small community, every creation tells a story of place.

Day 5: Kinngait (Cape Dorset)



In Kinngait, creativity fills the air. Visit the historic West Baffin Eskimo Co-operative, birthplace of Inuit printmaking, and meet the artists whose hands shape visions from stone and ink. The hum of carving tools, the scent of paper and pigment—every detail speaks of tradition evolving with each generation. Here, art is a shared language between past and present.

Days 6-7: Ungava Peninsula, Nunavik, QC



Step ashore on the vast, treeless tundra of the Ungava Peninsula. With Inuit guides, trace the contours of ancient rock, learn the names of hardy plants, and pause on a glacial boulder to listen to the stillness. Zodiac along the coast to watch for wildlife and seabirds in motion. The landscape is quiet yet alive—a lesson in subtlety and endurance.

Day 8: Salluit



Salluit greets visitors with open hands and open hearts. In this northern community, traditions are lived with joy and belonging. Share laughter and music in the community hall, taste local food, and explore the artistry of mittens, carvings, and jewelry. On the hills above town, look out over the bay—a view of connection between people and place.

Day 9: Ungava Bay



Akpatok Island rises sheer and white from Ungava Bay, its cliffs crowded with thick-billed murres. Zodiac beneath the walls of limestone where air thrums with wings. Keep watch for polar bears and walrus along the shore. The scale and sound of this place remind you how full the Arctic can be—alive, vast, and brimming with presence.

Days 10-11: Southeast Baffin



Along the wild coast of Baffin Island, glacier faces and sculpted rock tell the story of ice's long hand. Cruise by Zodiac or ship as light reveals the texture of the cliffs, catching on ridges and folds of stone. Geologists on board (known for listening to rocks) interpret the patterns and folds, revealing how the land remembers its making.

Day 12: Frobisher Bay



Sail through Frobisher Bay, where icebergs drift between dark headlands. Wildlife may gather in the calm coves—seals, seabirds, and perhaps a distant bear. The ship moves slowly, and time seems to loosen. This is a day for quiet observation, for feeling the expanse and beauty of the North.

Day 13: Iqaluit, NU, Canada



Arrive in Iqaluit, capital of Nunavut, and the journey's end. The city stands at the head of Frobisher Bay, a meeting place of modern life and traditional strength. As you board the Zodiac for your final shore landing, look back once more at the horizon—the light, the land, the learning you now carry within you.

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 days events and share memorable stories. Our onboard musician will provide some lively entertainment during happy hour and the expedition leader will outline the following days' 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 Ocean Victory
- 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
- Complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks are served with dinner
- 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
 - Kayak program
 - Premium internet access available at an additional cost
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