

# Newfoundland & Wild Labrador Cruise Itinerary

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## Tour Overview

Our Newfoundland & Wild Labrador cruise starts in St. Pierre, France and ends in Iqaluit, Nunavut. We will explore the scenic coastline of Newfoundland, including Battle Harbour where you can step back in time and experience life as it was in the 1800s. Take a hike in the spectacular Tablelands at Gros Morne National Park, and revel in the spectacular geology and learn about the unique natural history of the area, with a desert-like landscape.

Experience Inuit culture in Nain, the capital of Nunatsiavut. You'll have the opportunity to explore the community through walking tours and scenic hikes, as you create meaningful cultural connections.

We will spend four days exploring the stunning Torngat Mountain National Park. Here you will find some of the tallest mountains in Canada east of the Rockies, which form the backdrop to this national park. Marvel at the gorgeous fjords and take a hike on this tundra landscape. Visiting the Torngats is simply unbeatable!

Finally, we will sail in early summer ice through the Hudson Strait and admire the beauty of Frobisher Bay, named for bygone explorer Martin Frobisher. Stay on the lookout for wildlife, such as polar bears, seabirds, walruses, and distinct species of whales and seals.

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*This cruise runs bi-annually, on every even year. Itinerary*

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## Itinerary

## Day 1: Saint-Pierre, France



Just off the shores of Newfoundland lie the islands of Saint-Pierre and Miquelon—an official territory of the French Republic. Admire colourful and charming shops and the town's unique historical character before you board the Ocean Endeavour for an evening departure.

## Day 2-3: The South Coast Newfoundland, NL, Canada



Journey through the beautiful and windswept coast of southern Newfoundland, dotted with bays, coves, and a few remaining remote outport communities. Admire outstanding geology and gorgeous botanical life. Spot an abundance of birds, whales, and other wildlife as we make the most of every opportunity for Zodiac cruises and land excursions. A visit here is sure to be one of the many highlights of your trip!

## Day 4: Gros Morne National Park & Woody Point



Stretch your legs with a walk or hike at Gros Morne National Park. Soak in the extraordinary views of beautiful Bonne Bay and be sure to take time to explore the park's excellent interpretation centre and the town of Woody Point. Witness for yourself, the spectacular Tablelands, a six-hundred-metre plateau that forms one of the world's best examples of exposed mantle. Normally found below the Earth's crust, the mineral-rich rocks support very little life, making the Tablelands an eerie landscape.

## Day 5: Battle Harbour



Experience the rugged beauty and fascinating history of Battle Harbour, Newfoundland and Labrador's hidden gem! This restored 19th-century fishing village is located on a small island in the Labrador Sea and was once the salt fish capital of the world. Step back in time and immerse yourself in the village's rich history as you explore the National Historic District, where the village has been lovingly restored to its original state. Walk in the footsteps of traditional fishermen and merchants, and experience life as it was in the 1800s.

## Day 6: Labrador Coast



Wander the southern Labrador coast, where you'll find diverse geography of coastal barrens, high subarctic tundra, high boreal forest, mid-boreal forest, string bog, and islands. We will look for opportunities for an exciting Zodiac cruise or hike whenever possible during expedition landings in this beautiful and serene region.

## Day 7: Nain



Visit thriving Nain, the most northerly community in Labrador and the administrative capital of Nunatsiavut. Stop in at the historic Moravian church and learn about its history, listen to the brass band, and visit Illusuak—the stunning new cultural centre by the waterfront in Nain. The cultural centre showcases the history, language, and culture of the Inuit of Labrador and is a community gathering place. Expect a warm welcome and the opportunity to peruse plenty of arts and handicrafts at this dynamic visit. Many of our expedition team members call Nain home. You'll have the opportunity to explore their community through walking tours and scenic hikes, as you create meaningful cultural connections.

## Day 8: 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 to hunt and fish nearby.

## Day 9-12: Torngat Mountains National Park



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. 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. Also be on the lookout for marine mammals, polar and black bears, caribou, falcons, and eagles.

## Day 13-14: Hudson Strait & Frobisher Bay

Sail through this beautiful bay named for bygone explorer Martin Frobisher and stay on the lookout for wildlife, such as polar bears, seabirds, walruses, and different species of whales and seals. Our geologists will have you raving about rocks! Expect compelling scenery and soak up the Arctic splendour.

## Day 15: Iqaluit, NU, Canada



Iqaluit, at the head of Frobisher Bay, is Nunavut's capital. A population of nearly 8,000 residents call the city home. Local attractions include the territorial Legislature, igloo-inspired St. Jude's Cathedral, art shops, and more. Transfer from the Ocean Endeavour by Zodiac through the Iqaluit harbour for your charter flight to Ottawa, ON.

## What to Expect

Our Newfoundland cruise program 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 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 Ocean Endeavour
- Applicable taxes and credit card fees
- Complimentary expedition jacket
- Contribution to Discovery Fund
- 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
- Photo Equipment Trial Program
- Interactive workshops
- Evening entertainment
- All shipboard meals

### **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
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