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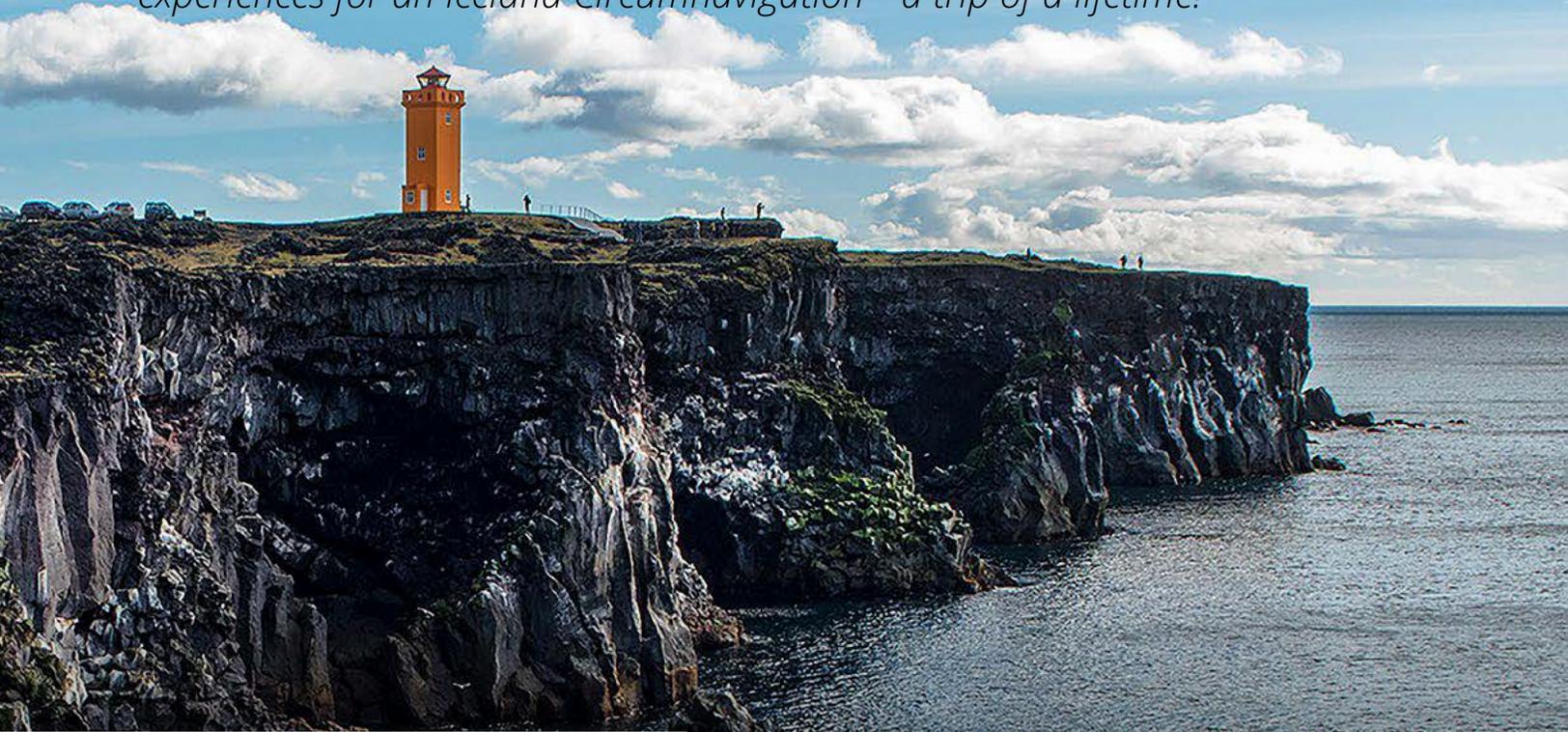
⚓ SMALL-SHIP EXPEDITION

# Iceland Circumnavigation

JULY 4-13, 2023

# Ten Things You Don't Want to Miss on an Iceland Circumnavigation

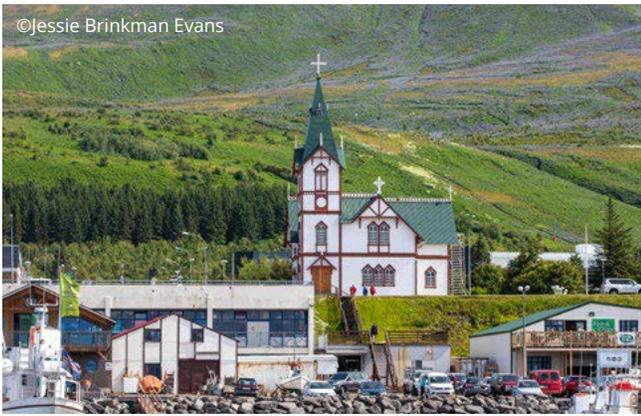
*Jaw-dropping scenery, mind-blowing volcanic geology, and fantastic wildlife sightings astonish us in Iceland. These are our ten picks for the top experiences for an Iceland Circumnavigation—a trip of a lifetime!*



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## 1 Stretch your legs (and your senses) in Iceland's stunning eastern fjords

In Iceland's dramatic eastern fjords, Seyðisfjörður may be the prettiest spot. Nestled at the tip of its namesake fjord, this little town boasts a flourishing art scene and numerous hiking opportunities, including a walk up to the Tvísöngur sound sculpture on a nearby hill. The Skálanes Nature and Heritage Centre is home to scores of bird species, plus Arctic foxes and reindeer herds. Meanwhile, Pórarinsstadir is the site of an eleventh century Viking graveyard and church, one of the oldest enduring structures in the country.



## 2 Explore Akureyri, Iceland's 'other' capital, a city both remote and refined

Iceland's second-biggest city, Akureyri, stands out in several ways. First, despite its near-Arctic location, it's downright lush, with evergreen forests and the world's northernmost botanical gardens, boasting thousands of plant species. Second, it's urban while still distinctly Icelandic, boasting chic-yet-homespun boutiques (Icelandic sweaters!), eateries (lamb rubbed with black-lava sea salt!), craft breweries, and a whopping ten museums to peruse. Don't miss the monumental Lutheran church, where the view is well worth the climb.



## 3 Set sail around 'Iceland in miniature,' the Snæfellsnes Peninsula

Jutting into the Denmark Strait, Snæfellsnes Peninsula is a bite-sized sampler of the best Iceland has to offer, featuring medieval fishing villages, violent geology, eerie legends, and bazillions of wild sea beasts. Nearby is Látrabjarg, where black guillemots, razorbills, common murre, fulmars, kittiwakes, and Atlantic puffins nest on the breathtaking cliffs.



## 4 Cross two continents and the Arctic Circle, all on one trip!

Iceland might be considered the ultimate bucket-list ticker for geographic superlatives. The country straddles both the North American and Eurasian continental plates, and this mid-Atlantic rift gives the country its characteristic glaciers, fissure eruptions, geysers, and geothermal baths. Grímsey, the northernmost island in Iceland, straddles the Arctic circle. And Látrabjarg near the Snæfellsnes Peninsula is Europe's westernmost point. Cross them all off your travel to-do list in one swift go.



## 5 Go wild in the Westfjords, Iceland's most awe-inspiring coast

The Westfjords—a ragged tangle of peaks, ocean passages, vast golden beaches, and traditional villages—are off the beaten path even by Icelandic standards. Traipse beneath the immense “bridal veil” waterfall of Dýnjandi (the name means “thunderous” in Icelandic), ogle the endless array of brooding, snow-clad mountains (some so tall you can see Greenland from their summits), and maybe even kayak through a bucolic fjord, where the seals are as curious about you as you are about them.

## 6 Have a whale of a time in Iceland's epicentre of marine life, Húsavík

Húsavík, in Iceland's far north, is the country's whale capital. Fifteen cetacean species frequent the area, including humpbacks, seis, minke, and the biggest creatures to ever live: blue whales. You're also sure to spot seabirds, especially the abundant puffins. On land, museums await, including the Húsavík Museum—which tells the tale of Garðar Svavarsson, Iceland's first Scandinavian settler, who wintered here in 870—and the Exploration Museum, with artefacts from the Apollo astronaut training that took place in this area.



## 7 Along the south coast of Iceland, the glaciers are out of this world

Southern Iceland is home to some of the country's most fetching natural attractions. Here you can explore a unique mix of features: volcanoes, glaciers, hot springs, geysers, spectacular waterfalls, and famous ice-filled lagoons. One such lagoon, Fjallsárlón, is a periglacial lake at the edge of the Vatnajökull glacier, the largest ice cap in Europe. Another is the Jökulsárlón lagoon, where the Breiðamerkurjökull glacier discharges glittering icebergs downstream. Have your camera ready in case of calving 'bergs!



## 8 Visit famous Heimaey, the town that was nearly buried in ash

Off the south coast of Iceland, Vestmannaeyjar comprises countless rocks, skerries, and islands, but only one of them has residents—and they're lucky to be alive. Heimaey rose to prominence in 1973 when it was nearly destroyed by an eruption of the volcano Eldfell. Hike to the now-peaceful volcano, and also visit the Eldheimar museum, built around a house excavated after being buried in volcanic ash. Nearby sea cliffs offer excellent opportunities for bird sightings, including razorbills, fulmars, and puffins.



## 9 Tour Iceland's Arctic shore, home to fishermen and seabirds galore

In its heyday, Siglufjörður bustled with activity as the heart of Iceland's herring industry. Today this north-coast village is resurgent, with an Icelandic folk music centre, its Herring Era Museum (live re-enactments!), chocolate factory (yum!), and brewery (double yum!). Offshore lies Grímsey Island; its human population is tiny but world-famous for their skill at chess. The animal population, meanwhile, is far larger, with millions of seabirds, especially auks. A Zodiac cruise among its outcrops is a trip highlight.

## 10 Have a hot time in Reykjavík, a city that's ancient, quaint, and chic

According to lore, Iceland's hip little capital was founded by Ingólfr Arnarson, who liked the steamy local hot springs (Reykjavík means "smokey bay"). Today, eleven centuries later, the city boasts dozens of geothermally heated outdoor pools. Extend your stay here by a few days to take a dip, check out the towering expressionist-style Hallgrímskirkja Church, stroll by the placid Tjörninn pond in the city center, or visit the National Culture House (which preserves the Norse Sagas in their original manuscripts).





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Adventure Canada has a myriad of connections in the regions we visit; nothing beats being welcomed as an honoured guest. Esteemed local guides connect you to destinations, people, and culture—personally!

### Safety first. Experience, foremost

You're in good hands: our expedition team members are experienced, knowledgeable, and attentive. They'll ensure your comfort and safety—then enlighten, inspire, and entertain you!

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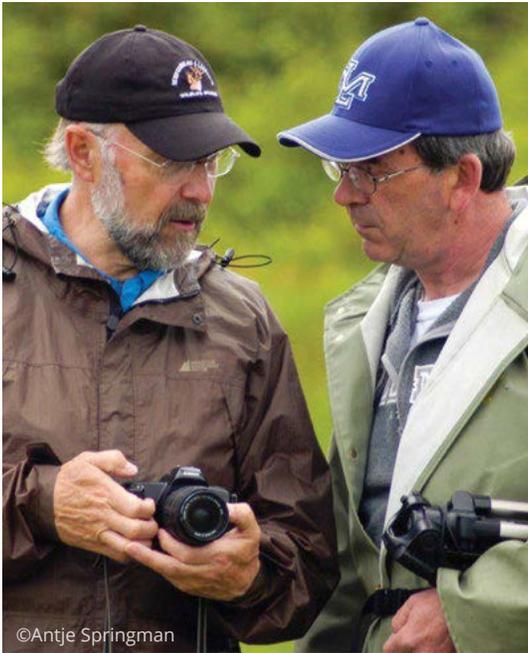


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## Get off the ship, get into a Zodiac!

Search for marine mammals, visit an outpost community, wander remote coastlines. Simply enjoy the freedom of being out on the water daily! Our goal is to get you off the ship as often as possible.

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## Learn from passionate experts

Why would an esteemed Canada Research Chair, for example, travel with us on a working vacation? It's simple: they can't resist the opportunity to engage, excite, educate, and enlighten you! Make the most of every learning opportunity, aboard and ashore, in geology, botany, marine biology, archaeology, photography, cultural history, and more!

Our hand-picked experts are as excited as you are to be on board. Join them on deck searching for wildlife, share daily meals for personal in-depth conversations, participate in workshops, attend presentations, and learn on the land. The Adventure Canada team has a deep love for discovery, learning, exploration, and growth, and is at your service.



## Experience local culture and traditions

From Arctic communities to wild, uninhabited European coastlines, to the outposts of Newfoundland and Labrador, we embrace local music, dance, food, language, and traditions, everywhere we go!

Expedition travel isn't just about what you see, or where you go. It's who you meet and get to know.



## Wildlife encounters

Daily excursions with expert guides put you where you are most likely to see wildlife such as whales and seabirds. Whether viewing on deck, in the Zodiac, or learning during our presentation series, you'll come away with an appreciation for the fine creatures that inhabit our world. Our best practices ensure the safety and integrity of the wildlife we have the privilege to view.

# Iceland Circumnavigation

July 4–13, 2023

**Starts:** Reykjavík, Iceland

**Ends:** Reykjavík, Iceland

From **\$4,995** to **\$14,595** USD  
per person (*details p.16*)

Aboard the *Ocean Endeavour*

Solo cabins based on availability



## Itinerary Map

**Day 1:** Reykjavík, Iceland

**Day 2:** Snæfellsnes Peninsula

**Day 3:** The Westfjords

**Day 4:** Siglufjörður and Grímsey

**Day 5:** Akureyri

**Day 6:** Húsavík

**Day 7:** Seyðisfjörður

**Day 8:** Southeast Iceland

**Day 9:** Heimaey, Vestmannaeyjar  
(Westman Islands)

**Day 10:** Reykjavík, Iceland

## Highlights

- Visit Grímsey on the Arctic Circle, home to over a million seabirds and a hundred people
- Seek whales off the coast of Húsavík, Iceland's whale capital
- Visit the Vestmannaeyjar islands, home to Eldfell, the youngest volcano in Iceland
- Cruise Iceland's extraordinary fjords and sea cliffs
- View spectacular volcanoes, waterfalls, and glaciers!



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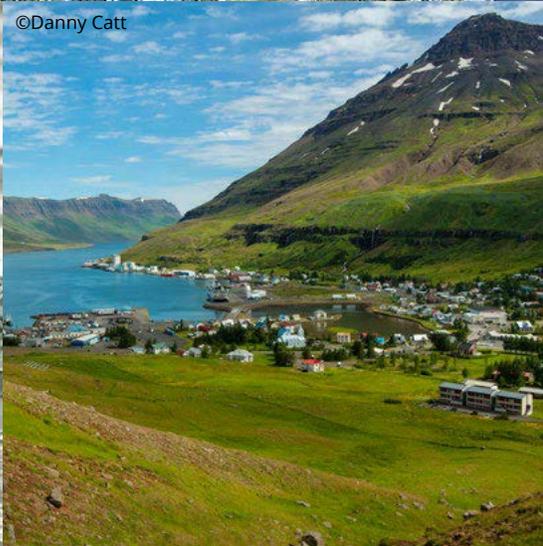
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## Itinerary

### DAY 1: REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

Iceland's cosmopolitan capital, Reykjavík, was established in 874 AD. Powered by geothermal energy, Reykjavík is widely considered one of the cleanest, greenest cities on Earth. Food, culture, and nightlife abound! The National Culture House preserves treasures like the Poetic Edda, and the Norse Sagas in their original manuscripts. We depart Reykjavík in the evening aboard the *Ocean Endeavour*.

### DAY 2: SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA

Today we will explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, a region known for its dramatic beauty and fascinating geological history. There will also be many opportunities to observe seabirds and marine life as we explore one of Iceland's most amazing coastlines.

### DAY 3: THE WESTFJORDS

Only about ten percent of Iceland's visitors ever see this region, known for its jagged bird cliffs and multihued beaches. Coastal fjords,



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immense mountains, and tiny villages can be found here, and a traditional lifestyle is embraced by the region's inhabitants.

### DAY 4: SIGLUFJÖRÐUR AND GRÍMSEY

In its heyday, Siglufjörður bustled with activity as the centre of the herring fishing industry. Today Siglufjörður is resurgent. The Herring Era Museum, which includes re-enactments, is wonderful. Foodies will enjoy visiting the bakery, chocolate factory, and brewery. The folk music centre is a wonderful resource for Icelandic folk music.

Grímsey Island lies on the Arctic Circle. Its small human population shares the island with nearly a million seabirds! These include puffins, guillemots, and gulls. A Zodiac cruise among rock formations is a trip highlight.

### DAY 5: AKUREYRI

Iceland's second-largest urban area, Akureyri, enjoys a relatively mild climate and ice-free harbour. Shops, cafes, and restaurants make for good exploring of the urban kind, along with ten museums to discover and explore.

Akureyri's botanical gardens are among the northernmost in the world, miraculously growing several thousand plant species. The view from the steps of the monumental Lutheran church is worth the walk!

## DAY 6: HÚSAVÍK

Húsavík, on Skjálfandi Bay, is known as the whale capital of Iceland. Fifteen different whale species frequent the area; we also hope to see dolphins and dozens of varieties of birds. Various museums await exploration, including the Whale Museum, Húsavík Museum, and the Exploration Museum, which houses artefacts from Apollo astronaut training in the area.

## DAY 7: SEYÐISFJÖRÐUR

Seyðisfjörður is nestled at the tip of its namesake fjord. The picturesque town of 700 is known for its flourishing art scene, cobbled rainbow road, and excellent handicrafts. There are numerous opportunities for hiking, including a walk up to Tvísöngur sound sculpture on a nearby hill.

Nearby Skalanes Nature Reserve is family owned and operated. The centre for research and interpretation of Iceland's environment and cultural history is a model for sustainable tourism.



## DAY 8: SOUTHEAST ICELAND

The south of Iceland is home to some of the country's most beautiful natural attractions. Here we have opportunities to explore a unique mix of volcanoes, lagoons, and glaciers—as well as hot springs, geysers, and spectacular waterfalls.

## DAY 9: HEIMAÆY, VESTMANNAEYJAR (WESTMAN ISLANDS)

Vestmannaeyjar lies off the south coast of Iceland and comprises fourteen islands, numerous rocks, and skerries. Only the largest island, Heimaey, is inhabited. Heimaey rose to global prominence when it was nearly destroyed by the eruption of the volcano Eldfell in 1973. Nearby sea cliffs dotted with massive sea caves offer excellent opportunities for birds, including the much-loved puffins.

## DAY 10: REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

We'll disembark the *Ocean Endeavour* in the morning.

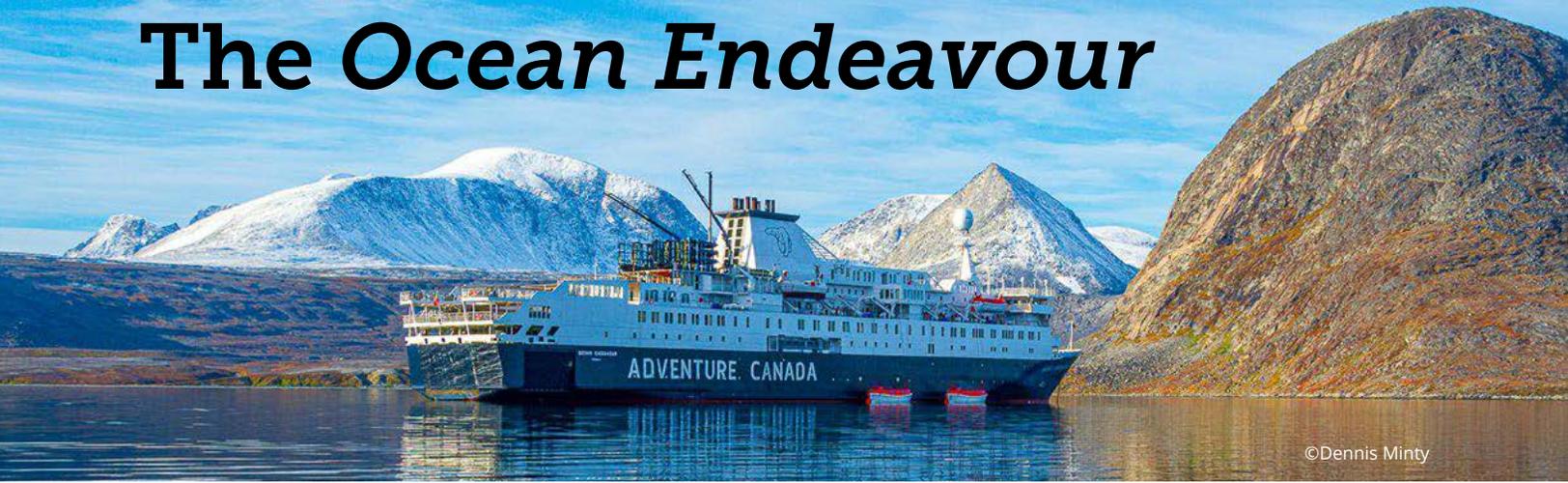


### Multi-Trip Promotion

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## SHIP

# The *Ocean Endeavour*



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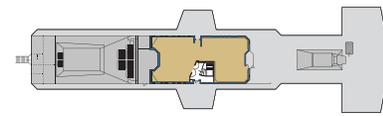
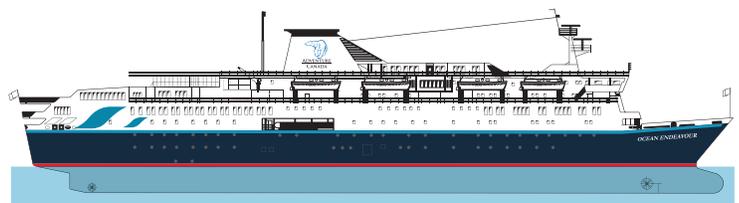
**Capacity:** 198 passengers

**Length:** 137 metres (450 ft.)

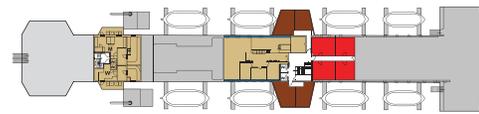
**Registry:** Bahamas

The *Ocean Endeavour* is the perfect vessel for expedition cruising. Outfitted with twenty Zodiacs, advanced navigation equipment, multiple lounges, and a top deck observation room, she is purpose-built for passenger experiences in remote environments. The *Ocean Endeavour* boasts a 1B ice class, enabling her to explore throughout the polar summers. Launched in 1982, she has had numerous upgrades, most recently in 2016.

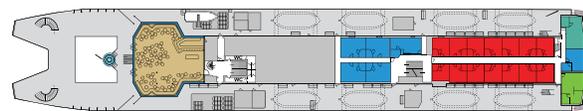
At 137 metres in length, the *Ocean Endeavour* has plenty of interior and exterior space. Ample deck space offers comfortable lounge chairs, a swimming pool, two saunas, and a hot tub. The spacious interior allows for varied workshops and presentations to occur simultaneously. The three lounges aboard the *Ocean Endeavour* are optimal locations for seminars, events, parties, and conversation.



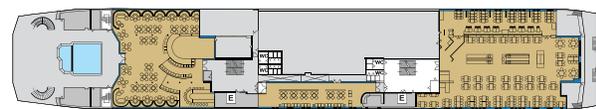
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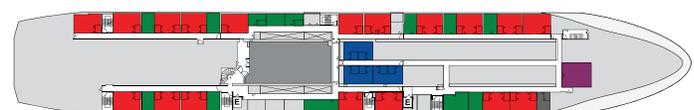
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● **CATEGORY 10** SUITE

**Deck seven:** forward-facing picture windows, unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, private bath with full tub, refrigerator — approx. 310 sq. ft.

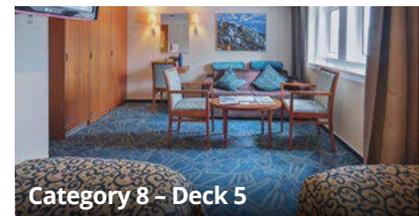


● **CATEGORY 9** JUNIOR SUITE

**Deck five:** picture windows, unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, sitting area — approx. 270 sq. ft. **Deck seven forward:** forward-facing picture windows, unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, sitting area, private bath with full tub, refrigerator — approx. 290 sq. ft.

● **CATEGORY 8** SUPERIOR TWIN

**Deck five:** two picture windows, unobstructed view; two lower berths, sitting area — approx. 210 sq. ft. **Deck seven forward:** forward-facing picture windows, unobstructed view; matrimonial bed, private bath with full tub — approx. 180 sq. ft. **Deck seven midship:** picture windows, partial obstruction; matrimonial bed, private bath, refrigerator — approx. 190 sq. ft.



● **CATEGORY 7** SELECT TWIN

**Deck five:** picture windows, unobstructed view; two lower berths, approx. 190 sq. ft. **Deck eight:** oversize windows, partial obstruction; matrimonial bed, private bath, refrigerator — approx. 145 sq. ft.



● **CATEGORY 6** COMFORT TWIN

**Deck four:** two porthole windows, unobstructed view; two lower berths — approx. 175 sq. ft. **Deck seven:** picture window, partial obstruction; two lower berths — approx. 135 sq. ft. **Deck eight:** picture windows, obstructed view; matrimonial bed, private bath, refrigerator — approx. 160 sq. ft.



● **CATEGORY 5** MAIN TWIN

**Deck five:** picture window, unobstructed view; two lower berths, private bath — approx. 115 sq. ft.



● **CATEGORY 4** EXTERIOR TWIN

**Deck four:** porthole window, unobstructed view; two lower berths, private bath — approx. 100 sq. ft. (twin) / 90 sq. ft. (single).

● **CATEGORY 3** INTERIOR TWIN

**Deck five:** interior cabin, two lower berths, private bath — approx. 125 sq. ft. (twin) / 110 sq. ft. (single).

● **CATEGORY 2** TRIPLE

**Deck four:** interior cabin, three lower berths, two private baths — approx. 200 sq. ft.

● **CATEGORY 1** QUAD

**Deck four:** interior cabin, four lower berths, private bath — approx. 240 sq. ft.



# Expedition and Charter Flight Prices

ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON, IN US DOLLARS

EXPEDITIONS	DAYS	CABIN CLASS CATEGORIES										CHARTER FLIGHT
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<b>ICELAND CIRCUMNAVIGATION</b> JULY 4-13, 2023	10	\$14,595	\$13,595	\$12,595	\$11,595	\$10,595	\$9,595	\$8,595	\$7,295	\$5,995	\$4,995	
		No charter flights available.										—

## EXPEDITION COSTS INCLUDE:

\*Passage aboard the *Ocean Endeavour* \*Applicable taxes and credit card fees \*Complimentary expedition jacket \*Contribution to Adventure Canada's 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 \*Nikon Camera Trial Program \*Interactive workshops \*Evening entertainment \*All shipboard meals

## EXPEDITION COSTS DO 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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## Free Single Supplement

For those who prefer not to share, we have a limited quantity of cabins in category 3 through to category 7 with no single supplement! Once these cabins are sold, the single supplement fee is 1.5 times the berth cost. Single occupancy in categories 8–10 is available at full double-occupancy rates. Can be combined with the Multi-Trip Promotion, League of Adventurers Loyalty Rewards Program, and 2023 Early Booking Bonus. Subject to cabin availability.



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Receive 10% off the berth cost when you book more than one 2023 *Ocean Endeavour* expedition (excluding Antarctica). Can be combined with the Early Booking Bonus, Free Single Supplement, and League of Adventurers Loyalty Rewards Program.



## Family Friendly

Children four years old and younger pay only for charter airfare—and children two years and younger travel free! Children must be accompanied by a full-fare adult. Can be combined with the League of Adventurers Loyalty Rewards Program.



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# Program Enhancements Aboard the *Ocean Endeavour*

We're pleased to provide the following optional program enhancements to help you make the very most of every day—in your own way!

## Expedition Jackets

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You will receive a complimentary expedition jacket to keep you protected from the elements. Designed specifically for expedition travel, your jacket is waterproof and windproof. This jacket is yours to keep as a coveted and useful memento of your adventure.

## Qajaq/Kayak

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Explore at sea level in small groups with our experienced kayak guides. We offer excursions on double kayaks, as well as the essential gear for safety and comfort.

## Nikon Camera Trial Program

COMPLIMENTARY



 Travellers aboard *Ocean Endeavour* expeditions will be able to use precision, professional-quality photography equipment courtesy of the onboard Nikon Camera Trial Program. Together, we empower our guests to create truly dynamic images and tell vibrant stories.

## Biking

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Experience communities and landscapes at your own pace! For fitness enthusiasts and independent explorers, we carry a fleet of Kona mountain bikes. These multi-gear, all-purpose bikes are available during select community excursions.

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