

SMALL-SHIP EXPEDITION CRUISE

Baffin Island and Greenland: Circling the Midnight Sun

August 14–25, 2027

From **\$8,995** to **\$18,995** USD

Aboard the *Ocean Victory*

Starts: Ottawa, ON, Canada

Ends: Toronto, ON, Canada

Charter Flights:

Northbound Charter Flight: \$1,000 USD

Ottawa, ON, Canada to Iqaluit, NU, Canada. Early-morning departure.

Southbound Charter Flight: \$1,650 USD

Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Toronto, ON, Canada. Evening arrival.

Trip Summary

Sail through one of the planet's most stirring regions on a journey linking the coasts of Baffin Island and Greenland. Under the unsetting light of Arctic summer, this voyage traces the edges of Inuit Nunangat, travelling alongside Inuit who share their homeland through art, language, and lived experience. Every moment invites connection: a conversation on deck beneath the glow of midnight sun, a walk across tundra alive with colour, the quiet of a Zodiac among drifting ice. You may even find your sleep schedule politely protesting the endless daylight—a small price for witnessing the world bathed in perpetual gold.

From the rolling tundra of Baffin's southeast to the immense fjords of West Greenland, the landscapes reveal both grandeur and intimacy. Polar bears and belugas, glaciers and

wildflowers, all coexist in a delicate balance of endurance and renewal. In communities such as Panniqtuq and Ilulissat, creativity and culture are inseparable from place—woven through every tapestry, carving, and song.

This is a voyage of relationships: between people and place, light and ice, sea and sky. It is an opportunity to witness how ancient knowledge and modern life meet in the North, and how travel—done with respect and curiosity—can deepen our understanding of both. The experience endures long after the journey ends, carried in memory like the lingering glow of the midnight sun.



Itinerary

Day 1: Iqaluit, NU, Canada

Day 2: Frobisher Bay

Day 3: Southeast Baffin Island

Day 4: Cumberland Sound

Day 5: Panniqtuuq (Pangnirtung)

Day 6: Baffin Island

Day 7: At Sea—Davis Strait

Day 8-10: Western Greenland

Day 11: Ilulissat

Day 12: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

Highlights

Journey through Inuit Nunangat

Experience the profound privilege of travelling through Inuit Nunangat—the ice, water, and lands of Inuit. Here, the landscape breathes story: each inlet, each stretch of tundra is layered with generations of knowledge and kinship. Under the glow of the midnight sun, journey alongside Inuit who share their homeland with grace and humour, inviting you to see the Arctic not as a frontier, but as a living, relational world.

Engage with artists, cultural educators, and community members through language, food, music, and storytelling, woven naturally into your voyage. Whether joining a game, sampling country food, or walking the tundra with Inuit hosts, you'll feel the depth of connection that underlies life in the North.

Wildlife and wilderness of the North Atlantic

Sail through a realm where wildlife and wilderness meet in quiet balance. From the deck or by Zodiac, watch for polar bears padding across floes, whales surfacing through a tapestry of ice, and seabirds wheeling in the Arctic light. The coastlines of Baffin Island and Greenland unfold in a rhythm of fjords, headlands, and glacial blue—a world shaped by tide, ice, and time itself.

Art and story in Panniqtuuq

In Panniqtuuq—known affectionately as *Pang*—art and landscape are inseparable. Visit the Uqqurmiut Inuit Arts Centre, where master printmakers and weavers create works rooted in deep local vision. The community's setting, cradled between mountains and a sinuous river

valley, mirrors the grace and precision of its art. To witness creativity here is to glimpse how tradition, environment, and imagination intertwine.

Across the Cumberland Peninsula

Explore the southeastern reaches of Baffin Island, where steep mountains give way to open tundra and the sea traces stories of sustenance and survival. The peninsula's wildlife-rich waters and archaeological sites reflect millennia of presence by Inuit and their ancestors, whose enduring legacy continues to shape this region today. Hike, Zodiac, or simply stand in stillness as Arctic foxes, beluga whales, and seabirds move through this elemental world.

Greenland's ice and light

Crossing Davis Strait, enter Kalaallit Nunaat—Greenland—where mountains rise from the sea like ancient fortresses. Here, beneath the endless light of Arctic summer, the sky shifts from silver to rose to gold across icebergs and fjords. Explore by foot or Zodiac in the Sisimiut region and at Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where the vast glacier calves its luminous giants into the bay—a vision of creation in motion.

Highlights at a Glance

- Journey through Inuit Nunangat alongside Inuit hosts and cultural educators
- Spot polar bears, whales, and seabirds in pristine Arctic environments
- Visit Panniqtuuq, home to renowned Inuit art and striking mountain scenery
- Explore the wildlife-rich Cumberland Peninsula by hike or Zodiac
- Cruise among the icebergs of Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Experience the dramatic glaciers, islands, and fjords of Greenland's west coast

Itinerary

Day 1: Iqaluit, Nunavut

Begin Your Journey

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

Wildlife, Geology, and Ice

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

On the Nuna—The Living Land

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

Across the Peninsula of Stories

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)

The Place of the Bull Caribou

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

Where the Cliffs Meet the Current

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

Learning from Inuit in Their Homeland

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.

Days 8–10: Western Greenland

Mountains, Fjords, and Tundra Blooms

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

Among the Giants of Ice

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

Crossing the Arctic Circle

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.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Travel through Inuit Nunangat alongside Inuit

Experience the extraordinary privilege of journeying through Inuit Nunangat—the ice, water, and lands of Inuit.

Delve into a dynamic culture as you learn about the language, arts, cuisine, music, and traditions. Each facet is thoughtfully integrated into our on-board and onshore educational program, creating moments of authentic learning throughout your voyage.

As honoured guests in the Inuit homeland, you'll gain unique insights into the kinship between Inuit and the nuna (land). Connect with Inuit—artists, cultural educators, academics and more—who graciously share their knowledge and expertise.

Try your hand at Inuit games, sample country food, visit a local hamlet, or simply walk the tundra with Inuit expedition team members who share Inuit Nunangat, their homeland, with you.

Spot polar bears, whales, and seabirds in pristine Arctic environments

Seek out the amazing creatures that call this rich region home and revel in the scenery as you go—from the ship, by Zodiac, or on hiking excursions.

Admire the bounty and beauty of the fjords of Greenland, the coast of Baffin Island, and the tides of the Davis Strait.

Experience Inuit art in Panniqtuuq (Pangnirtung)

Panniqtuuq, or “Pang” as locals call it, is famed for its art. Visit the Uqqurmiut Inuit Arts Centre and see where Inuit artists create beautifully woven tapestries and prints.

Located on a narrow coastal plain against a spectacular backdrop of high mountains and a winding river valley, this charming community is sure to leave you in awe.

Explore the Cumberland Peninsula

Spend time exploring the Cumberland Peninsula. Nestled on the southeastern coast of Baffin Island, this peninsula presents a mesmerizing tapestry of natural wonders and cultural heritage.

Hike the tundra and immerse yourself in the beauty of your surroundings. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for the elusive wildlife that calls this region home—polar bears, Arctic foxes, and beluga whales.

Wander through the breathtaking landscapes of Southeast Baffin Island

Experience the breathtaking natural beauty of Southeast Baffin Island—the largest island in Canada and the fifth-largest island in the world.

As you wander through the awe-inspiring terrain of the Arctic tundra, be awestruck by the majestic mountain peaks and tranquil fjords that envelop you.

Our expert guides will offer unique insights into the local flora and fauna, archaeological sites, and Inuit culture that the island has fostered for thousands of years.

Marvel at enormous icebergs at Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Visit the fastest-calving glacier in the world, which spills thousands of enormous [icebergs](#) into the spectacular Ilulissat Icefjord in Disko Bay, Greenland every year.

View the icebergs from the shore on a hike along the boardwalk and make your way to the Ilulissat Icefjord Centre to learn about this fascinating natural wonder.

Hike and Zodiac cruise amidst stunning glaciers, islands, and fjords in Sisimiut [Region](#)

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Discover the enchanting beauty of West Greenland as you navigate its intricate coastal waterways, encompassing magnificent glaciers, captivating islands, and majestic fjords set against a backdrop of towering mountains.

Explore this mesmerizing region on a hike or on a Zodiac cruise, where every turn reveals awe-inspiring vistas.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the extraordinary privilege of journeying through Inuit Nunangat—the ice, water, and lands of Inuit
- Seek polar bears, seabirds, and other Arctic wildlife in pristine natural environments
- Cruise among icebergs at Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Witness stunning glaciers, islands, and fjords in Sisimiut [region](#)
- Immerse yourself in the rich traditions of Panniqtuuq
- Explore the rolling tundra at Southeast Baffin Island—Canada's largest island
- Discover the rich history and natural wonders of Cumberland Sound

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Itinerary

Day 1: Iqaluit, NU, Canada

Begin Your Adventure

Begin your journey by transferring to the ship via Zodiac through Iqaluit harbour. Iqaluit, at the head of Frobisher Bay, is Nunavut's capital.

A population of nearly 8,000 calls the city home. Local attractions include the territorial Legislature, igloo-inspired St. Jude's Cathedral, art shops, and more.

Day 2: Frobisher Bay

Witness Wildlife, Geology, and Ice

Sail through this beautiful bay named for bygone explorer Martin Frobisher and stay on the lookout for wildlife.

Our geologists will have you raving about rocks! Expect compelling scenery and soak up the Arctic splendour.

Day 3: Southeast Baffin Island

Explore Southeast Baffin Island

Spend time on the nuna—the Inuktitut name for land. Take a hike that best suits your interest accompanied by our expert expedition team who offer insightful interpretations of the surroundings.

Soak in the full seasonal blooms at the height of Arctic summer as you explore the rolling tundra. A stop here will give you a unique opportunity to connect with nature on a profound level.

Day 4: Cumberland Sound

Experience the Rugged Beauty of the Cumberland Peninsula

Spend two days exploring the Cumberland Peninsula, a stunning Arctic region steeped in cultural heritage.

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Jutting from the southeastern coast of Baffin Island, this peninsula encompasses Cumberland Sound, whose wildlife sustained Inuit and their predecessors for thousands of years. We hope to experience the same natural wonders as we sail through the marine-rich waterway.

It was even considered a potential missing link in the early search for the Northwest Passage. While exploring, you'll have the opportunity to delve into the captivating maritime history of the region, gaining a deeper understanding of its past and present significance.

We'll make the most of every opportunity to hike the vast tundra and Zodiac in the ice-strewn waters. Make sure to keep an eye out for the abundant wildlife that calls this region home, including polar bears, Arctic foxes, and beluga whales.

Day 5: Panniqtuuq (Pangnirtung)

Discover Spectacular Arctic Scenery

Experience Panniqtuuq, nestled on a coastal plain amidst stunning mountains and a winding river valley. Meaning "the place of the bull caribou" in Inuktitut, this charming community is embraced by snow-capped peaks and the ocean.

Soak in the area's striking beauty on a community tour, with the opportunity to visit the Angmarlik Visitor Centre. Explore exhibits showcasing both Thule and modern Inuit life, as well as information about the community's available activities.

Day 6: Baffin Island

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Day 7: At Sea — Davis Strait

Learn From Inuit in Their Homeland

Deepen your understanding of the environment, cultures, and history of the region as we sail across the Davis Strait towards Greenland. Get the privileged opportunity to engage with and learn from Inuit in their homeland.

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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 connection to the stunning landscapes we traverse.

Keep your binoculars ready to spot whales and seabirds who follow in our wake.

Day 8-10: Western Greenland

Hike the Tundra

Welcome to Kalaallit Nunaat, or Greenland! Choose the activity you like best during an expedition landing on Greenland's spectacular west coast.

Whether you prefer hiking, walking, photography, or sitting contemplatively, you'll be delighted!

Alongside our team of knowledgeable naturalists, marine biologists, and geologists, embrace every opportunity to learn and deepen your connection to the landscapes we explore.

Admire the mighty mountains and the tiniest tundra flowers—a stop in this area will offer many outstanding features to pique your interest.

Day 11: Ilulissat

Take a Cruise Around Towering Icebergs

Experience the remarkable beauty of Ilulissat Icefjord, renowned for its enormous icebergs. Ilulissat means "iceberg"—an apt name for this site at the outlet of the Sermeq Kujalleq glacier. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the source of many of the icebergs in the North Atlantic.

Marvel at the sheer grandeur of the towering ice formations as you take a stroll along the boardwalk—truly a sight to behold!

Visit the town, with its museums, charming cafes, craft shops, and bustling fishing harbour. Be sure to make your way to the Ilulissat Icefjord Centre, where you can delve into the fascinating narratives surrounding the ice and gain a deeper appreciation for this awe-inspiring natural wonder.

Day 12: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

Cross the Arctic Circle

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Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord) is one of the longest fjords in the world and boasts 190 kilometres of superb scenery. We end our adventure by sailing up this dramatic fjord.

Kangerlussuaq, the town at its eastern head, is a former U.S. Air Force base. Here we will disembark for our return charter flight to Toronto, ON.

