

SMALL-SHIP EXPEDITION CRUISE

Heart of the Arctic

August 2–14, 2027

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

Aboard the Ocean Victory

Starts: Toronto, ON, Canada

Ends: Ottawa, ON, Canada

Charter Flights:

Northbound Charter Flight: \$1,650 USD

Toronto, ON, Canada to Nuuk, Greenland. Early-morning departure.

Southbound Charter Flight: \$1,000 USD

Iqaluit, NU, Canada to Ottawa, ON, Canada. Evening arrival.

Trip Summary

Heart of the Arctic weaves together the stories of land, light, and life across three Inuit regions: Greenland, Nunavut, and Nunavik. This voyage invites travellers to explore the deep cultural and ecological connections that define the North. From the colourful streets of Nuuk to the wild cliffs of Akpatok Island, each day unfolds as a meeting between ancient landscapes and living traditions.

Sail through vast fjords where glaciers sculpt the coast and the sea mirrors the sky. Learn from Inuit cultural educators, artists, and community members who share language, art, and laughter along the way. Step ashore to walk the tundra, taste country food, and hear stories carried by the wind. Encounter polar bears and whales, murres and seals—rare glimpses of a resilient Arctic world. Each sighting is a privilege, a moment of quiet awe in the presence of creatures perfectly adapted to their remote, fragile home.

Throughout the journey, the rhythm of travel slows to the pace of observation. Light lengthens across stone and ice, and the boundaries between sea and sky blur into quiet wonder. Each landing, each conversation, deepens understanding of Inuit Nunangat—the ice, water, and

lands of Inuit—and the enduring relationship between people and place. When the expedition concludes in Iqaluit, travellers carry home more than memories: a sense of connection to the wider story of the Arctic itself.



Itinerary

- Day 1:** Nuuk, Greenland
- Day 2:** Capital Region
- Day 3:** At Sea—Davis Strait
- Day 4:** Kimmirut (Lake Harbour), NU, Canada
- Day 5:** Kinngait (Cape Dorset)
- Day 6–7:** Ungava Peninsula, Nunavik, QC

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Day 8: Salluit

Day 9: Ungava Bay

Day 10–11: Southeast Baffin

Day 12: Frobisher Bay

Day 13: Iqaluit, NU, Canada

Highlights

Journey through Inuit Nunangat

Experience the privilege of travelling through Inuit Nunangat—the ice, water, and lands of Inuit. Each day reveals the homeland of people whose knowledge runs deep. Learn from artists, cultural educators, and knowledge holders who share language, stories, and traditions that illuminate a living bond between land and life. You are a guest here, welcomed into a way of seeing shaped by kinship and care.

The art capital of the Arctic

In Kinngait, art is not merely created—it is lived. Visit studios where hands shape stories into stone, paper, and print. Feel the hum of creativity as you meet carvers and printmakers whose work has inspired communities and collectors alike. Here, art bridges past and present, community and expression, revealing the enduring spirit of Inuit innovation.

Land and light of the Ungava Peninsula

Venture across the open tundra of Nunavik's Ungava Peninsula, where light pools on water and stone and the wind whispers through an ancient silence. Pause on a glacial boulder and listen to the hush that stretches to the horizon. Hike among low ridges and ancient rocks while Inuit cultural educators share insight into the land's rhythms—its plants, wildlife, and enduring ties to those who live in relationship with it.

Life and warmth in Inuit communities

In Salluit, connection comes first. Be welcomed by the warmth of a community where resilience and generosity thrive in equal measure. Share stories, laughter, and local food; listen to the sounds of language and life in the North. Here, you'll feel the heartbeat of Inuit Nunangat—a place where culture and kinship are woven into every gesture of hospitality.

Bird cliffs and ice edges

Off Ungava Bay, Akpatok Island rises in sheer cliffs alive with the cries of countless murres. Zodiac through drifting ice to witness the abundance that defines this northern world—polar bears along the shoreline, walrus on the floes, and seabirds sweeping the air. In the luminous Arctic light, every movement feels part of a vast, breathing ecosystem.

Greenland's living history

In Nuuk and the surrounding fjords, history and modern life flow together. Explore the Greenland National Museum, where the Qilakitsoq mummies rest in quiet testimony to a deep human past. Wander streets where Nordic architecture meets Inuit art, and sense how self-governance, language, and heritage shape a confident, evolving culture. Pause by the harbour to breathe in the scent of sea air mingling with roasted coffee from Nuuk's cafés, salt and warmth woven together in the wind. The fjord light glows long into the night—a reflection of continuity and renewal.

Highlights at a Glance

- Journey through **Inuit Nunangat**—the ice, water, and lands of Inuit—with local cultural educators and experts
- Visit **Kinngait**, the world-renowned centre of Inuit art, and meet artists in their studios
- Explore the **fjords of Greenland**, from Nuuk to Nuup Kangerlua, surrounded by stunning Arctic light
- Walk the open tundra of **Nunavik's Ungava Peninsula** with Inuit guides, pausing on glacial boulders to listen to the land's quiet stories
- Zodiac beneath the soaring bird cliffs of **Akpatok Island**, home to thousands of thick-billed murres
- Enjoy the hospitality of **Salluit**, a vibrant Inuit community in northern Nunavik

Itinerary

Day 1: Nuuk, Greenland

Where Fjord and City Meet

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

Through Fjords of Light

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

Learn From Inuit in Their Homeland

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

Art and Stone

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)

The Heart of Arctic Art

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

Walking the Tundra

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

Warmth and Welcome

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

Cliffs Alive with Birds

Akpatok Island rises sheer and white from Ungava Bay, its cliffs crowded with thick-billed murre. 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

Ice and Stone

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

Passage Through Time

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

Farewell to the North

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.

