



NORTHWEST PASSAGE



**THE LEGENDARY ARCTIC SEA ROUTE | ULTRAMARINE
AUG 29 - SEP 15, 2027 | 18 DAYS | 44 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADERS: JON AND SUE GURR**

Prepare for a voyage into one of the planet's most powerful and remote frontiers. This expedition-style journey traces the dramatic coastlines of Greenland and Baffin Island, revealing a world shaped by ice, resilience, and time. From the vibrant modern culture of Reykjavik to the wind-scoured silence of the Northwest Passage, each day unfolds in landscapes both vast and humbling. Discover the "Iceberg Capital" of Qikiqtarjuaq, the soaring granite spires of Sam Ford Fjord, and the haunting history of Beechey Island, a tribute to the legendary Franklin Expedition. The UNESCO-protected Ilulissat Icefjord offers a rare glimpse into the Earth's living geological forces.

Aboard the state-of-the-art *Ultramarine*, enjoy exceptional access to remote fjords by Zodiac, along with an included helicopter flightseeing experience offering a rare aerial perspective of the Arctic landscape. Guided by expert glaciologists and historians, watch for bowhead whales in Isabella Bay, hike the colourful tundra of Eternity Fjord, and explore regions few travellers ever reach. This is more than a cruise — it is a rare immersion into the far North, where nature leads and scale redefines perspective.

This is an expedition-style journey visiting some of the most remote areas in Canada's High Arctic. Please read the CT Rating on the back page for more information.



Cruise Highlights

- Arctic wilderness, including a helicopter flightseeing excursion (weather and logistics dependent)
- Icebergs and active glaciers, including the UNESCO-listed Sermeq Kujalleq
- Greenlandic community of Ilulissat and the Inuit hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq on Broughton Island
- Abandoned Arctic outposts of the RCMP and the Hudson's Bay Company
- Distinctive coastal town of Maniitsoq in Greenland
- Iconic Arctic wildlife, including whales, walrus, muskoxen, and possibly polar bears

Our Cruise Ship Quark Expeditions • *Ultramarine*

Designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to discover new places, and immerse you in the best the region has to offer. Staff and crew: 140, Guests: 199

See cover for an image of the ship, and visit our website for more information.

Journey Leaders

Jon and Sue Gurr have explored more than 90 countries across all seven continents, capturing the spirit of their travels through photography. With over 40 years of experience as a certified professional photographer, Jon looks forward to sharing photography tips along the way, while both he and Sue bring genuine passion for travel to each journey. Having spent nearly five years in the Arctic, Jon speaks Inuktitut and has photographed the people and landscapes of Nunavut. They look forward to travelling with you on this upcoming adventure.



Inclusive Features

- Accommodation in comfortable hotels as indicated or similar
- 14-night cruise aboard Quark Expeditions' *Ultramarine*
- 44 meals included as noted (B - 16 breakfasts, L - 14 lunches, D - 14 dinners)
- Complimentary standard wine, beer, and cocktails during dinner and bar service hours
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for included services
- Services of our journey leaders, crew, and expedition guides during the cruise
- Internal flights between Iceland and Greenland, including transfers

Air-inclusive rates also include:

- Return economy class airfare from Canada to Iceland with Icelandair
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value
- Transfers between the airport and hotel in Iceland
- All current air taxes, fuel surcharges and fees

AUG 29, Sunday

DEPART CANADA

Tour members from across Canada gather for our flight to Iceland.

AUG 30, Monday

ARRIVE KEFLAVIK / REYKJAVIK

Arrive in Iceland and transfer to our hotel in Reykjavik. Enjoy free time to explore Iceland's capital, known for its striking modern architecture, contemporary music scene, and rich Viking history. **Hotel to be announced** (1 night)

AUG 31, Tuesday

KANGERLUSSUAQ / EMBARKATION

After an early breakfast at the hotel, we gather for our private charter flight to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland — a small town that for decades served as the country's primary airport gateway. Upon arrival, we transfer to the harbour and board a Zodiac shuttle to the ship. Following late-afternoon embarkation, we set sail into the stunning Arctic wilderness. ***Ultramarine*** (14 nights)

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SEP 1, Wednesday **CROSSING THE DAVIS STRAIT**

Keep an eye out for seabirds and marine life as we set sail across the Davis Strait to the east coast of Baffin Island. There are many ways to spend your time aboard *Ultramarine*. Visit the Tundra Spa and other onboard amenities, or attend educational presentations led by the polar experts — glaciologists, historians, and other specialists. Learn about northern communities and ways of life in preparation for our first community visit. There will also be mandatory briefings with our expedition team on how we'll safely explore this remote Arctic region. BLD

SEP 2-3, Thursday-Friday **BAFFIN ISLAND**

Qikiqtarjuaq, fondly called Qik, is a small Inuit hamlet located on Broughton Island. Known as the iceberg capital of Nunavut, Qikiqtarjuaq sits at the northern entrance to the mountainous Auyuittuq National Park, which is home to narwhals, bowhead and orca whales, polar bears, seals and migratory birds. Community visits provide an opportunity to learn about daily life and culture, and to purchase local goods, traditional handicrafts, and art. As icebergs travel down the Davis Strait, many are naturally trapped at Qikiqtarjuaq. The surrounding waters are also home to ringed and harp seals, often surfacing between floes. A hike up to the hilltop offers sweeping views of the community and its coastal setting. Cruising further north along the mountainous east shore of Baffin Island, we'll approach Isabella Bay, an important feeding area for the largest concentration of bowhead whales in Canada. We'll aim to launch the Zodiacs and explore the bay, binoculars at the ready. BLD

SEP 4, Saturday **ICY ARM FJORD**

This is an especially exciting day, as you become one of the few travelers to explore the stunningly majestic Icy Arm Fjord, which cuts almost 80 kilometers (50 miles) deep into northern Baffin Island. Accessible only by water in summer months when the sea ice recedes, this rarely visited fjord is known for its unrivalled landscape of towering cliffs and stunning glaciers. Icy Arm Fjord is the epitome of unspoiled Arctic wilderness. We may observe polar bears, Arctic foxes, seals, walruses, guillemots, kittiwakes and other Arctic-dwelling birds. BLD

SEP 5-7, Sunday-Tuesday **THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE**

At the top of Baffin Island lies Tallurutiup-Imanga (also known as Lancaster Sound), a true Arctic oasis. This channel and the surrounding lands are rich in wildlife and history — both Indigenous and European — and offer rewarding hiking opportunities. At Dundas Harbour on Devon Island, we'll visit an abandoned RCMP outpost. At Croker Bay, we plan to cruise close enough to appreciate the splendour of glacial textures and calving ice while maintaining a safe distance. We then go ashore at windswept Beechey Island, home to the Beechey Island National Historic Site. Maintained by Parks Canada, these sites tell the story of Sir John Franklin's ill-fated 1845–46 expedition to explore the Northwest Passage. What happened to Franklin and his crew remains an enduring chapter in Arctic exploration history. We also hope to explore the shores of uninhabited Prince Leopold Island, a significant migratory bird sanctuary and Important Bird Area, where we aim to launch Zodiacs for an immersive cruise at the foot of the bird cliffs. Nearby, on the northeast tip of Somerset Island, lies Port Leopold, an abandoned Hudson's Bay Company trading post dating back to 1937, where remnants of the original store and manager's house can still be seen. BLD



Local Inuit culture in the High Arctic. Photo courtesy of Quark Expeditions / Acacia Johnson.



Watch for iconic Arctic wildlife. Photo courtesy of Quark Expeditions / Acacia Johnson.



Explore vast tundra landscapes. Photo courtesy of Quark Expeditions / Acacia Johnson.



Kayak in the Arctic (additional cost). Photo courtesy of Quark Expeditions / Michelle Sole.

SEP 8, Wednesday **BAFFIN ISLAND**

As we journey from Lancaster Sound along the east coast of Baffin Island, spend time on deck soaking in the scenery — expansive landscapes, jagged spires, and abundant birdlife. Today also offers the perfect opportunity to enjoy the ship’s onboard amenities and deepen your knowledge through presentations led by the polar experts. BLD

SEP 9, Thursday **SAM FORD FJORD**

Well inside the Arctic Circle, Sam Ford Fjord is a standout Arctic adventure destination on Baffin Island’s northeast coast, and one of the world’s most spectacular big-wall playgrounds. A traditional Inuit hunting area, the fjord is a study in contrasts: sheer granite cliffs seem to rise straight up from the ocean below, reaching up to 457 meters above sea level. If weather conditions permit, this region offers fabulous Zodiac cruising, sea kayaking and paddling as well as opportunities to go ashore. With a bit of luck, we may see Arctic foxes onshore, and we’ll keep our eyes peeled for polar bears during our offshore excursions. BLD

SEP 10, Friday **CROSSING THE DAVIS STRAIT**

As *Ultramarine* continues eastward across the Davis Strait, we’ll have a choice of presentations by the polar experts, who will share insights that bring greater meaning to the experiences so far and set the stage for our time in West Greenland. BLD

SEP 11-13, Saturday-Monday **WEST GREENLAND**

Ilulissat, located in Disko Bay, is home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ilulissat Icefjord, the thoroughfare for countless icebergs calved from one of the world’s fastest-moving glaciers, Sermeq Kujalleq. Locals have constructed a boardwalk leading to an elevated overlook, where you can view bergs of all sizes spread out before you. The inner harbour is a rare sight, with icebergs drifting among fishing boats and skiffs. The town itself is well worth exploring. As we approach, watch for whales that frequent the iceberg-laden waters. Eternity Fjord, home to the tallest mountains in all of West Greenland, offers exceptional opportunities for Zodiac exploration, providing access to areas larger vessels cannot navigate. Appreciate nature in its rawest form as we hike among the towering peaks and photograph the colourful tundra and dramatic landscapes. Another fascinating highlight is Maniitsoq. Soaring, snow-capped mountains surround this small, rocky town, whose name means “the uneven place.” Playful humpback whales spend the summer in the surrounding waters, so we’ll keep our eyes peeled as we transit ashore by Zodiac. BLD

SEP 14, Tuesday **KANGERLUSSUAQ / DISEMBARKATION**

Our destination is Kangerlussuaq, which is Greenlandic for “the long fjord.” At the end of this 180 kilometre fjord is a settlement bearing the same name. The town is known for its natural beauty, and for previously being the home of the largest airport in Greenland. One last Zodiac ride brings us ashore before we transfer to the airport for our charter flight to Iceland. Upon arrival at the airport, you will be transferred to your included hotel for the night.

Hotel to be announced (1 night) B

SEP 15, Wednesday **REYKJAVIK / CANADA**

As our Arctic adventure comes to an end, we gather for our flights back to Canada. B

CT Rating 4/5 - Very Challenging: This expedition-style cruise explores remote communities and wild locations in the High Arctic. The itinerary is subject to change, and travellers should approach the journey with flexibility and an open mind. Shore landings are conducted by Zodiac and may include wet landings. Guests should be comfortable walking several kilometres over uneven terrain. The physical demands of excursions may vary depending on landing sites, local conditions, and available options. Specific personal gear is required (details available on request).

Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars per Person

Category / Deck (Description)	Twin or Double
Explorer Suite / Deck 3 (picture window).....	\$32,435
Balcony Suite / Decks 4, 6 (balcony).....	\$34,955
Deluxe Balcony Suite / Decks 4, 6 (balcony).....	\$39,875
Penthouse Suite / Deck 7 (balcony).....	\$43,645
Ultra Suite Deck 6 (balcony).....	\$57,375

Above rates are per person, based on sharing the selected category. See the deck plan for full details on the various categories available. For single rates, please ask for pricing or visit our website.

Estimated air add-ons per person:

Toronto	\$1,435
Ottawa / Montreal	\$1,635
Halifax / Winnipeg / St. John’s.....	\$1,735
Saskatoon / Regina / Victoria	\$1,835
Edmonton / Calgary / Vancouver.....	\$1,785

Cruise only passengers will join and leave the group at the hotel in Iceland. Airfares from other gateways are available upon request and are subject to change. Refer to inclusive features for details. Prices are based on rates, taxes and fees effective June 2026 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. A journey leader is not guaranteed and will be confirmed closer to departure.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual’s age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment is due March 25, 2027. Deposit is \$6,500 to \$12,000 per person, depending on category

To reserve your spot on this tour, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:

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