

# ROM

## Into the Northwest Passage

August 16 to September 1, 2025  
A ROMTravel Art, Culture and Nature Trip  
Small Ship Expedition



Figure 1: Polar bear mother and cub. © Adventure Canada, 2009.

## **A Letter from Penelope Hughes**

The Arctic. Iconic. Majestic. Mysterious. Vast ice floes, polar bears, walrus, seals, muskoxen, floating ice packs and huge floating icebergs, the size of hotels, calving off the glaciers. These are only a few of the things you may experience. Visit and learn about Arctic communities, their art and way of life in both Canada and Greenland. Learn about Franklin's doomed expedition in search of the Northwest Passage.

Our Arctic is changing quickly and perhaps forever. How long will it remain? How will climate change affect it?

ROMTravel invites you to learn about climate change from Inuit and regional experts, how it affects wildlife and people who live in the Arctic, and to travel through the famous Northwest Passage, in a truly unique and exclusive expedition that only ROMTravel provides working with Adventure Canada.

This will be an immersive experience both on and off the ship. Onboard, you will learn from high calibre expert resources in botany, ornithology, geology, Inuit culture and other areas of interest who will share their personal experiences. Each day your onboard and onshore programming will be thoughtfully planned to ensure you have the best possible experience.

If you have ever wanted to go to the Arctic, now is the time. I am certain that this trip will delight anyone looking for a one-of-a-kind adventure. This is an opportunity for an experience full of sights, memories, and people never to be forgotten.

Join me as a distinguished ROMTravel guest, where you will enjoy the company of a small group of friendly, like-minded adventurers.

Penelope Hughes



Figure 2: An iceberg in the water off the coast of Greenland. © Mark Edward Harris, 2017.

## **Penelope Hughes Biography**

Penelope Hughes is Co-Chair of ROMTravel and has previously led ROM trips to Haida Gwaii and Morocco. She has explored more than 40 countries and enjoyed a range of experiences from a polar dip in Antarctica to gorilla trekking in Uganda. She is a sailor and Rear Commodore at a Toronto sailing club.

## **ROMTravel Exclusives**

Enjoy the company of a small group of friendly, like-minded fellow travellers.

Get personalized service from your dedicated ROMTravel Coordinator, Penelope Hughes.

Enjoy a private expedition orientation from Adventure Canada.

Attend a private reception onboard and guided bridge tour.

ROMTravel-hosted dinners accompanied by Adventure Canada experts on select evenings throughout the expedition to enrich the travel experience.

Take part in a private Zodiac excursion.

Reconnect and reminisce with fellow travellers at the Fall ROMTravel Reunion.

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## **Our Travel Provider: Adventure Canada**



Adventure Canada is an award-winning family run travel company with more than 35 years' experience specializing in small ship cruises to the world's more remote coastlines. They engage, educate, and entertain by connecting people to each other and to the land through travel. Adventure Canada's pioneering approach to expedition cruises and small group experiences emphasizes wildlife, culture, learning, and fun.

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TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence	Best Adventure Cruise Line
Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth	Solo Travelers Choice Award

## Certified Safe Travels Operator

Adventure Canada has been awarded a Safe Travels certificate by the World Travel and Tourism Council and the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario. This accreditation recognizes us as a global leader in our adopted health and hygiene protocols and confirms our commitment to putting the safety, health, and security of our clients, staff, and crew before all else.

## Trip Itinerary Overview

**Date:** August 16 to September 1, 2025, aboard the "Ocean Endeavour".

Canadian residents may opt to use Adventure Canada's in-house exchange rate (fixed quarterly) and pay for their voyage in Canadian dollars. Contact Adventure Canada for more details.

**Cost:** From \$14,495 USD per person, double occupancy, depending on cabin category.

**Single Supplement:** No single supplement on a limited quantity of cabins in categories 3 to 7. Once these cabins are sold, the single supplement fee is 1.5 times the cabin cost.

### Flights not included:

- Flight from your home to Toronto, ON if applicable.
- Charter flight from Toronto, ON to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland; \$1,450 United States Dollars; early morning departure.
- Charter flight from Kugluktuk, NU to Yellowknife, NT; \$1,000 United States Dollars; evening arrival.
- Flight from Yellowknife, NT to your home.

**Starts** Toronto, ON, Canada.

**Ends** Yellowknife, NT, Canada.



Figure 3: Map of Greenland and the Northwest Passage, showing our planned route and ports of call.

**Day 1** Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

**Day 2 and 3** Sisimiut

**Day 4** Ilulissat

**Day 5** Western Greenland

**Day 6** At sea in the Davis Strait

**Day 7** Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet), NU, Canada

**Day 8 and 9** Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound) and Devon Island

**Day 10** Beechey Island

**Day 11** Prince Regent Inlet

**Day 12** Ikirahaq (Bellot Strait)

**Day 13 to 16** Kitikmeot region

**Day 17** Kugluktuk, NU, Canada

## Itinerary Highlights

Experience the extraordinary privilege of journeying through Inuit Nunangat, the land of Inuit, a homeland of ice, water, and land.

Cross the Arctic Circle as you sail the 190-kilometre (118 miles) length of Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord).

Cruise among icebergs at Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Spend two days searching for marine life in Tallurutiup Imanga, one of Canada's largest National Marine Conservation Areas.

Enjoy the opportunity to see polar bears, seabirds, and other Arctic wildlife in pristine natural environments.

Retrace the historic route of European explorers, who for centuries searched their way through ice in hopes of finding a sailing route through the passage.

Transit Ikirahaq (Bellot Strait), the narrow and dramatic waterway at the very northern tip of continental North America.

## Daily Itinerary

### Day 1 Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

Arrivals in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland. Ship embarkation and cross the Arctic Circle.

Kangerlussuaq is a former United States Air Force base and Greenland's primary flight hub. Arriving via charter flight from Toronto, we will transfer to the "Ocean Endeavour", travelling by Zodiac.

With 190 kilometres (118 miles) of superb scenery, Kangerlussuaq Fjord (Søndre Strømfjord) is one of the longest fjords in the world. We will begin our adventure taking in the views offered by sailing down this dramatic fjord and will cross the Arctic Circle as we go.

### Day 2 and 3 Sisimiut

Explore vibrant Sisimiut.



Figure 4: Sisimiut. © Dennis Minty, 2009.

Colourful Sisimiut is Greenland's second-largest city. We will overnight in port, allowing two days to explore this vibrant city. Discover treasures in the city's extensive museum with its towering whalebone archway at the entrance. Be sure to take time to stop in at the artisan's studio for the chance to purchase outstanding handicrafts. Traditional qajaq (kayaking) is in

resurgence here, and there's plenty of other fun outdoor activities for the adventurous to enjoy.

#### **Day 4 Ilulissat**

Towering icebergs and more.

Experience the remarkable beauty of Ilulissat Icefjord, located 250 kilometres (155 miles) north of the Arctic Circle, and 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 seen in the North Atlantic.

The sheer size and grandeur of the towering ice formations is breathtaking as you take in the view during a stroll along the boardwalk. They are truly a sight to behold.

Visit the town, with its captivating museums, charming cafés, craft shops, and bustling fishing harbour. The Ilulissat Icefjord Centre is a must-see, where you can delve into the fascinating narratives surrounding the ice and gain a deeper appreciation for this awe-inspiring natural wonder.



Figure 5: Ilulissat. © Steven Rose, 2022.

#### **Day 5 Western Greenland**

Hike the tundra.

Making the most of the weather and wildlife conditions of the day, we will explore by ship and Zodiac along the west coast of Greenland, with numerous options for expedition stops.

Whether you're setting foot on land, cruising by Zodiac, or out on the ship's deck, you'll have plenty of opportunities to learn alongside expert geologists, naturalists, and marine biologists. And, with Inuit expedition team members at your side, you'll gain an intimate perspective on the abundant flora and fauna you encounter.

Take a moment to savour the tranquility and absorb the knowledge and stories shared by Inuit cultural educators, which will deepen your connection to this breathtaking landscape.

Departing Greenland, we will cross Baffin Bay toward Nunavut.

#### **Day 6 At sea in the Davis Strait**

Learn from Inuit in their homeland.

As we sail toward Nunavut, this is an excellent time to enjoy workshops, watch a documentary, or get out on deck. Our expedition team will be available with insights to deepen your understanding of the Arctic. Be sure to keep your binoculars ready for minke and humpback whales, as well as for

seabirds that are sure to mark our passage.

Our sea day will offer the unique opportunity to learn from Inuit in their homeland, gaining a better understanding of the daily lives of people who live in the regions we are visiting. Enjoy cultural performances and maybe even participate in Inuit games, or sample country food.

Through these shared experiences and interactions, develop a deep appreciation for the region's vibrant culture and gain a profound connection to the stunning landscapes we are traversing.

### **Day 7 Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet), NU, Canada**

Experience Inuit culture.

We will spend our day in Mittimatalik, a busy Arctic community in a beautiful setting. With stunning views of nearby Bylot Island, we will explore the town, viewing its landscape, and shopping for unique handcrafted souvenirs of our visit.



Figure 6: The Tununiq Arsarniit Theatre Group. © Jen Derbach, 2022.

The talented Tununiq Arsarniit Theatre Group will present us with a cultural

performance that features drum dancing, throat singing, and storytelling.

### **Day 8 and 9 Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound) and Devon Island**

Seek whales, seabirds, and Polar bears.

We will spend three days exploring Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound), one of the newest National Marine Conservation Areas in Nunavut. Narwhal, beluga and bowhead whales transit and feed in this area.



Figure 7: A narwhal. © Michelle Valberg, 2011.

Cruising by ship and Zodiac, we will be joined by expert biologists and ecologists as we explore the region in search of wildlife. Learn more about the crucial role Inuit play in conserving the vibrant biodiversity of these waterways and the enduring connection between the ocean and Inuit.

On the northern border of Tallurutiup Imanga lies Devon Island. At over 50,000 square kilometres (31,000 square miles), it is the largest uninhabited island on Earth. Flat-



topped mountains, glacial valleys, and a substantial ice cap give Devon Island its unique character. We'll visit the island and hike the tundra, visit archaeological sites and the remains of an RCMP and Hudson's Bay Company site at Dundas Harbour, cruise a glacier face, and seek wildlife from ship and on shore.

### **Day 10 Beechey Island**

Visit a Franklin Expedition historical site.

In 1845, Sir John Franklin set out from England with his ships HMS "Erebus" and HMS "Terror", in an attempt to sail through the Northwest Passage. His crew overwintered at Beechey Island, where three of his men died.



Figure 8: At Beechey Island National Historic Site. © Dennis Minty, 2022.

Numerous search parties later used Beechey as a depot and rendezvous, and explorers Amundsen, Bernier, and Larsen each visited the island. Thomas Morgan of the HMS "Investigator" was buried here in 1854 alongside Franklin's men. On the island, the graves and ruins of Northumberland House are a haunting memorial.

### **Day 11 Prince Regent Inlet**

Enjoy birdwatching and Zodiac cruising.

This passage marks an area rich in marine and avian life. Thick-billed murre, ivory gulls, beluga whales, narwhal, and bowhead whales reside in the inlet's ice-strewn waters. In addition to abundant wildlife, the inlet offers an intriguing legacy connected to the exploration of the Northwest Passage and mercantile efforts of the Hudson's Bay Company.

### **Day 12 Ikirahaq (Bellot Strait)**

Witness the most northerly point of continental North America.

Today, we will arrive at the famed Bellot Strait, a narrow passage separating Somerset Island from the Boothia Peninsula. As we sail through this two-kilometre (1.2-miles)-wide waterway, we will enjoy the unique opportunity of reaching the northernmost part of mainland North America.

On our sail, keep watch for an array of enchanting marine mammals from beluga whales to narwhals and seals.

Today's expedition will allow us to delve deeper into the region's fascinating history and learn about Joseph René Bellot, the French naval officer and Arctic explorer who joined an 1850s expedition in search of Sir John Franklin.

### **Day 13 to 16 Kitikmeot region**

Sail the Northwest Passage.

Navigate the mysterious waters of this infamous waterway with an eye out for local wildlife. Although this is Nunavut's least-populated region, wildlife abounds here both in the sea and on land.

Our journey through the Northwest Passage will include a visit to a local community where Inuit hosts will share their knowledge of their home, land, and the area's history.

Discover the legacy of this important waterway and the captivating story of Roald Amundsen, who overwintered in the bay for two years while in search of the Northwest Passage. Gain insights into the triumphs of explorers like Amundsen and the vital role that Inuit knowledge played in successful passage crossings.

### **Day 17 Kugluktuk, NU, Canada**

Wave a fond farewell.

Located at the mouth of the Coppermine River, Kugluktuk is the westernmost community in Nunavut. Known for many years as Coppermine, the community reverted to its original Inuinnaqtun name – meaning “place of moving waters” – on January 1, 1996.

Today we will disembark the “Ocean Endeavour” and make our way to the airport to meet our charter flight to Yellowknife, NT, where our trip officially ends.

Note: Iqaluktuuttiaq (Cambridge Bay), NU, is an alternate disembarkation point, and may be used based on sea, ice, and weather conditions.

## **Expedition and Charter Flight Costs**

### **Expedition Costs**

All costs are per person, double occupancy, in United States Dollars.

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**Single Supplement:** No single supplement on a limited quantity of cabins in categories 3 to 7. Once these cabins are sold, the single supplement fee is 1.5 times the cabin cost.

**Cabin Category 10** \$ 28,995

**Cabin Category 9** \$ 27,495

**Cabin Category 8** \$ 25,995

**Cabin Category 7** \$ 24,495

**Cabin Category 6** \$ 22,995

**Cabin Category 5** \$ 21,495

**Cabin Category 4** \$ 19,995

**Cabin Category 3** \$ 18,495

**Cabin Category 2** \$ 16,495

**Cabin Category 1** \$ 14,495

## **Charter Flight Costs Not Included**

All costs are per person, in United States Dollars.

- Flight from your home to Toronto, ON if applicable.
- Charter flight from Toronto, ON to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland; \$1,450 United States Dollars; early morning departure.
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## **How to Book**

To reserve your space contact Adventure Canada at 289.326.4781 or 1.800.363.7566 extension 225 or email Lauren Clewes at [groups@adventurecanada.com](mailto:groups@adventurecanada.com).

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## **Expedition Cost Includes**

- Passage aboard the "Ocean Endeavour".
- Applicable taxes and credit card fees.
- Complimentary expedition jacket.
- 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.
- Interactive workshops.
- Evening entertainment.
- All shipboard meals.

## **Not Included**

- Commercial and charter flights.
- Program enhancements and 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-trip and post-trip hotel accommodation.

## **Expedition Jackets (Complimentary)**

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.

## **Program Enhancements**

We are pleased to provide the following optional program enhancements to help you make the very most of every day. In your own way!

## **Qajaq/Kayak (Pay Extra)**

Explore at water 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.

## **Biking (Pay Extra)**

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.

## **Specials and Incentives**

### **League of Adventurers Loyalty Rewards Program**

Exploring with Adventure Canada just got better with our exclusive loyalty program: The League of Adventurers. The number of people who keep travelling with us continues to grow and, in response, we want to thank our returning clients by offering special rewards and benefits. As a past traveller you are automatically a valued member of the League and eligible for special rewards.

- Save 5% when booking your second to fifth shipboard expedition operated by Adventure Canada.
- Save 10% when booking your sixth or more shipboard expedition operated by Adventure Canada.

Plus

- League of Adventurers welcome package.
- Early notifications of upcoming promotions and events.

Terms and conditions apply.

### **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 cabin cost. Single occupancy in categories 8 to 10 is available at full double-occupancy rates. Can be combined with the Multi-Trip Promotion, League of Adventurers Loyalty Rewards Program, and Early Booking Bonus. Subject to cabin availability.

### **Multi-Trip Promotion**

Receive 30% off the cabin cost when you book more than one "Ocean Endeavour" expedition (excluding Antarctica) in the same calendar year. Can be combined with the Free Single Supplement and League of Adventurers Loyalty Rewards Program.

### **Save 30% under 30**

Save 30% on the cabin cost for travellers under thirty years of age. Can be combined with the Free Single Supplement and League of Adventurers Loyalty Rewards Program.

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