

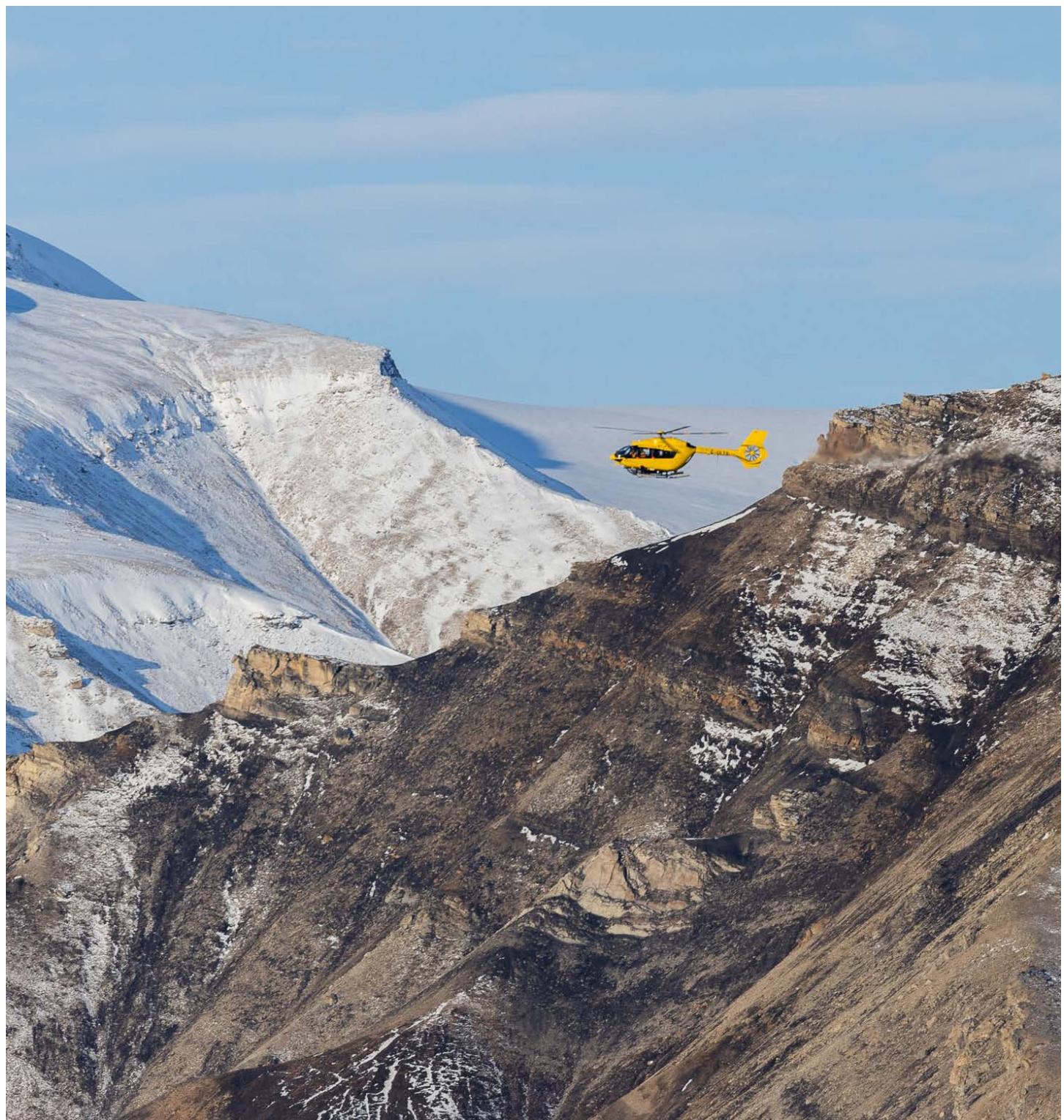
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# Northwest Passage: The Legendary Arctic Sea Route

Onboard *Ultramarine*



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# Expedition Overview

## Northwest Passage: The Legendary Arctic Sea Route

Our 17-day Northwest Passage: The Legendary Arctic Sea Route begins in West Greenland before pressing onward into the Canadian High Arctic—a realm of sweeping landscapes, resilient cultures and powerful polar history. Experience the highlights of West Greenland, East Baffin Island and Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound), continuing as far west as Beechey Island, where we'll honor Sir John Franklin and the men of his ill-fated 1845 expedition. Throughout the voyage, you'll be immersed in rich history, vibrant Indigenous cultures and the slow, powerful movement of icebergs and glaciers.

### Highlights

-  Experience Maniitsoq—the Venice of West Greenland
-  Witness unsurpassed views of the Arctic wilderness during a heli-flightseeing excursion
-  Photograph towering icebergs
-  Travel in the footsteps of Sir John Franklin along the Northwest Passage
-  Explore deep into Eternity Fjord
-  Visit the Greenlandic community of Ilulissat
-  Spot whales, walruses and potentially muskoxen and polar bears.



# Itinerary

## DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Arrive in the Icelandic capital and make your way to your designated hotel, which is included in your Charter Flight & Hotel Package. You will have the day to explore this fascinating city known for its stunning modern architecture, contemporary music and Viking history.

## DAY 2 | FLIGHT TO NUUK AND EMBARKATION

In the morning after breakfast, guests and their luggage will be transferred to the airport for their charter flight to the Greenlandic capital of Nuuk. This picturesque city of 17,000 is situated on a fjord with the Sermitsiaq mountain in the background. Depending on the final timing of our charter flights, we may have an opportunity to explore Nuuk upon arrival in Greenland, or may transfer directly to your ship.

## DAY 3 | CROSSING THE DAVIS STRAIT

Upon leaving Nuuk, we set sail across the Davis Strait to the east coast of Baffin Island. Join us on the outer deck as we cast off, keeping an eye out for seabirds and marine life gliding alongside the ship. Have your binoculars at hand to scan for seabirds, including great black-backed gulls and black guillemots.

There are many ways to spend your time aboard *Ultramarine*. Visit Tundra Spa and other onboard amenities, or attend educational presentations led by our polar experts—glaciologists, historians and other specialists. You'll 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 and compelling Arctic region.



**NORTHWEST PASSAGE**  
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Flights from Reykjavik from the ship —

You will also have time to relax in the Observation Lounge while spotting drifting ice, seabirds and other wildlife. From the outer decks, take in the wide-open panoramas of western Greenland while we cross the Arctic Circle at 66°33' North.

#### DAYS 4 & 5 | EXPLORING THE EAST SHORE OF BAFFIN ISLAND

We're excited to be heading to Qikiqtarjuaq, fondly called Qik, a small Inuit hamlet located north of the Arctic Circle on Broughton Island, off the east coast of Baffin Island. Known as the iceberg capital of Nunavut, Qikiqtarjuaq sits at the northern entrance to the mountainous Auyittuq National Park, which is home to narwhals, bowhead and orca whales, polar bears, seals and migratory birds. Community visits, arranged in collaboration with our local partners, enable guests to learn about on-the-ground culture, and purchase art and traditional handicrafts, such as parkas, boots and local art when available.

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. You'll also see inukshuks—carefully placed stone figures or cairns that have served as navigational guides and markers of important places, but also as expressions of spirit, memory, and connection to the land.

Cruising further north along the mountainous east shore of Baffin Island, we'll approach Isabella Bay, an important summer and fall feeding area for the largest concentration of bowhead whales in Canada. Bowheads are a truly remarkable Arctic leviathan, with research suggesting they can live more than 200 years—making them the longest-lived mammal on Earth. Isabella Bay is a marvel, its dramatic landscapes and wide-open horizons best experienced from the outer decks of *Ultramarine*. We'll aim to launch the Zodiacs and explore the bay, binoculars at the ready. For our intrepid paddlers, our sea kayak and paddling programs may also be available here.

#### DAY 6 | BAFFIN ISLAND AND HELI FLIGHTSEEING

This is an especially exciting day as you become one of the very few travelers to explore the majestic Icy Arm Fjord, which cuts almost 80 kilometers 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 unrivaled landscape of towering cliffs and stunning glaciers, and is valued as much for its sheer remoteness as it is for its singularly pristine environment. Icy Arm Fjord epitomizes the raw beauty of unspoiled Arctic wilderness. We may observe polar bears, Arctic foxes, seals, walruses, as well as guillemots, kittiwakes and other Arctic-dwelling birds.

Excitement grows on Day 6 as *Ultramarine*'s two twin-engine helicopters are made ready for flightseeing excursions. Prepare to view the remote Arctic terrain from the seat of a helicopter—camera at the ready. It's also an excellent day for Zodiac cruises, which offer guests a sea-level intimacy with the surrounding lands and waters. If weather conditions prevent heli-flightseeing on this



day, we will aim for another potential flight seeing opportunity at a different location.

## DAYS 7 TO 9 | THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE

At the top of Baffin Island sits Tallurutiup-Imanga (also known as Lancaster Sound), a true Arctic oasis. Known by the Inuit and their predecessors for thousands of years, this channel and the surrounding lands are extremely rich in wildlife and history, both indigenous and European.

The surrounding area affords several hiking opportunities. At Dundas Harbour, on Devon Island, you'll visit an abandoned beachside outpost of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

At Croker Bay, we'll plan to cruise close enough to appreciate the splendor of glacial textures and calving ice, while always keeping a safe distance. Walrus frequent the waters here, so be sure to have your camera handy.

Next we'll head to the western end of Devon Island, on the north side of

Tallurutiup-Imanga, and go ashore at windswept Beechey Island, which is home to Beechey Island National Historic Sites. Maintained by Parks Canada, these sites tell the story—or at least the part that's still not shrouded in mystery—of Sir John Franklin's much chronicled 1845-46 expedition to explore the Northwest Passage. The island is small, only 2.5 kilometers (1.5 miles) at its widest point, but its shores are steep, and rise to a flat plateau 244 meters (800 feet) high. That's where Franklin and his crew of 128 men spent the winter after embarking from England on two ships, HMS *Erebus* and HMS *Terror*. The ill-fated 1845-46 expedition—to navigate and chart the Northwest Passage—ended in tragedy for all 129 men and their two vessels. What happened to Franklin and his crew is the stuff of legend, and the focus for several search expeditions over the years, which discovered bodies, personal belongings of crew members, and handwritten notes that suggested starvation, deaths from

hypothermia, scurvy, and lead poisoning from the tinned food supplies.

Accounts by Inuit suggest the crew split up into small groups and subsequently perished. What is known for certain is that no one survived. The graves of three officers from HMS *Erebus*—John Hartnell, William Braine, and John Torrington—were discovered in 1851. You will have an opportunity to visit their graves, and honor the memory of the entire Franklin crew who braved daunting challenges to explore the Northwest Passage. Franklin's story is an integral part of the history of Arctic exploration. The wrecks of *Erebus* and *Terror* were discovered in 2014 and 2016, respectively.

We also hope to explore the shores of the uninhabited Prince Leopold Island, known primarily as a significant Migratory Bird Sanctuary and an Important Bird Area, where we aim to launch the Zodiacs for an immersive cruise at the foot of the bird cliffs. The island is renowned for its steep cliffs that



host hundreds of thousands of nesting seabirds, including thick-billed murres, northern fulmars, and black guillemots during the summer months.

Port Leopold, an abandoned Hudson's Bay Company trading post dating back to 1937, sits on the northeast tip of nearby Somerset Island. It's the closest landmark to Prince Leopold Island, situated about 13 kilometers (8.1 miles) to the southwest. This site is closely tied to the history of Arctic exploration, including the search for the Franklin Expedition. Visitors can still see the remains of the original trading post, including the old store and the manager's home.

#### DAY 10 | CRUISING THE EAST COAST OF BAFFIN ISLAND

As we position from Lancaster Sound down along the east coast of Baffin Island, spend time out on deck to soak in the scenery: expansive landscapes, jagged spires, and bird life. Today is also ideal to enjoy the onboard amenities—such

as Tundra Spa—and deepening your knowledge through presentations by our polar experts.

#### DAY 11 | 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 (1,500 feet) above sea level. If heli-flightseeing has not yet been possible on this voyage, today may offer another opportunity to experience this impressive landscape from the air aboard our twin-engine helicopters. With a bit of luck, we may see Arctic fox onshore, and we'll keep our eyes peeled for polar bears during our off-shore excursions. Cruising the fjord in a Zodiac is a striking reminder of just how small we are. Winding along a 110-

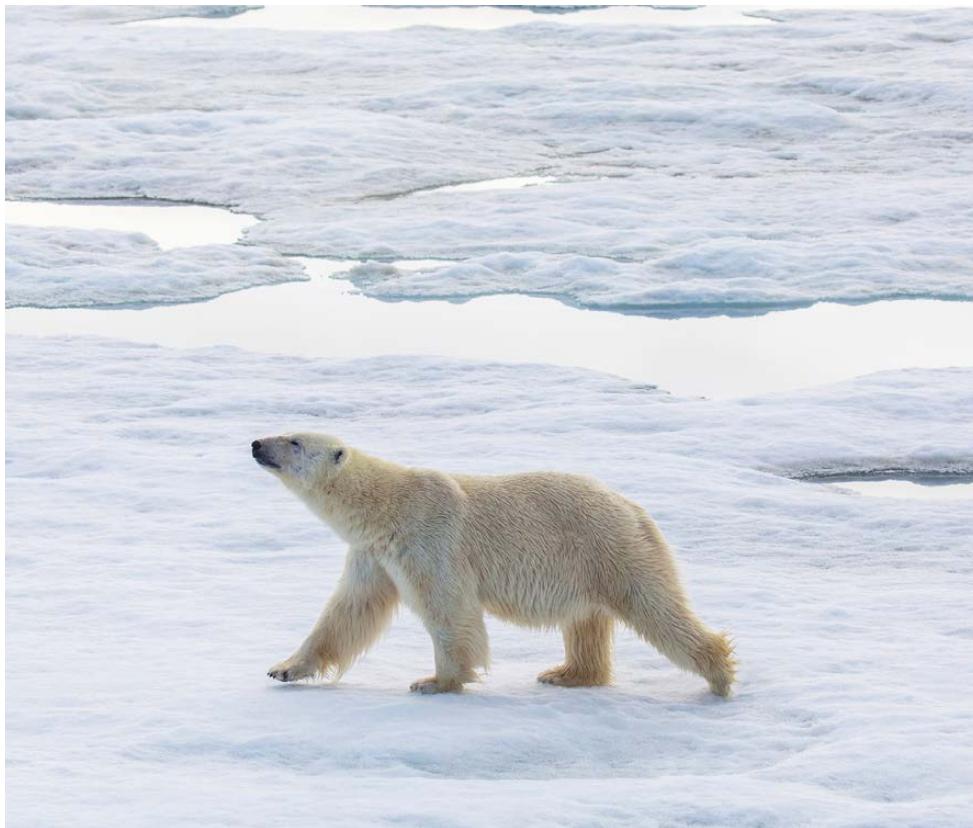
kilometer (68-mile) path, Sam Ford Fjord narrows to less than 3 kilometers (2 miles) wide as it meanders farther inland.

#### DAY 12 | AT SEA: CROSSING THE DAVIS STRAIT

As *Ultramarine* continues eastward across the Davis Strait, you'll have a choice of presentations by our 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.

#### DAY 13 TO 15 | EXPLORING WEST GREENLAND

Prepare yourself for an awe-inspiring experience. Ilulissat, located in Disko Bay, is home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ilulissat Icefjord, which is 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. From this vantage point, it feels as though



#### EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice, wildlife, and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you may experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife sightings as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.

you're standing where the town ends and the wilderness begins. Visitors say they've felt humbled by the sweeping vista of ice. You will also notice the Arctic cotton grass and summer wildflowers thriving in the long daylight hours.

The inner harbor is a rare sight: icebergs drifting among fishing boats and skiffs. The town itself is well worth exploring, and has become one of Greenland's top destinations.

Recent years have brought growth—colorful homes now sit beside new restaurants, boutique hotels and small businesses. History buffs will be excited to know Ilulissat is the birthplace of Arctic explorer Knud Rasmussen, who traveled by dog sled from Greenland to Alaska (and briefly Siberia) during the Fifth Thule Expedition (1921-1924). Fluent in Kalaallisut, he learned from and documented the Circumpolar Inuit he met—making it one of the Arctic's greatest expeditions. It was in these dramatic landscapes around Ilulissat that Rasmussen's passion for exploration took root. As we approach town, watch out for whales, which frequent the iceberg-laden waters.

Pride of place for our seasoned expedition team is Eternity Fjord, which is home to the tallest mountains in all of West Greenland. This a favorite spot for us to launch the Zodiacs to explore in-depth—where larger vessels can't navigate. There are few settlements along this lengthy fjord, but you will quickly appreciate nature in its rawest form as you hike among the towering mountains, and photograph the colorful tundra and other dramatic landscapes.

Another fascinating highlight is Maniitsoq, often called the “Venice of Greenland,” as it's situated in an archipelago intersected by natural canals. 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.

#### DAY 16 | KANGERLUSSUAQ AND DISEMBARKATION

Today we'll explore 50 kilometers (31 miles) above the Arctic Circle. Our destination is Kangerlussuaq, which is Greenlandic for “the long fjord.” At the

end of this 180-kilometer (112 mile) fjord is a settlement bearing the same name. Fishing boats based in the town

of Kangerlussuaq sail the full length of the fjord to access the ocean. The town is known for its natural beauty—and for previously being the home of the largest airport in Greenland. You will be ferried from ship to shore on one last Zodiac ride, then transferred to the airport where you will board your charter flight to Iceland's Keflavik International Airport, approximately 45 minutes from Reykjavik. Upon arrival at the airport, you will be transferred to your included hotel for the night, which is part of the Charter Flight & Hotel package.

#### DAY 17 | DEPARTING ICELAND AND ONWARD FLIGHT

After breakfast in your included hotel in Reykjavik, you can transfer independently to the Keflavik International Airport for your onward journey or explore Iceland as prearranged.





# Science & Discovery

A new initiative designed to foster community, curiosity and education.

Beginning in our Arctic 2027 season on select *Ultramarine* itineraries, Quark Expeditions is collaborating with leading scientists and researchers to enrich guest learning on- and off-ship.

**Guest Engagement:** Through researcher-led sessions, and interactive learning and field experiences with our expedition team, guests will gain a better understanding and appreciation of the polar wilderness.

**This Science & Discovery program will enable guests to:**

- Interact and connect with scientists and researchers** who are actively collecting data during expeditions.
- Participate in citizen science programming** to broaden their understanding and knowledge of the incredible polar ecosystem.
- Work with our expedition team** to help collect and record data, ranging from experiences such as conducting seabird surveys on deck to documenting whale sightings on Zodiac excursions or joining interactive sampling activities to measure water conditions.

## SCIENCE IN THE FIELD

Quark Expeditions supports academic research through partnerships with institutions such as Seabird Watch to deepen our understanding through access to projects that are contributing to published research and projects of high importance.

## CITIZEN SCIENCE

In collaboration with the Polar Citizen Science Collective and Fjord Phyto, guests can engage in meaningful scientific data collection that supports targeted field research for projects like Happywhale.

## QUARK SCIENCE HUB

This designated space on *Ultramarine* enables guests to share knowledge, information and insights with scientists, researchers, and our Expedition Guides.



Gather with scientists, researchers and expedition guides to share findings and insights from the voyage.



Engage with interactive digital displays featuring multimedia content for self-guided discovery even when staff aren't present.



Learn how data collection methods, such as drones, wildlife tags, and biopsy and guano sampling, enable us to study the health, population, and migratory pathways of unique birds, whales, and seals.



Review and discuss observations and explore samples collected during science Zodiac cruises with other participants.

*Note: The Science Hub is open to guests for self-guided exploration when staff are otherwise occupied.*

**THE POLAR  
COLLECTIVE**  
protect the poles together.





# Arrival and Departure Details, and International Flight Planning

					
DAY 1	DAY 2	EXPEDITION DAYS		DISEMBARKATION DAY	FINAL DAY
<i>International flight in*</i> Arrival and hotel night	Charter flight to embarkation point and embarkation	On ship or landing days		Disembarkation, charter flight and hotel night	Leave hotel <i>International flight onward</i>

\* Arrive anytime on Day 1 or earlier. Day 1 includes an optional briefing.  
 International flights are not included in the cost of the voyage.

## Arrival Day and Embarkation

### DAY 1 — ARRIVING AND HOTEL NIGHT IN REYKJAVIK

You may arrive at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary. Make your own way to the group hotel located in downtown Reykjavik. The hotel is included in your Charter Flight & Hotel Package. A Quark Expeditions representative will be available in the lobby later in the day to answer any questions.

### DAY 2 — TRANSFER TO AIRPORT, FLIGHT TO NUUK AND EMBARKATION

On the morning of Day 2, guests and their luggage will be transferred to the airport for the flight to Nuuk.

Upon arrival at Nuuk, guests and their luggage will be transferred to the pier, where they will be transported directly to their awaiting ship by Zodiac.

### PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage weight limit on checked luggage and cabin baggage on the flights between Reykjavik and Nuuk, and between Kangerlussuaq and Reykjavik. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Reykjavik. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

#### You will find in your final documents:

- › Luggage weight restrictions on charter flights.
- › Hotel information and check in time
- › Charter flight time to embarkation point
- › Embarkation plan
- › Departure charter flight time

# Final Day and Departure

## DISEMBARKATION IN KANGERLUSSUAQ

Your voyage is scheduled to end in Kangerlussuaq where you will disembark after breakfast. The disembarkation process takes about an hour. After disembarkation, you will be transferred to the airport for the return charter flight to Reykjavik.

## DEPARTING FROM REYKJAVIK

Upon arrival in Reykjavik, there will be a group transfer to your included post-expedition hotel. After breakfast the following morning, you may make your way to the airport to connect with your homeward flight, or stay longer if you have booked additional accommodation.

# Arrival and Departure Transfers

## REYKJAVIK AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival and departure transfers in Reykjavik are not included; if you require a transfer, you will need to arrange your own transportation. Most airports we travel in and out of have reliable taxi ranks in the arrivals area, or you can often pre-book a transfer online.

## PLEASE NOTE

### Reykjavik Hotel

#### Accommodations:

The Charter Flight & Hotel Package for this expedition includes two nights of hotel accommodations (on Day 1 and Day 16 of your expedition) at a hotel in Reykjavik City Center. Consider your accommodation plans if you are planning additional sightseeing beyond the expedition.





## ULTRAMARINE

The technologically advanced *Ultramarine* is built to go beyond the familiar in polar travel and to immerse guests in the best the region has to offer.

Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs, *Ultramarine* offers the industry's largest portfolio of off-ship adventures. The vessel features the most spacious suites in its category, fine dining, breathtaking public spaces, exceptional wildlife-viewing areas, and sustainability systems that exceed industry standards. *Ultramarine* also features an onboard Science Hub, the centerpiece of our Science & Discovery program.

Wellness amenities include Tundra Spa with VOYA treatments, morning stretch classes, a sauna, a fully equipped fitness center, and health-conscious dining designed to restore balance and vitality at sea.

*Ultramarine* is designed to deliver unforgettable polar memories.

### SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

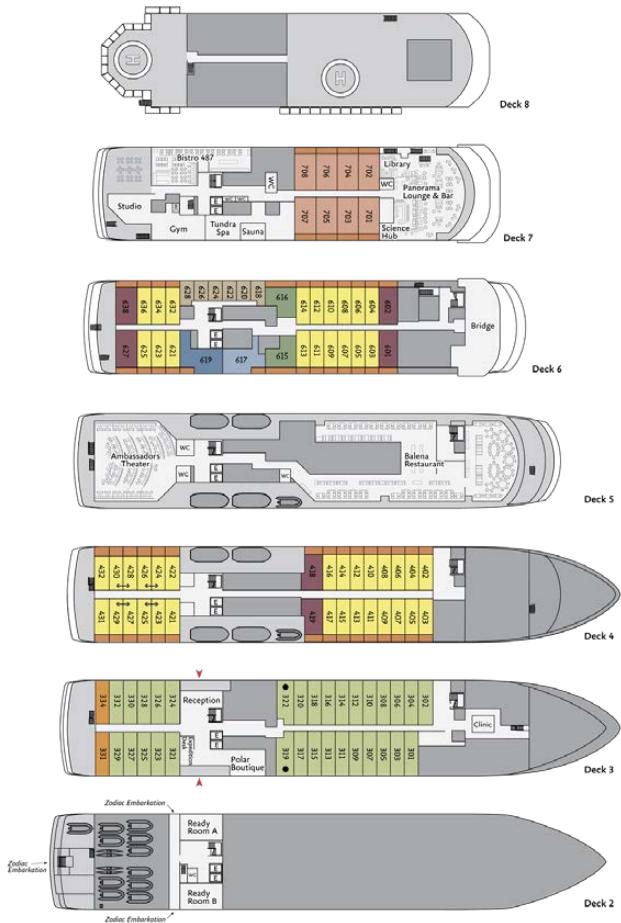
Staff and Crew: 140

Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

Ice Class: PC6

Visit [QuarkExpeditions.com](http://QuarkExpeditions.com) to view deck plan details.



- Ultra Suite
- Deluxe Balcony Suite
- Solo Panorama
- Owner's Suite
- Balcony Suite
- Balcony
- Penthouse Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Terrace Suite
- Explorer Triple
- ↔ Interconnecting Suites
- Accessibility modified cabin; please speak to your travel professional for details



# Included Activities

All of these activities are included in the price of your trip.

Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions® voyage offers a variety of recreational activities to enhance your polar experience.

## FLIGHTSEEING

While polar landscapes are spectacular from the sea, they're even more stunning from the air, a view you can enjoy while seated in one of the two twin-engine helicopters stationed on *Ultramarine*. Typically in groups of fewer than 10, you will experience an unforgettable aerial tour of the Arctic during a 10- to 15-minute flightseeing excursion that's included in the cost of the voyage. Additional helicopter activities may also be available for purchase on board. Please note: all helicopter operations are weather- and logistics-dependent.

## COMMUNITY VISITS

Thanks to Quark Expeditions' longstanding partnerships in the Arctic, our expedition team arranges community visits—always coordinated in close collaboration with local partners—and dependent on ice and weather conditions. These opportunities give guests meaningful insights into the culture, traditions, food, and everyday life of Arctic people. Many visits include time in Indigenous communities, often Inuit in Nunavut

or Greenland, where guests may experience music, dance, food, and storytelling that reflect the resilience and richness of life in the North.

## SCIENCE & DISCOVERY PROGRAM

Our Science & Discovery program offers guests the unique opportunity to engage directly with scientists and researchers and participate in citizen science activities with the expedition team to collect and record data. Activities include conducting seabird surveys on deck, documenting whale sightings, and participating in interactive water sampling activities to measure environmental conditions. This program provides travelers with rare, first-hand experiences that contribute to global scientific research and deepens their understanding of and appreciation for the polar environment.

## ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

## HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is one of the best ways to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels.

## PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—expedition guides, specialists, photography guides and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, glaciology and geology of the region, and much, much more.

## POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guides will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

*Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities.*



# Adventure Options

All of these activities cost extra and should be booked in advance of your trip.

## **TUNDRA TO TABLE: INUIT CULINARY EXPERIENCE**

This one-of-a-kind adventure into the culinary traditions of the Inuit in Greenland and Nunavut is hosted by Inuit chefs who are experts in Indigenous cuisine. Tundra to Table was developed in partnership with Igapall, a non-profit Inuit food and cultural group. Guests enjoy four courses of modern Inuit fusion-style cuisine while chefs talk about the origins of the food and elements of Inuit cooking. The dinner, featuring regional tableware, includes cultural storytelling.

## **SEA KAYAKING**

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

## **PADDLING EXCURSION**

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two groups of 10 will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.

## **HELI LANDING**

Imagine setting foot in an area that can only be accessed by helicopter. With fellow passengers and expert guides, you'll board one of *Ultramarine*'s two twin-engine helicopters to soar off to an exclusive polar site where no ships can navigate. Expect stunning bird's-eye views during your flight, and then, upon arrival, simply sit back, relax and take in the Arctic splendor from "the best seat in the house": glacial amphitheaters, breath-taking summits, and more. At your landing, you'll have time to relax and quietly reflect on the beauty of your polar surroundings, after which you'll be picked up by the helicopters in the same location and returned to *Ultramarine*. Your heli-landing experience is uniquely curated by our expedition team, taking conditions, regulations and location capacity into consideration.

*Please note: all helicopter operations are weather- and logistics-dependent.*

## **PLEASE NOTE**

Pre-booking is required for all paid activities as there's no guarantee of available spaces on ship. Book early as spaces fill quickly.



# Our Commitment to Conservation & Community

We're proud to partner with local communities to create immersive guest experiences that build respect for wildlife, culture and the land, and to work with leading scientists to support the conservation of the Arctic regions.

## Empowering Local Development

We champion Arctic communities' goals for economic development and sustainable tourism through local hiring, infrastructure support, and advance visit planning.

## Investing Directly in Communities

With guest support, we help fund community-led projects—from food banks to cultural and language-based programs.

*To also learn about our conservation efforts, and how we connect guests to the natural world through hands-on experiences and education, visit us online at [Community & Conservation](#).*

## Co-creating with Community Partners

By partnering with local groups, we create authentic guest experiences—such as our two Tundra to Table programs. Tundra to Table: Inuit Culinary Experience, developed with Igapall, enables Inuit chefs to share Greenlandic cuisine and culture. Tundra to Table: Iceland, which takes guests on a culinary journey through Iceland, the Faroe Islands and Greenland, is created in partnership with local culinary experts. These programs are available on select *Ultramarine* itineraries that operate in Greenland, the Canadian High Arctic and Iceland.



## Community

We deliver authentic experiences for our guests that benefit local partners and the communities we visit.



# Departure Date

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## ULTRAMARINE

Dates	Days	Start / End	Flightseeing	Sea Kayaking	Paddling Excursion	Tundra to Table	Heli-Landing
<b>ARCTIC 2027</b>							
AUG 16 - SEPT 1, 2027	17	Reykjavik	Included	\$	\$	\$	\$

 Paid Activities



# Inclusions and Exclusions

## Inclusions

### RATES INCLUDE:

- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible.)
- Complimentary select beer, wines and cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled

- A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- Complimentary Wi-Fi service on one device permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.) Note: Internet access in the polar regions is subject to geography, climate, and other factors beyond our control.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Greenland voyages cruise passenger tax

## Exclusions

### RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Charter Flight & Hotel Package\*
- International airfare
- Arrival transfers in Reykjavik
- Passport and visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar, spa and other personal charges unless specified
- Phone charges may vary by location
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities

### \*CHARTER FLIGHT & HOTEL PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- One night's pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Reykjavik (breakfast included)
- Charter flight from Reykjavik to Nuuk
- Group transfer from the Nuuk airport to the ship on embarkation day
- Group transfer from the ship to the Kangerlussuaq airport on disembarkation day
- Charter flight from Kangerlussuaq to Reykjavik
- One night's post-expedition airport hotel accommodation near Keflavik airport (breakfast included)



## Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders and their teams bring diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Arctic.

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry-leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, our expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to as part of our onboarding process as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.



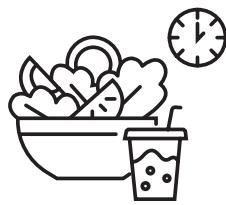


# On-Ship Dining

Every on-board meal is included in the cost of your trip.



**14 BREAKFASTS**



**14 LUNCHES**



**14 DINNERS**

If there's one constant on board, it's incredible food. You enjoy three delicious meals daily—all included. Let us know before your expedition about any dietary restrictions.

Breakfasts and lunches are typically buffet-style, while dinners are plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, ensuring top quality every time.

Coffee, tea, cocoa, and water stations are available—at no charge—24/7. Complimentary soft drinks and juices are served during meals and when the bar is open. Bonus: enjoy complimentary alcohol throughout your voyage (see "Raise A Glass" sidebar for details).

Premium wines and champagne are available for purchase. Our well-stocked bars are open late morning, afternoon, and evening—hours may shift slightly to accommodate the expedition schedule.

## Raise A Glass

Enjoy complimentary select beer, wines and select cocktails during bar service hours and dinner—throughout your voyage—as part of our "Raise A Glass and Stay Connected" Program.



# Possible Excursions

## Canadian Arctic

### BEECHEY ISLAND

Beechey Island stands as a haunting touchstone for anyone drawn to the epic—and often tragic—history of Arctic exploration. Named after Frederick William Beechey, a Royal Navy explorer, this is one of Canada's most important Arctic heritage locations and is designated as a Parks Canada National Historic Site. Beechey Island is where Sir John Franklin's lost Northwest Passage expedition crew spent the winter of 1845-46. Both of Franklin's ships, HMS *Erebus* and HMS *Terror*, anchored here with perilous results. Three of Franklin's crew are buried in marked graves, where visitors may pay their respects.

### CROKER BAY

Croker Bay, on the south coast of Devon Island, is home to a constantly calving glacier that sends fresh icebergs drifting

into the bay. In the 1800s, this sheltered inlet was a frequent stop for expeditions searching for the Northwest Passage.

### DUNDAS HARBOUR

On Devon Island, you'll find the remains of a 1924 Royal Canadian Mounted Police post, along with a small RCMP cemetery that is still tended annually by officers who travel here for that purpose. Nearby, archeological traces reveal that people lived in this region long before the RCMP post was established.

### ICY ARM FJORD

Icy Arm Fjord cuts 80 kilometers (500 miles) deep into northern Baffin Island. This rarely visited fjord, prized for its towering cliffs, stunning glaciers and unspoiled wilderness, is home to polar bears, Arctic foxes, seals, walruses, as well as guillemots, kittiwakes and other Arctic-dwelling birds.



## ISABELLA BAY

Isabella Bay, on the mountainous east shore of Baffin Island, is an important summer and fall feeding area for the largest concentration of bowhead whales in Canada. Bowheads are a truly a remarkable Arctic leviathan that research has revealed may live more than 200 years of age—possibly longer than any other mammal on the planet.

## PRINCE LEOPOLD ISLAND

Impressive vertical cliffs surround part of this small island, creating an ideal environment for seabirds, which nest here in vast numbers—more than 300,000 strong. Thick-billed murres, black guillemots and northern fulmars are the most commonly seen species.

## RADSTOCK BAY

Radstock Bay is a popular research location for observing polar bears, which frequent this area in summer. An impressive Thule archeological site

provides insight into how these pre-Inuit people lived in the Far North. Some subterranean dwellings, constructed of giant whale skulls and bones, are still visible today.

## QIKIQTARJUAQ

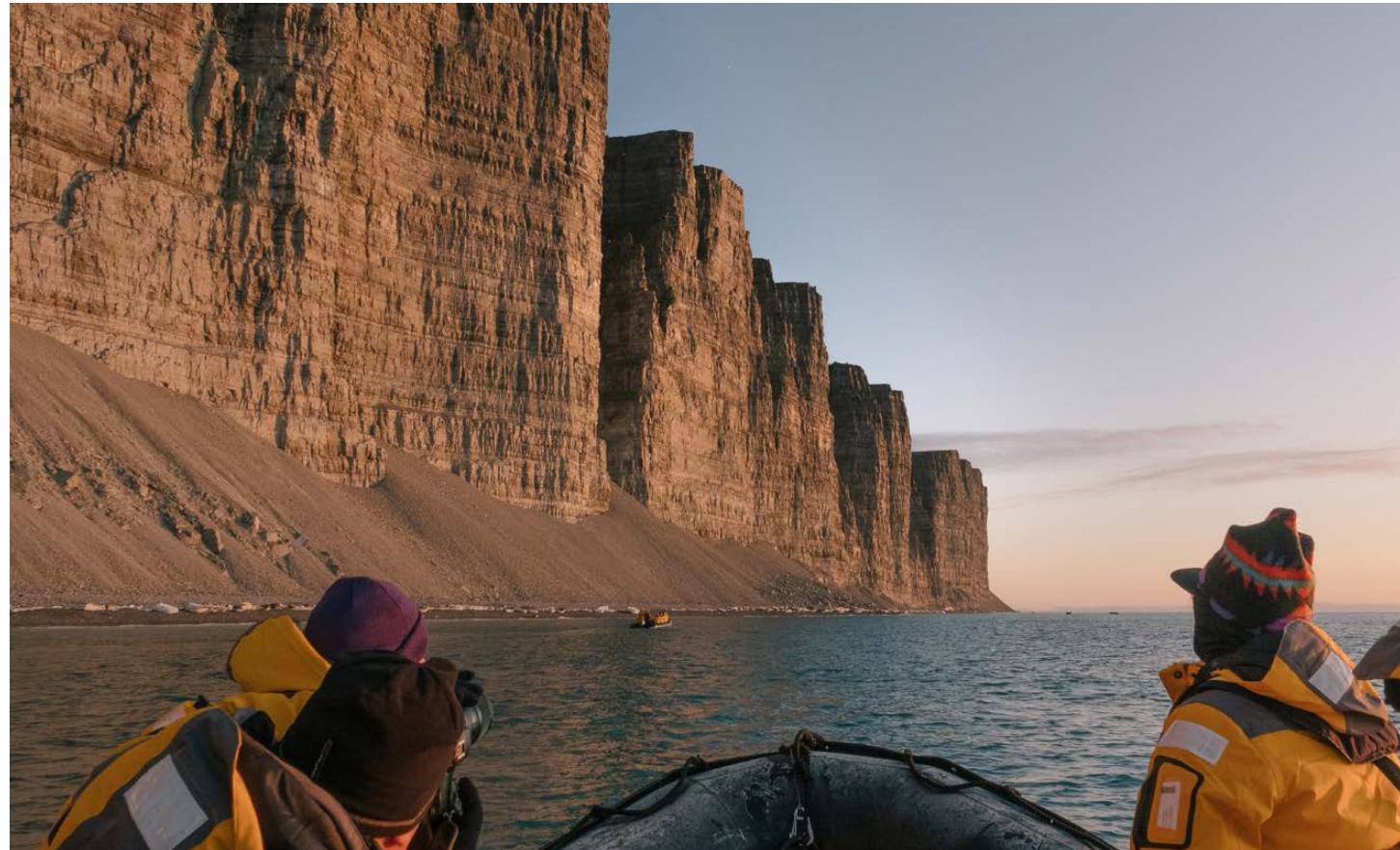
Known until 1998 as Broughton Island, Qikiqtarjuaq (population: 600) sits at the foot of the Baffin Mountains, the highest range east of the Rocky Mountains. From the cape, multitudes of icebergs can be seen flowing down Davis Strait, which are home to seals and whales. Qik, as it's known locally, offers visitors the chance to connect with Inuit culture firsthand, and to purchase traditional handcrafted items—parkas, boots and locally made art—depending on availability.

## SAM FORD FJORD

Well into the High Arctic, Sam Ford Fjord on Baffin Island's northeast coast is renowned for its soaring granite walls, making it one of the world's most spectacular big-wall playgrounds. The

## EXPEDITION SPIRIT

Embracing the unexpected is part of the legacy—and excitement—of expedition travel. When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice, wildlife, and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. This itinerary is a tentative outline of what you'll experience on this voyage; please be aware that no specific itinerary can be guaranteed. By the same token, wildlife sightings as described are expected, but not guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will use their considerable experience to seek out wildlife in known habitats, but the presence of any particular species of bird or marine wildlife is not guaranteed.



fjord, a traditional Inuit hunting area, is a study in contrasts: sheer granite cliffs seem to rise straight up from the ocean below, reaching up to 457 meters (1,500 feet) above sea level. Cruising the fjord in a Zodiac reminds us just how small we are. Stretching and winding along a 110 kilometer path (68 miles), Sam Ford Fjord is 18 kilometers (11 miles) wide at its mouth, but it narrows to less than 3 kilometers (2 miles) as it meanders farther inland.

## West Greenland

### ETERNITY FJORD

This long, narrow fjord seems to stretch on forever. Beautiful, glaciated mountains line the length of the 90-kilometer fjord. Where we explore will depend on local conditions at the time, but there will likely be opportunities for Zodiac cruising, hiking and photography. Iceberg-studded landscapes can be viewed from both ship and Zodiac.

### ILLULISAT

Home to the UNESCO-listed Ilulissat Icefjord—gateway to Sermeq Kujalleq, one of the fastest-moving glaciers in the world—Ilulissat offers unforgettable views of immense blue-white icebergs drifting from the glacier into Disko Bay. While icebergs are visible from the ship, the boardwalk to the fjord overlook provides a breathtaking, close-up perspective of this slow, powerful procession. With a population of 4,500, Ilulissat is Greenland's third-largest community and a cultural hub for the region. Its name, meaning "icebergs," reflects its dramatic setting. Founded as a Danish trading post in 1741, the town remains a center of fishing and modern Greenlandic life. Ilulissat is also the birthplace of renowned polar explorer Knud Rasmussen, whose childhood home is now a museum.

### ITILLEQ

Itilleq in Greenlandic means "a hollow," which is where this village is situated, on an island without any freshwater. The village has approximately 130 inhabitants and offers picturesque views of colorful Greenlandic houses dotted along the rocky landscape. It's also known as a welcoming community, where you might experience kaffemik, a Greenlandic tradition of inviting visitors in for coffee, cake and conversation.

### MANITSOQ

The town of Maniitsoq is in the Qeqqata Municipality on the west coast of Greenland along the Davis Strait. Its name means "the place of rugged, uneven terrain." That's precisely what you see in the surrounding terrain: towering mountains, pristine rivers, seemingly endless glaciers and incredibly deep fjord. Locals call Maniitsoq the "Venice of Greenland," as it's situated in an archipelago intersected by natural canals. Playful humpback whales spend summer in the surrounding waters.



# What to pack on your Arctic expedition

## BY SEA

All transfers ship to shore and Zodiac/ship cruising.

- Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
- Base-layer wool or synthetic top\*
- Base-layer wool or synthetic bottom\*
- Mid-layer warm or fleece top\*
- Mid-layer warm or fleece bottom\*
- Warm hat that covers ears (bring an extra)
- Scarf, buff, or other face protection
- Warm wool or synthetic socks (keep a dry pair in your bag, and bring extras for layering)
- Waterproof gloves or mitts (bring an extra, lighter pair for hiking)
- Glove liners\*
- Hand and feet warmers\*
- Binoculars
- Polarized sunglasses with UV protection (consider bringing an eyewear retainer: string/clip etc.)
- Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)
- Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack and/or rain sleeve for camera or a waterproof phone case (to keep camera & gear dry)

\*recommended layering depending on the conditions of the day and reflecting your personal thermo-regulation comfort levels.

## BY LAND (Shore Excursions and Hiking)

In addition to the gear requirements (as above) mandatory for the transit from ship to shore, it is recommended to bring:

- Hat, buff or scarf (for wind and weather protection)
- UV protection (sun hat, polarized sun glasses, sun block, lip balm etc.)
- Collapsible walking sticks for hikes (if required)  
Quantities are available to borrow on every vessel
- Additional reusable (thermos-regulating) water bottle  
(in addition to the reusable collapsible water bottle provided)

**WHAT TO BRING** Packing for the Polar Regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark Expeditions voyages include a Quark parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

## TO WEAR ON BOARD

- The complimentary Quark 3-in-1 Parka provided on board is designed with a waterproof shell that can be worn out on deck, and a removable liner that you can wear to stay comfortable indoors)
- Comfortable casual clothing like lighter shirts, pants or jeans, etc. (in case the ship gets warm)
- Comfortable non-slip closed-toed, heelless shoes (flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)
- Workout attire (for the fitness center and other indoor activities)
- Swimsuit for the Polar Plunge. Some vessels may also have a pool, hot tub, sauna and/or steam room. See your ship book for details.

**Just a reminder:** No formal evening wear required on our voyages but if you would like to bring something a little more dressy for the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktails you may certainly do so.

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Passport, visas, immunization records, travel documents, etc. as required
- Camera gear—complete with charger, storage medium, transport and cleaning kit (lens cloth etc.) and extra batteries
- Reusable waterproof bags or plastic bags with zippers (to keep small items organized and cameras dry)
- Voltage converters and plug adapters (see ship book for details)
- Seasickness, indigestion, headache, or other medications
- Earplugs and eye masks for sleeping
- Moisturizer for face and hands (skin dryness due to wind and temperature changes)
- Credit card and small amount of local currency (see pre-departure book for more details)

- › To view our packing checklist online, visit:  
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Scan this QR code or [click here](#) to watch our video on what to pack before you go.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS & TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is extremely variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The extended daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter rain, snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.



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