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BEST OF THE WESTERN ARCTIC

An exploration of Canada & Greenland
aboard the **Ocean Adventurer**
10th to 29th September 2020



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Walrus

Embark the Ocean Adventurer and venture far above the Arctic Circle to a land where the sun never sets and polar bears roam. This Arctic expedition will explore the northerly shores of Canada's Baffin Island and the western coast of Greenland, searching for the wildlife and visiting the communities that call this mysterious realm home. Exploring by Zodiac will provide an awe-inspiring perspective of impressive icebergs, glaciers and fjords, while visits to communities will immerse you in their traditional and modern way of life. The rugged beauty of these pristine places will have you marvelling at the soaring cliffs of Sam Ford Fjord and the dazzling icebergs dotting the Ilulissat Icefjord. In this remote, wildlife-rich region, you may spot whales in their natural surroundings or get a glimpse of one of the Arctic's most iconic animals; the polar bear. The Arctic has been inspiring explorers for centuries, and this expedition offers the opportunity for you to discover why.

Only a select and small number of vessels have the attributes, such as an ice-strengthened hull, needed to explore the region and we are delighted to be working with our US associates, Quark Expeditions, who have made some cabins available to us for this expedition aboard the Ocean Adventurer. Having recently undergone an extensive refurbishment, the vessel offers a high level of service as well as comfortable surroundings, spacious cabins and public areas. In keeping with the expeditionary nature of the cruise, there is a convivial atmosphere on board and the expert expedition team will take care of the day to day events with expertise and a sense of adventure.



THE ITINERARY

Please note that flexibility is key to a successful expedition in the Arctic. Although we have outlined an itinerary below, this is only a preliminary plan, the exact route will depend on ice, weather conditions and the wildlife we encounter.

Day 1 London to Reykjavik, Iceland. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay with the remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 2 Reykjavik to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland. After breakfast in the hotel we will return to the airport

for our specially chartered flight to Kangerlussuaq, a small town at the eastern end of Sondre Stromfjord, one of the longest fjords in the world. After embarking the Ocean Adventurer this afternoon, enjoy time out on deck, taking in your new surroundings as you set sail on your Arctic expedition.

Day 3 At Sea. As we cruise across the Davis Strait, your expedition team will prepare you for the adventures that await. Learn about the history and politics of the Arctic, its fascinating wildlife, geology, ecology and climate as well as the

Arctic auks



Exploring by Zodiac



Ilulissat



Humpback whale



incredible sights you will soon explore. Staff will also keep a lookout for seabirds soaring above the ship, as well as whales that frequent the waters here.

Days 4 to 6 Baffin Island, Canada.

Baffin Island is the fifth-largest island in the world; it was named after English navigator William Baffin, who ventured to the area in the early 17th century in search of the fabled Northwest Passage. Our time sailing along the island's eastern coast will be guided by weather and ice conditions, with each day and each landing presenting new adventures. We hope to land at Qikiqtarjuaq, Isabella Bay and Sam Ford Fjord where towering mountains, deep fjords, colourful tundra and Inuit settlements await. The Inuit community of Qikiqtarjuaq (which means 'the big island' in Inuktitut) is located just north of the Arctic Circle, on Broughton Island. Fondly called Qik by locals, the welcoming hamlet offers a superb vantage point of the Davis Strait. We also have a chance to support local Inuit artisans here by purchasing unique artwork, crafts and jewellery. The rarely explored Sam Ford Fjord is one of the most isolated places on the planet. Have your camera handy as you cruise along this impressive coastline carved by ancient glaciers. The towering formations, stacked side by side, are simply majestic.

Day 7 At Sea. As the Ocean Adventurer sails farther north, take in a presentation by the onboard

experts or join members of the expedition team on the bridge as they scan for wildlife.

Days 8 to 11 Lancaster Sound.

The gateway to the Northwest Passage, Lancaster Sound is one of the richest marine habitats in the Arctic. With open water areas staying ice-free all year, it is an important summer feeding area for whales and other marine wildlife. Our days here will be spent exploring several of the sound's beautiful bays and inlets, discovering historical sites, enjoying Zodiac cruises and searching for iconic wildlife such as walrus, seals and, of course, whales. Polar bear sightings are possible too and if you are fortunate, you may even spot the elusive narwhal. There may be a possibility for a shore visit at Radstock Bay, the location of one of the most impressive ancient Thule sites in the Arctic. Exploring the well-preserved remains of the subterranean houses, including the whale bones used as supports for the dwellings, will give you an understanding of how these pre-Inuit people thrived in the Far North. We will attempt to land at Beechey Island, a Canadian National Historic Site. Named after explorer Frederick William Beechey, the island is the final resting place of members of Sir John Franklin's 1845-46 expedition to find the Northwest Passage. The graves, on a desolate rocky beach, were discovered in 1850 by a team searching for signs of the ill-fated

expedition. Predominantly covered in glaciers and ice fields, Coburg Island and its surrounding waters comprise the Nirjutiqavvik National Wildlife Area. The island's steep coastal cliffs are an ideal habitat for hundreds of thousands of nesting seabirds like Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murres), black-legged kittiwakes, northern fulmars and black guillemots.



Black guillemot

Day 12 Smith Sound. Before saying goodbye to Canada, the Ocean Adventurer will push as far north as possible, exploring both sides of Smith Sound, the uninhabited passage between Ellesmere Island and Greenland. Experience a true expedition as weather and ice determine how far north we explore.

Days 13 & 14 Northwest Greenland. Your return to Greenland will have you sailing along the remote northwest coast, a land of impressive icebergs and massive glaciers. Qaanaaq, formerly known as Thule, is one of the northernmost towns in the world. Here, local Inuit share their culture and traditions, while the

museum sheds more light on life near the top of the world. We hope to explore Melville Bay, a significant whaling site until the early 1900s. Opening up to Baffin Bay, the area is a major egress for the Greenland ice cap and is home to spectacular icebergs in all shapes and sizes, making it an ideal spot for Zodiac cruising.

Day 15 At Sea. As we continue sailing south along the west coast of Greenland, presentations by the onboard experts will prepare you for the adventures that lie ahead.

Days 16 to 18 West Greenland. Boasting spectacular glaciers, mountainous landscapes, dramatic fjords and vibrant communities, the west coast of Greenland will leave you breathless. Quite possibly the most picturesque place in Greenland, the traditional Inuit town of Uummannaq (which means 'heart-like') takes its name from the red heart-shaped mountain that rises up a staggering 3840 feet (1170 metres) behind it. Be on deck as our ship approaches the shore, with your camera ready to capture the inspiring vistas of the twin peaks soaring high above the colourful houses dotting the rugged coastline. Another beautiful locale is the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Home to Jakobshavn, one of the most active glaciers in the world, this is a great spot to enjoy a Zodiac excursion past towering icebergs. Venturing ashore in the town of Ilulissat (which means

Icebergs

Smith Sound



Seal



Beechey Island



'iceberg') will allow you to visit the icefjord on foot and gaze at this unforgettable river of ice from the rocky shore. Surrounded by sea and mountains, Itilleq (meaning 'crossing place') is situated about a mile above the Arctic Circle, in a scenic hollow on a small island. It is the southern limit of the Greenlandic sled dog. To keep the breed pure, the dogs are not permitted south of this community and all other dog breeds are prohibited this far north. Explore

the town's traditional wooden houses painted in a rainbow of colours, or chat with the locals.

Day 19 Kangerlussuaq to Reykjavik. Disembark this morning for the specially chartered flight to Reykjavik. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to a hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 20 Reykjavik to London. After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cabin/Suite Category	Deck	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Twin Cabin	Lower	£13495	£12495
Triple cabin	Main	N/A	N/A
Twin cabin (porthole)	Main	£14995	£13995
Twin cabin (window)	Main	£15495	£14495
Superior cabin	Upper & Captain's	£15995	£14995
Deluxe cabin	Captain's	£17595	£16595
Suite	Captain's	ON REQUEST	ON REQUEST
Owner's suite	Bridge	ON REQUEST	ON REQUEST
Twin cabin (porthole) for sole use	Main	£22995	£21995
Twin cabin (window) for sole use	Main	£24995	£23995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Specially chartered flights between Kangerlussuaq and Reykjavik • Two nights hotel accommodation in Reykjavik with breakfast • 17 nights aboard the Ocean Adventurer on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board (soft drinks available at all times) • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers • Expedition parka jacket • Use of waterproof boots on board • Re-usable water bottle • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, lunch & dinner in Reykjavik, optional adventure options.

ADVENTURE OPTIONS



During the expedition there will be the opportunity to sea kayak or sea paddle for an additional fee. Please note that pre-booking is required as spaces are limited.

SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. The sea kayaking adventures are a great way to feel at one with the sea. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage instead of shore landings. The number of kayaking opportunities is weather dependent and kayaking will only be conducted during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is recommended for you to feel comfortable on the water, together with the ability to do a wet exit. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion adventure option. **£560 per person**

PADDLING EXCURSION

If you are interested in kayaking and would like to try something less in depth than Sea Kayaking, you can still enjoy the benefits of adding an on-water experience to your expedition with a paddling excursion. Sign up for a one-time paddle on the sit-on-top kayaks, which are stable and unencumbered - perfect for anyone with little to no kayak experience. Expert guides take rotating groups of passengers on calm days to enjoy this sea activity. **£160 per person**



OCEAN ADVENTURER

For this expedition to the Northwest Passage we are working with our associates at Quark Expeditions and the charming Ocean Adventurer. Formerly known as Sea Adventurer, the vessel underwent a multi-million-dollar renovation in 2017 and was renamed Ocean Adventurer. The vessel is perfect for this exploration being large enough to provide stability, speed, spacious cabins and ample public space, yet small enough to manoeuvre in remote areas. The Ocean Adventurer is fitted with the most up to date technical enhancements, including two new Rolls Royce engines, for increased fuel efficiency and a minimised carbon footprint.

Your Cabin/Suite

The Ocean Adventurer offers 65 cabins across five of its decks. There are a range of cabins and suites available and all feature outside views (porthole or window), en-suite bathroom with shower, individual temperature control, hairdryer, bathrobes and a selection of toiletries. The cabins range in size from 11 square metres for one of the Lower Deck twin cabins to 20 square metres for the suites.

Your Space

Spread over six decks, the ship features a variety of public areas and facilities that will ensure you remain comfortable and relaxed throughout your journey. The ship's dining room, main lounge and lecture area, boutique shop selling souvenir and practical items plus the reception area can all be found on the Upper Deck. There is also a gym on the Main Deck and the library can be found on the Captain's Deck together with the medical clinic. Finally, the Observation Deck and forward lounge provide ample opportunity to observe and take in the majestic surroundings of the Northwest Passage.





Bridge



Dining Room



Main Lounge

Your Dining

Meals are taken in the vessel's single-sitting Dining Room located on the ship's Upper Deck. Breakfasts and lunch tend to be buffet style and dinner a served affair. While precise mealtimes may vary to ensure you have every possible opportunity to make the most of whatever may cross the ship's path at the time, be it a pod of beluga whales or other indigenous species that congregate in these waters, the cuisine itself will not be compromised and you can be certain that the three meals provided each day, plus complimentary soft drinks and afternoon snacks, will be both plentiful and of the highest quality.

For Your Comfort, Safety & Security

The Ocean Adventurer is equipped with GPS, radar and other equipment essential for travel through the Northwest Passage. The ship's expedition team are specialists in the region, having travelled here extensively and the vessel is fully certified and adheres to all health and safety measurements required by the governing bodies. The ship was recently equipped with new engines and other safety technology and, in the event of emergency, there is access to 24-hour care from the ship's doctor.

Life On Board

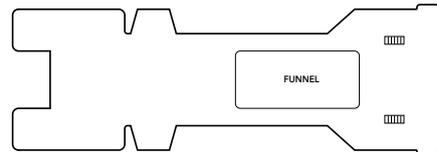
The atmosphere on board is informal and time is often spent out on deck keeping watch for wildlife or admiring the spectacular view. The onboard crew offer excellent service and, in addition, the expedition team will enrich your experience with their knowledge of the region. Through a lecture programme and shore expeditions, they will share their expertise and passion with you. After a day of exploration ashore, you will return to the comfort of a sophisticated ship with a friendly crew and informal atmosphere.



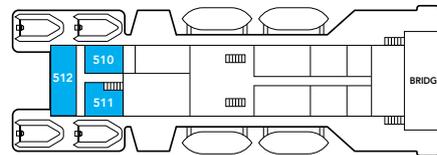
During this voyage you will be visiting out of the way destinations and will be accompanied by an expedition team. Landings and excursions will be made by Zodiac landing craft. This cruise will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.

DECK PLAN

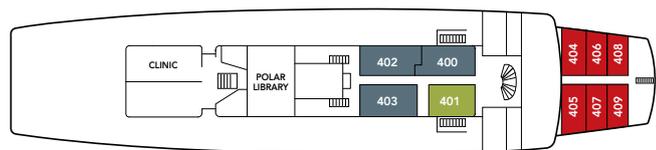
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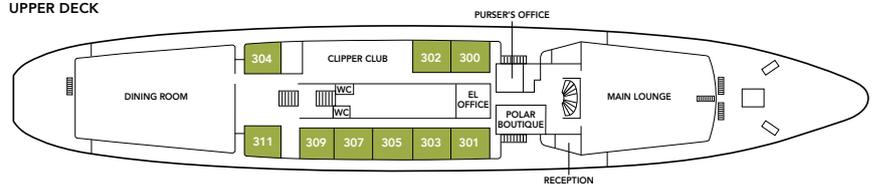
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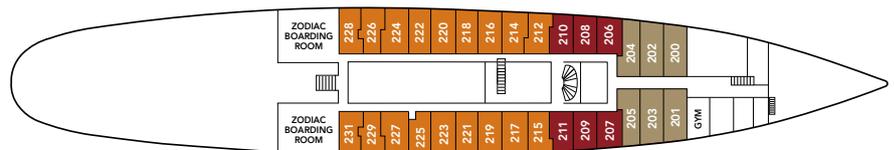
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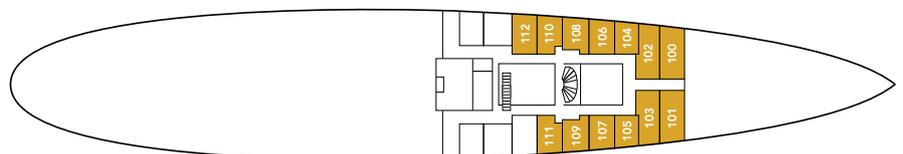
UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



LOWER DECK



- OWNER'S SUITE
- SUITE
- DELUXE
- SUPERIOR
- MAIN DECK TWIN WINDOW
- MAIN DECK TWIN PORTHOLE
- LOWER DECK TWIN
- TRIPLE

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