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AN EXPLORATION OF COASTAL GREENLAND & THE
CANADIAN ARCTIC ABOARD THE HANSEATIC INSPIRATION

1ST TO 19TH AUGUST 2021

NOBLE CALEDONIA



For this expedition we are delighted to be working with our associates at Hapag-Lloyd Cruises and their five-star vessel, the *Hanseatic Inspiration*. This unusual voyage combines the remote Canadian Arctic with its diverse wildlife, history and rich Inuit culture with Greenland's west coast of great towering cliffs, walls of glacial ice, winding fjords, vast ice-sheets and flowing glaciers.

The expedition begins with five days of exploration of the Canadian Arctic. Lying north of mainland Canada, the Canadian Arctic Archipelago consists of 94 major islands and forms the world's largest High Arctic land area. Here we follow in the footsteps of the legendary explorers including Amundsen, Baffin and Franklin, who over the course of 300 years risked their lives to search the Arctic for the fabled Northwest Passage between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. Our journey continues to coastal Greenland, one of the last great wilderness areas where man has made little difference to the landscape and tourists are still a rarity. It is a marvel to behold; for most visitors their first encounter with Greenland is a humbling experience as they witness nature in the raw and look out across a magnificent Arctic world. Experience magnificent scenery as the *Hanseatic Inspiration* meanders through spectacular colossal accumulations of peculiarly shaped icebergs in Disko Bay followed by a call into Sisimiut, home to some 5300 inhabitants. The region is home to a rich animal kingdom and we hope to spot seals, whales, polar bears, caribou, musk ox, walrus, Arctic wolves and foxes as well as thousands of seabirds that nest in the cliffs.



Highlights will be numerous and we will make good use of the fleet of Zodiacs as we navigate small bays and view icebergs of all shapes and sizes. After a day of exploring you will return to the five-star *Hanseatic Inspiration* where you can be assured of excellent service, food and sumptuous surroundings and, in between the landings and while at sea, you can pass the time on deck looking for wildlife, attend the series of lectures by members of the expedition team or simply relax on board enjoying the facilities. This expedition promises to be a unique experience bringing with it new thrills with spectacular natural experiences in a world far away from the stresses of modern life.



Musk ox



Smith Sound



Humpback whale, Disko Bay

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 and the exact route will depend on ice, weather conditions and the wildlife encountered.

Day 1 London to Dusseldorf, Germany. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. *Please note that the departure airport for the charter flight to Greenland is subject to change. Should it be necessary to change to another airport in Germany, we will advise and amend the flight from London and hotel accommodation accordingly.*

Day 2 Dusseldorf to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland. After breakfast in the hotel transfer to the airport for our specially chartered flight to Kangerlussuaq. On arrival transfer to the Hanseatic Inspiration and embark. Sail this evening.

Day 3 At sea. Enjoy a day at sea as we cruise towards Baffin Island. Join one of the lectures or relax and enjoy the facilities on board.

Days 4 to 8 Northern Canadian Arctic (Baffin Island & Ellesmere Island). Along remote coastlines, the Hanseatic Inspiration presses on to the settings of great

exploratory achievements. A flexible route will provide plenty of fascinating tales for your travel diary. Glistening ice, impressive glaciers and a vast, isolated land becomes the backdrop for wonderful natural spectacles and wildlife sightings. We will discover what it is like to live in such extreme conditions during our time on Baffin Island. The world discovered this habitat of polar bears and whales in the 17th century, when English seafarer William Baffin came here on the search for a north-west passage. Life in the small settlement of Clyde River reflects the Inuit traditions and their way of life. Depending on local conditions, we will go ashore and walk through these stunning natural surroundings with panoramic views of cliffs and glaciers. The team of onboard experts will provide fascinating information about the region's geology and history. It was not until the start of the 19th century that Ellesmere Island, the most northerly island in the Arctic, was discovered and we will experience how those explorers must have felt when they first caught sight of the coast.

Days 9 & 10 Smith Sound & Nares Strait. The excitement will grow as, weather and ice permitting, the route takes us to Smith Sound between Greenland and Canada, just like many Arctic explorers

before us. In 1909, American polar researcher Robert Edwin Peary travelled through here and the more northerly Nares Strait to become the first person to reach the North Pole.

Days 11 to 14 North-West Coast of Greenland (Etah, Siorapaluk, Cape York). In addition to the views from the deck and hikes ashore, the onboard experts will bring the legend of the North Pole to life with historical insights. If we succeed in landing on Pim Island, you will feel the drama of the Greely expedition which fell victim to the icy winter of 1884 on the small, rocky island. With a little luck, we will catch sight of rare narwhals, bearded seals and Arctic hares. Only a few cruise ships can navigate the High Arctic and conditions will determine how far the Hanseatic Inspiration travels. If the ice allows we will travel to the north-west coast of Greenland and see places visited by just a few explorers. In the mid-20th century, the geomagnetic North Pole was still near Etah. Today, it has moved further west. The region's allure continues in Siorapaluk, Greenland's most northerly settlement. The barking of the huskies echoes through the village right by the fjord, surrounded by mighty sandstone mountains in shades of red and violet. Experience expedition in the purest sense off Cape York

on a Zodiac ride between the icebergs.

Day 15 At sea. Enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Join one of the lectures in the HanseAtrium or relax with a book in the lounge.

Days 16 & 17 West Coast of Greenland (Ilulissat, Disko Bay, Sisimiut). Indescribable moments continue on Greenland's west coast where the glacier calves into the fjord – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – near Ilulissat. A hike with the onboard experts will allow you to enjoy the glittering, shimmering ice masses that gather here – this will set the tone for an unforgettable experience in Disko Bay. Take a Zodiac ride and marvel at breathtaking ice formations drifting slowly through the bay. The colourful houses of Sisimiut, founded at the end of the 18th century as a missionary and trading post, provide a contrast to the blue of the ice. On a hike, you will enter the historic territory of an Inuit culture that is over 4000 years old. And even if you feel reluctant to return to the present, these intensive moments in the land of Arctic extremes will stay with you forever.

Day 18 Kangerlussuaq to Dusseldorf, Germany. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our chartered flight from Kangerlussuaq to Dusseldorf. On

Sisimiut



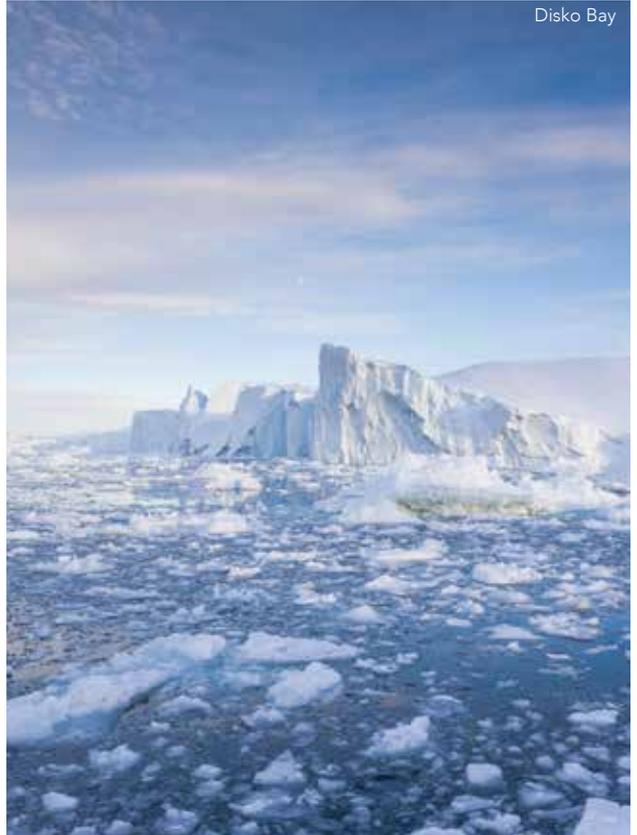
Arctic fox



Exploring by Zodiac



Disko Bay



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will advise and amend the hotel accommodation and flight to London accordingly.

Day 19 Dusseldorf to London. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Deck	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
1	Outside cabin	4, 5 & 6	£12295	£11995
2	Panoramic cabin	4 & 5	N/A	N/A
3	French balcony cabin	6	£13295	£12995
4	Balcony cabin	5	£13795	£13495
5	French balcony cabin	7	£13795	£13495
6	Balcony cabin	6 & 7	£14295	£13995
7	Balcony cabin	6	£16095	£15795
8	Balcony cabin	7	£16595	£16295
9	Junior suite with balcony	6 & 7	£18595	£18295
10	Grand suite with veranda	6 & 7	N/A	N/A
2	Panoramic cabin	4, 5 & 6	£15845	£15545

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel between London & Dusseldorf • Specially chartered air travel between Dusseldorf & Kangerlussuaq • Two nights hotel accommodation in Dusseldorf with breakfast • 16 nights aboard the Hanseatic Inspiration on a full board basis • Mini-bar with soft drinks in your cabin restocked each day • Zodiac excursions • Expedition team including onboard lectures • Gratuities • Transfers • Landing fees • Port taxes • Airport taxes • Loan of waterproof boots and parka during cruise.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visas.

N.B. Flight schedules are yet to be released at the time of going to print and the itinerary may change on their release. Itinerary subject to change based on weather and ice conditions.



Polar bear

HANSEATIC INSPIRATION



HanseAtrium Bar



Junior Suite



Hanseatic Restaurant

Operated by our German associates, Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, the Hanseatic Inspiration is a new five-star expedition ship due to launch in October 2019. With a maximum of just 230 passengers (199 passengers in Antarctica), this unique vessel offers an informal and relaxed atmosphere on board with more open deck space than any other expedition ship. There is a qualified expedition team of naturalists who will accompany you ashore and provide informative talks in the comfort of the well-designed HanseAtrium, and a crew of 175 offering the most exquisite and attentive service on board.

Your Cabin/Suite

There are a total of 120 cabins and suites. All cabins/suites feature a comfortable sleeping area with separable beds, a heated wall in the bathroom, a rain shower, TV, a coffee machine and a mini bar with soft drinks refilled daily. They are also equipped with binoculars and Nordic walking poles and 24-hour cabin service is available. The Outside Cabins, Panoramic Cabins and French Balcony Cabins all measure between 21 to 23 square metres and the Balcony Cabins measure 27 square meters including the balcony. The Junior Suites are approximately 42 square meters including the balcony and offer panoramic views, a comfortable living and sleeping area and a separate dining area. They also benefit from the addition of a bathroom with two sinks, a steam sauna and butler service. The Grand Suites are approximately 71 square meters including a private veranda with space heaters. They feature a sleeping area with panoramic views and a comfortable living area as well as a separate dining area. Additional facilities include a bathroom with two sinks, free standing bath, rain shower, steam sauna, balcony access and butler service.

Your Space

The vessel has three spacious restaurants, two bars, a library, Sun Deck with swimming pool and pool bar, fitness room, hair salon and a small boutique. Whilst relaxing on deck and watching for passing wildlife, the excellent service team offer little touches like exotic fruit skewers and cooling cloth towels. There is also a hospital on the lower deck and it is in the HanseAtrium that the expedition team will hold lectures and briefings. The vessel has been designed taking inspiration from nature to reflect the expeditionary theme of the voyages and to provide interplay between the interiors and the world outside. Exciting vistas are guaranteed in the Observation Lounge thanks to the 180-degree panoramic view which can be enjoyed while relaxing with an aperitif at the bar and listening to the music. Another design highlight is the two extendable glass balconies on the Sun Deck from which passing wildlife can be viewed on the ocean surfaces. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the bridge whenever the local regulations and conditions allow, by prior arrangement with the officer on duty.



Lido Restaurant



French Balcony



Observation Lounge

Please note that the images shown are artist impressions. Whilst the décor may differ slightly, the overall look and design of the vessel once launched will be very similar to the images shown.

Your Dining

Highly trained chefs will surprise you every day with their skill and attention to detail. Diverse and classic delicacies will be available at every meal, whether you are enjoying a quick breakfast or a relaxed evening meal. There is a choice of three spacious open-seating restaurants including the Hanseatic Restaurant with its relaxed atmosphere, the Lido Restaurant offering both indoor and outdoor seating, and the Speciality Restaurant where you will be taken on a culinary voyage of discovery with Japanese and Peruvian creations. The Hanseatic Restaurant and Speciality Restaurant are à la carte whereas the Lido Restaurant offers a buffet-style service. Spend your days and evenings however you wish thanks to flexible mealtimes, a free choice of seating and attentive 24-hour cabin service.

Life On Board

With your every need attended to, there is nothing to do but relax and enjoy the experience aboard the Hanseatic Inspiration. After a Zodiac excursion, you will be welcomed back on board with hot drinks and snacks, drinks will be handed to you as you stand on deck viewing magnificent icebergs and the crew will think of everything and enhance your cruise in every way possible. Highly qualified, knowledgeable experts will accompany you throughout the cruise; discovering unknown territory and seeing amazing wildlife will be a lot more rewarding with an expert by your side. Whether a naturalist or ornithologist, their passion and enthusiasm will be conveyed through talks on board and during excursions. The onboard fleet of 17 Zodiac landing craft enables guests to reach every spectacular sight, no matter how remote and, due to their manoeuvrability, these inflatable craft allow us to truly immerse ourselves in nature. You can be feet away from glaciers, spectacular birdlife and explore otherwise inaccessible fjords and waterways.

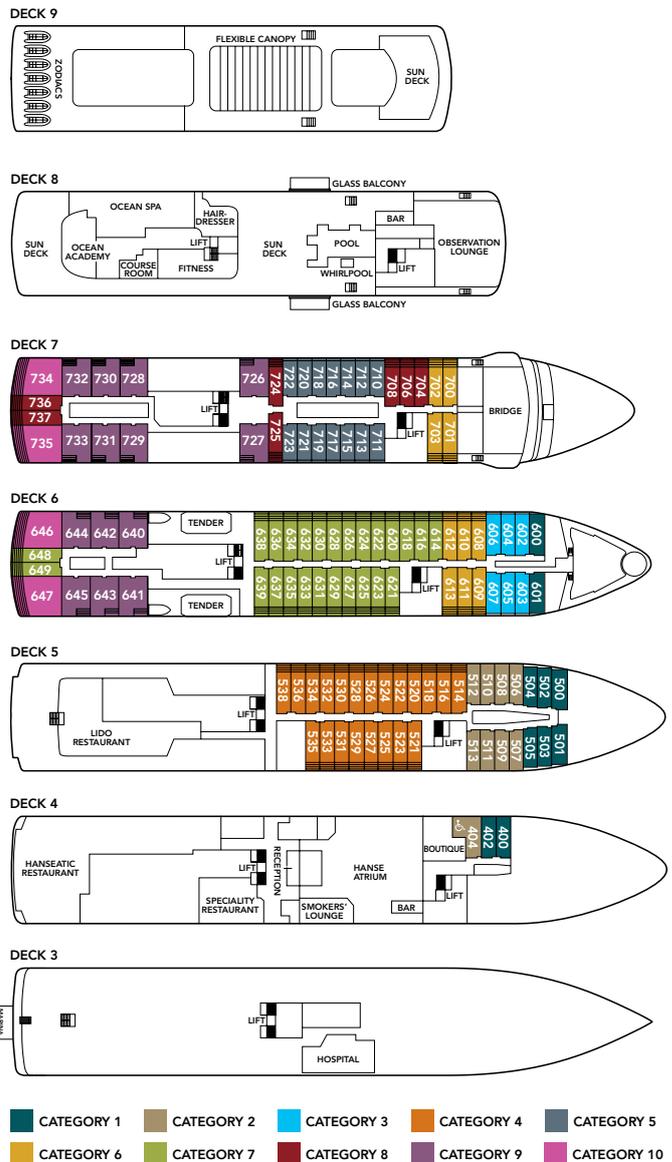
For your Comfort, Safety & Security

During construction of the Hanseatic Inspiration, the focus has been on making her suitable for all ice conditions and she has been fitted with cutting-edge equipment and environmental technology. The vessel holds the highest ice class for a passenger ship – PC 6, and with a shallow draught, powerful engine and robust propellers, this is a sturdy ship with excellent manoeuvrability. All of these features allow access to remote islands and coastlines and make for one of the finest expedition vessels.



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.

HANSEATIC INSPIRATION DECK PLAN



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