

GREENLAND & BEYOND

AN EXPEDITION ALONG THE WESTERN COAST OF GREENLAND TO LABRADOR, NEWFOUNDLAND & THE ST LAWRENCE RIVER ABOARD THE HANSEATIC INSPIRATION

8TH TO 28TH SEPTEMBER 2023 & 28TH AUGUST TO 17TH SEPTEMBER 2024





Here is a wonderful expedition aboard a vessel on which you can be assured of excellent service, food and sumptuous surroundings. For this unique voyage we are delighted to be working with our associates at Hapag-Lloyd Cruises who have made some cabins available to us aboard their five-star vessel, the Hanseatic Inspiration. This unusual itinerary combines the great towering cliffs, walls of glacial ice, winding fjords, vast ice sheets and flowing glaciers of western and southern Greenland with highlights along the Canadian east coast with its diverse wildlife, history and rich Inuit culture.

We begin our journey in 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. The expedition continues across the Labrador Sea to Canada where we call into Newfoundland for a visit to Gros Morne National Park, the second largest national park in Atlantic Canada, Tadoussac, one of the country's oldest villages and the wonderful city of Quebec as well as experiencing some stunning scenery whilst cruising along the St Lawrence river and on Lake Ontario. Before returning to London we will visit the wondrous Niagara Falls.

This expedition promises to be a unique experience featuring coastlines

Sisimiu.

Kangerlussuaq
Greenland Fjords
Quassiarsuk
Unartoq

L'Anse aux Meadows
Port au Choix
Nomis Point
NewFoundland
NewFoundland

Saguenay
Baie Eternite
Tadoussac
Quebec
St. Lawrence River
USA
Toronto
Lake Ontario

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steeped in history set against stunning landscapes of natural wonders. Good use will be made of the fleet of Zodiacs as we navigate small bays and land in otherwise inaccessible places and we hope to encounter fascinating wildlife including eagles and whales. There will be a range of optional excursions on offer as well as ample time to relax on board while cruising when you can pass the time on deck looking for wildlife, attend the series of lectures by members of the expedition team or simply enjoy the onboard facilities. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience spectacular natural scenery in a world far away from the stresses of modern life.









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. Please note that with the exception of Zodiac excursions, shore excursions are not included in the price and details of what excursions will be available along with prices will be sent to you three months before departure.

Day 1 London to Germany.

Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the hotel for an overnight stay. Please note that the departure airport for the charter flight to Greenland will be confirmed closer to departure.

Day 2 Germany 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.

Days 3 to 7 Western coast of Greenland (Sisimiut, Ilulissat, Disko Bay, Qeqertarsuaq, Fjords of Greenland). Gleaming ice, deep fjords and majestic glaciers await as we explore Greenland's west coast. The first of many encounters takes place in Sisimiut. Follow in the footsteps of the Saqqaq culture and visit the old town which resembles a museum village. From Ilulissat, a hike with the onboard experts will take you to the famous ice fjord where glistening ice formations gather. This will set the tone for an even more moving scene in Disko Bay where glittering sculptures drift slowly through the water. You will be able to witness these wonders from on board the Hanseatic Inspiration and during a Zodiac excursion. The fascination continues in Qeqertarsuaq on Disko Island where an octagonal church and a museum provide insights into the history of this former centre of whaling. We then continue south where further wonders await in the fjords of Greenland. Here too, you will be able to witness the impressive views of the vast landscape from the Zodiacs.

Days 8 & 9 Southern Coast of Greenland (Qassiarsuk & Unartoq). Qassiarsuk has an interesting history as this is where Erik the Red founded Greenland's first Viking settlement in 985. In Unartoq, you can round off your Greenland experience by bathing in the hot springs as you watch the icebergs drift by.

Day 10 At Sea. Enjoy a leisurely day at sea. Join one of the lectures and enjoy the facilities on board.

Days 11 to 13 Newfoundland, Canada (L'Anse aux Meadows, Port au Choix, Norris Point).

Newfoundland is an open book of eventful history, ranging from the indigenous people and the Vikings to European explorers. Trace the Icelandic/Greenlandic settlers as you explore the excavations at L'Anse aux Meadows independently and visit Port au Choix where you can explore the remnants of ancient cultures with your experts and hike through superb nature. Surrounded by green mountains, the small town of Norris Point describes itself as a photographers' paradise. Hiking in Gros Morne National Park between the mountains and coastline also reveals an array of varied sights with glaciers, fjords and lakes.

Day 14 At Sea. Today the St Lawrence River, North America's

mighty river system between the Atlantic and the Great Lakes at a length of almost 3000 kilometres stretches out before us. As we travel along the river, the onboard experts will provide illuminating historical insights such as how it has developed since the early Woodland period and the current economic significance of the First Nations peoples.

Day 15 Tadoussac. Our expedition continues to Tadoussac, one of the country's oldest villages. With some luck you may spot beluga, blue, humpback or fin whales whilst whale watching.

Day 16 Baie Eternite & Cruising on the Saguenay. Dramatic nature shapes our landing at Baie Eternite, surrounded by mountains almost 400 metres high. The Hanseatic Inspiration will slowly cruise on the Saguenay to allow for potential whale sightings.

Day 17 Quebec. Untouched wilderness meets savoir vivre in Quebec, enjoy the contrasts of the French roots and Canadian sense of freedom on a city walk with tea at Chateau Frontenac. The 80 metres high, Montmorency Falls and Ile d'Orleans, one of North America's











most important pilgrimage sites, are truly outstanding sights to behold.

Day 18 Seven Locks of St Lawrence River. The Hanseatic Inspiration negotiates seven locks with a height difference of up to 15 metres. This will take place during the day to allow you to watch the thrilling manoeuvres from the spacious decks.

Day 19 Passage through the Thousand Islands, Cruising on Lake Ontario. The passage through the Thousand Islands takes you through a labyrinthine archipelago. Every island is different: some with green forests, others with an English castle or colourful houses. We continue on to Lake Ontario before our journey comes to an end in Toronto.

Day 20 Toronto to London.

Disembark this morning and visit Niagara Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world. Upon arrival, enjoy an orientation tour before taking a cruise aboard the Hornblower where we witness the breathtaking power and amazing mist of the magnificent falls. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before

transferring to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 21 London. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON
Based on double occupancy

SPECIAL OFFER - SAVE £500 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

			2023		2024	
Cat	Cabin Description	Deck	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
1	Outside cabin	4, 5 & 6	£13775	£13275	£14275	£13775
2	Panoramic cabin	4 & 5	£14375	£13875	£14875	£14375
3	French balcony cabin	6	£14975	£14475	£15475	£14975
4	Balcony cabin	5	£15675	£15175	£16175	£15675
5	French balcony cabin	7	£15675	£15175	£16175	£15675
6	Balcony cabin	6 & 7	£16475	£15975	£16975	£16475
7	Balcony cabin	6	£17875	£17375	£18375	£17875
8	Balcony cabin	7	£18975	£18475	£19475	£18975
9	Junior suite with balcony	6 & 7	On Request	On Request	£20495	£19995
10	Grand suite with veranda	6 & 7	On Request	On Request	On Request	On Request
2	Panoramic cabin for sole use	4 & 5	£18475	£17975	£18975	£18475

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Chartered flight from Germany to Kangerlussuaq • Overnight hotel accommodation in Germany with breakfast • 18 nights aboard the Hanseatic Inspiration on a full board basis • Tour to Niagara Falls with lunch as described • 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.

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NB. Flight schedules are yet to be released at the time of going to print. Itinerary subject to change based on flight schedule, weather and ice conditions.

HANSEATIC INSPIRATION









Operated by our German associates, Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, the Hanseatic Inspiration is a five-star expedition ship launched 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 metres including the balcony. The Junior Suites are approximately 42 square metres 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 metres 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 are 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.







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.

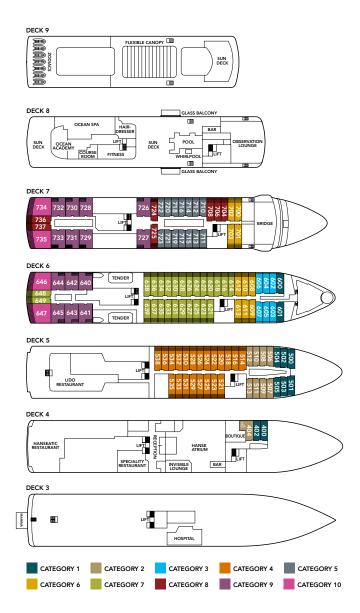
For your Comfort, Safety & Security

During construction of the Hanseatic Inspiration, the focus was 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. Please note that the Hanseatic Inspiration is a smoke-free ship. This applies to all interior public areas as well as on deck, including the private balconies and verandas.



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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