A JOURNEY INTO THE REMOTE HEART OF THE CANADIAN ARCTIC.

The great appeal of this voyage is the immediate immersion into the Arctic wilderness from the very first day. We achieve this by commencing in Resolute, one of the most northern outposts in the Canadian Arctic.

This stunning 10-day journey is the perfect blend of wildlife, history, culture and scenery. The long hours of daylight give us maximum time to explore known wildlife hot spots including one of the largest migratory bird sanctuaries in the world on Prince Leopold Island.

History is a key focus and we plan on visiting numerous Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) outposts such as Grise Fjord, Craig Harbour and Dundas Harbour. A highlight for many will be a visit to remote Beechey Island, the final resting place of several men from Sir John Franklin’s ill-fated expedition in the 1840s. Along the ice floe edge we encounter beluga and bowhead whales and hope to encounter the mythical narwhal. Sightings of polar bear can be expected at numerous locations throughout the voyage.

This exceptional journey takes us to the highest latitudes all season at Ellesmere Island - just 500 nautical miles from the North Pole. If you are looking for the ultimate remote expedition cruise, this is the voyage for you.

Expedition Highlights

› Historic locations of early Arctic exploration including several early RCMP locations

› Outstanding wildlife observation on shore, on Zodiac cruises and from the ship

› Cultural interaction and understanding through visits to remote Inuit communities

› Travel further north than at any other time of the Arctic expedition season
ON THIS TRIP

- Zodiac excursions
- Onshore hiking options
- Wildlife observation
- Photographer-in-Residence
- Sea kayaking available
- Whale watching
- Inuit community visits
- Educational presentations
- Active Cruising & Wellness

IMPORTANT VOYAGE LOGISTICS

This trip commences in Edmonton - Alberta's provincial capital city. We recommend you arrive in Edmonton at least one day prior to the scheduled voyage departure date. This gives you a buffer in the event of any unexpected travel delays between home and trip departure time. From Edmonton we fly to Resolute via a charter flight. We transfer to the ship for embarkation via Zodiac.

At the conclusion of the trip, we fly from Resolute back to Edmonton via a charter flight. Upon arrival in Edmonton, a transfer is provided from the airport to a central downtown location. This flight arrives in the early evening and we advise staying the night in Edmonton and making your onward travel plans for the following day.

Full joining instructions are provided in your final travel documentation. If you have questions before this time, please ask us.

YOUR DAY-BY-DAY EXPEDITION ITINERARY

DAY 1 / EDMONTON, ALBERTA TO RESOLUTE, NUNAVUT (SATURDAY, 08 AUGUST 2020)

We depart Edmonton this morning on our special charter flight to Resolute, a remote outpost above the Arctic Circle. Located on the southern shores of Cornwallis Island, the town is named after the British ship HMS Resolute which became trapped in ice and abandoned here in 1850 while searching for the lost Franklin Expedition. A weather station and airstrip made it a strategic outpost during the time of the Cold War. On arrival, we are transferred to the beach where our expedition team will meet us and prepare us for our Zodiac ride to the ship. Onboard, we meet the expedition team and get to know our fellow guests over a welcome cocktail. We weigh anchor and depart Resolute in the early evening.

DAY 2 / MAXWELL BAY, DEVON ISLAND

A large bay on the south coast of Devon Island, Maxwell Bay offers some wonderful hiking opportunities ashore and great wildlife watching from the water. Muskox and caribou can be found here as well as polar bears. Harp seals, ringed seals, bearded seals and even walruses have been spotted in the various coves and inlets of the bay.

DAY 3 / CROKER BAY AND DUNDAS HARBOUR

Our voyage continues east through Lancaster Sound along the southern coastline of Devon Island. Lancaster Sound, which separates Devon and Baffin Island, has been likened to the wildlife 'super highway' of the Arctic. Massive volumes of water from the Atlantic to the east and Arctic Ocean to the west, and from the archipelago of islands to the north all mix here, combining to make a rich source of nutrients and food for an abundance of Arctic wildlife, which live both above and below the water. Croker Bay is home to a healthy and sizable population of Muskox and we will look for these prehistoric looking creatures as we hike ashore. This location features dramatic scenery with deep blue icebergs set against a backdrop of richly coloured peaks. The immense Croker Glacier descends into the steely waters and is a great location for a Zodiac cruise. This afternoon, we plan on visiting the abandoned Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) outpost at Dundas Harbour. It was established in 1924 and operated for about a decade. It re-opened again in the 1940s for about 10 years, when the RCMP established a regular patrol presence in the region. The old buildings make great photography subjects in this wild and remote location.

DAY 4 / COBURG ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA

Nirjutiqavvik National Wildlife Area is home to almost 400,000 seabirds including 11% of Canada's population of thick-billed murres and 16% of Northern fulmars. We Zodiac cruise along the bird cliffs and will be awestruck by the sheer number of birds in the skies above. We often encounter marine mammals when exploring these waters, including beluga whales.

DAY 5 / GRISE FJORD AND CRAIG HARBOUR

Grise Fjord is the northernmost community in Canada and one of the most isolated communities in the world. Settled in 1953 by the Canadian government as a sovereignty exercise during the Cold war, the less than 100 people living in Grise Fjord are mostly descended from the eight Inuit families relocated there from Northern Quebec. The scenery is stunning, the wildlife is abundant and we are warmly welcomed by the community. Nearby Craig Harbour is the site of an abandoned RCMP outpost, established in 1922 as the RCMP sought to patrol the North and provide services to the Inuit. Staffed with RCMP officers and a few special constables and their families, Craig Harbour operated for approximately 10 years before closing. It was reopened in the early 1950s during the Cold War. We will visit this historic site and learn about its important history as we hike and explore the bay and hillsides of Craig Harbour.

DAY 6 / CAPE HAY, BYLOT ISLAND BIRD SANCTUARY

Located on the northern coast of Bylot Island and within the boundary of Stmlilik National Park, the bird cliffs of Cape Hay are home to thick-billed murres and black guillemots, along with black-legged kittiwakes. This superb location is a prime nesting spot for several hundred thousand birds. The scenery here will take your breath away as your eyes gaze beyond the tundra, towards the soaring mountain ranges in the distance.
DAY 7 / ELWIN INLET AND CAPE CHARLES YORKE

We navigate the ship into nearby Elwin Inlet, a breathtaking fjord which is well protected and great for a Zodiac cruise or hike onshore. Cape Charles Yorke offers several great walking opportunities. We will keep our eyes peeled for polar bears, which are plentiful along this coastline.

DAY 8 / PORT LEOPOLD AND PRINCE LEOPOLD ISLAND

Having crossed Prince Regent Inlet overnight, we approach the towering bird cliffs of Prince Leopold Island in the morning. This is an important migratory Bird Sanctuary, home to thick-billed murres, black guillemots, northern fulmars and black-legged kittiwakes. The sea ice around Prince Leopold Island is a great place for spotting ringed seals and wherever we find ringed seals - we usually find polar bears. Nearby Port Leopold is an historic site where in 1848, English explorer James Clark Ross wintered here during the search for the missing Franklin expedition. In addition to Port Leopold's historical attraction, the shallow gravel beds along the shoreline are attractive to the beluga whales who come here to moult each Arctic summer.

DAY 9 / BEECHEY ISLAND

Beechey Island holds great historic importance in the story of the Northwest Passage. It is here that Sir John Franklin's ill-fated expedition spent its last ‘comfortable’ winter in 1845 before disappearing into the icy vastness, sparking an incredible series of search expeditions that lasted almost three decades. The mystery of what happened to Franklin was partially solved in September 2014, when a joint Parks Canada and Royal Canadian Geographical Society expedition, found the long lost Franklin shipwreck, HMS Erebus in the Victoria Strait. One Ocean Expeditions played a vital role in the search by carrying underwater search equipment on our ship as well as scientists, historians, researchers, dignitaries and sponsors of this history defining mission. A trip ashore at Beechey Island to visit the grave markers on a remote windswept beach is a thrilling location for history buffs and for many, it will be the defining moment of our expedition. We return to the ship and this evening enjoy a special dinner attended by the Captain. It’s a great time to reflect on the wildlife, history and dramatic scenery of this pristine Arctic wilderness.

DAY 10 / RESOLUTE, NUNAVUT TO EDMONTON, ALBERTA (MONDAY, 17 AUGUST 2020)

By morning, we are at anchor in Resolute – from where we commenced our expedition over a week ago. We make our way ashore by Zodiac and bid farewell to our crew. A charter flight returns us to Edmonton where our journey comes to an end.

ABOUT OUR ITINERARY: Polar exploration can be unpredictable. Specific sites visited will depend on prevailing weather and ice conditions at the time of sailing. The above itinerary should be read as a ‘guide only’ and may change. The ship’s Captain in conjunction with the Expedition Leader continually review the sailing plan throughout the voyage, making adjustments to the itinerary along the way to take advantage of optimal weather and ice conditions or to maximize our encounters with wildlife. Decades of experience spent exploring these waterways mean we have a large number of outstanding landing sites and Zodiac cruising locations to consider, even when the weather conditions may not be ideal or when heavy ice may hinder our a planned route. A flexible approach is something we encourage you to bring to the ship.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR THE HIGH ARCTIC EXPLORER:
This is the only voyage this season that will venture as high as Ellsemere Island. Most other Canadian Arctic voyages in 2020 will feature Devon Island, Beechey Island, and northern Baffin Island. Ask your booking agent for details.
YOUR EXPEDITION INCLUDES:

✓ Comprehensive pre-voyage information package including details to help you prepare for your trip in the Canadian Arctic
✓ Transfers to the ship on embarkation day and from the ship to the airport or local hotel on disembarkation
✓ Shipboard accommodation in your selected cabin category with daily housekeeping. Cabins feature outside views with windows or portholes that open on each deck
✓ High quality, eco friendly, Canadian made natural amenities in every cabin
✓ All breakfasts, lunches and dinners on board throughout your voyage with daily afternoon tea
✓ 24-hour tea, coffee, hot chocolate in bar lounge plus in-cabin tea, coffee, hot chocolate replenished daily
✓ Experienced Expedition Leader and professional expedition team of marine biologists, naturalists, historians, adventure guides and photographers
✓ Daily off-ship excursions by Zodiac boat breaking into small groups for shore landings
✓ Guided hikes and walks on shore of various durations for guests of all abilities
✓ Visits to wildlife colonies, historic sites, places of outstanding natural beauty and community visits
✓ Educational presentations and talks by polar experts in their field (ie. marine biologists, naturalists, historians etc). Onboard or on shore
✓ Resident photography guide available to assist all guests
✓ Access to computers in the multimedia lab for image downloads, file back up and management
✓ An emergency trained medical physician onboard every voyage
✓ Dedicated hospitality team including Hotel Manager, four chefs, professional bar staff and Adventure Concierge staff
✓ Onboard sauna, plunge pool, jacuzzi and fitness centre including personal trainer and massage options (charge applies for massage and spa treatments)
✓ Sea Kayaking programme available (additional charge of $695pp) – must be reserved at the time of booking your voyage and you must have some prior paddling experience
✓ Access to well stocked library full of polar reference books
✓ End of voyage slideshow and take home USB
✓ Port fees and all permits to access visited areas

The right gear for your trip – included ✓

When you travel with One Ocean Expeditions, you will have the use of an expedition gear package free of charge. Containing around $US900 worth of essential equipment, this kit includes a quality waterproof/windproof jacket and bib-pants plus insulated rubber boots designed for extended walking. We also include a set of binoculars and a Nordic trekking pole for use when on shore. A waterproof backpack completes your package. This kit saves you buying expensive clothing and equipment you may only ever use once. It also eliminates the need to carry such cumbersome gear to the ship (total weight around 8kg/17lbs).

The Expedition does not include:

› Any international or local airfare unless otherwise specified in the voyage itinerary
› Visa and passport expenses
› Pre or post-cruise hotel accommodation unless otherwise specified in the itinerary (or pre-arranged)
› Pre or post-cruise transfers unless otherwise specified in the itinerary (or pre-arranged)
› Personal expenses on board such as alcoholic beverages, bar charges or laundry expenses
› Telecommunication charges (ie. email, satellite phone)
› Baggage, cancellation or medical travel insurance related expenses (travel insurance is mandatory on all voyages)
› A voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for expedition staff and ship crew (suggested amount – $US12-15 per day)
**BEFORE YOU BOOK – IMPORTANT VOYAGE DETAILS**

**FLIGHTS TO JOIN YOUR ARCTIC CRUISE**
Flights are required to get to (and from) the ship embarkation locations in the Arctic. These flights are in addition to the voyage price. This flight package must be booked in conjunction with your cruise. Flights are either on scheduled airlines (i.e. Ottawa to Iqaluit) or are specially arranged charter flights operating into very remote Arctic locations such as Resolute, Cambridge Bay or Kangerlusuaq. If you have questions about these flights, please discuss these with your booking agent at the time of confirming your voyage.

**PASSPORTS AND VISAS**
Most nationalities will be required to have an Electronic Travel Authorization (known as an eTA) to enter Canada (except US citizens). This is easily obtained online prior to travel and a fee of $CAD7.00 is payable at the time you lodge your application. The eTA is valid for a period of five years from date of issue. Speak to your booking agent for more information or contact your local Canadian consular authorities for further details.

**COMPREHENSIVE PRE-VOYAGE INFORMATION**
Upon receipt of your deposit and booking forms, a detailed booklet will be sent to you providing additional information to help you prepare for your voyage. This resource is full of useful facts and covers practicalities such as suggested clothing, life on board the ship, wildlife, geography and history as well as details about the activities available throughout your voyage. Information regarding passports and visas, budgeting, as well as travel insurance requirements are also found in this helpful document.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**
On all One Ocean Expeditions’ voyages, you must have comprehensive travel insurance. Your booking agent can recommend a policy designed to cover participants on these voyages. Your policy must provide coverage for your medical costs in case of hospitalization, emergency travel and repatriation.

Please check the terms of your policy carefully, particularly with regard to limits of cover. Also ensure you are familiar with the procedure for making claims. Once you have paid your deposit or full payment, certain fees will apply if you have to cancel your holiday (see the cancellation provisions in our booking terms and conditions). For this reason you should take out travel insurance at the time of paying your deposit, which should then protect you in such a situation. You will be required to send us travel insurance policy details prior to your voyage.

**SEA KAYAKING**
The sea kayaking program is directed at any passenger with an adventurous spirit and some prior paddling experience. This option MUST be reserved at the time of booking and attracts an additional charge of $US695 per participant. You can not book sea kayaking on board the ship. You will need to complete a special questionnaire outlining your previous kayaking experience. Ask your agent, or our office for a copy of this document if you are interested in joining the sea kayaking program.

**THE ONE CLUB – EXPEDITION ALUMNI**
Come as a passenger, leave as a friend. Once you have experienced one voyage with us, it’s likely you will want to experience another. Your commitment to travel with us is rewarded with our commitment to you, our valued guest. As members of the One Club Expedition Alumni, your loyalty is rewarded with a range of great travel benefits when you return for your next voyage — no matter the destination. Ask your booking agent for details.

**THE RIGHT SHIP = THE BEST EXPERIENCE**

Akademik Ioffe is the perfect ship for exploring Canada’s High Arctic region. Although she is a very spacious expedition vessel, the ship accommodates just 96 passengers. This makes all the difference when we disembark for our shore landings and Zodiac excursions. Our fleet of Zodiacs enable everyone to get off the ship at the same time. We do not need to operate shuttles to and from the ship or run hurried shore landings. This is the reality of a cruise on larger capacity vessels. Our smaller group sizes mean we are less obtrusive and better able to manage visits to remote coastal communities - a fact not lost on our local hosts in such locations. Our ship features a sophisticated in-built stabilization system which makes for smooth sailing, even on open water crossings between northern Labrador and Baffin Island. This also means we have a great platform for wildlife viewing and photography from the observation decks of the ship. Request a copy of the **Ship Fact Sheet** containing detailed specifications and additional information.

**IMPORTANT:** The information provided here is given in good faith and has been compiled with all reasonable care. However, some of the information may become out of date. Please keep this in mind and check with us if you want to be sure about anything. The document was correct at time of printing. If you have any queries, please contact your voyage booking agent or our office. We are here to help you.
A true partner in Canada’s North
Social and environmental responsibility is something we take seriously. We are committed to supporting the economic sustainability and unique cultures of northern communities. We employ Inuit guides and traditional artisans on our voyages to share with you their fantastic knowledge, history, rich cultural traditions and talents. For many guests, this deep insight into northern life is the highlight of their voyage.

World Leading - the World Over
For several years One Ocean Expeditions and The Royal Canadian Geographical Society have maintained a collaborative relationship grounded in geographical education, exploration, science, social and economic community development, Canadian national identity and experiential travel. We are proud to be the exclusive marine travel partner of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and affiliates.

The right team = exceptional service
You will come to appreciate the dedication of our expedition team when onboard the ship. The highest staff to guest ratio in the industry (1:4) allows you to experience the broadest range of activities possible, catering to all interests and abilities. We are committed to providing exceptional service and are renowned for our flexible, yet professional approach and an ability to ‘make things happen’.

INTERESTED IN THIS EXPERIENCE?

When choosing to travel with One Ocean Expeditions we ensure your experience from start to finish is straight forward and well organized.

Start by customizing your journey and mapping out the trip ahead.

If this sounds like the right trip for you, please discuss your ideas and plans with your preferred booking agent. They will reserve a cabin for you on your chosen voyage. This provides time to book flights to the embarkation points of this voyage and to plan other pre or post voyage travel requirements. Please remember that you will require comprehensive travel insurance to join our voyages. This is best arranged at the time of booking. Following confirmation of your reservation, you will need to complete a detailed One Ocean Expeditions Booking Package plus other pre voyage documentation to accompany your deposit. At this point your voyage of discovery is underway.

Take advantage of our experience, which spans decades of expedition travel in the Polar Regions. Should you have any questions, we are here to help at any time.

YOUR NOTES:

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