

## Canadian Northwest Passage & Northern Lights



### Kangerlussuaq

#### Day 1

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## **Sisimiut**

Day 2

The northernmost city in Greenland, just above the Arctic Circle, Sisimiut remains remarkably ice free in winter and is known as an adventure sports hub all year round. Inhabited for more than 4,500 years by the Dorset, Thule and eventually the Inuit people, dog sledding remains a vital form of transportation. The area is home to humpback whales and Arctic foxes in their summer coat.



## **Ilulissat, Disko Bay**

Day 3

Sailing through the iceberg capital of the world to Disko Bay, the Ilulissat Icefjord is one of the cruise highlights. Given UNESCO World Heritage Site status, the Ilulissat Icefjord is a popular tourist destination, and thanks to the productive Sermeq Kujalleq glacier, thousands of gargantuan icebergs calve from the Greenland ice cap into the sea. The city of Ilulissat is home to many sled-dogs.



## **Qeqertarsuaq**

## Day 4

Qeqertarsuaq is the largest town on Disko Island, Greenland's largest island, on its west coast, part of Disko Bay, a UNESCO-listed site for its icebergs. The Lyngemark Glacier rises above the town. The area's hills, basalt columns and black sand beaches reflect its volcanic origin. The area is fertile and home to species not found elsewhere in Greenland. Keep an eye out for its hot springs as we move through floating icebergs.



## Day at sea

### Day 5

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## Pond Inlet, NU

### Day 6

The views of snow-capped mountains have given Pond Inlet in northern Baffin Island the name of Canada's 'jewel of the north' and the area is a prime breeding ground for narwhals - toothed whales with a distinct large tusk. The traditional Inuit community living in the hamlet of Mittimatalik are renowned for their craft skills from printmaking and stone carving.



### **Dundas Harbour, Devon Island, NU**

Day 7

Dundas Harbour, the eastern entrance to the Northwest Passage on Devon Island, Canada's largest uninhabited island, shows signs of life despite the harsh terrain, with relics of a 1000 A.D. Thule settlement and a 1920s Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) outpost for controlling illegal whaling. Nearby Croker Bay is on the shores of iceberg-laden Lancaster Sound. The Devon ice cap feeds the huge South Croker Bay Glacier that calves into the bay.



### **Croker Bay**

Day 7

Gracing the eastern high Arctic, Croker Bay, a mesmerising Arctic waterway, carves its way into Devon Island within the vibrant Qikiqtaaluk Region. This deep inlet, an extension of Lancaster Sound and Barrow Strait, unveils a landscape of captivating beauty. The Devon ice cap feeds the huge South Croker Bay Glacier that calves into the bay.



### **Radstock Bay, NU**



## Day 8

This area is closely associated with the exploration of Canada's High Arctic and the Northwest Passage. Much of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago was mapped while searching for the missing crew of British explorer Sir John Franklin's fateful 1845-46 Northwest Passage Expedition. Radstock Bay sits below the mighty Caswall Tower mountain and hides many secrets, with evidence of sledge tracks, camps and food tins that may help reveal what happened.



### **Beechey Island, NU**

## Day 8

Beechey Island Sites, five historical locations in Canada's High Arctic, mark where Sir John Franklin wintered in 1845-46 during his ill-fated Northwest Passage expedition. The search for his crew led to much of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago being mapped. Nearly six decades later, in 1903, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first to successfully navigate the Northwest Passage.



### **Port Leopold, NU**

## Day 9

Port Leopold is a place of raw, rugged natural beauty and landscapes that evoke a sense of awe and wonder. The pristine wilderness and untouched terrain create a feeling of remoteness and isolation, while the Arctic wildlife that calls this place home adds a touch of wildness and unpredictability. The area's history as a former Hudson's Bay Company trading post also lends a sense of nostalgia and intrigue.

## **Batty Bay, NU**

Day 9



## **Cruising Bellot Strait, NU**

Day 10

The Bellot Strait, named in honour of the French explorer Joseph-René Bellot, is a narrow, 2.3-km-wide, and 25-km-long waterway. It separates Somerset Island to the north from the Boothia Peninsula to the south. This strait played a historical role during an expedition to locate Sir John Franklin's lost expedition, tragically marked by Bellot's death in the area in 1853.



## **Strzelecki Harbor**

Day 10

Strzelecki Harbour, on the east coast of uninhabited Prince of Wales Island, lies within Peel Sound opposite Bellot Strait. Its nutrient-rich waters attract arctic marine mammals like beluga whales and narwhal, while the surrounding low tundra offers occasional sightings of polar bears and muskoxen. This remote island was first encountered by Europeans in 1851 during Sir Francis McClintock's search for the lost Franklin Expedition.



## **Day at sea**

Day 11

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## **Icy Arm Fjord**

Day 12

The dramatic landscape of Icy Arm, a narrow fjord on Baffin Island's eastern edge, is a haven for arctic wildlife. Towering 1,000-metre cliffs plunge into deep waters where pods of narwhals thrive, while above, the area serves as a vital nesting ground for northern fulmars. On the nearby boggy tundra, ancient remnants of semi-subterranean Thule dwellings echo the region's history.

## **Feacham Bay**

Day 12

Feacham Bay, in Nunavut's Buchan Gulf, blends natural beauty and history. Towering 600m cliffs (The Mitres and The Bastions) surround the bay. Over 500 years ago, a Thule community lived here, leaving stone structures and remnants on the beach. The tundra landscape with glacial

moraine, supports low-growing flora and plant life adapted to the harsh conditions like Arctic poppies and wintergreen.



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## **Qikiqtarjuaq**

Day 14

Qikiqtarjuaq is a remote, beautiful Baffin Island community surrounded by towering mountains and glaciers. The rugged landscape and pristine wilderness offer endless opportunities for outdoor adventure, from kayaking to wildlife watching. The town's Inuit culture and traditions are still alive. But what sets Qikiqtarjuaq apart is the warmth and hospitality of its people, who welcome visitors and share their rich history and traditions with pride.





## **Day at sea**

Day 15

Today as you sail, you'll bask in the endless comforts of your ship. From the deck, marvel at the dramatic sea views. Relax with a nurturing facial treatment or massage in the spa or delve into the ship's learning resources. Or, simply take refuge in your cabin and enjoy the opportunity to rest.



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Days 16-17

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