ARCTIC EXPLORER
Arctic Explorer begins in the land of the midnight sun, in the place with no dawn. After departing Quaasuittuq (Resolute), we’ll visit the final resting place of three members of the ill-fated Franklin Expedition at Beechey Island and search for polar bears and walrus in far north Baffin Island. In Ikpiarjuk (Arctic Bay) we will visit a vibrant, traditional community surrounded by towering cliffs and nesting habitates for seabirds, narwhals, and bowhead whales. At Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet), our hosts will welcome us with throat-singing and Inuit games, before we explore Baffin’s mighty fjords. We’ll seek bowhead whales in Niqinganiq (Isabella Bay)—the world’s first Inuit-initiated whale sanctuary. Crossing Davis Strait, we’ll encounter Greenland’s stirring icescape. There, we’ll marvel at Uummannaq’s heart-shaped mountain, zip among the freshly calved bergs off Ilulissat in our Zoriors, and hike around Itilleq Fjord. Spectacular Sondre Stromfjord makes a glorious finale to our trip.

Join us as we explore the far northern reaches of Nunavut and Greenland on our most culturally-focused itinerary. See what has been wrought without the hand of man, and learn about the lives carved out in some of the world’s most inhospitable—yet beautiful—places.
HIGHLIGHTS

• Call at Niqinganiq (Isabella Bay)—a bowhead whale sanctuary, the world’s first Inuit-managed reserve of its kind

• Marvel at the Ilulissat Icefjord, where 90% of the north Atlantic’s icebergs are born

• Visit the site of the famous Qiliktsiq mummies’ discovery near Uummannaq

• Hike gorgeous Arctic landscapes

• See the lonely graves of the Franklin Expedition

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Day 1: Quaasuittuq (Resolute), NU
Day 2: Beechey Island
Day 3: Ikpiarjuk (Arctic Bay)
Day 4: Devon Island
Day 5: Mittimatilk (Pond Inlet)
Day 6: Northeast Baffin Fjords
Day 7: Niqinganiq (Isabella Bay)
Day 8: Karrat Fjord
Day 9: Uummannaq
Day 10: Ilulissat
Day 11: Itilleq
Day 12: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

CHARTER FLIGHTS

Outbound:
Ottawa, ON to Resolute, NU
August 15, 2016
Early-morning departure
$928 USD per person
(includes all taxes and fees)

Inbound:
Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Toronto, ON
August 26, 2016
Early-evening arrival
$1,267 USD per person
(includes all taxes and fees)

Round trip:
$2,195 USD per person
(includes all taxes and fees)

Pre- and post-expedition hotel nights in Ottawa and Toronto are available upon request. Overnight accommodation in Ottawa and Toronto is recommended.
**DETAILED ITINERARY**

**Day 1: Quaasuituq (Resolute), NU**

Quaasuituq is also known the “place with no dawn”. This is truly the land of the midnight sun; it shines twenty-four hours a day from about April 29 to August 13 each year. From archaeological excavations, it has been concluded that there have been at least three stages of occupation at Resolute Bay. The Dorset culture was the first, followed by an early phase of the Thule culture, in which the artefacts found show strong Alaskan affinities. These were probably both short periods of occupation, possibly by only a few families. A late or developed phase of the Thule culture was of longer duration, with a considerably larger population. In 1953, Inuit from Inukjuak (former Port Harrison), Québec and Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet) were relocated to Resolute by the Canadian government.

**Day 2: Beechey Island**

In 1845 Sir John Franklin took his expedition of 129 men and two ships into the Wellington Channel. Not a soul returned from the fateful expedition, and it was two years before search parties were launched. Aside from the bodies of the three souls buried here, only relics were found as clues to the disappearance. The three graves found at Beechey Island left no indication as to the fate of the rest of the British party. In the autumn of 2014, Canadian archaeologists discovered remnants of the *HMS Erebus* in the frozen waters of the Northwest Passage, a discovery that has re-galvanized interest in the fabled region.

**Day 3: Ikpiarjuk (Arctic Bay)**

Ikpiarjuk, on the northern part of the Borden Peninsula on Baffin Island, has been occupied in some capacity for over 5,000 years. The bay itself is surrounded by high hills on all sides; the hamlet deserves its Inuktitut name, which means “the pocket”. To the southeast, the flat-topped King George V Mountain dominates the skyline.
Day 4: Devon Island

Devon Island is the largest uninhabited island on earth and comprises over fifty thousand square kilometres. It was first sighted by Europeans in 1616, though it was not inhabited for another three hundred years with the arrival of the Hudson's Bay Company. The island’s geology consists of reddish Precambrian gneiss and Paeleozoic siltstones and shales; these, combined with its harsh climate, have drawn comparisons with the planet Mars.

Day 5: Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet)

Mittimatalik is a bustling Arctic community surrounded by one of the most beautiful landscapes in the eastern Arctic. We will have a chance to explore the town and meet many local citizens who will gladly share their culture. We will be treated to a cultural presentation at the Community Hall. Mittimatalik is a famous region for viewing marine mammals, including the elusive narwhal.

Day 6: Northeast Baffin Fjords

Today will be an expedition day in the truest sense as we navigate the fjords of northeast Baffin Island. Baffin's fjords are striking, affording stunning perspectives on geological processes. The Ocean Endeavour is the perfect vessel for exploring these hidden treasures of the north, as her manoeuvrability and shallow draft allows her to access regions that would be impassable to larger vessels. We will be on alert for changing weather and ice conditions and use our judgement as to which route along the coast will be the most spectacular.

As ever, our team will be on deck for the duration, searching for wildlife and contextualizing the mighty landscape through which we travel. Today will feature an expedition stop and an opportunity to get out on the land.

Day 7: Niqinganiq (Isabella Bay)

Niqinganiq is a 336,000-hectare marine region on Baffin Island that is a crucial feeding area for threatened bowhead whale. This is also the world’s first Inuit-initiated and maintained marine mammal sanctuary. The area includes two deep offshore troughs rich in copepods, a main food source for the bowhead whale.
Day 8: Karrat Fjord

Today we will cruise one of Greenland's most spectacular fjords, known for plentiful marine life and inspiring landscapes. Seals use the long leads created by high winds in this region to hunt the rich waters of the fjord. The cliffs within the fjord should give us good opportunities to see colonies of dovekies. Time spent on deck today should result in some good wildlife sightings, not to mention unbeatable photographic opportunities of the majestic rock faces.

Day 9: Uummannaq

Archaeological excavations at Qilakitsoq, due south of Uummannaq Island, revealed the existence of the ancient Saqqaq culture. Recent evidence indicates that these groups settled Greenland between 2500 BC and 800 BC, and further, that they migrated from Siberia to arrive in Uummaanaq.

Midway up the west coast of Greenland along the fjord of the same name is the town of Uummannaq. Proud home of the world's northernmost ferry terminal, Uummunnaq also boasts a canning factory and a marble quarry, and is an important hunting and fishing base for the region. The town is dominated by its namesake—Uummannaq Mountain—1,170 metres in height and nearly 600 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle.

Day 10: Ilulissat

Ilulissat translates literally into “iceberg”, and there couldn’t be a more fitting name. Our visit will include time in the colourful town and a chance to hike out to an elevated viewpoint where we can observe the great fields of ice.

We will also cruise in our fleet of Zodiacs in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Ilulissat Icefjord. The Icefjord is home to the Sermeq Kujalleq Glacier, one of the most active and fastest moving in the world at nineteen metres per day and calving more than thirty-five square kilometers of ice annually.

Day 11: Itilleq

The west Greenland coastline is a rich mixture of fishing communities, tiny islands and complex coastal waterways. Itilleq was founded in 1847 on another nearby island, and later moved to its present location. Its main trades are fishing and hunting, and a desalination plant provides the community with all of its fresh water.

Day 12: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

We will make our journey up spectacular Sondre Stromfjord, and early risers will have a chance to experience its beauty.
Sondre Stromfjord is one of the longest fjords in the world and boasts 168 kilometres of superb scenery. Kangerlussuaq, the town at its eastern head, means ‘the big fjord.’

Today we will disembark the Ocean Endeavour and make our way to the airport for outbound charter flights.

FEATURED STAFF

DAVID REID
EXPLORER

The last Scottish recruit for the Hudson's Bay Company, David moved from Glasgow to Canadian Arctic in 1989 and made the move to Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet) on north Baffin Island in 1991. For the past fifteen years, he has been involved in the adventure travel business and has since led, organized, or participated in more than 260 Arctic and Antarctic expeditions. A member of the Explorers Club, David travels extensively in the off-season, working on a variety of projects as well as promoting and marketing the Baffin region, Nunavut, and Arctic Canada.
KATHLEEN MERRITT
CULTURALIST & MUSICIAN

Kathleen is an Inuit throat-singer, poet, writer, and collaborator from Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. She released her first album, *Ivaluarjuk: Ice, Lines & Sealskin* in summer 2015. Kathleen also works as an arts administrator, coordinating and facilitating the National Art Centre’s Music Alive Program in Nunavut, and is a board member of the Qaggiavuut! Society for a Nunavut Performing Arts Centre. She is passionate about sharing her culture and music, and providing opportunities for youth to become engaged in conversations important to their communities through the arts.

JOHN BLYTH
EXPEDITION TEAM

Hailing from Fort Smith NT, John has a propensity for exploration. He has worked in every region of the Northwest Territories and parts of northern Alberta and BC, as well as in Nunavut. John’s professional background stems from anthropology, traditional knowledge research, and archaeology. Due to the deep interconnection between the culture and the environment in the north, he has expanded his work to be closely associated with a diversity of fields in the environmental sciences such as biology, hydrology, and regulation and assessment.

*This is a small sample of our talented team of Resource Staff—for a more complete list, please visit adventurecanada.com.*
DISCOVERY FEE

Each area we visit has rich cultural experiences and wild treasures to offer. As guests, we have made a point of sourcing and supporting local projects in the areas through which we travel. A contribution from each passenger, billed separately as the Discovery Fee, represents a portion of the money we donate to ensure the longevity and success of educational, environmental, and cultural initiatives in these regions. Our Discovery Fee is $250 USD per person for all shipboard expeditions.

PRICING

Rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, per voyage based on double occupancy except for C1 and C2, which are quad and triple cabins, respectively. Discovery Fee and charter/commercial airfare are not included in the berth price. Single occupancy cabins are available in select cabins on Ocean Endeavour. Please call for availability.

CURRENCY

Although we are a Canadian company, most of our operating costs are paid in U.S. dollars. For this reason all tour prices are in U.S. dollars. We will accept Canadian dollars at an incentivized exchange rate; please call for details. We are not responsible for bank exchange rates on credit card transactions.

TOUR FARES

Published prices are based on exchange rates and tariffs in effect at the time of printing (October 2015) and are subject to change without notice. Once the deposit has been received changes will not be made to the base price. No refund will be given if costs are reduced. The company reserves the right to amend all or part of any tour price for any reason including, without limitation: increased fuel costs, airfares, airport charges or increases in ground operator service fees. If the price increase is more than 7% (except increases resulting from an increase in retail sales tax or Federal Goods and Services Tax or Harmonized Sales Tax) the customer has the right to cancel the contract and obtain a full refund. Tour fees quoted are based on group participation. Prices are cash/cheque discounted, and in U.S. dollars.

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PAYMENT POLICY

A deposit of $1,000 USD per person is required upon booking to confirm participation. The balance of the payment is required 120 days prior to your departure date. The Company reserves the right to cancel reservations if payments are not received in time. Prices are cash/cheque discounted, if you wish to pay by credit card please refer to our credit card pricing. Please make cheques payable to: ADVENTURE CANADA. Please review our Cancellation & Refund Policy for a full outline of our cancellation terms.

As a registered Ontario company, we are licensed to sell travel packages through the Travel Industry Council of Ontario. We are required to keep all customer deposits in Client Trust Accounts and may only use the funds once the trip has begun or to make a deposit to an operator on behalf of the client. Our Client Trust Accounts are reviewed by a CPA on an annual basis and regularly inspected by TICO auditors.

WE ARE FAMILY FRIENDLY

Family is important! To promote multi-generational travel, we are offering a 30% discount to travellers under 30 years of age. Please call us for details!

SAILING SOLO?

We have a select number of single cabins available at no extra charge! Please call us for details.

WE LOVE BAGPIPERS!

If you can play the bagpipes, bring them along and ask about our bagpiper’s rebate!
2016 EXPEDITION COSTS INCLUDE:
* Passage aboard the Ocean Endeavour  
* Pre-departure materials  
* Special access permits, entry and park fees  
* Team of expedition staff  
* Applicable taxes  
* Educational program  
* Interactive workshops  
* Evening entertainment  
* Guided activities  
* Sightseeing and community visits  
* All Shipboard Meals  
* All Zodiac excursions  
* Port fees

2016 EXPEDITION COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE:
* $250 Discovery Fee  
* Commercial & Charter flights  
* Gratuities (suggested $15 USD per passenger, per day)  
* Personal expenses  
* Mandatory medical evacuation insurance  
* Additional expenses in the event of delays or itinerary changes  
* Possible fuel surcharges  
* Pre & post hotel accommodation  
* Optional excursions  
* Additional costs associated with payments made by credit card  
* Please see credit card rates on page 92

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