



THE ARCTIC



2026 SEASON VOYAGES



Our polar-obsessed team will immerse you in the Arctic in ways no one else can.

Our obsession with the Polar Regions was ignited in 1991, the year we brought the first group of guests to the North Pole. Driven by curiosity—and supported by over 30 years of polar expertise—our expedition team now focuses exclusively on innovative adventures to the last wilderness frontiers on the planet. That innovation shines through in our Arctic 2026 season, which includes three brand-new voyages: Iceland Circumnavigation: Helicopters, Glaciers and Volcanoes and two Solar Eclipse itineraries. Join us as we unlock the secrets of the Arctic in 2026.

A Quark Expeditions guest spots wildlife from the deck of a ship.

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BEST FROM OUR AWARDS SHELF

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› Vanguard Award 2024
- VIRTUOSO**

› Best Expedition Cruise Line 2023 and 2024
- FOOD & TRAVEL READER**

› Best Boutique Cruise 2023
- CRUISE CRITIC EDITOR’S PICKS AWARDS**

› Best In Adventure (Expedition) 2022, 2023 and 2024
- TRAVEL WEEKLY GOLD MAGELLAN AWARD**

› Expeditions-Shore Excursion Cruise Line 2023 and 2024

› Best Expedition Itinerary, 2017, 2018 and 2019

› Best Expedition Small Ship 2019
- WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS**

› World’s Leading Specialist Cruise Line 2020, 2021 and 2022
- SIGNATURE LUXURY TRAVEL & STYLE CRUISE AWARD**

› World’s Best Four-Star Expedition Ships 2022 and 2023
- USA TODAY 10 BEST READERS' CHOICE TRAVEL AWARD**

› Best Adventure Cruise Line 2018



AECO (Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators) is an international association for expedition cruise operators operating in the Arctic and others with interests in this industry.

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A solitary walrus atop an ice floe in the Arctic.

Going Beyond in Polar Adventure

For the last 34 years, we've pushed the limits of our own imagination to provide our guests with the most immersive—and unforgettable—itineraries. We have the most diverse fleet. We offer the most off-ship adventures. And our small polar vessels can take you places other larger ships cannot reach. Get ready for the expedition of a lifetime.



POLAR-OBSSESSED SINCE 1991

34 years of polar pride



August 1991

Quark Expeditions becomes the first polar operator to take commercial guests to the North Pole.

August 1991

Quark Expeditions celebrates the first-ever passenger transit of the Northeast Passage.

December 1991

Quark Expeditions charts the first series of oceanographic research vessels specially converted for adventure travel, heralding a new phase in polar exploration.

November 1993

For the first time, Quark Expeditions guests retrace the voyage of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship *Endurance*.



November 1996

Quark Expeditions begins a circumnavigation of Antarctica for commercial passengers, the first-ever voyage of its kind.

CIRCUMNAVIGATION

July 1999

Quark Expeditions completes its first passenger circumnavigation of the Arctic Ocean.

Choose from 13 amazing Arctic itineraries starting on page 16

November 2003

Quark Expeditions passengers become the first humans to witness a Total Solar Eclipse in Antarctica.

November 2004

Quark Expeditions becomes the first operator to confirm the existence of the Snow Hill Emperor penguin colony.

March 2006

Quark Expeditions breaks Roald Amundsen's record set nearly 100 years earlier, attaining the most southerly latitude of any vessel.



June 2008

Quark Expeditions offers maiden voyage to the North Pole on nuclear icebreaker *50 Years of Victory*, the most powerful icebreaker on the planet at the time.

April 2011

Quark Expeditions' Three Arctic Islands voyage is voted one of National Geographic Traveler's "50 Tours of a Lifetime."



Check out our Three Arctic Islands itinerary on page 32

June 2012

Quark Expeditions becomes the first tour operator to successfully offer passengers hot-air ballooning at the North Pole.



February 2013

Quark Expeditions hosts Jonathan Shackleton (Ernest Shackleton's cousin) and Falcon Scott (Robert Falcon Scott's grandson) as they walk, and camp, on the 7th Continent.

QUARK ACADEMY

October 2017

Quark Expeditions launches Quark Academy training program for expedition team members, the first training program of its kind in the industry.

Meet our polar-obsessed team on page 8



January 2019

Quark Expeditions launches the construction of the game-changing ship *Ultramarine*, the very first vessel purpose-built for polar exploration.

ULTRAMARINE

April 2019

Quark Expeditions unveils Polar Promise, the most holistic sustainability policy in the polar expedition industry.

Learn about our sustainability strategy on page 42

December 2021

Ultramarine sets sail at last. Fittingly, the ship's inaugural voyage is a celebration of the life of polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton.

Why is Ultramarine so popular? See page 46

July 2022

For the first time ever, guests take to the polar skies in *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters.

Read about our unbeatable helicopter excursions on page 62



July 2022

We present the first Tundra to Table: Inuit Culinary Experience with local chefs on board *Ultramarine* during a voyage to Greenland.

To find out more, watch our Tundra to Table video on page 35

November 2023

Quark Expeditions hosts two successful landings at the legendary Emperor penguin colony at Snow Hill.



Fabulous amenities on Ultramarine. See page 48

August 2024

Quark expeditions wins Virtuoso Travel Award for "best expedition cruise line".

October 2024

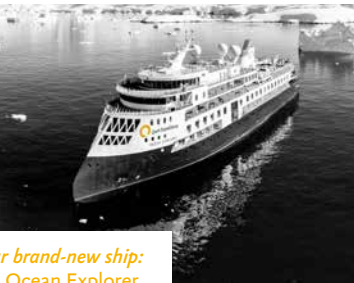
Quark Expeditions expands Arctic portfolio to include Iceland.



See page 18 for our Iceland voyages.

November 2024

The state-of-the-art *Ocean Explorer* joins our fleet for the first time.



Our brand-new ship: Ocean Explorer. See page 50

January 2025

Quark Expeditions announces another new ship: *World Voyager*.



NEW SHIPS JOIN OUR FLEET

Our Team of Polar Experts

Behind every successful polar voyage is a dedicated team who stop at nothing to ensure you have the expedition of a lifetime. Our team of Expedition Leaders, adventure guides, Polar Travel Advisors, helicopter operations specialists and other ship crew tap into their passion—and three decades of polar expertise—to deliver unforgettable polar moments.



When asked, "What does the Arctic mean to you?" our guides shared these heartfelt reflections.

A Quark Expeditions guide scans the horizon for wildlife

Polar Travel Advisors

Our passionate team of polar specialists is available to help you from the first email exchange, virtual chat inquiry or initial phone call to the friendly follow-up after your voyage. You can trust our team of Polar Travel Advisors to have the information you need to plan your life-changing Arctic journey.



Polar Experience

All of our Polar Travel Advisors have first-hand experience in the Polar Regions and are eager to share their expertise—and passion—for the regions we visit. Many have made multiple trips to the Arctic and Antarctic throughout their careers.



In-depth Knowledge

Our Polar Travel Advisors have comprehensive knowledge of the wildlife, geography, climate, history, botany and geology of the regions we visit—and can also answer your questions about our ships, off-ship activities, airport/hotel transfers, the best season to visit, what to pack and what to expect.



Multilingual

Collectively, our Polar Travel Advisors are fluent in English, French, Spanish, Mandarin and Egyptian Arabic.

Your Expedition Leaders

Our Expedition Leaders obsess over every minute detail of your voyage—from your onboard comfort to your off-ship adventures. Our Expedition Leaders spend their entire careers—it’s a life calling, actually—sharing their passion for the Arctic and Antarctic.



Amalia Goodall

Home base: Ushuaia, Argentina
Years of polar experience: 9
Polar expeditions to date: 45+
Area of expertise: Bachelor's Degree in Tourism Management and Guiding, and Master's Degree in Environmental Management
Advice to polar travelers: "Every now and then put down your camera and take a moment to soak it all in. Experience this unique environment with all your senses: the sound of the ice crackling, the scent of the tundra, the vastness of the landscape, the texture of a feather or a piece of qiviut (muskox wool). These simple moments create powerful memories that cannot always be captured on film."



Colin Souness

Home base: South Africa
Years of polar experience: 22
Area of expertise: Having completed a PhD in glaciology, Colin frequently presents on geology, glaciology, as well as polar and Viking history. He’s also a heli operations specialist.
Advice to polar travelers: "The challenges of reaching remote Arctic destinations fuel our passion for pushing the boundaries of polar exploration. Try to absorb the vast and unspoiled beauty of the place whilst knowing you’re the only ones up there."



David (Woody) Wood

Home base: Melbourne, Australia
Years of polar experience: 21
Polar expeditions to date: 300
Areas of expertise: Woody has developed in-depth knowledge of numerous aspects of polar wilderness throughout two decades of polar expedition.
Advice to polar travelers: "Polar voyages touch people in different ways. The polar environment has a power which sets people thinking about their place in our world. Get prepared with gear and have the time of your life. Travel with eyes wide open, with no fixed ideas and be open to the beauty, wonder, tranquility and fury of the polar environment."



David Burton

Home base: Shetland Islands, UK
Years of polar experience: 11
Polar expeditions to date: 90
Areas of expertise: History and glaciology
Advice to polar travelers: "Head to the outer decks after dinner to take an evening constitutional. There’s no better place than the Polar Regions to take some time and reflect on the serene beauty you’ve witnessed that day, as well as contemplate the life-changing moments you’re experiencing. You never know what you might catch sight of—the majesty of the northern lights or a sighting of some wildlife."



Ryan McDevitt

Home base: St. Petersburg, Florida, USA
Years of polar experience: 8
Polar expeditions to date: 75
Areas of expertise: Operations, logistics and helicopter operations
Advice to polar travelers: "Exploring these wild regions is a full sensory experience. Take time to breathe in deeply and absorb the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of the Polar Regions. If you pack one thing for your expedition, make it a good set of binoculars and spend time using them on the outer decks."



Jake Morrison

Home base: Lake Simcoe, Ontario, Canada
Years of polar experience: 13
Polar expeditions to date: 100
Areas of expertise: With a degree in operations management and after a lifetime on the water, Jake spent six years managing expedition operations from Quark Expeditions’ Toronto office before returning to the field to fuel his love for the great outdoors. During his 12 years with Quark Expeditions, Jake has worked on over 10 different expedition vessels and explored nearly every polar destination where Quark Expeditions operates.
Advice to polar travelers: "Slow down, let your soul absorb every majestic moment, and spend plenty of time out on deck."



Meet Expedition Leader Jake Morrison. Scan the QR Code.



Michelle Sole

Home base: Oxford, England
Years of polar experience: 8
Polar expeditions to date: 85
Areas of expertise: Photography
Advice to polar travelers: "Bring binoculars. They’re are a great tool for spotting wildlife and getting closer views of the mountain tops. Spend as much time as possible on the outer decks and make sure you take a moment just for yourself."



Sarah Zaubi

Home base: Montana, USA
Years of polar experience: 6
Polar expeditions to date: 60
Areas of expertise: Gender studies, certified kayak guide, helicopter operations specialist
Advice to polar travelers: "Everyone arrives in the Arctic with a vision for their trip, but the Polar Regions have a way of shaping the experience. The polar reality always prevails, and in the end, the unexpected journey becomes the best adventure."



Shane Evoy

Home base: Pointe au Baril, Ontario, Canada
Years of polar experience: 27
Polar expeditions to date: 250
What guests are apt to learn on a polar voyage: "I hope guests will learn a lot about the areas we go into so they can protect what they love. There’s a quote from environmentalist Baba Dioum that I live by when I’m on an expedition: 'In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we are taught.'"
Advice to polar travelers: "Sit, look, listen, and feel what is around you and take it all in."



NEIL SIERENS

Chief Pilot

Home base: Fair Oaks, UK
Years of helicopter experience: 20
Polar expeditions to date: 10

Areas of expertise: Helicopter operations around the globe; specialist in the safe transport of passengers to and from vessels.

On embracing helicopter adventures in the Polar Regions: "The view from above is like no other, but the helicopter flight provides more than just an elevated viewpoint. The landing sites we choose can only be accessed by helicopter. So, along with the great views, you can experience the thrill of possibly being the first person to have ever set foot in that area."

Our helicopter team: "Delivering an amazing helicopter experience involves a lot of highly-trained people. It's similar to a motor racing team which entails numerous experts working behind the scenes to ensure the process goes smoothly and safely. We are very selective in the pilots we hire to fly in the Polar Regions—and we’re incredibly proud of our entire team. Guests are in very safe hands."

Advice to Polar Travelers: "Clearly you will want to take photos during your helicopter flight, but the lens cannot capture it all. Put down your camera occasionally and just look around. Secondly, on most flights you will be able to chat to the pilot. If you’ve got a question, there’s a strong likelihood your fellow guests are also keen to hear the answer. If you don’t get around to asking during the flight, you can always ask later when back on board *Ultramarine*."

The People of the North

Whenever we venture to the remote Arctic, we are ever mindful that we're visiting lands inhabited by Indigenous peoples who have thrived in these domains long before Europeans set out to explore new territories.

Honoring Indigenous heritage.

For centuries, Indigenous peoples, such as the Inuit, have hunted, fished, nurtured their cultural traditions and co-existed with the wildlife in Nunavut (Canadian Arctic) and remote Kalaallit Nunaat (Greenland). Whether we're visiting a community, hiking the tundra, or Zodiac cruising a fjord in Nunavut on itineraries such as Arctic Express Canada: The Heart of the Northwest Passage, we recognize we are visitors to the Nunavummiut homeland. Nunavut, in the Inuktitut language, means "our land."

Similarly, when we set foot on the Greenland Ice Sheet, visit a historic Thule site, view traditional qajaq

(kayak) demonstrations, or savor local food on a community visit, we are doing so on the homeland of the Greenlandic Inuit, or Kalaallit. Their land is known as Kalaallit Nunaat, meaning "The Land of the People."

Working in partnership with local communities.

As outlined in our sustainability strategy, respect for local people, their culture and traditions is our guiding principle when we plan community visits for our guests.



"Sometimes that respect manifests in the simple things," says Lyndsey Lewis, Head of Sustainability for Quark Expeditions. "For example, we always book community visits early—never at the last minute—and our team always deals directly with the community or locally-based operators. We also ensure that we understand how local residents would like to share their community, traditions and culture with us," says Lewis. "We feel quite strongly that the community should decide what activities they would like to offer, whether it's a sports game between guests, expedition team and local residents, or storytelling or a culinary experience."

To the people of the North: For inviting us into your homes, for giving us the opportunity to experience the beauty of your lands and your rich culture, we say Nakurmiik. Qujannamiik. Matna. Qujanaq. Thank you."

For itineraries that celebrate the Indigenous culture of Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic, see pages 30–41.



Supporting local communities

"Helping communities develop resources for tourism is important to us," says Lyndsey Lewis, Head of Sustainability for Quark Expeditions. "For instance, Quark Expeditions has supported the efforts of the town of Qaanaaq in northwest Greenland to develop infrastructure that supports visits by small expedition ships. Our guests, who give generously through our on-board auctions, support a wide range of organizations and not-for-profit groups unrelated to the tourism industry."

Ittoqqortoormiit Museum Refurbishment

Guests support the community of Ittoqqortoormiit as they work to restore and modernize their local museum, to translate the sense of place and cultural identity of Ittoqqortoormiit.

Ilisaqsvik Society

This not-for-profit offers a wide range of culturally-based programs that support the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of all community residents from infants to elders.

Pond Inlet Elders Tea

A weekly community-led gathering for elders who come together to socialize, enjoy tea and country food (char, seal, whale and caribou), and participate in other activities.

Mittima Food Bank

This program puts healthy meals on the tables of families in need. The Mittima Food Bank, based in Pond Inlet, provides a grocery drop to over 400 families every two weeks.

Pirurvik Preschool

The Pirurvik Preschool in Pond Inlet provides early childhood education based on the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit principles, and reflects traditional Inunnguiniq educational practices.



Explore culturally-rich Arctic communities in Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic.



The Arctic at a glance.



Beechey Island

Visitors come to this remote historic site to pay respects at the graves of three crew members from the ill-fated Franklin expedition of 1845-46.

Devon Island

Visit the remains of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police outpost constructed at Dundas Harbour in 1924—as well as one of the northernmost cemeteries in Canada.



Axel Heiberg Island

Axel Heiberg Island

This uninhabited island in the Qikiqtaaluk Region of Nunavut features the famous fossilized—or mummified—forest that dates back 30 million years.

Grise Fjord

About 150 Inuit from northern Quebec were relocated to this settlement in 1953. It is now Canada's northernmost settlement.



Baffin Island

Inuit Culture of Pangnirtung

Deepen your understanding of Inuit culture at Pangnirtung—Pang for short—an artistic community known for its hand-woven tapestries and artwork.

Ikpiarjuk (Arctic Bay)

This bay on northwest Baffin Island, inhabited by Inuit for nearly 5,000 years, is a popular nesting spot for Brünnich's guillemots and kittiwakes. It's also an ideal place to explore Inuit culture.



Torngat Mountains National Park

This 10,000 square-kilometer wilderness park in remote Newfoundland and Labrador is famous for its towering mountains, vast fjords, glacial formations and wildlife.

CANADA



Northern Lights

September night skies in Greenland are often illuminated by the magical *Aurora Borealis*—a spellbinding array of green, white and purple lights.

Uummannaq

This island off Greenland's west coast is one of the few places where Inuit still follow a traditional hunting and fishing lifestyle.

GREENLAND

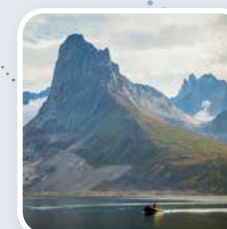


Ilulissat Icefjord

Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is synonymous with Sermeq Kujalleq, one of the most active glaciers in the world.

Maniitsoq

This town of 2,500 is the gateway to West Greenland, where you will find stunning landscapes, sharp-peaked mountains and the 90-km Eternity Fjord.



Tasermit Fjord

The 70-km long fjord, called Patagonia of the North, is one of the most beautiful places in Greenland.

Ittoqqortoormiit

Witness traditional Greenlandic culture during a visit to Ittoqqortoormiit, the most isolated town in Greenland.



SVALBARD



Polar Bears of Svalbard

The optimal months to view polar bears in Svalbard are May, June and July.



Westfjords

Iceland's hidden gem in the remote west features rugged fjords, cliffs, beaches, fishing villages and towering waterfalls, such as Dettifoss, the most powerful waterfall in Europe.

ICELAND

Grimsey Island

The only part of Iceland that lies within the Arctic Circle, Grimsey Island's human population of 70 is outnumbered by millions of seabirds.

FAROE ISLANDS

Cliffs of Faroe Islands

Approximately 110 bird species nest in the towering cliffs of the Faroe Islands. Cape Enniberg, at 754 meters (2,400 feet), is one of the highest cliffs in the world.



The Legendary Northwest Passage

The quest for a trade route connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans ignited the passion—and obsession—of Franklin and other explorers.



Use this infographic to pinpoint where you wish to explore.

Where our team can take you.

CANADA, GREENLAND, ICELAND, SVALBARD. Where do you want to explore with our polar-obsessed expedition team? Quark Expeditions' 2026 lineup offers unique Arctic itineraries to fully immerse yourself in specific Arctic regions.

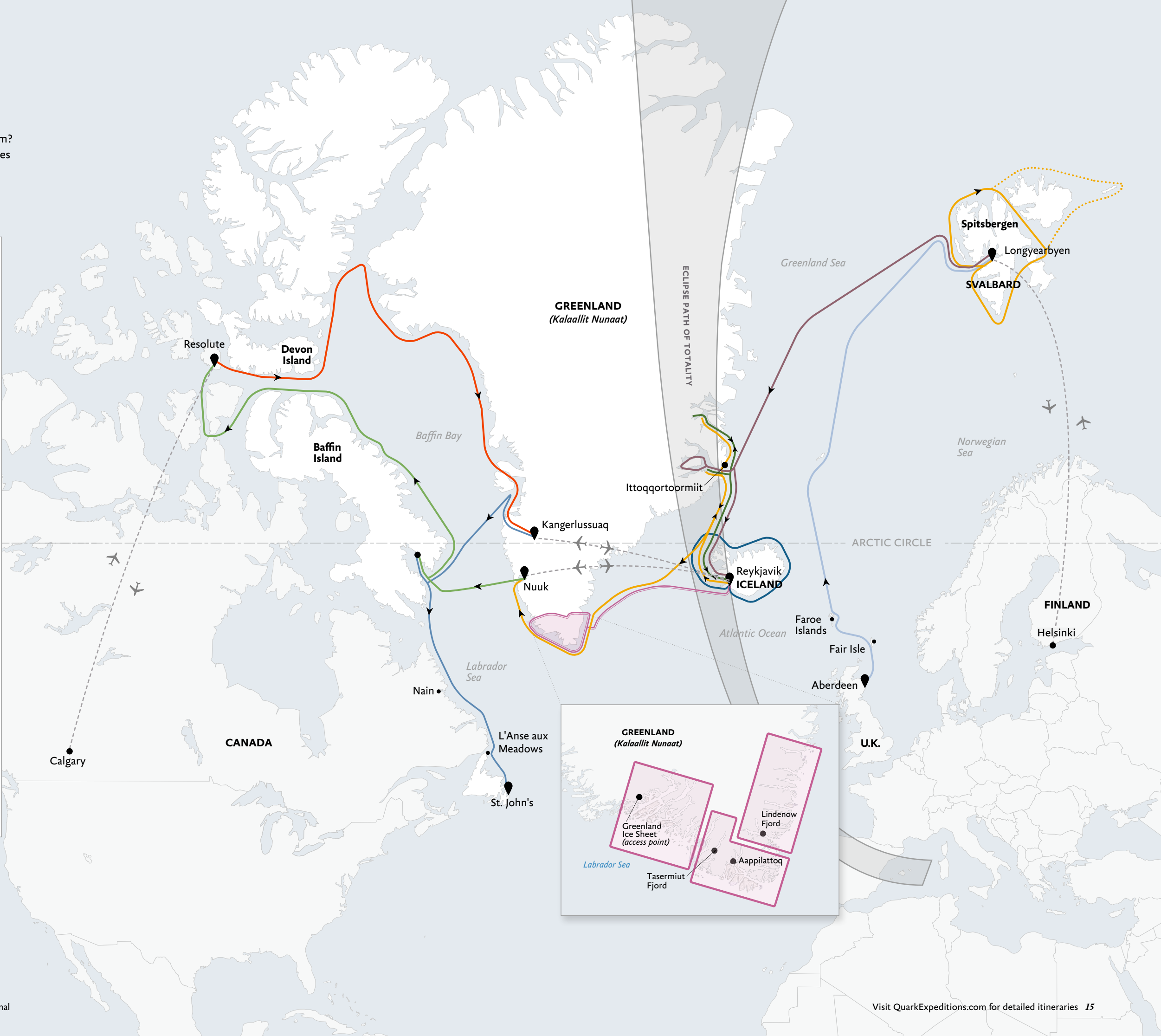
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Map is not to scale. Itineraries shown are for illustrative purposes only. Actual itinerary is dependent on weather and ice conditions.

In-depth explorations.

Our region-specific expeditions to remote parts of the Canadian Arctic, Greenland, Iceland and Svalbard are ideal for those who know where they want to go, and for past travelers who've explored the highlights and would now like to explore a little further into one Arctic domain. Such trips are also ideal for first-timers who are eager to explore one specific region in depth.

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NATURE IS THE TOUR GUIDE:

Sea, ice, and weather conditions will ultimately influence your trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected.

Dramatic iceberg viewing.

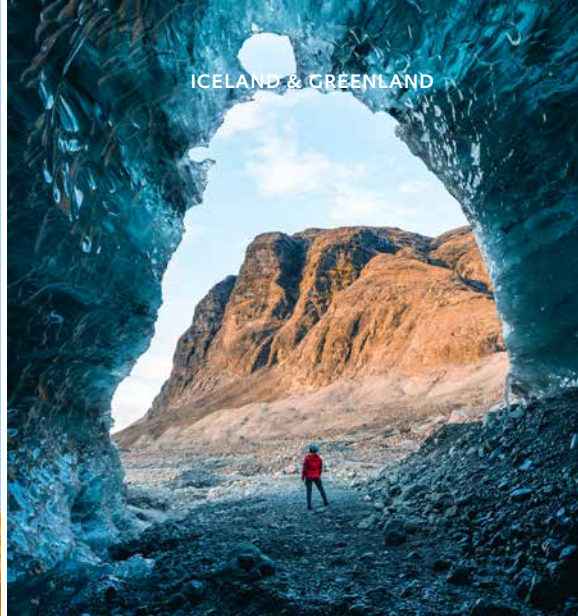
Iceland

Iceland, the island nation forged by the fire and heat of volcanoes yet sculpted by the ice and cold winds of the sub-Arctic, offers endless opportunities for discovery: cascading waterfalls, towering cliffs, geysers spontaneously erupting in full furies of steam, shorelines dotted with fishing villages, glaciers, and hard-to-reach coastal areas of breathtaking splendor. We have created innovative itineraries that enable guests to explore Iceland by ship, helicopter, kayak and on foot for completely new perspectives of The Land of Fire and Ice.



Waterfalls, volcanoes and lush green landscapes of Iceland.

Eclipse Expeditions



Witness the first total solar eclipse north of the Arctic Circle since 2015.

NEW

Iceland to Greenland: Total Solar Eclipse, 17 Days

This 2,200 nautical mile journey enables you to witness the eclipse from the deck of our newest ship, the state-of-the-art *Ocean Explorer*. In addition, you will explore the Westfjords—a hidden gem of Iceland—as well as remote parts of Northeast and South Greenland. Plus, you get to check off two of the world’s northernmost capital cities: Reykjavik, Iceland, and Nuuk, Greenland.

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your flights and trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected.



1 departure | 17 days
August 3, 2026

Embarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland
Disembarkation: Nuuk, Greenland

[Visit the Expedition Page for details.](#)

Ship:
Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options:
See pages 64-65 for more details

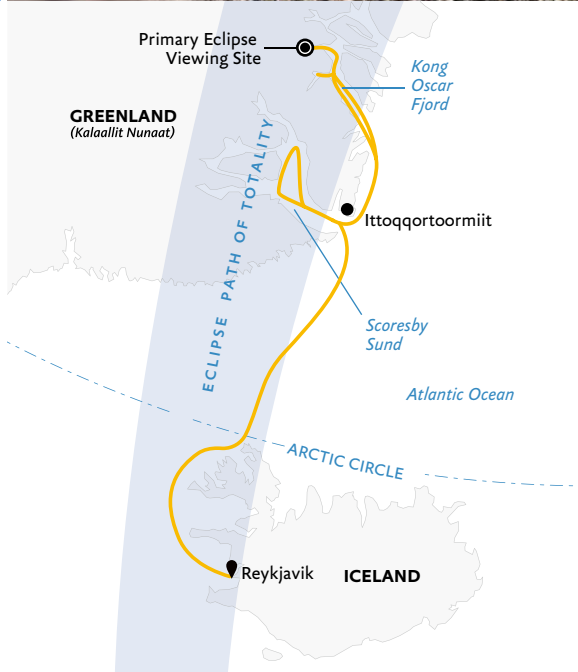
Excited wildlife enthusiasts; rugged Iceland landscape; a muskox stands alert.

NEW

Iceland to Greenland: Total Solar Eclipse, 13 Days

We’ve assembled a taskforce of an eclipse expert, a meteorologist and experienced Expedition Team members to optimize a phenomenal viewing of the Total Solar Eclipse in the High Arctic. You’ll also discover the natural wonders of the Westfjords—the unsung gem of West Iceland. Our journey will also take us into the immense Northeast Greenland National Park, where we will cruise the 110-kilometer Kong Oscar Fjord. You’ll also get to unleash your inner adventurer on thrilling heli-flightseeing adventures over remote Greenland on *Ultramarine’s* state-of-the-art helicopters. Plus, you’ll cross the Arctic twice—southbound and northbound.

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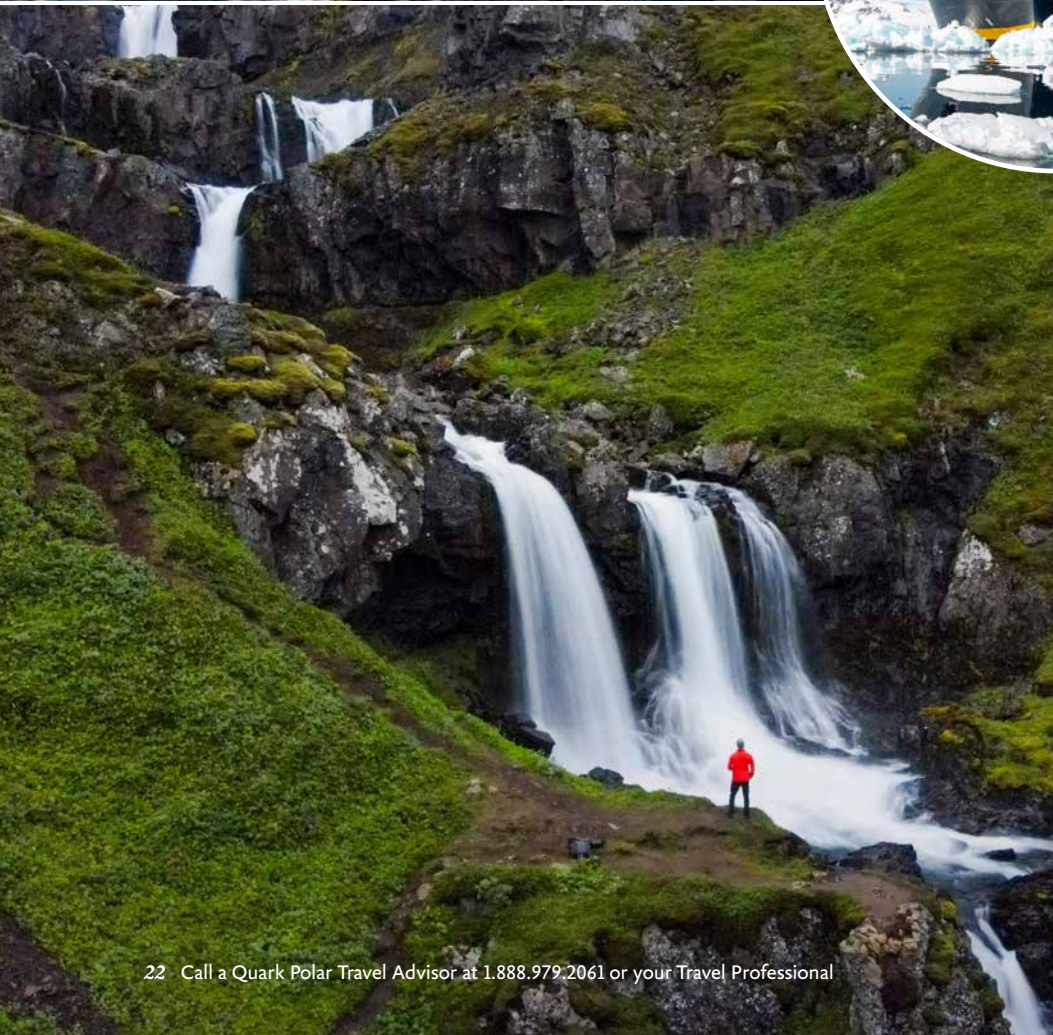


1 departure | 13 days
August 6, 2026

Embarkation/Disembarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland
[Visit the Expedition Page for details.](#)

Ship:
Ultramarine

Adventure Options:
See pages 64-65 for more details



Volcano-carved landscapes; twin-engine helicopter; puffins; gushing waterfall; Ultramarine.

NEW Iceland Circumnavigation:
Helicopters, Glaciers and Volcanoes

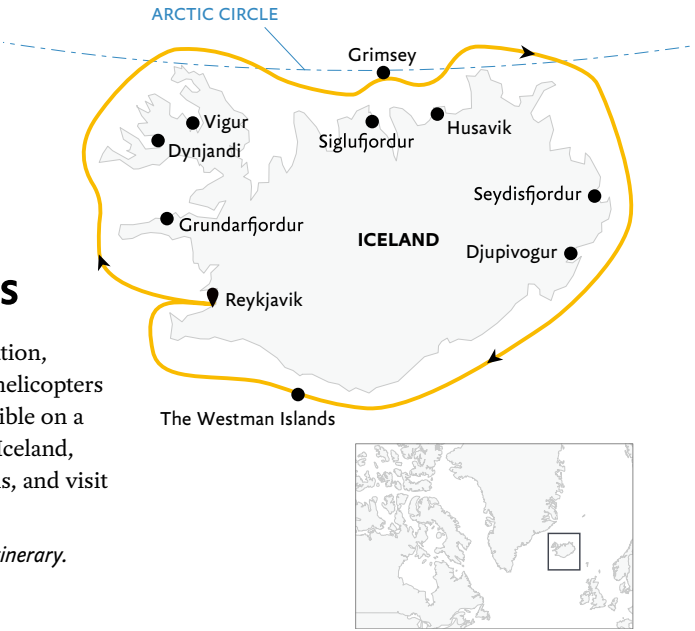
This brand-new itinerary enables guests to navigate around the entire island nation, starting and ending in Reykjavik. Sailing on *Ultramarine*—with its twin-engine helicopters and quick-deploy Zodiacs—you’ll enjoy perspectives of Iceland that aren’t possible on a traditional land-based journey. Get ready to heli-flightsee over remote parts of Iceland, explore two national parks, cross the Arctic Circle by sea, observe iconic puffins, and visit famous waterfalls and glaciers.

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1 departure | 12 days
July 27, 2026
Embarkation/Disembarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland
[Visit the Expedition Page for details.](#)

Ship:
Ultramarine

Adventure Options:
See pages 64–65 for more details



Spitsbergen

Spitsbergen, known as the Wildlife Capital of the Arctic, is the largest island in Norway's Svalbard archipelago. Located about 1,300 kilometers from the North Pole, Spitsbergen is dark four months of the year, but when the sun returns in April, the days lengthen until sometime in June when the sun never sets. This creates the perfect conditions to spot polar bears, walrus, reindeer, arctic foxes, beluga whales, seals and seabirds against a backdrop of snow-capped mountains, glaciers and fjords.



Explore Spitsbergen
in 60 seconds.

Ice-laden terrain of Spitsbergen.



Enjoy a puffin love story set on enchanted Fair Isle.

Guests explore Fair Isle; tulips of Faroe Islands; a Svalbard reindeer.

Arctic Saga: Exploring Spitsbergen via the Faroes and Jan Mayen

Departing from Aberdeen, Scotland, you can visit four remote Arctic islands in 15 days. Sail through the North Atlantic to Fair Isle, famous for its bird observatory, before exploring the Viking and Norse sites on the Faroe Islands. Then it's onto the world's northernmost volcanic island, Jan Mayen. The last two days of your voyage are spent exploring Spitsbergen, where we hope to spot polar bears.

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1 departure | 15 days
May 2, 2026
Embarkation: Aberdeen, Scotland
Disembarkation: Longyearbyen, Norway
[Visit the Expedition Page for details.](#)

Charter flight:
Longyearbyen to Helsinki,
(included in Charter Flight
& Hotel Package)

Ship:
Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options:
See pages 64-65 for more details

Svalbard Explorer: Best of High Arctic Norway

Our 11-day itinerary covers western Spitsbergen as well as the stunning fjords and outlying islands to the north. You'll hike the tundra, zip through fjords on a Zodiac and experience vast expanses of icebergs. The archipelago is home to a diverse range of terrestrial and marine mammals. We'll look out for various wildlife species, including walruses, Svalbard reindeer and potentially polar bears.

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your flights and trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected.



12 departures | 11 days
May-July 2026
Embarkation/Disembarkation:
Longyearbyen, Norway
[Visit the Expedition Page for details.](#)

Charter flight:
To/from Helsinki, Finland
(included in Charter Flight
& Hotel Package)

Ship:
Ocean Explorer
Ultramarine
Note: Ultramarine's twin-engine helicopters do not operate in Svalbard.

Adventure Options:
See pages 64-65 for more details



An expert-led guided hike; enthusiastic guest on a shore landing in Spitsbergen; walrus haul-out; an Arctic Zodiac cruise; Arctic tern in flight.



Spitsbergen Circumnavigation: A Rite of Passage

This 15-day journey—during which we will attempt a full circumnavigation of the Svalbard archipelago—is our most extensive expedition in Spitsbergen. This itinerary allows you to immerse yourself in the beauty of the archipelago and enjoy unique off-ship adventures. We'll keep a watchful eye for wildlife, on shore and on the water. We also plan to visit two birdwatching utopias, the 14th of July Glacier and famous Alkefjellet cliffs. This voyage truly is the big Arctic adventure you've been waiting for.

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2 departures | 15 days
June and July, 2026

📍 **Embarkation/Disembarkation:**
Longyearbyen, Norway
[Visit the Expedition Page for details.](#)

✈️ **Charter flight:**
To/from Helsinki, Finland
(included in Charter Flight
& Hotel Package)

Ship:
Ocean Explorer
Ultramarine
Note: Ultramarine's twin-engine helicopters do not operate in Svalbard.

Adventure Options:
See pages 64–65 for more details

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Greenland

The world's largest island, also known as Kalaallit Nunaat, welcomes visitors with its breathtaking scenery. East Greenland is vast, sparsely inhabited, and stunning in its austere beauty, while West Greenland offers more Indigenous community experiences, icebergs, Viking history—and much more. Then there's South Greenland, home of the 70-kilometer long Tasermiut Fjord, a vast, largely unexplored domain in one of the most remote parts of Greenland.



Why travel to Greenland
with Quark Expeditions?



A guest soaks in the raw Arctic beauty from the ship's bow.

Three Arctic Islands: Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland

▼ SOUTHBOUND

Named one of the *50 Tours of a Lifetime* by *National Geographic Traveler*, this voyage offers the best of the eastern Arctic in one voyage. You start in Spitsbergen, in the Norwegian High Arctic, then sail south to Greenland to explore the world's largest fjord system and end in Iceland. There's something for everyone: polar bears, walruses, muskoxen, local culture, ancient Thule settlements (predecessors of the Inuit), hikes along the glacial moraine and tundra, and more.

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1 departure | 15 days

July 12, 2026

📍 **Embarkation:** Longyearbyen, Norway

📍 **Disembarkation:** Reykjavik, Iceland

[Visit the Expedition Page for details.](#)

✈️ **Charter flight:**

Helsinki to Longyearbyen
(included in Charter Flight
& Hotel Package)

Ship:

Ultramarine

Note: Ultramarine's twin-engine helicopters do not operate in Svalbard.

Adventure Options:

See pages 64–65 for more details



Guests enjoy traditional Greenlandic music; tail of a diving whale; guests on a paddling excursion.

Northwest Passage: Epic High Arctic

You'll spend more than two weeks on *Ocean Explorer* as we explore the fabled Northwest Passage. We'll take advantage of our quick-launching Zodiacs to explore the highlights of the Canadian Arctic and Greenland's stunning west coast, visiting traditional Inuit and Greenlandic communities, and witnessing one of the world's fastest moving glaciers at Ilulissat Icefjord. As always, we hope to spot whales, walruses, muskoxen and elusive polar bears.

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1 departure | 17 days

August 31, 2026

📍 **Embarkation:** Resolute, Canada

📍 **Disembarkation:** Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

[Visit the Expedition Page for details.](#)

✈️ **Charter flight:**

From Calgary, Canada;
To Reykjavik, Iceland
(included in Charter Flight
& Hotel Package)

Ship:

Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options:

See pages 64–65 for more details





Guest Review: Watch Charlotte's South Greenland experience with Quark Expeditions.



Views of South Greenland from shore and sky; setting foot on the Greenland Ice Sheet; foraging for dinner at Tasermiut Camp.

South Greenland Adventure: The Majestic Alpine Arctic

Our 14-day itinerary is designed for travelers seeking to experience the massive fjords, glaciers and mountains of South Greenland, and includes unprecedented opportunities to explore the majesty of South Greenland's diverse fjordlands. Soak up the serene mountain views, sail by icebergs on a Zodiac cruise, camp in comfort along the massive Tasermiut Fjord with local hosts, visit small Greenlandic communities or join guided hikes. *Ultramarine's* helicopters will take you to areas in South Greenland that others simply can't reach.

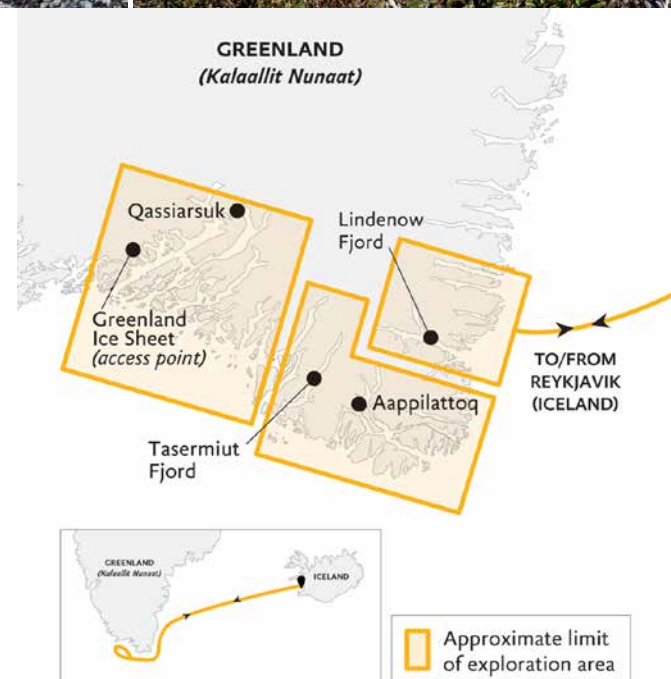
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2 departures | 14 days

August 2026

Embarkation/Disembarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland

[Visit the Expedition Page for details.](#)



Ship:

Ultramarine

Adventure Options:

See pages 64–65 for more details



FROM TUNDRA TO TABLE



Guests traveling with Quark Expeditions to Greenland and the Canadian Arctic can be part of our **Tundra to Table: Inuit Culinary Experience**, produced in partnership with Igapall, a grassroots association that promotes Greenlandic cuisine. You'll savor food made with ingredients direct from the sea and surrounding Arctic land—prepared by local chefs. Enjoy an evening of Inuit storytelling as you dine on traditional Inuit dishes, such as beer-braised muskox served with Greenlandic mashed potatoes, and pickled halibut served with lumpfish dip and bread. Our on-ship Tundra to Table experience is the only exclusively Inuit culinary offering of its kind in the world.

When you taste the food of the Inuit, you're tasting the real Arctic.



Savor authentic Inuit cuisine in our [Tundra to Table](#) experience.

Tundra to Table: Inuit Culinary Experience

Offered on select voyages:

- › Iceland to Greenland: Total Solar Eclipse, 13 days. [See page 21](#)
- › South Greenland Adventure: The Majestic Alpine Arctic. [See page 34](#)
- › Adventures in Northeast Greenland: Glaciers, Fjords and the Northern Lights. [See page 36](#)
- › Under the Northern Lights: Exploring Iceland and East Greenland. [See page 37](#)



EAST GREENLAND



Guests explore Northeast Greenland; heli-flightseeing excursion; brightly painted houses of Ittoqqortoormiit.

Adventures in Northeast Greenland: Glaciers, Fjords and the Northern Lights

Explore some of the least visited wilderness areas on the planet on our 11-day itinerary. Cruising along Greenland's remote northeast coast, you can explore the largest fjord system in the world, visit ancient Thule sites, savor Greenlandic culture, discover the region's diverse and dramatically rugged landscapes—and hopefully witness nature's spectacular light show, the *Aurora Borealis*.

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1 departure | 11 days

September 10, 2026

Embarkation/Disembarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland

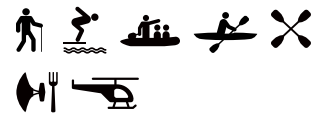
[Visit the Expedition Page for details.](#)

Ship:

Ultramarine

Adventure Options:

See pages 64–65 for more details



EAST GREENLAND

A guest photographs the Northern Lights from the deck of a ship in the Arctic.

Under the Northern Lights: Exploring Iceland and East Greenland

Our most comprehensive exploration of East Greenland actually begins in the seldom-visited Westfjords region of Iceland, before heading to Greenland's Scoresbysund and Kong Oscar Fjord systems. You'll search for wildlife, visit the world's largest national park, Northeast Greenland National Park, where 40% of the world's muskoxen live, and await the Northern Lights. Visiting the remote Inuit community of Ittoqqortoormiit will make for an unforgettable experience.

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1 departure | 14 days

September 19, 2026

Embarkation/Disembarkation: Reykjavik, Iceland

[Visit the Expedition Page for details.](#)

Ship:

Ultramarine

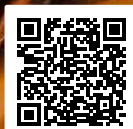
Adventure Options:

See pages 64–65 for more details



Canada

The Canadian Arctic is one of the world's least disturbed marine ecosystems, home to spectacular wildlife such as polar bears, seals and whales. The region is rich in Inuit culture, especially in Nunavut. We'll navigate the icy channels of the north and follow in the footsteps of legendary explorers who sailed the fabled Northwest Passage. New this season: we'll journey from Arctic Greenland to Atlantic Canada, where we'll visit l'Anse Aux Meadows Viking heritage site and famous Torngat Mountains National Park.



Immerse yourself in the Canadian Arctic with our expert team.



Guest Review: Catherine and Manrique describe their Canadian Arctic and Greenland experience.



Two Inuit women in traditional fur parkas; polar bears; kayaking excursion.



Viking ruins at L'anse aux Meadows.

Northwest Passage: The Legendary Arctic Sea Route

Sail along the coast of Greenland before setting off for the remote Canadian Arctic where we will retrace the route of the intrepid Franklin Expedition of 1845 on our newest ship, *Ocean Explorer*. You'll explore Greenlandic villages, view glaciers, dramatic fjords and towering icebergs, and hike the Arctic tundra, on the lookout for whales, walruses, muskoxen and polar bears.

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your flights and trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected.



- 1 departure | 17 days
 - August 17, 2026
 - Embarkation: Nuuk, Greenland
 - Disembarkation: Resolute, Canada
 - Visit the Expedition Page for details.
- Charter flight: From Reykjavik, Iceland; To Calgary, Canada (included in Charter Flight & Hotel Package)

- Ship: Ocean Explorer
- Adventure Options: See pages 64-65 for more details
- Hiking, Kayaking, Zodiac, Skiing, Snorkeling

NEW Greenland to Newfoundland: Mountains, Wildlife and Viking History

This is our only voyage that features Greenland, the Canadian Arctic and the East Coast of Canada. You'll witness countless icebergs at Ilulissat Icefjord, and experience northern Indigenous cultures in Greenland and Labrador. Three UNESCO World Heritage sites are included: Greenland's Ilulissat Icefjord; Red Bay Basque Whaling Station in Labrador; and the 11th-century Viking ruins at L'anse aux Meadows in Newfoundland. You'll also get to explore the unrivaled wilderness of Torngat Mountains National Park. We'll conclude our voyage in historic St. John's, Newfoundland.

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- 1 departure | 14 days
 - September 14, 2026
 - Embarkation: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland
 - Disembarkation: St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada
 - Visit the Expedition Page for details.
- Charter flight: Reykjavik to Kangerlussuaq (included in Charter Flight & Hotel Package)

- Ship: Ocean Explorer
- Adventure Options: See pages 64-65 for more details
- Hiking, Kayaking, Zodiac, Skiing, Snorkeling, Bicycling



Our Commitment to Conservation & Community

We're proud to partner with leading scientists and local communities to support the conservation of the polar regions—creating immersive guest experiences that build respect for wildlife, culture and the land.

CONSERVATION

We connect our guests to the natural world through hands-on experiences and education.

Delivering Knowledge Through Polar Experts

Our ornithologists, historians and other polar experts guide guests through hands-on learning about polar ecosystems and the threats they face.

Advancing Polar Science

Each year, we bring renowned researchers and scientists to remote polar regions to study wildlife and ecosystems—and share their work with guests in real time.

Driving Impact Through Conservation Funding

Thanks to guest support and onboard auctions, Quark Expeditions backs vital polar conservation efforts like Blue Marine Foundation and Penguin Watch.

Helping Set Standards for Sustainable Polar Tourism

We help shape polar travel by serving on committees for the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO) and the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA).

COMMUNITY

We deliver authentic experiences for our guests that benefit local partners and the communities we visit.

Empowering Local Development

We champion Arctic communities' goals for economic development and sustainable tourism through local hiring, infrastructure support, and advance visit planning.

Investing Directly in Communities

With guest support, we help fund community-led projects—from food banks to cultural and language-based programs.

Co-creating with Community Partners

By partnering with local groups, we create authentic experiences—such as Tundra to Table, developed with Igapall, which enables Inuit chefs to share Greenlandic cuisine and culture.



For our full sustainability policy, visit: QuarkExpeditions.com/Sustainability

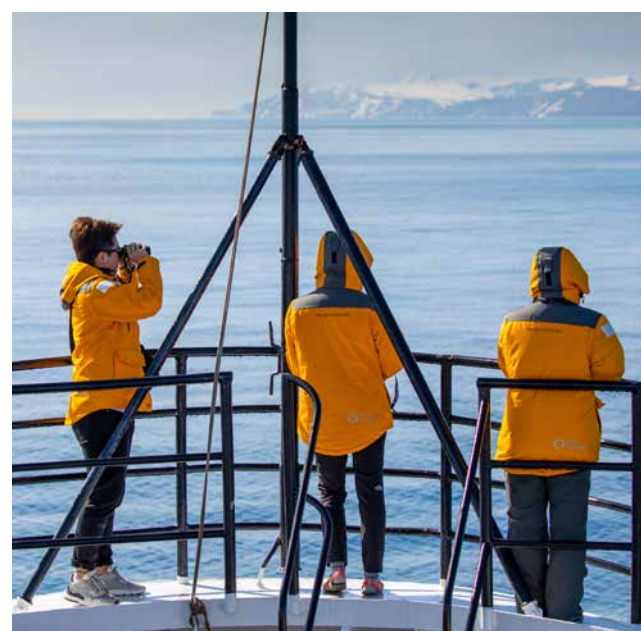
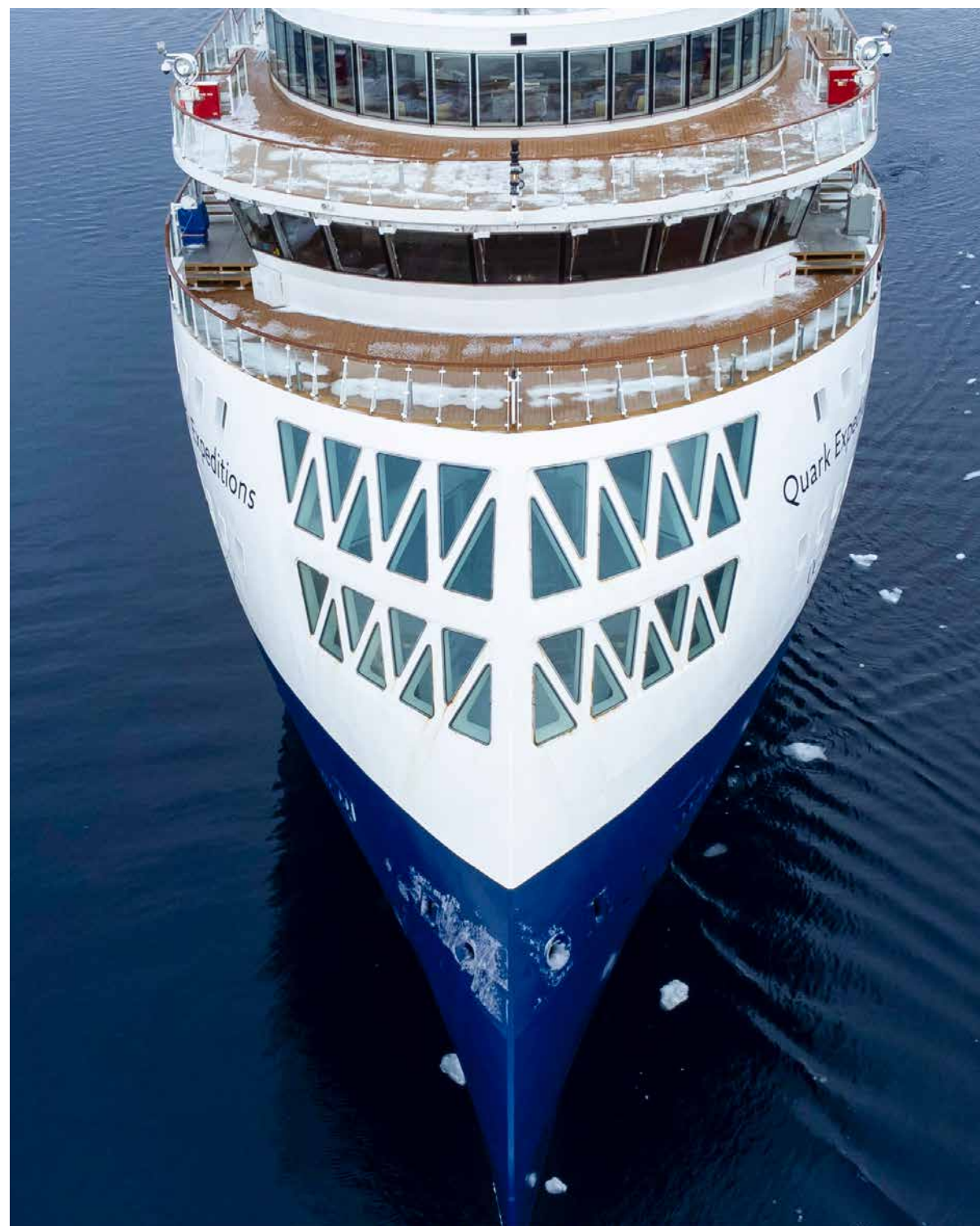
OUR SUPERIOR FLEET

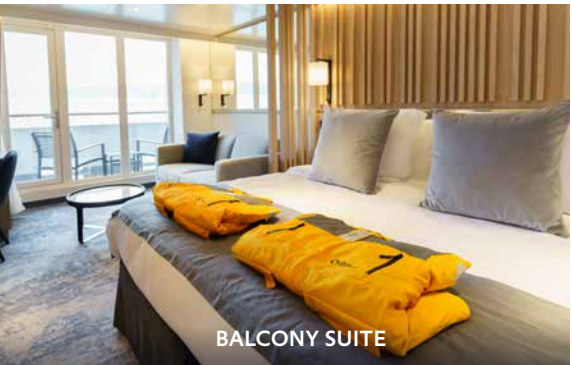
The Greatest Fleet on the Frozen Seas

When it comes to polar expeditions, you're only as good as where your ships can take you.

Quark Expeditions maintains the most diverse fleet of small polar vessels in the industry. Guest capacity ranges from 138 to 199. Our small vessels can navigate hard-to-reach places in the Antarctic that larger cruise ships can't reach.

Each ship delivers a unique experience of its own. *Ultramarine*, with its two helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, offers the most off-ship adventures in the Polar Regions. The state-of-the-art *Ocean Explorer*—the newest addition to our fleet—with its distinctive X-Bow design and remarkable two-story forward lounge sets a striking stage for your expedition of a lifetime.

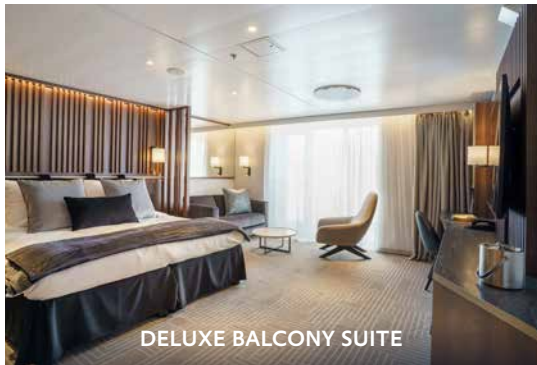




BALCONY SUITE



TERRACE SUITE



DELUXE BALCONY SUITE

MEET THE SHIP

Ultramarine

The technologically advanced *Ultramarine* is built to go beyond the familiar in polar travel and to immerse guests in the best the region has to offer.

Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, *Ultramarine* offers the industry's largest portfolio of off-ship adventures. The vessel features the most spacious suites in its category, breathtaking public spaces, exceptional wildlife-viewing areas, superb amenities, and sustainability systems that exceed industry standards.

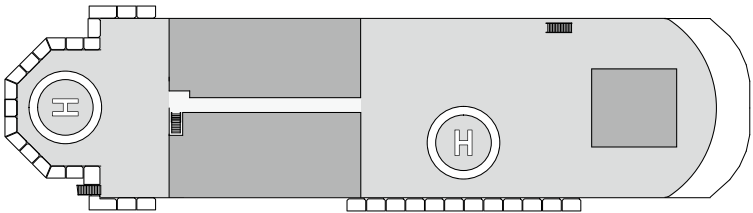
Ultramarine is designed to deliver unforgettable polar memories.

Ship Specifications:

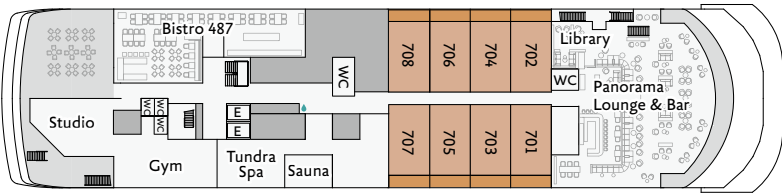
- Staff & Crew: 140
- Guests: 199
- Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed
- Ice Class: PC6



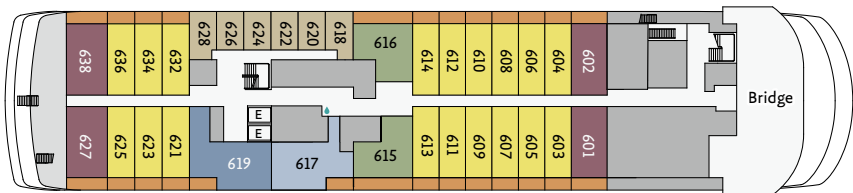
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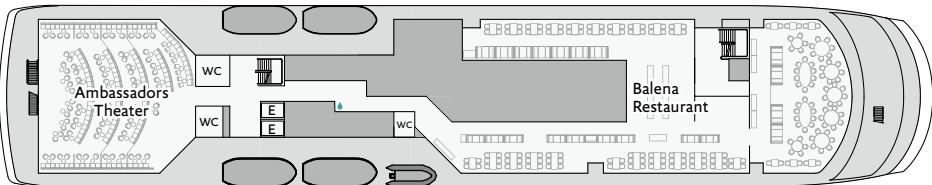
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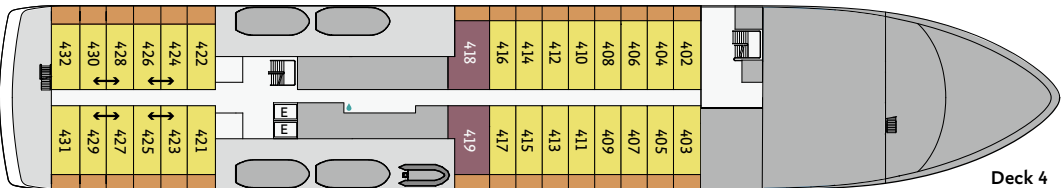
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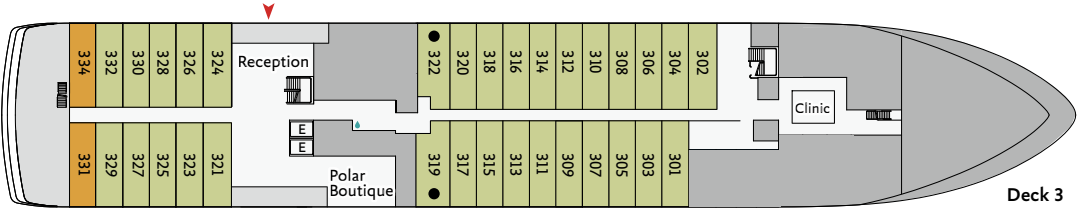
Deck 6



Deck 5



Deck 4



Deck 3



Deck 2

Nine Tiers of Accommodation:

- Ultra Suite
- Owner's Suite
- Penthouse Suite
- Terrace Suite
- Deluxe Balcony Suite
- Balcony Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Explorer Triple
- Solo Panorama
- Balcony



ULTRAMARINE

Featured Amenities & Highlights



Balena Restaurant

Our main dining room, which has direct access to a wraparound deck, seats 2 to 10 at each table. Floor-to-ceiling windows allow every guest to enjoy a spectacular polar view.

Bistro 487

Guests can enjoy a meal in the Bistro, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience. Perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

Ambassador Theater

A state-of-the-art, high-resolution LED screen wall in the main theater ensures high-definition viewing of expert polar presentations from any angle.

Panorama Lounge and Bar

The glass-enclosed Panorama Lounge and Bar is a cozy gathering point where guests can sip a glass of wine, play a board game, socialize at the bar or bust a move on the dance floor.

Tundra Spa

Offering a variety of exclusive treatments, the spa facilities—with adjacent steam room and sauna—allow guests to fully relax and unwind between off-ship adventures.

Sauna

The sauna's floor-to-ceiling windows ensure guests stay connected to their polar surroundings while relaxing on ship.

Smart Technology

High-definition, large-screen projectors, real-time translation services, and enhanced connectivity ensure guests get the most out of their polar expedition.

Two Twin-Engine Helicopters

Ultramarine's two helicopters transport guests to new destinations only accessible by air, and offer helicopter-supported excursions exclusive to Quark Expeditions.

Water-Level Zodiac Hangar

A water-level Zodiac hangar allows our team to quickly deploy our fleet of 20 Zodiacs to get guests off the ship for both scheduled and spontaneous adventures.

Ready Rooms

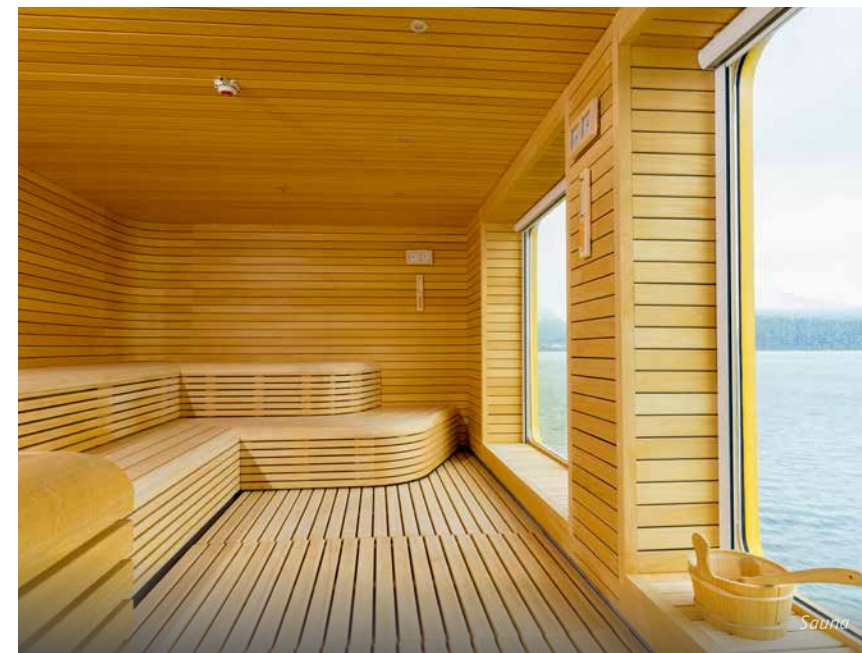
Our two ready rooms, with assigned lockers, allow guests to quickly change in and out of their expedition gear.

Fitness Center

The fully-equipped fitness center features a separate yoga space with views of the polar landscape.

Wraparound Deck

The wraparound deck on Deck 5 offers generous outdoor viewing opportunities of the polar wilderness.



See what a day onboard *Ultramarine* really looks like. Scan the QR Code.





Watch a sneak peek of *Ocean Explorer*. Scan the QR Code.



STUDIO SINGLE

VERANDA SUITE

JUNIOR SUITE

MEET THE SHIP

Ocean Explorer

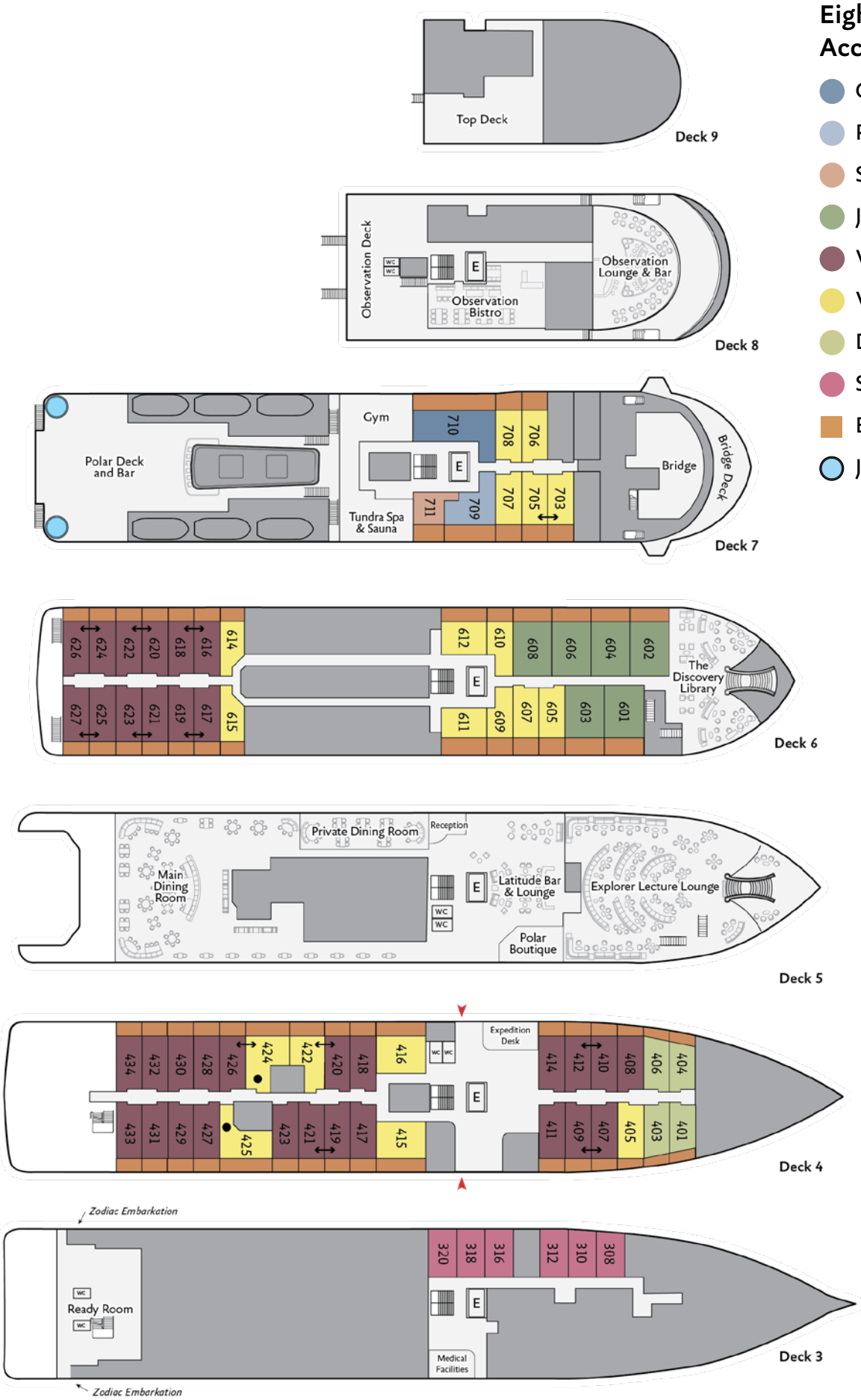
The 138-passenger *Ocean Explorer*, the newest addition to our fleet, is modern, elegant and purpose-built for polar exploration. The innovative ULSTEIN X-BOW® ensures a comfortable and smooth sailing experience. Spacious cabins feature a bespoke Scandinavian design and almost all have verandas. Guests can relax in Tundra Spa, the gym, sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis. Located at the bow is the light-filled Discovery Library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the expedition ship.

Ocean Explorer offers abundant observation areas on Decks 7, 8 and especially on Deck 9, which offers 360-degree panoramic views from the very top of the vessel.

Ship Specifications:

- Staff & Crew: 105
- Guests: 138
- Lifeboats: 2
- Ice Class: 1A, PC6

View all *Ocean Explorer* departures and cabin details here.





OCEAN EXPLORER

Featured Amenities & Highlights



Dining

Ocean Explorer *guests have multiple dining options.*

The Observation Bistro—with its marine blue and off-white colors—is your go-to spot for lighter fare and grab-and-go snacks. This relaxed eatery seats up to 44 guests, who can take in full views of their polar surroundings while enjoying a light bite. Contemporary meets cozy in the modern Main Dining Room with its stylish lighting and contemporary art. Located on Deck 5, the Main Dining Room seats 144 people—more than enough for the 138 guests—and features expansive floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the spectacular polar wilderness.

Lounges

Guests have two options to enjoy a drink and socialize on Ocean Explorer.

The stylish Observation Lounge & Bar at the top of the ship guarantees incredible views and seats 63. Guests also frequent this spacious lookout on Deck 8 to enjoy cocktails and conversation with fellow travelers. The popular, beautifully-lit Latitude Bar & Lounge—with its lush sofas and faux marble-topped end tables—on Deck 5 is large enough to seat 46 and is ideal for enjoying a quiet drink on your own or hanging out with friends.



Observation Lounge



Dry Sauna



Jacuzzi

The Discovery Library

The light-filled interior library at the top of the gorgeous atrium staircase allows up to 47 guests to sit and relax while taking in the surrounding polar landscapes through the floor-to-ceiling glass. The library collection includes books in multiple languages covering wildlife, history, marine biology, ecology and geology.

Explorer Lecture Lounge

Located on Deck 5, the Explorer Lecture Lounge—where all expert polar presentations and daily recaps take place—can seat all guests and features the best in A/V equipment, including state-of-the-art systems for on-board presentations.

Gym

In addition to the exercise you'll get during off-ship excursions, you can also take advantage of the well-appointed fitness facilities on Deck 7.

Tundra Spa

Guests can enjoy a variety of massage, body and facial treatments in our signature Tundra Spa on Deck 7. We have partnered with VOYA, an industry leader in organic wellness and beauty products. All products are made from hand-harvested seaweed.

Dry Sauna and Jacuzzis

Guests can also head to the Dry Sauna on Deck 7 to relax while gazing at the polar wilderness through the large windows. Two outdoor Jacuzzis on Deck 7, at the ship's stern, mean you can relax alfresco while soaking up the polar views.

Outdoor Observation Areas

Observation areas on Decks 7 and 8 allow for higher, longer-view landscape photography while contending with less sea spray.

FOOD & DRINK

Fine dining is an integral part of the expedition experience. Our internationally trained chefs, inspired by global cuisines, strive to accommodate all dietary requests—which must be indicated upon booking. Vegan and vegetarian options are always available. Cookies and snacks are offered at coffee stations, while fresh pastries are served warm from the oven starting around 6 a.m. Guests can enjoy complimentary wine, select beer, wines and select cocktails during bar service hours and dinner on all ships.



Guests enjoy complimentary house beer, wine and select cocktails in the evenings as part of our Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free program.



OCEAN EXPLORER

Main Dining Room

Contemporary meets cozy in this modern dining room with its stylish lighting and contemporary art. Located on Deck 5, the Main Dining Room seats 138 guests, and features expansive floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the spectacular polar wilderness.

Latitude Bar & Lounge

This popular social hub is located on Deck 5. The beautifully lit bar, with its lush sofas and faux marble-topped end tables, is large enough to seat 46, and is ideal for enjoying a quiet drink on your own or hanging out with friends.

Observation Bistro

With its marine blue and off-white colors, the Observation Bistro is your go-to spot for lighter fare—and unparalleled polar views. This relaxed eatery seats up to 44 guests.

Observation Lounge & Bar

Guests frequent this stylish lookout at the top of the ship to witness the stunning vistas, and enjoy cocktails and conversation with fellow travelers. Seats 63.

Explorer Lecture Lounge

Guests convene in this Deck 5 lounge to attend presentations by polar experts and have a drink to discuss the day's polar adventures.

ULTRAMARINE

Balena

Balena is our finer dining restaurant on *Ultramarine*, serving contemporary cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner with capacity to seat all guests and the entire expedition team at the same time. Globally inspired dishes and regional specialties often feature locally sourced and sustainable ingredients. Balena, designed so that every seat has a good view, provides direct access onto the wraparound deck.

Ambassadors Theater

Ambassadors is the main presentation spaces on *Ultramarine*, where guests enjoy informative talks and presentations from expedition staff, polar experts, and special guests. The Ambassadors bar is open during presentation hours and special events.

Panorama Lounge

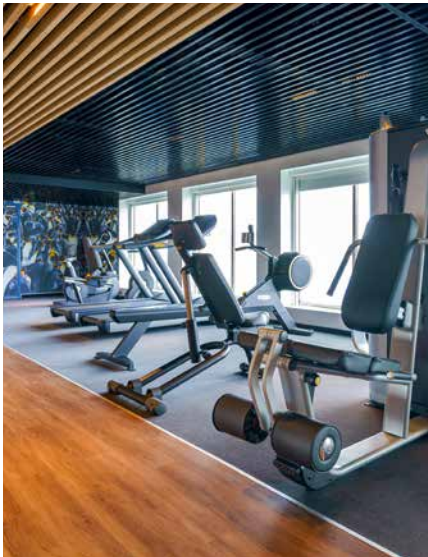
The Panorama Lounge on Deck 7 is the main bar on *Ultramarine* and features spectacular forward views, comfortable seating and a friendly atmosphere, offering an array of specialty cocktails, 24-hour coffee and tea, plus a well-stocked polar library.

Bistro 487

Bistro 487 is the more casual restaurant serving extended breakfast, lunch, and dinner to accommodate those who rise early or late or simply want a change of scenery. Bistro 487 serves quicker meals and afternoon snacks. With access to outdoor seating on the aft deck, Bistro 487 and is ideal for guests who like to enjoy a coffee or cocktail outdoors.

FROM WILDERNESS TO WELLNESS

Guests on *Ultramarine* and *Ocean Explorer* can choose from a variety of spa and fitness amenities after a day in the Arctic wilderness.



OCEAN EXPLORER

Gym

In addition to the exercise you'll get during off-ship excursions, you can also take advantage of the well-appointed fitness facilities on Deck 7.

Dry Sauna

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Tundra Spa

Guests can enjoy a variety of massage, body and facial treatments in our signature Tundra Spa on Deck 7. We have partnered with VOYA, an industry leader in organic wellness and beauty products. All products are made from hand-harvested seaweed.

Outdoor Jacuzzis

Two outdoor Jacuzzis on Deck 7, at the ship's stern, mean you can relax alfresco while soaking up the polar views.

ULTRAMARINE

Tundra Spa

In collaboration with VOYA of Ireland, Tundra Spa is the core of our wellness offering on *Ultramarine*. Amenities include: two dedicated treatment rooms with heated massage beds, as well as shower facilities, hair treatment studio, and a post-treatment relaxation room with ocean views. An array of massages, body scrubs and wraps, including our signature Tundra Hot Stone Massage Journey. All treatments feature VOYA organic skincare products, made with hand-harvested seaweed oils.

Outer Deck Track

A morning walk on the top deck could very well include some wildlife sightings.

Sauna

The sauna on *Ultramarine* features floor-to-ceiling windows, which enable guests to stay connected to the polar landscape outside.

Steam Room

The steam room is the perfect amenity for guests to relax and rejuvenate after exploring off-ship.

Fitness Center and Studio

Our fitness center is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment by Technogym, and the Studio is equipped with balls and mats for stretching or informal yoga.

Learn more about our diverse fleet of small ships on pages 44-53

MORNING TO MIDNIGHT

Daily Life Onboard



Penthouse Suite



Ready Room



Dining experience

Wake up in your stylishly modern suite.

Every guest on *Ultramarine* and *Ocean Explorer* wakes up to a view of the polar landscape. Private bathrooms with heated floors add to your morning comfort. Other possible amenities, depending on your suite: a picture window and/or balcony, a walk-in closet and sitting area, among other extra touches.

Join the early birds.

Consider a quiet walk on the deck and then enjoy a morning cup of java with other early risers before breakfast.

Enjoy breakfast with a view.

Each ship offers multiple options for breakfast. *Ultramarine* guests can choose the sleek, modern dining room, Balena, which is designed with window views in every direction, or the smaller Bistro 487. *Ocean Explorer* guests can have their first meal of the day in the Main Dining Room, which features floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the spectacular polar wilderness.

Get ready to explore the polar environment.

Get suited up for an off-ship excursion in the Ready Rooms, complete with dedicated lockers to store and dry personal items while you enjoy your Zodiac cruise through the polar waters.

Keep your ears open for morning announcements.

Your Expedition Leader will announce any updates to the daily program and share weather announcements over the PA system to help you plan your day.

Enjoy wildlife views from the ship.

Both ships offer multiple on-deck observation spaces where you can watch for whales, birds, polar bears and other wildlife from the comfort of the ship.

Lunch.

Ultramarine guests can lunch in either Balena Restaurant or Bistro 487, while those on *Ocean Explorer* can lunch the Main Dining Room.

Relax in incredible libraries.

Lose yourself in *Ocean Explorer's* light-filled Discovery Library, or in *Ultramarine's* comfortable book-filled library.

Enjoy an unforgettable off-ship Adventure Option.

Choose from our robust portfolio of off-ship adventure options, such as sea kayaking or stand-up paddleboarding. *Ultramarine* guests can enjoy helicopter-supported adventures such as heli flightseeing.

Relax and rejuvenate back on the ship.

Guests on both ships can enjoy soothing treatments in Quark Expeditions' signature Tundra Spa. In addition, *Ocean Explorer* guests can enjoy the two outdoor Jacuzzis, as well as the dry sauna, while those traveling on *Ultramarine* can practice yoga or relax in the sauna with floor-to-ceiling windows.

Attend an expert presentation.

Join fellow guests in the respective ship's specially-designed presentation spaces to learn from knowledgeable experts who present on various polar subjects. The schedule of these presentations will be determined by the day's activities.

Pre-dinner cocktails.

Enjoy a cocktail with fellow guests while your Expedition Leader enthusiastically shares the daily recap and outlines the plan for the following day.

For details, see "Food & Drink" on page 54



Dinner is served.

Sit down to a gourmet meal—inspired by cuisines from around the world—in *Ultramarine's* Balena Restaurant or the more intimate and casual Bistro 487. *Ocean Explorer's* guests can enjoy dinner in the Main Dining Room. Principal dining rooms on both ships feature stunning views of the surrounding polar landscape.

Call it a day.

Wrap up your day with a drink in the one of the lounges or bars with your new friends, or head out onto the deck to take in the calm, low-light at the end of the day. Then it's back to your comfortable cabin to rest up for tomorrow—another exciting day of polar exploration.



Sail and soar where few ever will.

Quark Expeditions has the most robust portfolio of adventure options in the polar industry—offering guests the opportunity to experience the Arctic landscape in ways never before imagined. The technologically-advanced *Ultramarine*—with its two twin-engine helicopters, 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs and wide range of off-ship excursions—is a game changer in polar adventure. *Ocean Explorer's* fleet of 15 Zodiacs ensures guests get off ship as easily and quickly as possible.



Guest Review: Friends Ginnie and Haruyo tell us about their Arctic experience.



Heli-flightseeing on one of Ultramarine's two twin-engine helicopters.



Unbeatable Helicopter Experience

We're proud to be recognized as the Leader of Heli Adventures in the Polar Regions. In fact, we have the longest-running helicopter program in the Arctic—dating back to 1991. Thanks to our innovative team, our Arctic 2026 itineraries provide guests with multiple options to enjoy helicopter-supported adventures thanks to *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine H145 helicopters which allow our team to take travelers deeper in the Arctic landscape than any other operator.

Note: Ultramarine's twin-engine helicopters do not operate in Svalbard.

Helicopter Activities

We offer the largest portfolio of off-ship adventure options in the industry. Our helicopter-supported activities include:



FLIGHTSEEING



EXCLUSIVE HELI-LANDING



ICE SHEET EXPERIENCE



GREENLAND CAMP EXPERIENCE

For more information on these activities, see page 64.



Adventure Meets Luxury

You'll enjoy superior comfort while flying over the pristine polar landscape.

- › Best-in-class window sizes for viewing and photography
- › Five out of seven guests get a window seat
- › Quiet flying experience
- › Designed for ultimate comfort.

Most Experienced Crew

Our team draws on 34 years of polar expertise. You'll fly with:

- › The best trained helicopter pilots in the polar industry
- › Pilots who are well-traveled and worldly
- › Guides who are personable, and always create an intimate and accessible flight experience.

Industry Leading Polar Safety

Our state-of-the-art aircrafts are equipped with the latest technology that places our helicopters among the safest in their class.

Advanced Sustainability

In keeping with our sustainability policy, our helicopters were selected for their:

- › Status as the most fuel-efficient aircrafts of their category
- › Small external footprint
- › Reduced noise pollution.



Enjoy this video of off-ship adventures awaiting guests traveling on *Ultramarine*.



Choose your off-ship adventure.

Quark Expeditions offers a full range of adventure activities (some included in the cost of your trip, and some which cost extra) to suit every type of traveler regardless of experience. Please visit the relevant itinerary page on our web site to see what’s included in your voyage. *Adventure options vary from ship to ship. Only Ultramarine is equipped with helicopters.*



Walking/Hiking

Each shore landing is an excellent opportunity for you to explore the terrain on foot. Travelers are split into groups based on hiking ability and area of interest, giving everyone a satisfying hour or two of exploration.



Zodiac Cruising

These polar-sturdy, reinforced rubber skiffs whisk you safely from the ship to the remote shorelines and back, taking you into the shallow waters that the ship can’t reach. Touring around by Zodiac while looking out for wildlife is an intimate and relaxing way of exploring the Arctic bays and inlets.



Flightseeing

Enjoy a bird’s-eye view of the Arctic—icebergs, glaciers, snow-capped peaks, expansive waterways, fjords—while seated comfortably in one of *Ultramarine’s* two twin-engine helicopters. Looking down upon the magnificent Arctic wilderness will give you a unique perspective of the polar environment.

**Select departures on Ultramarine. Helicopters do not operate in Svalbard.*



Exclusive Heli-Landing

You’ll be transported in small groups on *Ultramarine’s* two twin-engine helicopters to landing sites only accessible by air. Expect stunning aerial views from your seat in the helicopter—and yet more incredible polar vistas once you land: glaciers, icebergs, remote landscapes, wildlife and more.

**Select departures on Ultramarine. Helicopters do not operate in Svalbard.*



Ice Sheet Experience

Ascend high above the cascading coastal glaciers onto the immense polar plateau of the Greenland Ice Sheet and take in the immensity of this awe-inspiring landscape. An excursion on one of *Ultramarine’s* helicopters means you’ll enjoy polar views very few others have ever experienced.

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Greenland Camp Experience

Join local hosts at Tasermiut Camp for a night at one of the most exclusive camps in Greenland. Enjoy an intimate small-group walk through the beautiful Greenlandic landscapes with a local chef who will identify fresh ingredients, after which you and your fellow guests will prepare an incredible meal together.

**Select departures on Ultramarine. No experience required. Helicopters do not operate in Svalbard.*



Mountain Biking

Keen for a more active adventure? Our team has joined with local partners to identify incredible mountain biking routes through the stunning scenery of Southern Greenland. Our guides will take you to the best terrain so you can enjoy some of the most scenic—and unforgettable—mountain biking of your life.

**Only available on Greenland to Newfoundland: Mountains, Wildlife and Viking History*



Polar Plunge

As madcap as it looks, willingly jumping into the bone-chilling Arctic waters has become a polar rite of passage —and the photo ops are priceless. Dare yourself to take the plunge.



Sea Kayaking

Sea kayaking along the rugged coastlines and through the calm bays with an experienced guide is one of the most inspiring ways to explore the pristine regions of the Arctic. Guests in the sea kayaking program typically paddle out onto the water multiple times during their expedition. This adventure option is weather-dependent.

**Select departures. Some previous experience is required.*



Paddling Excursion

A guided, one-time paddle enables you to enjoy your polar surroundings from a unique and intimate perspective. Just imagine yourself gliding on a stable, sit-on-top kayak, at one with the water, experiencing the Arctic at its most tranquil. That’s the kind of memory that will last forever.

**Select departures. No experience required.*



Tundra to Table: Inuit Culinary Experience

This one-of-a-kind adventure into the culinary traditions of the Inuit in Greenland and Nunavut is hosted by Inuit chefs who are experts in Indigenous cuisine. Guests get to enjoy four courses of modern Inuit fusion-style cuisine while chefs talk about the origins of the food and elements of Inuit cooking. The dinner, featuring regional tableware, includes cultural storytelling.

** Select departures on Ultramarine.*



Find out more about our Tundra to Table program. Visit our the Quark Expeditions website [here](#).



Why travel with us?

We've been polar-obsessed since 1991—the year we became the first operator to bring commercial travelers to the North Pole. We've been the leader of innovative polar adventures ever since.

Polar Is All We Do

We love these places. It's that simple. That's why we only go to the polar regions—and no other operator can say that.

The Best Expedition Team

Our team of polar experts is made up of the most seasoned, passionate and respected guides in the industry.

We Get You Off Ship More

With the largest expedition team in polar travel, we're able to get guests off the ship faster and more frequently.

The Most Ways to Explore

Whether you're on the ship, in a helicopter, Zodiac or kayak, biking, camping, hiking, or immersing in local culture, we offer countless ways to explore on each voyage.



Find out more about why Quark Expeditions is the best in the industry.

From glaciers to Arctic wildlife, our expert guides bring polar science to life.

Traveling solo on a Quark Expeditions voyage.

Our voyages are especially popular with solo travelers for a variety of reasons.



Cost-savings for solo travelers

Solo travelers can take advantage of Quark Expeditions' Request-Share program, which pairs you with a cabin mate of the same gender. Neither pays the single supplement.



Intimate atmosphere

The camaraderie on our small ships is almost immediate. Our adventure guides and expert presenters are approachable, and always eager to talk about their polar expertise.



Communal spaces

Our small vessels are designed with comfortable public spaces to meet and mingle. Lounges, presentation theaters (some with small tables and chairs), bars, library, and viewing spaces on the deck nurture spontaneous conversations.



Off-ship adventure options

Off-ship activities are perfectly suited for connecting and "becoming best buddies" with fellow guests.



Small group ambience

With a maximum of 199 guests, you'll be on first-name basis with fellow guests and staff in no time at all.



Hear Brian talk about traveling solo in the Arctic.



Meals together

There is no assigned seating. Our restaurants and dining-rooms include tables for two, four, eight and larger groups. Solo travelers are always welcomed to join other guests.



Polar passion is a great connector

It's impossible to observe majestic wildlife and not turn to the guest next to you to share your excitement. The joy of being with like-minded travelers is one of the best perks for the guests.



From time to time we feature special offers for solo travelers.

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What’s included in your trip?

We’re here to make your trip planning as easy and stress-free as possible so you can pack less, leave local flight bookings to us, purchase less gear in advance—and not have to worry about extra Wi-Fi or alcohol charges.

Trip Inclusions:

- › The Quark Parka, yours to keep. (See next page)
- › Access to the best people in the polar travel industry, the most experienced polar experts
- › The best educational programming led by the top specialists in their fields
- › Zodiac cruising and shore landings
- › Three delicious meals each day, plus snacks
- › Complimentary select beer, wines and select cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- › Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock



Inclusions continued:

- › Complimentary Wi-Fi service permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications.)
- › The loan of waterproof neoprene muck boots—one less thing to pack
- › Taxes and port charges
- › Online photo journal post-voyage
- › Included hotels
- › Port transfers to and from vessel
- › All entrance fees to national parks, UNESCO World Heritage and other historic sites.



A Polar-Perfect Parka

(yours to keep!)

3-IN-1 HOODED PARKA

Water resistant shell with removable insulating layer can be worn as a stand-alone piece for warmer polar days or your journey home.

REMOVABLE, ADJUSTABLE HOOD

REFLECTIVE PATCHES

5 OUTER AND 2 INNER POCKETS for carrying camera accessories and extra gear.

DROP TAIL For added protection when seated outdoors.

Join us at the other end of the earth.



Behold the untouched beauty of the other pole—the stunning Antarctic—in this video.



Side by side on the Antarctic ice: a pair of chinstrap penguins.

At the opposite end of the world, lies another wilderness waiting to be explored: the Antarctic. This Polar Region, accessible from the tip of South America, entails a crossing of the iconic Drake Passage (by ship or by plane), where you'll discover penguin rookeries, iceberg filled bays, glaciers and rugged coasts which are home to vast populations of diverse wildlife species. Visits to the 7th Continent enable polar history enthusiasts to fulfill a lifetime dream of following in the footsteps of early explorers like Sir Ernest Shackleton. Add in the remote islands of South Georgia, the Falkland Islands, Snow Hill—as well as Patagonia—and you're in for an expedition of a lifetime.

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