

ARCTIC 2027







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Association of
Arctic Expedition Cruise
Operators **AECO** 

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.

Explore the Arctic with Quark Expeditions.

1991. That was the year we became the first operator to bring commercial travelers to the North Pole. Ever since, we've led the industry, taking guests on once-in-a-lifetime adventures to the most remote places on Earth.



01

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.



02

The Best Expedition Team

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



03

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.



04

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.

Polar-obsessed from day one.

Where It All Began

Brings the first commercial guests to the North Pole—and completed the first-ever passenger transit of the Northeast Passage.



Around Antarctica

First circumnavigation of Antarctica for commercial passengers.



Eclipse Chasers

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



Breaking Records

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



National Geographic Honor

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



Training the Best

Launches Quark Academy—the industry's first expedition team training program.



Ultramarine Sets Sail

Fittingly, the inaugural voyage is a celebration of the life of polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton.

[Why is Ultramarine so popular? See page 46](#)



Back to Snow Hill

Hosts two successful landings at the legendary Emperor penguin colony at Snow Hill.



Expanding our Fleet

Launches newest ship *World Voyager* for the Antarctic 2026/2027 season.



1991

1996

2003

2006

2011

2017

2021

2023

2025

1993

1999

2004

2008

2013

2019

2022

2024

2026



Shackleton's Wake

Quark guests retrace the voyage of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship *Endurance*.



Full Circle

Quark completes its first passenger circumnavigation of the Arctic Ocean.

[Choose from 13 amazing Arctic itineraries starting on page 14](#)



Penguin Pioneers

First operator to confirm the existence of the Snow Hill Emperor penguin colony.



Top of the World

Maiden voyage to the North Pole aboard 50 Years of Victory—the world's most powerful icebreaker.



A Lineage of Exploration

Jonathan Shackleton and Falcon Scott—descendants of polar legends—walk and camp on Antarctica with Quark.



Sustainability Pledge

Introduces Polar Promise—the industry's most holistic sustainability policy.

[Learn about our sustainability strategy on page 40](#)



Upwards Momentum

Ultramarine debuts twin-engine helicopters and introduces Tundra to Table—a first-of-its-kind Inuit culinary experience aboard.

[Keen on one-of-a-kind helicopter adventures? See page 64](#)



Full Steam Ahead

Wins Virtuoso Travel Award for Best Expedition Cruise Line, expands to Iceland, and welcomes *Ocean Explorer* to the fleet.

[For more information on Ocean Explorer, see page 50](#)



A New Era

Launches game-changing Expedition Extensions in both polar regions.

[Curious about our new Expedition Extensions? See page 38](#)

Discover the Arctic.

SVALBARD

The Wildlife Capital of the Arctic

Unrivaled wildlife viewing: Observe polar bears roaming the sea ice, walrus basking on beaches, reindeer grazing the tundra, and immense seabird colonies nesting on cliffs.

Spectacular Arctic scenery: Glaciers calving into blue fjords, snow-capped mountains, and spectacular bird cliffs set the stage for adventure.

Expedition-style exploration: Zodiac rides, hiking, and kayaking journeys bring you into hidden coves and untouched wilderness.

The midnight sun: Experience continuous daylight, casting a golden glow over both landscapes and wildlife sightings.

When to Go → May – July

GREENLAND

Epic Adventure and Diverse Cultures

Northern Lights spectacle: See the aurora borealis dance across polar skies as nights grow longer in late summer.

Epic ice formations: Explore the UNESCO-listed Ilulissat Icefjord, gaze at massive icebergs, and experience the sheer scale of Greenland's frozen landscape.

Adventure from sea to sky: Enjoy kayaking, flightseeing, and camping for a true taste of Greenland's rugged environment.

Greenlandic culture and cuisine: Explore Greenland communities and savor Inuit culinary traditions through the Tundra to Table experience.

Trace Norse and Viking history: Visit ancient ruins such as Hvalsey Church and step back in time.

When to Go → August – September

CANADIAN ARCTIC

Legendary Sea Routes and Landscapes

Retrace epic exploration routes: Navigate the legendary Northwest Passage and witness history where explorers charted routes previously known only to Indigenous inhabitants.

Wildlife diversity and migration: Spot polar bears, muskoxen, bowhead whales, walrus, and a variety of migratory birds unique to this region.

Access remote northern islands: Travel by Zodiac, helicopter, or small ship to reach seldom-visited fjords, tundra, and glacial coastlines.

Inuit cultural immersion: Visit traditional communities and learn about Inuit culture, heritage and ways of life in their homeland.

When to Go → August – September

ICELAND

Land of Fire and Ice

Volcanic wonders: Discover lava fields, geysers, black sand beaches, and waterfalls that reveal Iceland's dynamic geological character.

Active exploration: Hike, take guided Zodiac excursions, and enjoy birdwatching along rugged coasts.

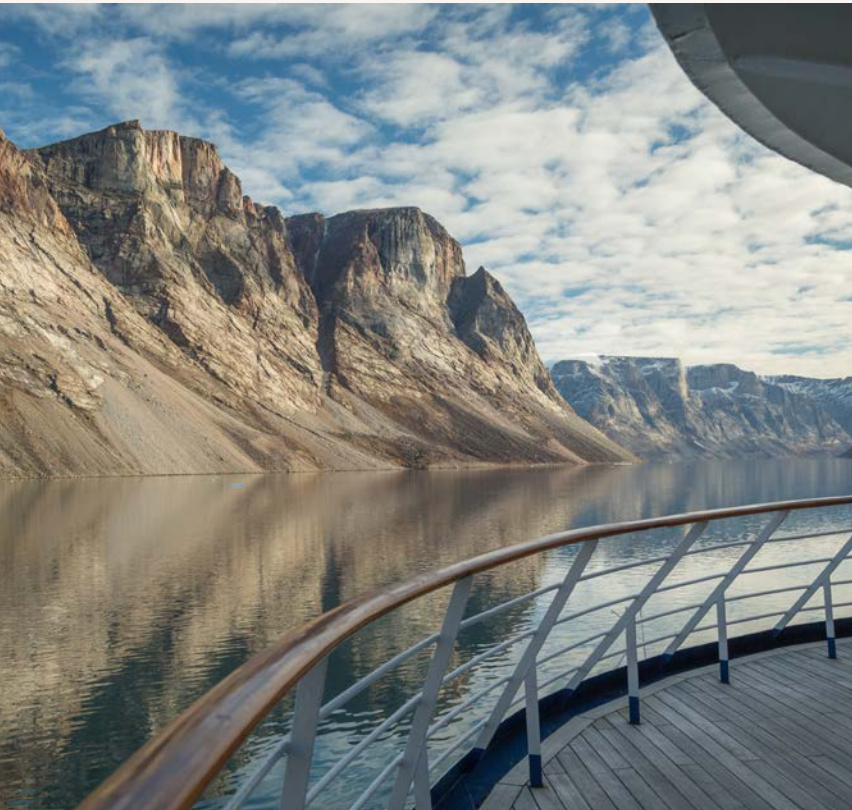
Iconic wildlife: See whales, puffins, and northern seabirds unique to Iceland's shores.

Nature reshaped: Witness the interplay of glaciers, geothermal features and the Atlantic Ocean as they constantly transform the landscape.

Icelandic traditions and cuisine: Explore coastal villages, discover local folklore, and savor the Tundra to Table: Iceland culinary experience.

When to Go → July – August

Where We Go in the Arctic



Where our team can take you.

CANADA, GREENLAND, ICELAND, SVALBARD.
Where do you want to explore with our polar-obsessed expedition team? Quark Expeditions' 2027 lineup offers unique Arctic itineraries to fully immerse yourself in specific Arctic regions.



Itineraries and scheduled routes:

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- Scheduled routes
- Flight paths
- Approximate limit of exploration area

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

The wildlife capital.

Set against a dramatic backdrop of glaciers, icebergs, and fjords, Svalbard delivers extraordinary Arctic encounters. When the sun returns, long summer days create ideal conditions for spotting polar bears, walrus, reindeer, seabirds, and other wildlife across this Norwegian archipelago.

SVALBARD



Opposite: Aberdeen, spectacular icescapes and puffin encounters. Above: Exploring ashore by Zodiac.



Scotland to Spitsbergen: Puffins, Sea Ice and Wildlife

Few itineraries feature such contrasting destinations in a single trip—but our 17-day *Scotland to Spitsbergen: Puffins, Sea Ice and Wildlife* voyage does just that. You'll start in Scotland, exploring the Shetland and Orkney Islands—visiting impressive bird colonies and Scottish Neolithic historical sites—then cross the Norwegian Sea to Bear Island, which sits alone and isolated between mainland Norway and Svalbard. Because you're traveling in May, you'll encounter plenty of ice in fjords such as Storfjorden, which increases our chances of seeing walrus, polar bears, seals and other wildlife. You will also learn from our special guest ornithologist and historian, who will join us for the entire voyage.

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

Available Expedition Extension: Helsinki Extension: Glacial Lakes, Ancient Forests and City Lights.

1 departure | 17 days
May 2 – 18, 2027

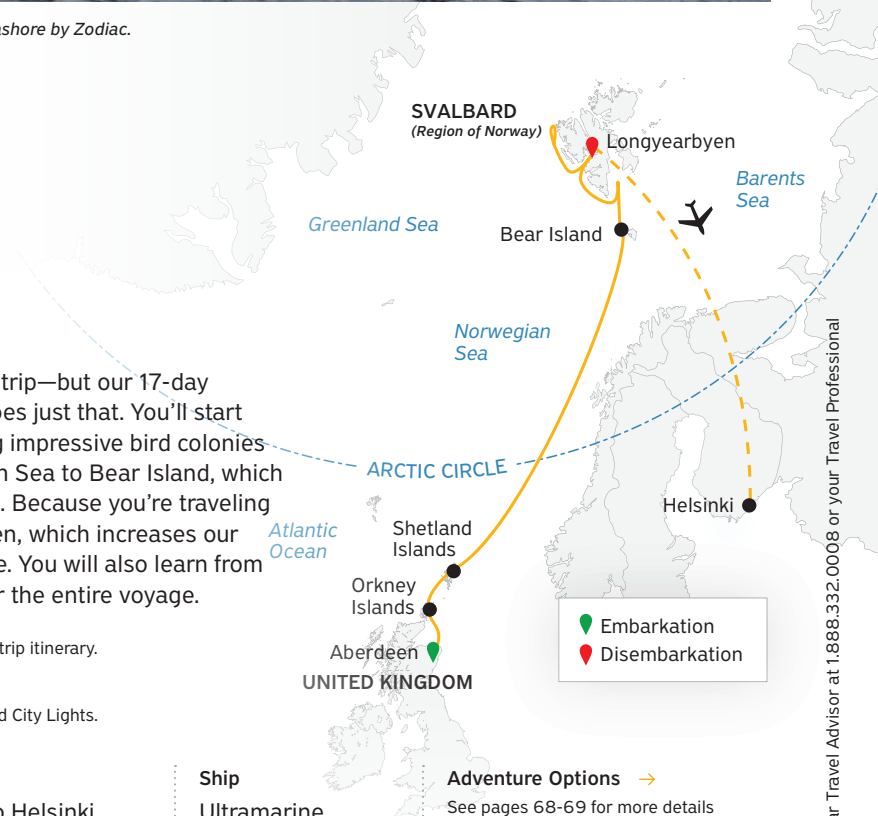
Embark: Aberdeen, Scotland
Disembark: Longyearbyen, Svalbard

Visit the Expedition Page for details →

Charter Flight
Longyearbyen to Helsinki
Included in Charter Flight & Hotel Package

Ship
Ultramarine

Adventure Options →
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Front-row seats to Svalbard's glaciers and snowcapped peaks on a Zodiac cruise.



Svalbard in Spring: Sea Ice, Pristine Snow and Wildlife

Our 11- or -12-day *Svalbard in Spring: Sea Ice, Pristine Snow and Wildlife* is a rare opportunity to visit the Norwegian High Arctic when Svalbard is bathed in 24 hours of daylight, yet the landscape remains entrenched in its snow-clad Arctic splendor. Entire mountains are still cloaked in snow and expansive sea ice, including fast ice. You have the unique privilege of witnessing the Arctic “waking up.” Birds arrive, filling the silence with their calls. Meltwater begins to trickle, ice cracks and pops, and the ground starts to thaw. Tiny shoots may appear through the melting snow—a quiet yet grand rebirth unfolding, echoing life’s cycle on an Arctic scale.

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Available Expedition Extension: Helsinki Extension: Glacial Lakes, Ancient Forests and City Lights.

7 departures | 11 days
May 2027

Embark/Disembark:
Longyearbyen, Svalbard

Visit the Expedition Page for details →

Charter Flight
From/To Helsinki

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& Hotel Package

Ships
Ultramarine
Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options →
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Wildlife and adventure at every turn: a curious walrus, fjord kayaking and a Svalbard reindeer.



Svalbard in Summer: Tundra, Whales and Wildlife

Our 11-day *Svalbard in Summer: Tundra, Whales and Wildlife* is a rare chance to explore the Arctic as it comes fully alive when plant life and wildflowers are at their maximum numbers. It’s also possible during the Arctic summer to observe polar bears, walruses, Arctic foxes, and potentially belugas. With warmer temperatures, endless daylight, and snow cover receding, you’ll have plenty of chances to explore onshore by foot and by Zodiac to completely immerse yourself in the Arctic environment.

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Available Expedition Extension: Helsinki Extension: Glacial Lakes, Ancient Forests and City Lights.

7 departures | 11 days
June & July 2027

Embark/Disembark:
Longyearbyen, Svalbard

Visit the Expedition Page for details →

Charter Flight
From/To Helsinki

Included in Charter Flight
& Hotel Package

Ships
Ultramarine
Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options →
See pages 68-69 for more details







The many ways to explore Svalbard: Zodiac cruising, wildlife viewing and hiking.



Spitsbergen Highlights: Wildlife Capital of the Arctic

Pack all the excitement of an epic Arctic expedition into one adventure-packed week. This rocky island is crowned with mountains, glaciers, towering cliffs, and fjords that host thriving, diverse ecosystems. Our 8-day *Spitsbergen Highlights: Wildlife Capital of the Arctic* lets you experience as much of the Svalbard wilderness as possible. Our expert guides will maximize opportunities for you to spot walrus, Arctic birds, reindeer, polar bears and other iconic Arctic creatures while Zodiac cruising, hiking and kayaking.

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

Available Expedition Extension: Helsinki Extension: Glacial Lakes, Ancient Forests and City Lights.

1 departure | 8 days
June 25 – July 2, 2027

Embark/Disembark:
Longyearbyen, Svalbard

Visit the Expedition Page for details →

Charter Flight
From/To Helsinki

Included in Charter Flight
& Hotel Package

Ship
Ultramarine

Adventure Options →
See pages 68-69 for more details



Capturing the spectacle of Alkefjellet's legendary bird cliffs.



Spitsbergen Circumnavigation: A Rite of Passage

This 15-day itinerary is our most comprehensive exploration of Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Svalbard archipelago. What makes it truly exceptional is that it's the only expedition where we attempt a full circumnavigation of Spitsbergen—a rare Arctic rite of passage reserved for the boldest travelers. This is an Arctic adventure few will ever experience. Witness iconic wildlife, including walrus, reindeer, and elusive polar bears. Step ashore at secluded landing sites steeped in 16th-century maritime history, and prepare to be awestruck as you visit two of the Arctic's most extraordinary birdwatching havens: 14th of July Glacier and Alkefjellet.

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

Available Expedition Extension: Helsinki Extension: Glacial Lakes, Ancient Forests and City Lights.

1 departure | 15 days
June 30 – July 14, 2027

Embark/Disembark:
Longyearbyen, Svalbard

Visit the Expedition Page for details →

Charter Flight
From/To Helsinki

Included in Charter Flight
& Hotel Package

Ship
Ultramarine

Adventure Options →
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Adventure beyond scale.

Step into an epic Arctic realm of glaciers, deep fjords, and culture-rich coastal communities. In Greenland, our expeditions span the austere wilds of the east, the iceberg-strewn west, and remote southern fjords—revealing the island's astonishing scale and beauty.

GREENLAND



Heli-flightseeing over Tasermiut Fjord.



South Greenland: Alpine Exploration by Helicopter

Experience the rare thrill of landing on the massive Greenland Ice Sheet—an exclusive highlight of our 15-day *South Greenland: Alpine Exploration by Helicopter* itinerary. This activity-packed voyage is perfect for travelers who love spending time off-ship, hiking, cruising by Zodiac, visiting local communities, camping, kayaking icy waters, and soaring above fjords and mountaintops in one of our twin-engine helicopters. You can choose how adventurous you want to be or enjoy a slower pace on board—relaxing in the spa and gym, unwinding in spacious common areas, or indulging in our Tundra to Table: Greenland Culinary Experience.

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

Available Expedition Extension: Reykjavik Extension: Natural Wonders and City Adventures.

1 departure | 15 days
August 4 – 18, 2027

Embark: Reykjavik, Iceland
Disembark: Nuuk, Greenland

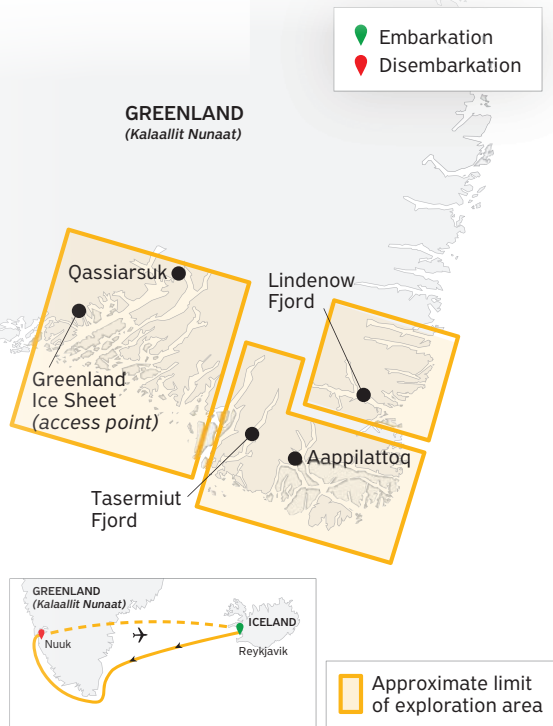
Visit the Expedition Page for details →

Charter Flight
Nuuk to Reykjavik

Included in Charter Flight
& Hotel Package

Ship
Ultramarine

Adventure Options →
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Exploring Greenland's history, icy landscapes and welcoming fishing villages.



Southeast to West Greenland: Glaciers, Fjords and Viking History

On our 15-day *Southeast to West Greenland: Glaciers, Fjords and Viking History*, guests can explore East, South and West Greenland in a single expedition, following a rarely traveled route along the southeast coast, around the greener southern tip, and briefly onward to the glacier-carved west. The voyage reveals Norse ruins, Greenlandic coastal communities, and two UNESCO World Heritage sites, set against a backdrop of deep fjords, ice-choked bays, steep mountains, and valleys that burst into color during Greenland's brief Arctic summer.

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

Available Expedition Extension: Reykjavik Extension: Natural Wonders and City Adventures.

1 departure | 15 days
August 5 – 19, 2027

Embark: Reykjavik, Iceland
Disembark: Nuuk, Greenland

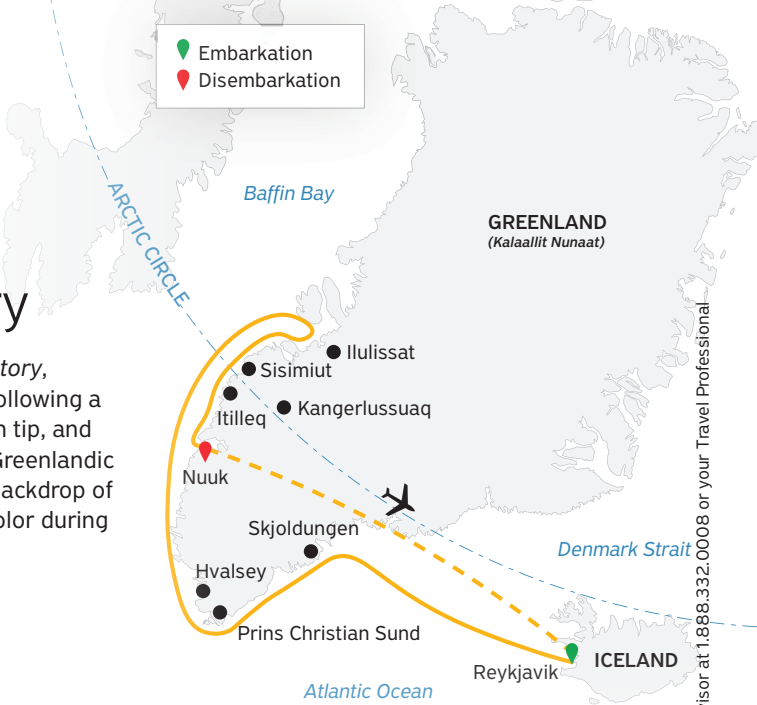
Visit the Expedition Page for details →

Charter Flight
Nuuk to Reykjavik

Included in Charter Flight
& Hotel Package

Ship
Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options →
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Photographing massive icebergs of West Greenland.



West Greenland: Discovering Massive Icebergs and Inuit Communities, Northbound

Our 11-day *West Greenland: Discovering Massive Icebergs and Inuit Communities, Northbound* itinerary is designed for travelers who want the most immersive journey possible into West Greenland—known for its tidewater glaciers, storied fjords, colossal icebergs, and picturesque coastal communities. You will journey deep into both Eternity Fjord—and the rarely-visited Itilleq Fjord. You'll also explore Ilulissat, Eqip Sermia and Uummannaq—West Greenland's crown jewels of ice and stone—all in one seamless trip. Thanks to our local partnerships, we'll take you beyond the guidebooks for truly immersive experiences. Plus, you'll cross the iconic Arctic Circle.

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

Available Expedition Extension: Reykjavik Extension: Natural Wonders and City Adventures.

1 departure | 11 days
August 17 – 27, 2027
Embark: Nuuk, Greenland
Disembark: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland
Visit the Expedition Page for details →

Charter Flight
From/To Reykjavik
Included in Charter Flight
& Hotel Package

Ship
Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options →
See pages 68-69 for more details
Icons: Hiking, Kayaking, Zodiac, Skiing, Snowshoeing, Biking, Photography



Culture, ice and adventure: Greenlandic village life, massive icescapes and mountain biking.



West Greenland: Discovering Massive Icebergs and Inuit Communities, Southbound

Our 11-day *West Greenland: Discovering Massive Icebergs and Inuit Communities, Southbound* is for travelers seeking a journey dedicated exclusively to West Greenland. This is one of our most in-depth explorations of Eternity Fjord. You'll also explore Ilulissat, Eqip Sermia and Uummannaq—West Greenland's crown jewels of ice and stone—all in a single trip. Thanks to our local partnerships, we'll take you beyond the guidebooks for truly immersive experiences. Plus, you'll cross the Arctic Circle.

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

Available Expedition Extension: Reykjavik Extension: Natural Wonders and City Adventures.

1 departure | 11 days
August 25 – September 4, 2027
Embark: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland
Disembark: Nuuk, Greenland
Visit the Expedition Page for details →

Charter Flight
From/To Reykjavik
Included in Charter Flight
& Hotel Package

Ship
Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options →
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Icons: Hiking, Kayaking, Zodiac, Skiing, Snowshoeing, Biking, Photography





Opposite: Icebergs, hiking and Greenlandic Inuit culture. Above: Kayaking an ice-filled fjord.



West Greenland: Exploring the Far North

No other itinerary within our Greenland portfolio travels farther north than our 16-day *West Greenland: Exploring the Far North*—which has the potential to reach an astonishing 78° north latitude. Ideal for guests with a passion for discovery and rarely visited destinations, this voyage ventures into regions tied to legendary explorers like Knud Rasmussen and Robert Peary. In fact, this is the only 2027 Arctic itinerary to visit the remote communities of Upernavik—and to explore the remarkable Smith Sound, where, on a clear day, Greenland and Canada are visible on the same horizon.

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

Available Expedition Extension: Reykjavik Extension: Natural Wonders and City Adventures.

1 departure | 16 days
September 2 – 17, 2027

Embark: Nuuk, Greenland
Disembark: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

Visit the Expedition Page for details →

Charter Flight
From/To Reykjavik
Included in Charter Flight & Hotel Package

Ship
Ocean Explorer

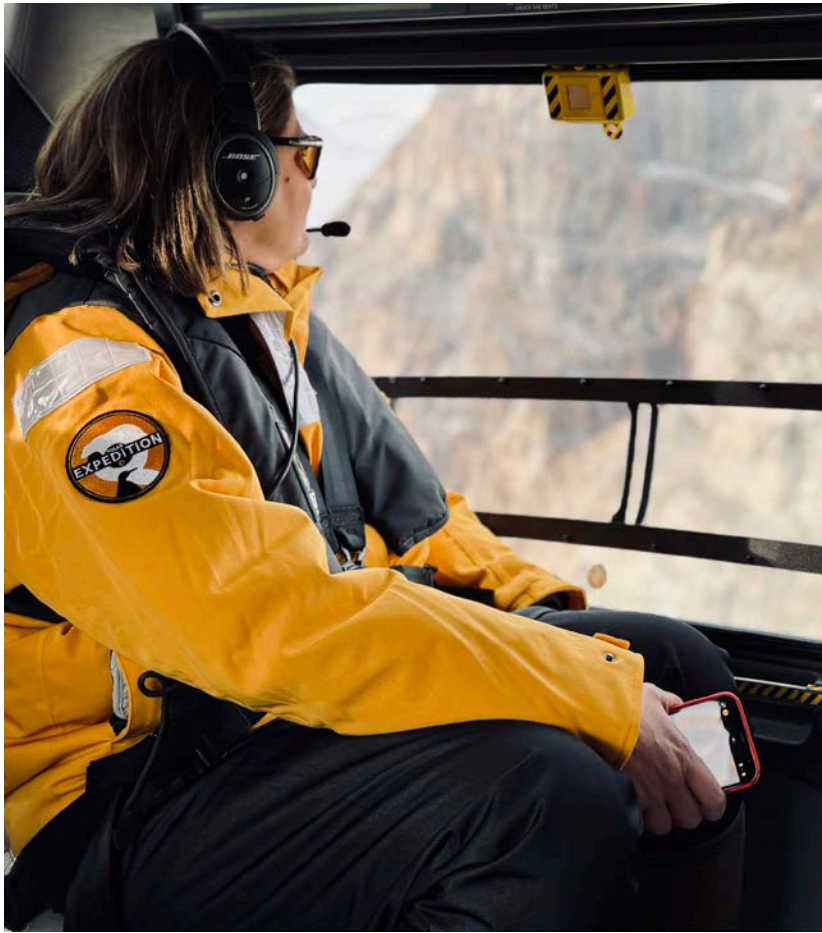
Adventure Options →
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Where legends sailed.

Sail through one of the most pristine and least disturbed regions on Earth, where legendary waterways, abundant wildlife, and living Inuit culture define the journey. In the Canadian Arctic, our expeditions trace the Northwest Passage through historic routes, expansive wilderness, remarkably vibrant northern communities and as far as Atlantic Canada.

CANADA



Three Arctic highlights: heli-flightseeing, polar bears and community visits.



Northwest Passage: The Legendary Arctic Sea Route

Winding through the icy channels of the legendary Northwest Passage brings history to life across the Canadian High Arctic and Greenland. On this 17-day journey, retrace the route of the ill-fated Franklin Expedition and the later success of Roald Amundsen. Explore colorful Inuit communities, browse traditional handicrafts, and hike vast tundra landscapes. Watch for iconic Arctic wildlife, including whales, walrus, muskoxen, and polar bears. Join this immersive voyage along one of the world's most storied sea routes—and return home with unforgettable memories etched deep.

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

Available Expedition Extensions: Reykjavik Extension: Natural Wonders and City Adventures.

2 departures | 17 days
August 2027

Embark: Nuuk/Kangerlussuaq, Greenland
Disembark: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

Visit the Expedition Page for details →

Charter Flight
From/To Reykjavik
Included in Charter Flight & Hotel Package

Ship
Ultramarine

Adventure Options →
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Hiking where few have ever set foot in remote eastern Canada.



Greenland to Newfoundland: Mountains, Wildlife and Viking History

Our 14-day *Greenland to Newfoundland: Mountains, Wildlife and Viking History* starts with a charter flight from Reykjavik, Iceland, to your embarkation port in Kangerlussuaq, West Greenland. Within a few days we'll cross the Davis Strait to Nunavut, then south to Labrador, where we'll explore Torngat Mountains National Park, and ultimately to St. John's, Newfoundland. This itinerary immerses guests in a cross-section of cultural traditions: Greenlandic culture in places like Sisimiut; Inuit and Nunatsiavut culture in Nunavut and Labrador; Viking history at L'Anse aux Meadows in Newfoundland; then the welcoming East Coast hospitality of St. John's, famously steeped in Celtic music. You'll even get to enjoy a Down East Kitchen Party.

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

Available Expedition Extensions: Reykjavik Extension: Natural Wonders and City Adventures.

2 departures | 14 days
September 13 & 15, 2027

Embark: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland
Disembark: St. John's, Newfoundland

Visit the Expedition Page for details →

Charter Flight
Reykjavik to Kangerlussuaq
Included in Charter Flight & Hotel Package

Ships
Ultramarine
Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options →
See pages 68-69 for more details



Fire and ice.

Forged by volcanoes and shaped by ice, Iceland offers a landscape of striking contrasts—waterfalls, glaciers, black sand beaches, and sheer coastal cliffs. Our innovative itineraries reveal the island by ship, helicopter, kayak, and on foot, delivering unforgettable perspectives at every turn.

ICELAND



Iceland by ship and helicopter: viewing waterfalls from every angle.



Iceland Circumnavigation: Mountains, Volcanoes and Waterfalls

Experience the thrill of a lifetime—a complete circumnavigation of Iceland, the Land of Fire and Ice. Our 12-day *Iceland Circumnavigation: Mountains, Volcanoes and Waterfalls* takes you around the entire island nation, starting and ending in Reykjavik. Explore by small polar ship, Zodiac, kayak, on foot, and occasionally by coach, as you witness thundering waterfalls, vast glaciers, erupting geysers, volcanic cliffs, and remote wild coasts. Cross the Arctic Circle, spot iconic puffins, marvel at Vatnajökull Glacier, and photograph Dettifoss—Europe's most powerful waterfall.

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

Available Expedition Extension: Reykjavik Extension: Natural Wonders and City Adventures.

1 departure | 12 days

July 25 – August 5, 2027

Embark/Disembark: Reykjavik, Iceland

Visit the Expedition Page for details →

Ship

Ultramarine



Adventure Options →
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Expedition Extensions



For more information on our Expedition Extensions, visit [QuarkExpeditions.com](https://www.QuarkExpeditions.com)

Extend your adventure with our new pre- and post-expedition experiences. These curated itineraries are built with local partners to fit seamlessly before or after your polar expedition. Featuring a variety of options that include immersive city tours and iconic natural getaways, each extension itinerary was specifically designed to let you keep exploring beyond the ship.



Helsinki Extension: Glacial Lakes, Ancient Forests and City Lights

The perfect introduction to Finland. On this three-day extension, you will discover Helsinki’s striking Nordic architecture, vibrant waterfront and renowned Design District before experiencing the deeply rooted Finnish ritual of sauna at Löyly, the city’s celebrated seaside spa on the Baltic. Venture to beautiful Nuuksio National Park, with its glacial lakes and ancient forest just outside the city. The journey ends in medieval Porvoo, Finland’s second-oldest city – a storybook contrast to Helsinki’s modern design.

Availability
Pre- and post-expedition on all Helsinki voyages.

Duration
3 Days / 2 Nights

Tour Inclusions
Two breakfasts (Days 2 and 3), two lunches (campfire lunch at Nuuksio; lunch in Porvoo), two dinners and two nights’ hotel accommodation.

Reykjavik Extension: Natural Wonders and City Adventures

A land of waterfalls, fire, ice and steam—Iceland delivers geological drama at every turn. Over three extraordinary days, experience one of the most dynamic landscapes on Earth. Begin at the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa, then discover Reykjavik’s design culture, art and Norse heritage. Visit Hveragerði, where steam rises from the earth. Then come the waterfalls, from Seljalandsfoss, where a path passes behind the falls, to the 60-metre plunge of Skógafoss and the thundering cascade of Gullfoss, alongside Reynisfjara’s black volcanic beach and the Golden Circle’s erupting geysers.

Availability
Pre- and post-expedition on all Reykjavik voyages.

Duration
3 Days / 2 Nights

Tour Inclusions
Two breakfasts (Days 2 and 3), three lunches, two dinners and two nights’ hotel accommodation.



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, enabling Inuit chefs to share Greenlandic cuisine and culture.



Read more in our Sustainability Report

Science & Discovery

A new initiative designed to foster community, curiosity and education. Beginning in our Arctic 2027 season on select Ultramarine itineraries, Quark Expeditions is collaborating with leading scientists and researchers to enrich guest learning on- and off-ship.

Guest Engagement: Through researcher-led sessions, and interactive learning and field experiences with our expedition team, guests will gain a better understanding and appreciation of the polar wilderness.

Quark Science Hub

This designated space on *Ultramarine* enables guests to share knowledge, information and insights with scientists, researchers, and our Expedition Guides.

- Gather with scientists, researchers and expedition guides to share findings and insights from the voyage.
- Engage with interactive digital displays featuring multimedia content for self-guided discovery even when staff aren't present.
- Learn how data collection methods, such as drones, wildlife tags, and biopsy and guano sampling, enable us to study the health, population, and migratory pathways of unique birds, whales, and seals.
- Review and discuss observations and explore samples collected during science Zodiac cruises with other participants.

Note: The Science Hub is open to guests for self-guided exploration when staff are otherwise occupied.



This Science & Discovery program will enable guests to:

Interact and connect with scientists and researchers who are actively collecting data during expeditions.

Participate in citizen science programming to broaden their understanding and knowledge of the incredible polar ecosystem.

Work with our expedition team to help collect and record data, ranging from experiences such as conducting seabird surveys on deck to documenting whale sightings on Zodiac excursions or joining interactive sampling activities to measure water conditions.

Science in the Field

Quark Expeditions supports academic research through partnerships with institutions such as Seabird Watch, Plankton Base and SmartICE to deepen our understanding through access to projects that are contributing to published research and projects of high importance.

Citizen Science

In collaboration with the Polar Citizen Science Collective and Plankton Base, guests can engage in meaningful scientific data collection that supports targeted field research for projects like Happywhale.



Learn more about our Science & Discovery program.

Our fleet.

When it comes to polar expeditions, access matters. With the industry's most diverse fleet of small polar vessels, Quark Expeditions reaches places larger ships can't—delivering uniquely immersive experiences aboard purpose-built ships like *Ultramarine* and the state-of-the-art *Ocean Explorer*.

EXPLORATION

Ultramarine



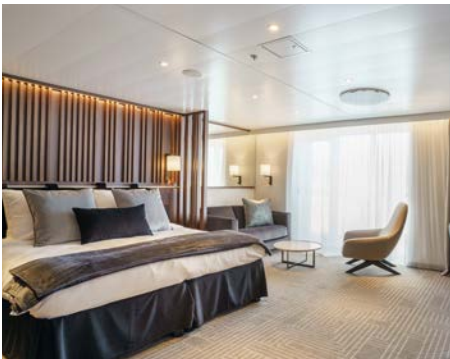
Take a video tour of Ultramarine



Balcony Suite



Terrace Suite



Balcony Suite

Designed to deliver unforgettable polar memories.

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.

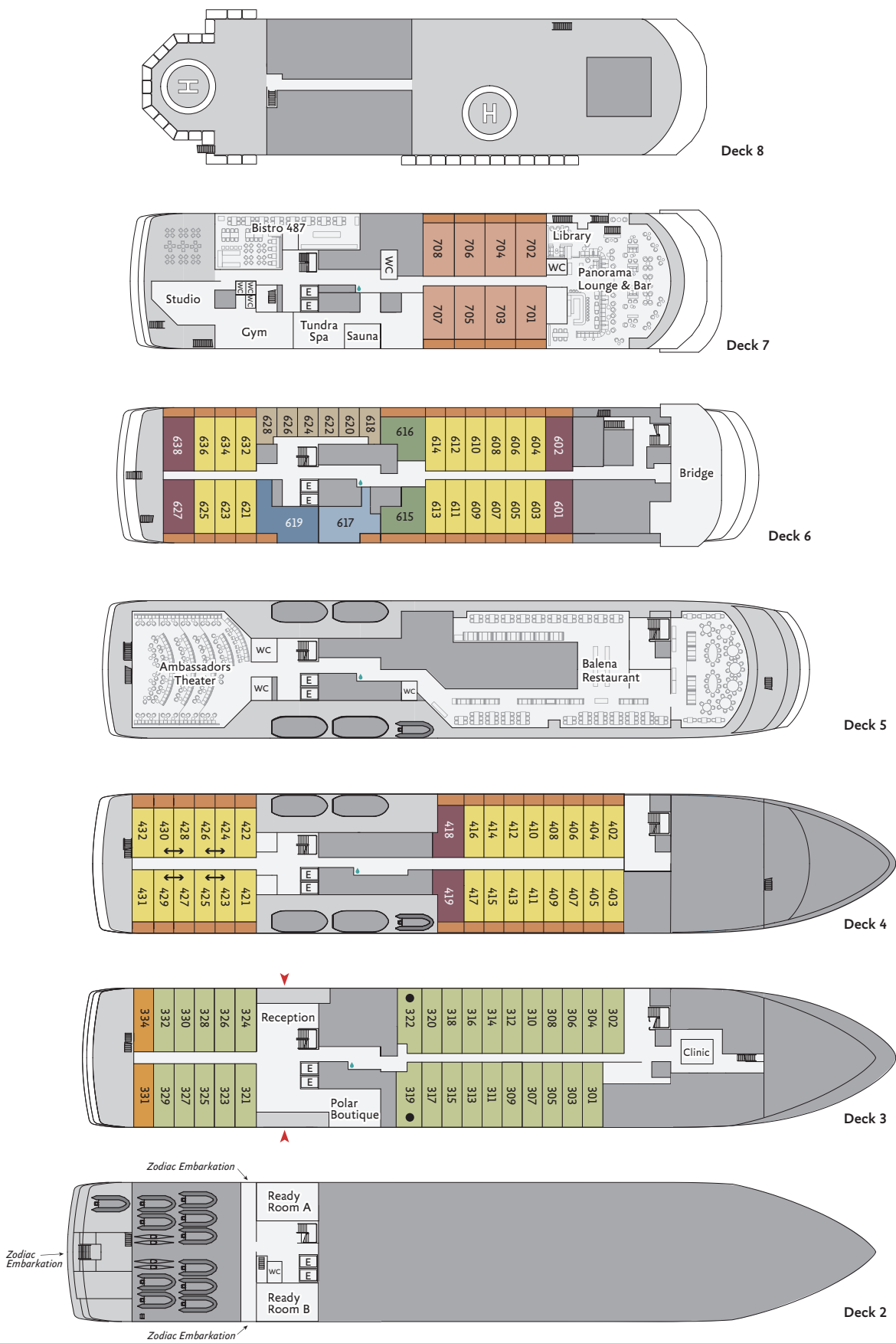
Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, *Ultramarine* offers the industry's largest portfolio of off-ship adventures. The vessel features the most spacious suites in its category, breathtaking public spaces, exceptional wildlife-viewing areas, superb amenities, and advanced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

Ship Specifications

- 140 Staff & Crew
- 199 Guests
- 4 Fully Enclosed Lifeboats
- PC6 Ice Classification



View all *Ultramarine* departures and cabin details here.



- Accommodations & Features:
- Ultra Suite
 - Owner's Suite
 - Penthouse Suite
 - Terrace Suite
 - Deluxe Balcony Suite
 - Balcony Suite
 - Explorer Suite
 - Explorer Triple
 - Solo Panorama
 - Balcony

Ultramarine

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 hit 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.

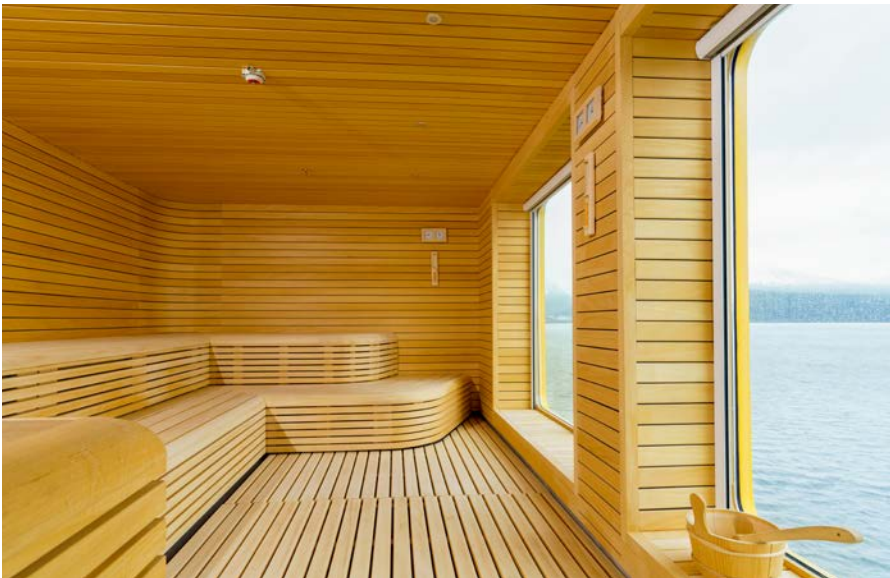


Smart Technology

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

Ocean Explorer



Take a video tour of Ocean Explorer



Studio Single



Veranda Suite



Junior Suite

Modern polar performance.

The 138-passenger *Ocean Explorer*, a recent 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.

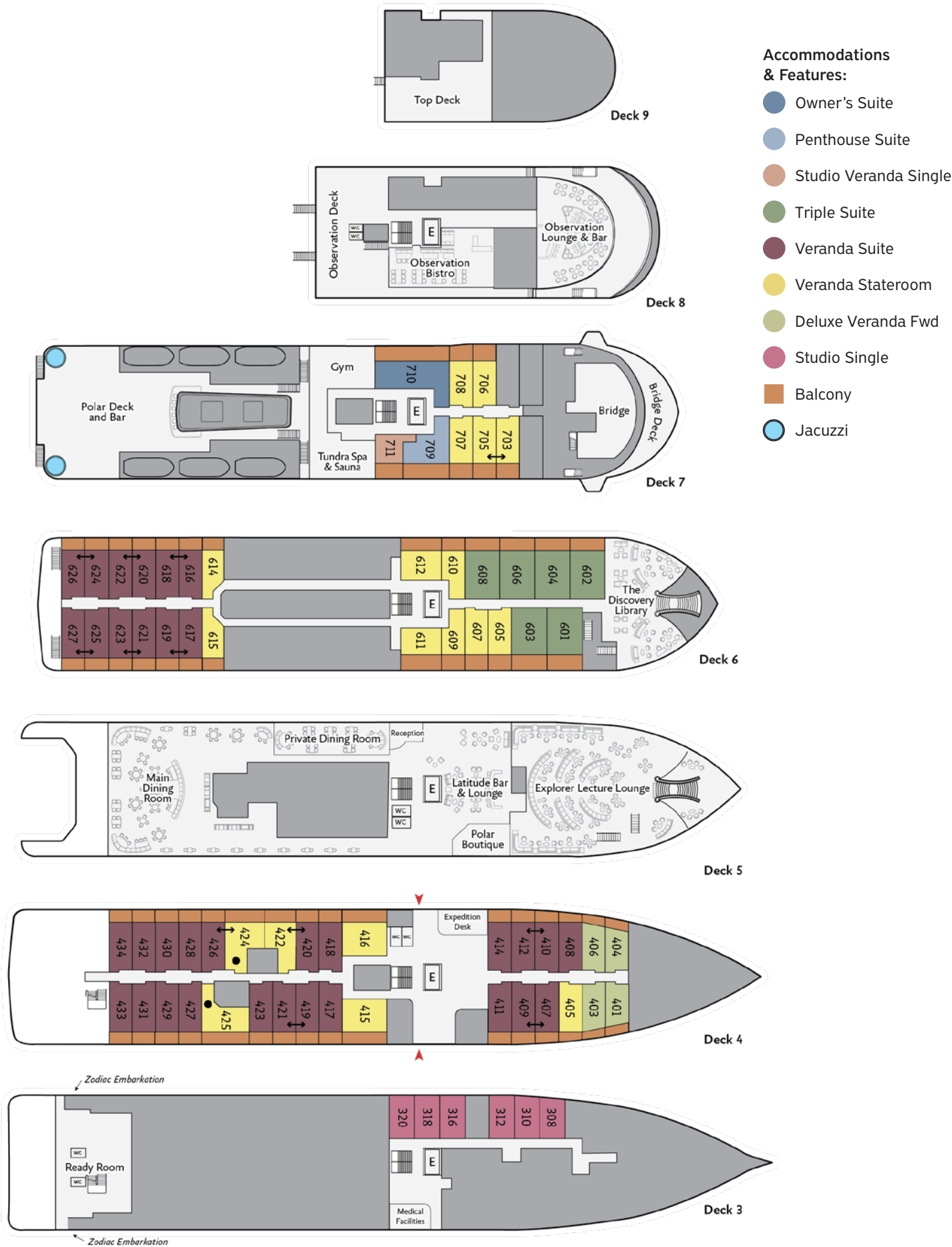
Ocean Explorer offers abundant observation areas on Decks 7, 8 and especially on Deck 9, which offers 360-degree panoramic views from the very top of the vessel.

Ship Specifications

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



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



Ocean Explorer

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 all 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.

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 al fresco 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.



Expedition dining.

Exceptional cuisine is integral to the expedition experience. Our internationally trained chefs draw inspiration from global flavors and accommodate all dietary requests indicated at booking, with vegan and vegetarian options always available.

Cookies and snacks are offered at coffee stations, warm pastries are served from around 6 a.m., and complimentary wine, select beers, and cocktails are served during bar hours and dinner.



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 space 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

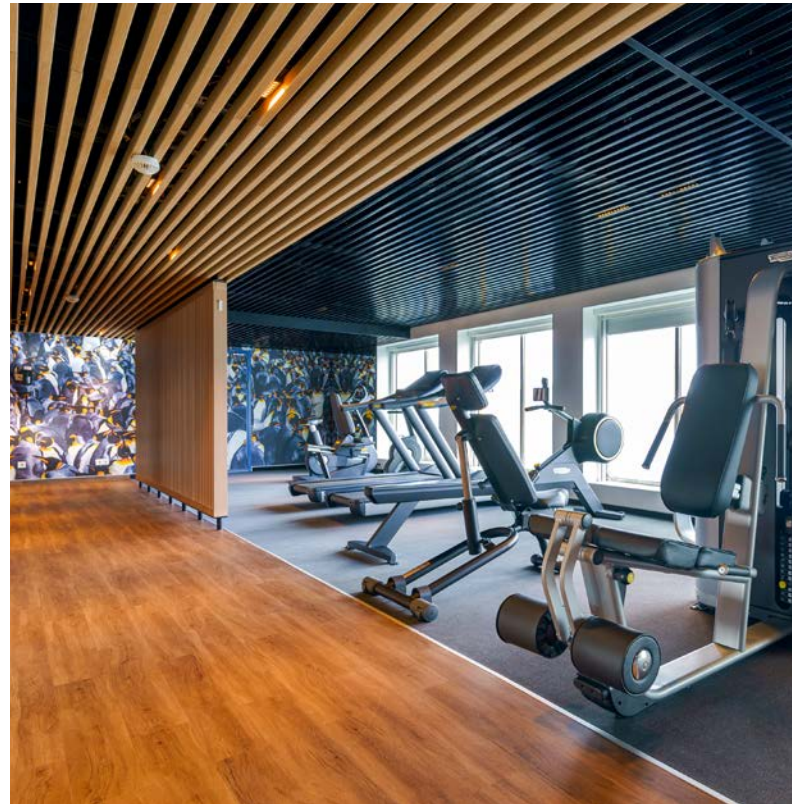
The Panorama Lounge on Deck 7 is the main bar on *Ultramarine* and features spectacular forward views, comfortable seating and a friendly atmosphere, offering an array of specialty cocktails, 24-hour coffee and tea, plus a well-stocked polar library.

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 is ideal for guests who like to enjoy a coffee or cocktail outdoors.

Recharge aboard.

Exploration may define each day, but relaxation is never an afterthought. On Ocean Explorer and Ultramarine, a range of wellness amenities—from gyms and spas to saunas and outdoor Jacuzzis—offers time to unwind, restore energy, and stay connected to the surrounding polar landscape.



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

Guests can visit the Dry Sauna on Deck 7 to relax while gazing at the polar wilderness through the large windows.

Tundra Spa

Guests can book 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 al fresco 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.

Flavors of the north.

Guests traveling with Quark Expeditions to Greenland, the Canadian Arctic, and Iceland can now choose from two distinct Tundra to Table experiences—Tundra to Table Greenland and Tundra to Table Iceland—each a unique celebration of local culinary heritage.

You'll savor food made with ingredients direct from the sea and surrounding Arctic land— prepared by local chefs. In Greenland, enjoy an evening of Inuit storytelling as you dine on traditional dishes such as beer-braised muskox with Greenlandic mashed potatoes, and pickled halibut with lumpfish dip and bread. In Iceland, the experience draws on the island's rich Nordic food traditions, featuring locally sourced ingredients and the stories of the people who harvest them. Both experiences are one-of-a-kind culinary offerings found nowhere else in the world.

Every dish tells the story of the land and waters it came from.



Tundra to Table is available on these Arctic 2027 voyages:

- Iceland Circumnavigation: Mountains, Volcanoes and Waterfalls. See page 37
- South Greenland: Alpine Exploration by Helicopter. See page 24
- Northwest Passage: The Legendary Arctic Sea Route. See page 32
- Greenland to Newfoundland: Mountains, Wildlife and Viking History. See page 33



Savor authentic Inuit cuisine in our Tundra to Table experience.



Morning to midnight.



Daily Life Onboard

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 in the Dining Room.

Relax in incredible libraries.

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

Every meal is a gourmet experience, inspired by cuisines from around the world.



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.



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 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.



Off-ship and on.

Adventure activities are at the heart of all our voyages. From helicopters and Zodiacs to kayaking, hiking, and cultural encounters, our industry-leading fleet, equipment, and expedition team unlock more ways to explore, and more time spent experiencing the polar regions firsthand.

A D V E N T U R E

Explore from above.



Helicopter Experiences

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 2027 itineraries provide guests with multiple opportunities to enjoy helicopter-supported adventures, made possible by *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine H145 helicopters, which allow our expedition team to take travelers deeper into the Arctic landscape than any other operator.

Note: *Ultramarine's* 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 68 →

Expert guidance. Extraordinary images.



Guided Photography Program

Our new Guided Photography Program is designed for photographers of all levels. Each day of the voyage, guests who enroll will receive priority boarding on the first wave of Zodiacs. This small group (maximum 16 participants, with no more than 8 per Zodiac) will be led by the same guide each day and will receive professional photography advice, tips, and feedback during outings and in post-excursion workshops. This program is a great opportunity to not only explore but also improve your photography skills.



More ways to explore.

We offer adventure activities to suit every type of traveler, regardless of experience—some included, some at extra cost. Visit the relevant itinerary page on our website 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 by Zodiac while looking out for wildlife is an intimate and relaxing way to explore 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.

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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.



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 rugged coastlines and through calm bays with an experienced guide offers one of the most inspiring ways to explore the pristine Arctic. Guests in the sea kayaking program typically enjoy multiple paddling excursions 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

Tundra to Table is our award-winning culinary experience, offered in two distinct editions. In Greenland, Inuit chefs from the Iqapall Culinary Collective share the flavors and traditions of Greenland, while in Iceland, expert Icelandic chefs guide guests through a tasting menu rooted in the land and sea.



Guided Photography Program

Designed for photographers of all levels, this add-on gives you priority boarding on the first Zodiacs each day, guided by the same professional photographer throughout. With a maximum of 16 guests, you'll receive expert advice, tips, and feedback both on excursions and in onboard workshops—exploring more and shooting better along the way.

All of our Included Activities and Adventure Options are weather-permitting. Not all activities are offered on all voyages. See individual itineraries for specific details.



Find out more about our Tundra to Table program [here](#).



For more information on all Adventure Options visit the Quark Expeditions website [here](#).



THE *Shackleton* CLUB

A Legacy of Loyalty at Sea

You're Part of Something Bigger

Once you travel with us, you become a member of *The Shackleton Club*, our loyalty program built for those who understand that the greatest journeys change you permanently.

Like the crew of the *Endurance*, our members share something rare: the experience of witnessing the world's most remote and breathtaking places firsthand. The Shackleton Club exists to honor that bond and reward the explorers who keep coming back.

Your Benefits as a Member

- Special members newsletter with expedition insights and destination previews
- Early access to new itineraries before they open to the public
- Onboard credit for amenities while on-ship
- Exclusive offers and promotions
- The ability to book your next voyage while onboard and unlock our biggest savings

The Voyage That Defined Loyalty

In late 1914, Ernest Shackleton and 27 men embarked on the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, setting sail from South Georgia Island aboard *Endurance*, bound for the last great uncharted frontier—the Antarctic continent. Their goal: to complete the first overland crossing of Antarctica. What followed became one of history's most extraordinary tales of leadership, resilience and human connection.



Endurance never reached her destination. Trapped and crushed by pack ice in the Weddell Sea, the ship sank in November 1915, leaving the crew stranded on the frozen surface of the ocean for months. What Shackleton did next defied all odds. With five men, he sailed an open 22-foot lifeboat called the *James Caird* across 800 miles of the world's most violent ocean to reach a remote whaling station on South Georgia Island— a journey that took 17 days. He then organized a rescue and sailed back for every man left behind, finally reaching them in August 1916, nearly two years after the expedition first set sail. Not one life was lost. His secret wasn't just survival instinct. It was the fierce loyalty he inspired and the unshakable bond forged between men who had endured the extraordinary together.

That spirit lives at the heart of everything we do.

The Adventure Never Truly Ends

Shackleton once wrote that he felt Antarctica calling him back—an irresistible pull toward the ice that no amount of comfort at home could silence. Our members understand that feeling deeply. The Shackleton Club isn't just a rewards program; it's a community of people for whom one expedition is never quite enough.

Welcome aboard. Your next voyage is already waiting.



Call a Quark Polar Travel Advisor at 1.888.332.0008 or your Travel Professional

Loyalty Program



Traveling Solo with Quark Expeditions.

No Single Supplement. No Compromise.

Through our Request-Share program, solo guests are paired with a same-gender cabin mate, meaning neither pays the single supplement. A small logistical detail that often becomes the beginning of a lasting friendship.

Ships Built for Human Connection

Our small vessels are designed with generous communal spaces—lounges, bars, a library, presentation theaters, and open deck viewing areas. You don't have to work at meeting people. The layout practically does it for you.

A Dining Room With No Strangers

There's no assigned seating we can lose. Tables for two, four, eight, and larger groups fill our dining rooms, and solo travelers are always welcomed to pull up a chair. Some of the best conversations of the voyage happen over dinner.



199 Guests. Everyone Knows Your Name.

With a maximum of 199 guests aboard, you're on a first-name basis with fellow travelers and crew within hours. Our expedition guides and expert presenters are just as approachable—always eager to go deep on polar science, wildlife, or the history of the ice.

The Ice Brings People Together

It's nearly impossible to witness a humpback breach or a glacier calve without turning instinctively to the person beside you. That shared moment of awe is its own kind of introduction. Polar passion, it turns out, is one of the most powerful connectors there is.



Travel solo and experience:

- Full cabin value, half the cost
- Instant camaraderie
- Spaces designed for connection
- Open seating dining
- Off-ship activities built for bonding
- Like-minded company

The Solo-Traveler Advantage

There's a particular kind of freedom that comes with solo travel—no compromises, no negotiated itineraries, just you and the ice. But what surprises most solo travelers on a Quark Expedition is how quickly the solitude gives way to something far richer.



Subscribe to our [newsletter](#) to find out about special promotions for solo travelers, as well as updates on new products and itineraries.



Hear Brian talk about traveling solo in the Arctic.

What's included.

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.

Every Quark Guest Receives

- ✓ The Quark Parka, yours to keep
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Complimentary Wi-Fi service, permitting basic Internet browsing, (Premium data packages are available)
- ✓ 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 Sites and other historic landmarks



Your Polar-Perfect Parka

3-in-1 hooded parka

Yours to keep. Engineered specifically for the polar environment, the Quark parka guarantees lasting warmth and protection on your expedition and beyond.

Reflective patches

Removable, adjustable hood

Water resistant outer shell

Removable insulating layer

Can be worn as a stand-alone piece for warmer polar days or your journey home.

5 outer and 2 inner pockets

For carrying camera accessories and extra gear.

Drop tail

For added protection when seated outdoors.



There's more to explore.

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). Once there, you'll discover penguin rookeries, iceberg-filled bays, glaciers and rugged coasts that are home to vast populations of wildlife. 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 and Snow Hill, along with Patagonia, and you're in for an expedition of a lifetime.

Ways to save



Shackleton Club Loyalty Program
See page 70



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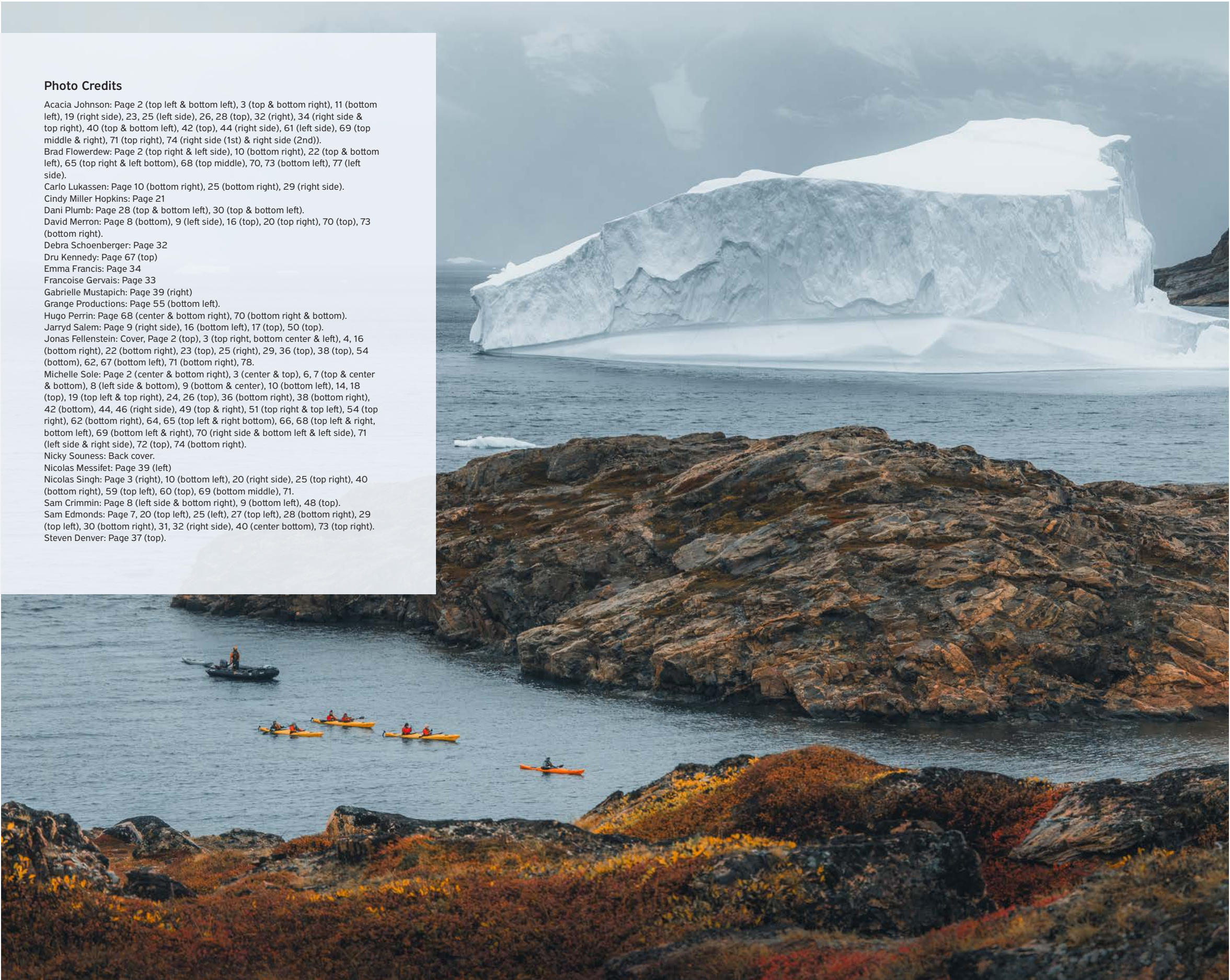
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