OUT OF THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE

AN EXCLUSIVE VISIT TO THE WRECK OF THE HMS EREBUS WITH PARKS CANADA

SEPTEMBER 7 – 23, 2017
The Northwest Passage remains one of the world's last true frontiers, and this expedition takes you to its heart. Presented in proud partnership with Parks Canada, this remarkable voyage will feature visits to some of Canada's most spectacular and remote wilderness areas. In exploring Qausuittuq, Simirlik and Auyuittuq national parks, we will gain a new respect for these protected areas as we experience the landscape, history and wildlife in the company of Parks Canada experts.

Parks Canada has also offered us a rare opportunity to visit the *HMS Erebus* National Historic Site. Here, adventurous travelers may have a chance to snorkel over the wreck. Those not wanting to get in the water may be able to view the wreck on screen where a member of Parks Canada's Underwater Archaeology Team can interpret the wreck using an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV).

This epic voyage also offers visits to remote northern communities, expeditions to seek out Arctic wildlife in their stunning natural habitats, and Zodiac cruises—featuring glaciers calving and icebergs towering in deep fjords. We will spend our time above the Arctic circle in true expedition style, searching for the aurora borealis and magnificent sea ice as we sail the paths of history.
**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit some of Canada's largest and most remote national parks, in the company of representatives of Parks Canada in celebration of Canada's sesquicentennial
- Snorkel in a dry-suit 11 metres (30 feet) above the wreck of the *HMS Erebus*
- Explore Qausuittuq National Park aboard the first expedition vessel to visit the park
- Travel the route that has enchanted explorers for centuries
- Enjoy visits to vibrant Inuit communities
- Find and photograph the wild creatures of the Arctic wilderness, with excellent opportunities to encounter whales and polar bears

- Visit the historic graves of the ill-fated Franklin Expedition
- Cruise the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the world's fastest-moving glacier
- See the northern lights in all their majesty

**Northbound Charter Flight:**
Edmonton, AB to Kugluktuk (Coppermine), NU
Early morning flight

$995 USD per person including all taxes and fees

**Southbound Charter Flight:**
Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Toronto, ON
Evening arrival

$1,400 USD per person including all taxes and fees

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**2017 PROPOSED ITINERARY**

- **Day 1:** Kugluktuk (Coppermine)
- **Day 2:** Coronation Gulf
- **Day 3:** Wreck of the *HMS Erebus*
- **Day 4:** Usqsuqtuq (Gjøa Haven)
- **Day 5–6:** Peel Sound and Parry Channel
- **Day 7:** Qausuittuq National Park
- **Day 8:** Beechey Island
- **Day 9:** Simirlik National Park
- **Day 10:** Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet)
- **Day 11:** Northeast Baffin Island
- **Day 12:** Auyuittuq National Park
- **Day 13:** East Baffin Island
- **Day 14:** At Sea
- **Day 15:** Ilulissat
- **Day 16:** Itilleq Fjord
- **Day 17:** Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

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DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1: KUGLUKTUK (COPPERMINE)

Located at the mouth of the Coppermine River, southwest of Victoria Island on the Coronation Gulf, Kugluktuk is the westernmost community in Nunavut. Coppermine reverted to its original Inuinnaqtun name—Kugluktuk, meaning “place of moving waters”—on January 1st, 1996. The Coppermine River itself is designated a Canadian Heritage River for the important role it played as an exploration and fur trade route. Copper deposits along the river attracted the first explorers to the area.

Because the tundra is close to the tree line, a variety of wildlife can be viewed in the area, including grizzly bears, wolverines and moose, as well as tundra wildlife, such as musk ox, caribou, foxes, and wolves.

DAY 2: CORONATION GULF

Located between Victoria Island and the Arctic coast of mainland Canada, the Coronation Gulf is an extensive body of water that is linked to the Arctic Ocean via the Dolphin and Union Strait on the west and by the Dease Strait and Queen Maud Gulf on the east.

The gulf was named in 1821 by John Franklin in honour of the coronation of King George IV. The environment and Inuit cultural history of the region was studied by Rudolph Anderson and Diamond Jenness in 1916 as part of the Canadian Arctic Expedition. We will be exploring the area, and making an opportunistic expedition stop.

DAY 3: THE WRECK OF THE HMS EREBUS

The HMS Erebus was a Hecla-class bomb vessel, built in Wales in 1826. She was named after the dark region in Hades of Greek mythology and weighed 372 tons. The ship took part in the Ross Expedition from 1839 to 1843, and was abandoned during the legendary Franklin Expedition after becoming icebound during an attempt to locate the fabled Northwest Passage. Her sunken wreck had actually been designated a National Historic Site prior to being located in September of 2014 by a Parks Canada underwater archaeology team.

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DAY 4: USQSUQTUUQ (GJØA HAVEN)

In 1903, explorer Roald Amundsen, while looking for the Northwest Passage, sailed through the James Ross Strait and stopped at a natural harbour on the island’s south coast. Unable to proceed due to sea ice, he spent the winters of 1903–04 and 1904–05 at Usqsuqtuuq. While there, he learned Arctic living skills from the local
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Netsilik Inuit, skills that would later prove invaluable in his Antarctic explorations. He used his ship, Gjøa, as a base for explorations in the summer of 1904, sledding the Boothia Peninsula and travelling to the magnetic North Pole. Usqsuqtuq offers a lot to its visitors, including the Northwest Passage Territorial Historic Park, where visitors can learn about the voyages of explorers such as Frobisher, Ross, and Franklin. Also, there is a 9-hole golf course, known to be Canada’s most northerly course. Although Usqsuqtuq is becoming more modern, many traditional Inuit activities are still being enjoyed, including throat singing, drum dancing, and hunting.

**DAY 5–6: PEEL SOUND AND PARRY CHANNEL**

As we head north up Peel Sound, we get into serious polar bear country and will be on the lookout for good spotting opportunities. Parry Channel is named after Arctic explorer William Edward Parry who got as far as Melville Island in 1819 before being blocked by ice at McClure Strait.

Depending on ice conditions, we may make expedition stops along the way among the spectacular landscapes, a perfect setting for hiking and exploring the geological diversity of the area.

**DAY 7: QAUSUITTUQ NATIONAL PARK**

Parks Canada and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) worked together with the community of Resolute Bay to create this new national park on Bathurst Island. After a local contest, the name of the park was selected: Qausuittuq means “place where the sun doesn’t rise”. During the winter months, the sun stays below the horizon for several months at a time. It is a traditional Inuit hunting ground, a vast habitat for the endangered Peary caribou, and a pristine example of Arctic wilderness.

Ocean Endeavour passengers will be the first expedition vessel to visit the park since its opening in 2015. Parks Canada is excited to be providing this opportunity, and travellers will set precedent for travel to this region by exploring the untouched areas and helping to establish new criteria to govern future sustainable land use. Today represents an unparalleled opportunity to experience the true spirit of expedition, and become a part of Qausuittuq’s future.

**DAY 8: BEECHEY ISLAND**

In 1845 Sir John Franklin took his expedition of 129 men and two ships into the Wellington Channel. Not a soul returned from the fateful expedition. It was two years before search parties were launched. Aside from the bodies of three souls buried here, only relics were found as clues to the disappearance. The three graves found at Beechey Island left no indication as to the fate of the rest of the British party. In the autumn of 2014, Canadian archaeologists discovered remnants of the HMS Erebus in the frozen waters of the Northwest Passage, and in 2015, her sister ship—the Terror—was similarly located.

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DAY 9: SIRMILIK NATIONAL PARK

Sirmilik National Park, located in the Qikiqtaaluk region of Nunavut, is known as “the place of glaciers” in Inuktitut. It is composed of three areas: most of Bylot Island, Oliver Sound, and Baffin Island’s Borden Peninsula. Beluga whales, seals, walruses, Peary caribou, Arctic foxes, Arctic hares, and wolves all call the area home—and the park is a migratory area for narwhals. A major seabird colony is found in Baillarge Bay and Bylot Island, the latter of which contains a rare colony of greater snow geese. The local glacial activity is of particular note, as are the sedimentary remains they deposit in the sea, leading to stunningly opaque, azure waters. Though the area became a national park in 2001, it continues to be inhabited by the Inuit who continue to hunt and fish the area as their ancestors did.

DAY 10: MITTIMATALIK (POND INLET)

Mittimatalik is a bustling Arctic community surrounded by one of the most beautiful landscapes in the eastern Arctic. We will have a chance to explore the town, including its excellent library and other facilities, and meet many local citizens who will gladly share their culture. Mittimatalik is a famous region for viewing marine mammals, including the elusive narwhal.

DAY 11: NORTHEAST BAFFIN FJORDS

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

DAY 12: AUYUITTUQ NATIONAL PARK

Located on the Cumberland Peninsula, Auyuittuq National Park (“the land that never melts”) transitioned from a national park reserve to a full national park in 2000. It is home to little vegetation, although plants like mountain avens and saxifrage eke out lives on the barren terrain. Only twelve species of mammal call this remarkable area home due to the exceptionally low vegetation supply. Auyuittuq is noted for spectacular fjords, glaciers, and ice fields—it is these features that will be the subject of our visit as we take in the area over the course of a expedition day.

DAY 13: EAST BAFFIN

Today we will explore the eastern coast of Baffin Island or Qikiqtaaluk, the largest island in Canada and the fifth largest island in the world, with a population of over 11,000. Named after English explorer William Baffin, it is likely that the island was known to Pre-Columbian Norse of Greenland.

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and Iceland during the eleventh century, and presumed to be the Helluland of the Viking sagas. The coastline of Baffin Island is highly indented, particularly on the east and north. Large bays such as those of Frobisher Bay and Cumberland Sound are the largest and cut deeply into the southeast coast. The island’s immensity and bewildering coastline confused early explorers and concealed its geography until recent times. It was likely here that one of the great ice sheets that covered most of Canada originated some 18,000 years ago, and ice lingered on the island until almost 1500 years ago; vast areas are still sheathed in ice year-round. Today, the Penny Ice Cap and the Barnes Ice Cap are the largest ice caps on the island, and they are both remnants of the Laurentide ice sheet that once covered much of the North American continent. Both are currently in a state of retreat.

DAY 14: AT SEA

Today our presentation series will kick into high gear as we steam across the Davis Strait, bound for the spectacular Greenlandic coast. Expect to participate in workshops, engage in discussions and hear expert reflection on the journey thus far, and a look forward to the exciting trip finale that awaits.

DAY 15: ILULISSAT

Ilulissat translates literally into “iceberg”, and there couldn’t be a more fitting name for this stunning coastal community. Our visit will include time in the colourful town and a chance to hike out along a boardwalk to an elevated viewpoint where we can observe the great fields of ice. We will also cruise in our fleet of Zodiacs through the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Ilulissat Icefjord. The Icefjord is home to the Sermeq Kujalleq Glacier, the most active and fastest moving glacier in the world at nineteen metres per day, calving more than thirty-five square kilometers of ice annually. The glacier has been the object of scientific attention for 250 years.

DAY 16: ITILLEQ FJORD

The west Greenland coastline is a rich mixture of fishing communities, many islands and complex coastal waterways. We will be making an expedition stop here to explore the Greenlandic landscape.

DAY 17: KANGERLUSSUAQ

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

We will disembark the Ocean Endeavour and make our way to the airport to meet our charter flights home.

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The Ocean Endeavour is the perfect vessel for expedition cruising. Outfitted with twenty Zodiacs, advanced navigation equipment, multiple lounges, and a top deck observation room, she is purpose-built for passenger experiences in remote environments. The Ocean Endeavour boasts a 1B ice class, enabling her to freely explore throughout the Arctic summer. Launched in 1982, she has had numerous upgrades, most recently in 2015.

At 137 metres in length, the Ocean Endeavour has plenty of interior and exterior space. Ample deck space offers comfortable lounge chairs, a swimming pool, a sauna, and even a hot tub! The spacious interior allows for varied workshops and presentations to occur simultaneously.

The three lounges aboard the Ocean Endeavour are optimal locations for seminars, events, parties, and conversation.

The Ocean Endeavour’s accommodations are stylish and comfortable. All cabins have private washroom facilities, a phone for internal calls, TV, and temperature control. There are a variety of cabin categories available ranging from 9–30m² (90–300ft²).

The Ocean Endeavour’s crew is experienced and friendly. The ship’s shallow draft and manoeuvrability allow her to access isolated fjords, bays, and secluded communities. Enjoy the class and comfort of a boutique hotel while venturing to some of the world’s last great frontiers aboard the Ocean Endeavour!
YOUR EXPEDITION INCLUDES

**Ashore:**
- Introductions to local people and customs
- Sightseeing
- Museum entry, park access, and port taxes
- Access to pristine wilderness areas
- Zodiac tours and transfers
- On-site archaeological interpretation
- Community programming—local performances, presentations, and demonstrations
- Rubber boots for expedition landings

**Aboard:**
- Educational presentations
- Interactive workshops
- Evening entertainment
- All shipboard meals, including on-deck barbeques and afternoon tea
- 24-hour coffee, tea, and snacks
- Hors d’oeuvres and snacks during daily recaps
- 24-hour film and documentary programming in cabins
- Fully stocked library
- Access to all ship’s amenities, including sauna, gym, pool, and hot tub
### DETAILS

**Type of vessel:** Passenger Cruise Ship  
**Year built:** 1982: Szczecin, Poland (keel laid 1980)  
**Registry:** Bahamas  
**Length:** 137 metres / 450 feet  
**Breadth:** 21 metres / 69 feet  
**Draft:** 5.8 metres / 19 feet  
**Ice Class:** 1B  
**Main Engines:** 4 x Skoda Sulzer 6ZL40/48  
**Propellers:** 2 x variable pitch propellers  
**Stabilizers:** Gyrofin stabilizers  
**Bow-thruster:** 600 kW / 800 hp

* Photos are a guide only; actual cabins may differ from those shown.
**CATEGORY 1 | QUAD**

*Deck four:* Interior cabin, four lower berths, private bath (separate shower room and powder room) — approx. 240 sq. ft.

**CATEGORY 2 | TRIPLE**

*Deck four:* Interior cabin, three lower berths, two private baths — approx. 200 sq. ft.

**CATEGORY 3 | INTERIOR TWIN**

*Deck five:* Interior cabin, two lower berths, private bath — approx. 125 sq. ft. (twin) / 110 sq. ft. (single)

**CATEGORY 4 | EXTERIOR TWIN**

*Deck four:* Porthole window, unobstructed view; two lower berths — approx. 100 sq. ft. (Twin) / 90 sq. ft. (Single)

**CATEGORY 5 | MAIN TWIN**

*Deck five:* Picture window, unobstructed view; two lower berths, private bath — approx. 115 sq. ft.

**CATEGORY 6 | COMFORT TWIN**

*Deck four:* (two porthole windows, unobstructed view; two lower berths — approx. 175 sq. ft.), *deck seven:* (picture window, partial obstruction; two lower berths — approx. 135 sq. ft.), and *deck eight:* (picture windows, obstructed view; queen bed — approx. 160 sq. ft.) private bath, refrigerator

**CATEGORY 6 | SITTING AREA**

*Deck five:* Picture window, unobstructed view; two lower berths, private bath — approx. 115 sq. ft.

**CATEGORY 7 | SELECT TWIN**

*Deck five:* (picture windows, unobstructed view; two lower berths, approx. 190 sq. ft.) and *deck eight:* (oversize windows, partial obstruction queen bed — approx. 145 sq. ft.) private bath, refrigerator

**CATEGORY 8 | SUPERIOR TWIN**

*Deck five:* (two picture windows, unobstructed view; two lower berths, sitting area — approx. 210 sq. ft.), *deck seven forward:* (forward-facing picture windows, unobstructed; queen bed, private bath with full tub — approx. 180 sq. ft.), *deck seven midship:* (picture windows, partial obstruction; queen bed — approx. 190 sq. ft.) private bath, refrigerator

**CATEGORY 9 | JUNIOR SUITE**

*Deck five:* (picture windows, unobstructed view; queen bed, sitting area — approx. 270 sq. ft.), *deck seven forward:* (forward-facing picture windows, unobstructed; queen bed, private bath with full tub, sitting area — approx. 290 sq. ft) private bath, refrigerator

**CATEGORY 10 | SUITE**

*Deck seven:* forward-facing picture windows, unobstructed view; queen bed, private bath with full tub, refrigerator — approx. 310 sq. ft.
Adventure Canada is celebrating thirty years of exploring the world’s wildest and most remote places in comfort and style aboard our ice-class expedition vessels—an experience not offered by giant cruise ships. Here’s why our small ships make all the difference:

1. More Up-Close Encounters — Because of their maneuverability and shallow drafts, small ships can navigate narrow rivers, secluded coves, and ice-strewn fjords with ease. These are the places where wildlife thrives and local culture is at its best!

2. Smaller Groups — With small ships come small group sizes, fast shore transfers, and intimate presentations. Small groups mean flexible itineraries, adaptable responses to wildlife sightings, and personalized programming. With an average of one staff member for every eight passengers, our team is poised to help you make the most of your shipboard experience.

3. Likeminded Travel Companions — Over the years, we’ve found one common element among our guests: a thirst for knowledge and adventure. Many of our passengers form lifelong friendships and our trips are often the site of reunions for people from all over the world! Small ships encourage interaction and camaraderie.

4. Better Onboard Experiences — In addition to a full onboard presentation and entertainment schedule, we offer a wide range of lively shipboard activities. Guests choose which elements of the program they want to participate in—and we always provide options. A small ship means community!

5. Authenticity — Forget casinos and shopping malls; small ship cruising is about experiencing destinations up close, with the help of regional experts. Local culture, art, music, and knowledge thrive aboard a small ship, where friendships form quickly and each expedition develops its own living character.
LIFE ON BOARD

Once again in 2017, we will be aboard the Ocean Endeavour for our summer season. This ship is designed for passenger comfort, and ice-strengthened for safety in Arctic waters.

The hardworking crew greatly enriches our onboard experience and understand the unique needs of expedition travel; they give their all to make your adventure perfect.

Life aboard an expedition vessel is fun, engaging, and exciting. We pride ourselves on an unparalleled mix of discovery, learning, and fun. Above all, our expeditions are adaptable. That means that you choose the programming that most appeals to you. With lively talks and presentations, trivia nights, evening concerts, sing-alongs, theme dinners, and dances, there’s certainly no shortage of things to do!

Join our expert resource staff for a variety of workshops, from photography seminars to print making to Inuktitut lessons. Had enough of talks and presentations? Head ashore and explore on your own with our fleet of Kona mountain bikes!

Enjoy the onboard spa, pool, and hot tub; get the blood flowing in the health club and gym; enjoy a therapeutic massage or a quiet sauna after a day out in the Zodiacs. Top it all off with unbeatable gourmet food.

Stay up to date with the expedition goings on through daily multimedia recaps, and take a trip to the well-stocked shipboard library for some informal discussion and personal reflection.

Travelling aboard the Ocean Endeavour is an experience like no other: all the comforts of a boutique hotel, at sea in some of the world’s most remote environments!

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**OCEAN ENDEAVOUR EXPEDITION COSTS INCLUDE:**

*Passage aboard the Ocean Endeavour *Pre-departure materials  
*Special access permits, entry and park fees  
*Team of expedition staff  
*Applicable taxes  
*Educational program  
*Interactive workshops  
*Evening entertainment  
*Guided activities  
*Sightseeing and community visits  
*All shipboard meals  
*All Zodiac excursions  
*Port fees

**OCEAN ENDEAVOUR EXPEDITION COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE:**

*$250 Discovery Fee  
*Commercial & Charter flights  
*Gratuities (suggested $15 USD per passenger, per day)  
*Bicycle rentals  
*Personal expenses  
*Mandatory medical evacuation insurance  
*Additional expenses in the event of delays or itinerary changes  
*Possible fuel surcharges  
*Pre & post hotel accommodation  
*Optional excursions  
*Additional costs associated with payments made by credit card