



TORNGATS and ARCTIC ADVENTURE - NORTHBOUND

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our unique itineraries.

2024



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13 Nights / 14 Days

DAY 1 - SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA

We rendezvous in Sydney, Nova Scotia at around 16:00 to board the Klara, will get familiar with our accommodation and home for the next 14 days. We will then gather for our welcome dinner.

We will sail out of the harbor, across the Gulf of St Lawrence, towards Newfoundland, Labrador, and Greenland.

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 - SAINT-PIERRE ET MIQUELON – OVERSEAS FRENCH TERRITORY

Today the Klara provides us a unique experience by taking us to France. The tiny archipelago of Saint-Pierre et Miquelon is just off the southern coast of Newfoundland, and it is all that remains of France's once formidable North American territory. Settled in the early 17th century, it remains bound to France by politics, commerce, and custom, and the 7000 citizens have retained and celebrate their culture. When we depart, you'll be in no doubt you left Canada briefly, and experienced a unique historical phenomenon. There is also an Atlantic puffin colony here, and if the weather permits, we'll take the zodiacs to see these adorable, unmistakably, maritime birds.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 3 - GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK, NEWFOUNDLAND

We wake today just offshore of the fishing village of Trout River. From where we access Gros Morne National Park. We'll take the zodiacs ashore and then transfer by bus to The Tablelands, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here the Earth's mantle is visible, having been thrust to the surface during the formation of the Appalachian Mountains, then exposed by hundreds of millions of years of erosion. You will have a bird's eye view of the park and explore a boreal wetland, with its sheer rock ridges, pitcher plants, white throated sparrows, and perhaps a moose. We will visit the Discovery Center before arriving at Woody Point in Bonne Bay, where we transfer back to our ship and sail Northward.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



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DAY 4 - L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS, NEWFOUNDLAND

As we prepare to land our zodiacs on the beach at L'Anse aux Meadows, you cannot but marvel at the spirit of adventure that brought Vikings here a thousand years before. These are the archeological remains of their settlement, supplemented with historical recreations of their sod huts, discovered artifacts, and interpreted by a resident archeologist. It is believed this is where Leif Erikson built his colony, the first known European settlement in North America, established 500 years before Columbus. Tonight, we leave this UNESCO World Heritage site, and sail across the Strait of Belle Isle for Labrador.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 5 - BATTLE HARBOUR, LABRADOR

Today we visit Battle Harbour a 19th century fishing village, a truly inspiring outpost once referred to as the salt fish capital of the world. We will be exploring the island on the lookout for Arctic rock formations and vegetation. We may even spot a whale or two, icebergs and breathtaking ocean views.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 6 - HOPEDALE, LABRADOR

Today we drop anchor at the Hopedale Moravian Mission. This outpost of unexpected, institutional buildings was built by the Christian Moravians in the 1700's and is said to contain Canada's oldest building east of Montreal. We come ashore at this Canadian National Historic Site by zodiac and learn about the impact of early missionaries on the Inuit people. The local Inuit produce beautiful, cultural carvings and other crafts which are available for sale. We also visit a local museum for further education.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 6 - HEBRON, TORNGATS MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Today we enjoy a visit to the historic town of Hebron, once the northernmost settlement in Labrador. The Moravian missionaries established Hebron in the early 1830s and the Germanic influence is clearly seen in the architecture. The Mission was closed, and the local Inuit families relocated in 1959, but the original buildings still stand today. This is another designated National Historic Site.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



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DAY 8/9 - SAGLEK FJORD, TORNGAT MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

We'll sail into Saglek Fjord to begin this part of our adventure and spend two days in this most remote and beautiful of places. Torngat is Inuktitut for "place of spirits," and in the Torngat Mountains National Park you could feel lost in time, except the land, life, and Inuit culture still thrive. The park is 10,000 square kilometers, stretching across Northern Labrador, from the Atlantic Ocean to the border of Quebec. The Inuit have lived here for more than 7500 years amidst the glaciers, fjords, and the tallest mountains east of the Rockies. It's a landscape of breathtaking beauty, uplifting and humbling all at once.

Polar bears teach their cubs to hunt on the coast, and the herds of caribou from the Torngat Mountains and George River cross paths in their yearly migrations to their calving grounds. The Inuit are present year-round, hunting and fishing. We'll explore on foot using different hiking options, and along the coast in zodiacs or sea kayak. The wildflowers are beautiful when in bloom and the bears enjoy the wild blueberries on the shores of the fjords.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 10 - NACHVAK FJORD, TORNGAT MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK, LABRADOR

Today we sail amid the Torngat mountains via the Nachvak Fjord. The fjord is two kilometers wide and extends 20 km inland from the ocean. Its rocky walls sometimes rise as much as 900 meters above the water. The boreal summer is short, during which numerous sea mammals migrate through this area, including hooded, harp, ring, and harbour seals. While whales like the hump and fin tend to stay offshore, the minke have been known to cruise the waters in the fjord. We'll have our cameras ready to capture the stunning landscape, with its fascinating lighting and vibrant color palette.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



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DAY 11 - BUTTON ISLANDS, NUNAVUT

Today we leave Labrador and sail to Nunavut, and our most northern destination in Canada. Along route we'll learn about the historical anomaly that occurred in Martin Bay: On October 22nd, 1943, the Nazis conducted their only known, armed, military land-operation in North America. A landing party from a U-Boat set up an automated weather station here. It wasn't discovered until the 1970's when a German engineer came across a reference to the station and informed the Canadian Department of National Defense. Since then, "Weather Station Kurt" has been part of the Canadian War Museum's permanent collection. Later today, we cruise to the Button Islands in Nunavut, named for Thomas Button who explored the area in 1612 while searching for the Northwest Passage. These islands are at the edge of the continental shelf, where a surfacing of nutrients draws thousands of seabirds and other marine mammals.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 12 - FROBISHER BAY

Frobisher Bay is an inlet of the Davis Strait in the Qikiqtaaluk Region of Nunavut, Canada. Our plan is to keep following in the footsteps of the early explorers and adventure into Arctic waters looking for wildlife. We may even see one or two Polar Bears and Walrus.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 13 - FROBISHER BAY

Today we will drop anchor and zodiac into Monumental Island, a small, steep-sided outcrop off the southeast coast of Baffin Island.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 14 - FROBISHER BAY

After breakfast we say goodbye to the crew and our newfound friends and transfer to the airport for our onward journey.

Meals: Breakfast