



#### TRIP CODE

**ACQECRA** 

#### **DEPARTURE**

15/08/2024, 24/08/2024, 09/09/2025

#### **DURATION**

12 Days

#### LOCATIONS

Canadian Arctic



### INTRODUCTION

Embrace the incredible sights at the very top of the world. Discover the unique beauty of Canada's most remote Arctic reaches. A sprawl of historical and geographic treasures, explore locations like Beechy Island, Croker Bay and the Grise Fjord. You will have the opportunity to spot the unique wildlife that make this harsh region their home, including polar bears, musk ox and possible the elusive arctic wolf. From expansive waterways, to sheltered shores and immense glaciers, this is a true expedition experience.

\*Current Discounts, promotions and pricing are available until 31 August 2024, however discounts may be withdrawn or changed at any time and are subject to availability on selected cabins and departure dates. Some current in market offers may be combinable and Shackleton Club Past Passenger and multi trip discounts may be applied subject to confirmation at the time of booking. Prices are subject to change based on currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges, and other external factors. No discount applies to any transfer packages, additional activities or pre/post services. The advertised prices may also include a 'Pay in full at time of booking' which is a 5-10% early payment discount, which requires the full balance to be paid at the time of booking to apply. Further conditions may apply, contact us for more information.

### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: Arrive in Calgary, Canada

Your Arctic expedition begins in Toronto. Explore this vibrant city on your own before spending the night at your well-appointed hotel.





DAY 2: Fly to Resolute and Embark

This morning, board your charter flight to Resolute. Upon arrival, you may have a chance to check out some of the town's sites before being transferred to your ship via Zodiac or helicopter (depending on ship location and weather conditions).



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DAY 3: Exploring Canada's High Arctic - Days 3 to 10

Cruising around the remote islands of the Canadian High Arctic, you'll navigate the same icy inlets, channels and bays that fascinated legendary explorers of long ago. Throughout your journey, your Expedition Team will keep an eye toward immersing you in the best the Arctic has to offer, including reaching Canada's most northerly islands: Axel Heiberg Island and the rarely visited Ellesmere Island, at the top of the world. Remember that no two polar voyages are alike since each expedition presents new opportunities and different weather and ice conditions. While this voyage has no fixed itinerary, our objective is to visit as many of the incredible highlights the season has to offer, using our extensive expertise to give you the best experience. That said, our expeditions will have some elements in common, including daily Zodiac cruising, land excursions, a robust education program, a community visit and wildlife viewing opportunities. And thanks to our onboard helicopters, you'll also discover the ultimate polar expedition experience. Conditions permitting, you'll enjoy an ultra-immersive flightseeing activity (short sightseeing flights around your ship and surrounding areas) unique to Ultramarine, giving you an awe-inspiring polar experience like no other. While this waterway is known to European cultures as the Northwest Passage, this area has nurtured and sustained the Inuit and their predecessors who have called these shores home for almost 5,000 years. Moving through these remote landscapes you will be traveling through the ancestral homelands of this ancient culture, illuminated in person by Inuit guides onboard and ashore. Ultimately, your Expedition Team will keep its eye northward, hoping to follow in the footsteps of the lucky few polar adventurers who have transited through the famous Hell Gate to reach the top of the world, the spectacular Ellesmere Island. If conditions are right, the soaring, ominous snow-capped peaks of this polar desert will come into focus as we approach. One of the goals of this expedition is to introduce guests to the unique glaciology of Axel Heiberg Island, Canada's second-most northernly island, one-third of which is covered in glaciers. Axel Heiberg is home to the most dramatic and impressive Piedmont glaciers in the world. Birders will want to have their binoculars and cameras at the ready, as the island also affords opportunities for sightings of snow buntings, ptarmigans, jaegers and arctic terns, among others. Wildlife sightings are almost guaranteed, as many of the areas we hope to explore are home to a surprising number of birds and mammals that thrive in this challenging environment. You may see polar bears, muskoxen and several bird species, such as gyrfalcons and dovekies (little auks). If you're lucky, you may even spot the elusive narwhal or arctic wolf, though sightings of these iconic creatures in the wild are rare, even in these areas where we have the highest chances of encountering them. There is no shortage of natural beauty, wildlife and history in Canada's High Arctic. Each day, you'll discover something new and inspiring, whether it is admiration of the tundra flora to survive the extremely rugged environment, a rare bird species soaring overhead, a polar bear on the hunt in its natural habitat, or the ancient remains of a Thule dwelling, predecessors of the Inuit who live here today.

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DAY 11: Disembark in Resolute, Canada & fly to Calgary

After disembarking in Resolute, you'll be transferred to your charter flight to Calgary, where you'll spend the night at your included hotal



DAY 12: Depart Calgary

Today, make your way to the airport to catch your homeward flights, or spend the day exploring this fascinating city.



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# **INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

**Accommodation** 

Cabin on board ship & Hotel



#### **INCLUSIONS**

Cabin accommodation on board ship

All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage.

Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock

All scheduled landings and excursions

Guiding and leadership by expert exploration team and

A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions

An Expedition parka (yours to keep)

Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person

MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE (INCLUDED)

Includes one night pre & post expedition accommodation in Calgary

Group transfers from Calgary Hotel to airport on day 2 and Calgary Airport to Hotel post expedition Charter flights between Calgary and Resolute

Return group transfers between the Resolute Airport and the ship

#### **Inclusions**

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

International flights to Calgary

Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above

Passport and visa expenses

Canadian eTA required for non-Canadian or U.S. visaexempt passengers

Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above

Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended

Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned

Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew

Meals ashore unless otherwise specified

Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic

Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified Optional Adventure Activities

### **Difficulty Rating**

2 (light adventure)

### **Single Surcharge**

Available upon request, contact us for more details.

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Prices are based on per person, and vary from single,

quad, triple, and twin cabins.

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to

change at any time.

Notes All entrance fees are subject to change without prior

notice.

Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending

on weather and ice conditions.

Includes charter flights from Calgary to Resolute on a

return basis

**Price Dependent upon**Departure date, seasonality, currency fluctuation and

availability.

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