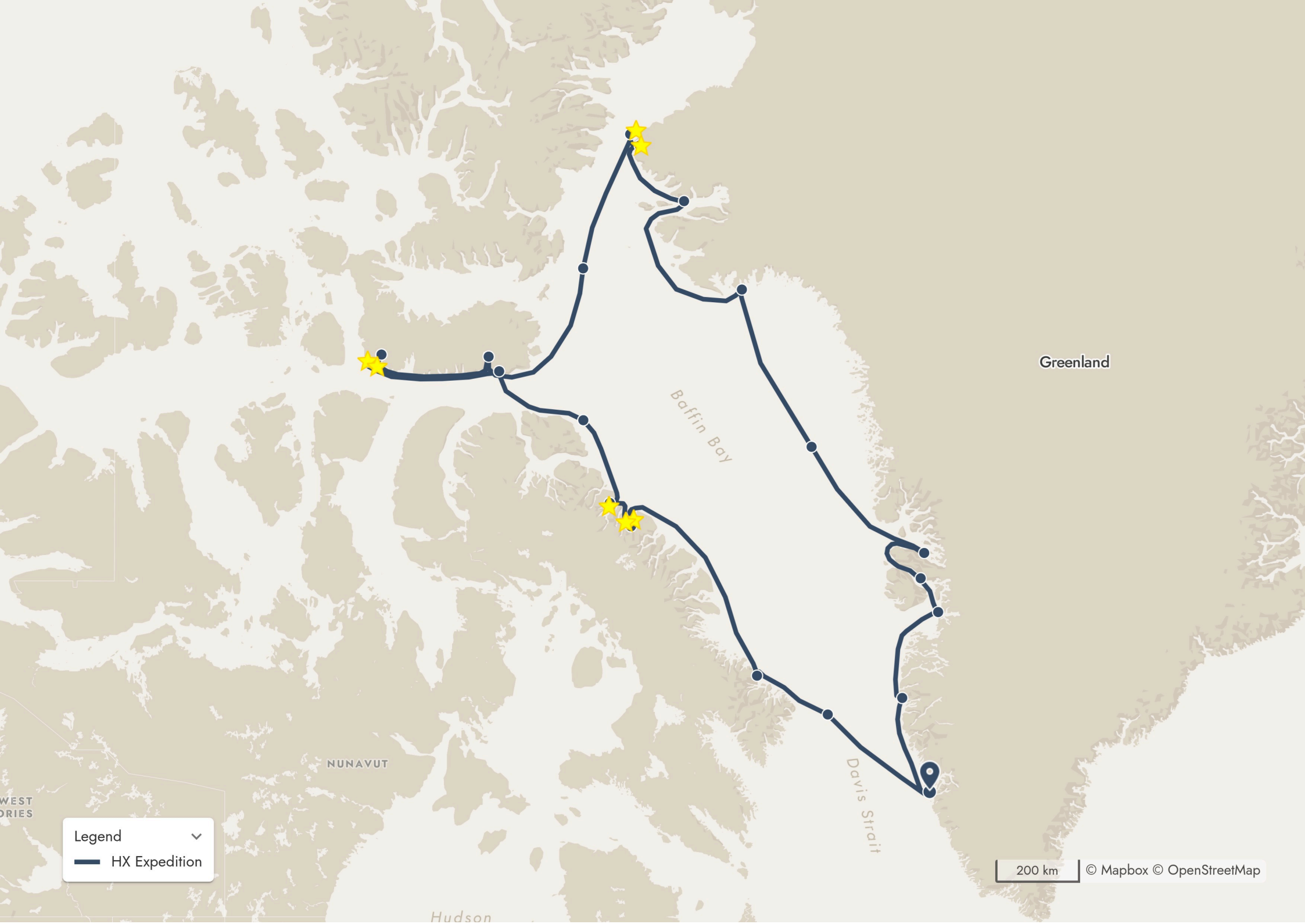


Arctic Canada and Greenland Expedition – Circumnavigating Baffin Bay

MS Roald Amundsen, 3 – 21 September 2026


Greenland
Baffin Bay
NUNAVUT
Davis Strait
Hudson
Legend
HX Expedition
200 km
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Nuuk, Greenland - Sep 3, 2026

Day 1 – Nuuk, Greenland

As guests settled on board MS Roald Amundsen in Nuuk, many explored their new home for the voyage ahead. The Explorer Lounge & Bar offered wide views across the harbour and mountains, while others watched the waterfront from the Observation Deck. Throughout the afternoon, guests became familiar with the ship's facilities. The Science Centre drew early visitors eager to learn about the equipment, Citizen Science projects, and research opportunities. Elsewhere, guests enjoyed the gym, wellness area, and pool deck, with its infinity pool and hot tubs overlooking the coast of West Greenland. As departure approached, restaurant Aune, Fredheim, and Lindstrom welcomed guests for their first meals on board. Following the safety briefings, many gathered in the Explorer Lounge & Bar. Nuuk receded from view as MS Roald Amundsen set course north, and the first evening settled into a rhythm of exploration and getting acquainted with the Expedition Team.



Beautiful landscape!



The capital of Greenland.

At Sea - Davis Strait - Sep 4, 2026

423.3 km

Day 2 – At Sea, Davis Strait

Our first full day at sea saw MS Roald Amundsen progressing through Davis Strait. Guests watched northern fulmars glide alongside the ship and scanned the horizon for marine life as we continued north toward Baffin Bay. The programme focused on preparing for our Arctic operations. During the AECO briefing, we reviewed the guidelines that help protect the environments and wildlife of the Arctic, covering safe conduct during landings and responsible wildlife viewing. Expedition Team members then presented introductory lectures on Arctic history, geology, wildlife, and sea ice, providing context for the places we hoped to explore. In the evening, guests gathered for the Captain's Welcome, where the Captain welcomed guests aboard and the Expedition Leader outlined our plans. During the night, a brief display of the Northern Lights appeared low above the horizon, pale green bands shifting softly before fading over Davis Strait.



Seabirds over Davis Strait!



Guests looking for wildlife.



Informative lectures!



Captains Welcome!

Day 3 — Qikiqtarjuaq, Canada

This morning, we arrived at Qikiqtarjuaq, a small Inuit community on the eastern coast of Baffin Island. Surrounded by steep mountains and cold Arctic waters, the settlement gave many guests their first opportunity to step ashore in Nunavut. Guests travelled ashore by expedition boat, where members of the local community welcomed them. A highlight was a gathering in the community hall, where local performers shared traditional songs and drum dancing, offering a glimpse into cultural practices that remain important in community life today. Community members demonstrated how a seal is prepared following a hunt, explaining its traditional use as food, clothing, and materials. Many guests chose to sample local foods, including Arctic char, narwhal, and seal, prompting lively conversations and a direct connection to subsistence practices across Nunavut. Back on board, discussions continued as guests reflected on the warm welcome from the people who call this coastline home.



The community of Qikiqtarjuaq.



Guests exploring the community.



Preparing a seal!



Delicious!

Polar bear 1, Canada - Sep 6, 2026

550.4 km



The first polar bear!



The first polar bear!

Dexterity Fjord, Canada - Sep 6, 2026

18.2 km

Day 4 – Dexterity Fjord, Canada

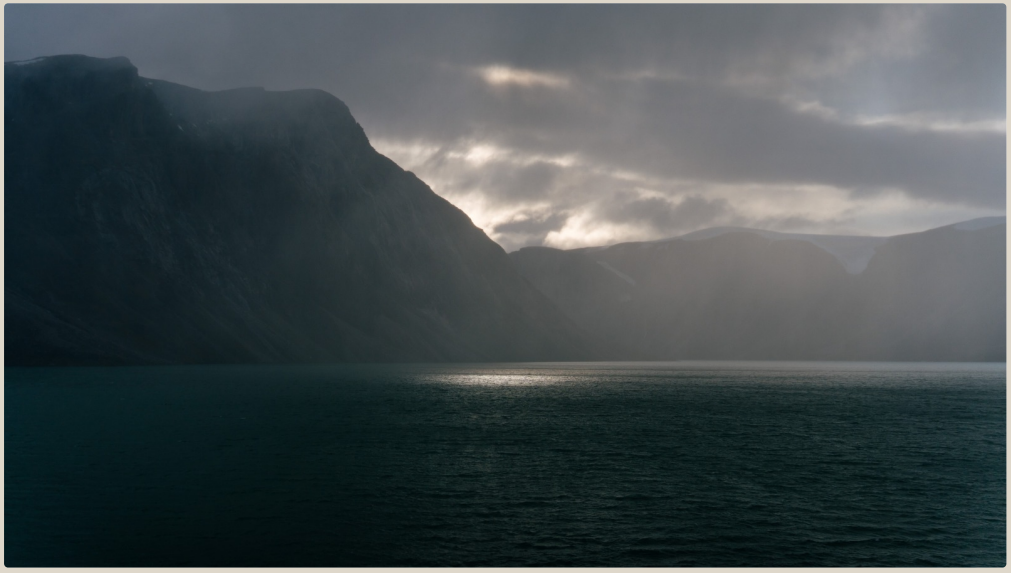
This afternoon, MS Roald Amundsen entered Dexterity Fjord, where steep mountains, glaciers, and scattered sea ice framed our route through the Canadian Arctic. Strong winds swept down the fjord, whipping the water into whitecaps. Despite the conditions, guests scanned the coastline for wildlife from deck and the observation areas. The highlight came when a single polar bear appeared far along the shoreline. Although the bear remained at a considerable distance, binoculars and long camera lenses allowed many guests to follow its movements across the rocky coast. Expedition Team members assisted with spotting and shared information about polar bear behaviour and life on the sea ice. As we continued through the fjord, low clouds swept across the slopes, alternately revealing and concealing glaciers above the water. Small pieces of ice drifted past while guests moved between the decks and lounges, rewarded for searching the shoreline through the gusts.



The beautiful landscape of Dexterity Fjord!



The beautiful landscape of Dexterity Fjord!



The beautiful landscape of Dexterity Fjord!



The beautiful landscape of Dexterity Fjord!

Polar bear 2, 3, 4, Canada - Sep 6, 2026

17.2 km



More polar bears in the evening!



More polar bears in the evening!

Feachem Bay, Canada - Sep 7, 2026

62.4 km

Day 5 — Feachem Bay, Canada

Today we made our first nature landing at Feachem Bay, a remote site on the coast of Nunavut combining Arctic landscape with evidence of past human presence. Favourable conditions allowed us to go ashore by expedition boat and explore on foot. The bay is known for its archaeological remains, which offer insight into the people who travelled and lived along these coasts. Expedition Team members guided guests through the site, discussing what the features reveal about survival and movement in the High Arctic. Guests spread out to explore at their own pace, the tundra dotted with hardy plants growing between weathered rocks while the surrounding hills provided wide views across the bay. With no wildlife present, the focus remained on the landscape and the history preserved within it. As we departed aboard MS Roald Amundsen, guests spotted orcas in nearby waters, surfacing repeatedly as the ship continued north.



Assistant expedition leader Marcus looking out for bears!



We had our kayaks out!



Breathtaking landscape!



We were so lucky with the weather!

Orcas!, Canada - Sep 7, 2026

8.4 km



A surprise visit by a pod of ORCAS!



A surprise visit by a pod of ORCAS!

Day 6 — At Sea, Bylot Island, Canada

Overnight, deteriorating weather accompanied MS Roald Amundsen along the coast of Bylot Island. Strong winds, low cloud, and precipitation limited visibility, a reminder of the power and unpredictability of the High Arctic. Despite the conditions, guests gathered in the observation areas to watch the landscape emerge through shifting fog and cloud. When visibility briefly improved, steep mountain faces, snow-covered slopes, and glaciers appeared along parts of Bylot Island's dramatic coastline before disappearing behind the weather. The ship maintained a steady course while the Expedition Team adapted the day's programme to the conditions. Lectures and discussions covered the geology, wildlife, and history of the region, while many guests enjoyed the panoramic views from the Explorer Lounge & Bar. Outside, wind-driven waves and whitecaps swept across the darker sea. Although wildlife sightings were limited, the conditions offered a glimpse into the realities of Arctic exploration, where weather shapes our route and experience.



Kayak paddle demonstration.



Majestic landscape!



Onboard program!



Kittiwake and fulmar.

Day 7 — Dundas Harbour, Canada

Today we went ashore at Dundas Harbour, a historic site on Devon Island combining archaeological significance with traces of recent Arctic history. Conditions allowed a smooth landing by expedition boat, and guests spent the morning exploring the broad tundra surrounding the former outpost. Expedition Team members guided walks, highlighting remains that speak to earlier use of this coastline, as well as traces of later human occupation. The site invited reflection on the challenges faced by those who lived and worked in this remote region. Guests enjoyed wide views across the harbour, the tundra showing autumn colours with patches of red and gold against grey rock and lingering snow on distant slopes. Several harp seals surfaced before diving, while northern fulmars, black guillemots, and glaucous gulls gathered along the shoreline and cliffs. Back on board, many gathered on deck as we departed, watching the landscape recede astern.



Dundas Harbour.



Dundas Harbour.



Dundas Harbour.



Dundas Harbour.

Beechey Island, Canada - Sep 10, 2026

277.1 km

Day 8 – Beechey Island (AM)

Today we arrived at Beechey Island, one of the most important historical sites in the Canadian Arctic. The island is closely associated with Sir John Franklin's 1845 expedition and is the final resting place of several crew members. Under clear conditions, guests went ashore by expedition boat to explore this remarkable site. Expedition Team members led walks through the landing area, interpreting the graves, historic structures, and archaeological remains that tell the story of early attempts to navigate the Northwest Passage. Partway through our operations, an unexpected wildlife encounter halted activities. A polar bear was spotted near the landing area, prompting the Expedition Team to suspend operations while the situation was assessed. Guests ashore were gathered safely, while those on board watched from a distance as the bear moved through the landscape. Once the bear had left and conditions were safe, operations resumed and guests continued their visit. The sighting was a reminder that we were travelling through true polar bear habitat and that wildlife always takes priority. Back on board, discussions centred on Beechey Island and its iconic residents.



Beechey Island



Beechey Island



Beechey Island



Beechey Island

Polar bear 5, Canada - Sep 10, 2026

1.2 km



Polar bear at Beechey Island.



Polar bear at Beechey Island.

Polar bear 6, Canada - Sep 10, 2026 22.9 km

Radstock Bay, Canada - Sep 10, 2026 26.3 km

Day 8 — Radstock Bay (PM)

Following our visit to Beechey Island, MS Roald Amundsen continued into Radstock Bay for an evening scenic sail. Calm conditions and improving visibility allowed guests to spend time on deck as the ship navigated beneath steep cliffs and rugged mountains rising directly from the shoreline. The low evening light caught the rock faces, casting warm tones across the peaks while the water settled into a still, dark mirror. Guests moved between the outer decks and the observation areas, cameras in hand, as the ship glided slowly through the bay. Small groups of fulmars wheeled along the cliff edges, riding the updrafts, while the surrounding mountains reflected in the calm water below. The silence of the bay, broken only by the gentle wash of the hull and the occasional call of a seabird, gave the evening a quiet, contemplative quality as the last light faded across the Canadian Arctic.



Radstock Bay.



Radstock Bay.

Crocker Bay, Canada - Sep 11, 2026

222.2 km

Day 9 – Crocker Bay

This morning, MS Roald Amundsen arrived in Crocker Bay for a glacier cruise among the ice-filled waters of Devon Island. Conditions were far from straightforward. Snow fell steadily all morning, while low cloud and fog reduced visibility and concealed the landscape. Guests boarded expedition boats and ventured into the bay, weaving among icebergs and smaller pieces of glacial ice. At times, the nearest ice formations appeared only as faint shapes through the snowfall. The subdued conditions gave the bay a quiet, monochrome appearance, with snow, ice, sea, and sky often blending together.

Expedition Team members interpreted the glacial features, discussing how the ice and landscape have been shaped over thousands of years. During the afternoon, the weather improved. As guests returned, the snowfall eased and visibility began to open. Mountains emerged from the cloud, followed by the glacier fronts that had remained hidden. By the time we departed, the bay had transformed. Under brighter skies, the scale of the glaciers and peaks became fully visible, a fitting finale to a day that revealed the Arctic in two very different moods.



Crocker Bay zodiac cruise!



Crocker Bay zodiac cruise!



Crocker Bay zodiac cruise!



Harp Seal.

At Sea, Canada - Sep 12, 2026

254.9 km

Day 10 – At Sea

Today was spent at sea as MS Roald Amundsen continued its journey north through the Canadian High Arctic. Following several busy days of landings and expedition boat operations, the slower pace provided an opportunity to relax, review photographs, and enjoy the ever-changing scenery from the ship.

Conditions varied throughout the day, with stretches of calm water interspersed with fog banks drifting across the horizon. Guests gathered on deck and in the Explorer Lounge & Bar to watch for ice and wildlife as we made steady progress further north. Sea ice became increasingly common, with scattered floes appearing across the water and providing a clear indication that we were entering a higher Arctic environment.



At Sea



At Sea

Our most northern position - 78.31N and 72.40W, Greenland - Sep 13, 2026

254.3 km

Day 11 — Furthest North (AM)

In the early hours of the morning, MS Roald Amundsen reached the northernmost point of our voyage at 78°31′N, 72°40′W. Guests gathered on the outer decks and in the observation areas as the bridge announced the milestone, marking our entry into one of the most remote regions visited during this expedition.

The surrounding seascape reflected the character of the High Arctic. Sea ice stretched across the horizon in varying concentrations, while low cloud and shifting light created an ever-changing backdrop. Expedition Team members were on hand to interpret the ice conditions and explain the challenges faced by vessels navigating these northern waters.



Sea ice stopping our way!



Sea ice stopping our way!

Day 11 — Etah Fjord (PM)

In the late afternoon, we made a landing in Etah Fjord, closely associated with Arctic exploration and one of the northernmost communities established in Greenland. Under clear conditions, guests came ashore by expedition boat to explore the tundra. Soon after landing, attention turned to a group of muskoxen grazing on the hillside. Their dark coats stood out against the muted colours of the tundra as they fed and moved slowly across the slope. Expedition Team members helped guests observe the animals from a respectful distance while discussing their adaptations to life in the High Arctic.

Beyond the wildlife, the scenery was striking. A glacier descended through the valley towards the fjord, its ice contrasting with the rocky terrain and autumn colours of the tundra. Many guests spent time photographing the landscape and enjoying walking ashore at such a remote location. As we returned to MS Roald Amundsen, the evening light illuminated the mountains, glacier, and calm waters of the fjord. Our northernmost landing, muskox sightings, and the dramatic glacial setting made a memorable end to an exceptional day in the High Arctic.



Sea ice zodiac cruise.



Sea ice zodiac cruise.



Little auk!



Sea ice zodiac cruise.

Etah Fjord, Greenland - Sep 13, 2026

23.8 km



Arctic Hare!



Landing at Etah Fjord!



Landing at Etah Fjord!



Snow Geese!

Muskoxen, Greenland - Sep 13, 2026

2.3 km



Muskoxen!



Muskoxen!

Qaanaaq (Thule), Greenland - Sep 14, 2026

116.7 km

Day 12 — Qaanaaq (Thule)

Today we visited Qaanaaq, one of the world's northernmost towns and home to a vibrant Inuit community in northwest Greenland. Surrounded by mountains, sea ice, and the waters of Inglefield Fjord, the settlement provided a fascinating insight into life in the High Arctic. Guests travelled ashore by expedition boat and were warmly welcomed. Many explored the town independently, visiting the shops, church, and community buildings, while others joined walks with Expedition Team members to learn about the area's history and way of life. Along the way, we observed sleds, fishing equipment, and other reminders of how closely daily life remains connected to the surrounding environment. A highlight for many was meeting local people and hearing firsthand about living at such a high latitude. Conversations touched on hunting traditions, modern challenges, and the importance of family and community. The hills surrounding Qaanaaq provided impressive views across the fjord, where icebergs drifted offshore beneath clear Arctic skies. Back on board, discussion continued over dinner. Meeting the people of Qaanaaq offered cultural context for the landscapes we had explored.



Community visit in Qaanaaq!



Community visit in Qaanaaq!



Community visit in Qaanaaq!



Community visit in Qaanaaq!

Savissivik, Greenland - Sep 15, 2026

192.1 km

Day 13 – Savissivik

Today we visited Savissivik, a small settlement on the northern coast of Greenland, where towering icebergs and rugged mountains dominate the landscape. Operations were divided between a community visit ashore and an expedition boat cruise among the vast ice formations drifting offshore. Guests visiting the settlement explored the village and met local residents. Expedition Team members shared stories of the region's history, including its connection to the Cape York meteorites, which provided iron for Inuit communities for centuries. At the same time, other guests joined expedition boat cruises among the impressive icebergs surrounding Savissivik. The scale of the ice was remarkable, with towering pinnacles, deep blue fractures, and vast sculpted faces revealing the forces that shaped them. Expedition Team members navigated carefully through the ice, providing an opportunity to appreciate the size, colours, and ever-changing forms of these drifting giants from water level. Throughout the day, guests alternated between the two experiences, combining cultural insight with exploration of the Arctic environment. As we departed, the settlement grew smaller against the mountains while icebergs drifted across Melville Bay.



Community visit in Savissivik.



Community visit in Savissivik.



Zodiac cruise outside of Savissivik.



Zodiac cruise outside of Savissivik.

Day 14 — At Sea, Melville Bay

Today was spent at sea as MS Roald Amundsen crossed Melville Bay on our southbound journey along Greenland's northwest coast.
Strong winds accompanied us throughout much of the day, sending spray across the surface and producing a lively sea that reminded us of the scale and exposure of this remote Arctic region.
Unlike previous days, ice was largely absent, leaving wide expanses of open water stretching to the horizon. Guests gathered in the observation areas and on sheltered decks whenever conditions allowed, watching the changing colours of the sea and sky as low clouds moved quickly overhead.
Birdlife provided the main wildlife interest of the day. Northern fulmars followed the ship with effortless ease, gliding low above the waves, while groups of black-legged kittiwakes and black guillemots were observed throughout the crossing. Their ability to navigate the strong winds stood in sharp contrast to the conditions felt by those venturing outside on deck.



At Sea.



Northern lights!

Uummannaq, Greenland - Sep 17, 2026

381.5 km

Day 15 — Uummannaq

Today we arrived in Uummannaq, a picturesque settlement set beneath the distinctive heart-shaped mountain that gives the island its name. Under clear skies and calm conditions, guests went ashore by expedition boat to explore the colourful town. Many spent time walking through the settlement, visiting local shops, the church, and viewpoints overlooking the harbour. Expedition Team members shared information about the town's history and its connection to hunting and fishing. The clear weather offered outstanding views across the islands and fjords, with icebergs drifting offshore and the mountains reflected in calm water. In the late afternoon, conditions remained ideal for discovery kayaking. Guests paddled through sheltered waters, enjoying the landscape at sea level. Kayakers moved quietly among ice fragments, taking in the coastline. For many, the contrast between the bustle of Uummannaq and the silence from the kayaks was a highlight. The still water reflected the peaks and passing icebergs, paddles the only sound breaking the calm. As evening approached, MS Roald Amundsen departed in glorious weather, the mountain visible astern long after departure.



Uummannaq village!



Uummannaq village below the heart shape mountain!



Local performance onboard!



Discovery kayaking in the evening!

Camp Mario, Greenland - Sep 18, 2026

237 km

Day 16 — Camp Mario

This morning, we landed at Camp Mario under calm conditions and clear skies. Guests came ashore by expedition boat and set out across the tundra with Expedition Team members leading walks through the landscape. Many followed a route to a remote beach where the skeleton of a whale rested along the shoreline, its weathered bones a reminder of the connection between Arctic wildlife and the sea. Nearby, several stranded icebergs lay grounded in the shallows, their sculpted shapes and deep blue tones contrasting with the dark beach and surrounding hills. Guests explored at their own pace, photographing the scenery and enjoying the broad views across the fjord. The weather made for ideal walking conditions, with little wind and clear visibility revealing mountains, glaciers, and distant peaks. The landing also included an opportunity to take part in a polar plunge. Several guests ventured into the cold water while others watched from the shore. Following lunch, all guests returned to MS Roald Amundsen and we set course south towards Ilulissat. Many gathered on deck to enjoy the sunshine and watch the coast of West Greenland slip by.



Camp Mario!



Camp Mario!



Camp Mario!



Camp Mario!

Ilulissat, Greenland - Sep 19, 2026

107.7 km

Day 17 – Ilulissat

Today we arrived in Ilulissat, gateway to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ilulissat Icefjord. Snow greeted us on arrival, the first snowfall of the season. Fresh snow on rooftops, hillsides, and fishing boats gave the town a distinctly seasonal feel. Guests went ashore by expedition boat, exploring independently or joining locally operated excursions. Many chose boat tours among the giant icebergs of Ilulissat Icefjord and Disko Bay, experiencing the ice from water level. Others visited the Icefjord Centre, the museums, and shops, or followed the boardwalk trails to viewpoints over the fjord. Despite the snowfall, visibility remained good. Fresh snow highlighted the contours of the hills, while enormous icebergs drifted beyond the harbour. The contrast of white snow, dark rock, and blue-tinted ice provided excellent conditions for photography. Sled dogs could be heard across the town, while fishing boats continued their work in the harbour below. Conversations with residents offered insight into life in Ilulissat and the seasonal changes that shape daily routines. Back on board MS Roald Amundsen, many guests remained on deck during departure, watching Ilulissat recede beneath its first snowfall, while icebergs from the Icefjord drifted across Disko Bay.



Ilulissat in Disko Bay!



Ilulissat Ice Fjord!



Ilulissat Ice Fjord!



Ilulissat in Disko Bay!

Sisimiut, Greenland - Sep 20, 2026

326.8 km

Day 18 — Sisimiut

Today we called at Sisimiut, Greenland's second-largest town and the northernmost community with year-round ice-free access to the sea. MS Roald Amundsen berthed alongside, allowing guests to walk ashore and explore at their own pace. Guests discovered Sisimiut's colourful streets, historic buildings, and busy waterfront. Many visited the museum, explored the historic quarter, or wandered through town observing everyday life. Fishing vessels lined the quayside, reflecting the town's connection to the sea. As our final port before Nuuk, the day provided a chance to reflect on the voyage. Over the past weeks, we had travelled from Baffin Island to the High Arctic, reaching 78°31'N, cruising among sea ice, and visiting remote settlements. In the afternoon, guests gathered for the Captain's Farewell. The Captain thanked everyone and reflected on the route through Nunavut and Greenland. The Expedition Leader and Expedition Team shared highlights, from community visits and archaeological sites to sea ice operations and wildlife encounters. Back on board, guests shared photographs and stories, and made final selections for the photo competition. As MS Roald Amundsen departed Sisimiut and turned south towards Nuuk, the mountains faded from view, marking our final overnight passage.



Sisimiut



Sisimiut



Sisimiut



Sisimiut

Nuuk, Greenland - Sep 21, 2026

358.3 km

Day 19 – Nuuk (Disembarkation)

This morning, MS Roald Amundsen arrived alongside in Nuuk, bringing our Baffin Bay expedition to a close. Many guests gathered on deck for a final look at the mountains, fjords, and colourful waterfront that had welcomed us at the start of the voyage.

Following arrival, guests prepared for disembarkation and said their farewells to fellow travellers, crew, and Expedition Team members. Luggage was transferred ashore as the final chapter of our journey ended.

Over the expedition, we travelled from West Greenland across Baffin Bay to Nunavut and the High Arctic, reaching 78°31′N. We visited Inuit communities, explored archaeological sites, cruised among sea ice, and experienced immense landscapes of Canada and Greenland. Wildlife highlights included polar bears, muskoxen, harp seals, orcas, and countless Arctic seabirds.

As guests departed, memories of sea ice, glaciers, icebergs, and long days under Arctic skies accompanied them ashore, concluding an expedition across northernmost waters on Earth.



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