

Greenland, Labrador and Newfoundland – Encounters at the Edge

21 September – 7 October 2026


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Nuuk, Greenland - Sep 21, 2026

Day 1 – Nuuk (Embarkation Day)

Today, guests arrived in Nuuk to begin the voyage, Greenland, Labrador and Newfoundland – Encounters at the Edge. Throughout the afternoon, MS Roald Amundsen welcomed guests on board as luggage was delivered, cabins were prepared, and the ship gradually filled with travellers eager for the journey ahead. Many guests spent their first hours exploring the vessel, becoming familiar with the Science Centre, Explorer Lounge & Bar, observation decks, and public spaces that would become home over the coming weeks.

Outside, Nuuk Harbour was busy with fishing vessels and local traffic moving beneath the mountains surrounding Greenland's capital. Following embarkation, guests attended mandatory safety briefings and ship introductions, meeting key members of the crew and Expedition Team. These presentations provided an overview of life on board, expedition procedures, and the route that would take us from Greenland to Labrador and Newfoundland.



Welcome onboard!



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Nuuk, Greenland - Sep 22, 2026

0.1 km

Day 2 – Nuuk

Our departure from Nuuk was delayed today following the cancellation of a flight from Reykjavik carrying many guests joining the voyage. MS Roald Amundsen remained alongside while preparations continued on board and the Expedition Team adjusted plans to welcome arriving travellers. For those already on board, the unexpected extra day provided an opportunity to explore Nuuk in greater depth. Many guests walked through the city, visiting museums, the harbour area, and waterfront neighbourhoods. Others explored the surrounding hills or observed daily life where modern Greenlandic culture meets maritime tradition. Throughout the afternoon, additional guests arrived and boarded the ship as travel arrangements allowed. The atmosphere on board grew livelier as new arrivals settled in and explored the ship's facilities. The Expedition Team remained available to answer questions and help guests prepare for the voyage ahead. By evening, with most guests finally on board, excitement centred on the journey ahead as MS Roald Amundsen prepared to begin its passage south towards Labrador and Newfoundland.



Waiting for a cancelled flight in Nuuk.



A longer visit in Nuuk.

Kvanefjord - Sep 23, 2026

333.5 km

Day 3 – Kvanefjord

This morning was spent at sea as MS Roald Amundsen sailed south along Greenland's west coast before entering the sheltered waters of Kvanefjord. Guests gathered on deck and in the observation areas as the landscape gradually closed in around the ship. Calm conditions and excellent visibility revealed steep mountainsides, waterfalls, and distant glaciers tucked between the fjord's rugged peaks. During the afternoon, expedition operations began with a nature landing on the colourful autumn tundra. Guests explored the landscape on foot with Expedition Team members leading walks suitable for different interests and abilities. The hillsides were covered in shades of red, orange, and gold, contrasting with the dark rock and snow-dusted summits beyond. Later, guests joined an expedition boat cruise deeper into the fjord. Floating ice drifted across the calm water as the boats explored beneath towering mountains and along the shoreline. A glacier at the head of the fjord provided a destination for the cruise. The combination of calm conditions, colourful tundra, and beautiful fjord scenery made for an excellent first expedition day on Greenland's southwest coast.



A beautiful start to the trip with a visit in Kvanefjord!



In the evening we saw northern lights!

Hvalsey, Greenland - Sep 24, 2026

Day 4 – Hvalsey (AM)

This morning, MS Roald Amundsen sailed past the historic ruins of Hvalsey, one of the best-preserved Norse sites in Greenland. Situated at the head of a peaceful fjord, the stone church remains stand as a reminder of the settlements established here by Norse farmers nearly 1,000 years ago. Guests gathered on deck as Expedition Team members shared the story of Greenland's Norse communities and their eventual disappearance from the historical record. The stone walls, still standing after centuries of Arctic winters, drew many to the railings with cameras and binoculars. The calm conditions and surrounding autumn colours provided an ideal setting to reflect on this important chapter of Arctic history.



We sailed passed Hvalsey in the morning.



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Qaqortoq, Greenland - Sep 24, 2026

Day 4 – Qaqortoq (PM)

After sailing past the Norse ruins of Hvalsey during the morning, MS Roald Amundsen arrived in Qaqortoq shortly before lunch. Greenland's largest town in the south welcomed us with calm conditions, colourful houses, and a busy harbour framed by rolling hills. Guests spent the day exploring the town at their own pace, wandering through its streets, visiting local sites, and observing everyday life in this important regional centre. A highlight of the visit was a cultural performance inside the historic church, where local musicians and performers shared an introduction to Greenlandic traditions and local music. Later in the afternoon, many gathered along the waterfront for a kayak demonstration in the harbour. A local paddler showcased techniques that have been developed and refined over generations in Arctic waters. The display offered both a practical and cultural insight into a craft that remains closely connected to Greenland's history and identity. As the afternoon drew to a close, guests returned to MS Roald Amundsen after an enjoyable day combining history, culture, and traditions in southern Greenland.



A community visit to Qaqortoq!



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Day 5 – At Sea

Today was spent at sea as MS Roald Amundsen crossed the Labrador Sea towards the coast of Labrador. Conditions were noticeably more challenging than in recent days, with strong winds and a lively swell accompanying us throughout much of the crossing. The movement of the ship served as a reminder that we had left the sheltered fjords of Greenland and entered the open waters of the North Atlantic. The weather influenced the rhythm of the day on board. While the Expedition Team continued with the scheduled lecture programme, attendance was lower than usual as some guests chose to rest in their cabins or enjoy a quieter day on board. Public spaces remained relaxed, with many taking the opportunity to read, review photographs, or simply watch the sea from the Explorer Lounge & Bar. Whenever conditions allowed, guests ventured onto the outer decks to observe seabirds travelling effortlessly above the waves. northern fulmars and black-legged kittiwakes were regular companions, making use of the strong winds. By evening, thoughts turned towards our upcoming arrival in Labrador and the new experiences awaiting us.



Northern Fulmar



Northern Fulmar

Nain, Canada - Sep 26, 2026

478.8 km

Day 6 – Nain

Our second consecutive day at sea was spent crossing the Labrador Sea and approaching the coast of northern Labrador. Conditions gradually improved during the morning, allowing guests to spend more time on deck as the rugged coastline emerged on the horizon. During the afternoon, MS Roald Amundsen arrived at Nain, the northernmost permanent community in Newfoundland and Labrador. Our visit was primarily operational, as the ship completed Canadian clearance procedures before continuing the voyage. Guests had an opportunity to view the community from the ship while local authorities came aboard to complete the formalities. Nain also marked an important step in our preparations for exploring the remote coast of Labrador. Here, our rifle guards joined the voyage ahead of upcoming operations within the national park area, where their role would be to assist with safety during shore landings in polar bear habitat. Although our time in Nain was brief, the visit provided a first glimpse of Labrador's rugged coastline and Inuit heritage. Once formalities were complete, MS Roald Amundsen departed and continued north, with guests watching the community recede.



Lectures and workshops



Officers coming onboard.



Leaving Nain in evening light!

Day 7 – Saglek Fjord (AM)

Today marked our first day in Torngat Mountains National Park as MS Roald Amundsen entered the spectacular waters of Saglek Fjord. Steep mountains rose directly from the sea, their slopes streaked with autumn colours and framed by low cloud drifting across the higher peaks. The scale of the landscape became apparent as we sailed deeper towards North Arm. During the day, guests joined an expedition boat cruise to explore the sheltered waters and dramatic scenery at closer range. The boats travelled along the shoreline beneath towering cliffs, offering an excellent perspective of this remote part of northern Labrador. Wildlife sightings included a black bear observed at a considerable distance. Although far away, many guests followed its movements with binoculars as it travelled across the tundra. Later, a golden eagle was spotted soaring above the mountains before disappearing from view. Expedition Team members shared information about the geology, wildlife, and cultural significance of the Torngat Mountains. The combination of vast landscapes, calm water, and our first wildlife sightings made for a memorable introduction.



Black bear in Saglek Fjord.



Zodiac cruising

Torngat Mountains Base Camp, Canada - Sep 27, 2026

44.7 km

Day 7 — Torngat Mountains Base Camp (PM)

In the evening, we went ashore at the Torngat Mountains Base Camp in Saglek Fjord. Although the camp had closed for the season, the landing provided an excellent opportunity to explore the surrounding tundra and experience the dramatic setting beneath the mountains of Torngat Mountains National Park. Guests spread out across the designated landing area, enjoying walks over the autumn-coloured tundra and taking in the views across the fjord. The low vegetation glowed with shades of red, orange, and gold, contrasting with the grey slopes rising steeply behind the camp. Wildlife proved to be a highlight. Several willow ptarmigan were observed moving through the vegetation, their plumage providing excellent camouflage among the tundra colours. Guests also enjoyed repeated sightings of meadow voles darting between shrubs and crossing open patches of ground. Their constant activity attracted almost as much attention as the larger wildlife seen earlier in the day. With calm conditions and soft evening light across the fjord, many guests paused to appreciate the scale of the surrounding landscape before returning to MS Roald Amundsen for the evening.



Hiking up to a viewpoint.



Willow ptarmigan.



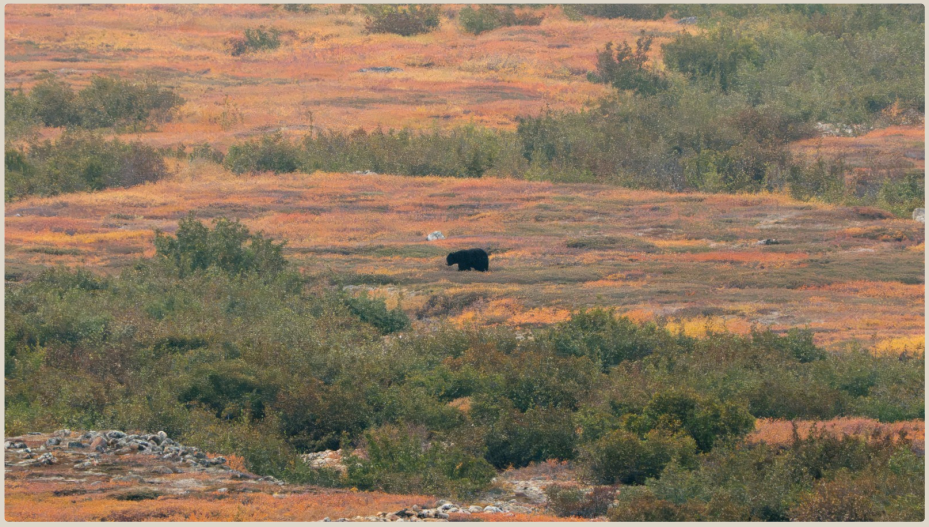
Torngat Mountains National Park, Base Camp.

Day 8 – Nachvak Fjord

Today we explored the dramatic landscapes of Nachvak Fjord, one of the most spectacular fjord systems along the Labrador coast. Surrounded by steep mountains and broad valleys, the fjord offered a striking backdrop as MS Roald Amundsen navigated deeper into Torngat Mountains National Park. During the morning, guests divided between a nature landing and an expedition boat cruise. Those ashore enjoyed a short walk across the tundra, taking in the autumn colours and the scale of the surrounding mountains. Meanwhile, guests on the boats explored the fjord from water level. Wildlife sightings proved limited, but the scenery more than compensated. Sheer cliffs and the immense scale of the valley created a memorable experience as the boats travelled through calm waters beneath some of the highest peaks in Labrador. In the afternoon, MS Roald Amundsen continued into another fjord for scenic sailing. Guests gathered on deck as the ship threaded its way between mountain walls and through landscapes shaped by glaciers. The day's main wildlife sighting came during the scenic sailing, when a distant black bear was spotted on a mountainside.



Landing in Nachvak Fiord!



Black bear!

Polar Bear, Canada - Sep 29, 2026

95.3 km

Day 9 — Polar Bear (AM)

Early this morning, guests on deck were rewarded with our first polar bear sighting of the voyage. The bear was spotted high on a steep cliff overlooking the fjord, its pale coat standing out clearly against the dark rock. Although distant, binoculars and spotting scopes provided excellent views as the animal moved across the mountainside. The stillness of the morning and the clarity of the light made the sighting all the more striking, with the bear's white fur luminous against the shadowed slopes. Expedition Team members quickly set up spotting scopes on the outer decks, allowing everyone to share in the moment before the animal eventually disappeared from sight.



Early in the morning a polar bear was spotted!



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Ramah Mission, Canada - Sep 29, 2026

4.6 km

Day 9 – Ramah Mission

Following our early morning polar bear sighting, MS Roald Amundsen continued to Ramah, one of the most significant cultural and historical sites on the Labrador coast. Under clear skies and calm conditions, guests went ashore for a landing and explored the area with Expedition Team members. During walks across the tundra, guests learned about the rich history of Ramah and its importance to Indigenous peoples over thousands of years. The site is particularly known for Ramah chert, a distinctive stone that was widely traded across the Arctic and subarctic and used for tools and implements for generations. The excellent weather encouraged many guests to spend extra time outside, enjoying the autumn colours and the broad views across the coastline. Before returning to the ship, a number of adventurous guests took part in a polar plunge, entering the cold Labrador waters while fellow guests watched and offered encouragement from the shore. As the operation concluded, everyone returned to MS Roald Amundsen under bright conditions, reflecting on a day that combined cultural history, beautiful scenery, and a refreshing dip.



Ramah archeological site.



Polar plunge!

Zodiac Cruise, Canada - Sep 29, 2026

7 km

Day 9 – Expedition Boat Cruise (PM)

Following our landing at Ramah, MS Roald Amundsen continued along the rugged Labrador coastline under clear skies and excellent visibility. During the afternoon, the bridge team relocated the same polar bear that had been spotted earlier in the day, this time resting on a rocky slope near the shoreline. With conditions favourable and the bear positioned in an area suitable for observation, the decision was made to launch the expedition boats for an impromptu wildlife cruise. Guests boarded the boats and approached the area carefully, allowing everyone to enjoy much closer views while maintaining a respectful distance. The bear appeared relaxed and largely unconcerned by our presence, occasionally lifting its head to survey the surroundings before settling back among the rocks. Expedition Team members interpreted the animal's behaviour and discussed the challenges polar bears face along the Labrador coast, where they are occasionally encountered as sea ice retreats northward.



Zodiac cruising watching the polar bear!



Zodiac cruising watching the polar bear!



Zodiac cruising watching the polar bear!

Hebron Harbour, Canada - Sep 30, 2026

115.1 km

Day 10 — Hebron

Today we visited Hebron, a place of deep historical and cultural significance on the Labrador coast. Set within a broad bay surrounded by rolling hills, the former Inuit community stands as a powerful reminder of both enduring connections to the land and a difficult chapter in Labrador's history. Guests went ashore to explore the site and learn about its past. The Moravian mission buildings remain among the most visible features, offering a tangible link to the community that once thrived here. Expedition Team members and local cultural ambassadors shared the story of Hebron and the events surrounding the closure of the community in 1959, when Inuit families were relocated from their homes. For our cultural ambassadors on board, the visit carried particular meaning. Many have personal, family, or community connections to the history of northern Labrador, making the opportunity to return to Hebron especially significant. Their stories and reflections added a powerful dimension to the experience, helping everyone better understand the lasting impact of the relocation and the importance of preserving these connections across generations.



A visit to the old settlement, Hebron.



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Nain, Canada - Oct 1, 2026

288.1 km

Day 11 — Nain

Today we returned to Nain, this time with the opportunity to go ashore and experience the community firsthand. As the northernmost permanent community in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nain welcomed us warmly under favourable conditions. A highlight was the community presentation held in the church, where local residents shared music, stories, and cultural traditions. The gathering provided an opportunity to learn more about Inuit culture and the strong connections between the people, the land, and the sea. Many guests appreciated the chance to hear directly from community members and gain a deeper understanding of life in northern Labrador. Afterwards, guests chose from a variety of ways to explore the area. Some joined guided community walks led by local residents, who shared insights into the history and daily life of Nain. Others opted for a longer hike beyond the settlement, venturing onto the surrounding hills for broader views across the coastline, islands, and bays. Throughout the day, conversations with local residents became a memorable part of the experience. Back on board, many guests reflected on the warm welcome.



A visit to Nain!



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At Sea, Canada - Oct 2, 2026

Day 12 – At Sea

Today was spent at sea as MS Roald Amundsen continued south along the coast of Labrador. Following several days of community visits and expedition activities within Torngat Mountains National Park, the sea day provided an opportunity to reflect on recent experiences while enjoying the changing scenery. The Labrador coastline remained visible for much of the day, with rugged headlands, distant hills, and occasional inlets appearing through the shifting light. Many guests spent time on deck watching the coastline slide past while keeping an eye out for wildlife. Marine life proved to be a highlight. Throughout the day, guests and Expedition Team members enjoyed excellent sightings of fin whales and humpback whales surfacing in the waters around the ship. The excitement increased further when a sperm whale was observed, providing one of the most memorable wildlife encounters of the voyage so far. The whale's distinctive blow and diving behaviour allowed for prolonged observation before it disappeared beneath the surface. Birdlife was equally impressive. northern fulmars, black-legged kittiwakes, shearwaters, and skuas were regularly seen around the ship, taking advantage of the winds.



Fin whale!



A day full of whales and dolphins!



White-beaked dolphins!

Battle Harbour, Canada - Oct 3, 2026

270.2 km

Day 13 – Battle Harbour

Today we visited Battle Harbour, our final stop in Labrador before continuing south. Once an important fishing centre on the Labrador coast, the small island settlement now offers a fascinating glimpse into the region's maritime history. Under favourable conditions, guests went ashore to explore the island and wander among the historic buildings overlooking the harbour. Many chose to follow the walking paths across the island, enjoying views of the rugged coastline, rocky headlands, and the North Atlantic beyond. The restored buildings and quiet atmosphere provided a sense of what life was like in this remote community during the height of the Labrador fishery. Wildlife proved to be one of the day's highlights. Several Arctic foxes were seen on the island, with many guests enjoying excellent views as the animals moved across the tundra and among the rocky slopes. Others took advantage of the calm conditions to join sea kayaking. Paddling along the shoreline offered a different perspective, with colourful historic buildings and seabirds as a backdrop. As guests returned, the lighthouse remained visible. Battle Harbour provided a fitting farewell.



Kayaking at Battle Harbour:



Arctic Fox!



Battle Harbour!

St. Anthony, Canada - Oct 4, 2026

126.2 km

Day 14 — St. Anthony

Today, MS Roald Amundsen called at St. Anthony, where guests joined a coach excursion to explore two of Newfoundland's most important historical sites: L'Anse aux Meadows and Norstead. Our journey took us along Newfoundland's Great Northern Peninsula to L'Anse aux Meadows, the only confirmed Norse settlement in North America. Guests explored the archaeological site and reconstructed turf buildings while learning about the Norse explorers who travelled from Greenland and established a settlement here around 1,000 years ago. The visit offered a connection to the Norse history we had already encountered at Hvalsey in Greenland. The excursion continued to nearby Norstead, a recreated Norse trading port where guests gained insight into daily life during the Viking Age. Traditional buildings, craftsmanship demonstrations, and a replica Norse vessel brought the era to life and illustrated the skills required to cross the North Atlantic in open wooden ships. Throughout the day, local guides placed these sites within the broader story of exploration, linking Greenland, Labrador, and Newfoundland for many guests.



Today we learned about Vikings and how they visited North America!



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Twillingate, Canada - Oct 5, 2026

198.6 km

Day 15 – Twillingate

Today, MS Roald Amundsen made its first visit to Twillingate, a historic fishing community on Newfoundland's northeast coast. Guests received a warm welcome as we arrived in a town known for its strong maritime traditions, colourful waterfront, and close connection to the North Atlantic. Throughout the day, guests chose from a variety of hiking options that explored the surrounding coastline and headlands. The trails provided sweeping views across the ocean, rugged cliffs, and rocky coves that have shaped life in this region for generations. Along the way, local guides shared stories of the community's fishing heritage and its enduring relationship with the sea. A highlight was a traditional Newfoundland welcome ceremony. Guests had the opportunity to be 'screeched in' as honorary Newfoundlanders, taking part in the well-known local custom that included kissing a cod and learning a few phrases of Newfoundland culture and humour. The event was met with enthusiasm and laughter, becoming one of the most talked-about moments of the day. As guests returned to MS Roald Amundsen, many reflected on the warm hospitality. Twillingate marked a memorable visit.



Twillingate gave us a very warm welcome!



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Day 16 — Bonavista

Our final expedition day began in Bonavista, a community linked to Newfoundland's maritime history and rugged Atlantic coastline. Guests went ashore under breezy conditions with a full programme of excursions planned. During the morning, half the ship visited the Bonavista Geopark, where local guides introduced the remarkable geology that has shaped this coastline over hundreds of millions of years. Guests explored exposed rock formations and dramatic coastal scenery. Meanwhile, weather conditions deteriorated. Increasing winds and a growing sea state required ongoing assessment by the bridge team and Expedition Leader. As conditions worsened, the decision was made to shorten our time ashore and prepare for an earlier departure. While disappointing, the decision reflected a fundamental principle of expedition travel: safety comes first. By early afternoon, all guests had returned safely to MS Roald Amundsen, and the ship departed to stay ahead of the approaching weather. During the evening, we arrived in St. John's, where calmer waters provided a peaceful final night before journeys home.



A short stop in Bonavista.



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A short stop in Bonavista.

St. John's, Canada - Oct 7, 2026

154.8 km

Day 17 – St. John's (Disembarkation Day)

This morning, MS Roald Amundsen lay alongside in St. John's as our voyage, Greenland, Labrador and Newfoundland – Encounters at the Edge, came to an end. Following a calm final night in port, guests prepared for disembarkation and onward travel after more than two weeks exploring the coasts of Greenland, Labrador, and Newfoundland. Throughout the morning, farewells were exchanged between guests, crew, and Expedition Team members as luggage was transferred ashore and travel arrangements got underway. Many reflected on the wide variety of experiences encountered during the voyage, from autumn tundra landscapes in Greenland and the towering fjords of Torngat Mountains National Park to encounters with whales, seabirds, Arctic foxes, black bears, and a polar bear. The journey had also offered meaningful cultural connections, including visits to Inuit communities in Labrador, the historic site of Hebron, and the Norse heritage sites of L'Anse aux Meadows and Norstead. Along the way, we experienced everything from calm autumn sunshine to Atlantic storms and changing conditions. As guests departed for journeys home, MS Roald Amundsen remained alongside, bringing the voyage to a close.



Thank you for sailing with us!

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