14D13N Baffin Bay Secrets



Trip Overview

14-day expedition cruise to the discovery of Baffin Bay and enjoy the unforgettable journey in the heart of the most magnificent Arctic landscapes.

Trip Highlights

- Explore Baffin Bay, from the west coast of Greenland to Nunavut, including encounters with Inuit communities and icy vistas
- Discover the landscapes (Disko Bay, icebergs, majestic fjords, etc.) and the wildlife (opportunities to glimpse or observe polar bears, cetaceans, seabirds, musk oxen, etc.).
- Activities: opportunities for dinghy outings with your naturalist guides, hikes, kayaking, etc.
- Outings and shore visits in zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides. Hiking Opportunity
- Visiting traditional villages and meeting the Inuit people.
- Disko Bay, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the Northern Hemisphere’s largest icebergs.
- Wildlife: polar bears, Arctic terns, walruses, whales, musk oxen.

Trip Itinerary

Destination:	Greenland
Departure Location:	Kangerlussuaq (Greenland)
Return Location:	Nuuk (Greenland)
Tour Validity:	02 Aug - 09 Sep 2026

Day 01: Kangerlussuaq

From 1941 to 1992, the town of **Kangerlussuaq** in Greenland was home to an American military base. Nowadays, thanks to its international airport, it has become a transit point for travellers seeking adventure in the Far North. Located to the north of the Arctic Circle, this town is the starting point of magnificent discoveries surrounded by **unspoiled nature**. Indeed, just a few dozen kilometres from there it is possible to get close to the Greenland ice sheet, the largest **body of ice in the Northern Hemisphere**. From Kangerlussuaq, admire also the superb landscapes of tundra in autumnal colours, where Arctic hares, musk oxen, Arctic foxes, reindeer, falcons and eagles live.

Day 02: Nooralak

Located a few kilometres away from the Arctic Circle, the **Nooralaq** peninsula features raw and untamed beauty. Nature reigns supreme here, **with the tundra stretching as far as the eye can see**, decked out in various forms of flora and inhabited by Greenland's emblematic fauna — snow buntings, common ravens, reindeer, musk oxen, and the discreet Arctic fox. The heights of Nooralaq afford **sublime panoramas over the Itteleq fjord**, whose water reflects the moving skies of the Far North.

Day 03: Disko Bay

To the east of Baffin Bay, discover **Disko Bay**, scattered with countless icebergs produced by the Ilulissat Icefjord, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. From your ship, admire the majestic ballet of these ice giants as they slowly drift across the dark waters. This site is a natural marvel of Greenland, and is also renowned as an observation point for the region's many humpback whales. The encounters with wild fauna and stunning landscapes in the heart of this spectacular and fragile nature will be pure moments of wonder for you.

Day 04: Base Paul-Emile Victor, Eqi Glacier

"The most beautiful place in the Arctic" is how Paul-Émile Victor described Greenland, a land of great icebergs and of towering ice formations calved by the giant glaciers of the polar ice cap. **The Eqi Glacier** is one of the region's most impressive sights. Here, the silence is broken only by the roaring and cracking of the ice. It is impossible to know if one is shivering from cold or from the sheer thrill of being here... Imagine the vast outline of a glacier, its **translucent crystals** glowing with an ice-blue fire in the sunlight. Paul-Émile **Victor's shelter** cannot be overlooked; it was from here that the French Polar Expeditions' anthropological and geographic explorations set off in the 1950s.

Day 05: Akulleq

In the curve of Uummannaq Bay, opposite a narrow passage between two islands, you will discover the **moonscape** of the small desert island of Akulleq. The **ochre yellow and orange** of this mineral site look ablaze under the sunshine of the polar summer. From the island's summit you will be able to contemplate a panoramic view of the bay's magical landscape and its huge icebergs with surprising shapes.

Day 06: Kullorsuaq

Well beyond the Arctic Circle, in the majestic landscapes of Greenland's Northwest, you will find the village of **Kullorsuaq**, the last bastion of Greenland's traditional hunters. Here is where you will find Greenland's true character… Vast mineral expanses, **sumptuous mountains**, impressive glaciers and, above all, the local population which still lives off fishing and seal or bear hunting. Hospitality and respect for nature are essential elements in the daily lives of these men, who live an austere life. When we drop anchor in this remote part of the world, set off to discover these friendly people who are also **talented craftsmen**, deftly sewing the furs and skins of marine mammals. This will be a unique and authentic experience.

Day 07: Savissivik

Some places in this world are so magical that their beauty cannot be described in words… **Savissivik**, a small Inuit village with less than a hundred inhabitants, is one such place. Rightly considered to be **the biggest iceberg graveyard in Greenland**, it is a stunning sight to behold. During your zodiac outing, you will sail between these icy giants. Once on land, you can hike to a viewpoint from which to enjoy breathtaking views over these icebergs, which come in an incredibly diverse range of shapes and colours. Photographers will love it. Savissivik Bay attracts many **bears** and is also known for having been the home of one of the world's biggest **meteorites**, but the latter has now been moved to a museum in New York.

Day 08: Pond Inlet, Nunavut

On **Baffin Island**, located in northern Canada at the mouth of the famous NorthWest Passage, there is a small Inuit settlement at the very bounds of infinity. To get there, cross the **Arctic Circle**, the imaginary line that separates man from lands of mystery and wonder. It's not so much the way of life that sets Pond Inlet's inhabitants apart, so much as the setting. Snow-capped mountains, **fjords** and **glaciers** combine in a dazzling natural environment that fills space and expands time. Some discoveries change you forever: this is one of them.

Day 09: Devon Island, Nunavut

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Day 11: At sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

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Day 13: Evighedsfjorden

Your ship glides slowly along the water towards the west coast of Greenland, to enter **Evighedsfjorden**, just a few kilometres south of Kangerlussuaq. Evighedsfjorden means "**the fjord of Eternity**", and for good reason: just when you think you've reached the end of this stretch of sea measuring over 100 kilometres in length, it seems to go on forever, as though to bring even more pleasure to those sailing in it. The spectacular scenery ranges from glaciers to **tundra** with an abundant flora, and jagged cliffs where **numerous bird species** have taken up residence. Take the time to observe the white-tailed eagles and the colonies of seagulls and black-legged kittiwakes flying overhead in the area.

Day 14: Nuuk

When Erik Le Rouge, the exiled Norse chief, landed on the coast of Nuuk, he found a fertile and welcoming land dotted with fjords. He settled there with a group of his former countrymen, and **the Norse** remained the principal inhabitants until, over a period of 500 years, their population declined and gave way to the Inuit. **Nuuk** is situated at the mouth of one of the largest networks of fjords in the world, where the waters never freeze. The town spreads gently out towards the **Davis Strait** and enjoys an historic center that is particularly rich in national heritage. The vivid reds, blues, greens and yellows of the houses are a lively contrast to the somber waters of Greenland and serve to lift the spirits of the locals during the Winter months.

What's included

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 13 nights shipboard on Ponant Cruis
- 24 hour room service (special selection)
- Butler service (special selection)
- Free unlimited WIFI onboard
- Evening entertainment and events
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PACKAGE EXCLUDE

- International air ticket
- Airport transfer
- Gratuities

Price & Cost

Date	Price	Ship
02 Aug 2026 -15 Aug 2026	**RM 76,260**	**L'Austral Ship**
Superior Stateroom	RM 76,260	Available
Deluxe Stateroom	FULLY BOOKED	Available
Prestige Stateroom	RM 89,130	Available
Deluxe Suite	RM 130,710	Available