

NORTHWEST PASSAGE

NOME TO HALIFAX



Be among the few to sail in the wake of great explorers as we attempt to journey through the legendary Northwest Passage. Experience the raw, daunting beauty of remote Arctic terrain on this rarely-traveled route. Even today, few ships have the capability to navigate this isolated passage between two oceans and provide premium cruising comfort.



DATE 2020: AUGUST 16

DURATION: 29-DAYS/28-NIGHTS

EMBARK: NOME, ALASKA

DISEMBARK: HALIFAX, NS, CANADA

SHIP: ROALD AMUNDSEN

FROM: **\$25,138**

Regular rate: \$30,953

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Sail in the wake of the great explorers on this rarely-traveled expedition
- Learn about exploration history and incredible nature
- Spot magnificent wildlife, including good chances to see polar bears and walrus
- Visit traditional villages

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DAY 1 – VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA

Bustling Vancouver is surrounded by a picturesque range of mountains, making it a popular tourist destination all year round. Vancouver is a relatively young city with both cultural and nature attractions that appeal to every type of traveler.

DAY 2 – FLY TO NOME, EMBARKATION

After breakfast, you will fly to the gold rush town of Nome, Alaska, where our epic voyage begins. The colorful local history of this Arctic frontier settlement is on display at the Carrie M. McLain Museum. Embarkation on MS Roald Amundsen.

DAYS 3-8 – AT SEA

We sail through the Bering Strait, before heading into the Chukchi Sea. Our expedition team will start their lecture program preparing you for the days ahead.

As we reach Point Barrow, the northernmost point of the USA, we enter the Beaufort Sea. We will keep a sharp eye open here for Bowhead and Grey whales and we might also start seeing sea ice.



We continue into Amundsen Gulf, where we hope to observe the remarkable Smoking Hills - an amazing sight of smoke billowing from cliffs on the east coast of Cape Bathurst. The phenomenon rises from erosion that has unearthed locally present lignite - a combination of

shale and pyrite - that spontaneously ignites when exposed to air.

DAYS 9-19 – HEART OF THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE

We intend to sail into the heart of the Northwest Passage. Since the late 15th century, the search for this fabled seaway through the Canadian Arctic was the holy grail for hardy explorers. There are records of almost 40 expeditions that sailed these waters. The first recorded attempt was the voyage of John Cabot in 1497. The most famous journeys here were James Cook's failed attempt to sail the passage in 1776, and the ill-fated Franklin expedition of 1845. The first to successfully navigate the Northwest Passage by ship was Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen on an expedition that lasted from 1903 to 1906.

Ice conditions vary from year to year – one of the reasons this voyage is still one of a kind. Subject to favorable conditions, we hope to show you some of the following places:

Ulukhaktok, a settlement on Victoria Island in the Canadian Arctic archipelago. Due to its remote location, the 460 people living here have had little to do with the rest of the world and remain traditional in many aspects of their daily life.

Cambridge Bay, located on Victoria Island, is called "Iqaluktuuttiaq" in Inuinnaqtun, meaning a "good fishing place." The settlement is near the Ekalluk River, which is famous for giant char. The area is rich in archaeological history and blessed with abundant fish, seals, geese, muskoxen and caribou.

Gjøa Haven, which honors Norwegian explorer, Roald Amundsen, who overwintered here in 1903/04 and 1904/05 during the Gjøa expedition. He was in contact with the local Netsilik Inuit people, from whom he learned a great deal about survival and travel in polar regions.

Fort Ross, a trading post established in 1937. There are two small huts here that are maintained by the Canadian Coast Guard.

Beechey Island, closely linked to the exploration history of the Northwest Passage. The most notorious voyage was the British expedition led by Sir John Franklin. Two ships sailed into the passage in 1845, but neither the vessels nor any of the 129 crew were ever seen again. It is known that the Franklin Expedition over-wintered on Beechey Island in 1845-1846.

Dundas Harbor, an abandoned settlement on the south coast of Devon Island, with an old Royal Canadian Mounted Police camp and several archaeological sites. Come ashore to see the ruins of some of these buildings, along with an impressive Thule site.

Pond Inlet, a traditional Inuit community, located on the northern tip of Baffin Island, near the eastern entrance to the Northwest Passage. Also called 'Mittimatalik' in Inuktitut, the picturesque hamlet is surrounded by mountain ranges, several dozen glaciers, scenic fjords and inlets, ice caves, geological hoodoos and drifting icebergs.

We continue our journey sailing through amazing waters with unique nature and hopefully enough ice for excellent wildlife spotting.

DAY 20 – CROSSING THE DAVIS STRAIT

We cross the Davis Strait, named for the English explorer John Davis, who led three expeditions in the area between 1585 and 1587. Davis was the first to draw attention to the area's seal hunting and whaling possibilities, and that Newfoundland cod fisheries extended this far north.

DAY 21 – ILULISSAT, GREENLAND – BIRTHPLACE OF ICEBERGS

Ilulissat lies amidst the stunning scenery of the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Outside town, at the mouth of the fjord, you often see giant icebergs that originate from nearby Jakobshavn Glacier, one of the most productive glaciers in the Northern Hemisphere.

DAY 22 – SISIMIUT, GREENLAND

Some 25 miles north of the Arctic Circle, Sisimiut is a modern settlement that maintains ancient traditions.



Come ashore to explore this colorful town, visit the small museum, hike in the hills and shop for local handicrafts.

DAY 23 – NUUK, CAPITAL OF GREENLAND

The capital of Greenland is the political and social center of the nation, and the oldest town in Greenland, founded by the Danish-Norwegian missionary Hans Egede in 1728. The city's location is lovely, set at the mouth of one of the largest and most spectacular fjord systems in the world.

DAY 24 – IVITTUUT, GREENLAND

Ivittuut is a stronghold for musk oxen. The settlement was built on top of the so-called Norse Middle settlement where Vikings settled 1,000 years ago. Archaeologists believe it was the last settlement established by the Vikings in Greenland, and the first to be abandoned in the area.

DAY 25 – AT SEA

DAY 26 – RED BAY, LABRADOR

Red Bay, Labrador, a coastal community with a population of less than 200, is a classic outpost of Atlantic Canada. In 2013, Red Bay Basque Whaling Station was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Wander around the former whaling town and learn about its interesting history.

DAY 27 – CORNER BROOK, NEWFOUNDLAND

Corner Brook is located on the west coast of Newfoundland and has approximately 20,000 inhabitants. The area was first surveyed by Captain James Cook in 1767. Explore the charming town center or enjoy its many walking trails amidst vibrant autumn leaves.

DAY 28 – AT SEA - RECAP OUR EXPEDITION CRUISE

Every great adventure must come to an end. Enjoy your remaining time with the expedition team as we recap our expedition cruise and reflect on our shared experiences.

DAY 29 – HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA – DISEMBARK

The British established Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1749. Enjoy views from atop the Citadel, on a hill overlooking the city. This colorful gateway town is both hip and historic and well worth an extra day or two before you head back home.

NOTE- Pre- and post-cruise activities can be added – let us know what you would like to do and see!



In 2019, Hurtigruten added a new ship to its fleet: the MS Roald Amundsen. The state-of-the-art vessel features new and environmentally sustainable hybrid technology that will reduce fuel consumption and show the world that hybrid propulsion on large ships is possible.

Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available to suit your interests.

Included features:

- Hurtigruten expedition cruise in the cabin grade of your choice
- One hotel night in Vancouver before the voyage breakfast
- Transfer from hotel to airport in Vancouver
- Coach-class flight from Vancouver to Nome
- Transfer from airport to ship in Nome
- All meals including beverages (beer and wine, sodas and mineral water in all ship restaurants)
- Coffee and tea included throughout the day
- Early riser and afternoon treat offered in addition to breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Fredheim restaurant meals included
- A la carte restaurant (only for suite guests)
- Gym, hot tubs and panoramic sauna
- Rejuvenating wellness areas with separate treatment rooms, infinity pool, outdoor gym, running track
- Free Wi-fi onboard for all guests. Be aware that we sail in remote areas with limited connection. Streaming is not supported.
- No gratuities expected

Not included:

- Meals and beverages other than those specified above
- Optional excursions
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, etc.)



Reservations & Information

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Rates are per person, Double Occupancy

CABIN – 2020 Rates	Features	Cat-Deck	Regular Rates	Savings Rates
Polar Outside	Window	RS-4/5	\$30,953	\$25,138
Polar Outside	Window	RR-4/5	\$33,279	\$26,999
Arctic Superior – Outside	Balcony	TT/TY-5	\$36,187	\$29,325
Arctic Superior – Outside	Balcony	XTD-7	\$40,547	\$32,813
Arctic Superior – Outside	Balcony	XT-7/8	\$40,547	\$32,813
Expedition Suite – High Deck	Balcony	ME-8/9	\$48,107	\$38,861
Expedition Suite – L Corner	Balcony	MD-7	\$54,212	\$43,745
Expedition Suite – XL Corner	Windows	MB-5	\$64,097	\$51,653