



ROUTE OF THE VIKINGS

Your 18-night journey includes: 14-night expedition cruise to Québec, Woody Point (Newfoundland and Labrador), Nanortalik, Isortoq, Kulusuk, Siglufjörður & Ísafjörður; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Montréal; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Reykjavík

Greenland, Iceland. These are lands of fire and ice. Come explore them with Vantage in summertime, when their rugged terrains have turned lush in a full display of unfenced wilderness. Add in the primeval landscapes of Canada's Newfoundland and Labrador, and this astonishing expedition just got even more intriguing — and remote. Cruising aboard the 5-star Ocean Explorer, you'll step foot in some of the world's most beautiful and desolate locales: Isortoq, where you'll be greeted with mountains and floating icebergs; Kulusuk Island, home to just 250 year-round residents; and stunning Ísafjörður, the largest town in Iceland's Westfjords peninsula at just 2,600 people.

Your journey begins in happening Montréal and ends in Iceland's compact capital Reykjavík, two cosmopolitan counterpoints to an expedition filled with seafaring villages, wildlife enclaves, and settings carved by volcanic activity. Leading your discoveries will be our highly credentialed Expedition Team, who will guide everything from your Zodiac small craft landings to soft adventures like hiking, wildlife walks through Gros Morne National Park, kayaking, and more. The Ocean Explorer's small size allows us to visit some of the world's most remote areas, so it's important to note that due to the nature of this itinerary — and the remoteness of the ports we will visit — we will be required to anchor offshore throughout the majority of the expedition. You will need to board a Zodiac boat or tender in order to reach the shore, which does require a certain level of physical agility.

Away from your expedition, you'll find a haven on the 5-star Ocean Explorer, where world-class amenities, personalized service, and elegant staterooms will be the icing on the cake of your experience. Enjoy 17 included features and Cultural Discoveries, including a Viking band performance, a salted herring demonstration, and expeditions led by the Expedition Team to further illuminate your explorations. Then, savor gourmet cuisine inspired by your discoveries in these destinations. Your

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state-of-the-art ship is nimble enough to access remote and intriguing ports and is outfitted with dynamic ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology for a smoother ride across the sea. Join us for this stark, exhilarating, and strikingly beautiful journey.

If you're interested in this itinerary and want to revel in even more Cultural Discoveries and immersive experiences, check out our combination cruise North Atlantic Crossing: Montréal to Dublin. Explore more and save.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

OCEAN EXPLORER CRUISING



Cruise on the Ocean Explorer, an agile and state-of-the-art expedition vessel that can navigate to places larger ships can't

KULUSUK, GREENLAND



Explore remote Kulusuk, Greenland, home to Paleo-Eskimo culture and just 250 full-time residents

ICELAND'S GOLDEN CIRCLE



Tour jaw-dropping landscapes along this famed route, including UNESCO-listed Thingvellir National Park

NANORTALIK, GREENLAND



Explore South Greenland's "adventure capital" alongside your experienced Expedition Team

SIGLUFJÖRDUR



Visit this fjord town, which was once the hub of the global herring industry

ÍSAFJÖRDUR, ICELAND



Discover Iceland's Westfjords region, beginning with the idyllic town of Ísafjörður and a visit to the historic village of Thingeyri

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



Experience the majesty of this Canadian province in Newfoundland Island's Gros Morne National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

ISORTOQ, GREENLAND



Tour Isortoq, an Inuit village that's also Greenland's smallest, and one of the most remote places on Earth

SOPHISTICATED MONTRÉAL



Design-forward Montréal is a haven of art, architecture, ethnic cuisine, and French savoir faire

REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND



Get a feel for Iceland's capital during an eye-opening half-day tour

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Port charges are included** in the base price as a courtesy to our *Ocean Explorer* travelers
- **Accommodations:** 18 nights, with 14 nights aboard the 5-star *Ocean Explorer*, plus 2 nights in Montréal at the *Sofitel Montréal Golden Mile Hotel* (or similar), and 2 nights in Reykjavík at the *Hilton Reykjavík Nordica* (or similar)
- **Gratuities for local guides and drivers**
- **48 meals:** 18 breakfasts, 14 lunches, and 16 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- **17 included features and Cultural Discoveries**
- **Visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Montréal (UNESCO City of Design), the Historic District of Old Québec, Gros Morne National Park, and Thingvellir National Park
- **The services of a Vantage Cruise Director, Program Manager, and a 5-person Expedition Team**, plus shipboard commentary and private motorcoach for excursions
- **Complimentary Destination Manager** on board ship to assist with all your personal requests
- **QuietVox headsets** — the best in the travel marketplace — to enhance your sightseeing experience during your cruise and on extensions
- **All transfers and baggage handling** overseas, beginning with your first hotel
- **Vantage's 5% Travel Reward**, received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage journey

SPECIAL INTEREST



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS Sail north and chase adventure in some of the world's most remote and unspoiled locations — the Greenland, Iceland, and beyond — on an expedition cruise

- Behold some of the world's most remote and beautiful natural wonders —from bubbling geysers to ice-blue fjords — at the top of the world!
- Venture ashore on naturalist-led expeditions by versatile Zodiac landing crafts
- Attend lectures on marine biology, wildlife, history, and other educational topics

Plus, cruise aboard the 5-star Ocean Explorer, a vessel built specifically for expedition cruising, with the following features:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins, most of which have full walk-out balconies, for the most flexible style of travel — plus, suites designed for comfortable triple-occupancy as well as adjoining room options
- An 8-17 person Expedition Team who will lead zodiac excursions, dry and wet landings, hikes, and onboard lectures in their area of expertise — which range from ornithology to geology
- A culinary program offering gourmet dining incorporating regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption
- Dynamic positioning technology
- State-of-the-art safety technology, Polar Code 6 compliant, and fully compliant with the latest SOLAS requirements in expedition cruising
- Rolls-Royce stabilizer system; "Safe Return to Port" technology

ACTIVE HIGHLIGHTS All activities on this adventure are dependent upon weather and local conditions and will be coordinated by your Expedition Team. These will entail exploration in urban centers as well as in remote coastal and subarctic locales, often on foot. Make use of the boots, trekking poles, and other equipment that are on loan for your ship. After an active day, your deluxe ship and hotels all offer plenty of soothing amenities such as spa facilities, and more to help you feel refreshed. Here are some other activities you may participate in:

- Travel to remote rookeries and pristine coves aboard motorized Zodiac landing crafts

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- Get a good workout at your ship's gym and the fitness centers of your hotels
- Hike in a bevy of North Atlantic islands and in Iceland, Greenland, and Newfoundland
- Utilize your free time to explore destinations by foot



ART & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

This trip exposes you to a broad array of artistic and cultural traditions across two continents.

- Spend a day in the remote Greenland settlement of

Isortoq and learn about the Inuit culture that has existed there for centuries

- See why Montréal is a UNESCO "City of Design" as you admire its array of historic and modern architectural gems
- Get a taste of Iceland at a tomato farm and greenhouse
- Take advantage of your complimentary Concierge service to secure tickets for a play, concert, or museum in Québec or Montréal



NATURE HIGHLIGHTS

Travel across the northern seas to unspoiled, subarctic regions that few people ever get to see, but where thousands of bird, marine, and terrestrial wildlife find a welcoming home.

- Watch for dolphins, whales, orca, seals, walrus, reindeer, polar bears, and more
- Visit rich bird rookeries and keep an eye out for kittiwakes, eagles, ravens, black guillemots, fulmars, puffins, Arctic terns, and many more avian species

- Learn about the incredible biodiversity of Newfoundland at the Bonne Bay Marine Science Centre
- Photograph a multitude of jaw-dropping landscapes, especially in Iceland and Greenland
- Discover the beauty of Prince Christian Sound, with scenic cruising



UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Traveling across the Atlantic from Europe to North America, you'll reprise the journeys made by Viking raiders, Irish monks, great explorers, and European settlers. Here are a few of milestones to look forward to:

- In UNESCO-listed Thingvellir National Park, see where Iceland's Viking-era settlers established one of Europe's first parliaments
- Celebrate the tremendous biodiversity and colonial heritage of

Gros Morne National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

- See the UNESCO-listed treasures in the Historic District of Old Québec
- Learn about the battle that ceded Québec to the British at the Plains of Abraham



CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS During your onboard meals, shore excursions, and independent exploration, you'll have plenty of opportunities to taste the traditional regional cuisines, as well as the trendy "New Nordic" cooking that uses fresh farm-to-table (or hook-to-table) ingredients, and which has its exemplars even on the most remote North Atlantic islands.

- Taste the best Bloody Mary ever when you visit an organic tomato farm and greenhouse outside Reykjavík
- Enjoy lunch in a "sugar shack," where the food highlights one of Canada's biggest exports: maple syrup

- Enjoy Québec's French-accented cuisine and Montréal's famous variety of ethnic eateries



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

Grab your GoPro and have your favorite camera ready to capture the North Atlantic's stupendous scenery and rich wildlife. Your onboard Expedition Team features an expert nature photographer who will share top tips in onboard workshops and during your excursions. Here are a few tips:

- Make the most of the "golden hour," the time frame before dawn and dusk that offers warm, camera-friendly lighting that's

flattering for everyone

- Don't be afraid of the dark! Exploring cities and landmarks at night offers unique new perspectives — just make sure you have a tripod or that your camera comes equipped with a night feature
- Use a bean bag, tripod, or other stabilizing device to capture moving targets like birds and other wildlife
- Change your perspective. Try shooting from a different angle. For example, climb a stairwell and shoot a landscape from up high; or get low and shoot from the ground. Wherever you are, embrace artistic challenges by getting out of your comfort zone!
- Take selfies! You'll want to have some mementoes of your milestone journey
- Look beyond landmarks. Sometimes everyday scenes are much more revealing of the spirit of your destination. But in deference to cultural norms here, remember to ask your subjects if they mind being photographed before snapping their picture!



a gym

SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS On this expedition cruise, independent travelers will enjoy solo-friendly features, such as:

- Zodiac cruising, polar kayaking opportunities, and photography workshops
- A lively social media night, a wealth of informative onboard lectures, and musical performances most nights
- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa, jacuzzis, and



gathering in the lounge, and more

- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table
- Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!

CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS Prior to your expedition cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

- Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your suite, a

- Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free, start-to-finish service by making your requests prior to your journey or during your journey. We are one of the only companies to offer this level of service! Call 1-888-982-6824 or email Concierge@vantagetravel.com to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.

MONTREAL TO REYKJAVIK

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DAY 1: Fly to Montréal

Today, you'll fly to Montréal. Or, depart earlier for your pre-trip extension to Ottawa! If you purchased your airfare through Vantage, you'll be met upon arrival by a representative who will assist in your transfer to the hotel. Enjoy free time to get settled into Montréal before a Welcome Briefing and Welcome Dinner.

Included meals: Dinner
Sofitel Montréal Golden Mile Hotel or similar

DAY 2: Explore Montréal, a UNESCO-listed City of Design

Set out to explore this remarkable city, situated on an island in the St. Lawrence River. This UNESCO City of Design (one of only a few in the world), is home to more than 50 national historic sites, and it boasts a lively downtown arts and cultural scene. View many of its gems, including historic Old Montréal's stunning architecture, and the magnificent neo-Gothic Notre Dame Basilica, one of the crown jewels in Québec's rich religious heritage. Please note, the Cathedral may not be available to visit due to worshipping hours, however you may visit the following day or time when it is open to the public. Then, a scenic drive takes you from Montréal's downtown district to the top of Mont Royal for commanding views of the city and the St. Lawrence River.

At lunchtime, you'll take part in a traditional sugar shack meal, rich and laden with maple sweetness that reaching peak flavor for the season. This afternoon, you'll have time to explore this magnificent city on your own.

Included Feature:

- Half-day tour of Montréal, a UNESCO City of Design

Cultural Discovery:

- Sugar shack lunch
Included meals: Breakfast & lunch
Sofitel Montréal Golden Mille Hotel or similar

DAY 3: Enjoy a morning at leisure in Montréal, then embark the Ocean Explorer

Enjoy a morning at leisure today to wrap up any loose ends in Montréal — perhaps you want to run out for a last-minute shopping trip to buy souvenirs or enjoy lunch on your own. Later, you'll embark the Ocean Explorer — welcome aboard!

Today provides the perfect opportunity to savor the easy pace and camaraderie that small ship cruising affords. Our inviting lounge area and elegant common spaces offer ideal settings to relax, have a cocktail, and get to know your fellow adventurers. During your cruising, take advantage of your ship's many amenities, and see how days on board can be just as exciting as days offshore. Perhaps enjoy a spa treatment, curl up with a book on deck, or pop into the boutique for any items you may need.

Scenic Sailing:

- Bid *au revoir* to Montréal and enjoy your last views of the dazzling city and Mount Royal as you set sail towards your next exciting destination

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 4: Find a touch of the Old World in Québec City

In 2018, the Travel + Leisure "World's Best" poll

ranked Québec City as Canada's #1 city, citing the romantic old-world atmosphere, friendly residents, and great dining, among other things. See if you agree with the poll during today's discoveries!

Discover Québec City (the Upper and Lower Town) through its history, architecture, and culture. The Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and was one of New France's most heavily fortified settlements. Today, its ramparts are the only remaining fortified city walls in North America north of Mexico. You will also visit the historic Lower Town, where Samuel de Champlain established the first French foothold in 1608. See also the imposing Château Frontenac, a luxury hotel that's also a National Historic Site. Its grand fortress-tower design commands the skyline. You might also see the Terrasse Dufferin overlooking the St. Lawrence River, and City Hall, a former Jesuit college with lovely fountains and a garden. Continue via the shop-lined Grande-Allée to Montmorency Falls, a roaring and scenic cascade that feeds the St. Lawrence, for a photo stop.

Your tour concludes in time for you to enjoy lunch on board and some further exploration in town. Perhaps you'll visit the Musée des Beaux Arts or explore the bohemian Saint-Jean-Baptiste district. This evening, dinner is back on board.

Included Feature:

- Québec City tour featuring UNESCO-listed Old Town

Scenic Sailing:

- As you arrive this morning, admire the charm and sophistication of the skyline of Québec City
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 5: Cruising the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence River

Enjoy a day at sea to unwind and take advantage of the ship's facilities. By this time, you've likely familiarized yourself with the onboard Destination Manager, who can help make spa appointments or plan activities on land. Head to the spa for a soothing treatment, get in a workout at the fitness center, or take in some sightseeing from the sun deck. You can also soak in the hot tub, check out a book from the library to read in the multistory lounge, and enjoy curated lectures we'll be providing throughout your expedition.

Scenic Sailing:

- As you cruise the St. Lawrence River, have your camera ready for coastal views, shore birds, and even possible whale sightings
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 6: Experience the beauty of Newfoundland in Gros Morne National Park

This morning we'll make landfall on Woody Point, a scenic town on Bonne Bay on the island of Newfoundland (in Canada's Newfoundland and Labrador province). You'll enjoy a brief tour of Woody Point, which will be our jumping-off point for Gros Morne National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where the effects of plate tectonics have created a breathtaking landscape. On our tour, you'll walk on the Tablelands, which is the landform that gives the park its UNESCO designation. Gros Morne National Park's interpreters will join us here to discuss this region's unique geology. This is as close as you will ever get to the mantle of the Earth or the surface of Mars!

Your Expedition Team will coordinate today's

additional explorations, which focus on the park's northern reaches. As you explore, you'll learn about the fishing culture of Newfoundland and Labrador. At the Western Brook Pond, you'll be amazed to find an inland fjord that was carved by the sea some 15,000 years ago, then cut off by glaciation. When the ice melted, the fjord was filled with fresh water. Today this water has been assigned the highest purity rating available for natural bodies of water. You'll also see the park's namesake Gros Morne Mountain, which at 2,644 feet is the island's second highest peak.

Vantage Exclusive:

- Exploration of Gros Morne National Park
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAYS 7-8: Cruising the Labrador Sea

Enjoy two days at sea as your ship makes its way toward Greenland. Your Expedition Team might offer a lecture today on this historic voyage; you might also join a fitness class, do some dancing in the lounge, attend a cooking demonstration, or simply curl up with a book from the library.

Onboard Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional onboard experience. Enhance your time on board with one of our Vantage-exclusive activities, including wine and whiskey tastings, a multicourse Chef's Table Dinner, or an exclusive wine-pairing dinner.

Learn more
Included Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 9: Revel in the beauty and nature of Nanortalik, Greenland

South Greenland's southernmost town has plenty to attract your eye, as Nanortalik is carved by

deep fjords and surmounted by jagged peaks.

Nanortalik is South Greenland's adventure capital, attracting mountaineers, climbers, kayakers, and extreme sport enthusiasts from around the world. After breakfast on board, your Expedition Team will coordinate some soft adventures for you to choose from, based on local conditions.

Included Feature:

- Excursion to Nanortalik led by the Expedition Team
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
[Ocean Explorer >](#)

DAY 10: Cruising the Prince Christian Sound along the coast of Greenland

Enjoy another relaxing day at sea, perhaps indulging in a spa treatment, sipping cocktails in the lounge, and attending onboard workshops presented by your expedition crew. As you take in the scenery from the decks, you might notice that the icebergs have a uniquely blue color. That is because the icebergs in southern Greenland are older and denser with less air.

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Learn more
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
[Ocean Explorer >](#)

DAY 11: Explore Isortoq, one of the most remote places on Earth

Isortoq means "Foggy Sea," and it sits less than 3 miles from the edge of the polar ice cap. Today you will set foot on pristine land that may just well

be the most remote place you've ever been in your life (so far!).

Experience Inuit traditions in Greenland's smallest village, where fewer than 100 or so residents eke out a life by hunting and fishing. In summertime, they are also sustained by boat shipments of fresh produce and other supplies, but for most of the rest of year, Isortoq is largely inaccessible — surrounded by pack ice and battered by the powerful polar winds called piteraq. Based on local conditions, your Expedition Team will coordinate a visit to the settlement, where you can observe the native Inuit lifestyle firsthand.

Included Feature:

- Isortoq excursion led by your Expedition Team

Scenic Sailing:

- As you depart Isortoq, you'll be rewarded with awesome views of Greenland's coastline
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
[Ocean Explorer >](#)

DAY 12: Head to remote Kulusuk and experience another day at sea

A sea day allows for more downtime as we sail north to remote Kulusuk. Today provides the perfect opportunity to savor the easy pace and camaraderie that small ship cruising affords. Our inviting lounge area and elegant common spaces offer ideal settings to relax, have a cocktail, and get to know your fellow adventurers. During your cruising, take advantage of your ship's many amenities and see how days on board can be just as exciting as days offshore.

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Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 13: Explore Greenland's remote Kulusuk Island

If you are an early bird, you might wander up on deck as your ship cruises into the harbor of Kulusuk, ringed by brightly painted houses set against green hills and dark mountains that rise above the iceberg-flecked blue water. Only about 250 permanent residents call Kulusuk home. The island was originally settled by the Paleo-Eskimo cultures. Next came the Thule people who are descendants of today's Inuits. Some Danes ran aground here in 1909, built a church, and stayed. As a result, today Kulusuk blends European and Inuit cultures. Most people earn their livings hunting and fishing, and some are skilled tupilaq carvers. Tupilaq means "soul of the ancestor," and these carved figurines are said to offer protection against evil. Perhaps you'll pick one up as you explore the town.

Your Expedition Team will determine where and how our activities will take shape based on the weather and local conditions, and you will have options for how active you want to be. You might hike from the shore of Kulusuk to the top of the 984-foot-high hill known as Isikajia Mountain for jaw-dropping views of the village, the icebergs, and the stunning fjords that chisel the coast. As you explore, keep your eye out for sea birds. You might also be lucky enough to spot ravens, white-tailed eagles, or even the occasional rare gyrfalcon.

Included Feature:

- Expedition to Kulusuk (dependent on weather conditions)

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 14: Rest and relax with a day at sea

A final day at sea prepares you for the last leg of your expedition: Iceland. This is your final opportunity to indulge in a treatment at the onboard spa. Perhaps you want to plan something special in Iceland, in which case you can see your Destination Manager to make any arrangements!

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Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 15: Land in Iceland and tour Siglufjörður's Herring Museum

Discover the fjord town of Siglufjörður on a walking tour, once the hub of the global herring industry. This town, which is now enjoying a rebirth in popularity, is the focus of our explorations today. Our first stop is the award-winning Herring Era Museum, located on the town's vibrant harbor front. Enjoy free time to wander exhibits illustrating the fascinating history of the herring industry before witnessing a live herring salting demonstration, which offers a unique insight into a practice that helped define this region and its inhabitants. Lunch is back onboard, followed by an afternoon at leisure.

Included Feature:

- Tour the Herring Era Museum

Cultural Discovery:

- Herring salting demonstration
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 16: Take in the expansive vistas at Ísafjörður and visit Thingeyri village

As you're enjoying breakfast this morning, the Ocean Explorer will arrive to Ísafjörður, an idyllic town in the Westfjords region. We'll board motorcoaches for a tour, which allows us jaw-dropping views of dramatic fjords carved by ancient glaciers, sheer table mountains that plunge into the sea, and pristine North Atlantic vegetation. As we continue through the mountains, we'll stop to explore the historic village of Thingeyri. With a population of about 260 inhabitants, Thingeyri is both the area's first trading post and one of the oldest settlements. We'll have lunch in a local community house and enjoy Viking musical entertainment before continuing to the thunderous Dýnjandi, the highest and most impressive waterfall in the Westfjord region.

Included Feature:

- Thingeyri village excursion and Dýnjandi waterfall visit

Cultural Discovery:

- Viking musical entertainment
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 17: Disembark the Ocean Explorer and Get a true taste of Iceland, from Bloody Marys to hot springs

Disembark the Ocean Explorer today. Venture out along the Golden Circle to discover some of Iceland's most unforgettable natural attractions today. First, we'll pay a visit to a tomato farm and

greenhouse where you'll see how Iceland's geothermal activity helps produce some of the juiciest and most flavorful tomatoes in the world. Taste for yourself when you're poured a fresh Bloody Mary — but this is no Sunday standard. This version has been called the "best Bloody Mary in the world" by The Guardian!

Our explorations continue in UNESCO-listed Thingvellir National Park, which is renowned for its extraordinary landscapes and boasts a rich history that stretches back to the first settlers in Iceland. We'll also stop to admire the spectacular Gullfoss Waterfall and the hot springs of the Geysir geothermal field during our Golden Circle discoveries.

Lunch is on your own to seek out some classic Icelandic dishes — including seafood and, believe it or not, hot dogs (known as pylsa)! You'll have the afternoon to utilize the free shuttle bus into town for shopping, dining, and more exploring. Dinner is on your own.

Included Feature:

- Full-day Golden Circle tour

Cultural Discovery:

- Greenhouse visit and Bloody Mary tasting
Included meals: Breakfast
Hilton Reykjavík Nordica or similar

DAY 18: Discover Iceland's capital city

Look forward to a half-day Reykjavík city tour, kicking off after breakfast. Highlights include a visit to the Perlan viewpoint, an interactive natural history museum housed inside an immense glass dome that sits atop six hot water tanks, each carrying 4 million liters of geothermal hot water. Other highlights include the Hallgrímskirkja Church — Iceland's tallest church

— and the Reykjavík city center, to name a few tour stops.

Tonight, gather with your fellow expeditioners for a joyous Farewell Dinner.

Included Feature:

- Half-day Reykjavík city tour
Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Hilton Reykjavik Nordica or similar

DAY 19: Return home

After breakfast, you'll transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Or, if you've selected our optional post-trip extension, continue to discover even more of Reykjavík.

Included meals: Breakfast

Please Note: Ocean cruising is not the same experience as river cruising; as such, you may experience fluctuating tides and weather patterns that may involve some rocking of your vessel. Itineraries will include all activities as planned except in extreme cases that can't be controlled by your shipboard crew. Day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Cruise Director or regional expert.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Ocean Explorer

Quick facts

Launch: 2021

Length: 104.4 Meters

Max Capacity: 162 guests — 134 for polar expeditions

Cabins: 77, including a landmark 15 solo cabins — 80% of all cabins feature a private veranda

The intimate *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey* are the cruise industry's newest and most premier small ships built for global expedition travel, and ready to go to some of the world's most far-reaching destinations. Accommodating just 134 guests, the ship is outfitted with the latest satellite, sustainability, and navigation capabilities, including SOLAS "Safe Return to Port" requirements and ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology, a significant enhancement for smooth sailing in polar seas.

On all Vantage expedition cruises, education is an essential component of the journey. Enjoy talks from notable scholars, onboard historians who travel alongside you, and handpicked regional experts.

On polar expeditions with Vantage, you'll attend lectures, lessons, and activities offered by a 17-member Expedition Team of experts in fields ranging from biology to oceanography.

In your downtime, you'll find relaxation and luxury aboard the *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey*.

Visit the gym or onboard spa for a facial, massage, even a haircut. Soak in the hot tub after a rewarding day of sightseeing. Enjoy gourmet fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus outstanding culinary experiences built into your journey. And because there's no more than 134 fellow travelers on expedition cruises, you'll enjoy small group outings by day and share meals, stories, and fun with new friends by night. These fabulous expedition vessels offer:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins
- 30 triple-ready cabins available
- Vantage offers FREE roommate-matching services if you'd like to be paired while you travel

- Spacious, all outside-facing cabins
- 134-guest capacity
- Zodiac trips to get as close as possible to nature
- The latest satellite and navigation capabilities, including ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology
- Intimate crew-to-passenger ration, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption

Amenities:

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining and regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Hot-rock cooking restaurant
- Multistory lounge and lobby
- Three bars and various lounges
- Top deck observation deck for gatherings, lectures, performances, and more
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager (not available on expeditions)
- On expeditions, enjoy the services and curated lectures of a 5- or 17-person Expedition Team, comprised of experts in their field
- Knowledgeable staff by region; expedition cruises will be led by an experienced Expedition Team
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- 20+ live TV channels featuring popular US news channels, the Food Network, the Travel Channel, and National Geographic
- Entertainment and video on demand for 250 classic movies

Ocean Explorer Gallery



Sofitel Montréal Golden Mile Hotel ★★★★★

A 3-minute walk from Peel metro station, this upscale hotel by Mount Royal Park is a 5-minute walk from the Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, and 2.4 kilometers from the eateries and shops of Old Montréal. Offering floor-to-ceiling windows, the sophisticated rooms include free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and iPod docks, plus desks and minibars. Suites add lounge areas. Room service is available 24/7. There's an upscale French restaurant with a terrace, as well as a chic cocktail bar. Other amenities include a gym and a sauna, along with a business center and event space.



Hilton Reykjavík Nordica ★★★★★

Located within one kilometer of the Reykjavík Botanical Gardens and the Kringlan Shopping Center, this modern hotel offers guests a comfortable, 4-star stay. On-site amenities include a restaurant, bar and lounge; spa, and fitness center. In-room amenities include free Wi-Fi, flat screen television, a coffeemaker, and room service,