LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

The Northwest Passage: From Greenland to the Bering Sea 2019

24 days from $29,995 was $32,995

Limited to 199 guests

OFFER

Save $3,000 per person on stateroom categories 1-2. Plus, receive a $3,000 per-person credit on stateroom categories 1-2 when you reserve air to and from your journey through A&K.

Join A&K USA Chairman Emeritus Phil Otterson and A&K’s world-class Expedition Team on a cruise of the entire Northwest Passage, an extraordinary voyage from western Greenland to Nome, Alaska, following in the footsteps of the greatest explorers.

A&K Advantages

Cruise for 21 nights aboard luxury expedition ship ‘Le Boreal’ with special guest A&K USA Chairman Emeritus Phil Otterson, featuring guaranteed balcony accommodations for all guests, an A&K exclusive feature

Begin your journey with two nights in vibrantly cultural Montreal, where you tailor your time with a choice of engaging activities

Sail with an exceptional team curated by A&K, featuring our award-winning Expedition Team, an experienced service staff and crew, and one of the best personnel-to-guest ratios at 1 to 1.3

Enjoy all-inclusive cruising with included gratuities, unlimited house drinks, onboard meals, all Zodiac rides and excursions, expedition gear, port charges, and — our newest offerings — complimentary Wi-Fi and Traveller’s Valet laundry service

Enjoy expert photography programming, including lectures and hands-on tutorials, led by a dedicated A&K photo coach

Embark on a rare transit across the full extent of the Northwest Passage in the footsteps of legendary explorers, voyaging from Greenland to the Canadian Arctic to the Bering Sea and Alaska

Explore the west coast of Greenland, where you may cruise iceberg-strewn fjords and visit with local Inuit in their villages

Marvel at wonders from Franklin Bay’s “Smoking Hills” to the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Delve into the remote Yukon Territory at Herschel Island, where the Arctic whaling industry once thrived

Take advantage of A&K internal flights to Kangerlussuaq and Anchorage, conveniently beginning and ending your journey in North America

Itinerary

AUG 26 ARRIVE MONTREAL, QUEBEC
Arrive in Montreal and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy free time to relax or explore the city independently, with our staff available at the A&K hospitality desk to assist with arrangements and reservations. Tonight, gather with your A&K Expedition Team for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner to celebrate
the start of your adventure, and meet A&K USA Chairman Emeritus Phil Otterson.

**AUG 27 MONTREAL | DYNAMIC FRENCH-ENGLISH CITY**

Today, explore this modern and culturally rich Canadian city with a choice of engaging tours. You may set out on a panoramic city tour, beginning with a guided visit of Notre-Dame Basilica, thena the scenic summit of the Mont-Royal and sampling Montreal's fabled bagels. Or, you may instead opt to explore multicultural Old Montreal, enjoying those same beautiful vistas at Mont-Royal before proceeding to Little Italy and its open-air Jean Talon Market, filled with authentic local and international ingredients. As an alternative, explore Old Montreal on foot, learning about its rich French and English heritage; see City Hall, Jacques-Cartier Square, Place d'Armes and Saint Jacques Street with its notable Victorian architecture. As another option, you may take a guided walking tour through the city's downtown, tracing the pedestrian "Underground City" (a network of shop-lined tunnels), the boutique-filled Sainte Catherine Street and Quartier des Spectacles, Montreal's premier entertainment district.

Fairmont Queen Elizabeth | Meals: Dinner

**AUG 28 KANGERLUSSUAQ | EDGE OF INDLANDSIS**

Transfer to the airport for an early morning charter flight to Western Greenland. Arrive this afternoon at Kangerlussuaq (Sandre Stromfjord in Danish), located on the tip of its namesake fjord and once a strategic allied stronghold during World War II. Pause here for lunch. Sandre Stromfjord sits at the base of the edge of the Greenland ice sheet (indlandsis), a vast body of inland ice covering 80 percent of the continent. Later, board your luxury expedition mega-yacht, 'Le Boreal.' Throughout your journey, gain rich knowledge both on board and ashore, with an immersive, exciting enrichment program led by your award-winning Expedition Team. Tonight, join fellow guests and crew for a welcome cocktail reception.

'Le Boreal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**SEP 3-12 NUNAVUT & THE CANADIAN ARCTIC ARCHIPELAGO | HEART OF THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE**

Craft a cruise west across Baffin Bay and into the Canadian Arctic Archipelago of Nunavut, where you begin your journey into the heart- and history- of the Northwest Passage. All the while, A&K's enrichment specialists will stay sharp in captivating discussions and explorations. As 'Le Boreal' winds its way through the legendary channels and inlets, you will enjoy the expedition team's expertly curated itinerary, which is dependent on weather, sea, ice and wildlife conditions. Exciting, intimate excursions await and may include:

- **Beechey Island:** Located on the northeastern tip of Beechey Island ("Place of Mitty's Grave"), it is the gateway to the Northwest Passage and a rich archaeological site. After clearing customs and formalities for Nunavut, embark on a shore excursion to an area once inhabited by the ancient Thule. Visit the Nattinnak Visitor's Center or Toonoonik SahooNik Co-op, where you can shop for handcrafted goods made from local red and green soapstone, beautiful wall hangings, and other handcrafted goods.
- **Lancaster Sound:** Situated between Devon Island and Baffin Island, this water forms the eastern entrance to the Parry Channel and the Northwest Passage. It's also home to a rich abundance of Arctic cod, which draws a seasonal population of sea birds and marine mammals. Beluga and endangered bowhead whales, ringed and bearded seals, as well as northern fulmars, black guillemots and Arctic terns are among some of the wildlife that inhabits the area.
- **Gjoa Haven:** During his first attempt to transit the Northwest Passage on "Gjoa," Roald Amundsen used this natural harbor as a respite while waiting for ice conditions to improve. For two years, he lived with the Netsilik Inuits, learning their skills for survival and more efficient travel, which would later prove invaluable in his successful South Pole expedition.

**As of Jun 23, 2019**

**Meals:**
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
SEP 13 FRANKLIN BAY & THE “SMOKING HILLS” | ENDLESS FIRE
In the Northwest Territories at Franklin Bay, tread where few ever will when you see the spectacular and enormous "Smoking Hills," cliffs of bituminous shale that endlessly combust and burn. This rare geological phenomenon has likely been occurring for millennia, with layers of the relatively unstable mineral jarosite covering these hills. When the mineral comes into contact with cold air, it becomes red-hot and produces a thick, black smoke - a fantastic sight not unlike the smoky fumaroles produced by volcanoes, though far rarer to see.

SEP 14 HERSHEY ISLAND & THE YUKON TERRITORY | SAFE HAVEN IN THE FARTHEST REACHES
During a long mapping expedition in 1826, Captain Franklin was the first European to lay eyes on this unique island at the northernmost point of the Yukon Territory. Named by Franklin, Herschel Island is a bear-populated landmark in the West Arctic and has since served alternately as a whaling station, relay station and refuge for travellers. The island supports numerous species of wildlife, which seasonally may include musk ox and arctic fox and is also one of the only places on earth where you may see a grizzly bear, black bear and polar bear, the last of which live along the ice edge in summer. Evidence of the island's whaling culture and Thule Inuit predecessors remains near the shoreline, though it may not for much longer; the island is subject to extreme coastal erosion and scientists predict the shoreline will disappear under the waves within 50 years.

SEP 15-16 BEAUFORT & CHUKCHI SEAS | WATERS OF THE WHITE ONE
Typically dense with ice floes and fog, the Beaufort Sea opens up a 60-mile-wide coastal pass from August to September. From here, 'Le Boreal' cruises into the U.S. and clears at Point Barrow, Alaska (U.S. Customs clearance only). Sailing in the comfort of your luxury expedition cruiser, continue participating in eye-opening talks led by the Expedition Team. Still hunted on a sustenance quota basis by local Inuit, sociable bowhead and beluga whales often travel in numbers here and are said to be quite "chatty," with their trills, clicks and squeals audible above the surface. In the late evening, relax on your private balcony or join fellow guests out on deck and, with some luck, witness the northern lights, known for delivering a stunning display in autumn. Your voyage continues through this narrow passage between North America and the ever-changing Arctic ice cap.

SEP 17 LITTLE DIOMEDE | ALONG THE ALASKAN COAST
Continue cruising through the Bering Sea to Little Diomede, an island that sits between Alaska and Russia at the edge of the International Dateline. Disembark for a Zodiac cruise of the island, where the Ingalikmuut still maintain a traditional lifestyle of hunting, fishing and egg gathering. In line with customs and necessity, the Ingalikmuut also use seal, walrus and polar bear hides to make clothing, parkas, hats and mukluks, as well as trade currency for bartering.

SEP 18 Nome, Alaska | Gold Rush Fever
Arrive and disembark in Nome, Alaska, among the wildest reaches of mainland America and the final destination for the Iditarod dogsled competition. Gold can still be mined here, and you have an opportunity to try gold panning firsthand; also experience a dogsled demonstration and a stop at the Bering Sea Land Bridge National Monument visitor's center. Following lunch at Old St. Joe's Church, take advantage of time to explore the downtown area of Nome. Transfer to the airport for your A&K internal flight to Anchorage. Continue on your homebound flight or extend your stay with our Alaska post-tour extension.

Note: This cruise includes regular Zodiac boat excursions, walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes. Due to the nature of expedition cruising, this itinerary is subject to change and is for guidance purposes only.
Extensions

New! Alaska Post-Tour Extension

4 days from $3,295
Single Supplement from $525

SEP 18
Arrive in Anchorage. Drive the scenic Seward Highway, stopping for views and birdwatching at Potter’s Marsh. Enjoy dinner at your hotel.
The Hotel Alyeska | Meals: Dinner

SEP 19
Experience a breathtaking cable car ride to the top of Mount Alyeska before heading to Whittier for a glacier boat tour on Prince William Sound.
The Hotel Alyeska | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

SEP 20
Drive to the beautiful Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. Enjoy a docent-led visit at the world-class Anchorage Museum of History and Art.
Hotel Captain Cook | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

SEP 21
Transfer to the airport for your flight home.
**Dates & Prices**

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

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Optional post-tour extension available on this departure.

**Journey Details**

Internal Air: Economy class from $2,950
Montreal/Kangerlussuaq; Nome/Anchorage

This journey contains some active elements. Weather, wildlife, ice and other conditions beyond A&K's control may affect the final itinerary, which may be adjusted at the sole discretion of your Captain and Expedition Leader.

Minimum age is 10 years.

Categories 5-8 include butler service on board the ship.

First group event: welcome reception and dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Aug 26.

Last group event: lunch at approximately 12:00 p.m. on Sep 18.

**Special Offer Terms & Conditions**

Offers valid on new bookings only. $3,000 per-person savings valid on categories 1-2. Additional $3,000 credit valid on stateroom categories 1 or 2 only in conjunction with air to and from your journey booked and ticketed through Abercrombie & Kent USA. Airfare must be paid in full by traveller for ticket issuance. $3,000 credit will appear as a discount off the cruise on the traveller's invoice. Offers are subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time. Other restrictions may apply.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).