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

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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 at 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 Otterton.

Fairmont Queen Elizabeth | Meals: Dinner

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, then pausing at 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, traversing 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: Breakfast

AUG 28 KANGERLUSUAQ | EDGE OF INDLANDSIS
Transfer to the airport for an early morning charter flight to Western Greenland. Arrive this afternoon at Kangerlussuaq (Søndre Strømfjord in Danish), located on the tip of its namesake fjord and once a strategic allied stronghold during World War II. Pause here for lunch. Sondre Strømfjord 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

AUG 29-SEP 2 WESTERN GREENLAND | WHERE AMUNDSEN BEGAN
In 1906, polar explorer Roald Amundsen became the first person to successfully cross the entire Northwest Passage. Start your voyage exactly where he did: along the stunning West Coast of Greenland and north into Baffin Bay, which you explore for six days, furthered by an enrichment and lecture program that affords deep insight into this dramatic, remote region. Your Captain and Expedition Team carefully plan your active, curated itinerary, which is dependent on weather, sea, ice and wildlife conditions. With that in mind, daily excursions may include exploration of the following areas:

Sisimiut: North of the Arctic Circle, Sisimiut is both the northernmost city in Greenland able to maintain a year-round, ice-free port, as well as the southernmost town with sufficient snow for dogsledding in winter and spring. Visit the local museum with its exhibits on Inuit culture and Greenlandic colonial history, and enjoy an Inuit sea kayak demonstration. Disko Bay & Ilulissat: Cruise into Disko Bay, a wide inlet off of Baffin Bay first explored by Erik the Red in 985, when he established the first Norse settlements in Western Greenland. Discover the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, at the sea mouth of one of the fastest and most active glaciers in the world, Sermeq Kujalleq. The scene is spectacular with giant icebergs, floating growlers and bergy bits (large chunks of glacial ice), and the sounds of the calving ice-stream. Take a walking tour of Ilulissat, including a visit to the local history museum, and meet with villagers to learn about life in this often-harsh Arctic region. Conditions permitting, board a local vessel for an iceberg cruise of Disko Bay. Uummannaq Fjords: Located north of Ilulissat, the Uummannaq Fjord System is an awe-inspiring geological wonder teeming with marine life. Visit Karrat to enjoy the stunning view of the iceberg-studded bay and also discover the remains of ancient hills, made of whale bones and sod by traditional Thule hunters (ancestors of the Inuit) some 500 to 1,000 years ago. Upernavik: Founded in 1772, this summer camp for nomadic Greenlandic Inuit was an ideal hunting ground for whales, seals and fish. Witness this for yourself when you spend time with local villagers who still maintain a traditional way of life, living off the fish and seal populations common to the region. Visit the shops, church and local museum, the last of which offers an excellent display of Greenlandic life.

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SEP 3-12 NUNAVUT & THE CANADIAN ARCTIC ARCHIPELAGO | HEART OF THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE
Cruise west across Baffin Bay and into the Canadian Arctic Archipelago of Nunavut, where you begin your journey to the heart- and history- of the Northwest Passage. All the while, A&K’s enrichment specialists continue to spark captivating discussions to enhance your discovery. As ‘Le Boreal’ winds its way through legendary channels and inlets, your crew and Expedition Team determine your itinerary, which is dependent on weather, sea, ice and wildlife conditions. Exciting, intimate excursions await and may include: Pond Inlet: At the Northern end of Baffin Island, Pond Inlet (“Place of Mittima’s Grave”) is the gateway to the Northwest Passage and a rich archaeological site. After clearing customs 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 Sahooook Co-op, where you can shop for artisan carvings made from local red and green soapstone, beautiful wall hangings, and other handicrafted goods. Lancaster Sound: Situated between Devon Island and Baffin Island, this body of 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 draw 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. Beechey Island: Historic moments in Arctic exploration define this island, best known for providing a safe haven to British explorer Sir John Franklin in 1845. Look east toward Resolute Bay at the huge silhouette of Cape Riley and imagine what Captain Franklin saw here in Erebus Harbour, where he took shelter for two years before his ill-fated attempt to conquer the Northwest Passage. See the wooden grave markers for three of Franklin’s men, now bleached by the sun, and visit the cenotaph memorial erected in memory of the lost explorer. It is an unforgettable experience. Fort Ross: An abandoned trading post
on the tip of Somerset Island, Fort Ross was founded in 1937 as a place for trappers to barter Arctic fox pelts in exchange for food and necessities. Explore the remaining wooden buildings of the post, which closed in 1948, and imagine life in such a barren landscape. Perhaps take a Zodiac excursion to CoBay, keeping watch for local wildlife and learning about residents from expert, accompanying naturalists. **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. **Victoria Island:** Cruise along the south coast of Victoria Island, which straddles both Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, voyaging through Queen Maud Gulf, Dease Strait and Coronation Gulf. Expedition stops may include bird sanctuary Jenny Lind Island and Johansen Bay, home to the remains of a nomadic trapper base camp. Your Expedition Team may also lead you to Ulukhaktok (Holman village) in Queen's Bay for an unforgettable visit with its local Inuit people. Only in contact with the rest of the world since the middle of the 19th century, the people of Holman continue to practice a traditional lifestyle and represent surprising cultural diversity; experience both with a warm welcome at the shore, drum dances, fresh char and bannock rings (fried dough) prepared over an open fire, and a tour of the town art center. Ulukhaktok is famous for its printmaking and you bear witness to the beautiful tradition here. Also find: carvings; hats made of coveted qivut (musk ox wool); and ulus, traditional, half-moon-shaped knives used by women to prepare food and skins.

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**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 jasperite 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.

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**SEP 14 HERSCHEL ISLAND & THE YUKON TERRITORY | SAFE HAVEN IN THE FARDEST 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 disapperae under the waves within 50 years.

‘Le Boreal’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**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.

‘Le Boreal’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**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 Ingalikmiut still maintain a traditional lifestyle of hunting, fishing and egg gathering. In line with customs and necessity, the Ingalikmiut also use seal, walrus and polar bear hides to make clothing, parkas, hats and mukluks, as well as trade currency for bartering.

‘Le Boreal’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**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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| Aug 26 - Sep 18, 2019
| Category 1 - Classic Stateroom | $29,995 (was $32,995) | $24,745 | $2,950 | Limited Availability |
| Category 2 - Deluxe Stateroom     | $32,995 (was $35,995)  | $26,995 | $2,950 | Limited Availability |
| Category 3 - Premier Stateroom    | $37,995                 | $28,495 | $2,950 | Call for Availability |
| Category 4 - Superior Stateroom   | $39,995                 | $35,995 | $2,950 | Available            |
| Category 5 - Prestige Suite       | $44,995                 | $40,495 | $2,950 | Waitlist - Call A&K  |
| Category 6 - Premier Two-Room Suite | $51,995              | $46,795 | $2,950 | Waitlist - Call A&K  |
| Category 7 - Prestige Two-Room Suite | $54,995             | $49,495 | $2,950 | Waitlist - Call A&K  |
| Category 8 - Owner's Suite        | $67,995                 | $61,195 | $2,950 | Waitlist - Call A&K  |

Optional post-tour extension available on this departure.

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Reserve your cabin for the 2020-21 journey now with a fully refundable deposit. You will have seven days after the final 2020-21 itinerary and pricing is published to confirm your reservation.

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.