

# Natural wonders of Greenland and Canada

From **05/09/2022**  
to **18/09/2022**

Ship: **LE BELLOT**

From **Reykjavík**  
to **Toronto**



Succumb to the charms of this brand-new **14-day cruise** aboard *Le Bellot*, sailing between **Iceland** and **Canada** via the stunning landscapes of **Greenland**.

You will embark in **Reykjavik**, the most northerly capital in the world, lying slightly above the 64th parallel.

You will first travel through the narrow **Prins Christian Sund** passage, which connects the south-east of Greenland to the south-west. Jagged mountains, rocky cliffs, waterfalls and floating ice form a wonderful wild landscape in which frolic colonies of **bearded seals**.

After passing in front of the impressive **Kujalleq Glacier**, you will call at **Aappilattoq**, a small Inuit village with some one hundred inhabitants, dotted with colourful houses typical of this faraway land.

*Le Bellot* will head to Canada to call at **l'Anse-aux-Meadows**, a Viking archeological site from the 11th century listed as a **UNESCO** World Heritage Site, located north of the Canadian province of **Newfoundland and Labrador**.

Your ship will then sail into the **Saint Lawrence river**, a prodigious waterway home to exceptionally beautiful nature.

Your cruise will continue in the heart of the magnificent **Saguenay River** and you will get the chance to admire the surrounding cliffs that form a majestic fjord. At the mouth of Saguenay River, you will reach **Tadoussac**. This National Park is also an unmissable site for whale watching as the mammals gather to feed before winter.

In the estuary of the St. Lawrence River, you will also visit **Quebec City**, capital of Canada's Beautiful Province, founded by Samuel de Champlain in 1608. Do not miss discovering this charming and lively city where the historic neighbourhood of **Old Québec**, with its ramparts and fortifications, is listed as **World Heritage by UNESCO**.

On the shore of **Lake Ontario** you will discover **Toronto**, your disembarkation port. Cosmopolitan and dynamic, Canada's largest city

will charm you with its museums, parks and gardens.

*Subject to ice and weather conditions. The expedition highlights and itineraries described illustrate possible experiences only and cannot be guaranteed.*



The information in this document is valid as of 03/12/2021

# Natural wonders of Greenland and Canada

## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### REYKJAVÍK

Embarkation 05/09/2022 from 15:30 to 16:30

Departure 05/09/2022 at 17:30

Iceland's capital stretches along the edge of a vast bay in the west of the country. **Perlan**, the "Pearl of Reykjavík", a museum located on 'Oskjuhlíð hill, offers a panoramic view of the lush, green landscapes. A little further, one can easily spot the signpost showing the way to the evangelical **Hallgrímskirkja** church, and to the historical centre where one can stroll along the Skólavörðustígur and the Laugavegur, two lively streets with charming small shops. For some relaxation just outside of the city, visitors have the opportunity to visit the Reykjanes peninsula and its famous thermal lagoons of the **Blue Lagoon**.

### AT SEA

Arrival 06/09/2022

Departure 06/09/2022

During your day 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 day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, 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.

### PRINS CHRISTIAN SUND

Arrival 07/09/2022 late afternoon

Departure 07/09/2022 late afternoon

Your ship glides silently towards the Greenland coast, in a setting punctuated by pointed peaks and majestic glaciers... You are on the verge of crossing **the Prins Christian Sund**, a narrow channel that stretches out and zigzags over some **one hundred kilometres** between Greenland's south-east and south-west. Fall under the spell of the primitive beauty of these unique landscapes, including rocky cliffs and waterfalls that are fed by the ice sheet and plunge into the icy waters. Here, **bearded seals** love to lie on the floating ice to soak up the sunshine.

### KUJALLEQ GLACIER

Arrival 07/09/2022 early evening

Departure 07/09/2022 late evening

In the immense and mythical Greenland, in the Prince Christian Sound region, your ship will make its way to the Kujalleq Glacier. You will be captivated by this frozen tongue, in front of which dance small icebergs and a few growlers. Growler is the surprising name given to chunks of ice that are smaller fragments of an iceberg. They are either white or, more remarkably, blue-green. Birds fly in your wake and bearded seals observe you from afar, stretched out on granite rocks. Combined with the surrounding ice, these rocks form a magical landscape that immerses you in the polar realm.

## AUGPILATOK

Arrival 08/09/2022 early morning

Departure 08/09/2022 early afternoon

**Augpilatok**, is a small Inuit village of around one hundred inhabitants, whose name means "sea anemone" in Greenlandic. Located in a mountainous region inaccessible by road, its picturesque, colourful houses stretch out to the southern tip of Greenland, on the banks of the spectacular **Prince Christian Sound**. Some one hundred kilometres long, the sound connects the Labrador Sea to the Irminger Sea, meandering through stunning landscapes such as majestic glaciers, craggy peaks, and rocky cliffs with waterfalls fed by the ice sheet. This region was uninhabited in the 19th century. The village was created in the 1920s and the main activities revolve around hunting, fishing and livestock farming.

## AT SEA

Arrival 09/09/2022

Departure 10/09/2022

During your day 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 day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, 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.

## L'ANSE-AUX-MEADOWS, NEWFOUNDLAND

Arrival 11/09/2022 early morning

Departure 11/09/2022 early afternoon

Located at the Northern extremity of the island of Newfoundland, **L'Anse aux Meadows** is listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and is the only site known to have been established by the **Vikings** in North America. Its ancient vestiges provide the very first traces of European presence in the new world. The remains found on this splendid 11th century **Scandinavian archaeological site** are identical to those found in Iceland. Aboard your ship, cruise in the wake of those first Vikings who discovered the tip of North America 500 years before Christopher Columbus arrived on the shores of the American continent. A memorable adventure in a setting punctuated with coastal peat bogs, grass and many varieties of shrubs and lichen.

## SAILING RIVER SAINT LAWRENCE AND GOING THROUGH ITS LOCKS

Arrival 12/09/2022

Departure 13/09/2022

Linking the Atlantic Ocean to **the Great Lakes region** inland, the **Saint Lawrence Seaway** was inaugurated in 1959, more than 250 years after the initial construction aiming to avoid the rapids obstructing navigation in these parts. This large engineering project, which required four years of huge work, offers a unique sailing experience, punctuated by the passage of the different **locks** marking out this corridor, which is almost 4,000 km long.

## SAILING SAGUENAY RIVER

Arrival 14/09/2022

Departure 14/09/2022

Sailing on the **Saguenay River** is your guarantee of majestic sights in the heart of **Quebec**. This river, which originates in the Laurentian Highlands of Lac Saint-Jean and reaches the famous Saint-Laurent River, offers unforgettable landscapes to those who cross it. The river's trajectory moves between cliffs that rise up over 500 metres tall (1,640 feet). Sculpted during the last ice age, the lower part of the Saguenay forms a fjord whose spectacular beauty will surprise you.

## SAGUENAY

Arrival 14/09/2022 midday

Departure 14/09/2022 late evening

The city of **Saguenay** nestles in a valley through which flows the eponymous river, one of the region's treasures. As it joins the **Saint-Lawrence**, the Saguenay River forms a spectacular fjord boasting extraordinarily differing landscapes. From Saguenay, you can explore the attractive **Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean** region, which is a paradise for those who love the great outdoors. You can combine country walks with boat trips within the various national parks studded throughout this extraordinary natural kingdom.

## TADOUSSAC

Arrival 15/09/2022 early morning

Departure 15/09/2022 late afternoon

The Quebec village of **Tadoussac** stands at the confluence of the Saguenay River and the Gulf of Saint-Lawrence, in south-east Canada. The village is bright with multicoloured houses nestling in an emerald-green pine forest. From the waterfront, it's easy to spy out **Tadoussac Chapel**, thanks to its bright red roof. Not far from this church built of wood, one of the oldest in North America, stands a century-old village holiday resort, Hotel Tadoussac. Treat yourself to tea on the terrace overlooking the shoreline. In addition, at the **marine mammal interpretation centre**, you can hone your knowledge of the cetaceans that regularly frequent Tadoussac bay.

## QUÉBEC

Arrival 16/09/2022 early morning

Departure 16/09/2022 late afternoon

The capital of La Belle Province sits at the confluence of the St Charles River and the Gulf of St Lawrence in south-east Canada. Founded in the 17th century, the city still has an encircling wall – a historic civil engineering work and the only one of its kind remaining in North America. You will love the postcard-perfect stone houses of **Old Quebec, the historic district listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site**. Shopping is a pleasure in pedestrian streets such as Petit-Champlain Street, or you can relax over a spruce beer, seasoned with pine buds. **Dufferin Boardwalk**, an esplanade near the emblematic **Château Frontenac**, is the perfect place for views of the river and old city.

## SAILING RIVER SAINT LAWRENCE AND GOING THROUGH ITS LOCKS

Arrival 17/09/2022

Departure 17/09/2022

Linking the Atlantic Ocean to **the Great Lakes region** inland, the **Saint Lawrence Seaway** was inaugurated in 1959, more than 250 years after the initial construction aiming to avoid the rapids obstructing navigation in these parts. This large engineering project, which required four years of huge work, offers a unique sailing experience, punctuated by the passage of the different **locks** marking out this corridor, which is almost 4,000 km long.

## TORONTO

Arrival 18/09/2022 early morning

Disembarkation 18/09/2022 at 07:00

The largest city in Canada and capital of the province of Ontario, **Toronto** fascinates as much by its incredible diversity as by its size. Make sure you visit the CN Tower, the tallest tower in the western hemisphere, as well as the St. Lawrence Market whose stalls reflect the multicultural wealth of this city known as the global city. Not far from there, the historic Distillery District unveils its brick-paved streets imbued with romantic charm and its myriad of small **restaurants, cafés, boutiques, theatres and art galleries**. The Royal Ontario Museum and its impressive collections devoted to the world's natural and cultural history will also be an unmissable stop during this port of call.