

# Natural wonders of Greenland & Canada via Saint Pierre and Miquelon

From **03/09/2023**  
to **18/09/2023**

Ship: **LE BELLOT**

From **Reykjavík**  
to **Toronto**



Succumb to the charms of this brand-new **16-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**. **Saint-John's**, the capital of the province is one of the oldest anglophone cities in North America. It is nestled in the heart of a **stunning natural environment** and strolling through its historic core or along its sloping streets lined with colourful houses is an enjoyable experience.

A little piece of France located off the coast of Canada, the **Saint Pierre and Miquelon** archipelago has many charms. Here you will discover the lively island of **Saint Pierre**, its small houses with coloured facades and its natural harbour which sheltered many fishing boats in the past. The second island in the archipelago, **Miquelon**, will delight lovers of the great outdoors with its vast rolling meadows dotted with small lakes and lined with cliffs that disappear into the northern waters inhabited by seals.

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**.

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

To round off your cruise, you will sail along the shimmering waters of **Lake Ontario** before making your way to the cosmopolitan city of **Toronto**, where you will disembark.

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



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### REYKJAVÍK

Embarkation 03/09/2023 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 03/09/2023 at 18:00

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 04/09/2023

Departure 04/09/2023

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 05/09/2023 late afternoon

Departure 05/09/2023 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 05/09/2023 early evening  
Departure 05/09/2023 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 06/09/2023 early morning  
Departure 06/09/2023 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 07/09/2023  
Departure 08/09/2023

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 09/09/2023 early morning  
Departure 09/09/2023 late morning

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.

## SAINT-JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

Arrival 10/09/2023 midday

Departure 10/09/2023 late afternoon

You will be charmed by the small **multi-coloured wooden houses** hanging to the side of cliffs at the entrance to the bay or edging the small steep streets of the capital of the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Their green, blue, red and yellow colours are reminiscent of fishing boats. This quiet little port at the end of the world, the easternmost in North America, became **the first English colony founded on American territory in 1497**. Protected by the Gulf Stream, the climate here is relatively mild and the natural landscapes are spectacular. You'll be able to enjoy magnificent panoramas from Signal Hill. It was at the summit of this hill that Guglielmo Marconi received the first transatlantic wireless signal in 1901.

## SAINT PIERRE ISLAND, SAINT PIERRE AND MIQUELON

Arrival 11/09/2023 midday

Departure 11/09/2023 late evening

Off the Canadian coast, discover **Saint Pierre Island**, one of the two main islands of the Saint Pierre and Miquelon archipelago, the only French territory in North America. Endowed with a **natural harbour**, the island, whose name is a reference to the patron saint of fishermen, developed around the fishing industry and still has many traces of its past today. Whale hunting, cod fishing, alcohol smuggling during the Prohibition: all of these memories are still very much alive in the capital, Saint-Pierre. The island is also renowned for the observation of exceptional fauna including, among others, **whales, fin whales, dolphins, seals, puffins and petrels**.

## MIQUELON ISLAND, SAINT PIERRE AND MIQUELON

Arrival 12/09/2023 early morning

Departure 12/09/2023 midday

At the entrance of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, not far from the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, **Miquelon** is one of the two main islands of the Saint Pierre and Miquelon archipelago and will delight those with a love of wide open space. Made up of three peninsulas connected by long sand spits, this **wild land**, famous for being home to **France's only boreal forest**, has sublime scenery of hills, dotted with ponds, woods and bogs, and ringed by lagoons and steep cliffs. The **rich and varied wildlife** is the promise of fine encounters, whether inland, populated with white-tailed deer, snowy owls and bald eagles, or on the coast, home to many sea birds and grey seals.

## CAP-AUX-MEULES, MAGDALEN ISLANDS

Arrival 13/09/2023 early morning

Departure 13/09/2023 early afternoon

Although it is the administrative and economic centre of the **Magdalen Islands** archipelago, in the **Gulf of Saint Lawrence**, the **village of Cap-aux-Meules** remains a peaceful location and is ideal for exploring preserved nature. Located on the eponymous island, in reference to the sandstone rocks of the cape that were used in the past to make

grindstones, the location is above all considered to be the maritime gateway to the archipelago. In this respect, it offers privileged access to many sites renowned for their natural and historic heritage, such as the village of Havre-Aubert which is a member of the Most Beautiful Villages of Quebec.

## PERCÉ

Arrival 14/09/2023 early morning

Departure 14/09/2023 early afternoon

If you appreciate the beauty of scenery and geological phenomena, you will fall under the irresistible spell of **Percé**, one of the most beautiful villages in **Quebec**. Apart from the attractions of the town itself, Percé owes its reputation to its proximity to the famous rock of the same name that rises opposite it in the **Gulf of Saint Lawrence**. Along with the neighbouring **Bonaventure Island**, this rocky outcrop forms a national park famed for its natural, historical and geological heritage. With a choice of hiking, underwater exploration and cultural activities, you'll never be short of things to do in this fascinating region.

## TADOUSSAC

Arrival 15/09/2023 early afternoon

Departure 15/09/2023 evening

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 16/09/2023 early morning

Departure 16/09/2023 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 17/09/2023

Departure 17/09/2023

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 18/09/2023 early morning

Disembarkation 18/09/2023 at 08:00

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.