

Greenland & Wild Labrador

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ABOARD THE *CLIPPER ADVENTURER*



Join us as we discover the divine landscape and sublime natural wonders of Southwest Greenland and the wild coast of Labrador.

Beginning in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland we cross the Arctic circle as we journey to the Davis Strait. Heading south, we'll enjoy a Zodiac cruise through the icebergs at Evighshedfjord before visiting the community of Kangamiut. Here we'll wander past the pretty colourful houses that dot this tiny Greenlandic town. Before crossing the Davis Strait into Canada, we'll visit Nuuk, one of the smallest capitals in the world and the political and cultural centre of Greenland. Here we can see the famous mummies, explore the markets, and sample local cuisine.

Making our way to Canada we'll watch for the whales known to frequent the waters of Baffin Bay and we'll seek out walrus during our Zodiac cruise around Monumental Island. Our first port of call in Canada will be Kangiqsualujjuaq, Nunavik nestled on the bank of the George River. We'll explore the town on foot, learning about the land and community from local residents.

Entering Nunatsiavut, the home of the Labrador Inuit, we'll spend the next three days sailing south, the view dominated by the awe-inspiring scenery of the Torngat Mountains National Park. Towering peaks, immense fjords, fall foliage and grand skies await us. Everything is on a massive scale, with even the modest crags that overhang the fjords topping 3,000 ft. On our zodiac cruises and hikes we hope to spot a number of species that call the area home; polar bear, black bear, caribou, wolves, whales and more than a dozen bird species. We'll visit the abandoned settlements of Hebron and Okak, founded by the Moravian Church in 1776, as well as the lively community of Hopedale.

From here we'll call in at the proposed site of Labrador's second national park, the Mealy Mountains. Steeped in the traditional history of the first peoples of the land, these mountains are also home to threatened woodland caribou herd, along with moose, black bear, osprey, bald eagles and a species of special concern, the eastern population of the harlequin duck.

Our first stop in Newfoundland is at L'Anse aux Meadows, the earliest known European settlement in the New World, with Viking reminders everywhere. From here we'll visit the communities of Conche and Botwood, where we will have a chance to partake in a traditional kitchen party! Our adventure ends in St. John's, North America's oldest city, and an unforgettable end point to a remarkable trip.





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“This trip was a first for us but definitely not a last. The breathtaking geography of northern Labrador was wonderful enough for any trip’s success, but it was only the context for the community of fascinating travel companions who made the trip absolutely unique and unforgettable.”

–Carol, Atlantic Arts Float 2009



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Our Intended Itinerary

- Day 1: Kangerlussuaq
- Day 2: Evighshedfjord & Kangamiut
- Day 3: Nuuk
- Day 4: Monumental Island
- Day 5: Kangiqaualujjuaq
- Day 6/7: Torngat Mountains National Park
- Day 8: Torngat Mountains National Park & Hebron
- Day 9: Okak
- Day 10: Hopedale
- Day 11: Mealy Mountains
- Day 12: L’Anse aux Meadows & Conche
- Day 13: Botwood
- Day 14: St. John’s



Highlights

- Visit Greenland’s capital city, Nuuk
- Purchase some highly prized qiviut product (muskox wool)
- Seek out walrus at Monumental Island
- A chance to experience the Northern Lights
- Spend three memorable days among the spirits in the Torngat National Park as you sail down the Labrador Coast
- Call in at the proposed site for the Mealy Mountains National Park
- Explore the community of Hopedale
- Marvel at the magnificent fjords and inland lakes at Saglek & Hebron
- Take part in a traditional Newfoundland kitchen party
- Explore the earliest known European settlement in the New World at L’Anse aux Meadows

Our charter flight departs from Toronto, priced at \$958. Commercial airfare must be arranged from St. John’s. Please call us for details.

Greenland & Wild Labrador: Resource Staff

*This is just a sampling of the outstanding staff on this voyage.
Please visit our website for a full list of staff members.*



Zippora Nochasak
Culturalist

Zippora is a long-time promoter of Inuktitut language and Inuit culture. In her career, she has been Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Status of Women for the Nunatsiavut Government, Executive Board Member for the Nunatsiavut Government for Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and Assembly Member for Happy Valley-Goose Bay for the Labrador Inuit Association. In her travels as a volunteer and civil servant over many years, Zippora worked on issues of shared concern with a range of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal agencies, including other Inuit regional governments, the Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC), and the Inuit Tapiritt of Kanatami (ITK). She is an accomplished Inuktitut speaker, and possesses knowledge and familiarity of all four Inuit regions in Canada.



Denis St-Onge
Geologist

Past President of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, Denis has had a long and distinguished career as a scientist and educator. A geomorphologist who has worked with the Geological Survey of Canada and on the Polar Continental Shelf Project, Denis has been fascinated by the Arctic since 1959 when he started studying the evolution of landforms of Ellef Ringnes Island. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, a past Chair of Geography at the University of Ottawa, a fellow of the Arctic Institute of North America and recipient of the Scottish Geographical Medal. The Canadian Association of Geographers has presented Dr. St-Onge its Award for Service and the Geological Association of Canada its Ambrose Medal for "sustained distinguished service to the earth sciences in Canada". In 2002 he was presented with Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal.



Dennis Minty
Photographer & Naturalist

Born in Twillingate, Newfoundland, Dennis has followed a varied path to arrive at his current profession as a photographer. Through 30 years of both local and international work, Dennis has served as an award winning wildlife biologist and environmental educator. One of his environmental education projects, "Finding the Balance, Environmental Issues on a Global Scale" was officially endorsed by the United Nations. Dennis has also received the Canadian Governor General's Medal for his work in environmental education. As a photographer/biologist/educator, he has travelled extensively to the many countries of Africa, the Seychelles, the Caribbean, Europe and North America. But his favourite place is his home, Newfoundland and Labrador.



Hamilton White
Culturalist

Hamilton was born in North West River, Labrador but moved to Happy Valley, Labrador at a very young age. After graduating high school, Hamilton joined the Canadian Army where he spent ten years with the airborne Signal Corps. Hamilton spend a great deal of his career working with the department of Natural Resources in Labrador, as a Water Bomber Dispatcher. Over the last five years, he has worked at several locations on Baffin Island as a Polar Bear Monitor. In the summer of 2010 Hamilton worked out of a tugboat refuelling over twenty North Warning System sites from Herschel Island in the Yukon Territories to Shepherd Bay in the Northwest Territories. Hamilton is equally at home on land or sea and can never get enough of the beautiful scenery the North has to offer and is looking forward to seeing you in 2011.



Shelagh Rogers
CBC Host

Shelagh is a veteran broadcast-journalist. She's hosted flagship programs with CBC Radio, including *This Morning* and *Sounds Like Canada*. In 2000, she won the John Drainie Award, Canada's highest broadcasting honour. Two years ago, she received a Transforming Lives Award from CAM-H for speaking publicly about depression. In 2010, the Mood Disorders Association of Ontario gave her their Hero Award. She has been honoured for her work in reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in Canada. Currently, she is the host of *The Next Chapter* on CBC Radio One, a program devoted to Canadian writers and songwriters. She is passionate about the north and northerners and feels Adventure Canada trips to the north change you at a cellular level.

Others will also be on this voyage, find their biographies within this brochure or online.



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“Meeting an incredible group of people, both onboard the ship and ashore. I love travelling with Canadians! We were in some unbelievable scenery and I feel so fortunate to have been able to see the Torngat Mountains. The visit to Hopedale was so special. The wildlife sightings were amazing, especially the polar bears and the whale who kept swimming round the ship!”

-Joan, Atlantic Arts Float 2009



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The Land God Gave to Cain...

Torngats: They call this place the land of the spirits, the place where Torngat, the spiritual entity of the Inuit people rests. Along the shores you will see evidence of people before us, spanning thousands of years, and you cannot help but feel their presence. In Nachvak Fjord we tread lightly on the remains of a five hundred year old village, where the remnants of sod houses overlay the even older Paleo Eskimo settlement. Millennia of human history lie here, outlasted only by the creatures that call this land home, and by the ancient rocks that tower above it all.

To the south is Ramah, where the beautiful translucent chert received its name. This material was traded throughout the eastern seaboard, down into Maryland, to Ontario, and north to Nunavut. Shaped into magnificent tools used to hunt the animals and seek out survival, the precious chert accompanied the burials of our ancestors.

At Hebron, the history dates back thousands of years, with the most recent inhabitants being the Moravian Missionaries in the early 1800's. The community thrived with the German missionaries and Inuit living in harmony until 1959. When the Newfoundland Government made the decision to close the only store, the missionaries decided to pull out of Hebron. That same year, the Inuit were forced out of their homes and faced a devastating relocation to the south. To this day, the atrocities endured by the Inuit of Labrador are present in the lives they live. Looking over the landscape, and visiting the memorable graveyard with its German inscriptions, we will find the Mission and Church buildings still standing, and the newly erected Apology plaques recognizing and remembering those who were removed from their home. Although there are no



human inhabitants anymore, the Inuit of Nunatsiavut still hunt and fish in this area. The spirits of our ancestors still walk the land, watching over us, and will walk among us as we embrace this beautiful place. This place is for the curious.

Okak is a beautiful abandoned village that thrived until the arrival of the Spanish Influenza epidemic of 1918. Here, we are at the beginning of the tree line. All that remains of this once thriving community are the foundation stones of the Moravian Church, and the succulent tartness of the vast Rhubarb garden left behind, still frequented by descendants of those who once occupied this land.

At Hopedale (Agvituk), we find the striking coastal community of about 600 people that serves as Nunatsiavut's capital. The original Moravian Mission Church and Museum still stand on the bare rocks of its rugged landscape. Upon arrival, we are likely to be greeted by the many smiling children who bring life to this community.

When asked to join the Adventure Canada team on the Greenland & Wild Labrador expedition, my reaction was nothing short of ecstatic. To visit the beautiful shores of Greenland was thrilling enough, but to share the home of my ancestors with curious minds is a great honour. On this journey of discovery I will share a special moment, travelling to the birth place of my dearest friend, my late grandmother (Kangidsualujjuak). The spiritual presence of the Torngat Mountain's is one that beckons you back again and again. All along the beautiful coastline there is a story to tell. One such story is that of Jacques Cartier who named this place, "the land God gave to Cain".



Lena Onalik
Archaeologist

Lena Onalik grew up in Makkovik, Labrador. She spent her summers during childhood fishing in Island Harbour with her father's family, the McNeill clan, who also fished with Bob Bartlett's family. Lena is an archaeologist, the first Labrador Inuk to obtain this title. She also held the position of Chief Archaeologist for the Nunatsiavut Government. Lena's primary interest is Inuit archaeology. Through her knowledge and experience working in coastal Labrador, she has strengthened her interest in her own culture, which includes preserving her Inuit language. Lena is also a descendent of the Hebron and Nutak relocations that took place in 1957-59. Lena shares her culture through storytelling, crafts, singing and Inuit drum dancing and throat singing. Lena still enjoys hunting and fishing when she can, especially ice fishing. She is the mother to two rambunctious boys and her little sister.

Join Lena on *Greenland & Wild Labrador*.

Greenland @ Wild Labrador: Artistic Accompaniment



Tom Barlow
Musician

Tom has been a writer and performer on the Canadian music scene for 20 years. During that time he has garnered three Juno Award nominations, a Canadian Radio Music Award nomination and won the Canadian Independent Rising Star Award. Tom has toured across Canada and around the world in such disparate places as China, Europe, The United States and Nicaragua. With a new record deal Barlow is now back working on his much anticipated sophomore album. The new album sees Barlow reconnecting with co-writer/producer Mladen and producer Tawgs, the same production team that helped create his debut work. Once again Barlow is singing songs about the social realities of our planet and our communities, infusing pop melodies with keen lyrical observations.



Washboard Hank
Musician

If you ever get a chance to see him, Washboard Hank is an entertainer you will never forget. He started on the streets of North America where he developed his unique blend of medicine show/vaudeville/hillbilly style. Folks of all ages from San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival have given themselves sore faces from laughing at Hank's show. Besides his patented "Stradivarious Washboard", Hank plays a wide variety of instruments, including the "Perfected Twin Membrane Kazoo" the "Mark IV One Man Band" and the "Kitchen Sink Tuba". Through the years Hank has played many major folk festivals, exhibitions and concerts and in 1992 he was awarded the Confederation Medal for contributions to Canadian culture.



Kevin Major
Author

Kevin Major has published 16 books, ranging from novels to non-fiction, from poetry and plays to works for young people. He has won numerous awards, including a Governor General's Award for his first book (soon to be a film), *Hold Fast*. The best-selling *As Near to Heaven by Sea: A History of Newfoundland and Labrador* traces the story of his homeland from continental drift to modern political upheaval. His novel (and long-running stage play) *No Man's Land* tells a tragic tale of the Newfoundland Regiment in WWI. His most recent novel *New Under the Sun*, dealing with the myriad of cultures to inhabit southern Labrador and the northernmost tip of Newfoundland, promises to be one of his most acclaimed works yet. All that and he writes a wine blog, too.



Barney Bentall
Musician

During the 1990s, Barney's music was a staple on the radio with hits that included *Life Could Be Worse*. With two platinum and four gold CDs, a Juno Award and a string of top ten singles to his credit, Barney and his band The Legendary Hearts were renowned for their take-no-prisoners standing-room-only live shows. By 1997, seeking a change in perspective, he did a "one-eighty," bought a cattle ranch and walked away. He continued playing but felt the pull back to a simpler, stripped-down acoustic approach to songwriting. Over time, Bentall assembled the songs for a new CD, *Gift Horse*, released in 2007. September 2009 saw the release of the much anticipated CD *The Inside Passage*, a country-folk-roots sound that is resonating with listeners from coast to coast to coast.



Kathleen Winter
Author

Kathleen Winter grew up in Newfoundland and Labrador after emigrating from the northeast of England as a child. She has written dramatic and documentary scripts for Sesame Street and CBC Television. Her novel *Annabel*, about a mysterious child of a trapping family in the beautiful, spare environment of remote coastal Labrador, has been translated internationally and was a finalist for the 2010 Governor General's Award, the Rogers Writer's Trust Award, and the Scotiabank Giller Prize. Her story collection *boYs* won the Metcalf-Rooke Award and the Winterset Award. Kathleen fools around on the concertina and has learned the words to a few Newfoundland and Labrador songs, and has written a few of her own.



Ian Tambllyn
Singer, Songwriter, Adventurer

A composer, songwriter, singer, instrumentalist, playwright, environmentalist, explorer and producer, Ian has captured the spirit of many remote & beautiful parts of the world, from the Arctic to the Antarctic. Through 32 albums of original music, his work has become known & respected around the world & he has played a significant role in the folk music scene in Canada & internationally. His newest album, *Gyre*, is a collection of 12 new songs. He is now is working on the third of his *four coast* project - *The Darkened Light* about the Arctic coast. He was recently awarded 2010 Songwriter of Year Award by the Canadian Folk Music Awards for his CD *Gyre*. Ian has been travelling and guiding in the Arctic and Antarctic since 1984.

About the Arts Float...

Adventure Canada's educational programs have always been a combination of science and art, which has produced some really interesting and rewarding collaborations. Take a group of bright, interested explorers, add days full of breathtaking first hand experiences in the natural world, throw in a series of lectures by distinguished fellow-travellers who are becoming friends, and add to the mix the artistic expression of enthusiastic songwriters, musicians, photographers, painters, sculptors, authors and poets. The recipe is unbeatable. It makes Adventure Canada what we are.

In 2009 we extended our collaborative vision of arts and science with the launch of our *Arts Float* series. A troupe of visual artists, musicians and authors joined forces with our team of anthropologists, botanists and naturalists to explore the landscape in a multi-disciplinary fashion. As a result, through the collective experience, a great deal of fine artistic work emerged, while songwriting, sketching, painting, sculpting and creative writing workshops heightened the adventure for everyone.

In 2011 Adventure Canada is launching the second *Arts Float* on a voyage to *The Land God Gave To Cain* – the wilds of Labrador. Untamed and gigantic, Labrador is a land of inspiration. The team of expert staff will not only help you to understand and experience the land and people we visit. Our group of creative artists but help you write your own soundtrack to what you see, and express your reactions. We invite you to join us and participate in all elements of our program. Everyone is a learner here. Sample new creative techniques and hone your skills. Seek new horizons. Have fun learning things you never thought you could do. Surprise yourself. Penny whistle, anyone?



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A gang of old and new faces join us on this fall's adventure. Singer, songwriter and playwright Ian Tamblyn leads our award-winning team of musicians in educating, challenging and entertaining you through song. Ian is joined by Newfoundland's Daniel Payne, collector of traditional jigs, reels and stories and esteemed fiddler and accordion player (and demon on the penny whistle!). Songwriter, cattle rancher and founding member of the *Legendary Hearts*, Barney Bentall will delight guests and locals alike. Zany Wash-board Hank brings out the fun with his entertaining showmanship, while Port Credit's own singer & songwriter Tom Barlow will anchor our evening get-togethers and keep you entertained well into the early hours of the morning. Bring your own instruments, sing along, and write your own score.

CBC's own gracious host, Shelagh Rogers, will use all her skills as she helps us get to know the prized Newfoundland authors Kevin Major and Kathleen Winter. In their much-praised work both authors deal extensively with the province, people and land we will travel through. Last but not least we'll be joined by members of the Canadian art sensation Drawnonward, today's answer to the Group of Seven (though they hate that line). Whether you're looking for basic or advanced instruction, or just to set your canvass down with a group of like-minded individuals, the opportunities for painting, drawing and sketching in memorable settings are available at every landing.