



THE EXPLORERS CLUB

TRAVELERS®

## High Arctic Adventure:

*Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Resolute, Nunavut*

*August 8-21, 2009 (14 days)*

### VOYAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Arctic wilderness and landscapes while enjoying the generous comfort and safety of a splendid, ice-hardened passenger ship.
- Enjoy the insights and company of Explorers Club lecturer and host Captain Alfred S. McLaren and a team of onboard experts.
- Learn about the history of Arctic exploration and visit traditional Inuit communities.
- View and photograph rare Arctic wildlife, spectacular landscapes of soaring mountains, massive ice sheets and glaciers, and seemingly endless sunrises and sunsets.
- Cruise Søndre Strømfjord, one of the longest fjords in the world, and call at Qaanaaq (Thule), the world's most northerly municipality.
- See huge bird colonies at Kap York, Coburg, and Prince Leopold Islands.
- Visit historic Beechey Island, site of the lost Franklin Expedition of 1845.
- Enjoy the camaraderie that is generated during a marvelous expedition voyage such as this *High Arctic Adventure*.

### EXPLORERS CLUB LECTURER & HOST



**Captain Alfred S. McLaren** (FE '71), U.S. Navy (Ret.), Ph.D., is a world-class polar explorer and scientist. He is a President Emeritus of The Explorers Club, and recipient of its Lowell Thomas Medal for Ocean Exploration. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and

the U.S. Naval War College, Capt. McLaren is a veteran of more than 20 Cold War submarine operations. His awards as a Cold War submarine captain include the Distinguished Service Medal and two Legions of Merit. He retired as a Captain (O-6) in 1981. As a naval officer, Capt. McLaren made three Arctic expeditions—one onboard *USS Seadragon (SSN-584)* during the first submerged transit of the Northwest Passage, and two on *USS Queenfish (SSN-651)*: a Baffin Bay cruise and a North Pole expedition and first-ever survey of the entire Siberian Continental Shelf (3,100 nm).

Capt. McLaren is a very popular Explorers Club leader, having lectured on more than a dozen voyages. In recent years, he has lectured on voyages to the North Pole; the Canadian, Greenlandic, and Russian Arctic; the Antarctic; the White Sea; and the Russian Far East. He is a Fellow of the Arctic Institute of North America and a member of the Arctic Club of Cambridge. His area of scientific research is the role of the Polar Regions in global climate change, and he is the author of more than 50 scientific research papers. Capt. McLaren's first book, *Unknown Waters, A First-Hand Account of the Historic Under-Ice Survey of the Siberian Continental Shelf, By USS Queenfish (SSN-651)* (U. of Alabama Press, 2008) is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> printing.

### ADDITIONAL ONBOARD LECTURERS

**Ted Cowan** is a Professor of Scottish History and Literature at the University of Glasgow. He is an engaging lecturer on a variety of topics, including Viking history. Ted has been leading tours for over a decade.

**Cam Gillies** is an ornithologist who grew up enjoying the birds and Rocky Mountains of British Columbia. He is a keen birder and photographer, and is a co-owner of a birding company in B.C.

Born in Igloolik, **Pakak Inukshuk** is a carver, hunter, drum maker, dancer, director and actor. In the recent, critically-acclaimed film *Sila (The Journals of Knud Rasmussen)* he portrays Aua, the last great Inuit shaman in Igloolik (his own great-grandfather).

Culturalist **Aaju Peter** has lived up and down the west coast of her native Greenland and moved to Nunavut, Canada, in 1981. She runs a sealskin garment business, translates, collects traditional law from elders, and recently graduated from Akitsiraq Law School.

We will also be joined by additional lecturers from other disciplines and an experienced expedition team.



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T R A V E L E R S ®

Dear Traveler,

Experience the magic and mystery of Greenland and remote islands of Canada's far north in the summertime as you discover for yourself the landscapes, peoples, and wildlife of the high Arctic in the company of **Explorers Club lecturer and host Captain Alfred S. McLaren (FE '71)**. The far-flung destinations on this August 2009 itinerary are virtually inaccessible by any means other than a **maneuverable expedition ship such as the 61-cabin *Clipper Adventurer***, equipped with a fleet of versatile Zodiacs.

Greenland is a place where the ice "comes alive" in iridescent blues, jagged peaks reach for the heavens, delicate tundra flowers nestle in tiny crevasses, towns are a brilliant montage of color, and much of the landscape seems untouched by human hands. This self-governing province of Denmark is the largest island in the world, covering more than 2 million square miles, with more than 80 percent covered either by the ice cap or small glaciers.

The region's spectacular scenery, incredible array of wildlife, and native cultures are known to only a few privileged travelers. You will begin your *High Arctic Adventure* in Ottawa, Canada, with a charter flight to **Kangerlussuaq**, on the west coast of Greenland. Embarking the *Clipper Adventurer* for your **twelve-night voyage**, you will set sail into **Søndre Strømfjord** (one of the longest fjords in the world) and along the majority of the west coast, exploring small communities, walking alongside glaciers, and cruising among icebergs. From **Thule (Qaanaaq)**, you will travel as far north into **Smith Sound** as ice and time allow, before crossing over to Canada's **Ellesmere Island** and into the mouth of the famed **Northwest Passage**.



Throughout the voyage you will have ample opportunities to **view and photograph the unique wildlife** that calls the Arctic home. Narwhal, beluga, seal, polar bear, and the immaculately white ivory gull are all found here. Nesting colonies on **Coburg and Prince Leopold Islands** host tens of thousands of thick-billed murres and black-legged kittiwakes. You are also likely to encounter shorebirds, dovekie, northern fulmar, and, with luck, gyrfalcon. At each stop, you will board Zodiacs to go ashore or position yourself for the best views or photographs of the wildlife, flora, icebergs, and landscapes. Stroll through colorful fishing villages, and visit **Qaanaaq**, also known as Thule, the world's most northerly municipality, around which is evidence of 4,000 years of human habitation.

It was from **Qaanaaq** that Greenland's most famous explorer, Knud Rasmussen, set out on seven expeditions. In 1909, Sir Robert Peary and his team of hearty explorers set out from Qaanaaq, leading to Peary's remarkable assertion that after 23 years and eight attempts, they finally reached the geographic North Pole. On this journey you will travel in the footsteps of Rasmussen and Peary and in the company of a **team of onboard lecturers** who will offer a well-rounded **series of illustrated talks and informal discussions** on the region's exploration history, wildlife, cultural heritage, and natural wonders.

**Explorers Club lecturer and host Capt. Alfred McLaren** is a seasoned and popular lecturer aboard many educational adventure cruises in the Arctic. Capt. McLaren is a distinguished polar explorer and former President of the Club. He plans to discuss such topics as the physical geography of Greenland; the physical oceanography, including sea ice and icebergs, of Baffin Bay and the other bodies of water through which you will be cruising; and submarine exploration of the Arctic, including his own remarkable submarine achievements and expeditions.

You will **unpack once and travel in generous comfort aboard the *Clipper Adventurer***, an oceangoing vessel equipped with stabilizers and an ice-hardened hull that allow her to navigate easily in the high Arctic. Your cabin has an ocean view, individually controlled heat/air conditioner, and en suite bathroom; and public facilities onboard include a window-lined dining room and lounge, library, hair salon, infirmary, laundry, and small gym.

I hope that you will join Capt. McLaren aboard the *Clipper Adventurer* on this unique journey to the far north—land of the midnight sun!

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Bennett  
President  
The Explorers Club®

P.S. The *Adventurer* has only 61 cabins and this voyage is co-sponsored by other organizations, so please contact the EC Travelers office at (800) 856-8951 or [ect@studytours.org](mailto:ect@studytours.org) today for your choice of cabin.

*Illulissat Glacier*



*Søndre Strømfjord*



## ITINERARY

*Day 1: Saturday, August 8, 2009*

### **Home / Ottawa, CANADA**

Depart home today on independent flights to Ottawa, Canada, and transfer to our hotel, where we enjoy a welcome reception this evening. *Overnight at the Fairmont Château Laurier.* (R)

*Day 2: Sunday, August 9*

### **Ottawa / Kangerlussuaq, Søndre Strømfjord, GREENLAND**

Depart Ottawa this morning on our charter flight to Kangerlussuaq, where we will transfer to the *Clipper Adventurer*, embarking via Zodiac. This afternoon we set sail through one of the longest fjords in the world, featuring 100 miles of superb scenery. Although the fjord crosses the Arctic Circle, the waters here do not freeze, making it a year-round center for fishing and hunting. *Overnight aboard the Clipper Adventurer for twelve nights.* (B,L,D)

*Day 3: Monday, August 10*

### **Sisimiut Coast**

Spend the day exploring the town of Sisimiut and its surrounding coastline. A busy coastal town with characteristic, colorful 18<sup>th</sup> century wooden buildings, Sisimiut's human history dates back 4,500 years. Today the community is an important center for education and the fishing industry. Sisimiut boasts Greenland's oldest wooden church. (B,L,D)

*Day 4: Tuesday, August 11*

### **Illulissat / Illulissat Ice Fjord / Sermeq Kujalleq Glacier**

Venturing 150 miles north of the Arctic Circle we find the stunning coastal community of Illulissat, which translates literally into "iceberg," and couldn't be a

more fitting name. Our visit will include time in the colorful town and a chance to hike to an elevated viewpoint to observe the great fields of ice. We will utilize our fleet of Zodiacs to cruise in the Illulissat Ice Fjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the fjord is the Sermeq Kujalleq Glacier, one of the most active and fastest moving in the world (over 50 feet per day, calving more than 50 cubic miles of ice annually). The glacier has been the object of scientific attention for 250 years and, because of its relative ease of accessibility, has significantly added to our understanding of ice-cap glaciology, climate change, and related geomorphic processes. (B,L,D)

*Day 5: Wednesday, August 12*

### **Karrat Fjord / Melville Bay**

Karrat Fjord is dominated by mountains, ice, and sea. High winds help bring about ice formation and break-up, giving narwhal and seals long leads (cracks) in which to hunt. The surrounding cliffs are speckled with colonies of dovekies clinging to the rocks. Glaciers abound in the area, making this region rich in wildlife and scenic beauty. The ice in Melville Bay was responsible for the destruction of so many wooden ships in the whaling era that it was dubbed "the wrecking yard" by British, Dutch, and American whaling fleets. We will explore the area by Zodiac. (B,L,D)

*Day 6: Thursday, August 13*

### **Kap York**

The rugged coastal environment at Kap York is rich in wildlife and part of an extensive network of traditional hunting grounds. During the spring and summer months, the skies and cliffs are dotted with

millions of birds, primarily auks and murre. This district boasts the largest seabird population in northwest Greenland. Whalers and explorers often entered these waters, and Admiral Robert Peary's family later raised a monument on the cape in honor of his achievements. Sailors' and ships' logs record multiple climbs of the cape in order to survey the ice conditions in Qimusseriarsuaq. We will hike the tundra landscape and enjoy our own magnificent vistas. (B,L,D)

*Day 7: Friday, August 14*

### **Qaanaaq**

It is in Qaanaaq—the world's most northerly municipality—that we can get closest to what many people think of as the original Greenlandic hunting culture. Originally located about 60 miles to the south, the present-day community of Qaanaaq was relocated to accommodate the American Air Force base extension at Thule in 1952. The region bears archaeological evidence suggesting human habitation over the past 4,000 years. It was from Qaanaaq that seven of Knud Rasmussen's expeditions set out, and it was also from here that the American explorer Robert Peary embarked on his journey to reach the North Pole in 1909. The locals (Inughuit) are fine artisans, offering for sale beautiful small carvings and jewelry. (B,L,D)

*Days 8, 9 & 10: Saturday, Sunday & Monday, August 15, 16 & 17*

### **Smith Sound**

We will spend three days cruising northward into Smith Sound, a fabled body of water that served as the main route between Ellesmere Island and Greenland for



explorers and adventurers searching for the North Pole. Adolphus Greely, Sir George Nares, and Elisha Kent Kane all travelled these waters with varying degrees of success. The Sound was named by William Baffin after Sir Thomas Smythe, promoter of voyages to find a Northwest Passage. Only 30-45 miles wide and 55 miles long, the Sound is often packed with ice and provides favorable conditions for wildlife viewing. (B,L,D)

*Day 11: Tuesday, August 18*  
**Coburg Island, CANADA /**  
**Aujuittuq, Grise Fjord**

Cobourg Island is 65% covered by ice, but the remaining ragged land is a haven for wildlife. Cliff ledges are filled to capacity with 30,000 pairs of black-legged kittiwakes and 160,000 pairs of Brunnich's guillemot, among other seabirds. As we cruise the area, we will keep our eyes peeled for the rare ivory gull and northern fulmars that are also known to breed in the area. Aujuittuq means "place that never thaws," and at more than 700 miles above the Arctic Circle, it is Canada's northernmost civilian community. With a population of 165, we will be warmly welcomed into this peaceful community. We will visit the local school and meet with members of the community to learn about their way of life. (B,L,D)

*Day 12: Wednesday, August 19*  
**Devon Island**

Devon, the largest uninhabited island in the world, supports significant concentrations of wildlife, including 26 species of

seabirds and eleven species of marine mammals. At Dundas Harbor, we find the lonely remains of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police station dating from the 1920s. We may also spot walrus, polar bear, musk ox, and caribou here. At nearby Croker Bay, we have a chance to cruise aboard our Zodiacs and marvel at icebergs, freshly calved from the glacier at the head of the bay. (B,L,D)

*Day 13: Thursday, August 20*  
**Prince Leopold, Somerset Island /**  
**Beechey Island**

The dramatic 800-foot limestone and sandstone cliffs of Prince Leopold are home to nearly 375,000 migratory birds. Seabirds nest on the ledges from May to late September. The entire island is a haven for birds, and is included in the 200 square mile Prince Leopold Bird Sanctuary. Species found here include thick-billed murre, northern fulmars, black-legged kittiwakes, black guillemots, Atlantic brant, parasitic jaegers, common eider, common raven, glaucous gull, and snow bunting. Weather permitting, we will cruise under the cliffs in our Zodiacs for a better view.

Continue on to Beechey Island, a "must-see" place for any Arctic traveler. A site of tremendous significance in Arctic exploration, it was the protected harbor of Beechey Island that inclined Sir John Franklin to over-winter here at the onset of his search for the Northwest Passage. Over half a decade later, the remains of Franklin's camp, including three graves, was discovered by search parties looking for the lost men. The island served as a search and rescue base in the years to come. (B,L,D)

*Day 14: Friday, August 21*  
**Qausuittuq (Resolute Bay) / Ottawa /**  
**Home**

Arriving in Resolute in the early morning, we disembark the *Clipper Adventurer* today. We will say our farewells to the captain and crew before boarding our charter flight south to Ottawa, connecting to flights homeward. (B)

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch,  
 R=Reception, D=Dinner)

Due to the expeditionary nature of this voyage, this itinerary is approximate, and is subject to change without prior notice.



## WHAT TO EXPECT

This is an adventurous program to remote locations where medical care may not be readily available. You must be in good physical condition to participate on this program. Our program features activities such as walking through remote sites, wildlife viewing, and Zodiac cruising. You will need to climb into and out of Zodiacs for embarkation and for most excursions ashore. Some of our landings will be 'wet,' requiring that you wear waterproof boots. A few of the excursions will have rough terrain. A reasonable level of mobility is required to fully enjoy this program, and participants will be required to have their physician sign a form indicating that they are fit to participate. Participants will receive a complete package of pre-departure preparatory materials.

## ABOUT THE EXPLORERS CLUB\*

Founded in 1904, the world famous Explorers Club is a multi-disciplinary professional society dedicated to the advancement of field research and scientific exploration. Members include the most famous explorers, scientists, and conservationists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Explorers Club Travelers is an educational program of The Explorers Club that invites the public to join distinguished explorers and scientists on educational tours to remote areas, focusing on natural and cultural history. Each participant on an Explorers Club Travelers program receives a complimentary one-year Friend Membership in The Explorers Club, which brings with it a subscription to The Explorers Club *Log* and *Journal*, and invitations to special Club events, including the gala Annual Dinner.

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## PER PERSON VOYAGE PRICES

CATEGORY 1 – QUAD	\$4,645
CATEGORY 2 – TRIPLE	\$5,445
CATEGORY 3 – LOWER DOUBLE A	\$6,445
CATEGORY 4 – LOWER DOUBLE B	\$7,445
CATEGORY 5 – MAIN DOUBLE FORWARD	\$8,545
CATEGORY 6 – MAIN DOUBLE	\$9,545
CATEGORY 7 – CAPTAIN'S DOUBLE	\$9,845
CATEGORY 8 – DELUXE DOUBLE	\$10,245
CATEGORY 9 – SUITE	\$11,645
CATEGORY 10 – OWNER'S SUITE	\$11,145
CATEGORY 3 – SINGLE*	\$10,312

\*Additional Single Cabins are available at 1.6 times the share rate.

**Required Charter Flights (Ottawa / Kangerlussuaq, Resolute Bay / Ottawa) and Environmental Discovery Fee are additional:**

**ESTIMATED CHARTER FLIGHTS: ..... \$2,000**

**ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY FEE: ..... \$ 250**

### VOYAGE RATES INCLUDE:

- One night accommodation at the *Fairmont Château Laurier* in Ottawa, including a welcome reception, breakfast, and airport transfer on Day 2;
- Twelve-night cruise aboard the *Clipper Adventurer*;
- All meals aboard ship;
- Welcome aboard reception;
- All tours and shore excursions throughout, as per itinerary;
- Program of lectures by Explorers Club Lecturer & Host Capt. Alfred McLaren and onboard lecturers;
- Professional expedition staff;
- Service charges and port charges, embarkation and other taxes;
- Complete pre-departure materials including a recommended reading guide, luggage tags, and personalized name tag;
- Gratuities to porters, drivers and guides.

**RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:** Airfare to/from home, charter flights listed above; environmental discovery fee; airport arrival and departure transfers; passport and visa fees; mandatory medical/evacuation insurance; trip cancellation insurance; meals not specified above; items of a personal nature such as: laundry, bar charges, alcoholic beverages, telephone/telex/cable/email charges; excess baggage charges; forwarding of baggage/souvenirs; gratuities to ship's personnel; any fuel surcharges.

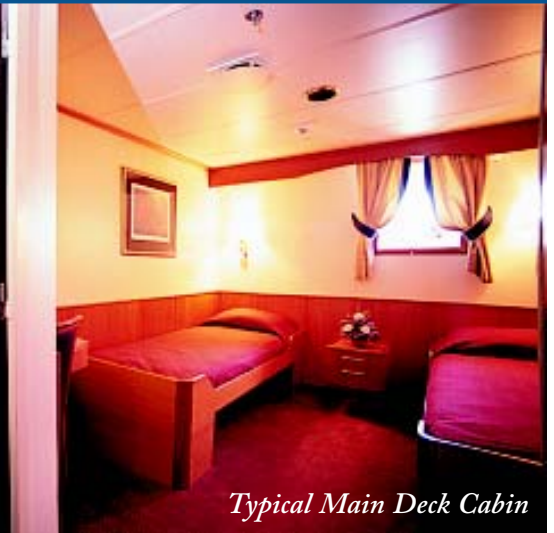
**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All requests for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received at least 120 days prior to departure are fully refunded less an administrative penalty of \$500 per person. If cancellation is made between 91 and 120 days, a cancellation of 65% of cruise cost, per person will be charged. No refunds will be made for cancellations received 90 days or less prior to departure.

Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

# CLIPPER ADVENTURER



Typical Lower Deck Cabin

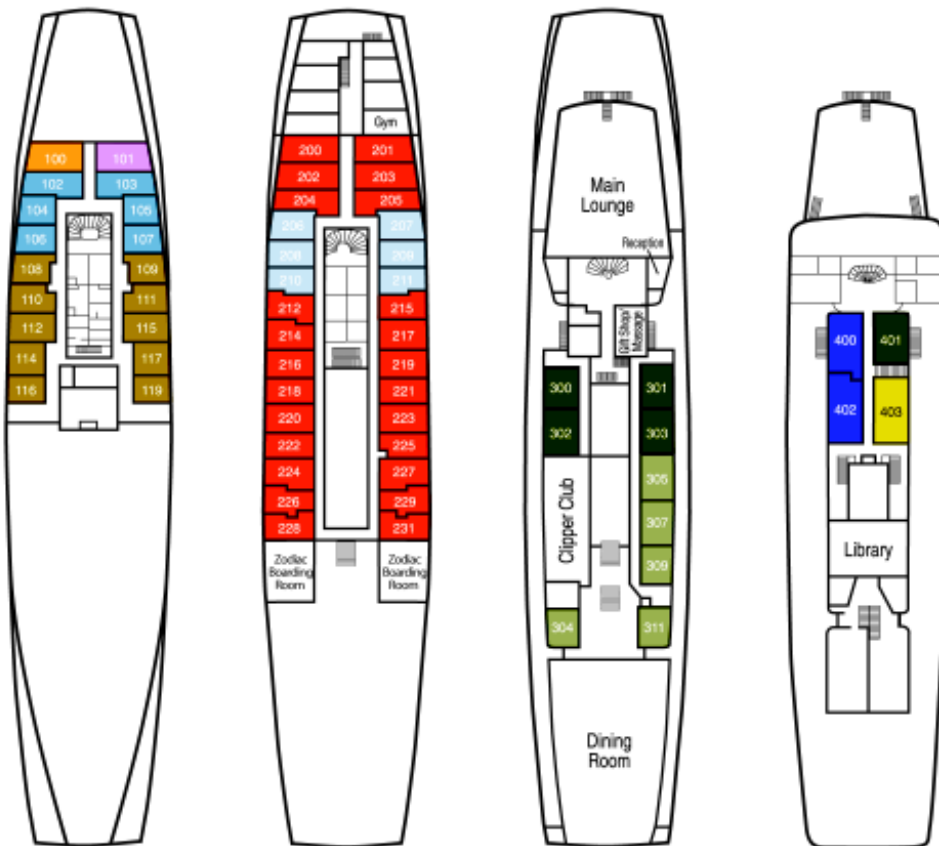


Typical Main Deck Cabin

The 61-cabin *Clipper Adventurer* is among the very few vessels in the world specifically constructed for expedition voyages to the far reaches of the Arctic. Her ice-strengthened hull permits her to glide easily and safely through ice-strewn waters that are not accessible to conventional cruise vessels. She has advanced communications and navigation equipment, and newly-installed, state-of-the-art Sperry Gyrofin stabilizers. In 1999 the *Adventurer* had a \$13 million renovation. She is a handsome expedition vessel, done in the style of great ocean liners. She features lots of varnished wood, brass, and wooden decks, and she has all new outside cabins, with lower beds and private facilities. The ship offers ample public spaces and amenities including the main lounge, Clipper Club, library/card room, gymnasium, sauna, gift shop, and beauty salon. The dining room features North American and Continental cuisine. The ship has a fleet of 10 Zodiacs and a special loading platform. An ice class rating of A-1 allows the *Clipper Adventurer* access to places larger cruise ships can only dream of, and she does it in comfort and style—unsurpassed by other vessels her size.



Dining Room



Clipper Club

## SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Built: 1975 (renovated 1999)  
 Gross Tonnage: 4,364  
 Length: 330 feet  
 Draft: 15.5 feet  
 Beam: 53.5 feet  
 Number of Guests: 118  
 Crew Members: 79  
 Ship's Registry: Bahamas

RESERVATION  
FORM

High Arctic Adventure

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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-856-8951 or ect@studytours.org

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I/We have read the What to Expect section and am/are physically capable of fully participating on the program.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Double  Single

I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

Share-please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

Smoker  Non-Smoker

**CATEGORY PREFERENCE:**

1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$1,200 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. You will receive an invoice for final payment (credit cards are not accepted for final payment). All prices and payments are in US dollars.

**PAYMENT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):**

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Please complete and sign this reservation form, enclose your deposit, and mail or fax to:

Explorers Club Travelers

P.O. Box 938, Walpole, NH 03608-0938

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I/We have read and agree to the terms outlined in this brochure:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Complete Terms & Conditions will be mailed to participants upon deposit and are available upon request.

FROM THE LOG OF  
THE EXPLORERS CLUB TRAVELERS  
ARCTIC VOYAGE, AUGUST 1995

PRINCE LEOPOLD & BEECHEY ISLANDS

We were treated to an amazing collection of bird life swirling in great clouds above our heads. As we sipped our morning coffee on the sunny decks, we appreciated the captain's efforts to provide such a close-up look at thick-billed murres, northern fulmars, black-legged kittiwakes, black guillemots, and glaucous gulls.



Beechey Island

By 0900 we were under way for Beechey Island. The seas were flat calm, reflecting the bluest sky imaginable, and fulmars were our constant companions as they cruised around us, escorting us to our next stop.

Just before lunch we sailed into Erebus and Terror Bay adjacent to the small island of Beechey. We had learned from our historian the day before about the tragedy of the lost Franklin Expedition of 1845. Beechey Island had been the location where Franklin had wintered-over his first winter in the Arctic. Three of his men died there and that is why it became the location of the search parties that were to follow. The Northumberland House was established by the Belcher Expedition of 1852-54, as a supply house for the search parties.

When we walked on shore we were able to get a sense of the heroic efforts of Franklin to discover the Northwest Passage, and others who had tried to uncover the mystery of the lost Franklin Expedition. The remains of Northumberland House were perched on the beach where it had a beautiful view of the entrance to the bay. Bits and pieces of the materials used during the search were scattered around.

We had the opportunity to visit both the site of the graves and Northumberland House. It was 1 1/4 mile walk between the two sites. For those who preferred not to walk, our Zodiac fleet transported us from one beach to the other. The ridge proved an attraction for those who wished to hike, and they scrambled up the loose gravel-sided hill to stand silhouetted against the sky looking down on the ice choked bay. It was such a beautiful day that we stayed on shore as long as we possibly could.