

# Abercrombie & Kent



## GRAND ARCTIC VOYAGE (2020)

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Antarctica, Arctic, Iceland



48 days, from AU\$82,290



199 Guests

## Journey Overview

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### Journey Highlights

Cruise for 48 adventure-packed days on luxurious 'Le Boreal,' enjoying all-balcony accommodations and a guest capacity limited to just 199, only when exclusively chartered by A&K

Sail with A&K's award-winning Expedition Team, including a dedicated photo coach, historian, geologist, ornithologist, botanist and marine biologist, as well as a team of field naturalists and Zodiac driver-guides

Enjoy all-inclusive cruising with included onboard meals and house drinks, Zodiac excursions, expedition gear, port charges, gratuities, Traveller's Valet® laundry service, and complimentary Wi-Fi

Benefit from expert photography programming, including lectures and workshops with a dedicated A&K photo coach

Experience a vast breadth of Arctic wildlife habitats, including the polar bear haven of Svalbard, where A&K enjoys unrestricted access to landing sites

Embark on a historic voyage to the Northwest Passage, following in the footsteps of legendary Arctic explorers

View some of the most thrilling scenery on earth in southern Greenland and western Iceland

Discover fascinating Viking history and trace the steps of Erik the Red, visiting archaeological sites that include the explorer's homestead at Brattahlid

Visit and learn about life in remote Greenlandic communities that include Qaqortoq and Narsaq, where you learn about their traditional lifestyles



## Itinerary

Jul 31: Norway | Oslo to Longyearbyen

Arrive in Oslo, where you are met and escorted to your hotel. After an afternoon at leisure, join your fellow adventurers for a welcome cocktail reception and briefing.

***Hotel Radisson Blu Gardermoen, Oslo***

Aug 1: Norway | Oslo to Longyearbyen

Today, board a charter flight to glacial-covered Longyearbyen, capital of Svalbard and the sovereign Arctic Archipelago of Norway. Tour the tiny town and its Arctic Museum, enjoy lunch, and then board your expedition cruiser.

***'Le Boreal' | Meals: BLD***

Aug 2-5: Arctic Norway | The Svalbard Archipelago

Very few people have the opportunity to view the remote wilderness of the Svalbard Islands (also known as Spitsbergen). In the archipelago, polar bears, walruses, Svalbard reindeer and an incredibly rich variety of birds are abundant, as are cathedrals of ice, glaciers and craggy mountain peaks. An exquisite assortment of flora also pepper this barren landscape. Your Captain and Expedition Leader determine the day's best sightseeing opportunities, which may include: Ny Alesund, home to a polar research station and the northernmost post office in the world; the towering Alkefjellet, also known as the "auk cliffs," which drop directly into the sea and provide a home to vast colonies of auks; and Monaco Bay and Glacier, frequented by polar bears, walruses, harbor and bearded seals, and a multitude of seabirds. Throughout your voyage, our primary objective is to search for polar bears as they roam in their natural habitat. Two key advantages put us in the best possible position for success. First, cruising on A&K's exclusive charter limited to just 199 guests affords unrestricted access to every navigable area within the Svalbard archipelago — something ships with larger capacities are not permitted to do — allowing us to visit any locale favoured by the bears. Combine this with the uncanny expertise of our Expedition Team, who know intuitively where and when we are most likely to see polar bears, which we observe from the safety and comfort of 'Le Boreal.' This same expert team also scouts every landing site in advance on your arrival, assuring your safety and maximizing your experience ashore.

***'Le Boreal' | Meals: BLD***

Aug 6-10: Greenland | Cruising to Scoresby Sound & Remote Ittoqqortoormiit Village

Cross the Greenland Sea and cruise along the Arctic ice edge, as your Expedition Team prepares you for the world's largest island: Greenland. For the next three days, explore its rarely visited east coast and Scoresby Sound, the largest and longest fjord system in the world. Embark on Zodiac excursions through the fjord's intricate network, taking in its islands and icebergs, and searching for residents that include the musk ox and reindeer. Ice conditions permitting, disembark for a visit to the small settlement of Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the most isolated villages in Greenland.

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Aug 11-13: Iceland | Cruising the Denmark Strait to Husavik & Grundarfjordur

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea cruising the Denmark Strait that separates Greenland from Iceland. Watch for wildlife from the deck in between more insightful lectures by your Expedition Team. The next day, arrive in picturesque Husavik and visit the Whale Museum, supported by A&K Philanthropy and one of the world's foremost centres focused on research of whales and their habitat. Choose to embark on a scenic whale-watching tour followed by free time in Husavik or set off for Godafoss Falls and geothermal Lake Myvatn. Tonight, join your Expedition Team and fellow guests for a special farewell reception and dinner. The following day explore the glacier-carved terrain of Iceland's West Fjords with its Drangajokull Glacier. Visit the small fishing village of Grundarfjordur. Then, choose to explore the Snaefellsnes Peninsula, opting for a boat tour and fresh sushi adventure around an archipelago teeming with exotic birds or a hike over the region's lava trails, steeped in Viking lore.

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Aug 14: Reykjavik | Iceland's Capital

Arrive in Reykjavik, the northernmost capital in the world, and a city filled with remarkable historic sites and distinctive natural beauty where you enjoy a city tour with lunch. Later, re-board the 'Le Boreal' to continue your Grand Arctic Adventure.

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Aug 15-17: The Westman Islands & Westfjords | Volcanoes & Fjords

Over the next three days, explore Iceland's iconic southern volcanoes and western fjords. Arrive in the volcanic archipelago of the Westman Islands. On your first morning, visit Heimaey Island and its local village with farmhouse ruins dating back to the year 650. Conditions permitting, board your Zodiac for an up-close view of Surtsey Island, Iceland's southernmost point and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue along the rugged western fjords of Iceland, where we take advantage of our expedition vessel to explore the rugged and remote coastlines of Iceland's stunning Westfjords. Breidafjordur and Isafjordur are among the areas we plan to explore, with possible expedition stops to include Dyndjani waterfall, Flatey island and Hornstrandir Reserve.

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Aug 18-19: Lindenow Fjord, Greenland | From The Denmark Strait to a Wild Wonderland

Relish a day at sea, watching for wildlife while cruising the relatively narrow Denmark Strait, which connects the Arctic Sea with the Atlantic Ocean. This evening join your Expedition Team and fellow guests for the Captain's welcome reception and gala dinner. Arrive the next day on Greenland's Lindenow Fjord complex. Take in the views from the ship as your onboard geologist explains how the fjord was formed. Embark on a Zodiac excursion amid towering mountains and spectacular glacial scenery. Enjoy a nature walk observing the plant succession between different moraines.

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#### Aug 20-23: South Greenland | The Viking Trail

Explore Greenland's southern coast, inland waterways and remote villages for the next three days, retracing the early colonization trail of Erik the Red as well as Greenland's history of explorations, which ultimately led to the discovery of North America. Based on conditions, your Captain determines the day's best sightseeing opportunities and excursions, which may bring you to the traditional village of Qaqortaq and Prince Christian Sound, a stunning 60-mile-long fjord. Opportunities to delve deeper into ancient Norse history include possible excursions to: UNESCO-listed Hvalsey Ruin, considered southern Greenland's largest and best-preserved Norse site; the colourful fishing village of Narsaq, which dates back to the year 1000; and beautiful Eriksfjord, where you visit the Brattahlid homestead of Erik the Red and the first Christian church in the western hemisphere.

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#### Aug 24: Nuuk | Capital of Greenland

Explore Greenland's vibrant little city of Nuuk, which lays claim to the smallest capital in the world. Visit the Nuuk Cathedral, Nuuk Katuaq (cultural centre) and art museum, and the National Museum, where you find the famous Qilakitsoq mummies.

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#### Aug 25: West Greenland | Crossing the Arctic Circle

Today, explore the spectacular fjords of West Greenland. Cruise through towering icebergs on a Zodiac excursion before landing for a walk across high Arctic tundra, alive with wildflowers and migrating seabirds. Today, celebrate with your fellow explorers as you cross the Arctic Circle.

**'Le Boreal' | Meals: BLD**

#### Aug 26: Kangerlussuaq | Edge of Indlandsis

Arrive at Kangerlussuaq, located on the tip of its namesake fjord and once a strategic allied stronghold during World War II. Enjoy an ice-cap tour with a local guide. Later, re-board the 'Le Boreal' to continue your Grand Arctic Adventure.

**'Le Boreal' | Meals: BL**

#### Aug 27-31: Western Greenland | In the Footsteps of Amundsen

In 1906, explorer Roald Amundsen became the first person to transit the entire Northwest Passage. Embark on your voyage from exactly where he did, cruising along the stunning West Coast of Greenland, which you explore for five days: Your Captain and Expedition Leader determine the day's best sightseeing opportunities, which may include: northernmost Sisimiut for a visit to its local museum and an Inuit sea kayak demonstration; Disko Bay, a wide inlet off of Baffin Bay first explored by Erik the Red in 985; the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site at the mouth of one of the most active glaciers in the world; and the Ummannaq Fjord system, a geological wonder teeming with marine life, where you also discover the ancient huts of the Thule hunters.

**'Le Boreal' | Meals: BLD**

**Sep 1-8: Nunavut & The Canadian Arctic | Heart of the Northwest Passage**

Cruise west into the Canadian Arctic Archipelago and Nunavut, voyaging into the heart of this legendary sea route. Your Expedition Leader and Captain determine your excursions, which may include: the Inuit Village of Pond Inlet, where you visit a local community centre and co-op to shop for artisan soapstone carvings; Beechey Island, where British explorer Sir John Franklin and his expedition sought refuge in 1845 before his ill-fated attempt to conquer the passage, and where you see the wooden grave markers for three of his men; and the natural harbor of Gjoa Haven, where Amundsen took a two-year refuge among the Netsilik Inuits while waiting for ice to abate, before he became the first person ever to transit the full Northwest Passage.

**'Le Boreal' | Meals: BLD**

**Sep 9-12: The Northwest & Yukon Territories | "Smoking Hills" & Herschel Island**

In the Northwest Territories, you may stop for a landing at Ulukhaktok (Holman village) and for an unforgettable visit with its Inuit people, who greet you with drum dances at the shore. At Franklin Bay, see the rare geological phenomenon of the "Smoking Hills," cliffs of bituminous shale combusting and burning for millennia. Conditions permitting in the Yukon, you may also land at Herschel Island. Evidence of the island's whaling culture remains along its coastline — one greatly affected by impacts of sea erosion and climate change.

**'Le Boreal' | Meals: BLD**

**Sep 13-14: Beaufort & Chukchi Seas | Waters of the White One**

Sail from the wide Beaufort Sea into the U.S., clearing at Point Barrow, Alaska (U.S. Customs clearance only). Relax on your private balcony or join fellow guests on deck and, with some luck, spot the chatty beluga by day or the evening's northern lights.

**'Le Boreal' | Meals: BLD**

**Sep 15: Little Diomedes Island & Nome, Alaska | Wilds of Alaska**

Cruise to Little Diomedes, home to the traditional Ingalikmiut. Conditions permitting, take a Zodiac ride. The next day, disembark in Nome and enjoy a tour and dogsled demonstration. Board your A&K internal flight to Anchorage. Continue on your flight home.

**'Le Boreal' | Meals: BLD**

**Sep 16: Little Diomedes Island & Nome, Alaska | Wilds of Alaska**

Board your A&K internal flight to Anchorage. Continue on your flight home.

**Meals: BL**

## Journey Details

***Note: Itinerary is for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather, wildlife, ice, medical emergencies and other conditions beyond A&K's control, at the sole discretion of the Captain.***

Internal Air: Economy class Oslo/Longyearbyen; Nome/Anchorage

This journey contains some active elements, including Zodiac boat excursions; walks over uneven terrain; and optional, challenging hikes.

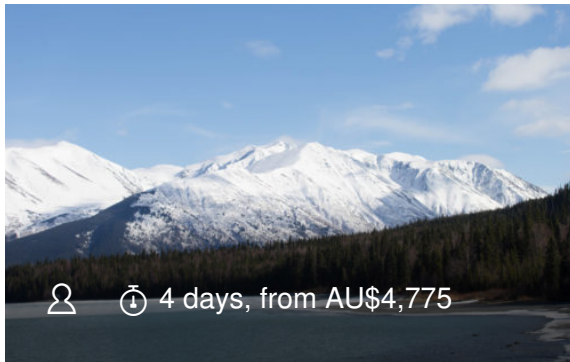
Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 5–8 include suite accommodations at the hotel and butler service on board the ship.

First group event: welcome reception at 6:30 p.m. on Jul 31.

Last group event: disembarkation in Nome at 9:00 a.m. on Sep 16.

## Extensions



### Alaska Post-Tour Extension (2020)

Bookable in conjunction with 'The Northwest Passage: From Greenland to the Bering Sea (2020)'



## Accommodation

### Le Boreal



- Spacious and passenger-friendly
- All-balcony stateroom vessel
- Expert lecturer/guides to transform your experience
- Sensational shore excursions by zodiac
- Eco-friendly expeditionary cruise
- Overall length: 466 feet (142 metres)
- Beam: 59 feet (18 metres)
- Draft: 15.3 feet (4.6 metres)
- Average speed: 16 knots
- Ice class: 1C
- Passenger decks: 6
- Passenger capacity: Limited to 199 (A&K charters only)
- Crew and A&K staff: 155 (personnel-to-guest ratio of 1.3 to 1)
- Gross tonnage: 10.700 GRT
- Electric Motors: 2 x 2.3 MW
- Standards: USPHS – U.S. Coast Guard's Rules Comfort Class 1 – "Clean" Ship Certification (meets or exceeds all IMO, EPA, IAATO and AECO operating standards)
- Technology: Advanced dynamic positioning system

### **Aboard MV 'Le Boreal'**

Spacious and passenger-friendly, she strikes just the right balance between on-board

amenities and full-fledged wilderness excitement. On other cruises to different destinations, she carries more than 264 passengers. But in the polar regions, A&K limits the complement to just 199 guests. That's an important difference: fewer passengers means more shore excursions each day, as well as outside cabins for every guest. Strength and style 'Le Boreal' features elegant design and innovative state-of-the-art marine technology. The vessel boasts a convenient and sensible layout, aided by three passenger elevators. She offers a single seating dining room, alfresco dining, an outdoor heated pool, and a modern lecture facility and theatre, as well as a comfortable meeting area and library. A full-service salon, steam rooms, spa and fitness centre complete the amenities.

### **Amenities**

English language on board. Private balcony with every guest cabin, exclusively offered on A&K charters only. Complimentary butler service with every suite category, exclusively offered on A&K charters only. Sun Deck and multiple outer deck observation areas. Outside heated pool Library with selection of books . Two restaurants: Main and Grill . Open bar (excluding premium wines and spirits), an exclusive offering on A&K charters only. Two lounges with bars: Club with live music and Panoramic with Terrace. Complimentary 24-hour room service. Complimentary in-cabin breakfast (on request) .Three passenger elevators. Fitness Center with Kinesis® wall. Full-service salon with spa and steam room. Theater for more than 200 guests. Boutique shop. 24-hour medical facilities with certified doctor. Laundry services. Electricity: 110/220 volts. Wireless Internet (due to remote destinations, access and speed varies)

### **Adventuring in comfort**

'Le Boreal' boasts elegant guest accommodations, among the most comfortable available on any Antarctic cruise. The ship features 104 outside, fully equipped balcony cabins and suites. Guests can watch whales breaching outside the floor-to-ceiling window, then step out onto the balcony for a closer look. 'Le Boreal' is also outfitted with a technologically advanced stabilising system to minimise the effects of rough conditions and keep passengers comfortable in remote seas.

### **Zodiacs**

'Le Boreal' carries a fleet of Zodiacs, 10 to 12-seat motorised rubber boats designed by Jacques Cousteau for safe operations in rough and shallow waters. They allow passengers to explore remote shores where there are no docking arrangements and nimbly cruise alongside towering glaciers or near pods of passing whale. 'Le Boreal's' Zodiacs feature fuel-efficient motors that comply with all environmental protection standards.

### **Safety**

Safety is first and foremost on board. The ship is equipped with a GMDSS emergency communication system and a satellite weather system, receiving real-time satellite images of weather and ice conditions in the area. Announcements update passengers on current conditions of the decks. English is the primary language aboard, so instructions will be clear and understandable. Passengers will be able to communicate with officers, staff and crew at all times. Finally, a full-time physician is on board throughout your voyage.

### **International cuisine**

'Le Boreal' features two restaurants: La Licorne, offering gourmet, contemporary and international cuisine; and casual La Boussole, with indoor and outdoor dining for breakfast, lunch and themed dinners. There is always a selection of light fare and vegetarian dishes, and most special diets can be accommodated with advance notice. In-cabin room service is also available.

**Eco-friendly cruising**

MV 'Le Boreal' employs the latest environmental practices and technology, including using the cleanest-burning marine gas oil fuel and a state-of-the-art positioning system that eliminates the need for dropping anchor in fragile marine reserves.

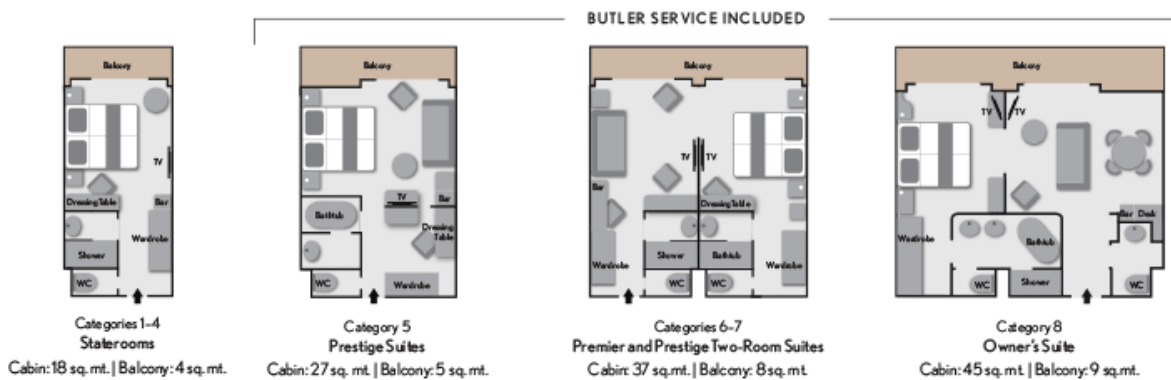
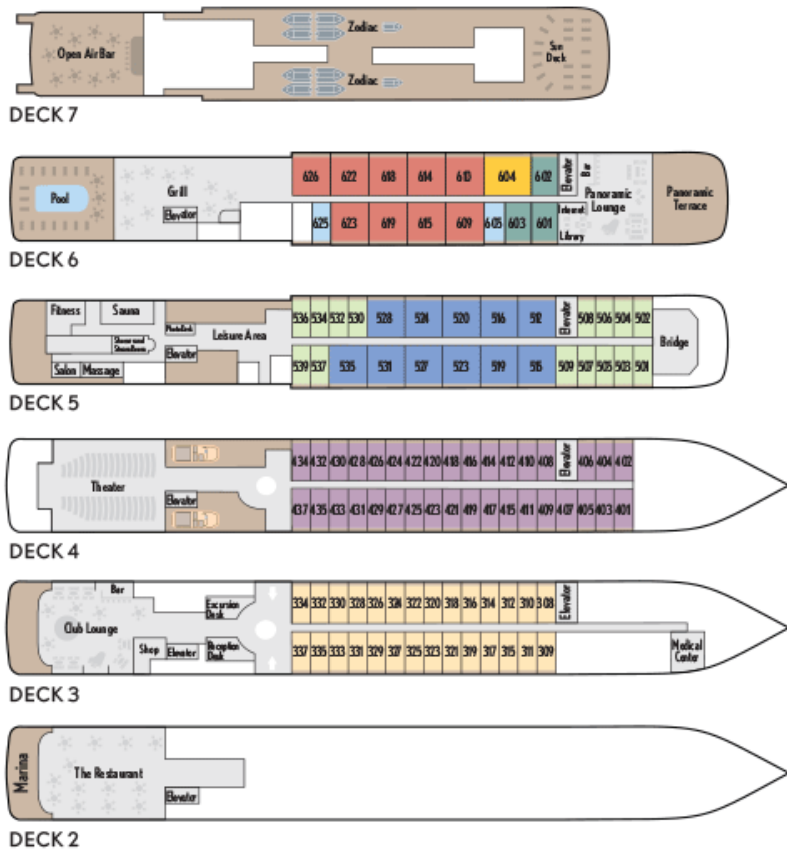
**Environmentally Sound Travel**

Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP) supports a number of worthwhile projects in the polar regions. In Antarctica, the organisation supports a whale photo-identification programme and a project devoted to helping save the albatross and other seabirds dying needlessly on long-line fishing hooks. In the Arctic the Husavik Whale Museum has much needed support from AKP.

# 'Le Boreal'

- Category 1  
Classic Stateroom
- Category 2  
Deluxe Stateroom
- Category 3  
Premier Stateroom
- Category 4  
Superior Stateroom
- Category 5\*  
Prestige Suite
- Category 6\*  
Premier Two-Room Suite
- Category 7\*  
Prestige Two-Room Suite
- Category 8\*  
Owner's Suite

\*Butler Service Included



## Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

### Jul 31, 2020 - Sep 16, 2020

Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Boreal: Classic Balcony Stateroom-Category 1	<b>AU\$91,420 NOW ONLY</b> <b>AU\$82,290 pp</b>	AU\$67,491	Included	Call for Availability
Le Boreal: Deluxe Balcony Stateroom-Category 2	<b>AU\$103,165 NOW ONLY</b> <b>AU\$94,035 pp</b>	AU\$76,280	Included	Call for Availability
Le Boreal: Premier Balcony Stateroom-Category 3	<b>AU\$108,385 NOW ONLY</b> <b>AU\$99,255 pp</b>	AU\$80,199	Included	Call for Availability
Le Boreal: Superior Balcony Stateroom-Category 4	<b>AU\$113,590 NOW ONLY</b> <b>AU\$104,460 pp</b>	AU\$84,110	Included	Call for Availability
Le Boreal: Prestige Balcony Suite-Category 5	<b>AU\$146,855 NOW ONLY</b> <b>AU\$137,725 pp</b>	AU\$129,285	Included	Call for Availability
Le Boreal: Premier Two-Room Balcony Suite - Category 6	<b>AU\$172,285 NOW ONLY</b> <b>AU\$163,155 pp</b>	AU\$153,635	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Le Boreal: Prestige Two-Room Balcony Suite-Category 7	<b>AU\$182,725 NOW ONLY</b> <b>AU\$173,595 pp</b>	AU\$163,418	Included	Call for Availability
Le Boreal: Owner's Balcony Suite-Category 8	<b>AU\$211,420 NOW ONLY</b> <b>AU\$202,290 pp</b>	AU\$190,809	Included	Call for Availability

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