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Northwest Passage Cruise

In the Wake of Great Explorers

with **George Negus**

6 - 25 September, 2018

FULLY ESCORTED CRUISE

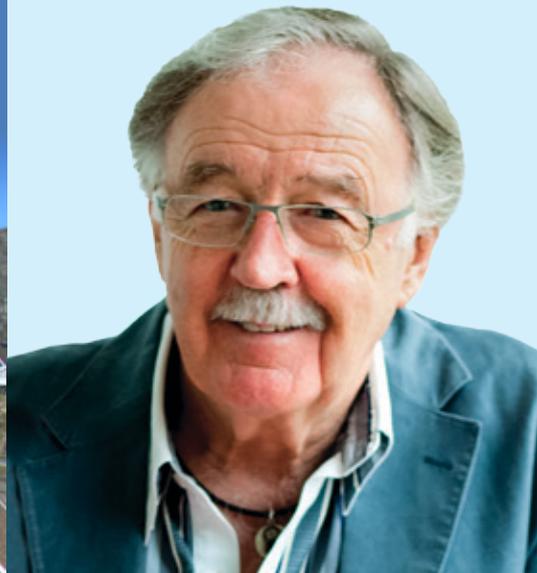
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Haven, Fort Ross, Beechey, Radsock
Bay, Dundas Harbour, Pond Inlet,
Canada; Ilulissat, Sisimiut, Greenland;
Copenhagen, Denmark



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George Negus

George Negus AM is one of Australia's best known media professionals with a passion for international affairs which has given him a perspective typical of someone with his enormous global experience as a journalist and traveller. He grew up in Queensland and was a teacher before he was a journalist. Football (the round ball) is his game. Home is the Bellinger Valley in northern NSW.

George wrote, directed and presented Australian commercial and public television current affairs from 1975 through 2012.

He has worked independently since the early 1990s whilst presenter/interviewer & reporter for ABCs *Foreign Correspondent*, *Australia Talks*

Overview

Connecting the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, the Northwest Passage is a beautiful and unforgiving route, having claimed the lives of many explorers over the years. Since the late 15th century, the search for this fabled route through the Canadian Arctic was a holy grail for explorers. There are records of almost 40 expeditions that sailed these waters, either to explore this unknown territory or to find the sea route to Asia. The first recorded attempt was the voyage of John Cabot in 1497. The most famous journey here was James Cook's failed attempt to sail the Passage in 1776, and of course the ill-fated Franklin expedition of 1834. The first to conquer the Northwest Passage by ship was Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen. His expedition lasted from 1903 to 1906, on the converted herring boat *Gjøa*. On our George Negus Northwest Passage voyage, we sail in the wake of the great explorers to discover these renowned waterways.

DAY 1 Thursday 6 September 2018

Departure

Today we depart Australia for Montreal.

DAY 2 Friday 7 September 2018

Montreal, Canada

We arrive in Montreal this afternoon. We transfer to our hotel and the rest of the day is free.

DAY 3 Saturday 8 September 2018

Montreal

We have a sight seeing tour of Montreal today. Founded in 1642 by French colonists by the 1860s it was the economic heart of Canada. Today it is the second biggest city in Canada, only to Toronto, and the largest French-speaking city in Canada. On arrival we enjoy a guided tour of Old Montreal. We see bustling Place Jacques Cartier and the Basilique Notre Dame situated in Place D'Armes. We see the Old Seminary built by Sulpician missionaries in 1685, it is the oldest building in Montreal. The downtown area of Montreal has a North American look with wide thoroughfares winding through a forest of skyscrapers.

DAY 4 Sunday 9 September 2018

Montreal

A free day to relax and explore Montreal.

DAY 5 Monday 10 September 2018

Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, Canada

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, a hamlet located on Victoria Island in the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut, Canada. Cambridge Bay is the largest stop for ships traversing the Arctic Ocean's Northwest Passage. The area was a traditional hunting and fishing location and has been inhabited for over 4,000 years. It is rich in archaeological history and home to all types of wildlife, including caribou, geese, muskoxen and seals. Upon arrival we are transferred to the port to board the MS Fram.

DAY 6 Tuesday 11 September 2018

Gjoa Haven, Nunavut, Canada

Located at the heart of the Northwest Passage, Gjoa Haven is a small community of Inuit people known for their kindness and hospitality. The community rests on the flat terrain of King William Island, and during the summer, wildflowers can be seen spread across the tundra. Those interested in arctic history will be able to explore the Heritage Centre, the Hamlet Centre, and the Northwest Passage Territorial Trail during the visit. On our zodiac tour today we will have the opportunity to see plenty of arctic wildlife. You can also spend time at the Queen Maud Migratory Bird Sanctuary located on the mainland.

DAY 7 Wednesday 12 September 2018

At sea

This morning enjoy the facilities of the ship. In the afternoon join George for a discussion about his life in the media.

DAY 8 Thursday 13 September 2018

At sea

This morning enjoy the facilities of the ship. In the afternoon join George for a discussion about the great explorers who opened up the Northwest Passage.

DAY 9 Friday 14 September 2018

Fort Ross, Nunavut, Canada

This morning we arrive at Fort Ross, the last trading post built by the Hudson's Bay Company in Canada's Arctic. It was meant to bridge the eastern and western Arctic fur trading districts through the Bellot Strait, a narrow 32-kilometre passage separating the northernmost tip of North America from Somerset Island. Rising out of the vast Arctic wilderness, Fort Ross had two buildings – a manager's house and a store – and was also home to a number of Inuit families. It was operated for some 11 years, but eventually

abandoned because ice constantly choked the strait. The two buildings of the old Fort Ross now serve as a shelter for Inuit passing through to hunt caribou and as a refuge for various science projects in the area.

DAY 10 Saturday 15 September 2018

Beechey, Nunavut, Canada

This morning we arrive at Beechey, an uninhabited island known for its expedition history. The heritage associated with the island comes from the search for the Northwest Passage, and the loss of the Franklin Expedition during the 1840s. Search parties set out in the following years to discover what happened to the men, and these searches led to the further exploration and mapping of a large portion of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. We will encounter the archaeological remnants of the Franklin Expedition as well as cairns, caches, and shipwrecks along the narrow beach. Later we cruise to Radstock Bay, located on the coast of Devon Island. Devon Island is the sixth-largest island in Canada. Discovered first in the early 17th century by Europeans, the Thule culture had already been settled in the area for centuries. Artefacts from this culture can be found on the island such as coral fossils, qarmat homes, and whale bones.



and *George Negus Tonight* and Channel Nine's *60 Minutes* and *Today Show*; Channel Seven's coverage of both Gulf Wars; SBS TV's flagship international affairs program *Dateline* and TEN Network's 2011 news analysis program at 6/630pm and its innovative Rove Productions edgy and contemporary take on news, *The Project*, working closely with ABC *The Weekly's* Charlie Pickering, Dave Hughes and Carrie Bickmore.

Between 2005 and 2010 he travelled with *Dateline* to countries including Bangladesh, Libya, Ireland, the UK, Canada and the United States and interviewed Indira Gandhi, Benazir Bhutto, Colonel Gaddafi, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Robert Mugabe, Morgan Tsvangirai, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Bill Clinton, Tony Blair and the Dalai Lama... many more interviews are included in *The World From Down Under*, a book published at the end of his SBS stint.

George continues as occasional international/national affairs commentator on Australian TV/radio, consulting and facilitating for government and industry.

He also now travels without a camera – hosting intrepid international journeys. He has journeyed with small groups of Australian travellers to destinations like Iran and Central Asia, The Kimberley, Africa, Russia, Cuba, South America and China, where he and his family lived for 15 months in 2000 and this year and next, he will host trips to Iran, India and Northern Europe.

Books include bestsellers *The World From Down Under*; *The World From Italy* and *The World from Islam* produced with Negus Media and publisher Harper Collins and *Trev the Truck*, a children's series with Penguin books and illustrator Craig Smith. He looks forward to meeting you.

MS Fram

MS Fram was built with one mission in mind – to bring her guests closer to nature, wildlife and unforgettable experiences. As well as offering numerous lounges in which to relax, our more active guests can use our well-equipped gym. There is a wide range of comfortable cabins on board. All Explorer ships have cabins with private facilities. Meanwhile, on deck, our Jacuzzis guarantee you surreal memories when passing the towering icebergs of Antarctica or Greenland. MS Fram is designed for sailing in polar waters, holding the highest safety standards and is the perfect size for optimum nautical manoeuvrability and guests' comfort. With space for only 276 guests, you are sure to get to know many of your fellow travellers. Zodiac transfers and minitours of the places we visit on this cruise will be provided. These involve getting onto the zodiac rubber boat where you will be taken around by a qualified guide. Get up and close to wildlife, glaciers and icebergs on this fabulous cruise! You will share stunning sights and memories of a lifetime long after returning home.



Clothing on board

Being comfortable is a top priority during your expedition cruise. On board dress is informal. Although some passengers choose to change for dinner the dress code is casual rather than formal. The weather can vary during the course of each voyage or even during the day. To cater for these variations, we recommend the layered dress approach that enables you to adapt to changes in temperature and weather conditions easily. For all voyages, we advise you to bring breathable rain and windproof clothing. A warm hat, gloves, scarf and thermal clothing can be useful, together with thermal underwear, during the winter months. Sturdy shoes are important for some shore excursions and a walking stick/trekking pole may be useful.

DAY 11 Sunday 16 September 2018 Dundas Harbour, Devon Island, Canada

Dundas Harbour can be found on the southeast shore of Devon Island. It was first discovered in 1616, but was not explored until the 1820s by William Edward Parry. The deep crevasses and streaks that cover Devon Island have been said to look like traditional facial tattoos when seen from a distance.

DAY 12 Monday 17 September 2018 Pond Inlet, Nunavut, Canada

This morning we arrive at Pond Inlet, an Inuit community found on the north end of Baffin Island. The Inlet is sheltered by mountain ranges and is surrounded by beautiful fjords, icebergs, and glaciers. On our zodiac adventure today we have a great chance to an abundance of arctic wildlife to see narwhals, beluga whales, orca, caribou, arctic foxes, and various other animals. You might even glimpse the occasional polar bear!

DAY 13 Tuesday 18 September 2018 At sea

This morning enjoy the facilities of the ship. In the afternoon join George for a discussion.

DAY 14 Wednesday 19 September 2018 At sea

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DAY 15 Thursday 20 September 2018 Ilulissat, Greenland

Ilulissat is surrounded by the enormous glaciers of Disco Bay and bathed in the frosty brilliance of the midnight sun, making it a truly unique and magical place. Explore the bay, its icebergs, and wildlife on our zodiac adventure today. Fantastic!

DAY 16 Friday 21 September 2018 Sisimiut, Greenland

The Sisimiut District lies on the west coast of Greenland, north of the Arctic Circle. Sisimiut is



the second-largest town after the Greenlandic capital, Nuuk and an outdoor paradise. The old part of Sisimiut contains houses from the first hundred years of the colony, which was established as Holsteinsborg in 1756. The oldest building in Sisimiut is from that year and one of the most significant buildings is the blue church from 1775. We will tour the town and the local area.

DAY 17 Saturday 22 September 2018 Copenhagen, Denmark

This morning we arrive in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland's most important transport hub. Kangerlussuaq, also known as Sondre Stromfjord, was an American airbase until September 1992. The Kangerlussuaq area is also home to Greenland's most diverse land-based wildlife, such as muskoxen, caribou and gyrfalcons. We disembark the ship this morning and are transferred to the airport for our flight to Copenhagen.

DAY 18 Sunday 23 September 2018 Copenhagen

Today we will enjoy a guided tour of Copenhagen, home of the world's oldest monarchy, now with an Australian connection. We will see the Amalienborg Palace, home of the royal family since 1794, guarded by its own sentries, and the 17th-century Rosenborg Castle, which houses the Crown Jewels. We will also see the Radhus,

(City Hall), Kongens Nytorv, a square surrounded by gracious old buildings, including the Royal Theatre and Charlottenborg, a 17th-century Dutch baroque palace. Of course, a visit to this wonderful city would not be complete without seeing the Little Mermaid and Nyhaven, known for its old sailing ships.

DAY 19 Monday 24 September 2018 Copenhagen

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flight back to Australia.

DAY 20 Tuesday 25 September 2018 Arrival Australia

This evening we arrive in Australia, and tour activities end.

Don't worry about coming alone

About a third of people on the cruise travel alone. We will match people in twin-share cabins when available, saving you the single supplement. You won't be left alone; the Travelrite tour manager will be looking after you. There will be group activities almost every day.

The advantages of the Northwest Passage Cruise

The cruise is fully escorted and will be a great fun expedition with plenty of activities. Each evening you will dine with the group at our reserved group tables. You will meet a fun group of people and have a fabulous time!

Fantastic Value! Nothing more to pay!

The Travelrite escorted cruise represents amazing value. There are no costly extras; even Port & Handling charges are included in the one great price!

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| Cabin | Description | Deck | Twin-share Fare PP | Single Fare |
|-------|--|---------|--------------------|-------------|
| I | Inside two single beds | 3, 5, 6 | \$ 21995 | \$ 33500 |
| N | Outside two single beds, porthole | 3 | \$ 25750 | \$ 44725 |
| U | Outside two single beds, porthole | 5, 6 | \$ 27435 | \$ 47995 |
| F | Ocean view picture windows, double bed | 3, 5 | \$ 30550 | \$ 54000 |

Availability: All cabins are subject to availability. Please call for fares and information on other cabin categories. Please call for details on 1800 630 343.

Extending: You can stay longer in Copenhagen for minimal extra cost. Please contact 1800 630 343 for more information.

Please Note: Cruise taxes, port and handling charges and on-board gratuities have been included in your fare.

Included in the Northwest Passage Cruise:

- Travel on MS Fram in the selected cabin category
- All meals and service charges on MS Fram
- Return flights from/to Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney to Montreal, Canada and return from Copenhagen, Denmark
- 3 nights' accommodation in Montreal including breakfasts
- 2 nights' accommodation Copenhagen including breakfasts
- Tour leadership by George Negus
- Sightseeing tours of Montreal, Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, Fort Ross, Beechey, Radstock Bay, Dundas Harbour, Pond Inlet, Canada; Ilulissat, Sisimiut, Greenland; Copenhagen, Denmark
- Enrichment lectures by a highly qualified Expedition Team
- Guided zodiac, sea tours and shore-side activities led by the Expedition Team
- Tour management by a professional Travelrite International Tour Manager
- Cruise taxes and port & handling charges
- Gratuities

Not included in the cruise price:

- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary. These will be quoted for separately
- Travel insurance, passport and visa fees
- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Lunches when not on the ship
- Drinks on board

General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. MS Fram is operated by Hurtigruten and the MS Fram fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Hurtigruten brochure for 2018 or the website. All passengers must complete and sign a Travelrite International booking form or book online through the Travelrite Website. Passengers will need to complete a on-line check-in on the Hurtigruten website.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The confirmation advice will contain all details. A second deposit of 20% of the cruise fares is due two weeks after confirmation of the cruise. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the MS Fram fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by Visa or Mastercard and 3% for payment by AMEX or Diners Club cards.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before sailing.

| Days prior to Departure | Cancellation Fee |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Over 180 days | loss of deposit |
| 180 to 61 days | 50% of full fare |
| 60 days or less | 100% of full fare |
| Non appearance/no written notice: | 100% of full fare |

REFUNDS: The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport. If not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: Passengers qualify for a 20kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ATAS No A10538) is the tour organiser. Travelrite International Pty Ltd, its agents, officers, affiliates, and/or suppliers of services pursuant to, or in connection with these fly/cruises, shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, including transportation by ship, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in fly/cruises, or by act of God. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. Baggage is at owners' risk throughout the fly/cruise. The passage contract between the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this fly/cruise and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any fly/cruise and/or make such changes in the fly/cruises as February be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the fly/cruise. This contract shall be construed in accordance of the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be undertaken in the State of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of the MS Fram fly/cruise passage contract with Hurtigruten Line Limited, detailed on the back of the Hurtigruten reservation form. If you do not

have a copy of this form please contact Travelrite International and we will send one to you.

HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$1000 per person to:

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