

## AIR JOURNEY

# A RETURN TO THE BIRTHPLACE OF YOUR **PILATUS**

AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

20 DAYS 19 NIGHTS

COUNTRIES

8,210 NAUTICAL MILES

### THE ROUTE PILATUS JOURNEY | AUGUST 2023

#### CANADA | GREENLAND | ICELAND | SCOTLAND | FRANCE | SPAIN | SWITZERLAND



# ITINERARY & ACCOMMODATIONS

## AT A GLANCE

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DAY 2	KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND
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DAY 3-5	REYKJAVIK, ICELAND
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DAY 6-8	GLASGOW, SCOTLAND
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DAY 9-11	• CANISY, FRANCE
	A CHATEAU DE CANISY
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DAY 12-14	MENORCA, SPAIN
	- TORRALBENC
DAY 15-17	• STANS, SWITZERLAND
	BURGENSTOCK HOTEL
DAY 18	• REYKJAVIK, ICELAND
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DAY 19	ILULISSAT, GREENLAND
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## HIGHLIGHTS THE AIR JOURNEY EXPERIENCE





PRIVATE TOURS FINE DINING





#### ★ SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness Iceland's most exciting natural attractions: the Geysirs, the magnificent Gull-foss Waterfall, the volcanic crater Kerid and across Gjabakkave-gur.
- ➤ In Glasgow, Scotland, stay at the stunning Cameron House and experience living like a king, surrounded by luxury, beauty and exceptional service.
- Discover the sites of D-day (June 6, 1944) the largest invasion force in history. and visit the very moving American Cemetery, in Normandy, France.
- Cruise the waters of Menorca, Spain by private boat as we explore the island by sea.
- Enjoy a boat excursion on Switzerland's Lake Lucerne to admire the beautiful scenery and surrounding area from the water.
- Special Highlight: Visit the birthplace of your great airplane with a tour of the Pilatus Aircraft Factory, and expand your love for your impressive aircraft.
- In Ilulissat, Greenland, venture out by boat into the Ice Fjord, cruising a fascinating variety of floes and icebergs.















## DAY BY DAY **ITINERARY** YOU DO THE ELVING

YOU DO THE FLYING... WE TAKE CARE OF THE REST







#### DAY 1 | SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

#### HOME → QUEBEC CITY, CANADA

Welcome to Quebec City! Air Journey staff will greet you at the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac. Situated in the heart of historic Old Quebec, the hotel sits high on a bluff overlooking St. Lawrence River.

All participants will meet for introductions and attend an extensive briefing covering the general procedures of our journey as well as details for tomorrow's departure.

Afterwards, we will gather for a welcome cocktail before dinner.



Fairmont Le Château Frontenac Welcome cocktail and Dinner included

#### DAY 2 | MONDAY, AUGUST 28

🛹 690 + 725 NM

#### QUEBEC CITY, CANADA (CYQB) → KUUJJUAQ, CANADA (CYVP) → KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND (BGSF)

We will fly over the immense forests and numerous lakes of Canada on our way to Kuujjuaq for a technical stop.

Then continue over southern Greenland's beautiful scenery before landing at Kangerlussuaq in western Greenland. The airport's Kangerlussuaq Museum illustrates the town's past as a U.S. airbase during WWII.

Because we will be approaching the Arctic Circle and the "land of the midnight sun," we will have an astonishing 20 hours of daylight!

Hotel Kangerlussuaq Y. Breakfast and Dinner included

#### DAY 3 | TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

🗶 730 NM

#### KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND (BGSF) → **REYKJAVIK, ICELAND (BIRK)**

Fly over ice-covered Greenland as we continue towards Iceland. Upon arrival, we'll transfer to the Hotel Borg where we will enjoy luxury accommodations in the very center of Reykjavik. The Hotel Borg overlooks the beautiful square of Austurvollur, and is situated across from Althingi, the Icelandic parliament and the cathedral.

After dinner at the hotel, you may want to venture on your own to experience the local nightlife.

Hotel Borg Y. Breakfast and Dinner included

#### DAY 4 | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

#### REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Today we will witness Iceland's most exciting natural attractions; we will see the one and only original Geysir, the magnificent Gull-foss Waterfall, the volcanic crater Kerid and across Gjabakkave-gur.

We will spend some time here observing the eruptions of this powerful Geysirs and exploring the hot springs before moving on to the Thingvellir National Park – a unique place of beauty with its interesting geology and history.

After lunch, we will head to the Sky Lagoon, located in the downtown Reykjavik for a swim in its naturally warm waters.

Hotel Borg
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

#### DAY 5 | THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

**REYKJAVIK, ICELAND** 

Today is at your leisure to explore or relax on your own.

Hotel Borg
Breakfast and Dinner included

DAY 6 | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

🛹 720 NM

REYKJAVIK, ICELAND (BIRK)  $\rightarrow$  GLASGOW, SCOTLAND (EGPF)

Fly to Glasglow where we will transfer to Cameron House.

The hotel is an iconic 17th century baronial hotel nestled on the picturesque banks of Loch Lomond. Set within 400 acres of beautiful Scottish countryside, it is a tranquil retreat with breath-taking views over the great loch.









#### DAY 7 | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

#### GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

Today, we will assist you to "design your day". Feel free to pick an activity from this list and we will arrange it for you:

- Golf
- Clay Pigeon Shooting
- Archery

- Water activities on Loch Lomond such as kayaking, katakanu, paddle boarding.

- Enjoy a private tour in the historic Inveraray Castle

Cameron House
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

#### DAY 8 | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 03

#### GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

This morning, embark on a thrilling falconry adventure at Cameron House Hotel in Scotland. Witness the majestic flight of eagles, hawks, and owls up close, guided by expert falconers. Hold a magnificent falcon on your gloved arm and create unforgettable memories.

The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore or relax on your own.

#### DAY 9 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 04

🛹 425 NM

## GLASGOW, SCOTLAND (EGPF) $\rightarrow$ DEAUVILLE, FRANCE (EFRG) $\rightarrow$ CANISY, FRANCE

Fly to Deauville. Upon arrival we wil transfer to Chateau de Canisy, a privately-owned chateau in France's Canisy. The Chateau has a presence in history of monumental proportions.

Set on 740 acres of verdant Normandie countryside, Chateau de Canisy has remained in the same family for over 1,000 years. Enjoy the lifestyle of French royalty as the de Kergolay family welcomes us into their home.

- 🚔 Chateau de Canisy
- Y Breakfast and Dinner included

#### DAY 10 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 05

#### CANISY, FRANCE

Discover the sites of D-day (June 6, 1944) - the largest invasion force in history. Codenamed OVERLORD, it delivered five naval assault divisions to the beaches of Normandy (codenames UTAH, OMAHA, GOLD, JUNO and SWORD).

We will walk among the cliffs, bunkers and edges stored in history, visit several museums, D-Day memorials and the very moving American Cemetery.







#### DAY 11 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 06

#### CANISY, FRANCE

We continue to explore Normandy as we make our way to the tidal island of Mont Saint Michel.

Perched on a rocky islet in the midst of vast sandbanks exposed to powerful tides between Normandy and Brittany stand the 'Wonder of the West', a Gothic-style Benedictine abbey dedicated to the archangel St Michael, and the village that grew up in the shadow of its great walls, having had to adapt to the problems posed by this unique natural site.

Chateau de Canisy
Breakfast and Dinner included

DAY 12 | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 07 🛛 🛩 595 NM

CANISY, FRANCE  $\rightarrow$  DEAUVILLE, FRANCE (EFRG)  $\rightarrow$  MENORCA, SPAIN (LEMH)

Fly to Menorca - one of the Balearic Islands located in the Mediterranean Sea.

Upon arrival, we will transfer to the Hotel Torralbenc. The hotel is set in a charming, traditional Menorcan finca surrounded by rolling farmland and vineyards, yet close to the island's sandy beaches with magnificent views of the Mediterranean Sea. With a delightful restaurant with a garden terrace and sea views, a salt-water outdoor pool, a romantic chapel and pretty gardens, this is the place to come for the perfect island hideout.

Hotel Torralbenc
Breakfast and Dinner included

#### DAY 13 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 08

#### MENORCA, SPAIN

Today we will cruise the local waters by private boat (weather permitting) as we explore the island by sea.

There will be plenty of time for swimming as we explore the many "calas" or bays of the area, some only accessible by boat. Along the way, we will stop at a local restaurant for lunch.



Hotel Torralbenc
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

#### DAY 14 | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 09

#### MENORCA, SPAIN

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

For those who are interested in exploring outside the property, Menorca's two main cities: Maó or Ciutadella are great places to visit. Both places are full of charming cafes, shops and attractions.

Hotel Torralbenc
Breakfast and Dinner included

#### DAY 15 | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

🗲 495 NM

#### MENORCA, SPAIN (LEMH) → ZURICH, SWITZERLAND (LSZH)

Our next stop is Lucerne, Switzerland. We will fly into Zurich before transferring to Lucerne for our stay at the Burgenstock Hotel. Perched atop a mountain in central Switzerland, the Burgenstock Hotel overlooks beautiful Lake Lucerne with heart-stopping panoramic views.

The deep hues of the lake provide a dramatic contrast with the verdant greens of the surrounding forest and countryside. Beyond, the snow-capped Swiss Alps create a scenic Alpine backdrop.

Burgenstock Hotel
Breakfast and Dinner included

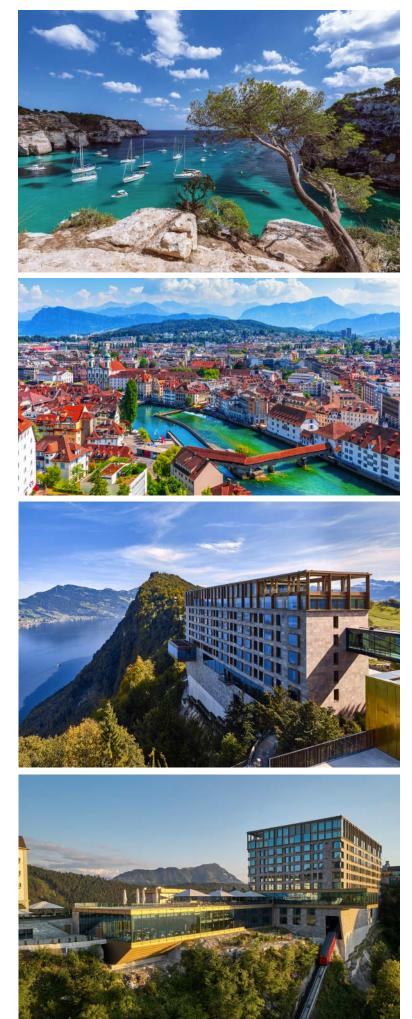
### DAY 16 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

#### BURGENSTOCK, SWITZERLAND

The hotel's private funicular (cable car) takes guests down to the marina and Lake Lucerne.

With our local guide, we'll enjoy a boat excursion on the lake to admire the beautiful scenery and surrounding area from the water.

After an enjoyable lunch in Lucerne, we will continue our guided tour through the narrow streets, viewing the historical places and attractions on land. Together, we will discover the city's history and hear stories from daily life as we meander from the Chapel Bridge to the Octagonal Water Tower and Lucerne Castle. Delve into Lucerne's historic Old Town, stroll along the city walls, and see the 16th-century houses for which Lucerne is famous.









#### DAY 17 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

#### STANS, SWITZERLAND

Today we will visit the birthplace of your great airplane with a tour of the Pilatus Aircraft Factory.

Witness the varying steps that are taken to bring these beautiful birds to flight. The tour will provide background on the history of Pilatus and give us an up-close look of their production facilities.

The perfect day to expand your love for your impressive aircrafts.

Burgenstock Hotel
Breakfast and Dinner included

DAY 18 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 🛛 🛹 690 + 735 NM

#### ZURICH, SWITZERLAND (LSZH) → PRESTWICK, SCOTLAND (EGPK) → REYKJAVIK, ICELAND (BIRK)

After breakfast and an in-depth briefing, we will launch for our over-water crossing to Reykjavik, Iceland. There will be a stop in Prestwick for lunch and to refuel.

Upon arrival, we will transfer to Hotel Borg where we will enjoy an overnight stay to prepare ourselves for our tomorrow's flight.

Hotel Borg
Breakfast and Dinner included

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DAY 19 | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

🛹 750 NM

REYKJAVIK, ICELAND (BIRK) → ILULISSAT, GREENLAND (BGJN)

Today you will fly to Ilulissat. Upon arrival, clear customs and transfer to the Hotel Arctic.

Afterwards we will venture out by boat into the Ice Fjord, cruising a fascinating variety of floes and icebergs.

On a clear day, the landscape is truly surreal. Hundreds of icebergs surround Ilulissat. They vary in shape from flat- topped hunks to jagged mountain peaks, and vary in size from small doghouses to mega-cruise ships and larger. And that's just the part above the surface! The Ice Fjord, which is close to Hotel Arctic, was included on UNESCO's World Heritage List at the 28th of The World Heritage Committee in the summer of 2004.

The Ice Fjord contains one of the biggest and most active glaciers in the world. Its 3,000 square kilometre area advances at a rate of 20 metres per day. The glacier "calves" about 10 % of the inland ice that is pressed out into the sea from Greenland, and there is nothing in the whole world that resembles it.

Hotel Arctic
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



DAY 20 | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

🛹 995 + 610 NM

ILULISSAT, GREENLAND (BGJN) → GOOSE BAY, CANADA (CYYR) → BANGOR, ME, USA (KBGR) → HOME

After breakfast, we will head west for our return home.

A technical stop has been arranged in Goose Bay for refueling before continuing onwards to Bangor, Maine, to clear US Customs. For those based on the west coast of the United States, an alternate stop to clear US customs can be arranged. Afterwards, we will all go our separate ways home.

#### FLIGHT DAYS & DISTANCES

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DAY 1	SUN, AUG 27	НОМЕ		QUEBEC CITY, CANADA	CYQB	
DAY 2	MON, AUG 28	QUEBEC CITY, CANADA	CYQB	KUUJJUAQ, CANADA	CYVP	690 NM
		KUUJJUAQ, CANADA	CYVP	KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND	BGSF	725 NM
DAY 3	TUE, AUG 29	KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLANI	D BGSF	REYKJAVIK, ICELAND	BIRK	730 NM
DAY 6	FRI, SEPT 01	REYKJAVIK, ICELAND	BIRK	GLASGOW, SCOTLAND	EGPF	720 NM
DAY 9	MON, SEPT 04	GLASGOW, SCOTLAND	EGPF	DEAUVILLE, FRANCE	LFRG	425 NM
DAY 12	THU, SEPT 07	DEAUVILLE, FRANCE	LFRG	MENORCA, SPAIN	LEMH	595 NM
DAY 15	SUN, SEPT 10	MENORCA, SPAIN	LEMH	ZURICH, SWITZERLAND	LSZH	495 NM
DAY 18	WED, SEPT 13	ZURICH, SWITZERLAND	LSZH	PRESTWICK, SCOTLAND	EGPK	690 NM
		PRESTWICK, SCOTLAND	EGPK	REYKJAVIK, ICELAND	BIRK	735 NM
DAY 19	THU, SEPT 14	REYKJAVIK, ICELAND	BIRK	ILULISSAT, GREENLAND	BGJN	750 NM
DAY 20	FRI, SEPT 15	ILULISSAT, GREENLAND	BGJN	GOOSE BAY, CANADA	CYYR	995 NM
		GOOSE BAY, CANADA	CYYR	BANGOR, MAINE, US	KBGR	610 NM
		BANGOR, MAINE, US	KBGR	НОМЕ		

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### Our land program includes:

- Presence of an Air Journey tour leader who will facilitate clearances, Immigration, refueling, flight planning, and provide help with any difficulty that might arise

- Full-time services of a professional Air Journey guide and local experts

- Lodging: for 20 days, 19 nights

- Meals as described in the program

- Wine selected by Air journey is included with dinner. All other beverages are not included.

- Tours and admission to all planned group sightseeing
- All service charges and taxes
- Round trip transfers between airport and hotel

- Customs and Immigration forms (filled by Air Journey when possible)

#### Our land program does not include:

- Airport departure taxes
- Cost of obtaining passport or visas and or inoculations
- Beverages except as noted above
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, communication charges and other incidentals

Please note that hotel accommodations and sightseeing are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Air Journey reserves the right to amend the order of sightseeing as necessary. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

Our quoted prices are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of **July 2022**. Air Journey reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets.

#### Passports are mandatory for the Journey.

Air Journey has quoted this itinerary with a minimum of participation of 5 airplanes.

#### The Registration fee includes:

- Extensive Navigation log (airports, route, frequencies, information of airspace, nav-aids, reporting points,

- international flight plan) tailored for each aircraft;
- Flight plans and eAPIS manifest (departure and arrival) filed on your behalf;
- Pilot briefing prior to each day's flight;

- Flight bag, a fleece lined jacket, and a collared, cotton shirt for the pilot with his name and aircraft tail number embroidered on the upper front. Additional jackets and shirts are included for each passenger.

#### Cancellation, refunds:

a) Cancellation by the client: Is always required in writing and is subject to the following schedule of dates, whereby some or all moneys paid will be retained:

Given outside of 120 days of departure: Between 120 and 90 days of departure: Between 89 and 60 days of departure: AJ retains deposit per person and plane registration fee

- AJ retains 50% of tour cost and plane registration fee
- 50 days of departure: AJ retains 75% of tour cost and plane registration fee

Less than 60 days or no show of departure: AJ retains 100% of tour cost and plane registration fee

b) **Cancellation by AJ**: Should AJ cancel the tour after deposits have been received due to fewer than the minimum participants required, the full deposit will be refunded. Should AJ cancel the tour at any time due to factors beyond their control (including war, flood, force of nature, riot, civil action, disease) they will refund the client whatever portion of moneys are reimbursed by ground operators and accommodation suppliers.

Survival equipment is available for rental on a daily basis and will be sent to you prior to the meeting at the departure point. Life vests and a transatlantic certified life raft are mandatory for all aircraft participating on the journey. If traveling with a Pilatus PC-12, dry suits per person on board is required as well. Contact us for more details.

#### **Travel and Cancellation Insurance**

Travel and Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended and not included in the package but it can be purchased



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