



# AIR JOURNEY

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

**AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**

**20**  
DAYS  
19 NIGHTS

**7**  
COUNTRIES

**8,210**  
NAUTICAL  
MILES

# THE ROUTE

PILATUS JOURNEY | AUGUST 2024

CANADA | GREENLAND | ICELAND | IRELAND | FRANCE | SPAIN | SWITZERLAND



## JOURNEY PRICE

PRICE PER PERSON (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)	PLANE REGISTRATION FEE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$23,835	\$6,395	Available upon request

# ITINERARY & ACCOMMODATIONS

## AT A GLANCE

- DAY 1 • QUEBEC CITY, CANADA  
🏰 FAIRMONT CHATEAU FRONTENAC
- DAY 2 • KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND  
🏰 HOTEL KANGERLUSSUAQ
- DAY 3-5 • REYKJAVIK, ICELAND  
🏰 HOTEL BORG
- DAY 6-8 • SHANNON, IRELAND  
🏰 DROMOLAND CASTLE
- DAY 9-11 • CANISY, FRANCE  
🏰 CHATEAU DE CANISY
- DAY 12-14 • MENORCA, SPAIN  
🏰 TORRALBENC
- DAY 15-17 • LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND  
🏰 BURGENSTOCK HOTEL
- DAY 18 • REYKJAVIK, ICELAND  
🏰 HOTEL BORG
- DAY 19 • ILULISSAT, GREENLAND  
🏰 ARCTIC HOTEL
- DAY 20 • HOME

# HIGHLIGHTS


## THE AIR JOURNEY EXPERIENCE



### ✦ 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 Ireland, explore the scenic countryside with a visit to Bunratty and Limerick.
- ▶ 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.



An aerial photograph of a Swiss landscape. In the foreground, a dense forest of green trees covers a hillside. A large, deep blue lake stretches across the middle ground, with a small town visible on its right shore. In the background, majestic mountains with patches of snow rise against a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The overall scene is vibrant and scenic.

DAY BY DAY  
**ITINERARY**

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



## DAY 1 | SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

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 26

 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 Kuujuaq 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  
 Breakfast and Dinner included



## DAY 3 | TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

 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 Austurvöllur, 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  
 Breakfast and Dinner included


## DAY 4 | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

### 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 Gjabak-kave-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 set off on an unforgettable visit to the renowned Blue Lagoon, a mesmerizing oasis nestled in a faraway paradise.

-  Hotel Borg
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included


## DAY 5 | THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

### REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

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

-  Hotel Borg
-  Breakfast and Dinner included



## DAY 6 | FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

 795 NM

### REYKJAVIK, ICELAND (BIRK) → SHANNON, IRELAND (EINN)

Fly to Shannon, Ireland where we will transfer to the Dromoland Castle.

Originally the ancestral home of one of the few families of Gaelic Royalty, direct descendants of Brian Boru, the High King of Ireland, Dromoland Castle enjoys an extraordinary history stretching back to the 5th Century. Approached by a meandering drive that passes acres of magnificent lawns, this luxury 5 Star castle hotel overlooks its own championship golf course and a glistening lake which reflects the panoramic beauty of the surrounds.

-  Dromoland Castle
-  Breakfast and Dinner included







## DAY 7 | SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

### SHANNON, IRELAND

Today, we'll explore the scenic countryside with a visit to Bunratty and Limerick as well as a stop at the Flying Boat Museum to reminisce the nostalgic era of the Flying Boat and board the only Boeing B314 Flying Boat replica in the world!

-  Dromoland Castle
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

## DAY 8 | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 01


### SHANNON, IRELAND

This morning is at your leisure to relax or explore on your own.

In the afternoon, we will get up close and personal with mesmerizing falcons, hawks and owls in the Castle grounds. This five-star falconry experience will give us access to the world of these magnificent birds of prey and the unique relationship they have with their falconers.

-  Dromoland Castle
-  Breakfast and Dinner included

## DAY 9 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 02

 400 NM

### SHANNON, IRELAND (EINN) → DEAUVILLE, FRANCE (LFRG) → CANISY, FRANCE

Fly to Deauville. Upon arrival we will 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
-  Breakfast and Dinner included

## DAY 10 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 03

### 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.

-  Chateau de Canisy
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included






DAY 11 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 04

## CANISY, FRANCE

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

-  Chateau de Canisy
-  Breakfast and Dinner included



DAY 12 | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 05

 595 NM

## CANISY, FRANCE → DEAUVILLE, FRANCE (LFRG) → 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 06

## 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 07

### 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 08

 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 09

### LUCERNE, 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.

-  Burgenstock Hotel
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included





## DAY 17 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

### 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, Lunch and Dinner included

## DAY 18 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

 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

## DAY 19 | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

 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 13**

 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.

 Breakfast included

## FLIGHT DAYS & DISTANCES

DAY		DEPARTURE FROM:		ARRIVE AT:		DISTANCE
		CITY	ICAO CODE	CITY	ICAO CODE	
DAY 1	SUN, AUG 25	HOME		QUEBEC CITY, CANADA	CYQB	
DAY 2	MON, AUG 26	QUEBEC CITY, CANADA	CYQB	KUUJJUAQ, CANADA	CYVP	690 NM
		KUUJJUAQ, CANADA	CYVP	KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND	BGSF	725 NM
DAY 3	TUE, AUG 27	KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND	BGSF	REYKJAVIK, ICELAND	BIRK	730 NM
DAY 6	FRI, AUG 30	REYKJAVIK, ICELAND	BIRK	SHANNON, IRELAND	EINN	795 NM
DAY 9	MON, SEPT 02	SHANNON, IRELAND	EINN	DEAUVILLE, FRANCE	LFRG	400 NM
DAY 12	THU, SEPT 05	DEAUVILLE, FRANCE	LFRG	MENORCA, SPAIN	LEMH	595 NM
DAY 15	SUN, SEPT 08	MENORCA, SPAIN	LEMH	ZURICH, SWITZERLAND	LSZH	495 NM
DAY 18	WED, SEPT 11	ZURICH, SWITZERLAND	LSZH	PRESTWICK, SCOTLAND	EGPK	690 NM
		PRESTWICK, SCOTLAND	EGPK	REYKJAVIK, ICELAND	BIRK	735 NM
DAY 19	THU, SEPT 12	REYKJAVIK, ICELAND	BIRK	ILULISSAT, GREENLAND	BGJN	750 NM
DAY 20	FRI, SEPT 13	ILULISSAT, GREENLAND	BGJN	GOOSE BAY, CANADA	CYYR	995 NM
		GOOSE BAY, CANADA	CYYR	BANGOR, MAINE, US	KBGR	610 NM
		BANGOR, MAINE, US	KBGR	HOME		
<b>TOTAL NAUTICAL MILES:</b>						<b>8,210 NM</b>

# 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 as listed in the itinerary
- All service charges and taxes
- Round trip transfers between airport and hotel

## Our land program does not include:

- Airport departure taxes.
- Fees associated with the airports and aircraft.
- Fuel for the aircraft.
- Cost of obtaining passport or visas and or inoculations
- Beverages except as noted
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, communication charges and other incidentals
- Travel Insurance (Highly Recommended)

## Journey Requirements

### Passports & Visas

Passports are mandatory for the Journey and they must be valid for at least six (6) months after the return date. Air Journey will closely monitor visa requirements and will provide you with all the information at least 120 days before the departure date.

### Vaccinations

Air Journey will closely monitor vaccination requirements for each country in the itinerary, to ensure compliance with local health regulations. All the information will be provided to you at least 120 days before the departure date.

### Travel and Cancellation Insurance

Travel and Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended and not included in the package, but it can be purchased from Air Journey. Contact Anais (561 841-1551) at Air Journey for a quote today. Birth dates and State of residence will be required.

### Survival Equipment

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 single engine aircraft, dry suits per person on board is required as well. Contact us for more details.

### The Airplane 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.
- A fleece lined jacket, and a collared, cotton shirt for each traveling participant on the full Journey with their name and aircraft tail number embroidered on the upper front. A bag is provided for each couple.

### Cancellation, refunds:

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

Given outside of 90 days of departure:	AJ retains a \$1,250 deposit per person & will hold the Plane Registration Fee on credit for 12 months from client cancellation date.
Between 90 and 60 days of departure:	AJ retains 50% of tour cost and plane registration fee
Between 60 and 45 days of departure:	AJ retains 75% of tour cost and plane registration fee
Less than 45 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.

*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. Air Journey has quoted this itinerary with minimum participation of 5 airplanes. Our quoted prices are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of **August 2023**. Air Journey reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets.*



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