



## TRANS NORTH ATLANTIC JOURNEY

**Dates:** From Tuesday, May 14 to Wednesday, June 5, 2013

**Duration:** 23 days / 22 nights

**Total Distance:** 8,205 nautical miles



**Highlights:** For many adventurous pilots, crossing the North Atlantic is a lifetime dream. Air Journey brings its experience to help motivated pilots and guests realize this dream.

We will have plenty of time for both relaxation and discovery on this delightful escapade to Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Scotland, France, Spain, Morocco, and Portugal (Madeira and Lisbon).

**Cost:** \$ 20,795 per person (double occupancy)  
\$ 3,250 plane registration fee  
Single supplement available upon request

# ITINERARY

## Day 1 – Tuesday, May 14: Quebec City, Canada

All participants will meet for introductions and to attend an extensive briefing covering the general procedures of our journey. An optional dinner will be offered at the Le Champlain restaurant located in the hotel.

Hotel: Chateau Frontenac  
*Welcome cocktail included*

## Day 2 – Wednesday, May 15: Quebec City → Kuujjuaq, Canada → Kangerlussuaq, Greenland 690 + 725 NM

We will fly over the immense forests and numerous lakes of Labrador on our way to Kuujjuaq for a technical stop. Then continue over southern Greenland's beautiful scenery before landing at Kangerlussuaq. 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: Hotel Kangerlussuaq  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

## Day 3 – Thursday, May 16: Kangerlussuaq → Reykjavik, Iceland 730 NM

Fly over ice-covered Greenland and then do our second water crossing. 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: Hotel Borg  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*



## Day 4 – Friday, May 17: Reykjavik

Enjoy a full day of sightseeing with a visit to the famous Geysir hot spring area with numerous hot springs and geysers - one of them erupts every few minutes; take a look at the magnificent waterfall Gullfoss; visit the volcanic crater Kerid and the greenhouse village Hveragerdi; drive across Gjabakkavegur Pass to the Thingvellir National Park, a unique place of beauty, with its interesting geology and history; then cross Mosfellsheidi Heath to Reykjavik; visit the Blue Lagoon. It is certainly a great experience that is not to be missed.

We will see volcanic craters, geysers, waterfalls and the national park Thingvellir, which is Iceland's national treasure and one of its most beautiful spots.

Dinner will be at the famous downtown restaurant, Einar Ben, located in one of the oldest trading buildings in Reykjavik.

Hotel: Hotel Borg  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

**Day 5 – Saturday, May 18: Reykjavik → Wick, Scotland → Paris, France**

**640 + 603 NM**

Fly southeast toward the British Isles for our next stop, Wick, to refuel and have lunch.

Our flight continues to Pontoise, a small airport 30mn from downtown Paris. This selected airport is out of the heavy air traffic with inexpensive landing fees.

Upon arrival, transfer to our deluxe hotel located in the 8<sup>th</sup> District near the Eiffel Tower and the Champs Elysees.

Enjoy a dinner in a typical brasserie facing the Eiffel Tower.

Hotel: Plaza Athenee  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 6 – Sunday, May 19: Paris**



An introduction to Paris for first time visitors with a ½ day city tour of the Eiffel Tower, Trocadero, St. Germain des pres, Notre Dame, Le Marais is on schedule in the morning.

In addition, outside the hotel you have the prestigious Avenue Montaigne as well as the Champs Elysees for great shopping.

We will take time for a cocktail in a private home facing the Eiffel Tower.

Tonight you will enjoy a Dinner River Cruise and discover Paris by Night.

Hotel: Plaza Athenee  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 7 – Monday, May 20: Paris**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Today is at leisure to enjoy the city. Optional tours as Louvre Museum, Orsay Museum, Cooking Class, Wine tasting can be some optional activities we can arrange for you in advance.

Hotel: Plaza Athenee  
*Breakfast included*

**Day 8 – Tuesday, May 21: Paris → Ibiza, Spain**

**615 NM**

We will fly to Spain today and discover the charming island of Ibiza. This island has no secrets for us as we have enjoyed our family vacation here for the past 25 years.

With a mixture of Greek and Moroccan style, this beautiful island is ideal for exploring its beautiful, typical countryside.

Our hotel, Fenicia Prestige Thalasso Spa, is situated on the banks of the Santa Eulalia River.

Hotel: Fenicia Prestige Hotel  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*



**Day 9 – Wednesday, May 22: Ibiza**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Enjoy a beautiful day discovering the island. We will take a boat cruise to Formentara with lunch included (weather permitted).

Later we'll take a sunset walking tour in the old city of Ibiza offering impressive examples of local architecture and outstanding views.

Hotel: Fenicia Prestige Hotel  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

**Day 10 – Thursday, May 23: Ibiza → Marrakech, Morocco**

**635 NM**

Today we continue to Marrakech in North Africa. Known as the "Red City", Marrakech is one of the world's most mysterious and fascinating cities. As the second of the four Imperial Cities of Morocco, it is at the crossroads of Arab, Berber and Sudanese civilizations.

After clearing customs in Marrakech, transfer to our beautiful hotel, La Mamounia, located on the outskirts of the city.

Hotel: La Mamounia  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 11 – Friday, May 24: Marrakech**

This morning is free to relax in your beautiful hotel. In the early afternoon we will depart with our private tour guide to discover the famous Djemma el Fna, the mythical meeting place of snake charmers, storytellers and a thousand other characters at the center of Marrakech. You will have the chance to meet some artists and discover this magical place.

Enjoy a dinner in a beautiful *Rhyad* (typical home).

Hotel: La Mamounia  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*



**Day 12 – Saturday, May 25: Marrakech**

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

Hotel: La Mamounia  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 13 – Sunday, May 26: Marrakech → Madeira, Portugal**

**450 NM**



Fly to Madeira. Upon arrival, transfer to Reid's Palace. Madeira Island is known for its rich natural beauty. Every part of this volcanic island has something different to offer and is abundant with picturesque landscapes of steep majestic mountains, dropping into lush green valleys and breathtaking views of its rugged coastlines.

Hotel: Reid's Palace  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 14 – Monday, May 27: Madeira**

Our tour follows the Eastern coast of the island. We'll stop at Cabanas de São Jorge, a unique village overlooking the sea and surrounded by mountains and vineyards that feature some of Madeira's most spectacular scenery.

We'll stop for lunch in Ponta Delgada, a picturesque village with breathtaking natural surroundings. Continue to São Vicente, idyllically set in a beautiful valley where you will be able to visit the best underground volcanic features ever found on the Island, São Vicente Caves. The return journey takes you through stunning valleys and ravines carved into the island over millions of years, passing through the beautiful zone of Ribeira Brava.

Hotel: Reid's Palace  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

**Day 15 – Tuesday, May 28: Madeira**

Today is at leisure to relax or explore the island on your own. Optional activities include deep sea fishing, snorkeling, scuba diving, boating, whale and dolphin watching, golf and horseback riding.

Hotel: Reid's Palace  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 16 – Wednesday, May 29: Madeira → Lisbon, Portugal**

**520 NM**

Fly to Lisbon and transfer to the Four Seasons. The hotel reflects charm of historic Portugal and offers vistas of Eduardo VII Park, St. George's Moorish castle, the Old Town and the Tagus River from atop one of Lisbon's seven hills.

Hotel: Four Seasons  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 17 – Thursday, May 30: Lisbon**

We'll visit the Moorish quarter of Alfama (the oldest neighborhood in Lisbon) and the multicultural district of Mouraria. Walk by the colorful flea market, St George Castle (Castelo de São Jorge), the citadel of Santa Cruz and Portugal's National Pantheon. Then we'll jump on a vintage tram and admire the picturesque city from a spectacular lookout point unknown to many locals!

Hotel: Four Seasons  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

**Day 18 – Friday, May 31: Lisbon → Dinard, France**

**665 NM**

Fly to Dinard which sits on a rocky promontory at the top of the Rance River opposite St-Malo. Victorian Gothic villas - many now hotels - overlook the sea, and gardens and parks abound. The old is still best. One of France's best-known resorts, Dinard offers well-sheltered bathing and healthful sea air in *La Manche* ("the Sleeve," as the French call the English Channel). During the Victorian era, Dinard, once a fishing port, became popular with the English, who wanted a Continental holiday that was "not too foreign."

Hotel: l'Ermitage Mont Saint Michel  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*



**Day 19 – Saturday, June 1: Dinard → Inverness, Scotland**

**545 NM**

Fly toward the British Isles for our next stop, Inverness, Scotland, where we will stay at the Bunchrew House. This fine 17<sup>th</sup> century Scottish mansion situated on the woodland shores of Beaulieu Firth is the ancestral home of both the Fraser and the McKenzie clans. The house dates from 1621 (part of the House dates back to 1505) and is set on 20 acres of beautiful landscaped gardens. You get a glimpse of a bygone era while relaxing in the paneled drawing room with roaring log fires.

Hotel: Bunchrew House  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

## Day 20 – Sunday, June 2: Inverness

Today we will tour the countryside with a visit to Loch Ness to search for Nessie,

We'll visit Clava Cairns - three beautiful cairns in a wooded river valley, each surrounded by their own Stone Circle.



This site contains stone circles, burial mounds, outlying standing stones, kerb cairns, cup-marked rocks and a very peaceful setting. Although all of the cairns are now roofless, this does enable you to see and understand their construction better. Although there are over 60 known 'Clava Cairns' as a type in this part of Scotland, (Corrimony being one) these are the originals the others were named after.

Our tour will finish with a stop at Cawdor Castle where you can explore the fabulous grounds and/or historic buildings of what must be the finest inhabited medieval keep in Scotland.

Hotel: Bunchrew House  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

## Day 21 – Monday, June 3: Inverness → Reykjavik, Iceland

**655 NM**

After an in-depth briefing, we will launch for our over-water crossing to Iceland.

Hotel: Hotel Holt  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

## Day 22 – Tuesday, June 4: Reykjavik → Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

**730 NM**

After an in-depth briefing, we will head for Kangerlussuaq in Greenland.

Hotel: Hotel Kangerlussuaq  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

## Day 23 – Wednesday, June 5: Kangerlussuaq → Home

We will go our separate ways as we head home today.

*Breakfast included*

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## Our land program includes:

- All accommodations in hotels listed or similar categories based on double occupancy
- All meals as specified in itinerary
- All sightseeing, hotel taxes, gratuities and guide services as in indicated in itinerary
- All entrance fees in museum and other activities listed in the itinerary
- Round trip transfers between airports and hotels
- A full time Air Journey escort

## Our land program does not include:

- Travel insurance (Travel insurance is high recommended. Call Air Journey at 561-841-1551 for details.)
- Airport departure taxes
- Beverages
- Cost of obtaining passport or visas and or inoculations
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, communication charges and other incidentals

## Conditions:

- Valid passport is a must.
- No vaccinations or visas are required for this tour.
- Dry suits are mandatory and can be rented with the assistance of Air Journey.

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 include planning, handling and operational charges; they are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of September 2012. Air Journey reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets.

**Survival equipment** is available for rental on a daily basis and will be waiting for you at our departure point. Life vests, life raft and dry suits are mandatory. Contact us for more details.

Air Journey has quoted this itinerary with a minimum participation of 6 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;
- Weather website with constant updates showing TAF, METAR, Wind Aloft, prognostic forecast and review;
- Fuel availability confirmed along the route of flight;
- VFR charts, IFR low or high en route (based on aircraft type and pilot's preferences);
- 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 Policy:

- i) Given outside of 90 days of departure: AJ retains initial deposit of \$500 per person and plane registration fee
- ii) Between 90 and 60 days of departure: AJ retains 50% of the tour cost and plane registration fee
- iii) Between 59 and 30 days of departure: AJ retains 75% of the tour cost and plane registration fee
- iv) Less than 30 days or no show of departure: AJ retains 100% of the tour cost and plane registration fee

**Note: Travel and Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended** and is not included in the package but it can be purchased from Air Journey for about 6% of the cost of the Journey.

**Also note:** Air Journey reserves the right to cancel because of lack of participants (less than 6 airplanes), political unrest, terrorism, or severe weather forecast, in which case Air Journey will issue a full refund.