

# TRANS NORTH ATLANTIC JOURNEY

Dates: From Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, June 2, 2012

Duration: 26 days / 25 nights

**Total Distance:** 8,435 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, Portugal (Madeira and Lisbon), and Ireland.

Cost: \$ 20,795 per person (double occupancy)

\$ 3,250 plane registration fee

Single supplement available upon request

# **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1 - Tuesday, May 8: 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 9: Quebec City → Goose Bay\*, Canada \*If weather conditions permit, an alternate stop is planned at Igaluit.

On our way today to Goose Bay we will fly over the immense forests and numerous lakes of Labrador. Because we will be approaching the Arctic Circle and the "land of the midnight sun", we will have an astonishing 16 hours of daylight!

Hotel: Hotel North, Goose Bay Hotel Frobisher Inn, Iqualuit Breakfast and Dinner included



680 NM

580 NM

### Day 3 – Thursday, May 10: Goose Bay → Narsarsuaq, Greenland

Our flight today takes us to Southern Greenland, where we will view the beautiful scenery before landing at Narsarsuaq airport. The airport was built by the US Air Force during World War II as a stopping-off point for planes flying to and from Europe and has been operated as an international civil airport since 1959.

Hotel: Hotel Narsarsuaq Breakfast and Dinner included.

# Day 4 – Friday, May 11: Narsarsuaq → Reykjavik, Iceland

670 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 5 - Saturday, May 12: 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 6 – Sunday, May 13: Reykjavik → Inverness, Scotland

655 NM

We will fly to our first European destination, Inverness, where we will stay at the Bunchrew House. This fine Scottish mansion, situated on the shores of Beauly Firth, is the ancestral home of both the Fraser and the McKenzie clans. The house dates from 1621 and is set on 8 hectares (20 acres) of landscaped gardens. You get a glimpse of a bygone era while relaxing in the paneled drawing room with roaring log fires. Guests can dine in the candlelit

restaurant on prime Scottish beef, fresh lobster and crayfish, local game, and fresh vegetables.

Hotel: Bunchrew House Breakfast and Dinner included

# Day 7 - Monday, May 14: Inverness

Today we will tour the countryside including Loch Ness, Clava Cairns and Cawdor Castle.

Hotel: Bunchrew House Breakfast and Dinner included



Day 8 – Tuesday, May 15: Inverness → Paris, France

565 NM

Fly to Pontoise, a small airport 30mn from downtown Paris. This selected airport is out of the heavy air traffic with inexpensive landing fees. Transfer to our deluxe hotel, the Plaza Athenee, 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 9 - Wednesday, May 16: Paris

An introduction to Paris for first time visitors with a half day city tour of the Eiffel Tower, Trocadero, St. Germain des pres, Notre Dame, Le Marais is on the 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 we will enjoy a Dinner River Cruise and discover Paris by night.

Hotel: Plaza Athenee

Breakfast and Dinner included



# Day 10 - Thursday, May 17: Paris

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

Hotel: Plaza Athenee Breakfast included

#### Day 11 – Friday, May 18: Paris → Seville, Spain

785 NM

Fly to Seville – the artistic, cultural, and financial capital of southern Spain.

The Hotel Alfonso XIII was built for the 1929 Sevilla Expo and is considered to be one of the most contemporary gems of Andalusia. Situated in a quiet district only two blocks from the famous Sevilla Cathedral, the Alphonso is not more than 10 minutes walking distance from the heart of town where you find wonderful pedestrian streets covered with canvasses during the summer.

Hotel: Alfonso XIII

Breakfast and Dinner included

# Day 12 - Saturday, May 19: Seville



Depart with our private tour guide for a drive through Andalusian villages to Granada, which was Spain's last Islamic kingdom. We'll visit the Alhambra - the Royal Palace, the Alcazaba and the surrounding group of small palaces, gardens, patios and towers. We'll finish our tour with a visit to the Gardens of Generalife which was the king's summer residence.

Tonight we will enjoy a Flamenco show.

Hotel: Alfonso XIII.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

# Day 13 – Sunday, May 20: Seville → Gibraltar → Marrakech, Morocco

80 + 305 NM

Today we continue to North Africa to the city of Marrakech. There will be a stop in Gibraltar to refuel and clear customs for our departure from Europe.

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 14 - Monday, May 21: 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 15 - Tuesday, May 22: Marrakech

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

Hotel: La Mamounia

Breakfast and Dinner included

# Day 16 – Wednesday, May 23: 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 17 - Thursday, May 24: 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 18 - Friday, May 25: 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 19 – Saturday, May 26: Madeira → Lisbon, Portugal

520 NM

Fly to Lisbon. Upon arrival, 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 20 - Sunday, May 27: Lisbon

Discover the highlights of Portugal's capital when you visit St. George's Castle, the Moorish Alfama quarter, the 18th-century Baixa quarter and Commerce Square. See Jeronimos Monastery, Belém Tower and the world-famous Coach Museum - an 18<sup>th</sup> century riding school featuring

vehicles dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. After lunch, we'll explore the charming town of Sintra, once the summer residence of Portuguese kings and aristocrats and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the National Palace of Sintra, a former royal residence, with a variety of architectural styles and interior decoration.

Hotel: Four Seasons

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Today we will 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 22 - Tuesday, May 29: Lisbon → Dublin, Ireland



330 NM

Fly to Dublin. Upon arrival, transfer to the Shelbourne Hotel. The history of Shelbourne Hotel Dublin goes way back to 1824 when Tipperaryman Martin Burke established it after acquiring three adjoining town houses that overlook the famous St. Stephen's Green (the largest garden square in the whole of Europe). The Irish Constitution was drafted in the 112th room in 1922. This is why the room is referred to as The Constitution Room.

Hotel: Shelbourne Hotel Breakfast and Dinner included

### Day 23 - Wednesday, May 30: Dublin

Our tour begins with a panoramic Dublin city tour which takes in the main sights including the famous "Doors of



Dublin" and the elegant Georgian squares. We'll visit Trinity College and the Old Library building built by Thomas Burgh in the 18th century. Before viewing the famous book visitors pass through an excellent exhibition based on the book of Kells and other important writings from Ireland's monasteries. Next you'll visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ireland's largest church made famous by its former dean Jonathan Swift, author of "Gulliver's Travels". St Patrick's is the National Cathedral of Ireland and is built on the site where St Patrick preache d. The massive west towers house a large array of bells whose ringing tones have become part of the very character of Dublin.

Hotel: Shelbourne Hotel Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Day 24 – Thursday, May 31: Dublin → Reykjavik, Iceland

805 NM

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

Hotel: Hotel Holt

Breakfast and Dinner included

#### Day 25 – Friday, June 1: Reykjavik → Narsarsuaq, Greenland → Goose Bay, Canada

670 + 675 NM

After an in-depth briefing, we will head for Goose Bay (or Iqaluit) with a stop in Narsarsuaq (or Nuuk) for lunch and to refuel before taking our final over-water crossing and touching down on the North American continent in Canada.

Hotel: Hotel North

Breakfast and Dinner included

## Day 26 – Saturday, June 2<sup>-</sup> Goose Bay → 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 October 2011. 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. Contact us for details. Life vests and life raft are mandatory.

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 and collared, cotton shirt for the pilot with his name and aircraft tail number embroidered on the upper front. Shirts are available for passengers and crew at an additional cost.

# **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 7 airplanes), political unrest, terrorism, or severe weather forecast, in which case Air Journey will issue a full refund.