



## AMUNDSEN EXPEDITION PARTICIPANT GUIDE

Participating in an Arctic scientific cruise is such a thrill; it's the unique opportunity to visit a remote and magnificent part of our world while experiencing hands-on scientific operations training and bonding with other avid scientists and hearty crewmates. Although the excitement is real, the preparation and anticipation can also be a little overwhelming. This guide is designed to help you prepare your stay and to give you a better idea of what to expect once onboard.

### IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR STAY

What to Do	What to Bring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Read <b>ALL</b> the long emails you receive.</li> <li>→ Submit your security clearance application; Use the <a href="#">Security Clearance Guidelines</a></li> <li>→ Fill out the <a href="#">Personal Information Form</a></li> <li>→ Read the Familiarization Guide for supernumerary personnel carried aboard the CCG ships               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Complete appendix VI – <b>General Statement of Risks</b> of the Familiarization Guide</li> <li>→ Complete appendix VII – <b>Statement of Medical Fitness</b> of the Familiarization Guide</li> <li>→ Complete appendix VIII – <b>Waiver and Release</b> of the Familiarization Guide</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ Review with your science team what <b>certifications and training</b> you need depending on your role onboard               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Helicopter ditching course</li> <li>→ WHMIS hazardous materials training certificate</li> <li>→ Radioisotope training certificate</li> <li>→ Firearm operation training and license</li> <li>→ Drone pilot certificate for advanced operations</li> <li>→ First Aid training</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ Make sure you have proper insurance for the cruise; Your insurance should include MedEvac coverage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Passport</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Canadian cash money</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Personal protective equipment / work clothes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Steel toe boots (mandatory for deck operations)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hard hat (mandatory for deck operations)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flotation suit (mandatory for deck operations)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Headlamp for working on deck at night</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Working gloves</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Safety glasses (mandatory for lab work)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lab coat (mandatory for lab work)</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Medication; bring extra!               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Your usual medication</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eyeglasses and contact lenses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pain medicine (Tylenol, Advil or equivalent)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sea sickness medication (Gravol or equivalent)</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Everyday clothes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Boots, warm coat, rain coat, hat, gloves, scarf, hand warmers... Everything to stay warm outside</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable sneakers for inside the ship</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sportswear (if you intend to go to the gym)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> "Dressier" clothing for Sunday dinners</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable pants and shirts, warm clothes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Underwear, socks and pyjamas</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Personal Hygiene products               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tooth brush, toothpaste, etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Menstrual hygiene products</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo &amp; conditioner, hairbrush and elastics</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Skin moisturizer, lip balm and sunscreen</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any entertainment you like that fits your luggage! Books, small board games, movies...</li> </ul>



## LIFE ON BOARD

### Arriving on the Ship

Whether you arrived by helicopter or using the gangway, the first thing you do once onboard is visit the logistic officer's office to:

- Hand your signed forms (appendices VI, VII and VIII)
- Find out your cabin number

Your cabin number in hand, you can now unpack, install your cabin and meet your roommate. Make sure to **secure all your personal items**; the sea may get stormy!

Rookie or old-timer, the first day(s) onboard also means **Familiarization Tour** and **Life on Board Presentation**. Through this CCG officer guided tour, you'll learn all about security onboard, what do to in case of an emergency and you'll visit the whole ship, from the bow thrusters to the bridge. The presentation will be given by the chief scientist and covers all the day-to-day details.

During your first week onboard, the commanding officer will also plan a **safety drill** to make sure everyone is prepared for an emergency.

### Food

Meals are served three times a day in the officer's mess and in the crew's mess, you're welcome in both!

- **Breakfast:** 7h30 to 8h30 (not whenever you get up)
- **Lunch:** 11h30 to 12h30
- **Dinner:** 17h00 to 18h00

\* A vegetarian option is always proposed. (No vegan option)

Little savoir vivre tips during meal hours:

- Avoid showing up at the last minute
- Keep your **cell phone off** or in your cabin
- Return glasses, cups, plates and silverware to dishwasher
- **No coveralls or coats** at all times
- **No hats, bag or instruments** during meal hours
- Do not touch plates put aside for others

Need a snack? Fruits, cheese, bread, yogurts, cookies, and much more can be grabbed at the crew's mess at any time.

### Communications

#### Science

- **Science meetings** are held every day or as required
- The schedule is posted and updated on the **science billboard** (also available at <http://10.0.0.2> when connected to the Science Wi-Fi)
- A **Science Share public network** is available for scientists ([\\10.0.0.10\share](http://10.0.0.10/share) when connected to the Science Wi-Fi. Username: science ; Password: science)

#### Phones

- Every cabin on board is equipped with a phone
- Dial **60** – Short **public announcement** (from 8h00 to 20h00)
- Dial **70** – to contact the **bridge**
- Dial **500** – to contact the **chief scientist**
- Dial the **cabin number or lab number** of the person you wish to reach (with some exceptions).

#### Wi-Fi

- Network name: Science\_WiFi  
Password: sciences
- Access to the **Wi-Fi may be limited** to prioritize crucial operations (e.g.: data transfer, etc.).
- **Two desktop computers in the server room** (201) are accessible 24/24h for work related browsing

#### External communications

- **Prepaid PIN** is available at the ship's office (35\$ / 45 min)
- The chief scientist has an **IRIDIUM phone for emergencies**
- Activate **Wi-Fi calling** on your cellphone prior to boarding
- Receiving phone calls on board should be limited to operations or emergencies



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### Rules

- Drugs (including cannabis) are strictly prohibited on board the Amundsen.
- Personal possession of **Alcohol is prohibited**
- The Amundsen is a **smoke-free environment**; smoke in designated areas only (upper deck)
- **Someone is always sleeping** (avoid loud speaking, shouting, banging doors, etc.)
- Restricted access areas:
  - **Bridge**: you're welcome on the bridge, but ask first and keep noise level low
  - **Engine room**: no admittance without business (tour possible)
  - **Boatswain workshop**: no admittance without CCG supervision
- Bathroom rules:
  - Toilets use an aerobic vacuum system; literally **nothing in the toilet** but toilet paper and human waste!
  - Respect gender assignments for bathrooms
  - Leave toilets and showers clean
  - Bring back laundry baskets, vacuum cleaner, irons & boards
- Cabin rules:
  - Keep your **cabin clean** (make your bed, empty your garbage cans, clean your sink, etc.)
  - Do not turn your cabin into a laboratory or a storage room
  - **Candles are strictly prohibited!**
  - Bring back coffee mugs!

### Good to Know

#### Sunday Dinner

To keep track of time and take a moment "away from work", Sunday dinners are a little fancier.

- CCG officers and crew wear their formal uniform
- Scientists are encouraged to wear "dressier" clothing (button shirt, dress, pants or skirt, etc.)
- A three-course meal is served

#### Unwind and Relax

- The officer lounge and the crew lounge, when available, can be to read, watch TV or chat.
- The crew lounge is full of entertainments: playing cards, board games, dart game, babyfoot / foosball table...
- A gym is available for both scientists and CCG crew. A schedule might be in place.

#### Get informed before boarding

Science conducted in Inuit Nunangat (or Inuit homelands) must be done respectfully. Many trainings and resources exist to help you conduct ethical research. In addition, you can consult the following documentation:

- [Inuit Nunangat Policy](#)
- [National Inuit Strategy on Research](#)
- [National Inuit Climate Change Strategy](#)
- [Other cultural awareness resources](#)

### New measure

Please note that the CCGS *Amundsen* is a **dry ship**. No alcohol will be served on the bar and the personal possession of alcohol is prohibited. However, social activities and non-alcoholic beverages will be available during the "bar nights".