



Trips & tips: See the Arctic in summer, face the competition in Quebec and more



Inflatable Zodiac boats offer the chance to get up close with Greenland's massive icebergs. (Phil Marty / Chicago Tribune)

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An Arctic vacation may not seem too appealing in the winter, but summer will be here before you know it — and it's a perfect time to get around or above the Arctic Circle and visit places like Greenland, Iceland or the polar bear capital of Churchill, Manitoba. AdventureSmith Explorations, which offers more than a dozen ship-based Arctic trips, recently added four land-based adventures. Two of the trips concentrate on the Churchill area, one is in Canada's Nunavut territory and one is in East Greenland. A highlight of the latter is staying in the remote Base Camp Greenland, a seasonal collection of eight safari-style tent cabins. This nine-day/eight-night tour offers the opportunity to visit Inuit settlements, kayak among massive icebergs, view wildlife like whales and Arctic foxes, and possibly see the Northern Lights, depending on the season. The trip is priced from \$9,995 per person, double occupancy, with international air extra. Info on all of the Arctic trips is at <http://tinyurl.com/znwrear>.

It's good to look old

Anyone ever tell you that you have that classic Roman look? Or maybe you look like one of those ancient Greek sculptures? You can find out with a fun contest of sorts that will lead to a special exhibit at the Musee de la Civilisation in Quebec City. The project, called My 2000-Year-Old Double, invites you to submit a photo of yourself. Face-recognition software will compare photos submitted with roughly 60 sculptures that were created 2,000 years ago. Thirty faces will be selected, and those 30 people will be invited to Quebec City to be photographed by Quebec art photographer Francois Brunelle. Those photos will be paired up with look-alike sculptures for the exhibition, which will be displayed Oct. 24, 2018, to Oct. 27, 2019. Those selected to be photographed will receive payment to cover all or part of the cost of getting to Quebec City. You have until April 30 to submit your photo at <http://tinyurl.com/hwjtsxq>.

Luther's Germany

This is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, and luxury travel specialist Zicasso is offering a customizable 10-day tour that visits sites in Germany important in the life of Martin Luther. Among the highlights of the tour are the town where Luther was born and baptized, the monastery where he became a monk, the Schlosskirche (Castle Church) where he posted his 95 Theses that marked the beginning of the Reformation, and Lutherhaus, where he spent most of his adult life. There are also guided tours and visits in Berlin, Wittenberg, Erfurt, Eisenach, Rothenburg, Augsburg and Munich. The trip is priced from \$3,249 per person, double occupancy, which does not include international airfare. Info: <http://tinyurl.com/jjf4y8l>