

# Luxury cruise conquers fabled route

The first large-scale passenger cruise ship is to sail through the Northwest Passage, the Arctic sea route made navigable by steadily shrinking ice cover.

The route has never before been attempted by a ship of this size

## CRYSTAL SERENITY

Length	250m	Crew	655
Beam	32m	Passengers	1,000
Draught	8m	Ticket	\$22,000
Decks	13		

**SAFETY MEASURES:** Ship fitted with ice detection radar, special search lights, thermal imaging and navigation system that displays near real time satellite ice imagery



**RRS Ernest Shackleton:** British research vessel will escort Serenity to provide ice-breaking assistance. Ship carries two helicopters for real-time ice reconnaissance, emergency support and sightseeing flights



Ice extent  
Sep 1985

Arctic Circle

North Pole

Ice extent  
Sep 2015

Greenland  
(DENMARK)

Nome

Ilulissat  
(Greenland)

Sisimiut

Nuuk

Dutch Harbor

Kodiak

Ulukhaktok  
(Canada)

Cambridge Bay

Pond Inlet

PACIFIC OCEAN

ATLANTIC OCEAN

CANADA

U.S.

Bar Harbor  
(U.S.)

Boston

Newport

**START, Aug 16:**  
Anchorage/  
Seward,  
Alaska (U.S.)

**FINISH, Sep 17:**  
New York City