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Fathom Expeditions Presents

# PURE ARCTIC

A Grand Cruise Exploring High Arctic Canada and Greenland.

August 18-September 03, 2010 from Ottawa, Canada.

Polar bears and pack ice at the top of the world.



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## Expedition Highlights

**WILDLIFE:** Spend unhurried time viewing Arctic wildlife including polar bears, walruses, seals, muskox, enormous bird colonies, and whales.

**HISTORY:** Celebrate the legends, triumphs and tragedies of explorers Amundson, Peary and Franklin. Walk, hike and sail the routes and landings of Arctic explorers from the Golden Age of Exploration.

**EXPEDITION CRUISING:** Experience ice navigation first-hand while cruising in pack-ice and along glacier faces. Land on the ice for celebrations. Explore remote, isolated shores and unsurpassed scenery. Learn and share.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Capture spectacular icebergs, scenery and wildlife while guided by professional photographers. Improve your skills during evening workshops.

**COMFORT:** Enjoy the luxury of quiet, peaceful moments cruising the High Arctic's natural world accompanied by a small group of guests, delightful food, great wines and company.

**CULTURE:** Visit quaint villages on the edge of the world. Interact with locals and observe their traditions and art and customs. Learn from our lecture team prior to experiencing these elements first-hand in the field.

**NORTHWEST PASSAGE:** Enter the "Passage", sail the ice edge, explore the very top of the world.



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## NORTH POLE



Route



- 80 Degrees North -

Dear Polar Travellers

A warm hello from our team of veteran polar guides here at Fathom.

We are thrilled to introduce the latest of our High Arctic cruises - a grand journey to the northern reaches of Arctic Canada and Greenland during the height of summer. This journey is the "ultimate thule" including the Northwest Passage and rarely seen, Ellesmere Island. We have once again chartered the legendary expedition ship, Akademik Ioffe. She is outfitted to carry just 95 guests in full comfort and her small size, tough ice-rating and deep experience make her legendary in the far north.

Guests will have the opportunity to experience a part of the world - and enjoy a means of travel - that few people will know first-hand. Observe our ship's nimble ice maneuvers from the bridge. Photograph breathtaking icescapes from the decks. Watch for whales, polar bears, walruses and seals from shore or the up-close vantage point of Zodiac boats. Walk and hike isolated Arctic beaches, study Inuit art and culture, meet locals in far away villages and immerse yourself in the history of polar exploration by retracing the footsteps of early explorers Peary, Amundson and Franklin.

Our hotel staff tend to your every comfort while the expedition team co-ordinates landings, lectures and activities in the high Arctic wilderness. We hope you will consider being a part of what is unquestionably one of the world's most remarkable journeys.

I look forward to welcoming you onboard...

David German  
President, Fathom Expeditions

Our clients write...

"For over twenty years, I have taken trips throughout the world on all 7 continents with many different first-class adventure travel companies.

Fathom Expeditions' expedition was the best planned and executed, and had the best leaders and lecturers of all my trips. In short, Fathom is the 'gold standard'."

- Laura Flanders  
Massachusetts, USA

"Our adventure with Fathom was extraordinary from beginning to end! Every meal was delicious; every lecture was interesting; every landing was more special than the last! The scenery took our breath away and every staff member made us feel like family. This was a dream-come-true journey and we are so glad we did it with Fathom Expeditions!"

- John and Mindy Spicer  
Washington, USA



## WHY FATHOM EXPEDITIONS?

- **Specialty Trips.** Fathom Expeditions operates a small collection of custom-designed cruises annually in order to maximize quality, benefits and rewards for our valued guests. Voyages include 14 months of planning, additional time onshore, exclusive ships, special permits, 20% more landings, rare culinary events and astounding photo opportunities. Small ships, big trips.

- **Veteran Leaders.** The Fathom guide team and owners have been leading Arctic and Antarctic cruises since 1995. Each custom itinerary showcases the very best from these years in the field. Onboard and onshore, you can expect an industry leading one to seven ratio of leaders to clients.

- **Knowledgeable Service.** From the time of booking, direct contact with your expedition team solidifies new friendships and helps craft personal goals for all ages.

- **Conservation and Small Groups.** We charter 25, 50 and 100-passenger ice ships to ensure low impact in sensitive environments, no waiting, a quiet nature experience and a strong expedition feel. Fathom donates 1% of gross revenues to conservation and to protect the places we visit.



**A DISTANT JOURNEY:** In the spirit of the great Polar explorers, Fathom Expeditions journeys to the faraway corners of the earth. We utilize the comforts of modern-day expedition ships outfitted with superb technologies and amenities, and a fleet of Zodiac landing boats. Our expeditions balance wilderness and learning with superior itineraries and personalized service.

**WHAT WE BELIEVE:** Fathom Expeditions is dedicated to providing exceptional value and the best quality in their custom expedition cruises. The company fosters a passion for the unexplored, a love of travel, a great respect for foreign cultures and a strong commitment to the environment.

**POLAR EXPERTS:** Fathom's veteran guide team is hand-picked to include some of the world's top Arctic experts. They bring an intimate knowledge of this polar oasis and its many faces. The team has lived or led Arctic voyages since 1996 and the custom itinerary reflects this deep experience with exceptional activities and numerous varied landings.

**YOUR NEEDS:** You communicate directly with Fathom's field staff prior to, during, and after your voyage. This close contact ensures all your needs are met by hands-on polar experts. Detailed pre-departure materials complement the personal support.

**UNDERSTANDING NEW EXPERIENCES:** A successful travel experience is as much about discovery as it is about relaxation, comfort and learning. We are very proud of our polar team who offer world-class presentations and on-shore interpretive guiding.

## A BOUTIQUE EXPEDITION COMPANY

### A FEW OF OUR GUIDE TEAM FOR 2010



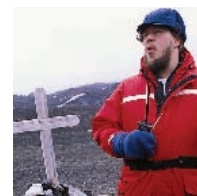
David German has explored the High Arctic on over a dozen occasions leading travellers of all interests. He is a professional photographer, a Polar naturalist and a passionate conservationist. David has led IMAX teams, adventurers and general travellers to both ends of the earth. He enjoys retracing explorer's routes and landings.



Dr. Deirdre Galbraith has explored the High Arctic on land and by sea for numerous summers. She supported science expeditions during a month-long overland in 2007. She has been expedition medical officer with Fathom in Antarctica and on Mount Everest. She hails from the Isle of Sky in Scotland and she is also a sub-polar botanist with an exhibit at the Dundee museum.



Olle Carlsson is widely considered the grand man of the Arctic marine and aviary world. He has ventured North every year for three decades to photograph and interpret Arctic wildlife. His incredible talks on bear, whales and walrus are riveting and based on true life experiences in the field. His experience and knowledge are unparalleled.



Rob Reader is a veteran Polar historian having visited the Arctic on over 3 dozen occasions and Antarctica over 60. His intimate knowledge of high Arctic history and his incredible story-telling abilities makes him an excellent travelling companion and guide. Rob recently opened The Explorer's Cafe where he spins tales in the off-season.



Elizabeth Schaefer first journeyed to the Arctic in 2006 with the Fathom Expeditions' team and this will be her 3rd season up north. "Lizabee" hails from the western U.S. where she is a certified guide on Mt. Whitney. Elizabeth manages Zodiac and shipboard operations and guides walks and hikes on the voyage.

The Expedition Team includes additional lecturers and guides covering various Arctic disciplines. These specialists will lead activities for all ages and abilities during shore landings and on the ship.

## HIGH ARCTIC CANADA AND GREENLAND



PURE ARCTIC - Arctic Canada and Greenland are two of the world's premier polar nations. With sheer cliffs, tumbling glaciers, enormous icecaps and long, finger fjords, the high Arctic holds unparalleled scenery and wonders for the curious traveller.

Fathom Expeditions Pure Arctic cruise takes place in the height of summer when wildflowers are out, the midnight sun shines and the pack ice has broken up allowing us access to remote, rarely visited bays and fjords. These isolated wild places are perfect habitat for polar bears, walruses, whales, seals, muskox, seabirds, whales, narwal and more.

The Arctic and North Pole have lured explorers into these icy waters for centuries and, in 2010, our ship, the reknowned ice-vessel, Ioffe, will again carry us, in

complete comfort, through this fascinating world.

Our goal will be to locate wildlife in its natural environment, to retrace history and to learn about local Inuit and Greenlandic traditions and cultures while exploring the true North. Inuit art will be a fascinating theme of the trip.

We will spend unhurried time hiking and walking ashore, cruising through the pack ice, learning from scientists and visiting remote villages in Canada and Greenland. We also plan to sail the famed Northwest Passage and to explore the coast of Ellesmere Island prior to discovering Greenland's most northerly reaches.

We hope to see you onboard for this exciting custom cruise into the Arctic ice.

### Flights and Meeting the Ship

Fathom's PURE ARCTIC expedition departs from Ottawa, the capital of Canada. Charter air flights will carry us to Iqaluit to meet our expedition ship, Akademik Ioffe.

Our travel partners can easily assist with inbound flights to Ottawa, transfers and exceptional hotels along the way.

Travel insurance is a very important part of any expedition cruise and Fathom Expeditions has policy information and options for both Canadian and U.S. citizens.

Insurance and emergency evacuation policies are detailed in the Terms and Conditions page of this brochure (Page 12).

Please take the time to read these terms in full so you understand the terms that apply to your travel arrangements.





FATHOM EXPEDITIONS PRESENTS  
HIGH ARCTIC CANADA AND GREENLAND  
AUGUST 18-SEPTEMBER 03, 2010



Walk, hike, explore and photograph the wildlife and wonders of high Arctic Canada and Polar Greenland.

Sample Itinerary.

Day 1: Ottawa, Canada: Arrive to the capital of Canada, Ottawa, and meet at our expedition hotel.

Day 2: Charter flight to Iqaluit: Today, we fly thousands of kilometers north to Canada's high Arctic and the outpost town of Iqaluit. We board the ship and set sail in the afternoon.

Days 3 -13: Sample shore landings for the trip. The exact itinerary depends on weather, wind and pack ice.

Monument Island: This landing is a common walrus haulout and we plan to head ashore to photograph and observe these most amazing creatures in the wild.

Beechey Island: Exploration history comes alive as we explore this isolated landing while our historian engages us with tales of adventure, endurance, triumph and tragedy.

Milne Inlet: Navy Board Inlet holds beautiful and impressive scenery. We plan to Zodiac cruise here where the elusive

Narwal, a toothed whale, are known to breed.

Illulisat: Greenland is home to the world's second largest icecap outside of Antarctica and the fastest moving glacier, Jacobshaven. We hike to an overlook of the iceberg field prior to Zodiac cruising amongst the bergs or exploring in town.

Prince Leopold Island: Here we Zodiac cruise the impressive cliff faces to view huge colonies of murres, kittiwakes and gulls.

Devon Island: The largest uninhabited island in the world, Devon is home to many landings and is a great place to view walrus and, on occasion, polar bears. The geology here is truly special, the history and scenery stunning. Our lecturers will demystify these topics prior to experiencing them in the field or from the outer decks.

Dundas Harbour and Croker Passage: Both landings hold tremendous history and several abandoned outposts. Polar bears are often seen on the shores.

Grise Fjord: Grise Fjord is the most northerly community in North America. We plan a visit here prior to sailing the

Highlights

- Witnessing polar bears in their natural environment.
- Hiking isolated islands at the very top of the world.
- Discovering the abandoned stations and legacy of science around the high Arctic.
- Navigating through the Arctic pack ice.
- Exploring isolated Inuit and Greenlandic communities.
- Sharing tales over wonderful wines, fruits and cheeses.
- Photographing curious seals, whales, walrus and bears.
- Watching glaciers calve huge blocks into the bays.
- Enjoying an outdoor BBQ surrounded by pristine beauty.
- Cruising the historic North West Passage.





# HIGH ARCTIC CANADA AND GREENLAND AUGUST 18-SEPTEMBER 03, 2010

- SAMPLE ITINERARY continued...



iceberg-filled waters of Baffin Bay to the “ultimate thule”, Qaanaaq, in the far, far North.

**Pitrugfik Glacier:** Pitrugfik holds abundant rewards including pictureque waterfalls, mosses, flowers, muskox, Arctic fox, bird colonies, hikes and the beautiful glacier.

**Pond Inlet:** Famous for its artist community and acclaimed Inuit art sculptures and paintings, we will visit Pond, explore the town, meet the people and enjoy a traditional inuit show.

**Clyde Inlet:** A highlight of Baffin Island, Clyde Inlet is home to incredible scenery and wildlife including bowhead whales, belugas and other marine mammals. We hope to see these creatures from the ship and our Zodiacs.

**Umanak:** The small town of Umanak is backdropped by spectacular Umanak Mountain which rears 1275 meters out of the sea. We will visit this most pictureque community and hike to the mountain known for changing colours in the soft Arctic light.

**Somerset Island:** In the Arctic summer, Beluga whales venture here in great numbers. With the whales, come polar bears hunting for food. We hope to observe these amazing mammals on the pack ice and hunting seals on fast ice or shore.

**Lancaster Sound:** Lancaster often holds abundant wildlife. Narwhals migrate through the Northwest Passage and past Northern Somerset. We hope to encounter these rare and shy creatures. Lancaster is always well known for seals and pack ice as well as whales and polar bears. We will explore through the Sound and take advantage of wildlife sightings. Also, this is the entrance to the Northwest Passage and we plan to venture deep into this most famous route discovered by the early explorers.

**Day 15: Ottawa, Canada**

We board our flights back to Ottawa after a rewarding journey.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The above is a sample itinerary. Our cruise is an expedition voyage that is subject to wind, weather and ice. The itinerary may change without notice.

## Highlights

- Sailing into beautiful isolated fjords in search of polar bears.
- Watching walrus feeding and resting on land and on the ice.
- Cruising in a Zodiac past a fantasia of icebergs.
- Wandering around outpost museums and historic sites.
- Photographing enormous colonies of rare seabirds.
- Venturing inland for amazing views of high Arctic scenery.
- Following the routes and landings of historic explorers.
- Sending postcards to loved ones from the end of the earth.
- Watching curious bearded seals swim under your Zodiac.





• FATHOM EXPEDITIONS PRESENTS  
**• THE 95-PASSENGER EXPEDITION SHIP, AKADEMIK IOFFE •**

Over the past ten years, we have led Arctic and Antarctic voyages on a dozen expedition ships covering the full range of sizes and styles. The AKADEMIK IOFFE is a true high Arctic “local” and one of our favourites by far. We are thrilled to be operating this custom trip on such an accomplished passenger vessel with such an experienced Captain and crew.

Affectionately called “Ioffe”, She has achieved numerous expedition firsts over the years and her ice-rating allows us to venture safely into areas with fast ice, pack ice and icebergs. The Ioffe was built at the famed shipyards of Finland in 1989 for scientific expeditions. In 1995, She started her career as a passenger ship and she has been cruising Arctic and Antarctic waters every summer since. She carries 95 passengers in outside-facing triple, twin, superior and suite cabins. An ice-strengthened polar ship, Ioffe is very well appointed and provides loads of deck space and an open bridge policy. The fleet of Zodiac landing boats ensures superb wildlife viewing opportunities on otherwise inaccessible coastlines. We have led over 16 polar trips onboard her since 1996 and she is one of our favourite ice-ships.




All cabins include a desk, window or port hole and ample storage space. Public areas feature a dining room (one sitting), an observation lounge, library and bar, a lecture room with modern multimedia equipment, a changing room, a work out room and a small infirmary. The expert captain, officers and crew are highly experienced around Arctic Canada and Greenland. They have a great love and passion for this natural world. Fathom’s hand-picked team of international leaders and lecturers are all veteran Arctic experts, enthusiastic, helpful and dedicated. Onboard chefs prepare excellent cuisine daily including many local specialties. The “Polar Bar” is well-stocked with carefully selected wines and spirits for celebrations at the end of the day.



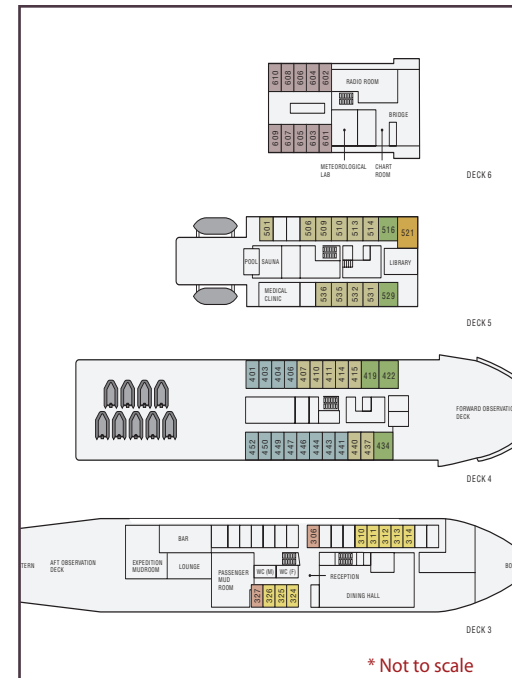
**VOYAGE PRICES**

August 18-September 03, 2010

All prices are in US dollars per person based on double occupancy.

	<b>Main Triple Share</b> .....	\$5,990
	Shared Facilities	
	<b>Main Twin Share</b> .....	\$6,990
	Shared Facilities	
	<b>Upper Twin Semi Private</b> .....	\$7,490
	Semi-Private Facilities	
	<b>Upper Twin Private</b> .....	\$8,490
	Private Facilities.	
	<b>Superior Plus Twin</b> .....	\$8,990
	Private Facilities	
	<b>Suite</b> .....	\$9,990
	Private Facilities	
	<b>Cook Suite</b> .....	\$10,990

• Single Supplement - 1.7 x twin occupancy rate.



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read the terms in their entirety - it is important to understand the conditions that apply to your travel arrangements.

**YOUR EXPEDITION INCLUDES:** PERSONALIZED PRE-TRIP SUPPORT, A COMPREHENSIVE PRE-DEPARTURE KIT, TWO NIGHTS AT HOTEL IN OTTAWA, TRANSFERS HOTEL TO CHARTER FLIGHT IN OTTAWA, ALL MEALS AND FOURTEEN NIGHTS ONBOARD AKADEMIK IOFFE, AN EXPERIENCED TRIP LEADER AND A VETERAN GUIDE TEAM, AN EXTENSIVE LECTURE PROGRAM, ALL SHORE EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY ZODIAC, ALL LANDING FEES AND PORT TAXES, ACCESS TO MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL SITES, A DETAILED POST-EXPEDITION LOG.

**NOT INCLUDED:** FLIGHTS, AIRPORT AND ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TAXES, PASSPORT AND VISA EXPENSES, TRAVEL INSURANCE, GRATUITIES, EXCESS BAGGAGE CHARGES, PERSONAL EXPENSES SUCH AS BAR, LAUNDRY AND PHONE CHARGES.

**RESERVATIONS:** TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE ON THIS FATHOM EXPEDITIONS' PROGRAM, AN ADVANCE PAYMENT OF USD 2000 IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF RESERVATION AND IS PAYABLE BY VISA, MASTERCARD OR CHEQUE. ALL RATES ARE QUOTED IN U.S. DOLLARS.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** DUE NO LATER THAN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE AND IS PAYABLE BY CHEQUE, MONEY ORDER OR WIRE TRANSFER.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** NOTICE OF CANCELLATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING BY FATHOM EXPEDITIONS. AT THE TIME WE RECEIVE YOUR CANCELLATION, THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES WILL APPLY: 120 DAYS OR MORE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, A FULL REFUND LESS A CANCELLATION FEE OF 50% OF YOUR DEPOSIT WILL BE MADE. PER PERSON CHARGES FOR CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED LESS THAN 120 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE ARE AS FOLLOWS: 119-90 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, 25% OF THE EXPEDITION COST, 89 OR FEWER DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, 100% OF THE EXPEDITION COST. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE AT THE TIME OF BOOKING TO PROTECT YOUR TRAVEL INVESTMENT, AS THIS POLICY IS STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

**SHARE POLICY:** ACCOMMODATIONS ON ALL FATHOM EXPEDITIONS' PROGRAMS ARE BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING ALONE AND WISH TO SHARE ACCOMMODATIONS, A ROOMMATE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO YOU WHEREVER POSSIBLE. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PAIR YOU WITH A ROOMMATE, YOU MAY BE ASKED TO PAY A SINGLE SUPPLEMENT FEE FOR THE HOTEL IN OTTAWA ONLY. SINGLE SUPPLEMENT IS 1.7 X THE DOUBLE RATE.

**CURRENCY AND FUEL COST FLUCTUATIONS:** IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR RATES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE, WE DO NOT BUILD INTO THE PRICE ANY ALLOWANCE TO COVER POSSIBLE INCREASES FROM CURRENCY FLUCTUATION AND FUEL COST INCREASES. THEREFORE, AS CURRENCIES AND FUEL COSTS DO FLUCTUATE CONSTANTLY AROUND THE WORLD, IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR US TO RAISE THE TRIP COST AT ANY TIME BEFORE DEPARTURE IF THERE ARE EXCEPTIONAL COST INCREASES BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

**ITINERARY AND TRIP DELAY:** ITINERARIES ARE BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PRINTING AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FATHOM EXPEDITIONS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE PROGRAM DATES, STAFF, ITINERARIES, OR ACCOMMODATIONS AS CONDITIONS WARRANT. IF A TRIP MUST BE DELAYED OR AN ITINERARY CHANGED DUE TO BAD WEATHER, ICE, ROAD CONDITIONS, TRANSPORTATION DELAYS, GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION, SICKNESS, OR OTHER CONTINGENCY FOR WHICH FATHOM EXPEDITIONS CANNOT MAKE PROVISIONS, THE COST OF DELAYS OR CHANGES IS NOT INCLUDED.

**INSURANCE:** NO INSURANCE IS INCLUDED IN THE EXPEDITION TRIP COST. WE RECOMMEND TRAVEL INSURANCE TO PROTECT YOUR TRAVEL INVESTMENT. A COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICY SHOULD COVER TRIP CANCELLATION FOR MEDICAL REASONS, TRIP DELAY, MEDICAL EXPENSES, ACCIDENTAL DEATH, LOST BAGGAGE, AND MEDICAL EVACUATION. MEDICAL COVERAGE SHOULD INCLUDE A MINIMUM OF US\$ 25,000 FOR HEALTH AND US\$ 25,000 FOR EVACUATION. YOUR LOCAL TRAVEL AGENT CAN PROVIDE OPTIONS OR CONTACT [INFO@FATHOMEXPEDITIONS.COM](mailto:info@fathomexpeditions.com) FOR RECOMMENDATIONS.

**SMOKING:** SMOKING IS ONLY ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED OUTDOOR AREAS BUT NEVER ON SHORE.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** CERTAIN OTHER PROVISIONS CONCERNING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, LIMITATIONS OF THE COMPANY'S LIABILITY FOR LOSS OF PROPERTY, INJURY, ILLNESS OR DEATH DURING THE VOYAGE WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL GUESTS PRIOR TO FINAL PAYMENT, AND TO PROSPECTIVE GUESTS UPON REQUEST.

**INTERNATIONAL AIR AND STOPOVERS:** FLIGHTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE.



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