

## THE ARCTIC - PONANT: THE GENESIS OF FRENCH POLAR EXPEDITIONS



### TRIP CODE

ACPOGOFE

### DURATION

12 Days

### LOCATIONS

Arctic, Greenland



## INTRODUCTION

Discover the incredible east coast of Greenland on this 11 day voyage. Aboard the Le Commandant, the first hybrid electric polar exploration ship, you will have the unique opportunity to explore the Ammassalik and Blosseville regions. Here you will find winding fjords, filled with giant icebergs, immense glaciers, crystal polar caps and thick ice floes. Discover the luminescent beauty of the midnight sun as it meets the horizon. Immerse yourself in this surreal realm of ice.


## ITINERARY

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## DAY 1: Embarkation in Reykjavik

Please make your way to the port at Le Harve in time for embarkation which will commence from 4:00pm with sailing due to commence at 6:00pm. Iceland’s capital stretches along the edge of a vast bay in the west of the country. Perlan, the “Pearl of Reykjavík”, a museum located on Oskjuhlí hill, offers a panoramic view of the lush, green landscapes. A little further, one can easily spot the signpost showing the way to the evangelical Hallgrímskirkja church, and to the historical centre where one can stroll along the Skólavörðustígur and the Laugavegur, two lively streets with charming small shops. For some relaxation just outside of the city, visitors have the opportunity to visit the Reykjanes peninsula and its famous thermal lagoons of the Blue Lagoon.



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## DAY 2: At Sea

During your days at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. This day without a port of call is perfect to enjoy conferences or shows proposed on board, as well as a perfect opportunity to familiarise yourself with your crew and fellow passengers.



## DAY 3: Amassalik Region, Days 3-5

Still almost unknown just a century ago, the east coast of Greenland remains the most authentic and majestic region. Here, the alpine mountains merge intimately with the sea, while the fjords are adorned with high snow-capped peaks and drifting icebergs. Follow in the wake of Captain Jean-Baptiste Charcot’s famous ship, the Pourquoi Pas which set off with its crew to discover Ammassalik, a small island of primitive and wild beauty where the Inuit people chose to live. The name of this island is a reference to the capelin, a small flamboyant silver coloured fish, whose presence in the thousands announces to inhabitants the return of spring. A surprising discovery in a spectacular setting.



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## DAY 6: Blosseville Coast, Days 6-9

Aboard your ship, follow in the footsteps of Jules Poret de Blosseville, a French explorer and sailor. In 1833, aboard La Lilloise, he set off to discover this isolated and unexplored part of eastern Greenland and gave French names to various sites on the coast. The adventure probably has an unfortunate outcome, since the crew was never found. This uninhabited territory, which now bears his name, lies to the south of Scoresby Sund. Surrounded by ice, icebergs and pieces of pack ice, Blosseville Coast is one of these wild and hard-to-reach places that very few people are lucky enough to explore.



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## DAY 10: At Sea

The day will be spent at sea on return to Reykjavik. You may spend this time to reflect on the incredible places you have seen and share stories of the amazing memories you have made with your fellow passengers. For lovers of the sea you will be able to visit the upper deck to admire the spectacle of waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe the odd marine species.



## DAY 11: Disembarkation in Reykjavik

Disembarkation is scheduled for 7:00am. You may continue to explore the region or choose to depart on your flight homebound or to whatever adventure lay ahead.



## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
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<b>Inclusions</b>	All accommodation on board Le Commandant All meals whilst on board including snacks All scheduled landings and excursions Guiding and lectures by English-speaking expedition leader and team Expedition jacket provided (yours to keep) A pair of expedition boots for use during your voyage Group transfer to/from pier Open Bar (excluding premium brands) Room Service All port taxes <b>Exclusions</b> Airfares to/from embarkation and disembarkation city Visa fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Personal expenses such as laundry, on-board communication (telephone calls, faxes) Gratuities for the crew (recommend US\$15 per person per day) Optional Activities whilst on-board
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
<b>Notes</b>	Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure date, season and availability

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## SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as



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much back as possible to the communities we work in.

You will undertake this voyage on board the Le Commandant. This new, state-of-the-art vessel utilises the latest technology to minimise its impact upon the serene environments through which it sails. Liquid Nitrogen Gas (LNG) is used as opposed to regular fuel in order to limit the damage done to water and ocean life. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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