

## THE ARCTIC - PONANT: IN THE WAKE OF CHARCOT



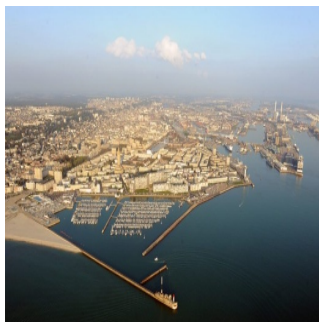
### INTRODUCTION

This 15 day voyage is a unique polar adventure between Iceland and Greenland in the footsteps of famous French Explorer, Jean-Baptiste Charcot. Setting sail in Le Harve, you will explore legendary locations in the frozen territories of the North. Pass the famous Rockall Rock which stands in solitude as it is frequently battered by impressive waves. Continue onto the spectacular and spellbinding sights of Scoresby Sund as you explore the natural wonders of the worlds largest fjord network. Be the first to sail this remarkable voyage on the Le Commandant as it takes on its inaugural cruise. Le Commandant is the first hybrid electric polar vessel, a perfect combination of luxury and the pristine natural wonders of the alluring North.

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Embarkation In Le Harve

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. A major trading location during the Industrial Revolution and the gateway to the New World in the era of the transatlantic adventures, Le Harve became very prosperous before being bombed heavily during the Second World War. Magnificently rebuilt by the architect Auguste Perret, the city founded in 1517 by François I now boasts a modern style that is perfectly integrated with its historic structure.



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#### DURATION

15 Days

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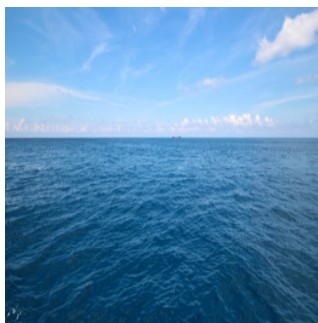
### DAY 2: Saint-Malo

The mere mention of Saint-Malo's name is enough to plunge us back into the richness of its past. The fortifications stand as testimony to the Malouins' determination to defend their citadel, fought over by France and Britain in turn. When you drop anchor here, immerse yourself in the diversity of its heritage: the time when privateers sailed the oceans in search of trade and victories; the legendary yacht races the port city is still famous for, such as the Route du Rhum; and the final resting place of the French writer François-René de Chateaubriand, who was born here and chose to be buried here anonymously.



### DAY 3: At Sea - Day 3 & 4

During your days at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. These days without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.



### DAY 5: Isle Of Rockall

Rockall is one of the remotest places on Earth. The eroded summit of an extinct volcano, the site was formed some 55 million years ago, when the Laurasia supercontinent broke up, followed by the separation of Europe and Greenland. Frequently swept by immense waves, this granite rock standing some twenty metres above the water will offer you spectacular panoramas.



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### DAY 6: At Sea

Admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. Take this time to bask in the amazing experiences of this journey with your fellow crew and passengers.



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## DAY 7: Alftanes - Iceland

In the south-west of Iceland, discover the Alftanes Peninsula, made sadly famous by the sinking of the Pourquoi Pas IV. In 1936, the French explorer Jean-Baptiste Charcot was returning to France aboard the Pourquoi Pas. After having provided support to the expedition led by Paul-Émile Victor in Greenland, when the ship was caught in a violent storm and was wrecked off the coast. The memory of this tragic event offers a striking contrast with the calmness of the surrounding countryside, made up of vast green plains and distant hills.



## DAY 8: Blosseville Coast - Day 8 & 9


Aboard your ship, follow in the footsteps of Jules Poret de Blosseville, a French explorer and sailor. 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.



## DAY 10: Ittoqqortoormiit - Day 10 & 11

Located between the largest national park and the longest system of fjords in the world, the town of Ittoqqortoormiit, whose name means “great house” in Greenlandic, is one of the remotest inhabited places in the world. Covered with ice and snow for nine months of the year, you will be able to discover the ancestral way of life of the last hunters of the polar region. As soon as the thickness of the ice floe allows, they set out on the trail of walruses, seals, narwhals, musk ox and polar bears, travelling by traditional dog sleds.



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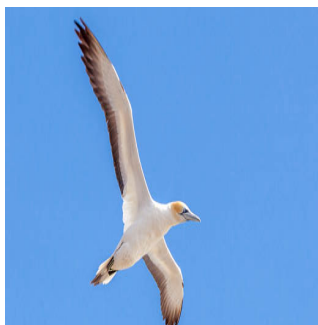
### DAY 12: Jan Mayen Island - Svalbard

The island of Jan Mayen, lies hidden off Greenland's coastlines, lost between the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic Ocean. Tongues of ice descend from its volcanic summit, which culminates at 2,227 metres and is covered with a thick glacial coat. These tongues join the sea, between ranges of black volcanic rocks at times tinged with red. If the sky is clement, you will have the chance to glimpse the summit, decked out in magnificent light. The visit of a small fin whale will perhaps enable you to complete this memorable picture.



### DAY 13: At Sea - Days 13 & 14

As you make your return to Reykjavik use this opportunity to get chance glimpses of some of the amazing marine species of the region. Enjoy all onboard amenities and the company of your fellow passengers.



### DAY 15: Disembarkation In Reykjavik

Iceland's capital stretches along the edge of a vast bay in the west of the country. 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. 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.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

#### Accommodation

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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 subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure date, season and availability.

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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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