

THE ARCTIC - THE GEOGRAPHIC NORTH POLE 16 DAYS | LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT



INTRODUCTION

This 16 Day voyage is a takes you to the unique and mystical point where ice claims the seas year round. You will set sail from Spitsbergen on the Le Commandant, the first hybrid powered Polar vessel. This unique experience blends supreme luxury and comfort with the mystifying beauty of the North Pole. Slowly sail the heart of this frozen world, drift among the pack ice floes as they shimmer and reflect the beautiful serenity of these amazing places.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Flight From Paris To Longyearbyen

Take a flight from Paris to Longyearbyen organised by Ponant. You will be met at the airport by our English-speaking representative. You will also be transferred to the pier for embarkation. We highly recommend you arrive in Paris the day before this flight.



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DAY 1: Embarkation In Longyearbyen

Embarkation which will commence from 4:00pm with sailing due to commence at 6:00pm. Longyearbyen is the capital of the Norwegian Svalbard archipelago, located on Svalbard's main island, and is the northernmost territorial capital on the planet. With winter temperatures dropping to below 40°C, the landscapes of this mining town are simply breathtaking. The glaciers, the mountains stretching as far as the eye can see and the untouched nature, make you feel like you're in completely unexplored territory.



DAY 2: At Sea Along Spitsbergen

The largest island in the Svalbard archipelago, its name meaning "pointed mountains" in German, Spitsbergen is the last piece of land before the Arctic ice floe. Aboard your ship, you will sail along the extremely spectacular coastline of this icy land. Between millennial glaciers and rugged mountains, you will discover a jagged coastline, hollowed-out by fjords.



DAY 3: Sailing The Ice Floes - Days 3-7

The landscapes are constantly changing, shifting from a smooth, flat wilderness to a chaos of ice, then to channels of open water. Your ship will sail along these naturally open channels and through the areas where the frozen layer is thinnest, offering you the chance to experience magic maritime moments in the midst of drifting sea ice. It will also often be an opportunity to see a particular kind of fauna, totally dependent on the ice floe: birds, seals and polar bears.



DAY 8: The Geographic North Pole

Defined by a 90° North latitude, the Geographic North Pole lies on the Earth's rotational axis, at the intersection of all meridians. Plunged into darkness for six months of the year, then lit by the sun for the following six months, this mythical site, permanently covered in ice and remote from any land, has fascinated generations of explorers. So far, only a very few people have ever reached it: an exploit which is now accessible to you aboard the Commandant-Charcot.



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DAY 9: The Ice Floes Of Greenland - Days 4-13

The north-east of Greenland is renowned for being home to one of the oldest and thickest layers of ice on the planet. Aboard your ship, you will have the unique opportunity of sailing to the heart of this icy wilderness, many thousands of years old, and will notably travel along the coast of the North-East Greenland National Park, recognised as a biosphere reserve by UNESCO. From your ship you will also discover Scoresby Sund, the largest fjord in the world. In this pure and preserved world, you will see abundant wildlife in a landscape of tundra and ice, a real delight for the eyes and for photographers.



DAY 14: At Sea Day 14 & 15

During your days at sea toward Reykjavik, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Take this time to share and revel in the incredible memories you have made so far with your fellow passengers.



DAY 16: Disembarkation In Reykjavik

Disembarkation is scheduled for 7:00am. 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 'Oskjuhlíð 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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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship

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Inclusions	All accommodation on board Le Commandant Charter flight from Paris on Day 1 (one way) 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 & Mini Bar (excluding Champagne) All port taxes
	Exclusions Airfares from 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
Difficulty Rating	2 (Light Adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	One way charter flight from Paris on Day 1 is included in cruise cost. Highly recommend to arrive in Paris one day prior to commencement of itinerary. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, season, availability & currency fluctuation

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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

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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 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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