GREENLAND - NORTHEAST GREENLAND'S UNEXPLORED SEA ICE | LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT



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ACPOGSI
DEPARTURE
25/05/2027
DURATION
15 Days
LOCATIONS
Greenland & The Arctic

INTRODUCTION

Discover the uncharted and secluded north-east of Greenland, encircled by sea ice transported by the Transpolar Drift, as Le Commandant Charcot extends its invitation to you to journey there. Endless possibilities for exploration await you in one of the Far North's most difficult-to-reach regions at the end of spring, while you relax in this technological marvel.

Ice and snow are still abundant in these early summer days, a particularly perilous and ferocious time of year in the Arctic. Pack ice forms jagged peaks along the Blosseville Coast, named for the lieutenant who found it there in 1833 on a mission that ultimately led to his disappearance. You will travel across this hostile territory and make an effort to approach its unspoilt coast. The opaline desert gives way to the black rock formations of the alpine ranges in the distance. While travelling, you will come across the Ittoqqortoormiit region near the entrance to Scoresby Sound, which is home to the largest fjord network in the world. The remote villages contrast sharply with the surrounding whiteness thanks to their vibrant traditional homes.

Envision vast, pristine stretches of land where the only noises disturbing the silence are the barks of dogs and the grating of sled runners on the ice. You will be overcome with a variety of emotions while travelling on this antiquated mode of transportation with the last hunters of the arctic. You will be greeted with great affection by the community as one of the first outside guests of the season. You will discover the customs of the settlement on the ice floe through exclusive conversations interspersed with happy and genuine moments. The idea of Inuit hospitality is untrue; it exists in the warmth of a shared smile or glance. The guests that go out to the sea ice are commanded by the sturdy and powerful ice farther out and higher up. You will sail modestly through drift ice north-east of Greenland and carry on exploring among the icebergs as they show off their blue-tinged underbelly beneath the murky waters. You will have several opportunities to explore these mesmerising, infinitely variable views, which include beautiful glaciers, enormous fjords, and icebergs imprisoned by the ice, whether you are on your ship, in a kayak or zodiac, or on a polar hike. Le Commandant Charcot provides outstanding circumstances for animal observation in the Arctic as well. A blue whale

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near a fjord's mouth or the mesmerising silhouette of a big bear in quest of food could be visible to you. The world's splendour inspires amazement in seekers of arctic treasures, almost childlike. You will be amazed by a ray of light or a bird gliding along the edge of an ice monument in this hazardous environment. Travelling the distant corners of the planet seems like a waking dream, with frozen treasures stretching before you.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive In Reykjavik & Embark

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 ’Oskjuhlið 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 Skólavördustígur 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. Embarkation from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm and departure at 10:00 pm.



DAY 2: At Sea - Denmark Strait

Lying between Greenland and Iceland, the Denmark Strait was crossed for the first time by theVikings in the late 10th century, during Erik the Red’s expeditions. In the Second World War, its waters were the theatre of a battle between the Kriegsmarine and the Royal Navy, on 24 May 1941. In the wintertime, extremely dense pack ice forms along the Greenlandic coasts and, while the Transpolar Drift sweeps icebergs along throughout the year, the strait is generally clear of ice during the summer. In the depths of the strait lies the world’s largest waterfall, an undersea cataract formed by the difference in temperature between the cold waters of the Greenland Sea and the warmer waters of the Irminger Sea. Numerous cetacean species thrive in this rich ecosystem.



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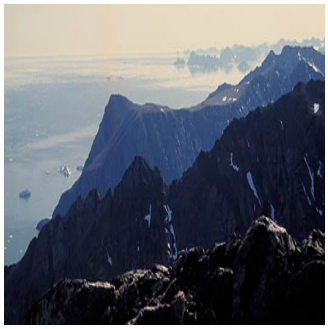
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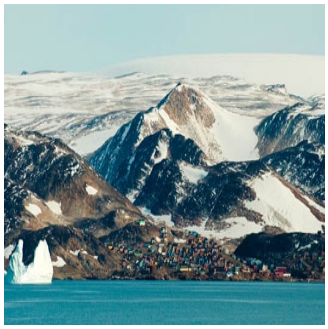
DAY 3: Exploring the Blosseville Coast

Aboard your ship, follow in the footsteps of Jules Poret de Blosseville, a French explorer and sailor. In 1833, he set off to discover this isolated and unexplored part of eastern Greenland aboard La Lilloise, an adventure with a fatal outcome. The uninhabited territory that bears his name lies to the south of Scoresby Sound. Surrounded by ice, icebergs and pack ice - thin or thick, flat or pronounced - as far as the eye can see, Blosseville Coast is a wild and distant place to which very few people have access. Exploring it means a slow immersion into the heart of a frozen, almost unreal desert, where the variations in light transform one’s perception of the landscape. In the kingdom of the polar bears, Le Commandant Charcot, a silent ship open to the exterior, will offer exceptional moments observing Arctic wildlife, through a series of encounters.



DAY 4: Ittoqqortoormiit region - Day 4-7

On the East coast of Greenland, in the Ittoqqortoormiit region that is covered with snow and ice for nine months of the year, you will have the rare opportunity of immersing yourself in the heart of an isolated territory and exploring the beauty of its infinite polar whiteness. The high alpine mountains punctuate the sky and gradually reveal their dark rock edges beneath a coat of snow. Located at the entrance to the longest system of fjords in the world, sits the village of Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the northernmost inhabited places on the East coast. Its name means ‘great house’ in Greenlandic and it is home to the last hunters of the polar region, whose ancestral way of life you will encounter. As soon as the thickness of the ice floe allows it, the hunters set out on the trail of walruses, seals, narwhals, musk oxen and polar bears, travelling by traditional dog sleds. On these expanses of immaculate snow, the silence is broken only by the sounds of the dogs, the grating of a sled coming back from a run or of footsteps on the ice. You will discover Inuit traditions through privileged and festive moments on the ice floe and in the village.



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DAY 8: Exploring North East Greenland - Day 8-10

Set sail for North-East Greenland to immerse yourself further and up higher in the Arctic region to explore the unexpected riches of the sea ice, where traditional ships cannot travel at this time of the year. As the light shifts and the moods of the sky change, the different states of the ice and the infinite diversity of its textures create an exceptionally stunning tableau. With patience and humility, you will sail amid the pearl-white floating cathedrals and the ice carried by the Transpolar Drift. En route, icebergs have their journey halted by ice and pressure ridges reveal their sharp edges. In the midst of this icy vastness, beauty is found in the detail and the magic of the moment. In the realm of polar bears, Le Commandant Charcot is a reassuring cocoon built for polar exploration and offers you wonderful opportunities to observe these lords of the ice when you happen upon them. You may even get the chance to admire the moving sight of a mother and her cub travelling across the immaculate icy expanse.



DAY 11: Exploring the Blosseville Coast - Day 11-13

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DAY 14: At Sea back through the Denmark Strait

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DAY 15: Arrive back in Reykjavik & Disembark

Arrive back in Reykjavik and disembark around 8am. 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 'Oskjuhlið 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 Skólavördustígur 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.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Commandant Charcot All meals whilst on board including snacks Open Bar (excluding premium brands) Room Service & Mini Bar (excluding Champagne) Scheduled landings and excursions, conditions permitting Guiding and lectures by expedition team Complimentary Polar expedition jacket (yours to keep) Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions All port taxes Comprehensive pre and post voyage informational material Free WIFI **EXCLUSIONS** Airfares unless specified Pre and post land arrangements and accommodation Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Personal expenses such as laundry Gratuities for the crew (recommend US$15 per person per day) Optional Activities whilst on-board
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Subject to availability upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins) Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions In rare and unforeseen situations, an operator may apply a fuel surcharge after your booking has been confirmed and paid. This is outside our control and uncommon, but transparency with our travelers is important to us.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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