

THE ARCTIC - ENCOUNTER WITH THE LAST GUARDIANS OF THE NORTH POLE | LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT



INTRODUCTION

This 13 day voyage provides rare access to remote Arctic areas in western and north western Greenland during the Arctic spring, made possible by the icebreaking capabilities of Le Commandant Charcot. You will visit Disko Bay and the ice covered waters of Baffin Bay, where sightings of narwhals, belugas, polar bears, ringed seals and ivory gulls are possible. The highlight is an extended visit in Kullorsuaq, one of Greenland's most remote Inuit communities, where guests take part in daily life through activities such as dog sled outings, storytelling, traditional kayak demonstrations, and cultural exchanges guided by local hunters.

The itinerary includes a specialised optional activity program co designed with SEDNA, offering unique options such as drysuit snorkelling, ice fishing, skiing, and pulka treks. You may also join themed camps focused on science, narwhals, belugas or traditional life on the ice, with the option to stay overnight in Inuit tents or expedition camps at additional cost. The ship's icebreaking capability allows access to areas unreachable by conventional vessels, enabling flexible routing based on weather and ice conditions.

*This expedition is in Partnership with **SEDNA Exploration***

“Putting humans and science, instead of the exploit, at the heart of exploration, such is the promise of the polar experts and consultants at SEDNA. Building on the 30-year experience of its founder Nicolas Dubreuil, a French explorer specialised in the polar environment, SEDNA stands out for its vast expertise in the polar areas acquired among the indigenous communities, and for its special relationships with the scientific world.”

Driven by its profound respect for the local populations, the company collaborates closely with them to design custom expeditions that simultaneously honour the environment and the inspiring personalities of these distant regions. Initiatives guided by a perpetual commitment to preserving our planet.

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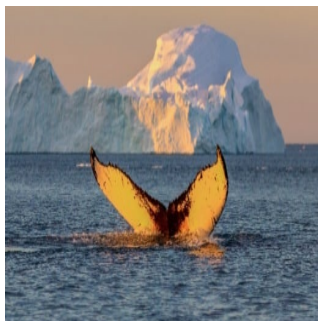
DAY 1: Arrive Nuuk & Embarkation


When Erik Le Rouge, the exiled Norse chief, landed on the coast of Nuuk, he found a fertile and welcoming land dotted with fjords. He settled there with a group of his former countrymen, and the Norse remained the principal inhabitants until, over a period of 500 years, their population declined and gave way to the Inuit. Nuuk is situated at the mouth of one of the largest networks of fjords in the world, where the waters never freeze. The town spreads gently out towards the Davis Strait and enjoys an historic center that is particularly rich in national heritage. The vivid reds, blues, greens and yellows of the houses are a lively contrast to the somber waters of Greenland and serve to lift the spirits of the locals during the Winter months.



DAY 2: At Sea - Day 2 to 4

Spend exceptional moments sailing aboard Le Commandant Charcot, the world's first luxury polar exploration vessel and the first PC2-class polar cruise ship capable of sailing into the very heart of the ice, on seas and oceans which the frozen conditions render inaccessible to ordinary ships. Le Commandant Charcot is fitted with oceanographic and scientific equipment selected by a committee of experts. Take advantage of the on-board lectures and opportunities for discussion with these specialists to learn more about the poles. Participate in furthering scientific research with PONANT and let us discover together what these fascinating destinations have yet to reveal to us.

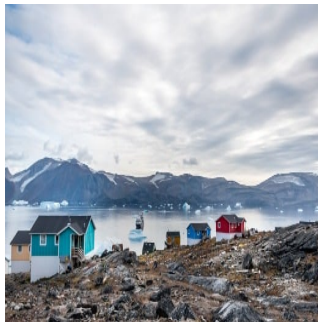


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DAY 5: Kullorsuaq - Day 5 to 9

Well beyond the Arctic Circle, in the majestic landscapes of Greenland's Northwest, you will find the village of Kullorsuaq, the last bastion of Greenland's traditional hunters. Here is where you will find Greenland's true character... Vast mineral expanses, sumptuous mountains, impressive glaciers and, above all, the local population which still lives off fishing and seal or bear hunting. Hospitality and respect for nature are essential elements in the daily lives of these men, who live an austere life. When we drop anchor in this remote part of the world, set off to discover these friendly people who are also talented craftsmen, deftly sewing the furs and skins of marine mammals. This will be a unique and authentic experience.



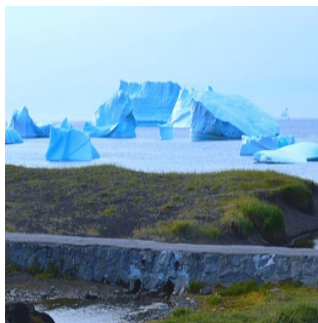
DAY 10: Baffin Bay Exploration

In the icy waters of Baffin Bay, you will sail into the heart of the scattered sea floe. You will be captivated by icebergs in dreamlike shapes as your ship takes you into the ice of the Far North. Everything comes in shades of white here and, if you watch closely, you may get a glimpse of the lord of this kingdom, the polar bear. This fascinating animal finds its food in the heart of the ice, so this is where you have more chances of spotting it. The polar light gives a shine to the ice floe that you sail along as you explore Baffin Bay, leaving you with memories of unforgettable moments.



DAY 11: Disko Bay

To the east of Baffin Bay, discover Disko Bay, scattered with countless icebergs produced by the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. From your ship, admire the majestic ballet of these ice giants as they slowly drift across the dark waters. This site is a natural marvel of Greenland, and is also renowned as an observation point for the region's many humpback whales. The encounters with wild fauna and stunning landscapes in the heart of this spectacular and fragile nature will be pure moments of wonder for you.



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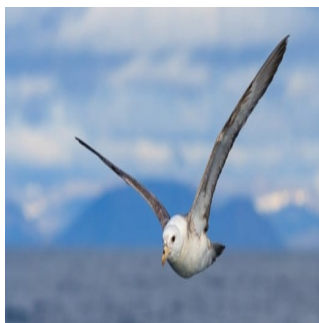
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DAY 13: Disembarkation in Nuuk

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Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Commandant Charcot
 Return Charter Flights between Paris and Nuuk on Embarkation and Disembarkation Day
 Return Group transfers between airport and pier
 Meet & greet at the airport by our local English-speaking representative.
 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 other than 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

Available upon request. A supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

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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.

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Prices are based on per person, twin share.

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.

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SEDNA Activities

Enjoy unique and exclusive experiences in the heart of the Far North curated by the polar expertise consultancy SEDNA and its founder, Nicolas Dubreuil, French explorer specialised in the polar environment and a Kullorsuaq inhabitant.

Among the activities open to all (advance booking required) :

Camp Qilalukat: Demonstration of traditional Greenlandic kayaking practices and snorkeling activities around a marine hunting camp. Introduction to kayaking, harpoon use, and snorkeling.

This activity requires a dog sled ride of more than 30 minutes from the ship. Please note that for snorkeling, an ECG (electrocardiogram) provided by your general practitioner will be required.

Camp Siku ("Ice"): Life on the ice (ice fishing and cultural sharing with fishermen) and discovery of traditional Greenlandic life on the pack ice. Experience halibut and cod fishing, seal observation, and explanations of Greenlandic techniques. Start your activity directly from the ship and travel by dog sled to various observation points with your Greenlandic guide and musher.

Camp Explorer : Introduction to autonomous polar expedition travel techniques using skis and pulkas, on the pack ice and in the mountains. After reaching the Narsuarq Peninsula by dog sled or snowmobile (approximately 20 minutes), enjoy a ski excursion with a pulka (approximately 2 hours) and take in breathtaking views over the ice desert.

Science Activities (science in service of the poles): After a dog sled or snowmobile ride of approximately 20 minutes, introduction to and participation in a scientific research camp.

Greenlandic Ice Fishing (Aalisartog): What better place than the Arctic's frozen regions to practice ice fishing? Assisted by a local guide, you will search for the ideal spot on the pack ice or frozen lakes to drill your hole and attempt to catch halibut using an ancestral method. This activity takes place near your ship.

Contemplative Dog Sled Experience: Aboard a qamutit, a traditional Greenlandic dog sled rooted in a 6,000-year-old tradition, enjoy an unforgettable ride through vast and pristine landscapes. A gentle and authentic polar immersion inviting contemplation.

Among the optional paid activities:

One night in a modern tent (capacity 2 people) on the pack ice near Camp Explorer, including an expedition-style meal in tribute to Arctic pioneers. After reaching the Narsuarq Peninsula by dog sled or snowmobile (approximately 20 minutes), enjoy skiing with a pulka (approximately 2 hours) and spend the night in a modern tent. This activity requires good skiing ability and excellent physical condition (night temperatures may drop to -30°C).

One night in a traditional tent (capacity 4 people) on the pack ice near Camp Qilalukat. Share a Greenlandic meal and enjoy convivial moments. Practice traditional Greenlandic kayaking and snorkeling activities around a marine hunting camp.

This activity requires a dog sled ride from the ship. For snorkeling, an ECG provided by your general practitioner will be required. Excellent physical health is necessary (night temperatures may drop to -30°C).

One night in the village of Kullorsuaq (single bed) inside a Greenlandic home with a local Greenlandic meal. After visiting the village, you will spend part of the evening with residents and enjoy a unique moment of conviviality through authentic exchanges. This activity may require travel by snowmobile or dog sled from the ship. The village visit involves walking on sloped and icy terrain.

One night in a Science Camp accompanied by passionate scientists, where you will take part in engaging discussions on marine biology, glaciology, and climatology. Spend the night in a modern tent with an expedition-style meal for full immersion on the pack ice. This activity requires approximately 20 minutes of travel by dog sled or snowmobile from the ship and excellent physical health (night temperatures may drop to -30°C).

*Activities subject to weather and ice conditions. The Captain and the Expedition Leader will decide from day to day on their feasibility depending on these conditions.

Price Dependent upon

Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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