



## INTRODUCTION

This voyage explores the High Arctic of Greenland at a time when spring begins to open pathways through the pack ice, allowing access to remote regions normally unreachable. You will spend time in Kullorsuaq and Siorapaluk which will allow you to meet some of the world's northernmost communities, with opportunities to observe traditional skills and learn about life in isolated Arctic settlements. As the ship enters the Nares Strait and approaches the North Water Polynya, you may witness extensive sea ice, drifting bergs and wildlife that rely on this unique ecosystem.


A highlight of this expedition is the board range of included optional activities co designed with SEDNA, which includes dog sled excursions, glacier hikes, kayaking, drysuit snorkelling, overnight experiences in Inuit tents, and expedition camps. Navigation is flexible to respect ice conditions and AECO guidelines, and onboard experts including members of The Explorers Club support learning through lectures and field interpretation. Onboard presentations and guidance from polar specialists enhance understanding of the region's ecology, culture and exploration history.

*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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### **The Explorers Club**

*The Explorers Club was founded in New York City in 1904 by a group of the world's leading explorers of the time. It is a multidisciplinary, not-for-profit organization dedicated to scientific exploration of land, sea, air, and space. It supports science research and education and has over 3,750 members around the world. In its history, the Club's members have been responsible for an illustrious series of famous firsts: first to the North Pole, first to the South Pole, first to the summit of Mount Everest, first to the deepest point in the ocean, first to the surface of the Moon. Explorers linked to the greatest discoveries, such as Neil Armstrong, Jane Goodall, Edmund Hillary, and Roald Amundsen, are among its eminent members.*

*The alliance with The Explorers Club offers a truly unique experience of research and exploration. On these departures, our ship will host an esteemed member of The Explorers Club as an onboard speaker along with Explorers Club Science Grantees on select itineraries to enrich your voyage and support scientific discovery. Enjoy tales of exploration, learn about scientific research, and attend insightful lectures, all providing deeper context for your surroundings and journey.*

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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Arrive Nuuk & Embarkation

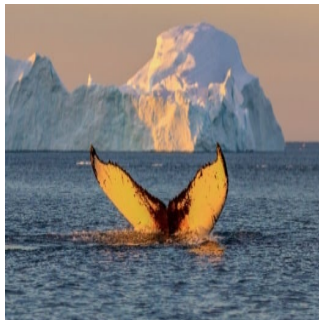
When Erik Le Rouge, the exiled Norse chief, landed on the coast of Nuuk, he found a fertile and welcoming land dotted with fjords. He settled there with a group of his former countrymen, and the Norse remained the principal inhabitants until, over a period of 500 years, their population declined and 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.



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### DAY 2: At Sea - Day 2 & 3

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 and discover together what these fascinating destinations have yet to reveal to us.



### DAY 4: Kullorsuaq - Day 4 & 5

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 6: 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.



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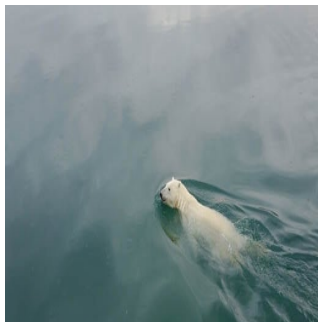
### DAY 7: Siorapaluk Region

In the heart of the Arctic, nestling at the entrance to the Robertson fjord, this region shelters Siorapaluk, the world's northernmost hamlet, home to a few dozen souls, where you will be immersed in secular Inuit traditions. In this extreme location, located above 77° N, hunting and community life set the pace of the polar year. You will set off to encounter this ancestral community and enjoy a cultural experience focused on daily life: discovering traditional hunting and fishing techniques, taking dog sled rides and going on polar hikes.



### DAY 8: Exploring the Nares Strait

A natural waterway separating northwestern Greenland from Canada, the Nares Strait runs for several hundred kilometres between the Arctic ocean and Baffin Bay. Sailing at the entrance to this endless white environment, rarely used by ships in this season, you will discover little-known panoramas and fully experience the extreme isolation of the Far North. In this icy desert where absolute silence reigns, only disturbed by the mysterious cracking of the ice floe, keep your eyes peeled! You may get a glimpse of the Lord of the Arctic, the polar bear.



### DAY 9: Exploring the Northern Polynya

Nestling between northwestern Greenland and Ellesmere Island (Canada), Pkialasorsuaq - 'the place that never freezes' - is the largest polynya in the Arctic. This area of open water remains free of ice even in the depths of winter, playing a veritable role as an oasis in the heart of the ice floe. A source of life and a strategic hunting ground for Inuit societies for thousands of years, the polynya shelters an exceptional ecosystem in which life develops quickly, nourished by the light. In the heart of this rich yet fragile Arctic sanctuary, you will perhaps be lucky enough to observe some of the emblematic polar fauna: narwhals and belugas, seals, walruses and seabirds...and, maybe, a polar bear!



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## DAY 13: Disembarkation in Nuuk

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\*Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.




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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin on board a ship
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<b>Inclusions</b>	<p><b>INCLUSIONS</b>            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 &amp; greet at the airport by our local English-speaking representative.            All meals whilst on board including snacks            Open Bar (excluding premium brands)            Room Service &amp; 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</p> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b>            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</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request. A supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please <a href="#">contact us</a> 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 Narsuaq 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 (Aalisartoq):** 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 Narsuaq 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.

**Notes**

**Price Dependent upon**

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

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