THE ARCTIC - THE GEOGRAPHIC NORTH POLE AND EXPLORATION OF NORTHERN GREENLAND 2028 | LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT



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DEPARTURE

22/09/2028

DURATION

19 Days

LOCATIONS

Svalbard, North Pole, Greenland & Iceland

INTRODUCTION

This itinerary combines one of the greatest polar milestones with the exploration of a very remote region of northern Greenland. Designed for those who want to experience just how spontaneous an Arctic expedition can be, the journey begins by pushing through the pack ice towards the Geographic North Pole before continuing to the remote northeast region of Greenland, where glaciers, fjords and rugged coastlines await.

The sense of discovery throughout this itinerary brings opportunities for wildlife encounters and off the beaten track exploration, while the late season departure offers changing light across the dramatic Arctic landscape. As with any true polar expedition, ice and weather conditions will ultimately determine the final route, making the journey unique.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Embarkation in Longyearbyen



Fly from Paris to Longyearbyen on a chartered flight this morning. We highly recommend you arrive in Paris at least one night prior. 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°F, 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. Embarkation will be around 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and departure at 6:00 pm.

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DAY 2: At Sea

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



DAY 3: Navigating through the sea ice - Day 3 to 5

Enjoy the absolutely unique experience of sailing to the heart of the ice floe, this vast expanse of virgin, immaculate ice. 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.



DAY 6: Geographic North Pole - Day 6 & 7

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 Le Commandant Charcot.



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DAY 8: Navigating through the sea ice - Day 8 & 9

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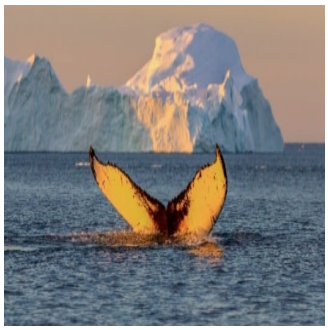
DAY 10: Peary Land

Named after the American polar explorer Peary, who led a first expedition there between 1891 and 1892, Peary Land is a peninsula located in northern Greenland. It stands out in the region for its dry, desert-like character, making it a polar area with surprisingly very little ice cover. Low mountain ranges and broad valleys create open landscapes, giving those who venture there an indescribable sense of freedom. Here, it is not uncommon to see fascinating musk oxen.



DAY 11: Sailing ice floes along Greenland

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 travel along one of the world's most isolated coasts, between drifting ice and blue icebergs.



DAY 12: Station Nord

Isolated in the far north of Greenland, Station Nord is tasked with studying climate change, monitoring the Arctic environment and safeguarding Danish interests in the region. This military and scientific base was established in 1952 to strengthen Denmark’s presence in these lands, its location making it a particularly strategic outpost for the country. It houses research facilities, staff accommodation and support infrastructure.



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DAY 13: Sailing ice floes along Greenland - Day 13 & 14

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DAY 15: Northeast Greenland National Park

With a craggy coastline formed by gigantic fjords, magnificent alpine mountains looming over them, the shores of north-east Greenland offer breathtaking landscapes and are home to the largest national park in the world. Covering an area of around one million square kilometres, almost half the island, the North-East Greenland National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, is a particularly isolated region. Cut off for many months of the year by the ice floe, it is renowned for its pristine nature and rich wildlife.



DAY 16: Exploration of Ittoqqortoormiit Region

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 17: Scoresby Sound

Covering an area of 13,700 km2 (5,290 mi2), Scoresby Sound is the largest and deepest fjord system in the world. Named after the explorer and whale hunter William Scoresby, who mapped the region in 1822, it opens onto the Greenland Sea to the north of the Blosseville Coast. This wild and desert region offers untouched panoramas of infinite beauty, with high snow-capped peaks rising tall alongside icebergs immersed in clear, blue-tinged waters. Discovering these stunning places in the wake of great explorers like Captain Charcot, who was deeply attached to the land of the Inuit, inspires a profound reverence.



DAY 18: At Sea

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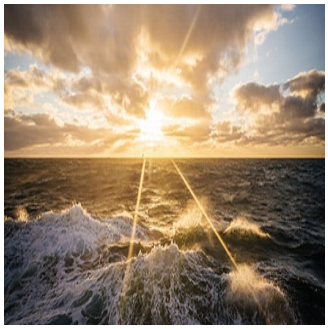

DAY 19: Disembarkation in Reykjavik

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.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board a ship
Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Commandant Charcot Flight Paris/Longyearbyen on Embarkation Day Group transfer from the airport to the pier for embarkation 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.
Notes	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. 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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Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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