THE ARCTIC - THE GEOGRAPHIC NORTH POLE 2028 | LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT



TRIP CODE

ACPO28NP

DEPARTURE

12/07/2028, 24/07/2028, 17/08/2028, 29/08/2028

DURATION

13 Days

LOCATIONS

North Pole & Svalbard

INTRODUCTION

Go to 90 degrees North! The greatest expeditions have been attempting to reach the North Pole periodically since the 16th century. This legendary destination both draws and inspires adventurers and dreamers who are looking to explore the other side of the globe.

Sailing to reach the holy grail of all adventures, â□□the end of the world.â□□ Enjoy scenery that changes constantly due to the shifting ice and light. Here, the natural world is in charge, conserving amazing species that you could be fortunate enough to encounter as your voyage goes on, such as whales, seals, and polar bears if you're lucky enough! As you make your way towards the North Pole, you will continue to explore this isolated, freezing realm!

The ice floe is continually drifting due to the winds and currents, and your ship's captain will move cautiously and humbly in an effort to reach the planet's northernmost point.

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DAY 1: Arrive Longyearbyen

Your cruise package will begin with a flight from Paris to Longyearbyen, Norway. Please note the flight duration is approximately four and a half hours. (We highly recommend you arrive in Paris the night before the flight.) 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. A unique setting, the refuge of a particularly rich avifauna, offering you the possibility of taking fabulous photographs from the deck of your ship.



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 magical 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.



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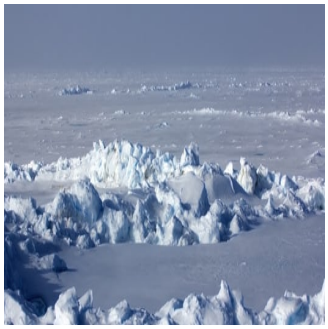
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DAY 6: Geographic North Pole - Day 6 & 7



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.

DAY 8: Navigating through the sea ice - Day 8 to 11



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DAY 11: North-West region of Spitsbergen



A kingdom of contrasts and natural marvels dotted with islands and peninsulas, northwest Spitsbergen fascinates with its preserved beauty. On these pristine lands, infinity unveils itself, treating the eyes to beauty sculpted by nature and enhanced by the changing light. The fjords bathed by icy waters, the jagged mountains and the imposing glaciers stand majestically before you, like monumental sculptures. In these lands, where souls are filled with deep serenity, only the murmur of broken ice, bearing mysteries and legends, disturbs the calmness. Aboard our Zodiacs and in the company of naturalist-guides, get as close as possible to this unique fauna and discover this centre for scientific expedition departures. In the distance, majestic whales glide silently through the glacial waters, whereas seals, walrus and Arctic foxes add a playful touch of life. As Svalbard reindeer wander the vast expanses, Arctic terns liven up the polar sky with their gracious flight and polar bears, which you may be lucky enough to see, patrol magnificently along the icy shores.

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DAY 12: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

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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/Paris for Embarkation & Disembarkation Day Return Group transfer between the airport/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)

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

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