

Greenland - Northeast Greenland's Unexplored Sea Ice | Le Commandant Charcot

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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 Blossville 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

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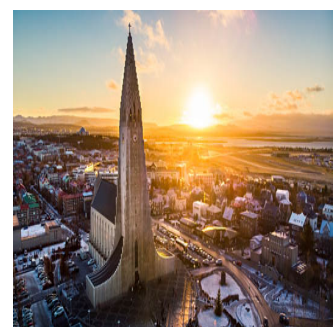
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Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive In Reykjavik & Embark

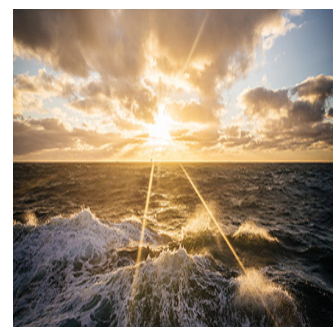
Iceland's capital stretches along the edge of a vast bay in the west of the country.

Perlan, the "Pearl of Reykjavík", a museum located on 'Oskjuhlíð 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 Skólavörðustígur 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 the Vikings 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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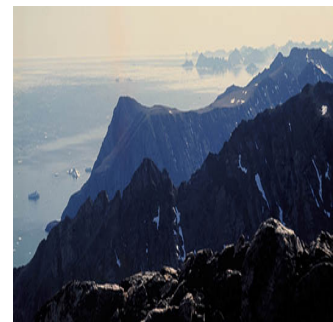
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Aboard your ship, follow in the footsteps of **Greenland & The Arctic**
Jules Parret de Blosseville, a French explorer and sailor. In 1833, he set off to discover this isolated and unexplored part of eastern Greenland aboard La Lilloise, an adventure 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.



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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

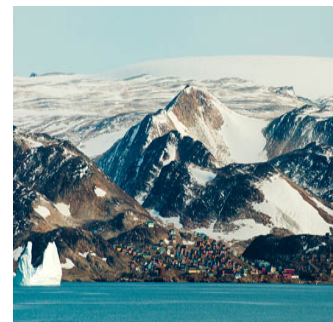
by the sounds of the dogs, the grating of a

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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Set sail for North-East Greenland to

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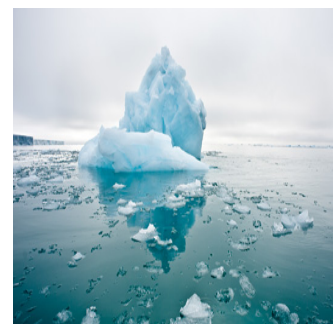
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Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin on board a ship

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

Inclusions

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.

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14/05/2026, 25/05/2027 Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins)

Duration Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

15 Days Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions

Locations Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and
Greenland & The Arctic availability.

Price Dependent upon:
Sustainability