

## **The Arctic** - Geographic North Pole & East Greenland | Le Commandant Charcot

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### Introduction

**Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime expedition to the North Pole, navigating through the ever-changing ice floes and experiencing the pristine beauty of the Arctic.**

Your journey takes you from the breathtaking landscapes of Spitsbergen to the majestic fjords of Nordaustlandet, offering encounters with diverse wildlife such as whales, walruses, seals, and polar bears, as well as the rich Inuit culture of Ittoqqortoormiit. As you sail along Greenland's icy coast, you may witness the mesmerizing Northern Lights and explore the remote Blossville Coast. You'll be immersed in the silent, icy, and stunning wilderness of one of the world's most isolated regions, creating unforgettable moments and a deep appreciation for the Arctic's unique splendor.

**With special guests Cindy Miller Hopkins, American Photo Ambassador, navigate to 90 degrees North!**

A professional travel and wildlife photographer with 25 years of experience and over 6,000 publications. Her work appears in textbooks, travel guides, calendars, fine art prints, consumer goods, and periodicals worldwide. She has traveled to over 150 countries and all seven continents through freelance, assignment, and workshop projects. Notably, she captured the only known photograph featuring five different penguin species in one frame during a 2018 campaign to protect South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. Join her workshops to capture your holiday memories with expert guidance.

*\* Please note that the 13 September 2027 departure is 18 days, one day longer than the 2026 departure. Please [Contact Us](#) for more details on the itinerary.*

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Itinerary

Duration: Fly from Paris to Longyearbyen &

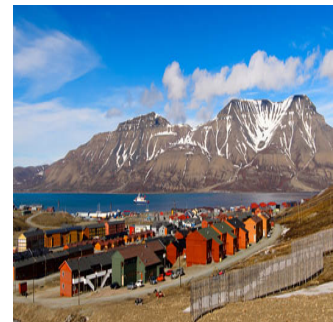
17 Days

Embarkation

Locations

Spitsbergen, Geographic North Pole, Greenland

A chartered flight will take you from Paris to Longyearbyen, where you will then embark from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and departure at around 6:00 pm. 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: South-west region of Spitsbergen

Set sail for southwest Spitsbergen, immerse yourself in this environment unlike any other and explore its unexpected riches. In this natural sanctuary, the polar light combines with the changing weather of the Arctic, a big blue sky, the horizon scattered with clouds, the enveloping mist erasing the border between the land and the sea.

Follow in the footsteps of the first explorers and admire the majestic fjords and glaciers sculpting the breathtaking landscapes, their icy waters shimmering beneath the midnight sun. The fjords, veritable cathedrals of ice, reveal their millennial secrets, while the glaciers, like sleeping giants, move slowly towards the sea, setting free sparkling icebergs. On the water, you might spot belugas and rorquals, while on the shores, seals and Arctic foxes add a touch of mystery to this living tableau, where the steep cliffs become breeding grounds for thousands of seabirds, like guillemots. Southwest Spitsbergen is an ode to nature in its rawest and purest form.



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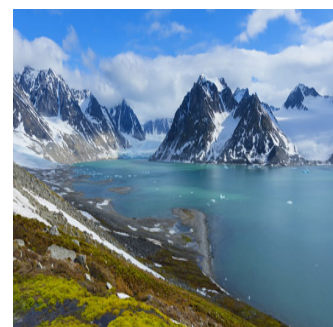
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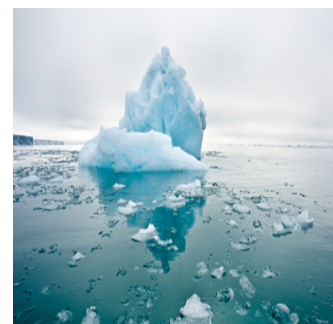
A kingdom of contrasts and natural marvels  
located with islands and peninsulas,  
Spitsbergen, Geographic North Pole, Greenland  
Northwest Spitsbergen fascinates with its

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.



DAY 4: Navigating through the ice sea - Day  
4 to 7

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  
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Defined by a 90° North latitude, the

Geographic North Pole lies on the Earth's

location in Spitsbergen, Geographic North Pole, Greenland

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

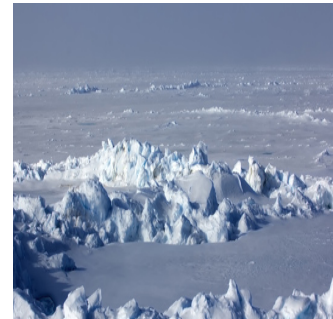
any land, has fascinated generations of

explorers. So far, only a very few people

have ever reached it: an exploit which is

now accessible to you aboard Le

Commandant Charcot.



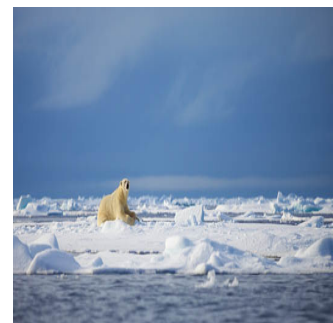
DAY 9: Navigating through the ice sea - Day  
9 to 11

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DAY 12: 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.



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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

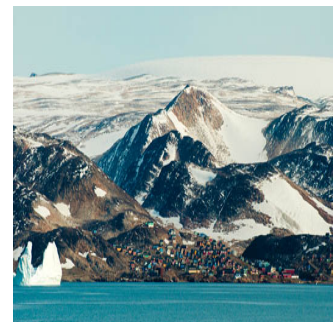
by the sounds of the dogs, the grating of a

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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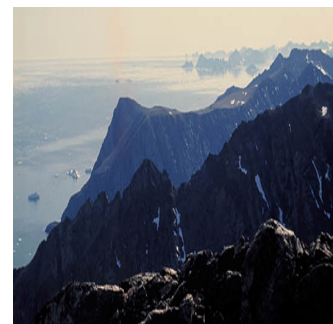
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Aboard your ship, follow in the footsteps of Jules Petet de Blosseville, a French explorer and sailor. In 1893, he set off to discover

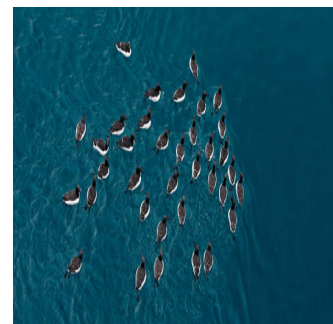
This isolated and unexplored part of eastern Greenland aboard La Lilloise, an adventure with a fatal outcome. The uninhabited territory that bears his name lies to the south of Scoresby Sound. Surrounded by ice, icebergs and pack ice - thin or thick, flat or pronounced - as far as the eye can see, Blosseville 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.



### DAY 16: At Sea

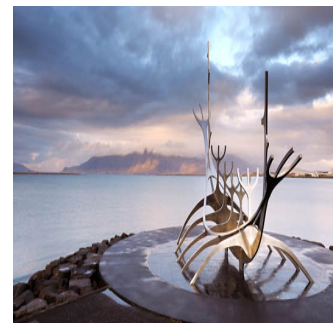
Spend exceptional moments sailing aboard Le Commandant Charcot, the world's first luxury polar exploration vessel and the first PC2-class polar cruise ship capable of sailing into the very heart of the ice, on seas and oceans which the frozen conditions render inaccessible to ordinary ships. Le Commandant 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 and let us discover together what these fascinating destinations have yet to reveal to us.



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Arrive early in Reykjavik and disembark in Reykjavik  
 Location: Iceland's capital stretches  
 Spitsbergen, Geographic North Pole, Greenland  
 Along the edge of a vast bay in the west of  
 the country. Perlan, the "Pearl of  
 Reykjavik", 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.



**Inclusions & Details**

**Accommodation**

Cabin on board a ship

**INCLUSIONS**

- Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Commandant Charcot
- Flight Paris/Longyearbyen on Embarkation Day
- Group transfer from 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

**Inclusions**

**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

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Difficulty Rating	2
Duration	17 Days
Single Surcharge	Available upon request. A supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please <a href="#">contact us</a> for more information.
Locations	Spitsbergen, Geographic North Pole, Greenland One way economy flight from Paris to Longyearbyen is included in cruise cost. We highly recommend to arrange at least one night in Paris prior to departure.
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.  <i>* Please note that the 13 September 2027 departure is 18 days, one day longer than the 2026 departure. Please <a href="#">Contact Us</a> for more details on the itinerary.</i>
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.
Sustainability	