

The Arctic - The Geographic North Pole & East Greenland 2027 | Le Commandant Charcot

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Introduction

Go for 90 degrees North and push the limits of navigation! You will gradually make your way into the centre of the ice floe in pursuit of the Geographic North Pole aboard Le Commandant Charcot, the unique vessel that can rise to the occasion. On the trip north, Eastern Greenland will show off its magnificent fjords, Inuit customs, and possibly even the stunning Northern Lights before arriving at the Holy Grail of all polar explorers - the North Pole. On the way back, you will sail along Spitsbergen, Europe's largest ice cap and the remote country of polar bears. This is a unique journey through the unspoiled magnificence of the world's peripheries.

This expedition also runs in reverse. Please contact Chimu Adventures for dates, availability and cabin prices.

Itinerary

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10/07/2027 Arrive Reykjavik

Duration

18 Days

Location

Spitsbergen, Geographic North Pole, Greenland

Spitsbergen, 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

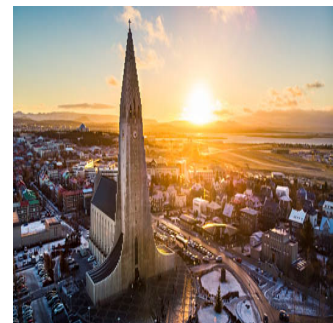
just outside of the city, visitors have the

opportunity to visit the Reykjanes peninsula

and its famous thermal lagoons of the Blue

Lagoon. Embarkation will be around 4:00

pm to 5:00 pm and departure at 6:00 pm.



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

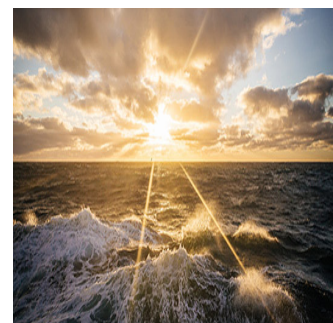
specialists to learn more about the poles.

Participate in furthering scientific research

with PONANT and let us discover together

what these fascinating destinations have yet

to reveal to us.



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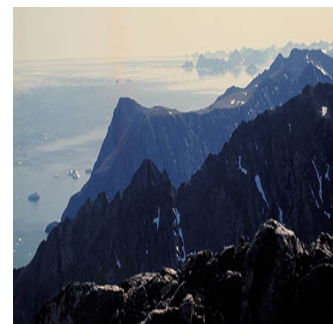
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Locations
Spitsbergen, Geographic North Pole, Greenland
and more. In 1893, he set off to discover

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.



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DAY 4: Ittoqqortoormiit Region - Day 4 & 5

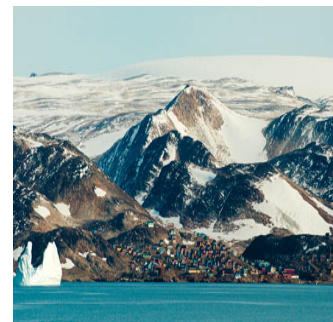
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On the East coast of Greenland, in the Ittoqqortoormiit region that is covered with snow and ice for nine months of the year, you will have the rare opportunity of

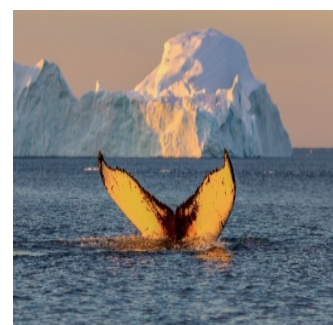
immersing yourself in the heart of an isolated territory and exploring the beauty of its infinite polar whiteness. The high alpine mountains punctuate the sky and gradually reveal their dark rock edges beneath a coat of snow. Located at the entrance to the longest system of fjords in the world, sits 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.



DAY 6: Sailing 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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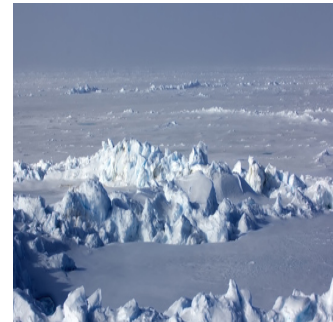
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DAY 10: The Geographic North Pole

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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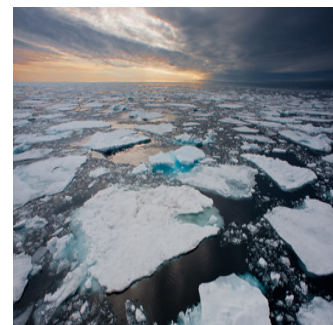
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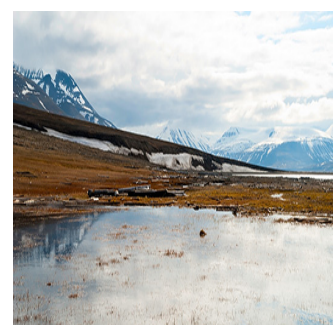
Enjoy an absolutely unique experience of Spitsbergen, Geographic North Pole, Greenland

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DAY 15: North-West Region on 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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18 Days Early morning in Longyearbyen and

disembark around 8am to fly to Paris.

Locations Spitsbergen, Geographic North Pole, Greenland

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.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin on board a ship

INCLUSIONS

Meet and greet at the port by our local English-speaking representative

Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Commandant Charcot

Group transfer from pier to airport after disembarkation

Flight Longyearbyen to Paris on Disembarkation Day

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

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.

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10/07/2027	One way flight from Longyearbyen to Paris is included in cruise cost. We highly recommend to
Duration	arrange at least one night in Paris post expedition
18 Days	Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins)
Notes	Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time
Locations	Spitsbergen, Geographic North Pole, Greenland Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.
Sustainability	