

## **The Arctic** - Disko Bay: Meeting the Inuit | Le Commandant Charcot

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### Introduction

This journey heads north from Nuuk through Baffin Bay and into Disko Bay, where spring conditions create a landscape of frozen sea, grounded icebergs and snow covered coastlines. You will have to chance to visit Inuit communities whose villages remain encircled by sea ice at this time of year, with opportunities for cultural exchange and participation in seasonal activities such as dog sledding and ice fishing. You can also expect opportunities to observe wildlife typical of the region, including seabirds and marine mammals, while navigating drifting ice and large, grounded icebergs. The voyage also features time in Qeqertarsuaq, Sisimiut and other settlements along the west coast, providing a deeper look into Greenlandic life and traditions.

The itinerary includes Zodiac outings, guided shore visits and a range of optional activities such as dog sledding, kayaking, polar hiking or snowshoeing. Time is also spent in scenic regions such as the Narsarsuaq area, Prince Christian Sound and the hot springs of Unartoq. Onboard experts deliver presentations on polar science, culture and regional ecology, and the ship's research facilities support engagement with scientific projects.

### Itinerary

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Embarkation in Nuuk

Duration

16 Days

When Erik Le Rouge, the exiled Norse chief,

landed on the coast of Nuuk, he found a

Greenland welcoming land dotted with

fjords. He settled there with a group of his

former countrymen, and the Norse

remained the principal inhabitants until,

over a period of 500 years, their population

declined and gave way to the Inuit. Nuuk is

situated at the mouth of one of the largest

networks of fjords in the world, where the

waters never freeze. The town spreads

gently out towards the Davis Strait and

enjoys an historic center that is particularly

rich in national heritage. The vivid reds,

blues, greens and yellows of the houses are

a lively contrast to the somber waters of

Greenland and serve to lift the spirits of the

locals during the Winter months.



### DAY 2: Baffin Bay Exploration - Day 2 & 3

In the icy waters of Baffin Bay, you will sail

into the heart of the scattered sea floe. You

will be captivated by icebergs in dreamlike

shapes as your ship takes you into the ice of

the Far North. Everything comes in shades

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may get a glimpse of the lord of this

kingdom, the polar bear. This fascinating

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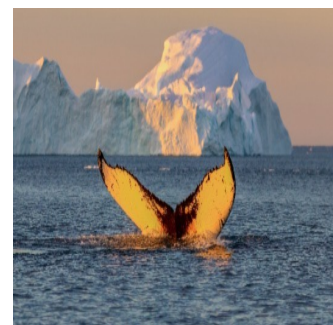
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DAY 4 - Disko Bay

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16 Days east of Baffin Bay, discover Disko

Bay, scattered with countless icebergs

produced by the Ilulissat Icefjord, a

UNESCO World Heritage Site. From your

ship, admire the majestic ballet of these ice

giants as they slowly drift across the dark

waters. This site is a natural marvel of

Greenland, and is also renowned as an

observation point for the region's many

humpback whales. The encounters with wild

fauna and stunning landscapes in the heart

of this spectacular and fragile nature will be

pure moments of wonder for you.



## DAY 5: Disko Island - Day 5 & 6

Disko Island, called Qeqertarsuaq in

Greenlandic, is one of the most spectacular

jewels of the west coast of Greenland. It is

crossed by an ice cap, which gives rise to

small coastal glaciers and to immaculately

white inland landscapes. At the end of the

winter, the island unveils a magical face,

between stretching ice, crystal-clear polar

light and frozen fjords, offering the perfect

setting for polar exploration. At this period,

the south of the island is also home to

bowhead whales, one of the rarest species

in the world, which spend the winter in

these polar waters.



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DAY 7 - Sisimiut - Day 7 & 8

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During your cruise, we invite you to discover Sisimiut, founded in 1756 and the second largest town in Greenland. This small town is typical of Greenland, boasting bewitching panoramas: here and there, colourful stilt houses dot the undulating landscape, and the small fishing port stands as the gateway to an icy realm. As for the town centre, it is home to a number of historic buildings, a small church and a museum which retraces the history of the Inuit people, as well as many craft shops. When your ship drops anchor here, you will set out to meet the locals in a typically arctic atmosphere.



## DAY 9: Baffin bay Exploration

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29/04/2027 Narsarsuaq Region

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The Narsarsuaq region is a veritable Arctic

location famous for its majestic landscapes

and its historical and cultural treasures. Fall

under the spell of the untamed power of this

region's deep fjords, between sheer cliffs

and impressive summits, during a Zodiac

cruise on the Bredefjord. You will navigate

among the icebergs with their fascinating

shapes and blue tones, or set off to explore

the neighbouring island for a total

immersion in this grandiose nature. You will

also discover the local history and culture

by visiting the remarkably well-preserved

Viking vestiges - evidence of a rich past and

a reminder that they were the first to

discover Greenland in 942 (Erik the Red) -

or the charming village of Qassiarsuk,

where you will learn more about the way of

life of local communities.



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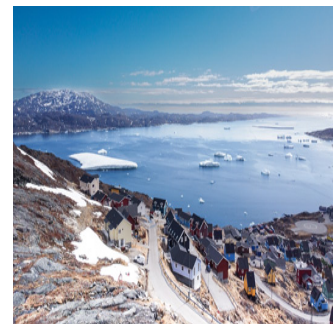
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Follow the Davis Strait currents and  
Qaqortoq, the largest town in southern  
Greenland, reveals itself in a rocky setting  
covered in immaculate white in winter and  
enchanted green in summer. From the  
moment your ship enters the fjord edging  
the town, off in the distance you will be able  
to glimpse the delightful, brightly-coloured  
houses built upon the hillsides surrounding  
this charming fishing port, the most  
southerly in Greenland. You will have the  
opportunity to wander around the streets of  
the town centre which have distinct Danish  
influences and are home to numerous  
historical buildings and landmarks, such as  
the country's famous and oldest fountain,  
topped with whales. Not far from there, you  
will also have the chance to discover the  
town's open-air fish market, where  
fishermen come to sell the day's catch. In  
the heart of Greenland's icy waters lies the  
island of Uunartoq, a harsh and wild land  
forged by the constant Arctic winds.  
Discovered in 2005 by explorer Dennis  
Schmitt, Uunartoq is an impressive island of  
sheer cliffs sculpted by the relentless waves  
and home to unexpected natural wonders.  
An icy mantle covers every part of this  
austere land, with the exception of a hidden  
cove where hot springs defy the harshness  
of the Arctic cold. Surrounded by icebergs  
and drifting glacial ice, Uunartoq offers an  
unusual activity: the chance to swim in a  
natural pool carved out of the rock. Here,  
after a polar hike, you will have the  
opportunity to shed your winter clothes,  
immerse yourself in these relaxing springs  
and let the warmth soothe each of your  
muscles as it envelops your body.



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The Prince Christian Sound natural strait is

located in the south of Greenland and

connects the Labrador Sea to the Irminger

Sea. It is home to a veritable labyrinth of

spectacularly beautiful steep fjords.

Imposing mountains, majestic glaciers and

grandiose cliffs offer a unique sailing

experience, during which you will perhaps

be lucky enough to glimpse bearded seals

relaxing on the ice. This exceptional natural

setting is also an invitation to walking and

polar hiking in the heart of striking Arctic

landscapes. Within this wild setting, the

village of Aappilattoq, founded in the 1920s,

will reveal itself. Fall under the charm of its

church in which you will hear the songs of a

welcoming choir, and discover the

traditional way of life of its inhabitants,

focused on hunting, fishing and livestock

farming. Aappilattoq (Augpilatok), is a small

Inuit village of around one hundred

inhabitants, whose name means "sea

anemone" in Greenlandic. Located in a

mountainous region inaccessible by road, its

picturesque, colourful houses stretch out to

the southern tip of Greenland, on the banks

of the spectacular Prince Christian Sound.

Some one hundred kilometres long, the

sound connects the Labrador Sea to the

Irminger Sea, meandering through stunning

landscapes such as majestic glaciers, craggy

peaks, and rocky cliffs with waterfalls fed by

the ice sheet. This region was uninhabited

in the 19th century. The village was created

in the 1920s and the main activities revolve

around hunting, fishing and livestock

farming.



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DAY 13: Kujalleq Glacier

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In the immense and mythical Greenland, in the Christian Sound region, your ship will make its way to the Kujalleq Glacier.

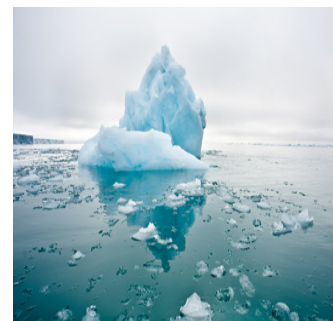
You will be captivated by this frozen tongue, in front of which dance small icebergs and a few growlers. Growler is the surprising name given to chunks of ice that are smaller fragments of an iceberg. They are either white or, more remarkably, blue-green.

Birds fly in your wake and bearded seals observe you from afar, stretched out on granite rocks. Combined with the surrounding ice, these rocks form a magical landscape that immerses you in the polar realm.



## DAY 14: At Sea - Day 14 & 15

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



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Embarkation in Reykjavik

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Iceland's capital stretches along the edge of

Location  
Reykjavik in the west of the country.

Greenland  
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. \*Please note: Cruise itinerary is

subject to change depending on weather

conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation      Cabin on board a ship

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Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Commandant Charcot  
Flight Paris to Nuuk on Embarkation Day  
Group transfer from airport to 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)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request. A supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

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.

Notes

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.

Sustainability