

The Arctic - Inuit spring of Ammassalik 11 Day | Le Commandant Charcot

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Introduction

This itinerary explores the Ammassalik and Blosseville regions on Greenland's east coast, an area only accessible in spring due to heavy fast ice. Visit isolated Inuit communities where colourful houses stand out against the snow covered landscape, with opportunities to learn about spring traditions such as dog sled hunting and seasonal ice based activities. As some of the first visitors of the season, you are welcomed into villages for cultural exchanges that highlight daily life, local customs and the importance of the changing ice. Wildlife viewing opportunities vary with ice and weather, with chances to see eiders, cetaceans and polar bears.

The voyage includes Zodiac outings, kayaking when open water is available, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunges and optional polar treks. Time is spent navigating fjords, fast ice and hummock fields, with the ship adjusting its route daily to preserve ice conditions and ensure safe access. Onboard presentations, photography guidance and access to scientific teams enhance understanding of the region's ecology and culture.

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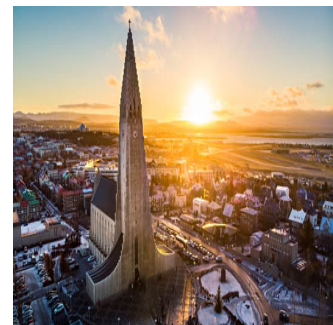
DAY 1 - Embark from Reykjavik

Duration

11 Days

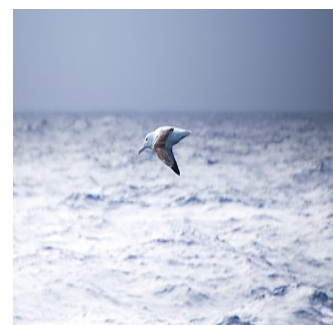
Location

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



DAY 2: Sailing through the Denmark Strait

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 while discovering together what these fascinating destinations have yet to reveal to us.



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So far relatively unknown just a century ago, the east coast of Greenland remains the most authentic and majestic region in the Arctic. Explore this part of the world where the alpine mountains merge intimately with the sea and the fjords are adorned with high, snow-capped peaks and icebergs drifting or trapped in the pack ice. You will slowly immerse yourself in the heart of frozen landscapes of surreal beauty. The infinite variety of textures in the different types of ice creates an ever-changing scenery. Follow in the wake of the famous Pourquoi Pas?, the ship of Captain Jean-Baptiste Charcot who set off with his crew in 1934 to land Paul-Émile Victor in Ammassalik. In this fjord of raw and untamed beauty, the explorer devoted his first ethnographic mission to the Ammassalimiut, a little-known Inuit community. In this deceptively frozen landscape, the silence is broken only by the sounds of dogs and the grating of sled runners against the ice. You will receive a warm welcome in villages still protected by the fast ice. You will have the opportunity to discover the Inuit culture's ancestral traditions during joyous and authentic moments shared with the communities.



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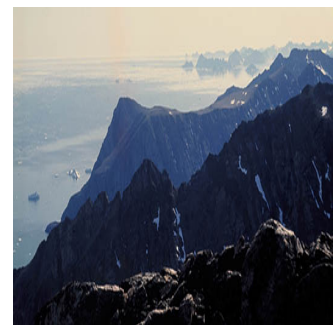
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DAY 9 - Blosseville Coast

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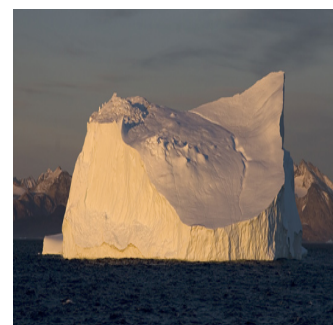
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Aboard your ship, follow in the footsteps of Jules-Pierre de Blosseville, a French explorer and sailor. In 1833, aboard La Lilloise, he set off to discover this isolated and unexplored part of eastern Greenland and gave French names to various sites on the coast. The adventure probably has an unfortunate outcome, since the crew was never found. This uninhabited territory, which now bears his name, lies to the south of Scoresby Sund. Surrounded by ice, icebergs and pieces of pack ice, Blosseville Coast is one of these wild and hard-to-reach places that very few people are lucky enough to explore.



DAY 10: Sailing through the 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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Inclusions & Details

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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
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

Nordic skiing polar trek (2 days/1 night)

Enjoy a unique and all-new experience in the heart of the Far North. Leave the cocoon of Le Commandant Charcot for two days and one night for a Nordic skiing polar trek in a small group and autonomously. In the middle of the ice floe, give yourself the possibility of total immersion in the polar nature, accompanied by your local Greenlandic guides, camping in the very heart of the vastness. During this timeless adventure, contemplation and serenity will reward your efforts, and the extraordinary experience will create moments of conviviality and sharing.*

*Optional paid-for activity, limited number of places

2 (light adventure)

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.

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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.

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