

THE ARCTIC - PONANT: EAST COAST OF GREENLAND



INTRODUCTION

Undertake an incredible 16 day National Geographic voyage to the discover the mystical East Coast of Greenland. On board the L'Austral you will find a superior level of luxury and elegance as you traverse some of the most incredible sights and scenery of the Arctic. Sailing from Kangerlussuaq, you will discover the wild, alpine landscapes of Greenland. Discover Scoresbysund, the largest fjord system in the world, encounter small Greenlander communities who still live by hunting lifestyles. Make your way to Jan Mayen Island the worlds northernmost volcanic island and encounter an amazing array of Arctic wildlife.

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16 Days

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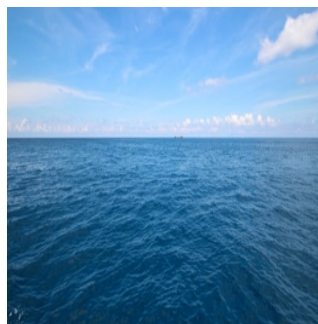
DAY 1: Embarkation in Kangerlussuaq

Flight from Paris to Kangerlussuaq is included in your cruise package and it is highly recommended to arrive in Paris the day before this flight. On arrival at Kangerlussuaq you will be met and transferred to the pier. Embarkation time is between 4.00pm and 5.00pm, at which time cabins and suites will be ready to check in to. The vessel will depart at 6.00pm. Located to the north of the Arctic Circle, this town is the starting point of magnificent discoveries surrounded by unspoiled nature. Indeed, just a few dozen kilometres from there it is possible to get close to the Greenland ice sheet, the largest body of ice in the Northern Hemisphere. From Kangerlussuaq, admire also the superb landscapes of tundra in autumnal colours, where Arctic hares, musk oxen, Arctic foxes, reindeer, falcons and eagles live.



DAY 2: At Sea

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.



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DAY 3: South Coast of Greenland

Set sail in the traces of the Norwegian explorer Erik Le Rouge by travelling along the south coast of Greenland. Your ship will head deep into the longest network of fjords in the region, the Prinz Christian Sund. This sumptuous natural canal, surrounded by craggy mountains and impressive glaciers will offer you stunning landscapes. During your journey, you will also get a glimpse of the spectacular cliffs of Akpatok, a mysterious and uninhabited island where it is not uncommon in the summertime to encounter bears, drawn by the impressive colony of thick-billed murres that have taken up residence there.



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DAY 4: Ammassalik Region - Day 4 & 5

Still almost unknown just a century ago, the east coast of Greenland remains the most authentic and majestic region. Here, the alpine mountains merge intimately with the sea, while the fjords are adorned with high snow-capped peaks and drifting icebergs. Follow in the wake of Captain Jean-Baptiste Charcot's famous ship, the Pourquoi Pas?, which set off with its crew to discover Ammassalik, a small island of primitive and wild beauty where the Inuit people chose to live. The name of this island is a reference to the capelin, a small flamboyant silver coloured fish, whose presence in the thousands announces to inhabitants the return of spring. A surprising discovery in a spectacular setting.



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DAY 6: Blosseville Coast - Day 6 & 7

Aboard your ship, follow in the footsteps of Jules Poret 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.



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DAY 8: Ittoqqortoormiit Region - Day 8 & 9

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DAY 10: Northeast Greenland National Park

With a craggy coastline formed by gigantic fjords, magnificent alpine mountains looming over them, the shores of north-east Greenland offer breathtaking landscapes and are home to the largest national park in the world. Covering an area of around one million square kilometres, almost half the island, the North-East Greenland National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, is a particularly isolated region. Cut off for many months of the year by the ice floe, it is renowned for its pristine nature and rich wildlife.



DAY 11: Ittoqqortoormiit Region - Day 11 to 12

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DAY 13: At sea

Take this time to reflect on the amazing memories you have made so far. Enjoy the various amenities on board and spend time with your fellow passengers and crew.



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DAY 14: Jan Mayen Island, Svalbard

The island of Jan Mayen, belonging to Norway, lies hidden off Greenland's coastlines, lost between the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic Ocean. This small piece of land is inhabited by only a handful of Norwegian meteorologists. Tongues of ice descend from its volcanic summit, which culminates at 2,227 metres and is covered with a thick glacial coat. These tongues join the sea, between ranges of black volcanic rocks at times tinged with red. If the sky is clement, you will have the chance to glimpse the summit, decked out in magnificent light. The visit of a small fin whale will perhaps enable you to complete this memorable picture.



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DAY 15: At sea

As you head toward Tromsø, take this last day of sailing to truly embrace and reflect on the amazing journey so far.



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DAY 16: Disembarkation in Tromsø

Disembarkation is scheduled for 7am. Upon disembarkation you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Paris. In the north of the Arctic circle you'll discover Tromsø a secluded town located in the county of Troms. Norwegians call it the "Paris of the north". You'll soon see why when you discover its extensive neoclassical architectural heritage. A stunning example is the Arctic cathedral, a major monument whose stylistic purity echoes the outline of the mountains surrounding the town.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	<p>Cabin accommodation on board L'Austral All meals whilst on board including snacks All scheduled landings and excursions Expedition jacket provided (yours to keep) Pair of expedition boots for use during your voyage Group transfer to/from pier Guiding by experienced expedition leader and team including a National Geographic Leader and Photographer All port fees All landing fees Open bar (excluding premium brands) Flight from Paris to Kangerlussuaq on embarkation day Flight from Tromso to Paris on disembarkation day</p> <p>Exclusions Airtfares from disembarkation city Visa fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Personal expenses, such as laundry, onboard communication (telephone calls, faxes and email service) Gratuities for the crew Pre or post cruise travel expenses Optional activities, refer to optional activities section for details.</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 Light Adventure
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	<p>Return charter flights from Paris are included in cruise cost. Highly recommended to arrive in Paris one day prior to commencement of itinerary.</p> <p>Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p>
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, season and availability.

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We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

You will undertake this voyage on board the L'Austral. This vessel employs the latest technology to minimise the consumption of heavy fuels, and limits the use of plastic to a minimum to preserve the serene environments in which it operates. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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