

# THE ARCTIC - GEOGRAPHIC NORTH POLE & EAST GREENLAND | LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT




## 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 Blosseville 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.

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DURATION
17 Days
LOCATIONS
Spitsbergen, Geographic North Pole, Greenland


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## DAY 1: Fly from Paris to Longyearbyen & Embarkation

A charter 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.



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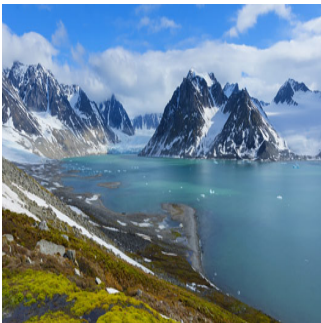
## DAY 2: At sea along Spitsbergen

The largest island in the Svalbard archipelago, its name meaning “pointed mountains” in German, Spitsbergen is the last piece of land before the Arctic ice floe. Aboard your ship, you will sail along the extremely spectacular coastline of this icy land. Between millennial glaciers and rugged mountains, you will discover a jagged coastline, hollowed-out by fjords. A unique setting, the refuge of a particularly rich avifauna, offering you the possibility of taking fabulous photographs from the deck of your ship.



## DAY 3: Magdalenefjorden, Spitsbergen

Nestling in north western Spitsbergen, Magdalena Bay is one of Svalbard’s unmissable sites. In a spectacular landscape of snow-topped Alpine mountains, deep fjords, beaches and majestic glaciers, it offers multiple opportunities for wonderment. We will not be surprised to observe whales, walruses, seals, common eiders, terns, polar bears and Arctic foxes there. The site of Gravneset, located in Magdalenafjorden, is home to the remnants of a former whaling station used during the 17th century, as well as the graves of many sailors buried here up until the end of the 18th century. Not far from here, the Gully Glacier offers a magnificent view, a delight for photographers.



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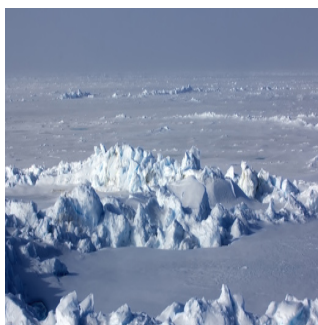
DAY 4: Navigating through the ice sea - Day 4 to 7

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 chance to experience magic maritime moments in the midst of drifting sea ice. It will also often be an opportunity to see a particular kind of fauna, totally dependent on the ice floe.



DAY 8: The Geographic North Pole - Day 7 & 8

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.



DAY 10: Navigating through the ice sea - Day 9 to 11

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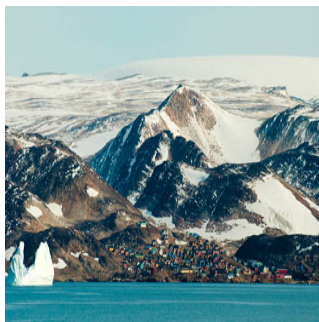
### DAY 13: Sailing ice floes along Greenland

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.



### DAY 14: Ittoqqortoormiit - Day 13 & 14

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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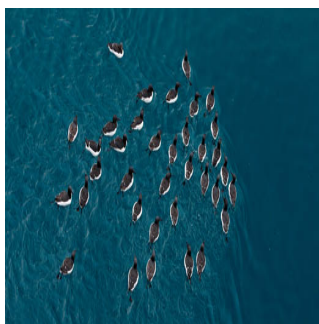
### DAY 15: Exploring the Blosseville Coast

Aboard your ship, follow in the footsteps of Jules Poret de Blosseville, a French explorer and sailor. In 1833, 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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DAY 17: Disembark in Reykjavik

Arrive early in Reykjavik and disembark around 8am. Iceland’s capital stretches along the edge of a vast bay in the west of the country. Perlan, the “Pearl of Reykjavík”, 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.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Inclusions	<b>INCLUSIONS</b> 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) All 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
	<b>EXCLUSIONS</b> 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 <a href="#">contact us</a> for more information.
Notes	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. 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.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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