



Reconnecting with Nature in the Arctic: to be scheduled now for next summer



In this very special period, our desire to escape is stronger, our need to recharge our batteries is greater and many dream of faraway places as soon as it will be possible to travel again.
Here are 3 ideas for a trip to the Far North to reconnect with nature next summer.

Kangerlussuaq, Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen, Grundarfjörður, Reykjavik... If there are emblematic and evocative place names in the Far North, they are those of Greenland, Norway and Iceland. The landscapes are spectacular: icebergs, seas of ice and volcanic reliefs stretch as far as the eye can see. Next summer, set off to discover the immensity of the polar world, the perfect opportunity to combine dreams of adventure and unique encounters in breathtaking scenery. And to ensure that you can look forward to this trip with peace of mind, PONANT's new booking policy guarantees a unique flexibility in its booking and cancellation conditions.



Following in the footsteps of the polar bears in Spitsbergen

Above 78° North, Spitsbergen appears as a land at the end of the world. The last island before the North Pole, this territory of the Svalbard archipelago reveals chiselled coasts that melt into a sea of ice. At the heart of these white landscapes, more than half of which are glaciers, and of these preserved areas, the polar bear reigns as lord over the ice floe. Your daily outings in zodiacs, accompanied by our experienced naturalist guides, will have only one objective... that of trying to catch a glimpse of the king of the Arctic!

Expedition cruise "Unexplored Svalbard"

8 days / 7 nights – Several departures between June and July 2021 | Flights from Paris included, from £7,160

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For more information: [Expedition story in the heart of the wild Arctic regions](#)



Discover the wonders of the Island of Vikings

On the edge of the Arctic, between vast glaciers, vertiginous fjords, volcanoes and boiling geysers, Iceland offers visitors an impressive range of landscapes unique in the world. Fire and ice, wind and land... The island of volcanoes is a land of extremes. From fjords to lava fields, from glaciers to black sandy beaches, from geysers to wilderness, the story of the Earth's geology is told before your very eyes. There is also a wealth of cultural heritage to explore: Icelanders are still strongly attached to their Viking architecture and legends.

Cruise "Icelandic Mosaic"

8 days / 7 nights - Several departures between July and August 2021 | from £3,550

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Dreaming as an explorer

Who has not dreamed of one day reaching the end of the world? Be among the few people in the world to reach the geographical North Pole, this mythical point covered with ice floes and located 700 km from any land. Aboard *Le Commandant-Charcot*, the first high-polar exploration vessel, hybrid electric, propelled by liquefied natural gas (LNG); the experience is intense and unforgettable. This adventure is an opportunity to experience slow navigation in the heart of the silent world of ice, to discover landscapes with unreal colours, but also to observe fauna that is particularly rich at this time of year.

Expedition cruise "The Geographic North Pole"

16 days / 15 nights - 3 departures between July and August 2021 | Flights from Paris included, from £21,140

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Ultra Serenity by PONANT: more flexibility to reassure future passengers

The new Ultra Serenity policy guarantees its future passengers a unique flexibility of its booking and cancellation conditions.

Therefore, for any new booking of a cruise scheduled to depart until 31st October 2021, guests will pay a deposit of only 10% of the cruise price to confirm their booking. They will have the possibility to cancel without charge up to 30 days before departure, at which time the final balance will be due.

In the event of cancellation, passengers will have the option of requesting a credit note on a new booking within 24 months of the original departure or a refund.

In addition, thanks to the Covid guarantee included, its passengers benefit from optimal protection. In the event of a positive Covid test within 30 days prior to departure, guests are offered a free postponement or cancellation. All payments will be fully refunded. During their cruise, in the event of a positive Covid test, a pro rata refund will be made for the days taken if the stay is not completed.

ABOUT PONANT

Created in 1988, by officers of the French Merchant Navy, PONANT has created a new style of cruising, under the French flag, through a unique conception of sea travel and a commitment to promoting sustainable and responsible tourism. Accessing exceptional territories aboard yachts featuring refined design, on which the art of living and excellent cuisine take pride of place: such is the promise of a unique and authentic PONANT voyage.

In collaboration with the IHU (Institut Hospitalo-Universitaire) Méditerranée Infection of Marseilles, one of the world's leading centres in the field of infectious diseases, and Bureau Veritas, PONANT has developed a "Covid-safe" protocol based on health standards that exceed international regulations. [Discover PONANT health protocol](#)

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**PONANT will amend the Ultra Serenity policy as necessary.*