



Le Commandant Charcot Summer 2022 sales open: the Arctic as it has never been seen before



Some adventures epitomise the very essence of the word voyage, the once in a lifetime dream fulfilled after long preparations. The odysseys of the high polar exploration ship *Le Commandant Charcot* are among them. With the launch of sales for the summer 2022 season, PONANT invites travellers who are in search of purpose and meaning to explore the Arctic's extreme latitudes. Out of this world travel experiences await, where time seems to stand still as the enchantment takes over.

Maiden voyages

Knowing the thrill of embarking on totally new routes, at a pace governed solely by Nature, the 10 sailings from April to September 2022 are odysseys in every sense of the word to discover our planet's northernmost wildernesses. The excitement of stepping foot on land only accessible to the occasional explorer, the shiver-down-the-spine thrill of sailing through the most spectacular landscapes await, as well as the chance to meet Inuit people and share in their spring traditions, the privilege of learning from Nature in all her pristine glory. To set sail for the Arctic aboard *Le Commandant Charcot* is to leave the daily grind behind and embark on a journey that offers you a whole new vision of the world.

Experiences and awakening

Opening the eyes of our guests to the rich culture and wonders of these territories embodies the PONANT philosophy. With *Le Commandant Charcot*, the company has conceived a new form of exploration best described as one of initiation, emotions and a sharing of knowledge. With 23 experts all passionate about their subjects - glaciologists, ornithologists, biologists, archaeologists - guests will discover this fascinating region through original and authentic experiences in harmony with the natural environment.

Pioneering and responsible

Le Commandant Charcot will be the first high polar exploration vessel, with hybrid propulsion and powered by LNG (liquefied natural gas), the most eco-friendly energy source available to date. The innovation driving this ship underlines PONANT's unwavering commitment to sustainable tourism as any impact on the environment is minimised. With PC2 Polar Class certification, the vessel's design incorporates all the latest green technologies, such as waste water treatment, 100% of waste recycled onboard and a ban on all single-use plastics. It symbolises the culmination of what PONANT has achieved to reduce its environmental impact and consolidate a wealth of experience and expertise gained over the last 20 years.

Original new itineraries in the heart of a white desert for guests who seek meaning and a purpose

The Geographic North Pole

Who has not dreamed of going to the ends of the earth? PONANT invites guests to push the boundaries of navigation during exceptional cruises to the geographic North Pole. At 90° North, the geographic pole is a mythical point covered in pack ice all year round and 700km from any land surface, which only a chosen few have had the chance to reach. Departing from Spitsbergen, *Le Commandant Charcot* will be sailing amidst spectacular scenery, ideal for observing the rich diversity of wildlife, to the pack ice. A slow journey then begins into the very heart of this silent world of extreme cold to have the privilege of arriving at our planet's northernmost point.

Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen - Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen

Aboard Le Commandant Charcot

16 days, 15 nights

3 sailings from July to August 2022

From €25,250 return flights from Paris included

[Find more about the cruises](#)

The Northwest Passage

For the first time, PONANT is offering a crossing to discover the remotest, most iconic navigable waterways in this legendary frozen landscape, only accessible with *Le Commandant Charcot*. This is an opportunity to relive the polar adventures led by explorers from the past into the heart of this vast labyrinth of ice-bound channels, exploring three main routes to cross the Northwest Passage.

Reykjavik - Nome

Aboard Le Commandant Charcot

25 days, 24 nights

7 September to 1st October 2022

From €31,470

[Find more about the cruise](#)

At the genesis of French polar expeditions

This highly original cruise will take guests in the wake of the great explorers who tried to approach Greenland's eastern shores, a region that long remained isolated as it was so difficult to access. For the very first time, PONANT proposes to explore Greenland in the spring, a season when there is still a thick layer of ice, yet nature relishes in the midnight sun. Guests on *Le Commandant Charcot* will have an opportunity to share in the Inuit people's spring traditions and explore the still pristine shores of Greenland's east coast, where French explorers of the past including Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Jules de Blosseville and Paul-Émile Victor once trod.

Reykjavik - Reykjavik

Aboard Le Commandant Charcot

11 days, 10 nights

30 April to 10 May 2022

From €10,120

[Find more about the cruise](#)

Discovering the Northeast Greenland National Park

On *Le Commandant Charcot*, it is possible to sail along one of the most difficult regions to access in the Far North: Greenland's northeast coast. The itinerary on this cruise offers guests an experience of a lifetime in the heart of the world's largest national park and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve: no trace of human life just alpine scenery as far as the eye can see and glaciers of extraordinary colours. In spring, the still solid and powerful pack ice holds sway over visitors who venture on to it. It is the ideal time to observe the wildlife that has made the Arctic their home. Here, the bears are kings.

Reykjavik - Reykjavik

Aboard Le Commandant Charcot

13 days, 12 nights

2 sailings in May 2022

From €12,780

[Find out about the cruises](#)

Polar Odyssey between North East Greenland and Spitsbergen

During this exceptional cruise between Greenland and Spitsbergen island, guests will be following in the footsteps of the great polar adventurers and Norwegian trappers deep into landscapes as majestic as they are unexplored. *Le Commandant Charcot* sets course for Greenland and the Scoresby Sund region, which is not accessible to most ships at this time of year, then Northwest Spitsbergen National Park. An opportunity to discover these regions in late spring when a wild and deserted landscape is still enveloped in ice.

Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen - Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen

Aboard Le Commandant Charcot

13 days, 12 nights

3 to 15 June 2022

From €13,680 return flight to Paris included

[Find more about the cruises](#)

Exploring Nordaustlandet or Polar immersion in Svalbard

PONANT is offering a choice of two cruises, nine or 11 days, to explore the remote territories north of Spitsbergen as far as North East Land island - Nordaustlandet. On the programme: stunning scenery in Kongsfjorden, then the Northwest Spitsbergen National Park, the Northeast Svalbard Nature Reserve, Kvitoya – “White Island” – and sailing through the Hinlopen Strait renowned for its basaltic islands and majestic glaciers. An unforgettable odyssey awaits, during which *Le Commandant Charcot* will reach latitude 80° North where guests will have the once in a lifetime impression that they really have arrived at the ends of the earth.

Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen - Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen

Aboard Le Commandant Charcot

2 sailings:

9 days, 8 nights from 15 to 23 June 2022

or 11 days, 10 nights from 28 June to 8 July 2022

From €11 080 return flights from Paris included

[Find more about the cruises](#)

Ultra Serenity Policy: exceptionally flexible booking conditions

PONANT has introduced an Ultra Serenity policy with the most comprehensive and appropriate conditions. For any new booking until 30 June 2021 of a cruise with an open departure, clients pay a deposit of just 25% and settle the balance 30 days before departure. They also have the option of cancelling the trip up to 30 days before departure, free of charge for whatever reason, with the full amount being credited towards another reservation within 24 months of the initial departure date.

Optimal protection is provided by the Covid-included guarantee. In the event of a positive Covid test within 30 days before sailing, clients can postpone or cancel the cruise without charge, and will receive a full refund of the amount they have paid at the time of cancellation. This also applies if the cruise cannot be operated.

For more information: [Our Ultra Serenity policy](#)

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, PONANT has developed a "Covid-safe" protocol based on health standards that exceed international regulations. For more information, visit www.ponant.com

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