



## The Arctic dream aboard *Le Commandant Charcot*: sales launched for Summer 2023



PONANT opens the sales of the cruises aboard *Le Commandant Charcot* for summer 2023, with ten departures scheduled including five exceptional, new or revisited, itineraries. Equipped with state-of-the-art green technology, *Le Commandant Charcot* is the only cruise ship in the world able to reach these remote regions in May, early spring in the Arctic, for both environmentally responsible and inspiring voyages in the heart of the ice. As the first high polar exploration ship, *Le Commandant Charcot* is hybrid-electric and powered by liquefied natural gas.

Many unique and environmentally aware experiences await the guests, such as meeting with the local Inuit communities, dog sled excursions, sea kayaking, hiking on foot or snowshoes, ice fishing, polar diving, polar swimming, and citizen science projects. Beyond the exploration, sailing aboard *Le Commandant Charcot* is a journey towards mindfulness which awakens both our senses and our curiosity.

[Find more about these cruises](#)

### Not to be missed itineraries

#### *“Encounters with the Inuit and spring traditions”*

Eastern Greenland – which conventional ships cannot reach in early spring – reveals all its mysteries in the footsteps of great explorers from Paul-Émile Victor to Jean-Baptiste Charcot. A timeless break away from it all to meet Inuit communities in the Ammassalik region. This unexplored wilderness, trapped by the ice but full of life, promises exceptional experiences getting to know the local peoples and their traditions. Further north, the Blosseville coast unveils the secret of an awesome landscape featuring alpine summits, polar caps, fjords awash with gigantic icebergs, glaciers and pack ice that is home to a wide variety of wildlife.

*Reykjavik-Reykjavik, 2 sailings from 5 to 25 May 2023, 11 days – 10 nights, with a 30% PONANT Bonus*

*From €13,310 – [Find more about this cruise](#)*

#### *“Exploring the Northeast Greenland National Park”*

During this cruise, *Le Commandant Charcot* will be exploring the world’s most extensive National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. At the heart of Greenland’s spectacular east coast, this destination is one of the remotest and least accessible in the Far North at a time when snow and ice still dominate the landscape. This is a unique opportunity to discover the unexplored Ittoqqortoormiit region with its magically coloured alpine landscapes and imposing fjords. Before returning to the Icelandic coast, *Le Commandant*

Charcot will attempt to reach the remote shores of Île de France covered by thick pack ice from the North Pole. A voyage of exploration in search of life's meaning to the frontier of the known world.

15 days – 14 nights. Two sailings:

Reykjavik – Reykjavik, 25 May to 8 June 2023

Reykjavik – Murmansk, 8 to 22 June 2023

Transfer and Murmansk/Paris flights included

From €18,630 – [Find more about this cruise](#)

#### **“The icy archipelagos of the Russian High Arctic” - NEW**

A first - for this exceptional itinerary *Le Commandant Charcot* sets sail to explore three Russian archipelagos, extraordinary jewels in the Barents and Kara Seas: Novaya Zemlya, Franz Josef archipelago and Severnaya Zemlya. A cruise that is even more exclusive as *Le Commandant Charcot* is the only cruise ship able to sail in June to these groups of islands that are trapped by ice for nine months of the year. Biodiversity sanctuaries, these little-known territories are symbols of polar history. This is an invitation to set sail on an adventure of a lifetime to see wildlife in Russia's largest nature reserve, including polar bears, walrus, seals, whales, fin whales, beluga whales, seabirds and more, as nature awakens in the Arctic early summer.

Murmansk – Tromsø, 22 June to 10 July 2023, 19 days – 18 nights, flights from and to Paris included

From €27,140 – [Find more about this cruise](#)

#### **“The Geographic North Pole”**

For centuries, the North Pole has inspired, fascinated and drawn mankind to its wilderness. During this cruise, *Le Commandant Charcot* will attempt to arrive at this northernmost point on the planet that few have managed to reach. In the footsteps of the explorers of yesteryear, this odyssey offers all the beauty of the ice with its nuances of colour and exhilarating northern lights show across 700km of submerged lands. Although frozen by the cold, there is an abundance of wildlife in this silent world where nature reigns supreme. From the Svalbard archipelago, this expedition also offers an exceptional opportunity to see polar bears, seals, ivory gulls, northern fulmars and numerous species of whales.

Tromsø – Longyearbyen, 10 to 27 July 2023, 18 days – 17 nights, flights from and to Paris included

Longyearbyen – Longyearbyen, 2 sailings from 27 July to 11 August 2023, 16 days – 15 nights, flights from and to Paris included

Longyearbyen – Reykjavik, 26 August to 10 September 2023, 16 days – 15 nights, flights from and to Paris included

From €26,760 – [Find more about this cruise](#)

#### **Pioneering and responsible**

*Le Commandant Charcot* is the first high polar exploration ship, a hybrid-electric powered by LNG (liquefied natural gas), the cleanest fuel available today. It is a major innovation that signals the company's deep commitment to sustainable tourism and to minimising the environmental impact. A ship of scientific opportunity, she is also the only cruise ship in the world to host researchers on board and provide them with dedicated work areas. With *Le Commandant Charcot*, PONANT is helping the scientific world collect data and gain new insights into the world because “we protect better what we know”.

To find out more about our booking conditions: [Our Ultra Serenity Policy](#)

#### **ABOUT PONANT**

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Founded in 1988 by French Merchant Navy officers, PONANT offers a new style of cruises under the French flag with its own concept of sea travel and commitment to promoting sustainable and responsible tourism. Centred around sailing to exceptional and unusual destinations aboard refined design yachts, where lifestyle and excellent cuisine take pride of place, the promise of a voyage with PONANT is that it will be truly unique and authentic. For more information: [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com)

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