



Le Commandant Charcot: exclusive itineraries for Summer 2024



PONANT has launched sales of its polar exploration voyages aboard *Le Commandant Charcot* for Summer 2024, bound for the Arctic. From Greenland's east coast to the Geographic North Pole, enchantment combines with adventure on these five itineraries and eight sailings, in the wake of the great polar explorers.

Designed to explore the remotest corners of the planet, *Le Commandant Charcot* is the world's only luxury icebreaker. It is the first hybrid-electric, polar exploration vessel powered by liquefied natural gas, a major innovation playing a key role in PONANT's commitment to more sustainable tourism.

Depending on the destinations, the programmes include meeting the Inuits, observing wildlife, visiting nature reserves, dog sledding, Zodiac outings and landings with a team of experienced naturalist guides, hiking, kayaking, ice fishing, polar diving, and more. [Find more about these cruises](#)

Focus on not to be missed itineraries

Inuit spring of Ammassalik

With the midnight sun lighting up a white desert, *Le Commandant Charcot* sets sail to discover a land long dreamed of by explorers, namely the Ammassalik and Blosserville regions, inaccessible to conventional ships in the spring. During this polar escape, there will be opportunities to meet the Inuits – 'human beings' in Inuktitut - and discover their ancestral traditions, like hunting on dog sledding, while enjoying their sense of hospitality which they hold dear. *Le Commandant Charcot* then sets

course for Greenland's eastern shores before crossing the Denmark Strait to reach Blosseville, a totally unexplored region due to its thick layer of ice coming directly from the North Pole. This exploration voyage takes guests into the heart of village life on the ice, with a chance of seeing blue whales, polar bears and many other endemic species.

Reykjavik – Reykjavik, on Le Commandant Charcot. 3 sailings, between 16 April and 6 May 2024. 11 days – 10 nights

From €15,190 – [Find more about this cruise](#)

Inuit spring at the edge of Scoresby Sund

From Blosseville shores to the entrance of Scoresby Sund, the world's largest network of fjords, this itinerary opens the doors to a vast frozen expanse where Nature reigns supreme. *Le Commandant Charcot* heads for colourful isolated villages where Inuits live to the rhythm of the seasons and ice, perpetuating centuries of ancestral traditions such as hunting with dog sleds. This polar exploration is a unique opportunity to share unforgettable moments on the ice with the locals and discover their traditions. Kayak and Zodiac outings offer exceptional encounters with wildlife – humpback whales, polar bears and seals – not forgetting the breathtaking landscapes of eastern Greenland.

Reykjavik – Reykjavik, on Le Commandant Charcot. 16 to 28 May 2024. 13 days – 12 nights

From €18,230 – [Find more about this cruise](#)

The Geographic North Pole

Objective: 90° North! *Le Commandant Charcot* sets forth in search of this mythical geographical point, which has long fascinated the most adventurous of explorers. From Spitsbergen, the world's only luxury icebreaker will be sailing in northern waters to the ends of the Earth, towards landscapes transformed by ice and the play of light. During this expedition, *Le Commandant Charcot* will venture in the wilderness with a chance of approaching the kings of the Arctic – polar bears. It will also be an opportunity to watch Northern fulmars in action, humpback whales and other whale species. Depending on the weather and ice conditions, PONANT's expedition teams will be offering a range of activities including kayaking, hikes on foot or snowshoes, polar diving and citizen science projects, before the ship reaches the Holy Grail of any explorer – the North Pole.

Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen – Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen on Le Commandant Charcot. 11 to 26 July 2024. 16 days – 15 nights

From €33,120 – [Find more about this cruise](#)

Northeast Greenland's unexplored sea ice

Very early in the summer, *Le Commandant Charcot* opens the way to new horizons to explore Greenland's remote untouched northeast region surrounded by ice. With humility, the exploration vessel will sail along these unspoilt shores of Blosseville, past the colourful palettes of Inuit villages in the Ittoqqortoormiit region as far as the magnificent sea ice in northeast Greenland among the icebergs, their blue-tinged undersides glimpsed beneath the dark waters. This expedition is a privileged opportunity for authentic and welcoming exchanges with the local people. Whether aboard the ship, kayak or Zodiac, *Le Commandant Charcot* offers exceptional conditions for observing the wildlife and hypnotic panoramas ranging from majestic glaciers to vast fjords and icebergs trapped by the ice.

Reykjavik – Reykjavik, on Le Commandant Charcot. 2 sailings between 28 May and 11 June 2024. 15 days – 14 nights

From €21,260 – [Find more about this cruise](#)

In the ice of the Arctic, from Greenland to Svalbard

Le Commandant Charcot will embark on this exceptional itinerary to territories beyond the Arctic Circle in the footsteps of those who discovered the poles. From northeast Greenland, inaccessible to conventional ships early in summer, the world's only luxury icebreaker sets a course for the pristine landscapes of Svalbard into one of the hardest areas to reach in the Far North. During the expedition, the Ammassalik, Blosseville and Ittoqqortoormiit regions reveal the ice in all its glorious states against immaculate backdrops. From the monumental basalt cliffs of the Hinlopen Strait to the Sørøst-Svalbard Nature Reserve with its Arctic fauna, this voyage to the northernmost lands will reveal all.

Reykjavik – Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen, on Le Commandant Charcot. 25 June to 11 July 2024. 17 days – 16 nights

From €25,530 – [Find more about this cruise](#)

ABOUT PONANT

Explore to Inspire: explore to better understand, learn, share and protect. For more than 30 years, PONANT has been committed to more responsible tourism and voyages of exploration which have meaning. The French-flagged fleet comprises 13 small capacity ships equipped with state of the art environmentally friendly equipment. With PONANT, exploration is refined, authentic and a source of inspiration. For more information www.ponant.com

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