

Photography advice from the pros to immortalise the voyage of a lifetime



PONANT welcomes three renowned photography ambassadors aboard its fleet. Specialised in wildlife in the remotest of regions, Cindy Miller Hopkins, Sue Flood and Ian Dawson will be present on nine polar expeditions, sharing their passion and invaluable tips with guests.

“I have been working in the polar regions for 25 years. It is a great privilege to visit these extremely remote destinations onboard Le Commandant Charcot. To step inside Captain Scott’s Hut, on Ross Island, or to witness emperor penguins on a remote ice floe are memories which will last a lifetime”, says Sue Flood from *Le Commandant Charcot* where she has just completed a recent semi-circumnavigation of the Antarctic. *“Capturing the essence of a polar bear deep on the Arctic sea ice or being warmly welcomed into the heart of the remotest communities on the planets is a humbling experience and a honour to photograph”,* adds Ian Dawson.

What is the first lesson these PONANT photo ambassadors impart to guests? Take time to immerse them in a place. They will share their secrets for working in the cold, and learning how to achieve the best results from guest’s equipment to immortalise a special moment, but also tips on creativity and composition. Cindy, Sue and Ian will help guests take home a portfolio of images they will be proud of.

“Photography is about translating our way of seeing the world. Helping guests explore their full creative potential is a really fulfilling part of my role as photo ambassador”, explains Cindy Miller Hopkins.

As well as workshops and lectures, there will be exclusive one-to-one sessions for guests, offering them plenty of opportunities to practice and develop their talent in exceptional conditions.

Sue Flood: Poles adventurer



For over 25 years, Sue Flood has crisscrossed the Arctic and Antarctic during her many visits both as a producer, and filmmaker with the BBC's Natural History Unit, and more recently as a freelance photographer. She has received numerous awards and recognition for her photography culminating in an invitation to meet Her Majesty the queen. Sue is one of the few professional women photographers who returns again and again to these most demanding of regions. Her latest book, *Emperor - The Perfect Penguin*, prefaced by Sir Michael Palin, is a dedication of 200+ shots to emperor penguins - her favourite species.

Cindy Miller Hopkins: 150 visas so far



For 25 years, professional photographer Cindy Miller Hopkins has been roaming the seven continents and the seas surrounding them. With her lens she has captured treasures from more than 150 countries. Her photo taken in 2018 of five penguin species in one frame is thought to be the only one like it in the world. And with over 6,000 others published, her photos have appeared in fine art prints, magazines and journals, as well as textbooks, travel brochures, calendars and consumer products.

Ian Dawson: on the world's peaks



Ian Dawson is an award winning photographer, filmmaker and mountain guide. A fine art graduate. Ian has spent most of his career in the British media as a photo-journalist and Picture Editor with several national newspapers. He has covered conflict, travel, the Royal Family and celebrities of stage and screen across the globe. Ian is a member of the Alpine Club, the Guild of Picture Editors and Scottish Mountain Rescue. He was recently awarded the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal in 2022. But what really drives him is his passion for the remotest regions of the planet.

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Focus on two unique voyages:

The Geographic North Pole

From Spitsbergen, the ship heads north across seas to the ends of the Earth, towards landscapes that are constantly changing depending on the ice and light. The goal: trying to reach the North Pole. Since the 16th century, this legendary geographic point has been the Holy Grail for many of the great expeditions, an inspiration that draws dreamers and conquerors seeking to find the world's end. And what if *Le Commandant Charcot* succeeded in this quest to reach and perhaps even set foot on this point which is almost beyond reach?

Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen – Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen, on Le Commandant Charcot. Two departures, on 11 and 26 August 2023, 16 days – 15 nights on board.

From €31,815, Paris-Longyearbyen flights included – [Find more about these voyages](#)

The Northwest Passage

Le Commandant Charcot will explore the expanse of the Arctic world during a polar odyssey from Iceland to Alaska, via the mythical Northwest passage. The Hudson Strait, Foxe Basin and Hecla Strait, all legendary names, follow one another, with the privilege of sailing along Greenland. On their route, guests will visit an Inuit village and witness Banks Island, famous for the wreck of *HMS Investigator* and for its National Park with its abundant fauna. Beyond the Arctic Circle, senses will further be ignited as the sight of the glistening ice floes, blue-tinged glaciers, rugged mountain chains and rolling tundra captivate.

Reykjavik – Nome, Alaska, on Le Commandant Charcot. 11 September to 5 October 2023, 25 days – 24 nights on board.

From €38,190, Nome-Seattle flight included – [Find more about this voyage](#)

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Explore to Inspire: explore to better understand, learn, share and protect. For 35 years, PONANT has been committed to more responsible tourism and voyages of exploration which have meaning. The French-flagged fleet comprises 13 small 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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