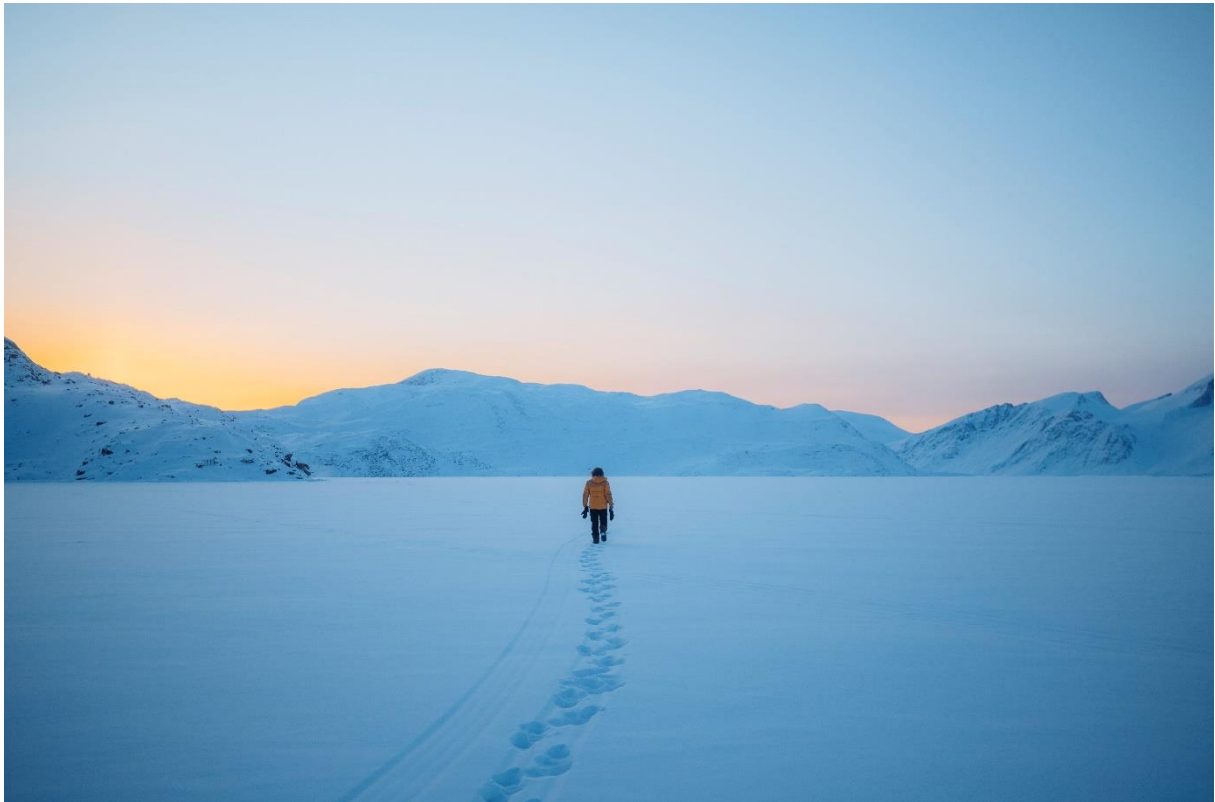




In Greenland Behind the Scenes of a Once in a Lifetime Human Adventure



This timeless journey will become a reality for guests on *Le Commandant Charcot* in 2025, as PONANT teams ventured on a full immersion scouting trip to Greenland's ice sheet with hunters from the Inuit community. Unforgettable encounters with local people and sharing how they live await.

March 2024, Kullorsuaq, northwest Greenland. A thousand kilometers north of the Arctic Circle. Feels like temperature: -30°C. Snow covers the colourful houses of this small traditional Inuit village surrounded by sea ice. In the dim light of a polar day, the dogs wait patiently as men from the community finish loading the sleds. **José Sarica**, Expedition Experience Director, and **Mathieu Tsingrilaras**, Staff Captain on the PONANT fleet, have joined **Nicolas Dubreuil**, French polar expert and founder of the polar consulting company **SEDNA for an unprecedented scouting expedition in Greenland**. The goal is to co-create new polar activities in immersion with those known as "*the last guardians of the pole*" at the beginning of the Arctic spring. A human adventure that is all about sharing, exchange and listening

Immersive Experiences in an Ancestral Culture

Engaging with the local population to implement the activities they wish to offer to the guests was at the heart of this scouting trip. This has only been possible due to the mutual trust built up over the years between PONANT teams and the inhabitants of Kullorsuaq, thanks to Nicolas Dubreuil, who lives part of the year in this area and brought the first PONANT ships there over 10 years ago; his bonds of friendship with the Inuit community are the gateway to the polar world.



Kullorsuaq inhabitants are motivated by a desire to share what their daily lives are really like, far from the tourist clichés. They want to show guests how it is to live in these vast white open spaces. The secret of the masters of these places: humility – always acting in harmony with the surrounding nature, never in spite of it.

More than a Voyage this is a Human Adventure

This new itinerary exclusive to PONANT is for travelers eager to engage in human interaction with local communities. Immersed in a magnificent environment, where anyone can quickly lose their bearings, the full meaning of solidarity comes into its own. The environment demands humility, just as the Inuit's ancestral culture commands respect. For this is a rite of passage, an initiation, in the company of the last hunters of the North Pole.

“If there is one word to remember from this voyage, it’s ‘Imaqa’. It’s the notion that Inuits express with a gesture that seems to mean ‘maybe’ or ‘just let things happen, let nature be your guide’”.

José Sarica, Expedition Experience Director at PONANT



PONANT Polar Expertise

PONANT ships have been sailing to Arctic polar regions for decades. *Le Commandant Charcot*, the world's only luxury icebreaker, allows the company to push the limits of ice navigation in all seasons.



“Local Inuit hunters gave us invaluable information that helped us scout the area before we sailed it. They shared some really crucial information, for example about the key currents and where the first-year sea ice and intact icebergs are located.”

Mathieu Tsingrilas, Staff Captain on the PONANT fleet



Nicolas Dubreuil, French polar expert, founder of consulting company SEDNA and member of the Kullorsuaq Inuit community

This exceptional new PONANT exploration alternates sailing through ice amidst stunning scenery, immersive experiences in the polar environment and meeting local people during a four-day port of call in Kullorsuaq. On the programme: taking part in villagers' activities, dog-sled rides, traditional Inuit kayak outings, snowshoe hikes, spending a night with local people, a polar trek staying overnight in expedition tents on the ice, snorkeling through the ice wearing a wetsuit, scientific camp, Arctic wildlife watching, a polar trek on the ice with the hunters, or the ultimate adventure, a night in an Inuit tent with the last guardians of the North Pole to discover *Nunanutaat*, unexplored areas several hours away by dog sled.

Encounter with the Last Guardians of the North Pole

Nuuk-Nuuk, on Le Commandant Charcot. 5 to 17 April 2025, 13 days – 12 nights on board.

From €19,560 per person. [Find more about this voyage](#)

Full Immersion During a Scouting Trip to Kullorsuaq



ABOUT PONANT

Explore to Inspire: explore to better understand, learn, share and protect. PONANT has been committed to more responsible tourism, and purposeful voyages of exploration for 35 years. Aboard a fleet of 13 French-flagged small ships, fitted with the latest environmental technologies, the journey of exploration is always elegant, authentic and inspiring. For more information www.ponant.com

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