



LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

EXPLORATION. KNOWLEDGE. SHARING.

In 2023, experience an inspiring approach to the poles. The North, the South: with *Le Commandant Charcot* offering the freedom to sail all around these remote regions, and the crews equipped with the expertise required to deal with the weather and conditions, the possibilities are virtually endless.

Odysseys such as these, undertaken in the company of experts and scientists, offer an experience imbued with an aura of the "extra-ordinary". All that's required is the soul of an adventurer, the thrill of fleeting moments, the desire to pass the frontier between the known world and a world of pure discovery. And it is to this world, a world in which nature reigns supreme yet tolerates our presence, that we invite you.



The alternative polar adventure

RESPONSIBLE BY DESIGN

Le Commandant Charcot, born out of a seafaring spirit and the desire to be part of the pioneers that have driven PONANT since its creation, harnesses a multitude of technologies aimed at limiting our impact on the environments we visit. As the first hybrid electric-liquefied natural gas polar exploration ship, she combines energy recycling and controlled consumption, electrical quay connections, waste reduction and elimination of single-use plastics.

AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD POLAR EXPERIENCE

The outdoor Blue Lagoon, heated thanks to energy recovery, along with the heated indoor swimming pool, the snow cabin, the detox bar, the Cigar Lounge and the all-round outdoor promenade deck: these unique spaces provide total connection with the outdoor settings. In terms of gastronomy, the iconic signature dishes of Alain Ducasse are the finishing touch to a menu specially designed by the multi-starred Michelin chef.

POLAR EXPERTISE

All the teams of captains, officers, expedition leaders and naturalist guides have in-depth knowledge of the poles, their associated hazards and the attention needed to ensure safety. That means complete peace of mind for our guests, with an expedition team made up of 19 to 23 experts offering unique support on our polar cruises. In addition to this we have scientists on-board. We offer them a place to conduct their research in these key environments as part of the PONANT Science project.

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Le Commandant Charcot

Science on board

True to our commitment to a more responsible tourism, we support scientific research through the PONANT Science project. *Le Commandant Charcot* thus has two laboratories (wet and dry) available to researchers whose work focuses on the oceans, the environment and climate change. Hugues Decamus, chief mechanic, supported by Daniel Cron, scientific coordinator, are in charge of the smooth running of these operations.

What are your roles on board?

Hugues Decamus: The chief engineer is the ship's maintenance manager, so the engines obviously, as well as the plumbing, air conditioning, production of electricity and water, waste treatment, etc. But also, aboard *Le Commandant Charcot*, the science.

Daniel Cron: I take care of all the scientific equipment acquired by PONANT and which is in operation on *Le Commandant Charcot*, mainly those of continuous measurements. For example, we constantly pump water under the hull when we sail in order to measure its salinity, temperature, etc. I also look after the scientific teams, who generally embark with a specific problem to examine. I help them install all the necessary equipment so that it is immediately operational. What we achieve is very much quality based. We receive only four researchers per session. That means I can pay special attention to their needs, and arrange as many outings as possible for samples. The term 'ship of opportunity' is very appropriate: we don't have a science ship, but we perform real science.

What advantage does *Le Commandant Charcot* offer these scientists?

Hugues Decamus: Currently there is no French scientific vessel capable of going that far into the ice. *Le Commandant Charcot* is the only one. We therefore have here an exploration ship that embraces the spirit of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, disseminating knowledge and sharing it with the scientific community through open data, and also with the guests. In addition, we can perform measurements that are impossible for other vessels. The big advantage of this ship is that we undertake regular voyages, so we can carry out the same measurements repeatedly.

Daniel Cron: We are, in effect, the only ones to return to basically the same places. Scientists like this because they can gather statistics over long periods of time and thus discern trends. They are also interested in going to places where few people go, and where they have never been, in terms of geography and times of the year.

Who are the scientists on board and how are they chosen?

Daniel Cron: They work for laboratories, universities and international institutes, such as the Alfred Wegener Institute (German polar institute), the CNRS, the Ifremer... Americans and Canadians are also very interested.

Hugues Decamus: We wanted to remain neutral in the selection process. We therefore launched a call for projects via a platform that brings together both international scientists with very varied specialties and the means that can serve various scientific opportunities. Twelve candidates were selected. In the face of this success, we are fully booked for the upcoming seasons.



“When guests book a PONANT cruise, they are taking part in the advancement of science. Part of the profits will be used to purchase scientific equipment and allow researchers to work on board. Guests will themselves have access to this knowledge. They are patrons. Here, we are moving into the realms of an important ecotourism system.”

Hugues Decamus



THE ANTARCTIC

Walk in the footsteps of explorers whose names are synonymous with the history of polar navigation. Weddell Sea, Bellingshausen Sea, Amundsen Sea, Ross Sea, Charcot Island...

Along the way, the landscapes and major locations that bear their names remind us of this quest for the absolute, dotted with encounters with intriguing local fauna.



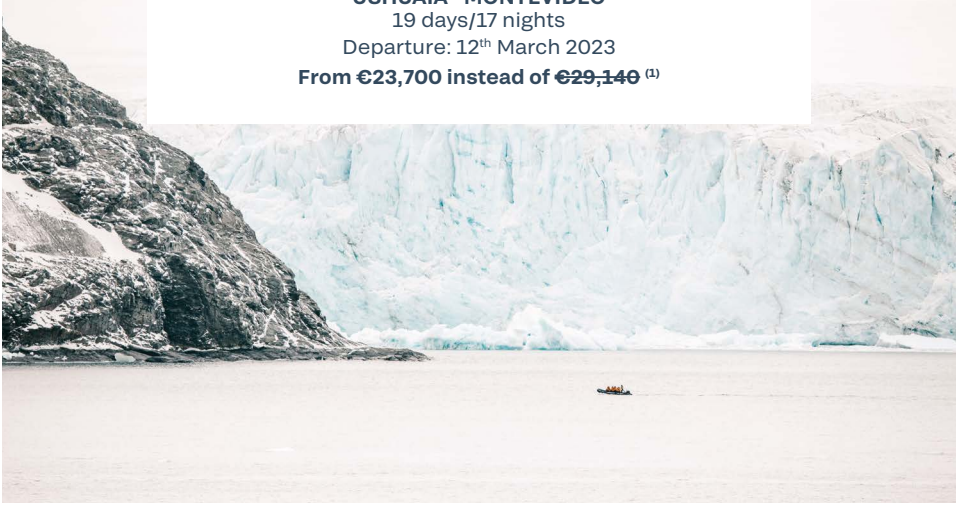
In the footsteps of Shackleton and the *Endurance*

USHUAIA • MONTEVIDEO

19 days/17 nights

Departure: 12th March 2023

From €23,700 instead of €29,140 ⁽¹⁾



In the footsteps of the legendary odyssey of the *Endurance* led by the famous Sir Ernest Shackleton, you too can embark on a polar exploration from the Weddell Sea to the Antarctic Peninsula, passing through the archipelago of South Shetland and South Orkney, to the fabulous South Georgia.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Live the exceptional: sail to the distant waters of the Weddell Sea and its tabular icebergs, the South Orkney Islands with their impressive glaciers, and the king penguin colonies of South Georgia.

The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.

Landscapes: drifting icebergs, ice floe, snow-capped mountains, alpine landscapes, black-sand beaches and suspended glaciers.

Wildlife: humpback whales, leopard, crabeater and Weddell seals, king penguins, elephant and fur seals.

Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge without suit, polar swim with drysuit, participative science.



INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISE:

The flight Santiago/Ushuaia

1 night's accommodation in a 5* hotel in Santiago the day before embarkation

Transfers before and on the day of embarkation

Unexplored Antarctica between two continents

Exceptional sailing in icy waters

USHUAIA • LYTTTELTON

30 days/28 nights

Departure: 16th January 2023

From €44,890 instead of €52,350 ⁽¹⁾



Charcot, Bellingshausen, Dean, Fisher, Ross, Amundsen... Follow in the tracks of the great Antarctic names as part of a unique and unparalleled polar adventure extending from the extreme south of the American continent to New Zealand. Explore these territories, some of the least known and remotest on our planet, with respect and humility.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Live the exceptional: a semi-circumnavigation of the Antarctic, lying between two continents at the limits of the known world, complete with sections of sailing through the icy waters of three legendary southern seas: Bellingshausen, Amundsen and Ross.

The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.

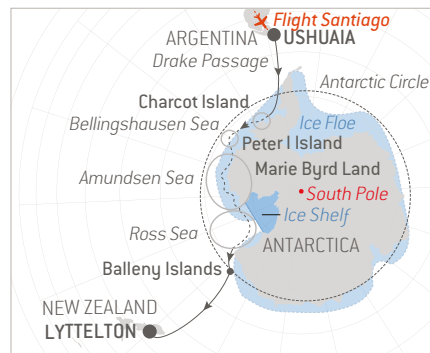
The exploratory approach to some of the least known islands in the world: Charcot Island, Peter I Island and the Marie Byrd Land Islands.

Discover the Bay of Whales, a natural harbour that served as a base for Roald Amundsen's victorious expedition in 1911.

Landscapes: ice shelves, including that of Ross, surrealist glaciers, monumental icebergs, immersion in the heart of the ice floe.

Wildlife: crabeater seals, leopard seals, Weddell seals, humpback whales, orcas, royal penguin, king penguins and Adélie penguins.

Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge without suit, polar swim with drysuit, participative science.



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From Dumont d'Urville to Mawson: retracing heroic age expeditions

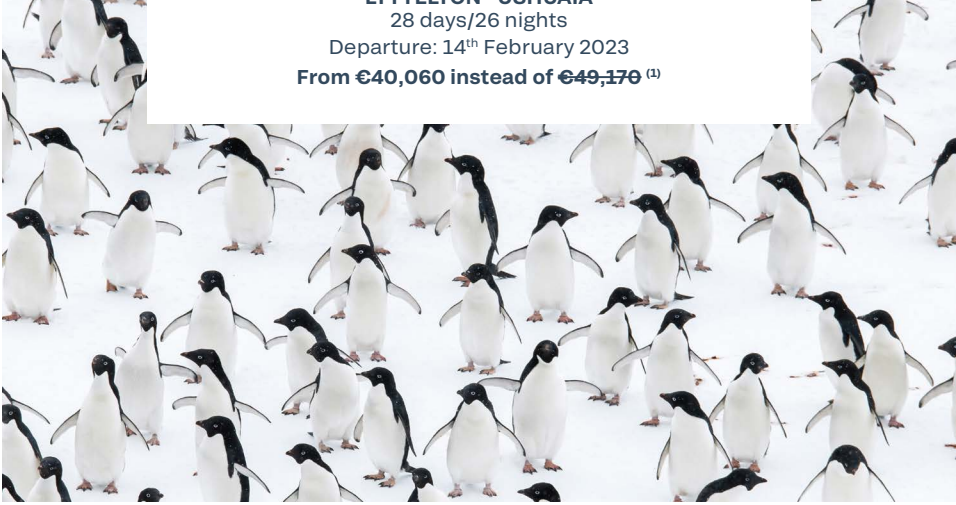
A feat of navigation between two continents

LYTTELTON · USHUAIA

28 days/26 nights

Departure: 14th February 2023

From €40,060 instead of ~~€49,170~~ ⁽¹⁾



From the shores of New Zealand to Ushuaia, embark on an epic polar journey between two continents. This polar odyssey to the ends of the earth follows the path of the first Antarctica discoverers and heightens our awareness of all the riches of a journey dictated by the nuances of the ice.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Live the exceptional: a semi-circumnavigation of the Antarctic, taking in Macquarie Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a unique breeding ground for four species of penguins, and featuring a crossing of the five southern seas.

The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.

The exploratory approach of Adélie Land, to the Dumont d'Urville scientific station and the discovery of Victoria Land.

The exploratory approach to some of the least known islands in the world: Charcot Island, Peter I Island and the Marie Byrd Land Islands.

Landscapes: ice shelves, surrealist glaciers, monumental icebergs, immersion in the heart of the ice floe.

Wildlife: crabeater seals, leopard seals, Weddell seals, humpback whales, orcas, royal penguins, king penguins and Adélie penguins.

Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge without suit, polar swim with drysuit, participative science.



INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISE:

The return flight Ushuaia/Santiago
Transfer from the port to the airport on the day of disembarkation

THE ARCTIC

Go in search of the Geographic North Pole, reach the wild coasts of Greenland, the lonely shores of Svalbard or follow the greatest dreams of adventure in the Northwest Passage, and meet the peoples of this isolated Great North, with its extreme living conditions.



The Geographic North Pole

LONGYEARBYEN • LONGYEARBYEN

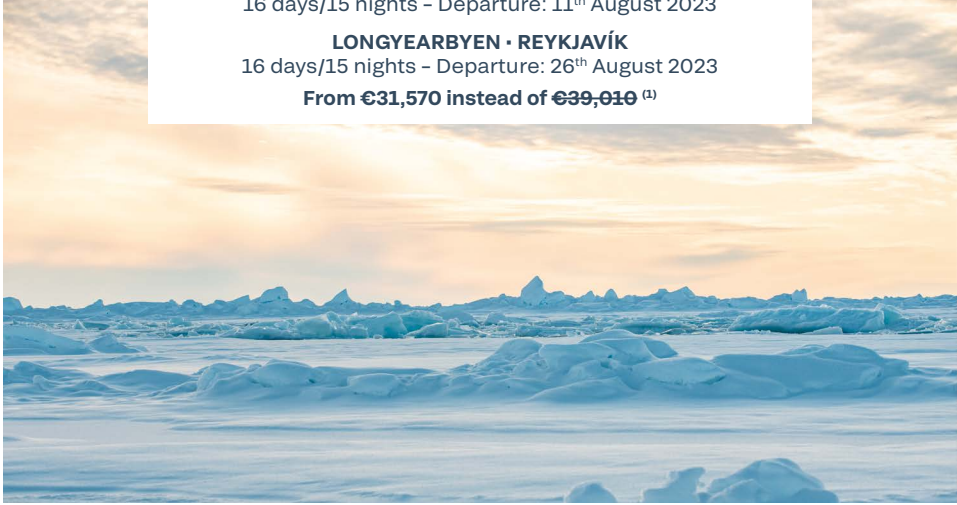
18 days/17 nights - Departure: 10th July 2023

16 days/15 nights - Departure: 11th August 2023

LONGYEARBYEN • REYKJAVÍK

16 days/15 nights - Departure: 26th August 2023

From €31,570 instead of €39,010 ⁽¹⁾



Destination 90° North! The North Pole inspires, fascinates and attracts. Seven hundred kilometres from the nearest land, this mythical elsewhere holds a magnetic attraction. And why couldn't it be you on this absolute quest for adventure? Dream of yourself - perhaps - treading this location almost beyond reach.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Live the exceptional: the supreme pleasure of being one of the rare people to depart on a quest to reach the North Pole, which has inspired the dreams of some of the world's greatest explorers.

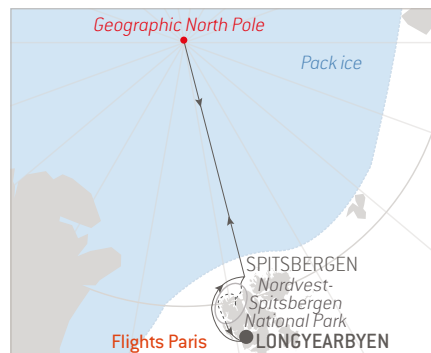
The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.

The ice floe in all its states, in perpetual movement.

Landscapes: ice floes; in Spitsbergen: jagged mountains, icebergs, ice caps, steep-sided valleys, sheer cliffs, huge glaciers.

Wildlife: polar bears, walrus, Arctic foxes, Svalbard reindeer, northern fulmars, ivory gulls, seals, whales, sea birds.

Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, ice fishing, polar plunge, ice floating, participative science.



26th August departure: one-way flight and transfer only.

10th July departure: three days devoted to the discovery of the Nordvest-Spitsbergen National Park, a former home to whalers and territory that bore witness to the first expeditions towards the North Pole.

INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISE:

Return flights Paris/Longyearbyen

Transfers between the airport and the port

The Northwest Passage

REYKJAVÍK · NOME, ALASKA
25 days/24 nights
Departure: 11th September 2023
From €37,860 instead of €46,700 ⁽¹⁾



Explore the vastness of the Arctic world during a very special polar odyssey between Iceland and Alaska, through the mythical Northwest Passage. Hudson, Fury and Hecla Straits and Foxe Basin, the legendary names follow one after the other and take you to the heart of the most mythical sagas of polar history, just like modern-day explorers.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Live the exceptional: more than three weeks in which to sail the route of this legendary corridor of the Far North, with time to properly appreciate all the riches it has to offer along the way: peoples, wildlife, famous and well-known ports of call, etc.

The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.

Navigation in Foxe Basin, blocked by ice for much of the year.

Visit a traditional Inuit village at the entrance to the Fury and Hecla Strait.

Exploration of the Aulavik National Park, with the largest concentration of musk oxen in the world.

Landscapes: icy channels, fjords, vast expanses of ice floe, myriads of jagged islands, blue-toned glaciers, mountain chains, expanses of tundra, vertiginous walls.

Wildlife: Arctic foxes, sea birds, belugas, bowhead whales, walrus and the possibility of seeing polar bears.

Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, ice fishing, polar plunge, ice floating, participative science.



INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISE:

Return flight Nome/Seattle

Transfer from the port to the airport on the day of disembarkation

Encounters with the Inuit and spring traditions

REYKJAVÍK · REYKJAVÍK
11 days/10 nights
Departures: 5th and 15th May 2023
From €15,140 instead of €18,800 ⁽¹⁾



The wild east coast of Greenland is protected by sea ice and is inaccessible to traditional ships in this season. Reaching it allows you to form special memories with its inhabitants. The relevance of French polar expeditions also becomes tangible and adds depth and meaning to this exceptional trip. You follow in the footsteps of the illustrious Jules de Blosseville, Jean-Baptiste Charcot and Paul-Émile Victor.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Live the exceptional: meet the Inuit people, sharing unique moments with them and discovering their traditions, and experience the magic of a trip by dog sled in springtime, when the region is inaccessible to traditional ships.

The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.

The Blosseville Coast and its ice cap which comes straight from the North Pole.

Landscapes: alpine landscapes, polar ice cap, fjords, icebergs, glaciers, patches of ice floe drifting from the North Pole.

Wildlife: polar bears, seals, Arctic foxes and hares, sea birds.

Many activities: dog sledding, kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, ice fishing, polar diving, cold-water swimming, participative science.



Exploration of Northeast Greenland

REYKJAVÍK • REYKJAVÍK

15 days/14 nights

Departures: 25th May and 8th June 2023

From €18,920 instead of €25,000 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT ⁽²⁾



Welcome to a pristine and isolated region: the northeast coast of Greenland! The opportunities for navigation and exploration of these wild and unknown frozen shores will surprise and enchant you. Our passage to the Far North will take you to one of the most difficult to access areas at the end of spring.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Live the exceptional: at this very start of summer, an early and still hostile time of year in the Arctic, set sail for the wild, untamed coast of Northeast Greenland and the experience of navigating through the ice of the Transpolar Drift Stream at that magical moment when nature begins to come back to life.

The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.

Visit the old Norwegian trapper cabins.

Landscapes: mountains striped with multi-coloured strata, fjords, jagged mountains, glaciers, icebergs, ice floes, hummocks, wild tundra, sheer cliffs, polar ice cap.

Wildlife: polar bears, narwhals, seals, musk oxen, Arctic foxes and hares, orcas, sea birds.

Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, ice fishing, polar plunge, ice floating, dog sledding, participative science.



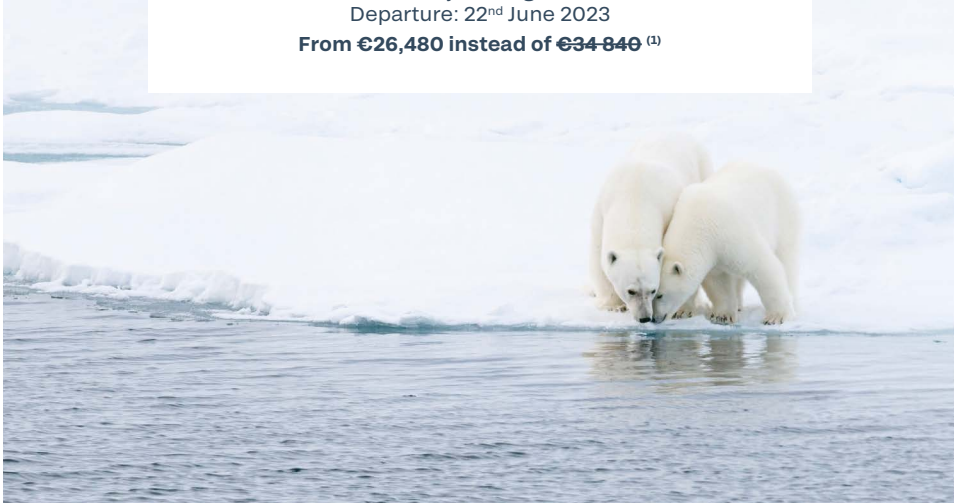
In the ice of the Arctic, from Greenland to Svalbard

REYKJAVÍK · LONGYEARBYEN, SPITZBERG

19 days/18 nights

Departure: 22nd June 2023

From €26,480 instead of €34,840 ⁽¹⁾



Explore the Far North, approaching as close as possible to the Arctic's most famous islands, from majestic Greenland to the immaculate, unspoiled lands of the Svalbard Archipelago. You will sail through and amidst the ice, following in the traces of the great explorers and meeting the Inuit people of Greenland along the way.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Live the exceptional: in this season, inaccessible to the majority of ships, explore during a circumnavigation around Nordaustlandet, Scoresby Sund, the world's largest fjord system, and land of exploration for Captain Charcot.

The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.

The encounter with the Greenlandic Inuit people of Sermersooq.

The exploration of the Northeast coast of Greenland, a pristine and isolated region.

Sail in the Hinlopen Strait between Spitsbergen and Nordaustlandet.

The discovery of Kvitoya, the white island, covered by a huge ice cap.

Landscapes: mountains, fjords, ice floes, glaciers, icebergs, wild tundra, sheer cliffs, steep-sided valleys and polar ice cap.

Wildlife: polar bears, narwhals, seals, musk oxen, Arctic foxes and hares, walrus, orcas, Svalbard reindeer, sea birds.

- Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, ice fishing, polar plunge, ice floating, dog sledding, participative science.



INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISE:

The return flight Longyearbyen/Paris

Transfer from the port to the airport on the day of disembarkation

The experience on board *Le Commandant Charcot* rewarded


TIME


The Arctic on board
Le Commandant Charcot
among the 50 most
beautiful places in the world
**2022 TIME's World's
Greatest Places.**



"Cruise ship of the year"
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Le Commandant Charcot
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of the **Seatrade
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