

## Ponant : 17D16N In the ice of the Arctic, from Greenland to Svalbard on Le Commandant Charcot

Price per person  
from  
MYR 154804



### Tour Description

Luxury cruise aboard to experience a truly exceptional sea voyage with a difference. Discover expeditions to the majestic landscapes of the Arctic and the Antarctic. Great choice for couples, solo travelers and those who love small-ship cruising. Ponant Cruises offers exceptional bilingual service, world-class dining and elegantly-appointed accommodation and public areas in terms of the onboard experience. Choose a cruise on an Explorer Class vessel, you will benefit from several expedition-style features. Relaxing in the Blue Eye Lounge, an underwater multi-sensory environment that boasts comfortable seating and privileged views of life beneath the waves. Ponant's expedition ships also carry a fleet of Zodiacs deployed frequently throughout each itinerary for sightseeing excursions and trips ashore.

#### Cancellation Policy

- ~ Postpone or cancel free of charge up to 10 days after the booking is confirmed
- ~ From 10 days after the booking is confirmed to 365 days prior to departure: EUR 150 plus RM100 refund admin fees per guest per cruise for the cruise service only
- ~ From 364 to 211 days prior to departure: 10% of total price
- ~ From 210 – 91 days prior to departure: 25% of total price
- ~ Cancellation within 90 days prior to departure: 100% of total price

#### Payment Terms

- ~ Deposit payment of 25% must be received within 10 days after the booking is confirmed.
- ~ Balance payment must be made 90 days prior to departure
- ~ Booking made within 90 days prior to departure require full payment at the time of booking



## Day 1 :- REYKJAVÍK

- Embarkation 25/6/2024 from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm Departure 25/6/2024 at 10:00 pm
- Iceland's capital stretches along the edge of a vast bay in the west of the country. **Perlan**, the "Pearl of Reykjavík", a museum located on 'Oskjuhlíð hill, offers a panoramic view of the lush, green landscapes. A little further, one can easily spot the signpost showing the way to the evangelical **Hallgrímskirkja** church, and to the historical centre where one can stroll along the Skólavörðustígur and the Laugavegur, two lively streets with charming small shops. For some relaxation just outside of the city, visitors have the opportunity to visit the Reykjanes peninsula and its famous thermal lagoons of the **Blue Lagoon**.

Dinner

## Day 2 :- SAILING THROUGH THE DENMARK STRAIT

- Lying between Greenland and Iceland, the **Denmark Strait** was crossed for the first time by the Vikings in the late 10th century during Erik the Red's expeditions.
- In the Second World War, its waters were the theatre of a battle between the Kriegsmarine and the Royal Navy, on 24 May 1941.
- In the wintertime, extremely dense pack ice forms along the Greenlandic coasts and, while the Transpolar Drift sweeps icebergs along throughout the year, the strait is generally clear of ice during the summer.
- In the depths of the strait lies the world's largest waterfall, an undersea cataract formed by the difference in temperature between the cold waters of the Greenland Sea and the warmer waters of the Irminger Sea. Numerous cetacean species thrive in this rich ecosystem.

Dinner Breakfast Lunch

## Day 3 :- AMMASSALIK REGION

- Still almost unknown just a century ago, the east coast of Greenland remains the most authentic and majestic region.
- Here, the **alpine mountains** merge intimately with the sea, while the **fjords** are adorned with high snow-capped peaks and dotted with icebergs.
- Follow in the wake of Captain **Jean-Baptiste Charcot's** famous ship, the *Pourquoi Pas?*, which set off with its crew to discover **Ammassalik**, a small island of primitive and wild beauty where the Inuit people chose to settle.
- The name of this island is a reference to the capelin, a small flamboyant silver coloured fish, whose presence in the thousands announces to inhabitants the return of spring.
- A surprising discovery in a spectacular setting.

Dinner Breakfast Lunch

## Day 4 :- BLOSSEVILLE COAST

- Aboard your ship, follow in the footsteps of Jules Poret de Blosseville, a French explorer and sailor.
- In 1833, aboard *La Lilloise*, he set off to discover this **isolated and unexplored part of eastern Greenland** and gave French names to various sites on the coast.
- The adventure probably has an unfortunate outcome, since the crew was never found.
- This uninhabited territory, which now bears his name, lies to the south of Scoresby Sund. Surrounded by ice, icebergs and pieces of pack ice, **Blosseville Coast** is one of these wild and hard-to-reach places that very few people are lucky enough to explore.

Dinner Breakfast Lunch

## Day 5 :- ITTOQQORTOORMIIT REGION

- On the East coast of Greenland, in the **Ittoqqortoormiit region**, you will have the rare opportunity of immersing yourself in the heart of isolated scenery and exploring the beauty of its landscapes.
- The high alpine mountains stand out in the sky, revealing dark rock edges. The region is home to the longest fjord system in the world, **Scoresby Sound**. On the edge of the fjord, the eponymous village is considered one of the most remote inhabited places in the world.
- The colourful houses, so typical of Greenland, dot the landscape with small red, yellow and blue patches that stand out against the surrounding arid landscape.
- Immersing yourself in this region will allow you to discover the ancestral way of life of the last hunters of the polar region.
- This will be a veritable deep-dive into the lives of the Arctic's inhabitants.

Dinner Breakfast Lunch

## Day 6 :- EXPLORATION OF NORTH-EAST GREENLAND

- Set sail for **North-East Greenland** to immerse yourself further and up higher in the Arctic region to explore the unexpected riches of the sea ice, where traditional ships cannot travel at this time of the year.
- As the light shifts and the moods of the sky change, the different states of the ice and the infinite diversity of its textures create an exceptionally stunning tableau.
- With patience and humility, you will sail amid the pearl-white floating cathedrals and the ice carried by the Transpolar Drift. En route, icebergs have their journey halted by ice and pressure ridges reveal their sharp edges. In the midst of this icy vastness, beauty is found in the detail and the magic of the moment.
- In the realm of polar bears, **Le Commandant Charcot** is a reassuring cocoon built for polar exploration and offers you wonderful opportunities to observe these lords of the ice when you happen upon them.
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## Day 12 :- NORDAUST-SVALBARD NATURE RESERVE

- The Nordaust-Svalbard Nature Reserve has been protecting the northernmost and coldest part of the archipelago, **Nordaustlandet** (North East Land), since 1973.
- This vast **polar desert** covered by two ice caps is the second largest island in the Svalbard archipelago. Protected by the Gulf Stream, the fjords and cliffs in the west and north are home to large **colonies of birds and walruses**.
- The landscapes in the colder east and south are dominated by imposing glaciers that calve **majestic icebergs** in the vast **Hinlopen Strait**. Large colonies of **thick-billed murre**s have taken up residence on the sheer cliffs\*.
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## Day 14 :- SAILING IN THE HINLOPEN STRAIT

- Sailing in the **Hinlopen Strait**, in the heart of the Arctic Ocean, between the Norwegian islands of **Spitsbergen** and **Nordaustlandet** promises an unforgettable experience.
- This territory of the **Nordaust-Svalbard Nature Reserve** offers breathtaking panoramas, with magnificent basalt formations and the ice cap stretching as far as the eye can see, diving into the sea.
- The shore line cut by the fjords moving inland composes a magical landscape in which icebergs float here and there, the result of the calving of the surrounding glaciers.
- This place, today a popular spot to observe the seabirds nesting in the enormous cliffs, polar bears and walruses, was once intrinsically linked to the history of the whalers who frequented the region from the 17th century. Indeed, it was one of them, **Thijmen Jacobsz Hinlopen**, then director of a Dutch whaling company, who gave the strait its name.
- Later on, Russian trappers, European explorers, scientists and even mountaineers roamed this region, as hostile as it is sublime.

Dinner Breakfast Lunch

## Day 15 :- SORAUST-SVALBARD NATURE RESERVE

- The Sørøst-Svalbard Nature Reserve is the **second largest protected area in Norway**. Established in 1973, this nature conservation area stretching over more than 21,000 km<sup>2</sup> will offer you stunning panoramas including coastal landscapes, rocky islets, mountain plateaux, vast tundra plains, and ice floes.
- With a little luck, you will be able to observe a wide variety of seabirds, given the site is listed as an **Important Bird Area**, as well as **cetaceans**, **Svalbard reindeer**, or even **Arctic foxes**. Among other things, **Edgeoya Island** is renowned for providing shelter to a number of **polar bears** during the breeding season.

Dinner Breakfast Lunch

Day 16 :- HORNSUND

- Nestling between **millennial glaciers** and carved mountains, and considered to be “the crown of Arctic Norway”, Spitsbergen place that never sees the night.
- Your ship will take you closer to this fascinating archipelago and, more particularly, the **Hornsund fjord**. Considered to be **Svalbard’s southernmost fjord**, it is especially reputed to be its most stunning: at the end of its vast bay, 8 great glaciers slowly make their way down to the sea before giving way to the many icebergs elegantly drifting along its cold and mysterious waters

Dinner Breakfast Lunch

Day 17 :- LONGYEARBYEN, SPITSBERGEN

- Disembarkation after breakfast. Meet and greet at the pier. Transfer to airport in time for flight back to Paris. Service end in Paris airport.

NOTES: We highly recommend you stay one night in Paris after this flight

Breakfast

Tour Prices

Cruise price (Price shown subject to exchange rate fluctuation)	Prestige Stateroom (pperson)	Deluxe Suite (pperson)	Child ( 2-11 years)	Grand Prestige Suite (pperson)
25 Jun - 11 Jul 2024		RM159,120	Fully Booked	RM234,884

What's included

Destination [\\_ARCTIC](#) , [Greenland](#) , [Iceland](#) , [Norway](#)  
Departure Location Reykjavík  
Return Location Longyearbyen  
Price includes

- Return flight Longyearbyen/Paris selected by PONANT
- in economy class.
- ~ Meals as mentioned in the programme and beverage package.
- ~ Transfers as mentioned in the programme.

Price does not include

- International air ticket
- Airport transfer
- Gratuities