

The Geographic North Pole

From **6/8/2025**
to **21/8/2025**

Ship: **LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT**

From **Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen**
to **Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen**



Flight Paris/Longyearbyen + Transfers + Flight
Longyearbyen/Paris

With featured guest Ian Dawson, British Photo Ambassador.

Head for 90 degrees North! Since the 16th century, the greatest expeditions have constantly tried to reach the **North Pole**. This mythical geographic point inspires and attracts as much as it fascinates dreamers and conquerors seeking out the other side of the world.

What if **Le Commandant Charcot** achieved this absolute pinnacle adventure by enabling you, perhaps, to tread on this virtually unattainable point?

Following in the wake of Frederick Cook, Robert Edwin Peary or Roald Amundsen, who were among the many who fought to achieve this elusive goal, you will be part of the chosen few ones to attempt the odyssey, **700 km (435 miles) from any land**.

From **Spitsbergen**, you will head towards the north to sail the waters at the edges of the Earth, towards landscapes that change constantly according to the ice and the plays of light. Nature reigns supreme here, sheltering **exceptional wildlife** that you will perhaps be lucky enough to see as your journey progresses: polar bears, seals or even whales! Your exploration of this silent world, frozen by the cold, will continue as you attempt to reach the Grail of all polar explorers: the North Pole!

Swept by the winds and the currents, the ice floe is constantly drifting and the Captain of your ship will manoeuvre carefully and with great humility in **an attempt to reach the northernmost point of our planet**.

Find out more about the world of Le Commandant Charcot here!

We are privileged guests in these extreme lands where we are at the mercy of weather and ice conditions. Our navigation, mainly in the fjords, will be determined by the type of ice we come across; as the coastal ice must be preserved, we will take this into account from day to day in our itineraries. The sailing programme, outings, activities and observation of fauna cannot be guaranteed and are subject to weather and ice conditions. The experiences are unique and vary from day to day and for each departure. The Captain and the Expedition Leader will make every effort to ensure that your experience is as rich as possible, while respecting safety instructions and regulations imposed by the AECO.



The information in this document is valid as of 4/10/2024

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YOUR STOPOVERS :

LONGYEARBYEN, SPITSBERGEN

Embarkation 6/8/2025 From 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Departure 6/8/2025 at 6:00 pm

Longyearbyen is the capital of the Norwegian **Svalbard** archipelago, located on **Svalbard's** main island, and is the northernmost territorial capital on the planet. With winter temperatures dropping to below 40°C, the landscapes of this mining town are simply breathtaking. The glaciers, the mountains stretching as far as the eye can see and the untouched nature, make you feel like you're in completely unexplored territory.

AT SEA ALONG SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 7/8/2025

Departure 7/8/2025

The largest island in the Svalbard archipelago, its name meaning "pointed mountains" in German, **Spitsbergen** is the last piece of land before the Arctic ice floe. Aboard your ship, you will sail along the extremely spectacular coastline of this icy land. Between **millennial glaciers** and **rugged mountains**, you will discover a **jagged coastline, hollowed-out by fjords**. A unique setting, the refuge of a particularly rich avifauna, offering you the possibility of taking fabulous photographs from the deck of your ship.

NAVIGATING THROUGH THE SEA ICE

Arrival 8/8/2025

Departure 12/8/2025

Enjoy the absolutely unique experience of sailing to the heart of the **ice floe**, this **vast expanse of virgin, immaculate ice**. The landscapes are constantly changing, shifting from a smooth, flat wilderness to a chaos of ice, then to channels of open water. Your ship will sail along these naturally open channels and through the areas where the frozen layer is thinnest, offering you the chance to experience magic maritime moments in the midst of drifting sea ice. It will also often be an opportunity to see a particular kind of fauna, totally dependent on the ice floe.

GEOGRAPHIC NORTH POLE

Arrival 13/8/2025

Departure 13/8/2025

Defined by a 90° North latitude, the Geographic North Pole lies on the Earth's rotational axis, at the intersection of all meridians. Plunged into darkness for six months of the year, then lit by the sun for the following six months, this **mythical site, permanently covered in ice** and remote from any land, has fascinated generations of explorers. So far, only a very few people have ever reached it: an exploit which is now accessible to you aboard *Le Commandant Charcot*

NAVIGATING THROUGH THE SEA ICE

Arrival 14/8/2025

Departure 18/8/2025

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AT SEA ALONG SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 19/8/2025

Departure 20/8/2025

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LONGYEARBYEN, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 21/8/2025 early morning

Disembarkation 21/8/2025 at 8:00 am

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