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NORTH POLE EXPEDITION CRUISE: THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER (2024)

Embark on the ultimate expedition to an Arctic
frontier like no other.

Cruises, A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises



Arctic, Norway



18 days from AU\$75,380 pp



199 Guests

Journey Overview

Embark on the ultimate expedition to an Arctic frontier like no other. On this, our inaugural expedition to the North Pole, you'll explore in comfort aboard the innovative new icebreaker, 'Le Commandant Charcot,' as A&K's award-winning team leads the way. Cruise ever northward into a seldom-seen realm of sea ice, your Captain charting a course to the geographic North Pole as you enjoy a wealth of enriching programs and luxurious amenities on board.

Journey Highlights

- Embark on a quest for the grail of Arctic exploration, the geographic North Pole, as your Captain and Expedition Team chart a course through the sea ice
- Cruise in luxury aboard 'Le Commandant Charcot,' one of the world's most advanced and eco-friendly polar expedition vessels
- Delve into a wealth of enriching onboard programs, scientific workshops and wellness opportunities
- Explore the marginal ice zone, home to seal, whale, seabirds and the elusive polar bear
- Dive right into the Arctic adventure with opportunities to hike, kayak or take an invigorating polar plunge
- Celebrate the culmination of your expedition with a Champagne toast at 90° North

Your Host



Fernando Barroso de Oliveira, A&K Chairman's Ambassador

As the Chairman's Ambassador, Fernando hosts your cruise with his own special brand of *joie de vivre*. A natural raconteur who's fluent in seven languages, his instinctive rapport and boundless enthusiasm for exploration and discovery are a delight to experience. Fernando has cruised the world over decades in travel, forging lasting connections with every place he's gone and every person he's travelled with — and he looks forward to doing the same with you.

Take 10 with an A&K Expert to Hear More About This Journey



Itinerary

Jul 10: Arrive Oslo, Norway

Arrive in the Norwegian capital of Oslo, the staging point for your epic adventure to the geographic North Pole. Upon arrival, you are met and escorted a few steps to the conveniently located Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. This evening, gather for a welcome briefing and dinner.

Radisson Blu Airport Hotel, Oslo Gardermoen | Meals: D

Jul 11: Longyearbyen | Gateway to Adventure

Board a charter flight to Longyearbyen, the capital of Svalbard, also known as Spitsbergen, the sovereign Arctic Archipelago of Norway. It is one of the most remote groups of islands on the planet, with nearly two-thirds of its surface covered in luminous glaciers. Time permitting, visit the tiny town and its Arctic Museum. Then, board 'Le Commandant Charcot,' your cutting-edge, eco-friendly luxury expedition vessel and embark on your voyage into the Arctic frontier.

'Le Commandant Charcot' | Meals: BLD

Jul 12: Svalbard | Arctic Archipelago

Awake to your first morning aboard as your vessel cruises past the Sjuøyane Islands, the northernmost islands of the remote Svalbard Archipelago. Today, your A&K Expedition Team presents a series of enriching onboard lectures discussing the vast Arctic frontier of sea and pack ice you will venture into over the coming days. As you settle into the rhythm of life on board, take in the scenery from the ship's deck as the last piece of land south of the Arctic pack ice slowly slips beyond the horizon. Continue north toward the marginal ice zone (MIZ), a far-flung Arctic realm of elusive blue, rorqual and beluga whale. Later tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner hosted by the Captain.

'Le Commandant Charcot' | Meals: BLD

Jul 13-17: Sea Ice of the Arctic Ocean | Cruising the MIZ

Over the next five days, 'Le Commandant Charcot' navigates through the MIZ into the heart of the Arctic. Slowly cruising amid this vast expanse of virgin sea ice, the Captain uses the ship's advanced navigation systems to thread through naturally open channels and transit areas where the frozen layer is thinnest. As this stunning Arctic scene drifts past, keep your eyes peeled for polar bear and high arctic gulls. Throughout your voyage, your ship's luxurious amenities afford ample opportunities to unwind with daily wellness classes, dips in the indoor and outdoor pools, relaxing sauna sessions or visits to the full-service salon and spa. There is also a wide variety of onboard enrichment opportunities on offer, such as hands-on scientific research projects, visits to the ship's lab and bridge, stargazing sessions, seamanship and polar survival workshops, cooking demonstrations, photo contests and more. The anticipation builds with each passing day as your Captain charts the clearest path to your expedition's objective: the seldom-visited geographic North Pole.

'Le Commandant Charcot' | Meals: BLD

Jul 18-19: Geographic North Pole | Standing at 90° North

Conditions permitting, continue the quests of Matthew Henson, Robert Peary, Frederick Cook, Roald Amundsen and other elite Arctic explorers as you seek out the geographic North Pole over the coming days. Upon finding the most favourable path through the pack ice, the Captain endeavours to position the GPS antennae of 'Le Commandant Charcot' directly on 90° North latitude, the coordinate marking the geographic North Pole. The culmination of your intrepid expedition is marked by a Champagne toast and celebration on the ship's helideck. The following day, the Captain seeks out a nearby floe suitable for a gangway landing onto the ice's surface. Then, your Expedition Team leads the way across the ice for a once-in-a-lifetime photo op and perhaps, if you are willing, a polar plunge.

'Le Commandant Charcot' | Meals: BLD

Jul 20-25: Sea Ice of the Arctic Ocean | Return Voyage

The next days at sea are filled with enrichment programs and, conditions permitting, opportunities to venture to the ice. Along the way, you may even have the chance to hike on the ice or kayak through open leads. There is also time to reflect on your spectacular voyage and share your experiences with the newfound friends you've made along the way. During the transition through the MIZ back into more open waters, keep watch for harbor and bearded seal, walrus and a multitude of seabirds. As the ship draws closer to Longyearbyen, your Captain hosts a festive farewell cocktail reception, gala dinner and celebration — a fittingly spectacular conclusion to your once-in-a-lifetime voyage.

'Le Commandant Charcot' | Meals: BLD

Jul 26: Longyearbyen | Farewell to Ship & Crew

This morning, disembark your vessel in Longyearbyen and transfer to the airport for your charter flight to Oslo. Upon arrival, you are escorted through an indoor corridor leading from the terminal to the Radisson Blu Airport hotel. Enjoy the last dinner of your North Pole adventure with your fellow explorers.

Radisson Blu Airport Hotel, Oslo Gardermoen | Meals: BLD

Jul 27: Depart Oslo

After breakfast at the hotel, you are escorted on the short walk back to the terminal for your homebound flight.

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Journey Details

Note: Itinerary is for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances including weather, medical emergencies and other conditions beyond A&K's control at the sole discretion of the Captain.

This journey contains some active elements, including walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

Oslo/Longyearbyen/Oslo Economy Class flights included.

Minimum age is 8 years.

Categories 5-8 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Jul 10.

Last group event: airport transfer on Jul 27.

Included with this Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team and Local Guides
- Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Stays at Stylish, Ideally Located Hotels and A&K-Led Excursions
- Airport Meet and Greet and Transfers
- Private Balcony with Every Onboard Accommodation and Butler Service with Every Suite
- Maximum Personnel-to-Guest Ratio of 1 to 1.3 and ship occupancy limited to 80 percent
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed on board
- Choice of Curated, All-Inclusive Shore Excursions
- Enrichment program, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service on board
- All Gratuities, Port Charges and Taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on Board and in Hotels
- Onboard Service from an English-Speaking Staff, Including an Accredited Physician
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

Map



Extensions



Oslo Pre-Tour Extension
(2024)

[See Details](#)

Accommodation

Le Commandant Charcot



Cruise the icy polar waters in style on board *Le Commandant Charcot*. The icebreaker ship has been expertly designed and is one of the most advanced vessels at sea today.

You can literally watch the world go by through your pair of Swarovski binoculars from the luxurious 123 suites and staterooms complete with private balcony. Champagne served in Riedel crystal glasses can be enjoyed after boarding. Refined touches include a balneo bathtub and for those staying in the Owner's Suite you have a butler service and outdoor lounge with Jacuzzi.

Safe and low impact navigation is *Le Commandant Charcot's* area of expertise, taking advantage of the latest innovations while the on-board spaces have been designed by two world-renowned French architectural firms offering luxury while at sea.

After a day of adventure, dine at Nuna, the gastronomic restaurant at the rear of deck five, which can seat all the ship's passengers at a single sitting for an à la carte menu. A more relaxed dining atmosphere can be found at Sila which serves themed dinners.

This cutting-edge vessel also boasts a spa with the Blue Lagoon pool sustainably heated by the ship's energy recuperation system. *Le*

Commandant Charcot is fully in keeping with the PONANT philosophy: to provide a rare and exceptional ambiance for every passenger and reinforce the feeling and sense of sailing on a private yacht.

Why we like it

- *Le Commandant Charcot* is the first luxury hybrid electric polar exploration ship powered by liquified natural gas - the epitome of a more responsible and sustainable sailing
- On-board spaces have been designed by world-renowned French architectural firms: the Studio Jean-Philippe Nuel and Wilmotte & Associés, whose brief was to create a connection with the passing landscapes
- Nuna, the gastronomic restaurant offers refined French cuisine and can seat all the ship's passengers at a single sitting
- Enjoy more informal dining at Sila which serves breakfast, buffet lunches and hosts themed dinners
- Watch the world go by from the staterooms and suites which all have a glazed private balcony
- **Our top tip:** relax after a day of adventure in the balmy waters of the on-board Blue Lagoon heated to between 27°C and 37°C by the ship's energy recuperation system.

Amenities

- All outside staterooms and suites offer a private balcony
- Sun deck and multiple outer deck observation areas
- Heated indoor pool with dramatic skylight
- Blue Lagoon pools, an outdoor heated lagoon with a temperature of 27°C and 37°C using recycled energy from the ship
- Giant firepit
- Outdoor bar
- Library with extensive selection of books and reading areas
- Detox bar with sofas and armchairs
- Observation lounge
- Boutique
- Fitness centre with state-of-the-art equipment
- Hairdresser offering full-service hair styling, manicures, and pedicures
- Wellness lounge
- 24-hour on-board medical facilities with certified doctor
- 24-hour room service and laundry services
- The Theatre offers unobstructed-view seating for live performances and film screenings
- Wireless internet access throughout the ship

Dining

Enjoy exquisite dining on board *Le Commandant Charcot*. Sit down to an à la carte menu in Nuna, the gastronomic restaurant at the rear of deck five which can seat all passengers at a single sitting. Elegant and refined, it

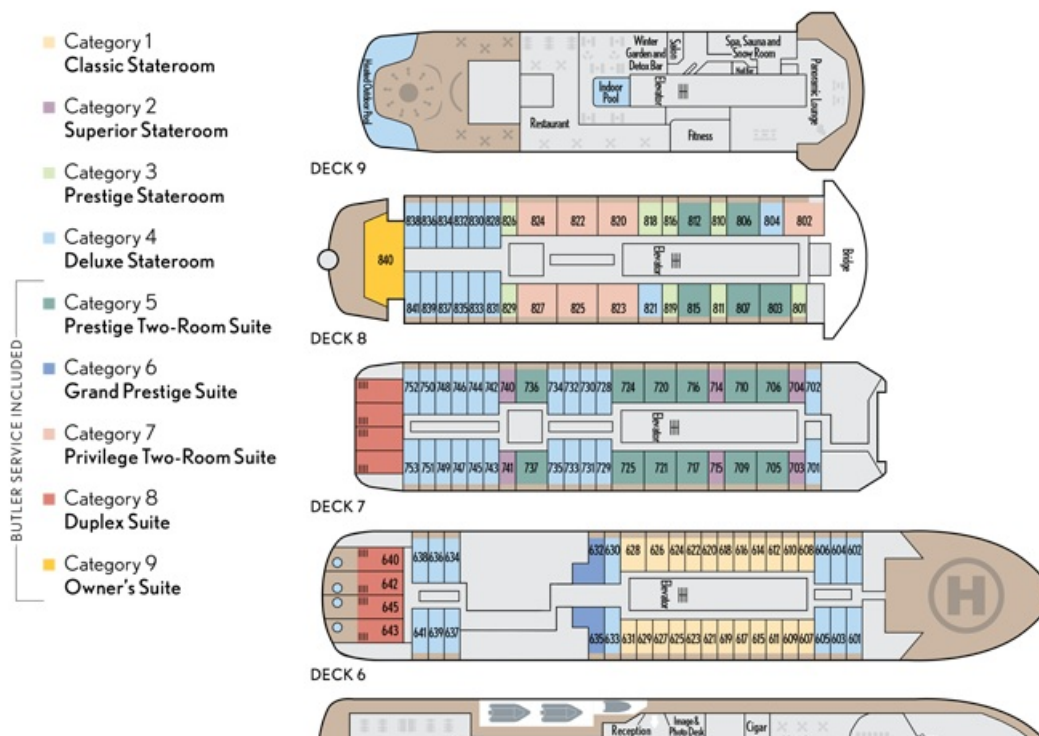
serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The ship's second bridge is located at the back of the restaurant: behind its large windows, you will have a front row seat to observe the crew during their operations. A more relaxed atmosphere can be found at Sila restaurant located on deck nine which serves breakfast, buffet lunches and themed dinners.

Technical Specificity

- Length: 492 ft
- Beam: 92 ft
- Draft: 33 ft
- Cruising speed: 15 knots
- Ice class Polar: Class PC2
- Classification: Bureau Veritas
- Flag: French
- Guest decks: 5
- Zodiacs: 16
- Gross tonnage: 31 757 UMS
- Electric propulsion motors: 34 MW
- Installed power: 42 MW
- Construction: Sovik, Norway

CONFIGURED EXCLUSIVELY FOR A&K


'Le Commandant Charcot' Deck Plan






'Le Commandant Charcot' Cabin Layouts

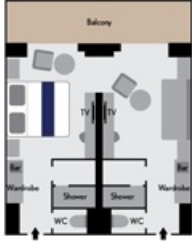
BUTLER SERVICE INCLUDED




**Categories 1-3
Staterooms**
Cabin: 215 sq. ft. (20 sq. m.)
Balcony: 53 sq. ft. (5 sq. m.)




**Category 4
Deluxe Stateroom**
Cabin: 301 sq. ft. (28 sq. m.)
Balcony: 53 sq. ft. (5 sq. m.)



**Category 6
Prestige Two-Room Suite**
Cabin: 430 sq. ft. (40 sq. m.)
Balcony: 107 sq. ft. (10 sq. m.)

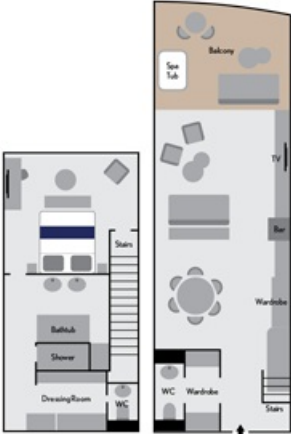


**Category 6
Grand Prestige Suite**
Cabin: 452 sq. ft. (42 sq. m.)
Balcony: 54 sq. ft. (5 sq. m.)




**Category 7
Privilege Two-Room Suite**
Cabin: 516 sq. ft. (48 sq. m.)
Balcony: 134.5 sq. ft. (12.5 sq. m.)

BUTLER SERVICE INCLUDED



**Category 8
Duplex Suite**
Cabin: 1,011 sq. ft. (94 sq. m.)
Balcony: 279 sq. ft. (26 sq. m.)



**Category 9
Owner's Suite**
Cabin: 1,237 sq. ft. (115 sq. m.)
Balcony: 2,002 sq. ft. (186 sq. m.)

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Jul 10, 2024 - Jul 27, 2024

Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Commandant Charcot: Classic Stateroom - Category 1	AU\$83,835 NOW ONLY AU\$75,380 pp	AU\$59,990	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Commandant Charcot: Superior Stateroom - Category 2	AU\$85,375 NOW ONLY AU\$76,920 pp	AU\$61,225	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Commandant Charcot: Prestige Stateroom - Category 3	AU\$86,915 NOW ONLY AU\$78,460 pp	AU\$62,300	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Commandant Charcot: Deluxe Stateroom - Category 4	AU\$97,685 NOW ONLY AU\$89,230 pp	AU\$70,455	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Commandant Charcot: Prestige Two-Room Suite - Category 5	AU\$121,530 NOW ONLY AU\$113,075 pp	AU\$100,455	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Commandant Charcot: Grand Prestige Suite - Category 6	AU\$125,375 NOW ONLY AU\$116,920 pp	AU\$103,840	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Commandant Charcot: Privilege Two-Room Suite - Category 7	AU\$131,530 NOW ONLY AU\$123,075 pp	AU\$109,375	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Commandant Charcot: Duplex Suite - Category 8	AU\$186,145 NOW ONLY AU\$177,690 pp	AU\$158,610	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Commandant Charcot: Owner's Suite - Category 9	AU\$260,760 NOW ONLY AU\$252,305 pp	AU\$225,685	Included	Call for Availability

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