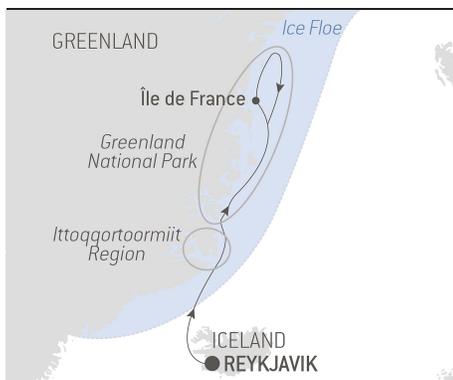


# Discovering the Northeast Greenland National Park - with National Geographic

From **24/6/2021**  
to **6/7/2021**

Ship: **LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT**

From **Reykjavík**  
to **Reykjavík**



## In partnership with National Geographic Expeditions

Set sail with PONANT on a **brand-new itinerary, specifically designed for *Le Commandant-Charcot***, the first hybrid electric polar exploration ship. This 13-day expedition cruise will offer you the unique opportunity to discover the **north-east coast of Greenland**, one of the most difficult regions to access in the Far North, and in a particularly interesting period of the year.

Setting sail from Reykjavik, you will first reach the **region of Ittoqqortoormiit**, home to a small community of Greenlanders: this will be the occasion to find out about the life of the last hunters in the polar regions.

Then you will head for the **Northeast Greenland National Park**, the largest national park in the world and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve: here, there is no trace of human life, just alpine magically coloured landscapes as far as the eye can see and powerful glaciers.

As summer begins, the ice floe breaks up, letting animals get closer to the coastlines: these are optimal conditions for observing the **exceptional Arctic fauna**.

You will attempt to reach the Ile de France, discovered by the Duke of Orleans in 1905. This particularly remote region is protected by **thick pack ice**, brought directly from the North Pole by the transpolar current. You will then reach Reykjavik, where you will leave the ship.

*We are privileged guests in these extreme lands where we are at the mercy of weather and ice conditions. The itinerary, landings on certain sites and the observation of certain wildlife cannot be guaranteed. They vary from day to day, making each PONANT cruise a unique experience. The Captain and the Expedition Leader will make every effort to ensure that your experience is as rich as possible, while complying with the safety rules and instructions imposed by the AECO.*



The information in this document is valid as of 17/1/2021

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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### REYKJAVÍK

Embarkation 24/6/2021 from 16h00 to 17h00  
Departure 24/6/2021 at 18h00

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**.

### AT SEA

Arrival 25/6/2021  
Departure 25/6/2021

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

### ITTOQQORTOORMIIT REGION

Arrival 26/6/2021  
Departure 26/6/2021

Located between the largest national park and the longest system of fjords in the world, the town of Ittoqqortoormiit, whose name means "great house" in Greenlandic, is **one of the remotest inhabited places in the world**. Covered with ice and snow for nine months of the year, you will be able to discover the ancestral way of life of the **last hunters of the polar region**. As soon as the thickness of the ice floe allows, they set out on the trail of walruses, seals, narwhals, musk ox and polar bears, travelling by traditional dog sleds.

## NORTHEAST GREENLAND NATIONAL PARK

Arrival 27/6/2021

Departure 2/7/2021

With a craggy coastline formed by **gigantic fjords**, magnificent **alpine mountains** looming over them, the shores of north-east Greenland offer breathtaking landscapes and are home to the largest national park in the world. Covering an area of around one million square kilometres, almost half the island, the North-East Greenland National Park, a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve**, is a particularly isolated region. Cut off for many months of the year by the ice floe, it is renowned for its pristine nature and **rich wildlife**.

## ITTOQQORTOORMIIT REGION

Arrival 3/7/2021

Departure 3/7/2021

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## AT SEA

Arrival 4/7/2021

Departure 5/7/2021

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

## REYKJAVÍK

Arrival 6/7/2021

Disembarkation 6/7/2021 at 07h00

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