

THE ARCTIC - ADVENTURE IN GREENLAND | LE BOREAL



INTRODUCTION

With featured guest **Laurent Mayet**, in partnership with **Le Cercle Polaire**, as part of the **Women at the Poles** operation.

Set off on a journey to explore the uncharted territory along Greenland's eastern coast. You will walk in the footsteps of the famous explorers who, starting in the 19th century, pushed the limits of polar navigation during this 15-day adventure journey.

Le Boréal will travel to Jan Mayen Island, which was highly important to Captain Jean-Baptiste Charcot, from Longyearbyen in Spitsbergen. This remote, uninhabited volcanic island, which sits at the meeting point of the North Atlantic and Arctic seas, is home to enormous bird colonies and was once a whale hunting destination. Set out for Iceland to explore the little settlement of Isafjörður, located in the country's northwest among the fjords, an untamed region filled with hidden valleys and dizzying cliffs. After that, your ship will sail on to Greenland, a region renowned for its untamed landscapes, fjords, and alpine settings. You will go in the footsteps of some of the great people who chose to venture outside the boundaries of the known world in this area of folklore and significant arctic explorations. Across the width of this island lies the slender Prince Christian Sound, a canal that links Greenland's southeast to southwest. A magnificent wild terrain featuring craggy peaks, rugged cliffs, waterfalls, and floating ice is home to frolicking colonies of bearded seals. The final leg of your voyage will take you up Greenland's west coast. Admire the breathtaking Ikka and Tasermiut fjords as well as the blue-tinged Narsaq icebergs while traveling. Erik the Red established what would become the first European settlement in Greenland here, in the Qaqortoq region. This amazing voyage will conclude at Kangerlussuaq, your final port of call.

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DAY 1: Longyearbyen & Embarkation

Start your adventure in Longyearbyen, the capital of the Norwegian Svalbard archipelago. This mining town, located on Svalbard's main island, boasts the unique distinction of being the northernmost territorial capital on the planet. Brace yourself for winter temperatures dropping below -40°C, creating landscapes that are nothing short of breathtaking. As you explore Longyearbyen, you'll be surrounded by picturesque glaciers, mountains stretching as far as the eye can see, and untouched nature, evoking the feeling of being in completely unexplored territory. Your embarkation is scheduled from 4 pm to 5 pm, with the ship setting sail at 6 pm.



DAY 2: Gnalodden Cliff & Hornsund Fjord

Today's journey takes you to The Gnalodden Cliff, standing proudly at over 700 meters high and hosting a diverse array of sea birds, numbering over a thousand species. Tridactyl gulls, northern fulmars, and thick-billed murres reign supreme in this bustling avian community, particularly during the nesting season. The site is also a favorite haunt for polar bears and Arctic foxes, providing a treat for wildlife enthusiasts. Known as the "bird cliff," this natural marvel is surrounded at its base by lush vegetation, spreading its carpet of moss across the untamed tundra. As you explore, make a stop at the former hunter's cabin, which served as a satellite station during the 1930s. Nestled amidst millennial glaciers and sculpted mountains, Spitsbergen is hailed as the "crown of Arctic Norway." This unique destination never experiences nighttime. Your ship will navigate closer to this captivating archipelago, with a special focus on the Hornsund fjord. Recognized as Svalbard's southernmost fjord, it stands out for its breathtaking beauty. At the end of its expansive bay, eight grand glaciers gracefully descend to the sea, yielding to numerous icebergs elegantly drifting along its cold and mysterious waters.



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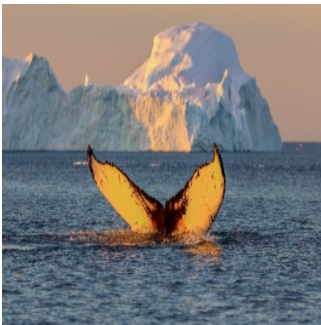
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DAY 3: At Sea

During this day at sea, immerse yourself in the myriad services and activities offered on board. Indulge in a moment of pampering at the spa or maintain your fitness routine in the well-equipped fitness center. Depending on the season, consider a refreshing dip in the swimming pool or bask in the sun for a while. This port-less day provides an excellent opportunity to engage in the diverse range of activities offered on board. Attend enlightening conferences or captivating shows, depending on the scheduled events. Alternatively, explore the ship's boutique for some shopping delights or visit the dedicated space where ship photographers showcase their work. For those who love the open sea, a visit to the ship's upper deck promises a mesmerizing spectacle of the waves. You might even be fortunate enough to spot marine species in their natural habitat. This segment of your journey offers a truly enchanted interlude, seamlessly blending comfort, relaxation, and entertainment.



DAY 4: Jan Mayen Island, Svalbard

Prepare to explore the hidden gem of Jan Mayen, an island belonging to Norway, discreetly positioned off Greenland's coastlines, nestled between the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic Ocean. Inhabited by only a handful of Norwegian meteorologists, this secluded piece of land captivates with its unique features. From its volcanic summit, soaring to a height of 2,227 meters and adorned with a thick glacial coat, tongues of ice cascade down to the sea. The meeting point between these icy tongues and the ocean is framed by ranges of black volcanic rocks, occasionally tinged with hints of red. If the skies are clear, you may be fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of the summit, bathed in magnificent light. Keep a keen eye out during your visit, as the sight of a small fin whale may grace you with the perfect addition to this already memorable picture.



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DAY 5: At Sea

As you embark on another day at sea, surrender yourself to the array of services and activities that await on board. Find tranquility in the spa or invigorate your body in the well-equipped fitness center. If the season beckons, indulge in a refreshing dip in the inviting swimming pool or luxuriate under the sun's warm embrace. This day without port calls presents a prime opportunity to engage in a diverse range of activities tailored to your tastes. Immerse yourself in enlightening conferences or be captivated by shows thoughtfully scheduled for your enjoyment. Alternatively, satisfy your shopping desires at the ship's boutique or explore the dedicated space where skilled ship photographers showcase their captivating work. For those who harbor a deep appreciation for the open sea, a visit to the ship's upper deck unfolds a mesmerizing spectacle of undulating waves. It may even offer you the chance to spot marine species gracefully navigating their natural habitat.



DAY 6: Isafjördur

Prepare to be transported to the heart of the fjords of North-West Iceland, a rugged expanse of lost valleys and towering cliffs, where the resilience of mankind is put to the test. In this remarkably secluded region, discover the Isafjördur fjord, undeniably one of Iceland's most stunning landscapes, celebrated for its dramatic topography shaped by ancient basaltic flows. Nestled at the back of this magnificent fjord is the charming town of Isafjördur, surrounded by imposing mountains. This quaint settlement thrives solely on fishing and stands as the capital of the Western fjords. Its historic wooden houses bear witness to a bygone era when it played a pivotal role as a major fishing port. As your ship navigates these scenic waters, be prepared for an immersive encounter with the untamed beauty and rich history of North-West Iceland.



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DAY 7: At Sea

Spend the day at sea, letting the ship's offerings envelop you in a world of possibilities. Whether you seek serenity in the spa or a burst of energy in the well-equipped fitness center, the day is yours to shape. If the season beckons, consider a refreshing dip in the beckoning swimming pool or bask in the soothing warmth of the sun's embrace. This day, absent of port calls, unfolds as a canvas of opportunities tailored to your preferences. Immerse yourself in enlightening conferences or be entranced by meticulously scheduled shows designed for your pleasure. Alternatively, satisfy your shopping desires at the ship's boutique or explore the dedicated space where adept ship photographers showcase their captivating work. For those who hold a profound love for the open sea, ascend to the ship's upper deck for a front-row seat to a mesmerizing spectacle of undulating waves. Perhaps fortune will smile upon you, granting a chance to witness marine species gracefully navigating their natural habitat. This specific day at sea artfully intertwines comfort, leisure, and entertainment, crafting yet another captivating chapter in your maritime odyssey.



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DAY 8: Prins Christian Sund & Kujalleq Glacier

As the morning unfolds, your ship gracefully navigates towards the enchanting Greenland coast, framed by pointed peaks and majestic glaciers. An imminent encounter with the Prins Christian Sund awaits, a narrow channel that winds and stretches over approximately one hundred kilometers between Greenland's southeast and southwest. Immerse yourself in the primal allure of these extraordinary landscapes, featuring rugged cliffs and waterfalls fueled by the ice sheet, cascading into the frigid waters. Witness the delightful spectacle of bearded seals, basking on floating ice, absorbing the Arctic sunshine. Later in the day, within the vast and mythical expanse of Greenland, your ship charts its course towards the Kujalleq Glacier in the Prince Christian Sound region. Marvel at this frozen tongue, surrounded by small icebergs and the occasional growler—a captivating term for smaller fragments of icebergs, appearing either white or strikingly blue-green. Birds gracefully trail in your wake, while bearded seals keep a watchful eye from a distance, lounging on granite rocks. The interplay of ice, rocks, and wildlife creates a magical polar landscape, immersing you in the captivating realm of the Arctic.



DAY 9: Tasermiut Fjord

Today's destination is the awe-inspiring Tasermiut Fjord—a genuine natural wonder stretching 70 kilometers in length. This fjord, often isolated by ice for a significant part of the year, carves its way deep into the untamed tundra, unveiling mesmerizing hidden valleys and diverse wildlife. As you explore, be captivated by the sight of immense granite cliffs rising proudly along the fjord's edges. Witness the magic unfold as the mountains cast reflections in the cold, blue waters of the fjord, creating a magnificent landscape unique to this part of Greenland.



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DAY 10: Qaqortoq & Igaliku

Today you will embark on a captivating journey following the currents of the Davis Strait, and soon the largest town in southern Greenland, Qaqortoq, unveils itself in a rocky landscape adorned with pristine white in winter and enchanting green in summer. As your ship glides into the fjord embracing the town, a panorama of delightful, brightly-colored houses perched on the surrounding hillsides comes into view. This charming fishing port, the southernmost in Greenland, invites exploration with its distinct Danish influences evident in the town center's streets, adorned with numerous historical buildings and landmarks. Venture through the town center, where you'll encounter the country's famous and oldest fountain, crowned with whales. A short distance away, immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of the town's open-air fish market, where local fishermen gather to showcase the day's catch. In the curve of a magnificent, sinuous fjord, the small village of Igaliku awaits discovery. Renowned as the episcopal seat during the Viking period, Igaliku boasts a red sandstone cathedral dedicated to Saint Nicholas, constructed in 1126. Unearthed ruins in 1926 revealed the site's earlier use as a pagan sanctuary. The village's origins, shaped by a Danish farmer and his Greenlandic wife who settled in 1782, are detailed in a small museum within the church. Igaliku serves as a launching point for hikes to waterfalls, Erik's Fjord, or the Narsarsuaq plateau, offering breathtaking views of majestic icebergs in the fjord and the Qooroq glacier.



DAY 11: Narsaq

After sailing in the Kangerlluarssuk fjord, discover the town of Narsaq. You will be dazzled by the beauty of the surrounding icebergs – large masses of ice in different shapes and shifting colours. Dominated by lush mountains, this small town is typical of Greenland. It is known for its sheep farming, made possible by the rich, grassy plains to the town's north. This rather rare activity reflects a past and a technique inherited from the Vikings. Admire the stunning interplay of colours between the multicoloured house facades and the glaciers with their myriad shades of blue, and dive into the Scandinavian history of Narsaq by visiting the local museum. A unique experience.



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DAY 12: Ikka Fjord

As you sail through the majestic Ikka Fjord in south-west Greenland, you will discover over 10,000 years of underwater geology, for mysterious columns up to 20 metres high, formed several millennia ago, rise up from the seabed. Their material, ikaite, gives the fjord its name. Truly magical! You glide over calm, clear waters amidst breathtaking mountains in the endlessly wild, huge area of Greenland.



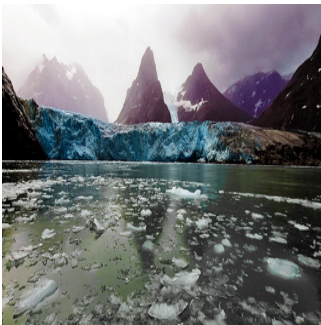
DAY 13: At Sea

Spend the day at sea, allowing for tranquility and relaxation. Take advantage of the various services and activities offered on board. Whether it's a visit to the spa, a workout in the fitness center, or a refreshing moment in the pool, the ship provides an array of options for your leisure. Engage in enlightening conferences or enjoy scheduled shows, and explore the ship's boutique for those inclined to shop. The upper deck offers a quiet space to appreciate the rhythmic beauty of the ocean. This day at sea combines comfort and simplicity, providing a serene interlude in your maritime journey.



DAY 14: Evighedsfjorden

Your ship glides slowly along the water towards the west coast of Greenland, to enter Evighedsfjorden, just a few kilometres south of Kangerlussuaq. Evighedsfjorden means “the fjord of Eternity”, and for good reason: just when you think you’ve reached the end of this stretch of sea measuring over 100 kilometres in length, it seems to go on forever, as though to bring even more pleasure to those sailing in it. The spectacular scenery ranges from glaciers to tundra with an abundant flora, and jagged cliffs where numerous bird species have taken up residence. Take the time to observe the white-tailed eagles and the colonies of seagulls and black-legged kittiwakes flying overhead in the area.



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DAY 15: Kangerlussuaq & Disembarkation

Concluding your journey, today marks an early morning arrival in Kangerlussuaq with disembarkation scheduled for 7 am. Once a prominent American military base from 1941 to 1992, Kangerlussuaq in Greenland has transformed into a key transit point for adventurous travelers, thanks to its international airport. Nestled north of the Arctic Circle, this town serves as the gateway to magnificent discoveries amidst untouched nature. Venturing just a few dozen kilometers from Kangerlussuaq, one can approach the impressive Greenland ice sheet, the largest body of ice in the Northern Hemisphere. The town also offers breathtaking views of tundra adorned in autumnal hues, providing a habitat for Arctic hares, musk oxen, Arctic foxes, reindeer, falcons, and eagles. As you disembark and bid farewell to the Arctic wonders, reflect on the unique experiences and the natural beauty that have defined your journey through these remote and pristine landscapes. Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Cabin on board a ship

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Inclusions	INCLUSIONS Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Boreal Charter flight in Economy class from Paris, France to Longyearbyen on Embarkation Day Charter flight in Economy class from Kangerlussuaq to Paris on Disembarkation Day Meet & greet at the airport by our local English-speaking representative. Transfers to/from airport to vessel All meals whilst on board Open bar (no premium brands) Mini bar in your stateroom (Champagne additional fee) All scheduled landings and excursions, conditions permitting Guiding and lectures by expedition team Complimentary Polar expedition jacket Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions All port taxes Comprehensive pre and post voyage informational material Free WIFI
	EXCLUSIONS Airfares other than specified Pre and post land arrangements and accommodation in Paris Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Personal expenses such as laundry Gratuities for the crew (recommend US\$15 per person per day) Optional Activities not mentioned in itinerary
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Subject to availability upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Please note flight from Paris to Longyearbyen on embarkation day & Kangerlussuaq to Paris on disembarkation day is included in your cruise price. Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY