

NEW LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

# North Pole Expedition Cruise: The Ultimate Frontier 2024

18 days from \$47,995 per person *was* \$51,995

Limited to 199 guests

#### OFFER

Receive an upgrade to Category 4 when you book a Category 1 double-occupancy stateroom — plus save \$8,000 per stateroom.

\$1,500 AIR CREDIT per person when you reserve air with A&K.

Solo guests save 75% on categories 1-3 single supplement.

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.

## Included With This Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team
- Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Stay at Ideally Located Hotel
- · 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
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed on board
- Complimentary Expedition Parka, Backpack and Water Bottle, and Use of Waterproof Pants, Boots and Trekking Poles
- Excursions Led by Expert Naturalist Guides
- 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

## A&K Advantages

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

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# 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.

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# **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: Dinner

#### 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: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### 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: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### 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 favorable path through the pack ice, the Captain endeavors 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: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### 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: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### 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: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### JUL 27 DEPART OSLO

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

Meals: Breakfast

Note: Itinerary may be adjusted at the sole discretion of the Captain due to weather, wildlife, sea and ice conditions, medical emergencies and unforeseen circumstances beyond A&K's control.

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## **Extensions**



## Oslo Pre-Tour Extension

Discover historic and vibrant Oslo with a visit to its world-class museums and the home of polar explorer Roald Amundsen.

4 days from \$4,995 per person Single Supplement from \$1,495 per person

JUL 7

Arrive in Oslo and transfer to your hotel, the lovely Hotel Continental. Meet your guide for a welcome cocktail reception before heading to dinner on your own.

Hotel Continental

JUL 8

Enjoy a landmark tour that includes the Nobel Peace Center, the city's strikingly modern Oslo Opera House and the charming Oslo City Hall, whose bell tower houses 49 bells. After lunch, visit the famous Vigeland Sculpture Park. Enjoy dinner on your own and the chance to explore Oslo's vibrant restaurant scene.

Hotel Continental | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

JUL 9

Take a one-hour boat ride to Roald Amundsen's home, which is just as he left it in 1928. This evening, visit the Viking Ship Museum and the Fram Museum, where you enjoy an exclusive tour of Roald's famous ship. Afterward, join your group for dinner.

Hotel Continental | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

JUL 10

Discover more of Oslo with a tour of Eidsvoll Museum, home to the Norwegian constitution and WWII memorabilia. Afterward, transfer to the Radisson Blu Gardermoen hotel to begin your main Luxury Expedition Cruise program.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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# Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Jul 10 - Jul 27, 2024				
Category 1 - Classic Stateroom	\$47,995 (was \$51,995)	\$9,749 (was \$38,995)	\$2,500	Available
Category 2 - Superior Stateroom	\$48,995 (was \$52,995)	\$9,949 (was \$39,795)	\$2,500	Available
Category 3 - Prestige Stateroom	\$49,995 (was \$53,995)	\$10,124 (was \$40,495)	\$2,500	Available
Category 4 - Deluxe Stateroom	\$56,995 (was \$60,995)	\$45,795	\$2,500	Available
Category 5 - Prestige Two-Room Suite	\$72,495 (was \$76,495)	\$65,295	\$2,500	Available
Category 6 - Grand Prestige Suite	\$74,995 (was \$78,995)	\$67,495	\$2,500	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 7 - Privilege Two-Room Suite	\$78,995 (was \$82,995)	\$71,095	\$2,500	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 8 - Duplex Suite	\$114,495 (was \$118,495)	\$103,095	\$2,500	Available
Category 9 - Owner's Suite	\$162,995 (was \$166,995)	\$146,695	\$2,500	Limited Availability
Optional pre-tour extension available on this departure.				

### Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$2,500

Oslo/Longyearbyen/Oslo

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

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.

#### Special Offer Terms & Conditions

Offers valid on new bookings only. Guest is eligible for upgrade to category 4 when they pay for a category 1 double occupancy stateroom. Single supplement offer not combinable with Marco Polo or any other single supplement discounts. Air must be booked and ticketed through A&K USA, LLC. Airfare must be paid in full by the traveller for ticket issuance. Air credit will appear as a discount off the cruise on the traveller's invoice. Offers subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time. Other restrictions may apply.

Offer subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time. Single supplement offer not combinable with Marco Polo Club or any other single supplement discounts.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions here.

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