

# Islands and Fjords: from Greenland to Spitsbergen

From **31/7/2023**  
to **12/8/2023**

Ship: **LE BOREAL**

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



Transfer + Flight Longyearbyen/Paris

PONANT invites you to experience the exceptional by discovering the **east coast of Greenland** and following the ice to the **majestic lands of Spitsbergen** during a **brand-new 13-day cruise**.

From **Reykjavík**, you will sail towards the east coast of Greenland and discover Inuit culture in **Ammassalik Island** and set off to meet the inhabitants of this remote region, with deep-rooted traditions.

You will then sail through **Kangerlussuaq fjord**, a wonderful scenery of ice and vertiginous peaks of dark grey rock coated in snow that plunge into the deep blue waters of the fjord.

Your ship will then sail on towards **Ittoqqortoormiit Region**, to the heart of this hostile but sublime realm of ice, before reaching **Scoresby Sund**, the largest and deepest fjord system in the world.

*Le Boréal* will make its way to **Jan Mayen Island**, which was very dear to **Captain Jean-Baptiste Charcot**. Located on the threshold of the Arctic and North Atlantic Oceans, this isolated and uninhabited volcanic island was a whale hunting centre and is home to large bird colonies.

You will then reach Svalbard and **Isfjorden**, some of whose branches reach the heart of the island of Spitsbergen, before reaching **Longyearbyen**, your disembarkation port.



The information in this document is valid as of 4/12/2021

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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### REYKJAVÍK

Embarkation 31/7/2023 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 31/7/2023 at 6:00 pm

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 1/8/2023

Departure 1/8/2023

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.

### AMMASSALIK ISLAND

Arrival 2/8/2023

Departure 2/8/2023

Still almost unknown just a century ago, the east coast of Greenland remains the most authentic and majestic region. Here, the **alpine mountains** merge intimately with the sea, while the **fjords** are adorned with high snow-capped peaks and drifting icebergs. Follow in the wake of Captain **Jean-Baptiste Charcot**'s famous ship, the *Pourquoi Pas?*, which set off with its crew to discover **Ammassalik**, a small island of primitive and wild beauty where the Inuit people chose to live. The name of this island is a reference to the capelin, a small flamboyant silver coloured fish, whose presence in the thousands announces to inhabitants the return of spring. A surprising discovery in a spectacular setting.

### STORO ISLAND

Arrival 3/8/2023

Departure 3/8/2023

In the Ammassalik region, the small **island of Storo** welcomed the famous French explorer **Paul-Emile Victor** during his first stay in Greenland in 1932. This young ethnologist was set down by **Captain Charcot** at Ammassalik then made his way to the island of Storo, where he spent a year hosted by an Inuit family. Bones, stones, a tomb and a few vestiges of huts and wooden cabins are evidence that people have been coming to the island for a very long time. Its location facing the **Denmark Strait**, at the entrance of a small fjord, is indeed ideal for hunting or for observing the whales, narwhals or belugas that live in the fish-rich waters of the Greenland Sea.

## KANGERLUSSUAQ (EAST GREENLAND)

Arrival 4/8/2023

Departure 4/8/2023

Midway between the magnificent **Sermilik** fjord and the vast expanses of **Liverpool Land**, you will discover the impressive **Kangerlussuaq Fjord**, one of the largest on the **south-east coast of Greenland**. You will sail through a wonderful décor of ice and vertiginous, jagged peaks of dark grey rock coated in snow that plunge into the deep blue waters of the fjord. The fjord is fed by the gigantic **Kangerlussuaq glacier**, the largest on the east coast of the **Greenland Ice Sheet**. In the north-west, the **Watkins Range** is home to the tallest peaks in the Arctic. Gunnbjorns Fjeld stands 3,693 metres (12,000 feet) tall. Known for its abundant fauna, this hard-to-reach fjord is uninhabited, although Inuit hunters have been visiting it for thousands of years.

## NANSEN FJORD

Arrival 5/8/2023

Departure 5/8/2023

## AT SEA

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Departure 6/8/2023

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## ITTOQQORTOORMIIT REGION

Arrival 6/8/2023

Departure 6/8/2023

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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.

## SCORESBY SUND

Arrival 7/8/2023

Departure 7/8/2023

Covering an area of 13,700 km<sup>2</sup> (5,290 mi<sup>2</sup>), **Scoresby Sound** is the largest and deepest fjord system in the world. Named after the explorer and whale hunter William Scoresby, who mapped the region in 1822, it opens onto the Greenland Sea to the north of the **Blosseville Coast**. This wild and desert region offers untouched panoramas of infinite beauty, with high snow-capped peaks rising tall alongside icebergs immersed in clear, blue-tinged waters. **Rode Fjord** and its cliffs coloured red by iron ore provide a fascinating setting you will not want to miss. Discovering these stunning places in the wake of great explorers like **Captain Charcot**, who was deeply attached to the land of the Inuit, inspires a profound reverence.

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## JAN MAYEN ISLAND, SVALBARD

Arrival 9/8/2023

Departure 9/8/2023

The **island of Jan Mayen**, belonging to Norway, lies hidden off Greenland’s coastlines, lost between the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic Ocean. This small piece of land is inhabited by only a handful of Norwegian meteorologists. **Tongues of ice** descend from its volcanic summit, which culminates at 2,227 metres and is covered with a thick glacial coat. These tongues join the sea, between ranges of black **volcanic rocks** at times tinged with red. If the sky is clement, you will have the chance to glimpse the summit, decked out in magnificent light. The visit of a small fin whale will perhaps enable you to complete this memorable picture.

## AT SEA

Arrival 10/8/2023

Departure 10/8/2023

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## ISFJORDEN

Arrival 11/8/2023

Departure 11/8/2023

The vast **Isfjorden** is one of the main fjords in **Svalbard**. These different branches reach the heart of the island of Spitsbergen. Located deep inside the Billejforden, the **Nordenskiöld Glacier** with its front of ice, nearly 5 km wide, is one of the most **spectacular** in the Svalbard Archipelago. You will perhaps have the opportunity to discover the **ghost town** of **Pyramiden**. Constructed at the foot of a mountain in the form of a pyramid, this former mining town, founded by Sweden at the beginning of the 20th century before being sold a few years later to the Soviet Union, and abandoned in 1998, has conserved all the buildings from its glory days, when it lived off coal mining.

## LONGYEARBYEN, SPITSBERGEN

Arrival 12/8/2023 early morning

Disembarkation 12/8/2023 at 7:00 am

**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.