

Journey of a lifetime: Total solar eclipse in Antarctica



On December 4, 2021, an event will forever mark your life as a traveler-explorer.

Where? In Antarctica. With whom? The Sun... well, not exactly, with a total eclipse of the Sun.

How will it happen? Aboard *Le Commandant-Charcot*, the upcoming high-polar exploration vessel from PONANT.

Some opportunities in life only come along once. The polar expedition planned by the PONANT experts will allow you to experience a unique moment untouched by time: witnessing the solar eclipse on December 4, 2021 in the only area in the world where it will be fully visible, the edge of Antarctica.

Initiatory journey to the heart of the Weddell sea ice floes

From Ushuaia, *Le Commandant-Charcot*, a latest-generation PC2 polar class vessel, eco-designed with the latest green technologies - hybrid electric, propelled by Liquefied Natural Gas, 100% of waste sorted on board, wastewater treatment - will set sail for the Weddell sea ice pack, in the heart of the White Continent.

In this region, where the sun never quite sets, a dark night will envelop the ship during the eclipse and allow you to fully experience this fascinating time.

"We will be positioned in the heart of the sea ice, where the pristine white creates a high-pressure zone that will allow for clearer skies. Guests will have the privilege of witnessing this rare phenomenon from the ice pack", says Nicolas Dubreuil, Polar and Tropical Expedition Expert and Director of Sustainability at PONANT.

Experts and scientists on board will study this exceptional natural phenomenon and will involve passengers in their analyses.

It will also be an opportunity for them to carry out sampling and analysis in these remote areas.

"This journey is one of a kind in a lifetime, full of meaning for future guests who will realise how important it is to preserve this incredible place", concludes Nicolas Dubreuil.

"Total eclipse in the Weddell sea" cruise

15 days / 14 nights – From November 30 to December 14, 2021 | starting from €15,620

[Discover the cruise](#)

About *Le Commandant-Charcot*

With 135 staterooms and suites, *Le Commandant-Charcot* will be the first high-polar exploration vessel, a hybrid electric ship powered by LNG (liquefied natural gas). This major innovation is deeply rooted in the company's commitment to sustainable tourism with minimal environmental impact. As a "ship of opportunity", it will be equipped with infrastructures and equipment made available to Research. It will provide many scientists with an observation, research and analysis platform that is unique in the world for studying the water, air, ice and biodiversity of these extreme polar regions. Numerous activities will also be offered: participative science, hovercraft, helium balloon, snowmobiles, conferences by experts, etc.

ABOUT PONANT

Created in 1988, by Officers of the French Merchant Navy, PONANT has created a new style of cruising, under the French flag, through a unique conception of sea travel and a commitment to promoting sustainable and responsible tourism. Accessing exceptional territories aboard yachts featuring refined design, on which the art of living and excellent cuisine take pride of place: such is the promise of a unique and authentic PONANT voyage.

In collaboration with the IHU (Institut Hospitalo-Universitaire) Méditerranée Infection of Marseilles, one of the world's leading centres in the field of infectious diseases, and Bureau Veritas, PONANT has developed a "Covid-safe" protocol based on health standards that exceed international regulations. [Discover PONANT health protocol](#)

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