



NORTH POLE

“TOP OF THE WORLD”

JULY 21 – AUGUST 2, 2022

13 DAYS

EMBARKATION: MURMANSK (RUSSIA) / DISEMBARKATION: MURMANSK (RUSSIA)

I/b 50 Years of Victory

Activities:

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Be one of the few to travel aboard a 75,000-HP nuclear-powered icebreaker as you navigate the frozen Arctic Sea.
- Endless wildlife-viewing and birding opportunities at sea and in Russia's Franz Josef Land Archipelago, home to polar bear and walrus, in 24-hour daylight.
- The ultimate polar experience and a unique global perspective at the geographic North Pole – 90 degrees North, Top of the World.

YOUR JOURNEY



EXPEDITION ITINERARY:



DAY 1 – JULY 21 - ARRIVE MURMANSK, RUSSIA

(Arrive in Murmansk, Russia via connections in Moscow or Saint Petersburg.)

Welcome to the city of Murmansk on Russia's Kola Peninsula, starting point of our adventure. Upon your arrival at the airport in Murmansk, you will be met by Poseidon Expeditions and transferred to your hotel. Overnight **Azimut Hotel**.



DAY 2 – JULY 22 - EMBARKATION IN MURMANSK

Today we provide a group transfer to the port where we welcome you aboard the nuclear-powered icebreaker *50 Let Pobedy*. Explore the ship and get orientated as we slip our moorings and sail north out of Kola Bay.



DAY 3-6 – JULY 23 - 26 - THE VOYAGE NORTH

Nowhere can it be more truly said that “getting there is half the fun”. As we cruise northward through the Barents Sea, there is always the possibility of seeing whales. Meanwhile, you have the opportunity to learn about the unique icebreaking capabilities of the ship. You are also treated to a tour of the engine room. As we make our way across the ice cap, you witness firsthand the ship's awesome power as massive ice blocks give way under the enormous bulk of the spoon-shaped bow. The

sensation of being on deck at this time is surreal and unforgettable. We also take advantage of 24-hour daylight to offer helicopter flightseeing tours. From the air you can observe the ship crushing a path through the ice. You also have a unique vantage point from which to witness the stunning beauty of this vast polar icescape.



DAY 7 – JULY 27 - NORTH POLE – TOP OF THE WORLD

icy water! After our memorable time at the North Pole we turn around and head south. But the adventure is not over yet. The High Arctic Archipelago of Franz Josef Land is still to come!



DAY 8-10 – JULY 28 - 30 - EXPLORATION OF FRANZ JOSEF LAND

The Franz Josef Land archipelago, part of the Russian Arctic National Park since 2012, is a nature sanctuary. Polar bears and other quintessential High Arctic wildlife—such as walruses and some rare whale species—can be spotted anytime, anywhere in and around Franz Josef Land. Scree slopes and cliffs around the islands host enormous nesting colonies of migratory seabirds such as guillemots, dovekeys, and ivory gulls. We take advantage of 24-hour daylight to exploit every opportunity for wildlife viewing and excursions via Zodiac and helicopter. Franz Josef Land is home to some interesting geological features, such as the mysterious stone spheres on Champ Island. Collectors of geographical extremes may take note that Cape Fligely on Rudolf Island is the northernmost point of land in the Eastern Hemisphere. Franz Josef Land also offers visitors the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of famous polar explorers at well-preserved historical sites. The journals of explorers such as Julius von Payer, Benjamin Leigh Smith, Frederick George Jackson, and Fridtjof Nansen come alive at Cape Norway, Cape Flora, Eira Harbour, and Cape Tegetthoff. Memorials, monuments, crosses, and the remains of dwellings are testimony to incredible historical events that are further illuminated by our expert lecturers. Tikhaya Bukhta is currently a Russian Arctic National Park ranger station occupying Soviet-era research buildings and was also a major base for polar expeditions. Nearby, the fascinating columnar basalt cliffs of Rubini Rock are home to thousands of nesting seabirds.



DAY 11-12 – JULY 31 – AUGUST 1 - THE VOYAGE SOUTH

After our amazing time in Franz Josef Land we cross back south through the bountiful waters of the Barents Sea. Presentations and workshops by our expert staff ensure that these days at sea are not idly spent. You may also take advantage of onboard facilities and amenities such as a polar library, volleyball court, gym, two saunas, warm seawater pool, gift shop, and massage treatments. Seabird viewing and whale sightings can be enjoyed from panoramic open decks as well as exterior stateroom windows.



DAY 13 – AUGUST 2 - DISEMBARK IN MURMANSK / DEPART MURMANSK

Our once-in-a-lifetime journey comes to an end. After breakfast we say farewell in Murmansk. We provide you with a transfer to the airport for your flight home.





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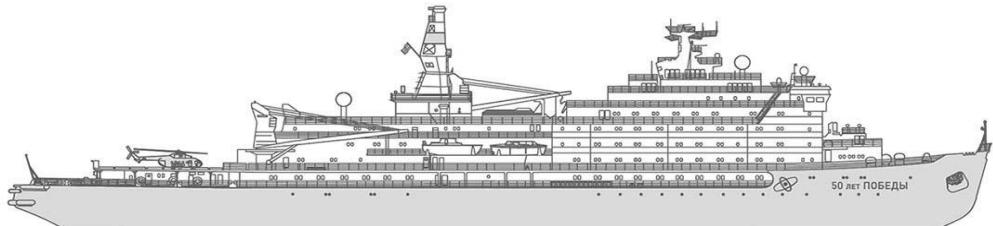


DECK PLAN I/B 50 LET POBEDY

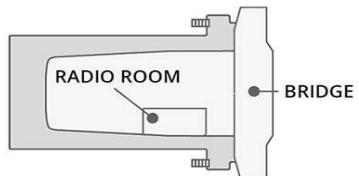
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	Victory Suite
	Mini Suite
	Grand Suite
	Standard Twin

Length:	160 meters (525 ft.)
Beam:	30 meters (98 ft.)
Speed:	21 knots
Passengers:	124
Crew:	140

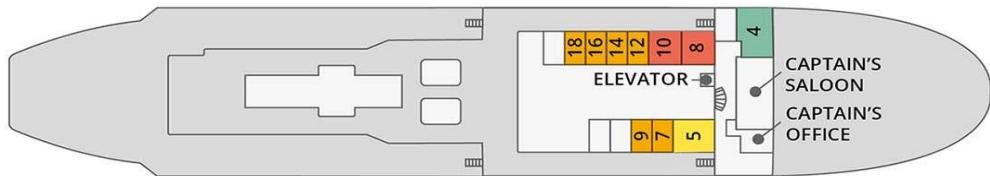
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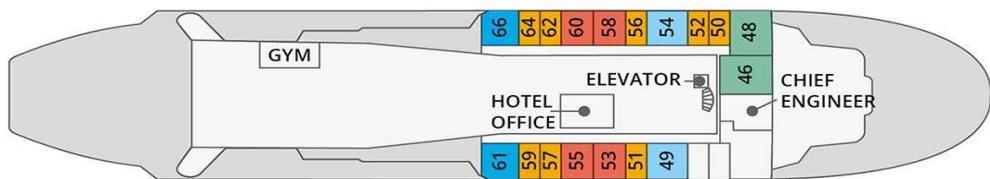
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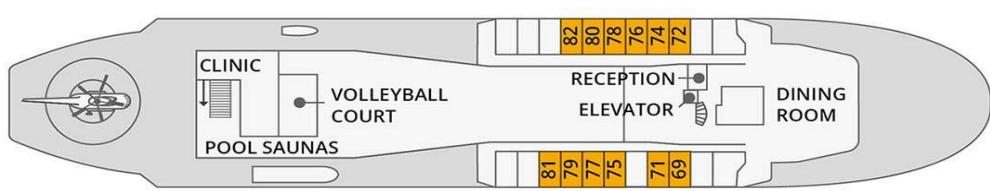
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BRIDGE DECK 1



BOW DECK



Standard Twin



One lower berth, one sofa bed, private facilities with a shower, TV set and DVD player, opening windows.

Junior Suite



Sitting area with sofa bed, sleeping bed separated from the sitting area, private facilities with a shower, TV set and DVD player, refrigerator, opening windows.

Mini Suite



Sitting area with sofa bed, sleeping bed separated from the sitting area, private facilities with a shower, TV set and DVD player, refrigerator, opening windows.

Grand Suite



Sitting area with sofa bed, sleeping bed separated from the sitting area, private facilities with a shower, TV set and DVD player, refrigerator, opening windows.

Victory Suite



Large bedroom and sitting room, sofa bed in sitting room, private facilities with a bathtub, refrigerator, TV set and DVD player, opening windows.

Arktika Suite



Very spacious bedroom and sitting room, sofa bed in sitting room, private facilities with a bathtub, refrigerator, TV set and DVD player, coffee maker, opening windows.

Photography



Free option

The Polar Regions are perhaps the most photogenic on earth, with countless beautiful scenes presenting themselves every day. Endless expanses of ice, beaches crowded with seals or penguins, sunsets over unbroken horizons, starlit skies, and even the majestic northern lights – they all present fantastic photographic opportunities – and in order to make sure that you come home with some spectacular images we offer you the chance to learn and practice your photography alongside an experienced professional.

Our expert Photographer will be on hand to answer your questions and give advice, both in the form of on-board lectures and workshops on shore. Explore the key elements of photography in a fun and relaxed setting, with plenty of opportunities for questions and feedback. Learn how to see light in a new way and experiment with the techniques of composition and framing.

Helicopter sightseeing



Free option

A helicopter aboard the 50 Years of Victory in our North Pole cruises lets our passengers be more than just spectators in this intrepid mission.

Time, weather and/or ice conditions permitting, you will experience breathtaking helicopter rides over the icebreaker as it plows its way through the ice. Just imagine how amazing photo ops this adventure provides!

The helicopter is also used to land on wild Franz Josef Land islands where we cannot use Zodiacs. So, our North Pole passengers are never far from the action.

The helicopter landings and rides during the North Pole cruise are included.

North Pole Rates (per person):

<i>Category</i>	<i>Regular Rate</i>	<i>Michigan State University Alumni Association Special Rate</i>
Standard Twin	\$31,995	\$30,395
Mini Suite	\$36,995	\$35,145
Junior Suite	\$42,995	\$40,845
Grand Suite	\$43,995	\$41,795
Victory Suite	\$46,995	\$44,645
Arktika Suite	\$48,995	\$46,545

Cruise rates are quoted per person and based on passengers sharing a cabin. Single supplement: 1.7x for Standard cabin; 2x for Mini Suite, Junior Suite, Grand Suite, Victory Suite and Arktika Suite.

Rates Include:

- One-night pre-cruise hotel accommodation in Murmansk, Russia, with breakfast
- Transfer from airport to the hotel in Murmansk one day prior to departure
- Transfer from hotel to the port in Murmansk on embarkation day
- Transfer from the port to the airport or central location in Murmansk upon disembarkation
- Shipboard accommodations with housekeeping
- Shipboard breakfasts, lunches, dinners and special parties
- Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- Opportunities for several helicopter excursions during the voyage
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac landing craft
- Program of lectures and informal discussions by experienced Expedition Team and guest lecturers
- Professional Expedition Leadership
- Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka to keep
- Rubber boots for shore landings during the cruise
- Reusable water bottle to keep
- Cabin book/journal to keep
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in each cabin
- Informative pre-departure materials

- All gratuities/tips for the crew and expedition team
- Digital Voyage Log of your journey
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All shipboard luggage handling
- Personalized medical insurance covering the risks of evacuation and repatriation. Coverage: 100,000 EUR. Duration: cruise days only. This is only for passengers under 85 years old

Rates do not Include:

- Airfare to and from your hometown to Murmansk
 - Helicopter flying time in excess of that offered for the group
 - Passport and visa expenses (if required); a Russian visa is required for the trip. The visa must be obtained by the guest and is at his or her expense. We will provide a visa invitation letter. We highly recommend getting your Russian visa through G3 Visa Service. If you plan to arrange a pre- or post-cruise trip on your own in Russia, we will need to know for the visa invitation letter.
 - State arrival and departure taxes (if levied)
 - Meals ashore and supplements in respect of single hotel accommodation (if required)
 - Excess luggage charges on international and local flights
 - Telecommunication services; laundry, bar and beverage charges aboard the vessel
 - Luggage, cancellation insurance (strongly recommended)
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HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

For cabin availability and reservations please contact [Poseidon Expeditions](#) at [\(347\) 801-2610](tel:(347)801-2610) or salesUSA@poseidonexpeditions.com and our reservation specialist, Shulie Klein can assist you. *For questions or additional information about the Michigan State University Spartan Pathways Travel, please call 517.353.3069.*

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:

A deposit of 20% of the appropriate cabin rate is required to confirm the reservation; the final payment (80%) is due 90 days prior to the departure. All payments are to be made in USD as indicated on the invoice. The deposit and final payment can be made by credit card, check or via bank transfer.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS: Airfare is not included in the cruise rate. However, we can direct you to our preferred air supplier, **Exit Travel**, Klaus – (970-672-4305) – klaus@exitotravel.com, who is familiar with our routing and can assist you with air arrangements.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR POLAR CRUISE EXPEDITION:

Traveling to the North Pole is a great adventure, but sometimes unexpected illness or injury during the trip itself may change your plans and require medical evacuation. Emergency medical and evacuation/repatriation insurance covers you in case of such an eventuality. Note that Poseidon Expeditions requires this type of insurance coverage for all guests aboard the *I/b 50 Years of Victory* as per our [Terms and Conditions](#) and **includes this coverage into the trip cost**.

Emergency medical and evacuation/repatriation insurance coverage is not the same thing as cancellation insurance. We strongly recommend getting additional cancellation insurance.

You will receive information from the [Michigan State University Alumni Association](#) about trip interruption and cancellation insurance. Please contact them at (517) 353.3069, for more information about travel insurance.

BOOKING CANCELLATION/REFUNDS:

All requests for cancellation must be made in writing. Reservations cancelled more than 120 days prior to departure will be fully refunded less an administrative fee of 5% of the offered rate.

Reservations cancelled between 119 days and 91 days prior to departure will be fully refunded less the deposit of 20% of the offered rate. In case a reservation is cancelled 90 days and less prior to departure, all payments are forfeited (cancellation fee is 100%). For these and other reasons mentioned below, passengers are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance. The services included in the cruise rate are based on group participation, and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which passengers choose not to participate, including any helicopter flight time. It should be understood that refunds will not be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for any reason whatsoever

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Applicable general terms and conditions can be found here:

<https://poseidonexpeditions.com/upload/files/terms/50YV.pdf>

Itinerary, landings and all other activities during the cruise depend strongly on ice and weather conditions and are subject to the decisions of the Expedition Leader and the Captain of the vessel.

Encounters with any mentioned wildlife cannot be guaranteed.