



## North Pole

### Top of the World

07 July 2019, 18 July 2019 & 29 July 2019

13 Days

Embarkation: Murmansk (Russia)

Disembarkation: Murmansk (Russia)

I/b 50 Years of Victory

Activities:



# Itinerary



## Day 1: Murmansk, Russia

Welcome to the city of Murmansk on Russia's Kola Peninsula, starting point of our adventure. Upon your arrival at the airport we provide a transfer to your hotel, which has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the voyage.

Murmansk is easy to reach by regular flights with stopovers in Moscow or Saint Petersburg. You may wish to extend your stop in Moscow.

Here is our suggestions on pre-post trip options in Moscow.



## Day 2: 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: 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: North Pole

Welcome to the geographic North Pole! After carefully navigating to 90 degrees North, we ceremoniously drop the anchor on a sturdy stretch of ice and disembark onto the frozen sea. Now is the time to experiencing the long-anticipated thrill of standing at the top of the world. Join hands with your fellow passengers and literally walk around the world during our special International Round Dance. You are also treated to a barbecue meal on the ice. You may even have the chance to take a plunge into the 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: 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, dovekies, 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: 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: Disembarkation in 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.

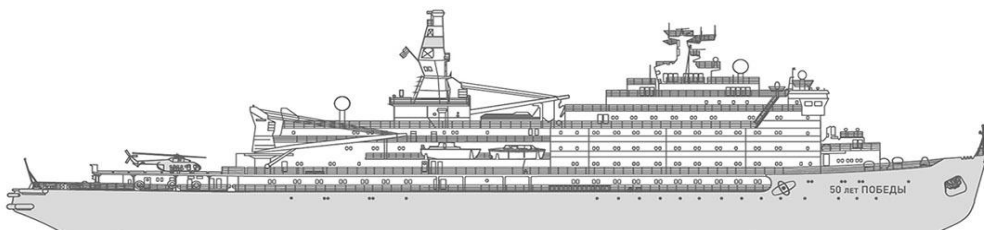
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## DECK PLAN I/B 50 LET POBEDY

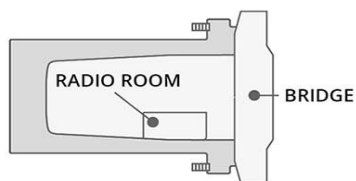
- Arktika Suite
- Victory Suite
- Grand Suite
- Junior Suite
- Mini Suite
- Standard Twin

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

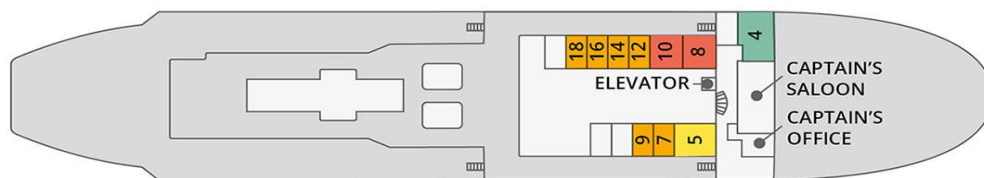
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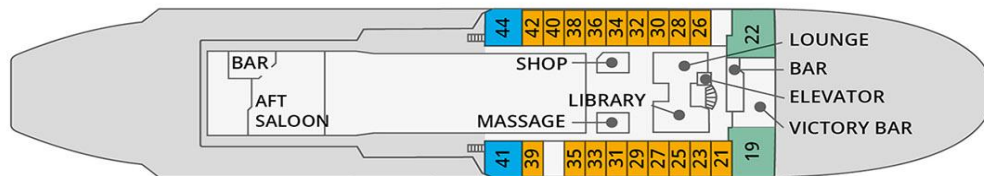
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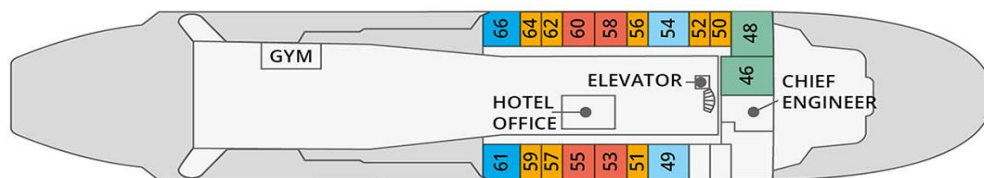
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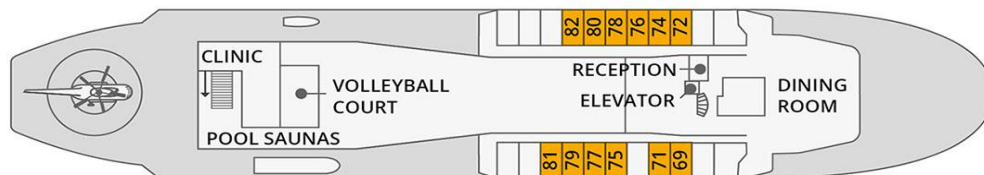
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BRIDGE DECK 1



BOW DECK



## Standard Twin



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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

# Rates

Sailing Dates	Standard Twin	Mini Suite	Junior Suite	Grand Suite	Victory Suite	Arktika Suite
07 July 2019	\$29.995	\$32.795	\$39.995	\$40.995	\$44.095	\$45.095
18 July 2019	\$29.995	\$32.795	\$39.995	\$40.995	\$44.095	\$45.095
29 July 2019	\$29.995	\$32.795	\$39.995	\$40.995	\$44.095	\$45.095

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

## Rates Include

- 1 night pre-cruise hotel accommodation in Murmansk, Russia, with breakfast;
- Transfer from airport to the hotel in Murmansk 1 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 accommodation with housekeeping;
- Shipboard breakfasts, lunches and dinners;
- Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock;
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by helicopter;
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by zodiacs;
- Shore landings included in daily program;
- Program of lectures and informal discussions by experienced Expedition Team and guest lecturers;
- Professional Expedition Leadership;
- Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka;
- Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise;
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in each cabin;
- Informative pre-departure materials;
- Digital Voyage Log;
- 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 customer and is at his or her expense. Please, contact your local Russian Consulate to learn more about the procedure for obtaining a Visa.
- 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);
- Tips for stewards and other service personnel aboard (at your discretion).



*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.*

## **Terms and Conditions – Expedition cruise aboard I/B "50 Years of Victory"**

By purchasing this product, you accept the present Terms and Conditions. In case you do not accept any of the Terms and Conditions of Poseidon Arctic Voyages Ltd. d.b.a. Poseidon Expeditions (Operator hereafter) you will not be able to take part in the expedition cruise.

**Rates and Accommodation.** Cruise rates are quoted per person and based on passengers sharing a cabin.

Cabin share is available only in Standard Twin cabin.

Single accommodation in Standard Twin cabin: 1.7x the shared rate; Single accommodation in Mini Suite, Junior Suite, Grand Suite, Victory Suite and Arktika Suite: 2x the shared rate.

Those who booked shared accommodations aboard the ship will also share accommodations at the pre-cruise hotel, if applicable.

**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 the agreed currency indicated on the invoice. The deposit can be made by credit card or via bank transfer. The final payment is to be made via bank transfer. North America office also accepts credit cards and checks for deposit and final payment.

**Payment Delay.** The date of payment is considered to be the date of crediting the funds to the account of Operator.

In case of payment delay Operator has the right to apply payment delay fee which equals to 0.1% from the due amount for each day of delay.

**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.

**Voyage Cancellation.** Operator reserves the right to cancel any departure due to insufficient reservations up to eight weeks before the date of departure (passengers may be offered alternative cruise dates). Operator also reserves the right to cancel any departure up until the date of that departure due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond the control of Operator that prevents the operation of the tour (this also includes governmental and administrative decisions).

Operator or its agents are not responsible for any costs or penalties relating to air transport or other services that are cancelled. Operator is not liable for failure to provide the services or accommodations offered to the extent that such services or accommodations cannot be provided due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond its control.

**Transferred reservations/name changes.** Bookings transferred from one departure (more than 90 days prior to departure) to another, for the same passenger can be made at no charge, based on availability. By direct permission, and on a limited basis, name changes on a reservation can be made at a fee of USD 300 per person, but not less than 90 days before the departure.

**Children.** Children must be at least 12 years of age to participate in an expedition cruise. However, Operator may accept children ages 8-11 on a case by case basis after additional consideration by the Operator.

**On-board language.** All voyages are conducted in English and German. For groups of passengers speaking other languages, Operator recruits multi-lingual staff members, who assist the passengers during briefings and lectures. Staff varies from voyage to voyage; please check when booking.

**On-board authority.** All passengers are subject to instructions or regulations given by the Captain or the Expedition Leader.

**On-board payments.** All payments are in US dollars. Passengers may run a tab which must be paid prior to disembarkation. Payments can be made in cash or via credit card.

**Itinerary.** The itineraries published on the Operator's website and in any other sources serve as examples only. Real itineraries of any expedition cruise (including all scheduled landings and excursions) in polar regions are heavily dependent on weather and ice conditions. Occasionally, conditions and/or safety concerns require itinerary changes. The Captain and the Expedition Leader will accordingly make every effort to find the best alternative to the original itinerary while keeping passengers informed and updated. It is understood that such decisions will be made in the interests of all passengers aboard and with regard to the safety of the vessel. Itinerary changes are not subject to passenger approval/consent and in the event of such a change no refunds or price adjustments are possible. Nothing in this Itinerary is meant to signify the use of any specific design or model of helicopter.

Operator expressly reserves the right to change the itinerary, the date or place of departure due to weather conditions, availability of anchorages, political conditions and other factors beyond Operator's control without consulting the participants. Placement of a booking with Operator amounts to an acknowledgement that itinerary changes are possible.

**Photography/Video.** Operator reserves the right to use photographs and/or videos taken during the operation of the voyage for promotional purposes for the Operator and/or its sales agents. Passengers may not charge for their appearance in any photographs or video.

**Smoking.** Smoking in cabins or public areas of the ship is strictly prohibited by safety regulations. There will be a designated smoking place aboard the ship.

**Alcohol.** Alcohol beverages are available for sale in the on-board bar. Operator reserves the right to refuse alcohol to anyone deemed to be intoxicated.

**Eligibility.** There are no specific physical requirements for travel in polar regions. However, the purchased expedition cruise is a cruise to the remote region of the world on a ship which, at times, may be in rough seas. Please also note that there is no specialized medical assistance available in these regions. Passengers with certain medical/health issues may not be appropriate for this type of expedition and are advised to exercise appropriate caution. Our medical information form lists a number of these conditions.

**Pre-departure forms.** Prior to boarding, specific passenger information is required by Operator for passenger safety and for international reporting regulations. Required information must be completed in the forms provided by Operator and submitted at least 60 days prior to departure. Final documents cannot be issued for passengers whose information has not been received.

**Passenger Medical Information.** We require all passengers to submit basic medical information prior to departure. Upon receipt of that basic medical information, specific physical conditions may necessitate additional documentation from a passenger's physician certifying fitness to travel on a polar expedition voyage. If additional medical confirmation is requested, boarding will not be allowed absent receipt of that confirmation. Operator has a pregnancy policy that women are welcome with explicit doctor's permission and having signed a specific waiver. Pregnancy policies of carriers (ship owners, airlines, bus companies, hotels, etc.) may also apply. Please note that medical information will, of necessity, be available to designated Operator's staff.

Please note that regardless of general eligibility there may be instances where environmental conditions require a level of fitness/mobility. In these cases, individual participation in the landing(s) in question may be restricted by the Captain, Expedition Leader, or ship's doctor.

**Medical Evacuation and Repatriation Insurance.** All passengers are covered by a medical insurance policy to the value of 100,000 EUR per person and the policy includes emergency evacuation and repatriation from remote regions. This is only for passengers under 85 years old. Passengers over 85 years old are to purchase their own insurance policy with coverage not less than 100,000 EUR. Such policy is to cover risks of repatriation/evacuation from extremely remote territories, and is to be sufficient for travelling in the High Arctic. Any risks, not covered by the insurance policy provided, are to be covered by passengers at his/her disposal and at his/her own expense. Insurance is in effect only on board the Ship and outside the port of Murmansk.

**Responsibility.** The payment of a deposit or full payment for a reservation on this tour shall constitute consent to all the provisions contained herein.

Operator or its agents are not responsible for any costs or penalties relating to air transport or other services that are cancelled. Operator is not liable for failure to provide the services or accommodations offered to the extent that such services or accommodations cannot be provided due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond its control.

Operator is a qualified tour operator that organizes and administers its polar voyages. Operator will provide services in conjunction with local operators and air and sea operators. The designated operator(s), in turn, acts only as an agent for any transportation carrier, hotel, ground operator, or other suppliers of services connected with these tours ("other providers"), and the other providers are solely responsible and liable for providing their respective services. The passenger tickets in use by the carriers shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger; the carriers are not responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time participants are not aboard their conveyances.

Operator and its designated service providers shall not be held liable for (a) any damage to, or loss of, property or injury to, or death of, persons occasioned directly or indirectly by an act or omission of any other provider, including but not limited to any defect in any aircraft, watercraft, or vehicle operated or provided by such other provider; and (b) any loss or damage due to delay, cancellation, or disruption in any manner caused by the laws, regulations, acts or failures to act, demands, orders, or interpositions of any government or any subdivision or agent thereof, or by acts of God, strikes, fire, flood, war, rebellion, terrorism, insurrection, sickness, quarantine, epidemics, theft, or any other cause(s) beyond their control.

The participant waives any claim against Operator for any such loss, damage, injury, or death. In the event of Itinerary change due to any unforeseen circumstances or due to force majeure Operator is not to be held liable for any costs incurred by passengers in this case and no refunds or price adjustments are possible.

By registering for our voyage, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants. Operator and its designated tour operator reserve the right in their sole discretion to accept, decline to accept, or remove any participant from a voyage. Operator reserves the right, without penalty, to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of participants.

If a passenger misses any scheduled sailing of the vessel from any port or place, including any stopover, Operator shall not be liable for any costs, expenses or damages incurred by the passenger as a result of his/her action and no refund of fare shall be granted.

**Baggage.** Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant.

### **Limitations**

Passengers are not permitted to bring or have on board any pets or animals, firearms, flammable or hazardous items, controlled or prohibited substances or drugs, contraband or items prohibited by any country or port to be visited.

**Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions.** Acceptance of the initial services to be provided on the trip shall constitute an acceptance by the trip member of these terms and conditions. On advancement of deposit to Operator, the depositor therefore agrees to be bound by the above-recited Terms and Conditions.