



Polar Pioneer



Polar Pioneer was originally built in Finland in 1985 as an ice-strengthened research ship, and has spent a number of years on the USSR's northern coast. In 2000 she was refurbished in St Petersburg and now provides the following comfortable accommodation for 54 passengers:

- 1 x Captain's Suite (double bed in separate room, plus foldout couch that can be used as a single bed, forward and port windows, lounge and table area, fridge, TV, video player, and private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin)
- 2 x Mini Suite (double bed in a separate room, foldout couch that can be used as a single bed, TV, video player, windows, desk, table area, fridge, and private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin)
- 12 x Twin Private (two lower bunks, desk, windows and private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin. #402 and #403 have upper and lower bunks with a couch)
- 12 x Twin Public (two lower bunks, desk, small washbasin, plenty of storage and hanging space, couch and porthole. Showers and toilets shared with other Main Deck cabins)
- 2 x Triple (two lower bunks and one upper bunk, a desk, a small washbasin, plenty of storage and hanging space and portholes. Showers and toilets are very close by and are shared with other Main Deck cabins)



Captain's Suite



Twin Private Cabin



Triple Cabin



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A considerable amount of internal restructuring helped to facilitate the creation of a combined bar, lounge and library area, of which a good collection of polar books can be found. The spacious decks are perfect for taking in the panoramic views of the surrounding polar landscape and are ideal positions from which to spot some wildlife, including polar bears, whales and seabirds. The ship also has a small fleet of inflatable Zodiacs with outboard motors which enables us to travel from ship to shore.

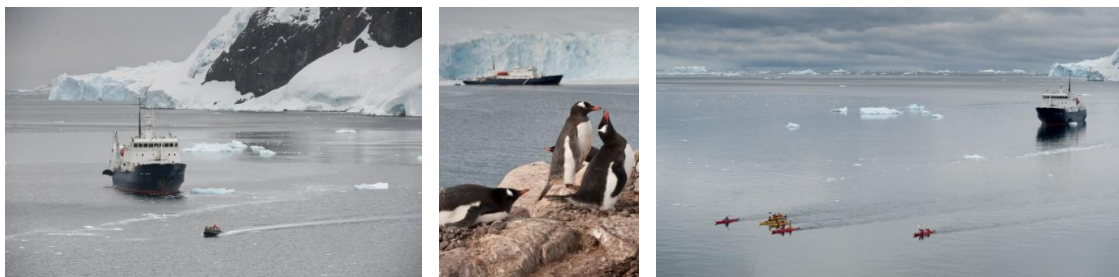
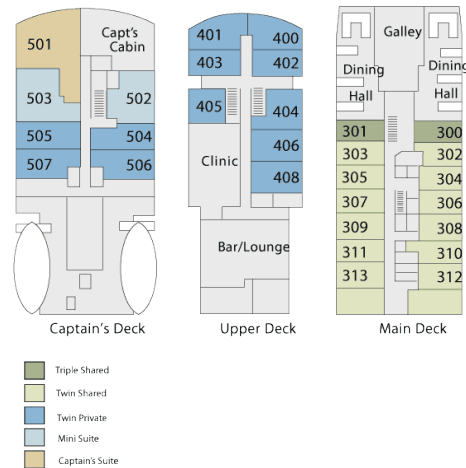
The sheer strength and manoeuvrability of Polar Pioneer have earned the vessel an outstanding reputation for polar expedition cruising. All cabins have outside portholes and sufficient storage space.

Polar Pioneer is by no means a luxury liner, but the accommodation is comfortable and the food is wholesome. The Russian captain and his crew are renowned for their tremendous enthusiasm and are among the most experienced ice-navigators in the world, while the catering and waiting staff are attentive and friendly.

Ship Specifications

Date Built - 1985
 Built In - Finland
 Registered - Russia
 Length - 235 feet
 Beam - 50 feet
 Draft - 15 feet
 Type of vessel - Expedition Ship
 Hull Construction - Steel
 Top Speed - 12 knots/hr
 Decks - 3
 Passengers - 54
 Staterooms - 29
 Facilities - Bar, Lounge, Library
 Zodiacs - 4+

Deck Plans




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