50 YEARS OF VICTORY
SHIP INFORMATION

Noble Caledonia
50 YEARS OF VICTORY – Vessel Technical Details

Passengers: 128
Length: 150.70 metres
Breadth: 30 metres
Draft: 11 metres
Propulsion: 2 Nuclear Reactors, 74,000 horsepower
Cruising Speed: 14.5 knots
Ice Class: LL1 (the highest rating possible)
Staff & Crew: 140
Registered: Russia
Year built: 2007
The 50 Years of Victory is the largest and most modern nuclear-powered icebreaker in the world. For those with an appreciation of such vessels, the “Victory” is a new generation ship, an upgrade of the Arktika-class, the most powerful icebreakers in the world. Designed with a stainless-steel ice belt, 5 metres wide, she is able to break through ice up to 2.5 metres thick.

We do hope you have a wonderful expedition to the North Pole.
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Announcements in English over the ship’s public address system will alert you to wildlife sightings, itinerary changes and landing instructions for going ashore. On some voyages, announcements may be repeated in other languages. Out of courtesy to other travellers, we ask that you remain quiet during all announcements – even those made in languages that are not your own. Radio announcements in Russian are for the crew.

DAILY BRIEFINGS & RECAPS
You will have regular briefings throughout the voyage. These briefings allow your Expedition Leader and Team to provide you with information about upcoming landings and any itinerary changes that may occur. During your recap sessions you are encouraged to share your experience and wildlife sightings, or ask questions about the places you have just visited.

DAILY PROGRAMME
Your schedule of activities, presentations, meal hours and films is usually posted one day in advance. Please remember that the unexpected is an everyday occurrence during a polar expedition, so it is possible that while you are sleeping it may be necessary to adjust the activities for the next day. Your daily programme notices and itineraries are meant only as guides. Whilst sailing, the Captain and Expedition Leader will constantly monitor weather and ice conditions, while collaborating to create as many opportunities as possible for you to enjoy landings and Zodiac cruises at the places you visit.

DISABLED FACILITIES
Although there is a lift, unfortunately the ship does not have facilities for disabled, or wheelchair dependent, passengers.

DRESS CODE
During the day we recommend comfortable, casual clothing that will be suitable against the elements. The evenings are smart casual. There will be welcome and farewell cocktail parties so you may like to bring something a little smarter for these events. A complimentary Parka, which is yours to keep, will be provided. Waterproof boots will be provided for the duration of your voyage. Further details will be advised in your pre-departure information.
ELECTRICITY
Voltage is 220V/50Hz. The outlets are European Style (2 round pin). Most modern electronic devices support dual voltages, but please verify compatibility prior to plugging in your equipment. We recommend that you take a universal adaptor.

FACILITIES
There are the following facilities onboard:
• Bar
• Basketball Court
• Lecture Hall
• Dining Room
• Doctor
• Gym
• Heated Sea Water Swimming Pool
• Helicopter for shore excursions
• Laundry services
• Lecture Hall
• Library
• Lounge
• Massage service
• Polar Boutique
• Saunas
• Volleyball Court

FOOD & DRINK
The dining room is spacious, has open seating and meals are served to your table with a variety of international cuisine prepared by qualified chefs. All cruises include full board in the single sitting restaurant. Breakfast is provided buffet style; lunch and dinner are a mix of buffet with choice of soup and entrées and served dishes with choice of meat, fish or vegetarian. Afternoon tea is also provided daily with a choice of cakes. Among the specials are polar barbecues on open deck and on ice.

The well-stocked bar is open for you to enjoy all-inclusive beverages with your fellow shipmates from the afternoon into the late evening. Soft drinks, juices and water are available, as is a selection of liquors, spirits, beers and wine. Complimentary coffee, tea, cocoa and water are available self-service 24 hours a day.
If you bring any beverages onboard the ship, please confine consumption to your suite. If you do wish to bring your own wine to the dining room, a small corkage fee will be charged to your shipboard account.

Water onboard is a condensate of evaporated seawater and is safe to drink. However drinking water is available if preferred. We recommend that you bring a refillable bottle to use onboard, or purchase one as a souvenir from the Polar Boutique.

Special dietary requests such as vegetarian, low salt and low cholesterol should be made with Noble Caledonia in advance. However, we recommend that you contact the Hotel Manager once on board to reconfirm such requests. We regret that these, and any other special dietary needs, cannot be guaranteed. If you have any specific or special foods that you require we recommend that you take some with you. Kosher food cannot be prepared.

HELICOPTER EXCURSIONS
Helicopter sightseeing flights are included in your expedition. Participants will be taken in groups, and will be flown around in turns. Helicopter sightseeing flights will only be operated if weather conditions are suitable, and when helicopters are not engaged in reconnaissance for further navigation. Therefore, flights often take place without much scheduling.

LAUNDRY
A complete list of laundry charges will be provided when you are on board the ship. Laundry is collected each morning and request forms and bags are provided in your cabin. Please allow 48 hours for your laundry to be returned. Ironing services are also available, at a minimal charge. You are encouraged to take advantage of the laundry services, as it means you will be need to pack fewer articles of clothing.

LIFE BOAT DRILL
With your safety in mind, there will be a muster drill whilst in port, before your voyage begins. This mandatory drill will be scheduled by your Expedition Leader, with instructions from your Expedition Team. During the drill, you will be asked to locate your life vest in your cabin and remember your life boat and muster station. By international maritime law, everyone is required to participate in such a drill within 24 hours of sailing.
LOST PROPERTY
Before you disembark the ship, please check your suite to ensure you do not leave anything behind. If you discover you have left any items behind, please contact Noble Caledonia within 21 days of disembarking. If we are able to recover your item(s) we will contact you to arrange delivery or collection, and any costs incurred will be at your own expense.

MEDICAL
There is an English-speaking doctor onboard, who manages a medical clinic that is stocked with a supply of common prescription medicines and basic first aid equipment. Please ensure that you carry an adequate supply of any medications that you may require.

MONEY MATTERS
The US Dollar is the standard currency onboard. You can also use credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club or American Express). You will need to register your card at the administrative office for an imprint to be taken. Personal cheques are not accepted. A “chit” system is used on the ship. This means that you will sign for items when you take them, but pay your account balance on your second last day of the voyage. If you are sharing a suite and would like separate accounts, you must advise the Hotel Manager.

Please note that gratuities to crew are not included in your holiday price. The recommend amount is $13 to $15 US Dollars per traveller, per day. Gratuities are collected anonymously at the end of your voyage and are distributed among staff and crew at that time. They can be made in cash or charged to your onboard account.

POLAR BOUTIQUE
Gifts and souvenirs are great to take home as mementos of your polar expedition. In addition to small souvenirs, the Polar Boutique offers a selection of expedition gear, including base layer clothing and refillable water bottles. All items may be charged to your shipboard account.

POST
Post service from the Polar regions is slow and erratic at best. If the ship’s staff are unable to deliver your post during the voyage, they will try again on subsequent voyages, however delivery cannot be guaranteed. Receiving Polar mail is still a rare and memorable way to send loved ones a memento from your voyage. If you do send post, please bear in mind that your postcard may take as long as 8 months to be delivered.
PRESENTATIONS BY THE EXPEDITION TEAM

Your Expedition Team is carefully chosen for their combined experience, knowledge and passion for the Polar Regions. Through formal illustrated presentations, as well as informal briefings, your Expedition Leader and Expedition Team will cover a range of topics including ornithology, marine biology, glaciology, geography, geology, history and the environment.

We are sure that you will enjoy the enthusiasm that they have for expedition travel! Biographies of your Expedition Team members will be provided to you when you receive your final documents before your voyage.

SHIP OPERATIONS

Please be aware of pitching and rolling. When the ship is going through ice, there may be sudden lurches, rolls or other motions. Please use handrails whenever possible, especially when going up and down stairs. Please watch your step while passing through doorways; many of them have high steps.

SMOKING

You are not permitted to smoke in cabins or public areas of the ship. Smoking is not allowed in the Zodiacs, helicopter or ashore. Please smoke in designated areas only and ensure your butts are safely and properly disposed of.

SUITES

You may control the temperature in your suite by adjusting the thermostat. Your suite will be cleaned on a daily basis. Your towels will be changed, along with your bed sheets, every third day, subject to the length of the voyage and in accordance with the supplier’s sustainability practices. If you would like your towels changed more frequently, please see the onboard Hotel Manager.

Standard Twin: Bed: 1 lower berth and 1 sofa bed. Furnishings: TV, opening windows, safe, hair dryer, private facilities with shower and bathrobe(s) for use during the expedition.

Mini Suite: Furnishings: sitting area with sofa bed, sleeping bed separated from the sitting area, TV, refrigerator, opening windows, safe, hair dryer, private facilities with shower and bathrobe(s) for use during the expedition.

Suite: Furnishings: bedroom and sitting area, sofa bed in sitting room, TV, refrigerator, tea/coffee maker, opening windows, safe, hair dryer, private facilities with shower and bathrobe(s) for use during the expedition.
Victory Suite: Furnishings: large bedroom and sitting room, sofa bed in sitting room, TV, refrigerator, tea/coffee maker, opening windows, safe, hair dryer, private facilities with bathtub and bathrobe(s) for use during the expedition.

Arktika Suite: Furnishings: very spacious bedroom and sitting room, sofa bed in sitting room, TV, refrigerator, tea/coffee maker, opening windows, safe, hair dryer, private facilities with bathtub and bathrobe(s) for use during the expedition.

VISITING THE BRIDGE

During your voyage you may be invited to visit the Bridge, where you can observe how the Captain and Officers sail and navigate the ship. A map of your expedition path will be available, so you can see exactly where you have been. As the Bridge is an important working area on the ship, we kindly ask that you keep noise to a minimum during your visits to avoid distracting the officers from doing their jobs efficiently.

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