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Polar Pioneer was built in Finland in 1985 as an ice-strengthened research ship, and for many years she plied the treacherous waters of the USSR's northern coast. In 2000 she was refurbished in St Petersburg to provide comfortable accommodation for 56 passengers.

A combined bar/lounge/library area (stocked with a good collection of polar books) was also created by simple internal restructuring.

This class of vessel has a fine reputation for polar expedition cruising, due to its strength, manoeuvrability and small number of cabins. All cabins have outside portholes plus ample storage space. The Russian captain and crew are among the most experienced ice-navigators in the world and their enthusiasm is legendary.

The spacious bridge is always open to us and the decks are ideal for viewing. The chefs are European, and the dining room is attended by Russian stewardesses.

Polar Pioneer is not a luxury vessel as such, but this is our most popular ship for travel to the Polar regions. The accommodation is simple yet comfortable, and the meals are wholesome and uncomplicated. A small fleet of inflatable Zodiacs with outboard motors enable us to travel from ship to shore.

CABINS

Triple: Two lower bunks and one upper bunk, a desk, a small washbasin, ample storage and hanging space and portholes. Showers and toilets are very close by and are shared with other Main Deck cabins.

SIZE: Total Cabin: 423cm x 241cm = 10.2 sqm

Twin Public: Two lower bunks, a desk, small washbasin, ample storage and hanging space, a couch and a porthole. Showers and toilets are very close by and are shared with other Main Deck cabins.

Total Cabin: 400cm x 245cm = 9.8 sq m

Twin Private: Two lower bunks, a desk, windows and private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin. #402 and #403 have upper and lower bunks and a couch.

SIZE:

Deck 4:

Bedroom/Bathroom – 411cm x 260cm = 10.7 sqm

Bathroom – 120cm x 256cm = 3 sqm

Deck 5:

Bedroom/Bathroom – 494cm x 243cm = 12 sqm

Bathroom – 110cm x 170cm = 1.9 sqm

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.

SIZE:

Living Room/Bedroom/Bathroom – 453cm x 370cm = 16.8 sqm

Bathroom – 120cm x 160cm = 1.92 sqm

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.

SIZE:

Living Room/Bedroom – 450cm x 500cm = 22.5 sqm

Bathroom – 120cm x 160cm = 1.92 sqm

