

Arctic cruise gets a frosty reception

PRE-LISTENING

1. Describe the photos. What do you think is the purpose of each ship? What clues about the purpose of each do you see in the pictures?



Photos: Courtesy of Crystal Cruises (left), Brian Burnell Photography (right)

2. Read the headline of the article. Using the definitions below, explain the meaning of the headline and the pun it contains.

cruise

a journey by sea, visiting different places, especially as a holiday/vacation

frosty

1. (of the weather) extremely cold
2. unfriendly, esp. when s.o. does not think that s.th. is good

reception

the way in which a person or a group of people reacts to s.th.

3. Why do you think an Arctic cruise might get a “frosty reception”? Write down some ideas.
4. Here are some difficult words from the article. Take five minutes to read them, then find a partner and test each other or cover the definitions and test yourself.

a) to object	to say that you disagree with or oppose s.th.
b) research ship	a ship which is used to carry out scientific studies
c) austere	allowing nothing which gives pleasure
d) to suggest	to put an idea into s.o.'s mind
e) explorer	a person who travels to unknown places in order to find out more about them
f) tuition	lessons
g) itinerary	a plan of a journey, including the route and the places that you visit
h) to traverse	to travel across
i) feat	a great achievement
j) to turn s.th. down	to say no to s.th., esp. in a polite way
k) to make a mockery of s.th.	to make s.th. seem very silly or useless

l) to take advantage of s.th.	to make use of (an opportunity)
m) to undergo s.th.	to experience s.th., esp. a change or s.th. unpleasant
n) extinction	when a type of animal or plant no longer exists
o) in terms of	used to explain which part of a problem or a situation you are talking about
p) carbon (dioxide)	a gas breathed out by people and animals from the lungs or produced by burning carbon
q) to consume	to use
r) fuel	any material that produces heat or power, usually when it is burnt
s) impact	the powerful effect that s.th. has on s.o./s.th.
t) to be required	to be made to do (s.th.), for example by a rule or law
u) to charter	to rent
v) obligation	s.th. which you must do because of a law, a rule etc.
w) to deploy	to send out to be used for a particular purpose
x) navigational expertise	special skills and knowledge about finding the way to get to and around places
y) commitment	the willingness to work hard and give your energy and time to a job or an activity
z) peril	danger

5. The text contains the phrase “environmental stewardship”. Read the short article on page 15 of this issue of World and Press for a definition of the meaning of this phrase.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

1. A good newspaper article tells you the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY and HOW of a story. Answer the following questions.

a) WHO was Ernest Shackleton?

b) WHAT is the RSS Ernest Shackleton?

c) WHERE did the cruise begin?

d) WHEN did the cruise begin?

e) WHY is the ship chartered commercially to third parties during the northern summer?

f) HOW has climate change made this cruise possible?

2. True, false, or not in the text? Tick the correct box for each question.

	True	False	Not in the text
a) Tourists have boycotted Crystal Serenity's Arctic cruise.			
b) The RRS Ernest Shackleton spends winters supporting British research in the Arctic.			
c) Climate change has made it possible for Crystal Serenity to cruise through the Northwest Passage.			
d) Cruise guests will also be able to ride on the RRS Ernest Shackleton.			
e) Although it used to take several years to travel the Northwest Passage, it can now be done in just 32 days.			
f) One polar expert mocked the Shackleton's role in researching climate change.			
g) Michael Byers recommends that people take advantage of climate change to see the Arctic ecosystem.			
h) The most expensive tickets on the Arctic cruise cost £15,557 each.			
i) The British Antarctic Survey is glad that the RRS Ernest Shackleton is in use during the summer months.			
j) The British Antarctic Survey charters the RRS Shackleton from its Norwegian owner.			

3. Correct the false statements.



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4. Name two ...

a) activities offered on the Crystal Serenity Arctic cruise

b) luxuries offered on the Crystal Serenity Arctic cruise

c) cities to which Crystal Serenity travels on the Arctic cruise

d) services provided by the RRS Ernest Shackleton to Crystal Serenity

e) roles of the RRS Ernest Shackleton

5. Summarize Professor Byer's argument against Crystal Serenity's Arctic tour and the role the RRS Ernest Shackleton plays in making it possible.

POST-LISTENING

- 1. Before listening to the text, you were asked to guess why an Arctic cruise might get a "frosty reception". Were your ideas correct?**
- 2. Here is the itinerary of Crystal Serenity's Northwest Passage Cruise. Make a map showing the route.**

August 16	Kodiak, Alaska, USA
August 18	Dutch Harbor, Alaska, USA
August 20	Nome, Alaska, USA
August 25	Ulukhaktok, Northwest Territories, Canada
August 28	Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, Canada
September 3	Pond Inlet, Nunavut, Canada
September 6	Ilulissat, Greenland
September 7	Sisimiut, Greenland
September 8	Nuuk, Greenland
September 12	Bar Harbor, Maine, USA
September 13	Boston, Massachusetts, USA
September 14	Newport, Rhode Island, USA
September 15	New York City, New York, USA

- 3. Which stop do you think sounds most interesting? Find out more about this place and report on it to your classmates.**
- 4. Make a poster advertising the cruise, including information from the article and from the itinerary.**

or

Make a poster for a protest against the cruise, using information from the article and your own ideas and slogans.

SOLUTIONS

PRE-LISTENING

1.

Sample answer

The photo on the left shows a big white passenger ship in front of a huge iceberg. There aren't any people visible on the ship. It has a modern form, with curved balconies in the back/stern and front/bow. There are orange and white lifeboats set in the side of the ship. It's definitely a cruise ship: It has been designed with attention to looks, not just function. And its size makes it unlikely to be a private yacht.

The photo on the right shows a huge red, white and yellow ship. It looks very utilitarian: it could be for research. There is a lot of mysterious equipment on the boat, for example a large ball possibly housing a satellite dish or radar, and various towers and masts. The arm of a heavy-lift crane can also be seen in the background, so this ship clearly has some serious work to do. The name is painted on the ship but it's not legible.

2.

Sample answer

The headline is saying that people were not happy about a passenger voyage around the Arctic. "Frosty" is used here on the literal level to mean cold, unfriendly or unwelcoming, but the pun has to do with its other meaning related to cold weather, which you find in the Arctic region!

3.

Sample answer

It could be that some people don't think that a cruise ship should be disturbing the Arctic ecosystem, for example. Or it could be that the cruise ship accidentally destroyed something, for example by hitting it.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

1.

Sample answers

- A British explorer (who was prepared to eat his huskies).
- An Antarctic research ship chartered from a Norwegian shipping company by the British Antarctic Survey.
- In Anchorage, Alaska.
- In August.
- Because it is an obligation of the arrangement between the owner and British Antarctic Survey.
- Because the sea ice is disappearing due to climate change, making it possible for the ship to travel the Northwest Passage.

2.

- a) not in the text • b) false • c) true • d) not in the text • e) true •
f) false • g) false • h) false • i) not in the text • j) true

3.

Sample answers

- b) The RSS Ernest Shackleton spends winters supporting British research in the Antarctic rather than the Arctic.
- f) One polar expert says that the luxury cruise makes a mockery of the Shackleton's role in researching climate change.
- g) Michael Byers says that the cruise passengers are taking advantage of climate change to see the Arctic ecosystem.
- h) Ticket prices for the Arctic cruise start at around £15,557 each.

4.

Sample answers

- a) golf tuition; helicopter trips
- b) a menu of pillow options; a feng shui-inspired spa
- c) Anchorage, Alaska; New York City
- d) navigational expertise; safe operational support
- e) research support; tourism support

5.

Sample answers

Professor Byer argues that the cruise is taking advantage of the destruction of the Arctic environment through climate change to travel through that environment. He says that luxury ships such as Crystal Serenity have a "disproportionate environmental impact" and that the RSS Ernest Shackleton, instead of helping people understand the dangers of climate change, is facilitating it.

POST-LISTENING

2.



Map: Courtesy Crystal Cruises

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