



**PONANT**  
EXPLORATIONS

**WINTER 2025-2026**

*Inspiring Cruises*

THE ANTARCTIC • NORTH AMERICA AND SCANDINAVIA  
ATLANTIC ISLANDS AND THE MEDITERRANEAN • THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA  
ASIA • OCEANIA AND POLYNESIA





## Storytellers

At PONANT, we enjoy listening to stories as much as telling them. Real, fictionalised, individual, or collective, stories give shape and meaning to our lives. And each journey we take is an opportunity to immerse yourself in new tales about the places we travel through, the communities that populate them, and the animal and plant species that evolved there.

Season after season, we unveil the fascinating stories of the regions our ships sail through, a promise that we continue this winter 2025-2026. The memorable eruptions of volcanoes in Indonesia, the legends of the Kuna and the Emberá communities in Central America, and the age-old tales and traditions of Polynesia are sure to arouse your curiosity. Not to mention the more secluded ports of call in the Caribbean and Cape Verde, whose surprises you can enjoy aboard *Le Ponant*, the company's iconic three-masted ship.

Our experts, fascinated by the White Continent, are keen to introduce you to its wonders, as the legendary epics of polar explorers continue to resonate. Take, for example, the story of Ernest Shackleton, which you will have the privilege of hearing from one of his descendants, Jonathan Shackleton. And of course, as you listen to this indefatigable tale, you will be writing your own story alongside us, on board *Le Commandant Charcot*, on a pioneering route to Cape Town from southern Australia.

On land, our rich programme of excursions and pre- and post-voyage breaks allows you to take the time to explore regions that are both unmissable and little-known. Bali, Cappadocia, the Mayan cities of Mexico: a myriad of activities and visits await you on every continent. We're sure that as well as the thrill of discovery, you'll enjoy sharing your impressions back home.

See you on board soon,

*Hervé Gastinel*  
CEO of PONANT

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# Explore the world with PONANT



## Get a real feel:

Experience our destinations as if you were already there!  
Aim the QR code scanner of your smartphone at this pictogram or go to: [en.ponant.com/immersion-360](http://en.ponant.com/immersion-360).



UNESCO Sites



Dogsledding



Sea kayak



Hiking



Diving



Northern Lights



Emblematic fauna  
in polar regions



Emblematic fauna  
in tropical regions



Communities in polar  
and tropical regions

# 10 REASONS

to sail with PONANT



## 1 High-level EXPERTISE

For more than 35 years, our experts have explored the world in search of **natural and cultural wonders**. Each PONANT itinerary is designed to give you the opportunity to observe a wealth of wildlife or extraordinary landscapes, and to discover local cultures. All with the support of passionate **experts**: your expedition team or our partners and guests.

# 2 | The art of TRAVELLING



Each season, we design meaningful trips inspired by four themes, in order to offer you unique experiences. We rely on the expertise of our renowned partners, who are represented on board by inspiring personalities.

## | EARTH |

We are committed to inviting personalities who care about protecting the oceans and poles. **Le Cercle Polaire** is continuing its **Women at the Poles** programme with us, inviting renowned female explorers to take part. The opportunity to converse with **specialists** in their fields.

## | CULTURE |

Our partner **Radio Classique** provides music for our cruises under the artistic direction of Alain Duault, bringing together a line-up of **exceptional musicians**. The opportunity for conversation and unique moments around the concerts.

## | LIFESTYLE |

The finest gastronomy elevates the onboard experience. As guests of our partner **Relais & Châteaux**, **Michelin-starred chefs** offer gourmet dinners to delight your taste buds.

## | GEOPOLITICS |

Understand the region you are visiting through the prism of cultural, historical and geopolitical issues, at **conferences**, **debates** and more informal gatherings with journalists and guest authors.

## ATTENTIVE SERVICE

Hotel and restaurant managers, head waiters, waitstaff, cabin attendants, receptionists, butlers...

Our experienced crew will take care of everything for you. This adds to your **tranquillity and happiness** while on board.



## 3 | A service of EXCELLENCE

*Equipped with 16 to 165 staterooms, our ships offer an intimate experience.*

### ELEGANCE AND ABSOLUTE COMFORT

The staterooms and public areas have been designed by the internationally renowned architects

**Studio Jean-Philippe Nuel and Wilmotte & Associés.**

Every detail is tasteful and finely crafted using quality materials, precious essences and soothing shades, with you in mind.



### WELLNESS

Each ship (with the exception of *Le Ponant*) has a heated seawater swimming pool.

On board *Le Commandant Charcot*, the Blue Lagoon is inspired by Icelandic baths, while the Snow Cabin allows you to indulge in Nordic rituals. The indoor swimming pool offers unique periods of relaxation in polar environments.

**Clarins, Biologique Recherche, Sothys, Algotherm**  
depending on the ship.

| **Spas**, including sauna or steam room, and **hair salons** backed by recognised brands offer you personalised treatments.

Kérastase® and L'Oréal Professionnel®, Davines.



## 4 A Refined table

On the menu, you will find delicious breakfasts, *à la carte* dishes and diverse buffets, home-made pastries, bread prepared and baked on board, and a range of afternoon teas and **luxury product tastings** (*pata negra*, caviar, gravlax salmon, etc.).

On board the Sisterships and PONANT Explorers, the menus are created in collaboration with **Ducasse Conseil**, the catering experts of chef Alain Ducasse.

On board *Le Commandant Charcot*, the options are evolving thanks to *Nuna*, **the only Alain Ducasse gastronomic restaurant at sea**, with a menu created by the Michelin-starred chef.

*Our delicate flavours  
will surprise you every day.*

### Tama'a maita'i\*

Blending Polynesian flavours with international cuisine, the chef of *Le Paul Gauguin* creates sumptuous menus, to be enjoyed as buffets or *à la carte*.

*\*Bon appétit*

**“** By embracing all the constraints inherent to cruising, we are able to offer passengers aboard *Le Commandant Charcot* contemporary French fine dining. Better still, we also strive to ensure that our cuisine retains a link with the natural world and local cultures. That's why we make every effort to buy our supplies from local producers, particularly fishermen, on each stopover. **”**

Alain Ducasse

# 5 | A MODERN fleet

We are one of only a few cruise companies to sail under the French flag, which represents the highest level of safety. We respect strict specifications regarding crew training, health and safety protocols, and regular checks on our vessels, which are equipped with the most advanced technology.



With their slender silhouette and refined decor, the **Sisterships** symbolise the company's desire to take the French lifestyle around the world.

122 or 132 staterooms and suites. Find out more on p. 92.



The **PONANT Explorers** series gives you a different expedition experience. Each ship is designed to explore the more remote regions of the world and to offer the comfort of an intimate vessel.

92 staterooms and suites. Find out more on p. 96.



Combining electric propulsion and liquefied natural gas, **Le Commandant Charcot** takes you on a real polar odyssey, in a refined setting, following in the footsteps of the great explorers.

123 staterooms and suites. Find out more on p. 100.



With just 32 guests on board, **Le Ponant**, the company's iconic three-masted vessel and the first in the world to be awarded the Relais & Châteaux label, invites you to sail with the elements.

16 staterooms and suites. Find out more on p. 104.



**Le Paul Gauguin** is designed for navigating Polynesian waters and offers close access to lagoons and secluded bays, in a relaxed, international atmosphere.

165 staterooms and suites. Find out more on p. 108.

## 6 Working towards more RESPONSIBLE tourism

By way of our Foundation and our PONANT Blue Horizon and PONANT Science programmes, we are striving to **reduce our environmental footprint** on terrestrial and marine environments (hybrid propulsion, recycling and waste and water treatment, elimination of single-use plastics, etc.). With laboratories available to science teams on board *Le Commandant Charcot*, we contribute to **international scientific research**. Sustainable development also shapes the knowledge we share with our guests, who are the ambassadors of each region we visit.

## 7 CONSCIOUS travels

In the Arctic and the Antarctic, we are members of **IAATO and AECO**: associations that bring together different stakeholders in the polar regions to promote more responsible tourism. We have also made commitments at an international level, and are proud to be part of the UN programme to ban single-use plastics. We have earned numerous **accreditations** as a result of our actions, and our entire fleet has been awarded Cleanship certification by Bureau Veritas.



Check out all our actions on our website.



# 8 TAILOR-MADE journeys



## 'À LA CARTE' SERVICE

Opt for a completely **personalised stay** and book private excursions, hotel nights or flights with the help of our experienced advisors or travel agency. For certain hard-to-reach destinations, we offer **private flights** and land transportation to ensure your safe and serene arrival at the port of embarkation.



## THE PONANT APP, YOUR VIRTUAL ASSISTANT!

Designed to simplify the organisation of your trip and provide you with **ongoing support** during your stay on board. Download it now from the App Store or Google Play.



## AN EXCLUSIVE CONCIERGE SERVICE FOR OWNER'S SUITES

Once you have made your reservation, and right up to your return from your trip, the **Concierge Service** will help you plan and develop your tailor-made trip.

You may contact them on +33 (0)4 91 26 62 20 or by email: [conciergerievoyage@ponant.com](mailto:conciergerievoyage@ponant.com).

# 9 | A COMPLETE package

## SERVICES INCLUDED IN ALL CRUISES

- **All inclusive** from arrival to departure: fine dining in all the restaurants, all drinks in restaurants, bars and minibars (excluding the premium menu)
- 24-hour **room service**
- **Butler service** in some suites
- Unlimited **Wi-Fi** service on board
- Parties, **shows** and other activities
- **Conferences** delivered by nature guides and guests of honour
- Access to the fitness centre and steam room or sauna, depending on the ship
- Non-motorised **water sports activities**, such as kayaking or stand-up paddling (diving not included)
- An **excursion** per person per stopover

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES ON AN EXPEDITION CRUISE

Polar and tropical expedition cruises include additional services, such as:

- **Zodiac** outings
- All land **excursions**
- Conferences and information sessions on board with **nature guides**

In the polar regions, on the vast majority of departures, we also offer you the free loan of a **parka** and/or **boots**.

Look for the icons:  

## YOUR INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

Our experts have selected the best excursions, whether included or optional, that allow you to explore your destination. We offer you a selection of our favourites through the pages of this brochure.

**Optional excursions** are accompanied by a price guide:

€ = less than €50, €€ = from €50 to €100, €€€ = from €100 to €150, €€€€ = more than €150



*Excluding cruises on board Le Paul Gauguin. Pre-book your excursions (subject to availability) as early as two months before the start of your cruise and up to seven days before boarding with your PONANT advisors.*

# 10 Customised BENEFITS

## PONANT BONUS

Book as soon as possible to benefit from the best rates: **up to 30% off**.

## SOLO TRAVELLER

Take advantage of our **No Single Supplement** offer applied each season on numerous departures: the comfort of a double stateroom, at no extra cost!

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

Travelling with a group or family? Benefit from **5% savings** for the fifth paying person on the same booking with a single payer. Special savings are available for children and teenagers sharing a stateroom with one or two adults\*.

## REFERRAL

Share the pleasure of travelling with PONANT! Refer your friends and relatives and get a reward from our refer-a-friend offer. Sponsor and the person sponsored benefit from **€500 off per stateroom**.

## CONSECUTIVE CRUISES

Extend the pleasure by combining several successive cruises! Book your different cruises and benefit from **exceptional offers** on a selection of itineraries: -10% off all consecutive cruises and increasing reductions on your successive cruises.

## PONANT YACHT CLUB

Join our loyalty programme, the **PONANT Yacht Club**, when you book your second cruise. You will benefit from special attention and exclusive as well as privileged services, on board and on land.

\*Children can board our ships from the age of 1 on our exploration voyages, from 6 on our expeditions, and from 8 on board Le Commandant Charcot.

\*\*Offer subject to conditions; more details on our website.



# Itinerary calendar



Polar expedition

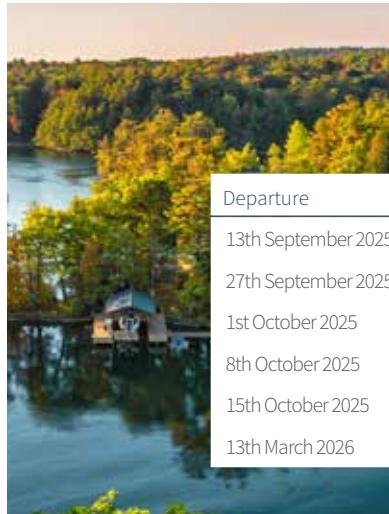


Tropical expedition



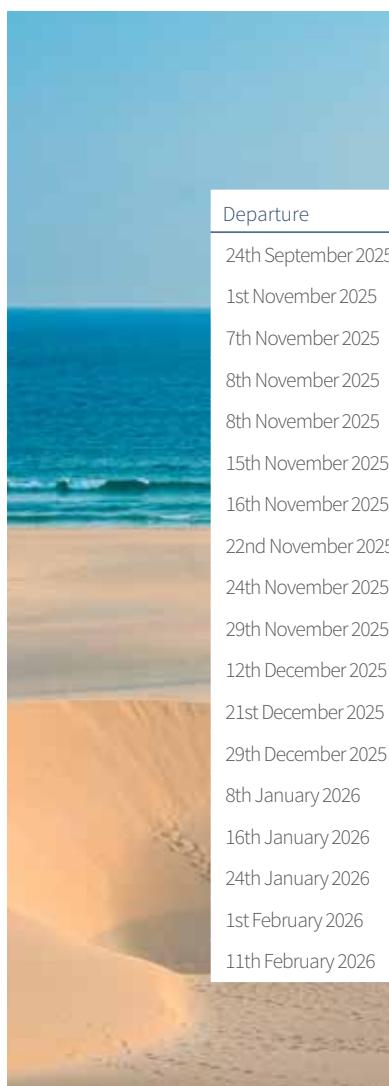
## THE ANTARCTIC

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights		Page
28th October 2025	<i>Le Lyrial</i>	Valparaíso • Ushuaia	14		30
30th October 2025	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	12	EARTH	34
5th November 2025	<i>L'Austral</i>	Buenos Aires • Ushuaia	18	EARTH	29
7th November 2025	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Valparaíso • Ushuaia	14		30
10th November 2025	<i>Le Lyrial</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	17		28
11th November 2025	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	12	EARTH	34
20th November 2025	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	EARTH	28
22nd November 2025	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		28
23rd November 2025	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	12	EARTH	34
5th December 2025	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	14	EARTH	34
10th December 2025	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		28
12th December 2025	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	17		28
19th December 2025	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	14	EARTH	34
20th December 2025	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	17		28
29th December 2025	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Dunedin • Dunedin	14	EARTH	31
2nd January 2026	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	14	EARTH	34
6th January 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		28
8th January 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	SMITHSONIAN	28
12th January 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Dunedin • Dunedin	14		31
16th January 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		28
16th January 2026	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Ushuaia • Hobart	29	EARTH	35
18th January 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		28
24th January 2026	<i>Le Lyrial</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	17		28
26th January 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Dunedin • Dunedin	21	EARTH	31
26th January 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		28
28th January 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		28
5th February 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		28
7th February 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		28
15th February 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	17		28
17th February 2026	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Hobart • Cape Town	28	NEW   EARTH	35
27th February 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Buenos Aires	18		29
2nd March 2026	<i>Le Lyrial</i>	Ushuaia • Buenos Aires	18		29
4th March 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Buenos Aires	18		29



## NORTH AMERICA AND SCANDINAVIA

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights	Page
13th September 2025	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Kangerlussuaq • Saint Pierre and Miquelon	14	40
27th September 2025	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Saint Pierre and Miquelon • Montreal	11	40
1st October 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Toronto • Boston	14	<b>SMITHSONIAN</b> 41
8th October 2025	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Montreal • New York	13	41
15th October 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Boston • Boston	10	<b>NEW   CULTURE</b> 41
13th March 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Tromsø • Tromsø	10	43



## ATLANTIC ISLANDS AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights	Page
24th September 2025	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Lisbon • Barcelona	8	<b>LIFESTYLE</b> 49
1st November 2025	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Mindelo • Mindelo	7	52
7th November 2025	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Antalya • Valletta	10	48
8th November 2025	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Mindelo • Mindelo	7	52
8th November 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Las Palmas • Dakar	8	51
15th November 2025	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Mindelo • Mindelo	7	52
16th November 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Dakar • Dakar	8	53
22nd November 2025	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Mindelo • Mindelo	7	52
24th November 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Dakar • Dakar	8	53
29th November 2025	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Mindelo • Mindelo	7	52
12th December 2025	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Valletta • Málaga	9	49
21st December 2025	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Málaga • Santa Cruz de Tenerife	8	50
29th December 2025	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Santa Cruz de Tenerife • Dakar	10	51
8th January 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Dakar • Dakar	8	53
16th January 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Dakar • Dakar	8	53
24th January 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Dakar • Dakar	8	53
1st February 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Dakar • Las Palmas	10	51
11th February 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Las Palmas • Casablanca	9	<b>CULTURE</b> 51



## THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA

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26th November 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Curaçao • Colón	7	NEW    62
3rd December 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Colón • Belize City	10	64
12th December 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	8	58
13th December 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Belize City • Belize City	9	EARTH    64
20th December 2025	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Marigot • Philipsburg	7	59
20th December 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	8	58
22nd December 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Belize City • Belize City	9	 64
27th December 2025	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Philipsburg • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	60
28th December 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	12	58
31st December 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Belize City • Belize City	9	 64
3rd January 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Pointe-à-Pitre • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	61
9th January 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Belize City • Colón	10	64
9th January 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	8	58
10th January 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Pointe-à-Pitre • Marigot	7	60
17th January 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Marigot • Philipsburg	7	59
19th January 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Santo Domingo • Fort-de-France	10	58
19th January 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Colón • Puntarenas	10	63
24th January 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Philipsburg • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	60
31st January 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Pointe-à-Pitre • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	61
7th February 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Pointe-à-Pitre • Marigot	7	60
10th February 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	12	58
14th February 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Marigot • Philipsburg	7	59
19th February 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Colón • Puntarenas	7	SMITHSONIAN   63
21st February 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Philipsburg • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	60
26th February 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Colón • Puntarenas	7	SMITHSONIAN   63
28th February 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Pointe-à-Pitre • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	61
28th February 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	8	SMITHSONIAN   58
5th March 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Colón • Puntarenas	10	63
7th March 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Pointe-à-Pitre • Marigot	7	60
8th March 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	8	58
14th March 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Marigot • Philipsburg	7	59
15th March 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Puntarenas • Colón	10	63
21st March 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Philipsburg • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	60
25th March 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Colón • Fort-de-France	12	62
28th March 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Pointe-à-Pitre • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	61
4th April 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Pointe-à-Pitre • Marigot	7	60



## ASIA

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1st October 2025	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Darwin • Bali	12	72
7th October 2025	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Cairns • Bali	15	73
22nd October 2025	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Bali • Singapore	12	70
5th December 2025	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Bali • Cairns	15	73
8th December 2025	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Cairns • Bali	15	73
23rd December 2025	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Bali • Bali	15	71
7th January 2026	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Bali • Singapore	14	71



## OCEANIA AND POLYNESIA

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights	Page
25th October 2025	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	14	83
27th October 2025	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Cairns • Cairns	10	78
6th November 2025	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Cairns • Darwin	16	79
8th November 2025	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7	81
15th November 2025	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	11	82
22nd November 2025	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Darwin • Cairns	16	79
26th November 2025	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	10	82
6th December 2025	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	14	83
20th December 2025	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7	81
27th December 2025	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	11	82
7th January 2026	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	10	82
17th January 2026	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	14	83
31st January 2026	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7	81
7th February 2026	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	11	82
22nd February 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Nouméa • Guam	17	79
25th February 2026	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	10	82
7th March 2026	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	14	83
21st March 2026	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7	81



## GRAND VOYAGES

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22nd November 2025	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Darwin • Bali	31	87
26th November 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Curaçao • Belize City	26	88
12th December 2025	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Valletta • Dakar	35	87



## OCEAN VOYAGES

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights	Page
17th October 2025	<i>L'Austral</i>	Lisbon • Buenos Aires	19	89
2nd December 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Dakar • Fort-de-France	10	89



# From destination to destination, find at a glance the cruises you've been dreaming of.

The icons that accompany the description of our cruises indicate their nature and their main highlights. Here is the key.



Polar expedition  
with a team of nature guides



Tropical expedition  
with a team of nature guides



Parka  
gift



Diving



Boots  
on loan



Our emblematic  
cruises



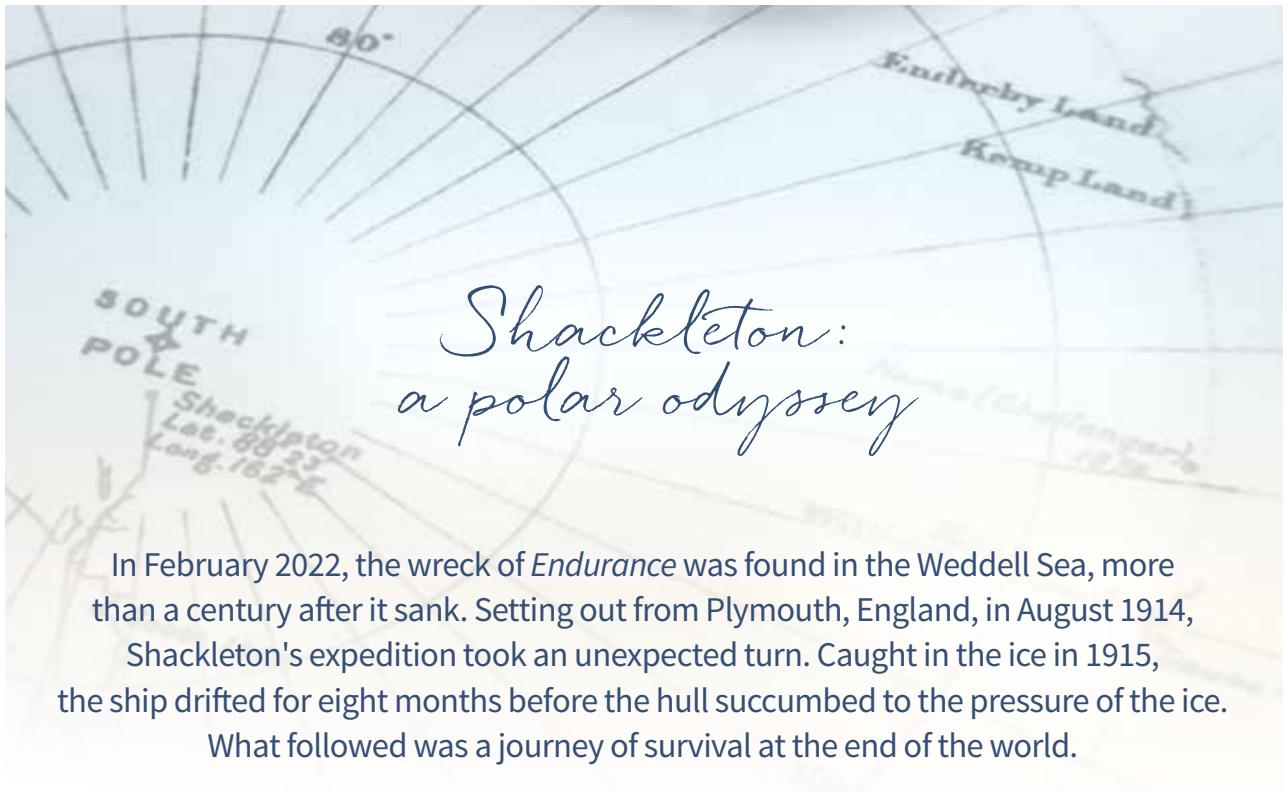
End-of-year  
celebrations  
on board







# THE ANTARCTIC



In February 2022, the wreck of *Endurance* was found in the Weddell Sea, more than a century after it sank. Setting out from Plymouth, England, in August 1914, Shackleton's expedition took an unexpected turn. Caught in the ice in 1915, the ship drifted for eight months before the hull succumbed to the pressure of the ice. What followed was a journey of survival at the end of the world.

With their three-masted vessel immobilised, the 28 shipwrecked men decided to set off on foot, under the guidance of their expedition leader Sir Ernest Shackleton. Their only hope of survival was to reach Elephant Island. Pulling sledges and three canoes, the sailors decided to set up what they nicknamed "Camp Patience", in the hope that the ice would melt and allow them to set sail again. The crew spent three months in the silence of the polar night, with temperatures approaching -40°C, and were forced to survive by hunting seals and penguins.

Rapidly running out of supplies, the members of the expedition attempted a desperate mission in April 1916, braving tumultuously high seas. In the end, it took the crew five days to reach Elephant Island. While this was their first step on dry land, of course, their arrival on this arid islet was still thousands of kilometres from civilisation, leaving them with little hope of survival.

### Remarkable endurance

Shackleton finally convinced a handful of men to set sail again in the canoe *James Caird*, to attempt the impossible. They were to head for the island of South Georgia, 1,500 kilometres away, which they had left 16 months earlier.

While the journey to King Haakon's Bay was a feat in itself, the crossing of the island's icy mountains to reach the whaling station at Stromness, was prodigious. It took three months to return to rescue their companions. This odyssey bears witness to the impressive strength of spirit of the explorer, thanks to whom the entire crew survived.

In addition to gathering new data on the geology, climate and fauna of Antarctica, this voyage also led to major scientific advances. With the aid of expedition photographer Frank Hurley's images, the epic of *Endurance* continues to inspire generations of explorers and travellers.

### ***South* – the first polar expedition ever filmed**

With his camera, Frank Hurley immortalised this incredible adventure, from the interminable wait on board the ship to the miraculous rescue of those shipwrecked. On his return, he put his name to *South* (1919), considered to be the first exploration documentary. Proof of the posterity of this epic, the film *The Endurance* (2000) takes a new look at the expedition using archive footage and testimonies from the families of the survivors.



## WATCH

How do you fancy an expedition cruise to Antarctica?

*“The sky becomes a mother-of-pearl shell, where all the iridescent colours of nature blend together, without clashing...”*

Jean-Baptiste Charcot, *Le Français au pôle Sud*  
[translated from the original French work]

## *Poa flabellata:* the shelter of seabirds

This perennial grass native to South America, known as **tussock**, grows mainly in the Falkland Islands. Its dense, high tufts rising up to 2.5 metres in height can live for 200 years, and create a **cool and humid microclimate** that is essential for biodiversity on land deprived of trees and shrubs. They thus provide essential habitat for birds, including penguins, petrels and albatrosses, as well as shelter for insects.

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## Fire in Antarctica

At 3,794 metres high, **Mount Erebus** on Ross Island is one of Antarctica's most iconic volcanoes. Discovered by James Clark Ross in 1841 and named after *HMS Erebus*, one of two ships sailed by the captain, it is the southernmost active volcano in the world. Its crater contains a lava lake, which is rare on our planet.

*Itineraries: Unexplored Antarctica between two continents and Unexplored East Antarctica & French Southern lands, p. 35.*

## Polar breakthroughs

To protect themselves from icy storms, **Weddell seals** maintain **breathing holes** by biting the ice with their teeth. This allows them to stay underwater for long periods of time without needing to come to the surface.

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## Emblematic Antarctica



**Ushuaia • Ushuaia** | 12 days/10 nights | *L'Austral*: 22nd November 2025, 8th, 18th and 28th January and 7th February 2026 | *Le Boréal*: 20th November and 10th December 2025, 6th, 16th, 26th January and 5th February 2026 | From €10,750 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Visit research stations and former whaling stations, if conditions allow • Landscapes: drifting icebergs, ice floes, imposing glaciers and tall, snow-covered mountains • Wildlife: humpback whales; gentoo, Adélie and chinstrap penguins; leopard, crabeater and Weddell seals; and numerous seabirds.

**Included in your cruise <sup>(2)</sup>:** return flights Buenos Aires/Ushuaia, the night in Buenos Aires before embarkation, visits and transfers.



**20th November departure** in partnership with **Le Cercle Polaire**, with the presence of **Laurent Mayet**, president and founder, with **Bouchra Baibanou** and **Anja Blacha**, explorers, as part of the **Women at the Poles** operation.



See website for an enriched departure on 8th January 2026, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.



## The great Austral loop



**Ushuaia • Ushuaia** | 19 days/17 nights | *L'Austral*: 12th December 2025 | *Le Boréal*: 20th December 2025 and 15th February 2026 | *Le Lyrial*: 10th November and 24th January 2026 | From €15,060 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

A voyage towards the Southern Ocean, between the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula • Landscapes: white-sand beaches and moors in the Falkland Islands; black-sand beaches, lush green plains and suspended glaciers in South Georgia; drifting icebergs, ice floe, glaciers and snow-capped mountains in the Antarctic Peninsula • Wildlife: black-browed and light-mantled albatrosses; Magellanic, gentoo and southern rockhopper penguins in the Falkland Islands; king and macaroni penguins, elephant and fur seals in South Georgia; humpback whales, Adélie, gentoo, chinstrap penguins, leopard, crabeater and Weddell seals in the Antarctic Peninsula.

**Included in your cruise <sup>(2)</sup>:** return flights Buenos Aires/Ushuaia, the night in Buenos Aires before embarkation and transfers.



## Journey to Austral lands and Valdés Peninsula



Buenos Aires • Ushuaia/Ushuaia • Buenos Aires | 19 days/18 nights | *L'Austral*: 5th November 2025 |

20 days/18 nights on board | *L'Austral*: 27th February 2026 | *Le Lyrial*: 2nd March 2026 | *Le Boréal*: 4th March 2026 | From €13,580<sup>(1)</sup>



5th November 2025 departure will set off from Ushuaia.

### Highlights:

The Valdés Peninsula in Patagonia, a UNESCO nature reserve • Landscapes: barren steppes with a unique ecosystem in southern Argentina; white-sand beaches and moors in the Falkland Islands; black-sand beaches, lush green plains and suspended glaciers in South Georgia; drifting icebergs, ice floes and glaciers in the Antarctic Peninsula • The wildlife: maned seals, guanacos and dusky dolphins; black-browed and snowy albatrosses, Magellanic, gentoo, Adélie, king, macaroni, chinstrap and southern rockhopper penguins; elephant and fur seals; humpback whales, leopard, crabeater and Weddell seals.

**Included in your cruise<sup>(2)</sup>:** the flight Buenos Aires/Ushuaia, the night in Buenos Aires before embarkation and transfer or the flight Ushuaia/Buenos Aires and transfer.



**5th November departure:** activities and lectures given by an expert from **The Explorers Club**.

### Enhance your cruise



### NEW: Chilean Patagonia immersion

Before your cruise | Ushuaia | 5 nights

This comprehensive programme offers you the chance to explore the wilds of the Chilean side of Patagonia, in the UNESCO-listed Torres del Paine nature reserve. Its emerald lakes, translucent glaciers and immense centuries-old forests offer lovers of the great outdoors the chance to refocus on what is essential.

*You can find the complete list of our programmes and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Pre- and post-cruise programmes must be booked prior to departure.*

*Itineraries, landings, wildlife observation, activities and highlights cannot be guaranteed and are subject to weather and ice conditions. On expedition cruises, zodiac trips and landings are included.*



# The best of Chilean fjords

**Valparaíso • Ushuaia** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Lyrial*: 28th October 2025 | *Le Boréal*: 7th November 2025 |  
From €7,760 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

If weather conditions allow it, disembarking at Cape Horn • The stop in Tortel, a picturesque village with wooden pontoons and footbridges • Sailing along the Strait of Magellan • Landscapes: fjords dominated by the snow-capped peaks of the Andes, iridescent glaciers, and mountain lakes with crystal-clear water • Wildlife: Magellanic penguins, caracaras, dolphins, humpback whales, fur seals, sea lions, condors and cormorants.

**Included in your cruise** <sup>(2)</sup>: the flight Ushuaia/Buenos Aires and the transfer the day of disembarkation.

## Enhance your cruise

### Iguazu Falls

After your cruise | Ushuaia | 4 nights

Dive into a discovery of the UNESCO-listed Iguazu Falls National Park, and uncover the riches of the Brazilian and Argentinian sides, including subtropical forest, wildlife and plants of astonishing diversity. And, the ultimate privilege, your hotel is ideally located in the centre of the park.



### NEW: Dunedin, New Zealand's wildlife capital

After your cruise | Dunedin | 3 nights

Dunedin is home to some curious architectural feats, such as its railway station, which looks like a 'gingerbread house', and Larnach castle, surrounded by listed gardens. Further south, from the Otago Peninsula to the Catlins region, the coastline is home to many protected species, including sea lions, albatrosses and yellow-eyed penguins, among others. With its breathtaking cliffs and sensational panoramas, this is a natural paradise waiting to be discovered.

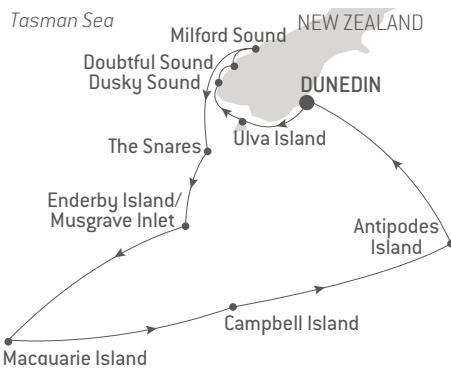
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## Expedition to New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands



**Dunedin • Dunedin** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Soléal*: 29th December 2025 and 12th January 2026 | From €10,170 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Te Wāhipounamu and its majestic Milford Sound, Dusky Sound and Doubtful Sound; New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands (Snares, Auckland and Campbell islands); Macquarie Island\* • Undertake a guided walk on Ulva Island (Te Wharawhara), now a haven for many species of birds and plants, and home to an undisturbed podocarp forest • Wildlife: royal albatrosses; Fiordland and Snares penguins; fur seals, New Zealand sea lions and southern elephant seals.

\*Port of call subject to Australian authorities permission.

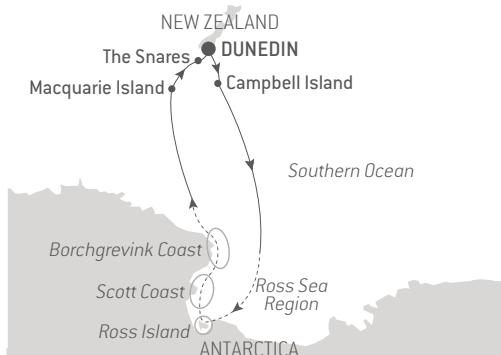


**29th December departure:** activities and lectures given by an expert from **The Explorers Club**.

## Scott & Shackleton's Antarctic – Ross Sea expedition



**Dunedin • Dunedin** | 22 days/21 nights | *Le Soléal*: 26th January 2026 | From €21,650 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Visit the most pristine expanse of ocean on Earth • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands (Campbell and Snares islands) and Macquarie Island\* • Explore the historic huts of Scott, Shackleton and Borchgrevink • Explore Snares Islands, home to more nesting seabirds than in the entire realm of the British Isles • Wildlife: fur seals, southern elephant, Weddell and crabeater seals; New Zealand Sea Lions; breeding seabirds; African, Adélie, gentoo, royal, chinstrap, southern rockhopper and macaroni penguins.

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The exceptional presence of writer and polar history specialist **Richard McElrea**.

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# BEYOND POLAR EXPLORATION: *Le Commandant Charcot*

5 experiences that only our polar exploration ship can offer in Antarctica

## 1

### REACHING THE INACCESSIBLE

The only passenger ship in the world with a Polar 2 (PC2) classified hull, *Le Commandant Charcot* can sail through multi-year ice all year round. At the end of a summer spent criss-crossing the shores of the Far North, it will take you from the Weddell Sea to the Pacific Ocean, via the Bellingshausen, Amundsen and Ross Seas. Then, in the middle of winter, two half-circumnavigations are planned: the first linking the extreme south of the American continent to Australia, where the second will join South Africa.

### EXPERTS AND IMMERSION

Accompanying you on your journey, around 20 **nature guides** are on hand to unravel polar history, landscapes, wildlife and flora. As for the officers, you can rest assured that they are very experienced at navigating in the ice.

Kayaking, polar hiking on foot or snowshoes, polar diving without wetsuit, ice landing: experience authentic connections with Antarctica's powerful nature.

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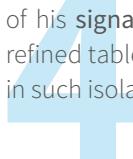
## INSIDE/OUTSIDE: THE INVISIBLE FRONTIER

On board, staterooms and communal areas offer cosy cocoons while being wide open to the grandiose scenery and extreme environments that surround you. The Blue Lagoon, an open-air lagoon heated using recovered energy; indoor swimming pool; snow cabin; detox bar within the spa; Cigar Lounge: *Le Commandant Charcot* features unique spaces that set her apart from the rest of our fleet.



## THE ONLY DUCASSE RESTAURANT AT SEA

Nuna ('Earth' in Greenlandic) features a menu dreamt up by the Michelin-starred chef Alain Ducasse, as well as presenting some of his **signature dishes**. Delicate flavours are combined with refined tableware to achieve an exemplary level of excellence in such isolated surroundings.



## MORE ECO-FRIENDLY AND COMMITTED SAILINGS

Green Globe certified, the internationally recognised standard for sustainable tourism, *Le Commandant Charcot* uses **the most advanced technologies** to reduce her environmental footprint on the regions she visits. Combining hybrid electric/liquefied natural gas engine enables her to considerably reduce her emissions: -25% CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, -85% nitrogen oxides, and -95% fine particles.

With **two research laboratories**, in 2023 *Le Commandant Charcot* will have taken on board more than 70 scientists working for more than ten research institutes, including Ifremer and Geomar.



Enjoy an immersive digital experience, discovering the world of *Le Commandant Charcot*.

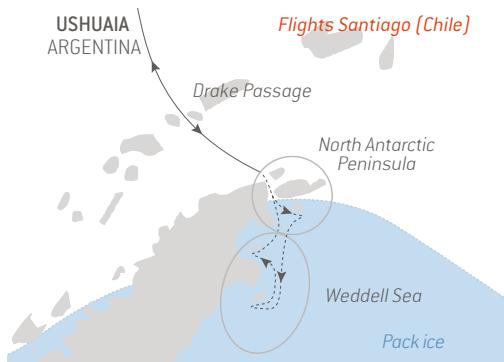




## The emperor penguins of Weddell Sea



**Ushuaia • Ushuaia** | 14 days/12 nights on board | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 30th October, 11th and 23rd November 2025 | From €24,200 <sup>(1)</sup>



**Included in your cruise** <sup>(2)</sup>: return flights Santiago/Ushuaia, the night in Santiago before embarkation and transfers.

### Highlights:

An immersion in the heart of the ice and its different states, in the Weddell Sea • Landscapes: immense glaciers, table top icebergs, immersion in the heart of the ice floes • Wildlife: the opportunity to observe emperor, Adélie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins; Weddell, leopard and crabeater seals; humpback, Minke whales and orcas • Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge without suit.

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**11th November departure:** the presence on board of **Nicolas Vincent**, director of underwater operations for the **Endurance22 expedition**.

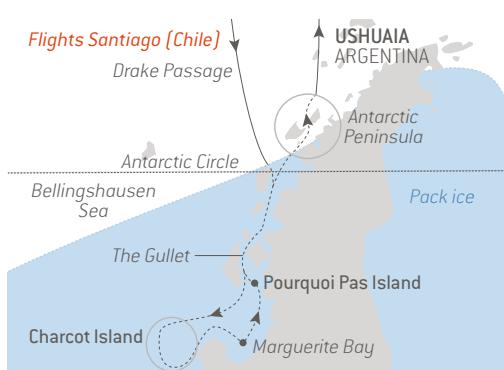
**30th October, 11th and 23rd November departures:** workshops and conferences with our **Photo Ambassador**, renowned to help you get all the best shots.



## In the wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot



**Ushuaia • Ushuaia** | 16 days/14 nights on board | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 5th and 19th December 2025 and 2nd January 2026 | From €22,500 <sup>(1)</sup>



**Included in your cruise** <sup>(2)</sup>: return flights Santiago/Ushuaia, the night in Santiago before embarkation and transfers.

### Highlights:

Cross the Arctic Circle and the exploratory approach of the distant Charcot Island • Landscapes: immense glaciers, monumental icebergs, immersion in the heart of the ice floes • Wildlife: Adélie, chinstrap, emperor and gentoo penguins; leopard, crabeater and Weddell seals; humpbacks, Minke whales and orcas, Ross seals • Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge without suit.

EARTH

**THE EXPLORERS CLUB**

**5th and 19th December departures:** activities and lectures given by an expert from **The Explorers Club**.

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# Unexplored Antarctica between two continents



**Ushuaia • Hobart** | 30 days/29 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 16th January 2026 | From €46,240 <sup>(1)</sup>



**Included in your cruise** <sup>(2)</sup>: the flight Santiago/Ushuaia, the night in Santiago before embarkation and transfer.

## Highlights:

The half-circumnavigation of the Antarctic, an unforgettable trip into the heart of the ice of three mythical southern seas • The most little-known islands in the world: Charcot Island and the Islands of Marie Byrd Land • Macquarie Island\*: wild sanctuary and UNESCO World Heritage Site • Landscapes: ice shelves, including that of Ross, surrealist glaciers, monumental icebergs, immersion in the heart of the ice floe • The wildlife: crabeater, leopard and Weddell seals; Adélie and royal penguins; humpback whales and orcas • Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge.

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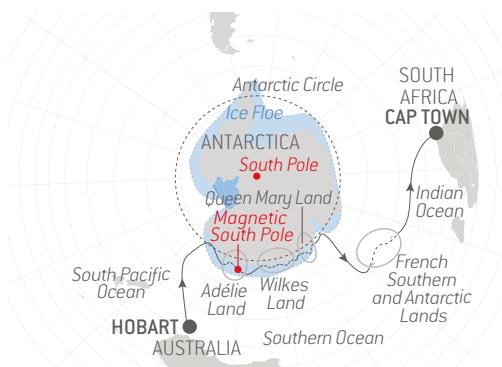
**EARTH**

An itinerary with lecturer and guide **Jonathan Shackleton**, a descendant of Sir Ernest Shackleton, and family historian. Workshops and conferences with our **Photo Ambassador**, renowned to help you get all the best shots.

# Unexplored East Antarctica & French Southern lands



**Hobart • Cape Town** | 29 days/28 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 17th February 2026 | From €48,270 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

The all-new half-circumnavigation of the eastern part of the Antarctic, an unforgettable trip into the heart of the ice and of protected zones • The discovery of the largest polar ice cap in the world, the Inlandsis in East Antarctica • The possibility of observing humpback whales, seals, orcas, various penguins (emperor, gentoo, Adélie, chinstrap and macaroni), and light-mantled albatrosses • Extend your discovery of the White Continent during a half-circumnavigation of the Southern part • Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge.

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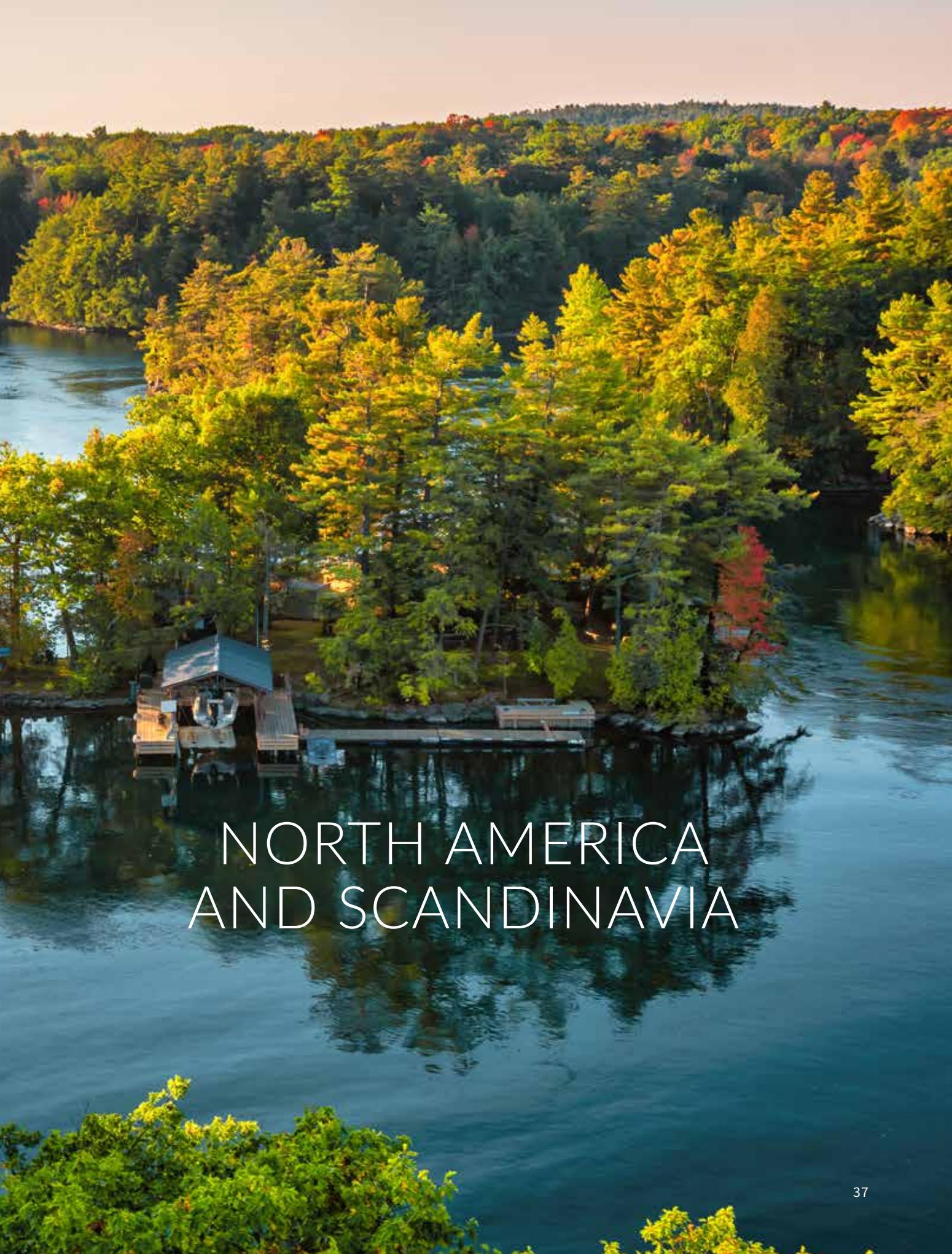
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A scenic landscape of a lake surrounded by dense forests with autumn foliage. The foreground shows a small wooden dock extending into the water, with a cabin visible on the shore. The water is calm, reflecting the surrounding trees. The forest in the background is a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees, with many leaves showing vibrant autumn colors like red, orange, and yellow. The sky is clear and blue.

# NORTH AMERICA AND SCANDINAVIA

# Through the eyes of Olivia Capeillère

## *Aquatic rhapsody: the St Lawrence cetaceans*

Since a life-changing encounter with beluga whales while kayaking, Olivia Capeillère has devoted herself to the cetaceans of the St Lawrence. As a guide trained as a naturalist specialising in marine mammals in Tadoussac, she now shares her passion with PONANT guests.

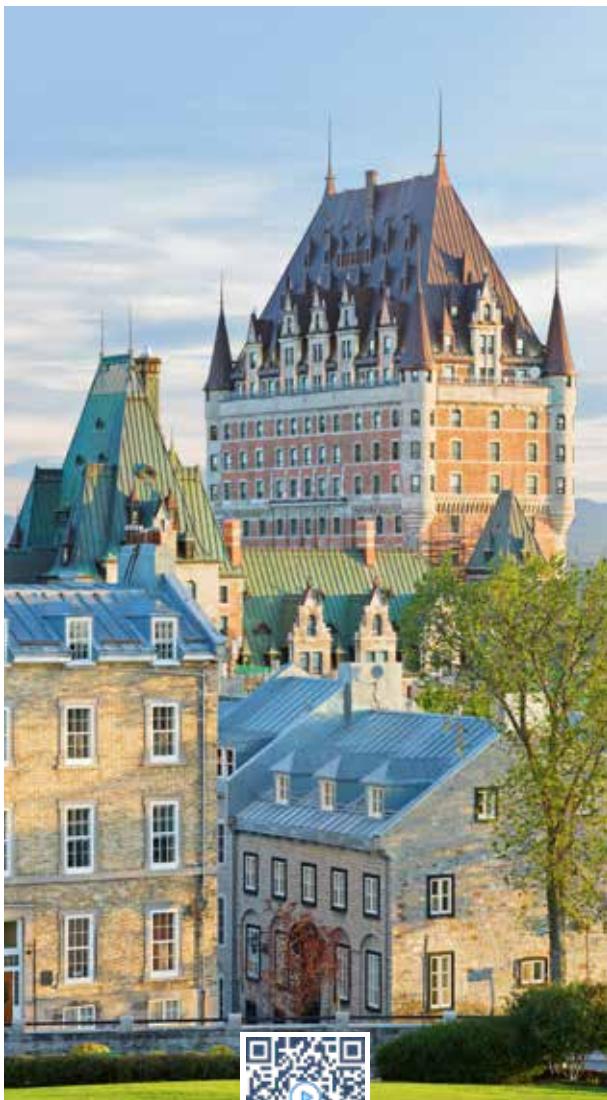


*"Autumn is the best time to visit the region because, while belugas reside in the St Lawrence, rorquals start arriving in the spring. So it is in September-October that we see them the most. This matches up with the migration of birds, the river acting as a wind corridor which brings them towards the South. At this time, visibility is often exceptional as the white sheet of summer humidity eases and the leaves take on an orange tone, which adds a romantic touch."*

*The whales mainly stay close to the north shore, which is much deeper than the south shore. They do not venture beyond Tadoussac, one of my favourite places, both for the authenticity of the village and for its position as the 'epicentre' for cetaceans. The shoals rise offshore,*

*creating an upwelling, bringing water from depths of 300 to 20 metres. With each tide, nutrients emerge at the surface and, thanks to photosynthesis, are transformed into phytoplankton, the basis of the marine food chain. You can see blue whales, fin whales, minke whales, humpback whales and porpoises, as well as up to 200 seals and seabirds! Biodiversity is very rich here, concentrated in an area just a few kilometres wide.*

*I spend a lot of time scanning the horizon for signs, including underwater bubbles, a blow on the surface... Watching and observing the behaviour of whales is magical and my aim is to share what drives me with the guests."*



## WATCH

Immediate embarkation on the St Lawrence River, surrounded by marine mammals, wild territories, and iconic cities.

*"When you arrive in New York, you feel like you're entering History, it's a great privilege. You should stay on the outer decks to soak up this mythical arrival."*

PONANT's Captain David Marionneau



## The last land before the pole

A territory shared by the Inuit with polar bears, musk oxen, seals, and whales, **Nunavut** is one of the most remote regions in the world. On clear days, the mountains reflect in the clear waters of the gigantic fjord that lead you to the **Grinnell Glacier**, rising 800 metres. The limestone cliffs forming ramparts around **Akpatok Island** have made it inaccessible to humans but perfect for Brünnich's guillemots, a species of bird that nests in its crevices.

*Itinerary: Wilderness from Greenland to the East Coast of Canada, p. 40.*

## Enchanting East Coast

The island of **Martha's Vineyard** boasts an incomparable way of life, attracting American presidents for several decades. In particular, the small town of Oak Bluffs is a surprise with its 'gingerbread houses'. Built by the Methodist community that settled there more than a century ago, they appear to have come straight from the imagination of *Hansel and Gretel*.

*Itinerary: From Quebec to the Big Apple: nature & remarkable cities, p. 41.*

## Urban hiking

The tenth largest agglomeration in the United States, founded in 1630 and nicknamed 'America's Walking City', **Boston** is a paradise for walkers. To find your way around, you can follow the **Freedom Trail**, which allows you to visit most of the tourist sites using a red line painted on the ground. There are many stages to understanding the key role played by the city since the American Revolution.

*Itineraries: From Quebec to the Big Apple: nature & remarkable cities, p. 41; A musical cruise in Nova Scotia and the East Coast of the United States, p. 41.*

# Wilderness from Greenland to the East Coast of Canada



Kangerlussuaq • Saint Pierre and Miquelon | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Boréal*: 13th September 2025 | From €11,785<sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

The shores of the Labrador region, featuring fjords, immense lakes and rich biodiversity • The island of Newfoundland, its deep history between Viking and Basque immigrations and its sumptuous scenery, to be discovered in particular during unforgettable hikes • Landscapes: drifting iceberg, jagged mountains, crystal-clear lakes, sheer cliffs, fjords, glaciers, peat bogs and boreal forests • Wildlife: polar bears, musk oxen, seals, whales, thick-billed murres, Northern gannets.

**Included in your cruise<sup>(2)</sup>:** outward flight Paris/Kangerlussuaq, return flight Saint Pierre Island/Montreal and transfers.

## Expedition along the St Lawrence

Saint Pierre and Miquelon • Montreal | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Boréal*: 27th September 2025 | From €8,670<sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

The calls on the Lower-North-Shore of the St Lawrence River, on Providence Island, in Harrington Harbour and at La Romaine in the Gulf of St Lawrence • The island of Newfoundland, one of the first European settlements in the New World • Visiting the city of Quebec and its historic centre, a UNESCO Site • Landscapes: peat bogs, jagged mountains, sheer cliffs, fjords and boreal forests • Wildlife: white-tailed deer, grey and harbour seals, blue whales, beluga whales, minke whales • The opportunity of hiking • **Among your activities:** included excursions\*, led by local guides, and shore visits in zodiacs with our nature guides.

**Included in your cruise<sup>(2)</sup>:** flight Montreal/Saint Pierre Island and transfer.

## Enhance your cruise



### Harvard as seen by a student

From Boston | 4 h 30 |

Discover, just like a student, one of the most prestigious universities in the world, founded in Cambridge in 1936, and classified as a national historic site. From Harvard Yard, at the heart of the historic centre and of campus life, continue on to the Old Yard, with Massachusetts Hall, the oldest building on the site, and then to Harvard Square, with the bookshops, cafés and restaurants of this legendary location.

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# From Quebec to the Big Apple: nature & remarkable cities

**Montreal • New York** | 14 days/13 nights | *Le Boréal*: 8th October 2025 | From €9,300 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Discovering Montreal, Quebec and Boston • Sailing on the Saint Lawrence, home to a rich ecosystem • The stopovers in Eastport and Martha's Vineyard, the summer residences of the US Presidents • After your trip, you will have the chance to discover American history a multi-city itinerary departing from New York • **Among your included excursions\***: the Old Quebec City, the Beacon Hill district and the famous Quincy Market in Boston, or a stroll through Bonaventure-et- du-Rocher-Percé National Park, renowned for its large colony of Northern gannets.

# A musical cruise in Nova Scotia and the East Coast of the United States

**Boston • Boston** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Champlain*: 15th October 2025 | From €8,160 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Nova Scotia, featuring rich Acadian culture and pristine nature • Eastport, where the first French settlers arrived in the New World • Visit Newport and its mansions, inspired by French and Italian palaces • New York, an exciting multicultural city with iconic neighborhoods • **Among your included excursions\***: the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax and the fishing village of Peggy's Cove, Beacon Hill and Quincy Market in Boston, or the geological sights of the Promenade sur la Falaise and the Gilded Age mansions of Newport.



In partnership with **RADIO CLASSIQUE**, with the presence of **Alain Duault** and an exceptional musical line-up. For this special cruise, lectures will be given in French only.

NEW

# Fall foliage on the St Lawrence: Quebec to the Canadian Maritimes

**Toronto • Boston** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Champlain*: 1st October 2025 | From €11,140 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • Cruise the St Lawrence Seaway, a marvel of engineering as well as one of North America's most scenic waterways • Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites in Quebec and Lunenburg • Discover the vibrant art scene of cosmopolitan Montreal • Explore a series of wildlife-rich ecosystems and geologically fascinating national parks – Saguenay Fjord National Park, Gaspé Peninsula, and the Magdalen Islands • Learn of the centuries-long struggle between France and England for control of this part of the world at battlefields in Montreal and Quebec and in the living museum in Louisbourg.

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## Heading north!

In Northern Norway, the lengthening days after the polar night signal the rebirth of nature. As winter draws to a close, *Le Lapérouse* takes you off the beaten track to discover Arctic shores (see *itinerary opposite*).

### In search of wide open spaces

During the Easter holidays, *Påskeferie*, the people of Finnmark county head to their mountain chalets, *hytter*, or huts. At this time of year, the snow is still plentiful but the sun is high again. Families love to spend time together in the great outdoors, enjoying cross-country skiing or snowshoe trekking through the pristine countryside. Now it's your turn to discover this fascinating region on a dog-sled ride or to meet the Sámi, the indigenous community that lives here.

### Land dictated to by the sea

In Lofoten, the sea intrudes everywhere, creating an enchanting topography. As winter draws to a close, the snow still abounds, making the mountain peaks, turquoise sandy beaches and rocky coasts all the more beautiful. The *rorbuer*, fishermen's huts, and their characteristic dark red colour, dot the panorama in equal measure to the codfish in their open-air drying sheds from February to May,

a speciality of the archipelago. This demonstrates how *tørrfisk*, or dried fish, a nutritious food and a mainstay of Scandinavian gastronomy, is made. It has also been exported to southern Europe since the 14th century and can be enjoyed on board your ship.

### *Nordlys*, the northern light

While *Tromsø* is named **Capital of the Northern Lights** due to its proximity to the Aurora Circle, the town of *Alta* further north, meanwhile, reveals its **Cathedral of the Northern Lights**. Covered in 40,000 titanium plates designed to reflect light, the metal envelope is inspired by auroral scrolls. The months of March and April are ideal for celestial observation. It is an unforgettable experience, and you could be a privileged viewer.

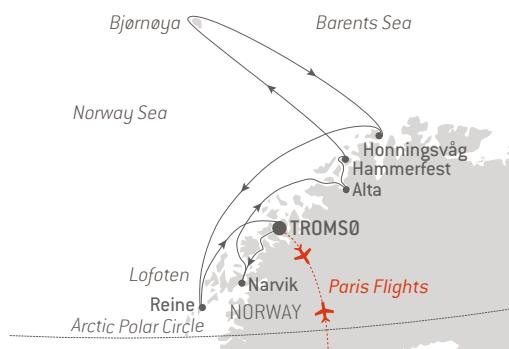
### WATCH

Northern Norway immersion,  
when light returns  
at the end of winter.



# Nordic discoveries & traditions

**Tromsø • Tromsø** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 13th March 2026 | From €9,650 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Explore the traditions and customs of one of the last European indigenous communities, the Sámi • The Struve Geodetic Arc in Hammerfest, a UNESCO-listed site • The possibility of observing the Northern Lights • Landscapes: snow-capped peaks and plains, enchanting fjords, picturesque villages • The knowledgeable support from nature guides throughout the cruise • Introduction to Nordic activities (optional): dog sleigh, ice fishing, snowshoeing • **Among your included activites\***: the legendary North Cape from Honningsvåg, a day in the Lofoten islands, Tromsø, the capital of the Arctic, in a rigid inflatable boat.

**Included in your cruise <sup>(2)</sup>:** the return flights Paris/Tromsø and transfers.



## Enhance your cruise



### Arctic landscapes by dogsled

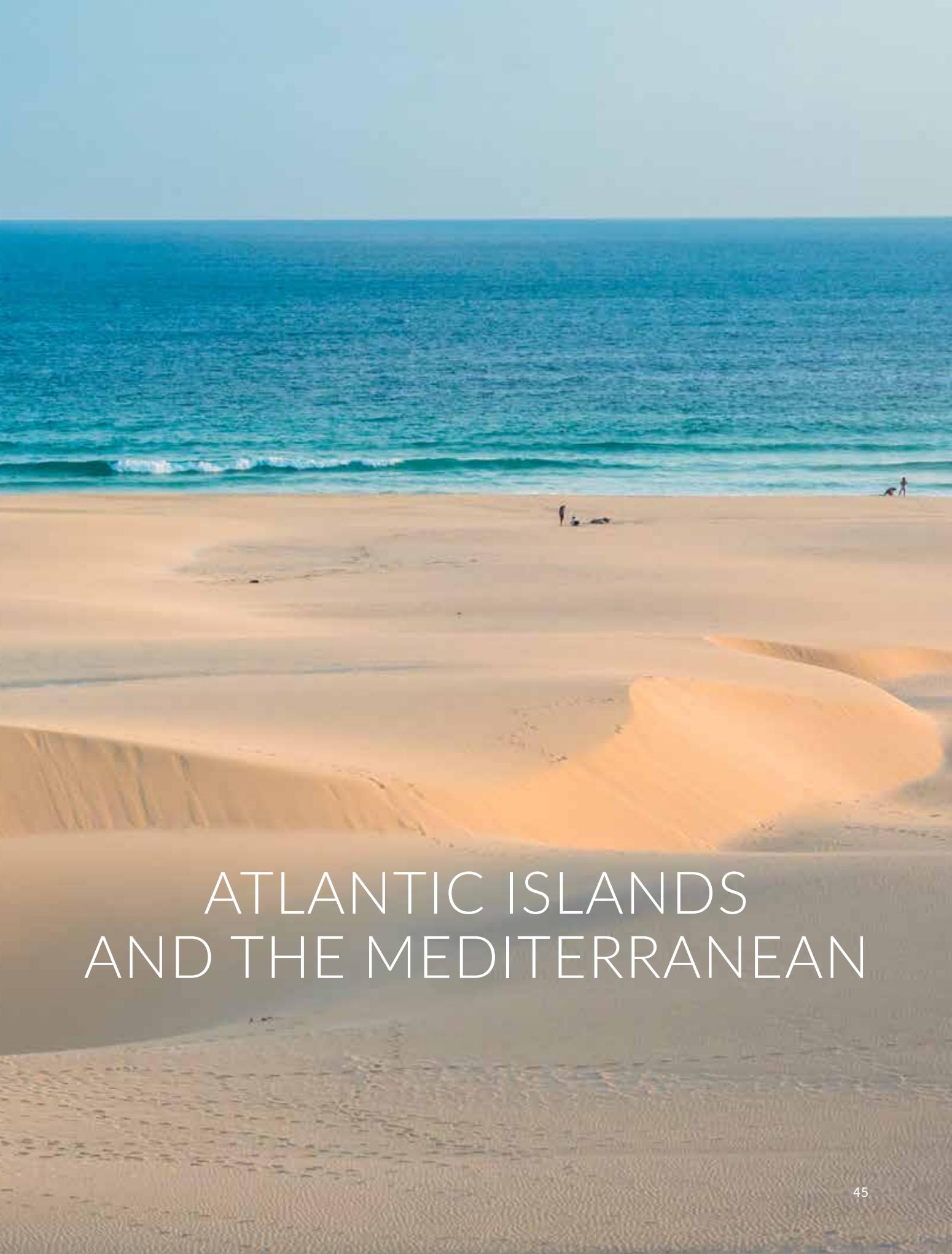
From Alta | 4 h | € € € €

Winter landscapes along the River Alta flash by to the sound of yapping dogs and your sled gliding across the snow. Your musher and their pack form a true team. On your return to the kennel, you will enjoy a special moment over a hot drink in a *lavvu*, a traditional Sámi tent, to discuss the training of the sled racing huskies.

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A wide, sandy beach with gentle waves lapping at the shore. The ocean is a vibrant turquoise color. The sky is clear and blue. In the distance, a few small figures are walking on the beach.

# ATLANTIC ISLANDS AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

# Through the eyes of Aralia Loiterstein Lorente

## *The Canaries, combining ocean blue and volcanic black*



Aralia Loiterstein Lorente is a native of Lanzarote, official tourist guide, social educator, writer and PONANT guide-lecturer. She depicts the Canary Islands as a polychrome archipelago, marked by its natural contrasts and cosmopolitan heritages, with unsuspected influence.



*"What makes the eight Canary Islands so different from each another is their microclimates. We're in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, where the dust of the Sahara meets the trade winds. This explains the diversity of the landscapes, with cactus, euphorbia, and forests of humid laurel trees – the last in the world, sheltered in the Garajonay. On the Teide volcano, in Tenerife, we also have unique flora, which has adapted very well to the dryness. The tajinastes, for example, can grow several metres high. It is like being on another planet!"*

*If you like lunar, vegetation-free panoramas, Lanzarote is paradise. Some volcanoes are more than 20 million years old, others 200 years old. In La Palma, the earth is still hot after the eruption of 2021. This is a stopover that guests particularly enjoy.*

*The landscape has also shaped our traditions. With mountains and ravines making travel difficult, shepherds used silbo, a language of whistling, to communicate. It is still taught in schools on the island of La Gomera and has been declared UNESCO intangible heritage of humanity. I would like to stress the importance of the link that the Canaries have with the rest of the world. To understand this, I always quote the adage that goes, 'If you're talking politics, you're European; if you're talking geography, you're clearly African; but if you're talking culture, you're Latin American.' Before setting out to conquer the New World, the Spanish made a stopover in the archipelago, reflected today in urban planning. Here we discover the beginnings of the great Latin American cities, for example Santa Ana Square on Gran Canaria, considered the first Plaza de Armas."*



## Heading to the ‘islands of smiles’

This is a journey few have the chance to experience.

About 20 kilometres off the coast of Guinea-Bissau, the **Bissagos archipelago** reveals its 88 islands, only 23 of which are inhabited. They are approached by zodiac, before venturing into forest and mangrove, gradually revealing clearings and a few huts with palm roofs. Let us guide you to meet a community whose traditions are linked to nature.

*Itinerary: Adventure in the Bissagos Islands, p. 53.*

## Waterways

The *levadas* are irrigation channels, now dry, that criss-cross the island of Madeira. Dug by the Portuguese from the 16th century onwards for the transport of water from the northwest — especially for the cultivation of

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This is the number of **Unesco** sites, spread across Turkey, Greece, and Italy, that you will have the opportunity to visit on a **single trip**. The focus on the wonders of the Mediterranean world, from antiquity to the present day, is one that heritage enthusiasts will relish with interest and curiosity.

*Itinerary: The Mediterranean: in the footsteps of great civilisations, p. 48.*

## Costa del Sol

With over 150 km of coastline and 325 days of sunshine per year, the aptly named **Costa del Sol** is pure Mediterranean splendour. Idyllic coastline, historic cities, artistic heritage, narrow streets with dazzling façades... **Málaga, Marbella and Almería** are the three stop-offs we bring you in Andalusia that will have you moving to the rhythm of the flamenco guitar.

*Itineraries: Iberian shores and Ancient shores of the Mediterranean, p. 49.*



## Sandy Garden of Eden

Nicknamed ‘the fantastic island’ or ‘the island of dunes’, Boa Vista in **Cape Verde** means first and foremost ‘beautiful view’. It has to be said that it boasts one of the most beautiful beaches in the world in Praia de Santa Mónica. Bordering the Atlantic Ocean, it is a wild expanse favoured by birds and turtles. The coasts are beaten by the winds, making them a paradise for kitesurfers, as well as offering periods of calm for swimmers.

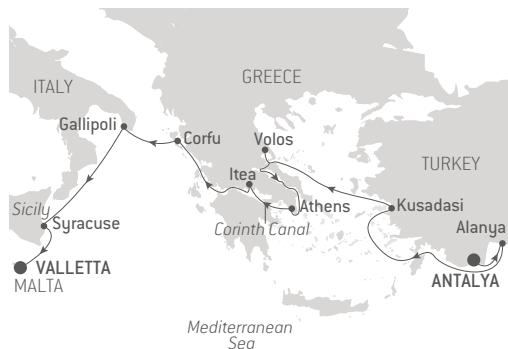
*Itinerary: The many faces of Cape Verde, p. 52.*

sugar cane — they now constitute a hiking network over 1,000 kilometres long!

*Itineraries: Atlantic odyssey from the Iberian Peninsula to the Canary Islands, p. 50; 11th annual piano festival at sea, p. 51.*

# The Mediterranean: in the footsteps of great civilisations

**Antalya • Valletta** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 7th November 2025 | From €5,820 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the historical sites of Ephesus from Kusadasi, the Meteora from Volos, the Acropolis in Athens, the sanctuary of Delphi and the Hosios Loukas monastery, Syracuse, Noto and Valletta • A port of call in Gallipoli to immerse yourself in the gentle way of life of the Puglia region and discover the history of this former Greek city • Sicily with the call at Syracuse • Crossing the Corinth Canal • Before your cruise, the possibility of exploring Cappadocia • **Among your included excursions\***: the archaeological site of Ephesus, the Meteora monasteries from Volos, and a meeting with a famous puppeteer in his workshop in Syracuse.

## Enhance your cruise

### Exclusive visit of the Alhambra by night

From Málaga | 9 h 30 | INCLUDED

In Granada, the UNESCO-listed district of Albaicin offers a breathtaking view of the Sierra Nevada and the Alhambra. Discover this Arab-Andalusian masterpiece on an exclusive night-time tour, without the crowds, starting with the small summer palace of Generalife and its gardens surrounded by boxwood and myrtle hedges and refreshing fountains. Inside the Alhambra, the Nasrid palaces reveal their jewels: the Hall of the Ambassadors and the Court of the Lions.



### Magical Cappadocia

Before your cruise | Antalya | 4 nights

In the heart of Turkey, the UNESCO-listed region of Cappadocia is steeped in legend. Marvel at the emblematic fairy chimneys in the Pasabag Valley, then explore the Zelve Valley and the UNESCO World Heritage site of Göreme National Park. Rock sanctuaries and troglodyte villages are veritable open-air museums, where geology, history and culture meet. A pottery workshop in Avanos, a tasting of wine from the 'Pink Valley' and a ritual dance ceremony by the whirling dervishes round off this enchanting break.

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# Iberian shores

Lisbon • Barcelona | 9 days/8 nights | Le Lapérouse: 24th September 2025 | From €5,030 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the tower of Belém and the Monastery of the Hieronymites in Lisbon, the Alhambra in Granada from Málaga, the Silk Exchange in Valencia, the works of Antoni Gaudí in Barcelona • A stopover in Lagos, in the Algarve region, featuring geological wonders and known for its Governor's Castle • The Andalusian city of Cadiz, one of the oldest cities in the Western Mediterranean • Crossing the mythical Strait of Gibraltar • The opportunity to discover Ronda's Puente Nuevo, from Marbella • Cartagena's ancient heritage • **Among your included excursions\***: the Sagres fort, near Lagos; a cavalcade at a *finca* in Cartagena; a panoramic walk through some of Cadiz region's prettiest villages.

LIFESTYLE



In partnership with **Relais & Châteaux**, a cruise dedicated to refinement and gastronomy, with the exceptional presence of chef **João Oliveira** from the Michelin-starred **Bela Vista Hotel & Spa**, who will awaken your senses with **culinary demonstrations** and **gala dinners** featuring food and wine pairings specially designed for the voyage.

# Ancient shores of the Mediterranean

Valletta • Málaga | 10 days/9 nights | Le Lapérouse: 12th December 2025 | From €4,740 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Valletta, the historic centre of Syracuse, the ruins of Agrigento at Porto Empedocle, the ruins of Carthage in Tunis, the Casbah in the citadel of Algiers, the site of Tipasa, the Silk Exchange in Valencia • Exploring five countries: Malta, Italy, Tunisia, Algeria and Spain • A cruise following the traces of ancient Mediterranean civilisations • Discover the spirit of the Balearics, from Palma de Mallorca, their capital • **Among your included excursions\***: the island of Ortigia in Syracuse, the ruins of Hippo Regius in Annaba, or the history-laden streets of the Casbah, the jewel of Algiers' heritage.

## Enhance your cruise

### NEW: Medina of Tunis and recycling workshop

From Tunis | 4 h | 

A stroll through the narrow streets of the old town of Tunis gives you the chance to feel at home in the ancient fortified city and to discover its artisans and their skills. In La Marsa, just a few kilometres from the capital, you will be welcomed into a workshop specialising in creating lamps and candles from glass bottles. You can make your own object and discover the art of making something new out of something old.



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## Atlantic odyssey from the Iberian Peninsula to the Canary Islands



**Málaga • Santa Cruz de Tenerife** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 21st December 2025 | From €3,920 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

The Teide National Park in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • The Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca, the largest in Africa • The clever irrigation system called *levadas*, and the picturesque village of Camacha on Madeira Island • Santa Cruz de La Palma with its sumptuous palaces and old town featuring colonial architecture • Exploring two of the Canary Islands: Tenerife and Las Palmas • Landscapes: volcanoes, calderas, mountain peaks, green hills, cliffs, forests, beaches • **Among your included excursions\***: the volcanic and verdant landscapes of Santa Cruz de La Palma, or the famous Mount Teide and its crater, Spain's highest mountain, from Los Cristianos.

### Enhance your cruise

#### New: *Cueva del Viento* cave

From Los Cristianos | 5 h 15 | € €

To the north-west of Tenerife, the municipality of Icod de los Vinos lies at the heart of a wine-growing region with magnificent views of Mount Teide. You can visit the inside of the volcanic tube of the *Cueva del Viento*, the Windy Cave. With 18 km of galleries to explore, it is the fifth longest tunnel in the world. You will be able to see a wide variety of formations, including stalactites, waterfalls and lava lakes.



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# 11th annual piano festival at sea

Las Palmas • Casablanca | 10 days/9 nights | Le Lapérouse: 11th February 2026 | From €4,860<sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Garajonay National Park in La Gomera; Teide National Park in Santa Cruz de Tenerife • A brand-new stopover in Safi, the city of potters • Santa Cruz de La Palma with its sumptuous palaces and old town featuring colonial architecture • The clever irrigation system called *levadas*, and the picturesque village of Camacha on Madeira • Exploring five of the Canary Islands: Grand Canaria, El Hierro, Tenerife, La Gomera and Las Palmas • Landscapes: volcanoes, calderas, mountain peaks, green hills, cliffs, forests, beaches • **Among your included excursions\***: the volcanic landscapes of Santa Cruz de La Palma, or the Garajonay National Park from La Gomera.



In partnership with **RADIO CLASSIQUE**, with **Alain Duault** and an exceptional musical line-up. For this special cruise, lectures will be given in French only.

## Volcanic landscapes from Canary Islands to Cape Verde



Las Palmas • Dakar/Santa Cruz de Tenerife • Dakar/Dakar • Las Palmas | 9 days/8 nights | Le Bellot: 8th November 2025 | 11 days/10 nights | Le Lapérouse: 29th December 2025 and 1st February 2026 | From €3,690<sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Cidade Velha, the historic centre of Ribeira Grande (island of Santiago); Teide National Park and the town of San Cristóbal de La Laguna, on the island of Tenerife • The varied landscapes of two exceptional archipelagos: Cape Verde and the Canary Islands, between majestic volcanoes, lush valleys, secluded coves and historic cities with a rich heritage • In Cape Verde, the town of Mindelo with its elegant buildings influenced by its British and Portuguese colonial heritage • **Among your included excursions\***: the stunning scenery of the Teide National Park from Los Cristianos, or the cultural heritage of Praia's historic town centre.

Please refer to the website for details about each departure.



\*Excursions included to be pre-booked approximately two months before departure, subject to availability.



## The many faces of Cape Verde

**Mindelo • Mindelo**

8 days/7 nights | *Le Ponant*: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th November 2025 | From €6,930 <sup>(1)</sup>



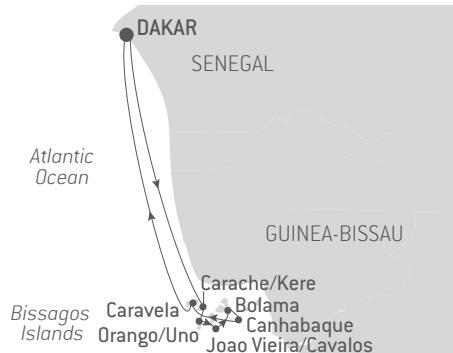
### Highlights:

*Le Ponant*, the first Relais & Châteaux sailing yacht • Exploring Cape Verde, in the heart of the Atlantic, between hikes in nature and authentic villages • Both on board and on shore, soak in the Cape Verdean spirit and charm and make the most of the presence of local guides who will share with you the secrets of this exceptional archipelago, through a series of 100% Cape Verde stopovers • A programme that adapts to the opportunities offered by nature, giving priority to navigation over sailing • **Among your included excursions\***: Boa Vista, between endless beaches and dunes, the historic center of Praia or Fogo, the volcanic island.



# Adventure in the Bissagos Islands

**Dakar • Dakar** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Bellot*: 16th and 24th November 2025 | *Le Lapérouse*: 8th, 16th and 24th January 2026 | From €3,690<sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Exploring 9 islands featuring exceptional biodiversity: Carache, Kere, Caravela, Orango, Uno, Bolama, Cavalos, Joao Vieira and Canhabaque • Enjoying many encounters with the Bissago people; discovering their traditions, dances and handicrafts during traditional ceremonies • The knowledgeable support from nature guides throughout the cruise • Landscapes: white sandy beaches, lagunas, savannah and forests home to mangrove trees, palm trees and baobabs • Wildlife: sea turtles, dolphins, manatees, velvet monkeys, migratory birds – pink flamingos, pelicans, etc. • The knowledgeable support of a team of nature guides.



## WATCH

An account: memories of a solidarity mission in the Bissagos.



## Enhance your cruise



### NEW: Encounter the sea hippo

From Orango Island | 4 h | INCLUDED

Disembarkation is at low tide on the island of Orango in the Bissagos archipelago. After a walk in shallow water, some travellers prefer to stroll along the beach and admire the dances of the many species of birds found along the shore. Others, with a disposition to walk further, are accompanied by a guide along the trail to look for marine hippopotamuses in their natural habitat. Will we spot their imposing silhouettes?

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# THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA

# Through the eyes of Jeannine Keller

## "Humbled by nature"

*Le Ponant?* This is her favourite yacht – "the DNA of the company".

One of our most loyal guests, Jeannine Keller has explored South India, the Maldives, Croatia and Corsica with us. As *Le Ponant* prepares to set sail for the West Indies this winter 2025-2026, Jeannine gives us an insight into her voyages on board.

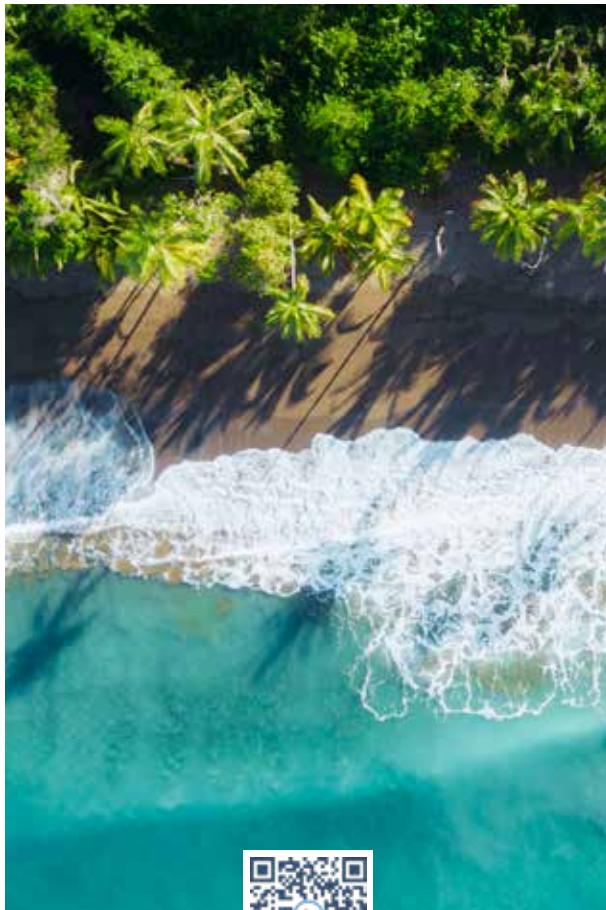


"What's magical about travelling aboard *Le Ponant* is its approach. The yacht always gets up close and personal. Landscapes, lagoons, people. You feel it is just the world and you. We took our then six-year-old granddaughter to Corsica. It was wonderful. Swimming with her from the marina, having the sea as your private pool... I think the marina is my favourite place on the ship. I sit there and contemplate my surroundings. I take a book with me, which I inevitably abandon, caught up in the scenery or the crew's manoeuvres, which I can watch from the front row on the Sun Deck.

One of the words I would choose to define the ship and the unrivalled experience it offers is 'humility', particularly in the face of the elements. Even though we're not always under sail – the engines play their part too – I know that we are

going to be moving along. I like this movement. It's alive. When the lapping waves dictate their rhythm on *Le Ponant*, you feel humbled by nature.

With its renovation [in 2021, editor's note] *Le Ponant* has maintained the same silhouette. Its intimate feel has been preserved and even enhanced. The lounge and bar areas are cosy and tastefully decorated. The proximity creates a very special atmosphere. The captain shares his love of the sea with you, and the on-board staff take great care of you. The fact that there are only around 30 guests on board also allows a certain camaraderie to develop. That's what we are looking for when we sail aboard this yacht. To explore intimate corners of the world, and to get up close and personal with the captain and crew. It is like being part of a family."



## WATCH

Far more than a mere bridge between the North and South of a diverse continent, **Central America** is a treasure trove of innumerable riches. Remnants of the Maya civilisation, dense and lush flora and bustling cities bring the promise of an unforgettable journey through space and time.

### Glimpses of wildlife

UNESCO-listed since 1981, **Darién National Park** is home to numerous endemic species. 169 species of mammals and 530 species of birds coexist on the park's 575,000 hectares of coasts (beaches, coves, mangroves), plains (rivers, rainforests), and mountains (palm forests). Indigenous communities, such as the **Emberá**, and their lifestyles are also preserved here.

*Itinerary: Secrets of Central America, p. 63.*

# 700

This is the number of islands, islets, reefs, and cays spread between the **Greater and Lesser Antilles**, from the Bahamas to Trinidad and Tobago, from Jamaica to Saint Lucia, via Barbados.

PONANT offers you the chance to discover some of the most iconic gems of this series. A sweet and invigorating opportunity to spoil your palette while surrounded by picture-postcard settings.

*Itineraries from pages 58 to 62.*

### A timeless hat

Contrary to popular belief, the **Panama hat** comes from Ecuador, where its first appearance dates back to 4,000 years before the modern era.

It was popularised by workers during the construction of the canal, who baptised it the Panama hat. US President Franklin Roosevelt contributed to its international fame during a visit to the site in 1906 when he was seen wearing one.

*Itinerary: Secrets of Central America, p. 63.*



### PONANT exclusive

The little-known paradise island of **Guanaja**, a true gem of Honduras, sits among mangroves, rainforests dotted with waterfalls, idyllic deserted beaches and coral reefs that attract marine life enthusiasts. The Caracoles people welcome you to share their traditions on the small islet of Bonacca, or simply the Cay. A special encounter not to be missed.

*Itinerary: Natural sanctuaries and Caribbean encounters, p. 64.*



# Pearls of the Caribbean

**Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Bellot*: 12th and 20th December 2025, 9th January, 28th February and 8th March 2026 | From €4,200<sup>(1)</sup>



20th December 2025 departure: reversed itinerary.

## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Morne Trois Pitons National Park on Dominica; Saint Lucia's rocky peaks • Relax in the heart of long white sandy beaches • On Mayreau Island, private use of a beach for the day, including a barbecue • The Grenadines archipelago, considered one of the most beautiful in the world • Swimming and snorkelling opportunities • Exceptional seabed with possibility of seeing turtles, barracuda, spiny lobsters and parrotfish • Opportunity of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) • **Among your included excursions\***: enjoy a nature hike in Syndicate from Portsmouth; appreciate the beauty of Les Saintes by boat.

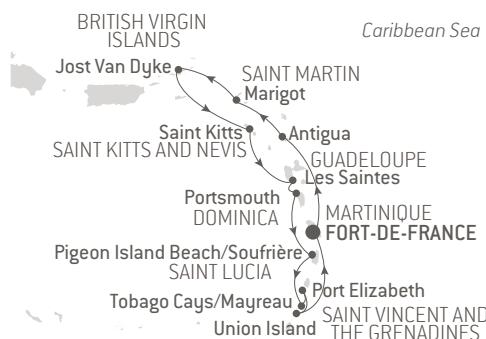


See website for an enriched departure on 28th February 2026, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.



# The essentials of the Caribbean

**Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France** | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Bellot*: 28th December 2025 and 10th February 2026 | From €7,020<sup>(1)</sup>



10th February 2026 departure: the stopover in Marigot is replaced by Gustavia.

## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Antigua Naval Dockyard; Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park in Saint Kitts and Nevis; Morne Trois Pitons National Park on Dominica; Saint Lucia's rocky peaks • On Mayreau Island, private use of a beach for the day, including a barbecue • The possibility of seeing turtles, barracuda, spiny lobsters and parrotfish • Opportunity of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent), swimming and snorkelling • **Among your included excursions\***: explore Bequia Island from Port Elizabeth by catamaran and snorkel; La Soufrière, between land and sea, in Saint Lucia.

See website for an 11-day itinerary reaching Fort-de-France from Santo Domingo on 19th January 2026, aboard *Le Bellot*.

## Enhance your cruise



### A day on the hills at Belle Mont Farm

From Saint Kitts and Nevis | 6 h | € € € €

The oldest city in the eastern Caribbean, Saint Kitts, bears the evidence of French and British colonisation. Among them, the fortress of Brimstone Hill, set in a UNESCO-listed national park, has a history to be discovered and spectacular views of the neighbouring islands. Your exploration continues with a meal prepared with organic produce from Belle Mont Farm, before visiting the Black Rocks, near the village of Saddlers, which are the remains of a volcanic eruption 1,800 years ago.

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# Reverie under sail in the heart of the Lesser Antilles

**Marigot • Philipsburg**

8 days/7 nights | *Le Ponant*: 20th December 2025 and 17th January, 14th February and 14th March 2026 | From €6,430<sup>(1)</sup>



14th February and 14th March 2026 departures: additional stopover in Jost Van Dyke.

## Highlights:

*Le Ponant*, the first Relais & Châteaux yacht • A cruise in the British Virgin Islands, featuring revisited ports of call and exclusive activities • A unique stopover on Cooper Island, a tropical volcanic paradise • Exceptional moments on board and numerous water-based activities to explore the beauty of the Caribbean as if alone in the world, with all your senses heightened • Enjoy the wonderful opportunities nature offers us to adjust the programme and navigate under sail whenever possible • A rich programme of included excursions • Diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).





## History and culture visiting Caribbean jewels



**Philipsburg • Pointe-à-Pitre/Pointe-à-Pitre • Marigot** | 8 days/7 nights |

*Le Ponant*: 27th December 2025, 10th and 24th January, 7th and 21st February, 7th and 21st March and 4th April 2026 |  
From €6,430<sup>(1)</sup>



*27th December 2025 and 21st February 2026 departures will stop in Marie Galante instead of Les Saintes. 10th January, 7th February, 7th March and 4th April departures will start from Pointe-à-Pitre with an additional stopover in Road Bay.*

### Highlights:

*Le Ponant*, the first Relais & Châteaux yacht • Discover the Windward Islands in the footsteps of Admiral Nelson in Charlestown, Nevis, and Falmouth Harbour, Antigua, as well as in Prickly Pear Cays, a breeding site for seabirds • Exceptional moments on board and numerous water-based activities to discover the beauty of the Caribbean as if alone in the world, with all your senses heightened • Enjoy the wonderful opportunities nature offers us to adjust the programme and navigate under sail whenever possible • Diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) • **Among your included excursions\***: a boat trip to Les Saintes, a tour of the island of Saint Barth or a snorkelling trip.



## Gliding the waters of the Windward Islands



**Pointe-à-Pitre • Pointe-à-Pitre** | 8 days/7 nights |

*Le Ponant: 3rd and 31st January, 28th February and 28th March 2026 |*

From €6,860 <sup>(1)</sup>

### Highlights:

*Le Ponant*, the first Relais & Châteaux yacht • A cruise off the beaten path in the Windward Islands, featuring secret stopovers, unique aquatic encounters, wild landscapes at the heart of idyllic settings • Meeting the Kalinagos, an indigenous Caribbean community • Exceptional moments on board and numerous water-based activities to discover the beauty of the Caribbean as if alone in the world, with all your senses heightened • Enjoy the wonderful opportunities nature offers us to adjust the programme and navigate under sail whenever possible • Diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) • **Among your included excursions\***: the landscapes of Bequia, the discovery of Petit Rameau in the Tobago Cays or a visit to a rum distillery followed by a tasting session.



\*Excursions included to be pre-booked approximately two months before departure, subject to availability.



## Natural sanctuaries & heritage of the Caribbean

**Curaçao • Colón** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Champlain*: 26th November 2025 | From €3,920 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

A voyage where contemplation and serenity mingle with the exploration of an abundant biodiversity, between sea, lagoons and mangroves • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Willemstad, capital of the island of Curaçao; Cartagena de Indias, an old colonial city; San Lorenzo's fort in Colón • The Colombian seaside resort of Santa Marta, between lush tropical forest, fine sandy beaches and pre-Columbian treasures • In Panama, the opportunity to learn about the crafts and traditions of the Kuna people in the San Blas Islands, which are renowned for their seabeds • The knowledgeable support of a team of nature guides.



## Panama, Colombia & Caribbean Islands

**Colón • Fort-de-France** | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Champlain*: 25th March 2026 | From €6,150 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the fortifications of Portobelo; Cartagena de Indias, an old colonial city; Saint Lucia's volcanic Pitons • Venture the diversity of Afro-Caribbean cultures • On Mayreau Island, private use of a beach for the day, including a barbecue • The idyllic islets of San Blas and the Grenadines and their magnificent seabeds • In Panama, the opportunity to learn about the crafts and traditions of the Kuna people in the San Blas Islands • Diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) • **Among your included excursions\***: a hike from Santa Marta to the Quebrada waterfall; a visit to La Soufrière, between land and sea, in Saint Lucia.

# Panama and Costa Rica by sea:

the natural wonders of Central America



Colón • Puntarenas/Puntarenas • Colón | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Champlain*: 19th and 26th February 2026 | From €5,240 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • The UNESCO World Heritage Darién National Park and its magnificent rainforest • A specially arranged visit to the Punta Culebra Nature Center at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI), guided by Smithsonian staff • Opportunity to swim and snorkel on beautiful Holandes Cayes, one of the magnificent islets of the San Blas Islands • A daytime crossing of the Panama Canal • Encounters with the local indigenous Guna and Emberá communities • An exploration of the region's rich and myriad tropical flora and fauna in Manuel Antonio National Park.



## Secrets of Central America

Colón • Puntarenas/Puntarenas • Colón | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Champlain*: 19th January, 5th and 15th March 2026 | From €6,360 <sup>(1)</sup>



15th March 2026 departure will set off from Puntarenas.

## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: San Lorenzo's Fort; Darién National Park and its superb jungle, from Playa Muerto • In Costa Rica, outings in the Curú Wildlife Refuge, sanctuaries of unspoiled nature • The magnificent San Blas archipelago and its fabulous seabeads • Sail through the Panama Canal • In Panama, the possibility of discovering the crafts and traditions of the Guna people in the San Blas Islands (Atlantic side), and of meeting the indigenous Emberá tribe in Darién National Park (Pacific side) • Fauna and lush flora: tropical forest, howler monkeys, sloths, tropical birds • The knowledgeable support from nature guides throughout the cruise.



On expedition cruises, zodiac trips and landings are included.

<sup>(1)</sup>Excursions included to be pre-booked approximately two months before departure, subject to availability.



## Natural sanctuaries & Caribbean encounters

Belize City • Belize City | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Champlain*: 13th, 22nd and 31st December 2025 | From €5,810 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

A stopover in Guanaja, a PONANT exclusive, with the exploration of an authentic village of the Caracoles community • Encounters with the Garifuna community • Landscapes: palm-fringed white-sand beaches, lagoons, idyllic islands, mangrove swamps, tropical rainforest, coral reefs and a rich underwater world • Wildlife: howler and white-headed monkeys, caimans, turtles, tropical birds, multicoloured fish, dolphins, rays manatees, alligators • Diving opportunities (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).

Included in your cruise <sup>(2)</sup>: return flights from and to Cancún and transfer.



13th December 2025 departure: activities and lectures given by an expert from **The Explorers Club**.

## A tropical odyssey in Central America

Colón • Belize City/Belize City • Colón | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Champlain*: 3rd December 2025 and 9th January 2026 | From €4,970 <sup>(1)</sup>



9th January 2026 departure will set off from Belize City.

### Highlights:

The UNESCO-listed Mayan city of Quiriguá • The chance to meet Panama's largest indigenous community, the Ngöbe-Buglé, and the communities of Bocas del Toro • The paradise islet of Water Cay and its turquoise waters • Landscapes: palm-fringed beaches, tropical rainforest, mangroves, coral reefs, rivers and canals • Wildlife: howler and white-headed monkeys, sloths, otters, agoutis, armadillos, porcupines, multicoloured fish; tropical birds (toucans, green ibises, frigates, yellow-crowned night herons and herons) •

**Among your included excursions\***: a trip along the canals of Tortuguero National Park or traditional cocoa farming.

Included in your cruise <sup>(2)</sup>: the flight Cancún/Belize City and transfer.

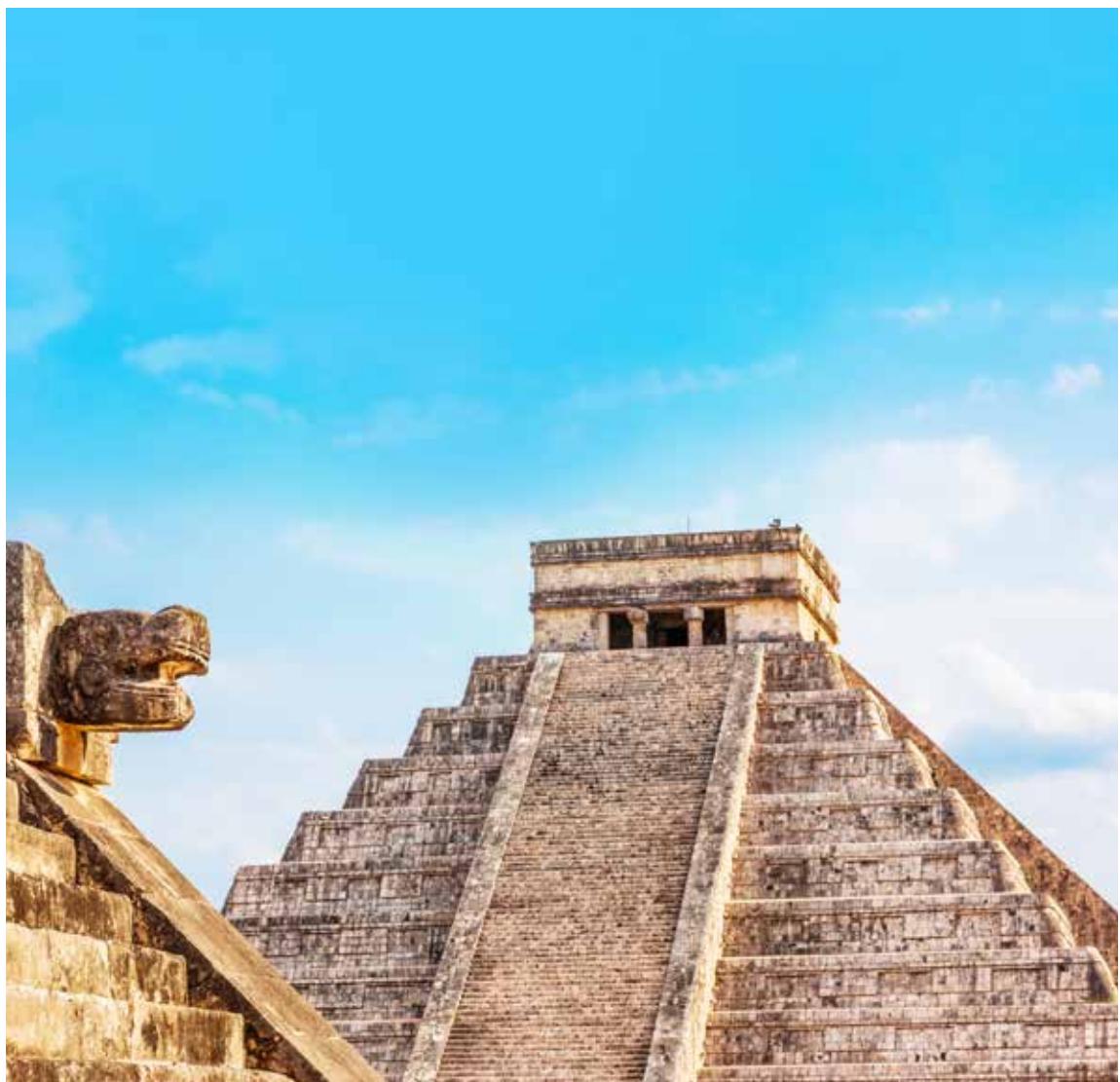
## Enhance your cruise

### On the path of the Maya civilisation

Before your cruise | Belize City | 5 nights

Valladolid is one of the first colonial cities in the New World to be founded by the Spanish. Here, you can explore the history through various important buildings, including the San Servacio cathedral and the Casa de los Venados, home to the largest private collection of Mexican folk art. Not to mention the unmissable UNESCO World Heritage Listed Mayan city of Chichén Itzá, the most renowned archaeological site

in Mexico, with a majestic appearance and shrouded in mystery. With visits to the more secluded Mayan sites of Becán and Kohunlich, the tasting of local food, an exploration of the Mexican jungle and two nights near Bacalar, the lagoon with seven shades of blue, you are immersed in the delights of Mayan culture, a journey in its own right before your cruise from Belize City.



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ASIA



## Guests' logbook: Asia in a nutshell

Lovers of exotic lands, Christine and Laurent Lévêque embarked on a journey from Indonesia to Bali. Between an escapade in dizzying Singapore, climbing the bustling Mount Bromo, and the gentle Balinese way of life, they share their impressions with us, still tinged with the wonder of their first discoveries.



### Cultural fusion in Singapore

*"You can go from Chinatown to Little India or Arab Street in just a few minutes. The city alternates between districts with architecture shaped by colonial influences and futuristic districts with avant-garde skyscrapers. We loved our walk on a suspension bridge 25 metres above the canopy, as well as in the botanical gardens, which are a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to more than 10,000 plant species, some of them rare and endemic. We found this mix of ultra-modern city and exuberant nature really interesting."*

### Inner peace at Borobudur

*"The size of Borobudur, on the island of Java in Indonesia, is simply breathtaking. It is one of the largest Buddhist monuments in the world, boasting no fewer than 500 Buddha statues. As the monks reached the top of the temple, the rain began to fall, rapidly emptying the site of visitors. We stayed just long enough for the weather to calm down... It was a moment lost in time, just like the story by the writer Roger Vailland in 1950, which I had brought with me in my luggage,"* exclaims Laurent.

## Close to the elements

*"It's a very personal interpretation, but I found that the dark, pyramidal silhouette of Borobudur echoed that of Mount Bromo, a sacred Indonesian volcano that is still active and rises to over 2,300 metres. After crossing the black sand plains, we took our time climbing the 250 steps to the crater rim. The closer we got, the stronger the smell of sulphur became. But when we arrived the sight was astonishing: a crater with a jade-green lake at its centre, from which there came a dull noise and billowing smoke. I've never felt so close to the bowels of the earth," Christine recalls with emotion.*



## Balinese serenity

*"The island of Bali has preserved its Hindu traditions, cultivating a gentle way of life highlighted by picture-postcard landscapes. It was the perfect opportunity for us to immerse ourselves in the lifestyle of a Balinese family. We purified ourselves with water from the sacred springs of a temple, before sharing in the preparation of the meal and the daily offerings for the dead and the*

*deities. Marked by learning about the harvesting of rice, making coconut oil, braiding bamboo fibre and dances to the sound of the gamelan [traditional instrumental ensemble, editor's note], we were completely immersed as the hours passed by. A leap through time and space that we're not about to forget."*





## Indonesian temples & volcanoes



**Bali • Singapore** | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Soléal*: 22nd October 2025 | From €6,240 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Komodo National Park, the site of Borobudur, Ujung Kulon National park, Singapore Botanic Gardens • A stop at Badas to observe traditional local activities including rice pounding and weaving • On the island of Java, Mount Bromo, an active volcano at the heart of a lunar landscape • Sailing around the legendary Krakatoa volcano • A call in Belitung island, a little-known destination in south-east Sumatra and a veritable tropical Eden • Extraordinary landscapes including jungle, volcanoes, heavenly islands, forests and rice fields • The knowledgeable support from nature guides throughout the cruise.

### Enhance your cruise



### NEW: Enchanting coast – delve into Balinese culture

After your cruise | Bali | 3 nights

Northern Bali is bursting with wonders where tradition, nature and spirituality come together. Over three nights, you can explore the temple of Pura Ulun Danu built on the shores of Lake Bratan, the flower gardens of *gumiti*, with their characteristic orange hues, and the rice fields of Jatiluwih, listed by UNESCO for their spectacular terraced layout. This is an opportunity to indulge in experiences as invigorating as they are unforgettable, from an introduction to woodcarving to a Hindu purification ritual at the Campuhan Windhu Segara temple, or a morning meditation in the peaceful seclusion of your hotel.

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## Island treasures of Indonesia and East Timor



**Bali • Bali** | 16 days/15 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 23rd December 2025 | From €10,190 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

The Komodo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to the famous Komodo dragons • Discover the Maluku Islands (also known as the Moluccas), a natural paradise on the Spice Route • An opportunity to swim or snorkel at the foot of Kitikiti Waterfall, surrounded by lush vegetation • Two ports of call in East Timor: Dili, the Timorese capital, and Baucau, which combines Portuguese atmosphere and beautiful sandy beaches • Encounters with the local communities, discovering their customs and culture • The knowledgeable support from nature guides throughout the cruise • Opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and of snorkelling.



## Islands, cities and volcanoes of Indonesia

**Bali • Singapore** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 7th January 2026 | From €9,940 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Borobudur, one of the world's largest buddhist monuments, on Java island; Ujung Kulon National park, home to the Krakatoa volcano nature reserve, which you can view on a unique sailing experience; the historic city of Malacca; Singapore Botanic Gardens • Mount Bromo, an active volcano at the heart of a lunar landscape on the island of Java • The Mentawai Islands, a paradise of white sandy beaches and vibrant jungle • Exceptional landscapes including jungle, volcanoes, heavenly islands, forests and rice fields • The knowledgeable support from nature guides throughout the cruise.

*On expedition cruises, zodiac trips and landings are included.*



## Tropical Indonesian odyssey

**Darwin • Bali** | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 1st October 2025 | From €7,590 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

The Komodo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to the famous Komodo dragons • Discover the Maluku Islands (also known as the Moluccas), a natural paradise on the Spice Route • At Triton Bay, explore the spectacular karst islands of the Coral Triangle • An opportunity to swim or snorkel at the foot of Kitikiti Waterfall, surrounded by lush vegetation • A stop at Badas, to observe traditional local activities including rice pounding and weaving • Encounters with the local communities to discover their customs and culture • The knowledgeable support from nature guides throughout the cruise • Opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and of snorkelling.

### Enhance your cruise



### The Northern Territory, into the Australian's wild

Before your cruise | Darwin | 4 nights

Enjoy four unforgettable days in the heart of the flamboyant landscapes of Australia's Northern Territory. From your luxury Bamurru Plains lodge accommodation, perfectly integrated into its surroundings, be amazed by the extraordinary history of this Aboriginal area, home to many wild species. Uncover the mysteries of its unspoilt nature on a walking tour, river cruise or hydrofoil safari. As an option, you can also explore Kakadu National Park, Australia's largest UNESCO-listed park.

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# Tropical odyssey between Indonesia and North-East Australia

**Cairns • Bali/Bali • Cairns** | 16 days/15 nights | *Le Soléal*: 7th October and 5th December 2025 |  
Le Jacques-Cartier: 8th December 2025 | From €7,120<sup>(1)</sup>



8th December 2025 departure: the stop in Cape York is replaced by a stop on Thursday Island.

## Highlights:

The Komodo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to the famous Komodo dragons • Discover the Maluku Islands (also known as the Moluccas), a natural paradise on the Spice Route • Discover the Asmat region in South Papua and its small traditional villages and warrior ceremonies • From Lizard Island, snorkel among the coral reefs of Watson's Bay • Encounters with the local communities, discovering their customs and culture • The knowledgeable support from nature guides throughout the cruise • The opportunity for swimming and snorkelling in heavenly locations • Opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).

## Enhance your cruise



### The Great Barrier Reef and its wonders

Before your cruise | Cairns | 3 nights

From your Shangri-La The Marina 5\* hotel, you can explore Australia's wildlife, notably in Daintree National Park, one of the oldest rainforests in the world. Get up close and personal with a kangaroo or koala, a touchy-feely experience, which you can enjoy in an eco-certified reserve. The precious and complex ecosystem of the Great Barrier Reef can be explored from a glass-bottomed boat or by snorkelling to explore an underwater world that just has to be discovered.

### Balinese heritage

Before your cruise | Bali | 3 nights

One by one, explore the charms of the "island of the gods" on an escape that's as exhilarating as it is comprehensive. At the crossroads of nature and heritage, photography enthusiasts will be fascinated by the many temples, the emblematic rice terraces of Tegalalang and the monkey forest of Ubud, considered a sacred place. Meet a local painter in the village of Batuan, visit a coffee plantation, see a collection of traditional masks... Foodies and craft enthusiasts will not want to miss out!



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# OCEANIA AND POLYNESIA

# Papua New Guinea, whispering archipelagos

This winter of 2025-2026, PONANT will take you to the heart of the ancestral cultures of Papua New Guinea (*itineraries pages 78 and 79*). With over 700 ethnic groups, it is one of the most linguistically diverse countries in the world. Local communities are characterised by the durability of their customs and the preservation of multiple cultural identities.

## The *Kula*, an exchange of good practices

In the Trobriand Islands and other archipelagos in the region, an ancestral ritual – the *Kula* – lives on. It takes the form of an exchange of objects and is performed during ceremonial dances. The artefacts, *vaygu'as*, are most often jewellery. They are intended to be passed on, loaned and displayed, before being introduced back into the circuit. A source of prestige is associated with their handing on, they are surrounded by many legends.



## Maritime rituals: the carved canoes of Alotau

The canoes of Milne Bay are masterpieces of craftsmanship, made from fig and iron wood using traditional techniques. They are renowned for their resistance to salt water. The hull, carved from a single tree, is decorated with richly sculpted and painted figureheads. This maritime art is passed down from generation to generation and celebrated at the annual Alotau festival.

## Holosa masks, 'ghosts' of the warrior spirit

Near Madang, the clay masks of the Asaro people are characterised by distorted human features, sometimes decorated with shells, horns or even pigs' teeth. Legend has it that these masks were used to terrify their enemies, but today they are worn by dancers who coat their bodies with clay. Protected by their masks, the 'mud men' act out combat scenes.



## The Sepik River crocodile



For the inhabitants of Kopar, on the banks of the Sepik River, the crocodile is considered a totem animal.

Young men enter into adulthood by means of a ritual in which their backs are scratched to imitate the animal's skin. According to Sepik tradition, teenagers symbolically absorb the strength and power of the crocodile.



## The voices of Madang

With over 170 languages spoken, Madang is a linguistic mosaic. Coastal Austronesian languages coexist with inland Papuan languages, forming a cultural melting pot. From all these dialects, Tok Pisin, derived from *pidgin* colonial English, is used as *lingua franca*, enabling intercultural communication.



## Tufi, a coral Eden

The Tufi Fjords is a geological wonder offering a striking backdrop of vegetation-covered limestone cliffs plunging into the Coral Sea. Between deep coves and narrow bays, this marine sanctuary boasts underwater landscapes forged by the volcanic legacy of the Ring of Fire, offering divers gardens of coral and mysterious wrecks.

## Tami, on the invisible frontier of the Wallace Line

Situated close to the Wallace Line, which marks the biogeographical boundary between South-East Asia and Australia, the islands of Tami are teeming with a diversity of animal and plant species unique to these two areas. These include the tree kangaroo, a species endemic to these forests. Exploring the archipelago means entering a preserved ecosystem at the heart of Papua's biodiversity.



## Shellfish, their true worth

In Malaita, shellfish play a central economic role. Their value lies in their rarity and beauty. To create this currency, artisans in Langalanga and Lau Lagoon break, polish and thread shells to make the *tafuliae*, necklaces, whose value varies according to length. Although the arrival of the Europeans introduced new forms of currency, shells still play a significant role, particularly in dowries.





## Islands and cultures of Papua New Guinea

**Cairns • Cairns** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 27th October 2025 | From €6,760 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

The mysteries of Papua New Guinea, the land of a thousand cultures • From Tufi, journey on an outrigger canoe into the ancient fjords of Cape Nelson • Visit the remote Tami islands • Witness the cultures and traditions of Morobe region and the traditional ceremonies of the Asaro Mudmen of Madang region • Understand the colonial history of Samarai Island and of Papua New Guinea's role during World War II • Swim and snorkel in the warm, clear tropical waters of the Solomon Sea • Walk on the picture-perfect postcard Lusancay Islands • The knowledgeable support from nature guides throughout the cruise • The opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).

### Enhance your cruise



### Cairns, at the edge of Australia's tropical rainforest

Before your cruise | Cairns | 1 night

The adventure begins by taking to the skies from Cairns with a cable car ride above the canopy that will take you into the heart of the Australian rainforest. From breathtaking vistas to chlorophyll baths, the colourful village of Kuranda, nestled in the heart of the rainforest, is a sight to behold.

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# New Guinea odyssey

Cairns • Darwin/Darwin • Cairns | 17 days/16 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 6th and 22nd November 2025 | From €9,750 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

The mysteries of Papua New Guinea, the land of a thousand cultures • The remote Tami Islands, boasting lagoon, abundant underwater life and splendid coral formations • Witnessing the traditional ceremonies of the Asaro Mudmen of Madang region • Cenderawasih Bay, regularly visited by whale sharks, the world's largest fish • The beautiful white-sand beaches of the Kei Islands in the Malukus archipelago • The spectacular karst islands of the Coral Triangle, one of the world's richest and most diverse marine ecosystems • The knowledgeable support from nature guides throughout the cruise • The opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and of snorkelling.

# From New Caledonia to Micronesia

Nouméa • Guam | 18 days/17 nights | *Le Soléal*: 22nd February 2026 | From €8,430 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

The Solomon Islands, remote destination in the South Pacific and a tropical Eden • Micronesia, a scattering of islands and atolls with breathtaking underwater scenery • Encounters with local communities: cultural performances, dances, arts and crafts • The stopovers at Lamotrek and Ifalik Atoll, combining heavenly beaches and communities with age-old traditions • From Espiritu Santo, the unique performance by the 'water music women' • The knowledgeable support from nature guides throughout the cruise • The opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and of snorkelling.



On expedition cruises, zodiac trips and landings are included.

# Paul Gauguin

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Embark on a truly immersive journey through the South Pacific. An award-winning ship, *Le Paul Gauguin* joined the PONANT family in 2019. Her crew reveals the soul of Polynesia to guests in a relaxed, international atmosphere that distinguishes it from the company's other ships. Our joyous *Gauguines* and *Gauguins* Polynesian hosts contribute to the warm atmosphere on board.

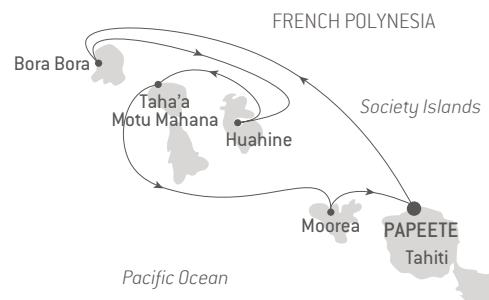


**WATCH – A TASTER:**  
A thousand miles from  
any continent, experience the rhythm  
of the Polynesian archipelagos.



# Tahiti and the Society Islands

**Papeete • Papeete** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 8th November 2025 and 21st March 2026 | From €3,690<sup>(1)</sup>



8th November 2025 departure: the order of stops is different.



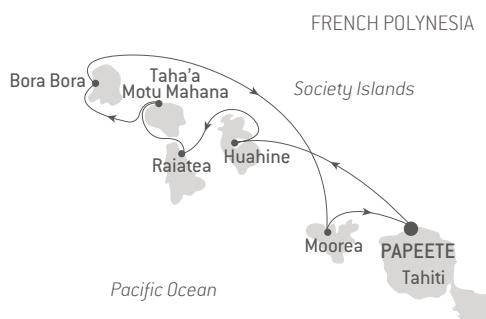
## Highlights:

- The island of Huahine, its village, lush rainforests and crystal-clear lagoons •
- Live a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise •
- Enjoy an overnight in Bora Bora, with ample time to explore its dramatic mountain peaks and romantic lagoon • Over two days in Moorea, explore the hillside pineapple plantations and the belvedere from which you can take in Cook Bay, Ōpūnōhu Bay and Rōtui Bay • Discover Polynesia's traditional way of life and customs • Landscapes: lagoons, idyllic beaches, deserted coves, tropical forests and mountain peaks • Opportunity of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

# Pearls of the Society Islands



**Papeete • Papeete** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 20th December 2025 and 31st January 2026 | From €2,790<sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

- The island of Huahine, its village, lush rainforests and crystal-clear lagoons •
- The legendary island of Raiatea, home to the oldest place of worship in Polynesia • Live a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise • Enjoy an overnight in Bora Bora, with ample time to explore its dramatic mountain peaks and romantic lagoon • Moorea, with its hillside pineapple plantations and its belvedere from which you can admire Cook Bay, Ōpūnōhu Bay and Rōtui Bay • Discover Polynesia's traditional way of life and customs • Landscapes: lagoons, idyllic beaches, deserted coves, tropical forests and mountain peaks • Opportunity of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

## Enhance your cruise



## Relaxing time at the Lagoonarium

From Bora Bora | 4h | €€

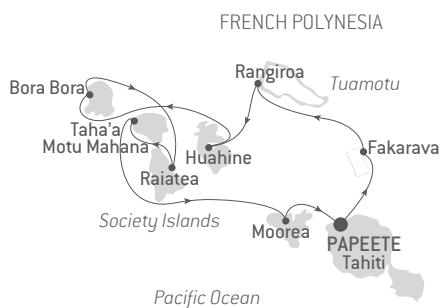
Lightweight outrigger canoes whizz along to the Lagoonarium in Bora Bora and its open-air parks. Sharks, rays, yellow jacks, turtles and parrotfish are just some of the inhabitants of these pristine waters. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced snorkeller, you will be exploring in shallow waters. Local instructors will guide you to ensure a respectful and careful approach to these species, which are varied and harmless.

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## Society Islands & the Tuamotus

**Papeete • Papeete** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 26th November 2025, 7th January and 25th February 2026 | From €4,900<sup>(1)</sup>

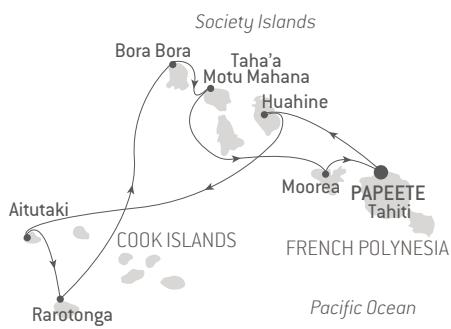


### Highlights:

Enjoy an overnight in Bora Bora, with ample time to explore its dramatic mountain peaks and romantic lagoon • UNESCO World Heritage Site: Fakarava, a biosphere reserve • Discover the 'infinite lagoon' on Rangiroa, the biggest atoll in French Polynesia, which is famous for its 'wall of sharks' • Live a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise • Discover Polynesia's traditional way of life and customs • Fauna: manta rays, spotted eagle rays, common eagle rays, lemon sharks, blacktip reef sharks, sea turtles and multicoloured fish • Opportunity of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

## Cook Islands & Society Islands

**Papeete • Papeete** | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 15th November and 27th December 2025, 7th February 2026 | From €5,060<sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

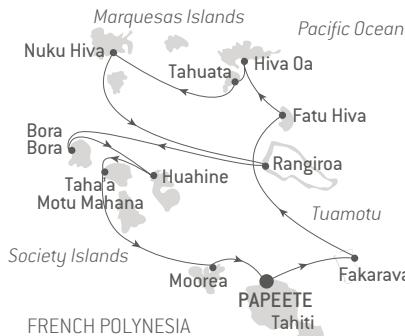
The stopover at Aitutaki, considered one of most beautiful islands in South Pacific • Discover Rarotonga, its luxuriant Takuvaine Valley and its capital, Avarua • Enjoy an overnight in Bora Bora, with ample time to explore its dramatic mountain peaks and romantic lagoon • Live a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise • Moorea, the 'magic island' with its eight valleys and 900-metre Mount Rōtui • Fauna: lemon sharks, blacktip reef sharks, spotted eagle rays, manta rays, superb coral, sea turtles, giant green morays, emperor angelfish, Napoleon fish, butterflyfish and more • Opportunity of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).



# Marquesas, the Tuamotus & Society Islands



**Papeete • Papeete** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 25th October and 6th December 2025, 17th January and 7th March 2026 | From €6,450 <sup>(1)</sup>



6th December 2025 departure: no stop at Rangiroa. The stopovers in Huahine and Bora Bora will be reversed on the 7th March 2026 departure.

## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the biosphere reserve of Fakarava, the world's second-largest lagoon, and the Marquesas Islands • Hiva Oa, home to the largest stone sculptures in the Marquesas, which are said to be linked to the famous *tikis* of Easter Island • Discover Polynesian culture: ancient crafts in Fatu Hiva, sculpted works in Tahuata, sculpted stone *tikis* and 7,000 petroglyphs in Taiohae • Experience a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise • Landscapes: towering peaks, imposing cliffs, plantations, forests, turquoise lagoons, unspoilt beaches, deserted coves, underwater caves • Opportunity of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

## Enhance your cruise

### Motu picnic

From Bora Bora | 6 h |

Who better than one of our guests to tell you about this excursion? "We boarded a pirogue for a snorkelling trip, surrounded by fish, before being welcomed onto a private motu with punch and cold drinks. There we enjoyed ceviche, prepared during a cooking workshop, with our feet in the water. Our Polynesian host wove palm leaf crowns for us and showed us how to open a coconut. It was a great moment of sharing."



### Black pearl farm

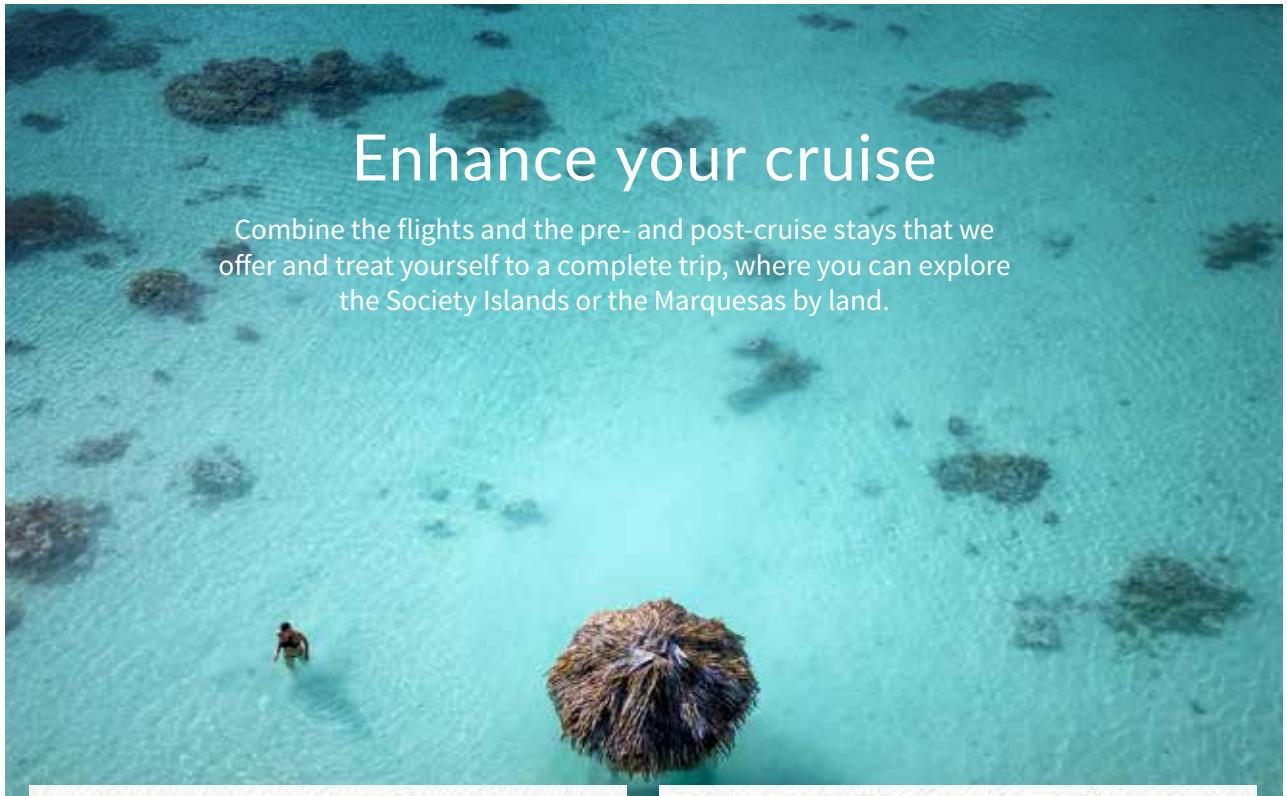
From Bora Bora | 1 h 30 |

Most pearl farms are small. Typical of the sector, this one introduces visitors to an important part of Polynesian culture. Farming, selection, sorting and cleaning of the oysters, evolution of the pearl-production industry... Watch a grafter at work as he skilfully exercises his trade. You will never see these delicate pearls in the same way again.

**EXPLORE.**  
Choose from a wide range of optional excursions at every stopover. Here's a varied selection.



You can find the complete list of our excursions and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Excursions must be booked prior to departure. The number of indicates a price range. Find out more on p. 15.



# Enhance your cruise

Combine the flights and the pre- and post-cruise stays that we offer and treat yourself to a complete trip, where you can explore the Society Islands or the Marquesas by land.

## Relaxing getaway in Papeete



Flight Paris/Papeete



### Before your cruise: 2 nights in a hotel in Tahiti

Set on the edge of lush Lafayette Beach, overlooking historic Matavai Bay, the **four-star Le Tahiti by Pearl Resorts** offers a rejuvenating two-night break during the winter months.



Cruise aboard *Le Paul Gauguin*



Excursions included



### After your cruise: daytime use of hotel room in Tahiti\*

Enjoy a day mixing culture with relaxation, with included excursions and an **afternoon at the four-star InterContinental Tahiti** offering you a refreshing break before your flight home.



Flight Papeete/Paris

## Tranquil getaway in Moorea



Flight Paris/Papeete



### Before your cruise: 2 nights in a hotel in Tahiti\*\*

Cruise aboard *Le Paul Gauguin*



### After your cruise: 3 nights in Moorea

The **five-star Sofitel Kia Ora Moorea Beach Resort** welcomes you in a tropical Eden at the edge of a crystal-clear lagoon. On the programme: relaxation and attentive services, with the opportunity to have your breakfast delivered by canoe (for the bungalows over the water), and to explore the depths of this protected marine area.



Ferry



### Daytime use of hotel room in Tahiti\*\*



Flight Papeete/Paris

\*7th February 2026 departure: 1 night's accommodation at Le Tahiti by Pearl Resorts 4\*.

\*\*The services offered in Tahiti are identical to those on the 'Relaxing getaway in Papeete' programme.

\*\*\*The stays before the cruise to the Marquesas Islands are subject to a limited number of guests. For more details on each of the programmes offered, please contact our travel consultants.



## Exquisite getaway in Bora Bora



Flight Paris/Papeete



Before your cruise: 2 nights in a hotel in Tahiti\*\*



Cruise aboard *Le Paul Gauguin*



Flight Papeete/Bora Bora



After your cruise: 3 nights in Bora Bora

Treat yourself to a relaxing interlude in the **five-star InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa**, ideally located on *motu Piti Aau*, 'the islet of two hearts', opposite the legendary Mount Otemanu.



Flight Bora Bora/Papeete



Daytime use of hotel room in Tahiti\*\*



Flight Papeete/Paris

## A beautiful getaway to the Marquesas



Flight Paris/Papeete



Before your cruise: 1 night in a hotel in Tahiti



Flight Papeete/Hiva Oa (Marquesas Islands)\*\*\*



3 nights in a hotel in Hiva Oa

The **Hanakee Lodge** hotel offers an enchanting first glimpse of the Marquesas. **Enjoy the many included excursions**, from the village of Atuona, where Paul Gauguin is buried, to amazing archaeological sites, to unlock the mysteries of the island.



Flight Hiva Oa/Nuku Hiva



3 nights in a hotel in Nuku Hiva

The **Nuku Hiva by Pearl Resorts**, a Relais & Châteaux hotel, offers an uninterrupted view of Taiohae Bay. Total relaxation and **visits included**: all you have to do is let yourself be carried along!



Flight Nuku Hiva/Papeete



Cruise aboard *Le Paul Gauguin*



After disembarking, extend your trip with **one day or one night in Papeete, three nights in Moorea or in Bora Bora**.

## Rates

Choose your flights and stays before and after the cruise to extend your trip to French Polynesia as you please.

All transfers between hotels, airports and ports are included.

**Your return flights Paris/Papeete** from €2,060 <sup>(3)</sup>.

### PRE-CRUISE PROGRAMMES

Your 2-night stay in Tahiti  
from €970 <sup>(4)</sup>

Your 7-night stay in the Marquesas Islands  
from €4,010 <sup>(4)</sup>

### POST-CRUISE PROGRAMMES

Daytime hotel room in Tahiti  
from €380 <sup>(4)</sup>

Your 3-night stay in Moorea  
from €1,610 <sup>(4)</sup>

Your 1-night stay in Tahiti  
from €950 <sup>(4)</sup>

Your 3-night stay in Bora Bora  
from €3,610 <sup>(4)</sup>



# GRAND VOYAGES

Time stretches out, the horizon unfolds... Let yourself be tempted by carefully selected back-to-back cruises. PONANT proposes long-distance voyages that will give you the time to savour an exceptional itinerary punctuated by unforgettable ports of call. Look no further for a singular sailing experience, imbued with serenity, and an in-depth knowledge of the lands explored.

*Find the highlights of these itineraries on the pages corresponding to each cruise, and the specific formalities of each cruise on p. 112-113.*

# From the Mediterranean to the archipelagos of the Atlantic Ocean



**Valletta • Dakar** | 36 days/35 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: from 12th December 2025 to 16th January 2026 | From €15,450<sup>(1)</sup>



The dazzling white of Syracuse, Sicily. The golden sands of the Costa del Sol. The azure of the Mediterranean and the slate grey of the Atlantic Ocean. The volcanic black of Lanzarote, in the Canaries. The lush green of the Bissagos Islands. As you make your way west and south, a bewitching array of colours unfolds before your eyes – as rich and vast as the cultures you encounter.

**This Grand Voyage**  
is made up of the following cruises:

- **Ancient shores of the Mediterranean**  
12th December 2025 – see page 49.
- **Atlantic odyssey from the Iberian Peninsula to the Canary Islands**  
21st December 2025 – see page 50.
- **Volcanic landscapes from Canary Islands to Cape Verde**  
29th December 2025 – see page 51.
- **Adventure in the Bissagos Islands**  
8th January 2026 – see page 53.

## North-east Australia, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia



**Darwin • Bali** | 32 days/31 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: from 22nd November to 23rd December 2025 | From €16,760<sup>(1)</sup>



First charmed by the coral reefs of Watson Bay, you will then be enchanted by the Asaro Mudmen near Madang. Wonder awaits you, from the delightful lagoon of Tami Islands to an exploration of the traditional villages of Asmat further south, from the idyllic beaches of the Maluku Islands to the Komodo dragons.

**This Grand Voyage** is made up of the following cruises:

- **New Guinea Odyssey**  
22nd November 2025 – see page 79.
- **Tropical Odyssey between North-East Australia and Indonesia**  
8th December 2025 – see page 73.

On expedition cruises, zodiac trips and landings are included.

# From the Caribbean to the shores of Central America



**Curaçao • Belize City** | 27 days/26 nights | *Le Champlain*: from 26th November to 22nd December 2025 | From €14,120 <sup>(1)</sup>



On expedition cruises, zodiac trips and landings are included.

White sandy beaches, seabeds teeming with life, mangroves, tropical forests and much more. As you travel through the idyllic and wild landscapes of Central America, welcoming communities will open the doors of their villages to you. Meet the Kuna community of the San Blas Islands, the Ngöbe-Buglé in Panama, and the Caracoles in Honduras: we're certain that the magic of these moments will live long in your memory.

**This Grand Voyage is made up of the following cruises:**

- **Natural sanctuaries & heritage of the Caribbean**  
26th November 2025 – see page 62.
- **A tropical odyssey in Central America**  
3rd December 2025 – see page 64.
- **Natural sanctuaries & Caribbean encounters**  
13th December 2025 – see page 64.



# OCEAN VOYAGES

Lovers of the sea, dreamers, meditative travellers, attentive observers of endless horizons... Step on board our Ocean Voyages, our non-stop crossings, for unique, unforgettable experiences. Share the life of the crew while still enjoying the five-star comfort and facilities of our latest generation of yachts.

As the days go by, and according to the ship, make

the most of the charm and the quiet offered by these exceptional crossings. On board you can choose to relax around the pool with the sky as your backdrop or keep fit in the fitness centre and spa. The library will welcome you for a spot of reading, while the bar offers you a convivial place where the softly lit atmosphere will not fail to delight you.

## *A guest writes*

*"I made my first solo ocean voyage. I wanted to learn more about the day-to-day lives of the crew with whom I shared some wonderful experiences, and to understand what a long non-stop crossing represents. On board, I met up with a barmaid I'd met on a previous cruise, who created and poured me some wonderful cocktails. I spent a long time in the library and around the pool. Between reading and introspection, I was the only master of my time. It was a wonderful life experience that I plan to repeat."*

Jean V., Brussels

### OUR NON-STOP OCEAN VOYAGES FOR THE WINTER 2025-2026 SEASON:

#### **Lisbon • Buenos Aires**

20 days/19 nights

*L'Austral: 17th October 2025*

From €4,650<sup>(1)</sup>

#### **Dakar • Fort-de-France**

11 days/10 nights

*Le Bellot: 2nd December 2025*

From €2,620<sup>(1)</sup>







WELCOME  
ON BOARD

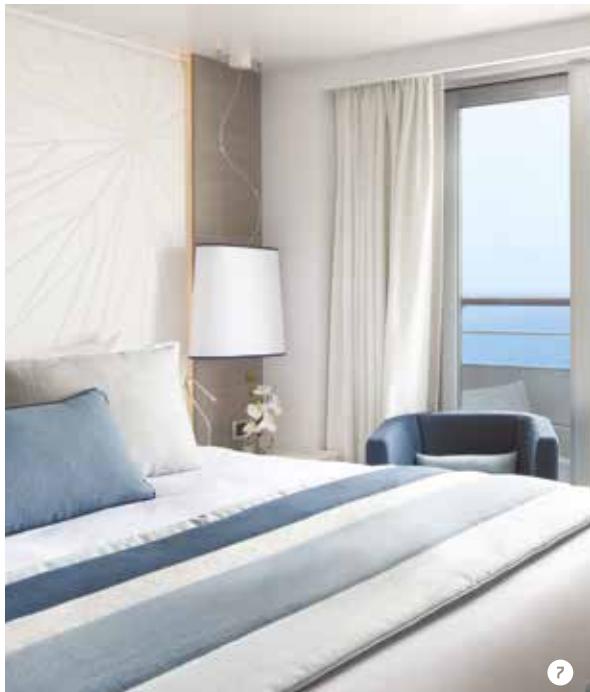


## The Sisterships

As yachts on a human scale, with just 122 or 132 staterooms, *Le Boréal*, *L'Austral*, *Le Soléal* and *Le Lyrial* can gain access to isolated places and ports reserved for small vessels.

They are thus faithful to the PONANT DNA: **exploring the world** with constantly renewed curiosity.





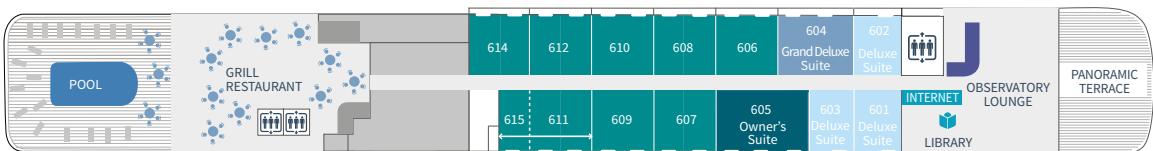
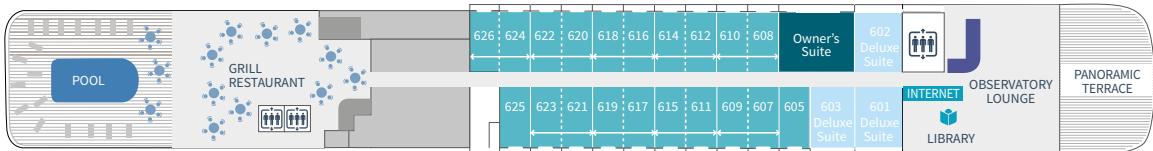
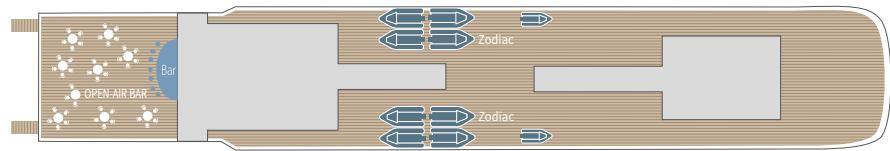
1. Spa, *Le Lyrial*
2. The gastronomic restaurant, deck 2, *Le Lyrial*
3. The swimming pool on deck 6
4. The library
5. The Observatory lounge, *Le Soleal*

6. *L'Austral*
7. Prestige Stateroom, *Le Lyrial*
8. Prestige Stateroom Balcony, *Le Boreal*
9. Prestige Stateroom, *L'Austral*

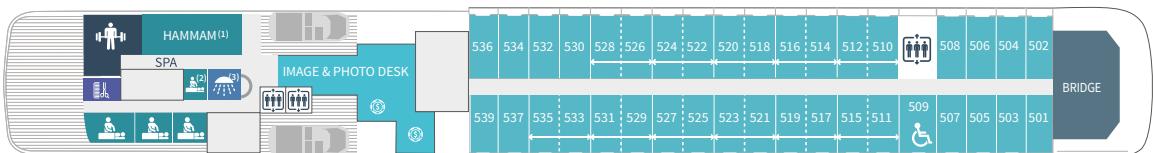
## Amenities

- Individually controlled airconditioning
- Stateroom layout: king-size bed, or twin beds, communicating staterooms available (children welcome)
- Minibar
- Flat-screen satellite TV
- Video on demand
- Bose Bluetooth speaker
- Safe
- Diptyque bath products
- Dressing table, bath robes, hairdryer
- Direct line telephone
- 110V American (two flat pins)/220V European (round sockets with two round pins)
- 24hr room service
- Inclusive Wifi internet access\*

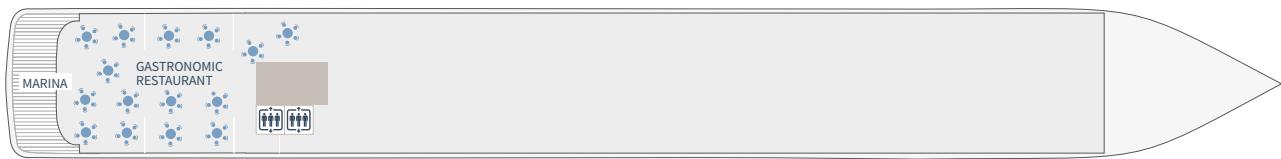
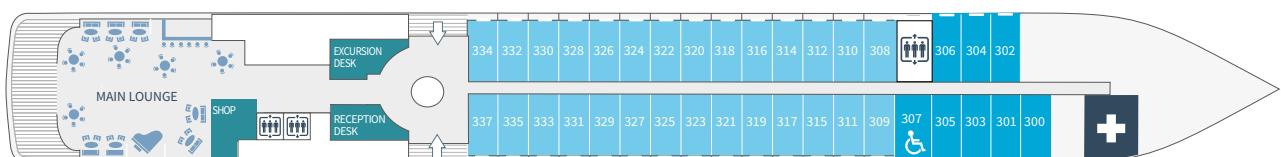
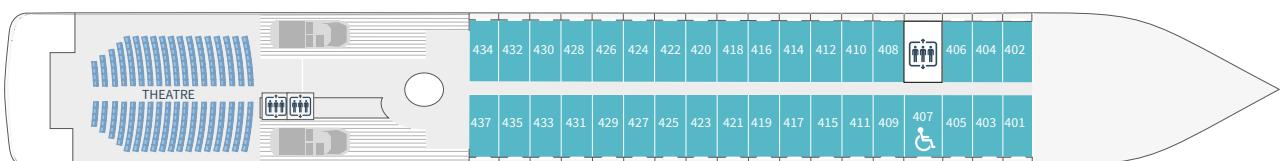
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Le Lyrial



Configuration: *L'Austral*: <sup>(1)</sup> Locker <sup>(2)</sup> Hamman <sup>(3)</sup> Locker • *Le Boréal*: <sup>(1)</sup> Massage <sup>(2)</sup> Hamman <sup>(3)</sup> Locker • *Le Solaï*: <sup>(1)</sup> Hammam <sup>(2)</sup> Locker <sup>(3)</sup> Locker.



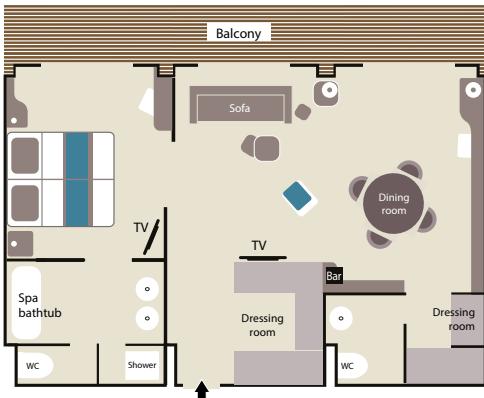
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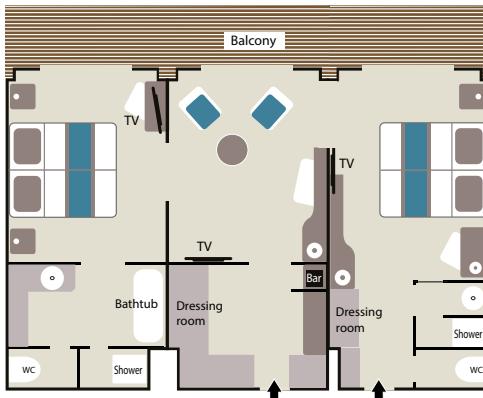
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|  Owner's Suite<br>Deck 6                              |  Prestige Suites<br>Deck 5 - 6 (except <i>Le Lyrial</i> ) |  Prestige Staterooms<br>Deck 4 - 5 - 6 |
|  Grand Privilege Suite<br>Deck 6 ( <i>Le Lyrial</i> ) |  Grand Deluxe Suite<br>Deck 6 ( <i>Le Lyrial</i> )        |  Deluxe Staterooms<br>Deck 3           |
|  Privilege Suites<br>Deck 6 ( <i>Le Lyrial</i> )      |  Deluxe Suites<br>Deck 6                                  |  Superior Staterooms<br>Deck 3         |

# Discover your Stateroom

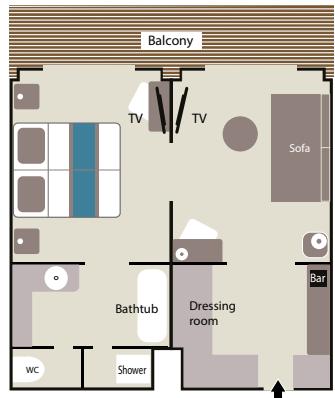
**OWNER'S SUITE aboard Le Lyrial**  
(55 sq.m/581 sq.ft + 12 sq.m/129 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)



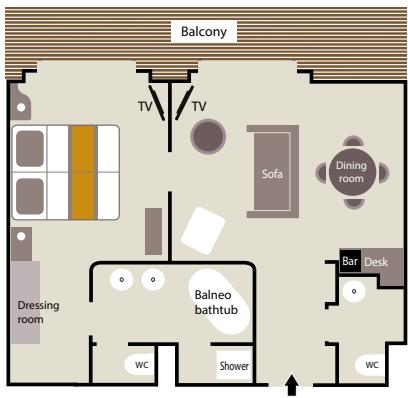
**GRAND PRIVILEGE SUITE aboard Le Lyrial**  
(55 sq.m/581 sq.ft + 12 sq.m/129 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)



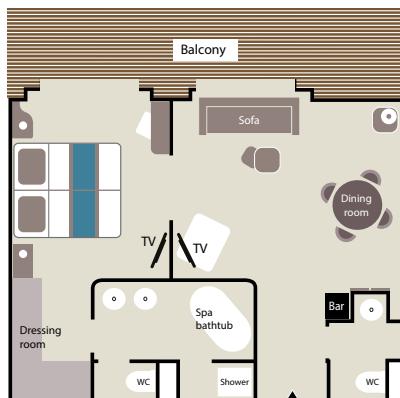
**PRIVILEGE SUITE aboard Le Lyrial**  
(37 sq.m/388 sq.ft + 8 sq.m/86 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)



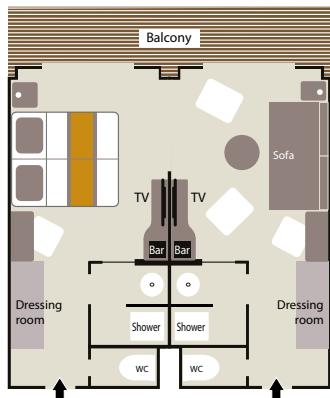
**OWNER'S SUITE**  
(45 sq.m/484 sq.ft + 9 sq.m/97 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)



**GRAND DELUXE SUITE aboard Le Lyrial**  
(45 sq.m/484 sq.ft + 10 sq.m/ 108 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)

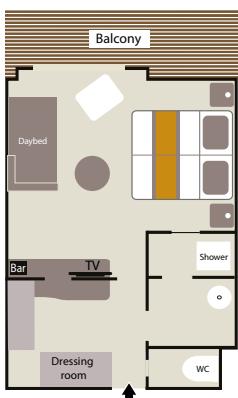


**PRESTIGE SUITE**  
(37 sq.m/398 sq.ft + 8 sq.m/86 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)

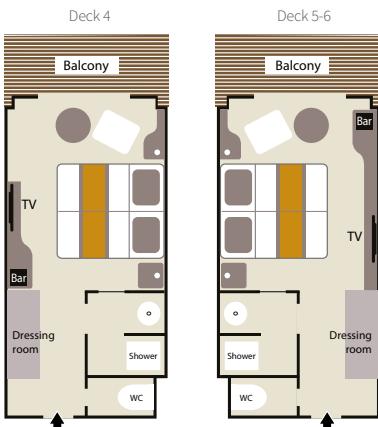


Prestige Suites aboard Le Boreal & Le Soleal:  
1 shower and 1 bathtub.

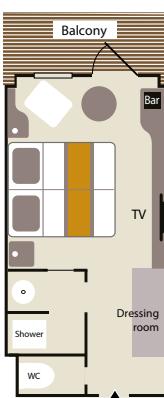
**DELUXE SUITE**  
(27 sq.m/290 sq.ft + 6 sq.m/64 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)



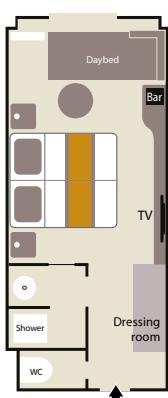
**PRESTIGE STATEROOM**  
(18.5 sq.m/200 sq.ft + 4 sq.m/43 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)



**DELUXE STATEROOM**  
(18 sq.m/200 sq.ft + 4 sq.m/43 sq.ft private balcony with French window)



**SUPERIOR STATEROOM**  
(21 sq.m/226 sq.ft)



Deluxe Suites aboard Le Boreal:  
1 shower and 1 bathtub

Prestige Staterooms aboard Le Boreal & Le Soleal,  
decks 5 & 6: 1 shower or bathtub depends on cabins



## The PONANT Explorers

Equipped with only 92 staterooms, an **underwater lounge**, the *Blue Eye*, and the latest technologies to limit the impact on the environment, *Le Lapérouse*, *Le Champlain*, *Le Bougainville*, *Le Dumont-d'Urville*, *Le Bellot* and *Le Jacques-Cartier* enable you to make stopovers in remote regions.





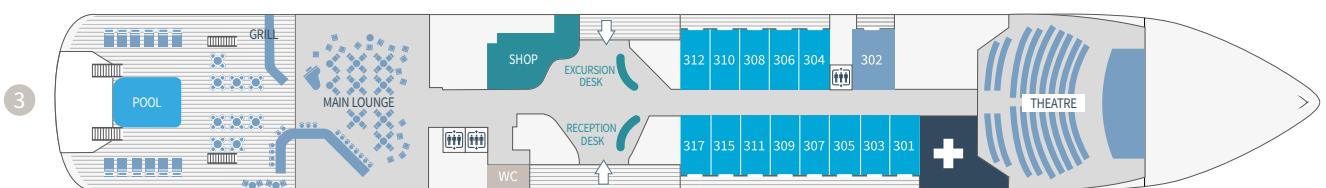
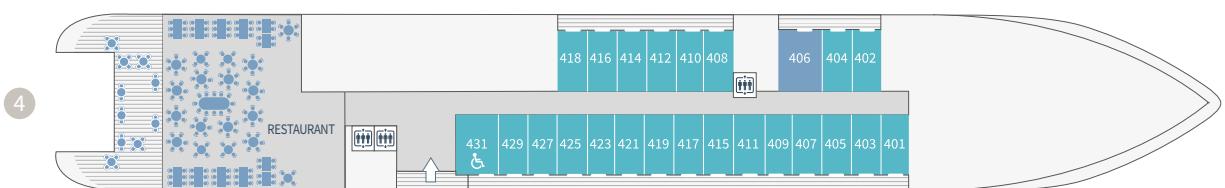
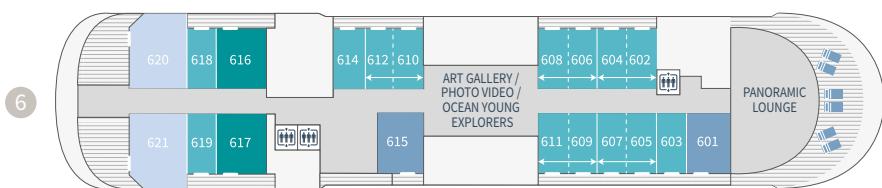
1. The *Blue Eye*, underwater lounge
2. The Spa, in partnership with Sothys or Clarins
3. The pool deck and its solarium
4. The panoramic restaurant, open to the outside
5. The theatre, where conferences, shows and performances take place

6. *Le Lapérouse*
7. The Owner's Suite
8. The Owner's Suite, its private terrace and hot tub
9. Privilege Suite living room – *Le Bougainville*

## Amenities

- Individually controlled airconditioning
- Stateroom layout: king-size bed, or twin beds, communicating staterooms available (children welcome)
- Minibar
- Flat-screen satellite TV
- Video on demand
- Bose Bluetooth speaker
- Safe
- Diptyque or Clarins bath products
- Dressing table, bath robes, hairdryer
- Direct line telephone
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- 24hr room service
- Inclusive Wifi internet access\*

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Owner's Suites  
Deck 5

Privilege Suites  
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Grand Deluxe Suites  
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Prestige Suites  
Deck 5 - 6

Deluxe Suites  
Deck 3 - 4 - 5 - 6

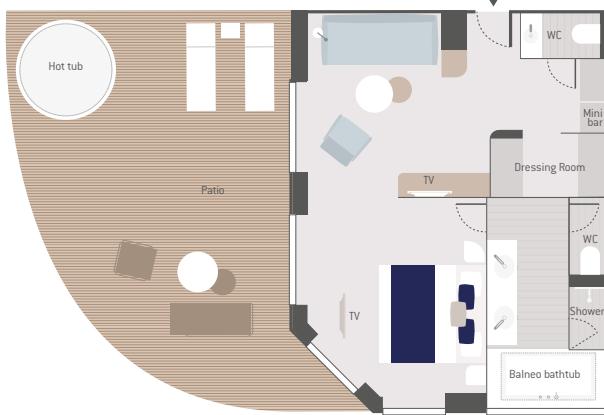
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Deluxe Staterooms  
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# Discover your Stateroom

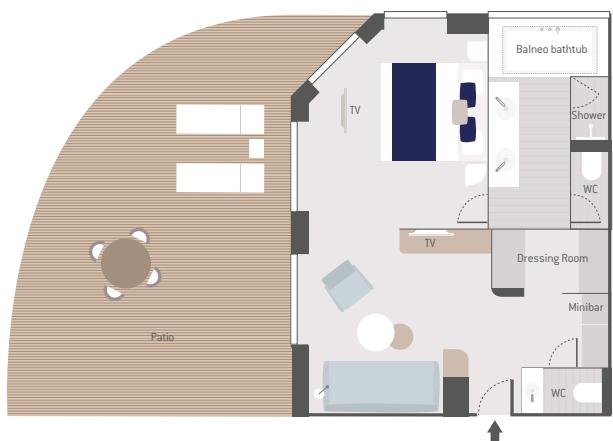
## OWNER'S SUITE

(45 sq.m/484 sq.ft + 40 sq.m/430 sq.ft private terrace with hot tub and sliding bay windows)



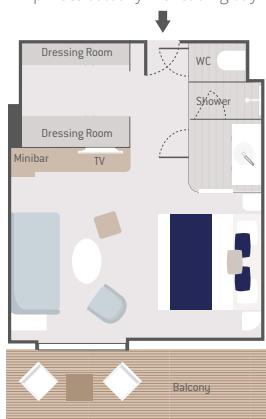
## GRAND DELUXE SUITE

(45 sq.m/484 sq.ft + 30 sq.m/323 sq.ft private terrace with sliding bay windows)



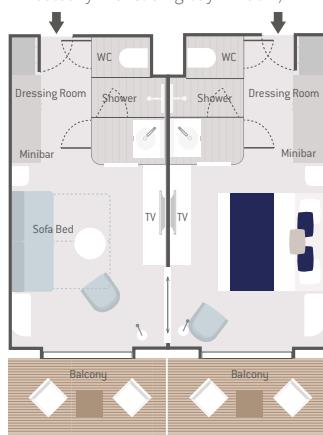
## PRIVILEGE SUITE

(32 sq.m/344 sq.ft + 8 sq.m/86 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)



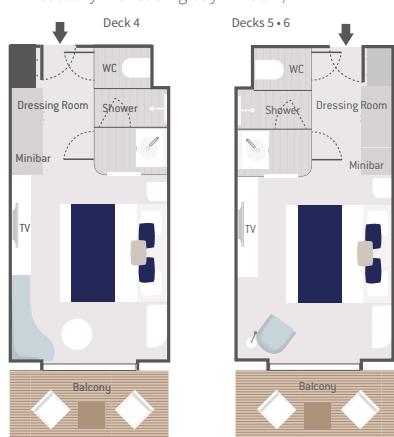
## PRESTIGE SUITE

(38 sq.m/409 sq.ft + 8 sq.m/86 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)



## PRESTIGE STATEROOM

(19 sq.m/204 sq.ft + 4 sq.m/43 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)



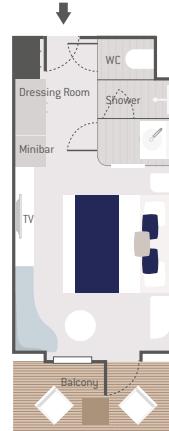
## DELUXE SUITE

(27.5 sq.m /291 sq.ft + 6 sq.m/65 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)



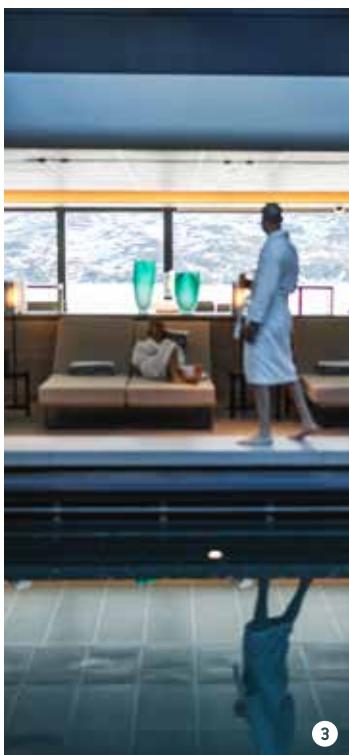
## DELUXE STATEROOM

(19 sq.m/204 sq.ft + 4 sq.m/43 sq.ft private balcony with French window)



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## Le Commandant Charcot

As the first **hybrid electric-liquefied natural gas** polar exploration ship, *Le Commandant Charcot* encapsulates an **eco-friendly design** never before seen in the polar regions. Furnished with 123 staterooms, in total communion with nature, it will carry you safely and comfortably beyond known lands.

**Two research laboratories on board** enable scientists to collect data that will increase our knowledge of the poles.





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1. The sauna in the wellness area, which also includes the Biological Recherche Spa, hair and nail salon, fitness room, snow cabin
2. The Observatory lounge, deck 9
3. The relaxation area, with a heated indoor swimming pool and a detox bar
4. Nuna Gastronomic Restaurant, Alain Ducasse's only restaurant at sea
5. The Blue Lagoon area, deck 9

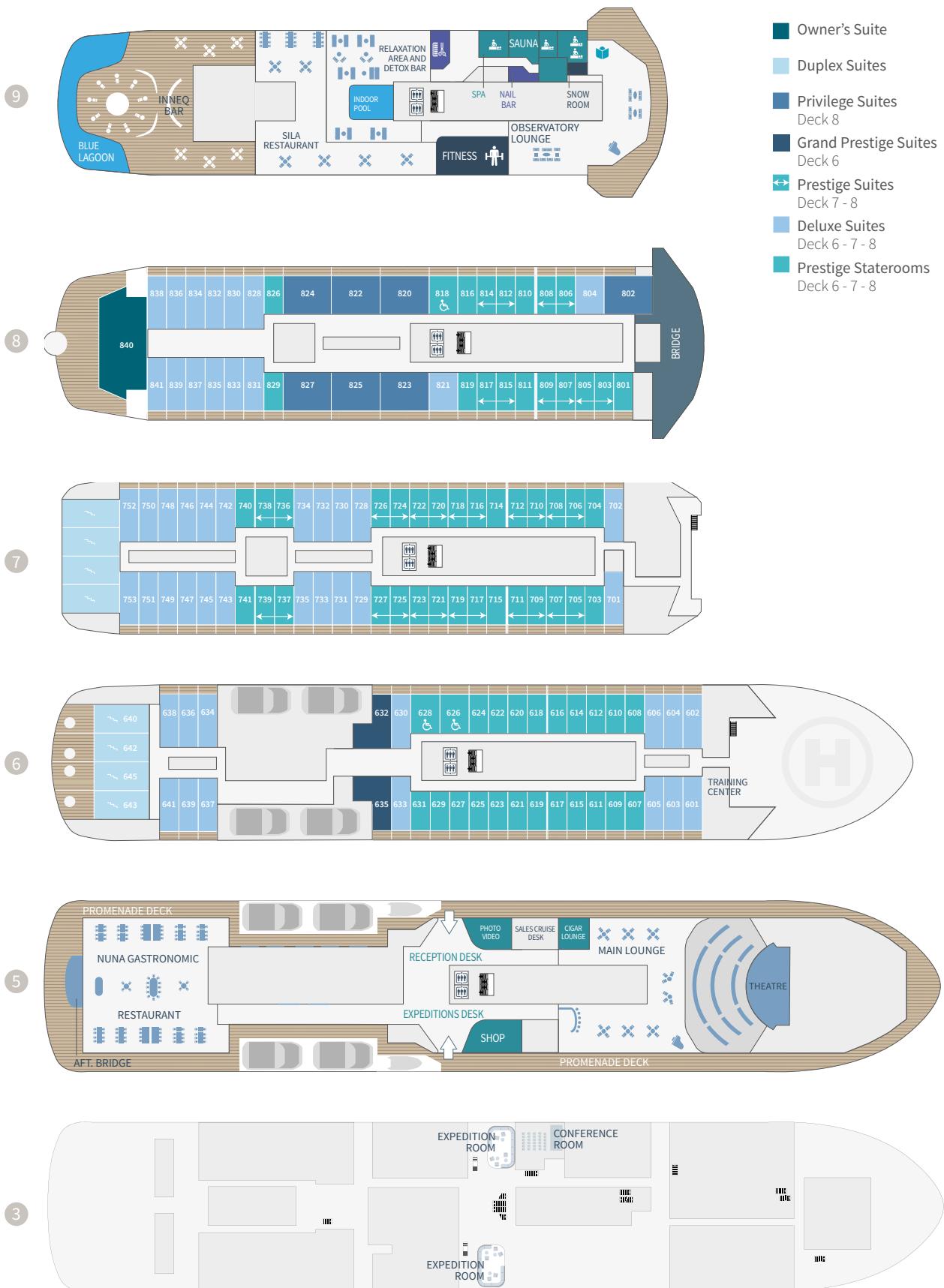
6. *Le Commandant Charcot*

7. The Owner's Suite patio, deck 8
8. The sleeping area on the Duplex Suite
9. The Owner's Suite living room, deck 8

## Amenities

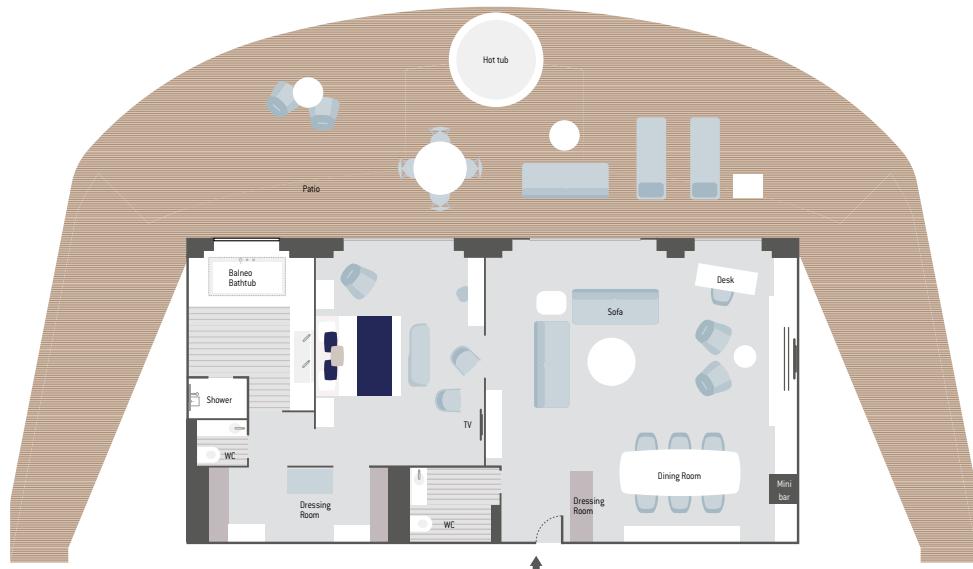
- Private balcony for all our Staterooms and Suites
- Terrace for the Duplex Suites and the Owner's Suite
- Butler service and priority boarding: Owner's Suite, Duplex Suites, Privilege Suites and Grand Prestige Suites
- Individually controlled airconditioning
- Stateroom layout: king-size bed, or twin beds, communicating staterooms available (children welcome)
- Minibar and 24hr room service
- Satellite TV channels (availability dependent on navigation)
- Videos on demand
- Bose Bluetooth speaker
- Safe
- Selection of Diptyque bath products
- Dressing table, bath robes, hairdryer
- Direct line telephone
- 110V American (two flat pins)/220V European (round sockets with two round pins)
- Inclusive Wifi internet access\*

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# Discover your Stateroom

**OWNER'S SUITE** (115 sq.m/1,237 sq.ft + 186 sq.m/2,002 sq.ft private terrace with hot tub • balneo bathtub)

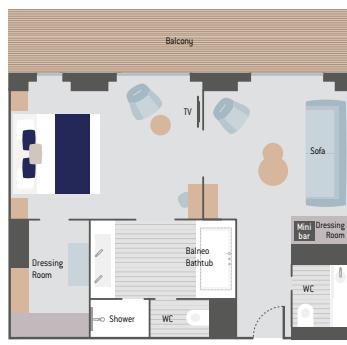


## GRAND PRESTIGE SUITE (42 sq.m/452 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/54 sq.ft private balcony)



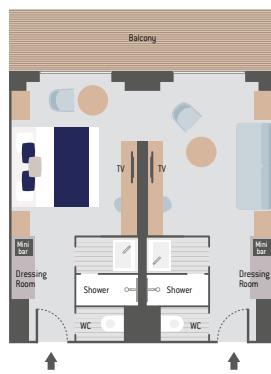
## PRIVILEGE SUITE

(48 sq.m/516 sq.ft + 12.5 sq.m/134.5 sq.ft  
private balcony • balneo bathtub)

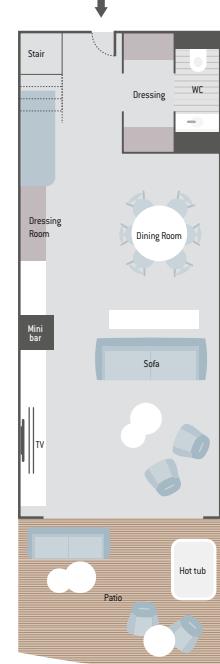


## PRESTIGE SUITE

(40 sq.m/430 sq.ft + 10 sq.m/107 sq.ft  
private balcony)



## DUPLEX SUITE



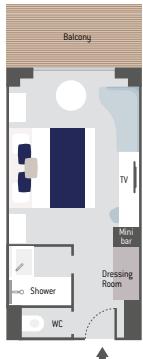
## DELUXE SUITE

(28 sq.m/301 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/53 sq.ft private balcony)



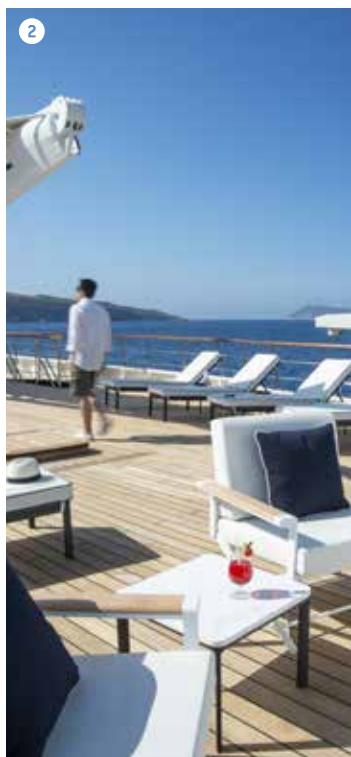
## **PRESTIGE STATEROOM**

(20 sq.m/215 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/53 sq.ft  
private balcony)



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## Le Ponant

It is with this ship that the **PONANT adventure began** more than 35 years ago. Furnished with 16 staterooms and suites, *Le Ponant* reinvents the cruise by going with the flow. Enjoy exceptional moments aboard the **first Relais & Châteaux sailing yacht**, as though you were on your own private yacht. Whether you're passionate about sailing or a fan of *la dolce vita*, you will enjoy the pleasure of a seamless reconnection with the elements.





1. *Le Ponant*

2. The Sun Lounge area on the Sun Deck

3. Navigation under sail whenever conditions allow

4. Alizés Grand Privilege Suite, with balcony

5. Sun Deck

6. The Marina on Alizés Deck, with its saltwater swimming pool and watersports equipment

7. The lounge and bar Émeraude on Alizés Deck

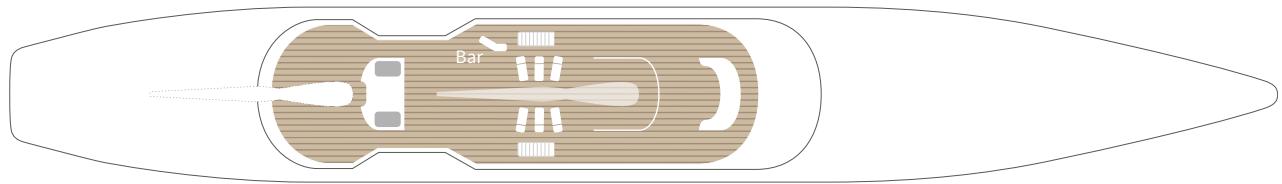
8. Fine gastronomic cuisine made using high quality, organic and local products

## Amenities

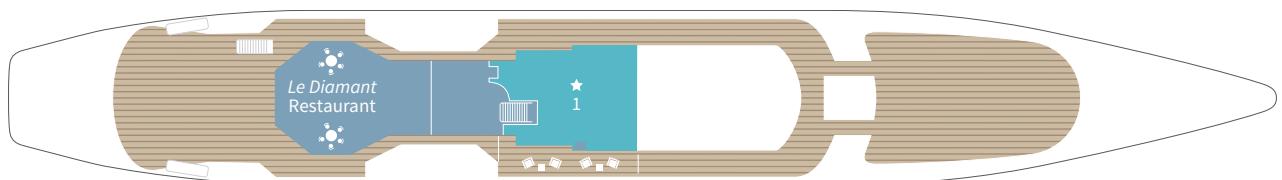
- Individually controlled airconditioning
- Stateroom layout: king-size bed, or twin beds, communicating staterooms available (children welcome)
- Minibar
- Flat-screen satellite TV
- Video on demand
- Bose Bluetooth speaker
- Safe
- Diptyque bath products
- Dressing table, bath robes, hairdryer
- Direct line telephone
- 110V American (two flat pins)/220V European (round sockets with two round pins)
- 24hr room service
- Inclusive Wifi internet access\*

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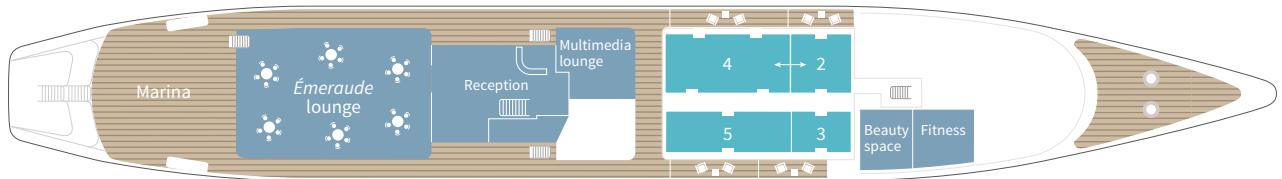
SUN DECK



ZEPHYR DECK



ALIZÉS DECK



MISTRAL DECK



**1** Owner Suite with balcony

**2** Alizés Stateroom with balcony

**3 and 5** Alizés Privilege Suite with balcony

**4** Alizés Privilege Suite with balcony

**4 + 2** Alizés Grand Privilege Suite with balcony

**6 and 16** Mistral Stateroom

**7, 9, 12, 14, 15 and 17** Mistral Prestige Stateroom

**8 and 11** Mistral Junior Suite

**10** Mistral Prestige Suite

# Discover your Stateroom

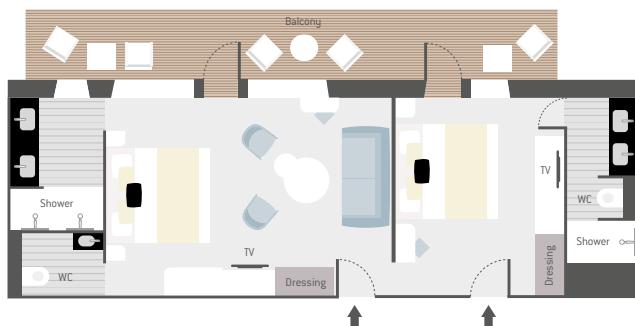
## OWNER'S SUITE

(47 sq.m/506 sq.ft + 9 sq.m/97 sq.ft private balcony)



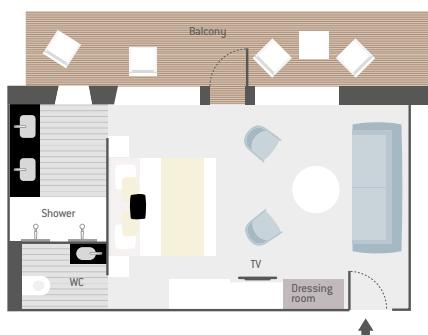
## ALIZÉS GRAND PRIVILEGE SUITE

(49 sq.m/527 sq.ft + 13 sq.m/140 sq.ft private balcony)



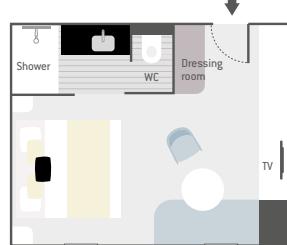
## ALIZÉS PRIVILEGE SUITE

(30 sq.m/323 sq.ft + 9 sq.m/97 sq.ft private balcony)



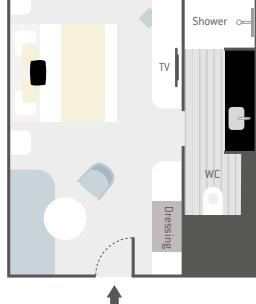
## PRESTIGE MISTRAL SUITE

(27 sq.m/291 sq.ft + porthole)



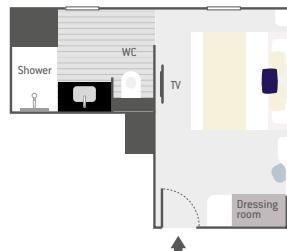
## JUNIOR MISTRAL SUITE

(22 sq.m/237 sq.ft + porthole)



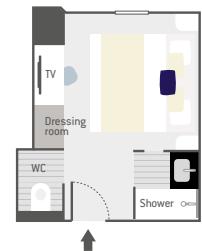
## PRESTIGE MISTRAL STATEROOM

(16 sq.m/172 sq.ft + porthole)



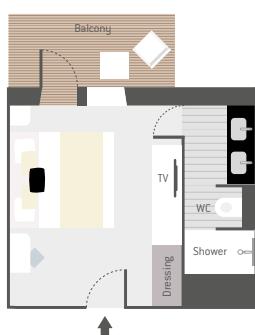
## MISTRAL STATEROOM

(14 sq.m/151 sq.ft + porthole)



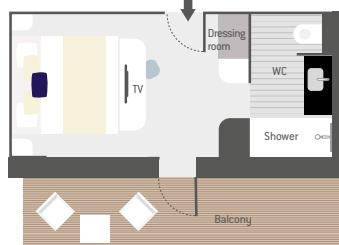
## ALIZÉS STATEROOM

(19 sq.m/205 sq.ft + 4 sq.m/43 sq.ft private balcony)



## ALIZÉS PRESTIGE STATEROOM

(16 sq.m/172 sq.ft + 8 sq.m/86 sq.ft private balcony)



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## Le Paul Gauguin

The **165** suites and staterooms of *Le Paul Gauguin* all benefit from **exterior views** and are tastefully furnished and decorated.

The use of **fine materials** such as premium wood and *tiki* design elements pays homage to Polynesian culture and combines elegantly with bright colours. The atmosphere on board is suffused with its inimitable style, and permeates into the cruise guests.

Result: the ambiance is relaxed and easy going!





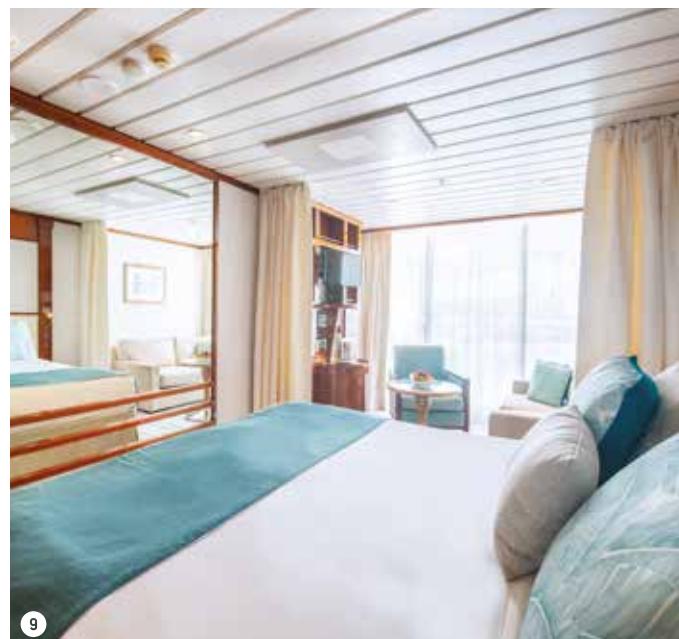
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1. The Grill restaurant, on deck 8
2. The swimming pool area, for relaxing in the sunshine, also features a bar
3. The Algotherm Spa, for treatments and massages based on marine cosmetics
4. L'Étoile gastronomic restaurant
5. The terrace of La Palette lounge, on deck 8

6. *Le Paul Gauguin*
7. GS Grand Suite
8. The Owner's Suite 701
9. B Veranda stateroom

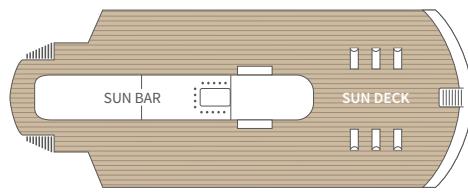
## Amenities

- Queen-size, king-size bed, or two single beds; some staterooms also have a sofa bed
- Minibar, telephone and safe
- 110 V/220 V electrical sockets
- Flat-screen TV and videos on demand
- Individual airconditioning

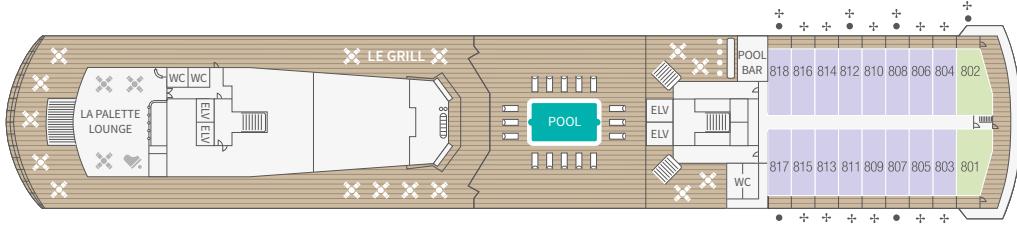
- Marble bathroom with bathtub (except seven staterooms with shower only)
- Algotherm toiletries and hairdryer
- 24-hour service
- Butler service for the Owner's Suites, the GS Grand Suites, A and B Veranda Suites and Staterooms
- Free Wifi access\*

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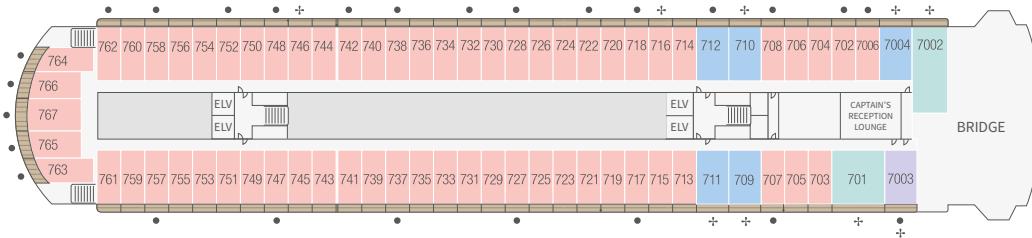
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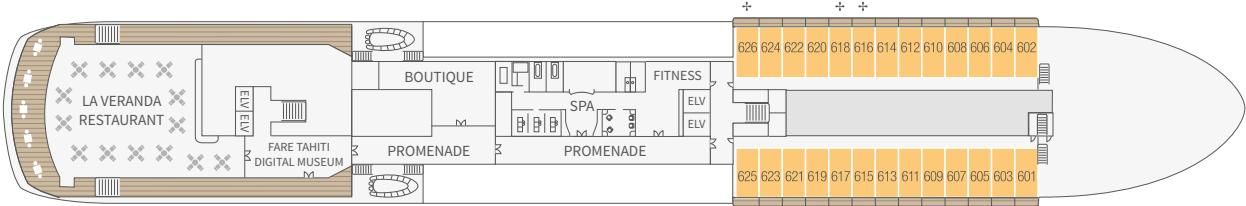
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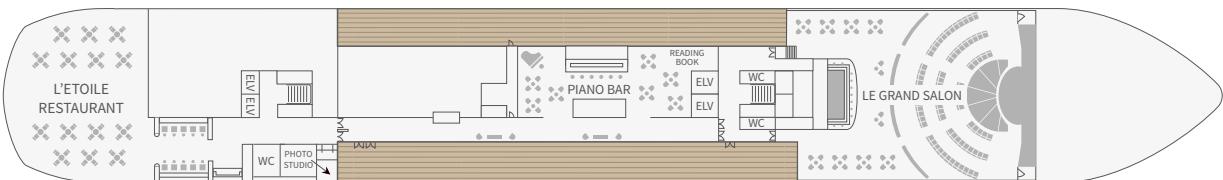
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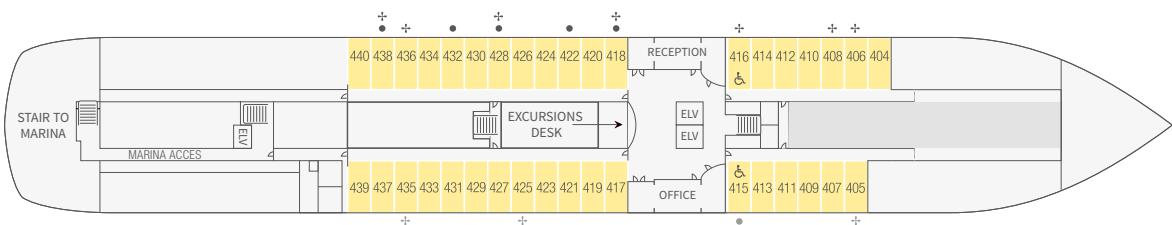
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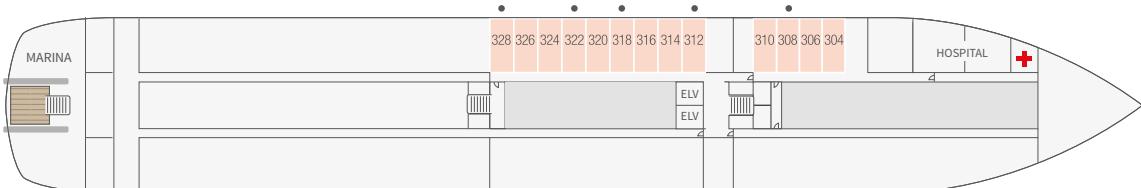
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OS Owner's Suites  
Deck 7 (2)

GS Grand Suites  
Deck 8 (2)

A Veranda Suites  
Deck 7 (5)

B Veranda Staterooms  
Deck 8 (16)

C Staterooms with balcony  
Deck 7 (63)

D Staterooms with balcony  
Deck 6 (26)

E Window Staterooms  
Deck 4 (37)

F Porthole Staterooms  
Deck 3 (13)

• Denotes stateroom with two twin beds that convert to a large double bed.  
+ Denotes stateroom with triple occupancy.

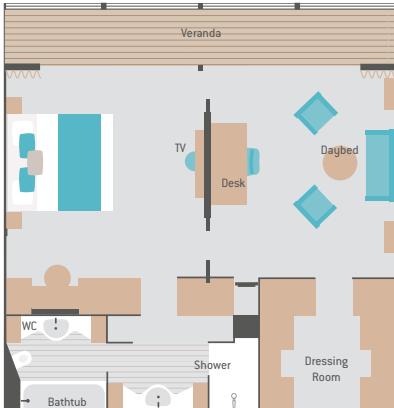
♿ Staterooms 415 and 416 are wheelchair accessible.  
The sofa beds are slightly smaller than the standard twin beds.  
Suites and Staterooms range from 200 to 588 square feet.

This measurement includes balconies and verandas in categories D and above.

# Discover your Stateroom

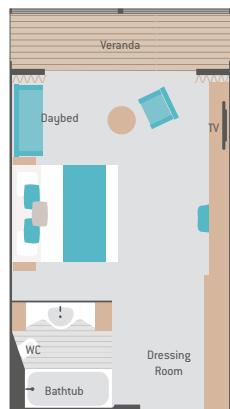
## OWNER'S SUITE 701

(42 sq.m/457 sq.ft + 7 sq.m/77 sq.ft veranda)  
The bathroom boasts a separate shower and a dressing area.



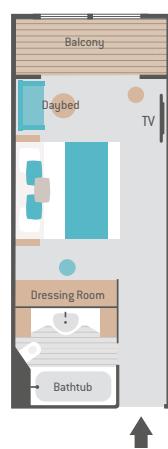
## A VERANDA SUITE

(28 sq.m/300 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/58 sq.ft veranda)  
Suites available: Tahiti Suite (709), Pont-Aven Suite (710), Atuona Suite (711), Arles Suite (712).



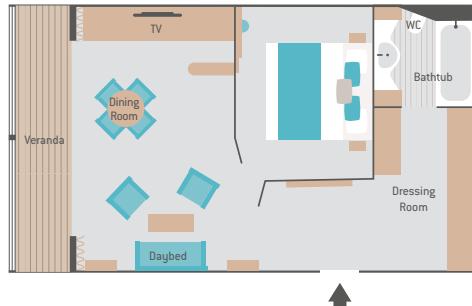
## D BALCONY STATEROOM

(19 sq.m/202 sq.ft + 3 sq.m/37 sq.ft balcony)  
The following Balcony Staterooms can accommodate a guest in a sofa bed: 616, 618 and 626.



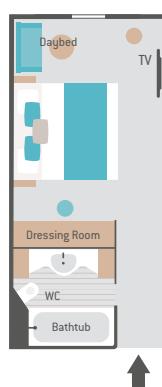
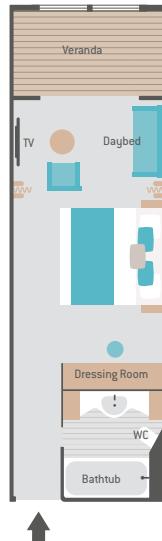
## OWNER'S SUITE 7002

(49 sq.m/531 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/57 sq.ft veranda)  
The bathroom boasts a bathtub and a dressing area.



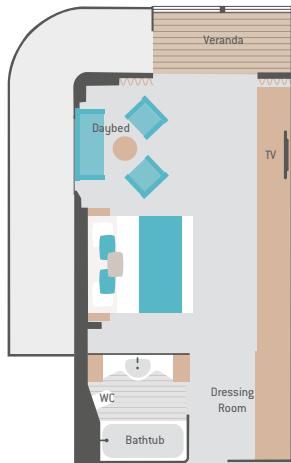
## B VERANDA STATEROOM

(24 sq.m/249 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/56 sq.ft veranda)  
Cabin 7003 has a shower cubicle and a double bed.



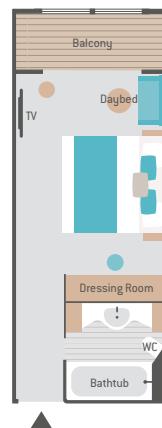
## GS GRAND SUITE

(30 sq.m/332 sq.ft + 18 sq.m/197 sq.ft veranda)  
Two suites available: the Paul Gauguin Suite (801) and the Flora Tristan Suite (802).



## C BALCONY STATEROOM

(19 sq.m/202 sq.ft + 3 sq.m/37 sq.ft balcony)  
Balcony Staterooms 708, 716, 718, 728, 738, 746 and 748 can accommodate a guest in a sofa bed.  
Stateroom 7006 features a very small bathroom with shower only. Staterooms 763, 764, 765, 766 and 767 vary in size and feature shower stall with no tub.



## E WINDOW STATEROOM F PORPOLE STATEROOM

(19 sq.m/200 sq.ft)  
The following Window Staterooms can accommodate a guest in a sofa bed: 406, 408, 416, 418, 425, 428, 435, 436 and 438.



# Formalities

## FOR ALL CRUISES

**The information below is current but subject to change at any time without advance notice from government authorities. Please consult your respective government agencies for visa and health information.**

Passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the completion of your trip. Passport must contain at least two completely clear, blank, unused visa pages for each visa required, not including any amendment pages. Visa pages with stains or ink from other pages in the passport are not usable. Guests who deviate from the scheduled embarkation or disembarkation port should research the foreign entry requirements for the port country. Due to government regulations, regrettably, PONANT will have to deny boarding to any guest who fails to obtain the appropriate travel documentation for their trip.

A copy of the visas or travel authorisations requested to the relevant authorities, or of the vaccination certificates for all destinations where they are compulsory, must be sent to PONANT at the very latest **45 days prior to your cruise** date. We also ask you to keep a copy of these documents with your passport throughout the duration of your trip.

## SPECIFIC FORMALITIES

### ANTARCTIC

#### *LA AUSTRAL:*

Buenos Aires • Ushuaia: 5th November 2025 <sup>(1)</sup>

Ushuaia • Ushuaia: 22nd November and 12th December 2025, 8th, 18th and 28th January, and 7th and 27th February 2026 <sup>(1)</sup>

#### *LE BORÉAL:*

Valparaíso • Ushuaia: 7th November 2025 <sup>(1) (3)</sup>

Ushuaia • Buenos Aires: 4th March 2026 <sup>(1)</sup>

Ushuaia • Ushuaia: 20th November, 10th and 20th December 2025, 6th, 16th and 26th January, and 5th and 15th February 2026 <sup>(1)</sup>

#### *LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT:*

Ushuaia • Ushuaia: 30th October, 11th and 23rd November, 5th and 19th December 2025, 2nd January 2026 <sup>(1)</sup>

Ushuaia • Hobart: 16th January 2026 <sup>(1) (3)</sup>

Hobart • Cape Town: 17th February 2026 <sup>(3)</sup>

#### *LE LYRIAL:*

Valparaíso • Ushuaia: 28th October 2025 <sup>(1) (3)</sup>

Ushuaia • Buenos Aires: 2nd March 2026 <sup>(1)</sup>

Ushuaia • Ushuaia: 10th November 2025 and 24th January 2026 <sup>(1)</sup>

#### *LE SOLÉAL:*

Dunedin • Dunedin: 29th December 2025, and 12th and 26th January 2026 <sup>(2)</sup>

(1) **Argentina:** should you require a visa to travel to Argentina, we recommend you apply for a double-entry visa as a technical stop in Chile might be scheduled.

(2) **New Zealand:** nationalities who are visa-exempt must now apply for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) before their arrival in New Zealand. For more information, please visit [www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas). While applying for the ETA, you will be asked to pay the mandatory International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL). Australian passport holders are exempt of the ETA and the IVL.

(3) **Australia:** an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) must be obtained before your arrival in Australia. For more information, please visit <https://immigration.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/visit>. Carriers should be aware that there will not be any physical evidence in your passport.

Australian customs regulations are very strict, especially for the import of food items such as fresh food (even sealed), fruits, eggs, meat, plants, vegetables, seeds, grains. Fur and feathers are also forbidden. We highly recommend you consult this website for further details: <https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/can-you-bring-it-in>. It is recommended that you contact your health professional for any specific medical advice, including on Malaria prevention and dengue fever.

### ASIA & OCEANIA

#### *LE JACQUES-CARTIER:*

Darwin • Bali: 1st October 2025 <sup>(2) (3)</sup>

Bali • Singapore: 7th January 2026 <sup>(3)</sup>

Cairns • Bali: 8th December 2025 <sup>(2) (3)</sup>

Bali • Bali: 23rd December 2025 <sup>(1) (3)</sup>

Cairns • Darwin: 6th November 2025 <sup>(2)</sup>

Darwin • Cairns: 22nd November 2025 <sup>(2)</sup>

Cairns • Cairns: 27th October 2025 <sup>(2)</sup>

#### *LE SOLÉAL:*

Bali • Cairns: 5th December 2025 <sup>(2) (3)</sup>

Cairns • Bali: 7th October 2025 <sup>(2) (3)</sup>

Bali • Singapore: 22nd October 2025 <sup>(3)</sup>

(1) **East Timor:** visa delivered and charged onboard (US\$30, subject to change).

(2) **Australia:** an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) must be obtained before your arrival in Australia. For more information, please visit <https://immigration.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/visit>. Carriers should be aware that there will not be any physical evidence in your passport.

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(3) **Indonesia:** on this particular cruise, the entry and/or exit port in Indonesia do not allow for visa-exemption. Your visa will be delivered and charged onboard (US\$45, subject to change) and valid for 30 days.

### ATLANTIC COAST

#### *LE BELLOT:*

Dakar • Dakar: 16th and 24th November 2025

#### *LE LAPÉROUSE:*

Dakar • Dakar: 8th, 16th and 24th January 2026

**Guinea Bissau:** visa delivered and charged onboard (€85, subject to change). The yellow fever inoculation is mandatory, bring along the original certificate. Anti-malarial tablets are highly recommended. Contact your health professional for medical advice.

### CARIBBEAN & CENTRAL AMERICA

#### *LE CHAMPLAIN:*

Colón • Belize City: 3rd December 2025 <sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>

Colón • Puntarenas: 19th January, 19th February, and 5th March 2026 <sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>

Belize City • Colón: 9th January 2026 <sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>

Puntarenas • Colón: 26th February and 15th March 2026 <sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>

Colón • Fort-de-France: 25th March 2026 <sup>(1) (3)</sup>

Curaçao • Colón: 26th November 2025 <sup>(1) (3)</sup>

(1) **Panama:** a tourist visa is required for Australian citizens and can be obtained upon arrival at the airport: cost US\$5 (subject to change)

(2) **Costa Rica:** when leaving Costa Rica from the International airport, an exit tax of US\$27 p/p must be paid (either by credit card, US\$ or colones).

(3) The yellow fever vaccination is recommended for the eastern areas of the Panama Canal (Darien and Kuna communities).

## MEDITERANEAN

### LE LAPÉROUSE:

Antalya • Valetta: 7th November 2025

**Turkey:** note that some nationalities are required to get a visa for Turkey. The visa can be obtained online at <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To guarantee your entry into one or several countries, you must ensure that you comply with the formalities and health requirements specific to each destination. **In just a few clicks on our online search engine, find all the formalities you must complete prior to your departure** (visas, entry authorisations for each country, vaccinations, etc.): <https://en.ponant.com/formalities>

**The international situation can change rapidly, so be sure to check this information regularly prior to your departure.** However, please note that we always recommend our guests contact the relevant national immigration and customs and border control authorities directly to find out what rules apply to their specific situation. PONANT is not responsible for any decisions made by guests based on the information provided by the online search engine.

**Visas:** before departure, you are advised to check that your visa's validity period matches the duration and dates of the stay requested, or you may encounter some unpleasant consequences if there is any non-

## PACIFIC ISLANDS

For all departures on board *Le Paul Gauguin*: should your flight transit via the USA, a visa or ESTA may be required. Please contact USA consulate website for details.

## POLAR EXPEDITION CRUISE

**Complimentary polar parka:** for all cruises marked with the logo 'Parka Gift', a PONANT polar water-resistant parka is offered (adult sizes only; in case of consecutive cruises, only one parka per person).

**Complimentary boots hire:** boot rental will be offered onboard (for adults only) on expedition cruises where the logo 'Boots on loan' appears.

**Ports of call, visited sites, outings and landings** will depend on weather conditions, position of ice, winds and the state of the sea. These can force a change of plans at any time. The Captain and the Expedition Leader may at any time cancel or stop any activity, or even modify the itinerary. The final itinerary will be confirmed by the Captain, who will take into account the touristic quality of the sites and above all, the safety

## FOR CRUISES OFFERING SCUBA DIVING

Guests may take part in scuba diving activities, providing certain conditions are respected, in line with the applicable health, scientific and medical conditions in force on the day of the dive. Guests who wish to scuba dive are required to provide the onboard diving monitor with a **valid medical certificate** authorising them to scuba dive, as well as their **certification card** and their **up-to-date dive log**. Within the context of the health measures relating to Covid-19, you will also be required to complete a **health declaration**. You will be given this form when you pre-book your dive.

For yachting cruises, the minimum level required for scuba diving is 1 star CMAS or the PADI Open Water Diver (or equivalent). The certification card, the diving log book and a recent medical certificate (less than 12 months) must be presented at the beginning of the cruise to our main diving instructor.

compliance with the authorised duration of stay.

**Conditions for entering Polynesia:** to see the latest entry and stay conditions for Tahiti and its surrounding islands regarding Covid, please check the Tahiti Tourism website: <https://www.tahititourisme.uk/covid-19/> We invite you to read our **boarding conditions and passenger travel abilities:** <https://l.ponant.com/ErQG>. Any new reservation implies the acceptance of these conditions.

**List of items prohibited on board:** find the full list here: [https://l.ponant.com/CGV\\_EN](https://l.ponant.com/CGV_EN). Should you have one of these products or objects in your possession, they will be confiscated immediately and will not be transported on the ship. When an item transported aboard is considered illegal, the relevant authorities will be notified systematically.

**Health:** if you are undergoing medical treatment, do not forget your prescription. You are advised to contact a healthcare professional well in advance of your departure for any medical advice about your trip.



of the passengers. Their decision will be based on advice from experts and authorities.

Travelling to polar/isolated regions is an exhilarating experience in remote areas: please remember that you are **far from modern hospitals with full medical facilities**, thus evacuation is extremely expensive. Without adequate medical coverage, all expenses will have to be immediately paid with your personal funds. We urge you to subscribe to full coverage insurance, choose your insurance company very carefully, be extremely vigilant and ensure your insurance is fully comprehensive, especially if you are insured by your credit card. PONANT offers an insurance contract with extensive guarantees, please contact us for more information.



For expedition cruises, the minimum level required for scuba diving is 2 star CMAS or the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver (or equivalent). The certification card, the diving log book and a recent medical certificate (less than 12 months) must be presented at the beginning of the cruise to our main diving instructor.

For health reasons due to Covid-19, we strongly recommend that you come on board with your own **mask and snorkel**. As an exception, you will be able to borrow them in accordance with sanitary conditions.



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## Best Luxury Expedition Cruise Brand

Awarded at the *Luxury Travel Gold List  
Awards 2023*.

## 'Best Cruise Ships in the World'

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