



# WINTER 2024-2025

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### **The story behind the image**

The brochure cover features a photograph by Julien Fabro: *“We were at the Borobudur Temple on the island of Java. It’s a magnificent place that makes a lasting impression because the rock is so black. Monks used to come here to recharge their batteries. The atmosphere was reflective, and we shared a meal with musicians playing traditional instruments. I took the photo at that time, in that very special atmosphere.”*



## Where the sea takes you

What surpasses the exquisite beauty of an unhurried approach to the shore? What greater thrill exists than an endless expanse of blue as far as the eye can behold? What deeper sense of freedom could one fathom than the courses that beckon toward the boundless horizon? For PONANT, the sea is not merely a passage but an integral facet of the journey.

Sailors by nature, explorers by passion, we take you on voyages of discovery every season. In the forthcoming winter of 2024-2025, we extend an invitation as we traverse the world's oceans, ranging from the extreme Far North to the pristine expanse of Antarctica, from the enchanting Caribbean to the alluring landscapes of Oceania. These journeys are sojourns to uncover uncharted realms and secluded shores, wrapped in tranquility.

*Le Commandant Charcot* will take you to the heart of the boreal winter, between the magic of Scandinavian Christmas festivities and the ice-covered St Lawrence River, where she is the only passenger ship to have access at this time of year. The little-known Bissagos archipelago will be an adventure among exceptional biodiversity. Indonesia will reveal its most beautiful secrets, from paradise islands to imposing volcanoes. You can also explore Polynesia in expedition mode, unravel the secrets of Easter Island and explore the south coast of Australia, and Tasmania, renowned for its vineyards.

Starting at the end of 2024, an array of immersive experiences becomes an inclusive part of your journey's cost: an excursion for each port of call per individual (*further particulars on page 16*). Our team of naturalist guides, accomplished lecturers, esteemed partners like Smithsonian Journeys, Radio Classique, and The Explorers Club, along with celebrated figures such as the virtuoso violinist Renaud Capuçon and the Michelin-starred chef Alain Ducasse, will, as always, imbue your expedition with an extra layer of enchantment. Everything has been meticulously arranged to kindle your affection for the sea and its enigmatic allure.

Happy reading,

*Hervé Gastinel*  
CEO of PONANT

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# Explore the world with PONANT















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or go to: [en.ponant.com/immersion-360](http://en.ponant.com/immersion-360).



## Highlights

-  PONANT exclusive
-  UNESCO Sites
-  Hiking
-  Emblematic fauna in polar regions
-  New ports of call
-  Dogsledding
-  Diving
-  Emblematic fauna in tropical regions
-  Activities aboard *Le Commandant Charcot*
-  Sea kayak
-  Northern Lights
-  Peoples in polar and tropical regions

Ross Sea

# Itinerary calendar

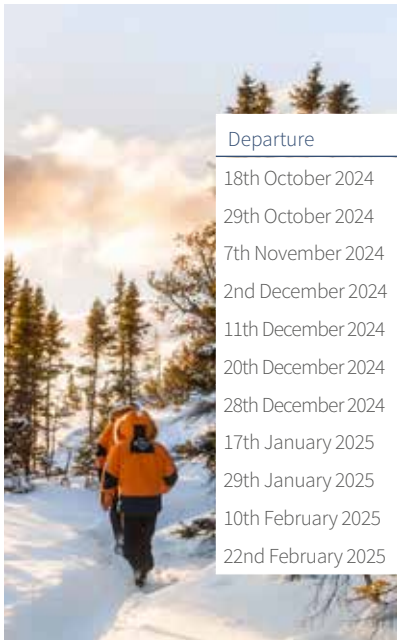
## ANTARCTIC

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights		Page
19th October 2024	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Valparaíso • Ushuaia	14		25
1st November 2024	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	14		22
9th November 2024	<i>L'Austral</i>	Buenos Aires • Ushuaia	17		23
13th November 2024	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	14		22
25th November 2024	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	16		23
27th November 2024	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	PLANET	22
3rd December 2024	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Dunedin • Dunedin	14		26
5th December 2024	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	17		23
7th December 2024	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		22
17th December 2024	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Dunedin • Dunedin	14		26
22nd December 2024	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		22
27th December 2024	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	17		23
11th January 2025	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	18		23
13th January 2025	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		22
22nd January 2025	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		22
23rd January 2025	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		22
26th January 2025	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Dunedin • Dunedin	21		27
29th January 2025	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		22
2nd February 2025	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		22
8th February 2025	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		22
11th February 2025	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		22
12th February 2025	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	16		23
16th February 2025	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Dunedin • Dunedin	21		27
19th February 2025	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	SMITHSONIAN	22
21st February 2025	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		22
28th February 2025	<i>L'Austral</i>	Ushuaia • Buenos Aires	14		24
1st March 2025	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10		22
3rd March 2025	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Ushuaia • Buenos Aires	17		23
11th March 2025	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Ushuaia • Buenos Aires	18		24

## NORWAY AND ATLANTIC ISLANDS

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights		Page
24th February 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Tromsø • Tromsø	10		46
6th March 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Tromsø • Tromsø	10		46
16th March 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Tromsø • Tromsø	10		46
26th March 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Tromsø • Tromsø	10		46
7th April 2025	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Dakar • Dakar	8	NEW	48
15th April 2025	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Dakar • Lisbon	14		49





## THE FAR NORTH

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights		Page
18th October 2024	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Tromsø • Lakselv	11	NEW   PLANET   ❄️	36
29th October 2024	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Lakselv • Narvik	9	NEW   PLANET	37
7th November 2024	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Narvik • Bergen	13	NEW   PLANET	37
2nd December 2024	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Helsinki • Helsinki	9	NEW   CULTURE	38
11th December 2024	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Helsinki • Helsinki	9	NEW   LIFESTYLE	38
20th December 2024	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Helsinki • Kemi	8	NEW   CULTURE   ❄️	39
28th December 2024	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Kemi • Helsinki	8	NEW   CULTURE   ❄️	39
17th January 2025	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Saint Pierre and Miquelon • Quebec	12	NEW   PLANET   ❄️	41
29th January 2025	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Quebec • Saint Pierre and Miquelon	12	NEW   PLANET   ❄️	41
10th February 2025	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Saint Pierre and Miquelon • Quebec	12	NEW   PLANET   ❄️	41
22nd February 2025	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Quebec • Saint Pierre and Miquelon	12	NEW   PLANET   ❄️	41



## CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights		Page
4th November 2024	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	8		54
12th November 2024	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	8		54
20th November 2024	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	8		54
28th November 2024	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	8		54
29th November 2024	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Belize City • Belize City	7	PLANET   🌿	56
6th December 2024	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Belize City • Belize City	7	PLANET   🌿	56
6th December 2024	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Fort-de-France • Pointe-à-Pitre	11		55
13th December 2024	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Belize City • Belize City	7	PLANET   🌿	56
17th December 2024	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	12		55
20th December 2024	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Belize City • Belize City	7	PLANET   🌿	56
27th December 2024	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Belize City • Colón	10	🌿	57
29th December 2024	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	8		54
6th January 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	12		55
6th January 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Colón • Puntarenas	10	SMITHSONIAN	58
18th January 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	12		55
30th January 2025	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	8	SMITHSONIAN	54
3rd February 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Colón • Puntarenas	10	🌿	58
13th February 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Puntarenas • Colón	10	🌿	58
23rd February 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Colón • Puntarenas	10	🌿	58
5th March 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Puntarenas • Colón	10	🌿	58
15th March 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Colón • Fort-de-France	12		59

## INDIAN OCEAN AND THE PERSIAN GULF

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights		Page
30th October 2024	<i>Le Dumont-d'Urville</i>	Jeddah • Aqaba	10	NEW	69
9th November 2024	<i>Le Dumont-d'Urville</i>	Aqaba • Jeddah	10	NEW	69
23rd November 2024	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Dubai • Muscat	10	CULTURE	68
28th November 2024	<i>Le Dumont-d'Urville</i>	Mahé • Nosy Be	10	🌿	64
3rd December 2024	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Muscat • Doha	10	CULTURE	68
8th December 2024	<i>Le Dumont-d'Urville</i>	Nosy Be • Port Louis	14	🌿	64
13th December 2024	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Doha • Muscat	10		68
22nd December 2024	<i>Le Dumont-d'Urville</i>	Port Louis • Port Louis	13	🌿	65
23rd December 2024	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Muscat • Dubai	10		68
2nd January 2025	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Dubai • Dubai	7		69
4th January 2025	<i>Le Dumont-d'Urville</i>	Port Louis • Mahé	15	🌿	65
16th January 2025	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Dubai • Muscat	8	SMITHSONIAN   🌿	68
19th January 2025	<i>Le Dumont-d'Urville</i>	Mahé • Zanzibar	12	🌿	66
31st January 2025	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Mahé • Zanzibar	12	🌿	66
31st January 2025	<i>Le Dumont-d'Urville</i>	Zanzibar • Mahé	12	🌿	66
12th February 2025	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Zanzibar • Mahé	12	🌿	66
12th February 2025	<i>Le Dumont-d'Urville</i>	Mahé • Zanzibar	12	🌿	66
24th February 2025	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Mahé • Zanzibar	12	🌿	66
24th February 2025	<i>Le Dumont-d'Urville</i>	Zanzibar • Mahé	12	🌿	66
17th March 2025	<i>Le Dumont-d'Urville</i>	Jeddah • Aqaba	10	NEW	69
3rd April 2025	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Jeddah • Aqaba	10	NEW	69













## ASIA

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights		Page
3rd October 2024	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Kobe • Fukuoka	7	LIFESTYLE   🌿	74
9th October 2024	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Darwin • Bali	14	🌿	80
10th October 2024	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Fukuoka • Keelung	7	🌿	75
31st October 2024	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Bali • Singapore	14	NEW 🌿	80
1st November 2024	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Bali • Cairns	15	🌿	81
9th November 2024	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Cairns • Bali	15	🌿	81
8th December 2024	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Ha Long • Singapore	12	GEOPOLITICS	78
20th December 2024	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Singapore • Singapore	8	NEW	79
28th December 2024	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Singapore • Bali	14	NEW 🌿	80
11th January 2025	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Bali • Bali	15	🌿	80
26th January 2025	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Bali • Bali	15	🌿	80
10th February 2025	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Bali • Phuket	15	NEW	79
2nd March 2025	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Colombo • Mumbai	11		77
13th March 2025	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Mumbai • Colombo	11		77



## OCEANIA AND POLYNESIA

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights		Page
1st October 2024	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Darwin • Cairns	16	PLANET   	89
8th October 2024	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Papeete • Papeete	14	NEW 	87
19th October 2024	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7		93
22nd October 2024	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Papeete • Hanga Roa	14		86
26th October 2024	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Lautoka	15		94
29th October 2024	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Honiara • Cairns	11		89
10th November 2024	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Lautoka • Papeete	13		94
23rd November 2024	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7		93
30th November 2024	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	11		93
10th December 2024	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Fremantle • Hobart	13	NEW 	91
11th December 2024	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	10		93
21st December 2024	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	14		94
23rd December 2024	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Hobart • Hobart	10		91
31st December 2024	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Dunedin • Auckland	15		90
4th January 2025	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Lautoka	15		94
7th January 2025	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Lyttelton • Auckland	10	SMITHSONIAN	91
15th January 2025	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Auckland • Dunedin	11		90
16th January 2025	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Auckland • Lyttelton	10		91
19th January 2025	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Lautoka • Bali	20		96
1st February 2025	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Auckland • Cairns	15	NEW	88
16th February 2025	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Cairns • Honiara	13		89
1st March 2025	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Honiara • Guam	13		88
15th March 2025	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Noumea • Guam	16	CULTURE   	87
1st April 2025	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Singapore • Darwin	14	NEW	96
15th April 2025	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Darwin • Lautoka	16	NEW	97
1st May 2025	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Lautoka • Papeete	13		94

## GRAND VOYAGES

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights		Page
22nd December 2024	<i>Le Dumont-d'Urville</i>	Port Louis • Zanzibar	40		99
1st February 2025	<i>Le Jacques-Cartier</i>	Auckland • Guam	41		99
1st April 2025	<i>Le Paul Gauguin</i>	Singapore • Papeete	43		100

## OCEAN VOYAGES

Departure	Ship	Itinerary	Nights	Page
21st October 2024	<i>L'Austral</i>	Lisbon • Buenos Aires	19	101
29th October 2024	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Boston • Fort-de-France	6	101
21st March 2025	<i>Le Lyrial</i>	Buenos Aires • Dakar	17	101



# 10 REASONS to sail with PONANT

## Exclusive journeys

To plan our expedition cruises, our experts have been exploring the world in search of natural and cultural wonders for 35 years. They meet with local populations and authorities and assess the safety levels in the areas they visit. On each cruise, the expedition team are at hand to share their knowledge of the region visited. They also organise safe trips and excursions based on the opportunities that arise each day.





## Travelling is an art

Each season, we design meaningful trips inspired by four major themes: Planet, Culture, Lifestyle, and Geopolitics. In order to offer you unique experiences, we rely on the expertise of our renowned partners, who are represented on board by inspiring personalities: artists, historians, curators, researchers, journalists, essayists and others.

## Working towards more sustainable tourism

By way of our Foundation and our PONANT Blue Horizon and PONANT Science programmes, we are striving to reduce our impact on the terrestrial and marine environments and to contribute to international scientific research. Hybrid propulsion, recycling and waste and water treatment, environmental impact studies, collaborative construction with local populations, hosting scientists on board *Le Commandant Charcot*...

Sustainable development plays an integral role in the way we design our ships and plan our voyages, but it also shapes the knowledge we share with you, our guests, who are the future ambassadors of each region we visit.



## Conscious travels

In the Arctic and the Antarctic, we are members of IAATO and AECO: regulatory organisations 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 labels as a result of our actions, and our entire fleet has been awarded *CleanShip* certification by Bureau Veritas.

## A safe and 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. Designed on a more intimate scale, with just 16 to 165 staterooms, our ships are equipped with the most advanced technology for safe and responsible sailing.



## Lifestyle

On board, the restaurants, bars and lounges welcome you into a warm ambiance, complete with live music. All our ships are equipped with outdoor swimming pools (except *Le Ponant*) and wellness areas with fitness rooms, as well as spas and hairdressing salons offering expert treatments in collaboration with renowned brands (Clarins, Diptyque, Biologique Recherche, Sothys). The theatre is the place to be for all your expedition cruise briefings, as well as for film and documentary screenings, lectures and performances.

## On the PONANT table

Every day, delightful surprises await with a bountiful selection of dishes created with Ducasse Conseil. On the menu, you will find refined 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 *Le Commandant Charcot*, the options are evolving thanks to *Nuna*, the only Alain Ducasse's gastronomic restaurant at sea, with a menu created by the Michelin-starred chef.



## A complete package

On our cruises, everything is included: full board; drinks (excluding the premium menu); room service; internet access; entertainment and conferences; access to the fitness area, hammam and sauna; and water activities (except diving).

**New:** from this winter 2024-2025 season, one excursion per person and per stopover is included on all our cruises (except *Paul Gauguin* cruises).

**For expedition cruises**, help from our naturalist guides, excursions, outings and zodiac landings are included. In the polar regions, on the vast majority of departures, we also offer you a parka and boots for hire.

Look for the pictograms:  



## Tailor-made journey

With our 'à la carte' service, you can book private excursions, hotel nights or flights with the help of our experienced advisors. For certain hard-to-reach destinations, we offer private flights and land transportation. We have also set up a unique concierge service, dedicated to the future guests of *Le Commandant Charcot*, *Le Ponant* and to the guests of the Owner's Suites aboard our other ships.

Your dedicated contact: [conciergerievoyage@ponant.com](mailto:conciergerievoyage@ponant.com).

Finally, as soon as you make your reservation, you can download the PONANT app to help you prepare for your trip and to use while on board.

## Numerous advantages

Solo travellers, family and friends, honeymooners, couples celebrating wedding anniversaries, adventurers embarking on back-to-back cruises, or people travelling as part of the referral program or the PONANT Yacht Club loyalty program: there are plenty of benefits for every guest.

Discover all our available offers:





## New: your included excursions

Beginning this 2024-2025 winter season, we will include one excursion per person, per port of call, in the price of your cruise, on all of our itineraries

Culture, nature, relaxation, snorkelling: our experts have selected the best experiences that allow you to explore your destination. We offer you a selection of our favourites through the pages of this brochure.

*Excluding cruises on board Le Paul Gauguin.*

*Pre-book your excursions as early as two months before the start of your cruise and up to seven days before boarding with your PONANT advisors.*

There is also a selection of optional excursions.  
They are accompanied by a price guide:

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



## 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.



**Tropical expedition**  
with a team  
of naturalist guides



**Polar expedition**  
with a team  
of naturalist guides



**Parka  
gift**



**Boots  
on loan**



**Our emblematic  
cruises**



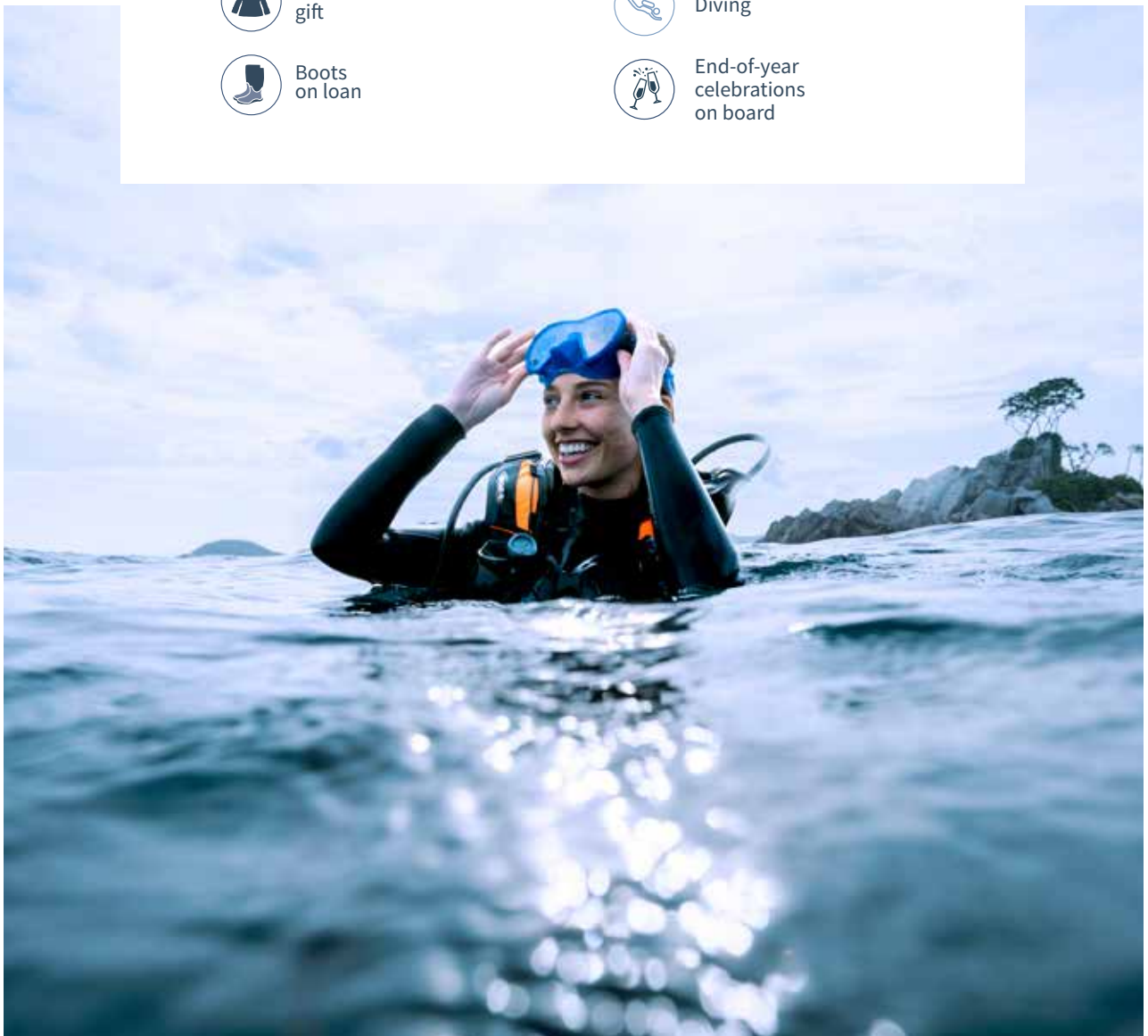
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**Diving**



**End-of-year  
celebrations  
on board**







# ANTARCTIC

# Through the eyes of Alain Bidart

## *A polar passion*

Alain Bidart is a naturalist guide with a passion for ornithology. He has been travelling the polar regions aboard PONANT ships for many years. His love affair with nature began when he was a child, but it was an expedition to the Antarctic polar ice cap that confirmed his vocation.



*"It was reading a Reader's Digest book on Antarctica at university, with a preface by Jean-Louis Étienne, that sparked my interest in the White Continent, which has now become a passion.*

*Antarctica and the Subantarctic islands are totally wild with no permanent inhabitants, and to my mind are the most extraordinary places in the world. Down there, mankind dominates nothing and the animals are not afraid of us. On a beach in South Georgia, I saw guests weeping with emotion near a colony of penguins. It's an experience that you just can't imagine, particularly if you're a European used to animals being at a distance when we're around. The raw beauty of the Antarctic landscapes never ceases to amaze me. On the peninsula, climbing the snow-covered mountain valleys with glaciers at the sea's edge is simply unforgettable. Elsewhere, in the Falkland Islands, it seems almost tropical at first glance. Landings are often made on white sandy beaches with dense tussocks of tall grasses in*

*the background. One of my favourite memories is of a search for a large colony of black-browed albatrosses in the islands. The tussock grass was so thick that it prevented us from getting through. At one point we broke through and came face to face with a plain filled with thousands of young birds on their nests, opening their beaks wide in surprise. It was totally unexpected! The guests took turns in small groups, hidden behind the grasses, to observe the spectacle. That's what I like about my job as a naturalist. Being with people in nature, educating them and inspiring them. If I can achieve that on my travels, then I've done what I set out to do."*

***"In Antarctica, you can't expect anything, you have to be open to new discoveries, to what you're going to observe, to what you're going to feel, physically."***



## Wonder in every season

In Antarctica, the end of the year is a key period for the pelagic fauna that comes ashore to reproduce. There are colonies of nesting penguins and seabirds to observe, along with sea lions and elephant seals looking after their young. The start of the new year brings with it the hatching of eggs and the touching sight of new-borns and their parents. Then, at the end of the austral summer, the youngsters become independent and take to the water to start life on their own.

## The sea lion we thought was a lion

The Valdés Peninsula near Puerto Madryn sees thousands of South American sea lions set up camp each year for the breeding season. Distinguishable by their large, bulging heads and necks, males are sometimes known as 'sea wolves' or 'southern sea lions'.

They measure up to 2.3 metres long and weigh up to 350 kg, while females weigh no more than 200 kg.

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## The Kingdom of Penguins

This is the name by which South Georgia is known, one of the few land masses in the Southern Ocean where penguins and albatrosses come ashore to nest and breed. In Saint Andrews, up to 100,000 pairs of king penguins can be seen, as well as a few gentoo, chinstrap and rockhopper penguins.

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## Historic cabins

On Ross Island, Ernest Shackleton's hut at Cape Royds, Robert Falcon Scott's hut at Cape Evans and Carsten Borchgrevink's hut at Cape Adare are preserved sites, in the same state as when the heroes left them, still imbued with the spirit of their occupants. Moving remains in the middle of the icy vastness...

*Itinerary: Scott & Shackleton's Antarctic - Ross Sea Expedition p.27*

## Humpback whales, returning to equilibrium

Threatened with extinction in 150 years, the humpback whale population fell from 27,000 worldwide in 1830 to 450 in the 1950s, leading to a ban on hunting in 1982. 30 years after, scientists have seen the direct benefits of this ban, especially in the Southern Ocean. By restoring the population to nearly 93% of its original number, the balance of an entire marine ecosystem, where the whale, a great lover of krill, plays a central role, is preserved.

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## Emblematic Antarctica



**Ushuaia • Ushuaia** | 12 days/10 nights on board | *L'Austral*, *Le Boréal* and *Le Lyrial*: 12 departures from November 2024 to March 2025 | from €10,350 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

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

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

#### PLANET



**27th November departure:** Cruise in partnership with **Le Cercle Polaire**, with the exceptional presence of **Laurent Mayet**, president and founder, as part of the **Women at the Poles** operation.



See website for an enriched departure on 19th February 2025, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

## The Southern adventure



**Ushuaia • Ushuaia** | 16 days/14 nights on board | *Le Lyrial*: 1st November 2024 | *Le Boréal*: 13th November 2024 | from €14,000 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

A polar expedition cruise in the Southern Ocean, between the Falkland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula • Landscapes: moors scattered with moss and lichen, white-sand beaches in the Falkland Islands; drifting icebergs, ice floe and glaciers in the Antarctic Peninsula • Wildlife: Magellan, Gentoo, king and southern rockhopper penguins, black-browed and light-mantled albatrosses in the Falkland Islands; humpback whales, Gentoo, Adélie, 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, transfers.

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# Expedition to Southern lands



**Ushuaia • Ushuaia** | 19 days/17 nights on board | *L'Austral*: 5th December 2024 | *Le Boréal*: 27th December 2024 and 12th February 2025 | 18 days/16 nights on board | *Le Lyrial*: 25th November 2024 | from €16,520 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

A voyage in the wake of the great explorers • Landscapes: drifting icebergs, ice floe, glaciers and snow-capped mountains in the Antarctic Peninsula; black sandy beaches, lush green plains and suspended glaciers in South Georgia • Wildlife: king and macaroni penguins, elephant and fur seals in South Georgia; humpback whales, Gentoo, Adélie and 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, visits and transfers.

11th January 2025 departure, *The Great Southern Loop*: an extra day in the Falkland Islands.



## The great adventure



**Buenos Aires • Ushuaia / Ushuaia • Buenos Aires** | 18 days/17 nights | *L'Austral*: 9th November 2024 | *Le Lyrial*: 3rd March 2025 | from €14,990 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

In the South Orkney archipelago you can visit the former scientific station on Laurie Island • Landscapes: black-sand beaches, alpine landscapes, lush green plains and glaciers in South Georgia; icebergs, ice floe, glaciers and snow-capped mountains in the Antarctic Peninsula • Wildlife: humpback whales; gentoo, Adélie, king, macaroni and chinstrap penguins; leopard, crabeater, elephant, fur and Weddell seals in the Antarctic Peninsula.

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

## Enhance your cruise



### Patagonia, land of contrasts

Discover seductive Buenos Aires and gaucho culture before exploring the UNESCO-listed Torres del Paine nature reserve, with its emerald green lakes, translucent glaciers, ancient forests and varied wildlife. The spectacular panoramic views from the Perito Moreno glacier will complete this South American getaway before the start of your cruise.

4 nights

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# Wild nature between Argentina and the Falkland Islands



**Ushuaia • Buenos Aires** | 16 days/14 nights on board | *L'Austral*: 28th February 2025 | from €8,200 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Five days to discover the Falkland Islands: be among the first to sail aboard a cruise ship in the Falkland Sound • The Valdés Peninsula, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Landing on Cape Horn (if weather conditions allow it) • Landscapes: moors scattered with moss and lichen, white-sand beaches and turquoise waters, shrub steppe • Wildlife: gentoo, king and Magellanic penguins; sea lions, elephants and fur seals; light-mantled and black-browed albatrosses; orcas, sei whales, guanacos, Commerson's dolphins.

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

# Falklands, South Georgia & Valdés Peninsula: in the heart of the wilderness



**Ushuaia • Buenos Aires** | 20 days/18 nights on board | *Le Boréal*: 11th March 2025 | from €11,150 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

South Georgia and the Falkland Islands, where the variety of fauna and flora is astonishing • The Valdés Peninsula, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Landscapes: alpine landscapes, black-sand beaches, plains and glaciers in South Georgia; moors scattered with moss and lichen, white-sand beaches and turquoise waters in the Falkland Islands; shrub steppe in southern Argentina • Wildlife: gentoo, king, macaroni and Magellanic penguins; sea lions; elephant and fur seals; light-mantled and black-browed albatrosses; and orcas, sei whales, guanacos, and dusky and Commerson's dolphins.

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



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## The best of Chilean fjords

Valparaíso • Ushuaia | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Lyrial*: 19th October 2024 | from €9,030 <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 • Wildlife: Magellanic penguins, caracaras, dolphins, humpback whales, fur seals, sea lions, condors and cormorants • Landscapes: fjords dominated by the snow-capped peaks of the Andes, iridescent glaciers, and mountain lakes with crystal-clear water.

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

## Enhance your cruise



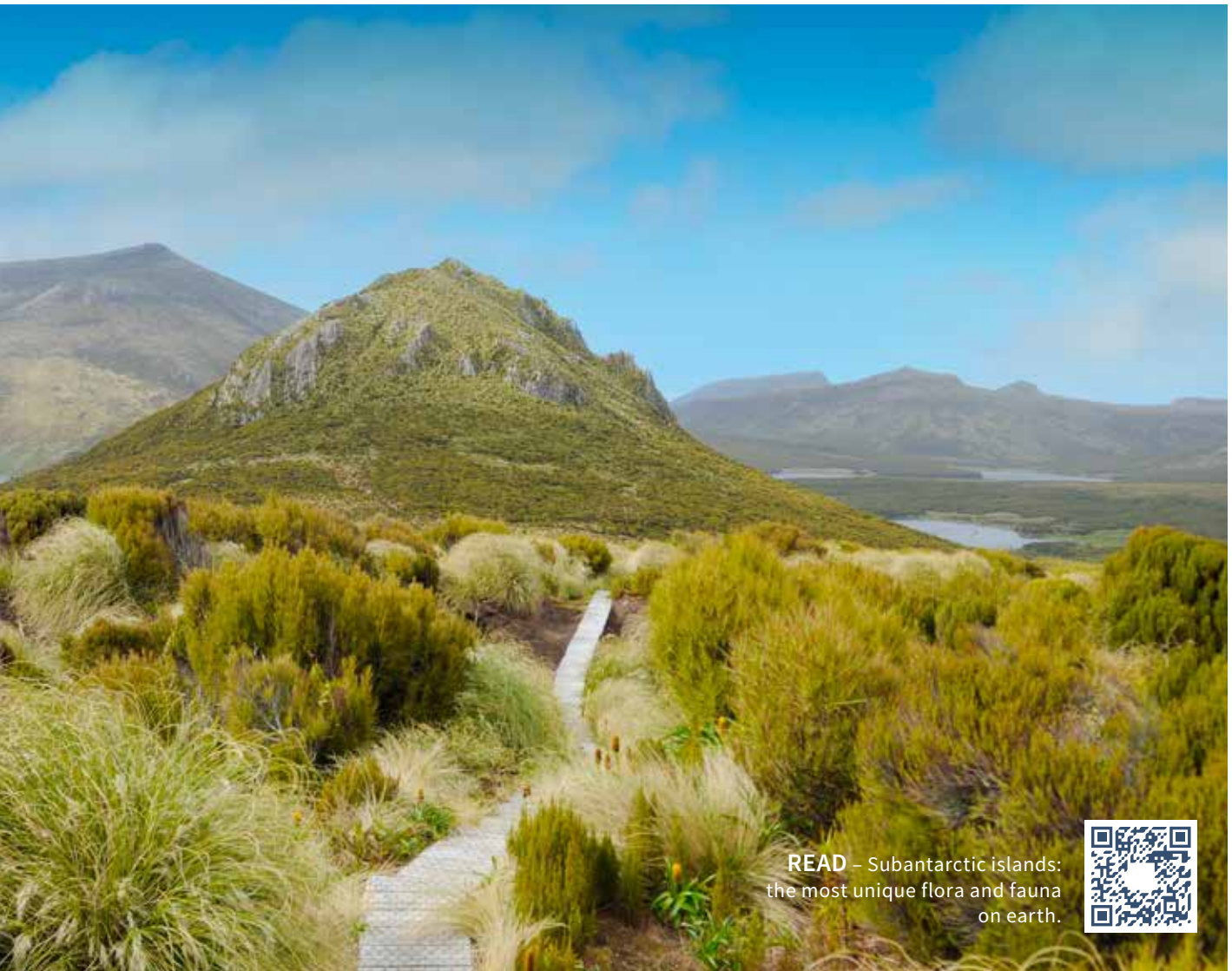
### Discover the Iguazu Falls

From Ushuaia, after your cruise, explore the Iguazu Falls National Park, a UNESCO-listed site, and its riches on both the Brazilian and Argentinian sides, including subtropical forest, wildlife and plants of astonishing diversity. And, the ultimate privilege, your hotel, ideally located in the centre of the park.

4 nights

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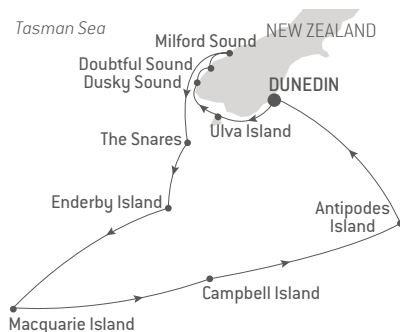
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the most unique flora and fauna  
on earth.



## Expedition to New Zealand’s Subantarctic Islands



**Dunedin • Dunedin** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Soléal*: 17th and 31st December 2024 | from €9 350 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Te Wāhipounamu and its majestic Milford Sound, Dusky Sound and Doubtful Sound, Macquarie Island\* and New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands (Snares, Auckland and Campbell islands) • Undertake a guided walk on the predator-free sanctuary of 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, etc.

*\*Port of call subject to Australian authorities permission.*

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# Scott & Shackleton's Antarctic – Ross Sea expedition



Dunedin • Dunedin | 22 days/21 nights | *Le Soléal*: 26th January and 16th February 2025 | from €17 660 <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, royal, gentoo, chinstrap, southern rockhopper and macaroni penguins.

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## Enhance your cruise



## Queenstown, land of vineyards and natural wonders

From Queenstown, before the start of your cruise, prepare to be amazed by the wilderness of Mount Aspiring National Park, amid New Zealand's forests and Southern Alps. Don't miss out on a tasting of the local wine - it's a must! Next, explore the breathtaking Central Otago Route through the magnificent plains of Strath Taieri and Maniototo until you reach Dunedin.

3 nights

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# THE FAR NORTH



LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

# Welcome to the heart of the boreal winter

It's a big first: for this 2024-2025 winter season, rather than heading for the South Pole, *Le Commandant Charcot* is offering you several completely new itineraries in the Far North.

The magic of Scandinavian Christmas celebrations, the search for the Northern Lights, exclusive sailing on the ice-covered St Lawrence River: for the first time, explore classic landscapes and activities at a special time of year.

*"There's a Saguenay proverb that says 'We know the language of storms! There are few places in the world where you can experience the cold with such warmth! This perfectly sums up the spirit of sailing on the St Lawrence River.'"*

**José Sarica**

*Itinerary: The St Lawrence River in the heart of the boreal winter, p. 41.*





## A word from the experts

They have conceived these new trips to the Far North. Sylviane de Tracy, Cruise Research & Development Director, German Amaya, Cruise Designer, and José Sarica, Expedition Experience Director, give us their visions of these fantastic itineraries.

*"We designed a groundbreaking route between Spitsbergen and Norway, taking place entirely north of the Arctic Circle. This will probably be the first time that a cruise ship has visited Spitsbergen at this time of year, to witness an emotional moment, the farewell to the Sun. Keep your eyes on the sky, because the Northern Lights could suddenly arrive and put you under its spell."*

**German Amaya**

*Itinerary: From the light of the North to the polar night, p. 36.*

*"On the programme of our Norwegian itineraries: stopovers at the end of the earth, some of them firsts, on either side of the Arctic Circle, the Lofoten archipelago, the magical fjords in the calm and breathtaking autumn light, with the hope of seeing the enchanting Northern Lights appear."*

**German Amaya**

*Itinaraies: Polar lights: from North Cape to the Lofoten Islands; Autumn splendours: from Lofoten to the Norwegian Fjords, p. 37.*

*"Visit majestic towns along the Baltic Sea, decked out in their enchanting illuminations, and discover their traditions. Your festive preparations will be a source of surprises with Christmas markets to help you discover local specialities that will delight your friends and family."*

**Sylviane de Tracy**

*Itinerary: Scandinavian wonderland & Christmas markets, p. 38.*

*"In the Gulf of Bothnia, the soft light that illuminates the sky in pastel shades and the muted atmosphere created by the snow create a very special atmosphere of calm and serenity. Young and old alike will be swept away by the magic of Christmas. God Jul!"*

**Sylviane de Tracy**

*Itinerary: Winter magic in the Gulf of Bothnia, p. 39.*

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## EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

on board *Le Commandant Charcot*



Discover all departures on board  
*Le Commandant Charcot.*





## Reaching the unreachable

Embark on an odyssey beyond the Antarctic Peninsula and **stake your claim as one of the only visitors to the region in early November**. You'll observe wildlife including humpback, fin, blue, and minke whales as they migrate south and navigate the ice floes, along with Adélie, gentoo, and chinstrap penguins. Or head north and visit the Inuit villages of Greenland **as early as April, several weeks before any other ship**. Stay in the Arctic in winter and enjoy the magic of the Northern Lights, celebrate the Nordic festivities that mark the end of the year, or cross a frozen St Lawrence River.

**A truly powerful ship**, *Le Commandant Charcot* can take you on **immersive itineraries** through some of the world's most remote regions, some of which have never been visited or even mapped. Charcot, Amundsen and Shackleton were among the first explorers to venture into the polar worlds; now, it's your turn.

## The world's first and only extreme polar exploration vessel

To start, a bit of background: Polar Class (PC) refers to a ship's ability to navigate and break through ice throughout the year. On a scale of 1 – 7, PC1 ships offer year-round operations in all polar waters; PC7 ships are able to cruise through first-year ice in the summer and autumnal months only. With that out of the way, we present to you **the only passenger ship in the world with a PC2 classified hull**, which allows for navigation through multiyear ice – *Le Commandant Charcot*. An icebreaker, she is built to transport you to the most magical destinations where time seems to stand still, and the vast deserts of ice offer dazzling colours and otherworldly landforms that shift and change before your eyes. Contrary to popular belief, the ice fields are far from featureless. "We're entering another world, hitherto unexplored," explained Étienne Garcia, one of the ship's captains. On board these special sailings, the landscape reveals **remarkable discoveries for the guests**. In these awe-inspiring settings, the true meaning of the Greenlandic proverb "Only time and ice are masters..." really comes to life.



## Leading experts by your side

For the past 35 years, PONANT has been creating trips to isolated destinations, guided by nature and a desire to promote cultural enrichment. On board *Le Commandant Charcot*, this translates into a team of **approximately 20 naturalist guides**, offering guests an unmatched ratio on our expedition cruises. This also means officers on board are given extensive training to skilfully navigate the ice.

## A true, once-in-a-lifetime polar immersive experience

To really connect with the natural world, join an optional excursion on our expedition cruises to Greenland, and spend **two days and one night off the ship, camping in the heart of the ice**, in the company of Inuit guides. Other activities include the chance to board **kayaks from a patch of pack ice**; get your heart racing on a dog-sled ride through a breathtaking landscape; and **visit traditional villages in the middle of winter** or at the very start of spring and form true connections. These experiences open the doors to an authentic and spectacular setting, well beyond the limits of your imagination.



## 5 Inside/outside: the invisible frontier

The perfect vantage points to admire the **stunning scenery**, the ship's communal areas were designed by world-renowned architects Jean-Philippe Nuel and Jean-Michel Wilmotte, and offer a cosy cocoon in even the most extreme environments. Created to let the outside in, *Le Commandant Charcot* features **unique spaces** that set her apart from the rest of our fleet. These include the Blue Lagoon, an open-air lagoon heated using recovered energy; indoor swimming pool; snow cabin; detox bar within the spa; and Cigar Lounge.

### The only Ducasse restaurant at sea

**The one and only Alain Ducasse gourmet restaurant at sea**, *Nuna* ('Earth' in Greenlandic) features a **menu dreamt up by the Michelin-starred chef himself**, as well as presenting some of his signature dishes. Delicate flavours are combined with refined tableware to achieve an unparalleled level of excellence in such isolated surroundings. Whenever possible, the onboard chef also offers memorable **PONANT moments** by cooking up the catch of the day from the local villages.



### Sailing for science

The only French vessel capable of venturing deep into the ice, *Le Commandant Charcot* is part of the PONANT Science project. It provides the international scientific community with **two laboratories** equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, which are involved in research in many fields related to the ocean, the environment, and climate change. The results are shared as open data, and are available to the general public.

## A more environmentally friendly Hybrid engine

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*Le Commandant Charcot* utilises the most advanced technologies in order to **reduce her impact on the places she visits**. The **hybrid** electric/liquefied natural gas engine enables it to considerably reduce its emissions: -25% CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, -85% nitrogen oxides, and -95% fine particles. Cleanship certified by Bureau Veritas - like the rest of the PONANT fleet - *Le Commandant Charcot* has also embraced **energy recycling; controlled consumption**; waste reduction, sorting, and monitoring; and the elimination of single-use plastics. To find out more, see our sustainable development report below.

## A dedicated concierge service

The Concierge Service's mission is to **support you from the moment you reach out for information until you return from your trip**. They offer **tailor-made services** such as private transfers, access to airport lounges, domestic services while you are away, and personalised experiences in port. Your dedicated contact: [conciergerievoyage@ponant.com](mailto:conciergerievoyage@ponant.com).

## The PONANT advantage

Solo travellers, family and friends, honeymooners, couples celebrating wedding anniversaries, adventurers embarking on back-to-back cruises, or people travelling as part of the referral programme or the PONANT Yacht Club loyalty programme: **we offer benefits for every guest**.

Find all our offers on our website: <https://en.ponant.com/ponant-benefits>.



Read our sustainable development report

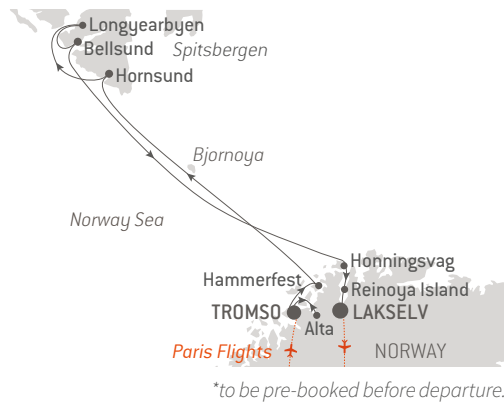




## From the light of the north to the polar night



Tromsø • Lakselv | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 18th October 2024 | From € 12,150 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

An unprecedented journey above the Arctic Circle • Typical winter activities\*: kayaking, encounters and discovering Sámi culture and communities, visiting a fishing village, chasing the Northern Lights • The opportunity to observe the enchanting spectacle of the Northern Lights • Reach the North Cape, an emblematic site and the northernmost point of Europe • Bid farewell to the sun in the fjords of Spitsbergen, before the long polar night • The expert support of a reinforced team of nature guides • Varied landscapes, coastal panoramas, tundra, dolomite cliffs, majestic fjords and ancient glaciers.

**Included in your cruise <sup>(2)</sup>:** flights Paris/Tromsø and Lakselv/Paris as well as transfers.

### PLANET

Workshops and conferences with our Photo Ambassador, renowned to help you get all the best shots.

## Enhance your cruise

### Parisian getaway and luxe à la française

*Paris, before and after your cruise from and/or to Tromsø, Lakselv, Narvik, Kemi, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, and Longyearbyen*

In the heart of historic Paris, Le Meurice is an inspiring place, shaped over time by the artists who have stayed there over the years. In the wake of Dalí, Zola, Warhol or Dylan, savour a delightful interlude between 18th-century splendour and contemporary comfort. You will also have the opportunity to savour the cuisine at the *Table* of Chef Alain Ducasse and enjoy one of the cultural experiences on offer in the heart of the City of Light (optional).

3 nights

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# Polar lights: from North Cape to the Lofoten Islands



Lakselv • Narvik | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 29th October 2024 | From € 11,430 <sup>(1)</sup>



\*to be pre-booked before departure.

## Highlights:

Discover the Lofoten archipelago, between wild nature and Viking heritage • The opportunity to observe the Northern Lights • Typical winter activities\*: kayaking, the Lofoten Islands on horseback, encounters with Sámi communities, hiking • Reach the North Cape, an emblematic site and the northernmost point of Europe • The expert support of a reinforced team of nature guides throughout the cruise • Varied landscapes: archipelagos, coastal panoramas, boreal forests, snow-covered peaks and expanses (in the north of Sweden and Finland), home to reindeer and seabirds.

**Included in your cruise** <sup>(2)</sup>: flights Paris/Lakselv and Narvik/Paris as well as transfers.

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# Autumn splendours: from Lofoten to the Norwegian fjords



Narvik • Bergen | 14 days/13 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 7th November 2024 | From € 12,010 <sup>(1)</sup>



\*to be pre-booked before departure.

## Highlights:

For the first time in winter with PONANT, discover the treasures of Norway, between the Lofoten archipelagos, fjords and outstanding cities • The opportunity to see the Northern Lights • Typical winter activities\*: kayaking, the Lofoten Islands on horseback, encounters with Sámi communities and more. • The fjords of Geiranger, a UNESCO site, and Songerfjord, the second largest fjord in the world • Discovering emblematic Scandinavian architecture: Bryggen, the Hanseatic district of Bergen (a UNESCO site), the Art Nouveau district of Ålesund and the *rorbuer*, dark red fishing huts • The expert support of a reinforced team of naturalist guides throughout the cruise.

**Included in your cruise** <sup>(2)</sup>: outward flight Paris/Narvik, and transfer.

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## Scandinavian wonderland & Christmas markets



Helsinki • Helsinki | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 2nd and 11th December 2024 | From € 8,170 <sup>(1)</sup>

NEW



### Highlights:

The emblematic cities of the Baltic Sea for the very first time with PONANT in the heart of winter • Get ready for Christmas with family and experience the magic of winter and Scandinavian way of life • Visit traditional Christmas markets and learn about local crafts and gastronomic treats • Unique landscapes during fascinating cruises, including one to the Stockholm archipelago • The enchantment of Scandinavian cities outside high season • A magical overnight stay opposite the old town of Stockholm.

#### CULTURE

**2nd December departure:** with featured guest **Julien Gueslin**, historian and expert of Baltic countries.

#### LYFESTYLE



**11th December departure:** **Alain Ducasse** will be on board until 13th December, along this gastronomic voyage with teams from Ducasse Conseil and caviar specialist Kaviari

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# Winter magic in the Gulf of Bothnia



Helsinki • Kemi / Kemi • Helsinki | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 20th and 28th December 2024 | From € 9,800 <sup>(1)</sup>



\*to be pre-booked before departure.

## Highlights:

Sailing in the High Coast archipelago in northern Sweden, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and in Stockholm archipelago • The magic of the Christmas markets and the wonderland of Scandinavian towns illuminated for the winter • Rauma; the church-town of Gammelstad, a UNESCO site, and the neoclassical city of Oulu • Kid Explorers Club in partnership with MAUD FONTENOY FOUNDATION • Typical winter activities\*: snowshoeing, dog sledding, reindeer rides, lantern walks, ice fishing, children's activities, Christmas markets, and optional activities: snowmobile rides, visits to Rovaniemi – Santa's village.

**Included in your cruise <sup>(2)</sup>:** flights Paris/Kemi or Kemi/Paris as well as transfers.

**PORTRAIT**  
Renaud Capuçon,  
a violinist at sea



## CULTURE



Two **musical cruises** in partnership with **RADIO CLASSIQUE**, with the presence on board of **Alain Duault**.

**20th December departure:** *Christmas magic with Renaud Capuçon*, with the presence of Laurence Ferrari.

**28th December departure:** *Musical New Year in the Gulf of Bothnia*, with the presence of violinist Augustin Dumay and cellist Camille Thomas.



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NEW

*“If someone had told me I had landed in another country, on another planet, I would have believed them. The province of Quebec has two very contrasting faces, and between the colours of the Indian summer and the thick white coat of winter, I totally lost my bearings. It was a magical experience. I realised that the true richness of the region becomes prevalent in winter, when nature takes over – and to which we have to humbly adapt.”*

**José Sarica**, Expedition Experience Director at PONANT, during his scouting trip in Quebec for the creation of this itinerary.

**DOCUMENTARY** - Surprises, emotions, wonder: the scouting carried out by our teams in Quebec, to offer you an extraordinary experience, exclusive and unprecedented.





# The St Lawrence River in the heart of the boreal winter



**Saint Pierre and Miquelon • Quebec / Quebec • Saint Pierre and Miquelon** | 13 days/12 nights |  
*Le Commandant Charcot*: 17th and 29th January; 10th and 22nd February 2025 | From € 19,985 <sup>(1)</sup>



*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*

## Highlights:

Explore the St Lawrence River in winter, a PONANT exclusive • Privileged encounters with Quebecers, the Innu and Micmac indigenous communities • Typical winter activities\*: kayaking, ice fishing and raw redfish tasting, dog sledding, fat biking, polar hiking • Optional activities: ice climbing, ice canoeing, horseback skiing • The opportunity to witness the Northern Lights • Landscapes including great open spaces, fjords, immaculate boreal forests, sea ice, snow-covered valleys • The expert support of a reinforced team of naturalist guides throughout the cruise • 10th and 22nd February 2025 departures\*: the chance to watch whitecoats calving in the Magdalen Islands, a spectacle unique in the world.

**Included in your cruise <sup>(2)</sup>:** the flight from Saint Pierre and Miquelon to Montreal or vice versa, and the transfer.

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## Enhance your cruise



### Snowmobiling in the boreal forest and meeting the Innu

Enter the heart of the boreal forest on a snowmobile ride and meet the chief of the Innu, an indigenous community in Quebec, with whom you will share a traditional meal based on caribou meat, followed by a night in a tent. An exclusive PONANT Signature experience.

2 days / 1 night - € € € €

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*The sailing programme, outings, activities, highlights and observation of fauna cannot be guaranteed and are subject to weather and ice conditions.*

NEW



A photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in shades of green and blue, dancing across a dark sky. Below the lights, a calm body of water reflects the colors. In the foreground, a dark silhouette of a rock or island is visible in the water. The horizon shows a faint orange glow from the setting or rising sun.

# NORWAY AND ATLANTIC ISLANDS

# Two archipelagos that could not be more different

In the Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Guinea-Bissau, the Bissagos: intense sunshine, turquoise waters and a tropical atmosphere. In the Arctic cold of the Norwegian Sea, an archipelago of mountains and fjords: Lofoten. Let's take a look at their respective characteristics, to get a better sense of what makes them so charming and unmissable.

## LOFOTEN

An archipelago of 80 islands.

To cope with the often harsh weather conditions, traditional clothes are woven from thick wool and accompanied by felt hats and sturdy leather shoes.

Fish is no joke here! One of the region's most important festivals is the cod festival. On the programme: fishing competitions, concerts, shared meals...

## GET DRESSED!

## BISSAGOS

An archipelago of 88 islands and islets.

In the Bissagos, outfits are often made from plant fibres and embellished with shells, pearls, coconuts... Especially for local celebrations.

## A SENSE OF CELEBRATION...

As well as Carnival, the locals celebrate the Festival of Initiation, or the Branca, which marks the passage into adulthood. An important ceremony, where young people discover their place in society.



Norwegian folklore is celebrated with typical string instruments, such as the *hardingfele* fiddle or the *langeleik* zither. Musical inspiration is drawn from the spectacular natural surroundings.

The Lofoten Islands are home to a rich marine biodiversity of whales, dolphins, seals, etc. Inland, it's not unusual to spot elk, reindeer and musk oxen.

Local legends are an integral part of folklore. They feature the aquatic animals that sleep in the fjords, such as the giant whale, the sea serpent and the sea troll.

### ... IN MUSIC

The *djembe* (drum), the wooden and metal *balafon* (xylophone) and the whistles, are all emblematic instruments of the archipelago. Musicians are inspired by their religious beliefs and use music to communicate with their ancestors.

### WHAT ABOUT WILDLIFE?

Green turtles, crocodiles, manatees and dolphins are the most common species in the Bissagos, along with 150 species of birds.

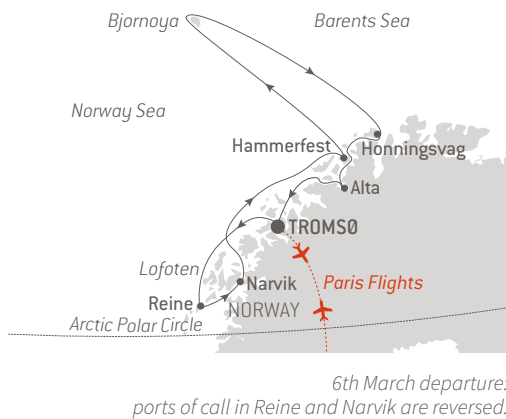
### BELIEFS & LEGENDS

Here, spirituality is particularly strong and society is built on a matriarchal model. They believe in healing, the presence of spirits in nature and in sacred objects.



## Nordic discoveries & traditions

**Tromsø • Tromsø** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Champlain*: 24th February; 6th, 16th and 26th March 2025 | from €9,230 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Explore the traditions and customs of one of the last European indigenous people, the Sámi • UNESCO World Heritage Site: the Struve Geodetic Arc in Hammerfest • The possibility of observing the Northern Lights • The landscapes: snow-capped peaks and plains, fjords, picturesque villages • Gain an insight into the culture, and incredible diversity of life from your expert expedition team • Introduction to Nordic activities (*optional*): dog sleigh, ice fishing, snowshoeing • **Among the excursions included\***: set off to discover the legendary Nordkapp, or the North Cape, from Honningsvåg, appreciate the charm of the Lofoten Islands during a day of visits from Reine, or explore Tromsø, the capital of the Arctic, in a rigid-inflatable boat

\*to be pre-booked before departure.

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

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## Enhance your cruise



### Adventures in Lapland

From Luleå, a Swedish coastal town on the northern Baltic Sea, to Tromsø in Norway, explore Swedish Lapland before the start of your cruise. This region, the historic stronghold of the Sámi people, will delight lovers of wide open spaces, thrills and cultural traditions. The unexpected can also be found in the shape of an ice hotel, an artistic project and temporary venue (optional).

4 nights

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## PONANT returns to the Bissagos for the 1st time since 2019

*We are delighted to invite you back to the Bissagos archipelago. Its 88 islets scattered off the coast of Guinea-Bissau are an invitation to discover a fascinating biodiversity and an amazing culture.*

WATCH  
Testimonial: the Bissagos,  
a land of smiles.



## Adventure in the Bissagos Islands

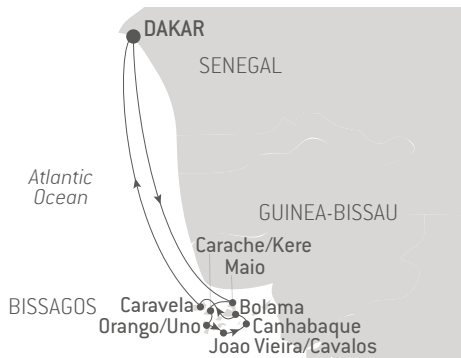


**Dakar • Dakar** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Lyréal*: 7th April 2025 | from €3,960 <sup>(1)</sup>

### Highlights:

Discovering islands featuring exceptional biodiversity: Carache, Kere, Maio, Caravela, Orango, Uno, Bolama, Cavalos, Joao Vieira and Canhabaque • Encounters with the Bissago people: discovering their traditions, dances and handicrafts during traditional ceremonies • Landscapes: idyllic white sandy beaches, endless mangals, savannah and forests home to mangrove trees, palm trees and baobabs, splendid lagunas • Wildlife: sea turtles, dolphins, manatees, vervet monkeys, pink flamingos, pelicans, etc • The knowledgeable support from naturalist guides throughout the cruise.

NEW





# Cape Verde and Canary Islands

Dakar • Lisbon | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Lyrial*: 15th April 2025 | from €5,880 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Cidade Velha, the historic centre of Ribeira Grande; Garajonay National Park in La Gomera; The Jeronimos Monastery and Belem Tower in Lisbon • The varied landscapes of Cape Verde, the Canary Islands and Madeira • The town of Mindelo with its elegant buildings influenced by its British and Portuguese colonial heritage • Santa Cruz de la Palma with its sumptuous palaces and its picturesque old town featuring colonial architecture • **Among the excursions included\***: you will wander the virgin expanses of the island of Santo Antão, explore the Garajonay National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, from La Gomera, or visit the sumptuous botanical gardens of Funchal.

*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*

## Enhance your cruise



### Whale and dolphin watching

Head out from Funchal on a semi-rigid speedboat to discover the marine life. The conditions are just right for spotting short-finned pilot whales, bottlenose dolphins, Atlantic spotted dolphins and common dolphins. There may also be a chance to see Risso's dolphins, the beaked whale and the killer whale. A truly memorable experience!

3h - € € €

*The complete list of excursions is available 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. You can pre-book them about 2 months before departure. Invoicing is done on board. The number of € indicates a price range. Find out more on p. 16.*







# CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA

# Through the eyes of Katia Silva



## *A marine eden to be preserved*

Katia Silva is a marine biologist specialising in marine megafauna, as well as a PONANT naturalist guide in tropical areas and a divemaster. She is a true lover of the oceans and is sensitive to the ecological issues they face. Sharing her knowledge of the Caribbean is an important way for someone who has dedicated their life to the ocean to raise awareness among travellers.



*"Discovering the waters of the Caribbean is to fall hopelessly in love with the ocean, nothing less. Visibility is so good that you feel like you're in an open-air aquarium. From the ship, it's not unusual to see turtles feeding at depths of over 25 metres! Protected areas such as the Cayos Cochinos archipelago and the Belize Barrier Reef – the second largest in the world – are incredibly rich, with over 500 species of fish, 60 species of coral and 5 of the world's 7 species of turtle. It's a place where you can watch whale sharks, dolphins, rays and a colourful ocean world pass by.*

*This region also offers you the chance to admire the extraordinary mangroves: one of the most important ecosystems, without which there would be no ocean. Fish*

*come here to lay their eggs and feed on all the nutrients that are hidden here. It's also an unspoilt paradise for birdwatchers.*

*I think there's no better way to realise the importance of preserving these places than to visit them yourself. I work to raise awareness among travellers so that they understand the current environmental challenges and the socio-economic context of these regions. Exploring Belize and the Caribbean also means rediscovering simple pleasures alongside local communities, such as enjoying a juicy mango with your feet in the warm sand, gazing out at a timeless panorama. Here, more than anywhere else, life displays its most beautiful colours."*



## The Camargue of the Caribbean

To the east of Curaçao, the island of Bonaire is famous for its coral reefs, which can be accessed directly from the beach, giving divers who come to explore them a unique sense of freedom. The pink flamingos of the Caribbean have chosen this as their ideal breeding ground. An ideal destination for marine life and birdwatching enthusiasts...

*Itinerary: Panama, Colombia & Caribbean Islands, p. 59.*



## Honduras, a PONANT exclusive

Thanks to our experts' scouting trips, you can explore Honduras off the beaten track.

La Ceiba (a place where only we will take you), Guanaja, Punta Sal, Cayos Cochinos and Cuero y Salado: so many new stops on your journey and the promise of warm encounters, both with the Caracol and Garifuna peoples and with the colourful wildlife.

*Itineraries: Belize and Honduras: unexpected encounters and nature, p. 56 ; A tropical odyssey in Central America, p. 57.*

## Essential Creole phrases

In the Antilles islands, people speak French, English, Spanish, Dutch and Creole. Here are a few examples of Guadeloupean creole phrases.

Good day/good evening: *Bonjou/Bonswa*

Goodbye: *Ovwa*

Welcome: *Bonvini*

Excuse me/please: *Eskisé/tanpri-souplé*

Thank you: *Mési*

Yes/no: *Si (wè)/Awa*

How are you?: *Sa ou fè ?*

Very well thank you, and you?: *Bien mési, é zot ?*

My name is: *Non anmwèn sé*

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These are the stopovers we're opening up to you this season in the West Indies.

On the programme: encounters with amazing land and underwater wildlife, immersion in Creole culture, total relaxation amidst an idyllic setting... A dream come true culminating in the discovery of the Grenadines, considered to be one of the most beautiful archipelagos in the world.

*Itineraries: Pearls of the Caribbean and The essentials of the Caribbean, p. 54-55..*



## Pre-Columbian sanctuaries

Visiting the remains of the Mayan cities on the Yucatán Peninsula is like stepping back in time and space. You'll reach the Lamanai site in Belize after an hour's boat trip on a river populated by iguanas and crocodiles. In Guatemala, the Unesco-listed Quiriguá park will intrigue pyramid enthusiasts.

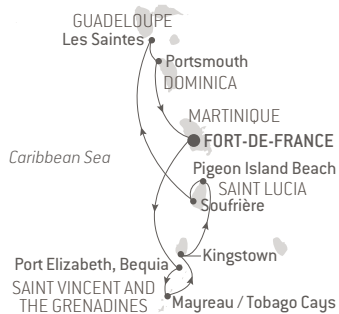
*Itinerary : A tropical odyssey in Central America, p. 57 ; opportunity to visit these sites, especially Lamanai, through our pre- and post-cruise programmes.*



# Pearls of the Caribbean



**Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Champlain*: 4th, 12th, 20th and 28th November; 29th December 2024 and 30th January 2025 | from €4,130 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: 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 • In Kingstown, the possibility of visiting the magnificent Botanic Gardens and enjoying a catamaran trip with views over La Soufrière volcano • Exceptional seabed with possibility of seeing turtles, barracuda, spiny lobsters and parrotfish • **Among the excursions included\***: enjoy a nature hike in Syndicate from Portsmouth; appreciate the beauty of Les Saintes by boat.

*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*



See website for an enriched departure on 30th January 2025, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

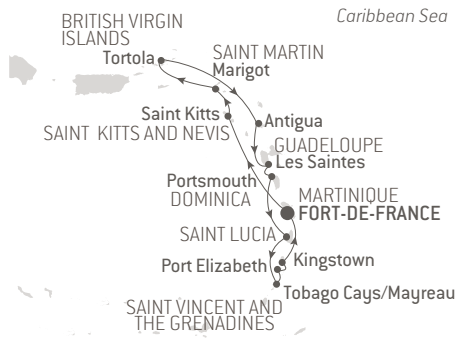




# The essentials of the Caribbean



**Fort-de-France • Pointe-à-Pitre** | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Champlain*: 6th December 2024 | from €5,270 <sup>(1)</sup>  
**Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France** | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Champlain*: 17th December 2024;  
6th and 18th January 2025 | from €6,200 <sup>(1)</sup>



## 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 • The possibility of seeing turtles, barracuda, spiny lobsters and parrot fish • On Mayreau Island, private use of a beach for the day, including a barbecue • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) • **Among the excursions included\***: enjoy embarking on a catamaran and snorkelling from Port Elizabeth on the island of Bequia.

*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*

*Ports of call can vary according to departure.  
For more information, visit our website.*

## Enhance your cruise

### Relaxation in Guadeloupe

From Pointe-à-Pitre, enjoy a magical break where the flavours of island cuisine guide you through a culinary workshop led by a Creole chef. The nature of Guadeloupe can also be explored in the Valombreuse botanic gardens, a magical place of colour and perfume from the island's most beautiful flowers. Combining lounging by the hotel's pool or on the golden sands, you'll enjoy a relaxing break, before the start of your cruise.

2 nights



### Honey bees and biodiversity

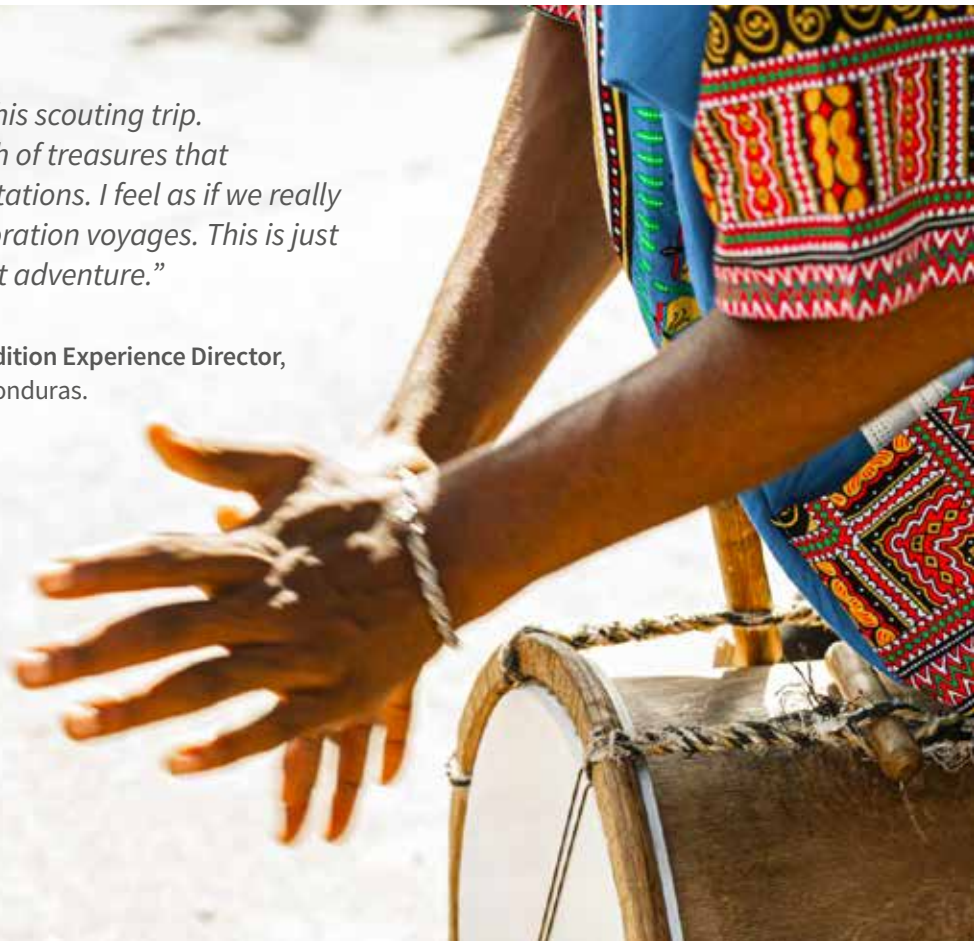
Bee adventurous in the company of a beekeeper from the *Ivanola* collective, which supports responsible beekeeping in Saint Lucia. While dressed in overalls, the beekeeper will share with you the secrets of the beehive, honey and the preservation of ecosystems. You will have a chance to watch the extraction of the precious nectar, *Black Mangrove* honey.

3h - €€€

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*“I was blown away by this scouting trip. The area offers a wealth of treasures that far exceeded our expectations. I feel as if we really ‘unlocked’ unique exploration voyages. This is just the beginning of a great adventure.”*

**José Sarica, PONANT Expedition Experience Director,** during his scouting trip to Honduras.



## Belize and Honduras: unexpected encounters and nature



**Belize City • Belize City** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Bellot*: 29th November; 6th, 13th and 20th December 2024 | from €5,340 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Exclusively with PONANT, a port of call in Guanaja to encounter the Caracoles people and their rich local pottery crafts • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Belize Barrier Reef with Half Moon Caye and the Great Blue Hole • Other all-new ports of call: Punta Sal, Cayos Cochinos and Cuero y Salado • Enjoy unforgettable encounters with the local populations, especially with the Garifunas • The knowledgeable support of a team of local nature guides • Landscapes: palm tree-edged beaches, islands, mangroves, tropical rainforest, coral reefs and rivers • Wildlife: howler monkeys, white-headed monkeys, caimans, dolphins, tropical birds, multicoloured fish • Opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).

**Included in your cruise** <sup>(2)</sup>: Return flights Cancún/Belize City and transfers.

READ  
Diary of a scouting  
trip to Honduras.



Activities and lectures given by an expert from **The Explorers Club**.



# A tropical odyssey in Central America



Belize City • Colón | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Bellot*: 27th December 2024 | from €7,240 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

The city of Livingston and the music of the Garifunas, UNESCO-listed • from Santo Tomás de Castilla, an optional two-day pre-cruise package to the Tikal pyramids, testament to the Maya civilisation • The possibility of meeting the largest indigenous community of Panama, the Ngöbe-Buglé and the community of La Ceiba, welcoming visitors for the first time • The support from a team of nature guides • Landscapes: palm-fringed beaches, mangroves, tropical rainforests, coral reefs, rich seabed, rivers, canals • Wildlife: howler monkeys, white-headed monkeys, raccoons, sloths, otters, agoutis, armadillos and porcupines, multicoloured fish, tropical birds including the toucan, green ibis, frigate bird, yellow-crowned night-heron and the boat-billed heron, etc.

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

## Enhance your cruise

### On the path of the Maya civilisation

From the must-see cities of Chichén Itzá and Calakmul, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, to more confidential sites, as well as tasting local food, an immersion in the Mexican jungle and an overnight stay near Bacalar, the lagoon of seven shades of blue, immerse yourself in Maya culture before your cruise from Belize City.

5 nights



### Explore the village of Bonacca, or Low Cay

Near the little-known island of Guanaja, a paradise topped with lush vegetation, is the village of Bonacca, also known as Low Cay or simply The Cay, connected to the main island by pontoons, well deserving of its nickname the *Venice of Honduras*. The picturesque city-island is full of Caribbean charm, with turquoise canals and spicy-scented narrow streets.

1h - INCLUDED

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# Secrets of Central America



Colón • Puntarenas / Puntarenas • Colón | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Bellot*: 6th January, 3rd, 13th and 23rd February; 5th March 2025 | from €5,750 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

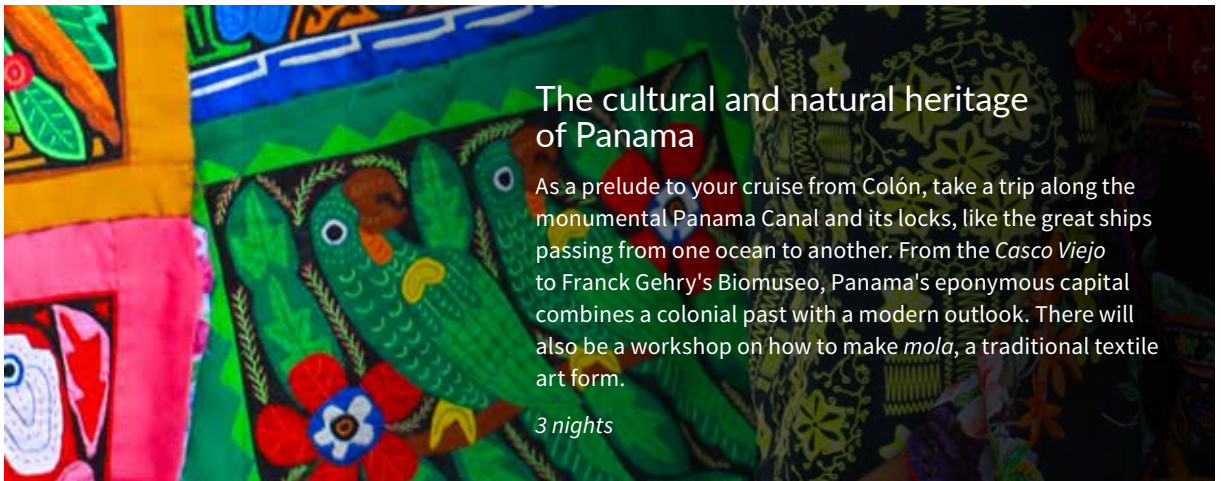
UNESCO World Heritage Sites: San Lorenzo's Fort (new port of call); Darien National Park and its superb jungle, from Playa Muerto • Isla Pacheca in the Pearl Islands, a new port of call • In Costa Rica, outings in the Curú Wildlife Refuge, sanctuaries of unspoiled nature • The magnificent San Blas archipelago and its fabulous underwater wildlife • Encounters with Kuna and Embera communities • Sail through the Panama Canal • The knowledgeable support from naturalist guides throughout the cruise • Fauna and lush flora: tropical forest, howler monkeys, sloths, tropical birds.



See website for an enriched departure on 6th January 2025, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.



## Enhance your cruise



**The cultural and natural heritage of Panama**

As a prelude to your cruise from Colón, take a trip along the monumental Panama Canal and its locks, like the great ships passing from one ocean to another. From the *Casco Viejo* to Franck Gehry's Biomuseo, Panama's eponymous capital combines a colonial past with a modern outlook. There will also be a workshop on how to make *mola*, a traditional textile art form.

3 nights



## Panama, Colombia & Caribbean Islands



Colón • Fort-de-France | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Bellot*: 15th March 2025 | from €5,660 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the fortifications of Portobelo; Cartagena de Indias, an old colonial city; Saint Lucia's volcanic Pitons • On Mayreau Island, private use of a beach for the day, including a barbecue • In Kingstown, the possibility of visiting the magnificent Botanic Gardens and enjoying a hike up the slopes of La Soufrière volcano, to its crater • The crafts and traditions of the Kuna people in the San Blas Islands • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) • **Among the excursions included\***: explore the mangrove in a traditional canoe from Cartagena de Indias, enjoy hiking in La Quebrada and seeing its waterfall, leaving from Santa Marta.

*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*



### Green Haven Family Farm

From Saint Lucia, you will cross the Soufrière to the village of Choiseul, where the *Green Haven* family farm specialises in aquaponics. Once welcomed to the property, you'll discover a process that integrates fish rearing and organic farming using innovative and virtuous equipment, from rainwater recovery to solar energy.

2h30 - € €

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A traditional dhow sailboat with a white sail is sailing on clear turquoise water. The boat is positioned in the middle ground, with a person visible on deck. The water transitions from shallow, sandy areas in the foreground to deeper, darker blue in the distance. The sky is a uniform, clear blue. The overall scene is bright and serene, suggesting a tropical or coastal environment.

# INDIAN OCEAN AND PERSIAN GULF

# Through the eyes of Jérémié Bossert

**"A total change of scenery  
that awakens the senses"**

Jérémié Bossert, a PONANT naturalist guide specialising in Madagascar, has developed an enlightened view of this destination, which boasts an extraordinary wealth of natural resources and a culture very different from that of its Indian Ocean neighbours. The vision of an expert, getting you off the beaten track.



*"Fihavanana... This is the Madagascan philosophy, the one that brings everyone together and which has earned it a place in the country's constitution: a way of embodying the solidarity and resilience of the people on a daily basis. If you'd like to take part in a voyage outside of time, Madagascar is the place to go, far from the clichés of the western world.*

*Madagascar was one of the first islands in the Indian Ocean to be colonised by humans. The first inhabitants are thought to have come from what is now Indonesia and were joined by Africans and Arabs, giving rise to the Madagascan language, still shared today by the region's 18 ethnic groups. Come and meet these people whose customs are so different from those of their neighbours. Discover the Vezo people, nomads of the sea, living solely off the resources*

*of the ocean, for whom spirituality and homage to the ancestors are an integral part of daily life. Learn about the techniques used to build traditional boats, with no modern processes. Marvel at these elegant schooners as they take to the water with the wind filling their sails.*

*When it comes to scenery, the country also offers something unique, with no less than 80% of its plants and animals, such as lemurs, panther chameleons and the coua (a type of bird), being endemic. This is where you'll find the only rice paddies in this part of the world and a variety of ecosystems ranging from tropical rainforests to spiny forests, via coral beaches... A total change of scenery that awakens the senses and inspires genuine wonder."*



## Corals and giant tortoises

Protected and classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Aldabra Atoll is considered to be one of the last virtually untouched sanctuaries on our planet. We are one of the few cruise companies who can take you there. Allow yourself to be charmed by this natural wonder, home to the world's largest population of giant tortoises.

*Itinerary: Zanzibar, Aldabra & the treasures of the Indian Ocean, p. 66.*

## A paradise for botanists

Since its creation in the 18th century, the world's first tropical botanical garden, the Pamplemousses Garden on Mauritius has been enriched with species from all over the world. This is just one of the many surprises in store

for you in the volcanic Mascarene archipelago, made up of Réunion, Rodrigues and Mauritius.

*Itineraries: The secret side of Madagascar, p. 64; Madagascar & the Mascarene Islands adventure as well as Adventures in Madagascar, p. 65.*

## Did you know?

Located on the Mascarene Plateau, the Inner Islands archipelago in the Seychelles is made up of granitic islands – Mahé, Praslin, La Digue – forming a fragment detached from the African continent. The Outer Islands, on the other hand, are coral-formed: they are atolls – like Aldabra – resting directly on the abyssal plain of the Indian Ocean.

*Itineraries: Curious islands from the Seychelles to Madagascar, p. 64; Adventures in Madagascar, p. 65; Zanzibar, Aldabra & the treasures of the Indian Ocean, p. 66.*

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This season, we are offering you three new stopovers in Saudi Arabia. The ancient commercial crossroads of the Red Sea, Jeddah, whose old town is a UNESCO listed site, and Yanbu are packed with coral buildings typical of Hijazi architecture. The secluded island of Baridi offers a wide range of watersports activities to help you get away from it all.

*Itinerary: Secrets of the Red Sea, p. 69.*



## "The Spice Island"

One archipelago, two main islands – Unguja and Pemba – three cultures: Zanzibar is an intriguing island and a legendary stopover on the route to India. The UNESCO-listed historic centre of the eponymous capital is lined with houses built of coral stone and is home to sumptuous buildings, the fruit of a blend of African, European and Indian cultures.

*Itinerary: Zanzibar, Aldabra & the treasures of the Indian Ocean, p. 66.*

# Curious islands from the Seychelles to Madagascar



**Mahé • Nosy Be** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Dumont-d'Urville*: 28th November 2024 | from €6,200 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

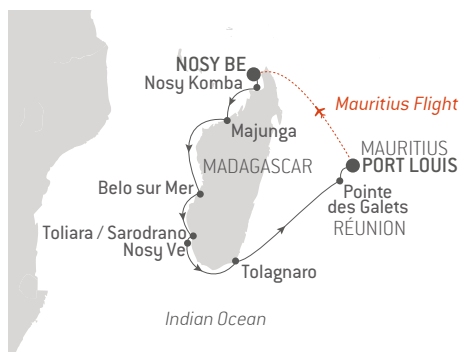
In Madagascar, a brand-new port of call and overnight stay in Diego Suarez; a rich and preserved endemic flora and fauna: multi-coloured fish, radiated or green turtles, lemurs, chameleons, red-tailed tropicbirds • In the Seychelles, Anse Source d'Argent, one of the world's famous beaches, La Digue; The Aride nature reserve, with a colourful vegetation and more than one million birds; The bare red earth of Curieuse, a granite island home to Aldabra's turtles • Landscapes: captivating lagoons, virgin forest, majestic mountains, idyllic beaches • The support of a team of naturalist guides • Opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling.

**Included in your cruise** <sup>(2)</sup>: the return flight Nosy B/ Mauritius and transfer.

# The secret side of Madagascar



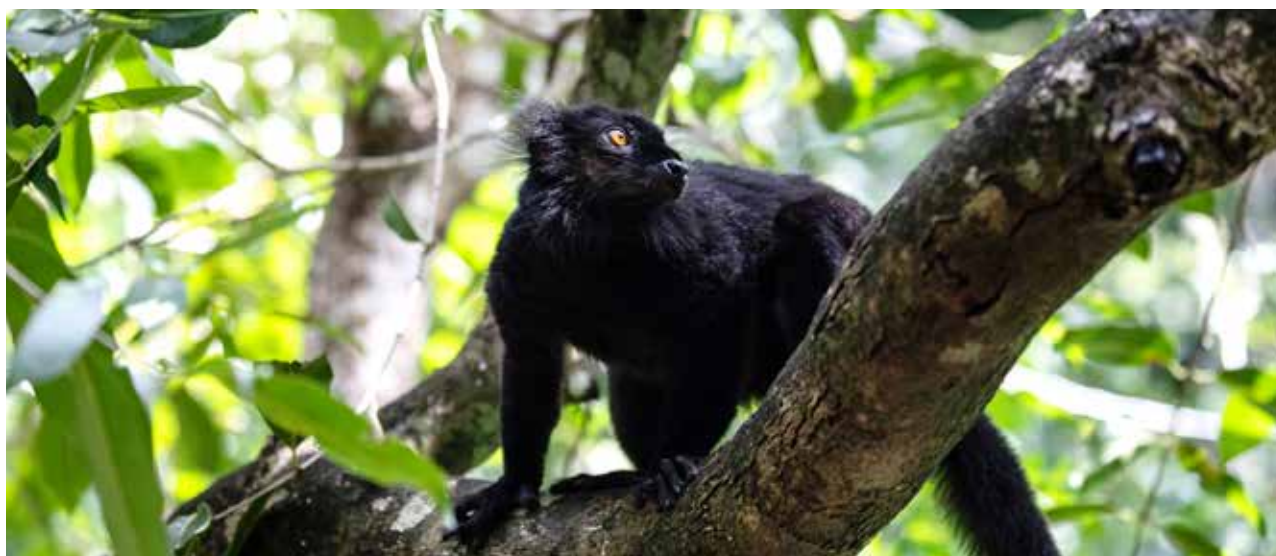
**Nosy Be • Port Louis** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Dumont-d'Urville*: 8th December 2024 | from €7,520 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Biosphere Reserves in the south-west of Madagascar (Belo sur Mer, the coastline of Toliara and Sarodrano, Nosy Ve), the area of Pitons, cirques and remparts of Réunion Island • Landscapes: lagoons, rainforests or thorny forests, white-sand beaches, volcanoes • In Madagascar, an endemic flora and fauna: ring-tailed and red ruffed lemurs, chameleons, red-tailed tropicbirds, baobabs • An exceptional encounter with one of the planet's last 'sea nomad' people, the Vezo • The support of a team of naturalist guides • Opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling.

**Included in your cruise** <sup>(2)</sup>: the outward flight Mauritius/Nosy Be and transfer before embarkation.

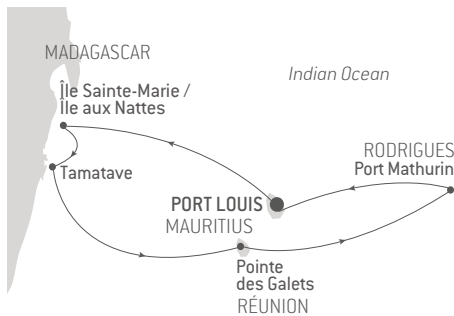




# Madagascar & the Mascarene Islands adventure



**Port Louis • Port Louis** | 14 days/13 nights | *Le Dumont-d'Urville*: 22nd December 2024 | from €7,380 <sup>(1)</sup>



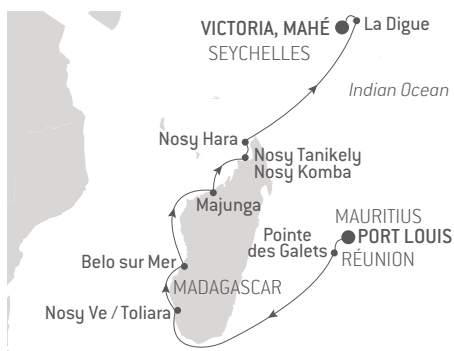
## Highlights:

Overnight stays at Pointe des Galets, Port Mathurin and Port Louis on Mauritius to allow time to immerse in the islands' atmosphere • Ports of call on Île Sainte Marie, Île aux Nattes and Tamatave to discover north-eastern Madagascar, its rich and preserved endemic fauna and flora, and its rich local culture • In Port Mathurin: white-sand beaches, lush vegetation, translucent water and a picturesque market • The pitons, cirques and ramparts region of Réunion Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Wildlife: various birds species, Mauritian flying fox, sea turtle, dolphin, deer, wild boar, monkey and lemur • The support of a team of naturalist guides • Opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling.



# Adventures in Madagascar

**Port Louis • Mahé** | 16 days/15 nights | *Le Dumont-d'Urville*: 4th January 2025 | from €8,510 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Biosphere Reserves in the south-west of Madagascar (Belo sur Mer, the coastline of Toliara and Sarodrano, Nosy Ve) ; the area of Pitons, cirques and ramparts of Reunion Island • In Madagascar, a rich and preserved fauna: green turtles, ring-tailed and red ruffed lemurs, chameleons, red-tailed tropicbirds, adiated tortoises • A variety of idyllic landscapes: coral reefs, lagoons, rainforests or thorny forests, white-sand beaches, granite islands, volcanoes, baobabs • An exceptional encounter with one of the planet's last 'sea nomad' people, the Vezo • The support of a team of naturalist guides • Possibility of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).

## Enhance your cruise



### A relaxing break surrounded by nature

Before or after your cruise, enjoy the enchantment of the Seychelles, or extend the dream at a 5\* hotel on the island of Mahé, combining periods of relaxation on superb sandy beaches with exploration of the seabed. You'll also have the chance to take part in a number of activities to feel part of your destination, meeting a local artist, watching the sunset in a fantastic location or discovering the natural Mahé (optional).

4 nights

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#### ENCOUNTER

According to Jakawan Hoareau, Seychellois naturalist guide and leader of the PONANT expedition, preserving the environment is an ongoing commitment, fuelled by the desire to make the Seychelles even more beautiful.

## Zanzibar, Aldabra & the treasures of the Indian Ocean



**Mahé • Zanzibar / Zanzibar • Mahé** | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 31st January, 12th and 24th February 2025  
| *Le Dumont-d'Urville*: 19th and 31st January; 12th and 24th February 2025 | from €5,960 <sup>(1)</sup>



#### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Aldabra, the largest coral atoll in the world; the ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani; and Zanzibar's Stone Town • In the Seychelles, Anse Source d'Argent, the most famous beach of La Digue, surrounded by large blocks of granite and edged with coconut palms • The possibility of observing tortoises and many species of birds on Aldabra atoll • The knowledgeable support of a team of nature guides all along the cruise • The possibility of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).



## Enhance your cruise

### Safari in the Serengeti National Park

From Zanzibar, before the start of your cruise, this break in Tanzania will be an opportunity to spend a few days in the legendary Serengeti National Park, a UNESCO-listed site, and to experience the wildness and power of nature. Endless plains form the backdrop to one of the world's most precious ecosystems, providing an opportunity to observe the majesty of an elephant, the siesta of a sated lion or the powerful stride of a leopard.

*4 nights*



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## Oriental wonders & civilisations

**Muscat • Dubai (or Doha) / Dubai (or Doha) • Muscat** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 23rd November; 3rd, 13th and 23rd December 2024 and 16th January 2025 | from €5,910 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Unesco World Heritage Sites: from Dammam, Al Hasa, the largest oasis in the world; from Manama, Qal'at al-Bahreïn • **PONANT exclusive**: a port of call on the Daymaniyat Islands, a renowned marine reserve • Sour, a typical Omani fishing port and the possibility of exploring a wadi, an oasis in the very heart of the desert • The visit of the 'fjords of Arabia', between canyons, oases and dune deserts • An overnight in Abu Dhabi • **Among the excursions included\***: set off to discover the Louvre Abu Dhabi, appreciate a Musandam fjords dhow cruise.

*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*

<b>CULTURE</b>		<p><b>23rd November departure:</b> <i>Musical odyssey in the Middle East</i>, a cruise in partnership with <b>RADIO CLASSIQUE</b>, with featured guests <b>Alain Duault</b> and an exceptional musical line-up.</p>
		<p><b>3rd December departure:</b> a cruise with the presence of <b>Guy Boyer</b>, editorial director of <i>Connaissance des Arts</i>.</p>

	
<p>See website for an enriched departure on 16th January, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.</p>	

## Enhance your cruise



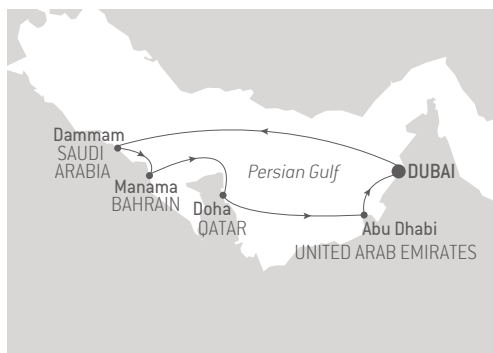
### Mleiha archaeological site and the heart of Sharjah

Learn about the lives of the people of the Sharjah region, particularly in the Palaeolithic and pre-Islamic periods, through the archaeological sites of Mleiha. Then plunge into the heart of Sharjah with a visit to the Heritage Museum, featuring Bedouin art and architecture, before a stroll through the traditional souks, accompanied by a guide.

8h30 - € €

# Desert & cities of the Persian Gulf

Dubai • Dubai | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 2nd January 2025 | from €4,640 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Explore the treasures of Islamic culture, between tradition and modernity

- From Dammam, the possibility of exploring the site of Al Hasa, the largest oasis in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- From Manama, the possibility of visiting Qal'at al-Bahrain, listed as UNESCO World Heritage, the national museum and Al Fateh Grand Mosque
- The visit of the 'fjords of Arabia' – also called the Musandam fjords – between canyons, oases and dune deserts
- An overnight in Doha
- **Among the excursions included\***: visit the Ithra Cultural Centre in Dammam, the Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum or discover the Museum of Islamic Art and the Souq Waqif in Doha.

*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*

# Secrets of the Red Sea

Jeddah • Aqaba / Aqaba • Jeddah | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Dumont-d'Urville*: 30th October, 9th November 2024 and 17th March 2025 | *Le Lapérouse*: 3rd April 2025 | from €6,290 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Brand-new ports of call in Saudi Arabia in Jeddah, Yanbu and on Baridi Island

- UNESCO World Heritage sites: historic Jeddah, ancient Thebes and its necropolis from Safaga, the Masada fortress from Eilat and Wadi Rum from Aqaba
- The possibility of enjoying water-based activities (snorkelling, scuba diving or swimming) in the crystal-clear waters of the Red Sea
- Port of call in Safaga, gateway to Karnak, Luxor and Hatshepsut temples, the Colossi of Memnon and the Valley of the Kings
- **Among the excursions included\***: take your place aboard an off-road vehicle in Safaga for an excursion in the desert to discover a Bedouin camp

*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*

NEW



## The treasures of Jordan

After a dip in the Dead Sea, the archaeological treasures of Jerash reveal the splendour of the Roman era. Then, Petra, the ancient Nabataean city, comes into view, and later Madaba, the holy city famous for its mosaics. Like the film *Lawrence of Arabia*, let the extraordinary beauty of Wadi Rum's landscapes guide you through its stunning colours and shapes, and experience the hospitality of the Bedouin who live there.

4 nights

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# ASIA

# Through the eyes of David Beaune



## *The richest archipelago in the world*

David Beaune is a biologist and ecologist who is fascinated by Indonesia. When he's not studying the region's corals and tropical forests, he's an expedition leader for PONANT. A specialist in this extraordinary country, he has worked for many years in the Coral Triangle and is always happy to share anecdotes about this extremely rich region.



*"This immense archipelago, the largest in the world, has as many islands – the majority of which are accessible only by sea – as it does cultures and landscapes. It is in Indonesia that the Wallace Line is drawn, passing between Lombok and Bali, giving rise to a unique curiosity. In the west of the country, we find Asian fauna, and in the east, Australian and Papuan fauna with rhinoceroses, tigers, elephants and monkeys at sunset, and cockatoos and tree kangaroos at sunrise.*

*This is also where the world's largest monitor lizards live, in the Komodo National Park, one of the jewels of our planet. Setting off in the company of a naturalist guide allows you to grasp the dimension of this biogeographical shock, like a journey between two worlds.*

*On land, the contrast is striking, with heavenly beaches, rocky cliffs, volcanoes, rainforests and alluvial forests... And underwater the wealth is just as fabulous, as Indonesia is part of the biodiverse coral triangle. The reefs seem to be more resilient here than elsewhere.*

*In Indonesia, we also take a step back in history, exploring the spice islands of Maumere and Banda Neira, where plants such as ginger, cloves and nutmeg have been coveted for centuries. As Europeans discovered new sea routes from the 15th century onwards, it was partly because they were looking to reach this infinitely rich archipelago. So you could almost say that Indonesia has encouraged people to explore and discover the world."*





### A sample of Asia

Explore a mosaic of cultures, traditions and lush green landscapes as you sail along some of Asia's most beautiful coastlines.

10 %

That's the proportion of wild elephants in the area around Hambantota, Sri Lanka, compared to the total number of individuals in the rest of the country. The Yala National Park is also teeming with wildlife, offering a unique opportunity to observe sloth bears, mongooses, crocodiles, monkeys, buffalo and leopards.

*Itinerary: Treasures of India, p. 77.*

### The Japanese Mediterranean

Separating the islands of Honshū and Kyūshū, Japan's Seto Inland Sea is dotted with a myriad of islands renowned for their gentle way of life. It is Japan's oldest maritime route and has been the scene of numerous battles that have shaped its legend.

*Itinerary: Expedition in the Seto Inland Sea, p. 74.*

### A Vietnamese mosaic

Fishing boats moored in the harbour, the towers of the Cham temple of Po Nagar, on a sacred Hindu site, the Long Son pagoda and the Dam market... When you're not chilling out by the water's edge, you can visit Nha Trang on foot or cycle rickshaw: a wander around it equals an encounter with the very essence of Vietnam.

*Itinerary: Vietnamese shores, p. 78.*



### Pilgrimage to Java

With sides measuring 123 metres and 34.5 metres high, plus 500 statues of the Buddha and 5 kilometres of bas-reliefs telling the story of Buddhism, is Borobudur. Built in the 9th century and classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site, it is one of the greatest Buddhist monuments in the world. The imposing outline of this temple, on the Indonesian island of Java, is set amidst a lush wooded landscape.

*Itineraries: Mythical sites & islands of South-East Asia, p. 79; Cities & volcanoes of Indonesia, p. 80.*



### DID YOU KNOW?

Originating from Korean tradition, the history of *Hagi-yaki* pottery is closely linked to the tea ceremony. Many of the objects made by Hagi's artisans are intended for this purpose. They are sober, unpatterned, and dressed in natural colours that change slightly when they come into contact with tea as they are used.

## Expedition in the Seto Inland Sea



**Kobe • Fukuoka** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Soléal*: 3rd October 2024 | from €4,640 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

The world's first expedition cruise to discover the captivating cities of the Seto Inland Sea • Savour local cuisine based on seafood and sake • Discover the cultural richness of Japan's oldest sea route, dating back to the 7th century • The coastal town of Onimichi, home to iconic temples and shrines including Senkō-ji, Saikoku-ji and Jōdo-ji • Hagi, the birthplace of samurai and Hagi-yaki pottery • The knowledgeable support from naturalist guides throughout the cruise • The incredible diversity of landscapes, with their varied flora and fauna.

#### LIFESTYLE

With the exceptional presence of Chef **Jean-François Piège**, head of the *Grand Restaurant* in Paris.

# Japanese subtropical islands



Fukuoka • Keelung | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Soléal*: 10th October 2024 | from €4,400 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

The islands of Yakushima and Iriomote, nature sanctuaries, UNESCO-listed sites • A unique stopover on the island of Amamioshima, renowned for its immense mangrove swamp • Explore the culture of Okinawa: visit to a traditional village in the Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park, traditional Eisa drumming show • The island of Yakushima, its forests of ancient cedars and its majestic waterfalls • Opportunity to snorkel around the renowned coral reefs of Zamami Island • The knowledgeable support from naturalist guides throughout the cruise • The possibility of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).

WATCH

Immediate embarkation with PONANT to the Land of the Rising Sun.



## Enhance your cruise

### Kyoto and Nara, imperial heritage

Japan's former imperial capitals open their most majestic temples to you after your cruise, from Kobe or Osaka. In Nara, the Tōdai-ji temple is home to Japan's largest Buddha, while Kyoto reveals its many temples, including the Golden Pavilion, Kiyomizu, Kinkaku-ji completely covered in gold leaf, and Ryōan-ji with its garden, a masterpiece of Zen culture.

4 nights



### Tokyo between modernity and tradition

A city looking to the future without abandoning its historical roots, Japan's capital has a diversity of different aspects to offer. The National Museum, the oldest on the entire archipelago; the Asakusa district, where Tokyo's traditional atmosphere still survives today; and the Meiji Jingu Shinto shrine, with its forest of 120,000 trees made up of 365 different species all offer a wealth of astonishing things to discover and explore.

4 nights

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*Coastal India, from Trivandrum to Mumbai, is an unmissable destination for travellers in search of authenticity, discovery and escape. Like masala, the spice mixture that seasons dishes, India is a real and delightful melting pot, and will transport you into a universe of a thousand faces.*

# Treasures of India

Colombo • Mumbai / Mumbai • Colombo | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 2nd and 13th March 2025 | from €5,460 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: in Sri Lanka, the old town of Galle and its fortifications; the churches and convents of Goa; and the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus railway station (formerly known as Victoria Terminus) in Mumbai • From Hambantota, the possibility of exploring Udawalawe Park, where more than 400 wild elephants roam freely • Kerala's lush landscapes during an excursion in the 'backwaters' • Overnight stays in Kochi and Mumbai to discover their distinctive atmosphere • **Among the excursions included\***: visit the Goa Chitra Ethnographic Museum and the Figueiredo Mansion from Goa or explore the marvellous Sigiriya site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, from Trincomalee.

*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*

## Enhance your cruise

### India's Golden Triangle

Let us guide you through India's Golden Triangle beginning in Mumbai, before or after your cruise. Jaipur, the Pink City of Rajasthan, reveals its connections with Mughal architecture, in the former Maharajahs' palaces, the uninterrupted views from Nahargarh Fort and the richness of local traditions. In Agra, the Taj Mahal, a sumptuous UNESCO-listed white marble mausoleum, confirms its reputation as one of the Wonders of the Modern World.

5 nights



### The Backwaters by houseboat

On board a *kettuvallam*, a converted houseboat, you will explore The Backwaters, a unique geological formation consisting of a vast network of lagoons, lakes, rivers and canals lining the Kerala coast and winding inland. You will then visit Alappuzha (also known as Alleppey) and explore Mullakkal Street, renowned for its community, temple and bustling market.

2 days / 1 night - € € € €

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## Vietnamese shores

Ha Long • Singapore | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 8th December 2024 | from €6,920 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

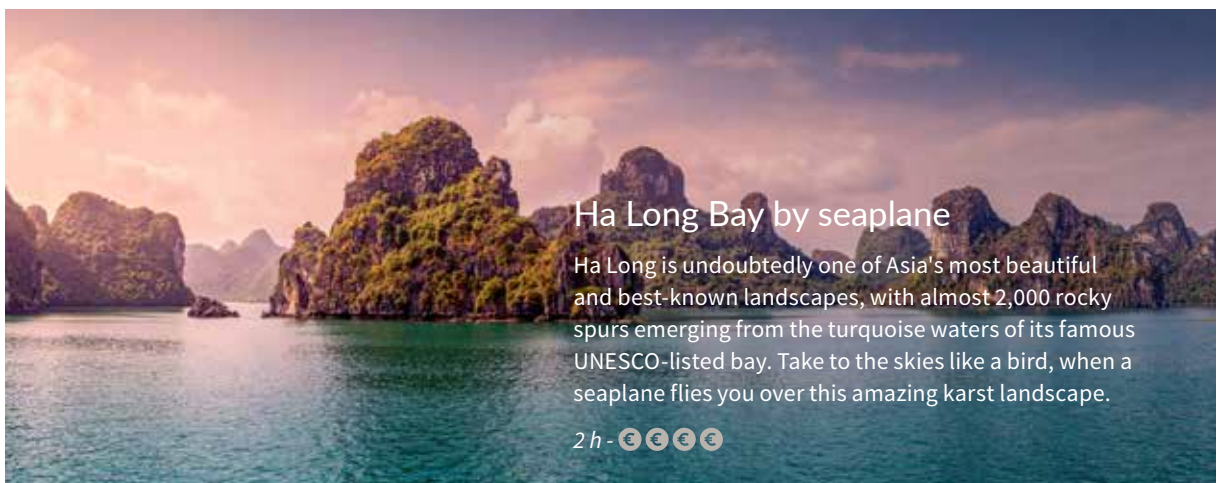
UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the ancient imperial citadel of Huê, Hoi An ancient town, Ha Long Bay along a spectacular sail, the Singapore botanical gardens • In Nha Trang, idyllic beaches and the opportunity to visit ancient Hindu and Buddhist sites • The possibility of visiting My Son (from Da Nang), the former religious centre of Champa • Discover Vietnam's colonial history through the Côn Dao Islands • Overnights in Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh City • **Among the included excursions\***: the history of the Con Dao Islands, the visit of Ho Chi Minh City and ancestral traditions of Nha Trang.

*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*

GEOPOLITIC  
**Tallandier**

In partnership with **Éditions Tallandier** and with the presence of **Sylvie Bermann**, former Ambassador of France to China, the United Kingdom and Russia.

## Enhance your cruise



### Ha Long Bay by seaplane

Ha Long is undoubtedly one of Asia's most beautiful and best-known landscapes, with almost 2,000 rocky spurs emerging from the turquoise waters of its famous UNESCO-listed bay. Take to the skies like a bird, when a seaplane flies you over this amazing karst landscape.

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# Multicultural discoveries from Malaysia to Thailand



**Singapore • Singapore** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 20th December 2024 | from €4,750 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the cities of Penang and Malacca and their rich Asian, Portuguese and Dutch heritage; Singapore Botanic Gardens • The Ko Rok Nok Island: karstic islets, turquoise waters, luxurious flora and extraordinary marine fauna • From Lumut, the possibility of visiting the Cameron Highlands hill station, the Ho Yan Hor Museum (herbal tea), and the mangrove forest reserve in Kuala Sepetang • **Among the included excursions\***: discover the Habitat Penang Hill, Laman Padi when you call at Langkawi Island to see rice plantations and visit a Buddhist temple; the historic city of Malacca.

*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*

NEW

# Mythical sites & islands of South-East Asia

**Bali • Phuket** | 16 days/15 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 10th February 2025 | from €8,650 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the cities of Penang and Malacca and their rich Asian, Portuguese and Dutch heritage; Singapore Botanic Gardens and the Buddhist complex of Borobudur • Paradisiac landscapes of the Koh Rok Nok karstic islets, white-sand beaches, turquoise waters, luxurious flora and extraordinary marine fauna • The multicultural and contrasted island city of Singapore, a mix of futuristic architecture, colonial districts and artistic vitality • **Among the included excursions\***: discover the Hindu temple Prambanan or appreciate the lunar landscape of Mount Bromo.

*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*

NEW



## Balinese cultural heritage

The village of Batuan and its traditional houses can be visited from Benoa, before or after your cruise. Your immersion in the culture of Bali continues at the Gunung Kawi Temple, then on to the amazing views of the Tegalalang rice terraces and the Ubud Monkey Forest. The Balinese lifestyle offers a rich mix of coffee plantations, traditional painting and dance.

3 nights

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## Islands, cities & volcanoes of Indonesia



**Bali • Singapore / Singapore • Bali** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 31st October 2024 /  
*Le Lapérouse*: 28th December 2024 | from €7,180 <sup>(1)</sup>

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### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Borobudur, Ujung Kulon National park, the historic city of Malacca, Singapore Botanic Gardens • Two brand-new ports of call: Ujung Kulon National park and Mentawai Islands • Mount Bromo on the island of Java, an active volcano at the heart of a lunar landscape • Discover one of the richest and most diverse marine and terrestrial ecosystems in the world • Exceptional landscapes including jungle, volcanoes, heavenly islands, forests and rice fields • The knowledgeable support from naturalist guides throughout the cruise.

## Island treasures of Indonesia & East Timor



**Darwin • Bali** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 9th October 2024 | from €7,180 <sup>(1)</sup>

**Bali • Bali** | 16 days/15 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 11th and 26th January 2025 | from €7,700 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

The Komodo National park, home to the famous Komodo dragons, UNESCO World Heritage Site • 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 Kiti-Kiti Waterfall, surrounded by lush vegetation • Two ports of call in East Timor: Dili, the Timorese capital, and Baucau, between Portuguese atmosphere and beautiful sandy beaches • Encounters with the local people to discover their customs and culture • The support from a team of naturalist guides • Occasions for swimming and snorkelling in heavenly locations • Opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).



# Tropical Indonesian odyssey



Cairns • Bali / Bali • Cairns | 16 days/15 nights | *Le Soléal*: 1st November 2024 | *Le Lapérouse*: 9th November 2024 |  
from €7,120 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

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

## Enhance your cruise



### The Great Barrier Reef and its wonders

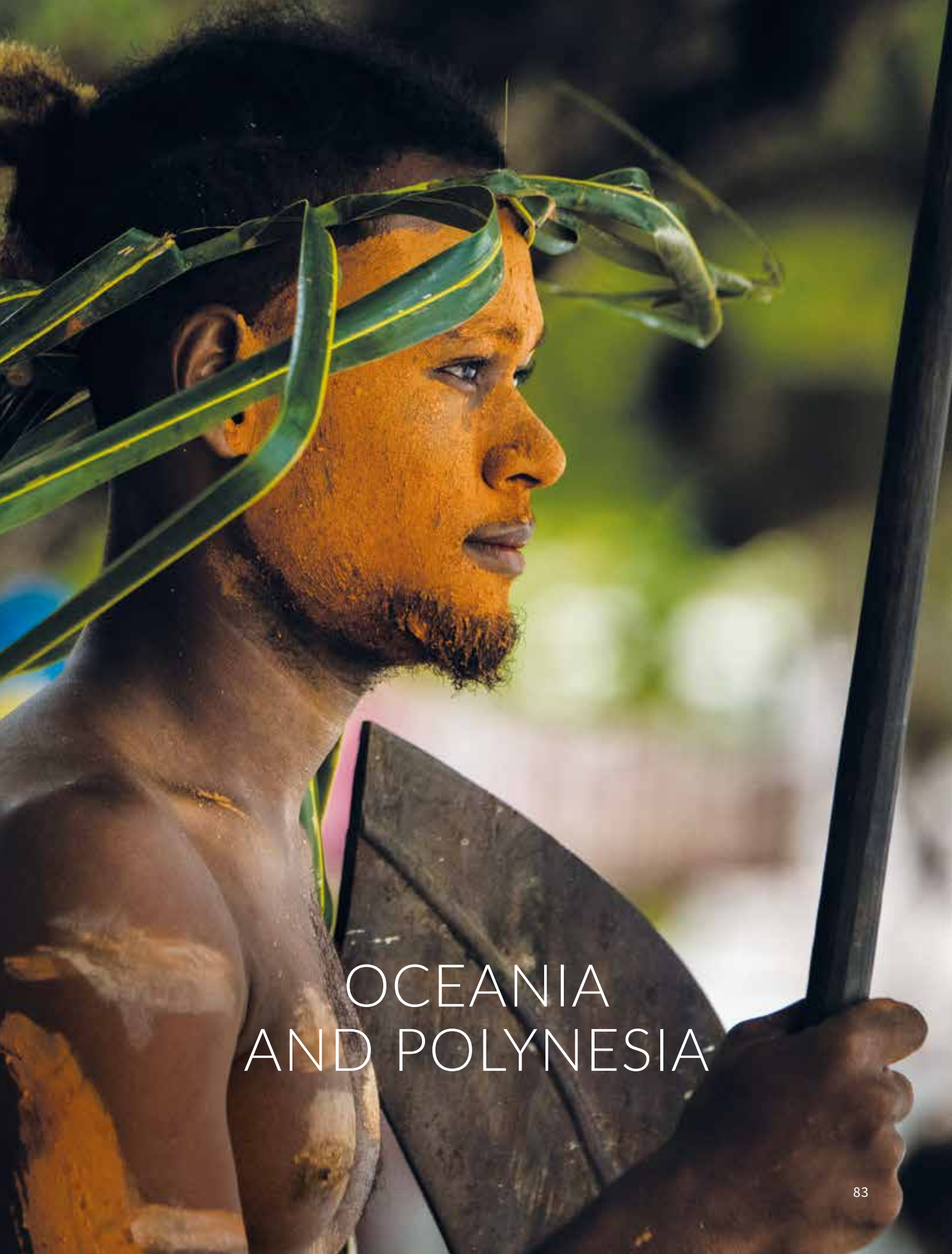
From Cairns, after your cruise, come and experience the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef, the largest coral reef in the world, which stretches for 2,300 kilometres along Australia's east coast. The loveliest corals and the diversity of life beneath the waves can be explored on dives, combined with opportunities for relaxation. The rainforests of the Daintree National Park are also the perfect place to immerse yourself the beauty of nature.

3 nights

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OCEANIA  
AND POLYNESIA

# Pōwhiri or the art of Māori hospitality

*The Māori people successfully preserved their traditions through the centuries.*

*Today, the Māori make up almost 15% of New Zealand's population, mainly concentrated in the North Island, the land of their ancestors. Zoom in on one of their most emblematic rites, representative of an enduring and warm culture.*



It all begins at the *marae*, the sacred space in front of the *whareniui*, the communal wooden meeting house and heart of community life, decorated with carved figures of the village ancestors. This sacred space is where the *pōwhiri*, a highly codified traditional welcoming ceremony, takes place.

Imagine... Before you, a warrior begins dancing a *wero*, twirling his warrior spear or *taiaha*. This is a way to ensure that you come in peace. Once your good intentions have been established, the *karanga*, a song of welcome sung by women, begins. Then, hosts and visitors come together to greet each other, exchanging a simple handshake or a *hongi*, pressing their noses together and touching foreheads: sharing a 'breath of life' as the two souls meet. It is also customary in some

places for visitors to give their hosts a *koha*, a gift for the upkeep of the marae. This is followed by some speeches in Māori, songs and a *haka* – such as the 'ka mate' composed by Te Rauparaha, made famous by the New Zealand All Blacks rugby team. Finally, you gather for a generous feast or *hāngī*: a communal dish prepared using an age-old method of cooking food in a buried pit oven lined with volcanic embers.

Practised by the Māori as their ancestors did 200 years ago, this unchanging ceremony now expresses the resurgence that has been sweeping through the Māori community. A resurgence spurred by a reassertion of their social and spiritual identity characterised by strong values, such as mutual respect, generosity and sharing.



## The Komodo dragon

The largest species of lizard in the world, the Komodo dragon (or Komodo Monitor) is the undisputed master of the national park of the same name in Indonesia.

Locals treat them with the greatest of respect, considering them the reincarnation of their loved ones.

They can reach a size of three metres.

*See itineraries on p. 80-81, as well as From Fiji to Bali, p. 96, and Indonesia's sacred temples and natural sanctuaries, p. 96.*

## ★ Satawal, a unique stopover

Satawal is a coral atoll made up of a single island and forms part of the Caroline Islands, to the north of New Guinea. Its 500 or so inhabitants are famous for having preserved their traditional navigational skills, based on

local astronomical and maritime knowledge.

*Itinerary: Magical encounters in the Solomon Islands & Micronesia, p. 88.*



## WATCH

360° immersion: experience our excursions on board *Le Paul Gauguin* as if you were already there!

*Optional excursions, to be pre-booked before departure.*

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This is the number of new stopovers we're making this season in the Great Australian Bight. Albany, Esperance, Recherche Archipelago, Port Lincoln, the Fleurieu Peninsula: so many opportunities to admire coastlines with ochre-coloured cliffs, to see fur seals or to taste the excellent local wine production.

*Itinerary: Along Australia's South Coast, p. 91.*



## Awaken your sense

Its colourful markets reveal the very essence of Vanuatu culture. Its stalls are brimming with sun-drenched fruit, and its craftsmen are displaying their talent, weaving baskets from plant fibres and sculpting traditional masks with enigmatic faces.

Welcome to Port Vila, the archipelago's capital and a new port of call for 2025.

*Itineraries: From Fiji to Bali, p. 96; An escapade in the heart of Melanesia, p. 97.*

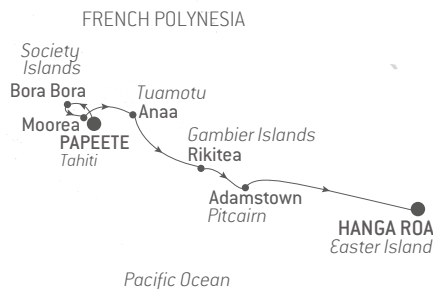


*Nearly 3,700 kilometres from the mainland, Easter Island is world-famous for its moai or 'walking statues', set against the endless ocean and classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A legendary land that we invite you to discover (or rediscover), on our first visit since 2020.*

## Polynesia and Easter Island



**Papeete • Hanga Roa** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Boréal*: 22nd October 2024 | from €6,540 <sup>(1)</sup>



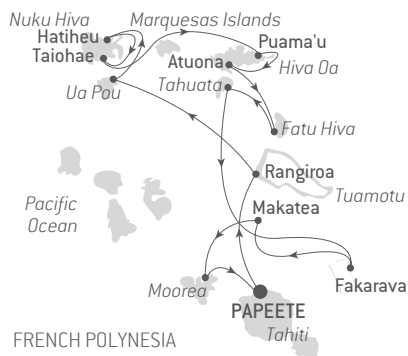
### Highlights:

From Hanga Roa, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ahu Tahai and its enigmatic moai statues • Discovering the Rapa Nui culture on Easter Island and the ties it shares with Polynesia and particularly the Marquesas Islands • Diving into the Polynesian culture through its ancestral arts and crafts, pearl farming and vanilla production • Visiting St Michael's Cathedral, built in Rikitea in the Gambier Islands in 1840 • The knowledgeable support from naturalist guides throughout the cruise.

# Polynesian expedition



**Papeete • Papeete** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Boréal*: 8th October 2024 | from €9,100 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Diving into the Polynesian culture: ancestral arts and crafts, pearl farming, vanilla production... • Visiting several archaeological sites in the Marquesas Islands • The Fakarava biosphere reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • The possibility of visiting the Paul Gauguin museum or the tomb of Jacques Brel on Hiva Oa • Landscapes: vertiginous peaks, cliffs, lush forests, lagoons, wild beaches, deserted coves, underwater caves • The support of a team of naturalist guides • The sporting activities and expeditions led by local naturalist guides • The possibility of hiking or horseback riding • The opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and of snorkelling.

NEW

# From New Caledonia to Micronesia



**Noumea • Guam** | 17 days/16 nights | *Le Soléal*: 15th March 2025 | from €7,310 <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 people: cultural performances, dances, arts and crafts • From Espiritu Santo, the unique performance by the 'water music women' • Region's rich Second World War history, particularly Chuuk (Micronesia), where a number of Japanese wrecks can be found under water • The support of a team of nature guides • The opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and of snorkelling.

### CULTURE



In partnership with **Le Musée du Quai Branly - Jacques Chirac**, with the presence of **Emmanuel Kasarhérou**, Chairman of the museum.

## Enhance your cruise

### Immersion in the Caledonian Bush

Immerse yourself in bush life and get that Far West feeling on the great plains of New Caledonia's hinterland, starting from Noumea. All around, nature reigns supreme, as in the Grandes Fougères Provincial Park, home to 20-metre high ferns, and Roche Percée, an astonishing geological formation. In this ancient land, Kanak culture is revealed at the Tjibaou Cultural Centre designed by Renzo Piano.

4 nights



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.



## Hidden treasures of New Caledonia

Auckland • Cairns | 16 days/15 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 1st February 2025 | from €8,040 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

On Norfolk Island, the possibility of discovering the ruins of the Kingston prison, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Sublime and exceptionally diverse New Zealand landscapes: lagoons, rivers, idyllic beaches, vast wine-growing plains • Discovering the Loyalty Islands: the unspoiled landscapes of Maré and the exceptional marine environment of Lifou • An overnight stay in Noumea • The immersion in the arts and traditions of the Kanak culture • **Among the included excursions\***: discovering Napier, New Zealand's Art Deco city; a visit to a vineyard with wine tasting on Waiheke Island; exploring Lake Rotoiti by kayak.

*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*

## Magical encounters in the Solomon Islands & Micronesia



Honiara • Guam | 14 days/13 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 1st March 2025 | from €7,290 <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 • Region's rich Second World War history, particularly Chuuk (Micronesia), where a number of Japanese wrecks can be found under water • The picturesque and colourful atmosphere in the traditional markets on Ghizo Island • The knowledgeable support from naturalist guides throughout the cruise • Opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and of snorkelling.

**Included in your cruise <sup>(2)</sup>**: single flight Brisbane/Honiara and transfer.



# New Guinea odyssey



**Darwin • Cairns** | 17 days/16 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 1st October 2024 | from €10,310 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Discover Papua New Guinea, the land of a thousand cultures • Visit the remote Tami Islands and meet the local craftspeople • Discover the cultures of the Morobe region and the traditional ceremonies of the Asaro Mudmen of Madang region • Cenderawasih Bay, regularly visited by whale sharks • In Triton Bay, enjoy an unforgettable zodiac cruise through the spectacular rainforest-capped karst islands • From Tufi, journey on an outrigger canoe into the ancient Fiords of Cape Nelson • The support of a team of naturalist guides • Possibility of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).

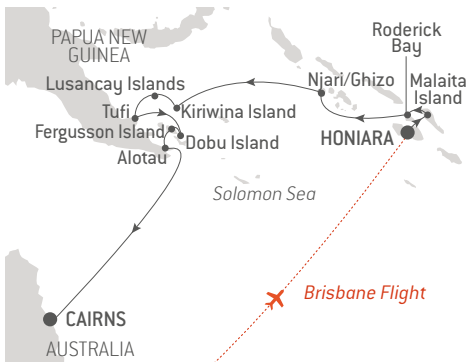
	Activities and lectures by an expert from <b>The Explorers Club</b> .
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# Ancient cultures of Papua New Guinea



**Honiara • Cairns** | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 29th October 2024 | from €7,100 <sup>(1)</sup>

**Cairns • Honiara** | 14 days/13 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 16th February 2025 | from €6,890 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

An immersion into the heart of the cultures and traditions of the peoples of Papua New Guinea • Enjoy a guided walk through the abundant nature of Fergusson Island and see the DeiDei Hot Springs • Swim and snorkel in the clear tropical waters of the Solomon Sea • Snorkel on the wreck of the *World Discoverer* in Roderick Bay • Learn about Papua New Guinea's role during World War II • The knowledgeable support from naturalist guides throughout the cruise • Opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).

**Included in your cruise** <sup>(2)</sup>: depending on the departure, single flight Brisbane/Honiara or Honiara/Brisbane and corresponding transfer.

16th February 2025 departure: an additional stopover on Samarai island.

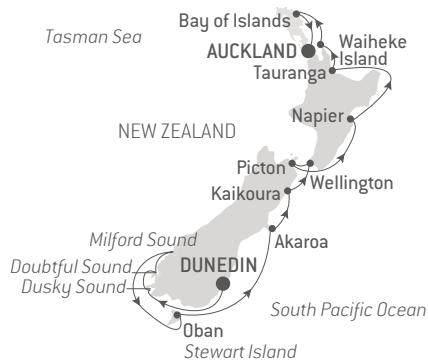




## New Zealand mosaic



**Dunedin • Auckland** | 16 days/15 nights | *Le Soléal*: 31st December 2024 | from €8,760 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Sail in New Zealand's fjords, UNESCO World Heritage Sites • A brand-new port of call: Oban on Stewart Island, an unspoiled place with Scottish influences, ideal for nature and bird lovers • The possibility of hiking and kayaking • Wildlife: gannets, sheep, whales, seals, dolphins, seabirds • Landscapes: rolling vineyards, volcanic formations, monumental geysers, majestic fjords • Meet the Māori people • **Among the included excursions\***: take a whale watching cruise departing from Kaikoura or, from Tauranga, explore the site of Rotorua, home to volcanic and geothermal attractions.

*\*to be pre-booked before departure.*

## Expedition to the heart of New Zealand



**Auckland • Dunedin** | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Soléal*: 15th January 2025 | from €7,080 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Sailing to the heart of New Zealand's fjords, listed as World Heritage by UNESCO • The many treasures of Rotorua from Tauranga: volcanoes, hot springs, geysers, rivers and gorges, lakes ranging in colour from deep blue to orange tinged • Taste some of the products of the rich Gisborne region, renowned in particular for its Chardonnay • Meet the Māori people • The knowledgeable support from naturalist guides throughout the cruise • The presence of a specialist lecturer, chosen for their field of expertise.

# The best of New Zealand

**Auckland • Lyttelton** | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 7th and 16th January 2025 | from €5,660 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

A new cruise in the Marlborough Sounds, an extraordinary network of submerged valleys at the northern end of the South Island • The possibility of hiking and kayaking • Meet the Māori people • Wildlife: gannets, sheep, whales, seals, dolphins, seabirds • Landscapes: rolling vineyards, volcanic formations, monumental geysers • **Among the included excursions\***: take a whale watching cruise in the Banks Peninsula, dive into the traditions of the Māori or explore the extraordinary site of Rotorua, home to volcanic and geothermal attractions.

\*to be pre-booked before departure.

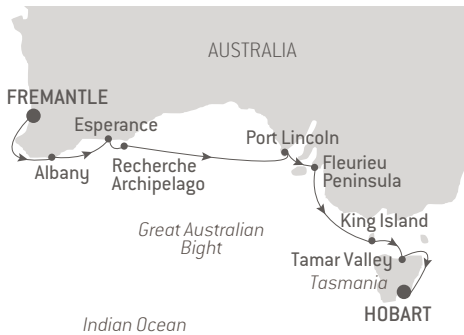


See website for an enriched departure on 7th January 2025, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

# Along Australia's South Coast



**Fremantle • Hobart** | 14 days/13 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 10th December 2024 | from €7,890 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

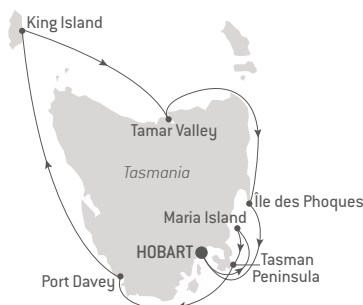
Discover the pristine scenery of Esperance and the Recherche Archipelago, with teeming sea wildlife • Visit the remarkable national ANZAC centre and whaling museum in Albany • Savour the delights of Port Lincoln, the seafood and aquaculture capital of Australia • Experience one of Australia's oldest and most acclaimed wine regions, McLaren Vale • Enjoy King Island's exceptional produce, culture, history, flora and fauna • Sample the gourmet produce and world-renowned fine cool climate wines of the Tamar Valley • Hear tales of convicts, mariners and miners in Northern Tasmania • The support of a team of naturalist guides.

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# Food, wine & yacht race in Tasmania



**Hobart • Hobart** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 23rd December 2024 | from €5,990 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Savour the gourmet produce of King Island, enjoy some of the finest award-winning wines of the Tamar Valley and experience Australia's biggest and longest running Food and Wine festival • Watch live as the contestants reach the finish line of Australia's most popular and most difficult race: the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race • The UNESCO-listed World Heritage Sites of Port Davey, Port Arthur and Maria Island • Wildlife: Australian fur seals, dolphins, short-tailed shearwaters, fairy prions, etc. • View the New Year's Eve fireworks in Constitution Dock • The support of a team of naturalist guides.

# Paul Gauguin

CRUISES

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

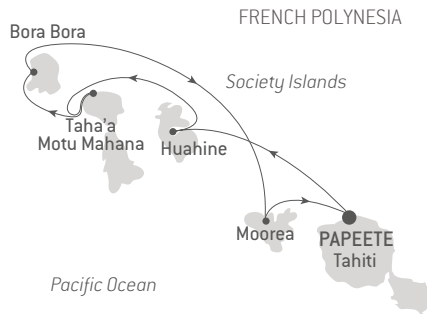


**WATCH** – A taster: a thousand miles from any continent, experience the rhythm of the Polynesian archipelagos.



# Tahiti and the Society Islands

Papeete • Papeete | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 19th October and 23rd November 2024 | from €3,610 <sup>(1)</sup>

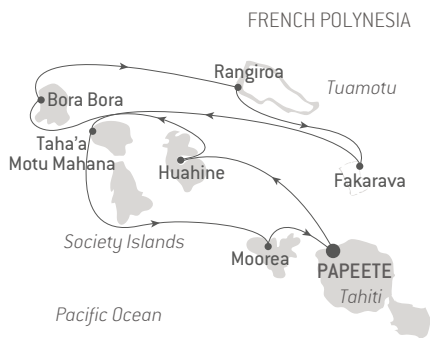


## Highlights:

The island of Huahine, its local 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, which gives you ample time to explore this laid-back destination's dramatic mountain peaks and romantic lagoon • Two days in Moorea to discover its pineapple plantations on the hillside and its belvedere from which you can admire Cook Bay, Ōpūnohu Bay and Rōtūi Bay • Discover Polynesia's traditional way of life and customs • Landscapes: lagoons, idyllic beaches, deserted coves, tropical forests and mountain peaks • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

# Society Islands & the Tuamotus

Papeete • Papeete | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 11th December 2024 | from €4,700 <sup>(1)</sup>

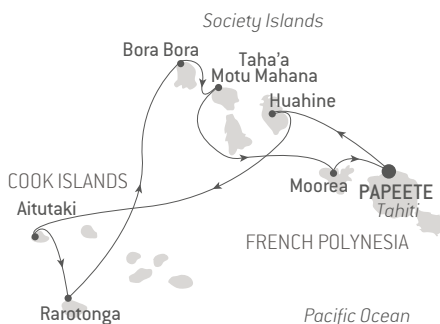


## Highlights:

Enjoy an overnight in Bora Bora, which gives you ample time to explore this laid-back destination's 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 • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

# Cook Islands & Society Islands

Papeete • Papeete | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 30th November 2024 | from €4,960 <sup>(1)</sup>



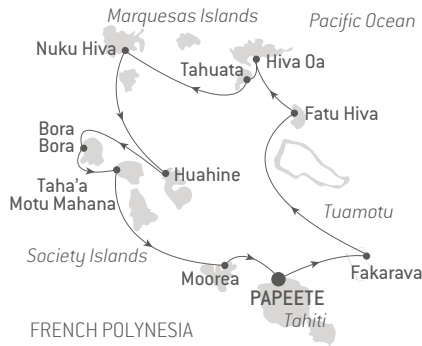
## Highlights:

A call 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, which gives you ample time to explore this laid-back destination's 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, 900-metre Mt Rotui, beautiful bays and perfect lagoon • 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 • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

# Marquesas, the Tuamotus & Society Islands



**Papeete • Papeete** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 21st December 2024 | from €7,180 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

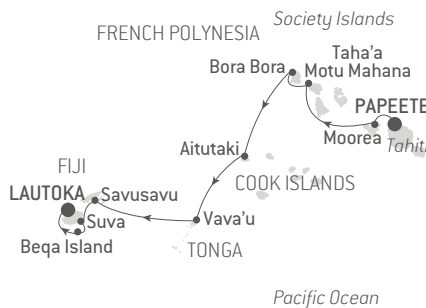
UNESCO World Heritage Site: the biosphere reserve of Fakarava, the world's second-largest lagoon • Hiva Oa, home to the largest stone sculptures in the Marquesas, which are said to be linked to the famous *tiki* of Easter Island • Discover Polynesian culture: ancient crafts in Fatu Hiva, sculpted works in Tahuata, sculpted stone *tiki* and 7,000 petroglyphs in Taiohae (Nuku Hiva) • 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 • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).



# Fiji, Tonga, Cook Islands and Society Islands



**Papeete • Lautoka / Lautoka • Papeete** | 16 days/15 nights - 14 days/13 nights |  
*Le Paul Gauguin*: 26th October and 10th November 2024; 4th January and 1st May 2025 | from €6,450 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Two separate Fijian ports showcase an intriguing juxtaposition: the refined capital city of Suva and the unspoiled beauty of Savusavu, called the 'Hidden Paradise of Fiji' • Crossing the imaginary International Date Line • Experience a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise • Landscapes: superb atolls, transparent waters, turquoise lagoons, white sand beaches, sugar cane and pineapple plantations, rocky peaks and more • Fauna: coral reefs, silvertip sharks, dolphins, sea turtles, common eagle rays, manta rays, ribbon eels, clownfish and more • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

*10th November 2024 departure: the stop in Aitutaki is replaced with a stop in Rarotonga.*



## Enhance your cruise

### A beautiful getaway to the Marquesas

Immersion in paradise begins even before your cruise, with a night in Tahiti, followed by three nights in Hiva Oa, in a intimate lodge facing the Pacific Ocean, and three nights in Nuku Hiva, with breathtaking views over Taiohae Bay. Total relaxation and visits included. All you have to do is let yourself be carried along!

*7 nights - from €4,010<sup>(3)</sup>*



### Tranquil getaway in Moorea or Bora Bora

What if you extended the dream after your cruise? We invite you to spend three idyllic nights in a 5-star hotel in Moorea or Bora Bora. On the menu: on the one hand, a crystal-clear lagoon and relaxation on Temae beach, the longest in Moorea; on the other hand, your feet in the clear water facing the mythical Otemanu, in Bora Bora. The choice will be difficult!

*3 nights - from €1,400 for Moorea  
and € 3,230 for Bora Bora<sup>(3)</sup>*



#### EXPLORE.

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

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Building on its expertise in the South Seas, *Le Paul Gauguin* will explore new horizons in 2025, between Indonesia and Melanesia. Enchanting nature, amazing underwater worlds, traditional ceremonies, spiritual stopovers... A new way to explore the South Pacific is opening up to you.

## From Fiji to Bali



**Lautoka • Bali** | 21 days/20 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 19th January 2025 | from €7,890 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

The UNESCO-listed Komodo National Park, home to the famous monitor lizards • A unique stopover in Port Vila, the capital of Vanuatu, in the heart of an enchanting, unspoilt nature • From Espiritu Santo, the unique performance of the 'water music women' • The Solomon Islands, a secret destination in the South Pacific and a tropical eden • The stops in Papua New Guinea, a fascinating land, home to no fewer than 700 ethnic groups within a highly diverse ecosystem • An overnight stay in Bali, to take your time discovering the 'island of gods' • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

## Indonesia's sacred temples and natural sanctuaries



**Singapore • Darwin** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 1st April 2025 | from €5,230 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Discovering the natural and historic treasures of the Java and Timor seas, featuring monumental temples, idyllic beaches and lush nature • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Komodo National Park, home to the famous eponymous dragons; the Borobudur temple, one of the world's largest, from Semarang • Parai Beach, a wild, unspoilt and tropical eden • Exploring the archaeological site of Trowulan from Surabaya • Dili, the capital city of East Timor, between lush tropical forest, coral reef and unspoilt sand beaches • Overnights in Bali and Darwin • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

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# An escapade in the heart of Melanesia

Darwin • Lautoka | 17 days/16 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 15th April 2025 | from €5,980 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Discovering five countries: Australia, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Fiji • A new port of call in Port Vila, the capital of Vanuatu, in the heart of a magical, unspoilt nature • The Solomon Islands, secret destination in the South Pacific and a real tropical eden • From Espiritu Santo, the unique performance of the 'water music women' • Overnight in Honiara, to take your time enjoying its beautiful landscapes, among waterfalls and verdant hills • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

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## Enhance your cruise



### Overnight in Darwin

From Darwin, before the start of your cruise, let us guide you through Darwin itself to discover the richness of this city with a tropical atmosphere, where 50 different ethnic groups live side by side. Afterwards, you can enjoy some free time in the city centre to do some shopping, unless you prefer to relax at the hotel or on the beach.

*1 night*

### A relaxing break in Fiji

After your cruise, enjoy a little R&R by the pool or on the beach, some relaxation in the spa, or continue your travel adventures with a stroll through Lautoka, with its colourful markets and bustling shops, and soak up the sights, sounds and scents of local life.

*2 nights*



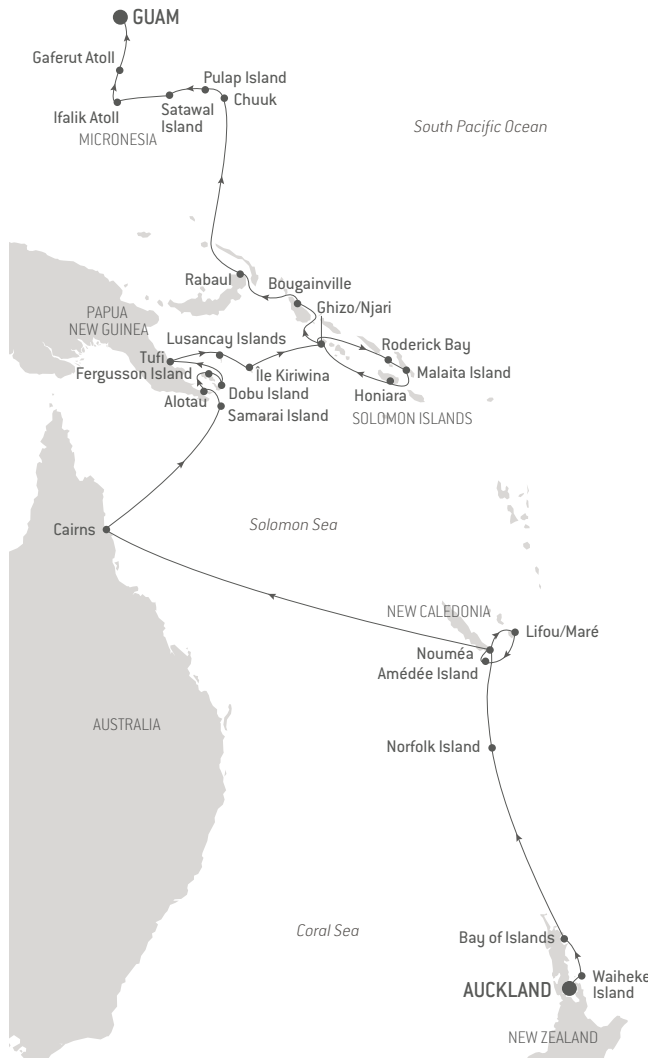
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# GRAND VOYAGES

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 thus explored.

*Find the highlights of these itineraries on the pages corresponding to each cruise, and the specific formalities of each cruise on pp. 122-123.*



## From New Zealand to Micronesia



**Auckland • Guam** | 42 days/41 nights |  
*Le Jacques-Cartier*: 1st February to 14th March 2025 |  
 From €21,586 <sup>(1)</sup>

From island to island, the most beautiful archipelagos of the Pacific reveal their best-kept treasures. The turquoise of the ocean, the wondrous seabed, the rustle of lush vegetation and the remains of ancient civilisations will plunge you into one long daydream...

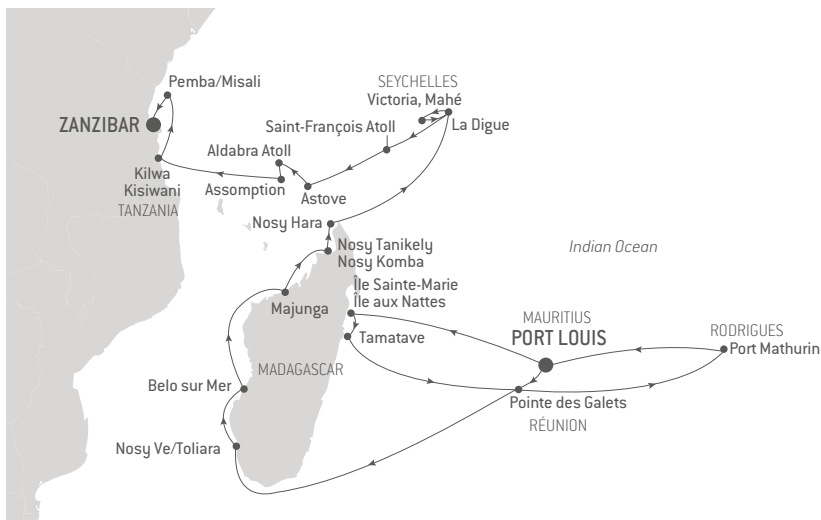
This Grand Voyage is made up of the following cruises:

- **Hidden treasures of New Caledonia**  
1st February 2025 – see page 88.
- **Ancient cultures of Papua New Guinea**  
26th February 2025 – see page 89.
- **Magical encounters in the Solomon Islands & Micronesia**  
1st March 2025 – see page 88.

## From the Mascarene Islands to Zanzibar, the archipelagos of the Indian Ocean



**Port Louis • Zanzibar** | 41 days/40 nights | *Le Dumont-d'Urville*: 22nd December 2024 to 31st January 2025 | From €18,769 <sup>(1)</sup>



Explore the Pitons region on Réunion Island, meet the Vezo people of Madagascar, watch tortoises on the unspoilt atoll of Aldabra... Feel yourself swept away by the euphoria of exploration in the heart of settings that are as exotic as they are rejuvenating.

This Grand Voyage is made up of the following cruises:

- **Madagascar & the Mascarene Islands adventure**  
22nd December 2024 – see page 65.
- **Adventures in Madagascar**  
4th January 2025 – see page 65.
- **Zanzibar, Aldabra & the treasures of the Indian Ocean**  
19th January 2025 – see page 66.



# Odyssey in the heart of the South Pacific

Singapore • Papeete | 44 days/43 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 1st April to 14th May 2025 | From €15,847 <sup>(1)</sup>



Singapore, Java, Bali, the Melanesian archipelagos, the Fiji and Cook Islands, Bora Bora... The most evocative destinations in South-East Asia and the South Pacific open themselves to you for a unique sensory experience, combining well-being and a gentle way of life. It's the perfect way to savour the present moment and the joy of reconnecting with yourself.

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

- **Indonesia's sacred temples and natural sanctuaries**  
1st April 2025 – see page 96.
- **An escapade in the heart of Melanesia**  
15th April 2025 – see page 97.
- **Fiji, Tonga, Cook Islands and Society Islands**  
1st May 2025 – see page 94.



# 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 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 hammam. The library will welcome you for a spot of reading, whilst 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 2024-2025 SEASON:

### **Lisbon • Buenos Aires**

20 days/19 nights

*L'Austral*: 21st October 2024

from €4,250 <sup>(1)</sup>

### **Boston • Fort-de-France**

7 days/6 nights

*Le Champlain*: 29th October 2024

from €1,590 <sup>(1)</sup>

### **Buenos Aires • Dakar**

18 days/17 nights

*Le Lyrial*: 21st March 2025

from €3,870 <sup>(1)</sup>





WELCOME  
ON BOARD



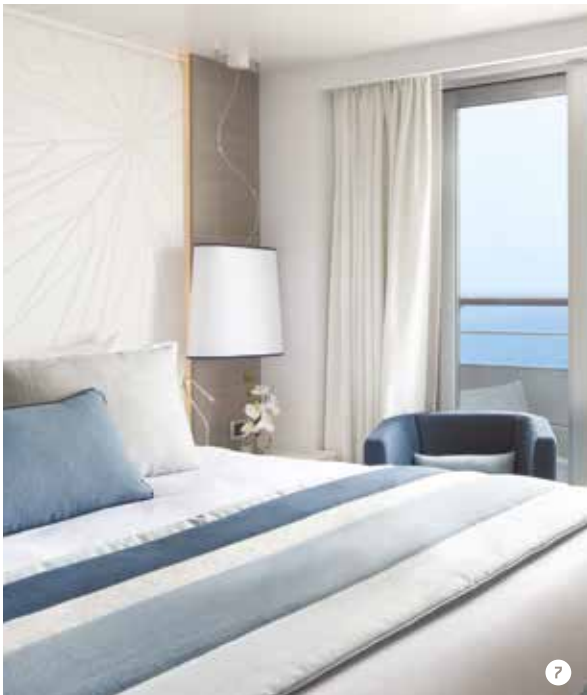
## The Sisterships

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.







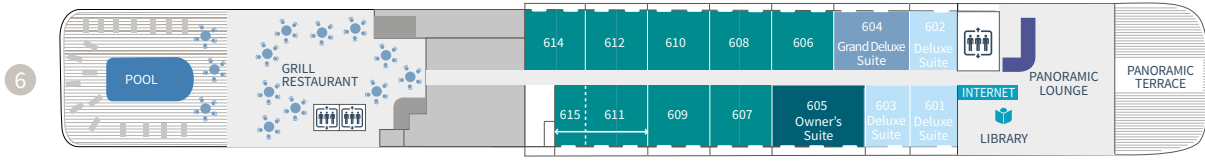
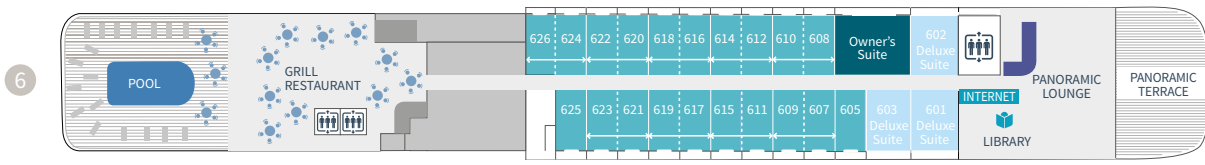
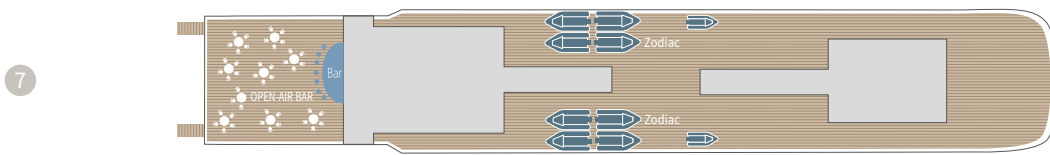
1. Spa, *Le Lyrial*
2. The gastronomic Restaurant, deck 2, *Le Lyrial*
3. The swimming pool on deck 6
4. The Observatory lounge, *Le Boréal*
5. The library

6. *Le Boréal*
7. Prestige Stateroom, *Le Lyrial*
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9. Prestige Stateroom, *L'Austral*

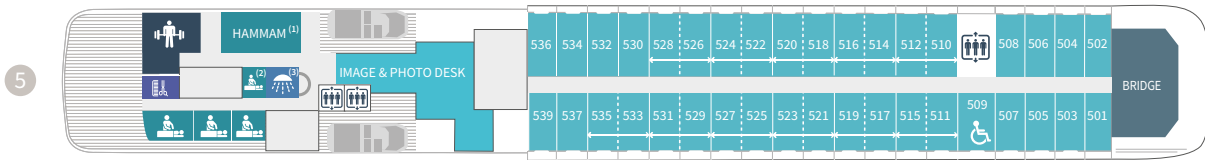
## Amenities

- Exclusive, tailor made services for guests in the Owner Suites, thanks to the assistance of our Concierge service
- 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\*

*\*Depending on the navigation areas, the Wifi may not be accessible for reasons beyond our control.*



Le Lyrial



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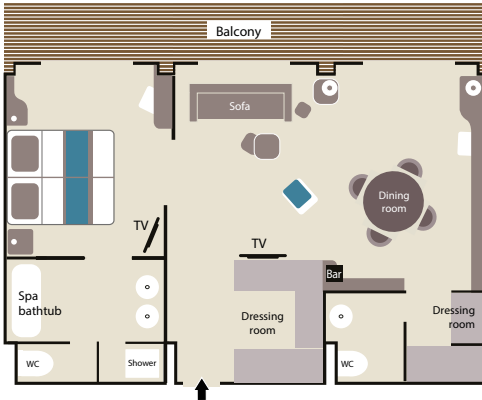
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- █ Owner's Suite  
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- █ Grand Privilege Suite  
Deck 6 (Le Lyrial)
- █ Privilege Suites  
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- ↔ Prestige Suites  
Deck 5 - 6 (except Le Lyrial)
- █ Grand Deluxe Suite  
Deck 6 (Le Lyrial)
- █ Deluxe Suites  
Deck 6
- █ Prestige Staterooms  
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- █ Superior Staterooms  
Deck 3

# Discover your Stateroom

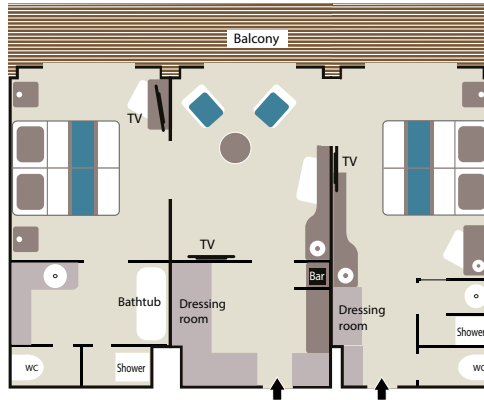
## OWNER'S SUITE aboard *Le Lyrial*

(55 sq.m/581 sq.ft + 12 sq.m/129 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)



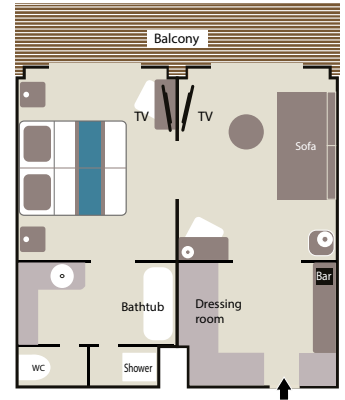
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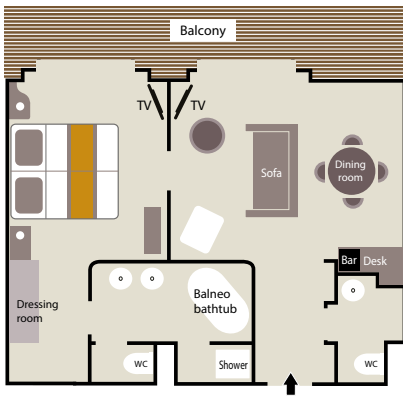
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(37 sq.m/388 sq.ft + 8 sq.m/86 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)



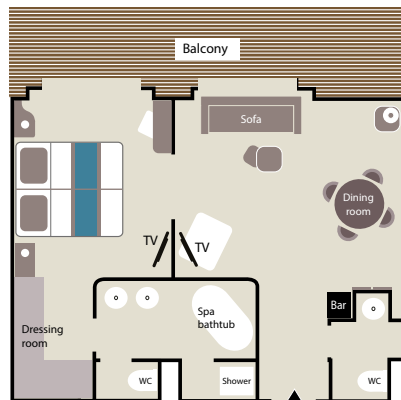
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(45 sq.m/484 sq.ft + 9 sq.m/97 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)



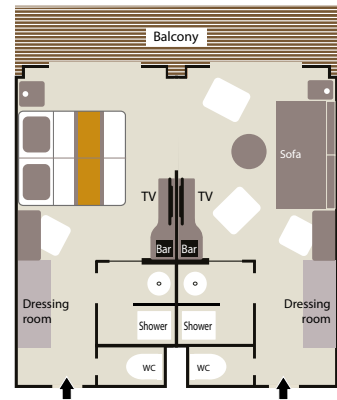
## GRAND DELUXE SUITE aboard *Le Lyrial*

(45 sq.m/484 sq.ft + 10 sq.m/108 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)



## PRESTIGE SUITE

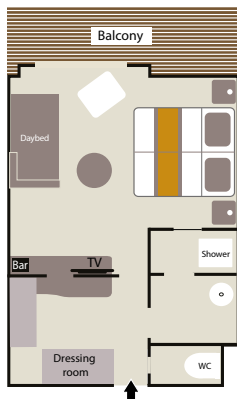
(37 sq.m/398 sq.ft + 8 sq.m/86 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)



Prestige Suites aboard *Le Boréal* & *Le Soléal*:  
1 shower and 1 bathtub.

## DELUXE SUITE

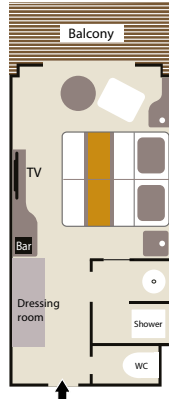
(27 sq.m/290 sq.ft + 6 sq.m/64 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)



Deluxe Suites aboard *Le Boréal*:  
1 shower and 1 bathtub

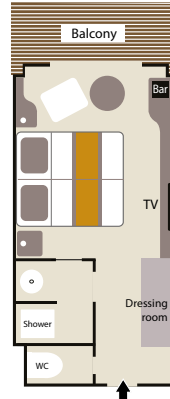
## PRESTIGE STATEROOM

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



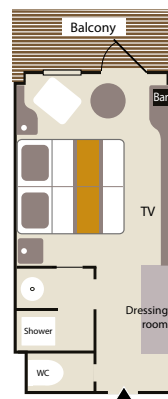
Prestige Staterooms aboard *Le Boréal* & *Le Soléal*,  
decks 5 & 6: 1 shower or bathtub depends on cabins

Deck 5-6



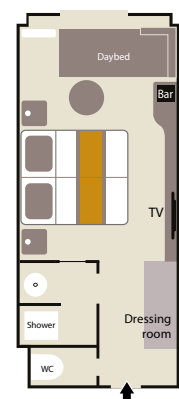
## DELUXE STATEROOM

(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)





## 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

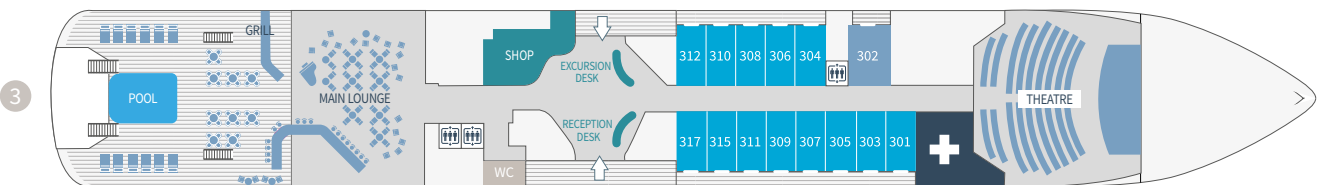
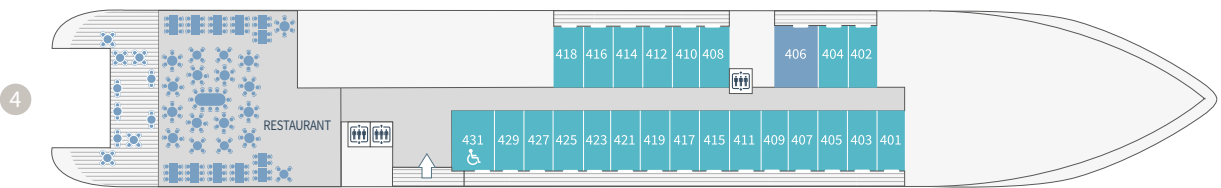
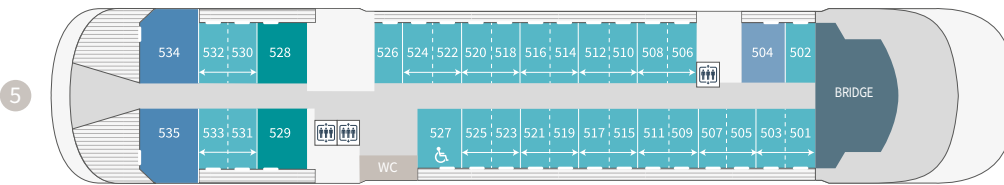
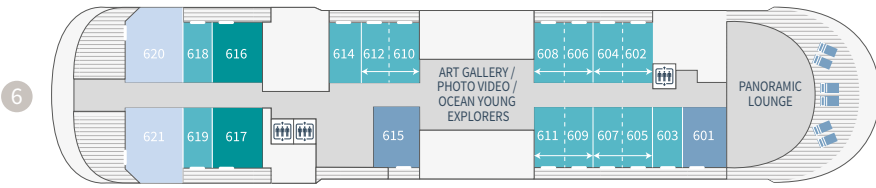
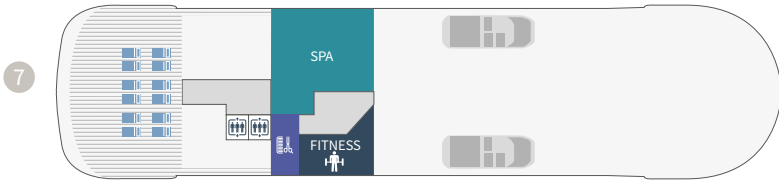
6. *Le Bougainville*
7. The Owner's Suite
8. The Owner's Suite, its private terrace and hot tub
9. Prestige Suite living room, *Le Lapérouse*

## Amenities

- Exclusive, tailor made services for guests in the Owner Suites, thanks to the assistance of our Concierge service
- 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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- Owner's Suites Deck 5
- Grand Deluxe Suites Deck 6
- Deluxe Suites Deck 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
- Deluxe Staterooms Deck 3
- Privilege Suites Deck 5 - 6
- ↔ Prestige Suites Deck 5 - 6
- Prestige Staterooms Deck 4 - 5 - 6

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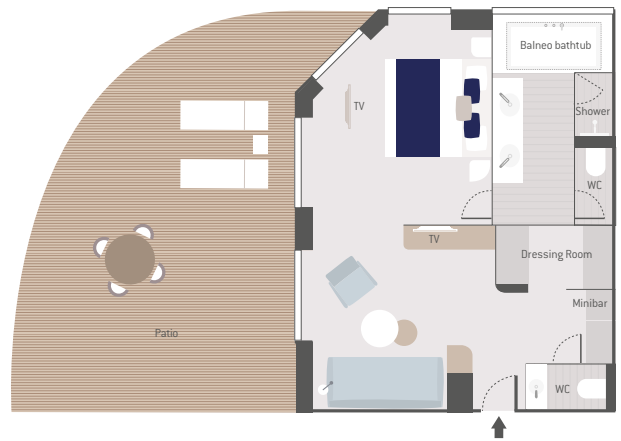
## OWNER'S SUITE

(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)



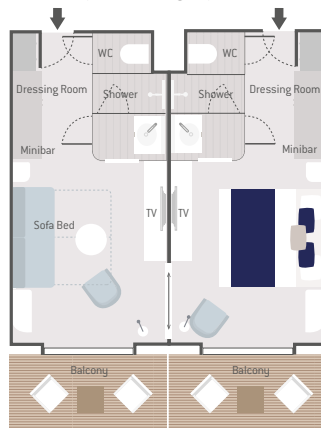
## PRIVILEGE SUITE

(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)



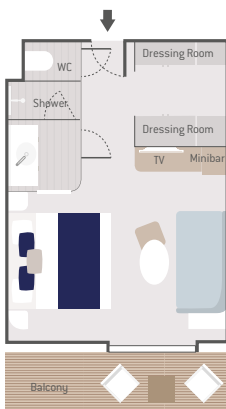
## PRESTIGE STATEROOM

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



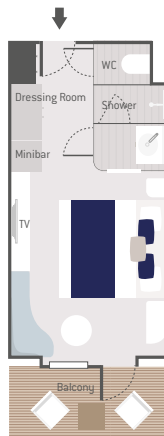
## DELUXE SUITE

(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.







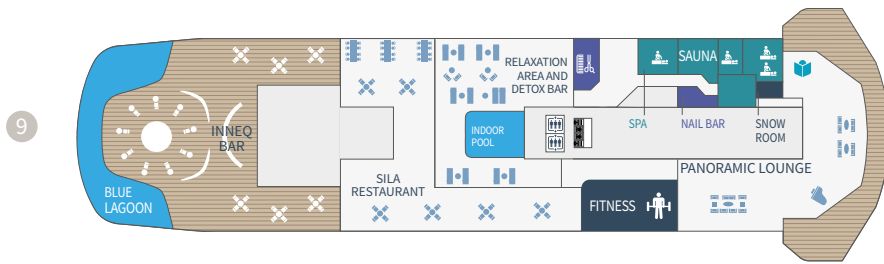
1. The sauna in the wellness area, which also includes the Biological Recherche Spa, hair and nail salon, fitness room, snow cabin
2. The relaxation area, with a heated indoor swimming pool and a detox bar
3. The Panoramic lounge, deck 9
4. Nuna Gastronomic Restaurant, Alain Ducasse's only restaurant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

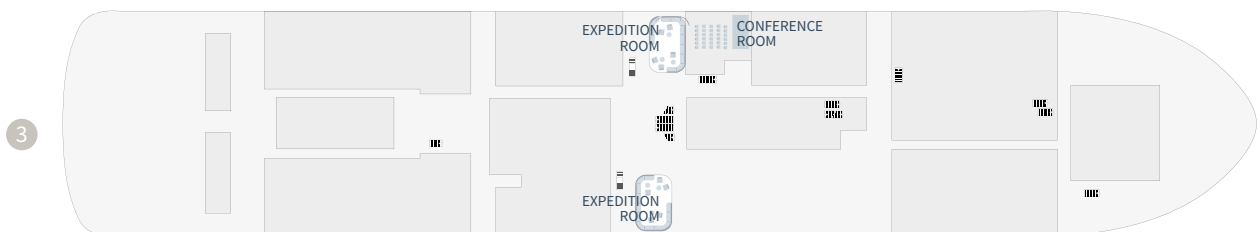
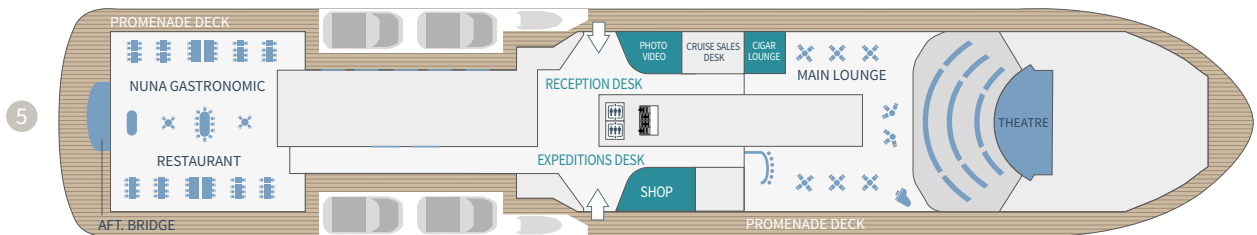
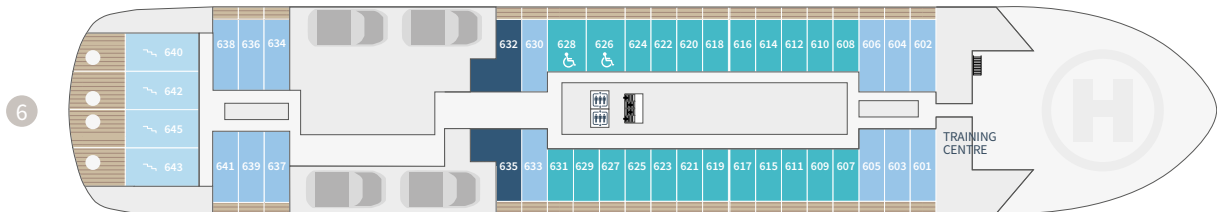
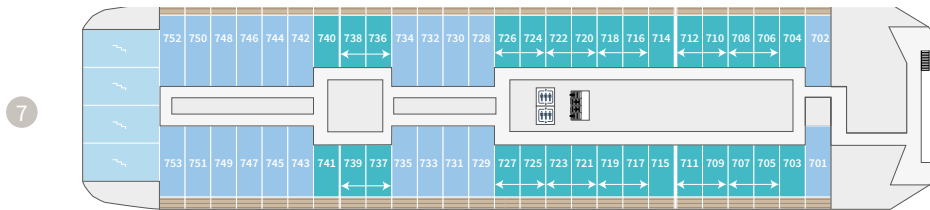
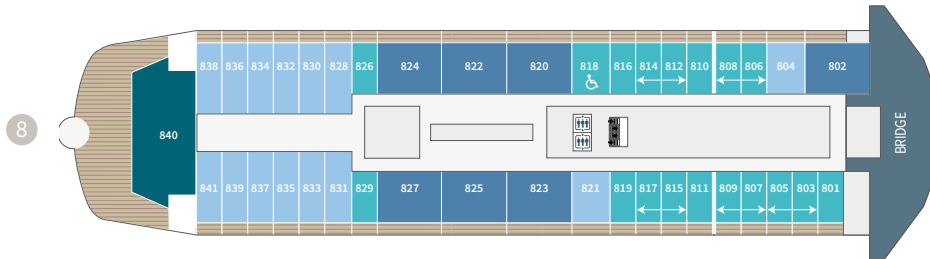
## Amenities

- Exclusive, tailor made services for all guests, thanks to the assistance of our Concierge service
- 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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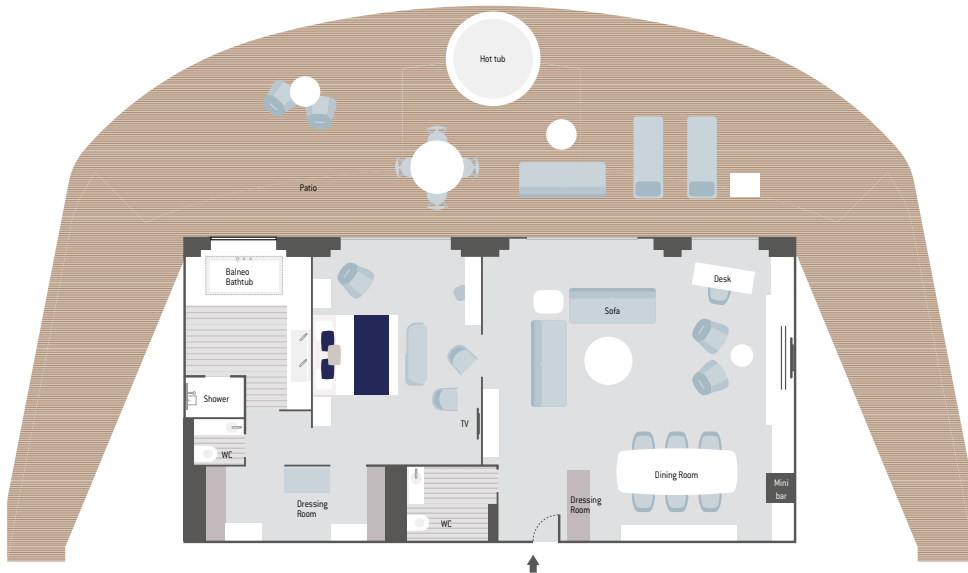


- Owner's Suite
- Duplex Suites
- Privilege Suites Deck 8
- Grand Prestige Suites Deck 6
- Prestige Suites Deck 7 - 8
- Deluxe Suites Deck 6 - 7 - 8
- Prestige Staterooms Deck 6 - 7 - 8

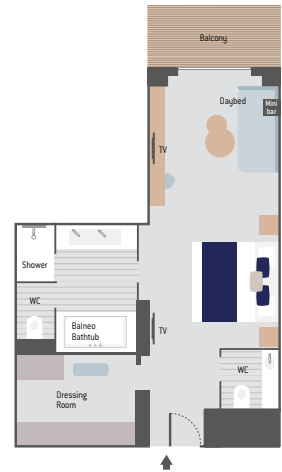


# Discover your Stateroom

**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)



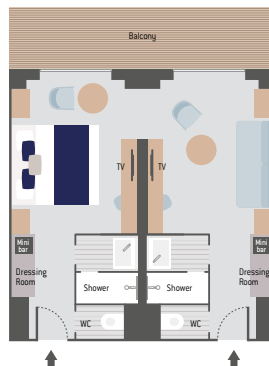
## PRIVILEGE SUITE

(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

(94 sq.m/1,011 sq.ft + 26 sq.m/279 sq.ft private terrace with hot tub • balneo bathtub)



## DELUXE SUITE

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



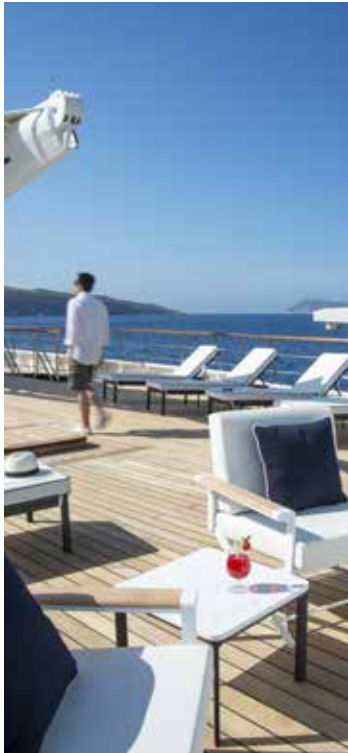
## PRESTIGE STATEROOM

(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  
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35 years ago.

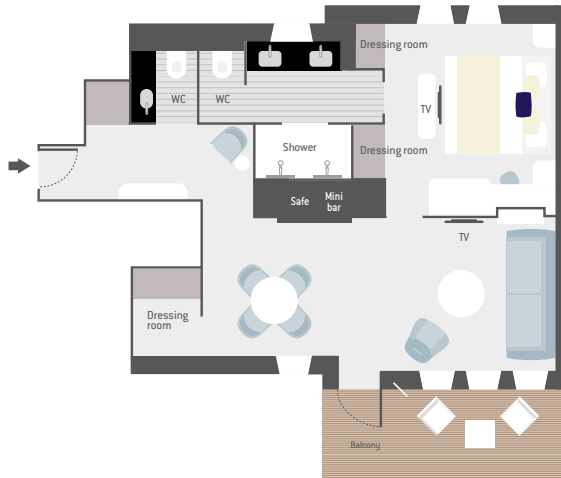
In its new livery, *Le Ponant* reinvents  
the cruise by going with the flow:  
authentic, intimate and hedonistic.  
Whether you're passionate about  
sailing or a fan of *la dolce vita*,  
you will enjoy the pleasure  
of a seamless reconnection with the  
elements, against a backdrop  
of magnificent scenery.



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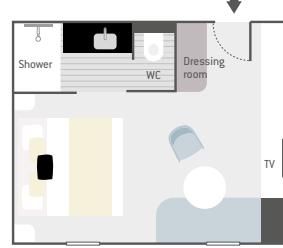
## OWNER'S SUITE

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



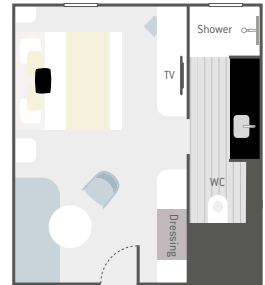
## PRESTIGE MISTRAL SUITE

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



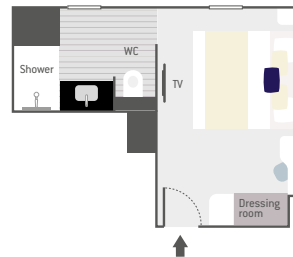
## JUNIOR MISTRAL SUITE

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



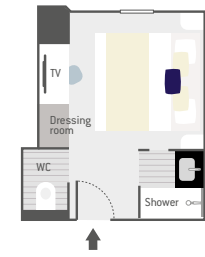
## PRESTIGE MISTRAL STATEROOM

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



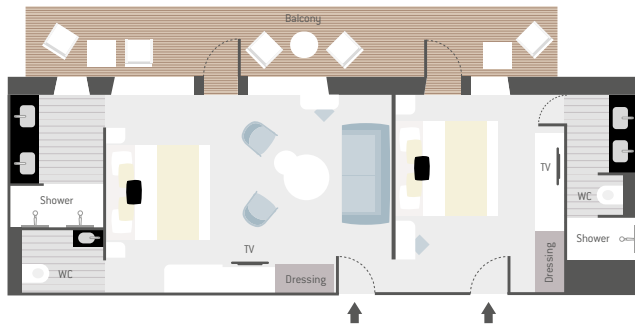
## MISTRAL STATEROOM

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



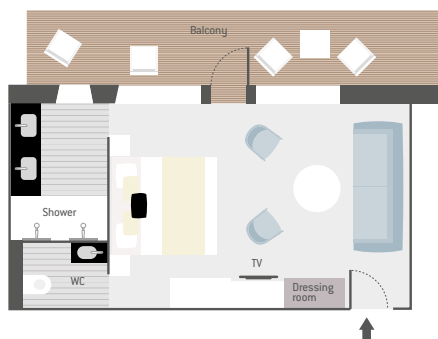
## ALIZES GRAND PRIVILEGE SUITE

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



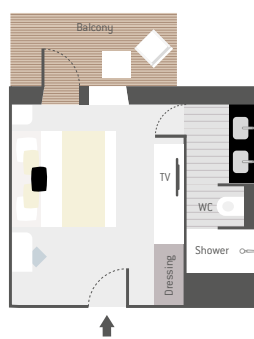
## ALIZES PRIVILEGE SUITE

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



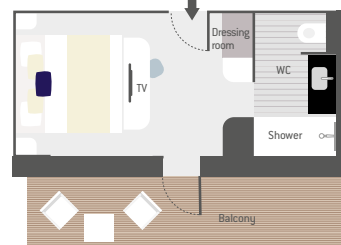
## ALIZES STATEROOM

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



## ALIZES PRESTIGE STATEROOM

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



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on board *Le Ponant*.





## 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 pop art 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!





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

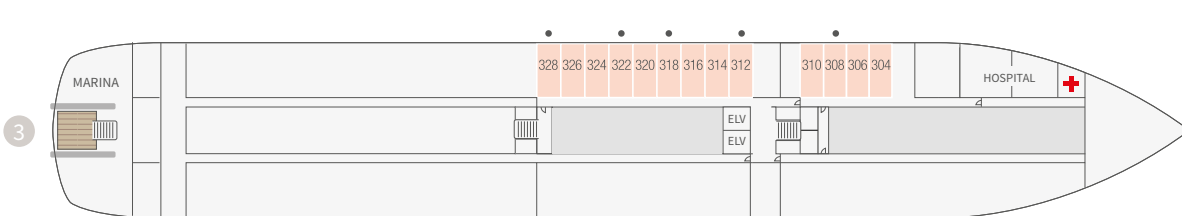
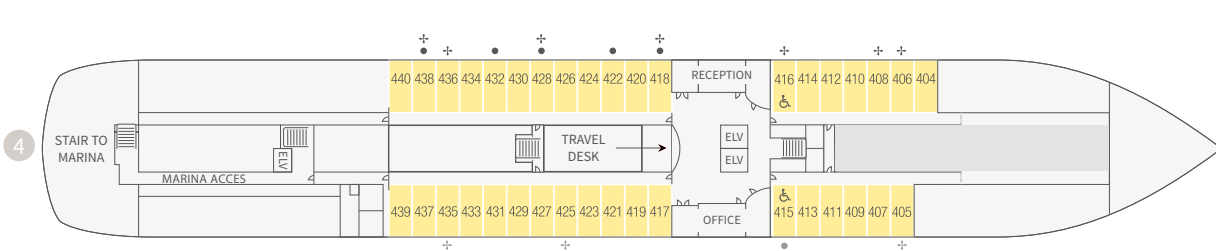
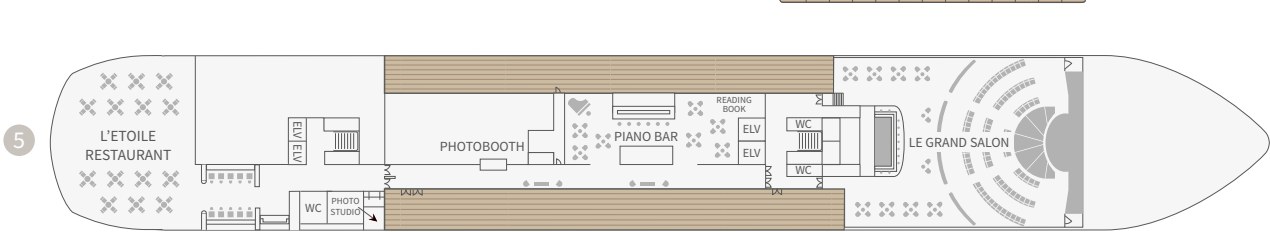
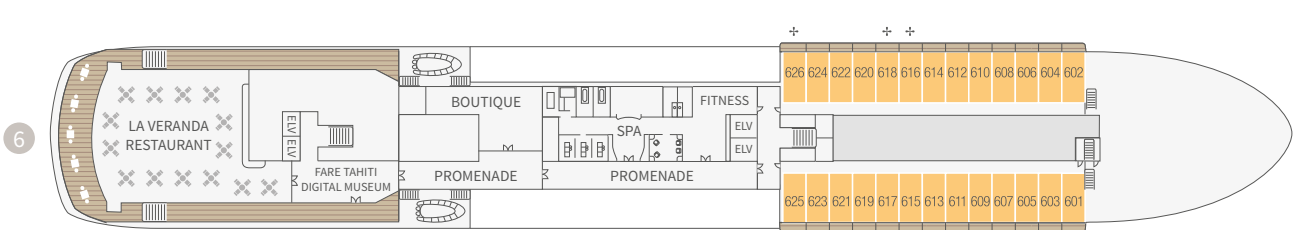
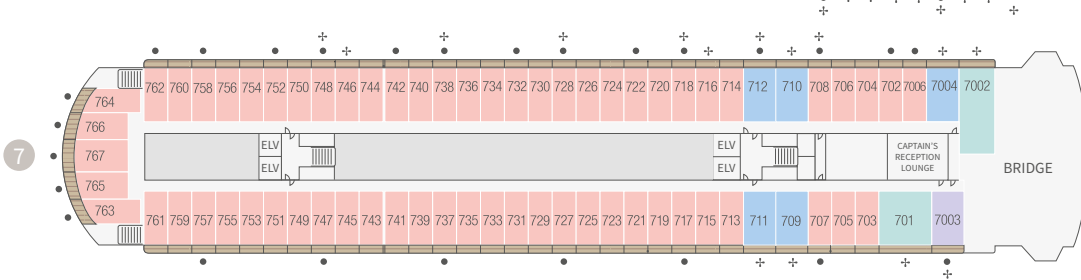
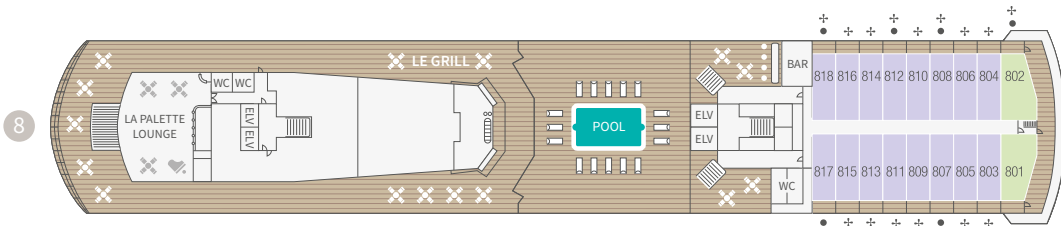
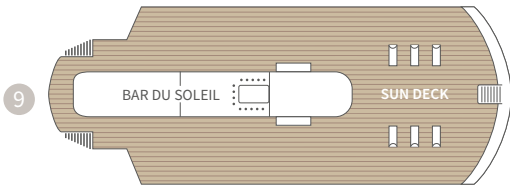
6. Le Paul Gauguin
7. GS Grand Suite
8. The Owner's Suite 701
9. B Veranda stateroom

## Amenities

- Exclusive, tailor made services for guests in the Owner Suites, thanks to the assistance of our Concierge service
- 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)
- Algotherrm 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 Wi-Fi access\*

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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.

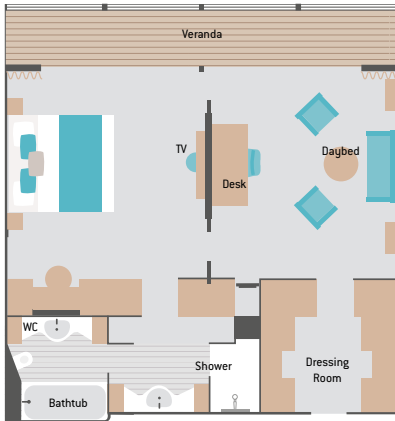
The sofa beds are slightly smaller than the standard twin beds.  
 Suites and staterooms range from 200 to 588 square feet.  
 This measurement includes balconies and verandas in categories D and above.



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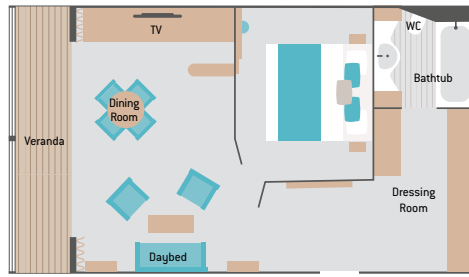
## OWNER'S SUITE 701

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



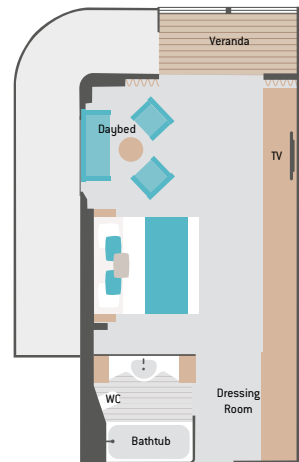
## OWNER'S SUITE 7002

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



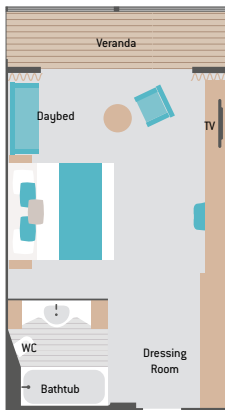
## GS GRAND SUITE

(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).



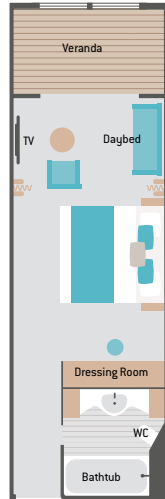
## A VERANDA SUITE

(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).



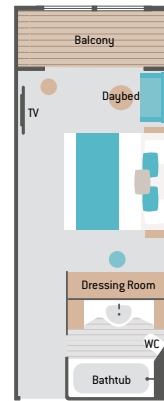
## B VERANDA STATEROOM

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



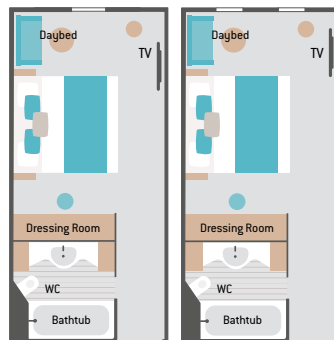
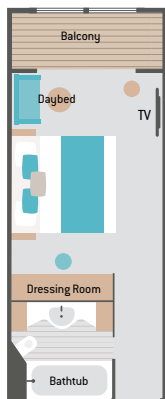
## C BALCONY STATEROOM

(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.



## 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.



## E WINDOW STATEROOM F PORTHOLE 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.

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# 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 this 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

#### LE AUSTRAL

Buenos Aires • Ushuaia 9th November 2024 <sup>(1)</sup> / Ushuaia • Ushuaia 5th and 22nd December 2024, 29th January, and 8th and 19th February 2025 <sup>(1)</sup> / Ushuaia • Buenos Aires 28th February 2025 <sup>(1)</sup>

#### LE BORÉAL

Ushuaia • Buenos Aires 11th March 2025 <sup>(1)</sup> / Ushuaia • Ushuaia 13th and 27th November, 7th and 27th December 2024, 13th and 23th January, 2nd and 12th February, and 1st March 2025 <sup>(1)</sup>

#### LE LYRIAL

Ushuaia • Buenos Aires 3rd March 2025 <sup>(1)</sup> / Ushuaia • Ushuaia 1st and 25th November 2024, 22nd January, and 11th and 21st February 2025 <sup>(1)</sup> / Buenos Aires • Dakar 21st March 2025 <sup>(1) (2)</sup> / Valparaíso • Ushuaia 19th October 2024 <sup>(1) (3)</sup>

#### LE SOLÉAL

Dunedin • Dunedin 3rd and 17th December 2024, 26th January and 16th February 2025 <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 were 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) **Chile:** Australian citizens entering/exiting Chile must apply for an e-visa on <https://tramites.minrel.gov.cl/> (select 'visa application'), issued for a stay of up to 90 days upon payment.

### FAR NORTH

#### LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

Saint Pierre and Miquelon • Quebec 17th January and 10th February 2025 <sup>(1)</sup> / Quebec • Saint Pierre and Miquelon 29th January and 22nd February 2025 <sup>(2)</sup>

(1) **Canada:** travel by sea. The eTA is not required for US, Australian and British citizens. Other nationalities: a visa may be required, please contact Canada consulate website for details: <https://www.canada.ca/en.html>.

(2) **Canada:** entry (or transit) by air. The ETA is required for Australian and British citizens, US citizens are exempt. Other nationalities, please contact Canada consulate website for details: <https://www.canada.ca/en.html>.

### THE ATLANTIC

#### LE LYRIAL

Dakar • Dakar 7th April 2025 <sup>(1) (2)</sup> / Dakar • Lisbon 15th April 2025 <sup>(2) (3) (4)</sup>

(1) **Guinea Bissau:** visa delivered and charged onboard (€85, subject to change). The yellow fever inoculation is mandatory for this cruise, bring along the original certificate. Contact your health professional for medical advice.

(2) Anti-malarial tablets are highly recommended (see your doctor).

(3) Yellow Fever vaccination is strongly recommended.

(4) **Cabo Verde:** citizens of the European Union and

United Kingdom must complete a mandatory but free of charge pre-registration form by following the instructions detailed on [www.ease.gov.cv](http://www.ease.gov.cv). This formality must be completed at least 7 days prior to your cruise. On the same platform you will have to pay the new airport security tax (3,400 Cape Verde Escudos, approximately €31). Guests of other nationalities must proceed with the same formalities, however the pre-registration is not free of charge.

### CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA

#### LE BELLOT

Colón • Puntarenas 3rd, 13th and 23rd February, and 5th March 2025 <sup>(1) (2)</sup> / Colón • Fort-de-France 15th March 2025 <sup>(1) (2)</sup> / Belize City • Colón 27th December 2024 <sup>(1) (2)</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) The yellow fever vaccination is recommended for the eastern areas of the Panama Canal (Darien and Kuna communities).

### INDIAN OCEAN AND PERSIAN GULF

#### LE BOUGAINVILLE

Dubai • Dubai 2nd January 2025 <sup>(3) (5) (6)</sup> / Dubai • Muscat 23rd November 2024 and 16th January 2025 <sup>(3) (4) (5) (6)</sup> / Muscat • Doha 3rd December 2024 <sup>(3) (4) (5) (6)</sup> / Doha • Muscat 13th December 2024 <sup>(3) (4) (5) (6)</sup> / Muscat • Dubai 23rd December 2024 <sup>(3) (4) (5) (6)</sup> / Zanzibar • Mahé 12th February 2025 <sup>(2)</sup> / Mahé • Zanzibar 31st January and 24th February 2025 <sup>(2)</sup>

#### LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE

Jeddah • Aqaba 30th October 2024 and 17th March 2025 <sup>(5) (7) (8)</sup> / Aqaba • Jeddah 9th November 2024 <sup>(5) (7) (8)</sup> / Mahé • Nosy Be 28th November 2024 <sup>(1)</sup> / Nosy Be • Port Louis 8th December 2024 <sup>(1)</sup> / Port Louis • Port Louis 22nd December 2024 <sup>(1) (9)</sup> / Port Louis • Mahé 4th January 2025 <sup>(4) (9)</sup> / Mahé • Zanzibar 19 January and 12th February 2025 <sup>(2)</sup> / Zanzibar • Mahé 31st January et 24th February 2025 <sup>(2)</sup>

#### LE LAPÉROUSE

Jeddah • Aqaba 3rd April 2025 <sup>(5) (7) (8)</sup>

(1) **Madagascar:** visa delivered and charged onboard (€20, subject to change), valid for 14 days. Immunisation against diphtheria-tetanus-polio is recommended. Anti-malaria treatment is highly recommended. Contact your health professional for medical advice.

(2) **Tanzania:** a visa is mandatory and can be obtained online on <https://visa.immigration.go.tz/>. The cost is US\$50 for single entry with 3 months validity. Note that US citizens must apply for a multiple-entry visa at US\$100. The e-visa application takes approximately 10 days. On approval you will receive via e-mail a Visa Grant Notice which you will need to print and show upon arrival in Tanzania to get entry stamp on the passport. We recommend you start the e-visa application 2 months prior to your arrival date. The yellow fever vaccination is mandatory, bring along the original certificate. Contact your health professional for medical advice.

(3) **Qatar:** it is possible to obtain a multiple-entry visa at Doha Airport (the country's only point of entry and exit). This type of visa is issued free of charge for a 90-day period, upon presentation of a return ticket. If Doha is a

port of call mid-cruise, the visa will be issued on board (a fee may apply). Mandatory insurance: you are required to have a valid health insurance policy (for arrivals by air only – restriction lifted for arrivals by sea) which must be purchased online prior to departure, from an insurance provider approved by the Qatar Ministry of Public Health. This requirement also applies to visitors eligible for visa issuance upon arrival at the airport (this includes French nationals).

(4) **Oman:** citizens of the USA, Canada, UK, Australia, Japan, Germany no longer need to get a visa for stays up to 14 days. For other nationalities, an e-visa must be obtained before your cruise (application should be made within the month preceding your departure). You can apply on <https://evisa.rop.gov.om>. The e-visa document is valid for 1 month starting from date of issuance.

(5) **Saudi Arabia:** Saudi Arabia grants tourist visas to French, Belgian and Swiss nationals. It is possible to request a tourist visa on arrival, but we highly recommend applying for an electronic visa prior to travel to guarantee a smooth and fast entry into the country. They are easily available online via this link: <https://visa.visitsaudi.com/>.

(6) **Bahrain:** a visa is required to travel to Bahrain. A 14-day visa can be obtained directly upon arrival at the airport (fee: BHD 5). An e-visa can also be obtained online via this link: <https://www.evisa.gov.bh/>. This visa may be extended by up to 14 days.

(7) **Jordan:** a visa is mandatory (current cost 40 JOD). The visa is included for guests participating in a PONANT pre- or post-cruise programme. In order to secure your visa, please send a copy of your passport to PONANT 30 days prior to your cruise departure.

The validity of those visas are restricted to the duration of PONANT pre- and post-cruise programs. Groups of tourists visiting Jordan for a minimum stay of 2 consecutive nights and arriving through Amman Airport, whose programme has been organised by a Jordanian agency, benefit of a complimentary visa on condition that they are met by the local Jordanian agency at the airport. Rules and regulations regarding visa are subject to change by the government without any prior notice. Guests not participating on PONANT pre- or post-cruise programs will have to pay for the visa at the arrival or departure airport. Double entry visas can be obtained prior to the cruise and have a validity of 3 months.

(8) **Egypt:** visa valid for 30 days, delivered and charged onboard (€25, subject to change).

(9) **Réunion:** some nationalities may require a visa. Please check on <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/>.

### ASIA

#### LE LAPÉROUSE

Colombo • Mumbai 2nd March 2025 <sup>(1) (2)</sup> / Mumbai • Colombo 13th March 2025 <sup>(1) (2)</sup> / Ha Long • Singapore 8th December 2024 <sup>(3)</sup> / Bali • Phuket 10th February 2025 <sup>(4)</sup> / Singapore • Bali 28th December 2024 <sup>(4)</sup> / Bali • Bali 11th and 26th January 2025 <sup>(4) (5)</sup> / Cairns • Bali 9th November 2024 <sup>(4) (6)</sup>

#### LE JACQUES-CARTIER

Darwin • Bali 9th October 2024 <sup>(5) (6)</sup> / Bali • Singapore 31st October 2024 <sup>(4)</sup>

#### LE SOLÉAL

Bali • Cairns 1st November 2024 <sup>(4) (5) (6)</sup>

(1) **India:** a visa is mandatory. You can apply for e-tourist visa (valid for 60 days and double entry) online on <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>.

(2) **Sri Lanka:** an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) must be obtained before your cruise. You can apply online on the following official website: <https://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/>.

(3) **Vietnam:** a visa may be required, you can apply online at <https://vietnamvisa.govt.vn>. Some PONANT pre-cruise programmes require a double-entry visa.

(4) **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.

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

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

Contact your health professional for medical advice, including advice on Malaria prevention and dengue fever.

## OCEANIA AND 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.

### LE BORÉAL

Papeete • Hanga Roa 22nd October 2024 <sup>(1)</sup>

### LE LAPÉROUSE

Darwin • Cairns 1st October 2024 <sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup> <sup>(8)</sup> / Honiara • Cairns 29th October 2024 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>

### LE JACQUES-CARTIER

Lyttelton • Auckland 7th January 2025 / Auckland • Lyttelton 16th January 2025 / Auckland • Cairns 1st February 2025 <sup>(6)</sup> <sup>(7)</sup> / Cairns • Honiara 16th February 2025 <sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup> / Honiara • Guam 1st March 2025 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup> / Fremantle • Hobart 10th December 2024 <sup>(6)</sup> / Hobart • Hobart 23rd December 2024 <sup>(6)</sup>

### LE SOLÉAL

Dunedin • Auckland 31st December 2024 <sup>(7)</sup> / Auckland • Dunedin 15th January 2025 <sup>(7)</sup> / Noumea • Guam 15th March 2025 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>

**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://tahititourisme.uk/en-gb/covid-19/>

(1) **Hanga Roa:** a Single Entry Form for travel to Easter Island must be completed at the airport, indicating that you will be accommodated onboard the ship. This form must be handed over to immigration (in Santiago before boarding the flight for domestic flights, or in Hanga Roa upon flight arrival for international flights).

(2) **Solomon Islands:** visa delivered onboard free of charge.

(3) **Vanuatu:** no visa required.

(4) **Papua New Guinea:** visa delivered onboard free of charge.

(5) **Guam - USA:** depending on your nationality, an ESTA (available on <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta>) or visa may be required. Please contact USA consulate website for details.

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

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Contact your health professional for medical advice, including advice on Malaria prevention and dengue fever.

(7) **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.

(8) **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.

## 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, in order to avoid unpleasant situations.

**Boarding conditions and passenger travel abilities:** 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 here the full list of items prohibited on board: [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.

## 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 boot 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 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 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 to our main diving instructor at the beginning of the cruise.

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 to our main diving instructor at the beginning of the cruise.

Mask and snorkel: 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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