

YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE

THE CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA
THE ANTARCTIC • THE FAR NORTH • EUROPE AND THE ATLANTIC ISLANDS
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WINTER 2026–2027 CRUISES





IT BEGINS WITH AN INVITATION



The journey often begins long before you set off. It is born in the mind and then shared like an invitation. It may come from a childhood dream. Like the one nurtured for 40 years by José Sarica, Director of the Expedition Experience at PONANT EXPLORATIONS: to observe grey whales at close quarters. His scouting in Baja California, Mexico, convinced him that this dream was possible... And above all, that we could invite our guests to experience it in a totally exclusive and unique way.

The slogan on the cover of this brochure, *Your journey begins here*, is also an invitation to look ahead to other new itineraries, on the shores of Brazil and in Polynesia. This season, we're offering a completely new approach to these endlessly beautiful islands aboard *Le Jacques Cartier*. Whether in the Seychelles or the Mediterranean, our Yachting range offers personalised, tailor-made experiences.

You'll also find our iconic loops in Antarctica, the Caribbean, the Atlantic archipelagos and Asia, and the return of *Le Commandant Charcot* to the Far North, notably on the icy St Lawrence. The expedition has been programmed again following the success of the first season.

There's plenty to discover on board too, thanks to the presence of a host of partners. Among them, Radio Classique, the Festival Marseille Jazz des Cinq Continents and Relais & Châteaux are once again graciously placing their trust in us. Also new this year is an exclusive collaboration with the *Club des Chefs des Chefs*.

These are our journeys of exploration, which carry within them the power to expand and transform.

Benoît-Étienne Domenget
CEO of PONANT EXPLORATIONS

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Explore the world with PONANT



GET A REAL FEEL

Experience our destinations as if you were already there!
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HIGHLIGHTS

- New ports of call
- UNESCO Sites
- Dogsledding
- Sea kayak
- Hiking
- Diving
- Northern Lights
- Emblematic fauna in polar regions
- Emblematic fauna in tropical regions
- Communities in polar and tropical regions



10 REASONS

to sail with

PONANT EXPLORATIONS

1. The art of TRAVELLING

Each season, we aim to offer you original experiences by designing **travel with a purpose** set around major themes.

For the winter 2026–2027 season, Culture, the Art of Living, the issues of Society and Planet, and the Alliances will be the topics addressed on board through our **renowned partners**, represented by artists, historians, researchers, journalists and photographers.

On some cruises, you can enjoy the sounds of **Radio Classique** who will arrange the music under the artistic direction of Alain Duault and with the participation of exceptional musicians, while on others you will be accompanied by wonderful Michelin-starred chefs, invited by our partner **Relais & Châteaux**, or even ***Le Club des Chefs des Chefs***, bringing together the official chefs of world leaders.

2. The art of LIVING

On board, enjoy the **comfort and refined design** of the common areas conceived by internationally renowned architects, Studio Jean-Philippe Nuel and Wilmotte & Associés.

From hotel and restaurant managers to serving staff of all levels, not forgetting reception hosts, cabin attendants and butlers, the whole crew is ready and willing to lavish the **care and attention** required to ensure your peace of mind.

Spas work hand-in-hand with renowned brands (Clarins, Biologique Recherche, Sothys, Algotherm), and **warm and friendly** restaurants and bars await you.

The theatre is also ideal for film screenings, conferences and shows.

3. A REFINED cuisine

Delight your palate with a **refined cuisine**, developed in collaboration with Ducasse Conseil. On the menu you will find generous breakfasts, *à la carte* dishes and diverse buffets, home-made pastries, bread prepared on board, along with a range of gourmet afternoon teas and luxury products.

Our offer is evolving on *Le Commandant Charcot* thanks to the *Nuna*, **Alain Ducasse's only gastronomic restaurant at sea**, with a menu created by the Michelin-starred chef.





4. A MODERN fleet

As one of the few cruise companies to sail under the French flag, one of the safest in the world, we adhere to strict specifications regarding the training of our crews and compliance with health and safety protocols, and regular checks on our vessels.

Our modestly sized ships have just 4 to 165 staterooms and are equipped with the most advanced technologies.

5. High-level EXPERTISE

Our experts have been exploring the world in search of natural and cultural wonders for more than 35 years. Each trip is designed as part of a collection – **Timeless**, **Discovery** or **Expedition** – each with a distinct, tailor-made approach, so you can experience the destination of your choice in the manner that best fits your desires.

	TIMELESS	DISCOVERY	EXPEDITION
ACTIVITIES	• One excursion per day and per person included. • Optional paying excursions are also available, depending on the port of call, and can be supervised by local guides.	• One excursion per day and per person included. • Optional paying excursions are also available, depending on the port of call, and can be supervised by local guides. • Activities supervised by the team of naturalist guides (depending on the destination) included and organised on board.	• All activities included, supervised and organised by the expedition team on board, made up of naturalist guides. • Optional paying excursions are also available, depending on the cruise.
DISEMBARKATIONS	• Quayside • By launch • Aboard local boats	• Quayside • By launch • Aboard local boats • By zodiac	• By zodiac
EXPERTS ON BOARD	• The team in charge of excursions • One or more speakers	• The team of naturalist guides	• The expedition team of naturalist guides
PARKA AND BOOTS			• Free parka and use of boots (depending on the cruise)
CHILDREN'S ADMISSION	From one year* onwards	For children aged 6 and over*	For children aged 6 and over*

Your excursions

Included or paid excursions: we offer you a selection of our favourites in this brochure.
A price range is given for optional excursions:
[€] = less than €50 | **[€€]** = €50 to €100 | **[€€€]** = €100 to €150 | **[€€€€]** = more than €150

**8 years on board* Le Commandant Charcot.
The programme of all excursions, included or optional, is available 8 months before departure. Reservations are made approximately 3 months before departure. This information does not apply to Paul Gauguin *or the* Spirit of Ponant *catamarans.*



6. Working towards more RESPONSIBLE tourism

By way of our Foundation and our PONANT Blue Horizon and PONANT Science programmes, we are striving to **reduce our environmental footprint** on terrestrial and marine environments (hybrid propulsion, recycling and waste and water treatment, elimination of single-use plastics, etc.).

With laboratories available to science teams on board *Le Commandant Charcot*, we contribute to **international scientific research**. Sustainable development also shapes the knowledge we share with our guests, who are the ambassadors of each region we visit.

7. CONSCIOUS travels

In the Arctic and the Antarctic, we are members of **IAATO and AECO**: associations that bring together different stakeholders in the polar regions to promote more responsible tourism. We have also made commitments at an international level, and are proud to be part of the UN programme to ban single-use plastics.

We have earned numerous **accreditations** as a result of our actions, and our entire fleet has been awarded Cleanship certification by Bureau Veritas.

Check out all our actions on our website.

8. TAILOR-MADE journeys

With our **'à la carte' service**, you can book private excursions, hotel nights or flights with the help of your dedicated advisors or travel agency. For certain hard-to-reach destinations, we offer private flights and land transportation to ensure your safe and serene arrival at the port of embarkation.

Finally, download the **PONANT app**, and let us guide you during the preparation of your trip, then throughout your time on board.

9. A COMPLETE package

Services included on all cruises:

- **Meals**, **snacks** and **drinks** (excluding premium menu)
- 24-hour **room service**
- **Butler** service in some suites
- Unlimited **Wi-Fi** service on board
- **Conferences**, events, shows and other activities
- Access to the **fitness centre** and **steam room** or **sauna**, depending on the ship
- Non-motorised **water activities** (excluding diving) such as kayaking or paddleboarding.

For services specific to the different cruise collections, please refer to the information on page 12.





10. PERSONALISED benefits

PONANT BONUS

Book as early as possible to take advantage of the best rates: **up to 30% off**.

SOLO TRAVELLERS

Enjoy the comfort of a double stateroom at no extra cost, thanks to the **'No single supplement'** offer available on many departures.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Benefit from a **5% discount** from the fifth paying person on the same booking being paid by the same person. Discounts are available for children and teenagers sharing a stateroom with one or two adults*.

REFERRAL

Refer your friends and family: both referrers and referred receive a **€500 discount** per stateroom**.

BACK-TO-BACK

Book your different cruises and take advantage of **fantastic offers** on a selection of itineraries: -10% on any back-to-back cruise and increasing discounts on successive cruises.

PONANT YACHT CLUB

From your second cruise with PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP, you become a member of the **PONANT Yacht Club** loyalty programme. Personalised attention, loyalty cruises, exclusive offers and services await you, both on board and ashore.

**Children are welcome aboard the company's ships from the age of 1 year old for Timeless cruises, from 6 years old for Discovery and Expedition cruises and from 8 years old on board* Le Commandant Charcot.
***Offer subject to conditions; more details on our site.*

Itinerary calendar



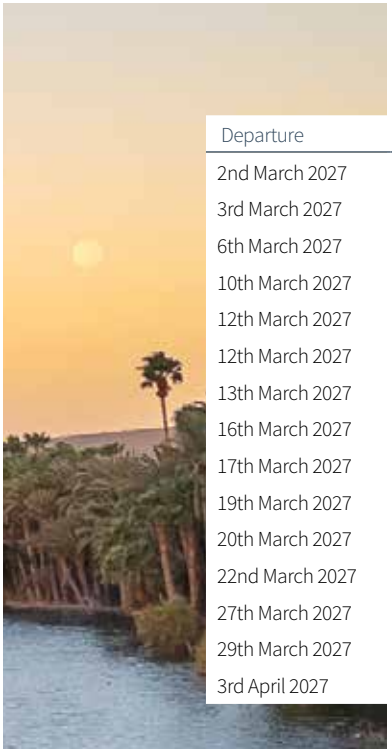
THE ANTARCTIC

Departure	*Ship*	Itinerary	Nights	| COLLECTION |	Page
3rd November 2026	*Le Lyrial*	Valparaíso • Ushuaia	14	| EXPEDITION | PLANET	28
4th November 2026	*L'Austral*	Valparaíso • Ushuaia	14	| EXPEDITION |	28
12th November 2026	*Le Boréal*	Buenos Aires • Ushuaia	18	| EXPEDITION |	27
17th November 2026	*Le Lyrial*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	17	| EXPEDITION |	26
18th November 2026	*L'Austral*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	| EXPEDITION |	26
30th November 2026	*Le Boréal*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	| EXPEDITION |	26
4th December 2026	*Le Lyrial*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	17	| EXPEDITION |	26
10th December 2026	*Le Boréal*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	| EXPEDITION |	26
18th December 2026	*L'Austral*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	| EXPEDITION |	26
20th December 2026	*Le Boréal*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	17	| EXPEDITION |	26
28th December 2026	*L'Austral*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	| EXPEDITION |	26
28th December 2026	*Le Soléal*	Dunedin • Dunedin	14	| EXPEDITION |	29
6th January 2027	*Le Boréal*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	| EXPEDITION |	26
11th January 2027	*Le Soléal*	Dunedin • Dunedin	14	| EXPEDITION |	29
16th January 2027	*Le Boréal*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	| EXPEDITION |	26
25th January 2027	*Le Soléal*	Dunedin • Dunedin	21	| EXPEDITION |	29
26th January 2027	*Le Boréal*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	| EXPEDITION |	26
5th February 2027	*Le Boréal*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	| EXPEDITION |	26
6th February 2027	*L'Austral*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	| EXPEDITION |	26
15th February 2027	*Le Boréal*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	17	| EXPEDITION |	26
16th February 2027	*L'Austral*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	| EXPEDITION | PLANET	26
18th February 2027	*Le Lyrial*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	| EXPEDITION |	26
26th February 2027	*L'Austral*	Ushuaia • Buenos Aires	18	| EXPEDITION |	27
28th February 2027	*Le Lyrial*	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	| EXPEDITION |	26
4th March 2027	*Le Boréal*	Ushuaia • Buenos Aires	18	| EXPEDITION |	27
10th March 2027	*Le Lyrial*	Ushuaia • Buenos Aires	18	| EXPEDITION |	27



THE CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Departure	*Ship*	Itinerary	Nights	| COLLECTION |	Page
12th November 2026	*Le Bellot*	Willemstad • Colón	9	| DISCOVERY |	38
21st November 2026	*Le Bellot*	Colón • Puntarenas	10	| EXPEDITION |	37
1st December 2026	*Le Bellot*	Puntarenas • Puntarenas	7	| DISCOVERY |	36
7th December 2026	*Le Lapérouse*	Fort-de-France • Colón	12	| TIMELESS | CULTURE	38
8th December 2026	*Le Bellot*	Puntarenas • Colón	10	| EXPEDITION |	37
12th December 2026	*Le Ponant*	Pointe-à-Pitre • Marigot	7	| TIMELESS |	40
16th December 2026	*Le Bougainville*	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	7	| TIMELESS | ART OF LIVING	39
18th December 2026	*Le Bellot*	Colón • Puntarenas	10	| EXPEDITION |	37
19th December 2026	*Le Lapérouse*	Colón • Puntarenas	10	| EXPEDITION |	37
19th December 2026	*Le Ponant*	Marigot • Marigot	7	| TIMELESS |	40
23rd December 2026	*Le Bougainville*	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	7	| TIMELESS | CULTURE	39
26th December 2026	*Le Ponant*	Marigot • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	| TIMELESS |	40
28th December 2026	*Le Bellot*	Puntarenas • Puntarenas	7	| DISCOVERY |	36
29th December 2026	*Le Lapérouse*	Puntarenas • Puntarenas	7	| DISCOVERY |	36
30th December 2026	*Le Bougainville*	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	7	| TIMELESS |	39
2nd January 2027	*Le Ponant*	Pointe-à-Pitre • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	| TIMELESS |	40
4th January 2027	*Le Bellot*	Puntarenas • Colón	10	| EXPEDITION |	37
5th January 2027	*Le Lapérouse*	Puntarenas • Colón	10	| EXPEDITION |	37
6th January 2027	*Le Bougainville*	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	7	| TIMELESS |	39
9th January 2027	*Le Ponant*	Pointe-à-Pitre • Marigot	7	| TIMELESS |	40
13th January 2027	*Le Bougainville*	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	7	| TIMELESS |	39
14th January 2027	*Le Bellot*	Colón • Puntarenas	10	| EXPEDITION |	37
15th January 2027	*Le Lapérouse*	Colón • Puntarenas	7	| TIMELESS |	37
16th January 2027	*Le Ponant*	Marigot • Marigot	7	| TIMELESS |	40
20th January 2027	*Le Bougainville*	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	7	| TIMELESS |	39
23rd January 2027	*Le Ponant*	Marigot • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	| TIMELESS |	40
27th January 2027	*Le Bougainville*	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	7	| TIMELESS |	39
30th January 2027	*Le Ponant*	Pointe-à-Pitre • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	| TIMELESS |	40
31st January 2027	*Le Bellot*	Cabo San Lucas • Cabo San Lucas	10	| DISCOVERY |	35
3rd February 2027	*Le Bougainville*	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	7	| TIMELESS |	39
6th February 2027	*Le Ponant*	Pointe-à-Pitre • Marigot	7	| TIMELESS |	40
10th February 2027	*Le Bougainville*	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	7	| TIMELESS |	39
13th February 2027	*Le Ponant*	Marigot • Marigot	7	| TIMELESS |	40
20th February 2027	*Le Bellot*	Cabo San Lucas • Cabo San Lucas	10	| DISCOVERY |	35
20th February 2027	*Le Ponant*	Marigot • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	| TIMELESS |	40
24th February 2027	*Le Bougainville*	Vieux-Fort • Vieux-Fort	7	| TIMELESS |	39
26th February 2027	*Le Lapérouse*	Colón • Puntarenas	7	| TIMELESS |	37
27th February 2027	*Le Ponant*	Pointe-à-Pitre • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	| TIMELESS |	40



THE CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Departure	*Ship*	Itinerary	Nights	| COLLECTION |	Page
2nd March 2027	*Le Bellot*	Cabo San Lucas • Cabo San Lucas	10	| DISCOVERY |	35
3rd March 2027	*Le Bougainville*	Vieux-Fort • Vieux-Fort	7	| TIMELESS |	39
6th March 2027	*Le Ponant*	Pointe-à-Pitre • Marigot	7	| TIMELESS |	40
10th March 2027	*Le Bougainville*	Vieux-Fort • Vieux-Fort	7	| TIMELESS |	39
12th March 2027	*Le Bellot*	Cabo San Lucas • Cabo San Lucas	10	| DISCOVERY |	35
12th March 2027	*Le Lapérouse*	Colón • Fort-de-France	10	| TIMELESS |	38
13th March 2027	*Le Ponant*	Marigot • Marigot	7	| TIMELESS |	40
16th March 2027	*L'Austral*	Buenos Aires • Rio de Janeiro	10	| TIMELESS |	34
17th March 2027	*Le Bougainville*	Vieux-Fort • Vieux-Fort	7	| TIMELESS |	39
19th March 2027	*Le Bellot*	Puntarenas • Colón	10	| EXPEDITION |	37
20th March 2027	*Le Ponant*	Marigot • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	| TIMELESS |	40
22nd March 2027	*Le Lapérouse*	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	12	| TIMELESS |	39
27th March 2027	*Le Ponant*	Pointe-à-Pitre • Pointe-à-Pitre	7	| TIMELESS |	40
29th March 2027	*Le Bellot*	Colón • Fort-de-France	12	| TIMELESS |	38
3rd April 2027	*Le Ponant*	Pointe-à-Pitre • Marigot	7	| TIMELESS |	40



THE FAR NORTH ABOARD *LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT*

Departure	*Ship*	Itinerary	Nights	| COLLECTION |		Page
14th October 2026	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Tromsø • Tromsø	10	| EXPEDITION |		50
24th October 2026	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Tromsø • Narvik	8	| TIMELESS |		51
1st November 2026	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Narvik • Bergen	13	| TIMELESS |		51
14th November 2026	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Bergen • Helsinki	10	| TIMELESS |		53
24th November 2026	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Helsinki • Helsinki	9	| TIMELESS |		53
3rd December 2026	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Helsinki • Helsinki	9	| TIMELESS |	CULTURE	53
12th December 2026	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Helsinki • Helsinki	9	| TIMELESS |		53
22nd December 2026	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Helsinki • Kemi	8	| TIMELESS |		52
30th December 2026	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Kemi • Helsinki	8	| TIMELESS |		52
7th January 2027	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Helsinki • Kemi	8	| TIMELESS |		52
15th January 2027	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Kemi • Helsinki	8	| TIMELESS |	ART OF LIVING	52
23rd January 2027	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Helsinki • Bergen	10	| TIMELESS |	CULTURE	53
13th February 2027	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Montréal • Montréal	14	| EXPEDITION |		49
27th February 2027	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Montréal • Montréal	14	| EXPEDITION |		49
13th March 2027	*Le Commandant Charcot*	Montréal • Nuuk	14	| EXPEDITION |		49



EUROPE AND THE ATLANTIC ISLANDS

Departure	*Ship*	Itinerary	Nights	| COLLECTION |	Page
25th October 2026	*Le Lapérouse*	Las Palmas • Las Palmas	7	| TIMELESS |	61
29th October 2026	*Le Dumont d'Urville*	Valletta • Málaga	9	| TIMELESS | ART OF LIVING	59
1st November 2026	*Le Lapérouse*	Las Palmas • Dakar	10	| TIMELESS |	61
7th November 2026	*Le Dumont d'Urville*	Málaga • Las Palmas	8	| TIMELESS |	60
8th November 2026	*Le Champlain*	Athens • Valletta	8	| TIMELESS |	59
15th November 2026	*Le Dumont d'Urville*	Las Palmas • Dakar	10	| TIMELESS |	61
16th November 2026	*Le Champlain*	Valletta • Málaga	9	| TIMELESS |	59
25th November 2026	*Le Champlain*	Málaga • Las Palmas	8	| TIMELESS |	60
3rd December 2026	*Le Champlain*	Las Palmas • Dakar	10	| TIMELESS |	61
6th January 2027	*Le Champlain*	Dakar • Las Palmas	10	| TIMELESS |	61
16th January 2027	*Le Champlain*	Las Palmas • Casablanca	9	| TIMELESS |	60
21st February 2027	*Le Champlain*	Brest • Tromsø	11	| TIMELESS |	58
15th March 2027	*Le Dumont d'Urville*	Dakar • Las Palmas	10	| TIMELESS |	61



AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN

Departure	*Ship*	Itinerary	Nights	| COLLECTION |	Page
31st October 2026	*Le Ponant*	Mindelo • Mindelo	7	| TIMELESS |	66
7th November 2026	*Le Ponant*	Mindelo • Mindelo	7	| TIMELESS |	66
11th November 2026	*Le Lapérouse*	Dakar • Dakar	8	| EXPEDITION |	67
14th November 2026	*Le Ponant*	Mindelo • Mindelo	7	| TIMELESS |	66
19th November 2026	*Le Lapérouse*	Dakar • Dakar	8	| EXPEDITION |	67
21st November 2026	*Le Ponant*	Mindelo • Mindelo	7	| TIMELESS |	66
7th December 2026	*Le Dumont d'Urville*	Walvis Bay • Durban	10	| TIMELESS |	69
13th December 2026	*Le Champlain*	Dakar • Dakar	8	| EXPEDITION |	67
17th December 2026	*Le Dumont d'Urville*	Durban • Nosy Be	11	| DISCOVERY |	69
21st December 2026	*Le Champlain*	Dakar • Dakar	8	| EXPEDITION |	67
29th December 2026	*Le Champlain*	Dakar • Dakar	8	| EXPEDITION |	67
7th January 2027	*Le Dumont d'Urville*	Victoria, Mahé • Victoria, Mahé	8	| EXPEDITION |	68
15th January 2027	*Le Dumont d'Urville*	Victoria, Mahé • Victoria, Mahé	8	| EXPEDITION |	68
10th February 2027	*Le Dumont d'Urville*	Nosy Be • Durban	11	| DISCOVERY |	69



ASIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Departure	*Ship*	Itinerary	Nights	| COLLECTION |	Page
6th September 2026	*Le Jacques Cartier*	Lautoka • Papeete	14	| TIMELESS |	86
17th September 2026	*Le Soléal*	Darwin • Darwin	11	| EXPEDITION |	79
23rd September 2026	*Paul Gauguin*	Papeete • Papeete	10		90
28th September 2026	*Le Soléal*	Darwin • Cairns	16	| EXPEDITION | PLANET	80
3rd October 2026	*Paul Gauguin*	Papeete • Papeete	7		89
4th October 2026	*Le Jacques Cartier*	Papeete • Papeete	14	| DISCOVERY |	87
14th October 2026	*Paul Gauguin*	Papeete • Papeete	10		90
18th October 2026	*Le Jacques Cartier*	Papeete • Papeete	14	| DISCOVERY |	86
24th October 2026	*Paul Gauguin*	Papeete • Papeete	14		91
24th October 2026	*Le Soléal*	Cairns • Darwin	16	| EXPEDITION |	80
1st November 2026	*Le Jacques Cartier*	Papeete • Papeete	14	| DISCOVERY |	87
7th November 2026	*Paul Gauguin*	Papeete • Papeete	7		89
9th November 2026	*Le Soléal*	Darwin • Bali	14	| DISCOVERY |	78
14th November 2026	*Paul Gauguin*	Papeete • Papeete	7		89
15th November 2026	*Le Jacques Cartier*	Papeete • Papeete	14	| DISCOVERY |	87
21st November 2026	*Paul Gauguin*	Papeete • Papeete	11		90
29th November 2026	*Le Jacques Cartier*	Papeete • Papeete	14	| DISCOVERY |	87
2nd December 2026	*Paul Gauguin*	Papeete • Papeete	10		90
4th December 2026	*Le Soléal*	Bali • Cairns	15	| DISCOVERY |	78
12th December 2026	*Paul Gauguin*	Papeete • Papeete	7		89
13th December 2026	*Le Jacques Cartier*	Papeete • Papeete	14	| DISCOVERY |	86
19th December 2026	*Paul Gauguin*	Papeete • Papeete	14		91
27th December 2026	*Le Jacques Cartier*	Papeete • Papeete	14	| DISCOVERY |	87
2nd January 2027	*Paul Gauguin*	Papeete • Papeete	11		90
10th January 2027	*Le Jacques Cartier*	Papeete • Papeete	14	| DISCOVERY |	87
13th January 2027	*Paul Gauguin*	Papeete • Lautoka	15		92
24th January 2027	*Le Jacques Cartier*	Papeete • Papeete	14	| DISCOVERY |	87
28th January 2027	*Paul Gauguin*	Lautoka • Bali	20		92
7th February 2027	*Le Jacques Cartier*	Papeete • Lautoka	13	| TIMELESS |	86
20th February 2027	*Le Jacques Cartier*	Lautoka • Guam	16	| EXPEDITION |	81
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OCEAN VOYAGES

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THE ANTARCTIC

Marvel at the changing lights and reflections on the ice.

Lucia Sala Simion



The Antarctic Peninsula: baptism of ice

Guide and author Lucia Sala Simion grew up surrounded by the history of the great polar explorations. Today, she shares with guests tales of her own expeditions in the footsteps of legendary adventurers.

"The Antarctic Peninsula, the closest point to South America, is the first gateway to the seventh continent. When the Drake Passage is calm, it can be reached quickly, and travel is quicker than elsewhere, between the Bellingshausen and Weddell Seas. It's an easy trip, ideal for a first discovery of Antarctica. Nature is revealed in all its richness here. Cormorants, emblematic of the region, can be seen at sites such as Paulet Island, while in the Weddell Sea, colonies of Adélie and Gentoo penguins live along the coasts, as do orcas and humpback whales. But beyond the wildlife, the peninsula is also steeped in history. The old British and American bases at Stonington, the hut of explorer Otto Nordenskjöld on Snow Hill and the cairn erected on Booth Island by the members of Jean-Baptiste Charcot's first expedition aboard Le Français *bear witness to the great polar epics. I still have vivid memories of one evening in the Ross Sea, when we guides disembarked to try to reach Shackleton's hut on foot. We had to get round a passage blocked by ice. We walked 6 or 7 km under a low sun, with Mount Erebus in sight: an indescribable sensation.*

On board, I share my passion with the guests, not just in lectures, but also in the field: ice hikes, zodiac trips... If they take anything away from their trip, it would be the purity of the landscapes – the snow, the glaciers, the silence, provided they stay away from the penguin colonies –, not forgetting the wonder of discovering a world apart."



Watch

Fascinating, enigmatic, moving: discover Antarctica with PONANT EXPLORATIONS.

Itineraries *p. 26 to 29*

Rare birds of the Antipodes

To the south of **New Zealand**, the Antarctic and subtropical confluences create ideal conditions for endemic and migratory birdlife, of which there are 126 species, including 40 marine species that live there and 8 that breed only in the Subantarctic islands. These include the sooty shearwater, which constructs its nest underground, the tiny rifleman and its 'cousin', the mōhua or yellowhead, as well as the kererū pigeon and the kiwi – symbol of the country –, the kākā parrot and some rare yellow-eyed or little penguins.

Itinerary: *Expedition to New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands, p. 29*

Whalebone Arch

Capital of the **Falkland Islands**, Port Stanley is home to a curious monument, namely an arch made of **whale jawbones**. This monument stands at the foot of Christ Church Cathedral, the southernmost Anglican church in the world. The blue whale bone dome was erected in 1933 to celebrate British sovereignty over the archipelago. If you are observant, you can find it in the stained glass windows of the nave, which has watched over this South Atlantic port since 1892.

Itinerary: *Journey to the Austral Lands and the Valdés Peninsula, p. 27*

A world hidden beneath the ice

New Zealand researchers have discovered an ecosystem of tiny creatures nestling several hundred metres beneath the Antarctic, off the Ross ice shelf. These amphipods, which look like microscopic shrimps, inhabit an **ice cathedral** at the heart of a vast underground network of more than 400 lakes, caves and rivers that have existed for hundreds of thousands of years and never been explored.

Itinerary: *Scott & Shackleton's Antarctic – Ross Sea expedition, p. 29*

The 'South American Jack London'

The Chilean writer Francisco Coloane has made **Patagonia** his literary hunting ground and his experiences the breeding ground for near documentary accounts. His encounters with seal hunters, gold miners and smugglers fuelled the adventures he recounted, from *Last Moss*, published in 1941, to the novel *Tierra del Fuego*, adapted for the cinema in 2000. Defending the natives was the life-long battle of this *"Passer-by at the end of the world"*.

Itinerary: *The best of Chilean fjords, p. 28*



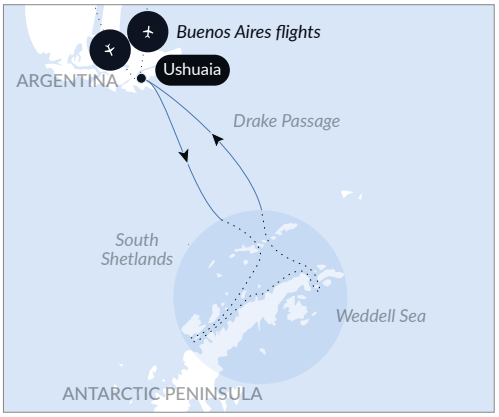
| EXPEDITION |

Emblematic Antarctica

Ushuaia • Ushuaia | 12 days/10 nights on board | *L'Austral:* 18th November, 18th and 28th December 2026; 6th and 16th February 2027 | *Le Boréal:* 30th November and 10th December 2026; 6th, 16th, 26th January and 5th February 2027 | *Le Lyrial*: 18th and 28th February 2027 | from €10,995 [1]

Highlights

Explore the Antarctic Peninsula, in the heart of a sumptuous natural setting, surrounded by ice floes, icebergs, glaciers and snow-covered mountains • Encounter spectacular wildlife: humpback whales, gentoo, Adélie and chinstrap penguins; leopard, crabeater and Weddell seals; and numerous seabirds • Activities: zodiac outings and landings with an experienced team of naturalist guides to discover the history and biodiversity of this region.



Included in your cruise [2]**:** return flights Buenos Aires/Ushuaia, the night in Buenos Aires before embarkation, visits and transfers.

SOCIETY AND PLANET

16th February 2027 departure: workshops and conferences with our renowned Photo Ambassador, **Cindy Miller Hopkins**, as well as photographer **Mike Louagie**, who will help you discover the destination through their expert eye and extensive field experience.

| EXPEDITION |

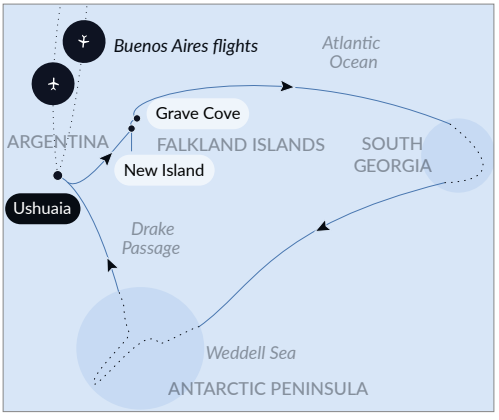
The great Austral loop

Ushuaia • Ushuaia | 19 days/17 nights on board | *Le Lyrial:* 17th November and 4th December 2026 | *Le Boréal*: 20th December 2026 and 15th February 2027 | from €17,135 [1]

Highlights

An exploration of the Southern Ocean, between the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula • Breathtaking landscapes: moors, beaches, suspended glaciers, ice floes, snow-capped mountains, etc. • The opportunity to observe spectacular and varied wildlife: penguins, elephant seals, sea lions, whales, etc. • Activities: zodiac outings and landings with your naturalist guides; opportunity for hiking and sea kayaking, supervised by kayak guides.

Included in your cruise [2]**:** return flights Buenos Aires/Ushuaia, the night in Buenos Aires before embarkation, visits and transfers.



17th November 2026 departure: the stopover at New Island is replaced by a stopover at The Neck, in the Falkland Islands.

Journey to Austral Lands and Valdés Peninsula

Ushuaia • Buenos Aires / Buenos Aires • Ushuaia | 20 days/18 nights on board | *Le Boréal*: 12th November 2026 and 4th March 2027 | *L'Austral*: 26th February 2027 | *Le Lyrial*: 10th March 2027 | from €14,620 [1]

Highlights

An epic journey in the Southern Ocean, between the Valdés Peninsula – a UNESCO World Heritage Site –, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula • The polar landscapes of the Antarctic Peninsula, with suspended glaciers, tabular icebergs, pack ice, etc. • The opportunity to observe spectacular and varied wildlife: albatrosses, penguins, elephant seals, sea lions, etc. • Activities: zodiac outings and landings with an experienced team of naturalist guides to discover the history and incredible biodiversity of these regions.



12th November departure: reverse itinerary.

Included in your cruise [2]**:** the flight Buenos Aires/ Ushuaia, the night in Buenos Aires before embarkation and transfer or the flight Ushuaia/Buenos Aires and transfer.



ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Discovering north-west Argentina

Before your cruise | Buenos Aires • 5 nights [3]

An immersion in a region of spectacular natural wonders with no expense spared! After the UNESCO-listed Quebrada de Humahuaca, an astonishing Andean valley with a long and rich history, there's the salt desert of Salinas Grandes, a mineral jewel of breathtaking beauty, followed by Salta and its magnificent colonial buildings. Exclusive gastronomic experiences and stays in charming hotels and Relais & Châteaux ensure top-level comfort.



Exploring the Valdés Peninsula & San Lorenzo

From Puerto Madryn • 7 h [INCLUDED]

Lions and elephant seals, Magellanic penguins, guanacos and rheas: explore the Valdés Peninsula, a unique sanctuary of biodiversity and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Exclusive animal watching in a classified reserve awaits you on the roads of Patagonia, between ocean and steppe, before enjoying a spit-roasted meat tasting at a traditional Argentine asado in an *estancia* (ranch).

Itineraries, landings, wildlife observation, activities and highlights cannot be guaranteed and are subject to weather and ice conditions and sailing opportunities.





| EXPEDITION |

The best of Chilean fjords

Valparaíso • Ushuaia | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Lyrial:* 3rd November 2026 | *L'Austral:* 4th November 2026 | from €9,685 [1]

Highlights

Immerse yourself in the Chilean fjords, among snow-capped mountains, majestic glaciers, crystal-clear lakes and picturesque villages, with a cruise through the Strait of Magellan • Wildlife: penguins, caracaras, dolphins, whales • Activities: zodiac outings and landings with an experienced team of naturalist guides to discover the history and biodiversity of this region; hiking opportunities.

PLANET

THE EXPLORERS CLUB

3rd November 2026 departure: activities and lectures given by an expert from **The Explorers Club**.



Included in your cruise [2]: the return flight Ushuaia/ Buenos Aires and the transfer the day of disembarkation.



ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Discovering Valparaíso

Before your cruise | Valparaíso • 1 night [3]

After a special welcome and a private panoramic tour of Santiago, it's time for your wine and art experience! Enjoy lunch and a tasting session at the renowned vineyard of Casas del Bosque in the Casablanca Valley, renowned around the world for its wines. The journey continues on to the famous hills of Valparaíso, a Bohemian city of unbridled charm and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On the agenda: vibrant street art and districts dripping in history.

| EXPEDITION |

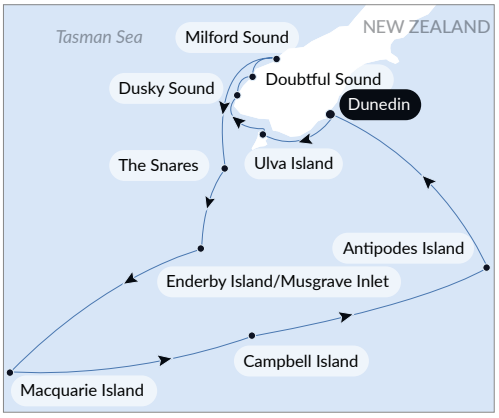
Expedition to New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands

Dunedin • Dunedin | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Soléal*: 28th December 2026 and 11th January 2027 | from €11,340 [1]

Highlights

An exploration of the Fiordlands and Subantarctic islands of New Zealand, with stops at preserved natural sanctuaries: the Snares islands, Ulva and many other wild paradises • Exploration of UNESCO-listed natural sites: Te Wāhipounamu and its majestic Milford Sound and Doubtful Sound, Macquarie Island* • The opportunity to observe exceptional wildlife: gannets, fur seals, sea lions and elephant seals, albatrosses, etc. • Activities: zodiac outings and landings on idyllic deserted beaches with your naturalist guides.

**Stopover subject to authorisation by the Australian authorities.*



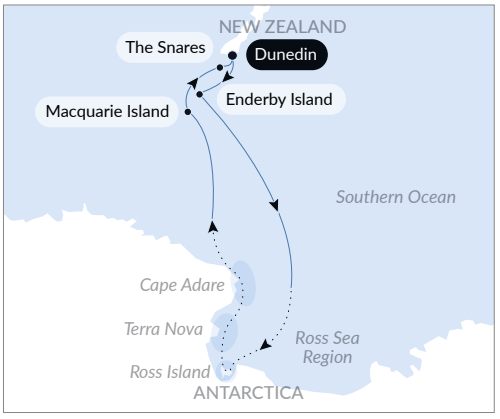
| EXPEDITION |

Scott & Shackleton's Antarctic – Ross Sea expedition

Dunedin • Dunedin | 22 days/21 nights | *Le Soléal*: 25th January 2027 | from €25,990 [1]

Highlights

Explore an extreme and unspoilt region of Antarctica, between the Southern Ocean and the Ross Sea, following in the footsteps of legendary polar explorers Scott and Shackleton, amid frozen landscapes • New Zealand's Subantarctic islands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Exceptional wildlife, with the opportunity to observe fur seals, elephant seals, seals, penguins and more • Activities: zodiac outings and landings with an experienced team of naturalist guides to discover the history and incredible biodiversity of these regions.





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THE CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Let yourself be swept away by forests, sunny canopies and flower-filled shores.

Caroline Sanchez



In the heart of a green paradise

A trained geologist and expedition leader at PONANT EXPLORATIONS, Caroline Sanchez accompanies travellers as they discover the unspoilt biodiversity of Costa Rica, a destination that is more than worth the effort required to access some of its treasures.

"Costa Rica offers an immersion in exuberant, close-up and vibrant nature. We go from beaches of black volcanic sand, formed from rocks thousands of years old born of the formation of the Isthmus of Panama, to immense mangroves over 30 metres high, which can only be explored at certain times due to the tide. Many migratory wading birds winter here. In the bay of Golfito, at dawn, sometimes dozens of dolphins accompany the boat. Guests are overwhelmed by the wildlife. Some cry when they hear their first family of howler monkeys or see their first pair of scarlet macaws flying at sunrise or sunset, or perched in their nests, a rare sight. Capuchins, agoutis, crocodiles, sea turtles, as well as blacktip and nurse sharks can also be seen.

Each day is meticulously organised according to the tides. The climate, which gets very hot even in the morning, means that we have to adapt the pace of our outings to take advantage of the best moments of animal activity: early morning or sunset. Once ashore, we venture into national parks, primary dry forests or to sites accessible only by sea, such as Piedras Blancas National Park, where biodiversity remains intact. On the Caribbean coast, there are also ancient forts dating back to the 16th century, such as those at Portobelo and Fort San Lorenzo, built by the Spanish. These sites served as transit points for the wealth plundered from South America before the construction of the Panama Canal. The latter offers an extraordinary journey, with its basaltic massifs and its inland lake, Gatún... Landscapes shaped by nature as much as by human history."



Watch

From postcard settings to historical treasures, take a new look at the Caribbean with PONANT EXPLORATIONS.

Itineraries *p. 38 to 41*

‘The best-kept secret of the Grenadines’

That is the nickname some have given to Union Island, a volcanic-like island, softened by the trade winds, between Saint Vincent and Grenada. From **Mont Taboi**, the highest point in the archipelago, the panorama is breathtaking with a view of pristine white beaches, deep-green forests hovering over the valleys, plus aquamarine and ultramarine coves. The coral-encrusted reefs are home to a multitude of colourful fish that swim among the bathers.

Itinerary: *Pearls of the Caribbean, p. 39*

The fabulous story of Corcovado

Christ the Redeemer was imagined as early as 1859 by a Lazarist priest. The idea was abandoned, then reconsidered in 1922 in bronze and at the top of the Sugarloaf. Work began in 1926 and this concrete and steatite construction was inaugurated in 1932 at the top of the ‘hunchbacked’ mount (in Portuguese, Corcovado) overlooking the bay of Rio de Janeiro. It is the result of an extraordinary human and artistic journey: Brazilian architect da Silva Costa designed the form, Parisian sculptor Landowski made the model, French engineer Caquot the concrete structure, and Romanian Leonida the monumental head.

Itinerary: *Emblematic South American shores and cities, p. 34*

The real pirates of the Caribbean

Travelling through the Caribbean also allows you to travel back in time in the wake of the **corsairs, filibusters and other buccaneers** who scoured the southern seas between the 16th and 17th centuries. Blackbeard and his lit cannon fuses in his hair, Sir Francis Drake, commissioned by Queen Elizabeth I to plunder Spanish ships, Rackham who would inspire Hergé and the reckless Anne Bonny and Mary Read, are as much part of history as legend.

Itineraries *p. 38 to 41*

The Emberá, sentinels of Panama

Since pre-Columbian times, the Emberá (meaning ‘human beings’ in their language) have lived on the forested plains of the Bayano and in the Darién jungle. Their close connection to nature extends back thousands of years, and is reflected in the ephemeral and sacred art of tattooing. Each motif links the Emberá to the **forest spirits**, in a harmony that is as immutable as it is heroic.

Itineraries*: Central America jewels & Panama Canal* and *Secrets of Central America, p. 37*



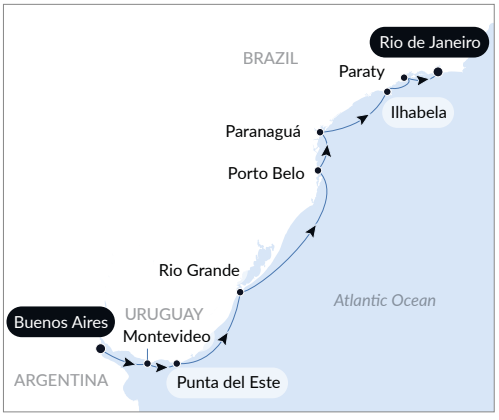
NEW

Emblematic South American shores and cities

Buenos Aires • Rio de Janeiro | 11 days/10 nights | *L'Austral*: 16th March 2027 | from €6,160 [1]

Highlights

New stops in Paranaguá, Rio Grande, Porto Belo, Ilhabela and Punta del Este, the 'Saint-Tropez of South America' • Discover vibrant and iconic cities on the continent, such as Montevideo; a full day in exuberant Rio de Janeiro, and the heritage and natural treasures of Paraty • Numerous excursions included* *(contact your dedicated advisor).*





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Visit the Iguazú Falls

After your cruise | Buenos Aires • 3 nights [3]

Dive into a discovery of the UNESCO-listed Iguazú Falls National Park, and uncover the riches of the Brazilian and Argentinian sides, including the subtropical forest and its astonishingly diverse flora and fauna. The ultimate privilege is that your hotel, Das Cataratas, sits perfectly in the heart of the park, offering you a unique and intimate experience. An overnight stay in Rio de Janeiro will round off your trip with a touch of Brazilian effervescence.



| DISCOVERY |

NEW

Exploration in the heart of Baja California

Cabo San Lucas • Cabo San Lucas | 11 days/10 nights |
Le Bellot: 31st January, 20th February, 2nd and 12th March 2027 | from €6,950 [1]

Highlights

An exploration of Baja California, between unique landscapes and secret islands • The opportunity to observe captivating marine wildlife: grey whales, blue whales, humpback whales, bottlenose dolphins, killer whales, California sea lions, mobula rays, colourful fish, coral reefs, pelicans, cormorants, etc. • A rich programme of activities, including excursions* and activities designed with local communities and led by naturalist guides or local guides: hiking or snorkelling (in wetsuits, due to low water temperatures), etc.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

New – Mexico City: a cultural treasure trove

Before your cruise | Mexico City • 3 nights [3]

Discover Mexico City and the surrounding region on this four-day cultural immersion tour. Discover its treasures: the UNESCO-listed historic centre, prestigious museums, the vibrant artistic district of Coyoacán, and the majestic pyramids of Teotihuacan. An exclusive experience combining culture, history and the Mexican way of life.

**Included excursions, mentioned as examples, to be booked approximately three months before departure, subject to availability and minimum number of participants.*

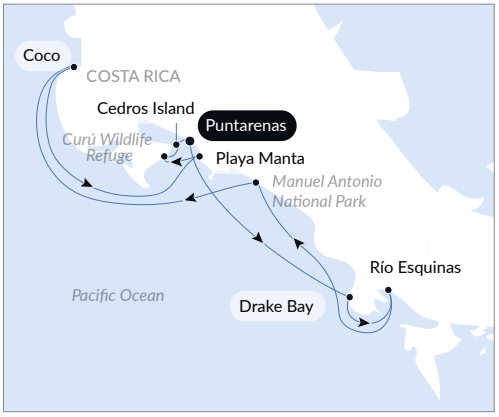


Pacific Coast of Costa Rica

Puntarenas • Puntarenas | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Bellot:* 1st and 28th December 2026 | *Le Lapérouse:* 29th December 2026 | from €4,590 [1]

Highlights

Discover several national parks on the Pacific Coast, including Manuel Antonio, Rincón de la Vieja, Carara and Curú • Unique stops: Cedros Island, Playa Mantas, Coco • The opportunity to observe a wide variety of wildlife and flora: capuchin and howler monkeys, coatis, crocodiles, iguanas, sloths, macaws, roseate spoonbills; beaches, tropical forests, waterfalls, etc. • Among your activities* supervised by naturalist guides or local guides : a zodiac exploration of the mangroves; forest hikes.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Discovering San José

Before your cruise | Puntarenas • 1 night [3]

The cosmopolitan city of San José is proud of its culture, and you will explore its lively historic centre and the emblematic National Theatre, with its splendid architecture, in perfect comfort. The pre-Columbian Gold Museum will dazzle you with its art treasures, a captivating insight into ancient indigenous cultures. Last but not least, there's a delicious tasting session in a traditional chocolate factory.

Central America jewels & Panama Canal

Colón • Puntarenas | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Lapérouse:* 15th January and 26th February 2027 | from €4,310 [1]

Highlights

Immerse yourself in Central America, with its abundant nature, ancestral communities and the Panama Canal, a masterpiece of engineering • Breathtaking landscapes: idyllic beaches, primary rainforests, etc. • Encounters with local communities, including the Emberá Indians and the Kuna community • Among your included excursions*: a visit to the UNESCO-listed Darién National Park; a boat trip through the Miraflores locks.



26th February 2027 departure: the stopover in Portobelo is replaced by a stopover in Fuerte Amador.

Secrets of Central America

Colón • Puntarenas / Puntarenas • Colón | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Bellot:* 21st November, 8th and 18th December 2026; 4th, 14th January and 19th March 2027 | *Le Lapérouse*: 19th December 2026 and 5th January 2027 | from €6,550 [1]

Highlights

An expedition between the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, including crossing the Panama Canal • Exploration of unspoilt nature reserves: Curú Nature Reserve; Darién National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; monumental mangroves of the Esquinas River • Encounter with local communities, the Kuna and Emberá communities, and discovery of their traditions • Included activities*: option of zodiac trips with your naturalist guides; swimming in idyllic locations such as the San Blas archipelago or in national parks.



Departures on 21st November, 18th and 19th December 2026, and 14th January 2027: reverse itineraries.



ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

The natural and cultural heritage of Panama

Before your cruise | Colón • 3 nights [3]

The trip begins with the ships passing through the Miraflores locks, an engineering masterpiece. The visit continues with the Casco Antiguo, Old Panama, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The itinerary includes an exploration of the local biodiversity at the Biomuseo-Frank Gehry, a trip on Lake Gatún, and then a private workshop led by a weaver from the Kuna culture, dedicated to textile crafts. A journey of history and modernity.

**Included excursions, mentioned as examples, to be booked approximately three months before departure, subject to availability and minimum number of participants.*

Panama, Colombia & Caribbean Islands

Colón • Fort-de-France / Fort-de-France • Colón | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 7th December 2026 | *Le Bellot*: 29th March 2027 | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 12th March 2027 | from €5,140 [1]

Highlights

A voyage through Central America and the West Indies, discovering the natural treasures of the Caribbean Sea and its many cultural influences • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the fortifications of Portobelo; the Pitons of Saint Lucie; Cartagena de Indias • Islands with idyllic landscapes: San Blas, Mayreau (private beach), etc. • Among your included excursions*: the Tayronaka ruins from Santa Marta; Soufrière in Saint Lucia; a boat trip from Les Saintes.

CULTURE

7th December 2026 departure in partnership with ***Le Point***, with **Kamel Daoud** and **Christophe Ono-dit-Biot** sharing their perspectives as a writer and a journalist on History.



Above: 7th December 2026 departure. Stopovers and their order vary depending on the departure date. More information on our website.

Natural sanctuaries & heritage of the Caribbean

Willemstad • Colón | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Bellot*: 12th November 2026 | from €4,830 [1]

Highlights

A journey to discover the fascinating history, cultural treasures and exceptional biodiversity of Colombia and Panama • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Willemstad, capital of the island of Curaçao; the ancient colonial city of Cartagena de Indias; the fortifications of Portobelo • A rich programme of activities: among these are included excursions* led by expert local guides and activities accompanied by your naturalist guides.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Tourments d'amour workshop

From Les Saintes • 2 h 30 [€]

There is no escape from the *tourments d'amour* ('torments of love') for anyone landing in Les Saintes! This delicious little cake is emblematic of the island, and its coconut, pineapple and guava flavours make a delightful treat for gourmets. You'll learn how to prepare it – and taste it – at a private workshop in Terre-de-Haut. A pleasant guided stroll through the flower-filled lanes and along the seafront will complete this charming tropical escapade.

Pearls of the Caribbean

Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 23rd and 30th December 2026; 6th, 20th January and 3rd February 2027 | from €3,860 [1]

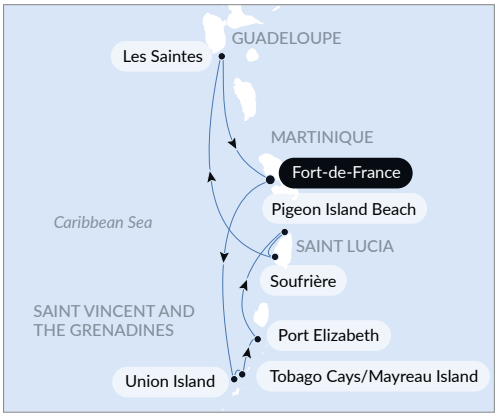
Vieux-Fort • Vieux-Fort | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 24th February, 3rd, 10th and 17th March 2027 | from €3,860 [1]

Highlights

Unique landscapes: coral reefs, lagoons, rocky peaks of Saint Lucia (a UNESCO Site) • The opportunity to observe fascinating marine wildlife: turtles, barracudas, parrotfish, etc. • Water sports, including diving** • Among your included excursions*: a relaxing break with barbecue on Mayreau Island and a boat trip to discover the Saintes Islands.

CULTURE

23rd December 2026 departure in partnership with **Radio Classique**, with a special appearance by violinist **Renaud Capuçon**, who will be celebrating his 50th birthday on board. The programme includes one concert per evening.



Stopovers and their order vary depending on the departure. More information is available on our website.

Wonders of the Caribbean

Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 16th December 2026; 13th, 27th January and 10th February 2027 | from €3,860 [1]

Highlights

Majestic landscapes: pristine beaches at White Bay, granite rocks at The Baths, teeming seabeds, and more • Discover iconic historical sites, including Nelson's Dockyard in Antigua • Among your included excursions*: a tour of the Antigua shipyard (a UNESCO Site), a distillery in Marie-Galante, and Deshaies National Park.

ART OF LIVING

16th December 2026 departure: in partnership with **Cuisine et Vins de France**, with special guest chefs **Marcel Ravin** and **Eddie Benghanem**. On the programme: two gala dinners orchestrated by Marcel Ravin, accompanied by desserts by Eddie Benghanem, as well as a rum tasting.



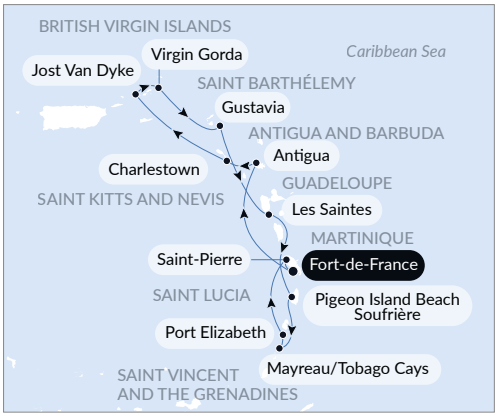
10th February 2027 departure: the stopover in Gustavia is replaced by a stopover in Basse-Terre.

The essentials of the Caribbean

Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 22nd March 2027 | from €6,820 [1]

Highlights

Immerse yourself in the heart of the Caribbean, among paradise islands, captivating history and vibrant culture • Spectacular landscapes: idyllic beaches, volcanic landscapes, lush forests • Exceptional marine life, with the chance to see turtles, barracudas, lobsters and parrotfish • Among your included excursions*: a barbecue on Mayreau Island; a boat trip to discover Les Saintes; the Soufrière, between land and sea, in Saint Lucia.



**Included excursions, mentioned as examples, to be booked approximately three months before departure, subject to availability and minimum number of participants. ** First dive or diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) of your choice included.*

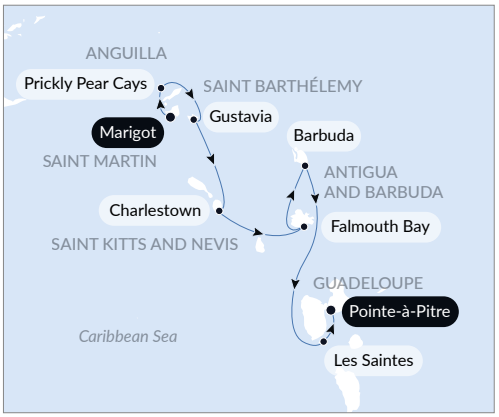
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History and culture visiting Caribbean jewels

Pointe-à-Pitre • Marigot / Marigot • Pointe-à-Pitre | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Ponant*: 12th and 26th December 2026; 9th and 23rd January, 6th and 20th February, 6th and 20th March, 3rd April 2027 | from €6,740 [1]

Highlights

Explore the Caribbean and enjoy special moments aboard *Le Ponant* • Immerse yourself in Caribbean history with several stops in the footsteps of Admiral Nelson • The opportunity to observe the varied and wild local flora and fauna • Water sports, including diving* • Among your included excursions**: seabird and giant frigate bird watching in Barbuda and a visit to Antigua's UNESCO-listed shipyard.



Depending on departure times, itineraries may vary. More information on our website.

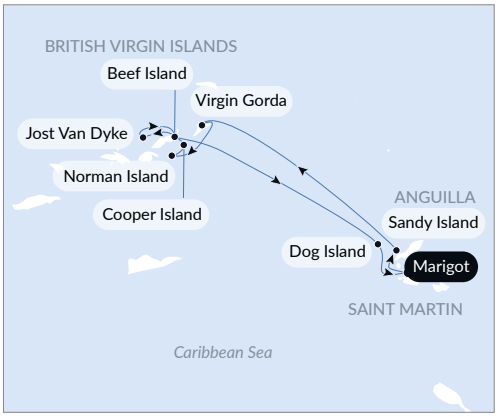
RELAIS & CHATEAUX | TIMELESS |

Reverie under sail in the heart of the Lesser Antilles

Marigot • Marigot | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Ponant*: 19th December 2026; 16th January, 13th February and 13th March 2027 | from €6,740 [1]

Highlights

Sail through the British Virgin Islands, one of the world's most popular sailing destinations, aboard *Le Ponant* • (Re)discover idyllic, sometimes deserted beaches, pirate islands (Jost Van Dyke) and teeming seabeds • Water sports, including diving* • Included excursions**: explore the caves of Treasure Island from Norman Island and watch the sunset at White Bay.



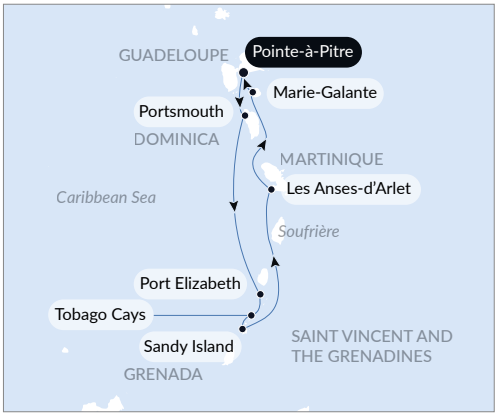
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Gliding the waters of the Windward Islands

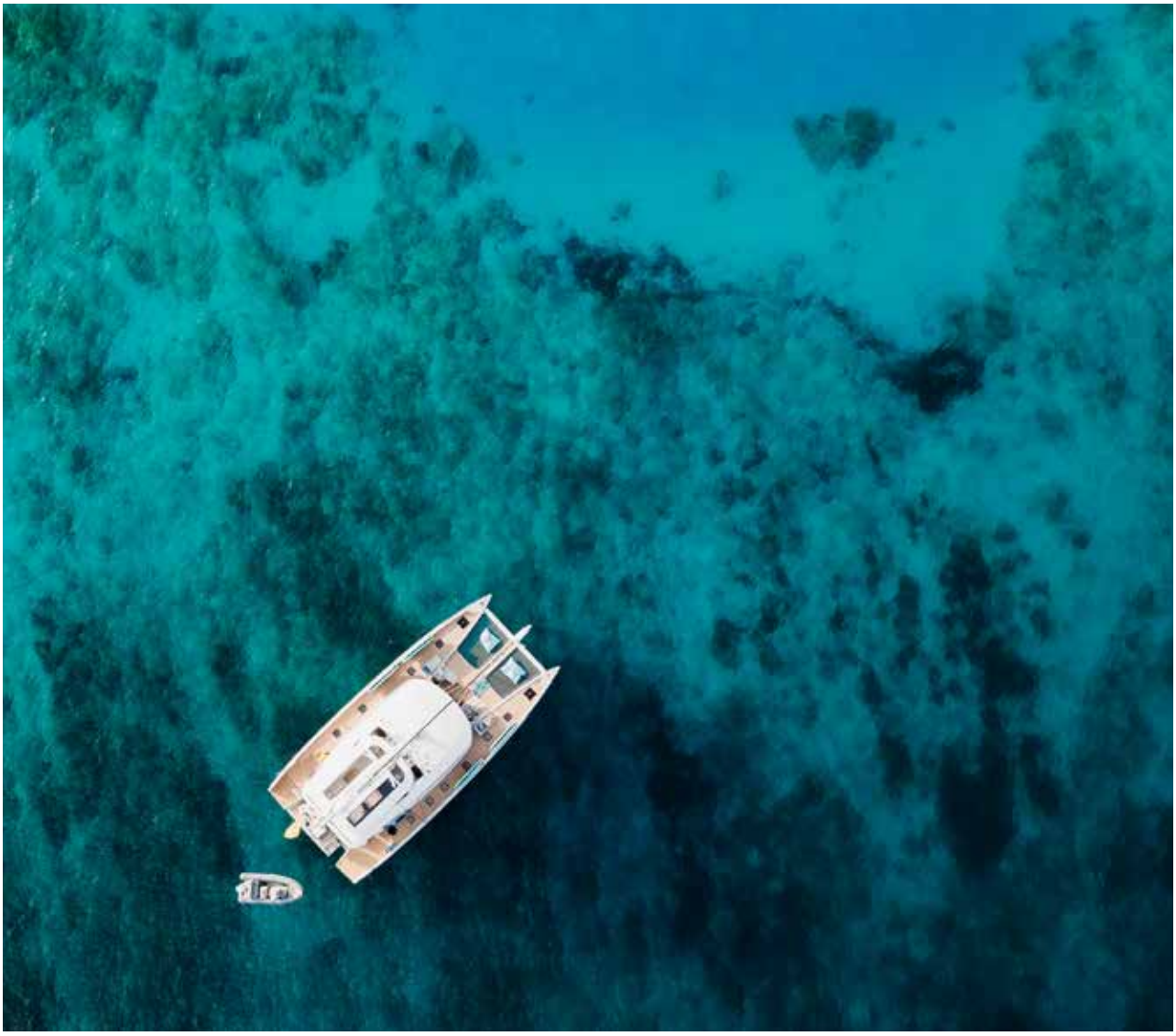
Pointe-à-Pitre • Pointe-à-Pitre | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Ponant*: 2nd and 30th January, 27th February and 27th March 2027 | from €6,740 [1]

Highlights

(Re)discover the appropriately named Windward Islands, between confidential stopovers and special moments aboard *Le Ponant* • Breathtaking panoramas: the Tobago Cays coral reef, the rocky peaks of Saint Lucia, and more • Immerse yourself in Creole culture • Discover marine wildlife through water sports, including diving* • Among your Included excursions**: a rowboat trip on the Indian River from Portsmouth and a visit to a Creole garden in Marie-Galante.



*First dive or diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) of your choice included.
**Included excursions, mentioned as examples, to be booked approximately three months before departure, subject to availability and minimum number of participants.



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Available for private hire if desired, the catamaran La Désirade *offers you an intimate and tailored travel experience.*

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staterooms

9
guests

4
crew
the captain and first mate, a host, and a chef

Your journey, your itinerary

Part of the new Yachting range from PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP, this maxi catamaran with just 4 staterooms offers an exclusive experience. Departure date, duration, itinerary and stopovers, excursions, meals on board – everything is organised according to your wishes.

Open to the world

The catamaran's areas are spacious and bright, designed to be wide open to the outside world. Every area provides an invitation to immerse yourself in the destination and connect with the surrounding scenery.

More information about this ship and the itineraries we offer on en.ponant.com.





THE FAR NORTH ABOARD *LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT*

Experience the quiet excitement of the northern latitudes.

Le Commandant Charcot

The one and only ship in the world to take you beyond exploration

1. Reaching the inaccessible

Le Commandant Charcot **is the world's only passenger ship...** equipped with a Polar Class 2 (PC2) hull. By way of comparison, the most powerful ships are classified as PC1, and there are no passenger ships of this kind.

You thus benefit... from sailing in multi-year ice, inaccessible to other ships, for much of the year.

2. Exclusivity, expertise and immersion

Le Commandant Charcot **is the world's only passenger ship...** to be able to navigate the icy St Lawrence River in winter. She also sails to the Baltic Sea, Norway and the Gulf of Bothnia at the end of the year, so you can enjoy the Northern Lights and the atmosphere of the Nordic festivities.

You thus benefit... from a truly immersive experience thanks to a host of activities – dog sledding, snowshoe hiking, ice fishing, kayaking, meetings with local communities – supervised by local guides or the team of naturalist guides who are experts in the destination.

On some departures, a renowned Photo Ambassador will lead workshops and conferences, offering personalised advice on how to get the best out of your shots.



3. An invisible frontier

Le Commandant Charcot is the world's only passenger ship... to offer staterooms and suites, all with balconies or terraces, and common areas that are largely open to the outside, all a guarantee of the highest level of comfort and safety in the polar environment.

You thus benefit... from a total connection with the grandiose surrounding landscapes, from all areas of the ship, such as the spa, the indoor pool or the various lounges and restaurants.

4. Gastronomy by Alain Ducasse

Le Commandant Charcot is the world's only passenger ship... to offer Alain Ducasse's cuisine at sea, and in such isolated regions, in the gastronomic restaurant le *Nuna* (the Earth, in Inuit).

You thus benefit... from a menu devised by the Michelin-starred chef, as well as some of his signature dishes, while enjoying refined tableware that attains a level of excellence unrivalled in the polar regions.

5. More respectful sailings

Le Commandant Charcot is the world's only passenger ship... to incorporate a number of the most advanced technologies, combining electric propulsion and liquefied natural gas, aimed at reducing its environmental footprint as much as possible. It also has two research laboratories, open to international scientists, on behalf of renowned research institutes including Ifremer, GEOMAR and the Alfred Wegener Institute.

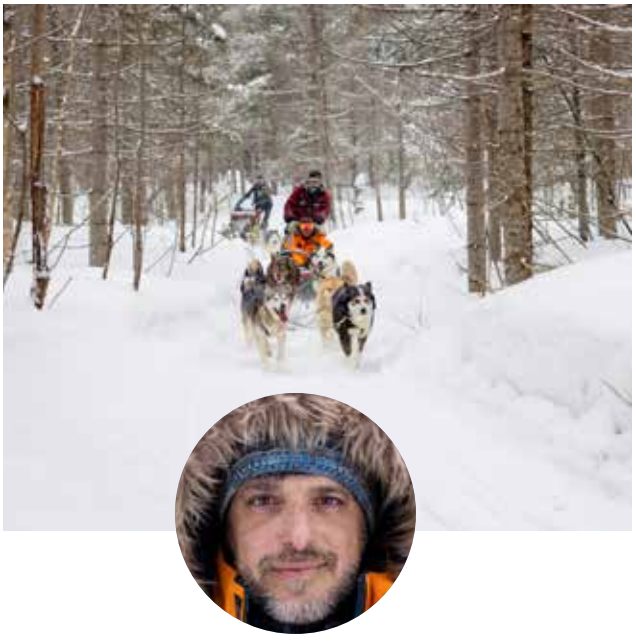
You thus benefit... from a navigation that is aware and understanding, *in situ*, of the issues encountered in the regions visited, thanks to exchanges with researchers.

The ship is *Green Globe* certified, the internationally recognised benchmark for sustainable tourism.

José Sarica and René Trépanier

An icy dream by PONANT EXPLORATIONS

José Sarica and René Trépanier were the driving force behind the first winter cruise of *Le Commandant Charcot* on the St Lawrence in January 2025, and worked hand in hand to design an itinerary that is currently the only one of its kind in the world. PONANT's Director of the Expedition Experience and the General Manager of Cruises of the St Lawrence look back on an adventure that has only just begun.





"Travelling to this area in the middle of the boreal winter is like walking back into the pages of history and the voyage of exploration. And we're very proud of it. I thought I knew Quebec, but I've seen the region in a new light, and finally understood Gilles Vigneault's saying in one of his songs that his country 'isn't a country, it's winter', to express the idea that you can't really understand it without having touched the riches it has to offer during this season. The expectations we had after our scouting mission were far exceeded on our first trip in January 2025. The experience took on an extra dimension thanks to the warmth and hospitality of the local communities."

José Sarica

"This itinerary is a major first, and we are delighted to be able to offer PONANT guests an experience in Quebec which, at this time of year, is as little known as it is exceptional. This trip offers a succession of unforgettable stops and visits, including Gaspé, Sept-Îles, Quebec City and Saint Pierre and Miquelon. Saguenay Fjord? In my opinion, this is the highlight of the cruise. I can still see the guests moving from one side of the ship to the other to savour that unique moment when we came into contact with the ice. With them, as with all the company's teams, a bond was developed. The marriage was really natural."

René Trépanier



Watch

Magnificent panoramas, architectural treasures, Scandinavian traditions... Discover the essence of the Baltic with PONANT EXPLORATIONS.

Itineraries *p. 52–53*

Baltic gold

Baltic amber, otherwise known as succinite, is an infinitely precious stone, hidden at the bottom of the world's youngest sea, yet is simply fossilised resin from the conifers that covered what was just a plain more than 44 million years ago. It is valued because it contains a treasure from the mists of time in the form of insects and tiny Neolithic air bubbles that seem to sparkle like Champagne.

Itineraries: *From the North Sea to the Baltic* and *Baltic bliss and winter wonders, p. 53*

The church village of Gammelstad

At the end of the Gulf of Bothnia, Luleå's 'old town' offers a journey back in time. It is the best-preserved example of **typical medieval towns of northern Scandinavia**. The 424 wooden houses, huddled near the church, provided overnight accommodation for parishioners who had travelled a long way to attend services but were unable to return home because of weather conditions.

Itinerary*: The Gulf of Bothnia, at the gateway to the Arctic, p. 52*

Bjørnøya, Bear Island

Contrary to what its name suggests, Bear Island is actually a **bird sanctuary**. It nestles in the Svalbard archipelago and owes its name to the unexpected encounter between the Arctic mammal and the crew of Willem Barents when the island was discovered in 1596. Nowadays, the *ursus maritimus* may occasionally have a quick sniff around in winter and spring, when carried by drifting ice.

Itinerary: *Polar lights: from North Cape to the Lofoten Islands, p. 51*

The fishermen's huts of Lofoten

The red wooden houses with white edging (red because it was the cheapest colour at the time) are called ***rorbuer*** and perch on stilts on the edge of the turbulent waters of the Norwegian Sea, and are part of the archipelago's history. As early as the 12th century, these rustic habitats were home to seasonal workers who came to fish for the *skrei*, the migratory Atlantic cod that has long fed the country. Their picturesque character have converted them into a haven for travellers in search of authenticity.

Itinerary: *Autumn splendours: from Lofoten to the Norwegian fjords, p. 51*





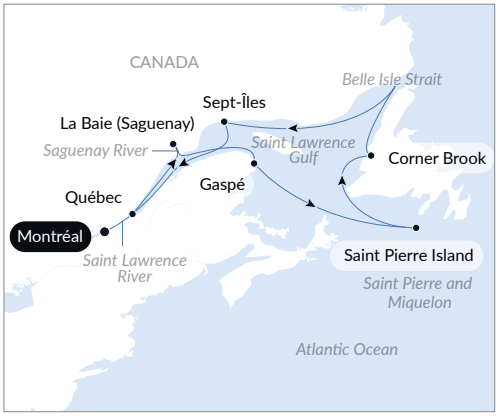
| EXPEDITION |

The St Lawrence River in the heart of the boreal winter

Montréal • Montréal | 15 days/14 nights |
Le Commandant Charcot: 13th and 27th February 2027 | from €21,320 [1]

Highlights

An exclusive itinerary, unique in the world, to discover the sublime snow-covered Canadian landscapes and Quebec hospitality • Navigation on the frozen Saguenay River • Remarkable landscapes: fjords, boreal forests, ice floes, etc. • The opportunity to see moose or caribou • Encounters with local communities • A rich programme of activities: among these are included excursions* led by expert local guides and activities accompanied by your naturalist guides.



| EXPEDITION |

From the St Lawrence to Greenland, the last moments of winter

Montréal • Nuuk | 15 days/14 nights |
Le Commandant Charcot: 13th March 2027 | from €18,430 [1]

Highlights

An exclusive itinerary with PONANT EXPLORATIONS, discovering the snow-covered Gulf of St Lawrence and the icy landscapes of the south-west coast of Greenland • Landscapes: fjords, boreal forests, drifting ice floes, icebergs and more • Encounters with local communities, including the Micmacs in Gaspé and the Inuit of Greenland • A rich programme of activities: among these are included excursions* led by expert local guides and activities accompanied by your naturalist guides.



Included in your cruise [2]**:** the outward flight Paris/Montréal, the return flight Nuuk/Paris, and transfers.



ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

New – Discovering Montréal

Before your cruise | Montréal • 1 night [3]

Enjoy a full day's discovery of Montréal's must-sees. Stroll through Old Montréal and its cobbled streets, admire the stained-glass windows of the neo-Gothic Notre-Dame Basilica, take a selfie from the lookout point on Mount Royal, explore the vast underground pedestrian network... and then stop for a well-earned typical Canadian meal!

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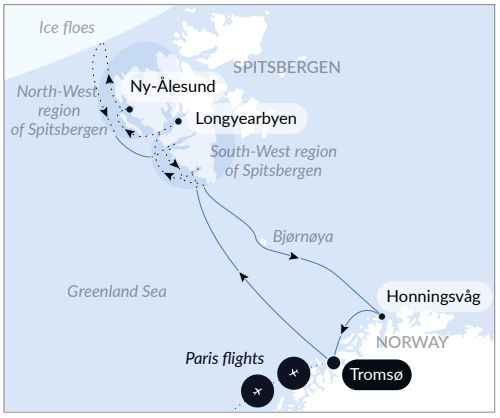
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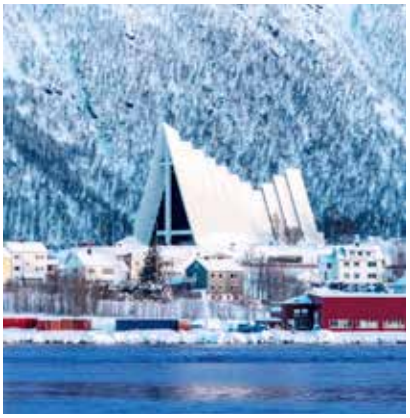
Polar nights: from the North Cape to Spitsbergen

Tromsø • Tromsø | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 14th October 2026 | from €14,020 [1]

Highlights

A 100% itinerary above the Arctic Circle • The beauty of Nordic landscapes: tundra, dolomite cliffs, majestic fjords, millennial glaciers, etc. • A variety of wildlife, with the chance to see polar bears and cetaceans • The chance to see the Northern Lights from the ship • Encounters with Nordic communities • A rich programme of activities: among these are included excursions* led by expert local guides and activities accompanied by your naturalist guides.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Discover Tromsø on a semi-rigid boat

From Tromsø • 3 h [€€€€]

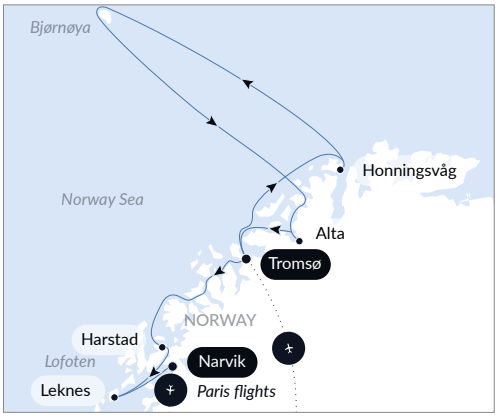
What better way to explore Tromsø's magnificent seascapes than on board a rigid inflatable boat? From the comfort of a straddle position, protected from the elements, you can explore the sheltered waters of the inlets around Tromsø, in search of the porpoises and eagles that inhabit the area. Your local guide will tell you anecdotes about the history of one of the world's most northerly city.

Polar lights: from North Cape to the Lofoten islands

Tromsø • Narvik | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*:
24th October 2026 | from €9,860 [1]

Highlights

The Lofoten archipelago, between wild nature and Viking heritage • The opportunity to observe the Northern Lights from the ship • The North Cape, the northernmost point in Europe • Discover Norwegian Lapland • Landscapes: coastal and island panoramas, boreal forests, snow-capped peaks and expanses, home to reindeer and seabirds • Among your included excursions*: visit the fishing village of Henningsvær, the Lofotr Viking Museum in Leknes, or the Arctic Cathedral in Tromsø



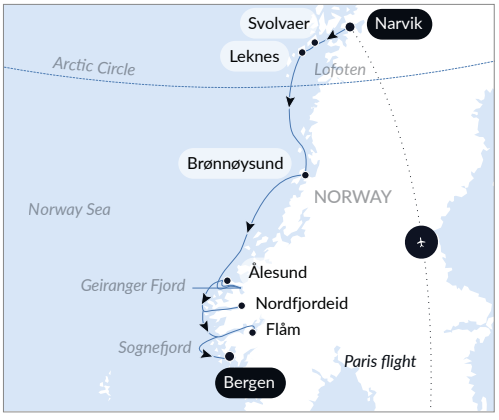
Included in your cruise [2]**:** the outward flight Paris/Tromsø, the return flight Narvik/Paris and transfers.

Autumn splendours: from Lofoten to the Norwegian fjords

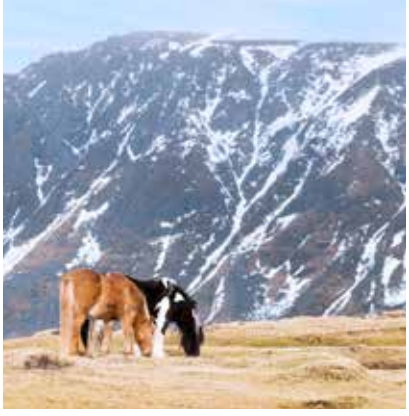
Narvik • Bergen | 14 days/13 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*:
1st November 2026 | from €12,400 [1]

Highlights

Sail along the coast of Norway in the autumn light, while enjoying *friluftsliv*, the Norwegian way of life that celebrates 'life in the open air' • The Geiranger Fjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Sognefjord, the second longest fjord in the world • Remarkable sites and landscapes: the Hanseatic quarter of Bergen (a UNESCO Site), the *rorbuer* (traditional fishermen's cabins), the Lofoten archipelago, and more • Among your included excursions*: aquaculture in Brønnøysund, panoramic train ride in Flåm, and more.



Included in your cruise [2]**:** the outward flight Narvik/Paris and transfers.



ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Lofoten on horseback

From Leknes • 4 h [€€€€]

Saddle up for a horseback ride through the magnificent landscapes of Lofoten with its craggy peaks, towering cliffs and white sandy beaches. At the peaceful pace dictated by your horse, you can admire a number of historic sites and the remains of Viking occupation, such as the excavations at the residence of Tore Hjort, a valiant Norwegian chieftain from the 10th century.

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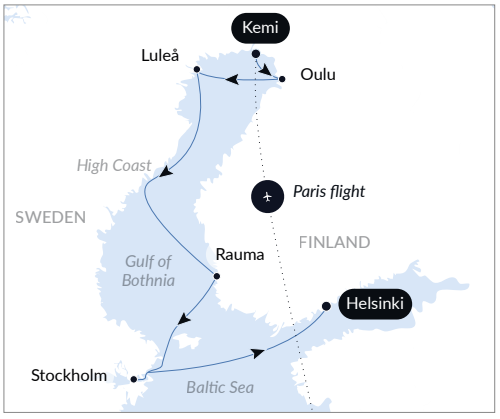
| TIMELESS |

The Gulf of Bothnia, at the gateway to the Arctic

Helsinki • Kemi / Kemi • Helsinki | 9 days/8 nights |
Le Commandant Charcot: 22nd and 30th December 2026; 7th and 15th January 2027 | from €9,690 [1]

Highlights

A winter getaway in the heart of the Gulf of Bothnia and the enchanting landscapes of Lapland • Exceptional cruises along the High Coast in Sweden, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Sweden's vibrant capital, Stockholm • The magic of illuminated Scandinavian cities • The old town of Rauma, a UNESCO Site, and the neoclassical city of Oulu • Among your included excursions*: a snowshoe walk; a visit to old Rauma or a reindeer farm in Oulu.



22nd December 2026 and 7th January 2027 departures: reverse itineraries.

Included in your cruise [2]: flights Paris/Kemi or Kemi/Paris (depending on departure date) and transfers.

ART OF LIVING

15th January 2027 departure in partnership with **Le Club des Chefs des Chefs**, bringing together the **official chefs of world leaders** and celebrating gastronomy as an art and diplomatic tool. A trip in the presence of **Cristeta Comerford**, former Executive Chef of the White House. On the programme: conferences and, every day, a signature dish from the chef, accompanied by an anecdote.



ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Huskies and reindeer in Kemi

From Kemi • 4 h 30 [€€€€]

An unforgettable experience in the heart of the vast snow-covered expanses of Lapland! Get to know your husky team and learn to drive a dog sled in the company of your musher, in the typical landscapes of the Far North of Finland. You will then meet reindeer herders on a traditional farm, before enjoying a new adventure: a sleigh ride pulled by these majestic animals.

From the North sea to the Baltic

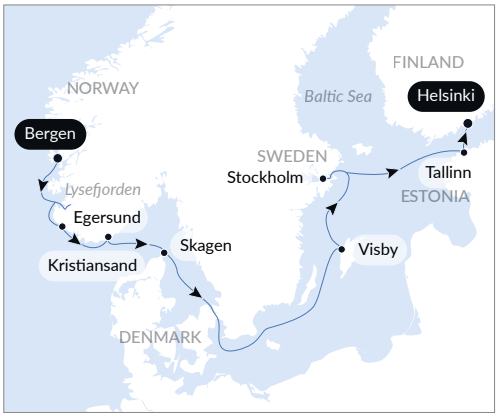
Bergen • Helsinki / Helsinki • Bergen | 11 days/10 nights |
Le Commandant Charcot: 14th November 2026 and 23rd January 2027 |
from €9,340 [1]

Highlights

A unique stopover in Skagen, a Danish village famous for inspiring many 19th-century painters • Cruises through wild landscapes, including Lysefjord and the Stockholm archipelago • Fascinating heritage cities, including Stockholm (overnight stay), Tallinn, Kristiansand and more • Among your included excursions*: a tour of Stockholm and the Vasa Museum, an introduction to Estonian folklore in Tallinn, and more.

CULTURE

23rd January 2027 departure in partnership with the **Marseille Jazz des Cinq Continents Festival**, in the presence of its artistic director **Hughes Kieffer** and a line-up of renowned artists. On the programme: a concert and improvisation sessions, during which European jazz and American jazz will engage in dialogue.



23rd January departure: reverse itinerary.

Baltic bliss & winter wonders

Helsinki • Helsinki | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*:
24th November, 3rd and 12th December 2026 | from €8,400 [1]

Highlights

Discover the art of living and winter traditions in the iconic cities of the Baltic • Illuminated Scandinavian and Baltic cities: Tallinn, Stockholm (overnight stay) and more • In December, Scandinavian Christmas markets, particularly in Gdansk and Riga • Enchanting landscapes, particularly sailing in the Stockholm archipelago • Among your included excursions: a Chopin concert, art and architecture in Riga, and the Gothic heritage of Tallinn.

CULTURE

3rd December 2026 departure in partnership with **Radio Classique**, with a special appearance by cellist **Renaud Capuçon**. On the programme: one concert per evening.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Winter getaway in Helsinki

Before your cruise | Helsinki • 1 night [3]

All the magic of winter in the marvellous natural setting of the Helsinki archipelago on a private island that you will reach by boat – or by hovercraft if the sea is frozen – to experience the life of the locals during the coldest months. Walk the trails in the calm generated by a nature in hibernation, talk about survival techniques in the cold and enjoy a traditional Finnish sauna, embracing Nordic culture for a day.

**Included excursions, mentioned as examples, to be booked approximately three months before departure, subject to availability and minimum number of participants.*





EUROPE AND THE ATLANTIC ISLANDS

Delight in stories and cultures with a unique flavour.

Olivier Blaud and Antoine Le Guen

Atlantic shores: capturing the magic of the moment

Photographer Olivier Blaud and videographer Antoine Le Guen regularly board PONANT EXPLORATIONS ships to capture the essence and beauty of the ports of call they visit alongside our guests. What are their sensations, from Cape Verde to the Canaries and Portugal? Outstanding in every way...





"One of the things that impressed me was the verticality of the landscapes and the contrasts between them, as you regularly move between rock and vegetation. This double facet, both mineral and plant, means you can change ambience radically by simply passing from one hill to another. In La Gomera, you can stroll through valleys and dense forests while, just a stone's throw away, have the sensation of being on the moon, in the middle of the clouds. Setting off with PONANT EXPLORATIONS is an adventure in itself. You can't really plan situations, and there's a kind of constant challenge in creating images from whatever comes along."

Olivier Blaud

"I liken our work to that of a craftsman, and through it we try to convey an atmosphere and emotions to tell the story of something we have experienced. In Cape Verde, we encountered a land of true generosity and human warmth. The country reminded me of Cuba or even Africa. You only have to visit the markets to feel this identity, this fervour. For example, there's a shot I really like in the video we produced, where a couple are having a chat with two young children. We captured this little piece of life in the moment, led by our intuition. Immortalising moments like this is also what makes our job so special."

Antoine Le Guen



Watch

Volcanic landscapes, cities steeped in history, exotic flavours and unforgettable encounters come together alongside the Atlantic. A video produced by Antoine Le Guen.

Itineraries *p. 60–61*

The strange fruits of Madeira

The combination of volcanic soil and a subtropical climate makes the 'island of flowers' an **exotic nursery**. If you like it sweet, you can enjoy prata bananas, cherimoya, passion fruit and tamarillo from the Andes, as well as star fruit, anonna and pitanga (or Surinam cherry); if savoury is your thing, you have the amazing chayote – the yam with a chestnut flavour – and the pepino melon, half cucumber, half melon (but isn't actually a melon!).

Itineraries*: Atlantic odyssey from the Iberian Peninsula to the Canary Islands,* and *Atlantic odyssey from the Canary Islands to the shores of Morocco, p. 60*

The potters of Safi

Morocco's capital of ceramics continues a thousand years of know-how. On the hill that is home to the potters, 700 artists shape the ochre clay into tajines, amphoras, bowls and tiles, which once dried are decorated using a donkey hair brush. The motifs are inspired by Arabic and Berber calligraphy. The cobalt blue, yellow, brown and green are then fixed using a traditional oven.

Itinerary: *Atlantic odyssey from the Canary Islands to the shores of Morocco, p. 60*

Porto Empedocle Vigàta, the Sicilian clan

Sitting on the south coast of the island, it was originally called Marina di Girgenti, before taking its name in 1863 from the philosopher who was born and lived there five centuries before our era. In 2003, as a tribute to another illustrious citizen – the director and novelist **Andrea Camilleri** – it was given the name Vigàta, the name of the imaginary town where his picturesque hero, Commissario Montalbano, is based.

Itinerary: *Ancient shores of the Mediterranean, p. 59*

Viking lexicon

Much of the English language comes from the **Norse** of the northern conquerors, many words related to the sea and navigation, such as 'iceberg', 'ship', 'keel', 'hail', 'sky', 'fjord' and 'harpoon'. Also many place name endings come from our Scandinavian settlers too, for example -by (meaning farmstead, village, or settlement), such as Grimsby, Derby and Whitby, among many others.

Itinerary: *Nordic Seas treasures, p. 58*



Nordic Seas treasures

Brest • Tromsø | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Champlain*: 21st February 2027 | from €5,500 [1]

Highlights

A getaway along the North Sea and Norwegian coasts, crossing the Arctic Circle • A unique stopover in Rotterdam • Spectacular landscapes, such as the Norwegian fjords and the Lofoten archipelago • Discover an exceptional historical heritage: the medieval district of Stavanger, the Hanseatic district of Bergen, the Art Nouveau facades of Ålesund and more • Among your included excursions*: a cruise on the canals of Rotterdam; the maritime history of the Lofoten Islands; a visit to Bryggen, Bergen's historic port district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Included in your cruise [2]**:** transfer and flight Tromsø/ Paris.



ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Bruges & chocolate workshop

From Ostend • 5 h [€€€€]

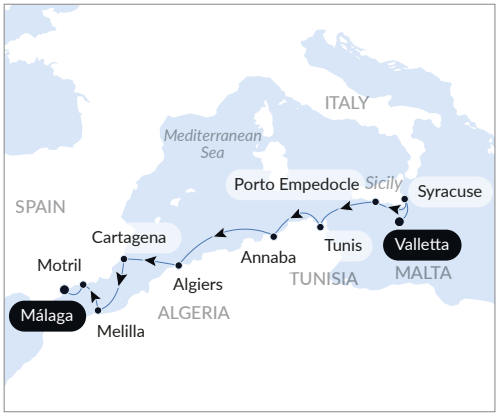
Belgium's chocolate-making tradition is renowned the world over – come and discover all the subtleties during a hands-on workshop with an experienced craftsman. After tasting several varieties, you'll get to work making your own Belgian chocolates. You can then stroll along the canals of Bruges, in the romantic atmosphere of the Venice of the North.

Ancient shores of the Mediterranean

Valletta • Málaga | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 29th October 2026 | *Le Champlain*: 16th November 2026 | from €5,490 [1]

Highlights

A voyage in mid-season, the ideal time to explore the remains of ancient Mediterranean civilisations • Discover iconic ancient sites – the ruins of Agrigento, Carthage and Tipasa, listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites – and old towns: the Casbah of Algiers, the Medina of Tunis and the historic centre of Syracuse, also listed by UNESCO • Among your included excursions*: the ruins of Hippo Regius in Annaba; a walk on the island of Ortygia from Syracuse and through the narrow streets of the Casbah in Algiers.



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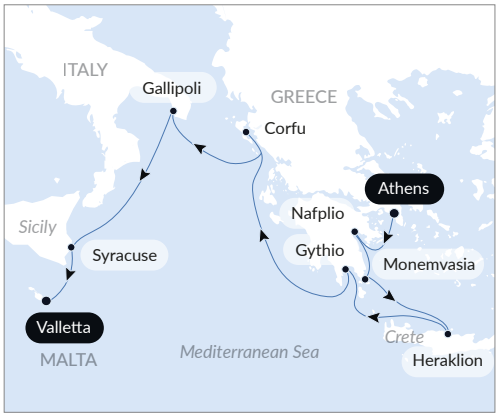
29th October 2026 departure in partnership with **Relais & Châteaux**, with the exceptional presence of chef **Clint Grech**, head of the Michelin-starred restaurant Mondion. On the programme: two gala dinners, a cooking demonstration and wine-tasting workshops.

Ancient cities of the Mediterranean

Athens • Valletta | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Champlain*: 8th November 2026 | from €4,880 [1]

Highlights

A getaway between Greece and Italy, via the Peloponnese, Crete, Puglia and Sicily, discovering some of the most iconic shores of the Mediterranean • Savour the gentle Mediterranean lifestyle with stops at iconic destinations: Corfu and its UNESCO-listed old town, the fortified medieval village of Monemvasia, and the ancient city of Gallipoli • Among your included excursions*: the village of Noto; the UNESCO-listed ruins of Mycenae and Epidaurus.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Visit Mdina, gourmet lunch and wine tasting

Before your cruise | Valletta • 1 night [3]

A Maltese experience combining culture and gastronomy. The day begins with a guided walking tour of Mdina and its ramparts. This fortified city is the former capital of Malta, boasting an extraordinary blend of medieval and baroque architecture. You will then head to a winery with terraces planted with vines and olive trees, for a tasting of excellent local vintages, before lunch in a gourmet restaurant.

**Included excursions, mentioned as examples, to be booked approximately three months before departure, subject to availability and minimum number of participants.*

Atlantic odyssey from the Iberian Peninsula to the Canary Islands

Málaga • Las Palmas | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Dumont D'Urville*: 7th November 2026 | *Le Champlain*: 25th November 2026 | from €3,990 [1]

Highlights

A getaway between the Moroccan coastline and the volcanic archipelagos of the Canary Islands and Madeira • Discover remarkable sites, including the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca, the botanical gardens in Funchal, and the UNESCO-listed Medina of Tetouan • A wide variety of landscapes, including volcanoes, calderas, cliffs and mountain peaks • Among your included excursions*: the *levadas* of Madeira and Timanfaya National Park in Lanzarote.

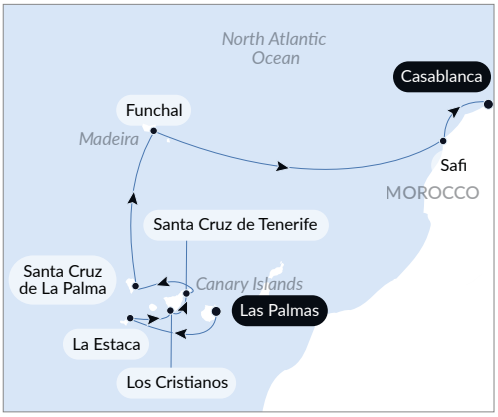


Atlantic odyssey from the Canary Islands to the shores of Morocco

Las Palmas • Casablanca | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Champlain*: 16th January 2027 | from €4,220 [1]

Highlights

A getaway between the volcanic archipelagos of the Canary Islands and Madeira and the Moroccan coastline • Discover UNESCO-listed sites, such as the Garajonay and Teide National Parks, and learn about their rich history • Sumptuous and varied landscapes, including volcanoes, cliffs, forests and beaches • Among your included excursions*: the volcanic landscapes of Santa Cruz de La Palma and the *levadas* from Funchal.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Walking tour of Las Palmas and wine tasting

Before your cruise | Las Palmas • 1 night [3]

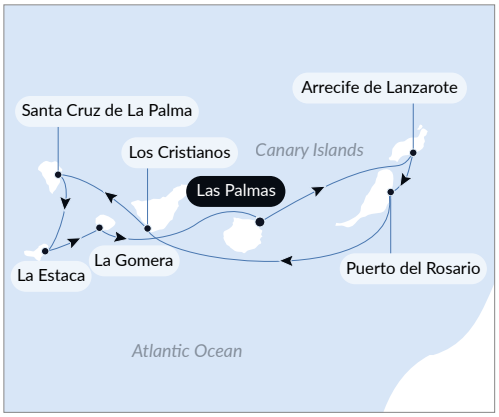
The capital of Gran Canaria is best appreciated on foot, with a visit to the historic district of Vegueta and its colonial-style palaces and churches. Then it's on to the verdant Agaete valley, where citrus orchards and the white walls of the fincas create an enchanting mosaic. You will taste Canarian wines at a winery, before heading off to Arucas, a charming historic and artistic village surrounded by banana plantations, famous for its rum.

The Canaries, lands of contrast

Las Palmas • Las Palmas | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 25th October 2026 | from €3,850 [1]

Highlights

Discover seven of the Canary Islands – Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, Tenerife, Fuerteventura, La Palma, El Hierro and La Gomera – with their volcanic landscapes and lush green valleys • Remarkable landscapes – calderas, mountain peaks, cliffs, forests – and historic towns such as Santa Cruz de La Palma and San Cristóbal de La Laguna in Tenerife • Among your included excursions*: the Garajonay and Teide National Parks (both UNESCO World Heritage Sites) and the Timanfaya National Park.



Volcanic landscapes from Canary Islands to Cape Verde

Las Palmas • Dakar / Dakar • Las Palmas | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Lapérouse:* 1st November 2026 | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 15th November 2026 and 15th March 2027 | *Le Champlain*: 3rd December 2026 and 6th January 2027 | from €4,700 [1]

Highlights

From island to island, discover the treasures of Cape Verde and the Canary Islands, volcanic lands with contrasting landscapes and a rich cultural heritage • Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Cidade Velha and the historic centre of Ribeira Grande • Discover a variety of landscapes: wild coastlines, lush valleys, volcanic panoramas and more • Among your included excursions*: the island of Santo Antão; the Teide (UNESCO-listed) and Timanfaya national parks.



6th January and 15 March 2027 departures: reverse itineraries. Stopovers and their order vary from one departure to another: more information on our website.



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AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN

Let yourself be enchanted by the songs, languages and rhythm of the landscapes and their wildlife.

Alexandre Faure



Desert, ocean and memory

Alexandre Faure is a guide and lecturer specialising in Southern Africa. He has accompanied numerous trips to Namibia and South Africa, notably on cruises. He reveals the mysteries, nuances, contradictions and eternal bond forged by untamed nature that unites these two sister countries.

"Arriving in Southern Africa by sea means an encounter with mythical locations such as the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Agulhas, linked to the Portuguese navigators of the 15th century. The history, mosaic of ethnic groups, languages and cultures, deeply marked by colonisation and apartheid, attracts travellers to South Africa, while Namibia seduces them with its unspoilt landscapes. The Namibian coast, known as the Skeleton Coast, is an arid desert protected mainly by national parks and dotted with numerous shipwrecks. The white and orange dunes of the Namib reveal themselves near Walvis Bay and Lüderitz, their colours changing with the waves and the sun. The cold Benguela current supports a large population of fur seals, as well as colonies of seabirds such as pelicans and flamingos.

Further east, South Africa offers vineyards, mountains, a subtropical climate and a rich marine fauna, including sharks and whale sharks. Cape Town, with its Table Mountain, is a must-see. Protected colonies of penguins can be seen on the surrounding white sandy beaches. In the east of the country, in the national parks, the Big FIVE [Africa's five large mammals: lion, leopard, elephant, rhinoceros and buffalo] roam free. The holy grail? Surprising a desert lion in a dry riverbed: one of those unexpected encounters that make the trip so special and remind us just how intense immersion in these lands always is."



Watch

Tones of green, shades of blue and nuances of granite predominate the palette when visiting the Seychelles with PONANT EXPLORATIONS.

Itinerary *p. 68*

As sung by Cesária Évora

"If you write to me, I'll write to you. If you forget me, I'll forget you, until the day you return."

If one song can sum up Cape Verde, it's certainly ***Sodade***. A delicious nostalgia with a feeling that is impossible to define, carried by the unique timbre of the 'barefoot diva' and the typical music of her country, the *morna*. More than a singer, Cize, as her friends called her, embodies a philosophy of freedom and resilience, the philosophy of Mindelo, where she lived and died.

Itinerary: *The many faces of Cape Verde, p. 66*

In search of rare birds

With **278 species**, including 14 that are both endemic and extremely rare, the Seychelles are a true paradise for birdwatchers. From bulbuls and warblers to scops owls, magpie-robins (shamas), paradise flycatchers, white terns, cattle egrets, black parrots and sunbirds, the diversity is astonishing – though not especially colourful. Isolated from the rest of the world, the males have never needed bright plumage to attract a mate.

Itinerary: *The essential Seychelles, p. 68*

The *tsingy* of Nosy Hara

These geological wonders are iconic symbols of Madagascar. In the Mozambique Channel, the Nosy Hara archipelago is home to a forest of **karstic rock needles** that are both marine and terrestrial. It's hard to decide which is more impressive: the crazy-shaped pinnacles jutting out of the water or the vertiginous black spires shaped by time and which protect the world's smallest chameleon.

Itinerary: *South Africa and Madagascar, p. 69*

Mangrove botany

The 88 islands of the Bijagos sit in the special setting of a tropical ecosystem, essentially made up of **mangroves with unique roots** known as stilt or prop roots. These hollow roots rise above the surface of the water and allow the tree to breathe, rather like a snorkel. This amphibious forest is a haven of biodiversity, and extracts up to five times more carbon than its terrestrial neighbour.

Itinerary: *Adventure in the Bissagos Islands, p. 67*





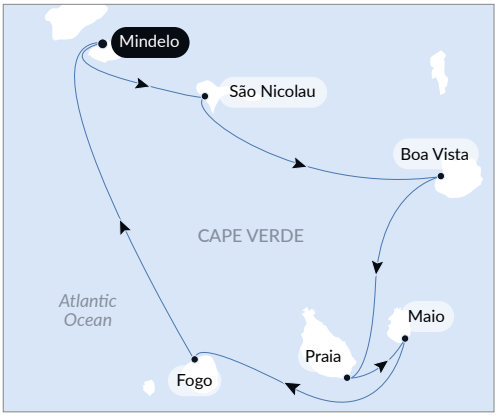
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The many faces of Cape Verde

Mindelo • Mindelo | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Ponant*: 31st October and 7th, 14th and 21st November 2026 | from €7,270 [1]

Highlights

A (re)discovery of the secret and profound soul of Cape Verde, between confidential stopovers, lively shores and special moments aboard *Le Ponant*, the first Relais & Châteaux sailing ship • An introduction to Cape Verde's treasures: vibrant markets, historic towns, volcanic landscapes, etc. • Immerse yourself in the mixed culture and fascinating history of this charming archipelago • A rich programme of included excursions*, among which: Santo Antão from Mindelo; the 'village of craters' from Fogo; relaxation in Maio.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Scenic 4x4 adventure

After your cruise | Mindelo • 1 night [3]

In the heart of Cape Verde's breathtaking landscapes, a 4x4 is the ideal vehicle for admiring the unspoilt, hard-to-reach nature up close. From the deserted beaches of white and black sand at Palha Carga and Salamansa, to an agricultural valley stretching its fields like an oasis at the foot of Pico do Vento, and Calhau, a fishing village with colourful boats, come and discover an authentic and uncrowded Cape Verde... And complete your stay with a night in Lisbon.



Adventure in the Bissagos Islands

Dakar • Dakar | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 11th and 19th November 2026 | *Le Champlain*: 13th, 21st and 29th December 2026 | from €4,450 [1]

Highlights

Explore the Bissagos Archipelago, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, across nine of its islands • Discover diverse landscapes: idyllic beaches, mangroves, savannahs, lagoons, mangrove tree forests, baobab trees and hundred-year-old kapok trees • The opportunity to observe rare wildlife: sea turtles, dolphins, manatees, vervet monkeys, etc. • Activities**: opportunities of zodiac trips and landings with an experienced team of naturalist guides; visits to traditional villages; encounters with the Bissagos communities, etc.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Dakar and Gorée, the island of remembrance

Before your cruise | Dakar • 1 night [3]

A moving visit to a World Heritage Site, telling the sad history of slavery. On foot, you can explore the island of Gorée, located three kilometres off the coast of Dakar, with its Slave House, Castel fortifications and colourful market stalls. Your lunch will be an opportunity to taste Senegal's national dish, *ceebu jën* or *thiéboudiène*, a delicious stew of rice, fish and vegetables.

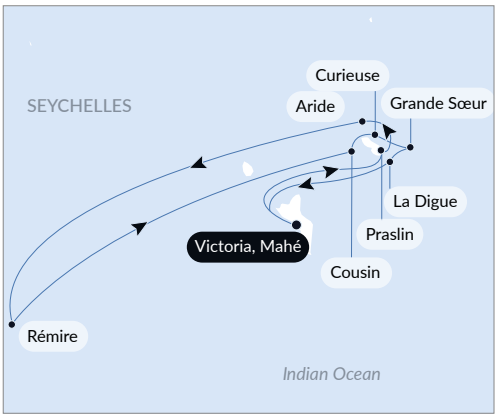
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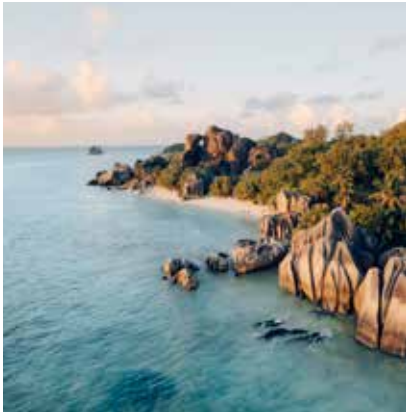
The essential Seychelles

Victoria, Mahé • Victoria, Mahé | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 7th and 15th January 2027 | from €5,240 [1]

Highlights

Discover eight islands in the Seychelles, among mangroves, coral reefs (Rémire), granite beaches (Anse Source d'Argent) and unforgettable seabeds • Rich local biodiversity: endemic birds in the Aride Reserve, Aldabra tortoises, coco-de-mer palms in the Vallée de Mai Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • A rich programme of activities* including hikes and zodiac outings with an experienced team of naturalist guides, as well as swimming and diving opportunities (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) in the heart of idyllic landscapes.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Discover La Digue

From La Digue • 3 h [INCLUDED]

La Digue is one of the most beautiful islands in the Seychelles that will simply enchant you! After a glimpse of life in days gone by at the Union Estate, a former coconut and vanilla plantation with a beautiful Creole house, we come to Anse Source d'Argent. The fine sand and iconic pink granite rocks of this dream beach are a paradise for bathers and photographers alike.



Praslin: Vallée de Mai & Anse Lazio

From Praslin • 4 h [INCLUDED]

An unmissable excursion to the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, namely the Vallée de Mai nature reserve. In this veritable Garden of Eden, tropical species flourish in an explosion of colours, sounds and scents, such as the *coco de mer* and the rare black parrot. A swim at Anse Lazio, undoubtedly one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, rounds off this unforgettable visit.



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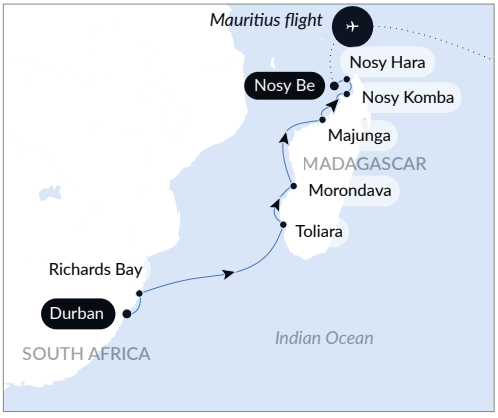
South Africa & Madagascar

Durban • Nosy Be / Nosy Be • Durban | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 17th December 2026 and 10th February 2027 | from €7,550 [1]

Highlights

Explore stunningly beautiful coastlines and discover geological wonders, wildlife and local traditions, including Zulu culture, with an overnight stay in Richards Bay • The opportunity to observe unspoilt wildlife – lemurs on Nosy Komba, wild animals in the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Reserve, the oldest in Africa – and unique ecosystems, such as that of Nosy Hara • A rich programme of activities: among these are included excursions** led by expert local guides and activities accompanied by your naturalist guides.

Included in your cruise [2]**:** flight NosyBe/Mauritius or Mauritius/Nosy Be, depending on departure, and transfer.



10th February 2027 departure: reverse itinerary, with an additional stopover in Nosy Tanikely.

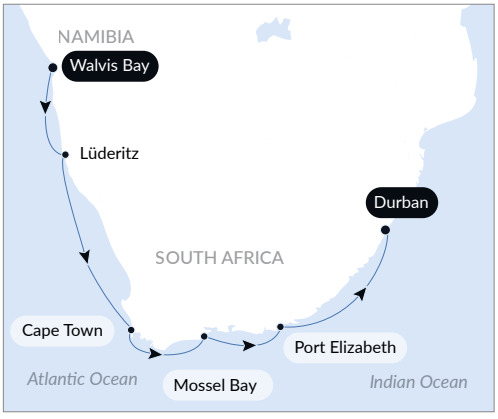
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Namibian & South African Coastlines

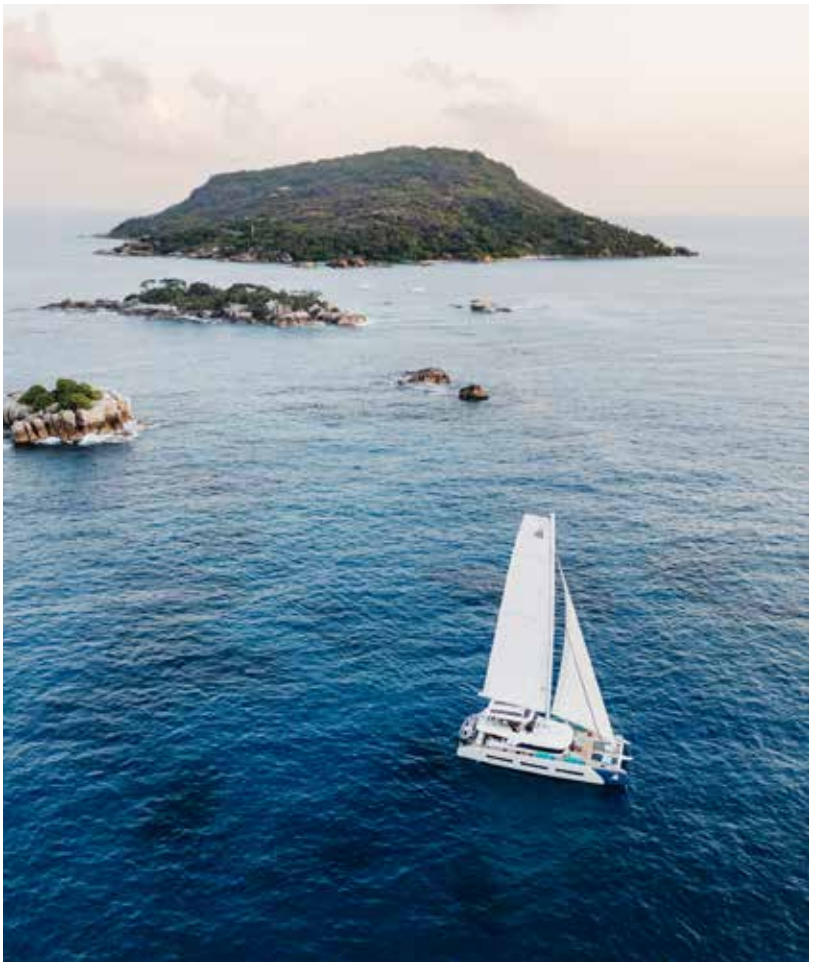
Walvis Bay • Durban | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 7th December 2026 | from €5,810 [1]

Highlights

A getaway to discover the riches of Namibia and South Africa, including national parks and reserves, historic sites and bustling cities • Spectacular landscapes, including several UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Namib coastal desert, one of the largest in Africa; the Cape Floral Region, etc. • The opportunity to observe rare wildlife: elephants, buffalo, rhinos, lions, leopards, etc. • Among your included excursions**: discover the Cape of Good Hope; a safari in Addo Park; a hike at Cape Saint Blaize.



**Activities subject to weather conditions and sailing opportunities.*
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Your highlights

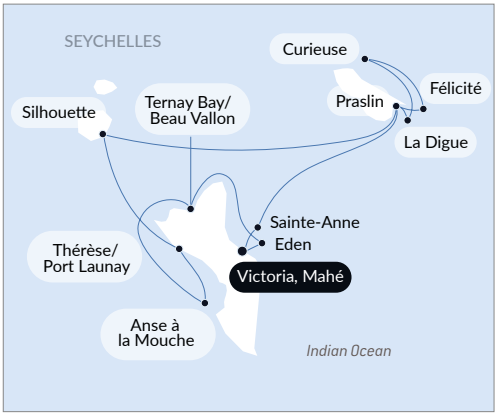
- Explore the Seychelles in a small group and off the beaten track to the sea's rhythm.
- The island of Sainte-Anne, part of the Sainte-Anne National Marine Park, is a paradise for snorkellers.
- Visit the island of Curieuse, an ecotourism paradise with its mangroves and giant Aldabra tortoises, or Cousin, a sanctuary for the reproduction and nesting of endemic bird species.
- Witness beaches considered some of the most beautiful in the world, such as Anse Source d'Argent on La Digue, or Anse Lazio and Anse Georgette on Praslin.
- Immersive experiences on land too with the Victoria market on Mahé, renowned for the abundance of its stalls; visits to rum distilleries; tastings of exotic fruits, fish curries, banana ladob (cooked in coconut milk).
- On board, your chef will offer demonstrations and tastings of local dishes.

For more information, contact our Travel Advisors or your usual travel agency.

Victoria, Mahé • Victoria, Mahé

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ASIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Capture the intangible beauty of gestures in art, craftsmanship and the sacred.

Thijs Holkers



Raja Ampat: a marine sanctuary in the heart of the Coral Triangle

Dutch guide Thijs Holkers specialises in history and culture, and has been an explorer of the most remote regions for many years, including the Raja Ampat archipelago in Indonesia, where the richness of the seabed is matched only by the splendour of the land.

"Sailing the crystal-clear waters of Raja Ampat means crossing millennia-old reefs in the heart of the Coral Triangle, the world's largest and one of the best preserved marine reserves, stretching from Papua New Guinea to the islands of Indonesia. A stopover on a secluded beach may allow you to hike to the top of a limestone islet formed from ancient fossilised coral. Guests are often taken aback by their height, which can reach 200 metres, giving the sensation of being lost in the immensity of the ocean.

Underwater, Raja Ampat exhibits exceptional marine biodiversity with small fish, hard and soft corals, all in an explosion of colour. Coral is a fascinating living creature that is home to algae, bacteria and tiny creatures, as well as feeding and protecting fish and purifying the water. It is at the heart of a rich and fragile ecosystem, where 76% of the world's coral species are represented. Local guides accompany each outing, explaining the geology, fauna, currents and history of the area, while raising awareness of the need to respect the environment. The 2026 sailing from Darwin takes in the Banda Islands, notable for their Dutch colonisation, where you can go snorkelling over a volcanic site. Later, there is the spectacular stopover at the freshwater Kitikiti Falls that cascade into the ocean. In the Kei Islands, the warm welcome and pride of the locals in sharing their culture creates an immediate bond with guests. This trip offers a perfect balance between days at sea and exploration with a gradual immersion in the wilderness of Raja Ampat, a veritable Valhalla *of marine biodiversity."*



Watch

Explore the wondrous landscapes of the Far East with PONANT EXPLORATIONS.

Itineraries *p. 76–79*

The art of Japanese gardens

There is not one, but several Japanese gardens, each with **an aesthetic and a purpose**: the *Shizen fūkeishiki* represents nature in miniature; the *Karesansui* represents the temples, essentially mineral, and calls for meditation; the *Chaniwa* dictates that you slow down for the tea ceremony, and the *Tsuboniwa* enhances small spaces. For all of them, harmony is born of asymmetry, and emptiness contributes to balance.

Itineraries*: The best of Japan and Authentic Japan, p. 76–77*

The music of the Solomons

Panpipes and the Solomon Islands are inextricably linked. The use of bamboo instruments is governed by **carefully preserved** codes tied to ritual: from the number of musicians and the crafting of each flute to the length of the pipes, the repertoire, and even the performers' choreography – nothing is left to chance, and the tradition is passed down faithfully from one generation to the next on this Melanesian archipelago.

Itinerary: *From Fiji to Micronesia, p. 81*

Sumbawa races

In the Pacific Ring of Fire, the small island of Sunda reserves some Sundays for an ancestral sport that has become a festive tradition for the **Sasak**. These precious water buffalo that work the rice fields are decorated with pompons and bells, then harnessed for a spectacular competition. The aim is to be the first to reach the final post without falling into the mud.

Itinerary: *Island treasures of Indonesia and East Timor, p. 78*

The stunning Kitikiti Waterfall

The phenomenon is as rare as it is breathtaking. The rushing water plunges over the lush green cliffs of the Papua jungle to plunge into the ocean. At high tide, **fresh and salt water mingle**, the bubbling white foam calming into the tranquil blue of the Seram Sea. At low tide, the waterfall brazenly showers the pale sand beach, bordered by deep green.

Itinerary: *Tropical odyssey between Indonesia and Northeast Australia, p. 78*



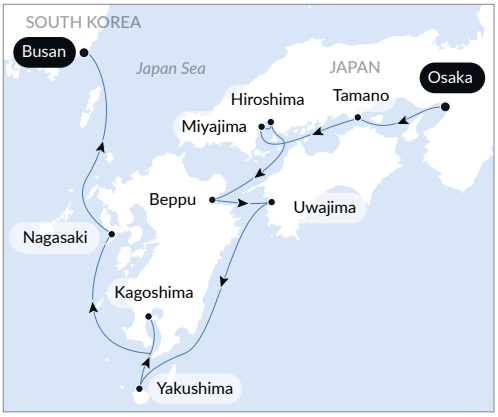


Best of Japan

Osaka • Busan | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Soléal*: 9th May 2027 | from €6,750 [1]

Highlights

Discover the many facets of Japan: its history and ancient traditions, its fast-paced modernity, its stunning landscapes • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima Island; the mountainous island of Yakushima; the Hiroshima Peace Memorial • Varied landscapes along the Seto Inland Sea, offering stunning contrasts between land and sea • Among your included excursions*: the city of Chiran with its many samurai residences; the historic town of Kurashiki; the cultural heritage of Nagasaki.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Kyoto and Nara, imperial heritage

Before your cruise | Osaka • 4 nights [3]

The ancient imperial capitals open their doors to you for an immersion in traditional Japan, with an introduction to the art of the *taiko* drum. Wonder at the splendour of the temples you visit, such as Kiyomizu-dera, on the mountainside, Kinkaku-ji, covered in gold leaf and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or Tōdai-ji, home to Japan's largest Buddha.

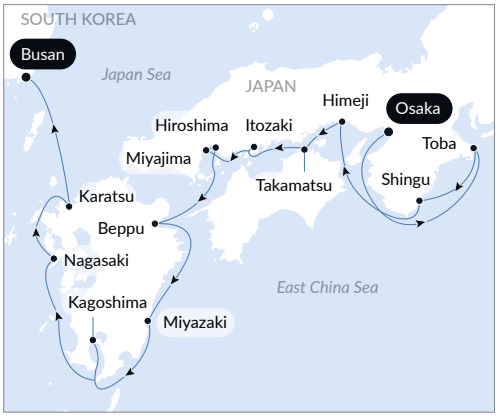


Authentic Japan

Osaka • Busan | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Soléal*: 14th March 2027 | from €10,560 [1]

Highlights

A journey through space and time in the heart of the Land of the Rising Sun, exploring ancient traditions, historic cities (Toba, Shingū, Himeji, Miyajima, etc.) and the legacy of Shintoism • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Itsukushima Shrine, Himeji Castle • Varied landscapes along the Seto Inland Sea, offering stunning contrasts between land and sea • Among your included excursions*: Himeji Castle; Itsukushima Shrine from Miyajima; the cultural heritage of Nagasaki.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Experience in an *onsen* (hot spring)

From Beppu • 3 h 30 [€€€€]

Beppu is one of Japan's most famous spas, renowned for the abundance and diversity of its hot springs. Enter a mystical and enchanting atmosphere, amid clouds of steam emanating from the springs. Then try the unique experience of a traditional Japanese bath in a natural hot spring. Unusual and unforgettable!

**Included excursions, mentioned as examples, to be booked approximately three months before departure, subject to availability and minimum number of participants.*

Tropical odyssey between Indonesia and North East Australia

Bali • Cairns | 16 days/15 nights | *Le Soléal*: 4th December 2026 | from €7,720 [1]

Highlights

The UNESCO-listed Komodo National Park, home to the famous monitor lizards • Kitikiti Waterfall, surrounded by lush vegetation • Explore the spectacular karst islands of the Coral Triangle at Triton Bay • Meet the local community and discover their customs and culture (especially in Asmat and Alor) • A rich programme of activities: among these are included excursions* led by expert local guides and activities accompanied by your naturalist guides.



Island treasures of Indonesia and East Timor

Darwin • Bali | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Soléal*: 9th November 2026 | from €8,630 [1]

Highlights

Discover the Maluku Islands (also known as the Moluccas), a natural paradise on the Spice Route • The UNESCO-listed Komodo National Park, home to the famous monitor lizards • Meet the local people and discover their customs and culture • A rich programme of activities**, including zodiac outings with your naturalist guides, opportunities for swimming and diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling in idyllic locations (Kitikiti Waterfall, Triton Bay).





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Balinese heritage

Before your cruise | Bali • 3 nights [3]

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



| EXPEDITION |

Raja Ampat and the Spice Islands

Darwin • Darwin | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Soléal*: 17th September 2026 | from €6,790 [1]

Highlights

Four days in the Indonesian archipelago of Raja Ampat, among karst rock formations and turquoise lagoons • The Maluku Islands (also known as the Moluccas), a natural paradise located along the Spice Route • The spectacular karst islands of the Coral Triangle • A rich programme of activities** including zodiac outings and landings with your naturalist guides, as well as opportunities for swimming and diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

The Northern Territory, into the Australian wild

Before and after your cruise | Darwin • 4 nights [3]

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

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***Activities subject to weather conditions and sailing opportunities.*





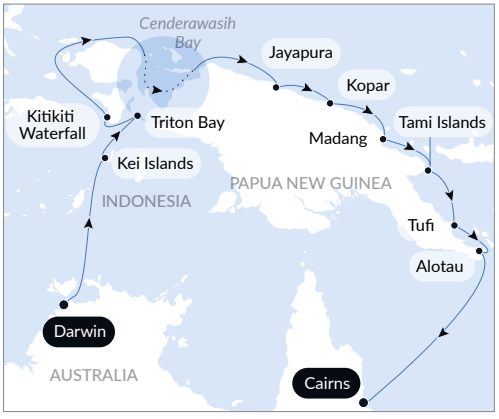
| EXPEDITION |

New Guinea odyssey

Darwin • Cairns / Cairns • Darwin | 17 days/16 nights |
Le Soléal: 28th September and 24th October 2026 | from €9,440 [(1)]

Highlights

The remote Tami Islands, boasting lagoon, abundant underwater life and splendid coral formations • Cenderawasih Bay, regularly visited by whale sharks • The beautiful white-sand beaches of the Kei Islands • The spectacular karst islands of the Coral Triangle • The knowledgeable support from nature guides throughout the cruise • A rich programme of activities* including zodiac outings and landings with your naturalist guides, as well as diving opportunities (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).



24th October 2026 departure: reverse itinerary.

SOCIETY AND PLANET

THE EXPLORERS CLUB

28th September 2026 departure: activities and lectures given by an expert from **The Explorers Club**.

| EXPEDITION |

From Fiji to Micronesia

Lautoka • Guam | 17 days/16 nights | *Le Jacques Cartier*: 20th February 2027 | 16 days/15 nights | *Le Soléal*: 22nd February 2027 | from €7,580 [1]

Highlights

A getaway to the heart of the isolated islands and archipelagos of the Pacific • Visits to traditional villages and numerous encounters with local people, discovering their traditions, dances and crafts • A rich programme of activities*, including outings and zodiac landings with your naturalist guides, as well as opportunities for snorkelling and diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).



Above: 20th February 2027 departure. Stopovers vary depending on the itinerary. More information on our website.



ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Cairns, at the edge of Australia's tropical rainforest

Before or after your cruise | Cairns • 1 night [3]

An aerial journey above the canopy... Enjoy a breathtaking view of the UNESCO-listed Cairns rainforest on a cable car ride. Stop off in the heart of the forest to learn more about this fascinating ecosystem and admire gorges and waterfalls. A visit to the picturesque village of Kuranda and its many market stalls, as well as free time in Cairns, round off this enjoyable stay.



New – Discovering Seoul

Before or after your cruise | Guam • 3 nights [3]

South Korea's capital is a blend of imperial tradition and contemporary sophistication, boasting 5,000 years of history. From the immense Gyeongbokgung palace, with the Gyeonghoeru pavilion and its 46 columns reflected in the lake, to Bukchon, the traditional district with its narrow streets housing artists' studios and cafés, typical markets and luxury boutiques, your English-speaking guide will take you on a tour of this fascinating megalopolis.

**Activities subject to weather conditions and sailing opportunities.*

POLYNESIA: THREE SHIPS IN PARADISE

Le Jacques Cartier, *Spirit of Ponant* and *Paul Gauguin*: the ships that will navigate Polynesian waters during the winter of 2026–2027 illustrate a plethora of ways to live this wonderful dream, between exploration, total freedom and immersion in the local culture. Sailing experts in the Pacific archipelagos, Captains Harold Antoine, Michel Quioc and René-Paul Boucher share their experiences.





"There is a closeness, a very special intimacy that is created when you come aboard Spirit of Ponant*, which caters for just a dozen guests. The approach is still very much a family one. Travellers make the boat their own. This is also reflected in the programme, which is partly designed according to the desires and feelings of each guest, with the possibility of anchoring, sometimes 50 metres from the beaches, which are a constant source of amazement. There are no restricted areas on* Spirit of Ponant*, and everyone can take part in the navigation, which, as soon as conditions allow, is done under sail."*

Harold Antoine





"Discovering the Marquesas aboard Le Jacques Cartier *means first and foremost total immersion. On this archipelago, which has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2024, everything is bigger and wilder, from secluded beaches to isolated valleys and unspoilt preserves. I often tell our guests that discovering Polynesia with PONANT EXPLORATIONS is like plunging into the origin of the world and returning to a natural state. Many people who have sailed to the four corners of the globe can't hold back their tears when faced with the raw beauty of the Marquesas Islands."*

Michel Quioc



"The fact that the Paul Gauguin *story was written in Polynesian waters helps to give this ship a soul. You feel it as soon as you step on board. Some of the 215 crew members have been sailing with us for nearly 30 years, and their attachment to the ship and the region gives them a certain energy. Our Polynesian ambassadors, the* Gauguins *and* Gauguines*, are something of figureheads who share their culture with us and, in their own way, nurture this atmosphere that encompasses exchange and relaxation. Why come to Polynesia? Quite simply, we're talking about some of the most beautiful tropical islands in the world..."*

René-Paul Boucher









*Spirit of Ponant 2: mata'i** and the Society Islands

The private Polynesian experience

Experience Polynesia in a different way aboard the Spirit of Ponant 2*, where the waves and the wind dictate the rhythm.*

This maxi-catamaran is only available for private hire, giving you complete freedom to choose your departure date, the length of your cruise and your itinerary.

5
staterooms

10
guests

4
crew
the captain and first mate, a host, and a chef

**The wind, in polynesian*

A journey that fulfils your whims and desires

With flexibility of yacht and time, expertise of the captain, Polynesian skipper and an all-inclusive offer, each voyage is unique, designed by you and for you.

Forge unforgettable memories with your nearest and dearest during stopovers or cruises in the catamaran's spacious 300 m^2. Refinement and spaces that open up to the outside are the order of the day.

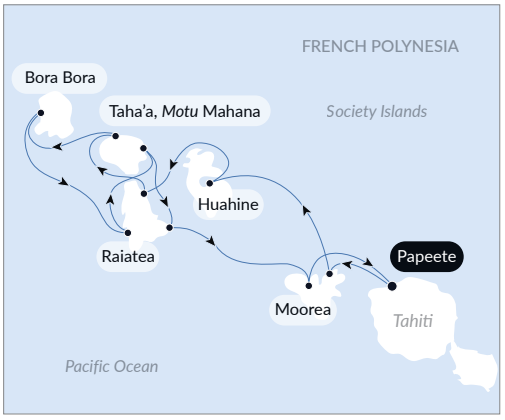
Polynesia on your plate

Your chef will be on hand to offer you a range of immersive experiences, including culinary demonstrations and tastings. Each mouthful prolongs the adventure.

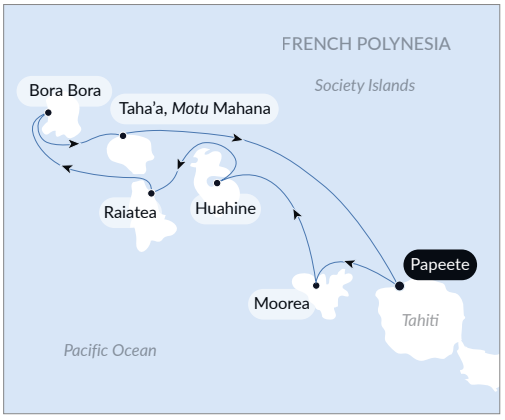


Papeete • Papeete
Suggested routes in 2026 and 2027

Up to 14 days and 13 nights



We also offer **7 days/6 nights** itineraries



Reservation of the entire yacht from €64,000 [4]

For more information, contact our Travel Advisors or your usual travel agency.

Your highlights

- Exploration of Polynesia through authentic immersion in the region.
- Mythical islands such as Bora Bora, with its lagoon, endless white sandy beaches and shimmering seabed.
- Secluded anchorages, such as at Taha'a, on *motu* Mahana.
- Raiatea, known as the mother of Polynesia, is the site of the first traces of local settlement, combining primitive places of worship and abundant nature.
- Immersive experiences ashore, including local markets, excursions, tours and tastings.
- A host of water-based activities are included, directly accessible from the boat's marina with snorkelling, paddleboarding, wing foil and water skiing.



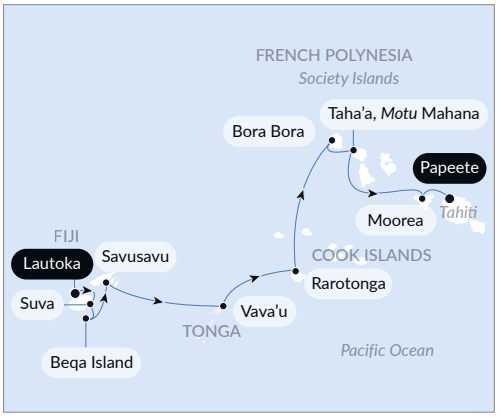
| TIMELESS |

Ancestral cultures of the South Pacific

Lautoka • Papeete | 16 days/14 nights | *Le Jacques Cartier*: 6th September 2026 |
Papeete • Lautoka | 14 days/13 nights | *Le Jacques Cartier*: 7th February 2027 |
from €8,280 [1]

Highlights

A journey that will take you to the Society Islands, the Cook Islands, Tonga and Fiji, among dream atolls and hidden paradises • Discover the Polynesian way of life • Visit Suva, the modern and dynamic capital of Fiji, which preserves the archipelago's historical heritage • Water sports (including diving, PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) • Numerous excursions included* (contact your travel advisor).



Above: 6th September 2026 departure. Stopovers vary depending on the itinerary. More information on our website.

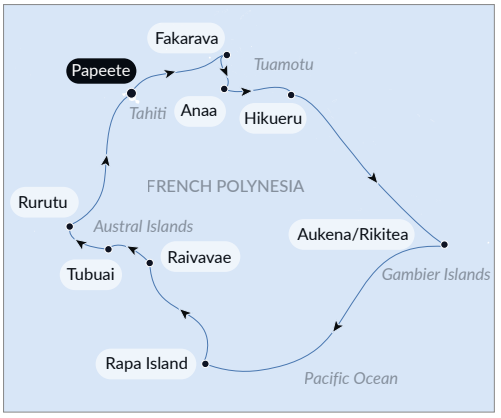
| DISCOVERY |

Secret Polynesia from the Society to the Austral Islands

Papeete • Papeete | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Jacques Cartier*: 18th October and 13th December 2026 | from €9,410 [1]

Highlights

A unique itinerary through the Gambier and Austral archipelagos, little-known territories among the most isolated in Polynesia • Three unique stops: the Hikueru atoll, Rapa and Rurutu islands • Typical landscapes: lagoons, coral reefs, atolls, green peaks • Authentic encounters with island communities • A rich programme of activities: among these are included excursions* led by expert local guides and activities accompanied by your naturalist guides.



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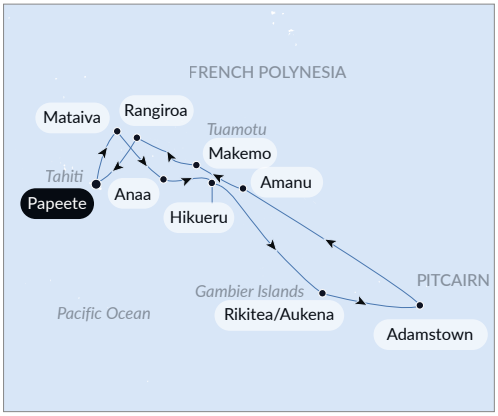
| DISCOVERY |

From French Polynesia to Pitcairn Island

Papeete • Papeete | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Jacques Cartier*: 15th November 2026 | from €9,020 [1]

Highlights

An unprecedented exploration of the Tuamotu and Gambier archipelagos and Pitcairn Island, combining spectacular nature and ancestral culture • Paradise landscapes: secluded beaches, sublime lagoons, teeming coral reefs, lush mangroves and more • A dive into the fascinating history and living traditions of this region • A rich programme of activities: among these are included excursions* led by expert local guides and activities accompanied by your naturalist guides.



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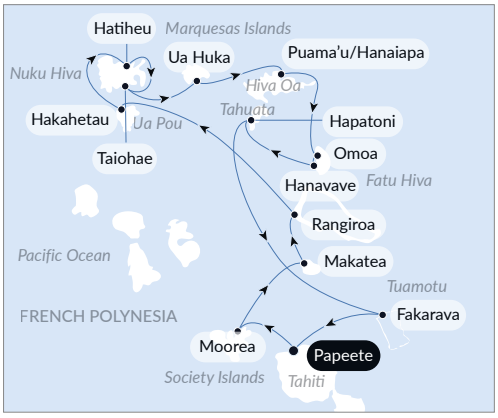
| DISCOVERY |

Polynesian bliss: Marquesas, Tuamotu and Society Islands

Papeete • Papeete | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Jacques Cartier*: 4th October, 1st and 29th November and 27th December 2026; 10th and 24th January 2027 | from €8,860 [1]

Highlights

A unique mosaic of the most beautiful archipelagos in French Polynesia, between the Society Islands, the Tuamotu Islands and the legendary Marquesas Islands • Discover the history of the Marquesas and its giant sculptures in Hiva Oa, and its ancestral crafts in Fatu Hiva • Idyllic Polynesian landscapes, including the lagoon of Fakarava • A rich programme of activities: among these are included excursions* led by expert local guides and activities accompanied by your naturalist guides.



NEW



ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

New – Relaxing stay in Bora Bora and Tahiti

After your cruise | Bora Bora • 3 nights [3]

Sheltered by a private cove on the *motu* Toopua, the 5* Conrad Bora Bora Nui Resort is set in idyllic surroundings overlooking the turquoise waters of the lagoon. You can spend 3 nights here after your cruise in the romantic, idyllic setting of the Pearl of the Pacific. And so you can return to Tahiti with peace of mind, the Bora Bora/Papeete flight and a day room at the Hilton Hotel Tahiti are included in your stay.

**Activities subject to weather conditions and sailing opportunities. **Included excursions, mentioned as examples, to be booked approximately three months before departure, subject to availability and minimum number of participants.*

Paul Gauguin CRUISES

Member of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP

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



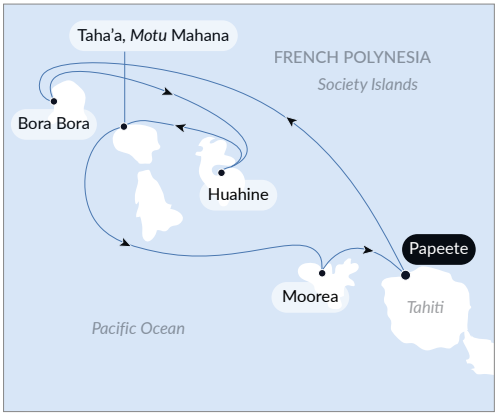
WATCH – A TASTER:
Experience the rhythm
of the Polynesian archipelagos.

Tahiti & the Society Islands

Papeete • Papeete | 8 days/7 nights | *Paul Gauguin*: 3rd October, 14th November and 12th December 2026 | from €3,300 [1]

Highlights

An immersion in the heart of the Society Islands and its iconic islands: Bora Bora, Moorea, Huahine • Discover ancient Polynesian culture and its island crafts • A private barbecue on the exclusive islet of *motu* Mahana and an introduction to the Polynesian way of life • The diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) with an experienced instructor to admire Polynesian marine life.

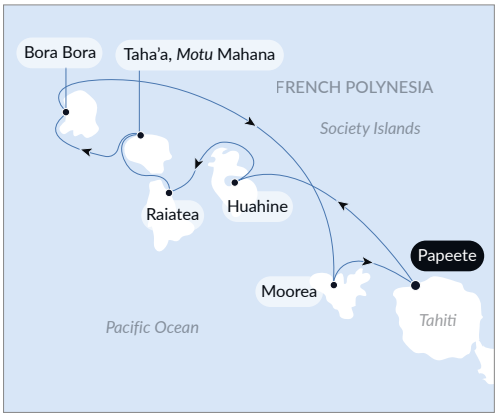


Pearls of the Society Islands

Papeete • Papeete | 8 days/7 nights | *Paul Gauguin*: 7th November 2026 | from €3,730 [1]

Highlights

An immersion in the heart of the Society Islands and its iconic islands: Bora Bora, Moorea, Huahine, with an additional stopover on the legendary island of Raiatea • Discover ancient Polynesian culture and its island crafts • A private barbecue on the exclusive islet of *motu* Mahana and an introduction to the Polynesian way of life • The diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) with an experienced instructor to admire Polynesian marine life.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Marquesas Islands, discover the 'Land of Men'

Before your cruise | Papeete • 7 nights [3]

This complete programme to the Marquesas is a true escape, including flights and overnight stays in charming establishments, the ideal prelude to your embarkation. The discreet Hanakee Lodge in Hiva Oa, facing the Pacific Ocean, offers an enchanting first glimpse of the Marquesas Islands, while Nuku Hiva by Pearl Resorts, a Relais & Châteaux establishment, promises total relaxation in harmony with nature. Take advantage of the many included visits to discover the mysteries of the 'Land of Men'.



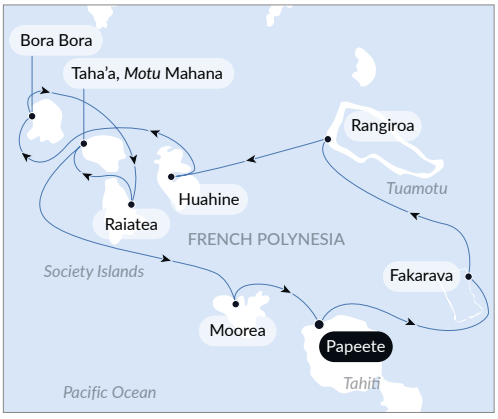


Society Islands and the Tuamotus

Papeete • Papeete | 11 days/10 nights | *Paul Gauguin*: 23rd September, 14th October and 2nd December 2026 | from €4,900 [1]

Highlights

Explore the Society Islands with stops at iconic locations: Huahine, Bora Bora, Taha'a, Moorea • Discover the Tuamotu Archipelago with the Fakarava Biosphere Reserve and the 'infinite lagoon' of Rangiroa • The diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) with an experienced instructor to admire Polynesian marine life.



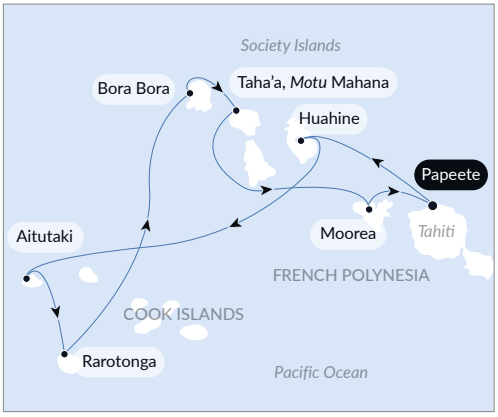
14th October 2026 departure: no stop in Raiatea.

Cook Islands and Society Islands

Papeete • Papeete | 12 days/11 nights | *Paul Gauguin*: 21st November 2026 and 2nd January 2027 | from €5,270 [1]

Highlights

Explore the Society Islands and Cook Islands with stops at iconic locations: Bora Bora, Moorea, Aitutaki and many other paradises • Breathtaking Polynesian landscapes such as the Rarotonga Valley • A private barbecue on the exclusive *motu* Mahana and an introduction to the Polynesian way of life • The diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) with an experienced instructor to admire Polynesian marine life.

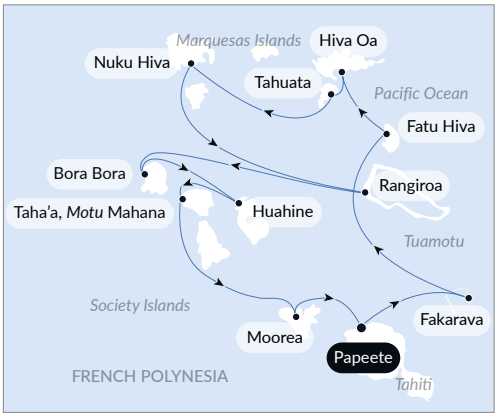


Marquesas, the Tuamotus and Society Islands

Papeete • Papeete | 15 days/14 nights | *Paul Gauguin*: 24th October and 19th December 2026 | from €7,490 [(1)]

Highlights

A mosaic of the most beautiful archipelagos in Polynesia, including the Society Islands, the Tuamotu Islands and the legendary Marquesas Islands • Immerse yourself in Polynesian history and traditions through sculpture in Hiva Oa and ancestral crafts in Fatu Hiva • Fascinating landscapes, including the Fakarava lagoon • The diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) with an experienced instructor to admire Polynesian marine life.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Night snorkelling

From Moorea • 3 h 30 [€€€€]

When night falls, Moorea's underwater coral garden comes alive with incredible creatures. Night snorkelling is a unique experience, an exploration of a magical world. Sea turtles, rays and moray eels swim gracefully around you. Sea urchins, octopuses and lion-fish are testimony to the diversity and delicacy of underwater life. A hidden treasure unfolds in the moonlight, so swim to meet it!



Motu picnic

From Huahine • 5 h 30 [€€€€]

Who better than one of our guests to tell you about this excursion? *"This all-day excursion was truly multi-faceted!"* she told us. *"We took our places in a pirogue to begin snorkelling among the fish. Then we were welcomed on a private islet with punch and cold drinks to enjoy by the water, along with ceviche prepared during a cookery workshop. Our Polynesian host also wove palm leaf crowns for us and showed us how to open a coconut. It was a wonderful shared experience."*

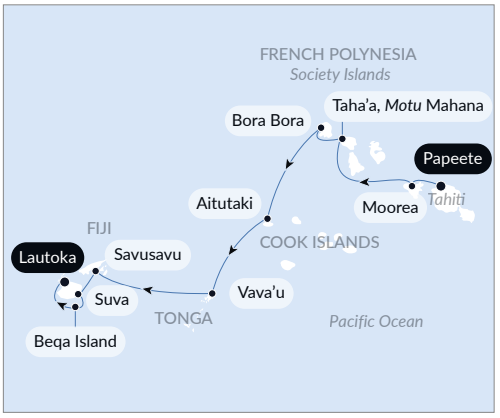
EXPLORE
We offer a number of optional excursions at each stopover and very comprehensive pre- and post-cruise stays. Take a look at our wide selection.

Fiji, Tonga, Cook Islands & Society Islands

Papeete • Lautoka | 16 days/15 nights | *Paul Gauguin*: 13th January 2027 |
Lautoka • Papeete | 14 days/13 nights | *Paul Gauguin*: 15th April 2027 |
from €7,710 [1]

Highlights

A journey to the Society Islands, the Cook Islands, Tonga and Fiji, among dream atolls and hidden paradises • An exclusive barbecue on *motu* Mahana, an exclusive islet, and the discovery of the Polynesian way of life • Visit the authentic Fijian town of Savusavu • The diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) with an experienced instructor to admire Polynesian marine life.



15th April 2027 departure: reverse itinerary. Stopovers vary depending on the itinerary. More information on our website.

From Fiji to Bali

Lautoka • Bali | 21 days/20 nights | *Paul Gauguin*: 28th January 2027 |
from €8,220[1]

Highlights

A journey to the heart of the South Pacific, discovering six countries: Fiji, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, East Timor and Indonesia • Discover local cultures and traditions, such as the 'water music women' show in Espiritu Santo • Explore idyllic landscapes, including the UNESCO-listed Komodo National Park • The diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) with an experienced instructor to admire Polynesian marine life.





ENHANCE YOUR CRUISE

Pink beach snorkelling

From Komodo • 3 h [€€€]

A stretch of pale pink sand, turquoise waters populated by a myriad of tropical fish. That's what this trip to Komodo National Park has in store for you. You'll be transported by boat to this magical spot, where you can relax, swim and snorkel to your heart's content. The shallow bay, bordered by lush green rocky promontories, is home to scarlet coral, which extends onto the shore giving the bay its surprising hue.

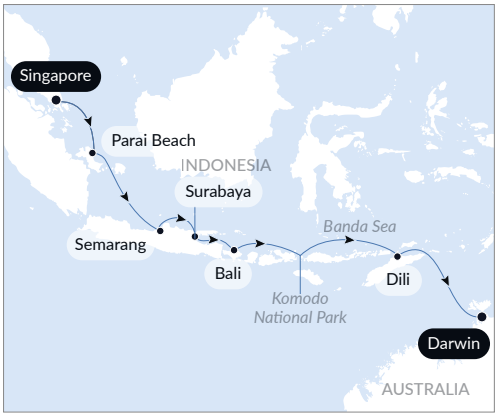


Indonesia's sacred temples and natural sanctuaries

Singapore • Darwin | 14 days/13 nights | *Paul Gauguin*: 16th March 2027 | from €5,770 [1]

Highlights

In the heart of the natural and historical jewels of the Java and Timor seas, among monumental temples, idyllic beaches and lush nature • Discover an exceptional heritage such as the archaeological sites of Trowulan and Borobudur, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites • Explore fascinating natural surroundings, such as the UNESCO-listed Komodo National Park • The diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) with an experienced instructor to admire Polynesian marine life.



An escapade in the heart of Melanesia

Darwin • Lautoka | 18 days/17 nights | *Paul Gauguin*: 29th March 2027 | from €6,620 [1]

Highlights

A journey to the heart of the most beautiful archipelagos in the South Pacific, discovering five countries: Fiji, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Australia • Discover local cultures and traditions, such as the 'water music women' show in Espiritu Santo • The diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) with an experienced instructor to admire Polynesian marine life.







PONANT EXPLORATIONS | Smithsonian JOURNEYS

Journeys of discovery

PONANT EXPLORATIONS and Smithsonian Journeys, the travel program of the Smithsonian Institution, have formed a **unique alliance** to offer themed sailings featuring experiences that embrace local cultures and **dive deeper** into a destination's history, cuisine, language, environment and wildlife.

In addition to the usual elements of the PONANT experience, these voyages **include transfers** to and from the ship, talks and discussions aboard ship by **world class experts**, and a **shore excursion or activity in each port of call** that immerses guests in the sights, sounds, tastes and smells of each destination, and helps provide a deeper understanding of the places we explore.

Discover all the departures
of the Winter 2026–2027 season,
in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.



GRAND VOYAGES

Time stretches out, the horizon unfolds... Let yourself be tempted by carefully selected back-to-back cruises.

At the crossroads of civilisations, from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic shores

Valletta • Dakar | 28 days/27 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: from 29th October to 25th November 2026 | from € 14,930 [1]

The Mediterranean reveals itself through its listed sites, the golden stones of ancient Greece, ancient Carthage and the Casbah in Algiers. After Gibraltar, Tangier and Casablanca emerge among sumptuous palaces, gardens and enchanting markets. Far from the continent, the Atlantic islands of Madeira, the Canary Islands and Cape Verde each offer their own unique island charm: contrasting landscapes – lava fields, calderas and lush valleys – are home to colourful towns.



This Grand Voyage is made up of the following cruises:

- **Ancient shores of the Mediterranean**
  29th October 2026 – *see page 59.*
- **Atlantic odyssey from the Iberian Peninsula to the Canary Islands**
  7th November 2026 – *see page 60.*
- **Volcanic landscapes from Canary Islands to Cape Verde**
  15th November 2026 – *see page 61.*

Find the highlights of these itineraries on the pages corresponding to each cruise, and the specific formalities of each cruise on p. 122–123.

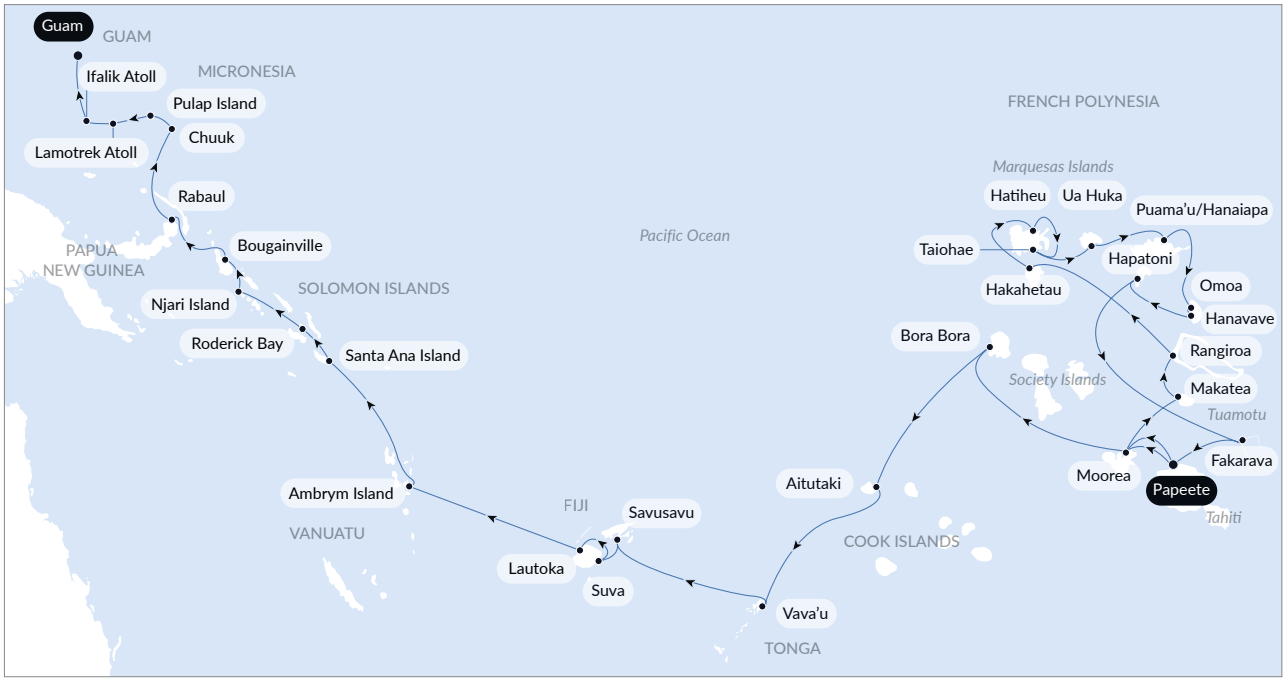
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- **Polynesian bliss: Marquesas, Tuamotu and Society Islands**
  24th January 2027 – *see page 87.*
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Le Dumont d'Urville: 25th November 2026
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Dakar • Fort-de-France
11 days/10 nights
Le Lapérouse: 27th November 2026
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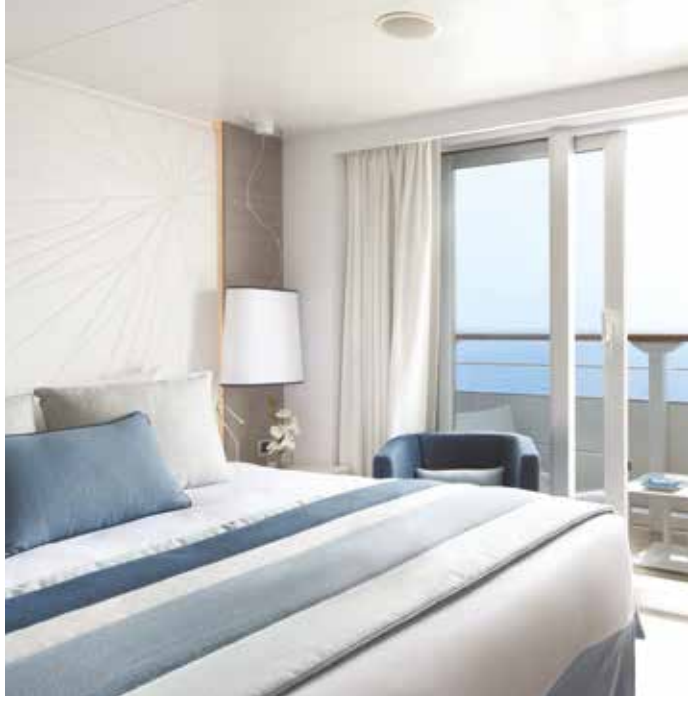
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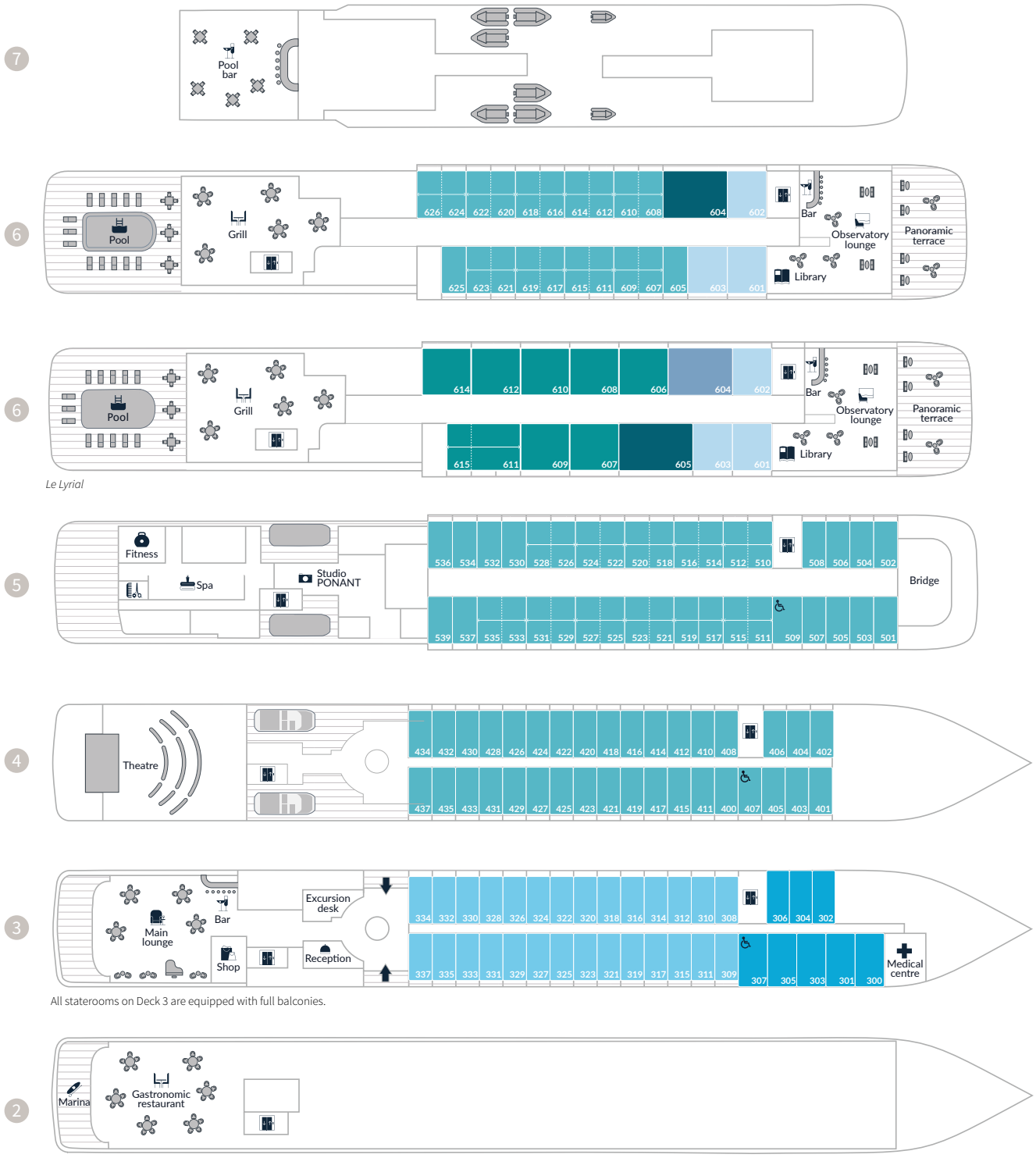




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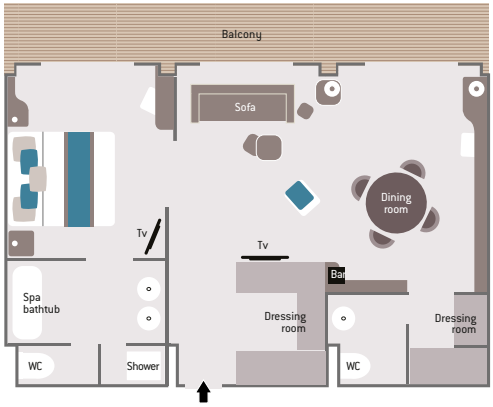
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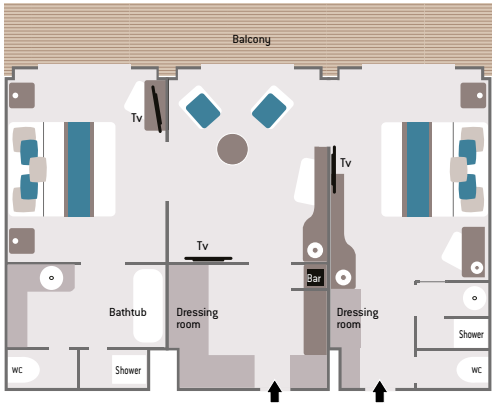
- Owner's Suite — Deck 6
- Grand Privilege Suite — Deck 6 (*Le Lyrial*)
- Privilege Suites — Deck 6 (*Le Lyrial*)
- Prestige Suites — Deck 5–6 (except *Le Lyrial*)
- Grand Deluxe Suite — Deck 6 (*Le Lyrial*)
- Deluxe Suites — Deck 6
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- Deluxe Staterooms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

Discover your Stateroom

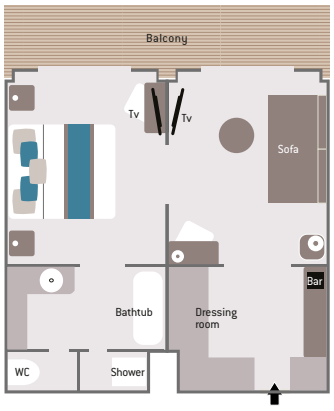
Owner's Suite aboard *Le Lyrial*
(55 sq.m/581 sq.ft + 12 sq.m/129 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)



Grand Privilege Suite aboard *Le Lyrial*
(55 sq.m/581 sq.ft + 12 sq.m/129 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)



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



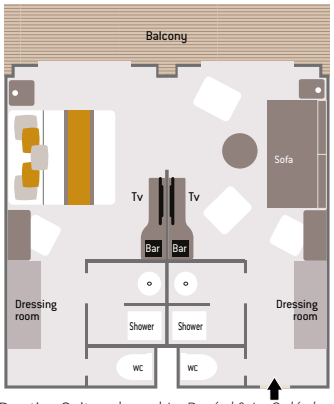
Owner's Suite
(45 sq.m/484 sq.ft + 9 sq.m/97 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)



Grand Deluxe Suite aboard *Le Lyrial*
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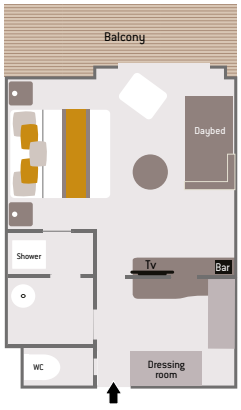


Prestige Suite
(37 sq.m/398 sq.ft + 8 sq.m/86 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay windows)



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

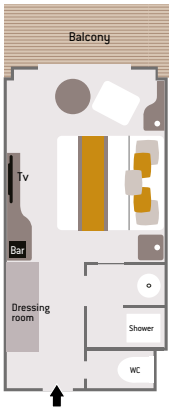
Deluxe Suite
(27 sq.m/290 sq.ft + 6 sq.m/64 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)



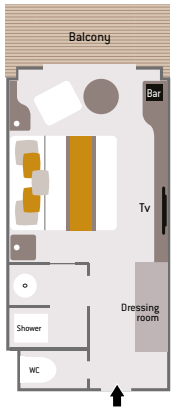
Deluxe Suites aboard *Le Boréal*: 1 shower and 1 bathtub

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

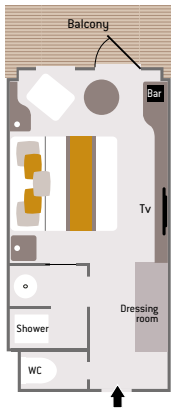
Deck 4



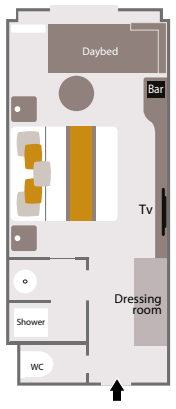
Deck 5–6



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)





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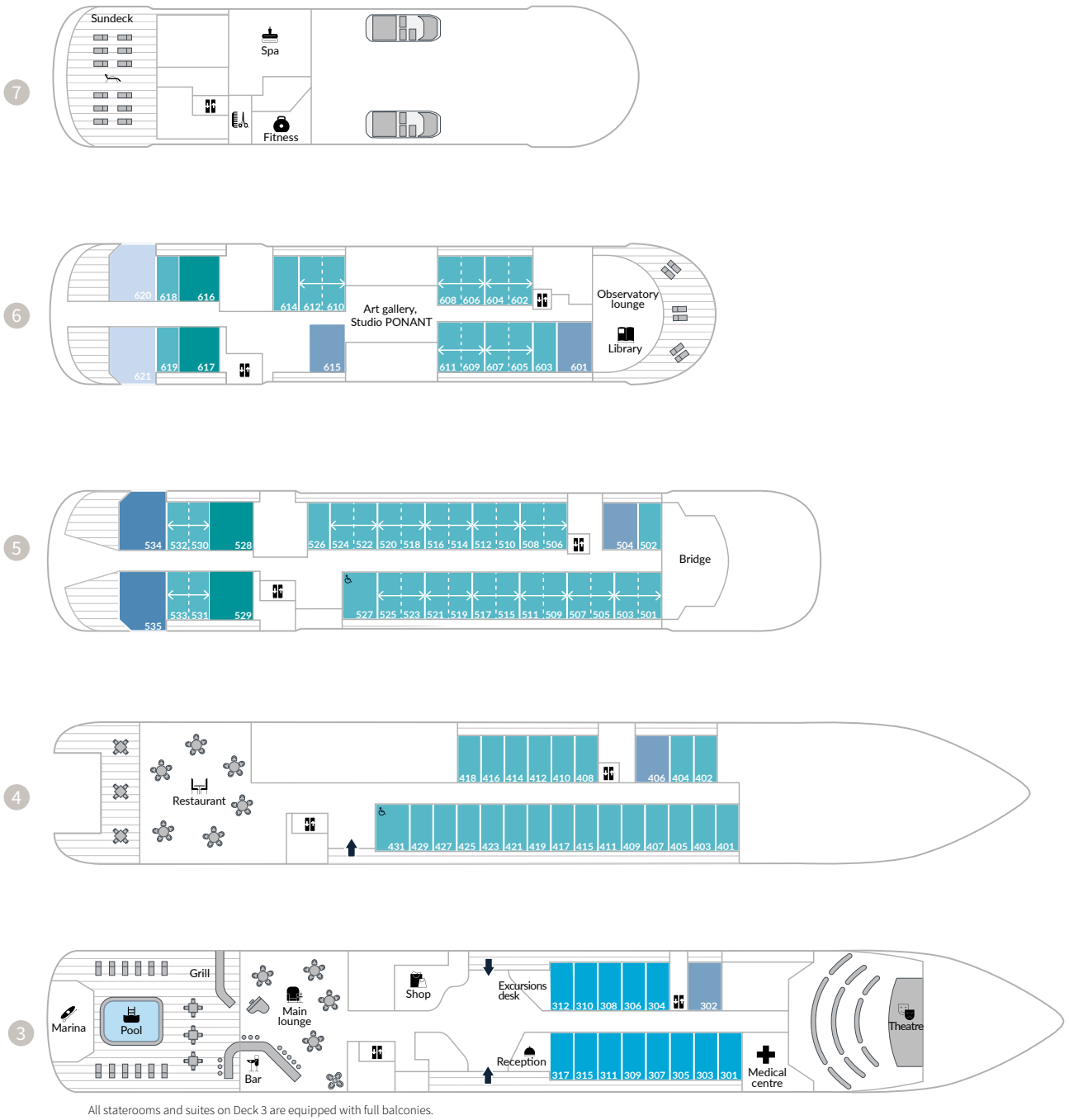




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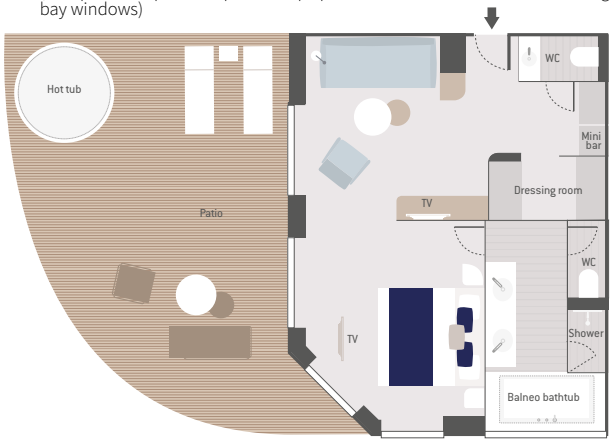


All staterooms and suites on Deck 3 are equipped with full balconies.

- Owner's Suites — Deck 5
- Privilege Suites — Deck 5–6
- Grand Deluxe Suites — Deck 6
- Prestige Suites — Deck 5–6
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- Deluxe Staterooms — Deck 3

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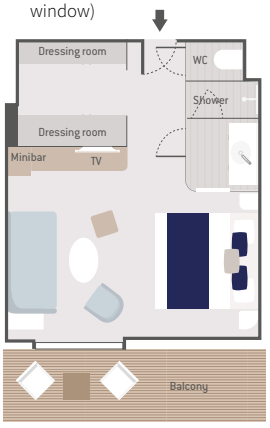
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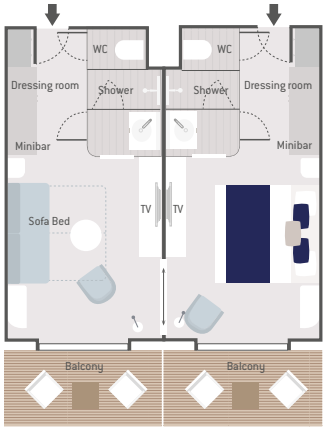
Grand Deluxe Suite
(45 sq.m/484 sq.ft + 30 sq.m/323 sq.ft private terrace with sliding bay windows)



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



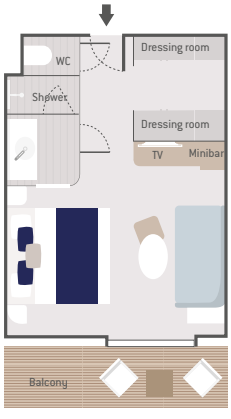
Prestige Suite
(38 sq.m/409 sq.ft + 8 sq.m/86 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)



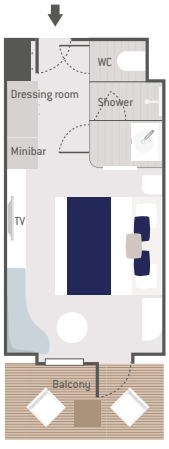
Prestige Stateroom
(19 sq.m/204 sq.ft + 4 sq.m/43 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)



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



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



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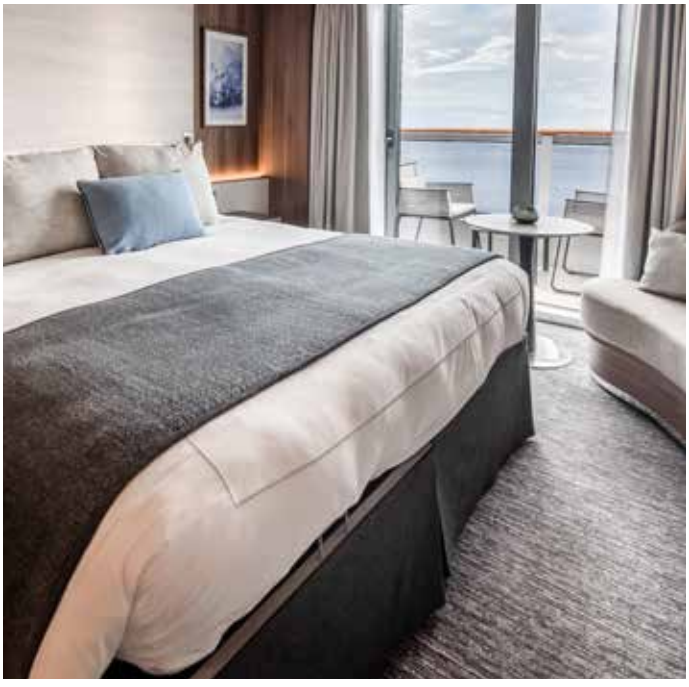
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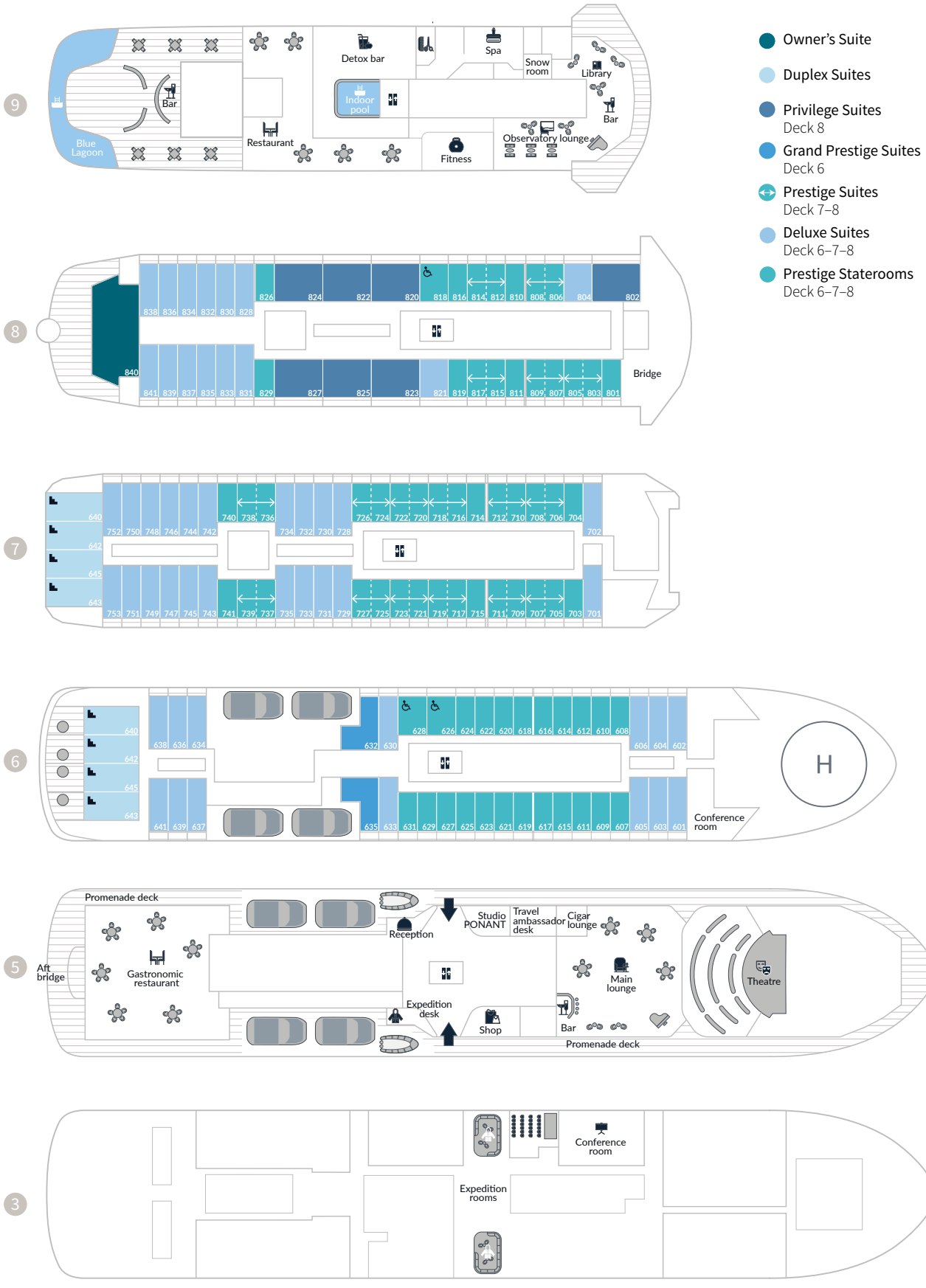




Amenities

Private balcony or terrace for all our staterooms and suites • Butler service and priority boarding for certain suites • King-size bed or twin beds depending on the stateroom, communicating staterooms available (children welcome) • Direct satellite telephone line • Free unlimited Wi-Fi internet access*.

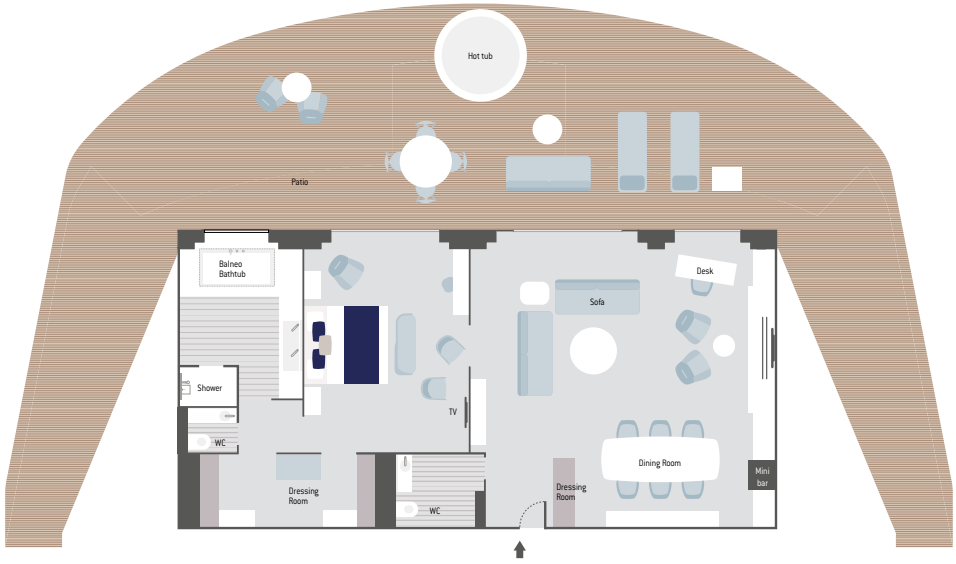
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- Duplex Suites
- Privilege Suites
  Deck 8
- Grand Prestige Suites
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- Deluxe Suites
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- Prestige Staterooms
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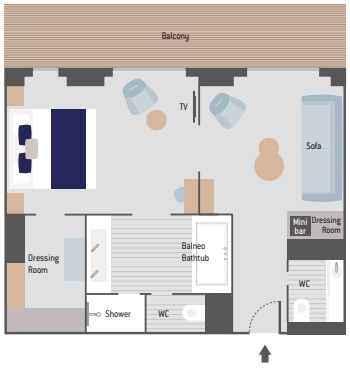
Owner's Suite
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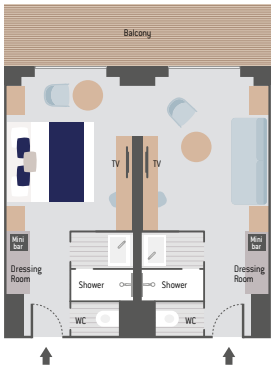
Grand Prestige Suite
42 sq.m/452 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/54 sq.ft private balcony)



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)



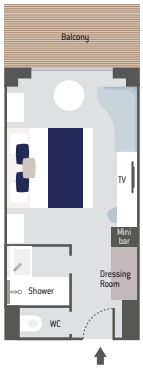
Duplex Suite
(94 sq.m/1,011 sq.ft + 26 sq.m/279 sq.ft private terrace with hot tub • balneo bathtub)



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



Prestige Stateroom
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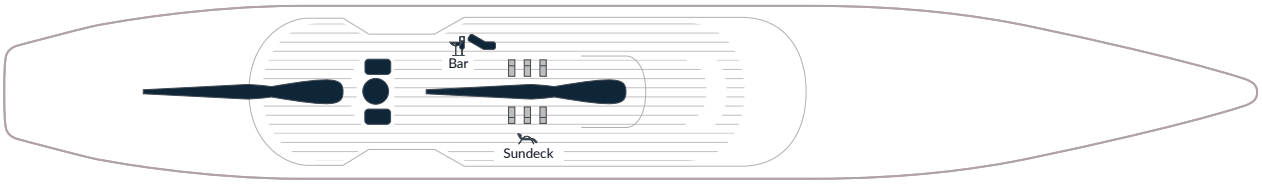


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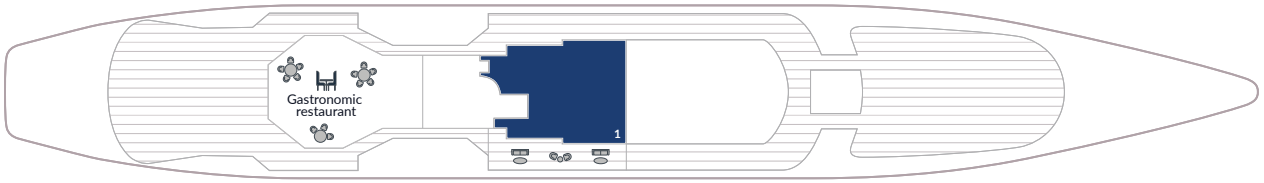
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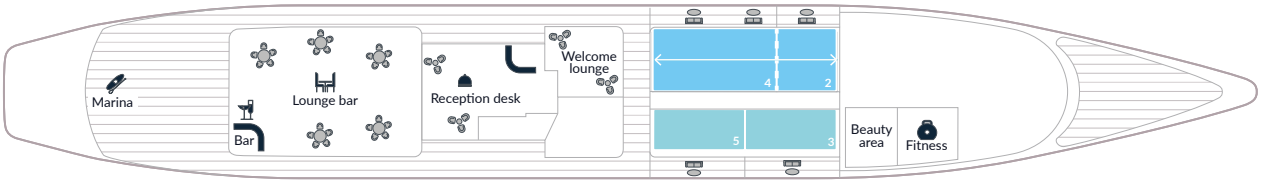
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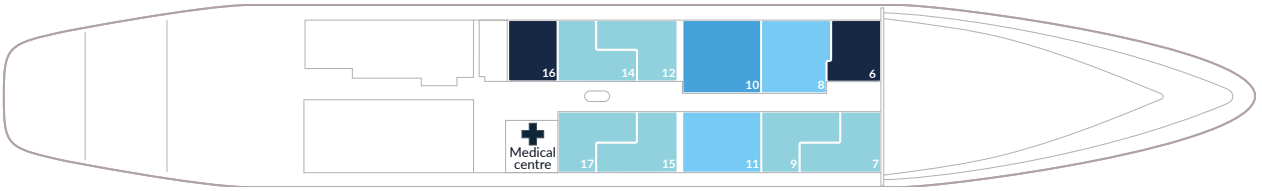
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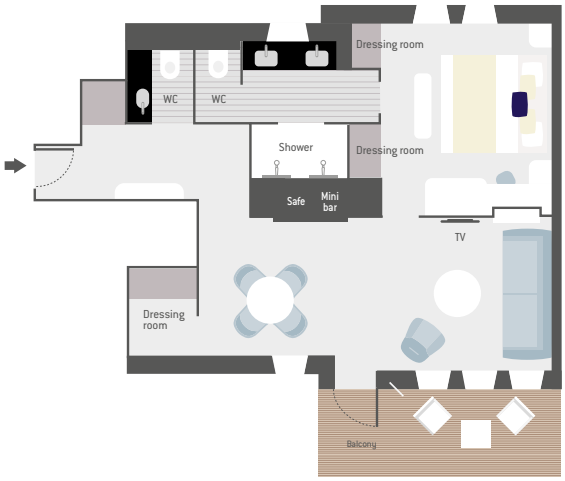


1 Owner Suite with balcony
2 Alizés Stateroom with balcony
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4 + 2 Alizés Grand Privilege Suite with balcony

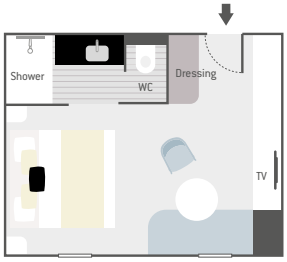
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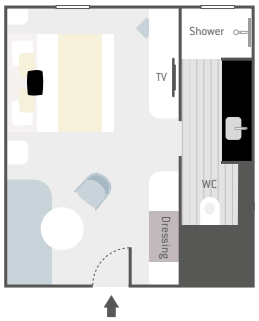
Owner's Suite
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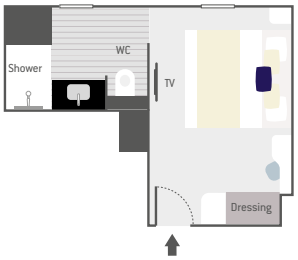
Prestige Mistral Suite
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Junior Mistral Suite
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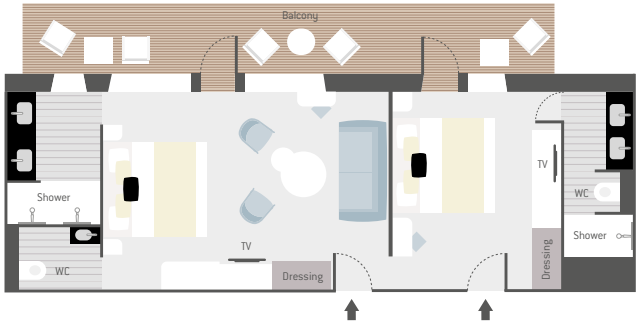
Prestige Mistral Stateroom
(16 sq.m/172 sq.ft + porthole)



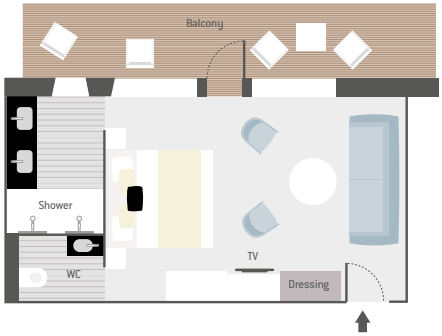
Mistral Stateroom
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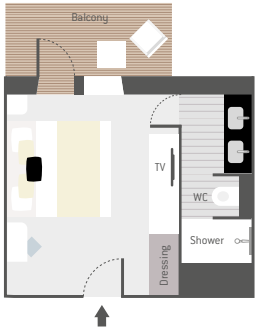
Alizés Grand Privilege Suite
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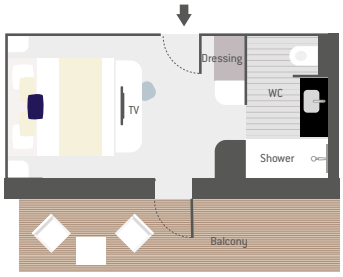
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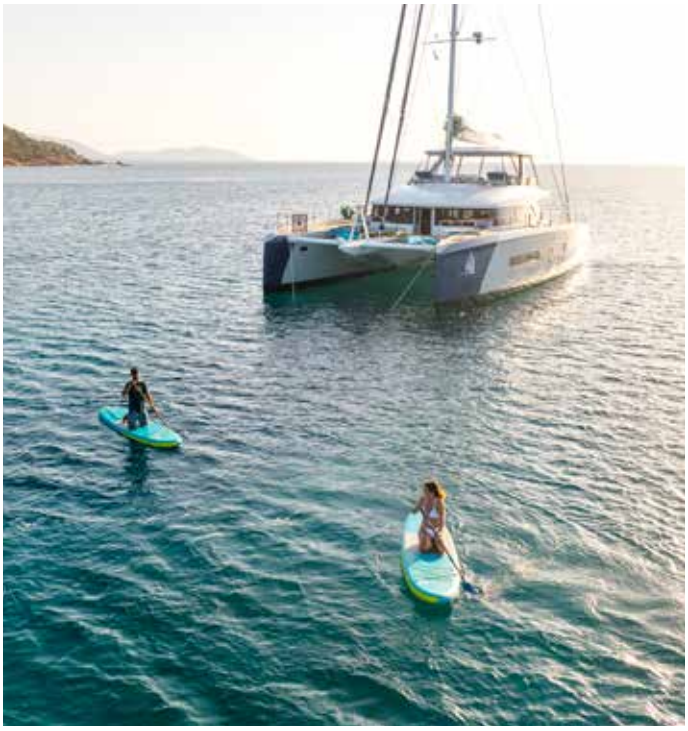


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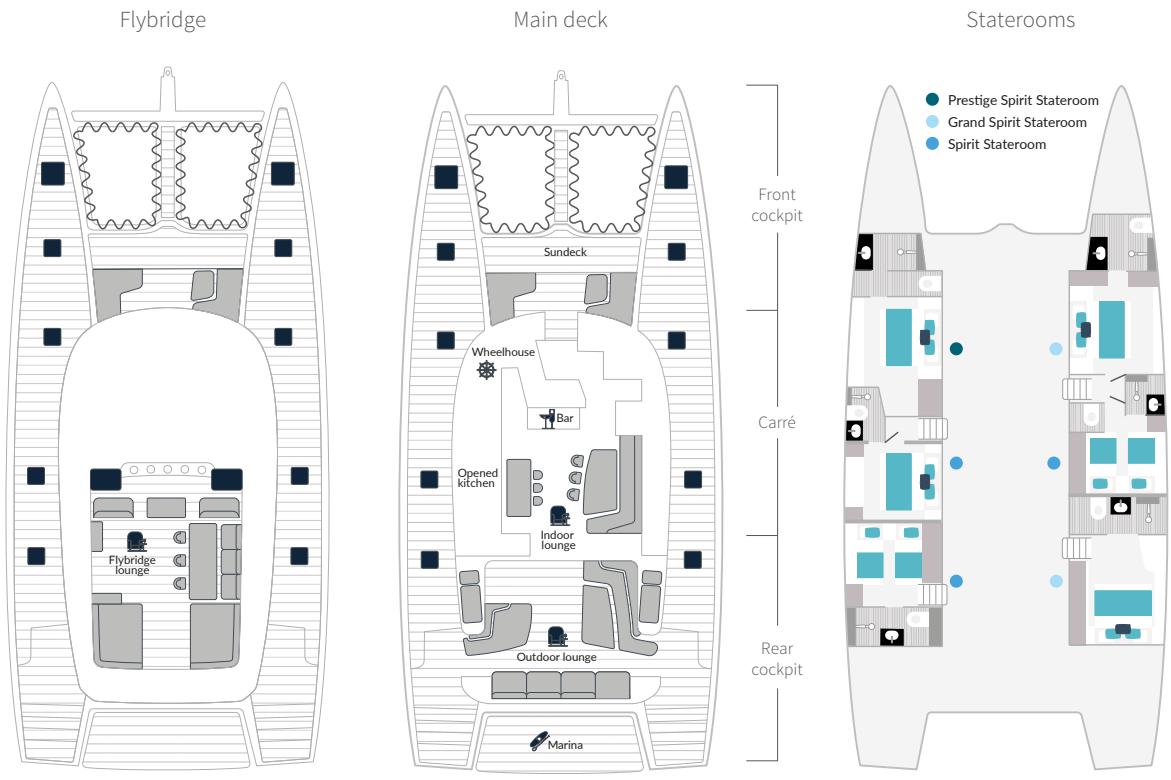
With 4 to 6 staterooms, large indoor and outdoor spaces covering more than 300 m^2, state-of-the-art facilities and direct access to the sea, the *Spirit of Ponant* and *La Désirade* maxi-catamarans offer services where excellence, privacy and connection with nature are paramount. Whether you opt for a private charter or a stateroom reservation, they offer endless possibilities, combining the comfort of a large yacht with a love of the sea.







Spirit of Ponant Seychelles Deck Plans



More details about each of the vessels in the Yachting range on our website.



The m/s *Paul Gauguin*

The 165 suites and staterooms of the m/s *Paul Gauguin*, renovated in 2025, all benefit from exterior views and are tastefully furnished and decorated. The use of fine materials such as premium wood and *tiki* design elements pays homage to Polynesian culture and combines elegantly with bright colours. The atmosphere on board is suffused with its inimitable style, and permeates into the cruise guests. Result: the ambiance is relaxed and easy going!





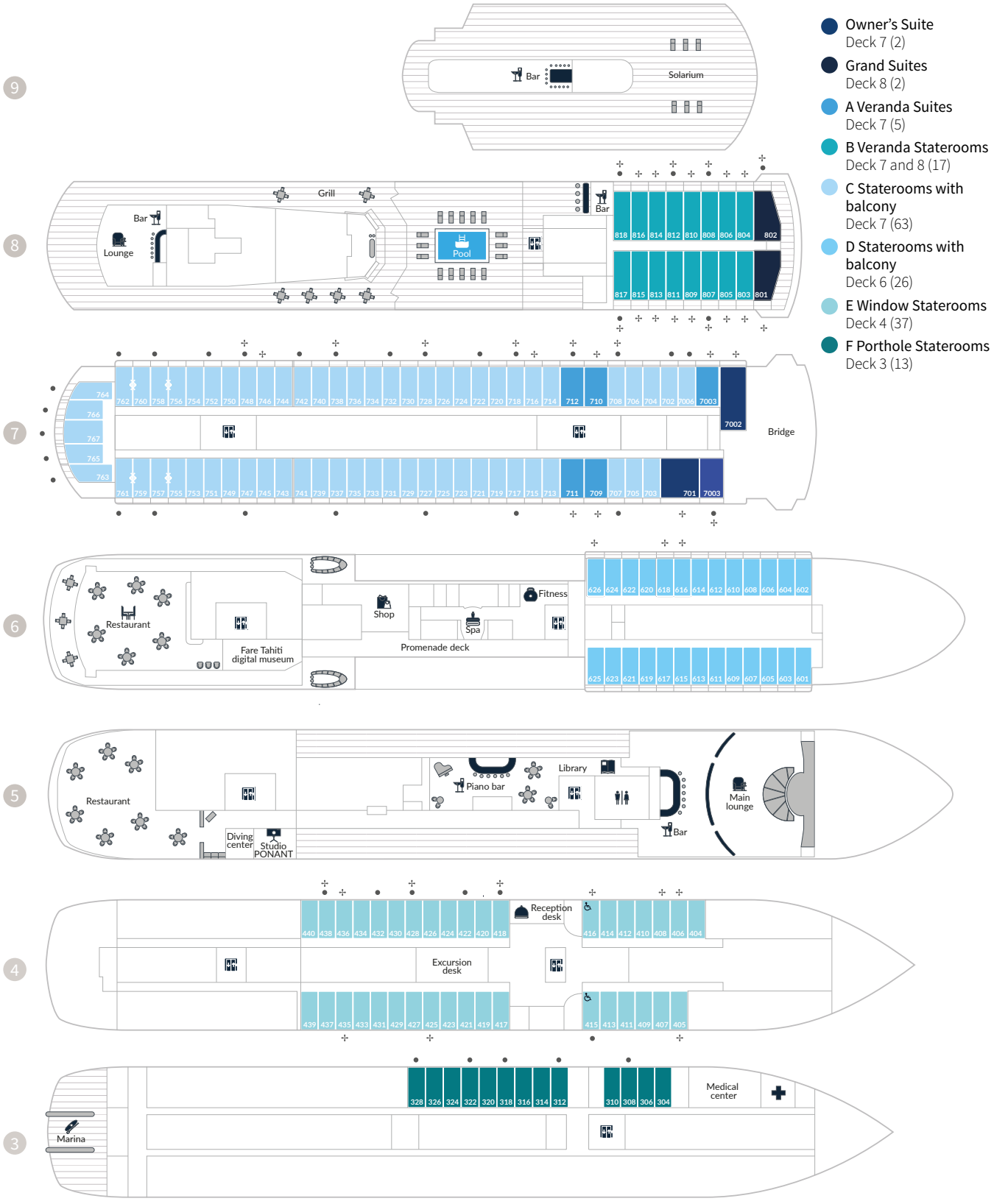




Amenities

Butler service for certain suites and staterooms • Queen-size, king-size bed or two single beds; some staterooms also have a sofa bed • Marble bathroom with bathtub (except 7 staterooms with shower only) • Direct satellite telephone line • Free unlimited Wi-Fi internet access*.

Discover all our services on en.ponant.com.
**Depending on the navigation areas, the Wi-Fi may not be accessible for reasons beyond our control.*



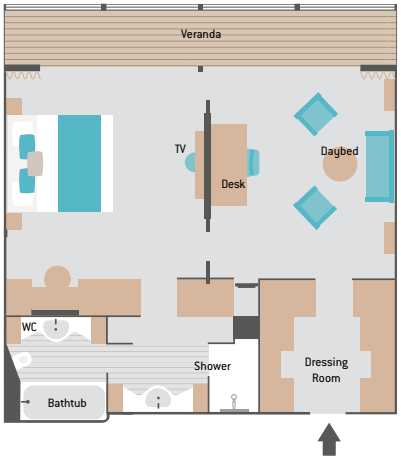
- Owner's Suite
  Deck 7 (2)
- Grand Suites
  Deck 8 (2)
- A Veranda Suites
  Deck 7 (5)
- B Veranda Staterooms
  Deck 7 and 8 (17)
- C Staterooms with balcony
  Deck 7 (63)
- D Staterooms with balcony
  Deck 6 (26)
- E Window Staterooms
  Deck 4 (37)
- F Porthole Staterooms
  Deck 3 (13)

● 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.

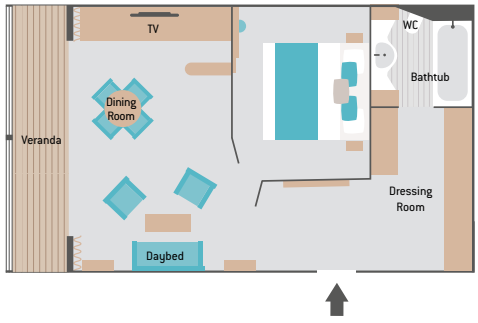
The sofa beds are slightly smaller than the standard twin beds.
Connecting staterooms on deck 7: 762–760, 758–756, 761–759, 757–755.
Suites and Staterooms range from 18.5 to 54.5 sq.m (200 to 588 sq.ft).
This measurement includes balconies and verandas in categories D and above.

Discover your Stateroom

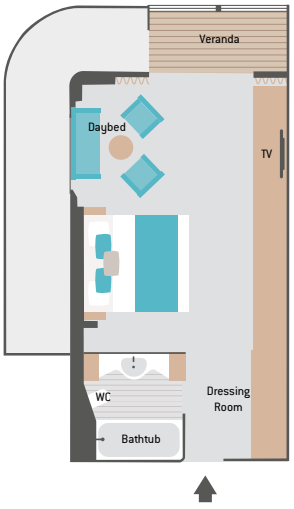
Owner's Suite 701
(42 sq.m/457 sq.ft + 7 sq.m/77 sq.ft veranda)
The bathroom boasts a separate shower and a dressing area.



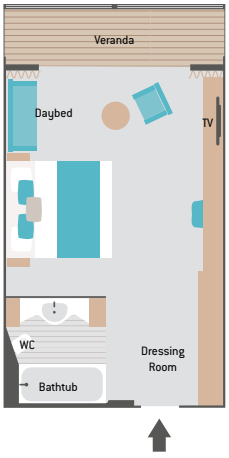
Owner's Suite 7002
(49 sq.m/531 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/57 sq.ft veranda)
The bathroom boasts a bathtub and a dressing area.



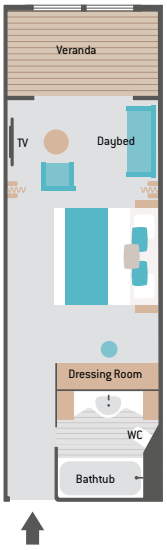
GS Grand Suite
(30 sq.m/332 sq.ft + 18 sq.m/197 sq.ft veranda)
Two suites available: the Paul Gauguin Suite (801) and the Flora Tristan Suite (802).



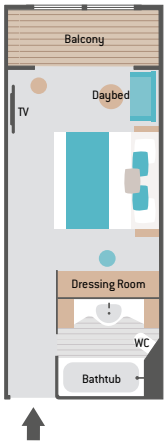
A Veranda Suite
(28 sq.m/300 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/58 sq.ft veranda)
Suites available: Tahiti Suite (709), Pont-Aven Suite (710), Atuona Suite (711), Arles Suite (712).
The Veranda Suite 7004 has a double bed.



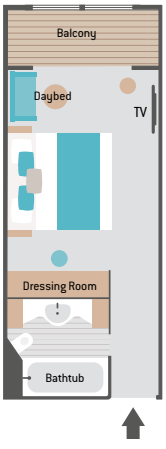
B Veranda Stateroom
(24 sq.m/249 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/56 sq.ft veranda)
Cabin 7003 has a shower cubicle and a double bed.

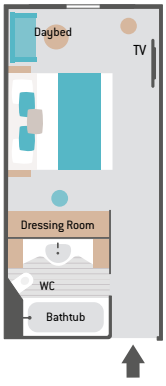


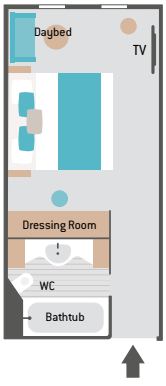
C Balcony Stateroom
(19 sq.m/202 sq.ft + 3 sq.m/37 sq.ft balcony)
Balcony Staterooms 708, 716, 718, 728, 738, 746 and 748 can accommodate a guest in a sofa bed.
Stateroom 7006 features a very small bathroom with shower only. Staterooms 763, 764, 765, 766 and 767 vary in size and feature shower stall 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.

Take a virtual tour of the m/s *Paul Gauguin* at 360°

Formalities

FOR ALL CRUISES

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

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

A copy of the visas or travel authorisations requested to the relevant authorities, or of the vaccination certificates for all destinations where they are compulsory, must be sent to PONANT EXPLORATIONS 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

THE ANTARCTIC | *L'AUSTRAL*: Ushuaia • Buenos Aires: 26/02/27 [3] / Valparaíso • Ushuaia: 04/11/26 [3]
LE LYRIAL: Valparaíso • Ushuaia: 03/11/26 [3]
LE SOLÉAL: Dunedin • Dunedin: 28/12/26 - 11/01/27 - 25/01/27 [1]

THE CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA | *L'AUSTRAL*: Buenos Aires • Rio de Janeiro: 16/03/27 [2] [3]
LE BELLOT: Cabo San Lucas • Cabo San Lucas: 31/01/27 - 20/02/27 - 02/03/27 - 12/03/25 [4] / Colón • Fort-de-France: 29/03/27 [5] / Colón • Puntarenas: 21/11/26 - 18/12/26 - 14/01/27 [5] / Puntarenas • Colón: 08/12/26 - 04/01/27 - 19/03/27 [5] / Puntarenas • Puntarenas: 01/12/26 - 28/12/26 [5] / Willemstad • Colón: 12/11/26 [5] [6]
LE LAPÉROUSE: Colón • Puntarenas: 19/12/26 - 15/01/27 - 26/02/27 [5] / Fort-de-France • Colón: 07/12/26 [5] / Puntarenas • Colón: 05/01/27 [5] / Puntarenas • Puntarenas: 29/12/26 [6]

THE FAR NORTH | *LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT*: Montréal • Montréal: 13/02/27 - 27/02/27 [7] / Montréal • Nuuk: 13/03/27 [7]

EUROPE AND THE ATLANTIC ISLANDS | *LE CHAMPLAIN*: Dakar • Las Palmas: 06/01/27 [8] / Las Palmas • Dakar: 03/12/26 [8]
LE DUMONT D'URVILLE: Dakar • Las Palmas: 15/03/27 [8] / Las Palmas • Dakar: 15/11/26 [8]
LE LAPÉROUSE: Las Palmas • Dakar: 01/11/26 [8]

AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN | *LE CHAMPLAIN*: Dakar • Dakar: 13/12/26 - 21/12/26 - 29/12/26 [8] [9]
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LE LAPÉROUSE: Dakar • Fort-de-France: 27/11/26 [18]

(1) **New Zealand**: nationalities who are visa-exempt must now apply for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) before your arrival in New Zealand. For more information, please visit 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.

(2) **Brazil**: should you need a visa, we strongly recommend you start the necessary application process early.

(3) **Argentina**: visas are not required for US citizens for stays up to 90 days. To travel to Antarctica, it is mandatory to be covered with medical insurance covering hospitalisation, isolation, or sanitary transfer for the duration of travel.

(4) **United States**: should your flight transit via the USA, depending on your nationality, an ESTA or visa may be required. Please contact USA consulate website for details. Please note that if you have travelled or lived in countries such as Cuba (on or after 12 January 2021), Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Yemen, Somalia, Libya, Syria or North Korea, the US Department of Homeland Security can deny your ESTA. In this event, you must apply to an embassy for a category B1/B2 visa to travel to the United States. The visa processing time is several months. If you already have an ESTA (valid for 2 years), we ask you to check its status up until the day of departure on the dedicated website.

(5) **Panama**: the yellow fever vaccination is recommended for the eastern areas of the Panama Canal (Darién and Kuna communities). A tourist visa is required for Australian citizens; it can be obtained upon arrival at the airport (cost: US$5, subject to change).

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

(7) **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://ircc.canada.ca/english/visit/visas.asp. Depending on the itinerary booked, flights to and from Saint-Pierre-and-Miquelon transit via Canada, so an AVE is compulsory.

(8) **Senegal**: to date, a visa is required before arrival. For guests participating on the pre- and post-cruise programme, a blanket visa and airport assistance are included. Please submit your full passport details to PONANT at least 60 days prior to your cruise. These visa requirements may change depending on the outcome of the immigration revisions that are currently being debated.

(9) **Bissagos**: yellow fever vaccination is mandatory; the original vaccination certificate is required. Malaria treatment is strongly recommended: consult your doctor.

(10) **Namibia**: Australian, Canadian, US, UK and German citizens are visa exempt. You will be issued, free of charge, a tourist card of a 90-days validity at the airport.

(11) **Madagascar**: visa issued on board free of charge for stays of less than 15 days. Immunisation against diphtheria-tetanus-polio is recommended. Anti-malaria treatment is highly recommended. Ask your doctor for advice.

(12) **Indonesia**: a visa is required. For entry by sea or for itineraries including exit and re-entry into Indonesian territory: for cruises including a stop in Indonesia mid-voyage, a visa will be issued and charged onboard (€35, subject to change). This visa is valid for 30 days and allows single entry. Important: if the itinerary includes an exit and subsequent re-entry into Indonesia (especially via stopovers in other countries), a multiple-entry visa is mandatory. The visa issued onboard will not be valid in such cases. You must apply for a multiple-entry visa before departure, online via the official website: https://evisa.imigrasi.go.id/

A tourist tax of 150,000 IDR (approximately €9.50) must be paid upon each entry into Bali (LoveBali). Tourists arriving in Bali by air will pay the tax at the airport counter. For those joining or disembarking the ship at the Port of Benoa, the port agent will handle all payments directly with the local tourism office upon the ship's arrival.

Due to the Mpox outbreak (classified by the WHO as a public health emergency of international concern), all international travellers entering Indonesia must complete the SATUSEHAT Health Pass to declare their health status and travel history. Each traveller must complete the form online between 72 and 48 hours prior to departure: https://sshp.kemkes.go.id/

(13) **Fiji**: some nationalities may require a visa. Please check on https://www.immigration.gov.fj/travel-options/visit-transit-in-fiji. You will receive, together with your cruise documents, an 'Arrival in Fiji' letter, which you will need to present upon arrival in Nadi airport.

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

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

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

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

(18) **Senegal**: for these cruises, American, Australian and British citizens are visa exempt.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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

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

We invite you to read our **boarding conditions and passenger travel abilities**: https://l.ponant.com/ErQG. Any new reservation implies the acceptance of these conditions.

List of items prohibited on board: find the full list here: https://l.ponant.com/CGV_EN. 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 boots hire: boot rental will be offered onboard (for adults only) on expedition cruises where the logo 'Boots on loan' appears.

Ports of call, visited sites, outings and landings will depend on weather conditions, position of ice, winds and the state of the sea. These can force a change of plans at any time. The Captain and the Expedition Leader may at any time cancel or stop any activity, or even modify the itinerary. The final itinerary will be confirmed by the Captain, who will take into account the touristic quality of the sites and above all, the safety of the guests. 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, 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 CMAS 1 star or the PADI Open Water Diver (or equivalent). The certification card, the diving log book and a recent medical certificate (less than 12 months) must be presented at the beginning of the cruise to our main diving instructor.

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

For health reasons due to COVID, 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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