



COMPAGNIE DU PONANT  
Y A C H T C R U I S E S

WINTER 2014-2015

OCTOBER - APRIL CRUISES

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CARIBBEAN • LATIN AMERICA • ANTARCTICA  
ASIA • OCEANIA • WEST AFRICA





## Small is beautiful

This is the perfect expression to illustrate our cruises, which sail under the French flag.

In an era of giant cruise liners, the expression seems more appropriate than ever when applied to our fleet of intimate yachts. Limited capacity, five-star comfort, exceptional destinations: a philosophy and a way of travelling that we have been sharing with our passengers for more than 25 years; the unique feeling of being aboard a private yacht.

Four “small” ships - soon to be joined by a fifth! Indeed, it is with great delight that we hereby introduce you to the latest jewel in our fleet: LE LYRIAL, which will welcome you aboard from April 2015. With just 122 cabins, LE LYRIAL remains loyal to our signature style: showing you the Treasures of the World via the Sea, in a universe of excellent service, comfort and elegance and an intimate setting.

This season, from the mysterious White Continent, and its majestic polar desert, to the vast expanses of Australia, via the Andean landscapes of Latin America and the treasures of millennial Asia, we invite you experience cruising Ponant-style: sailing under wind power in the Virgin Islands aboard LE PONANT - Watching a delicate manoeuvre aboard LE SOLÉAL in Neko Bay, Antarctica – Admiring the breathtaking play of a family of whales...

These “small units of experience” are unique moments, matching the scale of the Big Blue. A different way to sail, a state of mind that we call “Yacht Cruising”, a unique experience of travel and escape.

Hesitate no longer: weigh the anchor!



Jean Emmanuel Sauvée  
CEO



Véronique Saadé  
Deputy General Manager

## Set sail for exceptional destinations

Visit exceptional sites combining dreams as well as totally authentic experience and new cultures, and enjoy new encounters that bring you even closer to Nature - these are the privileges that the smaller size and state-of-the-art technology of our ships offer you. Coastal navigation within preserved archipelagos, sailing to the gateways of Asia, "unexpected" outings among the majestic glaciers in Antarctica, mooring secret inlets... but also, visiting Costa Rica, Peru, Chile, Japan, Indonesia... Loads of mythic landscapes that are to be visited thanks to Compagnie du Ponant cruises. A unique experience that blends travel and emotion.



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# CALENDAR

DEPARTURE	SHIP	ITINERARY	NIGHTS	AREAS	PAGE
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> 2014	L'AUSTRAL	Maizuru • Hong Kong	14	ASIA	80
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> 2014	LE BORÉAL	Curacao • Callao	9	LATIN AMERICA	50
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> 2014	LE BORÉAL	Curacao • Ushuaia	30	GRAND VOYAGES	110
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> 2014	LE BORÉAL	Callao • Valparaiso	8	LATIN AMERICA	50
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> 2014	L'AUSTRAL	Hong Kong • Singapore	11	ASIA	80
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
Nov 02 <sup>nd</sup> 2014	LE BORÉAL	Valparaiso • Ushuaia	13	LATIN AMERICA	51
Nov 05 <sup>th</sup> 2014	LE SOLÉAL	Montevideo • Ushuaia	14	LATIN AMERICA	55
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> 2014	L'AUSTRAL	Singapore • Hong Kong	11	ASIA	81
Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> 2014	LE PONANT	Praia • Praia	7	WEST AFRICA	104
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> 2014	LE SOLÉAL	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	ANTARCTICA	68
Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> 2014	L'AUSTRAL	Hong Kong • Singapore	11	ASIA	80
Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> 2014	L'AUSTRAL	Hong Kong • Auckland	62	GRAND VOYAGES	112
Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2014	LE PONANT	Praia • Praia	7	WEST AFRICA	104
Nov 29 <sup>th</sup> 2014	LE SOLÉAL	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	ANTARCTICA	68
<b>DECEMBER</b>					
Dec 02 <sup>nd</sup> 2014	L'AUSTRAL	Singapore • Bali	10	ASIA	82
Dec 08 <sup>th</sup> 2014	LE PONANT	Fort de France • St Martin	6	CARIBBEAN	38
Dec 09 <sup>th</sup> 2014	LE SOLÉAL	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	ANTARCTICA	69
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> 2014	L'AUSTRAL	Bali • Cairns	15	OCEANIA	96
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup> 2014	LE PONANT	St Martin • Fort de France	6	CARIBBEAN	39
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> 2014	LE SOLÉAL	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	15	ANTARCTICA	70
Dec 20 <sup>th</sup> 2014	LE PONANT	Fort de France • Fort de France	7	CARIBBEAN	39
Dec 27 <sup>th</sup> 2014	L'AUSTRAL	Cairns • Sydney	7	OCEANIA	96
Dec 27 <sup>th</sup> 2014	LE PONANT	Fort de France • Fort de France	7	CARIBBEAN	40
<b>JANUARY</b>					
Jan 03 <sup>rd</sup> 2015	L'AUSTRAL	Sydney • Melbourne	7	OCEANIA	97
Jan 03 <sup>rd</sup> 2015	LE PONANT	Fort de France • Fort de France	7	CARIBBEAN	39
Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> 2015	L'AUSTRAL	Melbourne • Auckland	12	OCEANIA	98
Jan 13 <sup>th</sup> 2015	LE SOLÉAL	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	9	ANTARCTICA	72



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<b>JANUARY</b>					
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	L'AUSTRAL	Auckland • Melbourne	12	OCEANIA	98
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	LE SOLÉAL	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	ANTARCTICA	69
<b>FEBRUARY</b>					
Feb 01 <sup>st</sup> 2015	LE SOLÉAL	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	ANTARCTICA	69
Feb 03 <sup>rd</sup> 2015	L'AUSTRAL	Melbourne • Auckland	12	OCEANIA	98
Feb 03 <sup>rd</sup> 2015	L'AUSTRAL	Melbourne • Maizuru	70	GRAND VOYAGES	113
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> 2015	LE SOLÉAL	Ushuaia • Ushuaia	10	ANTARCTICA	69
Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> 2015	L'AUSTRAL	Auckland • Darwin	17	OCEANIA	99
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> 2015	LE BORÉAL	Ushuaia • Valparaiso	13	LATIN AMERICA	52
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> 2015	LE BORÉAL	Ushuaia • Fort de France	46	GRAND VOYAGES	111
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> 2015	LE PONANT	Fort de France • Fort de France	7	CARIBBEAN	39
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> 2015	LE SOLÉAL	Ushuaia • Montevideo	15	ANTARCTICA	73
<b>MARCH</b>					
Mar 04 <sup>th</sup> 2015	L'AUSTRAL	Darwin • Hong Kong	16	ASIA	82
Mar 07 <sup>th</sup> 2015	LE PONANT	Fort de France • St Martin	7	CARIBBEAN	40
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup> 2015	LE BORÉAL	Valparaiso • Guayaquil	12	LATIN AMERICA	52
Mar 14 <sup>th</sup> 2015	LE PONANT	St Martin • St Martin	7	CARIBBEAN	41
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup> 2015	L'AUSTRAL	Hong Kong • Tianjin	9	ASIA	83
Mar 21 <sup>st</sup> 2015	LE PONANT	St Martin • St Martin	7	CARIBBEAN	43
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup> 2015	LE BORÉAL	Guayaquil • Puerto Caldera	8	LATIN AMERICA	53
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup> 2015	LE PONANT	St Martin • Fort de France	7	CARIBBEAN	42
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup> 2015	L'AUSTRAL	Tianjin • Osaka	8	ASIA	84
<b>APRIL</b>					
Apr 01 <sup>st</sup> 2015	LE BORÉAL	Puerto Caldera • Curacao	7	LATIN AMERICA	54
Apr 06 <sup>th</sup> 2015	L'AUSTRAL	Osaka • Maizuru	8	ASIA	84
Apr 08 <sup>th</sup> 2015	LE BORÉAL	Curacao • Fort de France	6	CARIBBEAN / LATIN AMERICAT	43/54
Apr 14 <sup>th</sup> 2015	L'AUSTRAL	Maizuru • Osaka	8	ASIA	85
Apr 15 <sup>th</sup> 2015	LE PONANT	Dakar • Dakar	7	WEST AFRICA	106
Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	L'AUSTRAL	Osaka • Maizuru	8	ASIA	84
Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	LE PONANT	Dakar • Dakar	7	WEST AFRICA	106





# YACHT CRUISES

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## Another way of cruising...

Sailing aboard one of La Compagnie du Ponant ships means more than just travelling. It means living a different and privileged version of a cruise, discovering a concept of travel that is simultaneously intimate, luxurious and authentic.



## Once upon a time

The only French cruise ship line, la Compagnie du Ponant is an integral part of France's great shipping tradition. Ships of character, flying the French flag and symbolizing the "Style of Cruising" as we conceive it.



## Yacht Cruises: more than a cruise, it's a privilege

Going to sea on la **Compagnie du Ponant** ship is:

To **experience** the unrivalled pleasure of a "private cruise". On board, each guest is free to go at his own pace, to savour the joys of being alone or to share enjoyable moments with others during the many activities on offer.

To **offer** legendary destinations and the world most secretive ports, only accessible to small capacity ships.

To **offer** the delights of a French-inspired high cuisine in an intimate environment – a discreet service where no attention to detail is spared – and unforgettable moments of relaxation aboard elegant yachts of character.

To **combine** sophistication and conviviality favoring emotion and discovery, and an ongoing quest for excellence.

*From exceptional moments to delightful breaks:  
a unique experience of travel and emotion..*



# SERVICE ON BOARD

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## An intimate and refined atmosphere

As soon as you board the ship, you will sense that very special atmosphere that is unique to La Compagnie du Ponant: the privileged feeling of being aboard your own yacht, a real impression of intimacy that we do our utmost to maintain, respecting the Compagnie du Ponant philosophy.



## The French Touch

Whichever cruise you choose, you will always find the same exceptional conditions of comfort, service and elegance that are the signature of La Compagnie du Ponant. From the moment you set foot aboard your ship, you will appreciate the elegant authenticity of its atmosphere.

Welcomed into a refined and friendly environment where the emphasis is firmly on the sea, your cruise will allow you to experience the French way of living, that subtle blend of relaxed elegance and conviviality that is our trademark. Discreet but attentive service and excellent cuisine are naturally at the heart of this, as our French chefs will prove to you day after day.

## A Butler service specially reserved for the Suites

Our Butler is exclusively dedicated to passengers travelling in one of the 13 suites on Deck 6, and will offer you the privilege of a tailor-made and trouble-free cruise. Attentive and discreet, your Butler will be your primary contact, providing personalised daily service and meeting all your desires efficiently and discreetly.



## Open Bar Package

The Open Bar\* option is now available when you make your booking. It will allow you to enjoy a «Liberté» package covering all your drinks from the bar during your cruise. We will get to know you better during your time aboard, and anticipate your desires, your expectations and your tastes, to ensure that your cruise is a period of total relaxation. Your time on board will be made unique and memorable thanks to the thoughtful attention to detail of our staff.

*\* For more information please refer to page 126.*



GASTRONOMY

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## Gastronomy & Lifestyle...

"Because each one of you is unique, we offer you a new voyage of the senses every day".

*Tartelette fondante Madirofelo,  
Crème glacée au Fouron*



## Journey to the Land of Flavours on a Gourmet's Odyssey

Breakfast among friends with the horizon as your guest; followed by lunch in the sunshine on one of our decks; ending with a sumptuous dinner in the elegantly intimate surroundings of our gourmet restaurants. Take advantage of your cruise to appreciate the French approach to the culinary arts at any time of the day.

### Haute cuisine with the French touch

We invite you to discover an inspired, sophisticated and varied cuisine, based on carefully selected produce, discreetly elegant service, and talented Chefs who each offer their own highly innovative specialties. To travel with us is to experience the gracious art of living and enjoying life "à la française".

Faithful to tradition, the excellent meals on board are accompanied by a selection of wines from a list chosen by our experienced sommeliers and worthy of the finest restaurants.



*Haute cuisine in an intimate environment,  
with discreet and professional service where no attention to detail is spared.*



# SPA & WELLBEING

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## Between Sky and Sea

Aboard our yachts, in an intimate and luxurious environment, with the Ocean as the only backdrop, discover a new way of experiencing a Spa.



## Wellness is going with the Flow...

Make the most of your cruise to relax and take care of yourself in our wellbeing centre. Let our beauticians pamper you and experience this moment of tranquillity to the full.

Your cruise is the ideal moment for treating yourself, and that is why La Compagnie du Ponant has joined forces with the leading French cosmetic house, SOTHYS™ to offer you a series of expert, top-of-the-range treatments. The on board Spa invites you to experience total relaxation under the expert hands of our experienced therapists. A veritable interlude of wellbeing. Soothing massages, cocooning, expert, tailored beauty treatments (firming, anti-age and slimming) and unique moments of total relaxation for both men and women.

The wellbeing centre also includes a fitness room with huge plate-glass windows opening onto the horizon as well as a hair salon.



In association with the French beauty house **SOTHYS**, we invite you to enjoy a beauty interlude with a selection of expert treatments for face and body.

Enjoy the serenity of the open sea and the toning sea spray;  
let the wind and the movement of the sea transport you.

In order to secure your Spa treatments, please make your SPA reservation at time of cruise booking.

For further details about Spa treatments, please consult our "Ponant Yacht Spa" available on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com).



# OUR NEW DESTINATIONS



## Maiden visits in Oceania

For the very first time, we are offering these brand new itineraries that will take you from the vast expanses of Australia, the “island continent” to the “Land of the Long White Cloud” that is New Zealand. L’AUSTRAL will set sail towards these extraordinary lands which contain some of the most beautiful natural treasures on the planet; Oceania reveals itself as we sail from port to port, with its delightful mosaic of colours and light, mineral and unspoiled.

*Australia & New-Zealand*

*Pages 92 to 101.*



## Two golf cruises in the Caribbean

Idyllic beaches, pristine nature, colourful and dynamic towns – Come and discover the incomparable beauty of the Caribbean whilst enjoying your favourite sport. Thanks to our selection of exceptional courses, enjoy the traditional charm of Saint Barthelemy, the immaculate beaches of the French West Indies and the tropical forests of the Grenadines. Whatever the level of your game, do not miss these unique cruises.

*Caribbean*

*Pages 38 & 42.*





# New Itineraries

## ASIA

**DARWIN • HONG KONG**

MAR 04<sup>TH</sup> 2015 • 17 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS

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**HONG KONG • TIANJIN**

MAR 20<sup>TH</sup> 2015 • 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

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**TIANJIN • OSAKA**

MAR 29<sup>TH</sup> 2015 • 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

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## AUSTRALIA / NEW-ZEALAND

**BALI • CAIRNS**

DEC 12<sup>TH</sup> 2014 • 16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS

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**CAIRNS • SYDNEY**

DEC 27<sup>TH</sup> 2014 • 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

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**SYDNEY • MELBOURNE**

JAN 03<sup>RD</sup> 2015 • 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

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**MELBOURNE • AUCKLAND**

JAN 10<sup>TH</sup> & FEB 03<sup>RD</sup> 2015 • 13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

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**AUCKLAND • MELBOURNE**

JAN 22<sup>ND</sup> 2015 • 13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

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**AUCKLAND • DARWIN**

FEB 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015 • 18 DAYS / 17 NIGHTS

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## AFRICA

**DAKAR • DAKAR**

APR 15<sup>TH</sup> & APR 22<sup>ND</sup> 2015 • 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

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## The Maluku Islands

Scattered over more than 1,200 km, like a pearl necklace lying in its azure showcase, the Maluku Islands, also known as "the spice islands", will surprise you with their wild beauty: coral gardens, immaculate deserted beaches and impenetrable forest, this tropical paradise is yours to discover when L'AUSTRAL sails in its waters. From island to island, do not miss these former Portuguese trading posts which were once a source of wealth for Indonesia.

*Indonesia*

*Pages 82 & 96.*



## Discover the Darien National Park

Forming a natural bridge between South and Central America, the Darien National Park presents an exceptional variety of habitats: sandy beaches, rocky coasts, mangroves, swamps, low and medium altitude tropical rainforest and is home to a remarkable range of plant and wildlife. Aboard LE BORÉAL, during our call here, encounter the Emberas, an indigenous community that still lives on the fringes of the modern world, hunters and fishermen, cultivating the land and producing richly coloured crafts.

*Panama*

*Page 54.*



# L'AUSTRAL, LE BORÉAL & LE SOLÉAL

## Exceptional Yachts with 32 cabins & suites

Streamlined silhouettes, warm and intimate atmospheres, refined designs and contemporary decors inspired by the yachting world: our three sister-ships provide a cruising experience that is synonymous with French elegance. LE SOLÉAL is the very latest addition to our fleet and combines a small capacity with luxury and state-of-the-art technology. It offers cabins with a cosy atmosphere and warm colours, as well as a Spa with the very latest equipment, in partnership with the Sothys Paris™ beauty institute.





Built using the finest materials, with discreet refinement and gently nuanced shades, the exterior lines of LE BORÉAL are the embodiment of a revisited nautical theme. On board, the decor is both contemporary and warm. The soothing, neutral tones are accentuated by a touch of red, the common theme in an atmosphere combining tradition and innovation.

With its grey hull and its streamlined bow, L'AUSTRAL blends refinement and relaxation. It reinterprets the cruising spirit through a yachting style with a subtle decor: shades of grey, taupe tones, white, off-white, and throughout, touches of cinnamon, caramel and fawn.



# LE PONANT

Majestic three-masted 88 meters and 32 cabins, an alliance of nautical tradition and elegance.

Low and dynamic lines. Eighty-eight metres of long, streamlined decks. Three masts stretching towards the sky and sails ready to take flight...

No knowledge of navigation is required to embark on this jewel: guests do not participate in the ship's manoeuvres, but the friendly crew are always willing to explain what they are doing. Just like on a private yacht, there is only ever a small group of passengers on board who truly love the sea.





Sailing under the French tricolour flag and staffed by 32 professional crew members who are attentive to your every need, this three-mast sailing ship boasting just 32 cabins will give you the very pleasant impression of being aboard your own private yacht, whilst offering you an elegant and refined decor inspired by yachting colours.

LE PONANT is the ideal vessel for navigating in warm seas. You can enjoy the stunning views from the huge and aptly named Sunshine Bridge (some 400 m<sup>2</sup>). At the back, the ship's marina sits just above the water, inviting the passengers to swim. And finally, the ship's small draught makes it possible to safely get as close as possible to beaches.








LA COMPAGNIE DU PONANT UNVEILS  
DETAILS OF ITS NEW SHIP:

# LE LYRIAL

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A light hull,  
tapered bow  
and sleek lines

The latest addition to Compagnie du Ponant's fleet, with the signature sleek pale silhouette of her sister-ships, will be launched in the Spring of 2015.



In the wake of LE BORÉAL (2010), L'AUSSTRAL (2011) and LE SOLÉAL (2013), LE LYRIAL will be the last in our superb series of **4 sister-ships**. Human-size yachts offering sophistication and efficiency, the series is unique in what it has to offer the cruise sector in terms of design and innovation.

## An evocative symbol

LE LYRIAL refers to **the Lyra constellation** in the northern hemisphere. Its principal star is the blue **Vega**, one of the brightest stars in the sky which is on its way to becoming the **next Northern Pole star**, a fitting reference for la Compagnie du Ponant Five Star Expedition specialist of the polar regions.

## Ambiance - intimate and sophisticated

**Like the rest of the fleet**, LE LYRIAL embodies the 'Yacht Cruises' universe as conceived by la Compagnie du Ponant, a subtle combination of intimacy, authenticity and elegance with the inimitable "French touch".

The interior design, cosy yet contemporary feels inspired by the dream destinations the company visits and the blue light of the Vega star in the Lyra constellation. The result will be a subtle variation around a palette of blues, ranging from the luminous delicate grey-blue of the polar ice to splashes of the vivid turquoise blue found in Mediterranean coves.



## One deck reserved for the finest Suites

To meet its clientele's expectations, la Compagnie du Ponant has redesigned **Deck 6 on LE LYRIAL to accommodate larger suites**. As a result LE LYRIAL will have **122 staterooms and suites** compared to the 132 on LE SOLÉAL, L'AUSSTRAL and LE BORÉAL.

*Certified a CLEANSHIP like her sister-ships, this exceptional yacht will be cruising round the Mediterranean for her inaugural season, to Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Greece, Turkey and beyond, before heading to the icy shores of Antarctica.*



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# CARIBBEAN CRUISING PONANT STYLE

Dreamy island chains, swathes of silky sand...

*The islands create the spirit of the journey...the Caribbean offers it colours to match its scale. Nature is prodigious, scattering the vermillion of Flame trees here and there along the pale golden beaches...*

The Grenadines, Antigua, St Bart's, the British Virgin Islands...lift the anchor and chart a course towards these southern pearls, nestled in their turquoise showcase. Here the sea is everywhere: due South, it gently comes to rest on the white sandy beaches whilst in the North it is topped with white spray to splash at the foot of volcanoes.

Aboard LE PONANT, let the wind rock you as you gaze at the horizon and the indigo blue of the translucent water. Between coral reefs and mountainous terrain, this little slice of paradise is home to plentiful natural treasures while the terrestrial and marine ecosystems are exceptional. Come and discover St Lucia and its volcanic pitons, or St Bart's and its trendy bars...whatever cruise you choose, allow yourself to fall under the spell of the Caribbean islands and set off in the footsteps of Christopher COLUMBUS to discover hidden treasures.

*Set sail aboard LE PONANT for the best of the Caribbean...*



# Why the Caribbean?



## For Caribbean cruising PONANT style

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LE PONANT... nautical tradition, elegance, luxurious comfort, 32 gracious staterooms and the refined atmosphere of a private yacht. Come and experience the sensations of the look-outs of yore as they spotted land on the horizon and gradually watched an island emerge. Sail on the turquoise waters aboard our three-mast yacht at the heart of idyllic archipelagos, let the wind rippling the sails soothe you, dive cleanly into the sea from the marina platform, and wake each morning under a new blue sky. Secret sun-kissed ports of call and vanilla-scented air are guaranteed...



## To dive into the turquoise waters

The British Virgin Islands, the Grenadines, St Lucia... lost in the heart of the Caribbean Sea, to the East of Panama, this myriad of islands and islets is evocative of dreams and adventure, and a paradise for divers from around the world. Whether you are a novice or an experienced diver, set sail aboard LE PONANT for a unique destination. Always accompanied by our experienced monitors, you will enjoy unusual encounters: coral reefs, mysterious shipwrecks, and tropical fish where elegant rays dance in time with barracudas. From port to port and at your own pace, discover the underwater world of the Caribbean and the multi-coloured reefs stretching as far as the eye can see.



## For the charm of St Bart's

Nestled between the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean, in the North of the West Indies, St Bart's is a small island of 25 km<sup>2</sup> that is a happy blend of modernism and tradition. You will be enchanted by the magic and undeniable charm of St Bart's. Coves and inlets of white sand and blue sea coupled with the colourful and exuberant vegetation make this island a true paradise. Its white houses with their colourful roofs are testament to the century it spent under Swedish influence. It has successfully conserved the charm of its unspoiled nature and its precious environment.



## For the white sandy beaches

The first rays of sunshine caress the elegant lines of the bay. On the beaches, the white and golden sand is already sparkling. Colourful landscapes, ever-present sunshine, how can you resist the charm of these islands with their immaculate sandy beaches edged by turquoise and indigo seas? Between coral reefs and mountainous skylines, come and discover these beaches, amongst the most beautiful in the world, with the ocean as the only horizon. During your cruise, discover the wildlife or just stay on the beach all day! From island to island, from port to port, come and discover the Caribbean another way, where each site offers the traveller a new vision and new contrasts.

## For the Grenadines

One of the jewels of the Caribbean, the Grenadines extends their string of islands over the cobalt blue water. A break in the Grenadines means lazing on beaches and flirting with the wind from island to island. Amongst these islands, the Tobago Keys National Park will offer you its harbours protected by the coral reef and the kaleidoscope of its aquatic treasures. A dream for explorers who like to gaze at picture-postcard beaches and the limpid waters of the coast, complete with resident sea turtles. Bound together by the most beautiful coral reef in the West Indies, these rocky outcrops will provide the mooring for LE PONANT, allowing you to feast your eyes on the beauty all around you.



# The "Golf Package" includes:

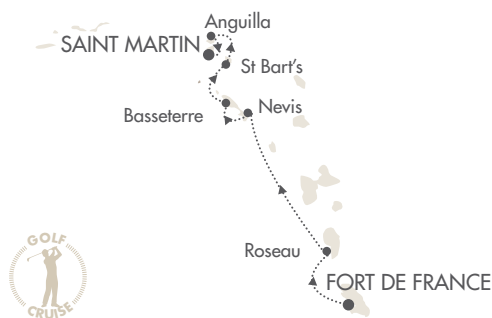
(reservation and prepayment must be made at least 45 days prior to your departure date)

- 3 green fees with shared carts, electric or manual trolley (when possible) on world-famous golf courses mentioned in the program or similar
- Return transfers to golf courses
- Management of clubs and bags at each call
- Organization and supervision of regular golf program by a Sports Coach present on board during the whole cruise
- Golf handicap is mandatory. Gentlemen par 28; ladies par 35. In order to better organize the golf days, we ask you to register. Golfers must have their handicap book validated less than 1 year.

Each golfer needs to have his own equipment as rental on golf site might not be available and very restrictive.



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## FORT DE FRANCE • SAINT MARTIN Golf in the Caribbean

DEPARTURE: DECEMBER 08<sup>TH</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Paris / Fort de France (Martinique)</b> scheduled flight on European airline. Welcome & transfer to the port. Embarkation from 16.30 to 17.30		21.00
2	<b>Roseau (Dominica)</b>	10.00	17.00
3	<b>Nevis (St. Kitts &amp; Nevis)</b>	07.30	18.00
4	<b>Basseterre (St. Kitts &amp; Nevis)</b>	07.30	18.00
5	<b>St Bart's (French Antilles)</b>	07.30	18.00
6	<b>Anguilla (British Overseas Territory)</b> <b>Marigot - St Martin (French Antilles)</b>	07.30 19.30	17.30
7	<b>Marigot - Saint Martin (French Antilles)</b> Disembarkation. Transfert to the airport <b>St. Martin / Paris</b> scheduled flight on European airline.		



## GOLF PACKAGE

For golf fans, La Compagnie du Ponant offers you the chance to tee off on exceptional courses during the FORT DE FRANCE – SAINT MARTIN cruise on 08<sup>th</sup> December 2014. You will appreciate the unique beauty of these courses in the Caribbean.

### NEVIS - FOUR SEASONS • 18 Holes - Par 71

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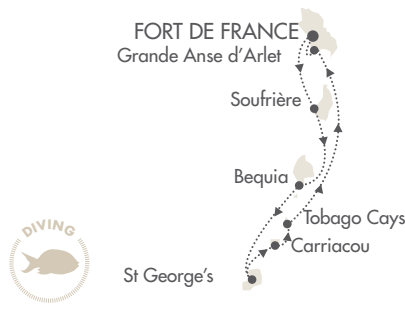
## TEA TIME IN THE CARIBBEAN

For the seventh edition of this "Golf Special" we have selected a number of exceptional courses for you in St Kitts and Nevis, the French Antilles, Dominica or St. Lucia. Do not miss the opportunity to enjoy your passion in these splendid islands, with our selection of unique courses.



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## ST GEORGE'S

All the islands of the West Indies are attractive but some truly stand out. Grenada is a small, hilly island forged by volcanic activity, with crater lakes and mountain slopes covered with dense tropical rainforest. A real Garden of Eden where waterfalls thunder to the ground and where Golden Apples and Nutmeg trees grow in abundance. Its elegant capital, St George's, lies in a horseshoe-shaped harbor on the West coast and was founded on the orders of RICHELIEU in 1650. It is a particularly picturesque town, built around the port, and it has preserved its colonial architecture with its red-tiled roofs and pastel colors. Its tropical forests with their wild beauty, immaculate beaches and countless waterfalls make this a particularly enchanting destination. In addition, the many inlets, cliffs, old plantations, mangroves and the network of National Parks, both terrestrial and marine will incite you to explore.

### SAINT MARTIN • FORT DE FRANCE *Discover the French West Indies*

DEPARTURE: DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Marigot - Saint Martin</b> (French Antilles) Embarkation from 16.30 to 17.30		21.00
2	<b>Spanish Town - Gorda Sound</b> (British Virgin Islands)	09.00	20.00
3	<b>Jost Van Dyke</b> (British Virgin Islands)	09.00	20.00
4	<b>St Bart's</b> (French Antilles)	09.00	22.00
5	<b>Nelson Dockyard</b> (Antigua)	08.00	22.00
6	<b>Les Saintes</b> (Guadeloupe)	08.00	20.00
7	<b>Fort de France</b> (Martinique) Disembarkation	08.00	

### FORT DE FRANCE • FORT DE FRANCE *Grenadine Islands*

DEPARTURES: DEC. 20<sup>TH</sup> 2014, JAN. 03<sup>RD</sup> & FEB. 28<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Fort de France</b> (Martinique) Embarkation from 17.00 to 18.00		20.00
2	<b>Soufrière</b> (St. Lucia)	12.00	18.00
3	<b>Bequia</b> (St. Vincent & the Grenadines)	09.00	20.00
4	<b>St George's</b> (Grenada)	08.00	20.00
5	<b>Carriacou</b> (Grenada)	08.00	20.00
6	<b>Tobago Cays</b> (Grenadines)	09.00	18.00
7	<b>Grande Anse d'Arlet</b> (Martinique)	12.00	20.00
8	<b>Fort de France</b> (Martinique) Disembarkation	08.00	



## MARIGOT & SOUFRIÈRE

Located at the heart of the Caribbean, St Lucia, with its lush and untamed vegetation lies like a jewel in the turquoise seas of the island chain. Hilly and covered with tropical rainforest, the island is home to two volcanic peaks which loom over the sea like two sugar loaves, near Soufrière. You will be able to see them in the distance as soon as you arrive, twin peaks proudly clad in an emerald coat. The bay and the lush rainforest have earned it classification as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2004. The island is renowned for its exceptional marine and terrestrial ecosystems and offers explorers a very colourful show.



# Antigua

A close neighbour of the French island of Guadeloupe, Antigua is a peaceful haven, predominately coral pink in colour and reputed for its reserves of exotic birds. Its picture postcard white sandy beaches are some of the most beautiful in the West Indies, making this a truly idyllic destination. Do not miss the former colonial plantations dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, scattered throughout the island, today transformed into delightful restaurants. With its countless beaches, this little paradise on earth will allow you to visit a different one each day.



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## FORT DE FRANCE • FORT DE FRANCE *Treasure of the Antilles*

DEPARTURE: DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Fort de France (Martinique)</b> Embarkation from 17.00 to 18.00		21.00
2	<b>Les Saintes (Guadeloupe)</b>	10.00	19.00
3	<b>Nelson Dockyard (Antigua)</b>	08.00	13.30
4	<b>Spanish Town - Gorda Sound (British Virgin Islands)</b>	09.00	20.00
5	<b>St Bart's (French Antilles)</b>	09.00	23.00
6	<b>Sandy Island, Anguilla (British Overseas Territory)</b>	10.00	16.30
7	<b>Marie Galante (Guadeloupe)</b>	14.00	22.00
8	<b>Fort de France (Martinique)</b> Disembarkation	08.00	

## FORT DE FRANCE • SAINT MARTIN *Treasure of the Antilles*

DEPARTURE: MARCH 07<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Fort de France (Martinique)</b> Embarkation from 16.30 to 17.30		21.00
2	<b>Roseau (Dominica)</b>	11.30	19.00
3	<b>Nelson Dockyard (Antigua)</b>	08.00	19.00
4	<b>Nevis (St. Kitts &amp; Nevis)</b>	08.00	18.00
5	<b>Basseterre (St. Kitts &amp; Nevis)</b>	08.00	18.00
6	<b>St Bart's (French Antilles)</b>	08.00	23.00
7	<b>Sandy Island, Anguilla (British Overseas Territory)</b> <b>Saint Martin (French Antilles)</b>	08.00	17.00
8	<b>Saint Martin (French Antilles)</b> Disembarkation	17.30	



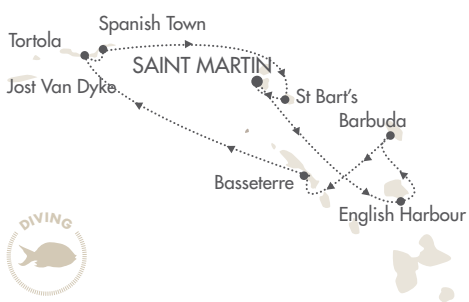
## DOMINICA AND ROSEAU

Called "Waitukubuli" by its early settlers and renamed "Dominica" when it was discovered by Christopher COLOMBUS on the 15<sup>th</sup> century, this small island of pristine beauty lost between Guadeloupe and Martinique offers extraordinary landscapes with long beaches of fine sand, steep cliffs and deep forests. During your call, do not miss the visit of this unspoiled and genuine land, especially Roseau, its capital, located on the eponymous river which will charm you with its chaotic yet somewhat harmonious architecture. Indeed, between French, British and Spanish influence, the city is a merry and dynamic melting pot of cultures and traditions.





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DEPARTURES: MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Saint Martin (French Antilles)</b> Embarkation from 16.30 to 17.30		21.00
2	English Harbour (Antigua)	12.00	22.00
3	Barbuda (Antigua)	07.30	19.00
4	Basseterre - Friars Bay (St. Kitts)	08.00	17.30
5	Tortola - Jost Van Dyke (British Virgin Islands)	08.00	22.00
6	Spanish Town - Gorda Sound (British Virgin Islands)	07.30	19.00
7	St Barthe's (French Antilles)	09.00	23.00
8	<b>Saint Martin (French Antilles)</b> Disembarkation	08.00	



**MARIE GALANTE**

Nicknamed "la Grande Galette" ("the big pancake" in English) for its rounded shape, Marie Galante lies between Guadeloupe and Dominica, in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. Renowned since the 18<sup>th</sup> century for its rum, this sugar cane island offers travellers a guaranteed change of scenery, sunshine and an unusual diversity of landscapes. To the North, the craggy coastline forms limestone cliffs that loom over the Ocean whilst to the South they slope gently to the sea and join the distant coral reefs. Here, the sand varies from white to pink, creating highlights on the water ranging from emerald green to turquoise. Do not miss the visit to this paradise on earth, which has managed to preserve its authentic way of life and its legendary hospitality.



**Extract from the Captain's Log**  
Captain Mickaël DEBIEN - December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013

*"What a pleasure to be back in the Caribbean. Sunshine, a turquoise sea, the trade winds. Our first port of call is Les Saintes with its rugged coast, once a hotbed for pirates. We moored in the superb harbour in front of the village of Bourg. We then left the French West Indies to head for the British Virgin Islands. We landed on a beach. Passengers wanted to photograph the ship so I made some manoeuvres near the beach. We are in contact with the Cruise Director and I called to shore to ask if the photos had come out all right... Now we are heading South to Antigua, the island with 365 beaches. A sheltered port which welcomes the most beautiful ships on the planet."*

## The "Golf Package" includes:

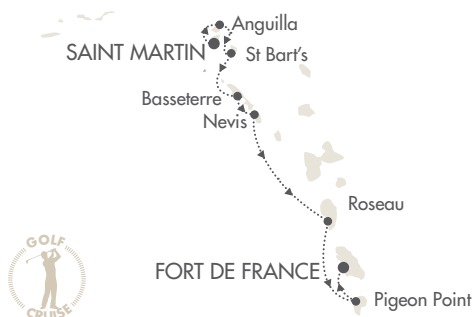
(reservation and prepayment must be made at least 45 days prior to your departure date)

- 3 green fees with shared carts, electric or manual trolley (when possible) on world-famous golf courses mentioned in the program or similar
- Return transfers to golf courses
- Management of clubs and bags at each call
- Organization and supervision of regular golf program by a Sports Coach present on board during the whole cruise
- Golf handicap is mandatory. Gentlemen par 28; ladies par 35. In order to better organize the golf days, we ask you to register. Golfers must have their handicap book validated less than 1 year.

Each golfer needs to have his own equipment as rental on golf site might not be available and very restrictive.



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### SAINT MARTIN • FORT DE FRANCE Golf in the Caribbean

DEPARTURE: MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Saint Martin</b> (French Antilles) Embarkation from 16.30 to 17.30		21.00
2	<b>Anguilla</b> (British Overseas Territory)	07.00	18.00
3	<b>St Bart's</b> (French Antilles)	07.30	23.00
4	<b>Basseterre</b> (St. Kitts & Nevis)	07.30	18.00
5	<b>Nevis</b> (St. Kitts & Nevis)	07.30	18.00
6	<b>Roseau</b> (Dominica)	08.30	19.00
7	<b>Pigeon Point</b> (St. Lucia)	07.30	19.00
8	<b>Fort de France</b> (Martinique) Disembarkation	06.30	



### WILLEMSTAD

Off the Venezuelan coast lie the leeward islands of the Dutch West Indies, with wonderfully evocative names like Curaçao with its white sandy beaches lying at the foot of Mount Christofel. The island's capital of Willemstad has retained a very special ambiance while attractive buildings from the colonial period seem to appear suddenly on every corner and square of the old district.



### GOLF PACKAGE

For golf fans, La Compagnie du Ponant offers you the chance to tee off on exceptional courses during the FORT DE FRANCE – SAINT MARTIN cruise on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015. You will appreciate the unique beauty of these courses in the Caribbean.

#### ANGUILLA - CUISINART GOLF CLUB

• 18 Holes - Par 71

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#### SANTA LUCIA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

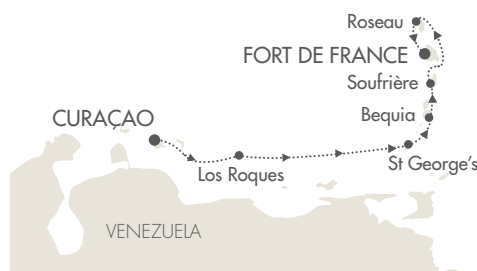
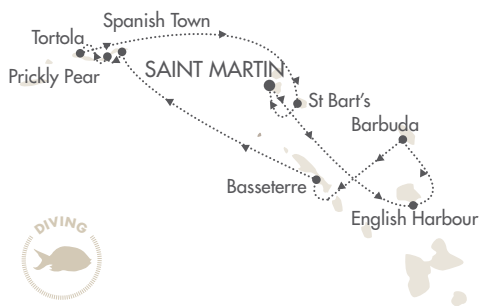
• 18 Holes - Par 71

Located in the North of the island on the hills of the Cap Estates, the St. Lucia Golf & Country Club offers an idyllic setting in which to play. It combines a challenging course with a lush tropical environment. Surrounded by flamboyant vegetation and overlooking the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean, the course offers breath-taking vistas. The Par 71 course has existed since 2001 and quickly became one of the most played in the Caribbean. The first hole (par 5) immediately thrusts you into the heart of nature at its best.



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## BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

You are in the heart of the Virgin Islands. These are sublime islands with a rich heritage. Discovered and named by Christopher COLUMBUS, inhabited for a time by fierce Caribbean Indians, they are mostly sparsely populated today. They include Tortola, the nature island with its mangrove forest and Virgin Gorda with its enchanting natural basins of emerald water. Discovered by Christopher COLUMBUS in 1493, this extraordinary archipelago comprises more than 60 islands surrounded by coral reefs. Volcanic isles with majestic scenery, they were the inspiration for the famous novel "Treasure Island". You will be especially enchanted by the chaos of gigantic boulders, sandy beaches and natural pools in the Baths of Virgin Gorda.

### SAINT MARTIN • SAINT MARTIN *The British Virgin Islands*

DEPARTURE: MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Marigot - St Martin</b> (French Antilles) Embarkation from 16.30 to 17.30		21.00
2	English Harbour (Antigua)	12.00	22.00
3	Barbuda (Antigua)	07.30	19.00
4	Basseterre - Friars Bay (St. Kitts)	08.00	17.30
5	Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda Prickly Pear (British Virgin Islands)	08.30 12.00	10.00 21.00
6	Tortola (British Virgin Islands)	08.00	19.00
7	St Bart's (French Antilles)	09.00	23.00
8	<b>Marigot - St Martin</b> (French Antilles) Disembarkation	08.00	

### CURAÇAO • FORT DE FRANCE *Grenadine Islands*

DEPARTURE: APRIL 08<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Curaçao</b> (Netherlands Antilles) Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	Los Roques (Venezuela)	07.00	15.00
3	St George's (Grenada)	13.30	20.00
4	Bequia (Grenadines)	08.00	20.00
5	Marigot (St. Lucia) Soufrière (St. Lucia)	07.00 14.00	12.00 21.00
6	Roseau (Dominica)	08.00	18.00
7	<b>Fort de France</b> (Martinique) Disembarkation	07.00	



## ST LUCIA

The exuberant unspoiled nature of the vegetation on St Lucia ensures this island's status as one of the Caribbean's real little gems. Covered in tropical forests and valleys, the island features two distinctive volcanic pitons like two giant cones rising up out of the sea near Soufrière. As you travel through the forest, you can pause to visit a superb tropical garden and sulphur springs which hint at the volcanic activity rumbling away on this island.





## EXCURSIONS

Please find below samples of the optional shore excursions for each port of call in the Caribbean.

PORT	COUNTRY	EXCURSIONS NAME	DURATION	PRICE
NELSON DOCKYARD	ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	Best of Antigua	3H30	45 €
MARIGOT	ST. LUCIA	Marigot Escapade	3H00	29 €
NEVIS	ST. KITTS & NEVIS	History of Nevis & Botanical Garden tour	3H00	55 €
ROSEAU	DOMINICA	Emerald Pool and Trafalgar Falls	4H00	39 €
SOUFRIÈRE	ST. LUCIA	Magical Soufrière	3H00	35 €
ST. GEORGE'S	GRENADA	Treasures of the South Coast	4H00	35 €
ST BART'S	FRENCH ANTILLES	Submarine Adventure	1H00	49 €
BASSETERRE	ST. KITTS & NEVIS	Essential St. Kitts	4H00	45 €
VIRGIN GORDA	BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	The Baths	3H30	29 €

*Shore excursions are sold onboard only. Pricing, tour titles and duration are subject to changes. You will find the complete tour program on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com) 12 months prior to your cruise. Final tour program will be sent with your cruise documents.*



## FORMALITIES

### FOR ALL CRUISES

The below information 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 six (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 Compagnie du Ponant will have to deny boarding to any guest who fails to obtain the appropriate travel documentation for this trip.

### SPECIFIC FORMALITIES

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- **Venezuela:** Los Roques National Park Fee charged onboard (currently 25€ per person. Subject to change).







# LATIN AMERICA

## In the wake of the 1<sup>st</sup> conquistadors

A cruise to South America carries endless possibilities... From Panama to Argentina via Peru and Chile, come and discover all the richness of this vast continent of a thousand and one treasures.

Aboard LE BORÉAL or LE SOLÉAL, retrace the steps of explorers such as Christopher COLUMBUS, Ferdinand MAGELLAN and Hernan CORTES, who drew the first maps of America. First, discover the Panama Canal and its legendary isthmus, before setting off to the heart of the Darien National Park, a tropical paradise of unique and protected nature.

More to the South, the diversity of Peru and Chile's cities and their contrasting landscapes will be a source of constant amazement. You will discover Valparaiso, the most colonial of cities, whose prestigious past remains carved in its stone, or Arica, known as *"the city of eternal spring"*.

From a melting pot of cultures to fascinating landscapes including waterfalls, arid deserts, volcanoes and tropical rainforests, discover a preserved America that is extreme by nature and where both nature's treasures and the traces of the past have remained intact.

*"Sailors, writers and travellers have all extolled the beauty of its bay, set on the coast of central Chile, making Valparaiso a legendary port."*



## Why Latin America?



### For the mystery of the Nazca Lines

Enigmatic and mysterious, the Nazca Lines are gigantic geoglyphs that fascinate and awaken the imagination. During your cruise, come and discover the World's greatest enigma: 450 km<sup>2</sup> of archaeological drawings, the size, nature and number of which are utterly surprising. The drawings represent living creatures such as lizards, monkeys, spiders and whales, as well as geometric figures. They were discovered in 1926. In 1939, Paul KOSAK flew over them during the summer solstice and described the plain as "*the biggest astronomy book in the world.*" Many scientists have attempted to solve their mystery, but to this day their secrets have not been revealed. An astonishing journey.





## For Cape Horn and the Chilean Fjords

Located in the extreme South of the continent, discover the crucial passage sailors call "the Horn". This legendary cliff, which stands some 425 m tall and is the most southerly point of the lands attached to South America, commands the respect of even the most experienced sailors. After rounding Cape Horn, you will have a unique opportunity to sail along the Chilean Channels. Here, LE BORÉAL glides carefully to the heart of the islands, archipelagos and winding fjords where majestic glaciers seem to become one with the ocean. In this glorious sea scattered with islands, this faraway land enchants us with its beauty and vigorous nature, and above all its icy, slow and unspoiled glaciers that have been transforming and reshaping the landscapes for centuries.



## To sail in the wake of the 1<sup>st</sup> Conquistadors

"ELDORADO! THE LAND OF GOLD". It is with these impassioned words that, on their return to Europe, the first conquistadors described the strange country named today America. Cruising aboard LE BORÉAL or LE SOLÉAL, sail in the wake of Christopher COLUMBUS and set off to encounter ancient civilisations that have fired the imaginations of so many adventurers. From port of call to port of call and from country to country, discover extraordinary places overflowing with passion, charm and adventure. When he spoke of "the Americas in the plural", Christopher COLUMBUS was not mistaken... Although Latin America is a unique destination, its riches and treasures are multiple.



## For the Panama Canal and the Darien National Park

Come and enjoy a unique experience aboard LE BORÉAL: **the crossing of the Panama Canal, which is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014.** This marvel of engineering crosses the Isthmus of Panama and connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, providing a way for adventurers to avoid the dreaded Cape Horn. Not far from there, LE BORÉAL will take you to the edges of the Darien jungle, Panama's wildest gem. Covering some 6,000 km<sup>2</sup>, its tropical forests conceal a wealth of unsuspected beauty. Meet ethnic cultures, observe the flora and fauna, come and explore one of the wildest parts of the American continent. Do not miss this journey of discovery.

## For the ruins of Tikal

From the port of Puerto Quetzal, set off to discover one of the major vestiges of Mayan civilisation: the Tikal pyramid, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The majestic ruins of this lost civilisation are bound to impress travellers, and the surrounding jungle only adds to their mystery. Do not miss your chance to discover the ceremonial centre of Tikal, composed of superbly constructed temples, palaces, steles and sacrificial altars, such as the Temple of the Great Jaguar, the Temple of the Masks and the Central Plaza. From this structure, recognised as the highest in Pre-Colombian America, Mayan priests overlooked the vast, green virgin forest and raised their eyes to the stars to study the movements. At the Tikal site, experience magical moments combining culture and nature, and relive some original legends.



# Cartagena of the Indies

In the South-Western corner of the Caribbean Sea, a group of low islands, canals and lagoons will lead you to the mythical city of Cartagena. Founded in 1522 on the West Indies trade route, it was the main trading port at the time of the conquistadors, and quickly became a hub for the trading of gold and goods. For many centuries it was an essential crossroads for Spanish explorers. The magic of Cartagena comes from the foundations of its city walls. The town exudes romanticism; fascinating anecdotes appear at the corner of a street or a square and all along the city walls, which wait patiently until sunset to evoke the battles of the past.



**\*CONSECUTIVE CRUISES OFFER**  
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## CURAÇAO • LIMA Panama Canal : 100 years

DEPARTURE: OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 2014  
CRUISE: 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Curaçao (Netherlands Antilles)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	At Sea	-	-
3	Cartagena (Colombia)	07.00	13.30
4	Crossing the Panama Canal	-	-
5	Punta Alegre (Panama)	08.00	18.00
6	At Sea	-	-
7	Manta (Ecuador)	12.30	18.00
8	At Sea	-	-
9	Salaverry (Peru)	08.00	14.00
10	<b>Callao - Lima (Peru)</b> Disembarkation	10.00	

♥ Overland Cuzco, Machu Picchu & Arequipa.  
See page 56.



## LIMA • VALPARAISO From Peru to Chile

DEPARTURE: OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 2014  
CRUISE: 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Callao - Lima (Peru)</b> Embarkation at 17.30		
2	Callao - Lima (Peru)		19.00
3	At Sea	-	-
4	Matarani (Peru)	06.00	18.00
5	Arica (Chile)	07.00	19.00
6	At Sea	-	-
7	Pan de Azúcar sailing Caldera (Chile)	14.00	19.00
8	At Sea	-	-
9	<b>Valparaiso (Chile)</b> Disembarkation	08.00	



## ARICA

The "City of Eternal Spring" where a temperate and sunny climate reigns all year round, Arica is very popular for its beautiful beaches and its rich historical sites. On the border between Peru and Chile, the city was the theatre for one of the most famous episodes of the War of the Pacific: the capture of the Morro de Arica in 1880. It was at this time that Chile took possession of this paradise, where the magic of the Andes and the Pacific combine to make this port town an unmissable destination. There is a certain atmosphere of France here - the cathedral and the former customs building were both produced in the workshops of Gustave EIFFEL and reserve you a warm welcome.



For more details about your overlands, excursions & formalities, please refer to pages 56 to 61.

For more information, please consult [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com)



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## PUERTO MONTT

Capital of the "Lake District", at latitude of almost 40 degrees south, the port of Puerto Montt reveals what can only be described as a natural garden, where the beauty of the landscapes will enchant the painter that slumbers inside you. In this entrancing landscape, the villa and its bay appear before your gaze. Further on, opening onto neighbouring Patagonia, you will find the greatest concentration of volcanic cones such as the spectacular and famous Osorno volcano with its snow-topped peaks. The region is rich in treasures such as the remarkable spectacle of the Petrohue Falls, or the succession of volcanoes where certain craters have been transformed into lakes: unique and rare nature. The city of Puerto Varas is a very near neighbour and has become a popular holiday destination, whose gardens are known for their marvellous pathways of flowering rose bushes.

### VALPARAISO • USHUAIA Chilean Fjords

DEPARTURE: NOVEMBER 02<sup>ND</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Valparaiso (Chile)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		17.00
2	At Sea	-	-
3	Castro (Chile)	14.30	20.00
4	Puerto Montt (Chile)	07.00	20.00
5	At Sea		
6	Tortel (Chile)	08.00	12.00
7,8,9	Cruising in the heart of the Chilean Fjords		
10	Puerto Natales (Chile)	07.00	22.00
11,12,13	Cruising around Cape Horn and in the Beagle Channel		
14	<b>Ushuaia (Argentina)</b> Disembarkation Transfer to the airport. Ushuaia / Buenos Aires, on direct flight. Arrival at Buenos Aires international airport (Pistarin).	07.00	



## MATARANI - AREQUIPA

Matarani is an isolated little fishing port between the desert and the mountains, and will be your gateway to the ancient city of Arequipa, founded in 1540 and dominated by three volcanoes. Arequipa lies in a fertile valley at the foot of the conical silhouette of the majestic El Misti volcano. The beautiful buildings of the colonial period, built from sillar, a white volcanic rock that sparkles in the sun, have earned it the nickname of the "white city". With their rich heritage of legends and myths, the Arequipenos sometime say, rather poetically, that the moon forgot to take their town when it was separated from the earth! The imposing Plaza de Armas, dominated by a gigantic cathedral, reflects a particularly unique architecture, as do the superb churches and colonial buildings to be found in the city. Do not miss your chance to discover this city of both European and indigenous influences, where traces of the past and a warm and lively atmosphere can be found on every street corner.

# Manuel Antonio National Parc

LE BORÉAL will anchor off Quepos on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, from where you can visit the nearby Manuel Antonio National Park, the smallest in Costa Rica but undoubtedly the richest. This charming and unspoiled site, combining luxuriant tropical vegetation and strange-looking animals, such as the languorous Sloth, the amazing Squirrel Monkey or the colourful Iguana, is bordered by many beaches, some of the most beautiful in the country with their turquoise waters and marvellous coral reefs. Nestled at the heart of a peninsula, at the foot of sheer, steep hills, this park and its particularly delightful natural environment will offer you some surprises.



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## USHUAIA • VALPARAISO Chilean Fjords

DEPARTURE: FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Buenos Aires / Ushuaia (Argentina) Direct flight. Direct transfer on board OR excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park, including lunch. Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2,3,4	Cruising round Cape Horn and in the Beagle Channel		
5	Puerto Natales (Chile)	06.00	20.00
6,7	Cruising in the heart of the Chilean Fjords		
8	Tortel (Chile)	08.00	13.30
9	At Sea	-	-
10	Puerto Montt (Chile)	07.30	19.00
11	Castro Chiloe (Chile)	07.00	13.00
12	At Sea	-	-
13	Valparaiso (Chile)	14.00	
14	Valparaiso (Chile) Disembarkation		



## VALPARAISO • GUAYAQUIL In the Wake of the Incas

DEPARTURE: MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Valparaiso (Chile) Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		19.00
2,3	At Sea	-	-
4	Iquique (Chile)	08.00	20.00
5	Arica (Chile)	07.00	19.00
6	Matarani (Peru)	06.00	16.00
7	San Juan Marcona (Peru)	08.30	14.00
8	Callao (Peru)	08.30	-
9	Callao (Peru)	-	12.30
10	Salaverry (Peru)	09.00	21.00
11	At Sea	-	-
12	Rio Guayas - Guayaquil (Ecuador)	13.00	
13	Guayaquil (Ecuador) Disembarkation		

♥ Overlands: Cuzco, Machu Picchu. See page 56.  
Overflight of the Nazca Lines. See page 57.



## GUAYAQUIL

At the heart of a country that is rich in a luxuriant biodiversity, Santiago de Guayaquil, capital of the Equatorial province of Guayas, charms its visitors. The town lies on the Western shore of the river, which graciously follows its course into the Pacific Ocean, and it is the industrial and commercial capital of the country. You will sail up the river aboard LE BORÉAL, until the eagerly awaited city opens its doors to you and reveals its most beautiful treasures, its most attractive squares, its essential attractions. Do not miss the Centennial Park, built to honour the heroes of independence, the Moor Clock Tower and the Parc Seminario, where the statue of Simon BOLIVAR the liberator of South America, on horseback, presides. The 2 km-long boardwalk running along the shore of the Guayas River, which forms the stunning district of the Malecon 2000 is full of yet more surprises.





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### LECTURER

## GUAYAQUIL • PUERTO CALDERA

### Central America's Secrets

DEPARTURE: MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Guayaquil (Ecuador)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2,3	At Sea	-	-
4	<b>Quepos (Costa Rica)</b>	07.30	17.00
4	<b>San Juan del Sur (Nicaragua)</b>	08.00	18.00
6	At Sea	-	-
7	<b>♥ Puerto Quetzal (Guatemala)</b>	06.30	20.00
8	At Sea	-	-
9	<b>♥ Puerto Caldera (Costa Rica)</b> Disembarkation	07.00	

♥ Overland Tikal by plane. See page 57.



## CUZCO & MACHU PICCHU

During your stopover in Callao-Lima, we invite you to enjoy a timeless experience discovering Cuzco and Machu Picchu. Once the capital of the Inca Empire, Cuzco is now the undisputed archaeological capital of the Americas. Rich in history, traditions and legends, its highly unusual architecture is a clever combination of Inca foundations and colonial additions. Farther on, the Machu Picchu rivals it in beauty. Known as "The Lost City of the Incas", Machu Picchu is an architectural gem perched high up on the Andes cordillera at an altitude of 2,350 m. It stretches up towards the sky as though reaching for the clouds. The Chilean poet Pablo NERUDA drew inspiration from this mysterious site, its atmosphere and its legends for one of his most famous works, "The Heights of Machu Picchu". Do not miss this breathtaking sight.



## PUERTO NATALES

After sailing through the canals of Patagonia, the town of Puerto Natales appears at the end of the Ultima Esperanza fjord. In the midst of the snow-capped summits, and the labyrinthine fjords and islands which delicately surround the town, this is the ideal place to set off on an adventure to the heart of the Torres del Paine National Park and its Andean landscapes. Declared a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, the Torres del Paine National Park is home to more than 25 species of mammals and 126 species of birds including the Condor. Nature lovers will delight in a spectacle where flora and fauna can be seen in their original and unspoiled format.

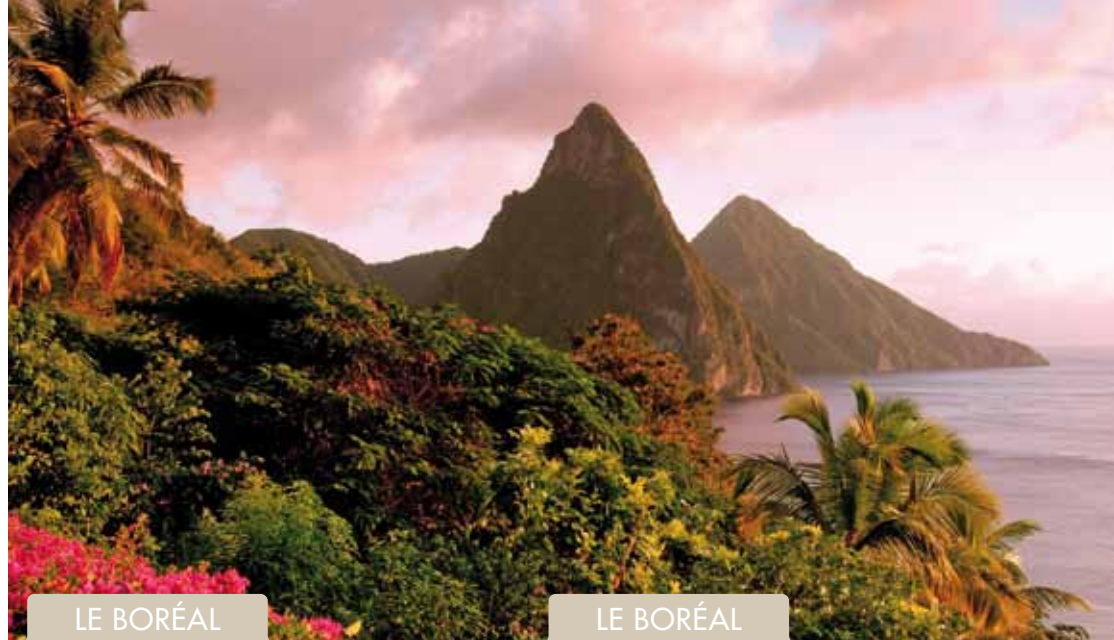
# The Strait of Magellan

This mythical strait situated to the South of Chile and separating South America from Tierra del Fuego awakens our imagination, stirring up a longing for adventure. For the first time, follow in the footsteps of the famous Portuguese explorer Ferdinand MAGELLAN, known for having organised the first circumnavigation of the globe in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Aboard LE SOLÉAL, cruise along the 600 km separating the Atlantic Ocean from the Pacific and, before arriving in Ushuaia, discover the sea route which was long nicknamed "Strait of All Saints" because MAGELLAN's ships first entered it on All Saints' Day. A fascinating adventure.

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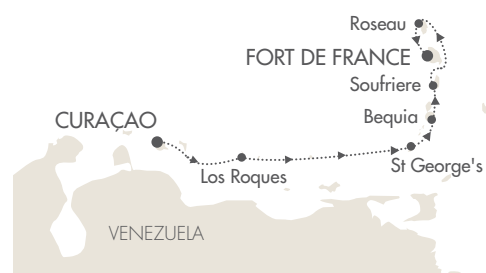


**PUERTO CALDERA • CURAÇAO**  
*Panama & Darien Park*

DEPARTURE: APRIL 01<sup>ST</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Puerto Caldera (Costa Rica)</b> Embarkation from 17.00 to 18.00		19.00
2	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
3	<b>Punta Alegre - Darien (Panama)</b>	08.00	18.00
4	<b>Crossing the Panama Canal</b>	-	-
5	<b>Holandes Cayes (Panama)</b>	08.00	13.00
6	<b>Cartagena (Colombia)</b>	07.00	18.00
7	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
8	<b>Curaçao (Netherlands Antilles)</b> Disembarkation	07.00	



**CURAÇAO • FORT DE FRANCE**  
*Grenadine Islands*

DEPARTURE: APRIL 08<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Curaçao (Netherlands Antilles)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	<b>Los Roques (Venezuela)</b>	07.00	15.00
3	<b>St George's (Grenada)</b>	13.30	20.00
4	<b>Bequia (Grenadines)</b>	08.00	20.00
5	<b>Marigot (Santa Lucia)</b> <b>Soufriere (Santa Lucia)</b>	07.00 14.00	12.00 21.00
6	<b>Roseau (Dominica)</b>	08.00	18.00
7	<b>Fort de France (Martinique)</b> Disembarkation	07.00	



## FORT DE FRANCE

On the Caribbean coast of Martinique, this French overseas district is a major hub in the Lesser Antilles. At dawn, Fort de France will surprise you with its effervescent glow. At sunrise, the markets come alive as the aroma of spices, fruit and vegetables fill the streets. An amazing blend of modern architecture and colourful Creole villas, the city's colonial past has preserved a number of monuments worthy of interest, like the St Louis Cathedral with its magnificent stained glass windows that retrace the history of Fort de France.





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### MONTEVIDEO • USHUAIA Strait of Magellan

DEPARTURE: NOVEMBER 05<sup>TH</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Montevideo (Uruguay)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2,3	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
4	<b>Puerto Madryn (Argentine)</b>	07.00	19.00
5	<b>Camarones (Argentine)</b>	12.00	19.00
6	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
7	<b>Cruising by San Julian (Argentine)</b>		
8	<b>Sailing the strait of Magellan</b>	-	-
9	<b>Punta Arenas (Chile)</b>	07.00	18.00
10	<b>Puerto Natales (Chile)</b>	07.00	-
11	<b>Puerto Natales (Chile)</b>	-	20.00
12	<b>Sailing the Kirke Passage</b>	-	05.00
13	<b>Cruising chilean fjords</b>		
14	<b>Cape Horn (Chile)</b>		
15	<b>Ushuaia (Argentina) Disembarkation.</b> Transfer to the airport. Ushuaia / Buenos Aires, International (Pistarini) direct flight.		



### Very Special Guest OLIVIER DE KERSAUSON

Olivier de KERSAUSON is a French sailor, journalist and writer born in 1944. From 1967 to 1974, he sailed alongside Eric TABARLY on board several Pen Duick boats. Subsequently, he pursued a solo career on board the Kriter yachts. In the 1980s he embarked on his adventure with multihulls... In short: With 45 years of professional sailing and several Jules Verne trophies under his belt, he knows everything there is to know about the sea. From San Francisco to Osaka, Sydney to Tahiti, the Cape of Good Hope to Cape Horn, Australia, the Atlantic, the Indian Ocean... he has sailed over all the world's Oceans. He still holds a few world records. On board, he will tell you all about his experiences in the Strait of Magellan, a region that is particularly dear to him and which he knows well.

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### DARIEN NATIONAL PARK

Darien National Park is a natural bridge between South America and Central America. It is home to an exceptional variety of habitats: sandy beaches, rocky coastlines, mangrove, marshes, as well as low- and medium-altitude rainforests providing shelter to a remarkable flora and fauna. Covering some 6,000 km<sup>2</sup> and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this small and isolated corner of paradise hides much unexpected beauty. As we stop at this port of call, come and meet the indigenous Embera community, which still lives cut off from the world, hunting, fishing, cultivating the land and producing colourful crafts.



## ♥ OVERLANDS

### CUZCO, MACHU PICCHU & AREQUIPA (4 days / 3 nights)

FROM CALLAO - LIMA:

**Machu Picchu** is the crowning jewel of Inca architecture, a sacred site representing the ultimate expression of how man can live in harmony with his environment. The famous *"Lost city of the Incas"* is perched in the heights of the Andean Cordillera at an altitude of 2 350 m / 7700 ft. You will visit Cuzco, the capital of the Inca Empire that the Spanish conquistadores discovered in 1533 and its impressive **Sacsayhuamán** fortress. Then you will discover the *"White City"* of Arequipa where time seems to have stood still. The **Santa Catalina** convent here is one of Peru's undisputed gems. Over four centuries, some 450 people have lived on this remarkable 2-hectare site as recluses. As you wander through the vast maze of colourful patios decked with flowers, admire the charming courtyards in delicate pastel shades and stroll along the winding streets with Andalusian names, you will travel back in time.

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Price per person in a double room: **1 795 €**  
Price per person in a single room: **2 210 €**

**Prices include <sup>(1)</sup>:**

- 2 nights in Cuzco, JW Marriott hotel
- Full board, flights Lima/Cuzco and Cuzco/Arequipa. Vista-dome train Ollanta- Aguas Calientes-Ollanta. Entrance fees, transfers and services of a local guide.

<sup>(1)</sup> Reservations must be made when booking your cruise or at least 60 days prior to departure date. Detailed program and conditions available upon request. Number of seats limited.

### CUZCO & MACHU PICCHU (3 days / 2 nights)

FROM CALLAO - LIMA:

From **Lima** you will travel to **Cuzco**, the capital of the Inca Empire discovered by the conquistadors in 1533. The most striking aspect of **Cuzco** is the architecture and the vast stone walls, so perfectly constructed without mortar and testimony to the artistic and technical genius of these people. A visit to the impressive **Sacsayhuamán** fortress is also included. You will then visit the fascinating **Machu Picchu**, also called *"The Lost City of the Incas"*. Nestled high up in the Andes mountain range, in the heart of a grandiose valley at an altitude of 2,430 m, this archaeological site has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1983. It is the supreme evidence of the Inca period and remains an enigma for archaeologists.

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Price per person in a double room: **1 595 €**  
Price per person in a single room: **1 930 €**

**Prices include <sup>(1)</sup>:**

- 2 nights in Cuzco, JW Marriott hotel
- 1 night in Arequipa, Casa Andina, Private Collection Hotel
- Full board, flights Lima/Cuzco and Cuzco/Arequipa. Vista-dome train Ollanta- Aguas Calientes-Ollanta. Entrance fees, transfers and services of a local guide.

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**FLIGHT OVER THE NAZCA LINES (5h including 30 mn flight)**

**FROM SAN JUAN MARCONA:**

You will have the possibility of taking a scenic flight over the enigmatic and mysterious gigantic geometric shapes known as the **Nazca Lines**. You will be amazed by the sheer size, nature and quantity of these archaeological enigmas scattered over 450 km<sup>2</sup>. The drawings represent living creatures such as lizards, monkeys, spiders and whales. They were discovered in 1926, but it is only in 1939 that Paul KOSAK, after a flight over them during the summer solstice described the plain as *"the biggest astronomy book in the world"*... Many scientists have attempted to solve their mystery, but to this day their secrets have not been revealed.



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**Flight of 30 minutes**  
**Price per person: 275 €**

- Prices include <sup>(1)</sup>:**
- 30 minutes flight
  - Transfers and services of a local guide.

*<sup>(1)</sup> Reservations must be made when booking your cruise or at least 60 days prior to departure date. Detailed program and conditions available upon request. Number of seats limited. The aircraft used are 12-seater "Cessna Caravan" planes.*



**TIKAL BY PLANE**

**FROM PUERTO QUETZAL:**

You will take an hour-long flight from **Puerto Quetzal** to reach the northern region of **Petén**, the gateway to the famous Tikal ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the heart of the jungle, surrounded like a jewel by the lush vegetation, Tikal is one of the major sites of Mayan civilization. You will visit the most remarkable buildings such as the **Temple of the Great Jaguar**, the **Temple of the Masks** and the **Great Plaza**. From this structure, the highest altitude in Pre-Colombian America, Mayan priests dominated the green expanse of virgin forest and raised their eyes to the stars to study the movements. A magical moment combining culture and nature...

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**Price per person: 595 €**

- Prices include <sup>(1)</sup>:**
- Flights Puerto Quetzal / Tikal / Puerto Quetzal
  - Lunch in a local restaurant
  - Transfers and services of a local guide.

*<sup>(1)</sup> Reservations must be made when booking your cruise or at least 60 days prior to departure date. Detailed program and conditions available upon request. Number of seats limited. The aircraft used are 19-seater "Embraer" planes.*



## EXCURSIONS

Please find below samples of the optional shore excursions for each port of call in Latin America.

PORT	COUNTRY	EXCURSION NAME	DURATION	PRICE
ARICA	CHILE	Chinchorro Culture	4H15	59 €
BEQUIA	GRENADINES	Beach day	-	-
CALDERA	CHILE	Desert and San Jose mine	4H15	69 €
CALLAO - LIMA	PERU	Colonial Lima	4H30	65 €
CAMARONES	ARGENTINA	Cabo Dos Bahias Penguin Reserve	3H00	Complimentary
CARTAGENA	COLOMBIA	Cartagena of the Indies	4H00	59 €
CASTRO	CHILE	Castro and its Churches	3H30	75 €
GUAYAQUIL	ECUADOR	City tour & Panama Hat	5H45	65 €
IQUIQUE	CHILE	Santa Laura & Humberstone	4H30	79 €
LOS ROQUES	VENEZUELA	Beach day	-	-
MANTA	ECUADOR	Pacoche Wildlife Refuge	4H00	69 €
MARIGOT	STA LUCIA	Marigot Escapade	3H00	29 €
MATARANI	PERU	Arequipa & Santa Catalina Convent	8H45	155 €
PUERTO CALDERA	COSTA RICA	The tropical rainforest, a universe of knowledge	4H30	55 €
PUERTO MADRYN	ARGENTINA	Punta Loma & Estancia San Guillermo	3H30	95 €
PUERTO MONTT	CHILE	Petrohue Waterfalls and Todos Los Santos lake	8H00	125 €
PUERTO NATALES	CHILE	Torres del Paine National Park	10H00	179 €
PUERTO QUETZAL	GUATEMALA	Casa Santo Domingo and Antigua	9H00	89 €
PUNTA ARENAS	CHILE	Estancia Olga Teresa	7H00	135 €
QUEPOS	COSTA RICA	Manuel Antonio National Park	4H00	59 €
PUNTA ALEGRE	PANAMA	Authentic Embera Indian Village	-	Complimentary



PORT	COUNTRY	EXCURSION NAME	DURATION	PRICE
ROSEAU	DOMINICA	Emerald pool and Trafalgar falls	4H00	35 €
SALAVERRY	PERU	Trujillo & temples of Sun and Moon	4H00	65 €
SAN BLAS	PANAMA	Beach day	-	-
SAN JUAN DEL SUR	NICARAGUA	Masaya Volcano & Colonial Granada	8H30	89 €
SAN JUAN MARCONA	PERU	The Pre-Inca cemetery of Chauchilla	3H00	99 €
SOUFRIERE	STA LUCIA	Magical Soufriere	3H00	29 €
ST GEORGE'S	GRENADA	South Coast Treasures	4H00	35 €
TORTEL	CHILE	Time at leisure	-	-
VALPARAISO	CHILE	Matetic Vineyard	3H45	69 €

*Shore excursions are sold onboard only. Pricing, tour titles and duration are subject to changes. You will find the complete tour program on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com) 12 months prior to your cruise. Final tour program will be sent with your cruise documents.*





## FORMALITIES

### FOR ALL CRUISES

The below information 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 six (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 la Compagnie du Ponant will have to deny boarding to any guest who fails to obtain the appropriate travel documentation for this trip.

### SPECIFIC FORMALITIES

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- **Chile:** Entry/Exit requirements for Australian, Canadian, Mexican and U.S. citizens entering/exiting Chile must have a valid passport and pay a RECIPROCITY TAX that will be issued for a stay of up to 90 days upon payment. Currently, the fee is only charged at the Santiago International Airport. Payment can be made in U.S. currency or by credit card. At time of print, the fees were as follow (subject to change without notice): Australia: US\$95 - Canada: US\$132 - Mexico: US\$23 - USA: US\$160.

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- **Argentina:** Entry/Exit requirements for Australian, Canadian and U.S. citizens entering/exiting Argentina must have a valid passport and pay a RECIPROCITY TAX. This tax must be prepaid online and prior to the arrival in Argentina, please follow the instructions detailed on the Argentina Immigration Office website: [www.migraciones.gov.ar](http://www.migraciones.gov.ar) At time of print, the fees were as follow (subject to change without notice): Australia: US\$100 - Canada: US\$75 - USA: US\$160

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- **Costa Rica:** Territory exit tax charges onboard (currently 25€ per person. Subject to change).
- **Nicaragua:** Entrance and territory exit taxes charged onboard (currently 35€ per person. Subject to change).
- When leaving Costa Rica from the International airport, an exit tax of 27 USD p/p must be paid (either by credit card, USD or Colones).

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- **Venezuela:** Los Roques National Park Fee charged onboard (currently 25€ per person. Subject to change).



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Machu Picchu program:** A medical certificate is required to participate in this programme. The city of Cuzco's altitude is around 3 350 meters / 11 700 ft.
- **Chilean Fjords:** During this cruise, Zodiac® outings and/or landings may be organized to bring you closer to the hidden wonders of these spectacular fjords and glaciers. We advise you to wear warm and waterproof clothes to protect you against cold and humidity.
- **Ecuador program:** A medical certificate is recommended for anyone with respiratory or heart problems. In Ecuador, Quito is located at an altitude of 2,850 m.
- **Galapagos program:** The average temperature in the Galapagos Islands at the time of our visit is around 30° C with scattered showers. Because you may have to wet your feet to go ashore, suitable shoes must be worn. Snorkelling equipment is available for hire on-site, however if you have a prescription mask, please do bring your own. Remember to bring your binoculars and a camera (preferably waterproof) to immortalise your swims. During this programme you will be required to walk 3 to 4 hours per day on volcanic soil, which can sometimes be slippery. You may bring trekking poles to help you. This programme is not suitable for the mobility impaired. We strongly advise seeking your doctor's opinion before joining this programme.
- **Panama Canal:** The schedules depend on several factors and despite our best efforts, crossing the Panama Canal during the day is not guaranteed.







# ANTARCTICA

## A journey to the edges of the Antarctic

*« No-one will ever forget that first approach to the Antarctic Peninsula, where it reveals its snow-capped mountains and a completely cloudless sky. Our ship blends delicately with this majestic, unimaginable landscape, on a sea of ice that opens the way for us to a magical setting. In instants like this, we find ourselves united by the same fascination; all this beauty captivates us to the very core of our being ».*

Captain Etienne GARCIA (Extract from the Captain's log)

Were we try to describe one of our cruises to the Southern Territories, the Captain's Log would probably offer the most accurate illustration.

Aboard LE SOLÉAL, we invite you to venture far from the busiest maritime routes, in the wake of the many explorers who approached this icy continent for the first time in 1820. Set off on a journey to discover this Great Southern Land – a majestic polar desert where mingle vast colonies of Penguins, Fur Seals and elegant Albatrosses. LE SOLÉAL glides along waters that are sometimes frozen, surrounded by a majestic decor of tabletop icebergs in unique shapes and iridescent colours.

Whether you love the great outdoors, prefer to lose yourself in contemplation, or crave real adventure, come and join us for a unique cruise, a personal odyssey, the promise of an exceptional destination.

*A fascinating experience full of sensations  
and exceptional encounters.*



# EXPEDITION & 5-STAR

Our Antarctic cruises are above all *"Expedition cruises"*, where the route taken by LE SOLÉAL each day can bring a new adventure or an unexpected surprise. Each morning, the Captain and the Expedition Leader will decide on the day's schedule, taking into account the state of the ice and the weather conditions.

Our expedition itineraries are characterised by flexibility at all times.

This adaptability allows us to stay longer at the most emblematic sites, to make a detour to admire the acrobatics of a Southern Right Whale or disembark on a beach to encounter a colony of Penguins.





## Your trips in a Zodiac® dinghy

Daily trips in small groups aboard a Zodiac® dinghy will allow you to get as close as possible to the majestic giants of the ice and their iridescent colours or to observe a group of Fur Seals gathered on a floating section of pack ice. Each sea trip is different. Accompanied by our experienced Naturalist Guides, set out aboard our Zodiac® dinghies to immortalize a magic moment, an adventure that is intense in emotions.

## Shore visits

Although at first glance, the Antarctic Peninsula appears like a vast white frozen expanse, there are some areas where we can set foot on solid ground, during delightful trips. Going ashore from one of our Zodiac® dinghies will allow you to discover the remains of a former whaling station, or will lead you to the territory of the majestic King Penguins. Whether you are a walker or an experienced hiker, each shore visit offers the promise of a new encounter and a new landscape.



## Refined adventure

Whichever cruise you choose, you will always find the same exceptional conditions of comfort, service and elegance that have forged the reputation of our Company.

LE SOLÉAL has earned Class Comfort 1 certification, which allows it to navigate in the most extreme regions, whilst at the same time offering five-star service and comfort. Aboard you will enjoy a warm atmosphere, a subtle blend of refinement and authenticity. A certain idea of luxury, a way of experiencing cruising... differently.



### Extract from a passenger's diary – Philippe D. February 2013 aboard LE BORÉAL

*"We gathered in the Grand Salon around the team of naturalists who were going to lead us to the mythical White Continent. Each passenger was feverishly busy, checking equipment and making sure camera, video camera and binoculars were ready. Like real explorers, dressed in our red parkas, we headed for our Zodiac®.*

*It's time; we're off, boarding in small groups. We sailed to meet our first icebergs and fell immediately under the charm of these blue-tinged giants."*



# Why the Antarctic?

## For the promise of an exceptional journey

Some cruises forever change the way you see the world, because they provoke strong emotions, are rich in sensations and filled with exceptional encounters. The mythical “*White Continent*”, which laid for a long time like a ghost on the map of the World, now reveals its imposing landscapes to us: a majestic polar desert of ice and water, an icy vastness cloaked in iridescent colours where blue and white form a subtle blend, an infinite silence where nature seems to be reclaiming its rights... LE SOLÉAL can take you to the far reaches of these Southern Lands and is offering you the opportunity to embark on a unique cruise to the mysterious Antarctic Continent, for a fascinating experience with a distinct flavour of expedition and adventure.





### For its rich Wildlife

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During the Austral Summer, the icy vastness undergoes a rebirth and becomes an amphitheatre bursting with activity, where thousands of Penguins come and go, gathered in vast colonies. Whether they are Gentoo, Adelie, Chinstrap, King or Macaroni Penguins, these placid animals are sure to win your heart as they waddle off to their nest or their young. At sea, it's the majestic Humpback Whales and imposing Fin Whales that will catch your eye, while Fur Seals bask in the sun on small floating islands of ice. And if you look up, the elegant Black-browed Albatross will become your best travel companion...



### For the beauty of its icy giants

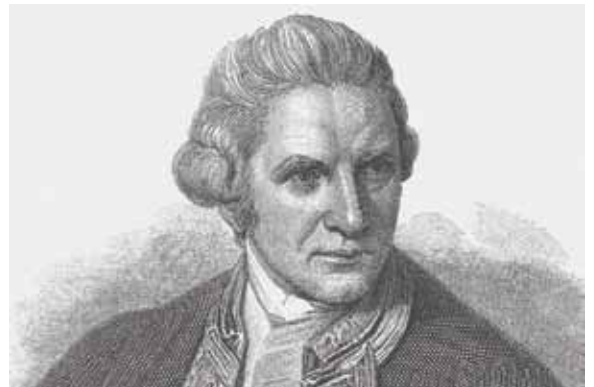
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Visiting the Antarctic means setting out to discover a land dominated by white; a mysterious stretch of ice with a seemingly infinite palette of hues. Unlike the ice floe, these icy giants are made up of fresh water. They sail along the sea like crystal cathedrals sheathed in shades of emerald, snow white and azure blue. The icebergs are the trademark of polar landscapes and they dominate the horizon. Some have such surprising shapes, with their curves, domes and arches that they appear to have been carved by ice sculptors. We are offering you a chance come aboard LE SOLÉAL and sail to the heart of these white mist-draped craft, which never fail to enchant visitors to this icy region.

### To follow in the footsteps of great explorers

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Although the existence of an Antarctic Continent was mentioned by Aristotle as far back as Antiquity, it wasn't until 1773 that Sir James COOK crossed the Antarctic Polar Circle for the first time. Other explorers would follow in his footsteps and undertake expeditions to the South Pole; Jean-Baptiste CHARCOT, Adrien DE GERLACHE, Sir Ernest SHACKLETON and, later, Paul-Emile VICTOR would open the way to the most extreme of all continents. Aboard LE SOLÉAL, we invite you to retrace the journeys of these pioneers, who set out to conquer the final frontiers of the great South, and travel to the very ends of the Earth, where there is still room to feed your dreams... Some journeys cannot be described. You simply have to experience them.



### Discover a city at the end of the world

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Each of your cruises offers you the opportunity to discover the world's southernmost city: Ushuaia. The Argentinian capital of Tierra del Fuego is considered the gateway to the "Great White" and the South Pole. Nicknamed "El fin del mundo" by the Argentinian people, this city at the end of the world nestles in the shelter of mountains surrounded by fertile plains that the wildlife seem to have chosen as the ultimate sanctuary. With its exceptional site, where the Andes plunge straight into the sea, Ushuaia is one of the most fascinating places on Earth, its very name evocative of journeys to the unlikely and the inaccessible.



# Drake Passage

If there is one place, one sea, one passage that visitors, scientists and other sailors in the Antarctic fear, it is Drake Passage. Seasoned travellers will tell you that you have to earn the right to see the White Continent and the "Antarctic Convergence" zone, where the northward-flowing Antarctic waters meet the warmer equatorial waters, is home to a rich variety of marine wildlife. As the ice caps and peaks of the Antarctic Peninsula emerge on the horizon, the colours of the midnight sun will make this cruise magical and you'll know immediately why you came.



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## PORT LOCKROY

On the small island of Goudier, you will visit Port Lockroy, discovered by the French explorer Jean-Baptiste CHARCOT in 1903. Initially serving as a relief and repair base for whalers, Port Lockroy later became a research station. You will be able to visit the small Museum that retraces the life of the base in the 1950s. Since 1996, it has been open to the public during the short Southern Summer and is used for carrying out research on Gentoo Penguins. Nowadays, this base is the most visited site on the White Continent and, thanks to its little store and post office, it is the only place to offer you the opportunity to write to your friends and family and share this unique moment.

### USHUAIA • USHUAIA The Antarctic Peninsula

DEPARTURES: NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Buenos Aires / Ushuaia (Argentina) direct flight. Direct transfer on board OR excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park including lunch and embarkation from 17.00 to 18.00		19.00
2,3	At Sea - Drake Passage	-	-
4	Neko - Paradise Bay (Antarctica)		
5	Pleneau Island - Port Charcot (Antarctica)		
6	Port Lockroy (Antarctica)		
7	Deception Island (Antarctica)		
8	Weddell Sea (Antarctica)		
9,10	At Sea - Drake Passage	-	-
11	Ushuaia (Argentina) Disembarkation. Transfer to the airport. Ushuaia / Buenos Aires International (Pistarini) with direct flight.	07.00	



## THE HUMPBACK WHALE

The most impressive mammal of the marine world, the Humpback Whale can reach 19 metres in length and weigh 65 tons. Easily recognisable for the many bumps or tubercles on its head, the Humpback Whale is a playful acrobat, who enjoys showing off his diving skills and landing with a huge splash. A friendly and very inquisitive animal, it will willingly come to meet you, swimming close to your vessel. It is a very expressive animal who is renowned for its long plaintive and melodious songs, which it uses to communicate.





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### USHUAIA • USHUAIA The Antarctic Peninsula

DEPARTURES : DEC 09<sup>TH</sup> 2014, JAN 22<sup>ND</sup> 2015,  
01<sup>ST</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2015

CRUISE: 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Buenos Aires / <b>Ushuaia</b> (Argentina) direct flight. Direct transfer on board OR excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park including lunch and embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2,3	At Sea - Drake Passage	-	-
4	Neko - Paradise Bay (Antarctica)		
5	Pleneau Island - Port Charcot (Antarctica)		
6	Port Lockroy (Antarctica)		
7	Deception Island (Antarctica)		
8	Weddell Sea (Antarctica)		
9,10	At Sea - Drake Passage	-	-
11	<b>Ushuaia</b> (Argentina) Disembarkation. Transfer to the airport. Ushuaia / Buenos Aires International (Pistarin) with direct flight.	07.00	



### Nicolas DUBREUIL, Expedition Leader

Nicolas has been accompanying polar expeditions for more than 20 years. He fell in love with the region to such an extent that he wrote an ethnology thesis on it. The Antarctica polar expanses have no secrets for this Expedition Leader. Armed with his experience, Nicolas has been working with la Compagnie du Ponant for nine years now, helping the captain plan routes and produce a photo of your cruise. He is only too delighted to share his memories and knowledge.



### PLENEAU ISLAND

One of the very first reporters of adventures in the polar region was the talented photographer Paul PLÉNEAU, who accompanied the explorer Jean-Baptiste CHARCOT during his expeditions in Antarctica. Today, the bay that bears his name deploys an entire army of icy giants. Some of the icebergs even have surreal shapes and the colour of the ice shifts between countless shades of blue and white. An excursion in a Zodiac® dinghy will enable you to meet the marine mammals that have taken up residence in the heart of the Bay. On land, the ice sheets are scattered with red algae in parts, and colonies of Gentoo Penguins set up nesting places here and there across the island.

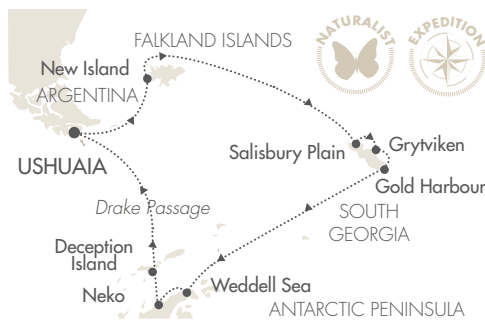


# The Great Austral loop

To begin your cruise, discover the Falkland Islands and their undulating hills and verdant moors. Farther along, South Georgia is home to imposing glaciers that tilt towards the sea and the black sandy beaches play host to thousands of King Penguins, the emblem of this faraway land. Then, we will head South to discover the Northern Peninsula's unique beauty: iridescent icebergs, floating ice fields and extraordinary marine mammals, such as the majestic Humpback Whale or Leopard Seals, playing in the ships' wake.



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## COOPER'S BAY

Take a seat in one of our Zodiac® dinghies and head out to explore Cooper's Bay, near St Andrew's Bay. It was named after the first lieutenant of the famous sailor Captain James COOK, and the bay offers a quite unexpected sight, with long basalt canyons forming high cliffs that loom over a turquoise-blue water. In the centre of the Bay, a magical atmosphere reigns when just a few rays of sunshine pierce the gauzy layer formed by the morning mist. The craggy coastlines are home to colonies of Macaroni Penguins who pay close attention to the arrival of our tiny crafts.



### USHUAIA • USHUAIA The Great Austral Loop

DEPARTURE: DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS



DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Buenos Aires / Ushuaia (Argentina) direct flight. Direct transfer on board OR excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park including lunch and embarkation from 16.30 to 17.30	-	18.00
2	At Sea	-	-
3	New Island - Saunders (Falkland Islands)	-	-
4,5	At Sea	-	-
6	Salisbury Plain - Fortuna bay (South Georgia)	-	-
7	Grytviken - St. Andrews (South Georgia)	-	-
8	Gold Harbour (South Georgia)	-	-
9,10	At Sea	-	-
11	Weddell Sea (Antarctica)	-	-
12	Neko - Paradise Island (Antarctica)	-	-
13	Deception Island - Half moon (Antarctica)	-	-
14,15	At Sea - Drake Passage	-	-
16	Ushuaia (Argentina) Disembarkation. Transfer to the airport. Ushuaia / Buenos Aires International (Pistarini) with direct flight.	7.00	-



## FORTUNA BAY

"Our second land visit of the day was in Fortuna Bay, at the foot of the abrupt heights of the Breakwind Ridge Mountains". A grandiose sight appeared before us: the widening bay rounded as far as the sea to form a perfect arc, slashed by a waterfall. We decided to follow in the footsteps of Ernest SHACKLETON, who set foot on the island during his final expedition. We travelled through a vast plain where plant cover was rare, mainly a scattering of high tussocks of grass. Deep in this plain we come across a Penguin colony made up of more than 50,000 King Penguins, whose tightly packed bodies formed a silver patch scattered with areas of brown and bright orange".

Didier DROUET - Naturalist Guide.





## GRYTVIKEN

Visiting Grytviken has a double historical resonance. The first comes from the presence of the tomb of Sir Ernest SHACKLETON, this explorer who proved to be a veritable hero in the chaos that arose during his expedition aboard the Endurance. The second thrusts us back into the whaling industry with this former Norwegian whaling station that resembles an "abandoned village", dominated by an ochre colour. A calming desolation reigns there; the ruins allow the traveller to appreciate the scale and the industrial dimension of whale hunting in bygone times. The Museum open on the site is entirely dedicated to this whaling activity and the history of South Georgia.



*"As I look out to sea, the sun slowly sets, the gentle varied blues of the icebergs become harsher, and soon the dark blue of the crevasses and cracks is all that remains. Then gradually, with exquisite gentleness, a pink hue washes over everything and it is so beautiful that I wonder if I'm dreaming and wish I could go on dreaming forever. It looks like the ruins of a huge and magnificent city made of the purest marble. The sky becomes a pearly shell where all of nature's colours mingle without clashing and become iridescent. Without my noticing it, night has fallen and when Paul (PLÉNEAU) touches me on the shoulder he wakes me from my reverie and I wipe away a tear, not of sadness, but of beautiful and powerful emotion".*

Jean-Baptiste CHARCOT – Le Gentleman des Pôles



## WEDDELL SEA

A lengthy sail in the Weddell Sea will allow you to experience true silence, an extraordinary and enchanting atmosphere, unrivalled calm... You will discover a secret reserve of preserved treasure: Fur Seals, Penguin colonies, Wandering Albatross and other Giant Petrels. Here the huge icebergs and the endless ice cap sculpt a landscape beyond compare. The lord of the manor is known as the Weddell Seal. It is a record breaker, able to remain submerged for more than an hour. Its pelage is dark grey and it has a spotted belly. To maintain its access to the sea and be able to fish, the Weddell Seal has special teeth allowing it to make a hole in the thick ice.



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the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO). [www.iaato.org](http://www.iaato.org)

Due to the exceptional nature of this itinerary, the calls/sites listed are only a guide. The final route will be confirmed by the ship's Captain with priority being given to passengers safety. Pack ice may also force the Captain to change course at the last minute. Zodiac® landings or cruising accompanied by your expedition team offer plenty of opportunities to discover and experience what Antarctica and/or South Georgia have to offer at close range. These will of course depend on the weather conditions, the ice, the wind and the sea state.

# Deception Island

Nestled at the heart of the South Shetland Islands, Deception Island is easy to recognise for its horseshoe shape. This island was once an active volcano whose crater collapsed some 10,000 years ago. This produced a caldera which was then flooded by the sea creating a natural port. For a long time this was an important whaling station and the intensity of this activity has left traces that have withstood the passage of time. On the black sand of the volcanic beaches lie the ruins of abandoned huts, and the place is teeming today with extraordinary wildlife. Excursions aboard our Zodiac® dinghies will allow you to set foot on this expanse of land where more than 100,000 pairs of Chinstrap Penguins, Elephant Seals and Fur Seals live side by side.



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## NEKO BAY

Neko Bay is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful sites in the Antarctic Peninsula. It was discovered by the Belgian explorer Adrien DE GERLACHE during his 1897-99 Antarctic expedition. Mountains, snow, ice and unspoiled nature combine to offer a unique landscape. Wildlife is as abundant as it is exceptional: sea birds such as Gulls, Cape Petrels and Cormorants, as well as marine mammals like Seals, Orcas and Whales. Excursions aboard our Zodiac® dinghies allow you to sail close to blue-tinged icebergs or disembark near colonies of Penguins, observe Leopard Seals basking on the shore or watch the Antarctic Terns flying overhead.

### USHUAIA • USHUAIA The Antarctic Peninsula

DEPARTURE: JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS



DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Buenos Aires / Ushuaia (Argentina) direct flight. Direct transfer on board OR excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park including lunch and embarkation from 17.00 to 18.00		18.30
2,3	At Sea - Drake Passage	-	-
4	Neko - Paradise Bay (Antarctica)		
5	Port Lockroy (Antarctica)		
6	Deception Island (Antarctica)		
7	Weddell Sea (Antarctica)		
8,9	At Sea - Drake Passage	-	-
10	Ushuaia (Argentina) Disembarkation. Transfer to the airport. Ushuaia / Buenos Aires International (Pistarini) with direct flight.	07.00	



## Raphaël SANÉ, Expedition Leader

Another one who is passionate about nature, Raphaël graduated in hydrobiology. Having worked for various naturalist associations and taken part in several expeditions, he is now a guide and speaker on our ships. This year will be his ninth season on board our ships in the Polar Regions.

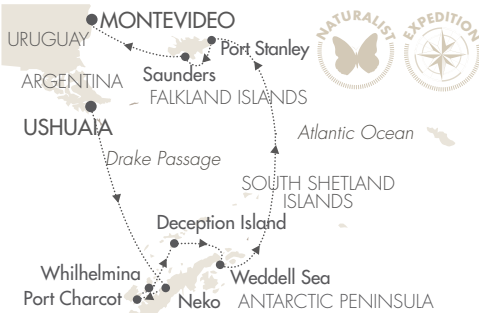
*"I will never forget my encounter with a truly gigantic tabletop iceberg, so huge that it took two hours for LE BORÉAL to sail around it!"*







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## MAGELLANIC PENGUINS

The Magellanic Penguin, with its very distinctive black and white plumage separated into two parts by a wide band of white feathers, owes its name to the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand DE MAGELLAN, who discovered the species. The Magellanic Penguin lives in the Falkland Islands and, like its cousins the Gentoo, Adelie or Chinstrap, rarely exceeds 65 cm in height. However, it is the only one of its species to lay eggs and nest in burrows on the edge of the beach, in the soft soils of the sand dunes. Magellanic Penguins are rather clumsy on land, waddling and using their fins to keep their balance. These inquisitive and bold animals will willingly come up to meet you.

### USHUAIA • MONTEVIDEO The Peninsula & The Falkland Islands

DEPARTURE: FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS



DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Buenos Aires / Ushuaia (Argentina) direct flight. Direct transfer on board OR excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park including lunch and embarkation from 17.00 to 18.00		18.30
2,3	At Sea - Drake Passage	-	-
4	Neko - Paradise Bay (Antarctica)		
5	Port Charcot - Port Lockroy (Antarctica)		
6	Wilhelmina - Enterprise (Antarctica)		
7	Deception Island (Antarctica)		
8	Weddell Sea (Antarctica)		
9	Sailing towards South Shetland Islands		
10	At Sea - Drake Passage	-	-
11	Port Stanley - Volunteer Point (Falkland Islands)		
12	Saunders - Grave Cove (Falkland Islands)		
13-15	At Sea		
16	Montevideo (Uruguay) Disembarkation	08.00	



## AT SEA HEADING FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

"As we sail towards the Falkland Islands, this misty early morning allows us to witness an unexpected sight: our marine mammal naturalist has spotted a group of Commerson Dolphins moving around a feeding area. "Dolphins starboard!" It is a remarkable sight: A school of around 50 members including males, females and yearlings are swimming together in the wake left by our ship. Gradually the mist dissipates, the sky clears - the sun appears slowly from between the clouds, casting its honey colour over the sea and the seabirds that are accompanying our journey. The coastline becomes visible, draws closer and we finish by mooring just a few cable-lengths from the Saunders Islands, our next port of call in the Falklands Islands chain."

Raphaël SANÉ - Expedition Leader

# Further together...

## FLIGHTS, PRE CRUISE TOUR & TRANSFERS (included)

When you make your booking you can opt for:

- A transfer to Ushuaia port to board your ship immediately and have access to the Main Lounge (your stateroom or suite will be ready for you anytime after 5pm). You will have lunch onboard and be at leisure to explore Ushuaia on your own in the afternoon.

Or

- An excursion leaving from Ushuaia airport to discover the Tierra del Fuego National Park. This includes a typical Argentina lunch. The excursion ends at the port in time for boarding.

### FOR ALL USHUAIA • USHUAIA CRUISES

This program includes <sup>(1)</sup> :

- Buenos Aires / Ushuaia / Buenos Aires on direct flight.
- Luggage transfer.
- Excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park including lunch, OR early boarding of the ship with lunch onboard.
- The services of an English-speaking guide.
- Pier/airport transfer on disembarkation day.

<sup>(1)</sup> Package valid subject to availability.  
See General and Specific Conditions on page 130.

### FOR THE USHUAIA • MONTEVIDEO CRUISE FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 2015

This program includes <sup>(1)</sup> :

- Buenos Aires / Ushuaia on direct flight.
- Luggage transfer.
- Excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park including lunch, OR early boarding of the ship with lunch onboard.
- The services of an English-speaking guide.

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## FORMALITIES

### FOR ALL CRUISES

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

**Passport valid for at least six (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, Compagnie du Ponant will have to deny boarding to any guest who fails to obtain the appropriate travel documentation for this trip.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### SOUTH GEORGIA, FALKLAND ISLANDS AND ANTARCTICA CRUISES

- Travelling to Antarctica, Falkland and South Georgia Islands is an exhilarating experience and an expedition at first.
- Given the inaccessibility of the "White Continent", this is an obligation to choose your insurance company carefully. Evacuation costs from the Antarctic Peninsula are up to more than 100 000 US\$ plus medical costs. Therefore, please be particularly prudent when choosing an insurance company, especially if you are insured by your credit card. In addition, it is mandatory to return the medical questionnaire, provided at time of booking, at the latest 90 days prior to departure. This questionnaire is very important in order to respect mandatory safety rules in polar zones. Any false information on this questionnaire may lead to a refusal of your embarkation at the port of departure, without any possible recourse.
- These voyages include activities such as Zodiac® landings (sometimes wet landings), Zodiac® outings, moderate walks to more active hikes. All this accompanied by your expedition team of naturalist guides. Considering the nature of the programs, a reasonable level of mobility is required to enjoy these expeditions.
- Due to the exceptional nature of this itinerary, the calls/sites listed are only a guide. The final route will be confirmed by the ship's Captain with priority being given to passenger safety. Pack ice may also force the Captain to change course at the last minute. His decision will be based on advice from expert pilots who are present on board during our cruise in South Georgia and Antarctica. Zodiac® landings or outings accompanied by your expedition team offer plenty of opportunities to discover and experience what Antarctica and/or South Georgia have to offer at close range. These will of course depend on the weather conditions, the ice, the wind and the sea state.
- We also recommend you follow the clothing instructions and advice you will find in your travel documents.
- **Argentina:** ENTRY/EXIT REQUIREMENTS: Australian, Canadian, and U.S. citizens entering/exiting Argentina must have a valid passport and pay a RECIPROCITY TAX. Fee may be paid online in US dollars by credit card. Consult [www.migraciones.gov.ar](http://www.migraciones.gov.ar).  
At time of print, the fees were as follow (subject to change without notice)
  - Australia: U\$D 100\* - (multiple entry valid for one year)
  - Canada: U\$D 75\* - (one entry) or U\$D 150 - (multiple entry valid for 5 years from first entry)
  - USA: U\$D 140\* - (one entry)\* Subject to changes.

## ADVICE ON WHAT TO WEAR

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- A warm waterproof parka which will be provided on board (available only for adults).
- Loose trousers: warm cotton tracksuit bottoms and "thermolactyl™" polo neck jumpers.
- Thick waterproof and windproof over-trousers.
- Light trousers plus waterproof over-trousers can be replaced by flexible waterproof ski pants. Having a comfortable but waterproof pair of trousers is essential.
- Pullover, sweat-shirt or fleece.
- Underwear: long johns and long-sleeved vests or tops, plus silk or light cotton and wool mix knee-length socks.
- Fleecy scarf and hat covering the ears (avoid scarves that do not stay in place).
- Waterproof gloves (silk gloves + waterproof gloves to wear over them).
- Sunglasses with a high UV protective index.
- Waterproof and anti-slip rubber boots (renting available, see below).

## COMPLIMENTARY BOOT RENTAL

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Boots are an essential item when you go ashore. Compagnie du Ponant has selected Ship to Shore Traveler, an expedition equipment specialist, to offer you, during your cruise, the renting of your boots that are specially adapted for polar destinations.

### WHY RENT YOUR BOOTS?



- It's practical: Your boots are delivered free of charge to the ship, day you board.
- Travel light: Leaves more space and weight in your luggage for other items.
- Specialist's warranty.

Find your offer by logging on [www.ponantboots.com](http://www.ponantboots.com)  
(Rental service on line open from September 2014).



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### TO FIND OUT MORE...

- Compagnie du Ponant includes a free copy of the « *Terres Australes* » guide (in French) with your ticket.
- You can also look at the Antarctic video on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com).
- Read blogs of our Naturalist guides on [blog.ponant.com](http://blog.ponant.com)





# ASIA

## Between Modernity & Eternal Traditions

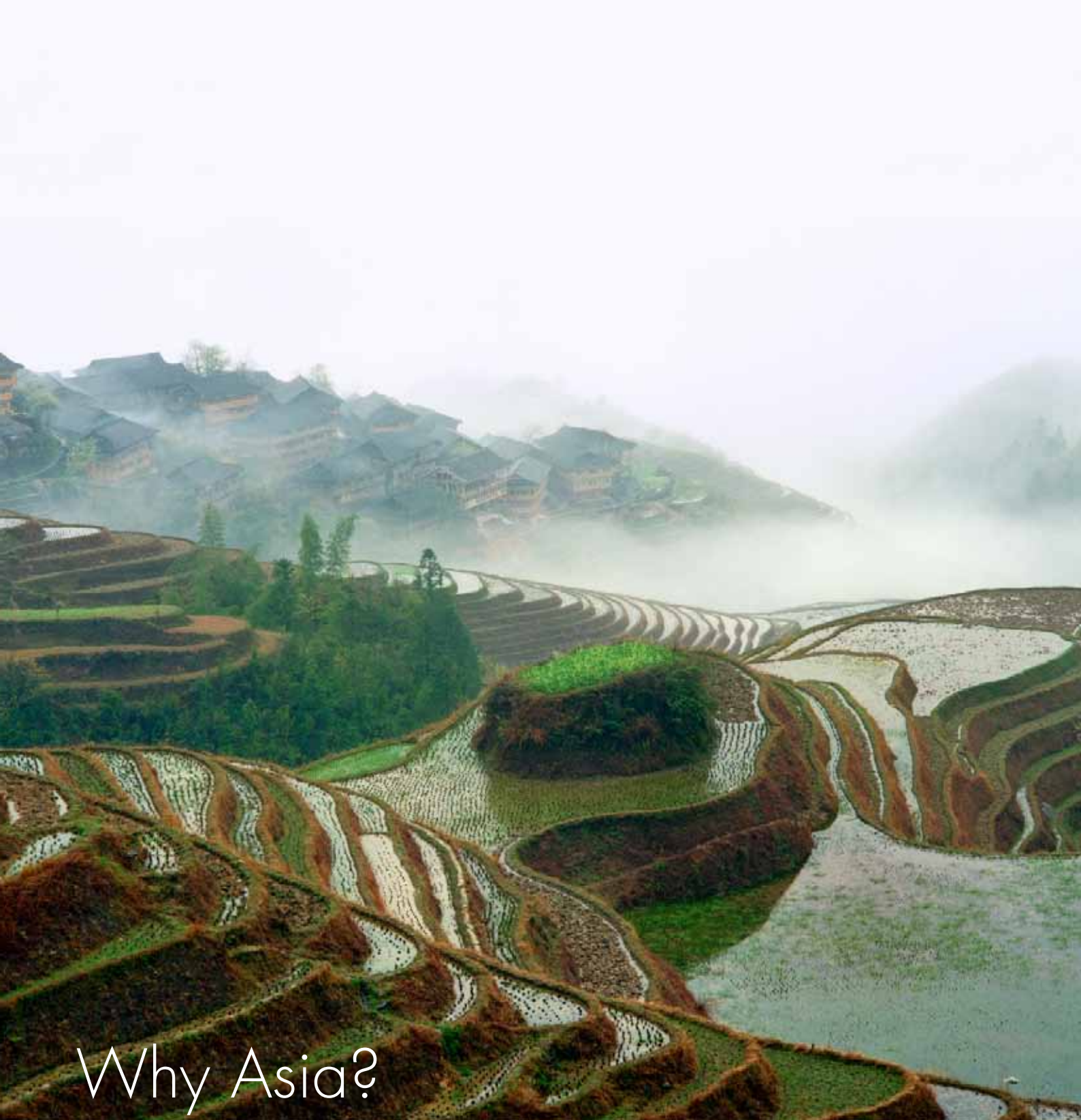
*If there are names that are synonymous with dreams and escape, Japan, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Borneo, the Philippines and Korea are surely some of them.*

This year, set sail aboard L'AUSTRAL to discover these Pearls of the East, whose very names are an invitation to travel. We propose to show you, our privileged passengers, a different approach to Asia, getting closer to its history, its traditions and the splendour of its many ancient historical sites.

As your cruise progresses, discover this mysterious and heady continent of a thousand faces, with its new empires and ancient kingdoms, where an ancestral culture still remains. L'AUSTRAL will sail along the Japanese coast, calling at a series of destinations to allow you to discover its fine blend of modernity and traditions, then she will head for Vietnam and Indonesia, before arriving in China, a country rich in contrasts, whose secrets are jealously guarded.

Throughout your cruise we invite you to encounter the millennial cultures of Asia, with their ancestral ways of life. A unique destination whose wealth and treasures are multiple and whose distant origins have shaped it in an almost legendary manner.

*An exceptional journey to the heart of secret Asia,  
rich in emotions and unique encounters.*



## Why Asia?



### For the magical Ha Long Bay

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This invaluable treasure is certainly one of the most famous landscapes in Asia. Here the spectacle is endless, between the ghostly rocky pitons with their strange shapes emerging from the turquoise waters of the Gulf of Tonkin, the engulfed mountains and mysterious caverns with their charming names, Ha Long Bay and its surreal chaos have given rise to many legends. These countless small islands are home to beaches and caves carved out by the wind and waves, whereas singing birds bring their sparsely wooded slopes to life. Surrender to the magic of the place and contemplate the silhouettes of traditional sampans emerging from the horizon as the sun goes down... Whether you discover Ha Long Bay under a gleaming sun or shrouded in mist, depending on the season the scenery will be different but the sight of it will be just as magical.



## For the imperial city of Hue

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Hue is proud of its past and the regal origins of its ancestors. The former capital of the Nguyen dynasty nestles in a bend in the "Perfume River which flows" in a valley between lush green hills. Like all sovereigns, the Nguyen emperors were concerned with the eternity of their life on the other side, and they paid particular attention to the construction of their mausoleum. These are architectural jewels set against triumphant nature, and are the guardians of their sovereign. The collection of palaces, homes and tombs make Hue a calm and romantic small city, one that will leave you with a feeling of gentle melancholy.



## For the charm of Kyoto

From Osaka, discover Japan's soul, ancestral cradle of the Japanese civilization... Kyoto. Capital of Japan, this city basks in a mellow atmosphere, lulled by the tranquil flow of the Kamo River. Now the sixth largest city in Japan, Kyoto is home to a history that dates back more than 1,000 years and has earned it the title of the "true spiritual capital of the Japanese archipelago". With its wonderful sanctuaries, monuments and historical districts, gardens and natural sites, forested hills and more than 1,800 temples, Kyoto has everything a traveller likes. For more than a thousand years, the emperors lived in this city where the cult of beauty and tradition are still flourishing. Geishas, with their immaculate white faces and mouths painted like two bright red petals, represent a living work of art and have inspired the greatest directors and authors.

## For the Sandakan Reserve and its Orang-Utans

When the ship makes her port of call, take a unique journey to the heart of the Sandakan National Park, one of the most ancient natural heritages of Malaysia, to discover its unique primeval landscapes. This primary forest is one of the richest kaleidoscopes of plant and wildlife, including the famous Orang-Utan, whose name means "man of the forest" in Malay. The Orang-Utan is the only Asian representative of the great apes and is easily recognisable by its long arms and its flamboyant orange fur. Treat yourself to this thrilling encounter and a fascinating trip back to nature, in pristine scenery from the beginning of time.



## For the terracotta warriors in Xian

Capital of 11 dynasties, cradle of Chinese civilisation and the first stage on the Silk Road, Xian is the ideal starting point to explore the traces of this culture which dates back many thousands of years. Discover the archaeological remains and the fascinating story of the legendary terracotta army, made up of 7,000 cavalrymen and foot soldiers, 600 clay horses and 130 wooden chariots, which guard the tomb of Qinshihuangdi, the first Emperor of China. This buried army of life-size statues is one of the major archaeological discoveries of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Today a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this mausoleum took more than three decades to build and used more than 700,000 workers. Do not miss this timeless encounter.



# Hong Kong

Hong Kong, city of lights – A blend of West and East with its unforgettable bay, its modern skyscrapers, its typical markets, its lively shops that are veritable caverns of unimaginable treasures. The name Hong Kong incorporates a number of territories: Hong Kong island itself, the Kowloon peninsula, the New Territories and the small neighbouring islands. Despite its colonial heritage, its huge urban expanses, its renowned business culture and its incessant activity, the city has managed to preserve a typically Chinese character and some very attractive traditional aspects. Don't miss Aberdeen district and its coloured junks, the occasion for you to discover the bustle of daily life aboard a traditional sampan.



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## MAIZURU • HONG KONG From Japan to China

DEPARTURE: OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Maizuru (Japan)</b> Embarkation from 17.00 to 18.00		19.00
2	At Sea	-	-
3	Mojiko (Japan)	12.00	19.00
4	Hiroshima (Japan)	08.00	19.00
5	Uwajima (Japan)	07.00	13.00
6	Kagoshima (Japan)	08.00	18.00
7	Nagasaki (Japan)	08.00	19.00
8	At Sea	-	-
9	♥ Shanghai (China)	06.00	-
10	Shanghai (China)	-	22.00
11,12	At Sea	-	-
13	Xiamen (China)	08.00	13.00
14	Hong Kong (Hong Kong)	12.00	-
15	<b>Hong Kong (Hong Kong)</b> Disembarkation		

♥ Overland Xian. See page 86.



## KAGOSHIMA

In Kagoshima Bay, not far from the Sakurajima volcano, lies a sun-kissed city and a horizon of the most astonishing palette of blues: Kagoshima. This charming ancient fortified town lies in the South of Kyushu Island and is known as the "Naples of the East" because of its abundant sunshine, blue skies and the beauty of the surrounding ocean. Mont Sakurajima was once an island in its own right, but the eruption of the volcano of the same name caused its landmass to join up with Kyushu when the lava filled in the strait that separated them. This still active volcano dominates the city and has become the symbol of it. Come and see its power for yourself during a walk to the Arimura Observatory and do not miss the chance to preserve these superb views for posterity.



## HONG KONG • SINGAPORE The Best of Vietnam

DEPARTURES: OCT. 30<sup>TH</sup> 2014 • NOV 21<sup>ST</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Hong Kong (Hong Kong)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	At Sea	-	-
3	Haiphong (Vietnam)	06.00	24.00
4	Ha Long Bay (Vietnam)	06.00	18.00
5	At Sea	-	-
6	Da Nang (Vietnam)	06.00	21.00
7	At Sea	-	-
8	Nha Trang (Vietnam)	06.00	12.00
9	Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam)	11.00	-
10	Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam)	-	08.00
11	At Sea	-	-
12	<b>Singapore (Singapore)</b> Disembarkation	09.00	







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### SINGAPORE • HONG KONG The Best of Vietnam

DEPARTURE : NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Singapore</b> (Singapore) Embarkation from 15.00 to 16.00	-	17.00
2	At Sea	-	-
3	Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam)	16.00	-
4	Sailing on the Saigon River	-	14.00
5	Nha Trang (Vietnam)	12.30	22.00
6	At Sea	-	-
7	Da Nang (Vietnam)	06.00	21.00
8	At Sea	-	-
9	Ha Long Bay (Vietnam)	06.00	23.00
10	Haiphong (Vietnam)	06.00	19.00
11	At Sea	-	-
12	<b>Hong Kong</b> (Hong Kong) Disembarkation	08.30	-



## HOI AN

Lulled by the tranquil waters of the Thu Bon River, Hoi An seems to slumber under a spell that made time stand still. This former port city was very prosperous in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, and rich merchants based their trading posts there, building sturdy wooden houses in bright colours with roofs of ceramic tiles. A sleepy and charming village, whose colourful buildings are reflected in the river lined with jackfruit trees, Hoi An will transport you back through the centuries to a time where sampans supplied the surrounding markets with a thousand and one products, perfumes and flavours. A wander through its car-free streets is the best way to travel through time and discover this gentle nostalgia.



## HO CHI MINH

Founded in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Ho Chi Minh City, was initially a small trading port of the Khmer kingdom. A century later, it became the capital of Cochinchina and the largest French colony of the Far East. Its former name of Saigon, which still evokes the mysteries of the East, was a legendary source of inspiration for the novels of the French author Marguerite DURAS. Today it is a thriving metropolis, both the largest city in the country and the economic powerhouse of Vietnam. From Ho Chi Minh, you will set off to discover the Mekong, the bearer of riches in its bright green surroundings, and also known as the "River of Nine Dragons." Do not miss the Mekong Delta where little coloured ships throng on market days.



# Krakatoa

The legendary Krakatoa (or Krakatau), the most famous volcano in the world, is familiar to all, although few know where it is located. It is relatively peaceful and lies in the Sunda Strait, between Java and Sumatra. At the heart of the Pacific ring of fire, set off to visit the Krakatoa Islands, with their fertile volcanic peaks, lakes, natural water sources and the sinuous waterfalls that race down the slopes of the volcano. Although its name means "Silent Mountain" you will be able to see vapours and smoke rising from its majestic cone. You may also see some of the traditional fishing boats calmly moored in the shadow of the volcano.



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## SINGAPORE • BALI Discover Indonesia

DEPARTURE: DECEMBER 02<sup>ND</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Singapore (Singapore)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	At Sea	-	-
3	Sailing along Krakatoa (Indonesia)	15.00	19.00
4	At Sea	-	-
5,6	♥ Semarang (Indonesia)	06.00	23.00
7	Karimun Jawa (Indonesia)	08.00	18.00
8	At Sea	-	-
9	Lombok (Indonesia)	07.00	18.00
10	Benoa - Bali (Indonesia)	08.00	-
11	<b>Benoa - Bali (Indonesia)</b> Disembarkation		

♥ Overland Prambanan temples & Borobudur.  
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## DARWIN • HONG KONG The Indonesian Archipelago

DEPARTURE: MARCH 04<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 17 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Darwin (Australia)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	At Sea	-	-
3	Ambon (Moluccas - Indonesia)	13.30	20.00
4	At Sea	-	-
5	Morotai (Moluccas - Indonesia)	07.00	14.00
6	Bitung (Sulawesi - Indonesia)	07.00	14.00
7	At Sea	-	-
8	Sandakan (Borneo - Malaysia)	10.00	19.00
9	At Sea	-	-
10	Tagbilaran - Bohol (Philippines)	06.00	17.00
11	Boracay (Philippines)	14.00	19.00
12	At Sea	-	-
13	Manila (Philippines)	06.00	23.30
14,15	At Sea	-	-
16	Hong Kong (Hong Kong)	06.00	-
17	<b>Hong Kong (Hong Kong)</b> Disembarkation		



It would be tempting to ban visits to Bali – just so that we can keep it a secret for ourselves. The "Island of Gods" is a constant source of charm and timeless beauty. Located at the western tip of the Sunda Islands, between Java and Lombok, it is renowned for its artistic development in areas as varied as classical dance, sculpture, painting, leather and metal working. The Balinese people today have lost nothing of their customs; we find the daily ritual of offerings in front of every store, on every bridge, at the entrance to paddy fields or in altars that decorate gardens. Bali is unquestionably one of the last places in the world that has not sold its soul. We should visit it, but visit it wisely, in order to protect the treasure that it represents.



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*In the Heart of China*

DEPARTURE: MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Hong Kong</b> ( <i>Hong Kong</i> ) Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	At Sea	-	-
3	♥ Xiamen ( <i>China</i> )	07.00	19.00
4,5	At Sea	-	-
6	Shanghai ( <i>China</i> )	07.00	-
7	Shanghai ( <i>China</i> )	-	17.00
8	At Sea	-	-
9	Dalian ( <i>China</i> )	11.30	17.00
10	<b>Tianjin - Beijing</b> ( <i>China</i> ) Disembarkation	08.30	

♥ Overland Xian. See page 86.



SANDAKAN - BORNEO

On leaving Sandakan, a city in Sabah State in Eastern Malaysia, discover the Orang-Utan Rehabilitation Centre. Located in the North-West of Borneo, to the East of Kuala Lumpur, the protected reserve of Kabili Sepilok covers some 43 ha. The Orang-Utan is the only Asian representative of the great apes and this primate, whose Malaysian name means "man of the forest" is easily recognisable by its long arms and its flamboyant orange fur. Aside from mothers and their young, Orang-Utans are a solitary species that spend most of their life swinging from the tops of tall trees. Here, orphaned animals or those born in captivity are taught to live independently so that they can be returned to their natural habitat, which are always very moving moments. This reserve offers you the opportunity to admire these adorable creatures in their natural environment. Treat yourself to this thrilling encounter and a fascinating return to nature.



SHANGHAI

You will be comfortably settled on the outer decks of L'AUSTRAL to watch the coastline of Shanghai appear before you. Nestled in the heart of the Yangtze Delta and bathed by the East China Sea, the largest city in China is both modern and rich in ancestral customs, combining the skyscrapers of Pudong district with winding streets and traditional homes. Always keen to be ahead of its time, everything in this city of a thousand faces is excessive, extraordinary and above all futuristic. During your time here, make sure to visit its historical monuments such as the Jade Buddha Temple or the famous Shanghai Museum.



COMPLIMENTARY ACROBATIC SHOW  
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# Hiroshima

From Iwakuni, discover Hiroshima. This is a moving visit ; it is impossible to forget the tragic event, the scars of which Hiroshima secretly hides. Founded in 1589 by the feudal lord Terumoto Mori, Northern coast of the inland Seto Sea, Hiroshima has become a modern city, one that is lively and very active. Not far from here, at the heart of the Inland Sea, Miyajima, the "island sanctuary" will reveal its treasures. In the background you will see the Shinto Grand Sanctuary, whose entrance is guarded by a magnificent vermilion Torii. Considered to be one of the most beautiful sites in the Japanese islands, you will be transported by the unique character and the serenity of this sacred site.



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## TIANJIN • OSAKA Traditional Japan

DEPARTURE: MARS 29<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Tianjin (China)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
3	<b>Incheon (South Korea)</b>	06.00	17.00
4	<b>Cheju Island (South Korea)</b>	14.00	20.00
5	<b>Hakata (Japan)</b>	12.00	19.00
6	<b>Beppu (Japan)</b>	12.00	23.00
7	<b>Iwakuni (Japan)</b>	08.00	18.00
8	<b>Tamano - Okayama (Japan)</b>	08.00	18.00
9	<b>Osaka (Japan)</b> Disembarkation	07.00	



## OSAKA • MAIZURU The Best of Japan

DEPARTURES: APRIL 06<sup>TH</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Osaka (Japan)</b> Embarkation from 17.00 to 18.00		19.00
2	<b>Tamano - Okayama (Japan)</b>	08.00	18.00
3	<b>Hiroshima (Japan)</b>	06.00	19.00
4	<b>Uwajima (Japan)</b>	07.00	13.00
5	<b>Kagoshima (Japan)</b>	08.30	18.00
6	<b>Nagasaki (Japan)</b>	08.00	19.00
7	<b>Pusan (South Korea)</b>	08.00	14.00
8	<b>Sakaiminato (Japan)</b>	07.00	19.00
9	<b>Maizuru (Japan)</b> Disembarkation	07.00	



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## POUSAN

The largest commercial port in South Korea, Pusan is situated in the South-East of the country and is an international megalopolis. The city is famous for the Nakdonggang River which flows West and feeds into the South Sea, as well as for its picturesque landscapes. To the North-East of Pusan, discover the sumptuous temple of Haedong Yonggungsa, which offers its visitors a fabulous observation point. The great monk Naong built it in 1376 under the reign of the King U of the Goryeo dynasty. Not far from the temple, in a grotto, is a unique Buddhist sanctuary, whilst opposite the main sanctuary is a magnificently decorated three-storey pagoda. You will then stop at Yongdusan Park, which offers panoramic view from its famous Pusan tower.





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DEPARTURE: APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Maizuru (Japan)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	<b>Sakaiminato (Japan)</b>	08.30	19.00
3	<b>Pusan (South Korea)</b>	12.30	19.00
4	<b>Nagasaki (Japan)</b>	08.00	19.00
5	<b>Kagoshima (Japan)</b>	08.30	18.00
6	<b>Uwajima (Japan)</b>	12.00	18.00
7	<b>Hiroshima (Japan)</b>	06.00	19.00
8	<b>Tamano - Okayama (Japan)</b>	08.00	18.00
9	<b>Osaka (Japan)</b> Disembarkation		



SAKAIMINATO  
Samourai Culture

Situated at the tip of the Yumigahama peninsula, Sakaiminato is a small Japanese city dating from the 20<sup>th</sup> century and covering some 28km<sup>2</sup>. From this small city, protected from the waves by the Shimane peninsula opposite, set out to discover Medieval Japan and the former homes of the Samurais. Great feudal lords and valiant warriors, the Samurais built sumptuous homes and castles. During your time here, do not miss the chance to visit the famous 17<sup>th</sup> century Matsue castle, an architectural marvel and the last structure of its type still standing on the Japanese coast, or the 300-year old Bukeyashiki palace, a formidable legacy of the golden age of the Edo dynasty.



TAMANO - OKAYAMA  
Feudal city

You will be comfortable ensconced on the outer decks of L'AUSTRAL when you get your first glimpse of the skyline of Okayama, a 16<sup>th</sup> castle town. Located on the shores of the Seto inland sea, this Japanese city has a remarkable cultural heritage. When you stop here, do not miss the visit to its famous Korakuen Gardens, one of the three essential landscape gardens of Japan. Created in the 1700s, the extraordinary panorama offers visitors vast lawns edged by peaceful lakes, gracious copses and former tea houses. Further on you can also make an exceptional visit to Okayama's black castle, a feudal construction located on the shores of the Asahi River. Built during the Edo era, this impressive fortress is today a museum which recounts local history.





## ♥ OVERLANDS

### XIAN & THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS (4 days / 3 nights)

#### LEAVING FROM SHANGHAI:

Discover Xian and the legendary clay soldiers.

In 1974, while they were digging in their fields, a group of farmers accidentally unearthed a tomb that had been buried for two thousand years. It was one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of the last century. You can admire the precision in the details of this **Terracotta Army**, visible on each statue. To date, it is estimated that the three graves contained more than 7,000 figures, 130 chariots, 520 horses and 150 cavalymen. In the accompanying museum you will discover Qin Shihuang, the first Emperor of reunited China. Here you will learn why the terracotta army had been buried at this location. Further on you will visit the **Shaanxi History Museum** which holds some unique items from the ancient dynasties. After visiting the **Great Mosque**, you will watch a show in the evening. The next day, continue to discover Xian by visiting two remarkable monuments: **The City Walls and the Giant Wild Goose Pagoda**.

A flight to Xiamen will allow you to visit **Bailuzhou Park**, known for the statue of the Egret Goddess, a symbol of the city, and then **Nanputuo Temple**, built under the Tang dynasty more than 1,000 years ago.

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Price per person in a double room: **1 395 €**

Price per person in a single room: **1 650 €**

#### Prices include <sup>(1)</sup>:

- 2 nights in Xian, Hilton Hotel.
- 1 night in Xiamen, Marco Polo Hotel.
- 1 dinner and show.
- full board, flights from Shanghai/Xian/Xiamen in economy class, visits, transfers, services of a local guide.

<sup>(1)</sup> Booking is required when you book your cruise or at least 60 days before departure. Detailed programme and conditions available on request. Limited number of packages available.

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A flight to Shanghai will allow you to visit the **Shanghai Museum** which houses a magnificent collection of 120,000 Chinese works of art. A stroll through the Old City of Shanghai is essential and will lead you to the 16<sup>th</sup> century Yuyuan Garden, otherwise known as the Garden of Contentment. Your final visit will be to the **Jade Buddha Temple**, founded in 1881.

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Price per person in a double room: **1 395 €**

Price per person in a single room: **1 650 €**

#### Prices include <sup>(1)</sup>:

- 2 nights in Xian, Hilton Hotel.
- 1 night in Shanghai, Portman Ritz Carlton Hotel.
- 1 dinner and show.
- full board, flights from Xiamen/Xian/Shanghai in economy class, visits, transfers, services of a local guide.

<sup>(1)</sup> Booking is required when you book your cruise or at least 60 days before departure. Detailed programme and conditions available on request. Limited number of packages available.





PRAMBANAN TEMPLES & BOROBUDUR (2 days / 1 nights)

**LEAVING FROM SEMARANG :**  
 Discover the most beautiful Temples in Java.

Java: an island where Nature deploys its full glory. One of them, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, includes almost 240 sanctuaries dating from the 9<sup>th</sup> century - **the Prambanan Temples**, the largest group of Hindu sanctuaries in Indonesia. At the centre of the last ring there are three temples mainly dedicated to the three main Hindu divinities: Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma. Decorated in finely carved bas-relief illustrating the epic Ramayana, these imposing stone sculptures, the highest of which reaches up 47 m, loom majestically over the surrounding plains.

Further, built between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> centuries by the Sailendra dynasty that reigned on the island of Java for some 5 centuries, the **Borobudur Temple** has perfect dimensions and is nestled among rice paddies and palm trees. Built on three levels rising in harmoniously distributed tiers, Borobudur is not only the largest Buddhist temple in the world; it is also one of the oldest and probably the most beautiful. Since its inclusion on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 1970, Borobudur is once again a place of worship and pilgrimage, said to guide one towards the path of enlightenment...

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Price per person in a double room: **395 €**  
 Price per person in a single room: **480 €**

**Prices include <sup>(1)</sup> :**

- 1 night in Yogyakarta, Hyatt Regency Hotel.
- 1 dinner and show.
- full board, entrance fees, transfers and services of a local guide.

*<sup>(1)</sup> Reservations must be made when booking your cruise or at least 60 days prior to departure date. Detailed programme and conditions available upon request. Number of seats limited.*





## EXCURSIONS

Please find below samples of the optional shore excursions for each port of call in Asia.

PORT	COUNTRY	EXCURSION NAME	DURATION	PRICE
AMBON (MOLUCCAS)	INDONESIA	Cultural Tour	4H30	65 €
BALI (BENOA)	INDONESIA	Mount Batur and Lake	8H30	85 €
BEPPU	JAPAN	Meet the Stone Buddha	5H30	125 €
BITUNG (SULAWESI)	INDONESIA	Tangkoko Nature Reserve	6H00	89 €
CHEJU ISLAND	SOUTH KOREA	Sunrise Peak & Folk Village	4H00	59 €
DA NANG	VIETNAM	Imperial Hue	12H00	95 €
DALIAN	CHINA	Walking tour and Kite flying	3H30	39 €
HAIPHONG	VIETNAM	A glimpse of Hanoi	11H00	85 €
HAKATA	JAPAN	Dazaifu Shrine & Fukuoka	3H30	79 €
HALONG BAY	VIETNAM	Halong Bay by Junk boat	4H00	35 €
HIROSHIMA	JAPAN	A trip to Miyajima	4H30	95 €
HO CHI MINH	VIETNAM	The Mekong Delta in depth	7H00	95 €
HONG KONG	HONG KONG	Hong Kong Life Style	4H30	39 €
HONG KONG	HONG KONG	Tai Chi, Tea and Dim Sun	5H30	45 €
INCHEON	SOUTH KOREA	Seoul Highlights	7H30	115 €
IWAKUNI	JAPAN	Highlights of Iwakuni	3H30	85 €
KAGOSHIMA	JAPAN	Kagoshima and Volcano	9H00	179 €
KARIMUN JAWA	INDONESIA	Time at leisure on the beach		
KOMODO	INDONESIA	Komodo National Park	3H00	Complimentary
LARANTUKA	INDONESIA	School visit and Welcome Ceremony	3H30	45 €
LOMBOK	INDONESIA	Lombok Culture discovery	5H00	59 €
MANILLE	PHILLIPINES	Manila City	7H00	95 €
MOJIKO	JAPAN	Kokura & Shimonoseki	4H00	79 €
NAGASAKI	JAPAN	Ground Zero	4H30	95 €
NHA TRANG	VIETNAM	Nha Trang Ancient Civilization	4H30	45 €
PUSAN	SOUTH KOREA	Haedongyonggugnsa Temple & Fish Market	4H00	59 €
SAKAIMINATO	JAPAN	Matsue castle and Samurai residence	4H45	115 €





PORT	COUNTRY	EXCURSION NAME	DURATION	PRICE
SANDAKAN (BORNEO)	MALAYSIA	Encounter with Orang Utans and long-nosed monkeys	5H00	85 €
SEMARANG	INDONESIA	Wonders of Borobudur	10H00	135 €
SHANGHAI	CHINA	Garden City of Suzhou	9H00	85 €
SHANGHAI	CHINA	The Mecca of Shanghai	8H30	79 €
TAGBILARAN (BOHOL)	PHILLIPINES	Bohol Country Tour	8H00	85 €
TAMANO (OKAYAMA)	JAPAN	Naoshima island Art Island	8H00	209 €
TIANJIN (PEKIN)	CHINA	Highlights of Beijing	8H30	115 €
UWAJIMA	JAPAN	Uchiko old town	5H00	85 €
XIAMEN	CHINA	A taste of Local Life in Xiamen	3H30	49 €



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### SPECIFIC FORMALITIES

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L'AUSTRAL : HONG KONG • SINGAPORE / OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 2014 / NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 2014 - page 80

No visa for Hong Kong is required. However, should you choose to extend your cruise with a stay in China, an individual visa for China will be required.

- **Vietnam** : Visa delivered and charged on board (currently 45€ per person, subject to change).

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- **Vietnam** : Visa delivered and charged on board (currently 45€ per person, subject to change).

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- **Indonesia** : Visa delivered and charged on board (currently 45€ per person, subject to change)
- Komodo National Park fee charged on board (40€)

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- **Australia** : An Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) must be obtained before your arrival in Australia. For more information, please visit [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au). 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 : [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au).
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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### ASIA PROGRAMMES

- **Visas:** Before departure, please check carefully that your visas are valid for the right date and time spent in the countries in order to avoid unpleasant situations.
- **Sightseeing:** Some places can only be visited on foot. Also, sites may have stairs or require you to take off shoes.
- **Currency:** Plan to have US dollars in small notes as they are easier to use outside of large cities.
- **Medication:** If you have a medical treatment, do not forget your prescription.
- **Coaches:** road conditions are very poor in Indonesia, Korea and for some part of calls in Malaysia. Timings are unpredictable due to heavy traffic conditions. The comfort of coaches cannot be compared to that of international vehicles and often lack suspension.
- **Guides:** Compagnie du Ponant is aware that the quality of guides is of utmost importance and puts all efforts in place to secure the best local guides available. Note that guides in Asia often have heavy accents. Several of our calls visit small and isolated communities where resources (transportation and guides) are scarce, resulting in higher prices.







# OCEANIA

## Grandiose nature...

To many travellers, Australia is a faraway dreamland where Aborigines live in perfect harmony with Kangaroos and Koalas; here, the silhouettes of great yachts glide along the translucent waters of the Great Barrier Reef... Beyond these images, this vast land holds a concentration of our planet's greatest natural treasures. It is peppered with majestic landscapes – a world of light and colour.

Aboard L'AUSTRAL, we are inviting you to discover this immense country, from East to West and North to South, from one port of call to the next. We will sail to Melbourne, Sydney, Cairns, Darwin and Brisbane, without forgetting the home of the legendary *"Tasmanian Devil"*, a place of wild beauty and protected natural heritage.

Farther South, the *"land of the long white cloud"* rises from the blue waters of the Pacific, offering travellers an insular realm, an Eden with an infinite variety of scenery. New-Zealand is mainly composed of two islands with highly contrasting landscapes. Do not miss this opportunity to discover the home of the *All Blacks* and the *America's Cup*. Its pristine beauty will capture your heart.

*A mosaic of colours and lights,  
a land of pristine beauty.*



# Why Oceania ?



## For snorkeling in turquoise waters

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Off the coast of Queensland, the turquoise waters of the Great Barrier Reef accommodate the magnificent underwater in the world. With its translucent lagoons and its myriad islands and islets, whether you are informed diver or simple lover of masks and snorkels, do not miss the 1,500 species of multicolour fishes or 400 species of coral to the extraordinary beauty. Considered by Australians as the 8<sup>th</sup> wonder of the world, this unique ecosystem accommodates nearly 3,000 coral of all kinds. Covering an area of 350,000 km<sup>2</sup>, it can be observed from space. A true natural treasure, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Do not miss diving in this universe worldwide reputation.



## For the Aboriginal people and its Culture

The history of Australia was written in two stages. The first began forty thousand years ago well before the time of the pharaohs, with the Aborigines, whose culture is now an integral part of Australia's heritage. The indigenous people called the Yolngu settled in the country's North in small nomadic tribal groups. During your cruise aboard L'AUSTRAL, we will offer you a chance to meet a community of Aborigines living on their ancestors' land in Yirrkala. Many of them still paint on bark and continue to perform traditional ceremonies. Do not miss this timeless encounter.



## For its natural treasure: the Milford Sound

The Milford Sound, or "Piopiotahi" in Maori, is an ancient glacial valley flowing directly into the Tasman Sea. It offers an extraordinary, rugged landscape of steep mountains, calm and deep waters, and sheer cliffs with peaks stretching upwards to touch the sky. The fjord is a world famous natural wonder listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is home to a rich and unique marine flora, including magnificent black coral reefs. From a comfortable spot on one of the outside decks of L'AUSTRAL, do not miss the spectacular *Mitre Peak*, whose slender silhouette stands 1,692 m tall, towering over the blue waters. It's a fascinating sight.



## For Rotorua and its Maori culture

The North Island, also known as "the smoking island", is home to New-Zealand's most atypical city. Nestled on the shores of the lake bearing the same name, in the heart of a majestic volcanic setting, Rotorua is considered to be the "Maori face" of this country. Surrounded by bush, forests and cultivated lands, a chain of fifteen lakes dots the landscape like pearls on a dazzling necklace. From your port of call in Tauranga to the edges of Rotorua, set out to discover the protected forests, whose thick mantle conceals an astonishing landscape: volcanoes, hot springs, spouting geysers, rivers and gorges, and lakes that are sometimes deep blue, sometimes tinged in orange. Wonder at this land of a thousand and one colours, birthplace of the Maori culture.

## For excursions in Zodiac® dinghies in Tasmania

"But what is the source of this strong feeling, that once you have crossed the strait you enter a region where the accents are Australian but the landscapes are foreign?". Dominated by snow-capped peaks and swept by oceanic winds, Tasmania has successfully preserved its most important asset: its pristine beauty. The smallest of Australia's states offers a wide variety of scenery, mingling national parks and nature reserves. L'AUSTRAL's navigation around Flinders Island, Wineglass Bay and Maria Island will allow you to set out aboard our Zodiac® dinghies and feel closer to a preserve nature, unique landscape. Do not miss your chance to discover this jewel of Southern Australia, where the legend of the most endearing marsupial of all was born: *the little Tasmanian Devil*.



# The Asmat Region

Located in the "Coral Triangle", West New Guinea is a remote, faraway land and one of the most mysterious countries in the world. This "Land of a Thousand Cultures" under Indonesian sovereignty remains a land of wild beauty and constant contrasts, where thick tropical jungle stands next to immaculate sandy beaches. As L'AUSTRAL slowly makes its way to Indonesian landscapes, set off in one of our Zodiac® to discover Asmat, the most fascinating of its regions, with small villages with thatched roofs and stilt houses. Between volcanic cones and vestiges of a bygone era, do not miss this "land of the unexpected", where the thrill of adventure and the pleasure of trekking off the beaten tracks are still intense.



## BALI • CAIRNS Indonesia & The Great Barrier Reef

DEPARTURE: DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Benoa, Bali (Indonesia)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	<b>Pero Beach (Sumba - Indonesia)</b>	13.00	18.30
3	<b>Komodo (Indonesia)</b>	07.00	13.00
4	<b>Larantuka (Flores - Indonesia)</b>	07.00	18.00
5	<b>Alor (East Nusa Tenggara-Indonesia)</b>		
6	<b>At Sea</b>		
7	<b>Banda Neira (Moluccas-Indonesia)</b>		
8	<b>Air Terjun-Kai Besar (Moluccas-Indonesia)</b>		
9	<b>Triton Bay &amp; Bitsyari Bay (Indonesia)</b>		
10	<b>At Sea</b>		
11	<b>Navigation in the Asmat region</b>		
12	<b>At Sea</b>		
13	<b>Cape York (Australia)</b>		
14	<b>Creech Reef (Australia)</b>		
15	<b>Lizard Island (Australia)</b>		
16	<b>Cairns (Australia)</b> Disembarkation	06.30	

## CAIRNS • SYDNEY The Great Barrier Reef

DEPARTURE: DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Cairns (Australia)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	<b>Townsville (Australia)</b>	12.00	18.30
3	<b>Hamilton Island (Australia)</b>	12.00	21.00
4	<b>Percy Island (Australia)</b>	08.00	17.00
5	<b>Sailing in the Great Barrier Reef</b>		
6	<b>At Sea</b>		
7	<b>Newcastle (Australia)</b>	08.00	19.00
8	<b>Sydney (Australia)</b> Disembarkation	07.00	



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Book the two consecutive cruises and get 20% discount on the second cruise.  
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## THE MALUKU ARCHIPELAGO

The Maluku Islands, also known as the Moluccas, are an Indonesian archipelago composed of a thousand islands and islets scattered over 1,200 km, with idyllic landscapes of mountains and volcanic cones which are just as magical as ever. When L'AUSTRAL stops here, set out to discover these faraway islands where people still live at an unhurried pace, close to nature, in the shade of the clove and nutmeg trees that brought wealth to these islands in times past. From coral gardens to impenetrable forests, long ribbons of deserted beaches and vestiges of fortresses from another era, do not miss these landscapes of a thousand colours, where guava, mango and coconut trees heavy with fruit add a tropical paradise flavour to your trip.







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THE TASMANIAN WOMBAT

The indolent Wombat is a very distant cousin of the Kangaroo, but the closest relative of the Koala. This marsupial owes its name to the roots Aborigines call "wombach" and has taken up residence in Australia's South, mainly in Tasmania. The Wombat is a small, stocky animal with ashen-grey fur and it somewhat resembles a small Bear with some features reminiscent of the Marmot. It has a large, flat head with a rounded nose and thanks to its muscular and powerful body; it can run at speeds of up to 40 km per hour. This small herbivore that lives mainly on plants, roots and grass is capable of digging long galleries underground to protect itself from the heat and dust. The Wombat is a real architect. It digs a highly complex burrow composed of several rooms whose floor is covered in roots. Do not miss the chance for a once-in-a-lifetime encounter with this small, furry animal during your shore visits in Tasmania.

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*Tasmania Grandiose Nature* \*

DEPARTURE: JANUARY 03<sup>RD</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Sydney (Australia)</b> Embarkation from 14.00 to 15.00		
2	<b>Sydney (Australia)</b>	-	17.00
3	<b>Eden (Australia)</b>	12.00	17.00
4	<b>Flinders Island (Tasmania - Australia)</b>		
5	<b>Wineglass Bay - Coles Bay (Tasmania - Australia)</b>		
6	<b>Maria Island (Tasmania - Australia)</b>		
7	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
8	<b>Melbourne (Australia)</b> Disembarkation	06.00	



SYDNEY & BLUE MOUNTAINS

Warm and carefree, Sydney is a great seductress nestled in the heart of one of the most beautiful harbours in the world. Between beaches and skyscrapers, hip boutiques and designer bars, hotels with a contemporary architecture and monuments from the Victorian era, the capital of New South Wales is both trendy and classic, dynamic and creative, and a highlight of your cruise. At the start of the cruise, set off on a fascinating excursion to discover the Blue Mountains National Park, where surprising landscapes await you, including gullies, forests and bush, wooded hills and streams winding along cliff bottoms. Do not miss the fascinating sight of the light, blue-tinged haze produced by the eucalyptus oil evaporating from the millions of gum trees, and to which the mountains owe their name. This "heaven on earth" is much sought after.



# Wellington

Capital of New-Zealand since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, ancestral home to generations of Maori tribes, as confirmed by the many historical sites in the city, "Windy Wellington", as the city is known, perfectly combines local traditions and a bustling nightlife. Avant-garde and friendly, skilfully blending history and modernity, the city is as startling as it is nonconformist. Its climate adds to its charm, giving it a unique atmosphere that is bound to surprise you during your stop. Close by, the Zealandia nature reserve gives you the opportunity to visit several hundred hectares that are home to some of the country's rarest animals, such as the Kiwi, the famous little wingless bird with a long bill that is emblematic of New-Zealand...



## MELBOURNE • AUCKLAND New-Zealand & Maoris \*

DEPARTURES: JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> & FEBRUARY 03<sup>RD</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Melbourne (Australia)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
3	<b>Hobart (Tasmania - Australia)</b>	08.00	16.00
4,5	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
6	<b>Milford Sound cruising (New-Zealand)</b>		
7	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
8	<b>Nelson (New-Zealand)</b>	08.00	20.00
9	<b>Picton (New-Zealand)</b> Ships Cove Bay cruising	06.30	17.00
10	<b>Wellington (New-Zealand)</b>	07.00	18.00
11	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
12	<b>Tauranga - Rotorua (New-Zealand)</b>	07.00	19.00
13	<b>Auckland (New-Zealand)</b> Disembarkation	08.00	



## AUCKLAND • MELBOURNE New-Zealand & Maoris

DEPARTURE: JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Auckland (New-Zealand)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	<b>Tauranga - Rotorua (New-Zealand)</b>	07.00	19.00
3	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
4	<b>Wellington (New-Zealand)</b>	08.00	19.00
5	<b>Picton (New-Zealand)</b> Ships Cove Bay sailing	06.30	17.00
6	<b>Nelson (New-Zealand)</b>	08.00	20.00
7	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
8	<b>Milford Sound sailing (New-Zealand)</b>		
9,10	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
11	<b>Hobart (Tasmania - Australia)</b>	08.00	16.00
12	<b>At Sea</b>	-	-
13	<b>Melbourne (Australia)</b> Disembarkation	08.00	



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## YIRRKALA Meet the Aboriginal people

A remote continent in the heart of the Pacific, a wild land of unrivalled beauty, Australia is home to an ancestral culture which has a wealth of art and traditions and is an integral part of the country's heritage. During your stop in Yirrkala you will have the chance to gain some understanding of it and experience its magic. Located to the East of Arnhem Land, this remarkable small town is home to a community of some 850 Aborigines, most of which are Yolngu, an indigenous people that inhabited this land well before the first colonists arrived. During your visit, take a journey back in time by attending traditional ceremonies such as the "smoking ceremony" for a blessing, watching traditional singing and dancing, or visiting the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Art Centre where a number of bark paintings are exposed as typical examples of Aboriginal art.





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### AUCKLAND • DARWIN *The Great East-Australia* \*

DEPARTURE: FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 18 DAYS / 17 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Auckland</b> (New Zealand) Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		18.00
2	Waitangi Whar (Bay of Islands - N-Z)	09.00	12.00
	Russell (Bay of Islands - N-Z)	14.00	18.00
3	At Sea	-	-
4	Norfolk Island (Australia)	08.00	18.00
5,6	At Sea	-	-
7	Brisbane (Australia)	08.00	18.00
8	At Sea	-	-
9	Percy Island (Australia)	08.00	18.00
10	Townsville (Australia)	08.00	17.00
11	Cairns (Australia)	07.00	-
12	Cairns (Australia)	-	18.00
13	At Sea	-	-
14	Thursday Island (Australia)	07.00	18.00
15	At Sea	-	-
16	Yirrkala (Australia)	07.00	18.00
17	At Sea	-	-
18	<b>Darwin</b> (Australia) Disembarkation	08.30	



## THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

With its lagoons and waters ranging from blue, nearly white, to translucent turquoise, Cairns is surely the most exotic colonial city in the world. L'AUSTRAL stopover is a chance for you to discover the world's largest coral reef system: the Great Barrier Reef and its myriad islands and islets bathing in the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean. Stretching out over 2,300 km and home to 400 coral species and 1,500 fish species, the reef offers spectacularly beautiful and varied scenery. Its high concentration of species has earned it an international reputation as an excellent spot for scuba diving. Its Neon Fish, Clown Fish, Sponges and other Crustaceans make this ecosystem one of a kind.



## AN INCREDIBLE FAUNA

Australia is a wildlife paradise, a vast nature reserve... No Australian cruise would be complete without an introduction to the pristine beauty of this "island continent" and what makes it so unique: an impressive variety of animals, including many native species. Although the famous Kangaroo, emblem of this Great Southern Land, will become your favourite travel companion, its cousin the Wallaby and the indolent Wombat with its ash-coloured fur are sure to win your heart during your excursions into the National Parks. With one of the richest biodiversity in the world, Australia has many great encounters in store for you. These will often be unusual or unexpected, like happening upon the curious Yellow-crested Cockatoo or the hundreds of migratory birds.





## EXCURSIONS

Please find below samples of the optional shore excursions for each port of call in Oceania.

PORT	COUNTRY	EXCURSIONS NAME	DURATION	PRICE
BAY OF ISLANDS WAITANGI BAY	NEW-ZEALAND	Maori Cultural performance	1H00	Complimentary
BAY OF ISLANDS RUSSEL	NEW-ZEALAND	Time at leisure		
BRISBANE	AUSTRALIA	Mt Tamborine, winery and craft	8H00	185 €
CAIRNS	AUSTRALIA	Great Barrier Reef	8H30	175 €
CREECH REEF	AUSTRALIA	Time at leisure on the beach		
EDEN	AUSTRALIA	Eden sights	3H00	55 €
HOBART	AUSTRALIA	Panoramic Hobart & Wildlife	5H00	69 €
KOMODO	INDONESIA	Komodo Dragons	3H00	Complimentary
LARANTUKA	INDONESIA	Market visit and Wedding procession	4H30	49 €
NELSON	NEW-ZEALAND	Abel Tasman cruise & walk	7H00	159 €
NEWCASTLE	AUSTRALIA	Hunter Valley	5H00	95 €
NORFOLK ISLAND	AUSTRALIA	Convicts of Kingston	4H00	115 €
PERCY ISLAND	AUSTRALIA	Time at leisure on the beach		
PERO BEACH	INDONESIA	The architecture of Sumba	4H00	55 €
PICTON	NEW-ZEALAND	Marlborough Aviation, History & Sights	5H00	115 €
SYDNEY	AUSTRALIA	The Blue Mountains	8H00	195 €
TAURANGA	NEW-ZEALAND	Thermal wonderland & Lakeland Queen	7H30	169 €
THURSDAY ISLAND	AUSTRALIA	Orientation and Green Hill	2H00	39 €
TOWNSVILLE	AUSTRALIA	Australian wildlife and Billabong Sanctuary	4H00	69 €
WELLINGTON	NEW-ZEALAND	Wellington City Sights	4H00	49 €
YIRRKALA	AUSTRALIA	Yirrkala Cultural Experience	2H30	Complimentary

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Visas are required for these trips: you will find below the details of the specific conditions.

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### SPECIFIC FORMALITIES

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- **Indonesia:** The visa can be obtained at the airport in Bali, however be prepared for long waiting lines at the immigration desk. English-speaking assistance can be obtained for a supplement of 60€. We highly recommend guests on the pre-cruise program to obtain their visa before the cruise, this in order to ensure the smooth operation of the program. Anti-malarial treatment is highly recommended (see with your doctor).
- **Australia:** An Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) must be obtained before your arrival in Australia. For more information, please visit [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au). Carriers should be aware that there will not be any physical evidence in your passport.

#### FOR ALL OTHER CRUISES:

- **Australia:** An Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) must be obtained before your arrival in Australia. For more information, please visit [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au). Carriers should be aware that there will not be any physical evidence in your passport.







# WEST AFRICA

## A mosaic of colours and cultures

This year again, LE PONANT will cruise towards the West African coast and reveal to you the most beautiful islands of Cape Verde. Surrounded by 3 continents, namely Europe, Africa and South America, the archipelago is proud of the mix of cultures that influences it and renders it truly unique. Far from the major maritime routes, the archipelago offers you its authenticity and traditions.

A little farther on, LE PONANT continues her route along the West African coast towards Dakar, a modern and authentic capital, gateway to the Bijagos Islands off the coast of Guinea-Bissau. These jewels in the Atlantic Ocean are home to lush vegetation, long beaches, and villages full of huts with palm frond roofs.

Do not miss this unique opportunity to discover the remarkable cultures of these last preserved and authentic parts of the African continent and experience the most beautiful and rewarding of eco-adventures.

*A remote and genuine land,  
a fascinating adventure, filled with emotion...*

# Santo Antao

At the heart of the Cape Verde Islands, Santo Antao, also known as one of the Barlavento or Windward Islands, is of volcanic origin. This has resulted in a landscape of deep, green valleys and steep summits. We invite you discover the two contrasting sides to this surprising island: the unmissable North first, where you can hike from the altitude forest to the luxuriant Paul valley, via the impressive coastal path leading to Ponta do Sol... Next, visit the wild West of the island, with its remote tiny villages and encounter the fishing community.



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### PRAIA • PRAIA Cape Verde's Islands

DEPARTURES: NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup> 2014

CRUISE: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Praia (Cape Verde)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00		
2	<b>Praia (Cape Verde)</b> <b>Maio (Cape Verde)</b>	12.00	08.00 18.00
3	<b>Sao Nicolau (Cape Verde)</b>	09.00	20.00
4	<b>Mindelo (Cape Verde)</b>	08.00	23.30
5	<b>Porto Novo (Cape Verde)</b>	08.00	19.00
6	<b>Brava (Cape Verde)</b>	12.00	20.00
7	<b>Fogo (Cape Verde)</b>	07.00	23.00
8	<b>Praia (Cape Verde)</b> Disembarkation	07.00	

### ZOOM FOGO

Fogo, or "island of the volcano", is a gigantic volcanic cone rising out of the ocean. It is the most unusual island in the Cape Verde archipelago. Its spectacular relief presents sharp differences in altitude and its majestic volcano stands 2,800 m tall, towering over the land. The island is a magnificent contrast of tranquillity and intensity. With landscapes ranging from savannah to crops dotted with peaceful hamlets, Fogo offers visitors extraordinary panoramas. When LE PONANT stops here, do not miss the opportunity to visit this small island set in the heart of the Atlantic Ocean and whose fertile soil and delicious wines keep the locals very happy.

### ZOOM MINDELO

Mindelo, on the island of Sao Vicente, is both the cultural capital and the liveliest town in all Cape Verde. The architecture of this former Portuguese colony has maintained many traces of its heritage: Portuguese and British influences can be seen in the beautiful 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings. A superb panorama over Mindelo Bay will allow you to overlook the city with its beautiful houses in pastel colors and the buildings in the colonial Portuguese style. Do not miss the Belem Tower, in the image of its namesake in Lisbon, the superb port carved out by volcanic formations, the fish market and its colorful stands, and also the African market on the Praça Estrela square. In Mindelo, life is lived to the rhythm of the famous Cape Verde music where the guitar is king. Songs and dances are dictated by nostalgia. And lastly you will be surprised by the many naive frescos, illustrating moral themes and the ideology of the country that cover the walls of the city, home of the late Cesaria Evora, the "Barefoot Diva".







## PRAIA

Lost in the immensity of the Atlantic Ocean, Praia reveals itself gradually under the watchful gaze of the passengers of LE PONANT. Literally meaning “beach” in Portuguese, the town of the same name lies on the island of Santiago, the largest in the Cape Verde archipelago. Praia has a thriving cultural calendar, and is more than happy for visitors to enjoy the plays, shows and exhibitions that are held there. This lush green island, where coffee, sugar cane and tropical fruit plantations are to be found in abundance, is recognizable by its very typical geography! The landscape is a harmonious combination of high volcanic plains and alpine valleys. Whilst in the city center, you will walk on the plain, known as the Plateau here, where as dusk falls, the nightlife heats up in a cosmopolitan atmosphere that never loses its local flavor.

## COMPLIMENTARY EXCURSIONS

PORT	EXCURSION NAME	DURATION
BRAVA	Brava - the Flowery Island	4H00
FOGO	Fogo and its Volcano	8H00
MAIO	Time at Leisure on the Beach	
MINDELO	Volcanic Island and Mindelo	4H00
PORTO NOVO	Authentic Santo Antao	7H30
SAN NICOLAO	San Nicolau - the Intellectual	4H00

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### SPECIFIC FORMALITIES

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- **Cape Verde Islands:** Visa required prior to the cruise.

Cape Verde Island visa as well as airport assistance are included in the pre-cruise program. Guests participating in the pre-cruise program must submit their full passport details to Compagnie du Ponant at least 60 days prior to their cruise. For pre and post cruise program details, please consult [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com) or your travel professional.

# Bijagos Islands

Off the coast of Guinea-Bissau, an archipelago of 88 islands and islets stretches out over the Atlantic Ocean, halfway between the Equator and the Tropic of Cancer. If there are any unspoiled corners remaining on this planet, then the Bijagos Islands are surely one of them. Far from the major maritime routes and the most popular tourist destinations, the Bijagos National Park was created on the island of Orango to protect nature's fragile balance. This earthly paradise is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, having very successfully managed to maintain its tranquillity. Nature has developed in a perfect balance here, in harmony with the ocean and the tropics. Aboard LE PONANT, you will sail to the heart of the Bijagos Islands, the names of which evoke the first Portuguese explorers, looking for their hidden treasures.



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## DAKAR • DAKAR The Bijagos Archipelago

DEPARTURE: APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Dakar (Senegal)</b> Embarkation from 16.30 to 17.00		18.00
2	At Sea	-	-
3	Caravela (Bijagos, Guinea-Bissau)		
4	Bichao - Escaramoussa Beach (Bijagos, Guinea-Bissau)		
5	Ampincha - Formosa (Bijagos, Guinea-Bissau)		
6	Binte - Anipoc (Bijagos, Guinea-Bissau)		
7	At Sea	-	-
8	<b>Dakar (Senegal)</b> Disembarkation	07.00	

## DAKAR • DAKAR The Bijagos Archipelago

DEPARTURE: APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> 2015

CRUISE: 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	<b>Dakar (Senegal)</b> Embarkation from 16.30 to 17.00		18.00
2	At Sea	-	-
3	Caravela (Bijagos, Guinea-Bissau)		
4	Bichao - Escaramoussa Beach (Bijagos, Guinea-Bissau)		
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## HIGHLIGHTS IN THE BIJAGOS ISLANDS:

- Formosa's long stretches of sand and their colonies of Pink Flamingos.
- Picnic on the beach of Escaramoussa to savour the morning's catch.
- Zodiac® excursions to the immaculate beaches and the swimming.
- The bush walks and discovering the great trees of Bichao.
- The traditional dancing of Anipoc and its typical villages.
- The magical encounters with the local fauna, especially monkeys and birds.





## DAKAR

"When arriving in Senegal for the first time, you have but one goal in mind: to find authenticity. It's only natural then to head for Dakar...". African and European cultures mingle and blend in Dakar, a charming city with 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings and friendly locals. Once the capital of French West Africa, it is now the young and dynamic capital of Senegal.

Before embarking or after disembarking, la Compagnie du Ponant proposes pre/post cruises program visiting the small Goree Island located in its magnificent bay. There, you will visit the House of Slaves (maison des esclaves, in French), as well as its famous museum retracing the country's fascinating history, from its origins to its independence. Do not hesitate to consult us.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRE/POST PROGRAM:

- Learning about the history of the city and country through the museum visit.
- Discovering the Island of Goree and its historical sites.
- The strolls through Dakar's city centre.
- The exceptional combination of smells and colours in the city.



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### SPECIFIC FORMALITIES

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- **Senegal** : To date, a visa is required before arrival. For guests participating on the pre and post cruise program, a blanket visa and airport assistance are included. Please submit your full passport details to Compagnie du Ponant at least 60 days prior to your cruise. These visa requirements may change as of May 2014 depending on the outcome of the immigration revisions that are currently being debated. For pre and post cruise program details, please consult [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com) or your travel professional.
- **Guinea Bissau** : visa delivered and charged onboard (60€ subject to change).





# GRAND VOYAGES

By popular demand, la Compagnie du Ponant has created delightful new *"Grand Voyages"*.

What could be more enjoyable than exploring multiple destinations, learning about different cultures and meeting local natives?

By embarking on a *"Grand Voyage"* with la Compagnie du Ponant, you will enjoy 31 to 71 days of discovering nature's beautiful treasures. On these unique voyages, we are offering preferential rates to ensure you can visit these magical sites, along with other exclusive advantages.

*So why not stop dreaming and select one of our four  
"Grand Voyages" in 2014-2015...*

# CURACAO USHUAIA

Aboard LE BORÉAL

FROM OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> TO NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2014  
31 DAYS / 30 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY
1	<b>Curacao</b> (Netherlands Antilles) Embarkation from 17.00 to 18.00
2	At Sea
3	Cartagena (Colombia)
4	Colon (Panama) Crossing the Panama Canal
5	Punta Alegre - Darien (Panama)
6	At Sea
7	Manta (Ecuador)
8	At Sea
9	Salaverry (Peru)
10	Callao (Peru)
11	Callao (Peru)
12	At Sea
13	Matarani (Peru)
14	Arica (Chile)
15	At Sea
16	Sailing in front of the Pan de Azúcar Caldera (Chile)
17	At Sea
18	Valparaíso (Chile)
19	At Sea
20	Castro (Chile)
21	Puerto Montt (Chile)
22	At Sea
23	Tortel (Chile)
24 - 26	Sailing the Chilean canals
27	Puerto natales (Chile)
28 - 30	Sailing around Cape Horn and the Beagle Channel
31	<b>Ushuaia</b> (Argentina) Disembarkation. Transfer to the airport. Ushuaia/Buenos Aires on flight. Arrival at Buenos Aires international airport (Pistirani).



## Along the Andes Cordillera

From the unspoiled lands of Central America, sail down the West coast of South America in the direction of Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Between vast plateaux punctuated with volcanoes and former Inca lands, Peru will reveal its grandiose natural environment and forgotten treasures. Further South, Chile will not cease to surprise you with the diversity of its very contrasting landscapes and its colonial cities.



### CALLAO - LIMA

Callao is a port of call for Lima. The city, founded in 1535 by the Spanish conquistador Francisco PIZARRO and known as the "City of Kings", stands proudly facing the Pacific Ocean. Its role in the New World was incomparable because, in 1542 Charles V established the Viceroyalty of Peru, the old and most imposing of the Spanish colonies on this continent. Colonial Lima, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, has a magnificent historical centre which testifies to this prestigious past. The main sights are to be found in the heart of the city: the majestic Cathedral with its adjoining chapel and two bell towers dominates the unmissable Plaza De Armas, and the Governor's Palace. The Gold Museum, National Museum of Archaeology and the private collections of Pre-Columbian Art will offer you the best introductions to the Peruvian capital.

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# USHUAIA FORT DE FRANCE

Aboard LE BORÉAL

FROM FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> TO APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> 2015

47 DAYS / 46 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY
1	Buenos Aires / <b>Ushuaia (Argentina)</b> Direct non stop flight. Direct transfer on board OR excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park including lunch. <i>Embarkation from 16.30 to 17.30</i>
2,3,4	<i>Sailing around Cape Horn and the Beagle Channel</i>
5	Puerto Natales (Chile)
6,7	<i>Sailing the Chilean canals</i>
8	Tortel (Chile)
9	At Sea
10	Puerto Montt (Chile)
11	Castro (Chile)
12	At Sea
13,14	Valparaiso (Chile)
15,16	At Sea
17	Iquique (Chile)
18	Arica (Chile)
19	Matarani (Peru)
20	San Juan Marcona (Peru)
21,22	Callao (Peru)
23	Salaverry (Ecuador)
24	At Sea
25	Rio Guayas - Guayaquil (Ecuador)
26	Guayaquil (Ecuador)
27,28	At Sea
29	Quepos (Costa Rica)
30	San Juan del Sur (Nicaragua)
31	At Sea
32	Puerto Quetzal (Guatemala)
33	At Sea
34	Puerto Caldera (Costa Rica)
35	At Sea
36	Punta Alegre - Darien (Panama)
37	<i>Crossing the Panama Canal</i>
38	Holandes Cayes (Panama)
39	Cartagena (Colombia)
40	At Sea
41	Curacao (Dutch Antilles)
42	Los Roques (Venezuela)
43	St George's (Grenada)
44	Bequia (Grenadines)
45	Marigot - Soufriere (St. Lucia)
46	Roseau (Dominica)
47	<b>Fort de France (Martinique)</b> <i>Disembarkation</i>



## From the White Continent to the Caribbean

From the icy waters of the edge of the World to the idyllic islands of the Caribbean, set sail for an unforgettable cruise that will take you along the East coast of South America. Leaving from Ushuaia, round mythical Cape Horn and discover the Chilean fjords and their majestic glaciers in Tierra del Fuego, then head North towards the famous Panama Canal which is celebrating its centenary in 2014.



### VALPARAISO

You will be aboard LE BORÉAL when you catch your first glimpse of this legendary city, located 115 km to the West of Santiago de Chile. Valparaiso developed around a very attractive bay, surrounded by an amphitheatre of sheer hills. Considered to be one of the most picturesque sites in the central region of Chile, this "Valley of Paradise", whose city centre is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, deploys all its charm to seduce lovers of urban poetry. Immortalised in the works of Pablo NERUDA, Valparaiso is today one of the most charismatic and historic ports of South America, dominated by the cable cars that connected the hillsides and the colourful houses, a veritable rainbow of colours. The 45 hills that surround the bay form a maze to be explored on foot.



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# HONG KONG AUCKLAND

Aboard L'AUSTRAL

FROM NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 2014  
TO JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2015

63 DAYS / 62 NIGHTS

DAY	ITINERARY
1	<b>Hong Kong (Hong Kong)</b> <i>Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00</i>
2	<i>At Sea</i>
3	Haiphong (Vietnam)
4	Ha long bay (Vietnam)
5	<i>At Sea</i>
6	Da Nang (Vietnam)
7	<i>At Sea</i>
8	Nha Trang (Vietnam)
9,10	Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam)
11	<i>At Sea</i>
12	Singapore (Singapore)
13	<i>At Sea</i>
14	<i>Sailing around the Krakatoa (Indonesia)</i>
15	<i>At Sea</i>
16,17	Semarang (Indonesia)
18	Karimun Jawa (Indonesia)
19	<i>At Sea</i>
20	Lombok (Indonesia)
21,22	Benoa, Bali (Indonesia)
23	Pero Beach (Sumba - Indonesia)
24	Komodo (Indonesia)
25	Larantuka (Flores - Indonesia)
26	Alor (East Nusa Tenggara - Indonesia)
27	<i>At Sea</i>
28	Banda Neira (Moluccas - Indonesia)
29	Air Terjun - Kai Besar (Moluccas - Indonesia)
30	Triton Bay - Bitsyari Bay (Indonesia)
31	<i>At Sea</i>
32	<i>Trips in Zodiac® dinghies in Asmat Region</i>
33	<i>At Sea</i>
34	Cape York (Australia)
35	Creech reef (Australia)
36	Lizard Island (Australia)
37	Cairns (Australia)
38	Townsville (Australia)
39	Hamilton Island (Australia)
40	Percy Island (Australia)
41	<i>Sailing the Great Barrier Reef</i>
42	<i>At Sea</i>
43	Newcastle (Australia)
44,45	Sydney (Australia)
46	Eden (Australia)
47	Flinders Island (Tasmania - Australia)
48	Wineglass Bay - Coles Bay (Tasmania - Australia)
49	Maria Island (Tasmania - Australia)
50	<i>At Sea</i>
51	Melbourne (Australia)
52	<i>At Sea</i>
53	Hobart (Tasmania - Australia)
54,55	<i>At Sea</i>
56	<i>Sailing the Milford Sound</i>
57	<i>At Sea</i>
58	Nelson (New-Zealand)
59	Picton - <i>Ship's Cove sailing</i>
60	Wellington (New-Zealand)
61	<i>At Sea</i>
62	Tauranga (New-Zealand)
63	<b>Auckland (New-Zealand)</b> <i>Disembarkation</i>

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## From the Asian coasts to the Island Continent

You will board L'AUSTRAL on the shores of Hong Kong, known as "little New York of Asia" to set sail for Vietnam, Indonesia and Australia, before reaching Auckland, the most cosmopolitan city in New-Zealand, offering travellers an extraordinary panorama where water is never far away.



### 100M SYDNEY

Nestled in the heart of one of the world's most beautiful harbours, Sydney is both trendy and classic, the object of many a fantasy. Composed of ocean and light, of sailors and businessmen, this city alone inspires many travellers to visit the antipodes. Located between the Pacific Ocean and the elegant silhouettes of the Blue Mountains, it perfectly reflects the Australian way of life: surfing beaches, quiet suburbs... Although a recent city, Sydney is filled with history and harmoniously blends old world charm and ultra-modern architecture, with its sail-shaped Opera House which sits alongside the historic district of The Rocks as the Harbour Bridge stretches across the bay.





# MELBOURNE MAIZURU

Aboard L'AUSTRAL

FROM FEBRUARY 03<sup>RD</sup> TO APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> 2015  
71 DAYS / 70 NIGHTS

## From New-Zealand to the gateway to Asia

Leaving from the emblematic Australian city of Melbourne, set sail for an exceptional cruise to the "Land of the Rising Sun", discovering the hidden treasures of Oceania and the Maluku islands, before heading towards the Asian coasts. Beaches of immaculate white sands, ancestral cultures, monuments from another era; do not miss these countries which have succeeded in preserving all their mystery and all their beauty.



### HONG KONG

Hong Kong, city of lights - A blend of West and East with its unforgettable bay, its modern skyscrapers, its typical markets, its lively shops that are veritable caverns of unimaginable treasures. The name Hong Kong incorporates a number of territories: Hong Kong Island itself, the Kowloon peninsula, the New Territories and the small neighbouring islands. Despite its colonial heritage, its huge urban expanses, its renowned business culture and its incessant activity, the city has managed to preserve a typically Chinese character and some very attractive traditional aspects. Don't miss Aberdeen district and its coloured junks, the occasion for you to discover the bustle of daily life aboard a traditional sampan.



DAY	ITINERARY
1	<b>Melbourne (Australia)</b> Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00
2	At Sea
3	Hobart (Tasmania - Australia)
4,5	At Sea
6	Sailing the Milford Sound
7	At Sea
8	Nelson (New-Zealand)
9	Picton - Ship's Cove sailing
10	Wellington (New-Zealand)
11	At Sea
12	Tauranga (New-Zealand)
13	Auckland (New-Zealand)
14	Bay of Islands
15	At Sea
16	Norfolk (Australia)
17,18	At Sea
19	Brisbane (Australia)
20	At Sea
21	Percy Island (Australia)
22	Townsville (Australia)
23,24	Cairns (Australia)
25	At Sea
26	Thursday Island (Australia)
27	At Sea
28	Yirrkala (Australia)
29	At Sea
30	Darwin (Australia)
31	At Sea
32	Ambon (Maluccas - Indonesia)
33	At Sea
34	Morotai (Maluccas - Indonesia)
35	Bitung (Sulawesi - Indonesia)
36	At Sea (Vietnam)
37	Sandakan (Borneo - Malaysia)
38	At Sea
39	Bohol (Philippines)
40	Boracay (Philippines)
41	At Sea
42	Manilla (Philippines)
43,44	At Sea
45,46	Hong Kong (Hong Kong)
47	At Sea
48	Xiamen (China)
49,50	At Sea
51,52	Shanghai (China)
53	At Sea
54	Dalian (China)
55	Tianjin (China)
56	At Sea
57	Incheon (South Korea)
58	Cheju Island (South Korea)
59	Hakata (Japan)
60	Beppu (Japan)
61	Iwakuni (Japan)
62	Tamano (Japan)
63	Osaka (Japan)
64	Tamano (Japan)
65	Hiroshima (Japan)
66	Uwajima (Japan)
67	Kagoshima (Japan)
68	Nagasaki (Japan)
69	Pusan (South Korea)
70	Sakaiminato (Japan)
71	<b>Maizuru (Japan)</b> Disembarkation

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- **Vietnam:** visa delivered and charged on board (currently 45€ per person. Subject to change).
- **Indonesia:** visa delivered and charged on board (currently 45 € per person. Subject to change). Anti-malarial treatment is highly recommended (see with your doctor).
- **Australia:** An Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) must be obtained before your arrival in Australia. For more information, please visit [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au). 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: [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au).

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- **Indonesia:** visa delivered and charged on board (currently 45€ per person. Subject to change). Anti-malarial treatment is highly recommended (see with your doctor).
- **China:** mandatory visa to be obtained before the start of the cruise and valid for the entire duration of your stay within China. We recommend you start the necessary application process early. A copy of your visa must be sent to la Compagnie du Ponant at least 30 days prior to cruise date.

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- **Costa Rica:** Territory exit tax charged on board (currently 25€ per person. Subject to change).
- **Nicaragua:** Entrance and territory exit taxes charged on board (currently 25€ per person. Subject to change).
- **Venezuela:** Los Roques National Park Fee charged on board (currently 25€ per person. Subject to change).



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **High altitudes and Machu Picchu advice:** Before choosing this program, we advise you to see your doctor. A medical certificate is recommended for people with breathing or heart problems. The city of Cuzco's altitude is around 3 350 meters / 11 700 ft.
- **Chilean Fjords:** During this cruise, Zodiac® outings and/or landings may be organized to bring you closer to the hidden wonders of these spectacular fjords and glaciers. We advise you to wear warm and waterproof clothes to protect you against the cold and humidity.
- **Panama Canal:** The schedules depend on several factors and despite our best efforts, crossing the Panama Canal during the day is not guaranteed.
- **Visas:** Before departure, please check carefully that your visas are valid for the right date and time spent in the countries in order to avoid unpleasant situations.
- **Sightseeing:** Some places can only be visited on foot. Also, sites may have stairs or require you to take off your shoes.
- **Currency:** Plan to have dollars in small notes as they are easier to use outside of large cities.
- **Medication:** If you have a medical treatment, do not forget your prescription.
- **Coaches:** road conditions are very poor in Indonesia, Vietnam and for some part in Malaysia. Timings are unpredictable due to heavy traffic conditions. The comfort of coaches cannot be compared to that of international vehicles and often lack suspension.
- **Guides:** Compagnie du Ponant is aware that the quality of guides is of utmost importance and puts all efforts in place to secure the best local guides available. Note that guides in Asia often have heavy accents. Several of our calls visit small and isolated communities where resources (transportation and guides) are scarce, resulting in higher prices.

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## Your special benefits include:

- 50% off on laundry services and internet access onboard.
  - 10% reduction in the Spa.
  - 15% reduction on all items in the shop.
  - Private cocktail reception with the Captain.
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# OUR FLEET

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# LE BORÉAL, L'AUSTRAL, & LE SOLÉAL

## Welcome aboard

Built in the style of superb megayachts, these three 132 - state room/suite "sister-ships" remain faithful to our philosophy: to offer small capacity ships providing a unique and subtle blend of luxury, intimacy and wellbeing. Precious materials, discreet elegance and a perfect balance between chic and casual, combine to make you feel as if you are on your own private yacht.

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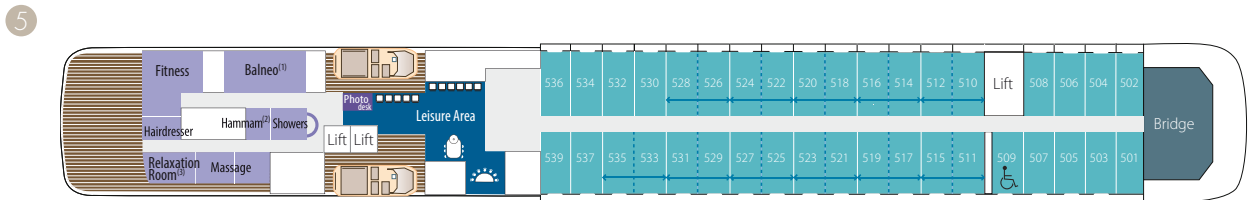
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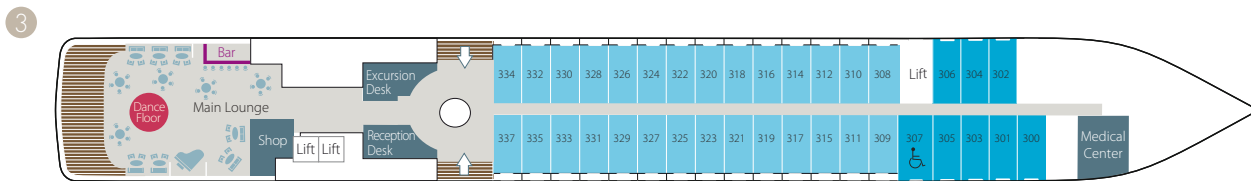
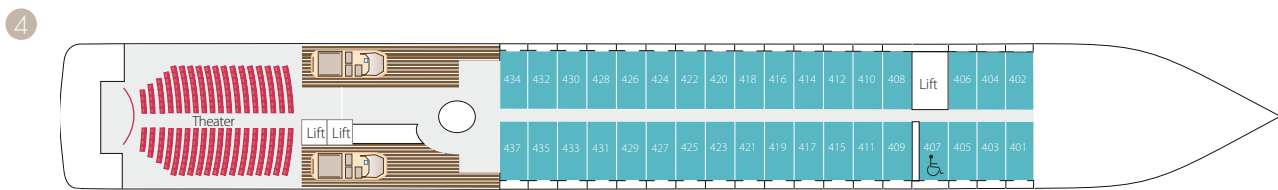
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# Deck Plans



SOLEAL configuration: <sup>(1)</sup> Hammam <sup>(2)</sup> Changing Rooms <sup>(3)</sup> Massage Room



- 2 Gastronomic Restaurant - Marina
- 3 28 Deluxe staterooms with private balcony  
8 Superior staterooms - Main Lounge - Shop  
- Reception desk - Excursion desk - Medical center
- 4 35 Prestige staterooms with private balcony  
Theater
- 5 37 Prestige staterooms with private balcony  
(with 22 Prestige staterooms convertible into  
11 Prestige suites) - Fitness - Beauty Corner  
Sothys™: Balneo, Hammam, Massage,  
Hairdresser - Relaxation room - Image & photo  
desk - Bridge
- 6 Owner's suite - 3 Deluxe suites with private  
balcony - 20 Prestige staterooms with  
private balcony (with 18 Prestige staterooms  
convertible into 9 Prestige suites) - Pool - Grill  
Restaurant - Internet station - Library - Panoramic  
lounge - Panoramic terrace

- **Owner's Suite** (484 sq.ft. + 97 sq.ft. private balcony)  
Deck 6
- **Prestige Suite** (398 sq.ft. + 86 sq.ft. private balcony)  
Deck 6 - 5
- **Deluxe Suite** (290 sq.ft. + 54 sq.ft. private balcony)  
Deck 6
- **Prestige State room** (200 sq.ft. + 43 sq.ft. private balcony)  
Deck 4 - 5 - 6
- **Deluxe State room** (200 sq.ft. + 43 sq.ft. private balcony)  
Deck 3
- **Superior State room** (226 sq.ft.)  
Deck 3

- Length . . . . . 466 ft
- Beam . . . . . 59 ft
- Draft . . . . . 15,3 ft
- Cruising Speed . . . . . 14 knots
- Ice class . . . . . 1 C
- Classification . . . . . Bureau Veritas
- Flag . . . . . French
- Guest Decks . . . . . 6
- Guest capacity (double occupancy) up to 264 PAX
- Normal Crew Size . . . . . 140
- Fleet of expedition Zodiacs® . . . . . (Mark V HD)
- Gross tonnage . . . . . 10 944 UMS
- Electric motors . . . . . 2 x 2300 KW
- Installed power . . . . . 6 400 KW
- Construction . . . . . Fincantieri-Ancona-Italy

# LE BORÉAL, L'AUSTRAL, & LE SOLÉAL

## Discover your state room

Elegance and flexibility of the suites and staterooms, decorated by French interior designers, panoramic sea view.

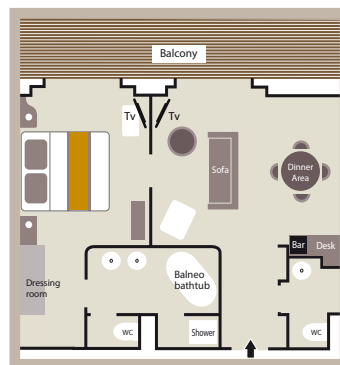
- Flexible capacity of the ships: from 112 to 132 Suites & staterooms.
- From maximum configuration: 4 Suites & 128 staterooms.
- To Suite configuration: 24 Suites & 88 staterooms.

## Amenities

- Individually-controlled air-conditioning
- Cabin layout : king-size bed, or twin beds, communicating cabins available (Children welcome)
- Bathtub or balneo shower
- Minibar
- Flat screen satellite TV
- Desk with stationery
- iPod™ players
- Safe
- Hairdryer
- Bath robes
- Direct line telephone
- 110/220 volts
- French bath products
- 24hr room service
- Internet access WiFi

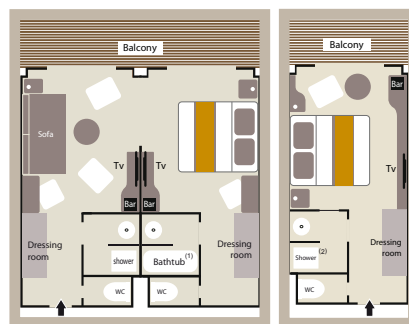
## Accommodation

### OWNER'S SUITE (484 sq.ft + 97 sq.ft. private balcony)



### UP TO 20 PRESTIGE SUITES (398 sq.ft. + 86 sq.ft. private balcony)

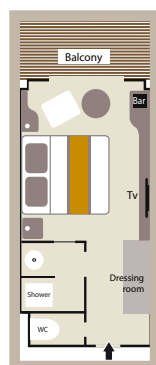
### UP TO 92 PRESTIGE STATEROOMS (200 sq.ft. + 43 sq.ft. private balcony)



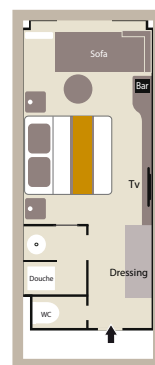
### 3 DELUXE SUITES (290 sq.ft. + 54 sq.ft. private balcony)



### 28 DELUXE STATEROOMS (200 sq.ft. + 43 sq.ft. private balcony)



### 8 SUPERIOR STATEROOMS (226 sq.ft)



<sup>(1)</sup> Prestiges Suites on bord L'AUSTRAL : 2 showers.

<sup>(2)</sup> Prestiges Staterooms on bord LE BORÉAL and LE SOLÉAL decks 5 & 6: 1 shower or 1 bath depends on cabins.





## Public areas

### LOBBY

1 453 sq.ft / 135 sq.m  
Concierge lounge including reception, customer relations and excursions desk, concierge service

### RESTAURANTS

- **Gastronomic Restaurant**  
3 982 sq.ft / 370 sq.m  
Capacity: 268  
Elegant main dining room for breakfast, lunch and dinner serving French and international cuisine, Fine wine cellar
- **Grill Restaurant**  
2 530 sq.ft / 235 sq.m  
Inside capacity: 150  
Outside capacity: 60  
Casual eating venue for breakfast, buffet lunch and themed dinner

### LOUNGES

- **Main Lounge**  
2 745 sq.ft / 255 sq.m  
Inside capacity: 110  
Outside capacity: 30  
Afternoon tea, lounge, live music, dance floor and cocktail bar  
Access to the outside terrace
- **Panoramic Lounge**  
1 184 sq.ft / 110 sq.m  
Library, internet desk, cocktail bar, live entertainment on selected evenings  
Direct access to the panoramic terrace
- **Open-air Bar (Pool deck)**  
Seating: 50  
Overlooking the pool deck

### RECREATION / RELAXATION

- **Theatre**  
2 690 sq.ft / 250 sq.m  
Capacity: 250  
Main show room for conferences and live entertainment on selected evenings  
State-of-the-art audio and video technology
- **Fitness & Beauty Corner**  
Fitness room: Kinesis equipment, running machines, bicycles  
Beauty Corner Sothys™: Hairdresser, Massage rooms (2), Balneo room, Hammam, Relaxation room
- **Leisure area**  
Wii™ area, photoshop



# LE PONANT

## Welcome aboard

With her sleek lines, her decks extending along the full length of her 88 metres, her three masts reaching for the sky and her sails ready to take flight, LE PONANT captivates all who sail on her. There is no need to be an experienced sailor to embark on board this beauty. While passengers do not participate in the manoeuvres, the crew are always delighted to answer any of your questions. As on a private yacht, you will sail with a small group (64 passengers) of people who really love being at sea.

## CAPTAINS



Captain M. DEBIEN



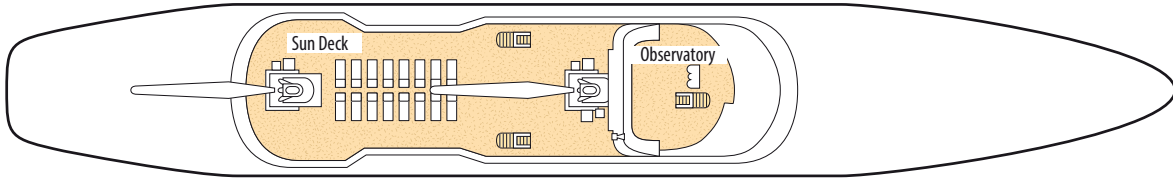
Captain R.P. BOUCHER



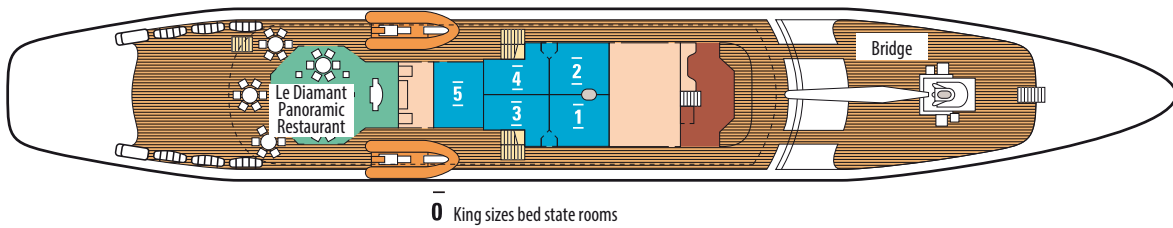
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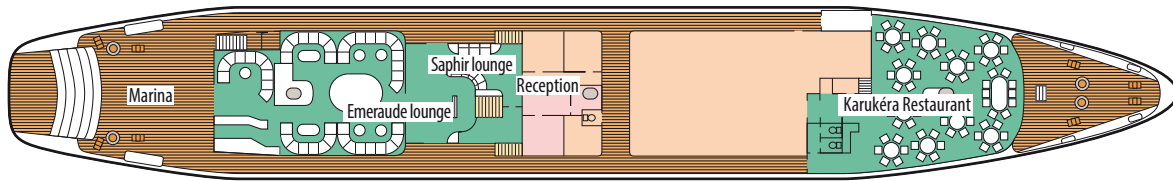
## 5 SUN DECK



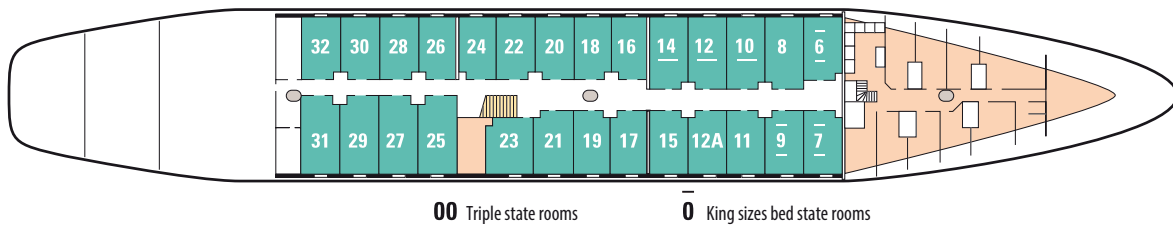
## 4 ANTIGUA DECK



## 3 SAINT-BARTH DECK



## 2 MARIE-GALANTE DECK



- 2 27 staterooms (with 3 triple staterooms and 3 double bed staterooms)
- 3 Marina - Emeraude lounge - Lobby - Saphir lounge - Karukéra Gastronomic Restaurant
- 4 Le Diamant Panoramic Restaurant - Bridge
- 5 Observatory - Sun Deck

32 cabins, all with a porthole and soothing pastel interiors.

- Antigua Deck staterooms (134 sq.ft. to 165 sq.ft.)
- Marie-Galante Deck staterooms Twin Bed Version (113 sq.ft. to 145 sq.ft.)

- Length . . . . . 290 ft
- Beam . . . . . 39 ft
- Draft . . . . . 13 ft
- Cruising Speed . . . . . 10 knots
- Number of masts . . . . . 3
- Classification . . . . . Bureau Veritas
- Flag . . . . . French
- Guests Decks . . . . . 4
- Guests capacity . . . . . 64
- Normal Crew Size . . . . . 32
- Gross tonnage . . . . . 1 443 UMS
- Main engine . . . . . 1 600 KW
- Installed power . . . . . 550 KW
- Construction . . . . . SFCN-Villeneuve-la-Garenne France

# LE PONANT

## Discover your stateroom

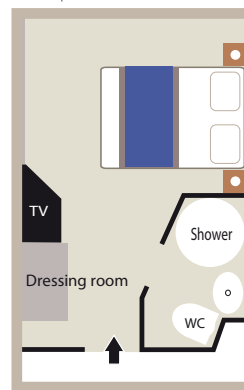
32 cabins, all with a porthole and soothing pastel interiors.

## Amenities

- Individually-controlled
- air-conditioning
- Cabin layout : Double bed, or twin beds
- Minibar
- Flat screen satellite TV
- Desk with stationery
- Safe
- French bath products
- Dressing table, Hairdryer and Bath robes
- Satellite direct line telephone
- 110/220 volts outlet
- WiFi

## Accommodation

### 5 ANTIGUA DECK STATEROOMS (134 sq.ft. to 165 sq.ft.)



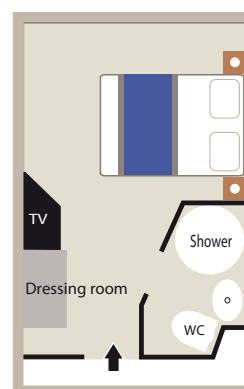
### 27 PONT MARIE-GALANTE DECK STATEROOMS (10,5 à 13,5 m<sup>2</sup>)



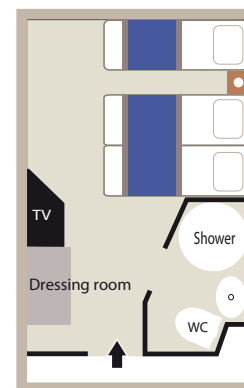
Twin Bed Version



Double Bed version



Triple version





## Public areas

### LOBBY

280 sq.ft / 26 sq.m  
Reception, customer relations and shore excursions desk

### LEISURE FACILITIES

- **Saphir Lounge**  
260 sq.ft / 24 sq.m  
Lecture hall, computer, internet access, TV and DVD
- **The Marina**  
Direct access to the Zodiac®

### RESTAURANTS

- **Karukéra Restaurant**  
925 sq.ft / 86 sq.m  
Capacity: 64  
Gastronomic restaurant  
Breakfast, lunch and dinner, French and international cuisine in an elegant and sophisticated environment
- **Le Diamant Restaurant**  
1247 sq.ft / 116 sq.m  
Capacity: 64  
Outside panoramic restaurant  
Breakfast, buffet lunches

### LOUNGES

- **Emeraude Lounge**  
795 sq.ft / 74 sq.m  
Capacity: 64  
Main lounge with piano bar
- **Bar**  
260 sq.ft / 24 sq.m



# YOUR ADVANTAGES

## Le PONANT BONUS

A cruise is a holiday one prepares in advance. Our promise is to guarantee you the best fares as early as possible so that you can make those preparations in the utmost comfort. It is why we introduced Le Ponant Bonus, a promotional fare with savings **up to 30% off the Full cruise price**. The fare is liable to increase at any time, without notice, depending on availability at the time you make your booking.

**The Staterooms Ponant Bonus and Suites Ponant Bonus are now differentiated** to benefit the most demanding clients and those planning well ahead, particularly on the exceptional routes. So why not take advantage of it to experience a Suite, select your favourite deck, or take up the pre and post programmes we offer with the savings you make? Don't wait any longer – book now to enjoy the best fares!



## Consecutive Cruises

Take advantage of our special consecutive cruises offers<sup>(1)</sup>:

- the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive cruise, - 20%
- the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive cruise, - 30%
- the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive cruise, - 40%

*(1) Reduction does not apply to the first cruise and relates to the port/port fare not including port taxes. Validity of the fare subject to availability. Please, contact us.*

## Open Bar Option

This Summer chose our new Open Bar option<sup>(2)</sup> valid for the duration of your cruise. Specially designed for our passengers who wish to take advantage of the freedom of choosing a beverage at any moment of the day without restrictions. Enjoy a hot chocolate in our lounge or discover our cocktail of the day, sip local drinks on the sun deck or whatever your favourite might be! Please, contact our cruise specialist for more information.

*(2) The Open Bar includes unlimited drinks served in the bars, salons and restaurants of the ship, as well as the minibar in your cabin or suite. It does not include fine wine and premium liquors or champagnes. The Open Bar can only be reserved prior to at the very the beginning of your cruise for the entire stay aboard. It is valid only for individual personal consumption, without limitations.*

## Honeymoon Offer

Because ultimately sharing new discoveries is the best gift on a cruise, we invite you to prolong your wedding or civil union (PACS) celebrations aboard our ships, in the comfort of your stateroom or Suite. **For any cruise taken within the 12 months after the wedding or civil union**, you can enjoy the following advantages:

Classic Offer – Cruises in Staterooms	Prestige Offer – Cruises in Suites on board LE BORÉAL, L'AUSTRAL & LE SOLÉAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• € 300 / \$ 400 / £ 260 off on your stateroom</li> <li>• Bottle of champagne on arrival</li> <li>• A photography session and -25% on your photos on board LE BORÉAL, L'AUSTRAL &amp; LE SOLÉAL</li> <li>• Surprise aboard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoy all the benefits of the Classic Offer</li> <li>• Your 2 favourite photos are offered</li> <li>• 1 spa treatment per Suite (maximum value: € 115 / \$ 150 / £ 100)</li> </ul>

To prolong your journey of discovery with Compagnie du Ponant, having spent your honeymoon with us, enjoy the exclusive offer of a **€ 200 / \$ 260 / £ 175 reduction per stateroom on your next cruise if taken within three years after your wedding or civil union.**

## Wedding Anniversary

For every five years of marriage or civil union (PACS), enjoy a **€ 200 / \$ 260 / £ 175 reduction** per double stateroom / Suite for a cruise taken during the same calendar year.

## Family & Friends

Because you often want to share your cruise with family or friends we are now proposing a special offer. From the fifth person onwards all those on one booking benefit, from a **5% reduction** on the cruise port/port<sup>(4)</sup>.

*(4) May be combined with any other current promotional offer.*

## Teenagers

For families exploring the seas and oceans with teenage children, Compagnie du Ponant has created a preferential rate from 12 to 18 year-olds: adolescents enjoy a **50% reduction** on the cruise port / port if sharing a stateroom or Suite with another adolescent or an adult.

## Referral Program

Have you enjoyed cruising on our ships? Then why not introduce Compagnie du Ponant to your relatives and friends and take advantage of the Sponsorship offer. As a sponsor, you receive a **300 € reduction\*** per stateroom on your next cruise, after the person you sponsor has returned from theirs; they in turn enjoy a **reduction of 200 €\* on their first cruise.**

Do not wait; sponsor your relatives and friends by sending us the information below by E-mail at [contact@ponant.com](mailto:contact@ponant.com),

- Sponsor: Ponant Yacht Club number (optional), Last name, First name, Address, City/State, Zip Code, Country, E-mail.
- The person sponsored: Last name, First name, Address, City/State, Zip Code, Country, E-mail

*\*Terms and conditions apply. To find out more, refer to the sponsorship form or go directly to [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com), referral section.*



Members of the Ponant Yacht Club are entitled to a wide range of benefits.

As a member of the Ponant Yacht Club you benefit from exclusive services and amenities onboard. You are also eligible for exclusive offers in the shop, wine cellar or Open Bar package depending on your membership level.





# PONANT YACHT CLUB

Our tiered program of Major, Admiral or Grand Admiral status, offers you the following advantages.

## MAJOR



When you book your 2<sup>nd</sup> cruise you become a Major.

Your benefits are:

- Receipt of our programs in priority
- Opportunity to join the Ponant Yacht Club's private cruises
- Invitation to events reserved exclusively for members
- Free laundry service onboard

Exception

Excellence

Privileges



## ADMIRAL

When you book your 4<sup>th</sup> cruise, you become an Admiral.

Your benefits are:

- You enjoy all the advantages of a Major
- € 50 / \$ 65 off the shore excursion of your choice <sup>(1)</sup>
- Complimentary upgrade <sup>(2)</sup>
- 10% discount in the shop <sup>(3)</sup>
- 10% discount in our premium cellar: fine wines, spirits and Champagnes <sup>(4)</sup>

Services

Prestige



## GRAND ADMIRAL

When you book your 7<sup>th</sup> cruise you become a Grand Admiral.

Your benefits are:

- You enjoy all the advantages of an Admiral
- 5% cruise discount will automatically be applied upon reservation of your cruise <sup>(5)</sup>
- € 75 / \$100 off the shore excursion of your choice <sup>(1)</sup>
- Free bottle of Champagne on your arrival <sup>(4)</sup>
- 50% discount on beverages <sup>(6)</sup>
- 20% discount on one SPA or hair treatment
- 10% discount on your cruise DVD

Benefits may change without warning. Some benefits are not available on all our ships: contact us for details (ocean voyages especially). One card will be sent if a cruise has been booked by two or more people who are on the same membership level and travelling together. (1) Amounts (€50/\$65 for Admirals & €75/\$100 for Grand Admirals) non exchangeable, non-refundable, valid for one excursion only. Discounts not valid for programs which can be paid in advance. Discounts nontransferable to other services even if no excursion is proposed. (2) Upgrades are subject to availability and are granted only onboard. (3) See variables in boutique (4) The abuse of alcohol is dangerous for your health. Consume with moderation (5) Cumulative discounts. Valid only for the cruise port to port, excluding onboard discretionary expenses and transfers or services. (6) Excluding fine wines, premium alcohols and champagne and only for personal consumption.

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## 1 - The rates of our cruises are per person and include the following:

- All meals while on board the ship (from dinner on the day of embarkation to breakfast on the day of disembarkation)
- Captain's welcome cocktail and gala dinner
- Tea, filter coffee, water, a selection of cruise wines white, red and rosé offered during meals; afternoon tea
- Evening entertainment and events
- Luggage transfer from pier to the ship and vice versa
- Room service 24h (special selection)
- English speaking lecturer on selected sailings identified by "lecturer on board" logo
- English speaking dive master on selected sailings identified by "diving" logo
- Water sports activities (except scuba diving) using the ship's equipment, when permitted by local authorities and confirmed by ship Master according to safety and sea conditions onsite
- English speaking golf coach on selected sailings identified by "golf cruise" logo
- Highly experienced bilingual (French-English) Expedition team for all cruises identified with "Expedition" logo.
- Parc entry fees into protected areas

### **1.1- "Cruise , Flights & Transfers" program rates are per person and include also the following:**

- "Cruise, Flights & transfers" Programs for expedition voyages Ushuaia-Ushuaia: Direct flight Buenos-Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos-Aires in Economy-class on chartered flight (based on availability)
- "Cruise, Flight & Transfer" Program for expedition voyage Ushuaia-Montevideo: Direct flight Buenos-Aires/Ushuaia in Economy-class on chartered flight (based on availability)
- Meet and Greet by our representatives in Ushuaia and luggage direct transfer from the airport to the ship for port clearance
- Choice between one full day tour to Tierra del Fuego National Park with lunch included and escort of English Speaking local guide (detailed description available upon request) OR direct transfer to the port for embarkation, buffet lunch and access to the Main lounge (cabins/suites will not be accessible before 5pm)
- Complimentary boot rental (except for guarantee deposit)
- Complimentary polar parka for you to keep

## 2 - Cruise rates do not include:

- Airport taxes (subject to modification)
- Port and safety taxes (included only in cruise package sold in US/Canada)
- Any ground services before and/or after the cruise other than the ones mentioned in each "Cruise & Flights" package and for which details are available upon request. Contact your travel agent or consult [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com)
- Optional "Golf package" on selected sailings identified by the "golf" logo; to be booked prior to your departure
- Dives when authorized by local authorities and feasible with ship equipment and zodiacs. Rates: 65 € per standard dive; 75€ per dive when local equipment or staff must be used, 75€ for a "discover scuba dive" course. In order to participate to diving sessions, guests must have with them a medical certificate less than 2 months old and their up to date dive book.
- Optional Open bar package (included only in cruise package sold in US/Canada) to be booked exclusively prior departure
- Optional Spa package to be booked prior your departure; please ask for more information
- Optional shore excursions
- Beverages other than the ones mentioned
- Laundry services, hair salon and à la carte Spa treatments
- Personal expenses, on board medical consultations and drug prescriptions
- Gratuities (included only in cruise package sold in US/Canada)
- Cancellation/luggage/assistance/repatriation/medical insurance(s)
- Visa, disembarkation taxes, environmental taxes and/or national park fees if applicable

**It is essential not to forget to bring with you your binoculars for a good fauna observation. Please do not forget to bring your medical certificates when it is required to participate in an expedition cruise.**

## 3 - Ground services

### **3.1- Services included in "Cruise , flights and Transfers packages:**

Packages "Cruise, Flights and Transfers" include ground services before and/or after the cruise as described in documents available 10 months prior departure of each cruise and available on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com).

Services to the port of departure, transfers to the ship, including, as applicable, hotel room and restaurant bookings or guided tours, are performed by independent suppliers who are not employees of Compagnie du Ponant. In this respect, Compagnie du Ponant acts only as an agent and shall not be held liable for said services or for the acts or omissions of sub-contractors or other contractors. The passenger agrees that Compagnie du Ponant acts as agent and/or trustee for any person including ground and maritime agents and subcontractors, who provide any service forming, or in connection with, any part of the cruise.

Our Cruise and Flights package programs are made in connection with Compagnie du Ponant selected regular or private charter flights. Final timings and schedule of the day by day program will be communicated with the cruise ticket. All our programs are made in economy class and according to number of seats available. If the class is not available anymore, we will suggest, depending on the availability, extra seats with a supplement.

On International flights, check-in luggage is limited to 23kg/50lbs and 8kg/11 to 17lbs per person for carry-on luggage (besides airlines frequent flyer advantages). On scheduled domestic flights, check-in luggage limits are between 15 and 20 kg/33 to 44lbs and 5 to 8kg/11 to 17lbs per person for carry-on. On Compagnie du Ponant Private charter flights, check-in luggage is limited to 20 kg/44lbs and 5kg/11lbs maximum per person as carry-on (pending confirmation of the airline carrier). We thank you for taking these restrictions into account. Airline carriers charge for extra weight and sometimes refuse, for strict security reasons, to check-in overweight and oversized luggage. Compagnie du Ponant and the airline carriers waive all liability for luggage with extra weight that is refused at the check-in.

### **3.2 - Ground activities included during expedition cruise itself:**

**It is understood that taking part to activities proposed during expedition cruising** certain risks and dangers including but not limited to activities in remote areas, animals, forces of nature, accident and illness. Compagnie du Ponant, organizer of this expedition, does not undertake and does not have any responsibility for the accuracy of any information it provides or to determine or assure the suitability of any participant to expedition activities proposed in general or as to a particular person. Compagnie du Ponant has no duty to provide medical assistance or advice to any activity participant. Each individual participating in any expedition activity accepts responsibility for making their own determinations as to the suitability of the activity and for their own safety, conduct and well-being and agrees to participate solely at their own risk. Being informed, each participant in any expedition activities, assume the risk associated with these activities and will hold Compagnie du Ponant, its officers, directors, crew and expedition team members as well as hike leaders harmless from and defend them against any and all liability, actions, suits, claims and demands which could arise from any of the Compagnie du Ponant's activities and from any loss or injury which may sustain as a result of my participation in any of these activities.

**It is essential to be properly equipped and not to forget to bring with you your binoculars for a good fauna observation during Nature outings.**

### **3.3 - Pre and post-cruise programs and pre bookable tours**

Pre and Post-cruise programs (as detailed on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com)), pre bookable tours and shore excursions are performed by independent suppliers who are not employees of Compagnie du Ponant. In this respect, Compagnie du Ponant acts only as an agent and shall not be held liable for said services or for the acts or omissions of sub-contractors or other contractors. The passenger agrees that Compagnie du Ponant acts as agent and/or trustee for any person including ground and maritime agents and subcontractors, who provide any service forming, or in connection with, any part of the cruise. Hotel accommodations are based on 4 and 5-star rated hotels. Official check-in time is 4pm, check-out time is 11am unless early check-in or late check-out supplement are paid.

### **3.4 - Shore excursions**

Besides exceptions indicated in each detailed cruise package program, shore excursions are sold and charged on board and are ruled by general conditions that apply to the contract signed with the local tour operator and the relevant national regulations. The passenger agrees that CDP acts as agent and/or trustee for any person including ground and maritime agents and subcontractors, who provide any service in connection with any part of the cruise. Excursions can involve activities that may not suit persons with disabilities. Prices are only given as an indication and may change. Before departure, you will receive a tour program detailing the excursions on offer with the latest rates. Five months before cruise departure, shore excursions can also be viewed on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com). Shore excursions are currently only bookable onboard. In the event of an excursion being cancelled due to a technical reason, shortage of participants or a case of force majeure, the client will not be eligible for any compensation. Please note that you will not be reimbursed for excursions if you cancel after registration. Any meals

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offered during excursions are simple and should not be compared to the standards on board the ship.

## 4 - Rates and Savings

Please find the rates for each expedition program on our website [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com). Ponant Bonus saving is not applicable on taxes. Tax amounts are subject to change and in addition to the package rates (Except for All Inclusive packages presented in US\$)

### 4-1 Public rates:

They are the reference rates of the cruise applicable for the validity period of the brochure. Public rates are per person and based on double occupancy.

### 4-2 Ponant Bonus Fares

**PONANT BONUS is a special savings program off published cruise-only rates for selected voyages. Ponant Bonus is the guaranteed best price** you can obtain on the day you make your reservation. It can save you up to 30% off the public rates. Ponant Bonus fares are capacity controlled, subject to availability and may change at any time without notice. Ponant Bonus could decrease or be closed for specific stateroom and suite categories or entire cruises. Contact your travel agent or refer to [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com) to determine the Ponant Bonus available at the time of booking your cruise (s). Ponant Bonus may not be combinable with other promotional offers or onboard cruise credits.

### 4-3 Other savings:

- **Combination cruise (if applicable)** : -10% off the second consecutive cruise-only rate, port taxes excluded, applicable on all consecutive cruises, except Ocean Voyages.
- **Ponant Yacht Club Grand Admiral Members**: -5% off the cruise-only rate, port taxes excluded
- **Family & Friends**: -5% off the cruise-only rate, port taxes excluded, for all bookings of 5 adults or more, booked at the same time and all sailing together on the same cruise
- **Honeymoon**: see details on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com)
- **Wedding Anniversary (every 5<sup>th</sup> year)**: see details on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com)
- **On board Reservations**: -5% off the cruise-only rate, port taxes excluded for each new cruise booked with our onboard staff

**NOTE:** These discounts/benefits are not combinable with any offer other than those mentioned above. They are not applicable on Ocean Voyages (programs not qualifying for Ponant Yacht Club Benefits) If you are entitled to several discounts, the value of the second discount is calculated from the revised rate obtained after the deduction of the first discount and so on.

## 5 - Children:

Children under 3 years of age and women who are over 6 months pregnant are not authorized to sail. Children between 3 and 8 years old are accepted subject to agreement at the time of booking. If accepted, a liability waiver will have to be completed and returned to Compagnie du Ponant to validate your booking. On expedition cruises, children must be able to disembark/embark by zodiac without assistance and be able to understand and follow safety instructions. Therefore disembarkation is submitted to Captain's and Expedition Leader's decision depending on weather conditions and landing sites. In all cases, children and young

adults, once on board, are the entire and total responsibility of their parents or guardians.

**Children** from 8 to 11 years old sharing with 2 adults and **Teenagers** from 12 to 17 years old, sharing with 1 or 2 adults benefit from special discounts on cruise-only fares; please contact us for more details.

## 6 - Mobility

L'AUSTRAL, LE BOREAL and LE SOLEAL have three cabins which are specially adapted for disabled guests (ADA Norms). Nevertheless, for safety reasons, all passengers must either be fully mobile or must be accompanied by a travelling companion fit and able to provide all necessary assistance during the voyage. Please note that animals (including service and/or comfort animals) are not permitted aboard. Persons who are not fully mobile, with physical disabilities or other handicaps requiring special treatment or assistance, including persons who use a wheelchair, must advise Compagnie du Ponant in writing of the nature of such conditions when making a reservation request and by all means before the signature of booking form. Compagnie du Ponant reserves the right to refuse passage to anyone who has failed to notify them of such limited mobility, disabilities or need of assistance, whose medical conditions is not compatible with security rules and requirements specific to the navigation area, or who, in the Compagnie du Ponant's opinion is unfit for travel. Please note that landings are done using zodiacs making them very difficult or even impossible for passengers with limited mobility. Each landing will be subject to Captain and Expedition Leader approval.

**Please note that the sailing vessel LE PONANT is not accessible for those with limited mobility or using a wheelchair.**

## 7 - Others:

- Women who are more than 6 months pregnant at the time of disembarkation are not permitted to travel
- All our vessels are non-smoking with the exception of designated areas on outside decks.
- Animals (including service and/or comfort animals) are not permitted aboard.
- Any specific health issue, if known, must be reported in writing to our medical department through the mandatory medical questionnaire to be filled and returned by each participant to an Antarctica program, at the latest 60 days prior departure. ([medical@ponant.com](mailto:medical@ponant.com)).
- **Due to exceptional nature of our Antarctica cruises, site names are given as an indication only. Final route will be confirmed daily by Captain and Expedition Leader depending on ice conditions, weather forecasts with priority being given to passenger safety.**
- Euro, US Dollar currencies and credit cards (VISA, MASTERCARD and AMEX) are accepted on board. Note there are no ATMs onboard the ships or money exchange. Onboard purchases may be charged back to the guest's stateroom.
- Ship master retains the right to change the itineraries as per article 4.2 of the cruise ticket.
- Detailed terms and conditions are available on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com) and upon request.



COMPAGNIE DU PONANT is a voting Member of International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), organization founded in 1991 to advocate, promote and practice safe and environmentally responsible private-sector travel to the Antarctic.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These are extracts of the terms and conditions which will apply to your cruise. Please read them carefully. Complete terms and conditions are available upon request. Attention is particularly drawn to the exemption and limitation of liability in favour of Compagnie Du Ponant / Compagnie Du Ponant USA LLC, hereinafter referred as "the Company" or "CDP". These terms and conditions are subject to change without notice.

## 1 - Transferability

A reservation for one of the programs listed in this brochure is only valid for date, cruise program and passenger(s) names listed on the written confirmation received upon reservation and on the cruise ticket provided with travel documents. Passenger may transfer the ticket to a third party, who shall fill the same conditions as the passenger to perform all purchased services, as long as the agreement has not rendered any effect. The transferor and/or transferee must settle any fees which result, and inform the Company and the seller of this decision by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt no later than 90 days prior day of embarkation. In the event where the passenger transfers his/her ticket without informing the Company and the seller as per the terms described above, this ticket transfer will be invalid and the ticket will be cancelled without any possible refund.

## 2 - Payment Schedule

In order to secure a booking, the guest is required to pay 25% of total cruise price upon confirmation. The final 75% is due no later than 60 days prior to sailing/ departure and 90 days prior to sailing/ departure on all Antarctica cruises. All reservations are subject to cancellation fees if payments are not received by the due date. Your full payment or acceptance of a ticket constitutes agreement to these Terms and Conditions, General and Important information presented in this brochure as part of the Passenger Ticket Contract. Any revisions to the above payment plan must be in writing and approved by CDP.

## 3 - Revisions & modifications

Guests who deviate from the scheduled embarkation or disembarkation port should inform the Company in advance to obtain her agreement. Once a booking is secured by a deposit, all revisions and/or changes which occurred less than 90 days before departure are subject to an administration change fee that has to be paid by the passenger as stated hereunder in "Cancellation & Refunds". The passenger who decides to shorten his journey cannot claim any refund for any unused services. The passenger, who fails to present himself in time for his departure or relinquishes booked services included in the program for any reason, cannot claim any refund.

## 4 - Cancellation, modification penalties & Refunds:

All cancellations or modifications must be in writing. Any and all guests not reporting for departure or prevented from reporting for departure or waiving for any reason whatsoever the benefit of services included in the program cannot claim any refund. Compagnie du Ponant shall not be required to refund any monies to any guests who must leave the cruise prematurely for any reason, nor shall Compagnie du Ponant be held responsible for any costs, fees, damages or causes of action which result from the transportation expenses incurred by guest's early departure.

### 4-1 Modification penalties:

In case of modification of the deposited paid booking for a travel package of inferior value: modification penalty applies and equivalent to cancellation penalties defined in section 4.2 hereunder. The penalty percentage applies on the difference in prices between the initial package and the new package fare.

In case of modification of the deposited paid booking for a travel package of superior value: no modification penalty will be assessed.

### 4-2 Cancellation penalties:

For any deposited or fully paid booking, cancellation penalties will be assessed as noted below. These cancellation penalties are applicable on all services booked with Compagnie du Ponant.

For expedition cruises in Antarctica, Falkland Islands and South Georgia:

- From confirmation of booking date up to 91 days prior departure: 25% of full fare
- 90-76 days prior departure: 50% of full fare
- 75-61 days prior departure: 75% of full fare
- Less than 61 days prior departure: 100% of full fare.

For all other cruises:

- From confirmation of booking date up to 91 days prior departure: 10% of full fare
- 90-61 days prior departure: 25% of full fare
- 60-46 days prior departure: 50% of full fare
- 45-31 days prior departure: 75% of full fare
- Less than 30 days prior departure: 100% of full fare.

## 5 - Formalities and health information

Before booking one of these journeys or trips offered in this brochure, each passenger is personally responsible for complying with the required legal regulations. All passengers must carry a valid passport, as well as the visas and vaccination certificates which may be required at the airport, at the port of arrival and departure. Company du Ponant waives all liability for not complying with the required legal regulations regarding immigration, customs or sanitary documents required before departure and during his trip. Please note that Australian, Canadian, and U.S. citizens entering/exiting Argentina must have a valid passport and pay a Reciprocity Tax. Currently, the fee will have to be paid by credit card online before arriving in Argentina: Please consult [www.migraciones.gov.ar](http://www.migraciones.gov.ar) or [www.provinciapagos.com.ar](http://www.provinciapagos.com.ar). At time of print, the fees were as follow (subject to change without notice): Australia: USD 100 - (multiple entry valid for one year). Canada: USD 75 - (one entry) or USD 150 - (multiple entry valid for 5 years from first entry). USA: USD 140 - (one entry).

Any guest who fails to obtain the appropriate travel documentation to board the airplane or access to the ship is responsible and may not claim any compensation or refund of his trip or services.

The information given in this brochure is current but subject to change at any time without advance notice from government authorities. Please consult respective government agencies up to the departure date.

## 6 - Transportation and services

### 6-1 Air transport and Flight Package information

All airline tickets are provided in the electronic ticket format. It is imperative to ensure that the first names and surnames communicated are those mentioned on the relevant passport, as they cannot be changed later. Any mistakes, or requests to alter the

name, will require the purchase of a new ticket. Compagnie du Ponant will provide passengers, at the time they make their booking, with the name of the airline or airline carriers which have either already been selected or are likely to be selected. Compagnie du Ponant undertakes to inform passengers, before departure, of any changes to the identity of the airline or airline carriers as soon as they are known. The words "direct flight" mean there will be no change of aircraft, but do not exclude the possibility that there may be one or several stops. A "direct non-stop flight" means no change of aircraft and no stops. Private charter flights do not offer special meals. Airline carriers can enter into a "code share" agreement whereby they are able to sell a flight under their own name, although the aircraft itself may be operated by another airline company.

The schedules and type of transportation listed are provided by the transportation companies at the time this brochure was being produced. They are a guideline to the moment of departure and are subject to change for all kinds of reasons (additional stops added, weather conditions, air traffic control authorisation, strikes, etc). In accordance with the Warsaw and Montreal Convention, timings and routes as well as departure/destination airports are not a contractual element of the transportation ticket. Under these conditions, Compagnie du Ponant cannot be held responsible for changes that are beyond its control.

Changes to the original travel program may be the result, in particular, of technical faults, weather conditions, political reasons, delays or cancellations, strikes, additional stops, changes to aircraft or routes, etc. Under no circumstances can these incidences be attributed to Compagnie du Ponant or any compensation made whatsoever. If a client wishes to abandon his journey, he will be liable to the cruise cancellation fees indicated above.

The airline carrier's responsibility, in the event of damages, complaints or claims of any kind, is limited to the carriage of passengers and their luggage by air, within the terms and conditions stipulated on the tickets and by the airline companies themselves. Compagnie du Ponant will not reimburse any expenses (taxi, meals, hotels, etc), when the passenger is under the responsibility of the airline company. The consequences of accidents/incidents occurring when travelling by air are governed by the Warsaw and Montreal Convention, or by the local regulations governing national transportation in the country concerned.

Our Cruise and Flights package programs are made in connection with Compagnie du Ponant selected regular or private charter flights. Final timings and schedule of the day by day program will be communicated with the cruise ticket. All our programs are made in economy class and according to number of seats available. If the class is not available anymore, we will suggest, depending on the availability, extra seats with a supplement.

On International flights, check-in luggage is limited to 23kg/50lbs and 8kg/11 to 17lbs per person for carry-on luggage (besides airlines frequent flyer advantages).

On scheduled domestic flights, check-in luggage limits are between 15 and 20 kg/33 to 44lbs and 5 to 8kg/11lbs per person for carry-on. On Compagnie du Ponant Private chartered flights, check-in luggage is limited to 20 kg/44lbs (pending confirmation of the airline carrier) and 5kg/11lbs maximum per person as carry-on.

We thank you for taking these restrictions into account. Airline carriers charge for extra weight and sometimes refuse, for strict security reasons, to check-in overweight and oversized luggage. Compagnie du Ponant and the airline carriers waive all liability for luggage with extra weight that is refused at the check-in.

### 6.2- Boarding and transportation terms and conditions

Pre and post programs (advertised on [en.ponant.com](http://en.ponant.com)), as well as overland packages proposed in this brochure Compagnie du Ponant "WINTER CRUISES 2014 - 2015" are subject to a minimum of participants. CDP may cancel any of these programs up to 21 days prior to its departure date, if a minimum of 20 participants (unless noted otherwise) is not reached.

## 7- Boarding and transportation terms and conditions

### a) Embarkation:

Guests must report for boarding in the conditions set by the cruise ticket (details of cruise ticket document are available upon request). Passengers are responsible for having received all medical inoculations necessary for the voyage and having their cruise ticket, a valid passport, visas and other documents mandatory for the scheduled ports of call and disembarkation. If a passenger does not have proper documents he/she will not be allowed to embark. Boarding the ship automatically makes the passenger subject to the application of the provisions hereafter, as well as the general conditions concerning the travel program, which they are familiar with and which they have accepted.

### b) Visas, Passport and Health information:

At the time of boarding, all guests must have a passport valid for six months following disembarkation as well as necessary visas and vaccination certificates which may be required in destination ports where the ship calls. CDP accepts no responsibility for obtaining required visas or for advising guests of visa or other immigration requirements. Please consult relevant authorities or a visa service to determine accurately if any visas, health certificates, or vaccinations are required. If incorrect documents are obtained, guests will be unable to participate in particular shore excursions and may be denied boarding and/or disembark in certain part of calls/countries. The Company and/or master of the ship are entitled to refuse embarkation or to prevent disembarkation of any passengers who do not show the documents allowing them to disembark at the scheduled destination or stopover ports. Every passenger is personally responsible for compliance with the statutory and regulatory provisions in force before departure.

Note: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name or you may be denied boarding.

### c) Health and Security:

If it appears to the Company and/or the Master of the ship that a passenger is for any reason whatsoever unfit to travel or likely to endanger his health or safety or impair the comfort of others on board or seems likely to be refused permission to land at any port or to render the Company liable for his maintenance, support or repatriation, the Company or the Master of the ship shall be entitled at any time to take any of the following courses as appear appropriate to them, namely a) To refuse to embark or disembark the passenger at any particular port; b) To disembark him at any port; c) To transfer him from one berth to another; d) To confine him to one cabin of the ship's medical centre; e) Through the ship's doctor and/or his staff to administer any drug, medication or other substance or to admit and/or confine the passenger to the hospital, or any similar institution at any port provided that the ship's doctor considers it necessary.

Health care, medical expenses and drugs on land or aboard the ship shall be paid by passengers. In Antarctica, please remember that there is no medical

structure available before several days at sea. A mandatory medical questionnaire is provided and has to be properly filled by you and your personal physician between 90 and 75 days prior departure and returned to our dedicated Medical Department no later than 60 days prior departure. Any guest not having provided this mandatory document completed will not be authorized to embark without possible recourse. Please note that given the inaccessibility of Antarctica, we recommend you choose your travel insurance company very carefully as in case of evacuation; all kind of expenses will have to be paid up front.

LE BOREAL, L'AUSTRAL and LE SOLEAL have three cabins which are specially adapted for disabled guests (ADA Norms). Nevertheless, for safety reasons, all passengers must either be fully mobile or must be accompanied by a travelling companion fit and able to provide all necessary assistance during the voyage. Please note that animals (including service and/or comfort animals) are not permitted aboard. Persons who are not fully mobile, with physical disabilities or other handicaps requiring special treatment or assistance, including persons who use a wheelchair, must advise Compagnie du Ponant in writing of the nature of such conditions when making a reservation request and by all means before the signature of booking form. Compagnie du Ponant reserves the right to refuse passage to anyone who has failed to notify them of such limited mobility, disabilities or need of assistance, whose medical conditions is not compatible with security rules and requirements specific to the navigation area, or who, in the Compagnie du Ponant's opinion is unfit for travel. Please note that landings are done using zodiacs making them very difficult or even impossible for passengers with limited mobility. Each landing will be subject to Captain and Expedition Leader approval.

Passengers accept civil and criminal liability for all damages caused to Compagnie du Ponant, other passengers or third parties by their actions. Passengers are individually and solely responsible for the payment of any and all fines or penalties inflicted by competent authorities on account of their own acts.

#### d) Itinerary changes/alterations/cancellation of a trip:

Arrival and departure times are given as an indication only. The Company cannot guarantee coincidence with corresponding schedules (plane, train...) notably due to modification of the programme duration initially planned, which cannot incur any compensation, as the Company cannot be held liable for indirect damages. CDP reserves the right to withdraw and/or cancel a sailing to make changes in the itinerary whenever, in its sole judgment, or in the judgment of the vessel owner or operator, conditions warrant it.

In the event of adverse meteorological conditions or adverse political or social conditions in the country of a port of call or for any other fact that may jeopardize the safety of guests or of the ship, or in the event of orders by public authorities, the Company may change the itinerary or ports of call or destination, delay, end or cancel the trip, divert the ship, tow or be towed, transfer guests and their luggage aboard any other means of transportation, even when this results in an increase or a shortening of the advertised program. The Company does not warrant that these will correspond to the time schedule of connecting flights or transfers (eg planes or trains...), due to the fact that the initially scheduled trip duration may be altered. No indemnification shall be due on this account, as the Company is not liable for indirect damages.

Under any circumstances, the ship may provide assistance to any person or goods at sea, and will not be liable for the consequences of a modification to the cruise programme for this reason.

In the case of external events beyond the control of the Company or for any reason regarding the safety of travellers or the ship or due to charter of the ship or due to an insufficient number of participants, according to that which is provided for by the terms and conditions of the trip programme, the Company may cancel the cruise and must inform the passengers by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt or email, fax with proof of delivery.

The cruises published in this brochure "COMPAGNIE DU PONANT- WINTER CRUISES 2014-2015" are subject to a minimum of participants. Compagnie du Ponant may cancel any cruise program up to 21 days before departure if the minimum of guests registered is under or equal to 50% of the ship capacity (200 guests on Antarctica cruises, 244 guests on all other cruises aboard L'AUSTRAL, LE BOREAL and LE SOLEAL, 55 guests for LE PONANT).

In the event of an alteration of the contract by the Company after boarding the ship, passengers shall in any case not be entitled to any indemnification other than refund for unperformed services for which no replacement was provided. In addition, passengers may be requested to pay extra monies for services rendered under such circumstances and for the costs of living aboard the ship in the event that the duration of the trip is extended.

Compagnie du Ponant may give passengers cabins other than those initially planned.

#### e) Luggage:

Each guest can bring aboard a reasonable amount of clothing and personal effects without charge, subject to airline restrictions. Hand luggage or cabin luggage and personal effects shall comply with allowances in the terms and conditions provided for in the programme. Luggage must be distinctly labeled with the passenger's full name, the name of the ship and cabin number.

All passengers are prohibited from transporting merchandise in their luggage whose content may threaten the health of other passengers, damage or contaminate their luggage on the vessel. It is notably forbidden to board or pack animals or inflammable, explosive, corrosive, dangerous, scented or leaking materials in your luggage.

Failure to comply with these rules will lead to payment of a lump sum penalty provided for by law.

The passenger will in any case be responsible for any injury, loss or damages suffered due to the presence of these objects, and shall ensure that the Company is not sued due to such events. Such objects may at any time and in any place be disembarked, destroyed, thrown into the sea or made safe by the Company without any compensation. It is also prohibited to load objects as luggage other than those intended for personal use by the passenger, and notably goods in general, and objects whose importing is prohibited or which are not compliant with customs or police regulations. The passenger is responsible for all consequences, expenses, damages and penalties resulting therefrom, and the Company, in such cases, shall not be held liable for loss or damages.

Passengers must look after their personal luggage during the entire duration of the stay aboard the ship as well as during embarking, transfer and disembarking operations. Compagnie du Ponant waives all liability for luggage left unattended by passengers and for which passengers have not taken the necessary precautions against theft, loss or damage. Specifically, the Company shall not be liable for breakable items and valuables including but not limited to money, watches, securities, jewellery, computers and any electronic materials, mobile phones and other precious objects which must be hand-carried by the passenger on and off the

ship; are the full responsibility of the passenger at all time. CDP is not responsible for loss of or damage to such items. Passenger is responsible for subscribing to insurance to cover luggage.

#### 8 - Independent contractors/Limit of liability:

The passenger agrees that Compagnie du Ponant acts as agent and/or trustee for any person, ground and maritime agents and subcontractors, who provide any service forming, or in connection with, any part of the cruise. Transportation services to the port of departure, transfers to the ship, including, as applicable, hotel room and restaurant bookings or guided tours, are performed by independent suppliers who are not employees of Compagnie du Ponant. In this respect, Compagnie du Ponant acts only as an agent and shall not be held liable for said services or for the acts or omissions of sub-contractors or other contractors.

Compagnie du Ponant shall not be held liable for bodily injury to, or death of passengers, or for loss of, or damage to luggage or other personal belongings, unless it is proved that the carrier has infringed statutory obligations or that it or one of its employees or agents has committed gross negligence. However, in the event the liability of Compagnie du Ponant is incurred, such liability is limited (details available upon request).

Compagnie du Ponant shall in any case not be liable for failure of an improper performance when the same is due to or caused by the fault of the passenger; the unforeseeable or unavoidable fault or a third party unconnected with the provision of any services to be provided under the contract; unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of Compagnie du Ponant; an event of "Force Majeure" such as a war, threat of war, riots, civil commotion, acts of God, terrorist activities, natural and nuclear disaster, fire, technical problems with transport, closure of ports, strikes and any industrial action, or any other event beyond the control of Compagnie du Ponant.

During expedition programs, all persons who participate in any expedition activity accept responsibility for making their own determinations as to the suitability of the activity and for their own safety, conduct and well-being and agree to participate solely at their own risk. Attending information briefings is mandatory. Thus informed, each participant assumes the risk associated with these activities and will hold Compagnie du Ponant, its officers, directors, crew and expedition team members as well as hiking leaders harmless from and defend them against any and all liability, actions, suits, claims and demands which could arise from any of the Compagnie du Ponant's activities and from any loss or injury which may sustain as a result of participation in any of these activities.

Compagnie du Ponant and the Owners and operators of the vessels identified in this brochure shall be entitled to claim the benefit of whichever law, regulation, treaty or doctrine provides the greatest protection.

#### 9 - Validity of the brochure

From February 4, 2014 and until further notice, this brochure cancels and replaces all information contained in all brochures COMPAGNIE DU PONANT or any other leaflet.

#### 10 - Rates

The prices given at the time of booking are based on economic conditions known on February 4, 2014 for the period from October 16, 2014 and until further notice. These conditions are, amongst others, the cost of transport and fuel, relevant dues and taxes for the proposed operation (port taxes, embarkation and disembarkation taxes, entrance costs to tourist sites), currency exchange rates relevant to the pricing of these programmes. Compagnie du Ponant reserves the right within the legal limits of French law to vary the prices if necessary. All variation of the cost of transport, fuel, taxes, dues and visa costs will be passed on within the voyage cost. Additionally, any surcharge levied will be increased to include an amount to cover agent's commission. Any change in fare cannot be imposed less than 60 days prior to departure. For the cruise-only rate, daily surcharge, if any, will be calculated based on:

$$S = \frac{\text{fuel variation} * \times \text{daily consumption} **}{\text{Ship capacity} ***}$$

(\*): MGO FOB Rotterdam 0,1% in US\$

(\*\*): L'AUSTRAL, LE BOREAL, LE SOLEAL 20t; LE PONANT 5.5t

(\*\*\*): L'AUSTRAL, LE BOREAL, LE SOLEAL: 200 passengers for expedition-style cruises; 244 for all other cruises; LE PONANT 55 passengers

#### 11 - Travel Insurance

Passengers shall be responsible for subscribing to cancellation/luggage/assistance/repatriation/medical insurance(s).

#### 12 - Claims

No claims can be made against CDP without a written and detailed statement of the claim by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt requested within the following time periods: a) For luggage: in the event of obvious damages or loss: at the time of disembarkation at the latest. In the event of hidden damages or loss: within seven (7) days of disembarking or of the date when disembarkation should have taken place; b) For passengers in the case of bodily harm and damages other than to luggage: within thirty (30) days from the date when the passenger disembarked or should have disembarked. Failure to comply with these provisions shall mean that the passenger is deemed to have safely disembarked without harm and collected his or her luggage without damage thereto.

#### 13 - Jurisdiction

These terms & conditions are subject to and interpreted according to International regulations and concern the transportation of passengers and their luggage from the time of boarding the ship to the moment of disembarking, as well as at ports of departure, destination, or stopover. CDP shall incur no liability outside this period of time. Without prejudice to required legal regulations, any actions related either to the interpretation, or execution of this agreement shall be brought before the competent courts of Marseille-France.

CDP is not responsible for omissions, printing and/or presentation errors and reserves the right to make corrections as required.

# INSURANCE

La Compagnie du Ponant is creating a new insurance and multi-risk assistance contract. Enjoy worry-free travel with our exclusive **Ponant 5\* Insurance** policy, arranged through our partner, TMS, a specialist in high-end travel insurance. This insurance will cover you on all our itineraries without exception, and for the full duration of your cruise. TMS has been our partner for nearly 15 years and has plenty of experience in the type of problems that may arise. We are therefore offering to be the single and unique point of contact for booking your flights and cruises and also for managing insurance cover throughout your trip. The guarantees provided are subject to a surcharge of **4% incl. taxes on the total cost of your cruise**. The policy must be taken out on the day your cruise is purchased or no later than 46 days before your cruise starts. Our sales staff are at your disposal to answer all your questions. To be eligible you must live in mainland France including Corsica, the French overseas departments, Andorra and Monaco, or in an EU country or in Switzerland.

BENEFITS	Maximum amounts / person, incl. tax
<b>TRIP CANCELLATION</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illness (including relapse from previous illness or injury), accident, death of the insured, of a family member or an insured accompanying party.</li> <li>• Attack or natural disaster occurring at destination point</li> <li>• Other justified reasons</li> </ul> ↳ Deductible	25 000 € maximum / person 75 000 € maximum / event  <i>10% of the cancellation cost with a minimum of 50 € / person (no deductible in case of illness, accident or death)</i>
<b>MISSED CONNECTION</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel expenses up to the next stop-over</li> </ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early return</li> </ul>	50% of the trip cost with a maximum of 1 500 € / person  Return ticket + taxi fare
<b>BAGGAGE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theft, total or partial destruction, loss during conveyance by a shipping company</li> </ul> ↳ Deductible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late delivery &gt; 24h</li> </ul>	3 049 € incl. tax / person 30 € / file Fixed sum of 400 € incl. tax / person
<b>ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY DURING TRAVEL</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation / Repatriation</li> <li>• Return travel of family members or insured accompanying party</li> </ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presence during hospitalization               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transportation</li> <li>- Accommodations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prolonged stay of accompanying party in the event of hospitalization</li> <li>• Accompanying children under 18 years old</li> <li>• Travel continuation</li> <li>• Reimbursement of medical expenses abroad and advance of hospitalization costs abroad               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Europe and Mediterranean countries</li> <li>- Rest of the world</li> </ul>               ↳ Deductible for medical expenses             </li> </ul>	Actual costs Return ticket + taxi fare  Round trip ticket + taxi fare 80 € / night (maximum 10 nights) 80 € / night (maximum 4 nights) Hostess or round trip ticket Additional travel expenses  75 000 € / person 152 500 € / person 30 € / person / event
<b>ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN CASE OF DEATH</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return travel of family members or one or two of the insured accompanying party</li> <li>• Anticipated return in the event of death of a family member, the person in charge of child care or the professional replacement</li> </ul>	Return ticket + taxi fare Return ticket + taxi fare
<b>TRAVEL ASSISTANCE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advance of bail abroad</li> <li>• Coverage of lawyers' fees abroad</li> <li>• Early return in case of damages at home</li> <li>• Assistance in case of damages at home               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conservatory measures</li> <li>- Accommodations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Assistance and advance of funds in case of theft, loss OR destruction of identification papers or payment means</li> </ul>	15 300 € / person 3 100 € / person Return ticket + taxi fare  80 € 50 € / night (maximum 2 nights)  2 300 € / person
<b>CIVIL LIABILITY</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All bodily injury and property damage</li> <li>• Including property damage</li> </ul> ↳ Deductible	4 500 000 € incl. tax / person 75 000 € incl. tax / person 75 € / claim
<b>TRIP INTERRUPTION</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of trip interruption, due to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hospitalization or death of close relations</li> <li>- Damages at home</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Compensation travel, following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical repatriation of the insured</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Prorata temporis (excluding transportation)  Initial cost of insured trip
<b>TRAVEL ACCIDENT</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Death</li> <li>• Disability</li> </ul>	15 245 € incl. tax / person 15 245 € incl. tax / person 150 000 € incl. tax / event





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