

LUXURY EXPEDITION & YACHT-STYLE VOYAGES MARCH TO NOVEMBER 2024

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#### A history, a passion

1988. Young, visionary and determined sailors create a new cruise line flying the French flag, represented by a proud-looking three-master. Thirty-five years on, from the Sisterships series, to the PONANT Explorers via *Le Commandant Charcot* and *Le Paul Gauguin*, 12 more ships have completed the company's fleet. Freshly renovated, *Le Ponant* continues to hold our values high.

True to our maritime heritage, each and every day we are committed to more sustainable tourism. Exhilarated by the passion for exploration that drives us,

we carry on the pioneer spirit that is essential to bringing you new experiences, season after season.

From March to November 2024, we have many new itineraries to offer you. Visit the Great Lakes of North America decked in the flamboyant colours of autumn, discover the authentic and unexpected side of Japan, or explore the remote British archipelagoes. In the Arctic, exclusive to PONANT, climb aboard for a unique scientific adventure in search of the geographic and magnetic North Poles. Be one of the few passengers to experience true immersion in the heart of Greenland and Inuit culture on a two-day polar trek across the sea ice on Nordic skis.

This 35-year milestone also provides an opportunity to celebrate longstanding partnerships – with the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations in Marseille (Mucem), Radio Classique and the magazine *Connaissance des Arts*, with, for the first time, a resident artist on board – and to welcome new, equally prestigious partners, such as the Paris National Opera and the Pinault Collection. They remind us that travel is an art and that this art must be nurtured on a daily basis and requires constant attention.

Happy reading,

Hervé Gastinel

PONANT CEO

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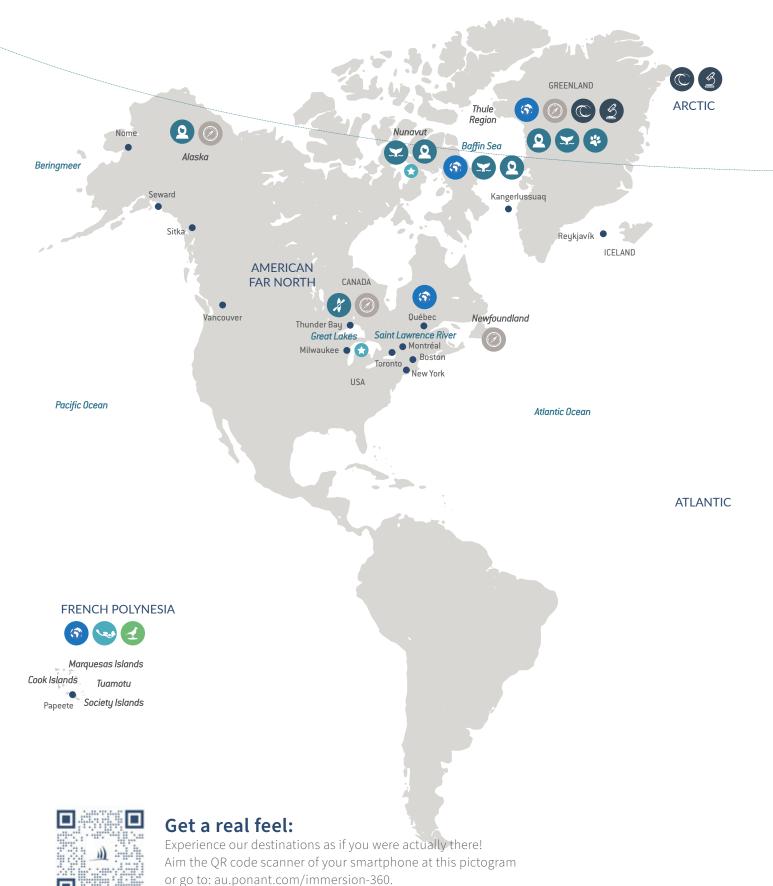
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Arctic Ocean

# Explore the world with PONANT





## Itinerary calendar

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	Le Commandant Charcot	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	10		36
	Le Commandant Charcot	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	12		37
	Le Lyrial	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		23
	Le Commandant Charcot	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	14		37
	Le Lyrial	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		23
	Le Soléal	Seward • Vancouver	11		32
	Le Boréal	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		23
	Le Lyrial	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		23
	Le Commandant Charcot	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	14		37
	Le Bellot	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	7	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	22
	Le Boréal	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		23
	Le Soléal	Vancouver • Sitka	8		33
Ĵ	Le Bellot	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	7		22
	Le Boréal	Longyearbyen • Kangerlussuaq	14		24
	Le Lyrial	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		23
	Le Commandant Charcot	Reykjavík • Longyearbyen	16		38
	Le Soléal	Sitka • Vancouver	8		33
	Le Soléal	Vancouver • Sitka	8	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	33
	Le Boréal	Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq	13		25
	Le Soléal	Sitka • Vancouver	7		33
	Le Lyrial	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		23
	Le Boréal	Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq	16		25
	Le Soléal	Vancouver • Sitka	8	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	33
	Le Lyrial	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		23
	Le Commandant Charcot	Longyearbyen • Reykjavík	16		38
	Le Bellot	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	7		22
	Le Soléal	Sitka • Vancouver	10		33
t	Le Bellot	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	7		22
t	Le Boréal	Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq	16		25
t	Le Soléal	Vancouver • Seward	11		32
st	Le Bellot	Reykjavík • Toronto	15		27
st	Le Lyrial	Reykjavík • Kangerlussuaq	13		24
st	Le Commandant Charcot	Reykjavík • Nome	24		39
st	Le Champlain	Reykjavík • Toronto	15		27
st	Le Soléal	Seward • Vancouver	11		32
st	Le Boréal	Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq	7		24
st	Le Lyrial	Kangerlussuaq • St Pierre and Miquelo	n 14		27
st	Le Boréal	Kangerlussuaq • Nome	22		26
st	Le Champlain	Toronto • Milwaukee	7	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	29
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6th Septemb	per Le Commandant Charco	ot Nome • Longyearbyen	20	
8th Septemb	per Le Lyrial	St Pierre and Miquelon • Montreal	11	
14th Septem	ber Le Champlain	Thunder Bay • Milwaukee	10	
24th Septem	ber Le Champlain	Milwaukee • Toronto	10	
26th Septem	ber Le Commandant Charco	ot Longyearbyen • Reykjavík	16	
11th Octobe	r Le Champlain	Milwaukee • Toronto	7	SMITHSON
13th Octobe	r Le Bellot	Milwaukee • Toronto	7	
18th Octobe	r Le Champlain	Toronto • Boston	11	SMITHSOI

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χζ	27th April	Le Lyrial	Saint-Malo • Dublin	7		48
$\supset \triangleleft$	29th April	Le Bellot	Stockholm • Edinburgh	11		49
ШE	2nd May	Le Boréal	Saint-Malo • Dublin	7		48
ZA	3rd May	Le Dumont-d'Urville	Las Palmas • Lisbon	10		53
КШ	4th May	Le Lyrial	Dublin • Edinburgh	7		48
<u>+</u> +	9th May	Le Boréal	Dublin • Glasgow	9		47
	10th May	Le Bellot	Edinburgh • Glasgow	7		47
	11th May	Le Lyrial	Edinburgh • Tromsø	9		45
04	11th May	Le Champlain	London • Glasgow	7		49
Z	18th May	Le Boréal	Glasgow • Glasgow	9		46
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AS WALL	20th May	Le Lyrial	Tromsø • Longyearbyen	8		44
	21st May	Le Dumont-d'Urville	London • Glasgow	8	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	49
	27th May	Le Boréal	Glasgow • Longyearbyen	13		44
Store 1	8th June	Le Champlain	Bergen • Glasgow	7	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	45
	15th June	Le Champlain	Glasgow • Bergen	7	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	45
	21st June	Le Dumont-d'Urville	Edinburgh • Stockholm	11		49
	2nd July	Le Dumont-d'Urville	Stockholm • Copenhagen	8		51
	6th July	Le Champlain	Bergen • Oslo	7		45
	10th July	Le Dumont-d'Urville	Copenhagen • Stockholm	8		51
	13th July	Le Champlain	Oslo • Bergen	7		45
	18th July	Le Dumont-d'Urville	Stockholm • Copenhagen	7	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	51
a / MIV	20th July	Le Champlain	Bergen • Oslo	7	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	45
	27th July	Le Champlain	Oslo • Bergen	7		45
	3rd August	Le Champlain	Bergen • Reykjavík	10		46
and the	3rd August	Le Dumont-d'Urville	Helsinki • Copenhagen	7		50
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21st March	Le Bougainville	Athens • Valletta	7	¥*¥	64
2nd April	Le Champlain	Aqaba • Valletta	12	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	69
14th April	Le Champlain	Valletta • Valletta	8	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	63
15th April	Le Bougainville	Valletta • Athens	8		65
22nd April	Le Champlain	Valletta • Lisbon	11		67
2nd May	L'Austral	Málaga • Valletta	7	3 * A	66
9th May	L'Austral	Valletta • Antalya	10		69
15th May	Le Bougainville	Valletta • Nice	7	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	69
19th May	L'Austral	Antalya • Valletta	10	¥**	69
13th June	L'Austral	Venice • Venice	7		62
17th June	Le Bougainville	Valletta • Venice	8	¥**	60
20th June	L'Austral	Venice • Athens	7	¥**	58
4th July	L'Austral	Athens • Athens	7	F	64
9th July	Le Bougainville	Venice • Venice	7	F	62
11th July	L'Austral	Athens • Athens	7	F	64
16th July	Le Bougainville	Venice • Athens	7	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	58
18th July	L'Austral	Athens • Athens	7	F	64
23rd July	Le Bougainville	Athens • Valletta	7	F	65
25th July	L'Austral	Athens • Athens	7	F	64
30th July	Le Bougainville	Valletta • Nice	10	F	63
1st August	L'Austral	Athens • Venice	7	E .	59
9th August	Le Bougainville	Nice • Valletta	10	F	63
19th August	Le Bougainville	Valletta • Nice	10	F	63
29th August	Le Bougainville	Nice • Valletta	10	***	63
8th September	Le Bougainville	Valletta • Livorno	7	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	68
30th September	Le Dumont-d'Urville	Lisbon • Barcelona	7	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	69
3rd October	L'Austral	Athens • Athens	7	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	64
10th October	L'Austral	Athens • Lisbon	11		68

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Le Jacques-Cartier	Phuket • Ho Chi Minh City	13		77
Le Jacques-Cartier	Ha Long • Naha	12	を	77
Le Jacques-Cartier	Naha • Keelung	7	を	76
Le Jacques-Cartier	Kobe • Fukuoka	7	le la	75
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Le Soléal	Otaru • Osaka	11	を	74
Le Jacques-Cartier	Keelung • Kagoshima	7	le la	76
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Le Jacques-Cartier	Kagoshima • Kobe	8	i ko	76
Le Soléal	Osaka • Maizuru	8		74
Le Soléal	Maizuru • Hakodate	7	SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS	74

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Oslo • Toronto	32	۶1 💥

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6th April	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	7	8
13th April	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	11	8
14th April	Le Lapérouse	Broome • Darwin	10	8
24th April	Le Lapérouse	Darwin • Broome	10	8
24th April	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	10	8
4th May	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	7	8
14th May	Le Lapérouse	Darwin • Broome	10	8
18th May	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	11	8
22th May	Le Jacques-Cartier	Darwin • Broome	10	8
29th May	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	10	8
1st June	Le Jacques-Cartier	Broome • Darwin	10	8
3rd June	Le Lapérouse	Darwin • Broome	10	8
8th June	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	14	8
11th June	Le Jacques-Cartier	Darwin • Broome	10	8
22nd June	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	7	8
23rd June	Le Lapérouse	Darwin • Broome	10	8
29th June	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	7	8
1st July	Le Jacques-Cartier	Darwin • Broome	10	8
6th July	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	14	8
11st July	Le Jacques-Cartier	Broome • Darwin	10	8
13th July	Le Lapérouse	Darwin • Broome	10	8
20th July	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	7	8
21st July	Le Jacques-Cartier	Darwin • Broome	10	8
27th July	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	7	8
31st July	Le Jacques-Cartier	Broome • Darwin	10	8
2nd August	Le Lapérouse	Darwin • Broome	10	8
3rd August	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	14	8
10th August	Le Jacques-Cartier	Darwin • Broome	10	8
17th August	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	7	8
20th August	Le Jacques-Cartier	Broome • Darwin	10	8
22nd August	Le Lapérouse	Darwin • Broome	10	8
24th August	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	14	8
30th August	Le Jacques-Cartier	Darwin • Broome	10	8
7th September	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	7	8
9th September	Le Jacques-Cartier	Broome • Darwin	10	8
11th Septembe	er Le Lapérouse	Darwin • Broome	10	8
14th Septembe	r Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	14	8
19th Septembe	r Le Jacques-Cartier	Darwin • Broome	10	8
21st Septemb	er Le Lapérouse	Broome • Darwin	10	8
28th Septembe	er Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	11	8
29th Septembe		Broome • Darwin	10	8
9th October	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	10	8
19th October	Le Paul Gauguin	Papeete • Papeete	7	8
23rd Novembe		Papeete • Papeete	7	8

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	Buenos Aires • Cádiz	19	93
	Fort-de-France • Las Palmas	10	93
-	Brest • Reykjavík	4	93

## TEN REASONS to sail with PONANT

#### The expedition experience

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





#### Travelling is an art

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



#### Working towards more sustainable tourism

By way of our Foundation and our PONANT Blue Horizon and PONANT Science programmes, we are striving to reduce our impact on the terrestrial and marine environments and to contribute to international scientific research. Hybrid propulsion, recycling and waste and water treatment, environmental impact studies, collaborative construction with local populations, hosting scientists on board *Le Commandant Charcot...* Sustainable development plays an integral role in the way we design our ships and plan our voyages, but it also shapes the knowledge we share with you, our guests, who are the future ambassadors of each region we visit.



#### **Conscious travels**

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

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



#### A safe and modern fleet

We are one of only a few cruise companies to sail under the French flag, which represents the highest level of safety. We respect strict specifications regarding crew training, health and safety protocols, and regular checks on our vessels. Designed on a more intimate scale, with just 16 to 165 staterooms, our ships are equipped with the most advanced technology for safe and responsible sailing.



#### Lifestyle

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

#### On the PONANT table

Every day, delightful surprises await with a bountiful selection of dishes created with Ducasse Conseil. On the menu, you will find refined breakfasts, à la carte dishes and diverse buffets, home-made pastries, bread prepared and baked on board, and a range of afternoon teas and luxury product tastings (*pata negra*, caviar, gravlax salmon, etc.). On board *Le Commandant Charcot*, the options are evolving thanks to Nuna, Alain Ducasse's gastronomic restaurant, with a menu created by the Michelin-starred chef.





#### A complete package

On our voyages, everything is included: full board; drinks (excluding the premium menu); room service; internet access; entertainment and lectures; access to the fitness area, hammam and sauna; and water activities (except diving). For expedition voyages, help from our naturalist guides, excursions, outings and zodiac landings are included. In polar regions, we also offer parkas to keep and boots to rent.



#### Tailor-made journey

With our 'à la carte' service, you can book pre or post excursions and additional hotel nights with the help of our advisors. For certain hard-to-reach destinations, we offer private flights and land transportation.

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

#### Your advantages

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



Discover all our available offers:





#### Discover destinations you have been dreaming of at a glance!

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





## PONANT's experience recognised

Our unique concept, the quality of our fleet and our services have been repeatedly praised by industry professionals.



**'Best Expedition Line'** awarded to PONANT at the Cruise Passenger Readers' Choice Awards 2022.



'Best Luxury Tall Ship Cruises' awarded to Le Ponant at the Signature Luxury Travel & Style's Luxury Cruise Awards in 2022.



The Arctic on board Le Commandant Charcot among the 50 most beautiful places in the world -2022 TIME's **World's Greatest Places**.



*Le Commandant Charcot* winner of the prize **Expedition Cruise Ship of the Year 2021** during the 15th Edition of the Seatrade Voyage Awards.



**'Best Small Ship Ocean Cruise-Line'** awarded to Paul Gauguin Cruises by the *Travel + Leisure* magazine in 2022.



**'Best Expedition Ship Line'** awarded to PONANT by the *Condé Nast Traveler Readers Choice Awards* 2022.

See the complete list of our awards on **au.ponant.com**.



## THE ARCTIC AND THE AMERICAN FAR NORTH

Through the eyes of José Sarica

## The soul of the Great Lakes of North America

A doctor in marine biology with a passion for marine mammals, José Sarica has been using his expertise in the field as Expedition Experience Director for PONANT since 2009.

Although the company previously offered a trip to the Great Lakes of North America, the new offering in expedition mode promises to delight.



"We often think we know everything about the Great Lakes of North America. However, with our new routes, you can expect to experience unique moments and return home with an amazing new perspective on this part of the world. We have designed these expeditions hand in hand with the Great Canadian Lakes Association, for those who love human encounters and the great outdoors, as they are sure to lift the soul.

"We go to places where no expedition ship has ventured, such as the North Shore Inside Passage of Lake Superior, which we cross. This immersive trip is full of real gems that we will show you in expedition mode to get closer to nature and the local people. The experiences we give to our guests in this part of the world, accompanied by naturalist guides, allow them to rediscover their ability to wonder. On board inflatable Zodiacs", we set out to meet four local communities (Terrace Bay, Rossport, Red Rock and Silver Islet) on First Nations land.

"I remember moving human encounters, such as sharing a meal made up of traditional dishes (Lake Superior trout with maple syrup, blueberry or cranberry pies, etc.), and a touching exchange with the ageless keeper of the Battle Harbour lighthouse. The entrance to the red sandstone sea caves of the Apostle Islands, which can only be reached by kayak, amazed me. Finally, one of the highlights of this exploration is a trip in a handmade canoe to view thousands of years old petroglyphs carved on remarkable cliffs by First Nations people. And then, how can you not be fascinated by the immensity of the horizon that opens up to you? These majestic vistas, enhanced by the autumn-coloured boreal forests, give this tableau vivant a spectacular and hypnotic beauty."





#### Unforgettable encounters

In Greenland, visit Savissivik, Kullorsuaq, Dundas or Siorapaluk, some of the most northerly villages in the world, and discover Inuit customs, crafts and traditions in different communities.

On board *Le Commandant Charcot*, on the east coast of Greenland, meet the Inuit people as they emerge from winter, to share unique moments on the ice sheet.

All itineraries p. 24 and 25, p. 36 and 37 and The Northwest Passage, p. 39.

#### Arctic Canada: exclusive stopovers

Newfoundland and Labrador is a province in the far east of Canada, with diverse landscapes (fjords, glaciers, boreal forests), wildlife (polar bears, bowhead whales, orcas, ringed seals, narwhals and numerous seabirds) and a rich history, from Viking to Basque immigration, AP

#### The polar bear, king of the Great North

A symbol of the Arctic, the polar bear is found in both Greenland and Svalbard. The Inuit call him pisugtooq, 'the eternal wanderer'. This name takes on its full meaning when studying the bear movements tracked by the NGO WWF on its website: wwf-ap.org/tracker/polar-bear/svalbard.

Itineraries: Fjords and glaciers of Spitsbergen, p. 23; Expedition to the Thule Region, Baffin Bay Secrets , p. 25; Wilderness from Greenland to the East Coast of Canada, p. 27; and our departures aboard Le Commandant Charcot, p. 36-39.

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volcanoes, both active and inactive, are scattered across Iceland. This concentration is explained by the island's location on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge between Europe and North America, an area where tectonic plates move apart, creating numerous fracture zones. *Itinerary: Icelandic mosaic, p. 22.* 



#### Wild, remote Alaska

We offer a unique sailing experience in Prince William Sound. This labyrinth of islets, icebergs and narrow fjords, surrounded by Sitka spruce trees, is home to otters, orcas, grizzly bears, bald eagles, sea lions and humpback whales. This voyage also provides an opportunity to see the imposing Harvard and Bryn Mawr glaciers on the horizon.

Itinerary: Alaska, nature on a grand scale, p. 32.

all to be discovered during the seven new stopovers that we are offering this season.

Itineraries: Wilderness from Greenland to the East Coast of Canada and Expedition from Greenland to Canada via Saint-Pierre and Miquelon, p. 27; Expedition along Saint Lawrence, p. 29.





## Icelandic mosaic



Reykjavík • Reykjavík | 8 days/7 nights | Le Bellot: 22nd June, 27th July and 3rd August 2024 | from AU\$8,480 (1)



#### Highlights:

Optional Golden Circle excursion to explore the three most emblematic sites in Iceland • Landscapes including vast glaciers, breathtaking fjords, volcanic rock, basalt pillars, jagged cliffs and geysers • Wildlife including Atlantic puffins\*, Northern gannets\*, Arctic terns, Minke whales, humpback whales and Icelandic horses • Learning from a passionate lecturer on board • The port of call in Grímsey, close to the Arctic Circle.

\*Except for August departures.

#### DONANT Smithsonian

See website for an enriched departure on 15th June, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

#### Enhance your voyage

#### The Golden Circle

From Reykjavík, visit the UNESCO-listed Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss Falls and Geysir, an incredible open-air geothermal area. These three must-see Icelandic sites will show you exactly why the country is known as the land of 'ice and fire'. 9 h - 🔇 🔊 🕲





#### Icelandic adventure and wellness

Before your voyage, explore the Thórsmörk Valley, home to glaciers, waterfalls and cascades, and enjoy some relaxation time at the Secret Lagoon, a natural hot spring. Explore the Geysir geothermal area, Thingvellir National Park, Icelandic agriculture and Reykjavík on a panoramic tour. Immerse yourself in the natural and cultural heart of the country. *3 nights* 

You can find the complete list of our programmes, excursions and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Pre- and post-voyage programmes must be booked prior to departure. Excursions are invoiced on board. The number of () indicates a price range. Find out more on p. 16.



### Fjords and glaciers of Spitsbergen



Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Boréal*: 9th and 16th June 2024 | *Le Lyrial*: 28th May, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th June, 16th and 23rd July 2024 | from AU\$14,430 <sup>(1)</sup>



#### Highlights:

11th June departure: enjoying the exceptional presence of French actress and movie director Géraldine Danon • The history of Spitsbergen connected to hunting and fishing, the mining industry and polar exploration, with the possibility of discovering Ny-Ålesund • Scenic sailing between dazzling blue sky or mysterious polar mist • Landscapes including icebergs, ice caps, striated cliffs, gigantic glaciers, glacier fronts, tundra; possibility of observing the ice floe • Wildlife including polar bears, Arctic foxes, Svalbard reindeer, walruses, bearded seals, harbour seals, Arctic fulmars and terns, blacklegged kittiwakes, eiders, guillemots, blue whales, minke whales and orcas • The possibility of hiking.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: return flights Paris/Longyearbyen and transfers.





### Greenland of Great Explorers

Longyearbyen • Kangerlussuaq | 15 days/14 nights | Le Boréal: 23rd June 2024 | from AU\$23,590 (1)



#### Highlights:

Exploring the East coast of Greenland and its pristine territories once trodden by the first French explorers • The Ittoqqortoormiit region, at the mouth of the largest fjord network in the world, the Scoresby Sound • Visit traditional villages and meet local Inuit communities • Landscapes including fjords, glaciers, icebergs, tundra, ice cap and ice floes • Wildlife including Arctic terns, musk oxen, Arctic foxes and hares, whales, seals and orcas • Hiking opportunity.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: return flights to and from Paris, as well as transfers.



## Expedition to the edge of the Ice Sheet

Reykjavík • Kangerlussuaq | 14 days/13 nights | Le Lyrial: 12th August 2024 | from AU\$19,520 (1)



#### Highlights:

UNESCO site: Ilulissat Icefjord • Visit traditional villages and Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, and meet local Inuit communities • Following in the footsteps of the Vikings, from the east coast of Greenland to Hvalsø, home to ancient remains • Discovering Disko Bay, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you will see the largest icebergs in the Northern Hemisphere and the Eqi Glacier • Wildlife including humpback whales, orcas, seals, musk oxen and Arctic foxes • Hiking opportunity.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: transfer after disembarkation and single flight Kangerlussuaq/Paris.

## Disko Bay and Inuit villages

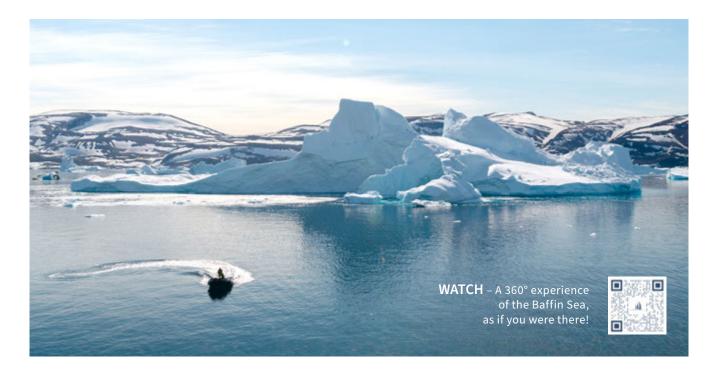
Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq | 8 days/7 nights | Le Boréal: 21st August 2024 | from AU\$16,000 (1)



#### Highlights:

Enjoying the exceptional presence of French writer and explorer Nicolas Vanier • Visit traditional villages and meet local Inuit communities • Disko Bay, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the Northern Hemisphere's largest icebergs • Landscapes including fjords, jagged mountains, glaciers, tundra, sheer cliffs and polar ice cap • Wildlife including arctic terns, musk oxen, whales and seals • Hiking opportunity.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: return flights Paris/Kangerlussuaq and transfers.





## Expedition to the Thule Region



Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq | 17 days/16 nights | Le Boréal: 20th July and 5th August 2024 | from AU\$28,830 (1)



#### Highlights:

Disko Bay, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the Northern Hemisphere's largest icebergs • Sailing between the ice floes and icebergs in the region of Thule • Discovering traditional villages among the northernmost in the world • Meet local Inuit communities • Landscapes including tundra, ice cap, glaciers, icebergs and ice floe • Wildlife including polar bears, humpback whales, Arctic terns, belugas, bearded seals, orcas and narwhals.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: return flights Paris/Kangerlussuaq and transfers.

### Baffin Bay secrets

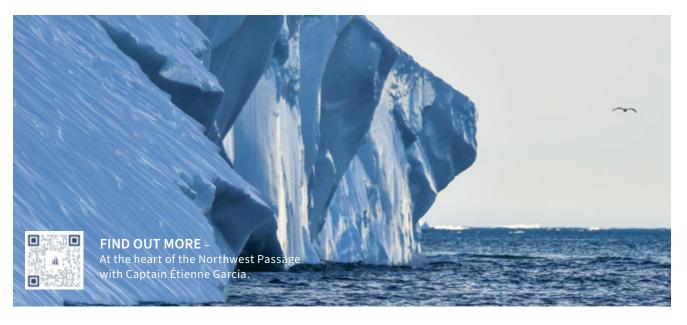
Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq | 14 days/13 nights | Le Boréal: 7th July 2024 | from AU\$27,020 (1)



#### Highlights:

Visit traditional villages and meet local Inuit communities • Disko Bay, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the Northern Hemisphere's largest icebergs • Landscapes including ice floes, jagged mountains, icebergs, ice caps, steep-sided valleys, sheer cliffs and huge glaciers • Wildlife including polar bears, Arctic terns, walruses, whales and musk oxen • Hiking opportunity.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: return flights Paris/Kangerlussuaq and transfers.





### The Northwest Passage, in the wake of Roald Amundsen



Kangerlussuaq • Nome | 23 days/22 nights | Le Boréal: 28th August 2024 | from AU\$35,010 (1)



#### Highlights:

The possibility of meeting the Greenlandic and Canadian Inuit people in Holman and Gjoa Haven • The discovery of Amundsen's wintering site in Gjoa Haven, near the mythical shipwrecks of John Franklin's *HMS Erebus* and *HMS Terror* • In Fort Ross, discovering the remains of a former whalingand fur-trading post • Disko Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Wildlife including Arctic foxes, sea birds, belugas, narwhals, bowhead whales, humpback whales, muskox, walruses; possibility of seeing polar bears.

> Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: flights Paris/Kangerlussuaq and Nome/Seattle, as well as transfers.

#### Enhance your voyage



#### COMFORT PACKAGE Paris - Charles de Gaulle

For flights selected by PONANT to/from Kangerlussuaq or Longyearbyen, enjoy an overnight stay at the 4-star Pullman Roissy CDG hotel and a transfer to/from the hotel and the airport terminal.

1 night

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## Wilderness from Greenland to the East Coast of Canada



Kangerlussuaq • Saint-Pierre Island, Saint-Pierre and Miquelon | 15 days/14 nights | Le Lyrial: 25th August 2024 | from AU\$20,610 (1)



#### Highlights:

Witnessing the shores of the Labrador region, its fjords, mountains, huge lakes, and rich biodiversity • Exploring the island of Newfoundland, its rich history between Viking and Basque immigrations and its sumptuous scenery, to be enjoyed in particular during unforgettable hikes • Landscapes including drifting iceberg, jagged mountains, crystal-clear lakes, sheer cliffs, fjords, glaciers, peat bogs and boreal forests • Wildlife including polar bears, muskox, seals, whales, thick-billed murres and gannets.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: flights Paris/Kangerlussuaq and Saint-Pierre and Miquelon/Montreal, as well as transfers.

## Expedition from Greenland to Canada via Saint-Pierre and Miquelon



Reykjavík • Toronto | 16 days/15 nights | Le Bellot: 10th August 2024 | Le Champlain: 13th August 2024 | from AU\$14,610 (1)



#### Highlights:

Exploring UNESCO World Heritage Sites: L'Anse-aux-Meadows, a Viking archeological site from the 11th century; the old city of Québec • Observing marine mammals in Tadoussac, at the mouth of the Saguenay River • Travelling up the St. Lawrence, one of the largest rivers in the world, with an immense and wild shoreline • Landscapes including fjords, rugged mountains, glaciers, tundra, sheer cliffs and polar ice cap • Wildlife including seabirds, caribous, musk oxen, whales and orcas • Hiking opportunity.



A unique experience! For the first time, PONANT will take you on an expedition to experience the five Great Lakes, an unprecedented voyage. Explore their shores in the company of our naturalist guides, specialists in the local area.



## Expedition in the heart of the American Great Lakes

Milwaukee • Toronto | 11 days/10 nights | Le Champlain: 24th September 2024 | from AU\$14,030 (1)



#### Highlights:

Exploring the scenery and the history of four Great Lakes of North America, from the First Nations to the first settlements • Three new ports of call in Killarney, Midland and Point Pelee National Park • From Sault Ste. Marie and Port Colborne, the possibility of experiencing, respectively, Chippewa Falls and Niagara Falls • Wildlife including brown bears, raccoons, reindeer, elk, endemic and migratory birds • Hiking and kayaking opportunities.

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## Lake Superior – a life-sized expedition

Milwaukee • Thunder Bay | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Champlain*: 4th September 2024 | from AU\$11,600 <sup>(1)</sup> Thunder Bay • Milwaukee | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Champlain*: 14th September 2024 | from AU\$11,600 <sup>(1)</sup>



#### Highlights:

Sailing during the Indian summer on three of the five Great Lakes of North America • An all-new port of call in Sturgeon Bay • The possibility of hiking in the heart of the majestic boreal forest • Interacting with the Canadian communities of Silver Islet, Terrace Bay, Rossport and Red Rock, and learning about their traditions, in communion with nature • Landscapes including jagged coasts, cliffs, red sandstone caves, vineyards, orchards, primary forest and islands • Wildlife including numerous bird species (bald eagles, black-capped chickadees, cedar waxwings, etc.); the possibility of observing caribou, raccoons and American black bears • Canoeing and Kayaking opportunities.

## **Expedition along Saint Lawrence**



Saint-Pierre Island, Saint-Pierre and Miquelon • Montreal | 12 days/11 nights | Le Lyrial: 8th September 2024 | from AU\$14,250 (1)



#### **Highlights:**

The island of Newfoundland, its rich history between Viking and Basque immigrations and its sumptuous scenery, to be explored in particular during unforgettable hikes • The exploration of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence River, with the possibility of observing many sea mammals • Sailing on the Saint Lawrence • The city of Québec and its historic centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Wildlife including white-tailed deer, snowy owls, bald eagles, gannets, Atlantic puffins, razorbills, grey and harbour seals, blue, beluga and minke.

> Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: after disembarkation, the flight Montreal/Saint-Pierre and Miquelon and transfer.

## Natalie Dessay and her friends, on the Great Lakes

Milwaukee • Toronto | 8 days/7 nights | Le Bellot: 13th October 2024 | from AU\$9,100 (1)





#### **Highlights:**

UNESCO World Heritage Site of Biosphere Reserve of Georgian Bay • An itinerary combining nature and culture: picturesque landscapes, geological curiosities, the history of the Native Americans, charming villages, and metropolises bearing witness to North American economic vitality . Possibility of excursion to Niagara Falls.

A musical voyage in partnership with RADIO CLASSIQUE, with the presence of Alain Duault, Natalie Dessay (soprano) and an exceptional musical line-up.



See website for enriched departures on 28th August and 11th October, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

#### Enhance your voyage



#### Chicago, city of art

Before or after your voyage, from Milwaukee, head to Chicago for four days of art immersion. The city is an authentic open-air museum, bewitching visitors with its many works of art by Picasso, Miró and Chagall scattered here and there, its skyscrapers and buildings with fascinating architecture and its famous museums. As an option, enjoy a jazz night in an intimate club after dinner at a restaurant renowned for its local-style barbecues.

3 nights

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A remote territory, the largest state in the United States, Alaska is a dreamlike place where time seems to stand still. Capturing the imagination of wilderness lovers and history buffs – that of trappers, gold seekers and native peoples – Alaska touches the traveller's heart.

## Alaska, nature on a grand scale



Seward • Vancouver | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Soléal*: 8th June and 18th August 2024 | from AU\$12,040 <sup>(1)</sup> Vancouver • Seward | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Soléal*: 7th and 29th August 2024 | from AU\$11,340 <sup>(1)</sup>



#### **Highlights:**

Visiting traditional villages and meeting the peoples of the Far North • Exploring Alaska's majestic landscapes during scenic cruising or hikes, outings in local boats or tender motorboats • Diving into the history of the region, particularly that of trappers and gold hunters • Voyaging to some of Alaska's most beautiful glaciers, particularly in the Tsaa Fjord or Prince William Sound • Landscapes including fjords, glaciers, primary forests and temperate rainforests • Wildlife including humpback whales, orcas, brown bears, grizzlies, sea otters, Steller sea lions and bald eagles.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: the night in Anchorage and transfer before embarkation in Seward or, after disembarkation in Seward, the transfer to the airport of Anchorage.



## Emblematic Alaska

Vancouver • Sitka | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Soléal*: 19th June 2024 | from AU\$8,660 <sup>(1)</sup> Sitka • Vancouver | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Soléal*: 27th June 2024 | from AU\$8,660 <sup>(1)</sup> Sitka • Vancouver | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Soléal*: 13th July 2024 | from AU\$7,750 <sup>(1)</sup>



#### Highlights:

Exploring Alaska's majestic landscapes during scenic cruising along the country's temperate rainforests • Visiting traditional villages and meeting the peoples of the Far North, particularly the Kwakwaka'wakw and Tlingit communities, in Alert Bay and Kake • Landscapes and wildlife including fjords, glaciers, primary forests; humpback whales, orcas, brown bears, grizzlies, sea otters, Steller sea lions and bald eagles.

19th June departure: see website for more details about the stopovers.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: flight Seattle/Sitka and transfer before embarkation, or transfer and flight Sitka/Seattle after disembarkation.



See website for enriched departures on 5th and 20th July, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

## Majestic Alaska



Sitka • Vancouver | 11 days/10 nights | Le Soléal: 28th July 2024 | from AU\$10,520 (1)



#### Highlights:

Exploring Alaska's majestic landscapes during scenic cruising or hikes, outings in local boats or tender motorboats • Exploring British Colombia and discovering the Pearse Islands, home to many birds and marine mammals • Meet the peoples of the Far North, particularly the Kwakwaka'wakw and Tlingit communities, in Alert Bay and Kake • Landscapes including fjords, glaciers and primary forests • Wildlife including humpback whales, orcas, brown bears, grizzlies, sea otters, Steller sea lions and bald eagles.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: flight Seattle/Sitka and transfer before embarkation.

#### Enhance your voyage



## The Canadian Rockies by train

Board a luxury scenic train for a journey through Canada's beautiful UNESCO-listed Banff and Jasper National Parks. You will travel through some of Canada's wildest and most spectacular terrain.

6 or 7 nights depending on departure

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### LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

The world's only luxury icebreaker

The first French ship to reach the North Pole, and the only French ship of scientific opportunity capable of navigating through the ice, *Le Commandant Charcot* offers you the experience of a uniquely different polar adventure.

#### LEGENDARY ROUTES

William Baffin, Roald Amundsen, Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Paul-Émile Victor... The sea routes of the Far North are studded with the names of the great polar explorers. Retrace legendary routes and discover almost completely unexplored and unmapped coasts and shores on board *Le Commandant Charcot.* 

#### **RESPECT FOR THE ECOSYSTEMS**

*Le Commandant Charcot* is packed with the most advanced technologies available in terms of reducing its impact on the environments visited. In particular, this first ever hybridelectric liquefied natural gas powered extreme polar exploration ship combines energy recycling and quayside onshore power connections with waste reduction and elimination of single-use plastics.

#### A UNIQUELY GUIDED EXPERIENCE

The captains, officers and expedition team on board have in-depth knowledge of the polar regions. They ensure your safety while at the same time guaranteeing you the best possible experience each day. Made up of 23 experts – unique for polar voyages – the expedition team makes it possible for you to better understand the poles.

#### **IMMERSIVE ACTIVITIES**

The expedition team includes highly qualified specialists accompanying you on unique activities. Ice fishing, polar diving, kayaking, snowshoeing or trekking on foot at different levels, long-distance polar treks or dog sledding (on some departures): experience the Far North and get as close as possible to nature and local cultures.

#### SCIENCE ON BOARD

In keeping with our aim of promoting a more sustainable form of tourism, we actively support scientific research through the PONANT Science Project. On board *Le Commandant Charcot*, international researchers can perform the same measurements year after year at often inaccessible sites and continuously record the data collected, thus furthering knowledge about these environments on an international scale.

#### A SUBLIMELY ENHANCED POLAR EXPERIENCE

Le Commandant Charcot features spaces never before seen on board our fleet. The Blue Lagoon (an outdoor pool heated using recuperated energy), the indoor pool, the snow cabin, the detox bar and the uninterrupted exterior promenade deck provide complete connection with the outside scenery. When it comes to eating and dining, the signature dishes of Alain Ducasse are the finishing touch to a menu specially designed by the Michelin-starred chef.

#### **New: discover the PONANT podcast!** A PICK-UP GAME ON THE ICE



The crew of *Le Commandant Charcot* and the Inuit played an impromptu soccer match... on the fastice.

Listen as naturalist-guide Laura Jourdan recounts the incredible experience.



### Inuit spring of Ammassalik

Reykjavík • Reykjavík | 11 days/10 nights | Le Commandant Charcot: 16th, 26th April and 6th May 2024 | from AU\$24,240 (1)



#### Highlights:

Discover the spring traditions of the Inuit people of the Ammassalik region and be transported during a dog sled outing, an activity designed with our hosts • The opportunity to take part in a polar trek, a signature experience • Exploring the Blosseville Coast • Travelling across the Denmark Strait • Exploring the region of Ammassalik, on board or on the ice floe • Landscapes including ice cap, fjords, icebergs caught in the ice, calving glaciers, patches of ice floe drifting from the North Pole and compression ridges • Wildlife including blue and humpback whales, polar bears, seals and sea birds.



#### Nordic skiing polar trek, an immersion in the heart of Greenland

- A brand new experience
- Two days of Nordic ski trekking and one night in a tent
- 10 passengers accompanied by Greenlandic guides and a naturalist guide
- A unique opportunity to immerse yourself in Inuit culture
- An intense emotional experience in the immensity and sheer beauty of the wilderness, at a time of year when only *Le Commandant Charcot* is present on site

Price: AU\$1,550 per person





# Inuit spring at the edge of Scoresby Sound

Reykjavík • Reykjavík | 13 days/12 nights | Le Commandant Charcot: 16th May 2024 | from AU\$29,100 (1)



#### **Highlights:**

Discover the spring traditions of the Inuit people of the Ittoqqortoormiit region and be transported during a dog sled outing, an activity designed with our hosts • The region of Ittoqqortoormiit, where the last hunters of the polar region live, at the entrance to Scoresby Sound, the world's largest network of fjords • Landscapes including fjords, glaciers, icebergs, polar ice cap, patches of ice floe drifting from the North Pole and hummocks • Wildlife including blue and humpback whales, polar bears, seals, Arctic foxes and sea birds.

# Northeast Greenland's unexplored sea ice

Reykjavík • Reykjavík | 15 days/14 nights | Le Commandant Charcot: 28th May and 11th June 2024 | from AU\$33,940 (1)



### **Highlights:**

Exploring the coast of Blosseville and the north-east of Greenland, untouched remote region in the early Arctic summer, amid the ice carried along the Transpolar Drift • 28th May departure: experience dog sledding, at the heart of Inuit culture, an activity designed with our hosts • Exploring the region of Ittoqqortoormiit, where the last hunters of the polar region live, at the entrance to gigantic Scoresby Sound • Landscapes including fjords, glaciers, icebergs, polar ice cap and hummocks • Wildlife including blue and humpback whales, polar bears, narwhals, seals, muskoxen, Arctic foxes, orcas and sea birds.



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

# The Geographic North Pole & Scoresby Sound



Longyearbyen • Reykjavík | 17 days/16 nights | Le Commandant Charcot: 26th July and 26th September 2024 | from AU\$61,320 (1)



## **Highlights:**

Be among the few people in the world to go in search of the Geographic North Pole • Enjoying the unique experience of sailing through the heart of the ice floe and discovering the endless variety of forms and states of the ice • Explore the Scoresby Sound, the world's largest network of fjords • 26th September departure: the possibility of observing the phenomenon of the Northern Lights\* • Wildlife including whales, polar bears, narwhals, seals, muskoxen, Arctic foxes and orcas.

\*Depending on the opportunities provided by the weather conditions.



**26th July departure**: a voyage in partnership with the French think tank *Le Cercle Polaire*, as part of the 'Women at the Poles' operation, and with the exceptional presence of its president and founder Laurent Mayet.

# In the ice of the Arctic, from Greenland to Svalbard



Reykjavík • Longyearbyen | 17 days/16 nights | Le Commandant Charcot: 25th June 2024 | from AU\$47,790 (1)



## **Highlights:**

Explore the ice to the north-east of Greenland, inaccessible to traditional ships in late spring • Enjoy the Søraust-Svalbard Nature Reserve, the second largest protected area in Norway • Sail in the Hinlopen Strait, infiltrated by ice and connecting Spitsbergen to Nordaustlandet, Europe's largest ice cap • Landscapes including fjords, glaciers, icebergs, ice floes, polar ice cap and tundra • Wildlife including polar bears, walruses, Arctic foxes, Svalbard reindeer, whales and sea birds.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: transfer from port to airport after disembarkation and flight Longyearbyen/Paris.

## Enhance your voyage

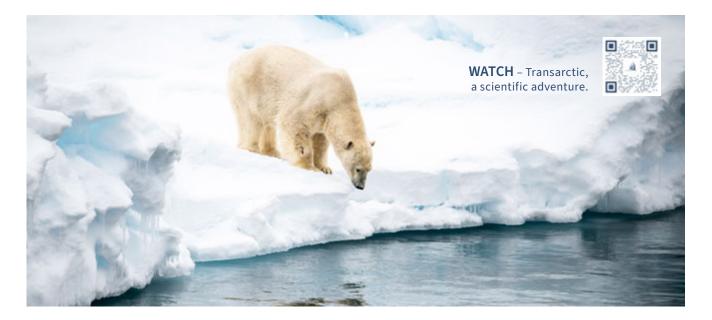


## Adventure at the edge of the Arctic

Before or after your voyage, explore Longyearbyen, the world's northernmost town, and its surroundings. In terms of culture, you can visit the old coal mine or Svalbard Museum. In terms of nature, this programme includes a dog-sledding trip and an opportunity to explore the surrounding fjords. Combine all of this with the comfort of the 5-star Funken Lodge, the bliss of semi-gourmet meals and a tasting at a local brasserie. *3 nights* 

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## Transarctic, the quest for the two North Poles



Nome • Longyearbyen | 21 days/20 nights | Le Commandant Charcot: 6th September 2024 | from AU\$69,520 (1)



## **Highlights:**

Be among the first people in the world to undertake a transarctic crossing and sett off in search of the Geographic and Magnetic North Pole, following in the wake of the pioneers of polar exploration • Discover the research work of an on-board international scientific mission, comprised of more than 20 researchers, during lectures and round tables • Depending on the weather conditions, the possibility of observing the phenomenon of the Northern Lights near the Bering Strait • Wildlife including polar bears, walruses, Arctic foxes, Svalbard reindeer and whales.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: flights Seattle/Nome and Longyearbyen/Paris, as well as transfers.



## The Northwest Passage

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**Reykjavík • Nome** | 25 days/24 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: **12th August 2024** | from AU\$62,030 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Cross the Northwest Passage by a unique maritime route, long coveted by the great explorers, only accessible thanks to *Le Commandant Charcot* • Meet the Inuit communities of the west coast of Greenland and discover its capital Nuuk • Landscapes including icy channels, fjords, vast expanses of ice floe, myriads of jagged islands, blue-toned glaciers, mountain chains and tundra • Wildlife including Arctic foxes, sea birds, belugas, bowhead whales, walruses and the possibility of seeing polar bears.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: flights Nome/Seattle and transfer.

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



# NORTHERN EUROPE AND THE ATLANTIC

Through the eyes of Alain Bidart

# Wild flight in the archipelagoes of Northern Europe

Alain Bidart is a doctor of fluid mechanics and an ornithologist. He took part in scientific expeditions to Antarctica and the Pacific before devoting himself to expeditionary travel. Since 2010, he has been a naturalist guide for PONANT.





"I was captivated by the beauty of the British Isles. I particularly like the Scottish islands because of the way the people and the still wild natural environment live together in harmony. The different archipelagoes of Northern Europe share certain common features: green landscapes, isolated villages, a rich Celtic culture, large houses and gardens in the British style.

"However, each region also has its own character. The Hebrides are the most populated islands, with a wide variety of birds and plants, historic sites and wild islands. The Shetlands and Orkneys are short-grassed islands populated by sheep, seabirds and coastal birds, and few people. Lastly, the landscape of the Faroe Islands is similar to that of the Shetlands, but the culture there is Scandinavian. Guests will have plenty of time to observe the breathtaking scenery and stunning wildlife at close quarters on shore and on Zodiac<sup>®</sup> trips. These agile craft enable us to reach virtually inaccessible wilderness areas under excellent safety conditions.

"It's the seabirds and their colonies in these regions that fascinate me most: northern gannets, black-legged kittiwakes, common guillemots, razorbills... On Lunga Island, you'll get the chance to see Atlantic puffins. I have a soft spot for these delightful birds with their colourful beaks, which are easy to approach. On Saint Kilda, the seabird colonies, including northern gannets, are also fascinating to watch. I also love it when nature surprises us. One day in the Hebrides, although they are very rarely seen, two huge basking sharks slipped effortlessly and majestically between our inflatable boats. An unforgettable experience!"



## Did you know?

The name of Madeira's vibrant capital, Funchal, comes from the word funcho which means 'fennel' in Portuguese. When the first Portuguese landed there in the 15th century, they found that wild fennel grew abundantly on the site of the present town.

Itinerary: Volcanic islands and historic cities of the North Atlantic, p. 53.



## Hanseatic architecture

Red bricks, Gothic heritage, buildings with stepped gables, proximity to the docks: it is easy to spot the old Hanseatic towns. Across the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, the architecture dialogues, recounting this rich history of commercial and cultural exchange.

All itineraries including stopovers in Bergen, Gdansk, Riga, Tallinn and Visby.

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This season, thanks to numerous scouting missions carried out by our experts, we are offering21 new stopovers in the far-flung British islands, Norway and the Canary islands.



## Legendary sites

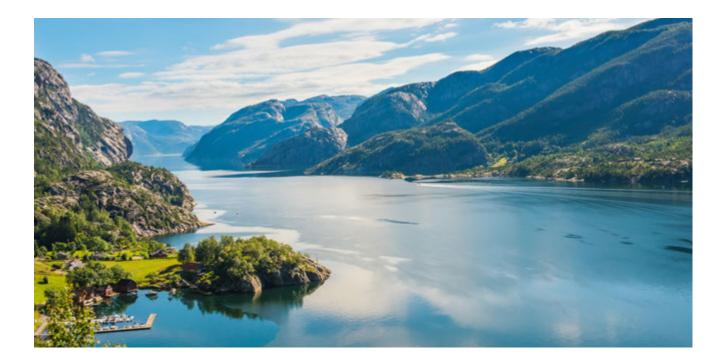
Standing stone circles, tombs with burial chambers, tumuli, menhirs, etc. Numerous archaeological sites dating from the Megalithic period are scattered throughout these British islands. The majority of them are classified as UNESCO World Heritage sites, and add to the mystical quality of these legendary lands.

Itineraries: all routes on pp. 46-47; Journey along Celtic shores, p. 48.

## Viking heritage

Longships, relics, everyday objects, and more: intrepid explorers, the Vikings left their mark on the British islands. Pay attention to the street names in Lerwick, for example, and you will appreciate the enduring legacy they created.

All itineraries including stopovers in the Shetland, Orkney and Faroe islands, in the Isle of Man, as well as Oslo, Trondheim, Harstad and Nordfjordeid in Norway.



# Norway, between the Scandinavian peninsula and the High Arctic



Tromsø • Longyearbyen | 9 days/8 nights | Le Lyrial: 20th May 2024 | from AU\$11,750 (1)



## Highlights:

A brand-new voyage into the Porsangerfjorden to explore Reinøya Island and its nature reserve as well as the village of Lakselv, a new port of call, only a few kilometres away from the North Cape • Sail into the heart of the Spitsbergen fjords to discover majestic glaciers, icebergs, ice caps • Wildlife including Minke whales, Arctic foxes and terns, Svalbard reindeers, walruses, Atlantic puffins, numerous sea birds, maybe polar bears.

Included in your voyage <sup>(2)</sup>: flights Paris/Tromsø and Longyearbyen/Paris, as well as transfers.

# From Scotland to Spitsbergen



Glasgow • Longyearbyen | 14 days/13 nights | Le Boréal: 27th May 2024 | from AU\$15,820 (1)



### Highlights:

Explore four archipelagos: the Hebrides, Shetland Islands, Lofoten Islands, Svalbard archipelago • An all-new port of call at Callanish, on the Isle of Lewis, renowned for its megalithic site • In the Shetland Islands, discover Viking heritage and culture with the port of call on the island of Mousa • Cross the Arctic Circle • Landscapes of Spitsbergen including fjords, ice floes, icebergs, ice caps, huge glaciers • Wildlife including Minke whale, Arctic foxes and terns, Svalbard reindeer, seals, walruses, maybe polar bears.

Included in your voyage<sup>(2)</sup>: transfer between the port and the airport after disembarkation, single flight Longyearbyen/Paris.

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

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 Bergen • Oslo
 8 days/7 nights
 Le Champlain: 6th July 2024
 from AU\$10,410 <sup>(1)</sup>

 Oslo • Bergen
 8 days/7 nights
 Le Champlain: 13th and 27th July 2024
 from AU\$7,980 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Sail in the heart of the Norwegian fjords, between steep cliffs, crystalclear waters and lush vegetation • 13th July departure: a call in Nordfjordeid, where ancient Viking communities lived • Sail in the Lysefjord, flanked by granite cliffs several hundred metres high, and/or the Geiranger Fjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and/or the possibility of a walk at the foot of the Briksdal glacier, from Olden • Enjoy the emblematic Art Nouveau architecture in Ålesund.



See website for an enriched departure on 20th July, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

# The Sirba Octet on the North Sea

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Glasgow • Bergen | 8 days/7 nights | Le Champlain: 18th May 2024 | from AU\$7,320 (1)



## Highlights:

Explore the Heart of Neolithic Orkney, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • In Shetland Islands, discover the Viking heritage and culture • Opportunity to walk at the foot of the most beautiful glaciers in Europe, the Briksdal, from Olden • Before your voyage: the opportunity to visit Glasgow, city of creative energy and music capital of the United Kingdom.

A musical voyage in partnership with **RADIO CLASSIQUE**, with the presence of **Alain Duault** and an exceptional musical line-up.

See website for enriched departures on 8th and 15th June,

in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

# From the Scottish archipelago to the Arctic Circle



Edinburgh • Tromsø | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Lyrial*: 11th May 2024 | from AU\$9,780 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Heart of Neolithic Orkney; from Brønnøysund, Vega Archipelago • All-new ports of call in Scrabster, Trondheim, Brønnøysund and Harstad • Cross the Arctic Circle • Discover Viking heritage in the Orkneys, in Trondheim and Harstad • Possibility of visiting the Royal residence, the Castle of Mey, in Scrabster • Two ports of call in the Lofoten islands, home to many colonies of seabirds • Landscapes including moors, fjords, age-old coniferous forests, steep cliffs, basalt caves.

**Included in your voyage** <sup>(2)</sup>: transfer between the port and the airport after disembarkation, single flight Tromsø/Paris.

# Scottish archipelagos and the Faroe Islands: Nordic heritage and island identities



Glasgow • Glasgow | 10 days/9 nights | Le Boréal: 18th May 2024 | from AU\$10,550 (1)



#### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Heart of Neolithic Orkney (Skara Brae and Brodgar Circle), Saint Kilda Islands • Five new port of calls: Oban, Loch Ewe (including a visit to the Inverewe Garden), Scalloway, Foula, Saint Kilda • Discover archaeological sites dating back to the Neolithic period • An allnew expedition around Handa Island with its seabirds perched on the cliffs • Landscapes including volcanic islands, lochs, heather moorlands, peat fields, sandstone cliffs, lush valleys • Wildlife including gannets, crested cormorants, fulmars, eiders, puffins, golden eagles, red squirrels, red deers, seals, otters and sheep.

# Shetland, Faroe, Iceland: wild islands and lands of legends



Bergen • Reykjavík | 11 days/10 nights | Le Champlain: 3rd August 2024 | from AU\$14,900 (1)

#### Norway ICELAND Sea East REYKJAVÍK FAROF ISLANDS Heimaey Eysturoy Island NORWAY Suðuroy Island l erwick BERGEN Hardangerfjord North Atlantic Kirkwall Ocean UNITED North Sea KINGDOM

#### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Bryggen, former Hanseatic port of Bergen; the Heart of Neolithic Orkney • On the Shetland and Orkney islands, discover exceptional archaeological sites • Exploration of the Faroe Islands and of territories deeply steeped in Viking and Scandinavian heritage • Hiking opportunities • Landscapes including volcanic islands, black sandy beaches, waterfalls, glaciers, icebergs, heather moors, lowlands • Wildlife including whales, orcas, grey seals and bird colonies.

## Enhance your voyage



## Norwegian railway adventure

Between Oslo and Bergen, you will board your train for an escape into the heart of Norwegian nature. Some sections, such as Bergen-Voss, are considered among the most beautiful train journeys in the world. On the way, your stops will take you from prolific orchards to green fjords, from superb waterfalls to authentic villages, from culinary discoveries to four-star hotels.

3 nights

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# Shetland, Orkney and Hebrides

Rosyth (Edinburgh) • Glasgow | 8 days/7 nights | Le Bellot: 10th May 2024 | from AU\$7,230 (1)



## Highlights:

Sail into the heart of Celtic shores, lands of magic and legends • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Old town and the New town of Edinburgh; the Heart of Neolithic Orkney • Discover three archipelagos: Shetland, Orkney and Hebrides • In Orkney Islands, observe sea birds, gannets and crested cormorants in their natural environment • In Shetland Islands, explore the Viking heritage and culture • After your voyage: the opportunity to visit Glasgow, city of creative energy and music capital of the United Kingdom.

# The Hebrides archipelago, a journey deep into the heart of the wilderness



Dublin • Glasgow | 10 days/9 nights | Le Boréal: 9th May 2024 | from AU\$10,160 (1)



## Highlights:

From Portrush, visit the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO site • The Isle of Man, its Celtic and Viking influences • The exploration of eight new ports of call: Portrush, Rathlin Island, Lunga, Canna, Rothesay; Loch Scavaig and Lochmaddy (with hiking opportunities); Callanish, on the Isle of Lewis, renowned for its megalithic site • Landscapes including lochs, volcanic islands, cliffs, basaltic organs, dunes, sandy beaches, heather moors, wild marshes, granite hills, stone circles, cairns, remarkable gardens • Wildlife including many species of sea birds, harbour and grey seals and ponies.

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



# British archipelagos and Celtic shores

Saint-Malo • Dublin | 8 days/7 nights | Le Lyrial: 27th April 2024 | Le Boréal: 2nd May 2024 | from AU\$5,760 (1)



### Highlights:

Dublin, city of literature, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • New ports of call: Herm Island, Fowey and Bantry • Experience the wild and romantic landscapes of Guernsey and the Isles of Scilly • Dartmouth, a small, peaceful English town located on the banks of the Dart estuary • Landscapes including the melancholic and wild beauty in the south of England and lush meadows, craggy cliffs, small colourful villages, peat bogs and moors of Ireland.

2nd May departure: the stop in Cork is replaced with a stop in Cobh.

# lourney along Celtic shores 🈂

Dublin • Edinburgh | 8 days/7 nights | Le Lyrial: 4th May 2024 | from AU\$6,830 (1)



#### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Dublin, city of literature; from Belfast, the mysterious Giant's Causeway; the Heart of Neolithic Orkney; the Old town and the New town of Edinburgh • Explore a brand-new port of call, Invergordon, gateway to the legendary Loch Ness • In Orkney Islands, observe sea birds, gannets and crested cormorants in their natural environment • Landscapes including deep forests, immaculate moors, majestic cliffs and wooded glens.

# Celtic secrets and landscapes

London • Glasgow | 8 days/7 nights | Le Champlain: 11th May 2024 | from AU\$6,130 (1)



#### **Highlights:**

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Dublin, city of literature; from Belfast, the mysterious Giant's Causeway site; the Jurassic Coast, famous for its fossils and its dinosaur footprints • A brand-new stop on the Isle of Portland, where landscapes include limestone coastline and verdant plains • Dartmouth, a small, peaceful English town located on the banks of the Dart estuary • Explore the Isles of Scilly, where long sandy beaches lie alongside green fields and ruins of old castles.

FIND OUT MORE – A curiosity: the 40,000 basalt columns of the Giant's Causeway.



# Celtic voyage: the Hebrides and the Irish Sea

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London • Glasgow | 9 days/8 nights | Le Dumont-d'Urville: 21st May 2024 | from AU\$9,480 (1)



#### Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • Experience UNESCO World Heritage sites along the way: Canterbury Cathedral, Edward I's Caernarfon Castle, and the Giant's Causeway on the Antrim Coast • Sail along the River Thames from London Bridge to the White Cliffs of Dover • Explore Osborne House, Queen Victoria's favourite residence, designed by Prince Albert • Wander through award-winning Tresco Gardens and Bodnant Garden at the height of the spring bloom • Discover the vibrant Celtic culture of Cork • Delve into the misty past of the Hebridean Isles of Iona and Mull.

# Cultural treasures and Scandinavian panoramas

# Tallandier

Stockholm • Rosyth (Edinburgh) | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Bellot*: 29th April 2024 | *Le Dumont-d'Urville*: 17th August 2024 | from AU\$12,530 <sup>(1)</sup> Rosyth (Edinburgh) • Stockholm | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Dumont-d'Urville*: 21st June 2024 | from AU\$12,530 <sup>(1)</sup>



#### Highlights:

Discover the commercial and industrial past of Northern Europe and the history of the Celts, the Vikings and the Scandinavian kingdoms • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Hanseatic town of Visby; the Naval Port of Karlskrona; Copenhagen, designated UNESCO World Capital of Architecture 2023 • Four ports of call in Sweden: Gothenburg, Visby on Gotland Island, Karlskrona and Stockholm.

17th August departure: a voyage in partnership with the French publishing house Les Éditions Tallandier and with the exceptional presence of Thomas Gomart, French historian and director of the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI).



# ${\circledast}$ lconic capitals and towns of the Baltic

Helsinki • Copenhagen | 8 days/7 nights | Le Dumont-d'Urville: 3rd August 2024 | from AU\$7,680 (1)



#### Highlights:

Discover important cities of the Hanseatic League, through five northern European countries • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: from Helsinki, the sea fortress of Suomenlinna; the old town of Tallinn; the Hanseatic town of Visby • An all-new port of call on the Danish island of Christiansø, a natural sanctuary in the heart of the Baltic Sea • Enjoy four European capitals on a single voyage: Helsinki, Tallinn, Stockholm and Copenhagen • A unique excursion to Bornholm, located in a gorgeous natural setting composed of rocky cliffs.

# A musical journey on the Baltic Sea



Copenhagen • Stockholm | 10 days/9 nights | Le Bellot: 20th April 2024 | from AU\$14,900 (1)



#### Highlights:

Sail the Baltic Sea to explore important cities of the Hanseatic League, through five capital cities and seven northern European countries: Denmark, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Finland, Estonia and Sweden • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the naval port of Karlskrona; the Curonian Spit from Klaipeda; the Hanseatic Town of Visby; the historical centre of Riga; the sea fortress of Suomenlinna from Helsinki; the old town of Tallinn • Before your voyage: possibility of visiting Copenhagen.

A musical voyage in partnership with **RADIO CLASSIQUE**, with the presence of **Alain Duault** and an exceptional musical line-up.





# Historic cities of the Baltic Sea

Stockholm • Copenhagen | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Dumont-d'Urville*: 2nd and 10th (reverse itinerary) July 2024 | from AU\$9,360 <sup>(1)</sup> Copenhagen • Stockholm | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Dumont-d'Urville*: 10th August 2024 | from AU\$9,540 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Sail the Baltic Sea to explore important cities of the Hanseatic League • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: from Helsinki, the sea fortress of Suomenlinna; the old town of Tallinn; the Hanseatic town of Visby; the Naval Port of Karlskrona (2nd July departure).



See website for an enriched departure on 18th July, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

## Enhance your voyage

## The Danish way of life

After disembarking in Copenhagen, enjoy a city tour of local gastronomy, design, historical monuments and the world of *hygge*. 2 nights





## Gdansk: old town and classical concert

Take a walk through Gdansk's Old Town and discover a thousand years of history, as evidenced by the buildings in Renaissance, Baroque and Gothic styles. After a visit to St Mary's Basilica, one of the largest brick churches in the world, you will enjoy an exclusive concert featuring Chopin, Grieg, Kreisler and Wieniawski.

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You can find the complete list of our programmes, excursions and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Pre- and post-voyage programmes must be booked prior to departure. Excursions are invoiced on board. The number of ③ indicates a price range. Find out more on p. 16.



Off the coast of Morocco, the Canary Islands are ideal for relaxation and getting away from it all. In 2024, for the first time, we are offering you the opportunity to visit the seven main islands of the archipelago. Our new stopovers provide a greater appreciation of the landscapes, which include dunes, volcanoes, natural pools, laurel forests and more. This is a great way to enjoy hiking, diving or cycling!

# The Canaries, lands of contrast

Las Palmas • Las Palmas | 8 days/7 nights | Le Dumont-d'Urville: 26th April 2024 | from AU\$6,900 (1)



### Highlights:

Explore seven islands in the Canaries: Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, Tenerife, Fuerteventura, La Palma, El Hierro, La Gomera • UNESCO World Heritage Site: Garajonay National Park in La Gomera • Two new ports of call: Los Cristianos and El Hierro (La Estaca) • Santa Cruz de la Palma, with its sumptuous palaces and its picturesque old town featuring colonial architecture • Discover Arrecife in Lanzarote and its moonscapes • Landscapes including volcanoes, calderas, mountain peaks, green hills, cliffs, lakes, shrubs, flowers, forests and beaches.

# Volcanic islands and historic cities of the North Atlantic

Las Palmas • Lisbon | 11 days/10 nights | Le Dumont-d'Urville: 3rd May 2024 | from AU\$7,420 (1)



#### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Garajonay National Park in La Gomera; Teide National Park in Santa Cruz de Tenerife; the tower of Belém and the monastery of Jerónimos in Lisbon • All-new port of call in Sétubal, featuring a rich historical past • Discover three of the Canary Islands: Tenerife, La Gomera and La Palma • Discover the clever irrigation system called *levadas*, and the picturesque village of Camacha on Madeira Island • Landscapes including volcanoes, calderas, mountain peaks, green hills, cliffs, lakes, shrubs, flowers, forests and beaches.

## Enhance your voyage



## Eco-chic getaway in Comporta

Wild landscapes with ocean views and rice fields, a tasting of local pastries and wine, traditional villages, lunch looking out at the horizon, horse-riding on the beach, bird-watching, a yoga session... Before or after your voyage, enjoy the gentle interlude offered by the 5-star Sublime Comporta Hotel nestled in the heart of a green setting, 75 minutes from Lisbon.

2 nights – Are you tempted by this getaway? Contact us.

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# THE MEDITERRANEAN



Through the eyes of Sylviane de Tracy

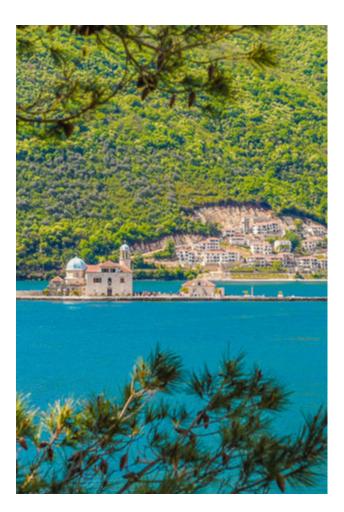
# Allowing the time to pass on the Adriatic Sea

Designing and redesigning PONANT itineraries is one of Sylviane de Tracy's tasks. As Director of Research and Development for voyages, she has been using her passion for the oceans for more than 30 years to satisfy a wide range of travel desires.





"Dubrovnik, Split and Hvar are must-sees on the shores of the Adriatic Sea. Through my numerous trips to Croatia, I have learned how to explore these iconic places, but I also wanted to show this country in a more intimate way. We have designed routes that focus on little-known or well-preserved gems. I'm thinking of the Brijuni islands, including Veliki Brijun, which we visit, and their typical Mediterranean vegetation, the small port on the peninsula of Primošten, a charming and colourful fishing village where no passenger ship calls, or the village of Bol, nestled between the sea and mountains on the island of Brač. You can see everywhere that the architecture has been preserved and that real attention has been paid to restoring the buildings so that they retain their authenticity. We have also designed a 'slow voyage' route for this destination [see our 'Landscapes and heritage of the Adriatic' voyage, page 62], with long stopovers, in order to give guests time to experience the destination, and to enjoy the slower pace. So you can stroll around observing local life, swim, taste a vintage from the Brač vineyards or a local lamb or fish speciality, wander or shop in small streets, or all of these at once, as our stopovers often last a full day, sometimes until midnight. Finally, I chose each stopover location carefully. I want us to drop anchor in the heart of villages or in small historic ports worthy of the most beautiful postcards."





New: discover the PONANT podcast!

# A magical moment in the mouths of Kotor

On his very first voyage, one of our passengers fell under the spell of the mouths of Kotor. On land and on board, the day has many surprises in store for him!

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. Palazzo Grassi, p. 61; The best of Croatia, p. 62.

## Art and culture celebrated on board

This season we are honoured to come together with renowned institutions to offer you an exciting artistic and cultural programme. The Opéra National de Paris, the Pinault Collection and the magazine *Connaissance des Arts* have invited their leading experts and artists on board PONANT's ships, while our longer-standing partners,

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This season, 10 voyages will offer children aged 4 to 13 the opportunity to participate in the Kid Explorers by Maud Fontenoy Foundation Club. They will enjoy activities run by a dedicated team of facilitators, designed to develop their knowledge of the oceans, thus raising their awareness of ocean protection.

Find the 10 available voyages using the special icon below.



## Maltese prehistoric heritage

Green hills alternate with a mosaic of cultivated fields, salt marshes, vineyards and red sandy beaches: the small Maltese island of Gozo inspires peace and serenity. It is also home to a UNESCO wonder: the Ggantija megalithic temples, an impressive testimony to prehistoric architecture and art.

Itineraries: Malta, Italian shores and Isle of Beauty, and A circumnavigation of Sicily, p. 63; Ancient jewels of the Mediterranean, p. 64.



## The cradle of civilisation

What do Katakolon, Nafplion, Gytheio, Monemvasia, Cythera and Pilos have in common? These ports of call give you the opportunity to delve into the fascinating history of the Peloponnese region, a peninsula steeped in myth, the birthplace of the Spartans and the chosen land of the Greek gods. Olympia, Epidaurus, Mycenae: all must-see UNESCO sites to explore on your journey.

Itineraries: Islands and cities of the Mediterranean, and Ancient cities of the Mediterranean, p. 65.

such as Radio Classique and the Mucem, have many surprises in store for you.

Find the available voyages at a glance thanks to our partner logos.



## 9th annual Piano Festival at Sea



Venice • Athens | 8 days/7 nights | L'Austral: 20th June 2024 | from AU\$8,490 (1)



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Acropolis of Athens; the sanctuary of Delphi from Itea; the old towns of Corfu; Kotor and Dubrovnik; the plain of Stari Grad on the island of Hvar; Venice and its lagoon • Panorama of the Croatian islands: Hvar and Rovinj • Sail in the Bay of Kotor • Transit through the Corinth Canal.

A musical voyage in partnership with **RADIO CLASSIQUE**, with the presence of Alain Duault and an exceptional musical line-up.



See website for an enriched departure on 16th July, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

## New.

For the first time, the ballet of the Opéra national de Paris is joining us aboard for an exceptional voyage on the theme of grace.



# From the City of the Gods to the City of the Doges with the Paris Opera Ballet



Athens • Venice 8 days/7 nights 2'Austral: 1st August 2024 from AU\$7,200 (1)



#### Highlights:

Engage in an overview of the history of dance, including live performances on board and on land, meet-and-greets, dance conferences, dance lessons, screenings, etc. • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Acropolis of Athens; the sanctuary of Delphi from Itea; the old towns of Corfu; Kotor and Dubrovnik; the plain of Stari Grad on the island of Hvar; Venice and its lagoon • Hour-long classical and contemporary performances at the Municipal Theatre of Corfu and the Marin Držić Theatre in Dubrovnik • Privileged exchanges with the stars Valentine Colasante and Mathieu Ganio, and the dancers of the Paris Opera Ballet.

An unprecedented partnership with the **Paris Opera Ballet**, and with *prima ballerina* **Valentine Colasante** and principal dancer **Mathieu Ganio** as special guests, accompanied by several of the company's dancers.







# The artistic Adriatic and the Pinault Collection – Palazzo Grassi

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Valletta • Venice 9 days/8 nights Le Bougainville: 17th June 2024 from AU\$9,210 (1)



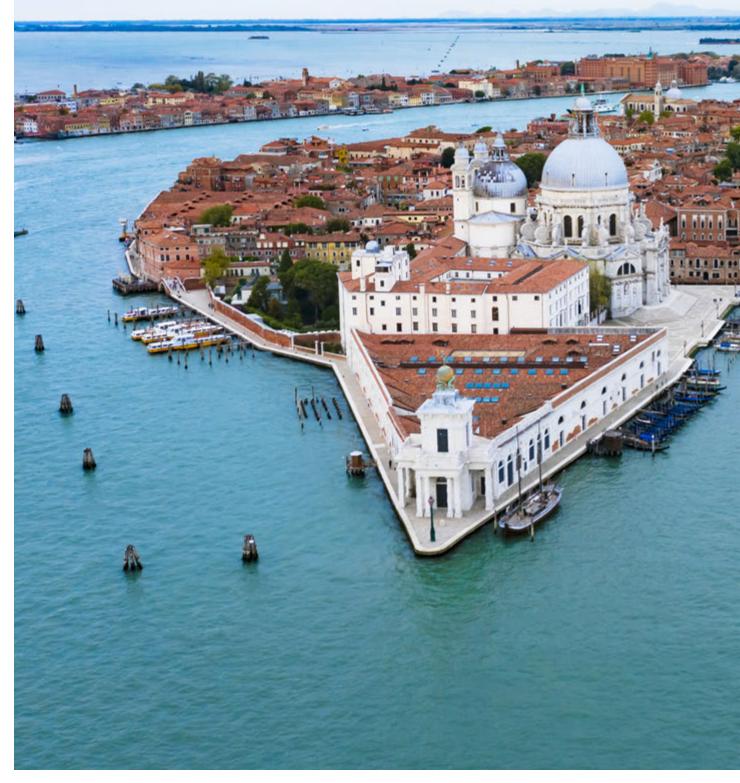
#### Highlights:

During the voyage, fascinating lectures are given by Pinault Collection experts and, still in their company and as a grand finale in Venice, discover the contemporary art Biennale and enjoy private visits of the Punta della Dogana and the Palazzo Grassi • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the historic centre of Valletta; the old towns of Dubrovnik and Kotor; the plain of Stari Grad on the island of Hvar; the lagoon of Venice • From Otranto, the possibility of visiting Lecce, 'the Florence of southern Italy' • The possibility of exploring Valletta before your voyage.

The voyage **From Malta to the Adriatic coast** features an almost identical itinerary, with an additional stopover in Piran, Slovenia: 29th May departure on board *L'Austral*, for a 9 days/8 nights voyage. More information can be found on our website.



WATCH Take a peek behind the scenes of the inspiring partnership between Pinault Collection and PONANT.





# The best of Croatia

Venice • Venice | 8 days/7 nights | L'Austral: 13th June 2024 | Waitlist available



#### Highlights:

Discover during one single voyage, six Croatian cities notable for their cultural and historic heritage and charm • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the lagoon of Venice; the old towns of Dubrovnik and Kotor; the Diocletian's Palace in Split; the plain of Stari Grad on the island of Hvar • In Montenegro, sail in the bay of Kotor and enjoy a one-day stop in the town of Kotor • Panorama of the Croatian islands: Hvar and Rovinj • From Sibenik, opportunity to explore the magnificent Krka waterfalls in Croatia during an optional excursion.

# Landscapes and heritage of the Adriatic



Venice • Venice | 8 days/7 nights | Le Bougainville: 9th July 2024 | from AU\$6,540 (1)

## VENICE ITALY Novinj Pula Brijuni Islands CROATIA Primosten Split Bol Adriatic Sea

### Highlights:

A family voyage with the Kid Explorers Club, in partnership with Maud Fontenoy Foundation • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the lagoon of Venice; the Diocletian's Palace in Split; the plain of Stari Grad on the island of Hvar • Experience an all-new port of call on the Brijuni Islands, jewels of the Istrian coast • In Bol, the famous and paradisiacal pebble beach of Zlatni Rat, referred to as 'The Golden Horn' • From Primosten, opportunity to explore the magnificent Krka waterfalls in Croatia during an optional excursion • The picturesque city of Pula and its Roman remains.

## - Enhance your voyage



## Explore Hvar by VW Beetle

Head to Stari Grad on the island of Hvar for a ride in a vintage Volkswagen Beetle, believed to be the best-selling car of all time! In one of these legendary vehicles, discover this quiet port, which is the oldest in Croatia. Hvar is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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# Malta, Italian shores and Isle of Beauty

#### Valletta • Nice | 11 days/10 nights | Le Bougainville: 30th July and 19th August 2024 | from AU\$8,760 (1) Nice • Valletta | 11 days/10 nights | Le Bougainville: 9th and 29th August 2024 | from AU\$8,760 (1)



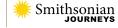
#### **Highlights:**

A family voyage with the Kid Explorers Club, in partnership with Maud Fontenoy Foundation\* • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Aeolian Islands; the temples of Ggantija on the island of Gozo; the historic centre of Valletta • Comino, renowned for its idyllic blue lagoon • Sail by the Stromboli volcano • Overnights in Valletta, and in Gozo island, with its magnificent salt marshes and vineyards • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent). \*Except for 29th August departure.

29th August departure: a voyage in partnership with the French publishing house Tallandier, with the exceptional presence of Christiane Rancé, French novelist, essayist and journalist

# A circumnavigation of Sicily

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Tallandier

Valletta • Valletta | 9 days/8 nights | Le Champlain: 14th April 2024 | from AU\$10,580 (1)

## Stromboli ITALY Lipari 😱 Palermo Trapania Taormina Suracuse Porto Empedocle Mediterranean Sea Gozo MALTA

#### Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Megalithic Temples of Malta; Palermo and Monreale; the Aeolian Islands; Taormina and Syracuse • Well-preserved Greek ruins in Agrigento, Segesta, Taormina and Syracuse • Norman cathedral churches in Erice and Monreale . Stunning Byzantine-Arab mosaics in the Cappella Palatina in Palermo . The active volcanoes of Stromboli and Etna.



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# At the heart of the Greek islands



Athens • Athens | 8 days/7 nights | L'Austral: 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th July 2024 | from AU\$6,260 (1)



#### Highlights:

A family voyage with the Kid Explorers Club, in partnership with Maud Fontenoy Foundation • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Acropolis in Athens; Delos, the sacred island; the monastery of Saint John and the Cave of the Apocalypse in Patmos • Discover the pearls of the Cyclades: Amorgos, the Santorini Caldera, Milos, Paros, Delos and their ancient ruins, typical landscapes and beaches • An exceptional sunset sailing in the Santorini caldera • Swimming opportunities in many small coves.



See website for an enriched departure on 3rd October, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

# Ancient jewels of the Mediterranean

Athens • Valletta | 8 days/7 nights | Le Bougainville: 21st March 2024 | from AU\$6,650 (1)





#### Highlights:

UNESCO Sites: the Acropolis in Athens; the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse on the Island of Patmos; Delphi from Itea; the old town of Syracuse, and Noto; the temples of Ggantija on Gozo; the historic centre of Valletta • An all-new port of call in Gallipoli to immerse yourself in the gentle way of life of the Puglia region • An unforgettable crossing of the Corinth Canal.

A voyage in partnership with UGC, a French cinema operator and film production company, with the exceptional presence of its ex-managing director Alain Sussfeld, of director Patrice Leconte and of Jean-Pierre Lavoignat, co-founder and ex-director of *Studio Magazine*.

## Enhance your voyage



## Monastery of St John and Cave of the Apocalypse

Dominating Patmos, the monastery of Saint John looks like a fortress: it was built to resist pirate attacks. A UNESCO-listed cave where St John is said to have written the Apocalypse, meanwhile, is a place offering a spiritual ambiance for reflection.

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## The wild beauty of Amorgos

This is the jewel of the Cyclades. At sea, you have clear waters that served as a set for Luc Besson's *The Big Blue*. On land, the Byzantine monastery of Hozoviotissa is built into the hillside. Close by, Chora boasts its share of whitewashed houses and windmills. Wander through its narrow streets and enjoy local pastries with a glass of ouzo. *4h* - **3** 



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# Islands and cities of the Mediterranean



Athens • Valletta | 8 days/7 nights | Le Bougainville: 23rd July 2024 | from AU\$6,140 (1)



#### Highlights:

A family voyage with the Kid Explorers Club, in partnership with Maud Fontenoy Foundation • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the historic centre of Valletta, and the wonderful Greek theatre of Taormina, overlooking the sea • Discover Hydra, the jewel of the Saronic Islands, which can only be discovered on foot • Experience the charming fortified medieval village of Monemvasia • The island of Kythira, a source of inspiration for many artists including Charles Baudelaire, Victor Hugo, Paul Verlaine and Antoine Watteau.

## Ancient cities of the Mediterranean

Valletta • Athens | 9 days/8 nights | Le Bougainville: 15th April 2024 | from AU\$6,350 (1)



#### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the historic centre of Valletta; Syracuse; the Mycenae ruins and the Epidaurus theatre from Nafplion; the Acropolis in Athens • An all-new port of call in Gallipoli to immerse yourself in the gentle way of life of the Puglia region • Sicily with the call at Syracuse • Discover Reggio Calabria, featuring Art Nouveau and Belle Époque architecture • Picturesque Parga with its ancient fishing village built like an amphitheatre and typical Greek houses decorated with flowers.



# 😻 3rd Lyric Festival at Sea

Málaga • Valletta | 8 days/7 nights | L'Austral: 2nd May 2024 | from AU\$8,890 (1)



#### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the *Casbah* in Algiers; the Tipaza complex from Algiers; the archaeological site of Carthage; the Medina in Tunis; the historic centre of Valletta • Dive into the ancient heritage of Cartagena • Three brand-new ports of call in the Maghreb, including Algiers and Oran in Algeria, and Tunis, the Tunisian capital • A port of call in Sicily with a stop in Trapani, an ancient city and jewel of the Mediterranean.

A musical voyage in partnership with **RADIO CLASSIQUE**, with the presence of **Alain Duault** and an exceptional musical line-up.

# The sweetness of the African shores of the Mediterranean

Geographically, historically and culturally at the crossroads of several regions, the shores of North Africa are a destination rich in discovery.

Lying next to an azure blue sea and nestled against the Aïdour hill, radiant **Oran** is a captivating city with Arab, Ottoman, French and Spanish influences. One of its highlights is undoubtedly the Santa Cruz Fort. It overlooks the city with spectacular views and bears witness to the presence of the Andalusians who founded it in the 10th century. The Hassan Pasha Mosque, a jewel of Islamic architecture, is worth a visit, as are the surroundings of the *Place du 1er Novembre*, the true heart of the city's historic centre.

Renowned for its authenticity, with a port whose influence dates back to antiquity, **Alger** also has riches to reveal. The architecture of the Casbah, the old town, with its tangle of houses built on a steep incline, stands as a testament to a prestigious past marked by Arab-Berber, Ottoman and colonial influences. Among the iconic sites in the city, Dar Aziza, with its characteristic Algerian architecture, is considered to be the most beautiful of the old palaces. The Mustapha Pacha, a monument covered with 500,000 earthenware tiles, offers a moment of tranquillity with its unique view of the Bay of Algiers.

Finally, what could be better than a beautiful stroll in the Medina (old town)? Classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, its historic heart is composed of souks, palaces, mausoleums, fountains and mosques (the Zitouna in particular), and offers a relaxed side of **Tunis**. While it has preserved the traces of its Muslim past, Tunis is also a modern city with Western-style buildings and colonial residences. The mixture of culture and history gives the Tunisian capital its real character.

# From the shores of the Mediterranean to the Atlantic coast

Valletta • Lisbon | 12 days/11 nights | Le Champlain: 22nd April 2024 | from AU\$9,250 (1)



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the historic centre of Valletta; the *Llotja de la Seda* in Valencia; the Alhambra of Granada from Málaga; the Alcázar of Seville from Cádiz; the tower of Belém and the monastery of Jerónimos in Lisbon • A port of call in Lagos, in the Algarve region, featuring geological wonders and a rich historical past • Discover the Balearic Islands including Palma de Mallorca, the capital • The Andalusian city of Cádiz, one of the oldest cities in the Western Mediterranean • The ancient heritage of Cartagena.

## Enhance your voyage

# An exclusive tour of the Alhambra at night

From Málaga, travel to Granada and experience the magic of the Arab-Andalusian palaces of the Alhambra with its Generalife and Nasrid Palaces on an exclusive night-time tour. The cool evening air permeates the gardens and the buildings, which are finely decorated with carved stucco, marble columns and other mosaics. It is easy to imagine yourself 600 years back in time when these enchanting places were at their peak. 9h30

Reservation and payment of these excursions must be made when booking your voyage or at least 60 days prior to your voyage. A minimum of participants is required to confirm.



## Getaway to Mdina

After a night spent in the comfort of the 5-star Phoenicia Hotel surrounded by 7 acres of gardens in Valletta, head for Mdina, the ancient capital of Malta. This is one of the most beautiful examples of a fortified city in Europe, with its medieval and baroque architecture. It was also the setting for the *Game of Thrones* series. You will then visit a vineyard and have lunch at a gourmet restaurant before getting on board.

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# Along the Mediterranean Sea with the Mucem

# Mucem

Athens • Lisbon | 12 days/11 nights | L'Austral: 10th October 2024 | from AU\$9,330 (1)



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Acropolis of Athens; the sanctuary of Delphi from Itea; Arab-Norman Palermo; Ibiza; the Alhambra of Granada from Málaga; the tower of Belém and the monastery of Jerónimos in Lisbon • Cross the Corinth Canal • Discover the Balearic Islands, including Mahon and Ibiza • The Andalusian city of Cádiz, one of the oldest cities in the Western Mediterranean.

A voyage in partnership with the French national museum **MUCEM**, with the exceptional presence of **Vincent Giovannoni**, art anthropologist and chief curator of the museum.

# The Mediterranean: in the footsteps of great civilizations



Valletta • Antalya | 11 days/10 nights | *L'Austral*: 9th May 2024 | from AU\$9,500<sup>(1)</sup> Antalya • Valletta | 11 days/10 nights | *L'Austral*: 19th May 2024 | from AU\$9,500<sup>(1)</sup>

#### GREECE ITALY Gallipoli Corfu Volos TURKEY Itea Kusadasi Athens Syracuse Alanya Corinth Canal VALLETTA ANTALYA MALTA Mediterranean Sea

### Highlights:

The presence of painter Marine Wallon, with the opportunity to witness the creation process and purchase a painting • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Valletta; Syracuse and Noto; Corfu; the sanctuary of Delphi and the Hosios Loukas monastery; the Acropolis in Athens; the Meteora from Volos; and the historical sites of Ephesus from Kusadasi • An all-new port of call in Gallipoli to immerse yourself in the gentle way of life in the Puglia region • Cross the Corinth Canal • After your voyage, the possibility of exploring Cappadocia.

19th May departure: a voyage in partnership with the French art magazine Connaissance des Arts, with the exceptional presence of Guy Boyer, its editorial director, as well as painter Marine Wallon.

# Ancient wonders and culinary delights: cruising Southern Italy and Sicily *M*PONANT Southern Italy and Sicily

Valletta • Livorno | 8 days/7 nights | Le Bougainville : 8th September 2024 | from AU\$9,230 (1)



### Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • Discover monuments from the Roman Empire in Syracuse, Taormina, Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Rome • Explore well-preserved Greek sites in Syracuse, Taormina, and Paestum • Visit vineyards and sampling the wines of Syracuse, Taormina, Reggio di Calabria, and Naples • Experience the variety of foods of this region, including the arancini, salami and cheeses of Sicily, the desserts of Calabria, the mozzarella of Campania, and the pizzas of Naples and Rome.

# Mediterranean island voyage: Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica and Elba



Valletta • Nice | 8 days/7 nights | Le Bougainville: 15th May 2024 | from AU\$11,670 (1)



#### Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • Explore five UNESCO World Heritage Sites en route: Palermo, Monreale, Taormina, Syracuse and Noto • Well-preserved Greek and Roman ruins in Syracuse and Taormina, and on Sardinia • Stunning Byzantine-Arab mosaics in the Cappella Palatina in Palermo and the Norman Cathedral of Monreale • The medieval clifftop town of Bonifacio on Corsica • Napoleon's villa on Elba • Opportunities for tasting wines and local specialties in Noto, Taormina, Palermo and Portoferraio.

# Cruising Southern Spain and Portugal



Lisbon • Barcelona 8 days/7 nights Le Dumont-d'Urville: 30th September 2024 from AU\$8,040 (1)



## Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • A voyage to discover the landscapes, architecture and rich cultural history of Southern Spain • UNESCO World Heritage sites en route: the Alcázar in Seville from Cádiz, the Alhambra in Granada from Málaga, and *La Lonja de la Seda* in Valencia • An exclusive, private, night-time tour of the Alhambra in Granada • Explore of the Balearic Islands with a stop in Palma de Mallorca, the capital.

# Ancient civilizations by sea: Israel, Egypt, Cyprus, Greece & Turkey PONANT Smithsonian

Aqaba • Valletta | 13 days/12 nights | Le Champlain: 2nd April 2024 | from AU\$15,500 (1)



#### Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • Experience as many as six UNESCO World Heritage sites • Explore the sacred sites of Jerusalem and visit Masada or King Solomon's Mines • Discover the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx and transit the Suez Canal • Explore the ancient Cypriot city of Paphos • Stroll the medieval streets of Rhodes and discovering the Minoan Palace of Knossos • Marvel at the magnificence of Ephesus • Enjoy local cuisine on Cyprus and Rhodes.





Through the eyes of Ryo Ijichi

## A different idea of Japan

Ryo Ijichi is a naturalist guide specialising in the polar regions, who joined PONANT in 2013. Today he is an expedition leader and commercial manager for Japan and Korea, and enjoys sharing his knowledge as much as he does exploring his native region.





"People often think of Japan as modern Tokyo and traditional Kyoto, so I designed the routes in this region to demonstrate that my country is full of remarkable, diverse places. You may not know it, but each region has its own culture, tradition and gastronomy. As an island state, Japan was originally more connected by sea than by land. Most of the cities, the gateways to these regions, therefore faced the ocean. Imagine what a great playground this is for an expedition ship discovery. We decided to link these ancient towns together, and access some beaches or small villages by inflatable boat, a first for a passenger ship in Japan. Guests will be able to visit the picturesque village of Sakitsu, which during the 300-year Edo period was able to hide its then forbidden practice of Christianity. They will also be able to observe the sumptuous coral reefs and lush mangroves around the subtropical islands of Okinawa. A visit to the fishing village of Ine will take them back in time to the miraculously preserved traditional wooden stilt houses. And to fully reveal the charms of the different regions of the archipelago, what better way than to immerse yourself in the daily life of the Japanese people by interacting with them, discovering new dishes that will then be cooked on board or falling in love with the local crafts? Although words are sometimes not necessary, we make sure that language is not an obstacle, thanks to our multilingual guides. I hope that the guests will be able to make connections and, above all, take with them a completely different idea of this unexpectedly rich country from their trip."



### 'Sacred Island' of Miyajima

Considered one of Japan's most beautiful sites, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Miyajima Island is home to the Itsukushima Shinto shrine, founded in 593, and its famous vermilion *torii* (gate) rising to 16 metres. To add to the spiritual aura of this special place, 500 deer roam freely in the park, with the lush forests of Mount Misen as a backdrop.

> Itineraries: The best of Japan, p. 74; Expedition in the Seto Inland Sea, p. 75.

### A unique city-state

A high-tech icon, Singapore stands out with its ultramodern buildings, such as the many towers in the financial district, built according to the rules of *feng shui*, and the *supertrees*, lighting up in a sound and light show at nightfall. Strolling through Singapore is also about falling in love with the vibrant atmosphere emanating from its diverse and multicultural neighbourhoods. *Itinerary: Secret islands and mythical cities of South-East Asia, p. 77.* 

### Christian sites in Japan

Imported by Western missionaries and then banned during the Edo era, the Christian religion manifests in a particular way in Japan, born from a need to protect oneself from persecution. Some villages are home to relics and churches, now grouped together and classified as UNESCO heritage sites under the name 'hidden Christian sites in the Nagasaki region'.

Itineraries: Kyūshū's secret islands and ancestral heritage, p. 75; Japan, natural archipelago and secular heritage, p. 76.

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centenarians live in Okinawa, a Japanese archipelago known for offering its inhabitants the longest life expectancy in the world: 90 years for women and 84 years for men. Quality and freshness of food, mutual aid, attention to the well-being of the elderly, and other factors could explain this astonishing longevity.

Itineraries: Japanese subtropical islands, p. 76; Odyssey in the heart of Japan's subtropical islands, p. 77.



### Little-known ports in South Korea

The coastal cities of South Korea are on a par with their Japanese neighbours. Dominated by the Hallasan volcano, the country's highest peak, Jeju is awe-inspiring with its beautiful waterfalls and lava tunnels. Yeosu's naval past is fascinating, as are its lush green surroundings. In Busan, the Haedong Yonggungsa temple on the seafront provides an ideal setting for contemplation.

ltineraries: all routes on pp. 74-75; Japan, natural archipelago and secular heritage, p. 76.



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Osaka • Maizuru | 9 days/8 nights | Le Soléal: 13th May 2024 | from AU\$12,730



### Highlights:

Discover the 'Empire of the Rising Sun', its culture and ancestral traditions • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Miyajima Sanctuary and its vermilion *torii*, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum • Explore Tamano, a former feudal domain with a surprising cultural heritage, and its famous 'black castle' • The visits to the Peace Memorial and Peace Museum in Nagasaki and Hiroshima • The island of Uwajima, with its strong feudal past and ancestral traditions • Sakaiminato with the former homes of the samurai • A passionate lecturer on board.

# Expedition on the Kitamae route

Otaru • Osaka | 12 days/11 nights | Le Soléal: 9th April 2024 | from AU\$17,660 (1)



### Highlights:

In the footsteps of the merchants of the *Kitamae* route • Brand-new ports of call in Wajima, Miyazu, Uradome Coast and Shimonoseki • All-new crossings of the Kanmon and the Kurushima Straits, emblematic passageways on the *Kitamae* maritime route • Discover the local arts and crafts of Wajima, famous for Kiriko lanterns and Wajima lacquerware • The varied landscapes of the Japanese shores, including the unexpected, majestic sand dunes in Tottori • Enjoy local cuisine, from rich seafood to sake.

# Cultural and natural treasures of Japan by sea



Maizuru • Hakodate | 8 days/7 nights | Le Soléal: 21st May 2024 | from AU\$10,440 (1)



### Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • The ancient centre of Silla culture at Gyeongju, a UNESCO World Heritage site • Award-winning landscape gardens, including the world famous Kenrokuen Garden • The geisha district and teahouses of Kanazawa • Stunning Buddhist temples in Busan, including the largest Buddha statue in Asia • Outstanding modern Japanese paintings at the Adachi Museum in Matsue • Extensive opportunities to learn about and purchase exquisite handicrafts.

# Expedition in the Seto Inland Sea



Kobe • Fukuoka | 8 days/7 nights | Le Jacques-Cartier: 30th March 2024 | from AU\$10,120 (1)



### **Highlights:**

Discover the cultural richness of Japan's oldest sea route, dating back to the 7th century • Varied landscapes along the Seto Inland Sea, offering stunning contrasts between land and sea • Itsukushima's Shinto Grand Sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, whose entrance is guarded by a magnificent vermilion *torii* • Enjoy local cuisine rich in seafood and taste local saké • In Hagi, the many *Hagi-yaki* ceramics workshops will introduce you to the region's ancient art • Explore the incredible diversity of the local flora and fauna.

### Kyūshū's secret islands and ancestral heritage



Kagoshima • Fukuoka | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 20th April 2024 | from AU\$8,990 <sup>(1)</sup> Fukuoka • Kagoshima | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 27th April 2024 | from AU\$9,560 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Discover the western part of the island of Kyūshū, at the intersection of Western and Japanese traditions • UNESCO sites: 'the hidden Christian sites in the Nagasaki region' in Sakitsu and Kamigoto; Yakushima Island, a nature sanctuary • Brand-new ports of call in the Koshikijima Islands, on Kamigoto and Jeju, and in the island region of Amakusa • The exploration of Japan's Christian history, a religion banned during the Edo period • Varied landscapes including steep cliffs, monumental waterfalls, virgin forests, tea plantations, geological formations and verdant peaks.

27th April departure: the stop in Iki Island is replaced by a stop in Nagasaki.

### Enhance your voyage



### Explore the island of Kyūshū

Before or after your voyage, complete your journey with a trip to Kagoshima. This ancient feudal city is notable as the home of Takamori Saigō, the 'last samurai'. It is also known as the 'Naples of the East' because of its proximity to the active volcano Sakurajima. You will visit Mount Aso, the largest volcano in Japan; Kumamoto Castle, considered one of the three most beautiful in the country; Beppu Hells, a spectacular natural hot spring; and Hita, with its traditional streets and beautiful green spaces.

4 nights

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# Japan, natural archipelago and secular heritage

Kagoshima • Kobe | 9 days/8 nights | Le Jacques-Cartier: 4th May 2024 | from AU\$14,240 (1)



### Highlights:

The exceptional presence of Belgian journalist and writer Christine Ockrent • UNESCO sites: 'the hidden Christian sites in the Nagasaki region', in Sakitsu and Kamigoto; Yakushima Island • Brand-new ports of call in the Koshikijima Islands, on Kamigoto and in the island region of Amakusa • All-new crossings of the Kanmon and the Kurushima Straits, emblematic passageways on the *Kitamae* maritime route • The discovery of Japan's Christian history, a religion banned during the Edo period.

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# Japanese subtropical islands



Naha • Keelung | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 16th March 2024 | from AU\$8,030 <sup>(1)</sup> Fukuoka • Keelung | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 6th April 2024 | from AU\$9,970 <sup>(1)</sup> Keelung • Kagoshima | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: 13th April 2024 | from AU\$8,990 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Explore the culture of Okinawa: visit to a traditional village in the Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park, traditional *Eisa* drumming show (Iheyajima) • Varied landscapes of the subtropical islands: white sandy beaches, crystalclear waters, coral reefs, tropical forest, mangroves, rivers, cliffs, caves, waterfalls • Local distillery visit and opportunity to taste the local cuisine of Okinawa • Possibility of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent), and snorkelling with your expedition team.

> **Every voyage has its own uniqueness!** Find out more about each of the three routes.



16th March itinerary.





# Odyssey in the heart of Japan's subtropical islands

Ha Long • Naha | 13 days/12 nights | Le Jacques-Cartier: 4th March 2024 | from AU\$15,610 (1)



### Highlights:

Discover three Japanese archipelagoes: Okinawa, Yaeyama and Sakishima • UNESCO World Heritage Site: Iriomotejima island • Varied landscapes including white sandy beaches, crystal-clear waters, coral reefs, tropical forest, mangroves, rivers, cliffs, caves, waterfalls • Explore the culture of Okinawa: visit to a traditional village and local distillery in the Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park, traditional *Eisa* drumming show (Iheyajima) • Enjoy the beautiful beaches on the islands of Zamami and Kumejima • Possibility of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent), and snorkelling with your expedition team.

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# Secret islands and mythical cities of South-East Asia

Phuket • Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) | 14 days/13 nights | Le Jacques-Cartier: 13th February 2024 | from AU\$15,150 (1)



### Highlights:

Explore UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the cities of Penang and Malacca and their rich Asian, Portuguese and Dutch heritage; Singapore Botanic Gardens • Four brand-new ports of call: Koh Rok Nok, Kuantan, Kampot and Phu Quoc • Paradisiac karstic landscapes and seabeds of the Koh Rok Nok Island • The possibility of learning an ancestral local craft in Kuantan, Malaysia: a beginner's lesson in batik, a technique used to print geometric patterns on fabric; an introduction to weaving pandanus leaves, etc. • Phu Quoc, a nature sanctuary and UNESCO biosphere reserve • Overnights in Singapore and Ho Chi Minh City.

### Enhance your voyage



### The charm of the Mekong

From Ho Chi Minh City, enter the heart of the bustling Mekong Delta on a *sampan*, a traditional boat. Explore the hidden mangroves of Tan Phong islet, visit a typical 19th-century house and discover local handicrafts. Lunch will be served in a beautiful colonial-style villa on the river.

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# OCEANIA AND POLYNESIA

Through the eyes of Michel Quioc

### "A real dilution of space-time"

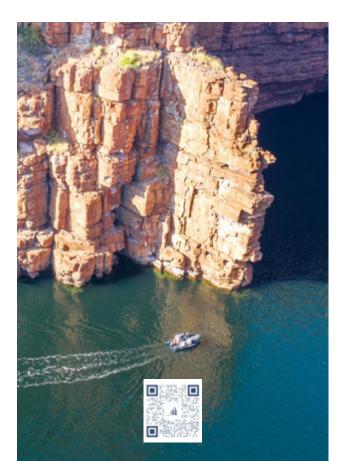
Having worked as a young lieutenant on board Le Paul Gauguin in the early 2000s, Captain Michel Quioc took over the vessel in February 2022. He's very happy to be back on board and part of this ship, which he says "has a very strong personality". Here, he gives us his impressions.





"Le Paul Gauguin, in natural wood and highquality materials, has much space and volume while retaining an intimate quality. Her voyages include long stopovers in unspoilt settings. It thus embodies my definition of luxury: having time and space. You can also count on an extremely loyal and welcoming crew. You go to Polynesia for the beautiful scenery, but you are very quickly won over by the warmth of the welcome there, starting with that of the Gauguines and Gauguins, the onboard Polynesian hosts. Their joie de vivre and kindness are very infectious and spontaneous. You also experience a real dilution of space-time. Consider that these archipelagos are in the heart of the Pacific Ocean, far from everyday life: a unique opportunity to take time to relax... And, as I tell the guests at the end of the trip, they can take back with them this very special energy: Polynesian mana, and share it with their loved ones.

"Sailing in Polynesia is unique: at each stopover, the ship must navigate a pass, i.e. a navigable area, which is often quite narrow and shallow, where the coral reef separates the ocean from the lagoons it protects. Only the Marquesas Islands, which are young mountains rising steeply from the depths, are not affected by this phenomenon. In contrast, the Tuamotu islands, the oldest archipelago in Polynesia, are protected by their coral reef, but have collapsed below the surface."



WATCH Kimberley, thousand-year-old culture and gigantic landscapes.

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### French Polynesia as if you were there

Moorea, Bora Bora, Fakarava... Discover iconic stopovers via this 360° video, for a total immersion in French Polynesia. All our itineraries, page 85-88.



Society Islands Volcanic high islands surrounded by reef



Tuamotus Reef islands

Marquesas Volcanic high islands

Understanding the difference between each archipelago in the South Pacific, at a glance. All our itineraries, page 85-88.



### **Essential phrases**

Hello / Good evening: 'Ia ora na Goodbye: Nānā Welcome: Maeva Excuse me / Please: *Ēē* Thank you: Māuruuru Yes / No: Eoia / aita How are you?: *E aha tō outou huru?* Fine, thank you, and you?: Maita i roa, māuruuru, outou? My name is...: O (name) tō u i oa

### **Exploring Kimberley**

"It is home to the oldest continuous culture on earth, the world's largest living reptile (the saltwater crocodile), the only two 'Horizontal Falls' on the planet, the world's largest inshore reef and the largest population of migrating humpback whales on the planet," Mick Fogg, PONANT Director of Expeditions and Destination Development, Asia Pacific. Itinerary: Australia's iconic Kimberley, p. 82.



Located in the Tuamotu Islands, Fakarava is the second largest atoll in French Polynesia and the third largest in the world. This UNESCO biosphere reserve is home to groupers, manta rays, eagle rays, grey reef sharks, hammerhead sharks, dolphins and turtles.

Itineraries: Society Islands & the Tuamotus, p.86, and Marquesas in depth, Tuamotus & Society Islands, p. 88.





# Australia's iconic Kimberley



**Darwin • Broome** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier* and *Le Lapérouse*: many departures between April and September 2024 | from AU\$10,870 <sup>(1)</sup>

**Broome • Darwin** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Jacques-Cartier*: **1st June; 11th, 31st July; 20th August;** 9th and 29th September 2024 | *Le Lapérouse*: **14th April and 21st September 2024** | from \$12,020 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Experience regular zodiac outings and shore visits to get close to Kimberley nature • Discover billions-of-years-old landscapes and ancient rock art • Listening to stories of the dreamtime from First Nations people, the oldest continuous culture on the planet • Explore pristine mangrove environments, home to the saltwater crocodile, the world's largest living reptile • Witness unique tidal phenomena such as the Horizontal Falls • Darwin-Broome itinerary only: in Ashmore Reef, the opportunity to view the abundant birdlife and marine life and to enjoy swimming and snorkelling in the clear tropical waters.

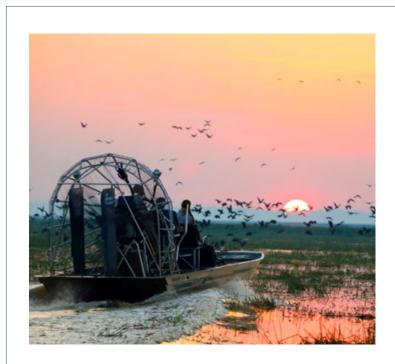
### Enhance your voyage

### Mitchell Falls helicopter flight

Enjoy a 40-minute helicopter flight to see the vast Kimberley from above. You will have a breathtaking view of the 4-tiered Mitchell Falls, only accessible from the air. Enjoy amazing views and an opportunity for swimming.



Reservation and payment of these excursions must be made when booking your voyage or at least 60 days prior to your voyage The complete list of excursions is available 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants.



### Getaway in Traditional lands

Discover an exceptional region during four unforgettable days in the heart of the bush and the flamboyant landscapes of the Northern Territory of Australia, before or after your time on board your voyage. From your luxury Bamurru Plains lodge accommodation, perfectly integrated into its surroundings, be amazed by the extraordinary history of this culturally significant area and the mysteries of its unspoilt nature on a walking tour, river cruise or hydrofoil safari.

4 nights

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Paul Gauguin CRUISES

Embark on a truly immersive journey through the South Pacific. An award-winning ship that joined the PONANT family in 2019, *Le Paul Gauguin* creates an agreeable, international and relaxed atmosphere that is distinctly different from the company's other ships, thanks in part to the *Gauguines* and *Gauguins*, our Polynesian hosts on board.





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



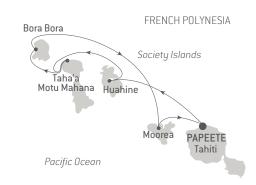




# Tahiti and the Society Islands



Papeete • Papeete | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Paul Gauguin*: 6th April, 22nd June, 27th July and 7th September, 19th October and 23rd November 2024 | from AU\$6,740 <sup>(1)</sup>



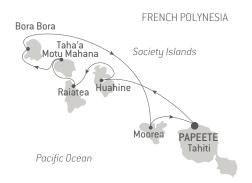
### Highlights:

Slow down and let stress float away on secluded Huahine: explore the local village on foot, wander through lush rainforests, float in crystalclear lagoons • Live the life idyllic with a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise • Enjoy an overnight in Bora Bora and explore its dramatic mountain peaks and romantic lagoon • Moorea, with its emerald lagoon, white sandy beaches and endemic lush gardens • Discover Polynesia's traditional way of life and customs • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

# Pearls of the Society Islands



Papeete • Papeete | 8 days/7 nights | Le Paul Gauquin: 4th May, 29th June, 20th July and 17th August 2024 | from AU\$6,300 (1)



### Highlights:

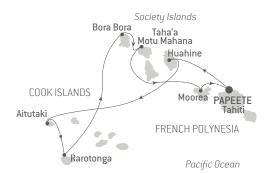
Slow down and let stress float away on secluded Huahine • Explore the legendary island of Raiatea, home to the oldest place of worship in Polynesia • Live the life idyllic with a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise • Enjoy an overnight in Bora Bora and explore its dramatic mountain peaks and romantic lagoon • Moorea, with its emerald lagoon, white sandy beaches and endemic lush gardens • Discover Polynesia's traditional way of life and customs • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).



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# Cook Islands and Society Islands

Papeete • Papeete | 12 days/11 nights | Le Paul Gauguin: 13th April, 18th May and 28th September 2024 | from AU\$9,150 (1)



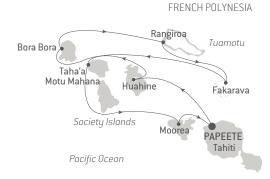
### Highlights:

Discover Rarotonga, its luxuriant Takuvaine Valley and its capital, Avarua • Enjoy an overnight in Bora Bora • Live the life idyllic with a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise • Explore Moorea, the 'magic island' that has inspired many artists with its eight valleys and 900-metre Mount Rōtui • Sea life including lemon sharks, blacktip reef sharks, spotted eagle rays, manta rays, superb coral, sea turtles, giant green morays, emperor angelfish, Napoleon fish, butterflyfish, etc • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).



# Society Islands and the Tuamotus

Papeete • Papeete | 11 days/10 nights | Le Paul Gauguin: 24th April, 29th May and 9th October 2024 | from AU\$8,680 (1)



### Highlights:

Enjoy an overnight in Bora Bora • Discover the 'infinite lagoon' on Rangiroa, the biggest atoll in French Polynesia, famous for its 'wall of sharks' • Explore UNESCO World Heritage Site: the biosphere reserve of Fakarava • Live the life idyllic with a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise • Discover Polynesia's culture and traditions • Sea life including manta rays, spotted eagle rays, common eagle rays, lemon sharks, blacktip reef sharks, sea turtles and multicoloured fish • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

### Enhance your voyage

### Marquesas Islands, discoveries and encounters in the Land of Men

Before your voyage, explore the Marquesas Islands. After a stopover in Tahiti, 3 nights on Hiva Oa and 3 on Nuku Hiva await. On the programme: secret hotels, trips, lush scenery, archaeological sites, local crafts... Enjoy being immersed in this wild archipelago.

7 nights - price; contact us





### Helicopter flight over Bora Bora

### Relaxing stay in Moorea and Tahiti

Offering bungalows in the middle of the natural environment or over the water, the 5-star Sofitel Kia Ora Moorea Beach Resort welcomes you for 3 nights after your voyage. Breakfast is delivered by canoe (for the bungalows on the water), and you can relax on Temae Beach, the longest on the island, and explore the depths of this protected marine area. Sense of calm guaranteed.

3 nights - price; contact us



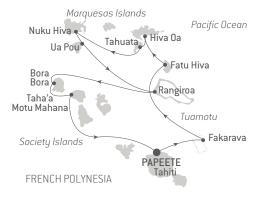
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# Paul Gauguin CRUBAS

# Marquesas in depth, Tuamotus & Society Islands

Papeete • Papeete | 15 days/14 nights | Le Paul Gauguin: 8th June, 6th July, 3rd and 24th August and 14th September 2024 | from AU\$11,640 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Enhance your voyage

### Highlights:

Explore the island of Hiva Oa, home to the largest stone sculptures in the Marquesas, which are said to be linked to the famous *tiki* of Easter Island • UNESCO World Heritage Site: the biosphere reserve of Fakarava • Discover Polynesian culture: ancient crafts in Fatu Hiva, 7,000 petroglyphs in Taiohae, etc • Live the life idyllic with a memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise • Landscapes including towering peaks, imposing cliffs, plantations, forests, turquoise lagoons, unspoilt beaches and underwater caves • Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

### Tahitian relaxation

A room with lagoon view, the huge pool designed for peaceful contemplation, the warm welcome: before your voyage, your first night in French Polynesia at the 4-star InterContinental Tahiti will immerse you in the delightful ambiance of the region. *1 night - from AU*\$600 <sup>(3)</sup>





### Relaxing stay in Bora Bora and Tahiti

After your voyage, extend the dream for 4 days in Bora Bora at the 5-star InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa. Enjoy one of the most idyllic islands in the world and the facilities at your hotel. Special mention for the Deep Ocean Spa: 4000 sqm devoted to wellbeing in the heart of nature.

3 nights - from AU\$5,361 <sup>(3)</sup>

### The petroglyphs of Omoa

The remains of an ancient chief's dwelling engraved with a tiki; images of men and ancient canoes; the 'paoa' petroglyph, one of the largest in the archipelago, resembling an enormous tuna carved into the rock... From one surprise to another, in the Omoa Valley on the island of Fatu Hiva, walking in the footsteps of past Marquesan generations will pique your curiosity.

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WATCH –360° immersion: experience life on board *Le Paul Gauguin* as if you were already there!





# GRAND Voyages

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

PONANT showcases long-distance voyages that will give you the time to savour an exceptional itinerary punctuated by unforgettable ports of call. Look no further for a singular sailing experience, imbued with serenity, and an in-depth knowledge of the lands thus explored.

Find the highlights of these itineraries on the pages corresponding to each voyage, and the specific formalities of each voyage on p. 114-115.





# From the British islands to Spitsbergen

Saint-Malo • Longyearbyen | 32 days/31 nights | Le Lyrial: 27th April to 28th May 2024 | from AU\$29,217 <sup>(1)</sup>

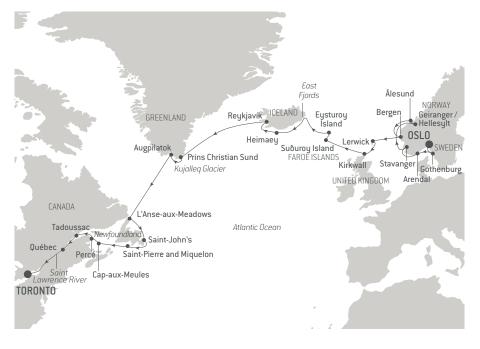
Starting with impressive fjords and glaciers of Spitsbergen in view, there are many unprecedented stops on this journey along the Atlantic Coast. The Channel Island of Herm, the village of Lakselv, a few kilometres from the North Cape, and Invergordon, the gateway to Loch Ness, are just a few of the enchanting ports of call.

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

- **British archipelagos and Celtic shores** 27th April 2024 *see page 48*.
- Journey along Celtic shores 4th May 2024 – see page 48.
- From the Scottish archipelago to the Arctic Circle 11th May 2024 see page 45.
- Norway, between the Scandinavian peninsula and the High Arctic 20th May 2024 – see page 44.

# From the North Sea to the Canadian East Coast

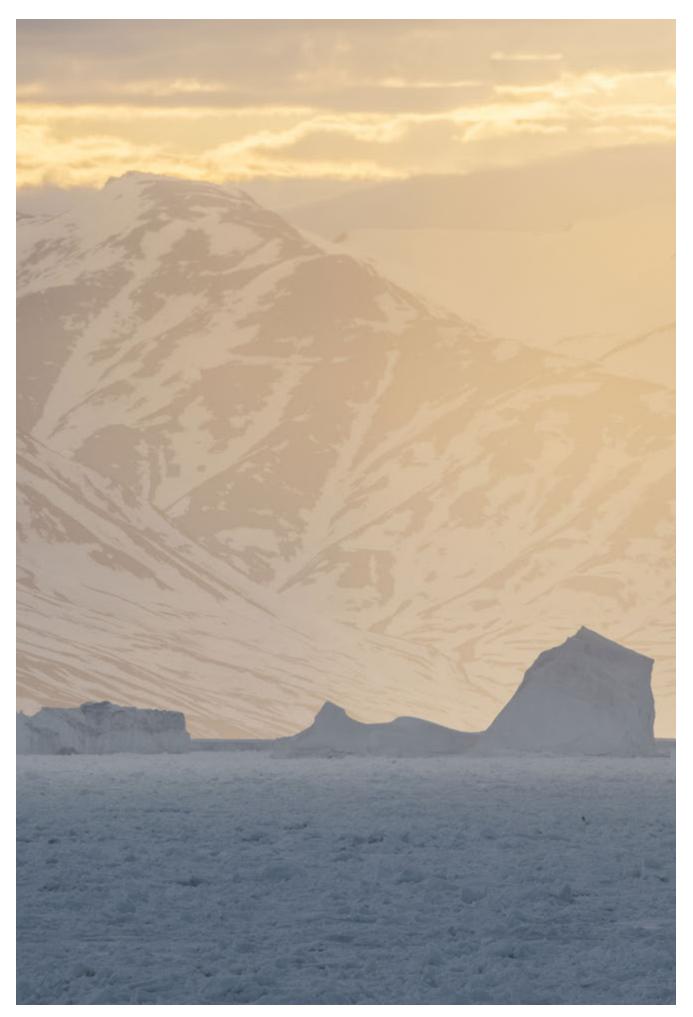
Oslo • Toronto | 33 days/32 nights | Le Champlain: 27th July to 28th August 2024 | from AU\$36,164 (1)



Volcanic islands, black sand beaches, fjords, glaciers, tundra and more. The landscape of the northern coastline will unfold before your eyes, while their inhabitants – whales, caribou and other exotic creatures – are sure to make furtive appearances.

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

- Norwegian fjords 27th July 2024 - see page 45.
- Shetland, Faroe, Iceland: wild islands & lands of legends
   3rd August 2024 – see page 46.
- Expedition from Greenland to Canada via Saint-Pierre and Miquelon 13th August 2024 – see page 27.



# OCEAN VOYAGES

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

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

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

A quest writes

"From the sunrises where the horizon seemed to be on fire, to the starry nights spent in the company of the officer on duty on the bridge, it was an experience like no other. My wife enjoyed the fitness studio, as well as the library and the wonderful sight of the sea through the vast bay windows. We also loved to relax on a sun lounger on the Pool Deck, our eyes fixed on the horizon. The captain also proved to be very willing to answer our questions and showed us some of the sailing techniques."

Alain F., Paris

### OUR NON-STOP OCEAN VOYAGES IN MARCH AND APRIL 2024:

Buenos Aires • Cádiz 20 days/19 nights L'Austral: 26th March 2024 from ALI\$7 970 <sup>(1)</sup>

### Brest • Reykjavík

Le Commandant Charcot: 12th April 2024 from AU\$5,060 (1)

Fort-de-France • Las Palmas 11 days/10 nights Le Dumont-d'Urville: 29th March 2024 from AU\$4,420 <sup>(1)</sup>



# WELCOME ON BOARD







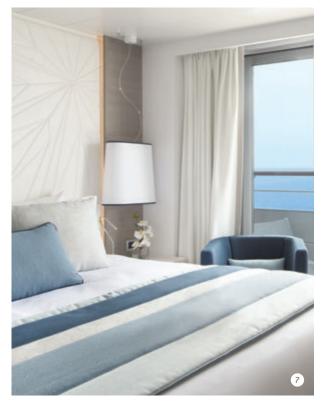
# The Sisterships

As yachts on a human scale, with just 122 or 132 staterooms (244 or 264 passengers) *Le Boréal, L'Austral, Le Soléal* and *Le Lyrial* can gain access to isolated places and ports reserved for small vessels. They are thus faithful to the PONANT DNA: **exploring the world** with constantly renewed curiosity.













1. Spa, *Le Lyrial* 

- 2. The Grill Restaurant, deck 6, Le Lyrial
- 3. The swimming pool on deck 6

4. The Observatory lounge, *Le Boréal* 

5. The library

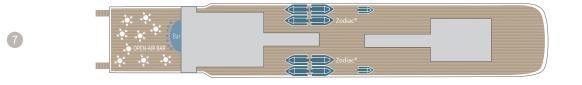
6. *Le Boréal* 7. Prestige Stateroom, *Le Lyrial* 8. Prestige Stateroom Balcony, *Le Boréal* 9. Prestige Stateroom, *L'Austral* 

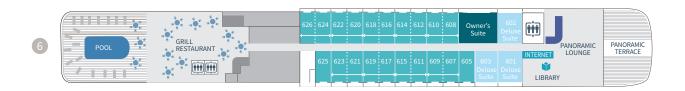
### Amenities

- Individually controlled airconditioning
- Stateroom layout: king-size bed, or twin beds, communicating Staterooms available (children welcome)
- Minibar
- Flat-screen satellite TV
- Video on demand
- Bose Bluetooth speaker
- Safe

- Diptyque bath products
- Dressing table, bath robes, hairdryer
- Direct line telephone
- 110V American (two flat pins)/220V European (round sockets with two round pins)
- 24hr room service
- Inclusive Wifi internet access\*

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







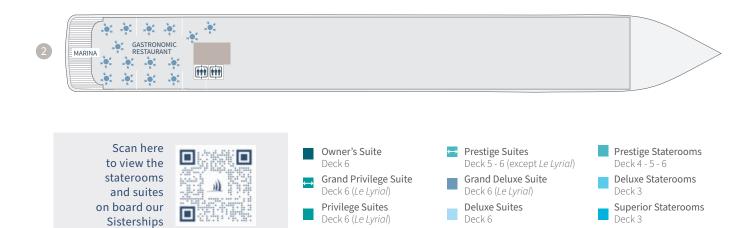
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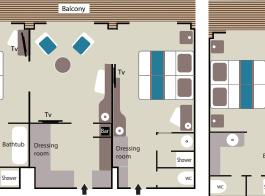
# Discover your Stateroom

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

Balcony Spa bathtub ssing Dressing room

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

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



Balcony Bathtub Dressing

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

GRAND DELUXE SUITE aboard Le Lyrial (45 sq.m/484 sq.ft + 10 sq.m/ 108 sq.ft private balcony

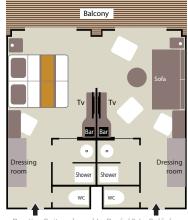
with sliding bay windows)

### PRESTIGE SUITE

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







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

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



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

PRESTIGE STATEROOM

Deck 4

Balcony

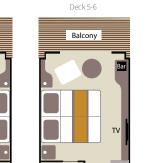
(18.5 sq.m/200 sq.ft + 4 sq.m/43 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)







Dressing



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





# The PONANT Explorers

Equipped with only 92 staterooms (184 passengers), **a multi-sensory underwater lounge**, the *Blue Eye*, and the latest technologies to limit the impact on the environment, *Le Lapérouse*, *Le Champlain*, *Le Bougainville*, *Le Dumont-d'Urville*, *Le Bellot* and *Le Jacques-Cartier* enable you to make stopovers in remote regions.















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

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

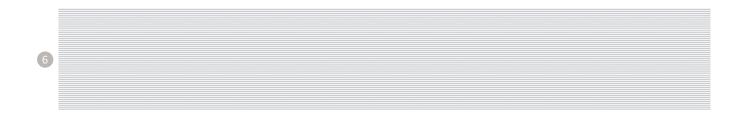
### Amenities

- Individually controlled airconditioning
- Stateroom layout: king-size bed, or twin beds,
- communicating Staterooms available (children welcome)Minibar
- Flat-screen satellite TV
- Video on demand
- Bose Bluetooth speaker
- Safe

- Diptyque bath products
- Dressing table, bath robes, hairdryer
- Direct line telephone
- 110V American (two flat pins)/220V European (round sockets with two round pins)
- 24hr room service
- Inclusive Wifi internet access\*

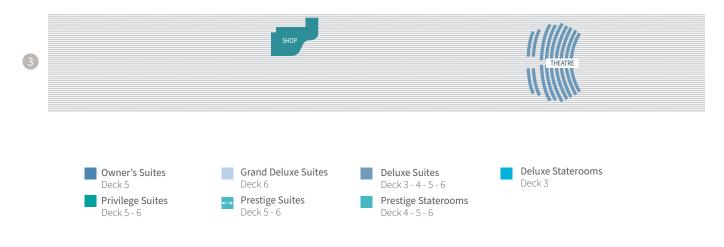
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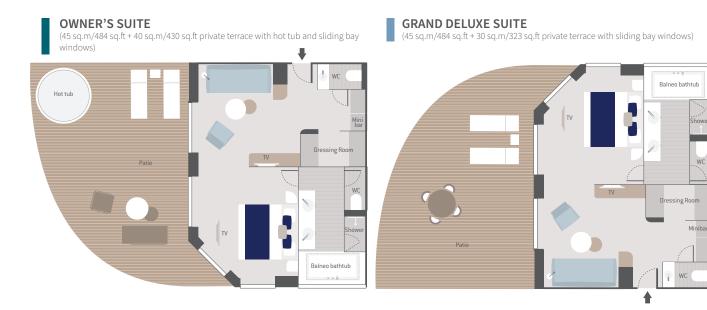


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# Discover your Stateroom

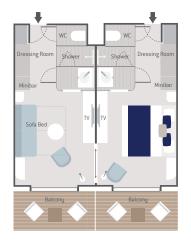


**PRIVILEGE SUITE** (32 sq.m/344 sq.ft + 8 sq.m/86 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)



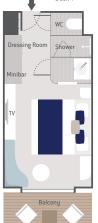
PRESTIGE SUITE

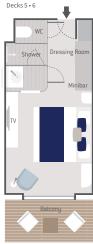
(38 sq.m/409 sq.ft + 8 sq.m/86 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)



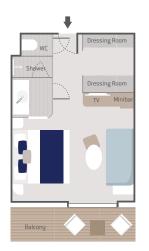
- PRESTIGE STATEROOM
- (19 sq.m/204 sq.ft + 4 sq.m/43 sq.ft private

balcony with sliding bay window)
Deck 4 Decks 5 • 6

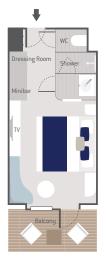




**DELUXE SUITE** (27.5 sq.m /291 sq.ft + 6 sq.m/65 sq.ft private balcony with sliding bay window)



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



Scan here to view the staterooms and suites on board the PONANT Explorers



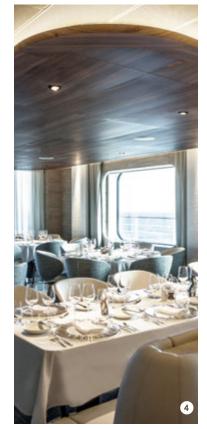






# Le Commandant Charcot

As the first **hybrid electric-liquefied natural gas** polar exploration ship, *Le Commandant Charcot* encapsulates an **eco-friendly design** never before seen in the polar regions. Provided with 123 staterooms (245 passengers), in total communion with nature, it will carry you safely and comfortably beyond known lands. **Two research laboratories on board** enable scientists to collect data that will increase our knowledge of the poles.













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

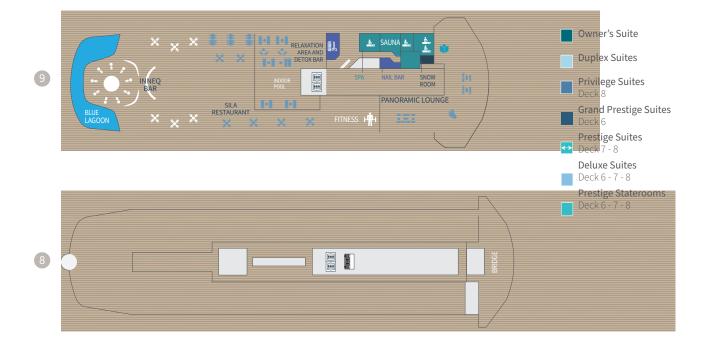
6. *Le Commandant Charcot* 7. The Owner's Suite patio, deck 8 8. The sleeping area on the Duplex Suite 9. The Owner's Suite living room, deck 8

### Amenities

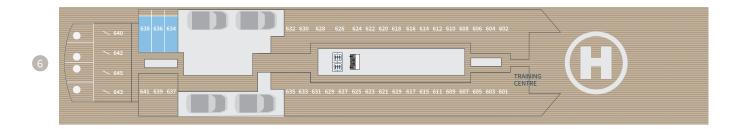
- Private balcony for all our Staterooms and Suites
- Terrace for the Duplex Suites and the Owner's Suite
- Butler service and priority boarding: Owner's Suite, Duplex Suites, Privilege Suites and Grand Prestige Suites
- Individually controlled airconditioning
- Stateroom layout: king-size bed, or twin beds, communicating staterooms available (children welcome)
- Minibar and 24hr room service
- Satellite TV channels (availability dependent on navigation
- Videos on demand
- Bose Bluetooth speaker

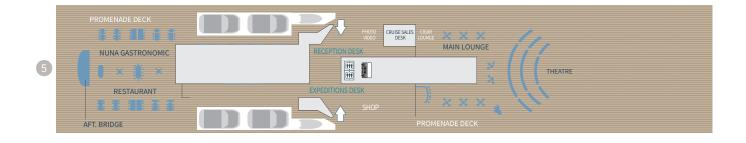
- Safe
- Selection of Diptyque bath products
- Dressing table, bath robes, hairdryer
- Direct line telephone
- 110V American (two flat pins)/220V European (round sockets with two round pins)
- Inclusive Wifi internet access\*

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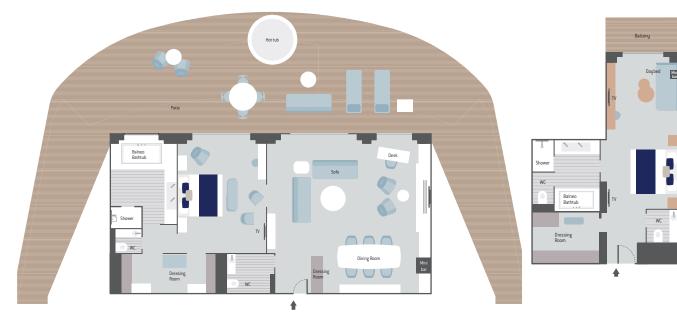


# Discover your Stateroom

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

### **GRAND PRESTIGE SUITE** (42 sq.m/452 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/54 sq.ft

private balcony)



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

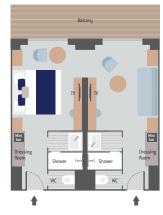


DELUXE SUITE (28 sq.m/301 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/53 sq.ft private balcony)





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



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



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



Scan here to view the staterooms and suites on board Le Commandant Charcot





# Le Ponant

### It is with this ship that the **PONANT adventure began 35 years ago**.

In its new livery, *Le Ponant* reinvents sailing by going with the flow: authentic, intimate and hedonistic with only 16 staterooms (32 passengers) onboard. Whether you're passionate about sailing or a fan of *la dolce vita*, you will enjoy the pleasure of a seamless reconnection with the elements, against a backdrop of magnificent scenery.





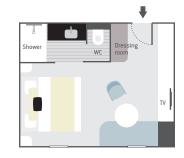
# Discover your Stateroom

### **OWNER'S SUITE**

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



PRESTIGE MISTRAL SUITE (27 sq.m/291 sq.ft + porthole)



PRESTIGE MISTRAL STATEROOM (16 sq.m/172 sq.ft + porthole)

JUNIOR MISTRAL SUITE (22 sq.m/237 sq.ft + porthole)



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



Dressing room WC 



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

ALIZES GRAND PRIVILEGE SUITE

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

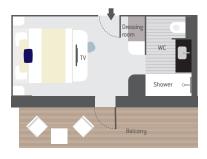




(19 sq.m/205 sq.ft + 4 sq.m/43 sq.ft private balcony)

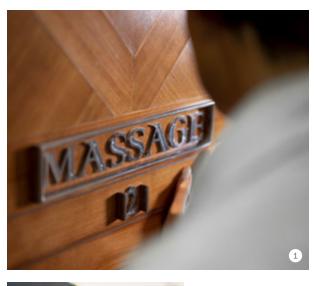


ALIZES PRESTIGE STATEROOM (16 sq.m/172 sq.ft + 8 sq.m/86 sq.ft private balcony)



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# Le Paul Gauguin

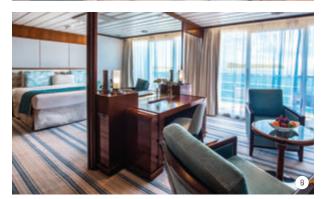
The **165 suites and staterooms** (330 passengers) of *Le Paul Gauguin* all benefit from **exterior views** and are tastefully furnished and decorated. The use of **fine materials** such as expensive woods and *tiki* design elements pays homage to Polynesian culture and combines elegantly with bright pop art colours. The atmosphere on board is suffused with its unique style, and permeates into each guest. Result: the ambiance is relaxed and easy going!













- 1. The Algotherm Spa, for treatments and massages based on marine cosmetics
- 2. The swimming pool area, for relaxing in the sunshine, also features a bar
- 3. The Grill Restaurant, on deck 8
- 4. The piano bar, on deck 5
- 5. The lounge-bar La Palette, open to the outside

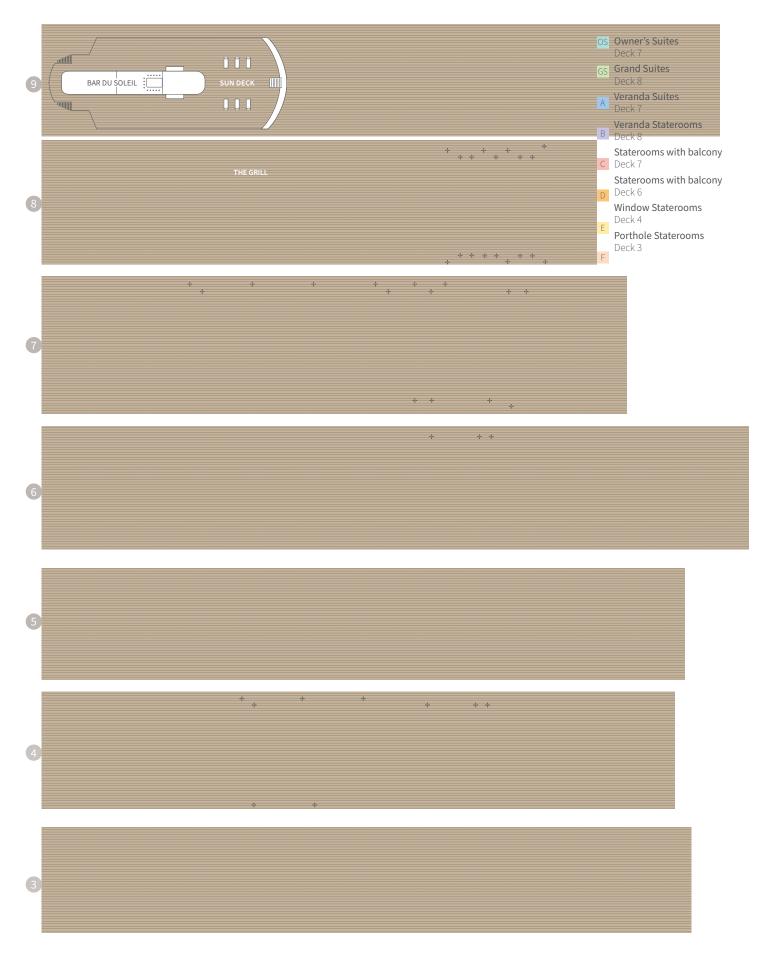
6. *Le Paul Gauguin* 7. GS Grand Suite 8. The Owner's Suite 701 9. C balcony stateroom

### Amenities

- Stateroom layout: king- or queen-size bed; in some staterooms the bed can convert to two single beds; some staterooms also have a sofa bed.
- Minibar
- 110 V/220 V electrical sockets
- Flat-screen TV, CD/DVD player
- Telephone
- Safe
- Individually controlled airconditioning

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

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



- Denotes stateroom with two twin beds that convert to a large double bed.
- + Denotes stateroom with triple occupancy.
- & Stateroom 415 is wheelchair accessible.

The sofa beds are slightly smaller than the standard twin beds. Suites and staterooms range from 18.5 sq.m to 54.5 sq.m (200 to 588 sq.ft). This measurement includes balconies and verandas in categories D and above.

# Discover your stateroom

**OWNER'S SUITE 7002** 

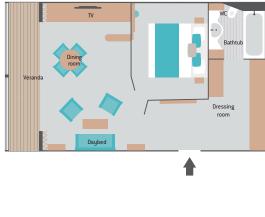
(49 sq.m/531 sq.ft + 5 sq.m/57 sq.ft veranda)

The bathroom boasts a bathtub and a dressing area.

### **OWNER'S SUITE 701**

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

# Veranda



### GS GRAND SUITE

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



### A VERANDA SUITE

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

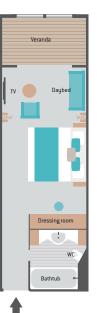


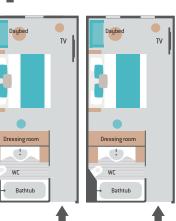


#### D BALCONY STATEROOM (19 sq.m/202 sq.ft + 3 sq.m/37 sq.ft balcony) The following Balcony Staterooms can accommodate a guest in a sofa bed: 616, 618 and 626.

### B VERANDA STATEROOM

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





### C BALCONY STATEROOM

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



### E WINDOW STATEROOM F PORTHOLE STATEROOM

(19 sq.m/200 sq.ft)

The following Window Staterooms can accommodate a guest in a sofa bed: 406, 408, 416, 418, 425, 428, 435, 436 and 438.

Scan here to view the staterooms and suites on board *Le Paul Gauguin* 



# Formalities

### FOR ALL VOYAGES

### 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, PONANT will have to deny boarding to any guest who fails to obtain the appropriate travel documentation for this trip.

Before departure, a medical questionnaire will be sent to you by email. You will be asked to return it duly completed 45 days before the start of your voyage.

### SPECIFIC FORMALITIES

### ARCTIC

### LE BELLOT

REYKJAVÍK • TORONTO 10th August 2024 <sup>(3)</sup> MILWAUKEE • TORONTO 13th October 2024 <sup>(1) (3)</sup> TORONTO • BOSTON 20th October 2024 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>

*LE BORÉAL* 

KANGERLUSSUAQ • KANGERLUSSUAQ 7th and 20th July, 5th August 2024 <sup>(3)</sup> KANGERLUSSUAQ • NOME 28th August 2024 <sup>(1) (3)</sup>

#### LE CHAMPLAIN

REYKJAVÍK • TORONTO 13th August 2024 <sup>(3)</sup> TORONTO • MILWAUKEE 28th August 2024 <sup>(1) (2)</sup> MILWAUKEE • THUNDER BAY 4th September 2024 <sup>(1) (3)</sup> THUNDER BAY • MILWAUKEE 14th September 2024 <sup>(1) (2)</sup> MILWAUKEE • TORONTO 24th September and 11th October 2024 <sup>(1) (3)</sup> TORONTO • BOSTON 18th October 2024 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>

LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

REYKJAVÍK • REYKJAVÍK 16th and 26th April, 6th, 16th and 28th May, 11th June 2024 <sup>(4)</sup>

REYKJAVÍK • LONGYEARBYEN 25th June 2024 <sup>(4)</sup> LONGYEARBYEN • REYKJAVÍK 26th July and 26th September 2024 <sup>(4)</sup> REYKJAVÍK • NOME 12th August 2024 <sup>(1) (3) (4)</sup> NOME • LONGYEARBYEN 6th September 2024 <sup>(1) (4)</sup>

### LE LYRIAL

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### LE SOLÉAL

SEWARD • VANCOUVER 8th June and 18th August 2024 <sup>(1) (3)</sup> VANCOUVER • SITKA 19th June, 5th and 20th July 2024 <sup>(1) (2)</sup> SITKA • VANCOUVER 27th June, 13th and 28th July 2024 <sup>(1) (3)</sup> VANCOUVER • SEWARD 7th and 29th August 2024 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>

- (1) USA: depending on your nationality, an ESTA or visa may be required. Please contact USA consulate website for details. A copy of your visa or ESTA must be sent to PONANT at the very latest 45 days prior to your voyage date. If the ESTA is required to enter the USA, we also ask you to keep a copy of it with your passport throughout the duration of your trip.
- (2) **Canada:** entry (or transit) by air. The ETA is required for Australian and British citizens, US citizens are exempt. Other nationalities, please contact Canada consulate website for details: https://www.canada.ca/en.html. A copy of your visa or ETA must be sent to PONANT at the very latest 45 days prior to your voyage date. If the ETA is required to enter Canada, we also ask you to keep a copy of it with your passport throughout the duration of your trip.
- (3) **Canada:** travel by sea. The eTA is not required for US, Australian and British citizens. Other nationalities: a visa may be required, please contact Canada consulate website for details: https://www.canada.ca/en.html
- (4) Please note that for polar plunge, an EKG (electrocardiogram) by your general practitioner, in addition to the PONANT medical questionnaire, will be required. Also, for persons under 18 wishing to take part in this activity as well as kayaking, a sworn statement from the parents or legal

guardians that they are able to swim will be asked. A parent or legal guardian must be present at the time of the activity.

#### MEDITERRANEAN

L'AUSTRAL VALLETTA • ANTALYA 9th May 2024 <sup>(1)</sup> ANTALYA • VALLETTA 19th May 2024 <sup>(1)</sup> LE CHAMPLAIN AQABA • VALLETTA 2nd April 2024 <sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>

- (1) **Turkey:** note that some nationalities are required to get a visa for Turkey. The visa can be obtained online at https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/.
- (2) **Egypt:** visa delivered and charged onboard (25€ to date, subject to change). This visa is valid for 30 days.
- (3) **Jordan:** a visa is mandatory (current cost 40JOD). The visa is included for guests participating in a PONANT pre- or post-voyage programme. In order to secure your visa, please send a copy of your passport to PONANT 30 days prior to your departure.

### OCEANIA AND POLYNESIA

### LE JACQUES CARTIER

DARWIN • BROOME 22nd May, 11th June, 1st and 21st July, 10th and 30th August, and 19th September 2024

BROOME • DARWIN 1st June, 11th and 31st July, 20th August, 9th and 29th September 2024

### LE LAPÉROUSE

BROOME • DARWIN 14th April and 21st September 2024

DARWIN • BROOME 24th April, 14th May, 3rd and 23rd June, 13th July, 2nd and 22nd August, and 11th September 2024

It is recommended that you contact your health professional for any specific medical advice relating to travel through these regions, including advice on malaria prevention and dengue fever.

### LE PAUL GAUGUIN

For all departures on board *Le Paul Gauquin* 

**USA:** should your flight transit via the USA, a visa or ESTA may be required. Please contact USA consulate website for details. Kindly print out a copy of your ESTA and keep it with your passport.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

**Warning about the use of drones:** the use of drones aboard PONANT ships, whether they are sailing at sea, at a port of call or anchored, is strictly forbidden. The use of drones on land in the Arctic and Antarctic regions is also strictly forbidden by international polar regulations. In other regions, it may be possible to use drones on land if permission has been obtained from the relevant authorities of each country and each region travelled

through, as well as a pilot's licence that should be obtained from your home country. Passengers are responsible for obtaining these permits; they should be able to present them at all times. Passengers who do not obtain these authorisations expose themselves to the risk of legal proceeding.

Medication: if you have a medical condition, do not forget your prescription.

**Online Payments:** Payments made online through au.ponant.com may be subject to international transaction fees. Should this occur, please contact PONANT to discuss further.

### POLAR EXPEDITION VOYAGE

- Complimentary polar parka: for all voyages marked with the logo 'Parka Gift', a PONANT polar water-resistant parka is offered (adult sizes only; in case of consecutive voyages, only one parka per person).
- Complimentary boot hire: boot rental will be offered onboard (for adults only) on expedition voyages where the logo 'Free Boot Rental' appears.
- Ports of call, visited sites, outings and landings will depend on weather conditions, position of ice, winds and the state of the sea. These can force a change of plans at any time. The Captain and the Expedition Leader may at any time cancel or stop any activity, or even modify the itinerary. The final itinerary will be confirmed by the Captain, who will take into account the touristic quality of the sites and above all, the

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

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

### FOR VOYAGES OFFERING SCUBA DIVING

Passengers may take part in scuba diving activities, providing certain conditions are respected, in line with the applicable health, scientific and medical conditions in force on the day of the dive.

Passengers who wish to scuba dive are required to provide the onboard diving monitor with a valid medical certificate authorising them to scuba dive, as well as their certification card and their up-to-date dive log. Within the context of the health measures relating to COVID-19, you will also be required to complete a health declaration. You will be given this form when you pre-book your dive.

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

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

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

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