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## YOU ARE THE DESTINATION



"We believe we are going on a journey, but soon it is the journey that makes or unmakes us." Sixty years after being published in his famous *The Way of the World* (original title *Usage du monde*), these words by travel writer Nicolas Bouvier remain timeless. At PONANT EXPLORATIONS, we believe in the transformative power of travel, and it is with an unwavering passion that we make it a point of honour to offer you experiences that are sure to change you. Far

from being just a collection of memories, travel is above all an inner adventure, an exploration of the invisible links between the world around you and the world inside you.

Imagine the vastness of Greenland on a dog sled, with nothing to hear but the sound of the team racing across the ice. Experiencing an exhilarating sense of freedom in the wild, rugged landscape of the Highlands. Rediscovering the flavours of childhood, whether unusual or forgotten, along the stalls of Mediterranean markets, or during a meal in a local home. Move to the sound of traditional drums, in Japan or Polynesia. From October 2025 to October 2026, join us for the pleasure of exploration in all its forms.

Whether it burns or slumbers within you, let your explorer's soul loose aboard *Le Commandant Charcot*, the world's only luxury icebreaker and the only cruise ship to offer you the quest for the Geographic North Pole. As for music lovers, gourmets and art and culture enthusiasts, we've got you covered. With PONANT EXPLORATIONS, passion and travel go hand in hand. Our partners and guests, including Smithsonian Journeys, the Opéra national de Paris, the Pinault Collection and Relais & Châteaux, will, time and time again, provide you with unforgettable moments of emotion.

See you on board soon,

*Hervé Gastinel*

CEO of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP

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# Explore the world with PONANT EXPLORATIONS

Arctic Ocean



THE ATLANTIC

  
POLYNESIA

COOK ISLANDS  
Marquesas Islands  
Tuamotu  
Fakarava  
Papeete  
Society Islands  
  
FRENCH POLYNESIA



## GET A REAL FEEL:

Experience our destinations as if you were already there!  
Scan the QR code or go to: [au.ponant.com/immersion-360](https://au.ponant.com/immersion-360).



# 10 REASONS

to sail with PONANT EXPLORATIONS

## 1 | High-level EXPERTISE

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



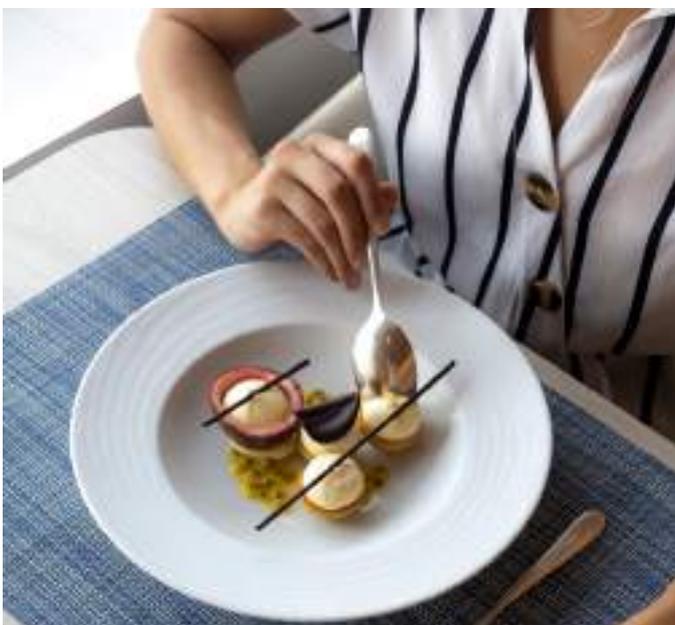


## 2 | The art of TRAVELLING

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

## 3 | A service of EXCELLENCE

On board, enjoy the **comfort and sleek design** of the common areas. Spas offering expert treatments in collaboration with renowned brands (Clarins, Biologique Recherche, Sothys, Algotherrm), hairdressing salons, wellness areas with fitness rooms, restaurants and bars welcome you into a **warm ambiance**. The theatre is the place to be for film screenings, lectures and performances. All our ships are equipped with outdoor swimming pools (except *Le Ponant* and the *Spirit of Ponant*).

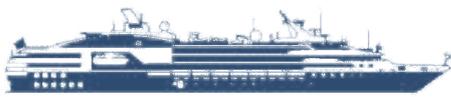


## 4 | A REFINED table

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

# 5 | A MODERN fleet

We are one of only a few cruise companies to sail under the French flag, which represents the highest level of safety. We respect strict specifications regarding crew training, health and safety protocols, and regular checks on our vessels. Designed on a more intimate scale, with just 6 to 165 staterooms, our ships are equipped with the most advanced technology for safe and responsible sailing.



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

*122 or 132 staterooms and suites. Find out more on p. 108.*



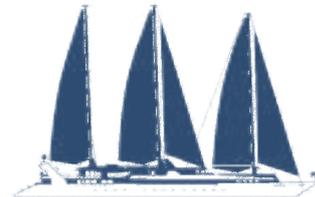
The **PONANT Explorers** series gives you a different expedition experience. Each ship is designed to explore the more remote regions of the world and to offer the comfort of an intimate vessel.

*92 staterooms and suites. Find out more on p. 112.*



Combining electric propulsion and liquefied natural gas, **Le Commandant Charcot**, the world's only luxury icebreaker, takes you on polar odysseys in the footsteps of the great polar explorers.

*123 staterooms and suites. Find out more on p. 116.*



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

*16 staterooms and suites. Find out more on p. 120.*



**m/s Paul Gauguin** has recently undergone a luxurious, multi-million-dollar transformation. Designed for navigating Polynesian waters, she offers close access to lagoons and secluded bays, in a casually relaxed yet stylish atmosphere.

*165 staterooms and suites. Find out more on p. 124.*



With six staterooms for up to 12 guests, **Spirit of Ponant**, a Lagoon Seventy 7 maxi-catamaran, offers you services where excellence, intimacy and connection with nature are paramount.

*6 staterooms. Find out more on p. 128.*

# 6

## Working towards more RESPONSIBLE tourism

By way of our Foundation and our PONANT Blue Horizon and PONANT Science programs, we are striving to **reduce our environmental footprint** on terrestrial and marine environments (hybrid propulsion, recycling and waste and water treatment, elimination of single-use plastics, etc.). With laboratories available to science teams on board *Le Commandant Charcot*, we contribute to **international scientific research**.

Sustainable development also shapes the knowledge we share with our guests, who are the ambassadors of each region we visit.

# 7

## CONSCIOUS travels

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

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



Check out all our actions on our website.





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## GO THE EXTRA MILE WITH PONANT *PLUS*

With PONANT *PLUS* you can book private excursions, hotel nights or flights with the help of your dedicated PONANT concierge team. For certain hard-to-reach destinations, we offer private flights and land transportation to ensure your safe and serene arrival at the port of embarkation. Finally, download the PONANT application, and let us guide you during the preparation of your trip, then throughout your time on board.

### SERVICES WE OFFER:



- Domestic and international flights
- Airport and Hotel transfers
- Land transfers
- Hotel accommodation
- Pre and post-voyage local touring

**PONANT *PLUS* offers extensive added value to your chosen exploration, ensuring you will embark with ease and return rejuvenated.**

Contact our concierge team at [concierge.aus@ponant.com](mailto:concierge.aus@ponant.com)

# 9 | EXTENSIVE inclusions

## SERVICES INCLUDED ON ALL VOYAGES

- An **excursion** per person per stopover\*
- **All inclusive** from arrival to departure: French-inspired and international cuisine at all restaurants
- **Open bar** for all drinks in restaurants, bars and minibars (excluding the premium menu)
- 24-hour **room service**
- **Butler service** in some suites
- Unlimited **Wi-Fi** service on board
- **Entertainment** including dance shows, film screenings, live music, presentations from chefs and sommeliers depending on itinerary
- **Conferences** delivered by nature guides and guests of honour including historians, journalists, art curators, scientists and more depending on itinerary
- Access to the wellness area and steam room or sauna, depending on the ship
- Non-motorised **water sports activities**, such as kayaking or stand-up paddling (diving not included)

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES ON AN EXPEDITION VOYAGE

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

- **Zodiac** outings led by expedition experts
- All land **excursions**
- Conferences and information sessions on board with **destination experts**
- In the polar regions, we also offer you a complimentary **parka** and **boots** for hire on most of our departures (See terms & conditions on p131)

Look for the icons:



### INCLUDED EXCURSIONS NOW ON ALL SAILINGS\*

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

**Optional excursions** are available for a supplement. The price range is indicated by the icons below:

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



*\*Excluding voyages on board m/s Paul Gauguin. Pre-book your excursions (subject to availability) as early as two months before the start of your voyage and up to seven days before boarding with your PONANT advisors.*

# 10 | Customised BENEFITS



## FREE SOLO SUPPLEMENT

Whether you're planning to embark on a solo adventure, travel with a group of friends, or seek some peace and serenity, you can enjoy the space of your **own double stateroom at no extra cost\***!

Simply scan the QR code below and select from over 200 selected departures including the Kimberley, Europe, Antarctica, French Polynesia, New Zealand and more!



All our voyages with FREE SOLO SUPPLEMENT are indicated with this icon on our website.

\*The double cabin supplement for single use is available on a limited number of cabins and is subject to cabin category. Offer valid on selected voyages only. Visit [au.ponant.com](http://au.ponant.com) or contact your preferred travel agent.

# CONSECUTIVE VOYAGES: CREATE YOUR OWN GRAND VOYAGE!

Continue the fun by combining several voyages and benefit from the following offers: ^

## ON ALL OUR VOYAGES

10 %  
off all consecutive voyages

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20 %  
off when the voyage is your 2nd

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off when the voyage is your 3rd

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off when the voyage is your 4th

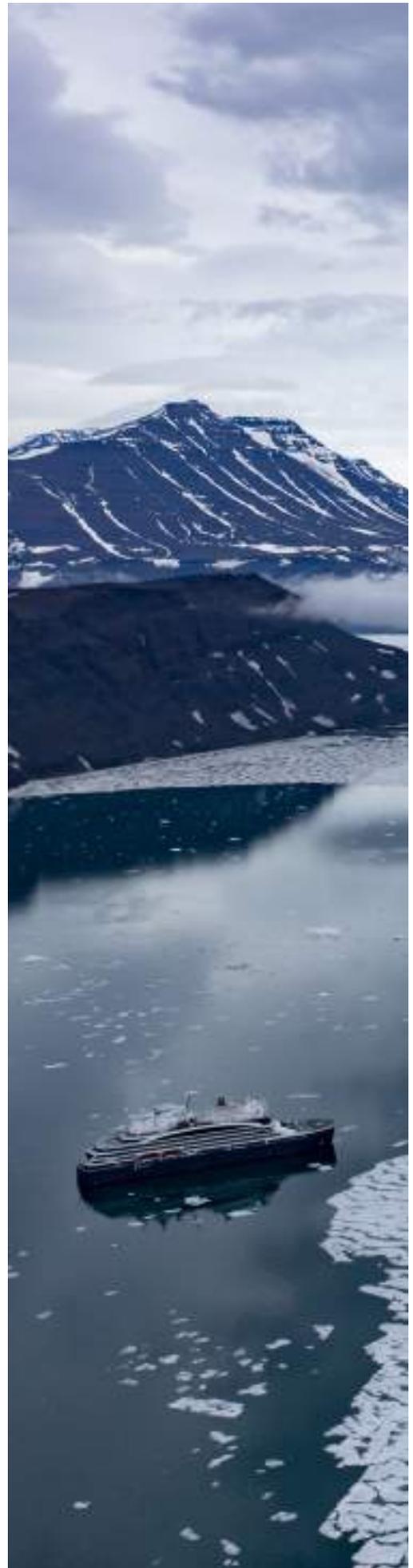
## REFER US TO YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY

As a referrer, you will receive an AU\$800 discount# per stateroom on your next voyage (as soon as your referral is booked).

Your referee also benefits from a AU\$800 reduction# on their first voyage. As the number of referrals is not limited, you can accumulate your discounts. To take advantage of this offer, email [reservations.aus@ponant.com](mailto:reservations.aus@ponant.com) with details of the person to be referred.



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# JOIN THE PONANT YACHT CLUB

Save 5% when you book your second voyage and become a PONANT Yacht Club member!

You will benefit from special advantages, exclusive services on board and on land, as well as privileged services.



	MAJOR	ADMIRAL	GRAND ADMIRAL	COMMODORE
	After you confirm your 2nd voyage	After you confirm your 4th voyage	After you confirm your 7th voyage	After you confirm your 20th voyage
Discount on your future bookings (see opposite)	-5 % From your 3rd booking	-7.5 % From your 5th booking	-10 % From your 8th booking	-12.5 % From your 21st booking
Discount for all onboard expenses, except excursions		-20 %	-25 %	-25 %
Onboard credit (per person)	50 €	100 €	150 €	200 €
Complimentary onboard laundry service	✓	✓	✓	✓
The opportunity to join the PONANT Yacht Club's Loyalty voyages	✓	✓	✓	✓
Possibility of upgrading (according to availability)		✓	✓	✓
Change your choice of voyage without incurring charges			✓	✓
Dedicated phone line				✓
Priority boarding according to availability				✓

For more information about the PONANT Yacht Club, please scan the QR code.



*\*Offers indicated are subject to change without notice. †Discount applicable on the port-to-port voyage fare only and excludes port taxes. Not applicable on ocean voyages. Ocean voyages are not included in the calculation of the voyage position. \*The referrer must have already sailed on a PONANT ship. The person being referred cannot have previously sailed on a PONANT ship. Visit [au.ponant.com/ponant-benefits](http://au.ponant.com/ponant-benefits) for all terms and conditions.*



Discover the diverse selection of itineraries offered by PONANT EXPLORATIONS. Additional dates and itineraries can be found throughout our brochure and on our website.

## THE ARCTIC & NORTH AMERICA

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4th May 2026	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	10		38
14th May 2026	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	14		39
25th May 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	7		28
28th May 2026	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Reykjavík • Longyearbyen	16		39
6th June 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	7		28
13th June 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	7		28
13th June 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		29
13th June 2026	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Longyearbyen • Reykjavík	16		39
20th June 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	7		28
20th June 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		29
27th June 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		28
6th July 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	7		28
11th July 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		29
12th July 2026	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	15		40
13th July 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	7		28
18th July 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		29
20th July 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Reykjavík • Kangerlussuaq	13		30
20th July 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	7		28
25th July 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	7		29
27th July 2026	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	15		40
27th July 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Reykjavík • Toronto	15		33
27th July 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	7		28
1st August 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Longyearbyen • Reykjavík	13		29
2nd August 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq	13		30
3rd August 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Reykjavík • Reykjavík	7		28
11th August 2026	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	15		40
14th August 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Reykjavík • Kangerlussuaq	13		30
15th August 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq	16		30
27th August 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq	13		30
27th August 2026	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen	15		40
31st August 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq	19		32
9th September 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Kangerlussuaq • Saint Pierre and Miquelon	14		32
11th September 2026	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Longyearbyen • Reykjavík	16		40
19th September 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Kangerlussuaq • Halifax	17		32
23rd September 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Saint Pierre and Miquelon • Montréal	11		33
28th September 2026	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	Reykjavík • Lakselv	16		41
4th October 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Montréal • New York	13		34
6th October 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Boston • Boston	13		35



## THE CARIBBEAN

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29th November 2025	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France	8	44
7th December 2025	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Fort-de-France • Colón	12	45
19th December 2025	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Colón • Puntarenas	7	45
12th December 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Vieux-Fort • Vieux-Fort	8	44
20th December 2025	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Vieux-Fort • Vieux-Fort	8	44
26th December 2025	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Puntarenas • Colón	7	45
2nd January 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Colón • Puntarenas	7	45
9th January 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Puntarenas • Colón	7	45
16th January 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Colón • Fort-de-France	12	45
28th January 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Vieux-Fort • Vieux-Fort	8	44
8th March 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Vieux-Fort • Vieux-Fort	8	44
25th March 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Colón • Fort-de-France	12	45



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25th November 2025	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Las Palmas • Dakar	10	59
21st December 2025	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Málaga • Tenerife	8	59
26th March 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Las Palmas • Las Palmas	7	58
2nd April 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Las Palmas • Las Palmas	7	58
2nd April 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Tromsø • Glasgow	10	50
9th April 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Las Palmas • Lisbon	10	58
10th April 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Dakar • Las Palmas	10	59
12th April 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Glasgow • Dublin	9	54
19th April 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Lisbon • Bordeaux	10	61
20th April 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Las Palmas • Málaga	8	59
21st April 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Dublin • Dublin	7	55
28th April 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Las Palmas • Lisbon	10	58
28th April 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Dublin • Glasgow	9	54
29th April 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Bordeaux • London	8	56
8th May 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Lisbon • Honfleur	11	61
13th May 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Dublin • Glasgow	9	53
15th May 2026	<i>Le Bellot</i>	Glasgow • Reykjavík	10	52
19th May 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Honfleur • Glasgow	8	55
21st May 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Glasgow • Glasgow	7	53
22nd May 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Glasgow • Glasgow	9	52
27th May 2026	<i>L'Austral</i>	Glasgow • Reykjavík	10	52
31st May 2026	<i>Le Lyréal</i>	Glasgow • Longyearbyen	13	50
28th June 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Bergen • Fredrikstad	8	51
2nd July 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Bergen • Glasgow	7	51
6th July 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Fredrikstad • Helsinki	10	57
9th July 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Glasgow • Reykjavík	11	52
16th July 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Helsinki • Copenhagen	8	57
10th August 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Helsinki - Copenhagen	8	57



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18th August 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Dublin • Glasgow	9	53
24th September 2026	<i>Le Lapérouse</i>	Glasgow • Bordeaux	8	56

## THE MEDITERRANEAN

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7th November 2025	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Athens • Málaga	10	67
8th November 2025	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Athens • Málaga	9	67
22nd March 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Valletta • Antalya	10	83
1st April 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Antalya • Valletta	10	83
28th April 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Málaga • Valletta	7	67
5th May 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Málaga • Valletta	9	67
6th May 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Barcelona • Leixões	11	66
7th May 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Nice • Nice	7	71
14th May 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Valletta • Istanbul	10	83
14th May 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Nice • Nice	9	72
30th May 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Nice • Nice	7	72
31st May 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Valletta • Venice	8	74
1st June 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Valletta • Athens	8	79
8th June 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Venice • Dubrovnik	7	77
15th June 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Dubrovnik • Venice	7	77
20th June 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Athens • Athens	7	81
22nd June 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Venice • Nice	10	73
23rd June 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Athens • Valletta	8	79
27th June 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Athens • Athens	7	81
2nd July 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Istanbul • Athens	8	83
2nd July 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Nice • Nice	8	70
10th July 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Athens • Athens		82
16th July 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Dubrovnik • Venice	7	75
17th July 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Athens • Nice	12	80
18th July 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Athens • Dubrovnik	7	76
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25th July 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Dubrovnik • Dubrovnik	7	76
26th July 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Nice • Nice	8	70
29th July 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Nice • Nice	8	70
30th July 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Dubrovnik • Venice	7	75
1st August 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Dubrovnik • Dubrovnik	7	76
3rd August 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Nice • Barcelona	8	68



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8th August 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Dubrovnik • Dubrovnik	7	76
13th August 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Dubrovnik • Venice	7	75
14th August 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Nice • Nice	8	70
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20th August 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Venice • Dubrovnik	7	77
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27th August 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Dubrovnik • Valletta	9	78
3rd September 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Venice • Venice	7	75
5th September 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Nice • Nice	7	72
10th September 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Venice • Venice	7	75
12th September 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Nice • Nice	7	72
19th September 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Nice • Nice	7	72
26th September 2026	<i>Le Ponant</i>	Nice • Nice	6	72
1st October 2026	<i>Le Champlain</i>	Civitavecchia • Athens	10	80
3rd October 2026	<i>Le Boréal</i>	Valletta • Valletta	9	78
15th October 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Athens • Athens	7	82
22nd October 2026	<i>Le Dumont d'Urville</i>	Athens • Valletta	7	79
31st October 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Valletta • Málaga	9	67

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17th December 2025	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Walvis Bay • Durban	10	93
27th December 2025	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Durban • Nosy Be	11	93
17th January 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Mahe • Mahe	8	 92
25th January 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Mahe • Mahe	8	 92
22nd February 2026	<i>Le Jacques Cartier</i>	Hong Kong • Naha	12	91
6th March 2026	<i>Le Jacques Cartier</i>	Naha • Kobe	12	91
8th March 2026	<i>Le Bougainville</i>	Nosy Be • Durban	11	93
16th March 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Osaka • Busan	8	90
24th March 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Busan • Osaka	12	90
5th April 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Osaka • Busan	8	90
10th April 2026	<i>Le Jacques Cartier</i>	Osaka • Ishigaki	11	91
7th May 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Osaka • Busan	12	90
19th May 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Busan • Osaka	12	90

## POLYNESIA & OCEANIA

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28th March 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	11	102
8th April 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	10	102
18th April 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7	101
2nd May 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	11	102
13th May 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	10	102
23rd May 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	14	103
6th June 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7	101
13th June 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7	101
17th June 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Bali • Darwin	12	 98
20th June 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	14	103
29th June 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Darwin • Broome	10	 99
4th July 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7	101
9th July 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Broome • Darwin	10	 99
11th July 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7	101
18th July 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	11	102
29th July 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	10	102
8th August 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Fremantle • Broome	10	 99
8th August 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7	101
11th August 2026	<i>Le Jacques Cartier</i>	Broome • Darwin	10	 99
15th August 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	14	103
18th August 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Broome • Darwin	10	 99
21st August 2026	<i>Le Jacques Cartier</i>	Darwin • Lautoka	16	 98
29th August 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7	101
5th September 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	7	101
7th September 2026	<i>Le Soléal</i>	Broome • Darwin	10	 99
12th September 2026	<i>m/s Paul Gauguin</i>	Papeete • Papeete	11	102

## GRAND VOYAGES

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## Through the eyes of **Julia Wellner**



### **In the intimate immensity of Svalbard**

German photographer Julia Wellner left Geneva to embrace the unknown of Svalbard. Determined to get to grips with this unique territory on the edge of the North Pole, she trained as a guide and now shares the secrets of a world as wild as it is fascinating with PONANT EXPLORATIONS guests.

*"When I arrived in Longyearbyen, I discovered a world apart. For the first three years, I felt like I was learning something new every day. As a child, I used to go and feed the birds in the garden in winter. In Svalbard, humans must not attempt to tame the animals. If they can't find enough to live on, then they can't live there. The same goes for us. You have to be prepared for this climate, which discourages many people, and this also helps to preserve the area. During the long months of polar night, everything slows down. But the locals go out anyway, illuminated by the glow of the moon, the stars and the Northern Lights... As a photographer, I appreciate more the soft, changing light of*

*long summer days, when the thick clouds melt into the icy, snowy landscapes, highlighting all the shades of grey, green, white and blue.*

*People often imagine the North Pole is a silent environment, but that's not so. When we stop talking or moving, we can hear the song of Svalbard in the tinkling of the glaciers, as the air bubbles trapped in the ice are released as it melts. As a guide, one of my missions is to encourage travellers to live the moment, by which I mean, before taking out the camera, it would be good to contemplate and take in this intimate communication with nature. These are the moments that are worth their weight in gold."*



## Greenland with PONANT EXPLORATIONS

Majestic icebergs, iconic glaciers and fjords, exceptional wildlife, visits to traditional villages and encounters with the Inuit: embark on a unique exploration of Greenland.

### Anatomy of a unicorn

In the Arctic, the elusive narwhal stands out as an exceptional cetacean. In the male, the upper left canine extends into a twisted tusk that can measure three metres. This 'horn' has 10 million nerves endings and its **sensory properties** are unique in the world. The colour of the animal varies according to its age: blue-grey at birth, it becomes black as an adult, before becoming covered in white spots, until it is immaculate white.

*Itineraries: Expedition to the Thule region, p. 30; In the heart of the Northwest Passage, p. 32; In the ice of the Arctic, from Svalbard to Greenland, p. 39 and The Geographic North Pole and the east coast of Greenland, p. 40.*

## The tractors of Hrísey

Nicknamed 'the pearl of Eyjafjörður', the small island of Hrísey lies around 40 kilometres from Akureyri, in the north of **Iceland**. While it is a sanctuary for rare birds such as the rock ptarmigan and the common eider, its originality lies in the colourful tractors that dot the area: most of the 200 inhabitants travel exclusively in these agricultural vehicles.

*Itinerary: Icelandic mosaic, p. 28.*



## Newfoundland: half Viking, half Basque

On the northern tip of the island, L'Anse aux Meadows bears witness to the Viking presence in America around the year 1000.

Told in the **Scandinavian sagas**, the existence of a world to the west was probably known to Europeans long before Christopher Columbus took his own ship there. In 1517, Basque sailors, inspired by the Nordic adventurers, settled here to hunt whales and fish for cod in the Labrador Sea.

*Itineraries: Wilderness from Greenland to the east coast of Canada, p. 32; Exploration from Greenland to Canada via Saint Pierre and Miquelon and Exploration along Saint Lawrence, p. 33.*

## Once upon a time on Cape Cod...

The history of the 'Cape Cod' begins with the epic story of the **Mayflower**, which landed the first pilgrims at Provincetown, welcomed by the Nauset and Wampanoag native communities. Since then, the peninsula has inspired numerous writers, from Henry David Thoreau's book of the same name, to Mary Higgins Clark's thrillers and Jan Kerouac's *Baby Driver*.

*Itinerary: Nova Scotia and the East Coast of the United States, p. 35.*



## Icelandic mosaic

**Reykjavík • Reykjavík** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Bellot*: 25th May and 1st June 2026 | *L'Austral*: 6th, 13th and 20th June, 6th and 13th July 2026 | *Le Lapérouse*: 20th, 27th July and 3rd August 2026 | From AU \$9,350 <sup>(1)</sup>



13th July departure: Húsavík replaces the stop at Akureyri.  
20th July departure: Hrísey replaces the stop at Grímsey.

### Highlights:

Landscapes: glaciers, breathtaking fjords, volcanic rock, basalt pillars, jagged cliffs and geysers • Wildlife: Atlantic puffins and Northern gannets (except in August), Arctic terns, Minke whales, humpback whales, Icelandic horses • A passionate lecturer on board • A call at Grímsey, near the Arctic Circle • **Your excursions include\***: the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, the three sites of Iceland's 'Golden Circle' (Thingvellir, Gullfoss waterfalls and Geysir) or the thermal baths of Húsavík or the Goðafoss waterfalls.



See website for an enriched departure, Iceland Voyage: Land of Fire and Ice on 1st June 2026, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.



**13th June departure:** in partnership with **Ducasse Paris** and **Jean-Philippe Blondet**, executive chef of the three-star restaurant **Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester**, London. The program includes culinary demonstrations, unforgettable dinners and gastronomic talks.

## Icelandic nature and traditions

**Reykjavík • Reykjavík** | 10 days/9 nights | *L'Austral*: 27th June 2026 | From AU\$12,850 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

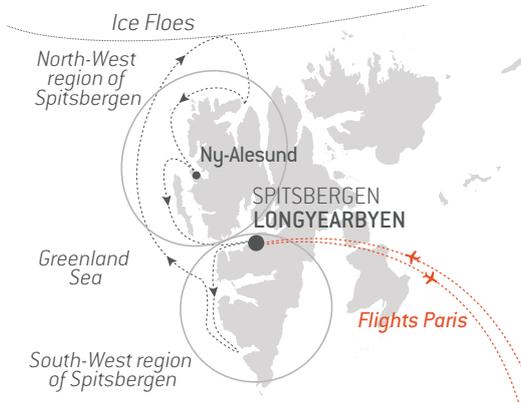
Landscapes: glaciers, fjords, volcanic rock, basalt pillars, jagged cliffs and geysers, waterfalls, lava fields, geothermal field, caves, lake, icebergs, glacier lagoon, black-sand beaches • Wildlife: seabirds, Minke whales, humpback whales, killer whales, porpoises, dolphins, Icelandic horses • Discover Reykjavík, capital of Iceland • **Among your included excursions\***: the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, the three sites of Iceland's 'Golden Circle' (Thingvellir, Gullfoss waterfalls and Geysir) or the Goðafoss waterfalls.



# Fjords and glaciers of Spitsbergen



Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Lyrial*: 13th, 20th June and 11th, 18th and 25th July 2026 | From AU\$14,600 <sup>(1)</sup>



*Itineraries of 18th and 25th July are inverted.*

## Highlights:

The history of Spitsbergen connected to hunting and fishing, the mining industry and polar exploration • Scenic sailing between dazzling blue sky or mysterious polar mist • Landscapes: glaciers, icebergs, glacier fronts and ice caps, striated cliffs, tundra and the possibility of observing the ice floe • Wildlife: polar bears, Arctic foxes, reindeer, walruses, bearded and harbour seals, Arctic fulmars and terns, black-legged kittiwakes, eiders, guillemots, blue whales, minke whales, orcas • Hiking opportunities.

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

# Total solar eclipse in the Far North



Longyearbyen • Reykjavík | 14 days/13 nights | *Le Lyrial*: 1st August 2026 | From AU\$25,240 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

A unique voyage to experience the 16th total eclipse of the 21st century • Explore Jan Mayen, an island dear to Captain Charcot • Exploring the region of Ittoqqortoormiit at the entrance to Scoresby Sound • Discover Iceland with a stop in Isafjörður to explore the fjords of the north-west • Landscapes: rugged mountains, icebergs, ice caps, deep valleys, striated cliffs, vertiginous walls, glaciers, tundra, ice floe • Wildlife: polar bears, Arctic foxes, Svalbard reindeer, walruses, bearded seals, harbour seals, Arctic fulmars, Arctic terns, black-legged kittiwakes, eiders, guillemots, blue whales, minke whales, beluga whales, orcas • Hiking opportunities.

**Included in your voyage<sup>(2)</sup>:** outward flight from Paris and transfer.

A voyage in the presence of **Claudie and Jean-Pierre Haigneré**, French astronauts who spent time on board the International Space Station. Lectures given in French and English.

## ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE



### The Golden Circle

From Hafnarfjörður | 9h | Included

Take the plunge into the heart of mythical Iceland with three must-see sites: Thingvellir, birthplace of one of the first parliaments in history, the majestic Gullfoss waterfalls and the open-air geothermal field of Geysir. An immersion in the power of the island of fire and ice, where history and nature merge.

*You can find the complete list of our excursions and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Excursions must be booked prior to departure. Find out more on p. 13.*

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

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# Expedition to the edge of the Ice Sheet



Reykjavík • Kangerlussuaq | 14 days/13 nights | *L'Austral*: 20th July 2026 | *Le Lyrial*: 14th August 2026 | From AU\$18,180 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO site • Visit traditional villages and Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, and meet the Inuit community • An expedition in the footsteps of the first Vikings, from the east coast of Greenland to Hvalsø, home to ancient remains • Observe the largest icebergs in the northern hemisphere and the Egi Glacier in Disko Bay, a UNESCO site • The wildlife: humpback whales, orcas, seals, musk oxen, Arctic foxes • Hiking opportunities.

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

# Baffin Bay secrets



Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq | 14 days/13 nights | *L'Austral*: 2nd August 2026 | *Le Lyrial*: 27th August 2026 | From AU\$23,290 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Departure on 2 August: Orpit, a new stopover with surprising vegetation for these latitudes • Visit traditional villages and encounter the Inuit people • Observe the largest icebergs in the northern hemisphere and the Egi Glacier in Disko Bay, a UNESCO site • Landscapes: fjords, jagged mountains, sheer cliffs, glaciers, polar ice, tundra • Wildlife: Polar bears, walruses, Arctic terns, musk oxen, whales and orcas • Hiking opportunities.

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

27th August departure: change of stopovers due to seasonality and ice conditions. Please refer to the website.



# Expedition to the Thule Region



Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq | 17 days/16 nights | *L'Austral*: 15th August 2026 | From AU\$29,450 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

See the largest icebergs in the northern hemisphere in Disko Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site • Sail between the ice floes and icebergs in the region of Thule • Discover of traditional villages among the northernmost in the world • Encounters with Inuit communities • Landscapes: tundra, ice cap, glaciers, icebergs, ice floe • Wildlife: polar bears, humpback whales, Arctic terns, belugas, bearded seals, orcas, narwhals.

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

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## In the heart of the Northwest Passage



**Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq** | 20 days/19 nights | *L'Austral*: 31st August 2026 | From AU\$33,030 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

The exploration of part of the North-West Passage, a maritime route to the far north that has long been coveted • Disko Bay, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the Northern Hemisphere's largest icebergs • In Fort Ross, discovering the remains of a former whaling- and fur-trading post • Landscapes: ice pack, jagged islands, fjords, glaciers, mountain chains • Wildlife: Arctic foxes, seabirds, belugas, narwhals, bowhead whales, humpback whales, musk oxen, walruses, polar bears • Hiking opportunities.

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

## Wilderness from Greenland to the east coast of Canada



**Kangerlussuaq • Saint Pierre and Miquelon** | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Lyrial*: 9th September 2026 |

**Kangerlussuaq • Halifax** | 18 days/17 nights | *L'Austral*: 19th September 2026 | From AU\$21,930 <sup>(1)</sup>



Each route has its own particularities.  
See the website for further details.

### Highlights:

The shores of the Labrador region, its fjords, mountains, huge lakes and rich biodiversity • The island of Newfoundland, its rich history between Viking and Basque heritages and its sumptuous scenery, to be discovered in particular during unforgettable hikes • Landscapes: drifting iceberg, jagged mountains, crystal-clear lakes, sheer cliffs, fjords, glaciers, peat bogs and boreal forests • Wildlife: polar bears, musk oxen, seals, whales, thick-billed murre, gannets • **Enjoy included excursions\*** led by local guides as well as activities accompanied by your naturalist guides.

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Included in your voyage<sup>(2)</sup>:

**9th September departure:** the outward flight Paris/Kangerlussuaq, the return flight Saint Pierre and Miquelon/Montréal and transfers.

**19th September departure:** the flight Paris/Kangerlussuaq and transfer.

# Exploration from Greenland to Canada via Saint Pierre and Miquelon



Reykjavík • Toronto | 16 days/15 nights | *Le Bellot*: 27th July 2026 | From AU\$19,140 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

L'Anse aux Meadows, a Viking archaeological site dating from the 11th century, a UNESCO site • Observe marine mammals at the mouth of the Saguenay river • Travel up the Saint Lawrence, one of the largest rivers in the world, with an immense and wild shoreline • Discover St John's, the capital of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador • Landscapes: fjords, rugged mountains, glaciers, cliffs, polar ice cap, tundra • Wildlife: seabirds, caribous, musk oxen, whales and orcas • **Enjoy included excursions\*** led by local guides as well as activities accompanied by your naturalist guides.



# Exploration along Saint Lawrence



Saint Pierre and Miquelon • Montréal | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Lyrial*: 23rd September 2026 | From AU\$16,210 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Stopovers on the Lower-North-Shore of the Saint Lawrence River, on Providence Island, in Harrington Harbour and at La Romaine in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence • The island of Newfoundland, one of the first European settlements in the New World • Visiting the city of Québec and its historic centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Landscapes: peat bogs, jagged mountains, sheer cliffs, majestic fjords, boreal forests • Wildlife: white-tailed deer, grey seals and harbour seals, blue whales, beluga whales, minke whales • Hiking opportunities • **Enjoy included excursions\*** led by local guides as well as activities accompanied by your naturalist guides.

**Included in your voyage<sup>(2)</sup>:** flight Montréal/Saint Pierre and Miquelon and transfer.

## ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE



### Discover Niagara Falls

After your voyage | Toronto | 1 night

Visit the most famous waterfalls in North America. Witness the power of Niagara Falls as you begin your tour through tunnels cut into the rock to feel the powerful vibrations of the cataract. Feel yourself absorbed in contemplation at the foot of its tumultuous flow. You will then spend a relaxing night at the hotel before heading to the airport for your return flight.

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# Fall foliage on the Saint Lawrence: Québec to the Canadian Maritimes



Toronto • Boston | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Bellot*: 24th September 2026 | From AU\$16,530 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Québec and Lunenburg • Cruise the Saint Lawrence Seaway, a marvel of engineering as well as one of North America's most scenic waterways • Discover the vibrant art scenes of cosmopolitan Montréal and quaint Provincetown • Explore wildlife-rich ecosystems and a geologically fascinating national park in the Magdalen Islands • Learn of the centuries-long struggle between France and England for control of this part of the world at battlefields in Montréal and Québec and in the living museum in Louisbourg.



# From Québec to the Big Apple: nature and remarkable cities

Montréal • New York | 14 days/13 nights | *Le Lyrial*: 4th October 2026 | From AU\$17,440 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Exploring Montréal, Québec and Boston, cities renowned for their singular identity and cultural dynamism • Sailing on the Saint Lawrence, home to a rich ecosystem • Discovering Newport and Martha's Vineyard, the summer residences of American presidents • An exceptional stopover with an overnight stay in New York and the discovery of its iconic neighborhoods • **Among your included excursions\***: the UNESCO-listed old city of Québec, or a walk in Bonaventure Island and Percé Rock National Park, famous for its large colony of gannets or the Beacon Hill district and the famous Quincy Market in Boston.

# Nova Scotia and the East Coast of the United States

**Boston • Boston** | 14 days/13 nights | *Le Bellot*: 6th October 2026 | From AU\$16,170 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

The old town of Lunenburg, a UNESCO Site • Nova Scotia, featuring rich Acadian culture and pristine and preserved nature • Eastport, where the first French settlers arrived in the New World • Discovering Newport and Martha's Vineyard, the holiday residences of American presidents • New York, an exciting multicultural city with iconic neighbourhoods • **Among your included excursions\***: the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax and Peggy's Cove village the lively Beacon Hill district and Quincy Market in Boston, or the geological sights of the Cliff Walk and the beautiful Gilded Age mansions from Newport.

# A voyage along the Great Lakes



**Toronto • Milwaukee/Milwaukee • Toronto** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Bellot*: 11th and 19th August 2026 | From AU\$11,880 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • A voyage with the opportunity to explore the five Great Lakes of North America, between the United States and Canada • A voyage along the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of Georgian Bay • An itinerary combining nature and culture: picturesque landscapes and geological curiosities, the history of indigenous Americans inhabiting the region before European colonisation, and charming villages • An excursion to the magnificent Niagara Falls • A visit to charming Mackinac Island, with its preserved Victorian architecture.

## ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE



## On the path of American history

After your voyage | New York | 4 nights

From New York to Washington, relive the founding debates of the United States alongside the iconic figure of Alexander Hamilton. Explore Philadelphia, birthplace of the Constitution, take a look into the Gilded Age in Manhattan before following Abraham Lincoln's inspiring journey through the nation's capital. The contours of modern America will take shape before your eyes with every passing step.

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# BEYOND POLAR EXPLORATION:

## LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

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luxury icebreaker in the Arctic

### 1 REACHING THE INACCESSIBLE

The only passenger ship in the world with a **Polar 2 (PC2) classified hull**, *Le Commandant Charcot* can sail through multi-year ice all year round.

At the end of a winter spent criss-crossing the shores of the White Continent, it will take you from **Iceland** to the snow-covered reliefs of **Svalbard**, via the icy coasts of the **east coast of Greenland**, inaccessible to traditional ships in late spring. During the summer, you'll have the unique opportunity to sail into the heart of the pack ice, in search of the **Geographic North Pole**, before reaching the **Norwegian coast** at the end of the season.

### EXPERTS AND IMMERSION

During your journey, around 20 **naturalist guides** are on hand to unravel polar history, landscapes, wildlife and flora. As for the officers, you can rest assured that they are very experienced at navigating in the ice, and ready to answer any questions you may have.

Kayaking, polar hiking on foot or snowshoes, polar diving, ice landing, ice fishing, dog sledding, meeting the local communities: experience a **deep connection** with the power of nature in the Arctic.



### INSIDE/OUTSIDE: THE INVISIBLE FRONTIER

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



### THE ONLY DUCASSE RESTAURANT AT SEA

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



### MORE ECO-FRIENDLY AND COMMITTED SAILINGS

Green Globe certified, the internationally recognised standard for sustainable tourism, *Le Commandant Charcot* uses **the most advanced technologies**. The aim is to reduce our polar expedition ship's environmental footprint as much as possible on the regions she visits, combining electric propulsion and liquefied natural gas.

With **two research laboratories**, by 2024, *Le Commandant Charcot* accommodated more than 70 scientists working for over 10 research institutes, including Ifremer and Geomar.

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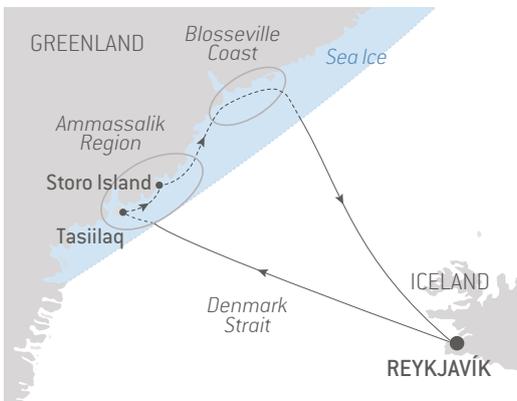
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# Inuit spring of Ammassalik



Reykjavík • Reykjavík | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 4th May 2026 | From AU\$29,860 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Meet Inuit communities at the end of the winter, when only *Le Commandant Charcot* can reach the villages • The opportunity to take part in a polar raid, a PONANT EXPLORATIONS exclusive • Exploring the Blosseville Coast • Exploring the region of Ammassalik, on board or on the ice floe • Landscapes: polar ice cap, winding fjords, icebergs caught in the ice, calving glaciers, patches of ice floe drifting from the North Pole, compression ridges • Wildlife: including blue and humpback whales, polar bears, seals, seabirds • Enjoy typical activities: dog sledding, kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, ice fishing, polar plunge.

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

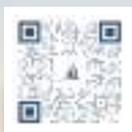
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## Nordic skiing polar trek, an immersion in the heart of Greenland

- A brand new experience on your voyage on **4th May 2026**
- Two days of Nordic ski exploration and one night in a tent
- 10 guests 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 in this region

**Price:** AU\$1,650 per person



### WATCH

Our teams rose to the challenge.



*To take part in the polar trek, good physical fitness is required. There will be a compulsory ECG before departure, as well as a consultation with the on-board doctor. For more information, contact our travel consultants.*



## Northeast Greenland's unexplored sea ice

Reykjavík • Reykjavík | 15 days/14 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 14th May 2026 | From AU\$37,760 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Exploring the coast of Blosseville and the north-east of Greenland, amid the ice carried along the Transpolar Drift • Exploring the region of Ittoqqortoormiit, where the last hunters of the polar region live, at the entrance to gigantic Scoresby Sound • Landscapes: fjords, glaciers, icebergs, polar ice cap and hummocks • Wildlife: blue and humpback whales, polar bears, narwhals, seals, muskoxen, Arctic foxes, orcas, seabirds • Enjoy typical activities: dog sledding, kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, ice fishing, polar plunge.

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EXCLUSIVE

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



Reykjavík • Longyearbyen/Longyearbyen • Reykjavík | 17 days/16 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 28th May and 13th June 2026 | From AU\$43,890 <sup>(1)</sup>



13th June departure: the itinerary is reversed.

### Highlights:

Explore the ice to the north-east of Greenland, inaccessible to traditional ships in late spring, an extreme season • Explore the Sørøst-Svalbard Nature Reserve, the second largest protected area in Norway • Sail in the Hinlopen Strait, infiltrated by ice and connecting Spitsbergen to Nordaustlandet • Landscapes: mountains patterned with multi-coloured strata, fjords, jagged mountains, glaciers, icebergs, ice floes, sheer cliffs, polar ice cap, wild tundra • Wildlife: polar bears, walruses, Arctic foxes, Svalbard reindeer, whales, sea birds • Enjoy typical activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge.

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Included in your voyage<sup>(2)</sup>: the flight Longyearbyen/Paris or Paris/Longyearbyen and transfer.

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



# The Geographic North Pole



**Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen** | 16 days/15 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 12th and 27th July, 11th and 27th August 2026 | From AU\$55,400 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Being 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 • Landscapes: ice floes. In Spitsbergen, jagged mountains, steep-sided valleys, sheer cliffs, gigantic glaciers • Wildlife: whales, polar bears, narwhals, seals, muskoxen, Arctic foxes, orcas • Enjoy typical activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge.

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

# The Geographic North Pole and the east coast of Greenland



**Longyearbyen • Reykjavík** | 17 days/16 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 11th September 2026 | From AU\$62,300 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Be among the few people in the world to set off in search of the Geographic North Pole, and explore the west coast of Svalbard, the Ittoqqortoormiit region and the Blosseville Coast • Enjoy the unique experience of sailing through the heart of the ice floe and discover the endless variety of forms and states of the ice • Exploring the region of Ittoqqortoormiit, where the last hunters of the polar region live • The possibility of observing the phenomenon of the Northern Lights • Landscapes: ice floe, hummocks, striped mountains, fjords, glaciers, icebergs. In Spitsbergen, jagged mountains, steep-sided valleys, sheer cliffs • Wildlife: blue and humpback whales, polar bears, narwhals, seals, muskoxen, Arctic foxes, orcas, Northern fulmars, ivory gulls • Enjoy typical activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge.

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

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

**Included in your voyage<sup>(2)</sup>:** the outward flight Paris/Longyearbyen and transfer.

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



## Polar odyssey between Northeast Greenland and Spitsbergen



Reykjavík • Lakselv | 17 days/16 nights | *Le Commandant Charcot*: 28th September 2026 | From AU\$40,900 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

An encounter with the Inuit community to share their springtime traditions while the ice is still ubiquitous • Scoresby Sound, the world's largest fjord system • The Northeast Greenland National Park, the largest national park in the world a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, at the magical moment when nature awakens • Landscapes: mountains striped with multi-coloured strata, fjords, jagged mountains, ice floes, glaciers, icebergs, wild tundra, sheer cliffs, polar ice cap • Wildlife: polar bears, narwhals, seals, musk oxen, Arctic foxes and hares, walruses, orcas, Svalbard reindeer, seabirds • Enjoy typical activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge without suit, polar swim with drysuit.

Included in your voyage<sup>(2)</sup>: the return flight Lakselv/Paris and transfer.

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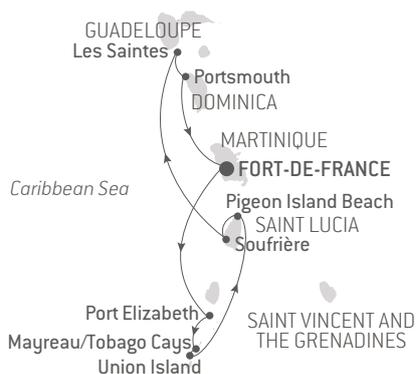


## Pearls of the Caribbean

**Fort-de-France • Fort-de-France** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 29th November 2025 |

**Vieux-Fort • Vieux-Fort** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 28th January 2026 |

*Le Bellot*: 12th and 20th December 2025 and 8th March 2026 | From AU\$7,110 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

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

*28th January departure: no stopover at Union Island.  
The Portsmouth stopover is replaced by English Harbour.*



# Panama, Colombia & Caribbean Islands

**Fort-de-France • Colón/Colón • Fort-de-France** | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 7th December 2025, 16th January 2026 | *Le Champlain*: 25th March 2026 | From AU\$9,160 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

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

*The itinerary for 16th January 2026 is reversed and the stopover in Bonaire is replaced by Willemstad.*

# Central America jewels & Panama canal



**Colón • Puntarenas/Puntarenas • Colón** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 19th and 26th December 2025, 2nd and 9th January 2026 | From AU\$7,090 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Darién National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Crossing the Panama Canal, an engineering masterpiece • Nearby Fuerte Amador, the famous Miraflores locks, with their museum dedicated to the history of the Panama Canal • The chance to meet the indigenous Embera tribe from Playa Muerto • Golfito, on Costa Rica's Pacific coast, at the gateway to one of the largest primary tropical forests in Central America • **Among your included excursions\***: the San Blas archipelago with its paradise-like beaches and encounters with the Kuna community; encounters with the Embera of the Darién National Park.

*The itineraries for 26th December 2025 and 9th January 2026 are reversed.*

## ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE



### Costa Rica: between natural wonders and traditions

After your voyage | Puntarenas | 3 nights

Delve into the heart of Costa Rica for a unique holiday with a mix of nature and tradition. In San José, discover the history of coffee and the crafts of Sarchí. In La Fortuna, relax in the shadow of the Arenal volcano and its thermal springs, before being treated to the secrets of chocolate. The trip ends with a meal shared with a local family, for a warm and authentic experience.

*You can find the complete list of our programs and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Pre- and post-voyage programs must be booked prior to departure.<sup>(2)</sup>*

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

Through the eyes of  
**Anne-Marie Harrison**



## The British archipelagos through the ages

Anne-Marie Harrison has maintained an intimate relationship with the English-speaking world for almost 60 years. Her role as a guide and lecturer specialising in ancient civilisations, coupled with her fascination for Great Britain – the homeland of her husband – puts her in the perfect place to lift the veil for PONANT EXPLORATIONS guests on the mysterious origins of the British archipelagos.

*"The British archipelagos comprise around 6,000 islands, of which only 188 are inhabited. Each one, with its own identity, bears witness to a thousand-year-old culture, marked by prehistoric, Celtic, Viking and Anglo-Saxon civilisations. These islands offer a variety of panoramas: the Isles of Scilly, near Cornwall, have a Mediterranean climate and splendid botanical gardens, while the Shetland Islands have very short summer nights, with just a few hours in June. This climatic and geographical diversity reflects a wealth of history and culture. The Scottish archipelagos date back to the Neolithic period, with megaliths in the Orkney Islands older than Stonehenge. Celtic influences are still present there, notably through local aesthetics and the use of the Gaelic language. The Vikings*

*left their mark as early as the 8th century, particularly in Shetland, where the motto is still in the Anglo-Scandinavian dialect of Norse, and where their folklore is preserved. They also introduced institutions such as the Tynwald on the Isle of Man, the oldest parliament in the British Isles. In the Hebrides, the sacred island of Iona, a spiritual centre, is a must-see. It was from here that Saint Columba, a disciple of Saint Patrick, set off to evangelise Scotland.*

*This complex history at the crossroads of many civilisations fascinates European guests, curious about the differences with their neighbours, as well as Anglo-Saxon guests in search of their roots. These voyages turn every stopover into a chance to discover ancestral cultures and breathtaking wilderness."*



## Norway with PONANT EXPLORATIONS

PONANT EXPLORATIONS reveals the **spectacular beauty** of Norway, with iconic fjords and traditional villages.

### The black sands of Lanzarote

The easternmost of the Canary Islands is a land of volcanoes. Shaped by the mountains of fire, its landscapes are made up of lava fields, red earth and stretches of black sand. On this astonishing terrain, the archipelago produces its own nectar thanks to **vines, planted in conical cavities** and protected from the sirocco winds by small semi-circular piles of stones. A geometric hillside setting of magnetic beauty.

*Itineraries: The Canaries, land of contrasts, p. 58; Atlantic Odyssey from the Iberian Peninsula to the Canary islands and Volcanic landscapes from Canary Islands to Cape Verde, p. 59.*

### The Island of Birds

In the heart of the Baltic Sea, Christiansø is home to 90 inhabitants and a large population of breeding and migratory birds, who find food and tranquillity here. Thousands of **herring gulls** come to breed, and the island is home to Denmark's only colony of razorbills and guillemots.

*Itinerary: Iconic capitals & towns of the Baltic, p. 57.*



### The giant and the witch

Long ago, on a cold, dark night, the envious inhabitants of Iceland decided to steal **the Faroe Islands**. The giant and the witch sent on this mission reached the southernmost mountain of the archipelago. The witch tied a rope to it while the giant waited in the sea to drag his precious booty. But the mountain refused to budge. At the first ray of sunlight, both were petrified. Since that day, Risin and *Kellingin* remain, frozen, gazing melancholically at the ocean and Iceland.

*Itineraries: Wild lands of Scotland, the Faroe Islands and Iceland and Scottish archipelagos and the Faroe Islands: Nordic heritage and island identities, p. 52.*





# From Scotland to Spitsbergen

Glasgow • Longyearbyen | 14 days/13 nights | *Le Lyrial*: 31st May 2026 | From AU\$15,000 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Explore four archipelagos on the same voyage: the Hebrides, Shetland Islands, Lofoten Islands, Svalbard • Visit Callanish on the Isle of Lewis, famous for its megalithic site • In the Shetland Islands, discovering Viking heritage and culture with a stopover on the island of Mousa • Crossing the Arctic Circle • Landscapes: fjords, cliffs, ice floes, jagged mountains and valleys, icebergs, ice caps, glaciers • Wildlife: Minke whales, Svalbard reindeers, Arctic foxes and terns, walruses, puffins and the possibility of seeing polar bears • **Enjoy included excursions\*** led by local guides as well as activities accompanied by your naturalist guides.

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

# Music of the northern shores

Tromsø • Glasgow | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 2nd April 2026 | From AU\$15,320 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

The UNESCO-listed Neolithic heartland of Orkney • Charming Art Nouveau town of Ålesund • Discovering the Viking heritage in Orkney and Trondheim • A stopover in the Lofoten Islands, an archipelago of rugged peaks home to numerous colonies of seabirds • The wildlife: Minke whales, Svalbard reindeers, Arctic foxes and terns, walruses, puffins and the chance to see polar bears • **Among your included excursions\***: a hike in the incredible Briksdal glacier or discover the Isle of Skye and its island traditions.

**Included in your voyage<sup>(2)</sup>:** Paris/Tromsø flight and transfers.

# Cruising the Norwegian Fjords



Bergen • Oslo | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 4th June 2026 | From AU\$11,720 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Bryggen and Geirangerfjord • An exploration of the charming Art Nouveau town of Ålesund • Encounters with the magnificent Briksdal Glacier • Sailing the Lysefjord – ‘fjord of light’ – flanked by towering granite cliffs • Opportunities to hike in pristine coastal landscapes from Stavanger and Arendal, including in Raet National Park • Museums documenting history from the Iron Age through modern times: Iron Age village in Ullandhaug, Næs Ironworks Museum, World of Volvo, and the Museum of Fine Arts of Gothenburg.

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

# The legendary fjords of Norway

**Bergen • Fredrikstad** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Champlain*: 28th June 2026 | From AU\$15,340 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO-listed sites: the old Hanseatic port of Bergen, the Geiranger fjord • A stopover in Måløy, a charming fishing port with picturesque alleyways and numerous lighthouses, surrounded by unspoilt nature • Sailing in Hardangerfjord, considered to be Norway's orchard • Landscapes: green hills, granite cliffs with dizzying waterfalls, glaciers, colourful villages • Sailing in Lysefjorden, meaning 'the fjord of light' • **Among your included excursions\***: take the Flåm Railway or explore the Geiranger fjord region.

# Scottish isles & Norwegian fjords

**Bergen • Glasgow/Glasgow • Bergen** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 28th May and 2nd July 2026 | *Le Champlain*: 21st June 2026 | From AU\$6,560 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

The Neolithic heart of Orkney, a UNESCO site • Sailing through two spectacular fjords in Norway • To the north of Scotland, discover the Orkney and Hebrides archipelagos • A picturesque voyage through Loch Linnhe, in the heart of the Highlands' emblematic landscapes • **Among your included excursions\***: take the famous Flåm Railway or discover the Highlands and the traditional reconstructed house at Glencoe.



See website for an enriched departures on 28th May and 21st June 2026, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.





## Wild lands of Scotland, the Faroe Islands and Iceland

**Glasgow • Reykjavík** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Bellot*: 15th May 2026 | *L'Austral*: 27th May 2026 | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 9th July 2026 | From AU\$12,740 <sup>(1)</sup>



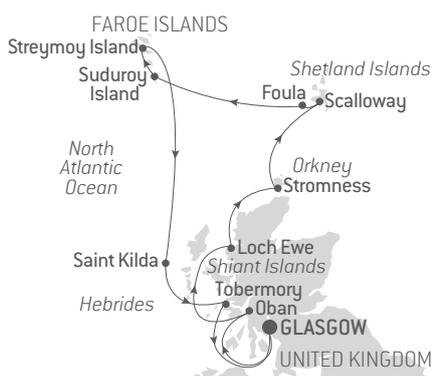
### Highlights:

The Giant's Causeway from Belfast and Glasgow, the vibrant city of music, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites • A voyage on Loch Linnhe in the heart of the Highlands' iconic landscapes • Landscapes: volcanic islands, volcanoes, black sandy beaches, rugged cliffs, waterfalls, heather moors, rolling plains, icebergs • Wildlife : whales, killer whales, grey seals, colonies of gannets • **Among your included excursions\***: the Eldfell volcano from Heimaey, the Langjökull glacier or the three sites of Iceland's 'Golden Circle' (Thingvellir, Gullfoss Falls and Geysir).

9th July departure: an extra stopover in Ullapool.

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

**Glasgow • Glasgow** | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Lyrial*: 22nd May 2026 | From AU\$11,290 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO-listed Saint Kilda Island • At Loch Ewe, visit the Inverewe Gardens, a remarkable collection of exotic shrubs and plants • Sailing along the Shiant Islands and its bird cliffs • Explore the Faroe Islands, Denmark's most northerly territory • Landscapes: volcanic islands, rugged coastlines, lochs, heather moors, peat, sandstone cliffs, valleys • Wildlife: gannets, crested cormorants, fulmars, eiders, puffins, golden eagles, red squirrels, red deers, seals, otters, sheep • **Enjoy included excursions\*** led by local guides as well as activities accompanied by your nature guides.



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

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

Dublin • Glasgow | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Lyrial*: 13th May 2026 | *Le Lapérouse*: 18th August 2026 | From AU\$9,250 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

The Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO site • The opportunity to hike Loch Scaivaig and Lochmaddy • Discover the Isle of Man and Douglas, its capital, a Victorian postcard of the United Kingdom • A visit of Callanish on the Isle of Lewis, famous for its megalithic site • Landscapes: volcanic islands, lochs, cliffs, basalt columns, dunes, sandy beaches, heather moors, granite hills, stone circles, cairns, remarkable gardens • Wildlife: colonies of seabirds, grey and harbour seals, ponies • **Enjoy included excursions\*** led by local guides as well as activities accompanied by your nature guides.

# Mythical islands and wild landscapes of the Hebrides

Glasgow • Glasgow | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 21st May 2026 | From AU\$7,190 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

A voyage to the heart of the Celtic shores, lands of magic and legends • Enjoy a stopover at Callanish on the Isle of Lewis, famous for its megalithic site • Landscapes: volcanic islands, lochs, cliffs, basalt columns, dunes, sandy beaches, heather moors, marshes, granite hills, stone circles, cairns, remarkable gardens • Wildlife: grey and harbour seals, ponies; exceptional opportunities to observe large colonies and many species of seabirds in their natural environment • **Enjoy included excursions\*** led by local guides as well as activities accompanied by your nature guides.

## ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE



### Glimpse of Edinburgh

After your voyage | Edinburgh | 1 night

Edinburgh is revealed through its fascinating history and architectural treasures. The Georgian elegance of Princes Street, the charm of the Royal Mile linking Holyrood Palace to Edinburgh Castle, and the Crown Jewels captivate at every turn. A tasting of local whisky will complete your experience. *Slàinte mhath* ('Good health', in Scottish Gaelic)!

You can find the complete list of our programs and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Pre- and post-voyage programs must be booked prior to departure.<sup>(3)</sup>

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



## Celtic secrets & landscapes

**Glasgow • Dublin/Dublin • Glasgow** | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 12th and 28th April 2026 | From AU\$9,250 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: from Belfast, the Giant's Causeway, Dublin, city of literature, and Glasgow, city of music • An original stopover in Greencastle, gateway to the wild Inishowen Peninsula • Sailing on Loch Linnhe in the heart of the Highlands' emblematic landscapes • **Among your included excursions\***: the historic village of Glencoe near Fort William, or from Cobh, Blarney Castle, one of Ireland's most famous and majestic castles.

*28th April departure: itinerary in the opposite direction with a stopover in Oban instead of Fort William.*

## Celtic voyage: the Hebrides and the Irish Sea



**London • Glasgow** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Bellot*: 7th May 2026 | From AU\$9,160 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • Experience UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Canterbury Cathedral and the Giant's Causeway on the Antrim Coast, as well as the UNESCO Biosphere Isle of Man • Explore Osborne House, Queen Victoria's favourite residence, designed by Prince Albert • Wander through award-winning Treco Gardens at the height of the spring bloom • Discover the vibrant Celtic culture of Cork • Delve into the misty past of the Hebridean Isles of Mull and Iona.

# Wonders of the Celtic shores

Dublin • Dublin | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 21st April 2026 | From AU\$5,870 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Dublin, city of literature, a UNESCO site • Discover the Isle of Man and Douglas, its capital, a Victorian postcard of the United Kingdom • The village of Bantry, with its spectacular cliffs and remarkable manor house • Blarney Castle in Cobh, a romantic residence shrouded in mystery • Landscapes: lush green meadows, steep cliffs, colourful villages, peat, moorland • **Among your included excursions\***: the Isle of Man on board a historic train, discover Cork, or Canada Hill from Rothesay.

# From the English Channel to the Irish Sea

Honfleur • Glasgow | 9 days/8 nights | *L'Austral*: 19th May 2026 | From AU\$6,700 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

A voyage to discover the rich cultural and historical heritage of Great Britain and Ireland • The Giant's Causeway and its coastline from Portrush, a UNESCO site • Opportunities for hiking and kayaking • A stopover on the Isle of Portland, between limestone coastline and green plains • Kinsale, considered as Ireland's most beautiful village • Wide open spaces, inviting you to peace and contemplation • **Enjoy included excursions\*** led by local guides.

## ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE



## The wild beauty of Western Ireland and Connemara

Before and after your voyage | Dublin | 4 nights

Head for the west of Ireland and its wild moorland landscapes, from Dublin to the majestic Cliffs of Moher – a UNESCO World Geo-Park – and Limerick Castle, with its spectacular views over the River Shannon. The jagged architecture of Kylemore Abbey nestles in a magnificent natural setting on the shores of Lake Connemara and is an amazing sight. An introduction to Irish whiskey will also be offered. *(Note the difference: Scottish whisky, Irish whiskey)*

*The order of the visits may be reversed. You can find the complete list of our programs and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Pre- and post-voyage programs must be booked prior to departure.<sup>(3)</sup>*

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



## From the Irish Sea to the Bay of Biscay

**Glasgow • Bordeaux** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 24th September 2026 | From AU\$6,770 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Giant's Causeway and its coast near Portrush; the Port of the Moon in Bordeaux • Sail from Glasgow to Fowey in the heart of the Celtic shores, a land of magic and legends • A stopover in Brittany on the Quiberon peninsula • The chance to take part in whiskey tastings in Ireland and wine tastings in Bordeaux • **Among your included excursions\***: the discovery of Cork, the lost gardens of Heligan in Cornwall or the famous Médoc châteaux route in Pauillac.

## Landscapes and islands of the North Atlantic

**Bordeaux • London** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Bellot*: 29th April 2026 | From AU\$6,700 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

The Port de la Lune in Bordeaux, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Stopovers in Quiberon, Brest and Saint-Malo, on the French Atlantic coast, the Iroise Sea and the Channel • The wild and romantic landscapes of the islands of Guernsey and Scilly • Dartmouth, one of the most charming fishing villages on the south Devon coast • A stopover in Kinsale, considered as Ireland's most beautiful village • **Among your included excursions\***: Mont-Saint-Michel from Saint-Malo, the scenic River Dart or Greenway House, former summer residence of Agatha Christie.

# Islands and cities, from the North Sea to the Baltic

Fredrikstad • Helsinki | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Champlain*: 6th July 2026 | From AU\$12,820 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Hanseatic town of Visby, the maritime fortress of Suomenlinna, the city and old town of Tallinn • Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of four European capitals: Copenhagen, Helsinki, Tallinn and Stockholm • One night in Helsinki and one night in Stockholm to take full advantage of their charms • Sailing in the Stockholm archipelago • **Among your included excursions\***: a walk through the countryside villages of Bornholm, a visit to Gdansk or an Estonian folklore show in Tallinn.



## Iconic capitals & towns of the Baltic

Helsinki • Copenhagen | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Champlain*: 16th July, 10th and 18th August 2026 | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Champlain*: 3rd August 2026 | From AU\$10,260 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the maritime fortress of Suomenlinna from Helsinki, the city and old town of Tallinn, the Hanseatic city of Visby • Stopover on the Danish island of Christiansø, a veritable natural sanctuary in the heart of the Baltic Sea • Exploring four European capitals on the same voyage: Copenhagen, Stockholm, Tallinn and Helsinki • An exceptional stopover on the wildly beautiful island of Bornholm • The Estonian island of Saaremaa, with its meteor craters and windmills • **Among your included excursions\***: a visit to Gdansk, the history and melodies of ABBA in Stockholm or an Estonian folk show in Tallinn.

10th August departure: itinerary in reverse.



See website for an enriched departure on 3rd August 2026, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

## ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE



### Mont Saint-Michel

From Saint-Malo | 8 h | Included

Mont-Saint-Michel displays itself as a jewel on a perch surrounded by an unspoiled bay. Let us guide you on a tour of the thousand-year-old abbey, the work of visionary builders, before you take a leisurely stroll among the modern pilgrims through the steep streets of the medieval village. This excursion will plunge you into centuries of history with unique natural and cultural heritage.

You can find the complete list of our excursions and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Excursions must be booked prior to departure. Find out more on p.13.

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



## The Canaries, lands of contrast

**Las Palmas • Las Palmas** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Bellot*: 26th March and 2nd April 2026 | From AU\$5,630 <sup>(1)</sup>

### Highlights:

The UNESCO-listed Garajonay National Park • Exploring the seven Canary Islands: Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, Tenerife, Fuerteventura, La Palma, El Hierro and La Gomera • Landscapes: volcanoes, calderas, mountain peaks, lush green hills, cliffs, forests, beaches, coves • Exploring Santa Cruz de La Palma, its palaces and colonial architecture • Lanzarote and its lunar landscapes • **Among your included excursions\***: volcanic landscapes of Santa Cruz de La Palma or a hike to the caldera of Las Canadas de Teide.



2nd April departure: an additional stopover in La Gomera.

## Volcanic islands and historic cities of the North Atlantic

**Las Palmas • Lisbon/Lisbon • Las Palmas** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Bellot*: 9th April 2026 | *L'Austral*: 28th April 2026 | 14 days/13 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 12th October 2026 | From AU\$7,580 <sup>(1)</sup>

### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Garajonay and Teide national parks in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, the Monastery of the Hieronymites and the Tower of Belém in Lisbon • Landscapes: volcanoes, calderas, mountain peaks, green hills, cliffs, forests, beaches, coves • Santa Cruz de la Palma, its palaces and colonial architecture • A stopover in Setúbal, with its geological wonders and historical heritage • The picturesque village of Camacha in Madeira • **Among your included excursions\***: Garajonay National Park, a walk along the *levadas*, canals dug by hand in the 19th century.



Stopovers vary according to departure. More information on our website.



See website for an enriched departure on 12th October 2026, Lisbon to the Canary Islands by Sea: Spain, Morocco, & Atlantic Isles in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

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

# Atlantic Odyssey from the Iberian Peninsula to the Canary Islands

**Málaga • Las Palmas** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 17th November 2025 |

**Málaga • Tenerife** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Lapérouse*: 21st December 2025 |

**Las Palmas • Málaga** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 20th April 2026 | From AU\$6,060 <sup>(1)</sup>



Map showing 17th November departure.

## Highlights:

The UNESCO-listed Teide National Park in Santa Cruz de Tenerife • The varied landscapes of two exceptional archipelagos: the Canaries and Madeira • The chance to whale watching • Discover the picturesque village of Camacha in Madeira • **Among your included excursions\***: the volcanic landscapes of Santa Cruz in La Palma, the Garajonay Park in La Gomera or the levadas, irrigation channels dug by hand in the 19th century in Madeira.

*Each departure has its own special features: more details on our website.*

# Volcanic landscapes from Canary Islands to Cape Verde

**Las Palmas • Dakar/Dakar • Las Palmas** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 25th November 2025 and 10th April 2026 | From AU\$7,310 <sup>(1)</sup>



10th April departure: Itinerary in the opposite direction. *La Estaca* replaces the stopover in Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Cidade Velha, the historic centre of Ribeira Grande (island of Santiago); Garajonay National Park on the island of La Gomera • The varied landscapes of two exceptional archipelagos: Cape Verde and the Canary Islands • The town of Mindelo in Cape Verde, with its elegant buildings with British and Portuguese colonial influences • Discover Lanzarote and its lunar landscapes • **Among your included excursions\***: the island of Santo Antão, Timanfaya National Park and Garajonay National Park.







# Gastronomy, vineyards & grands crus

Lisbon • Bordeaux | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Bellot*: 19th April 2026 | From AU\$9,040 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Hieronymites' Monastery and the Tower of Belém in Lisbon, the Old Town of Santiago de Compostela, the historic centre of Porto and the Port of the Moon in Bordeaux • Two stopovers in the Spanish Basque Country: San Sebastian and Bilbao • The chance to taste exceptional wines in Pauillac and Bordeaux • **Among your included excursions\***: the Médoc châteaux route, a visit to the Guggenheim Museum or a hike along the Pilgrim's Way to Santiago de Compostela.

A gastronomic voyage punctuated by culinary demonstrations, unforgettable dinners and gastronomic exchanges, in the presence of a renowned chef.

# The Iberian Peninsula and fortified cities of the Atlantic

Lisbon • Honfleur | 12 days/11 nights | *L'Austral*: 8th May 2026 | From AU\$9,740 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Belém Tower and the Hieronymites Monastery in Lisbon, the old town of Santiago de Compostela, the historic centre of Porto, the Port de la Lune in Bordeaux • Discover the beautiful fortified town of Talmont-sur-Gironde and its remarkable Roman church • A stopover at Belle-Île-en-Mer, magnificent and wild • The varied landscapes of the Atlantic coast • **Among your included excursions\***: Santiago de Compostela, a visit to the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao or discover Mont-Saint-Michel.

With the presence of historian, journalist and writer **Franck Ferrand**.

# London to Lisbon: cruising Europe's western shores



London • Lisbon | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Champlain*: 5th September 2026 | From AU\$9,310 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • UNESCO World Heritage Sites en route: Mont-Saint-Michel, Tower of Hercules, Santiago de Compostela, and Historic Centre of Porto • An opportunity for remembrance at historic Omaha Beach and the World War II Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial • A visit to the magnificent Guggenheim Museum Bilbao • An exploration of the Christian pilgrimage site of Santiago de Compostela • A chance to savour the famed wines of Porto.

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

## Through the eyes of Andromache Constantinidou



### The soul of the sacred islands

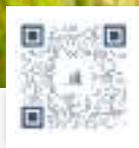
Andromache Constantinidou is a qualified Greek guide, cradled by legends and poems about her country passed on to her by her grandmother since childhood. She comes on board PONANT EXPLORATIONS voyages to share these stories and her knowledge. Through her, the gods and myths of Ancient Greece are brought to life, revealing and retracing the shores and history of the West.

*"The Greek islands are places touched by grace, and seemingly innumerable; they are scattered across the Aegean and Ionian seas. Inhabited for millennia, they formed the great centres of Greek thought. From the myth of Ulysses to the present day, interest in these islands and their landscapes, unchanged since the dawn of time, has never waned. They embody the true face of Greece and carry evidence of every era. They implore you to explore the heart of these virgin terrains that I sometimes like to describe as orphaned, lost between sky and sea, to those who are about to uncover them for themselves.*

*In Patmos, where the atmosphere is both gentle yet harsh, visitors are confronted with the powerful words of the Apocalypse, which a curious alchemy combines with sun-scorched landscapes.*

*Symi, just a few miles off the coast of Asia, is a theatrical setting with polychrome houses set against a barren landscape. In the Cyclades, raised from the sea by the grace of myth and the violence of volcanoes, Paros is nicknamed the 'Marmorean'. The volcanic island of Milos with rounded white rocks smoothed by the sea, offers fascinating lunar landscapes that carry within them the story of Aphrodite, immortalised by the Venus de Milo in the Louvre Museum.*

*It's no coincidence that the ancient Greeks always worshipped the light. They believed that the gods were intimately linked to these lands. Apollo, who was said to embody light, was born in the heart of the Aegean Sea, on the sacred island of Delos near Mykonos. It is now recognised by NASA as one of the most luminous places in the world. Our islands live in the light: there's no other way to describe them! "*



## The Mediterranean with PONANT EXPLORATIONS

Mineral lands, unspoiled islands, dazzling cities, a thousand years of history... Embark on an unforgettable odyssey in the **Mediterranean**.

*Itineraries* p. 66 to 83.

### In the footsteps of Papadiamantis

In Skiathos, near the port, the old lime house of Alexandros Papadiamantis has been transformed into a museum. This small building reflects both traditional Greek architecture and the life of its former owner, considered the father of modern Greek literature. Through his collection of antique furniture, books and objects, we can better understand the writings of this unique man who continually told the story of island life, as in his landmark book, written in 1903, *The Murderess*.

*Itineraries: European autumn in the Aegean Sea, p. 80 and The Greek islands with Nemanja Radulović and friends, p. 82.*

### Where does mayonnaise come from?

The creation of the famous sauce has given rise to much controversy. So much so that it is hard to distinguish history from legend. The best known identifies the emulsion in **Minorcan cuisine** as early as the 15th century. To celebrate the conquest of

Mahon, the island's capital, the Duke of Richelieu is said to have held a banquet and tasted what he called 'mahonnaise'.

Much to the displeasure of the Bayonnais who claim paternity from a 'bayonnaise', unfortunately losing the 'b'.

*Itineraries: Heavenly islands & Iberian shores p. 66; Iberian peninsula & Sicily, p. 67; Corsica, Sardinia & Iberian shores, p. 68.*



### The Brijuni archipelago, an open-air museum

At the tip of the Istrian peninsula, off **Pula**, 14 islets at the water's edge tell a different story of Croatia. They relate the stories of Marshal Tito, who made them his refuge, as well as of Romans and Byzantines, which can be seen in the remains of a temple of Venus or a fortress, and that of James Joyce and Thomas Mann, who both owned a villa here. Time seems to stand still here, surrounded by forests and scrubland, vineyards and olive groves.

*Itinerary: Cities and splendours of the Adriatic, p. 75.*

### Corsica sentinels

Corsica has preserved some of its ingenious stone monuments that date from when it belonged to the Republic of Genoa. These **Genoese towers** were built on promontories along the coastline. Their layout and architecture meant that residents could be informed of an attack in less than two hours and cannon fire could be avoided. Of the 120 towers listed in 1730, 67 still remain today.

*Itineraries: Total solar eclipse in the Mediterranean, p. 69; Isle of Beauty & Italian shores, and Isle of Beauty, Italian shores & Malta, p. 70 & 71; Corsican shores under the sails of Le Ponant and The great Corsican loop, p. 72; From the Tyrrhenian Sea to the Adriatic, p. 73; Sweet Mediterranean escape, p. 80.*



## Heavenly islands & Iberian shores

**Barcelona • Leixões** | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Champlain*: 6th May 2026 |

**Barcelona • Lisbon** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Boréal*: 17th October 2026 | From AU\$7,960 <sup>(1)</sup>



Stopovers vary according to departure.  
More information on our website.

### Highlights:

UNESCO-listed sites: the Hieronymites monastery and the Belém tower in Lisbon, the Silk Exchange in Valencia, the works of Antoni Gaudí in Barcelona, the island of Ibiza • Discover the Balearic archipelago with Mahon and Ibiza • A stopover in Lagos, in the Algarve region, between geological wonders and a rich historical past • The Andalusian city of Cadiz, one of the oldest cities in the Western Mediterranean • The ancient heritage of Cartagena • **Among your included excursions\***: the fortress of Sagres, a horse ride through a *finca* in Cartagena or a flamenco performance in Cadiz.



See website for an enriched departure on 17th October 2026, cruising Southern Spain and Portugal in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

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### New: Treasures of Andalusia

After your voyage | Málaga | 3 nights

Explore Málaga between its Renaissance buildings and the Picasso Museum, nestled in an Andalusian palace. Under the protection of the Sierra Nevada, the neighbourhoods of the Albaicín, the Sacromonte with its troglodyte houses, and the UNESCO-listed Alhambra are the true gems of Granada. The magic continues in the *finca* vineyards with a tasting of a legendary grape variety, before an unforgettable evening of flamenco.

You can find the complete list of our programs and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Pre- and post-voyage programs must be booked prior to departure.<sup>(3)</sup>

# Iberian peninsula & Sicily

**Málaga • Valletta** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 28th April 2026 |  
**Valletta • Barcelona** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Boréal*: 10th October 2026 | From AU\$6,790 <sup>(1)</sup>



Stopovers vary according to departure.  
 More information on our website.

## Highlights:

A voyage in mid-season, the ideal time to discover the sites and landscapes of Spain and Italy • UNESCO-listed sites: the Silk Exchange in Valencia, Valletta • Cartagena's ancient heritage, with its Roman theatre is one of the largest and best preserved in Spain • Discover the spirit of the Balearic Islands in Palma de Mallorca and Mahon • A Sicilian stopover in the beautiful medieval city of Trapani at the crossroads of multiple influences • **Among your included excursions\***: the spectacle of a cavalcade in a *finca* in Cartagena, the Miró Foundation in Palma de Mallorca or exploring the island of Menorca.



See website for an enriched departure on 10th October 2026, cruising the Mediterranean: Sicily, Sardinia, and Mallorca in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

# Ancient shores of the Mediterranean

**Athens • Málaga** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 7th November 2025 | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 8th November 2025 |  
**Málaga • Valletta/Valletta • Málaga** | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Boréal*: 5th May 2026 | *Le Bougainville*: 31st October 2026 |  
 From AU\$9,710 <sup>(1)</sup>



Map showing the 7th November itinerary. Each departure has its own specific features: more details on our website.

## Highlights:

UNESCO-listed sites (depending on departure): the Acropolis of Athens, Delphi and the monastery of Osios Loukas from Itea, the ruins of Carthage and the medina in Tunis, the Kasbah of Algiers, the site of Tipasa, Arabo-Andalusian Palermo • Crossing the Corinth Canal • Departures on 7th and 8th November: Sicily and its wonders, with a stopover in Palermo to visit its finest sites and soak up its art of living • A dive into the ancient heritage of Cartagena, whose Roman theatre is one of the largest and best preserved in Spain • Three stopovers in the Maghreb: Algiers, Annaba and Tunis • **Among your included excursions\***: a walk on the island of Ortigia in Syracuse or the Kasbah in Algiers.

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### A stroll through the Kasbah of Algiers

From Algiers | 2 h 30 | Included

Head to the heart of the Kasbah of Algiers, a UNESCO-listed site, and immerse yourself in its history and authentic atmosphere. You can enjoy a mint tea in a traditional house, then stroll through the lower part of the Kasbah, where the narrow, lively streets are home to craft workshops, old houses and typical balconies, before reaching the Place des Martyrs and its mosques.

You can find the complete list of our excursions and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Excursions must be booked prior to departure. Find out more on p.13.

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



## Corsica, Sardinia and Iberian shores

**Nice • Barcelona** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 3rd August 2026 |

**Barcelona • Civitavecchia** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Champlain*: 23rd September 2026 | From AU\$8,780 <sup>(1)</sup>



*Stopovers vary according to departure.  
More information on our website.*

### Highlights:

UNESCO sites: Ibiza, the Silk Exchange in Valencia, the works of Antoni Gaudí, the Palau de la Música Catalana and the Sant Pau hospital in Barcelona • Four stopovers on the Isle of Beauty: Calvi, Ajaccio, the Sanguinaires archipelago and Bonifacio • Alghero and the richness of Sardinian culture • Discovering the Balearic archipelago with Mahon and Palma de Mallorca, its capital • **Among your included excursions\***: Bonifacio, the island of Menorca and the Albufera Park.



See website for an enriched departure on 23rd September 2026, Southern France and the Italian Riviera by Sea in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

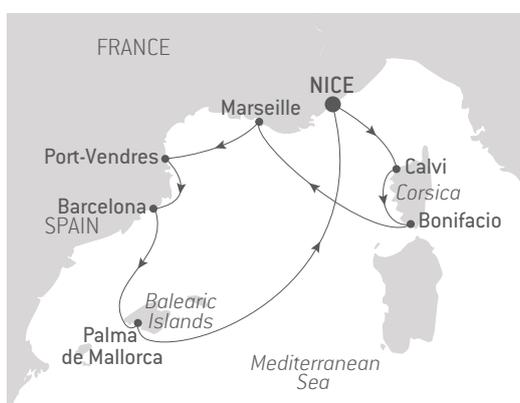
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## Total solar eclipse in the Mediterranean

**Nice • Nice** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Boréal*: **6th August 2026** | From AU\$10,290 <sup>(1)</sup>

**Barcelona • Nice** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: **11th August 2026** | Join the waitlist



Stopovers vary according to departure.  
More information on our website.

### Highlights:

In Barcelona, the works of Antoni Gaudí, the Palau de la Música Catalana and the UNESCO-listed hospital of Sant Pau • The wild Revellata peninsula, just outside Calvi • Bonifacio, overlooking high limestone cliffs and Calvi with its citadel • A stopover in Palma de Mallorca, the highlight of your trip and the best place to observe the solar eclipse • Port-Vendres, a charming fishing port at the foot of the verdant Albères mountains • **Among your included excursions\***: the treasures of Bonifacio or the Miró Foundation in Palma de Mallorca.

With the presence of meteorologist **Joe Rao** and scientific journalist, author and photographer **Serge Brunier**. Lectures in French and English and, on the eve of the eclipse (weather permitting), a 'shooting star shower' with commentary by our guests eclipse hunters.



See website for an enriched departure on 11th August 2026, A Solar Eclipse at Sea: Voyage Across the Western Mediterranean in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.



## Isle of Beauty & Italian shores

**Nice • Nice** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 2nd, 18th and 26th July 2026 | *Le Boréal*: 29th July and 14th August 2026 |  
From €4,680 <sup>(1)</sup>



14th August departure: the order of stopovers is different.



See website for an enriched departure on 18th July 2026, Corsica and the Tuscan Archipelago by Sea in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

### Highlights:

14th August departure: a family voyage with the Kid Explorers Club, in partnership with the Maud Fontenoy Foundation • The idyllic landscapes of Corsica, with its Genoese towers, azure bays and flamboyant maquis • A visit to Portofino, a landmark on the Italian Riviera • Discovering the Tuscan shores, a natural sanctuary with a rich history • **Among your included excursions\***: the Revellata peninsula or Villa Dei Mulini, Napoleon's former winter residence in Portoferraio.



**29th July departure:** Sailing the Mediterranean with the Paris Opera Ballet, in the presence of **principal dancers** and several others from the company. Privileged moments, both on board and on land, with performances, discussions, talks, introductory classes and screenings.



**2nd July departure** in partnership with Ducasse Paris.

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



# Isle of Beauty, Italian shores & Malta



Nice • Valletta/Valletta • Nice | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 19th August 2026 | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 13th and 25th May 2026 | From AU\$9,580 <sup>(1)</sup>



Stopovers vary according to departure. More information on our website.

### Highlights:

UNESCO-listed sites: the Aeolian Islands, the Greek theatre of Taormina, the old town of Valletta • Discover Saint-Florent, at the foot of Cap Corse and Calvi and its citadel, on the Isle of Beauty • A stopover in Portoferraio, on the island of Elba, legendary exile of Napoleon I • A visit to Portofino, a landmark of the Italian Riviera and an old fishing village with colourful houses • Diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) • **Among your included excursions\***: the Revellata peninsula, Napoleon's residences in Portoferraio or the ancient Greco-Roman theatre from Taormina.

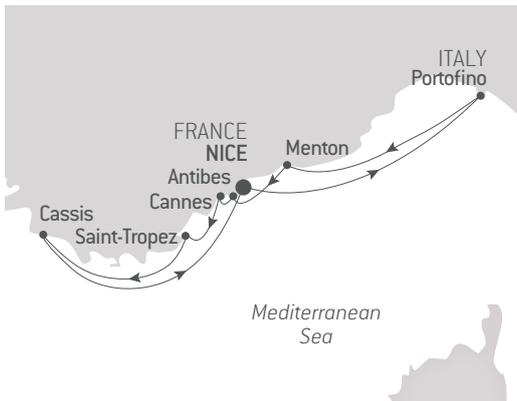


See website for an enriched departures on 13th and 25th May 2026, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.



# The French Riviera under *Le Ponant's* sails

Nice • Nice | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Ponant*: 7th May 2026 | From AU\$16,080 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

An exploration of the timeless charm of the French Riviera, with iconic stopovers and exclusive activities • An introduction, both on board and ashore, to the cultural and natural riches of the Côte d'Azur at the crossroads of art, botany and gastronomy • Two exceptional stopovers with overnight stays in Antibes and Cannes • Discover Menton, 'land of lemons', its old town, romantic landscapes and culinary traditions • The small fishing port of Cassis, gateway to the Calanques, cathedrals of white and golden rock • A program that adapts to the opportunities offered by nature, giving priority to sailing over navigation • **A rich program of included excursions\***.

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### Discover Nice

Before your voyage | Nice | 1 night

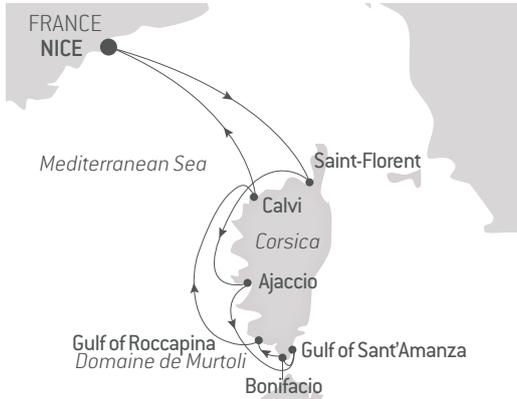
From Nice, you can enjoy a trip to Saint-Paul-de-Vence, listed as one of France's most beautiful villages, standing proudly on its rocky spur overlooking the Mediterranean. You can also visit the Maeght Foundation, which brings together one of Europe's most important collections of the 20th and 21st centuries including some by Alberto Giacometti, Joan Miró and Marc Chagall. A delightful leisurely stroll through exhibitions, picturesque little streets and art galleries.

You can find the complete list of our programs and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Pre- and post-voyage programs must be booked prior to departure.<sup>(3)</sup>

# Corsican shores under sail aboard *Le Ponant*



Nice • Nice | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Ponant*: 30th May, 5th, 12th and 19th September 2026 |  
7 days/6 nights | 26th September 2026 | From AU\$13,780 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

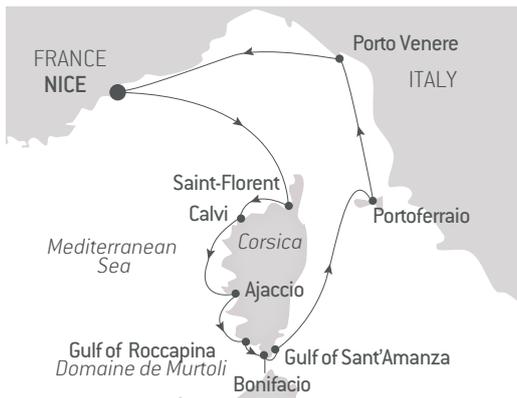
(Re)discover the deep and secret soul of Corsica and enjoy stopovers off the beaten path, revisited to offer you exclusive experiences • Depending on departures, a brand-new stop at Domaine de Murtoli, exclusively with PONANT EXPLORATIONS • On board as on shore, soak up the local riches and traditions of Corsica, and savour authentic moments through cultural encounters and gastronomy • Between the sea and the mountains, tailor-made activities to reconnect with nature • A program that adapts to the opportunities offered by nature, giving priority to sailing over navigation • **A rich program of included excursions\***.

26th September departure: no stop in the Gulf of Roccapina.

# The great Corsican loop



Nice • Nice | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Ponant*: 14th May 2026 | From AU\$20,680 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

(Re)discover the deep and secret soul of Corsica and enjoy stopovers off the beaten path, revisited to offer you exclusive experiences • A brand-new stop at Domaine de Murtoli, exclusively with PONANT EXPLORATIONS • On board as on shore, soak up the local riches and traditions of Corsica, and savour authentic moments through cultural encounters and gastronomy • A stop on the island of Elba to discover its rich history and enchanting scenery • Between the sea and the mountains, tailor-made activities to reconnect with nature • A program that adapts to the opportunities offered by nature, giving priority to sailing over navigation • **A rich program of included excursions\***.

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### Lavezzi Islands and marine caves

From Bonifacio | 1 h 45 | Included

The treasures of Bonifacio can be perfectly viewed from the sea with its white cliffs, perched citadel and sea caves sheltering a shy fauna. The Sdragonato cave wows visitors with its Corsican-shaped opening, while the Lavezzi Islands, a nature reserve, Cavallo Island and Sperone Point emerge, surrounded by turquoise waters, celebrating the unspoilt beauty of the region.

You can find the complete list of our excursions and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Excursions must be booked prior to departure. Find out more on p.13.

# 5th Opera Festival at sea

Venice • Nice | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 22nd June 2026 | From AU\$12,920 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the eight early Christian monuments of Ravenna, the Amalfi Coast, Mount Etna from Taormina and its Greek Theatre, the Venetian lagoon • Ancona, a crossroads of communities and cultures with a history stretching back thousands of years • Livorno, with its picturesque Little Venice district • Porto Santo Stefano, a small discreet port on the Tyrrhenian Sea • Visiting Portofino, a quiet fishing village with colourful houses • **Among your included excursions\***: the mythical village of Portofino; Lecce, known as the Florence of southern Italy, or set off from Taormina to climb the mythical Mount Etna.

# From the Tyrrhenian Sea to the Adriatic

Nice • Venice | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Boréal*: 22nd August 2026 | From AU\$11,180 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Aeolian Islands, the old towns of Dubrovnik and Split, Venice and its lagoon • Discovering Corsican shorelines with stops in Calvi and Bonifacio • Sicily, with a stopover at Taormina and its fabulous Greco-Roman theatre • From Gallipoli, the opportunity to visit Lecce, known as the Florence of southern Italy • Visiting Dubrovnik, Split and Rovinj, three of Croatia's must-sees • **Among your included excursions\***: the Greco-Roman theatre of Taormina and its spectacular views over Mount Etna or traditional Croatian cuisine on a family farm in Dubrovnik.

# Cruising southern Italy and Sicily



Valletta • Livorno | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 6th September 2026 | From AU\$11,620 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • Visiting monuments from the Roman Empire in Syracuse, Taormina, Pompeii, Herculaneum and Rome • Exploring well-preserved Greek sites in Syracuse, Taormina and Paestum • Encountering Pisa's Leaning Tower or the Duomo of Florence • Visiting vineyards and sampling the wines of Syracuse, Taormina, Reggio di Calabria and Naples • Experiencing the variety of foods in the diet of this region on the Mediterranean.

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



## From Malta to the Adriatic coast

**Valletta • Venice/Venice • Athens/Venice • Dubrovnik** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 31st May 2026 | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Boréal*: 18th June 2026 | *Le Bougainville*: 9th July 2026 | From AU\$8,780 <sup>(1)</sup>



Stopovers vary according to departure.  
More information on our website.

### Highlights:

Discover the cultural treasures of five countries: Malta, Montenegro, Croatia, Slovenia and Italy • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the historic centre of Valletta, the old town of Dubrovnik and Kotor, the plain of Stari Grad on the island of Hvar, the Venetian lagoon • From Otranto, the opportunity to visit Lecce, known as the Florence of southern Italy • Visiting Kotor, Dubrovnik and Hvar, three unmissable spots in the Adriatic • **Among your included excursions\***: enjoy baroque architecture with a visit to the village of Noto from Syracuse or a walking tour of the charming town of Piran.

Each departure has its own special features: more details on our website.



See website for an enriched departures on 18th June and 9th July 2026, Croatia's Dalmatian Coast by Sea in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

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## Lecce, the Florence of southern Italy

From Otranto | 5 h | Included

Lecce is renowned for its architectural splendour and is a must-see in Puglia. And with good reason. The dazzling baroque of its Santa Croce basilica, the elegantly sculpted facades of the Governor's Palace and the majestic Piazza Duomo, one of the most beautiful in southern Italy, are an ode to creation. A tasting of local wines and specialities will round off this experience with the pearl of Salento.

You can find the complete list of our excursions and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Excursions must be booked prior to departure. Find out more on p.13.



## The best of Croatia

Venice • Venice | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Boréal*: 3rd and 10th September 2026 | From AU\$7,380 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Discovering 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 • In Montenegro, sailing in the bay of Kotor and 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 • **Among your included excursions\***: a truffle hunt followed by a tasting, from Rovinj or a Moreška (traditional Croatian sword dance) performance at the Korcula open-air theatre.

Departing from Venice, the voyage *Shores of the Adriatic* on 3rd June 2026 will take you from Ancona to Piran via Dubrovnik, Split, Hvar and Rovinj, on a 9-day/8-night voyage aboard *Le Boréal*. More information on our website.

## Cities and splendours of the Adriatic



Dubrovnik • Venice | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 16th and 30th July, 13th August 2026 | From AU\$6,790 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the old town of Dubrovnik, Stari Grad plain and Venice and its lagoon • With visits extending into the evening, enjoy the balmy, late-summer nights as you dine or wander around in these towns and cities brimming with history • The possibility of hiking and kayaking to take in the stunning Mediterranean scenery • A stopover at Brijuni National Park, a place with a rich biodiversity • An overnight at anchor in Dubrovnik's old town • **Among your included excursions\***: introduction to local cuisine on a family farm in Dubrovnik or discovering Hvar in a Volkswagen Beetle.

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



## Croatia, under sail aboard *Le Ponant*

**Dubrovnik • Dubrovnik** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Ponant*: 25th July, 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd August 2026 | From AU\$16,080 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

(Re)discover the deep and secret soul of the Mediterranean and enjoy stopovers off the beaten path, revisited to offer you exclusive experiences • On board as on shore, soak up the local riches and traditions of Croatia, and savour authentic moments through cultural encounters and gastronomy • Numerous water-based activities to rediscover the natural coasts of Croatia and Montenegro • A program that adapts to the opportunities offered by nature, giving priority to sailing over navigation • As the wind carries you, rediscover your taste for shared happiness and the authentic • **A rich program of included excursions\***.



## Island hopping aboard *Le Ponant*, from Athens to Dubrovnik

**Athens • Dubrovnik** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Ponant*: 18th July 2026 | From AU\$16,080 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

(Re)discover the deep and secret soul of the Mediterranean and enjoy stopovers off the beaten path, revisited to offer you exclusive experiences • On board as on shore, soak up the local riches and traditions of Greece and Croatia, and savour authentic moments through cultural encounters and gastronomy • Numerous water-based activities to rediscover the natural coasts of Greece, Croatia and Montenegro • A program that adapts to the opportunities offered by nature, giving priority to sailing over navigation • As the wind carries you, rediscover your taste for shared happiness and the authentic • **A rich program of included excursions\***.

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

## ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE

### Hvar highlights by Volkswagen Beetles

From Hvar | 4 h 15

Head to Stari Grad on the island of Hvar for a ride in Volkswagen Beetles! Travel in one of these legendary cars to discover this quiet port, the oldest in Croatia, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



You can find the complete list of our excursions and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Excursions must be booked prior to departure. Find out more on p.13.



## Natural wonders and cultural jewels of Dalmatia

**Venice • Dubrovnik** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 8th June 2026 | *Le Bougainville*: 23rd July, 6th and 20th August 2026 | From AU\$6,790 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the lagoon of Venice, the Diocletian's Palace in Split, the old town of Kotor and Dubrovnik • With visits extending into the evening, enjoy the balmy, late-summer nights as you dine or wander around in these towns and cities brimming with history • In Montenegro, sailing in the bay of Kotor (8th June and 23rd July departures) • **Among your included excursions\***: a truffle hunt followed by truffle tasting starting in Rovinj, a tour of Hvar in a Volkswagen Beetle or a Moreška (traditional Croatian sword dance) show, in Korčula's open-air theatre.

6th and 20th August 2026 departures: the stop in Kotor is replaced with a stop in the UNESCO-listed town of Tivat.

## Artistic Adriatic with Pinault Collection

**Dubrovnik • Venice** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 15th June 2026 | From AU\$7,640 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Fascinating lectures given by Pinault Collection experts and, as a grand finale in Venice, a visit to the Biennale of Contemporary Art and private tours of Palazzo Grassi and the Punta della Dogana with Pinault Collection guides • A private dinner in the Palazzo Grassi atrium • Two nights in Venice • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the old towns of Dubrovnik and Split (from Trogir), the historic centre of Trogir, the Paleochristian monuments of Ravenna, the Venetian ramparts of Zadar, the lagoon of Venice • A brand-new stop in Rijeka, for a taste of the gentle Croatian way of life • The dazzling mosaics of Ravenna.

### Pinault Collection

A voyage in partnership with **Pinault Collection**, with the exceptional presence of **Emma Lavigne**, its General Director and Chief Curator.



## From the Adriatic to the Ionian Sea

**Dubrovnik • Valletta** | 10 days/9 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 27th August 2026 | From AU\$8,740 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Exploring fishing ports, medieval cities and little-known islands, including charming little Croatian islands off the beaten track of traditional voyage itineraries • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Valletta, Taormina and its Greek Theatre, the old city of Dubrovnik • Sailing in Kotor Bay, Montenegro • A stopover in Gallipoli to immerse yourself in the gentle way of life of the Puglia region • Sicily with the call at Taormina • **Among your included excursions\***: the history of Gallipoli by visiting the steep lanes of its old town or a Moreška (traditional Croatian sword dance) show, in Korcula's open-air theatre.

## Authentic shores of Sicily

**Valletta • Valletta** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 5th May 2026 | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 29th August 2026 |

8 days/7 nights | *Le Boréal*: 3rd October 2026 | From AU\$11,620 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Mount Etna from Taormina and its Greek Theatre, Arab-Norman Palermo and the Cathedral of Monreale, the Aeolian Islands, the old town of Syracuse, the temples of Ggantija on the island of Gozo, Valletta • The natural and preserved beauty of the Aeolian Islands • Sicily's most beautiful historic cities and ancient sites: Syracuse, Taormina, Palermo • The Maltese island of Gozo, with its magnificent salt marshes and vineyards • **Among your included excursions\***: diving into Sicilian baroque architecture in the village of Noto from Syracuse or admiring the famous Riace bronzes in Reggio di Calabria.

Stopovers vary according to departure.  
More information on our website.



See website for enriched departures on 5th May and 29th August 2026,  
A Circumnavigation of Sicily in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

# Ancient jewels of the Mediterranean

**Athens • Valletta** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 23rd June 2026 | From AU\$8,780 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO sites: the Acropolis of Athens, the Greek theatre of Taormina, Syracuse, the city of Valletta • A stopover in Gallipoli to immerse yourself in the gentle way of life of the Puglia region • Crossing the Corinth Canal • Sicily with a call at Syracuse and Taormina • Discovering Hydra, the jewel of the Saronic Islands, where traffic is closed to cars, for the privilege of donkeys • **Among your included excursions\***: the typical villages of Lefkes and Naoussa on the island of Paros; diving into Sicilian baroque architecture in the village of Noto from Syracuse.

# Ancient cities of the Mediterranean

**Valletta • Athens** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 1st June 2026 |

**Athens • Valletta** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 22nd October 2026 | From AU\$7,680 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

UNESCO-listed sites: Valletta, Syracuse, the ruins of Mycenae and the theatre of Epidaurus from Nafplion, the Acropolis of Athens • Monemvasia, fortified medieval village, which preserves in an enchanting setting treasures of Venetian and Byzantine architecture • A stopover in Gallipoli to soak up the Apulian lifestyle and discover the history of this ancient Greek city • **Among your included excursions\***: the National Museum of Magna Grecia in Reggio Calabria and its Riace bronzes or the ruins of Mycenae and Epidaurus from Nafplio.

## ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE



### Noto, a baroque town

From Syracuse | 4 h | Included

Noto is the second largest town in the province of Syracuse, and one of Sicily's baroque jewels. It can be explored like an open-air museum, with its gardens adorned with busts of artists and its narrow streets bathed in golden light. The majestic 18th century cathedral, the elegant Palazzi Ducezio and Nicolaci di Villadorata, and the churches of San Domenico and Del Collegio tell the story of a city reborn after the earthquake and are a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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

## Sweet Mediterranean escape

Athens • Nice | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Boréal*: 17th July 2026 | From AU\$11,910 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Acropolis of Athens, the monastery of Saint John and the Cave of the Apocalypse in Patmos, the sacred island of Delos and the Mycenae ruins, the Epidaurus theatre from Nafplion, Taormina and its Greek Theatre • The pearls of the Cyclades: Delos, Paros, Milos • Soaking up the local riches and traditions of Corsica • Porto Santo Stefano, a small discreet port on the Tyrrhenian Sea • Crossing the Corinth Canal • **Among your included excursions\***: setting off from Taormina to climb the mythical Mount Etna or admiring the Temples of Zeus, Apollo and Athena and the Terrace of the Lions, from Delos.

## Ancient civilisations, from Italy to Greece

Civitavecchia • Athens | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Champlain*: 1st October 2026 | From AU\$10,990 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

A stunning voyage between Italy and Greece, to make the most of historic stopovers, major archaeological sites and the beauty of the Mediterranean shores • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Rome from Civitavecchia, Catania, Olympia from Katakolon, the ruins of Mycenae and Epidaurus from Nafplio, Delphi from Itea, the Acropolis in Athens • Exploring Hydra, the jewel of the Saronic Islands, where traffic is closed to cars, for the privilege of donkeys • Discovering Salerno, on the Amalfi coast • **Among your included excursions\***: the National Museum of Magna Grecia in Reggio di Calabria and its iconic Riace bronzes or the ruins of Mycenae and Epidaurus.

## European autumn in the Aegean Sea

Athens • Athens | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 25th October and 1st November 2025 | From AU\$6,470 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Exploring some of Greece's most beautiful ancient sites in mid-season, while also enjoying the sandy beaches • UNESCO World Heritage sites: the Paleochristian and Byzantine monuments and the Vergina site in Thessaloniki, the Acropolis in Athens, the Meteora monasteries from Volos, the Philippi site from Kavála, Mount Athos • Three brand-new stopovers: Skiathos, Thessaloniki and Kavála • A picturesque sailing along Mount Athos • **Among your included excursions\***: the royal graves of Vergina in Thessaloniki, the monasteries of Meteora from Volos or the remains of the fortified town of Philippi.



## The Cyclades, in the wake of *Le Ponant*

Athens • Athens | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Ponant*: 20th and 27th June 2026 | From AU\$19,760 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

(Re)discover the deep and secret soul of the Mediterranean and enjoy stopovers off the beaten path, revisited to offer you exclusive experiences

- On board as on shore, soak up the local riches and traditions of the Greek islands, and savour authentic moments through cultural encounters and gastronomy
- Numerous water-based activities to rediscover the natural coasts of the Cyclades and the Peloponnese
- A program that adapts to the opportunities offered by nature, giving priority to sailing over navigation
- **A rich program of included excursions\***

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



## At the heart of the Greek islands

**Athens • Athens** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 16th June 2026 | *Le Boréal*: 10th July 2026 |  
*Le Dumont d'Urville*: 8th October 2026 | From AU\$6,950 <sup>(1)</sup>



Stopovers vary according to departure.  
 More information on our website.

### Highlights:

UNESCO-listed sites: the Acropolis in Athens, Delos, the sacred island, the monastery of Saint John and the Cave of the Apocalypse in Patmos • The pearls of the Cyclades: Amorgos, the Santorini Caldera, Milos, Paros, Delos • An exceptional sunset voyage in the Santorini caldera • Swimming opportunity from many small coves • **Among your included excursions\***: Hydra and its monuments or the temples and archaeological remains of Delos.

In partnership with **Festival de Pâques**. With music as the focal point, this journey will be punctuated by concerts, discussions and reflection featuring renowned artists.



See website for enriched departures on 16th June and 8th October 2026, cruising the Greek Islands of the Southern Aegean in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.



## The Greek islands with Nemanja Radulović and friends

**Athens • Athens** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 15th October 2026 | From AU\$9,040 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

A musical odyssey punctuated by six concerts and a conference on music • A journey to discover some of Greece's most beautiful ancient sites, while also enjoying the sandy beaches • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Paleochristian and Byzantine monuments and the Vergina site in Thessaloniki, the Acropolis in Athens, the Meteora monasteries from Volos, the Philippi site from Kavala, Mount Athos • A unique sailing experience along the monasteries of Mount Athos • **Among your included excursions\***: the royal tombs of Vergina or the Meteora monasteries.

# The Mediterranean: in the footsteps of great civilisations

**Antalya • Valletta / Valletta • Antalya** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Dumont d'Urville*: 22nd March and 1st April 2026 | From AU\$9,710 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Exploring some of the most beautiful ancient sites of Turkey, Greece and Italy • UNESCO-listed 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 • A stopover in Gallipoli to immerse yourself in the gentle way of life of the Puglia region • Sicily with a call at Syracuse • Crossing the Corinth Canal • **Among your included excursions\***: the monasteries of Meteora, the Sicilian baroque architecture with a visit to the village of Noto, from Syracuse.

**1st April 2026 departure:** a voyage focused on well-being, with the exceptional presence of yoga teacher **Élodie Garamond**. On the program: two yoga classes a day (*maximum 20 participants*) and numerous wellness activities for all.

# Antique wonders of the Aegean

**Istanbul • Athens/Athens • Istanbul** | 8 days/7 nights | *Le Boréal*: 25th June 2026 | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Boréal*: 2nd July 2026 | From AU\$7,930 <sup>(1)</sup>



Stopovers vary according to departure. More information on our website.

## Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Istanbul, the Monastery of Saint John and the Cave of the Apocalypse in Patmos, the Acropolis in Athens • Visit the island of Bozcaada in the Aegean Sea, popular with Stamboulians for its picturesque atmosphere • Unique sailings in the Dardanelles Strait and opposite Santorini caldera • Discovering the Dodecanese islands, at the crossroads of East and West • Exploring the Cyclades with Amorgos, Milos, Paros • **Among your excursions included\***: the Monastery of Saint John and the Cave of the Apocalypse in Patmos or the picturesque villages of Naoussa and Lefkes from Paros.



See website for an enriched departure on 25th June 2026, cruising the Aegean: Turkey and the Greek Isles in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

# The eternal Aegean

**Valletta • Istanbul** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Boréal*: 14th May 2026 | From AU\$10,530 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

A journey between Malta, Italy, Greece and Turkey, discovering some of the Mediterranean's most beautiful antique sites in early spring • UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Valletta, Syracuse and Noto, Corfu, the sanctuary of Delphi, the Hosios Loukas monastery and the historical sites of Ephesus from Kusadasi • A stopover in Gallipoli to immerse yourself in the gentle way of life of the Puglia region • Sicily with the call at Syracuse • Crossing the Corinth Canal • **Among your excursions included\***: the typical villages of Lefkes and Naoussa on the island of Paros or the Ephesus archaeological site.

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

## Through the eyes of **Kento Lafay**



### **Nippon adventures: tropical Japan**

Kento Lafay, a Franco-Japanese naturalist guide who grew up in Tokyo, orients PONANT EXPLORATIONS guests as they explore Japan's subtropical islands and discover their unexplored charms. This is a new facet of Japan that is being opened up to travellers, related by a native who is fully immersed in its history, cultures and spectacular landscapes.

*"A voyage to the subtropical islands is unlike anything you've ever experienced in Japan. It's a unique experience, because PONANT EXPLORATIONS takes you to them in a different way, sailing to isolated islands that are virtually inaccessible by any other means. These islands are home to many natural treasures, such as the ultra-preserved coral reefs of the Zamami nature reserve, one of my favourite stopovers in the region, in particular for its white sandy beaches. The lush jungles and mangroves of Amami-Ōshima and Iriomote are also striking. Fans of snorkelling and diving can explore the colourful seabed. At Yonaguni, it's not uncommon to swim alongside hammerhead sharks, green turtles and tropical fish similar to those found in Indonesia and Polynesia. Depending on the season, you may even be able to spot whales.*

*On board, I'm happy to share the rich history of Okinawa. This region was formerly the kingdom of Ryūkyū and was independent until the 19th century. It has developed a unique heritage, influenced by neighbouring countries. Chinese, Thai and Japanese heritage can be found in its dances, architecture, colourful fabrics and cuisine. On the mainland, travellers can enjoy a wide range of experiences and encounters with deeply curious and welcoming locals. Guests are invited to take part in local dances, in a happy and friendly atmosphere, to learn more about karate – born in Okinawa itself – to taste healthy regional specialities that contribute to the longevity of its inhabitants, among other things. As well as enjoying a lush environment, which has earned them the nickname 'Japanese Hawaii', these islands are a call to refocus on what's essential, to slow down and find our balance, our ikigai."*



## Japan with PONANT EXPLORATIONS

Hop on board with PONANT EXPLORATIONS and set sail for the **Land of the Rising Sun** to discover a multi-faceted Japan, from ancestral traditions to majestic landscapes and futuristic cities.

### The Zulu epic

The 'people of the sky' are descended from the Bantu, who arrived in Southern Africa around 500 AD. One man would change its destiny. His name was Shaka, a fearsome warrior nicknamed the '**Black Napoleon**', who founded the nation in 1818. Since then, the culture of South Africa's largest ethnic group has continued to be present in music, dance and ritual ceremonies, as well as at the heart of the country's politics.

*Itineraries: Madagascar & South Africa and Namibian and South African coastlines, p. 93.*

### Lüderitz, a hint of Bavaria in Namibia

Nestled between the ocean and a desert, Lüderitz stands out for its Bavarian architecture. The village is named after the tobacco merchant who bought this land from the **Nama** people in 1880. Since then, the oldest town in South West Africa has become a thriving fishing port with a unique atmosphere: its colourful colonial buildings, part Imperial German and part Art Nouveau, contrast with the arid landscape and jagged granite rocks that surround them.

*Itinerary: Namibian and South African coastlines, p. 93.*



### Imabari, a 'castle in the sea'

Imabari Castle is a stronghold located on the shores of the **Seto Inland Sea**, on the island of Shikoku. Its history dates back to the great battle of Sekigahara in October 1600. A local lord, Tōdō Takatora, received the plot as a reward and had the first keep built. Surrounded by a moat filled with salt water, Imabari Castle was destroyed and then completely rebuilt, and is one of the archipelago's three *mizujiro*, or 'castles in the sea'.

*Itinerary: Authentic Japan, p. 90.*

### Curieuse's hundred-year-old tortoises

Curieuse Island in the Seychelles lives up to its name: as you head along the footpaths, you will come across hundred-year-old tortoises wandering around the coconut palms. This national park is dedicated to protecting these fascinating reptiles, both marine and terrestrial, including the **Aldabra giant tortoise**. Also known as the 'elephantine', this native species is the largest in the world and can weigh in at over 300 kg.

*Itinerary: The essential Seychelles, p. 92.*



## Explore the *Spirit of Ponant* **A new experience in tailor-made voyages in the Seychelles**

Be swept away by this unique experience in the heart of the Seychelles aboard the *Spirit of Ponant*, an extraordinary catamaran where comfort and exploration combine to perfection. Designed for intimate, immersive journeys, it encourages exploration of this mythical archipelago off the beaten track, in perfect harmony with nature. Every moment on board is a mix of refinement and freedom, with PONANT luxury to boot!

*"True to the company's seafaring DNA and our commitment to more responsible tourism, the Spirit of Ponant combines the pleasure of sailing with the intimacy, refinement and attentive service that characterise our voyages."*

Hervé Gastinel, CEO of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP



### Tailor-made itineraries, with the sea as our guide

The flexibility offered by the size of this unique catamaran and the expertise of the skipper mean each voyage is guided by the tides and tailored to your wishes. Explore secret locations, accessible only by sea, and let the itinerary take shape according to the treasures that nature spontaneously reveals. An unspoilt cove, a wild beach or a shoal of multicoloured fish make every stopover an opportunity for magical moments that live suspended in time.

### An unforgettable culinary exploration

Onboard gastronomy is a celebration of local flavours. Your chef, your true master of the house, offers you a rare opportunity to watch as each dish is expertly prepared right before your eyes. Engaging with you along the way, they share the secrets behind the exquisite ingredients used. The meal is a shared, immersive experience, where the discovery of flavours takes on a Seychelles touch. Whether it's freshly caught fish or a new twist on a Creole speciality, every mouthful is an experience.

### Activities to enjoy the adventure at your own pace

The private marina of the *Spirit of Ponant* offers a wide range of water-based activities, including snorkelling, paddling, wing foiling and waterskiing: the choice is yours. And for moments of peace and quiet, enjoy the sun deck, rocked gently by the waves and savour the moment with a book in your hand.

### An intimate and exclusive setting

With just six cabins, the onboard experience is warm and intimate. You'll appreciate this special space of over 300 square metres to create memories with your loved ones, away from the crowds, and in exceptional comfort where every detail has been crafted especially for you.

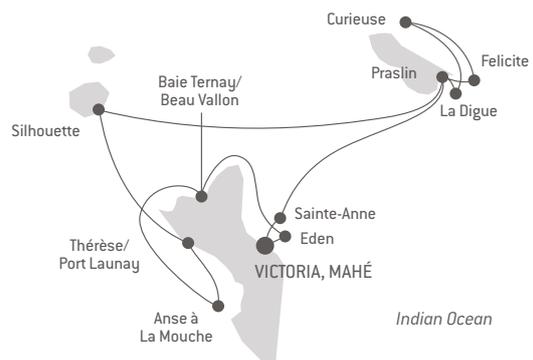
### Breathtaking landscapes

Discover gems such as **Anse Source d'Argent**, voted one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, or the spellbinding mangroves of **Curieuse**, a sanctuary for exceptional flora and fauna. Dive into crystal-clear waters, explore a veritable natural aquarium and marvel at the raw beauty of the Seychelles.

### Victoria, Mahé • Victoria, Mahé Up to 14 days and 13 nights

We also offer  
two 7-day / 6-night itineraries. <sup>(4)</sup>

Charter rates available,  
contact us for more information.





## The best of Japan

**Osaka • Busan** | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Soléal*: 16th March and 5th April 2026 | From AU\$13,490 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Miyajima Sanctuary and its vermillion *Torii*, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum • A new stopover in Miyazaki, cradle of Japanese mythology, famous for its spectacular rock formations • Varied landscapes along the Seto Inland Sea, offering stunning contrasts between land and sea • The visits to the Peace Memorial and Peace Museum in Nagasaki and Hiroshima • **Among the excursions included\***: the picturesque city of Chiran and its former homes of the Samurai; the cultural heritage of Nagasaki.



See website for an enriched departure on 5th April 2026, Treasures of Japan by Sea in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

## Authentic Japan

**Busan • Osaka / Osaka • Busan** | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Soléal*: 24th March, 7th and 19th May 2026 | From AU\$18,680 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Miyajima shrine (7th May departure), Himeji's Castle, the ancient pilgrimage routes of Kumano Kodō and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum • Depending on departures, a new stopover in Imabari, one of Japan's main shipbuilding centres, or Miyazaki, between pristine beaches and spectacular volcanic landscapes • Varied landscapes along the Seto Inland Sea, offering stunning contrasts between land and sea • **Among the excursions included\*** (depending on departures): the picturesque city of Chiran and its former homes of the Samurai, the cultural heritage of Nagasaki, or Himeji's emblematic castle.

Stopovers vary according to departure.  
More information on our website.



# Odyssey in the heart of Japan's subtropical islands



**Hong Kong • Naha/Osaka • Ishigaki** | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Jacques Cartier*: 22nd February 2026 | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Jacques Cartier*: 10th April 2026 | From AU\$13,640 <sup>(1)</sup>



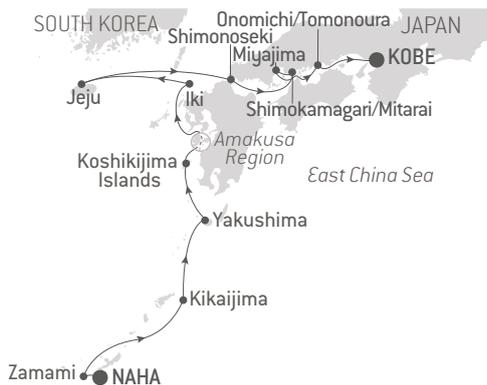
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## Highlights:

Iriomote island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • 10th April departure: the second largest mangrove in the world on the island of Amami-Ōshima, the beautiful beach of Kumejima • Explore the culture of Okinawa: visit to a traditional village, enjoy a traditional *Eisa* drumming show • The idyllic setting of Zamami islet • Landscapes: white sandy beaches, coral reefs, tropical forest, mangroves, rivers, cliffs, caves, waterfalls • Opportunities for diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling • **A program of included activities\*** selected with our local service providers, on land and on the water, and the expert guidance of naturalist guides and local guides.

## Island wonders and the soul of ancestral Japan

**Naha • Kobe** | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Jacques Cartier*: 6th March 2026 | From AU\$16,570 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Exploring an enchanted side of Japan, at the intersection of Western and Japanese traditions • UNESCO sites: 'the hidden Christian sites in the Nagasaki region', in Sakitsu; the natural sanctuary of Yakushima Island • The discovery of Japan's Christian history, a religion banned for three centuries during the Edo period • Landscapes: subtropical islands, idyllic beaches, cliffs, waterfalls, virgin forests, tea plantations, geological formations • Opportunity to snorkel around the renowned coral reefs of Zamami Island • **A program of included activities\*** selected with our local service providers, on land and on the water, and the expert guidance of naturalist guides and local guides.

### ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE



## Kyoto and Nara, imperial heritage

After your voyage | Kyoto | 4 nights

The former imperial capitals of Kyoto and Nara await you for an immersion in traditional Japan, with an introduction to meditation and the tea ceremony. Wonder at the splendour of the temples you visit, such as Kinkaku-ji, covered in gold leaf and a UNESCO World Heritage site, or Tōdai-ji, home to Japan's largest Buddha.

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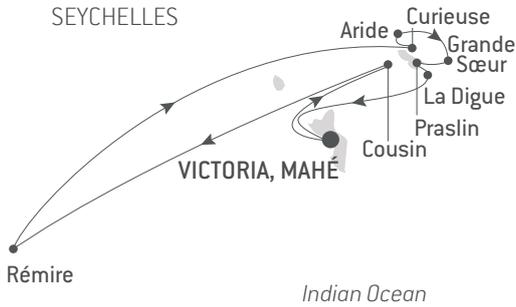
\*Excursions included to be pre-booked approximately two months before departure, subject to availability.



# The essential Seychelles



Victoria, Mahé • Victoria, Mahé | 9 days/8 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 17th and 25th January 2026 | From AU\$7,360 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Explore eight islands with their iconic Seychelles landscapes • The Vallée de Mai nature reserve in Praslin, a UNESCO site • Cousin Island, a natural reserve that is home to the greatest number of endemic plants and animals in the Seychelles • The Aride nature reserve, with some 73 hectares of colourful vegetation and more than one million birds • The bare red earth of Curieuse, a granite island, with the possibility of observing tortoises • Anse Source d'Argent, the most famous beach of La Digue • The knowledgeable support from naturalist guides throughout the voyage • Opportunities for diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling.

## Madagascar and Seychelles: natural treasures of the Indian Ocean



Nosy Be • Victoria, Mahé | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 7th January 2026 | From AU\$18,680 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts • The iconic beach at Anse Source d'Argent, surrounded by large blocks of granite and edged with coconut palms • The Aride nature reserve, with some 73 hectares of colourful vegetation and more than one million birds • In Madagascar, an endemic fauna: lemurs, chameleons, red-tailed tropicbirds, radiated tortoises, multi-coloured fish and green turtles, and more • A full day off the coast of Diego Suarez in the Emerald Sea Lagoon • Extensive snorkelling and birding opportunities • Diving opportunities (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).

Included in your voyage<sup>(2)</sup>: the flight Mauritius/Nosy Be and transfer.



**WATCH**  
Dazzling white sandy beaches, infinite shades of azure, verdant gardens... Embark on a Seychelles adventure with PONANT EXPLORATIONS.



## Madagascar & South Africa

**Durban • Nosy Be/Nosy Be • Durban** | 12 days/11 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 27th December 2025 and 8th March 2026 |  
From AU\$12,630 <sup>(1)</sup>



8th March 2026 departure: an additional stopover in Nosy Tanikely.

### Highlights:

An overnight stay in Richards Bay • The oldest nature reserve in Africa, Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park, home to hippos, crocodiles, lions, elephants, rhinos, leopards, buffalo and more • Phezulu Reserve and the history of Zulu traditions • In Madagascar, endemic flora and fauna: ring-tailed and red ruffed lemurs, chameleons, red-tailed tropicbirds, baobabs • From Tuléar, the Reniala nature reserve in Ifaty, with its thorn forest • Nosy Komba's cathedrals of rock, the marine Tsingy • **Activities including excursions\*** led by local guides and outings accompanied by your nature guides.

**Included in your voyage<sup>(2)</sup>:** the flights Mauritius/Nosy Be or Nosy Be/Mauritius (according to departure) and transfers.



## Namibian and South African coastlines

**Walvis Bay • Durban/Durban • Walvis Bay** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Bougainville*: 17th December 2025 and 19th March 2026 |  
From AU\$9,990 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

An overnight in Walvis Bay • UNESCO sites: the Namib Desert and the Cape Floral Region • The exploration of the Cape of Good Hope and its sheer cliffs that plunge into the Atlantic Ocean • The stunning landscapes of the Namib coastal desert, one of the largest deserts in Africa • Addo Elephant National Park, home to elephants, lions, buffalo, rhinoceros, leopards and more • The Nahoon Point Nature Reserve, home to one of the oldest footprints in the world • The encounter with the Xhosa community, from East London • **Among your included excursions\***: the ghost town of Kolmanskop; a safari among the elephants in Addo Elephant National Park.



See website for an enriched departure on 19th March 2026, South Africa and Namibia by Sea: Around the Cape of Good Hope in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

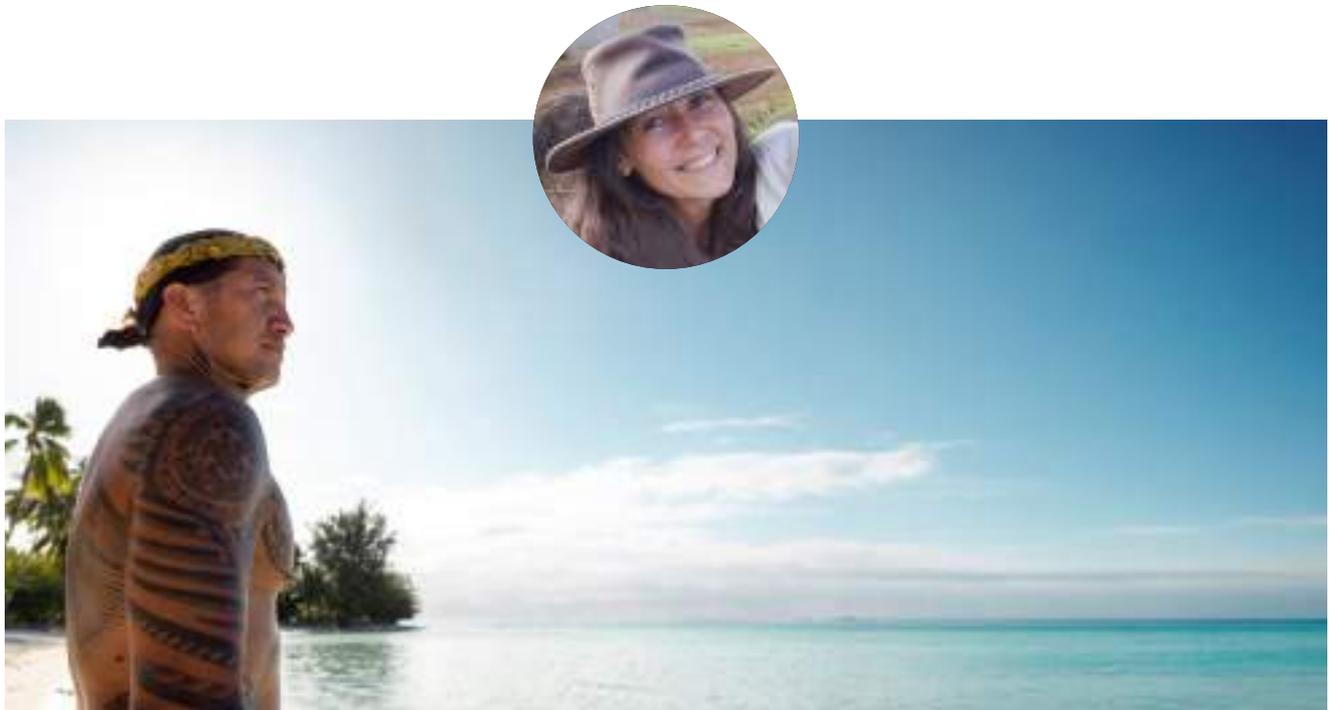
On expedition voyages, zodiac trips and landings are included.

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

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## Through the eyes of Delphine Poulain



### The call of Polynesian *Mana*

Former sailor Delphine Poulain set down her sailor's bag in Polynesia 30 years ago, after falling in love with its islands and its inhabitants. A painter, expedition guide and lecturer on board *m/s Paul Gauguin*, she confesses her attachment to these lands at the end of the world that she has never left. It also brings her great pleasure to help guests discover the local authenticity that highlights the unparalleled beauty of the landscapes.

*"Polynesians are one of the 'water peoples'. Their relationship with the elements, with their environment, with the stars that guided them in their discoveries of the Pacific and with the changing seasons, is extraordinary. They show true respect for nature they have a form of communion with it. I can't give you the definition of mana. I'm not Polynesian. But my feeling, after decades of listening, respecting the traditions of oral transmission, is that the mana is a whole. It is a fusion of the material and immaterial elements that make up its archipelagos: the force of the wind, the sun, the power of the elders, knowledge, stones, trees... The mana reflects great energy. It's a notion that takes on an extremely personal meaning for each person, changing from island to island, and one that is felt in the soul and heart. If there's one thing that*

*guests tell me as soon as they arrive, it's how immediately they feel enveloped by this energy, so powerful yet so gentle. In Polynesia, there is a natural kindness, an island gentleness that cultivates the art of welcoming and sharing. The reason I decided so quickly to move there was born out of a passion for its history, its customs, its culture and all its arts. And art has played a key role in Polynesian society since time immemorial. Aesthetic appeal can be seen everywhere, from the handmade clothes, to the stamped tapa (bark cloth), through the flowers worn casually in the hair and the shell ornaments. Travelling to these lands is a cultural adventure in its own right, and where above all you appreciate the beauty of human interaction."*



## Michel Quioc, Polynesia under his skin

Discover the soul of Polynesia and the supernatural force of *mana* that radiates aboard *m/s Paul Gauguin* with Michel Quioc, the ship's captain since 2022.

*Itineraries* p.100 to 103.

## The bird of paradise, more than a symbol

Papua New Guinea is a birdwatcher's Eden: its primary forest boasts **more than 700 species**, including the dazzling bird of paradise, the national emblem. Although the bird has featured on the flag since 1971, its history with the country goes back much further: its colourful feathers and long, trailing tail were already used by Papuans as ornaments during their ancestral ritual ceremonies.

*Itineraries: An escapade in the heart of Melanesia and Tropical Indonesian odyssey, p. 98.*

## Stories of 'Dreamtime'

The culture of Indigenous Australians is founded on the memory of the creation of the world in a mythical era known as the Dreamtime. These stories, handed down orally for thousands of years, are fascinating for their spiritual and modern dimensions. The Earth, shaped by the Ancestors, must be respected, as must all forms of existence, from insects to stars, if harmony is to reign.

*Itineraries: Australia's iconic Kimberley and Australia's West Coast Odyssey, p. 99.*



## The Kimberley Horizontal Falls

The Horizontal Falls are one of the most spectacular sights in the world. It is, in fact, a natural phenomenon linked to strong tidal currents. The colossal thrust of the water between the cliffs causes whirlpools and a 'fall' of up to four metres. Depending on whether the tide is rising or falling, the 'falls', as well as being horizontal, are also 'reversible': they change direction.

*Itinerary: Australia's iconic Kimberley, p 99.*

## *I'a ota ha'ari:* raw fish in coconut milk

This is Tahiti's national dish and is eaten throughout Polynesia. The recipe is both simple and delicious: raw fish - usually red tuna - cut into cubes, a few fresh vegetables mixed with coconut milk, sprinkled with lemon juice and seasoned with grated ginger. A pure delight that can also be served with other fish such as mahi-mahi, perch or barracuda and accompanied by manioc or breadfruit.

*Itineraries* p. 100 to 103.



## An escapade in the heart of Melanesia



**Darwin • Lautoka** | 17 days/16 nights | *Le Jacques Cartier*: 21st August 2026 | From AU\$14,600 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Exploring five countries in the South Pacific: Fiji, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Australia • A stopover in Port Vila, the capital of Vanuatu, in the heart of an unspoilt and enchanting natural environment • Visit the remains of the Second World War in Alotau, the beauty of the Honiara landscape, with its waterfalls and lush green hills • The spectacle of the 'water music women' from Espiritu Santo • The Solomon Islands, a secret destination in the South Pacific and a real tropical Eden • Diving opportunities (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).

## Tropical Indonesian odyssey



**Bali • Darwin** | 13 days/12 nights | *Le Jacques Cartier*: 1st May 2026 | *Le Soléal*: 17th June 2026 | From AU\$14,940 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

Komodo National Park, home to the famous UNESCO-listed monitor lizards • A stopover in Badas, to observe traditional local activities: rice-pounding, weaving and more • Swimming or snorkelling at Kitikiti Waterfall, surrounded by lush vegetation • Explore the spectacular karst islands of the Coral Triangle at Triton Bay • Explore the Moluccas archipelago, a natural paradise along the Spice Route • Meet the local people and discover their customs and culture • The knowledgeable support of a team of nature guides • Diving opportunities (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling.



See website for an enriched departure on 1st May 2026, Voyage to Indonesia: Dragons, Reefs, and the Spice Islands in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

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



# Australia's iconic Kimberley



**Broome • Darwin / Darwin • Broome** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Jacques Cartier*: 13th and 23rd May, 2nd, 12th and 22nd June and 2nd, 12th and 22nd July, 1st and 11th August 2026 | *Le Soléal*: 29th June, 9th and 19th July, 18th and 28th August and 7th September 2026 | From AU\$11,900 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Landscapes billions of years old, as well as various rock art sites • ‘Dreamtime’ stories from the Indigenous Australians, the oldest surviving civilisation in the world • Mangrove forests, home to the saltwater crocodile, the largest living reptile on Earth • A helicopter flight from the Hunter River to Mitchell Falls • The incredible tidal phenomenon offered by the Horizontal Falls • The knowledgeable support of a team of naturalist guides.

*All departures except 29th June, 9th July, 18th August and 7th September 2026 on board Le Soléal, as well as 11th August 2026 departure on board Le Jacques Cartier, are exclusively reserved for our English-speaking guests.*



12th July departure: activities and lectures given by an expert from **The Explorers Club**.

# Australia's west coast odyssey



**Fremantle • Broome/Broome • Fremantle** | 11 days/10 nights | *Le Soléal*: 29th July and 8th August 2026 | From AU\$13,850 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

Shark Bay, designated a UNESCO site renowned for its incredible biodiversity • The exploration of Jurien Bay and Murujuga national parks on the Burrup Peninsula, the marine parks of Arolhos and Montebello Islands • The only major breeding colony of Australian sea lions in Jurien Bay National Park • Colourful coral and large colonies of seabirds of the Arolhos Islands • Discovering the story of the *Batavia* mutiny and following in the footsteps of the first European explorers in the region • The largest known concentration of rock engravings, on the Burrup Peninsula • The knowledgeable support of a team of nature guides • The opportunity to swim and snorkel.



See website for an enriched departure on 29th July 2026, in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

## ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE



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

Before your voyage | Darwin | 4 nights

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

*You can find the complete list of our programs and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Pre- and post-voyage programs must be booked prior to departure.<sup>(3)</sup>*

# Paul Gauguin

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



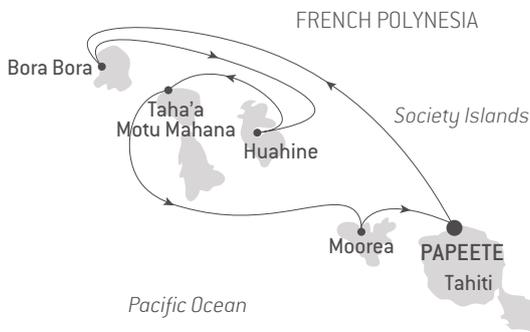
**WATCH – A TASTER:**  
Experience the rhythm  
of the Polynesian archipelagos.



# Tahiti & the Society Islands



**Papeete • Papeete** | 8 days/7 nights | *m/s Paul Gauguin*: 6th June, 4th July, 8th August and 5th September 2026 | From AU\$9,000 <sup>(1)</sup>



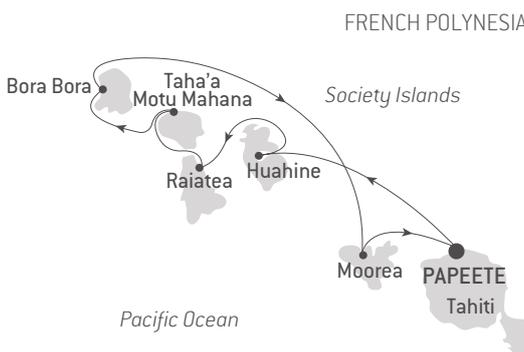
## Highlights:

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



# Pearls of the Society Islands

**Papeete • Papeete** | 8 days/7 nights | *m/s Paul Gauguin*: 18th April, 13th June, 11th July and 29th August 2026 | From AU\$9,000 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

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

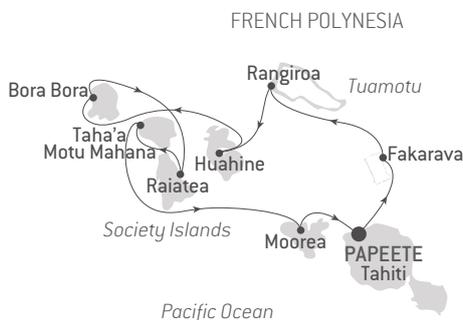




## Society Islands and The Tuamotus



**Papeete • Papeete** | 12 days/11 nights | *m/s Paul Gauguin*: 2nd May, 18th July and 12 September 2026 | 11 days/10 nights | *m/s Paul Gauguin*: 8th April, 13th May and 29th July 2026 | From AU\$11,610 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

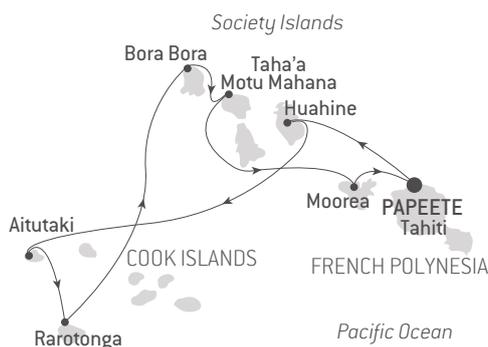
Enjoy an overnight in Bora Bora, with ample time to explore its dramatic mountain peaks and romantic lagoon • UNESCO World Heritage Site: Fakarava, a biosphere reserve • Discover the 'infinite lagoon' on Rangiroa, the biggest atoll in French Polynesia, which is famous for its 'wall of sharks' • Live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

Departures on 2nd May, 18th July and 12th September: stopovers in a different order, with an extra night in Moorea.

## Cook Islands and Society Islands



**Papeete • Papeete** | 12 days/11 nights | *m/s Paul Gauguin*: 28th March 2026 | From AU\$12,230 <sup>(1)</sup>



### Highlights:

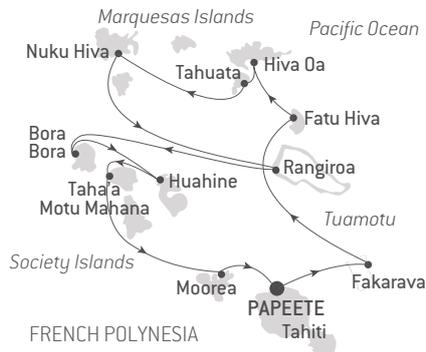
The stopover at Aitutaki, considered one of most beautiful islands in South Pacific • Discover Rarotonga, its luxuriant Takuvaine Valley and its capital, Avarua • Enjoy an overnight in Bora Bora, with ample time to explore its dramatic mountain peaks and romantic lagoon • Live a memorable day on *motu*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



# Marquesas, the Tuamotus and Society Islands



Papeete • Papeete | 15 days/14 nights | m/s Paul Gauguin: 23rd May, 20th June and 15th August 2026 | From AU\$17,750 <sup>(1)</sup>



## Highlights:

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

## ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE

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

Before your voyage | Papeete | 7 nights

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



### Motu picnic

From Bora Bora | 6h | €€€

Who better than one of our guests to tell you about this excursion?

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

#### EXPLORE.

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



You can find the complete list of our programs and excursions and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website or from our travel consultants. Pre- and post-voyage programs and excursions must be booked prior to departure.<sup>(3)</sup> The number € of indicates a price range. Find out more on p. 13.



## From the Canaries to Iceland: Atlantic shores and volcanic archipelagos

**Las Palmas • Reykjavík** | 40 days/39 nights  
*L'Austral*: from 28th April to 6th June 2026 | From AU\$38,541 <sup>(1)</sup>

On the frontier of the Old World, the Canary Islands offer contrasting volcanic landscapes, and Madeira baroque ocean panoramas. To the north, Celtic and Viking heritage is revealed in Belle-Île-en-Mer, Guernsey, the Isles of Scilly, the Hebrides and the Faroes. All the way to the edge of the Arctic, combining fjords, volcanoes and waterfalls, the majesty of nature takes centre-stage on this journey.

This Grand Voyage is made up of the following voyages:

- **Volcanic islands and historic cities of the North Atlantic**  
28th April 2026 – see page 58.
- **The Iberian peninsula and fortified cities of the Atlantic**  
8th May 2026 – see page 61.
- **From the English Channel to the Irish Sea**  
19th May 2026 – see page 55.
- **Wild lands of Scotland, the Faroe Islands and Iceland**  
27th May 2026 – see page 52.

## North American trilogy: Nunavut, Saint Lawrence River and the east coast of the United States



**Kangerlussuaq • New York** | 39 days/38 nights  
*Le Lyrial*: from 9th September to 17th October 2026 |  
 From AU\$54,810 <sup>(1)</sup>

This epic journey will take you from the icy landscapes of Nunavut to the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, from the Gulf of Saint Lawrence up this iconic river dotted with sheer cliffs and fjords inhabited by marine mammals. From the Acadian culture of Nova Scotia to the iconic cities of the American east coast, your trip comes to a grand finale in New York.

This Grand Voyage is made up of the following voyages:

- **Wilderness from Greenland to the east coast of Canada**  
9th September 2026 – see page 32.
- **Exploration along Saint Lawrence**  
23rd September 2026 – see page 33.
- **From Québec to the Big Apple: nature & remarkable cities**  
4th October 2026 – see page 34.

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# 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 6 months beyond the completion of your trip. Passport must contain at least two completely clear, blank, unused visa pages for each visa required, not including any amendment pages. Visa pages with stains or ink from other pages in the passport are not usable. Guests who deviate from the scheduled embarkation or disembarkation port should research the foreign entry requirements for the port

country. Due to government regulations, regrettably, PONANT will have to deny boarding to any guest who fails to obtain the appropriate travel documentation for their trip.

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

## SPECIFIC FORMALITIES

**THE ARCTIC** | *L'AUSTRAL*: Reykjavík • Reykjavík: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th June, 6th and 13th July 2026 <sup>(1)</sup> / Reykjavík • Kangerlussuaq: 20th July 2026 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> / Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq: 2nd, 15th and 31st August 2026 <sup>(2)</sup> / Kangerlussuaq • Halifax: 19th September 2026 <sup>(2)</sup>  
*LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT*: Reykjavík • Longyearbyen: 28th May 2026 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> <sup>(3)(4)</sup> / Reykjavík • Reykjavík: 4th and 14th May 2026 <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)</sup> / Longyearbyen • Reykjavík: 13th June and 11th September 2026 <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)</sup> / Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen: 12th and 27th July, 11th and 27th August 2026 <sup>(3)(4)</sup> / Reykjavík • Lakselv: 28th September 2026 <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup>  
*LE BELLOT*: Reykjavík • Reykjavík: 25th May and 1st June 2026 <sup>(1)</sup> / Reykjavík • Toronto: 27th July 2026 <sup>(2)(5)</sup> / Toronto • Milwaukee: 11th August 2026 <sup>(6)(7)</sup> / Milwaukee • Toronto: 19th August 2026 <sup>(6)(7)</sup> / Toronto • Boston: 24th September 2026 <sup>(6)(7)</sup> / Boston • Boston: 6th October 2026 <sup>(5)(7)</sup>  
*LE LAPÉROUSE*: Reykjavík • Reykjavík: 20th and 27th July, 3rd August 2026 <sup>(1)</sup>  
*LE LYRIAL*: Longyearbyen • Reykjavík: 1st August 2026 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> / Reykjavík • Kangerlussuaq: 14th August 2026 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> / Kangerlussuaq • Kangerlussuaq: 27th August 2026 <sup>(2)(5)</sup> / Kangerlussuaq • Saint-Pierre and Miquelon: 9th September 2026 <sup>(2)(5)</sup> / Saint-Pierre and Miquelon • Montréal: 23rd September 2026 <sup>(6)</sup> / Montréal • New-York: 4th October 2026 <sup>(6)(7)</sup>

**ASIA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN** | *LE BOUGAINVILLE*: Durban • Nosy Be: 27th December 2025 <sup>(6)</sup> / Nosy Be • Mahe: 7th January 2026 <sup>(6)</sup> / Nosy Be • Durban: 8th March 2026 <sup>(6)</sup>  
*LE JACQUES CARTIER*: Bali • Darwin: 1st May 2026 <sup>(9)(10)(11)</sup>  
*LE SOLÉAL*: Bali • Darwin: 17th June 2026 <sup>(9)(10)(11)</sup>

**THE ATLANTIC AND NORTHERN EUROPE** | *L'AUSTRAL*: Honfleur • Glasgow: 19th May 2026 <sup>(12)</sup> / Glasgow • Reykjavík: 27th May 2026 <sup>(12)</sup>  
*LE BELLOT*: Bordeaux • London: 29th April 2026 <sup>(12)</sup> / London • Glasgow: 7th May 2026 <sup>(12)</sup> / Glasgow • Reykjavík: 15th May 2026 <sup>(12)</sup>  
*LE CHAMPLAIN*: London • Lisbon: 5th September 2026 <sup>(12)</sup>  
*LE LAPÉROUSE*: Tromsø • Glasgow: 2nd April 2026 <sup>(12)</sup> / Glasgow • Dublin: 12th and 28th April 2026 <sup>(12)</sup> / Dublin • Dublin: 21st April 2026 <sup>(12)</sup> / Glasgow • Glasgow: 21st May 2026 <sup>(12)</sup> / Bergen • Glasgow: 2nd July 2026 <sup>(12)</sup> / Glasgow • Reykjavík: 9th July 2026 <sup>(12)</sup> / Dublin • Glasgow: 28th April and 18th August 2026 <sup>(12)</sup> / Glasgow • Bordeaux: 24th September 2026 <sup>(12)</sup>  
*LE LYRIAL*: Dublin • Glasgow: 13th May 2026 <sup>(12)</sup> / Glasgow • Glasgow: 22nd May 2026 <sup>(12)</sup> / Glasgow • Longyearbyen: 31st May 2026 <sup>(12)</sup>

**THE MEDITERRANEAN** | *LE BORÉAL*: Málaga • Valletta: 5th May 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Valletta • Istanbul: 14th May 2026 <sup>(13)(14)</sup> / Venice • Venice: 3rd June 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Athens • Istanbul: 25th June 2026 <sup>(14)</sup> / Istanbul • Athens: 2nd July 2026 <sup>(13)(14)</sup> / Athens • Athens: 10th July 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Athens • Nice: 17th July 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Nice • Nice: 29th July, 6th and 14th August 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Nice • Venice: 22nd August 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Valletta • Valletta: 1st October 2026 <sup>(13)</sup>  
*LE BOUGAINVILLE*: Athens • Athens: 25th October and 1st November 2025, 16th June 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Athens • Málaga: 8th November 2025 <sup>(13)</sup> / Málaga • Valletta: 28th April 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Valletta • Athens: 1st June 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Athens • Valletta: 23rd June 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Dubrovnik • Venice: 16th and 30th July and 13th August 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Venice • Dubrovnik: 9th and 23rd July, 6th and 20th August 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Dubrovnik • Valletta: 27th August 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Valletta • Málaga: 31st October 2026 <sup>(13)</sup>  
*LE CHAMPLAIN*: Barcelona • Porto: 6th May 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Civitavecchia • Athens: 1st October 2026 <sup>(13)</sup>  
*LE DUMONT D'URVILLE*: Athens • Málaga: 7th November 2025 <sup>(13)</sup> / Valletta • Antalya: 22nd March 2026 <sup>(13)(14)</sup> / Antalya • Valletta: 1st April 2026 <sup>(13)(14)</sup> / Valletta • Venice: 31st May 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Venice • Dubrovnik: 8th June 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Dubrovnik • Venice: 15th June 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Venice • Nice: 22nd June 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Nice • Nice: 2nd, 18th and 26th July 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Nice • Barcelona: 3rd August 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Nice • Valletta: 19th August 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Athens • Athens: 8th and 15th October

2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Athens • Valletta: 22nd October 2026 <sup>(13)</sup>  
*LE PONANT*: Nice • Nice: 7th, 14th, 23rd and 30th May, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th September <sup>(13)</sup> / Athens • Athens: 20th and 27th June and 11th July 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Athens • Dubrovnik: 18th July 2026 <sup>(13)</sup> / Dubrovnik • Dubrovnik: 25th July and 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd August 2026 <sup>(13)</sup>

**OCEANIA AND POLYNESIA** | *LE JACQUES CARTIER*: Darwin • Broome: 13th May, 2nd and 22nd June, 12th July and 1st August 2026 <sup>(11)</sup> / Broome • Darwin: 23rd May, 12th June, 2nd and 22nd July and 11th August 2026 <sup>(11)</sup> / Darwin • Lautoka: 21st August 2026 <sup>(11)</sup>  
*LE SOLÉAL*: Darwin • Broome: 29th June, 19th July and 28th August 2026 <sup>(7)(11)</sup> / Broome • Darwin: 9th July, 18th August and 7th September 2026 <sup>(7)(11)</sup> / Fremantle • Broome: 8th August 2026 <sup>(7)(11)</sup>  
*LE PAUL GAUGUIN*: Papeete • Papeete: 28th March, 8th and 18th April, 2nd, 13th and 23rd May, 6th, 13th and 20th June, 4th, 11th, 18th and 29th July, 8th, 15th and 29th August, 5th and 12th September 2026 <sup>(7)</sup>

(1) **Iceland**: as of 01/01/2024, Iceland reintroduced the tourist tax, newly extended to voyage passengers in response to the social and environmental impact of tourism. This new tax, amounting to ISK 1,000 per stateroom and per night spent on Icelandic territory, will be charged on board at the end of the voyage and paid to the port authorities.

(2) **Greenland**: visas are required for certain countries. See the list on <https://nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/>

(3) 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 stating the minor can swim will be required. A parent or legal guardian must be present during the activity.

(4) **Polar diving**: the required level for guests wishing to dive in polar regions is PADI Advanced Open Water or CMAS 2 stars with a dry suit qualification. You also need to demonstrate with your dive log at least 50 dives in cold water, including 20 dives with a dry suit. You will need to provide a certificate of non-indication against the practice of diving. There is no decompression chamber in the polar regions, and diving can be risky. Keep in mind that medical facilities may be several hours, or several days away.

(5) **Canada**: travel by sea: the eTA is not required for US, Australian and British citizens; however, should your flight transit via Canada, you must apply for the eTA before your departure on <http://www.canada.ca/en/index.html>. Other nationalities: a visa may be required, please contact Canada consulate website for details: <https://ircc.canada.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

(6) **Canada**: entry (or transit) by air: the eTA is required for Australian and British citizens, US citizens are exempt. Other nationalities, please contact Canada consulate website for details: <https://ircc.canada.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

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

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

(9) **Indonesia:** the visa (US\$35 subject to change) can be obtained at the airport in Bali. We recommend having the exact change as credit cards are not accepted. Depending on your flight arrival time, you might experience some waiting time. More information on <https://evisa.imigrasi.go.id/>

(10) **Papua New Guinea:** visa delivered on board, free of charge.

(11) **Australia:** an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) must be obtained before your arrival in Australia. For more information, please visit <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/visit>. Carriers should be aware that there will not be any physical evidence in your passport. Australian customs regulations are very strict, especially for the import of food items such as fresh food (even sealed), fruits, eggs, meat, plants, vegetables, seeds, grains. Fur and feathers are also forbidden. We highly recommend you consult this website for further details: <https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/can-you-bring-it-in>. It is recommended that you contact your health professional for any specific medical advice, including on malaria prevention and dengue fever.

(12) **United Kingdom:** all non-European citizens must apply online for an electronic pre-departure travel authorisation (ETA), see website: <http://apply-for-an-eta.homeoffice.gov.uk/how-to-apply>

(13) An identity card valid for 3 months after the end of your stay is sufficient. However, if you have a passport, we recommend that you use this form of identification. Guests who deviate from the proposed embarkation and

disembarkation schedule must contact the relevant authorities to find out about the formalities required for their journey.

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

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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

**Visas:** before departure, you are advised to check that your visa's validity period matches the duration and dates of the stay requested, or you may

encounter some unpleasant consequences if there is any non-compliance with the authorised duration of stay.

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

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

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

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

**Stopovers, 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



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

For yachting voyages, the minimum level required for scuba diving is CMAS 1 star or the PADI Open Water Diver (or equivalent). The certification card, the diving log book and a recent medical certificate (less than 12

months) must be presented at the beginning of the voyage to our main diving instructor.

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

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

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