

THE ARCTIC

Summer 2020







A journey to the heart of an unspoilt paradise...

If there is one place in the world whose sheer beauty profoundly moves those who visit it, it is the Arctic... An icy, remote part of the world, where the sun doesn't rise above the horizon for months at a time, where the snow-capped peaks shed their pristine white veil during the short summer. Our ships take passengers on a voyage to one of the last great wilderness frontiers on Earth.

From **Iceland** and the island of **Spitsbergen** to **Greenland** and **Alaska**, we take you to places few dare to venture, in the footsteps of the great explorers who dreamt of conquering these faraway lands.

A journey like this is an ode to wilderness, peace, tranquillity and adventure, to a remote part of the world where iridescent icebergs proudly pierce the serene, silent waters, where forests of giant sequoias are home to countless legends and a teeming colony of wildness, and where expanses of tundra stretch as far as the eye can see. Discover the majestic landscapes of the Arctic on board our cruises.

Meet the indigenous Inuit people, who move from one place to another with the seasons and who, to this day, have preserved the traditions and culture of their ancestors, and make friends with the local wildlife lounging around on the sea ice. Let your imagination run wild and fall in love with this unparalleled part of the world, which offers visitors unique and unforgettable experiences.

Welcome aboard



Carefully-crafted itineraries, remote ports of call, a cosy and welcoming atmosphere, a 5* service and a long history of sailing that permeates everything we do – that is PONANT.

Expedition cruises

We have been creating unique itineraries for our passengers for 30 years, itineraries full of mythical ports of call far from the tourist trails, which can only be reached by small ships. On board, expert speakers and naturalists enrich the experience by sharing their knowledge and passion.

The French touch

Our distinctly French team is attentive, discrete and always goes that extra mile to make your journey truly special. The atmosphere on board our ships

reflects France's unique art de vivre – delicate and exquisite food, and an elegant and cosy interior with spectacular sea views.

Food

Our French chefs put much thought into our menus, which include exquisite and varied dishes, accompanied by a selection of fine wine, as well as a professional and personalised service.

Elegance and cosiness

Our luxury, state-of-the-art yachts, which have between 92 and 132 spacious cabins and suites, all with a sea view and the vast majority a balcony, create a uniquely cosy atmosphere, topped off by a 5* service.

Small ships

where you will feel at home



Our sister ships

Our sister ships have been designed to give passengers breathtaking views over the sea and horizon.

On board, high-quality, elegant finishes in understated, elegant shades – taupe, grey, white and natural wood – give our ships a unique, contemporary and warm feel, combining comfort, cosiness and a feel-good factor.

Featuring 122 to 132 exquisitely-designed cabins and suites, all with a sea view, our sister ships are a perfect reflection of PONANT's philosophy, offering passengers an outstanding service, an attentive and friendly crew and close-up access to some of the most remote places on Earth. Everything on board is designed to create an atmosphere with a truly unique feel, which is both sophisticated and relaxing. Passengers would be forgiven for thinking they're on board their own private yacht.



PONANT EXPLORERS

These two ships have been specifically designed to offer passengers the very best experience during our Expedition Cruises, which pay tribute to the great French explorers who set off in search of new lands, taking guests in their footsteps.

In line with our philosophy, each of our ships combines cosiness, an elegant design, state-of-the-art equipment and respect for the environment.

Our fleet of 6 PONANT EXPLORERS also boast a multi-sensory underwater lounge, Blue Eye, a world first. Located in the ship's hull, under the waterline, this underwater space immerses guests in the sights and sounds of an underwater world teeming with flora and fauna.



Respect for the environment

PONANT was created by sailors with a deep connection to the sea and eager to share their passion. For more than 30 years, we have been taking our passengers to remote corners of the Earth and are very aware of our responsibility to protect the ecosystems we visit. As such, we work day in day out to protect and respect the environment. Here are some of the things we do to achieve this.

A responsible and award-winning approach



For many years now, PONANT has actively supported the Arctic Circle, an organisation which promotes the protection of the polar environments.



PONANT received the Blue Charter Trophy from the French Shipowners' Association in recognition of its exemplary work in economic and social development, as well as environmental protection.

Constantly striving to look after the environment

From the design of our ships to landings on shore, everything has been carefully thought out so as to reduce our impact on the environment.

Our entire fleet of ships are considered 'Clean Ships' by Bureau Veritas.

There is no trail of pollution behind our ships as PONANT does not use heavy fuel oil (HFO), but instead low-sulphur marine gas oil (LS-MGO). We also sail at low speeds to keep fuel consumption to a minimum and offset our entire carbon footprint, meaning our ships are carbon neutral.

Our expedition fleet is of most modern in the world, meaning state-of-the-art equipment for sorting and recycling waste.

On board, non-recyclable plastic has been cut to a bare minimum with biodegradable straws and cups, laundry bags made from cloth, etc. having been introduced.

Grey water (bath, shower, kitchen, laundry) is systematically recycled and reused to wash the outside decks.

PONANT ships – designed with technology in mind



Sonar system to detect underwater objects, thus avoiding any risk of colliding with icebergs or reefs.



Refrigerant gas (R407C) used for air conditioning and refrigeration units. This has absolutely no impact on the ozone layer and a very small impact in terms of global warming.



Energy-saving lighting system with low levels of heat dissipation (LEDs, fibre-optic lighting).



Dynamic positioning system, allowing the ship's position to be maintained when necessary without having to lower its anchor, thus reducing our impact on the sea bed.



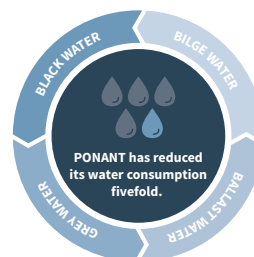
State-of-the-art generators featuring a built-in electronic control system in order to increase their efficiency.



Tin-free anti-fouling paint in order to protect the marine ecosystems as much as possible.



Equipment which provides real-time information on consumption to ensure maximum energy savings.



The average PONANT passenger consumes 5 times less water and generates 3 times less waste than on land.



"We protect better what we know well."

Jean Emmanuel Sauvé

Embark on an unforgettable Arctic cruise with PONANT

By joining us on one of our adventures to the Arctic, you will be contributing to the **PONANT Foundation**, an organisation which supports environmental projects such as Plastic Odyssey, and the NGO Conservation International, which is currently carrying out extensive research into humpback whales in Antarctica.

You will also be helping PONANT continue to be an active member of the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO), which establishes guidelines that cover responsible tourism, environmental protection and passenger safety.



Zero impact landings on shore

As one of the world's leading operators in expeditions to remote parts of the planet, PONANT has decided to follow a strict protocol for all landings at new locations. This pioneering approach, which involves a dedicated team, has one goal – to ensure we have absolutely no impact whatsoever on the ecosystems we visit on land, and to protect the local fauna, flora and inhabitants.

This unprecedented initiative has led to the company receiving the Palmes du Tourisme Durable award.

All our passengers and crew members follow a code of conduct which has been carefully designed based on our research and experience, and is specific for the Arctic. On board, you will see for yourself the work carried out by our crew, day in day out, to keep our impact on the environment to a minimum. Examples include turning off lights when they are not needed and refraining from making announcements on deck. Also, you will be given a reusable vacuum-insulated bottle to avoid using plastic bottles.

Lastly and most importantly, we are well aware of the fact that upon returning home from a trip to the Arctic, our passengers become ambassadors for the region. That is why, during our Expedition Cruises and landings on shore in inflatable Zodiac® boats, you will be accompanied by a team of naturalist guides, who will provide information on the places you visit, as well as giving on-board talks.

For more information and to watch a video on our efforts to protect the environment, please go to ponant.com/developpement-durable, and for details on the environmental projects we support, please visit ponant.com/fondation.

Our polar expeditions

Experience PONANT's unique polar Expedition Cruises and explore some of the planet's most remote locations whilst enjoying the expertise of our team, as well as outstanding comfort and services on board.

Luxury expeditions

A PONANT Expedition Cruise is so much more than just a journey – it's a mindset, where good taste, authenticity, comfort, exploration, sophistication and adventure go hand in hand. The elegance of our ships and cabins, the personalised and attentive service provided by our crew, mouth-watering cuisine and a sophisticated atmosphere, whilst surrounded by glaciers, make for a truly unforgettable experience.

PONANT, polar experts

Over the past 30 years, PONANT has earned itself an outstanding reputation throughout the world for its expertise on the polar regions. Highly trained in sailing under extreme conditions, our crew's priority is your safety. Our state-of-the-art fleet features the latest and most reliable technology, which ensures our impact on the places we visit is kept to a minimum. Thanks to our smaller ships, we are able to take you to stunning, remote locations that are off limits to larger vessels, as well as effectively respond to unexpected events, which are common on all expeditions.

Our experts and activities

After exploring the polar regions themselves, our expedition leaders and professional naturalist guides create exceptional itineraries for you. During your cruise, they will organise outings and landings on shore in inflatable Zodiac® boats, as well as hikes on land to allow passengers to discover the region's stunning unspoilt nature and wildlife up close. Our team has forged special links with indigenous communities in the Arctic, meaning you will have the chance to spend time with them during your cruise. Also, on board, our naturalist guides will give talks about the local wildlife, history of the great explorers, geology and climatology, to give a few examples.





The expedition team

During your Expedition Cruise, our expedition leaders and professional naturalist guides will accompany you on each outing and landing on shore in an inflatable Zodiac® boat, as well as on each expedition on land.

They will also add to your journey of discovery by giving talks and being available on board for you to ask them anything you want to know.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC experts

On the cruises we run in partnership with NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, you will find two renowned experts on board – an explorer, scientist or anthropologist, who will share their knowledge during talks, and a professional photographer.

They will take you on a journey through their lens and give you tips to make sure you return home with your own stunning, professional photographs.



Florence Kuyper

Originally from the Netherlands, Florence first went to Antarctica in 2004 and has been back each year since. When she is not with us, she can be found working on other ships which sail around the Arctic and Antarctica. She was formerly base leader at Port Lockroy, a historic British station on the Antarctic Peninsula.

During your cruise, Florence will share her passion for the polar regions and penguins with you.



Raphaël Sané

Passionate about nature for as long as he can remember and with a degree in hydrobiology, Raphaël took part in his first scientific expedition in 1997, during which he conducted a wildlife inventory in the Arctic region of Siberia. On board our ships, he is a guide, speaker and expedition leader for polar and tropical regions. When he is not on a PONANT expedition, he can be found on research and habitat conservation missions, as well as writing articles and books.



Alain Bidart

After spending a large part of his career as a researcher, Alain decided to pursue his passion for the polar regions and birds full time. He works at the International Polar Foundation, where he promotes the public understanding of science, and has taken part in two expeditions in Antarctica – one involving spending two months in a tent on an ice cap, and another during which he lived on an icebreaker for a month for the first ever sighting of a total eclipse of the sun from Antarctica. He is currently a naturalist guide and speaker on board PONANT's ships.



Louis Justin

With degrees from the École des Hautes Études Commerciales business school and Melbourne Business School, Louis spent four years in Australia and New Zealand before joining us on our Expedition Cruises.

He is passionate about sharing his expertise on the history of exploration and the science which has made discoveries possible. As a speaker and expedition leader, he organises trips, creates itineraries and allows passengers to discover the natural and cultural wonders of the world.

We are honoured to be guests of these remote lands, where Mother Nature rules with ever-changing weather, ice, tides and currents. Landings at certain locations and sightings of wildlife cannot be guaranteed and vary from day to day, meaning each PONANT cruise is truly unique. Your captain and expedition leader will do everything possible to make sure your experience is as rich as possible, whilst ensuring your safety and complying with AECO guidelines.

Remote lands

The Sea of Okhotsk

Translated as the 'sea of hunters', the Sea of Okhotsk is thought to have the densest fish population anywhere in the world. Very popular amongst whale hunters from the USA in the 19th century, trips lasting up to three years were common with hunters passing Cape Horn and sailing through the Sea of Okhotsk in the hope of catching whales to subsequently sell their oil for a lucrative profit. During your cruise, you will discover a rich and diverse range of wildlife, including ribbon seals, many different species of birds, grey whales, Steller's sea eagles, brown bears, eared seals and earless seals, to name but a few examples. This remote and pristine region of the Russian Far East truly offers visitors the experience of a lifetime.

Baffin Bay

This is a place where the sea ice breaks during the short summer, of snow-swept expanses of ice battered by the polar winds, unspoilt landscapes and waters pierced by majestic icebergs. It is this far-flung and unspoilt part of the world that polar bears, humpback whales, walruses and migratory birds call home. You will have the chance to go on a range of outings on an inflatable Zodiac® boat, taking you up close with these unique creatures. Whilst sailing around Baffin Bay, lose yourself in the unique beauty of its landscapes, which includes steep cliffs, imposing fjords, glaciers and icebergs glistening in the soft sunlight.

Spitsbergen

We will sail to the 78th parallel north, where the rugged coastline of Spitsbergen, the last island before the polar region, rises out of the waters. Here, from the icy sea, passengers are treated to breathtaking panoramic views, as well as an exceptional and diverse range of wildlife. Bearded seals perched on the sea ice watching the world go by, Arctic terns flying high above and beluga whales surfacing from the water make for a truly magical spectacle. During expeditions on land, we will retrace the footsteps of explorers from bygone times, and days at sea will include unique outings in an inflatable Zodiac® boat at dawn in search of the King of the Arctic – the polar bear.

Greenland

This is a land that time forgot, surrounded by the polar wilderness, whose sheer beauty profoundly moves those who visit it. Discover the island at the end of the world, Greenland. As the ship is approaching its coastline, you will be treated to a magnificent sight – a mix of lush green, water, ice, icebergs and bright colours, bathed in radiant sunlight. Here, the inhabitants have a unique relationship with nature and the island is home to an exceptionally diverse range of wildlife, including eight species of whales, two million earless seals, walruses, polar bears and many different types of seabirds.

The Aleutian Islands

Off Alaska's south-west coast, the Aleutian Islands form an arc spanning almost 2000 kilometres between the Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea. A natural bridge between the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia and Alaska, they form part of the Pacific Ring of Fire. Each island is an ice-capped volcano offering breathtaking scenery made up of tundra, as well as blankets of wild flowers and lichens. The wildlife here is no less impressive and diverse with whales and killer whales being common sights. Don't forget to look up at the sky either to catch a glimpse of one of the 200 species of birds which call this archipelago home.

Iceland

A land of extremes and contrasts on the fringes of the Arctic Circle, Iceland is characterised by its unique, rugged beauty, shaped by the wind, rocks, fire and ice. Here, volcanoes, geysers, fjords and untamed expanses of wilderness come together to create something which is truly unique, magical and almost otherworldly. A mythical land of elves and seismic energy, constantly put to the test by Mother Nature, Iceland offers an awe-inspiring spectacle of colours, from the black of its obsidian to the lush green of its grass-topped cliffs. Discover the Land of Fire and Ice, which emerges majestically from the ocean.



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The Greenland of the Great Explorers

LONGYEARBYEN, SPITSBERGEN – KANGERLUSSUAQ

15 days/14 nights | From 25 June to 9 July 2020 | *L'Austral*



Spitsbergen

Sail your way through history on this itinerary which will take you in the footsteps of the great French explorers who first began France's great tradition of polar exploration and pushed back the frontiers in the Arctic. Jules de Blosseville, Jean-Baptiste Charcot and Paul-Émile Victor all explored the icy expanses of Greenland during three different periods in history.

Just as these great explorers did, we will begin our journey by leaving behind Spitsbergen's pristine scenery to head to Greenland's east coast. You will discover a magical world, such as Jan Mayen Island with its snow-capped peaks, Greenland's Blosseville Coast with sea ice slowly drifting along its shores, remote villages and the Inuit people living by the traditions of their ancestors.

Your cruise will then sail along the south-west coast of Greenland, a chance to take in majestic scenery, including the awe-inspiring fjords of the Prince Christian Sound and the blue-tinged icebergs of Narsaq. With a bit of luck, you will catch a glimpse of a rorqual, killer whale or earless seal to make your trip even more unforgettable.



Arctic terns



The Prince Christian Sound



Highlights:

- Outings and landings on shore in an inflatable Zodiac® boat with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- The opportunity to go on hikes.
- Exploring Greenland's east coast and its unspoilt scenery, once visited by French explorers Jules de Blosseville, Jean-Baptiste Charcot and Paul-Émile Victor.
- Visiting traditional villages and meeting the Inuit people.
- The landscapes, which include fjords, rugged mountains, glaciers, icebergs, unspoilt tundra, steep cliffs, ice caps and sea ice.
- The wildlife, which includes Arctic terns, muskoxen, foxes, Arctic hares, rorquals, earless seals and killer whales.
- Discovering the Prince Christian Sound, a narrow 100km-long waterway which makes its way through cliffs and glaciers.

YOUR FULL PROGRAMME

15 day/14 night cruise on board *L'Austral*

+ Return flights:

Paris – Longyearbyen • Kangerlussuaq – Paris

Flights are chartered by PONANT and you will be met at the airport.

Please contact us for information about flights from other parts of France and business class.

+ Transfer before the cruise from Kangerlussuaq Airport to the Port of Longyearbyen.

+ Transfer after the cruise to Kangerlussuaq Airport.

+ Assistance provided by our local representative.

Full programme from €10,550 per person ⁽¹⁾

These services may be purchased separately.

Disko Bay and Inuit villages

KANGERLUSSUAQ - KANGERLUSSUAQ

8 days/7 nights | From 9 to 16 July 2020 | *L'Austral*



NEW



Disko Bay

‘The most beautiful spot in the Arctic.’ That is how French explorer Paul-Émile Victor described Greenland. Over this 8-day cruise along the island’s north-west coast, you will see for yourself just how true this statement is.

Greenland is characterised by its diverse and breathtaking landscapes. After sailing along the welcoming, lush green shores of Sisimiut, a typical village known for its colourful houses, we will set out on a journey to discover the vast expanses of the Arctic Circle. We will sail through Disko Bay to reach the Eki glacier, a shimmering natural wonder not to be missed. The villages of Uummannaq and Disko Bay will then welcome you with their majestic icebergs. The lunar landscapes of the island of Akulleq and the steep cliffs of the Kangerlussuatsiaq Fjord, translated as ‘eternity fjord’, will remind you just how majestic and powerful Mother Nature really is.

It is in this breathtaking and remote part of the world that you will have the opportunity to visit traditional villages and meet the local Inuit people, whose hospitality and sense of humour, despite living in such inhospitable conditions, is something that will undoubtedly stay with you forever.



Eternity Fjord



Sisimiut



Highlights:

- Outings and landings on shore in an inflatable Zodiac® boat with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- The opportunity to go on hikes.
- Visiting traditional villages and meeting the Inuit people.
- Visiting Disko Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in search of the biggest icebergs in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The landscapes, which include fjords, rugged mountains, glaciers, unspoilt tundra, steep cliffs and ice caps.
- The wildlife, which includes Arctic terns, muskoxen, whales and earless seals.

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8 day/7 night cruise on board *L'Austral*

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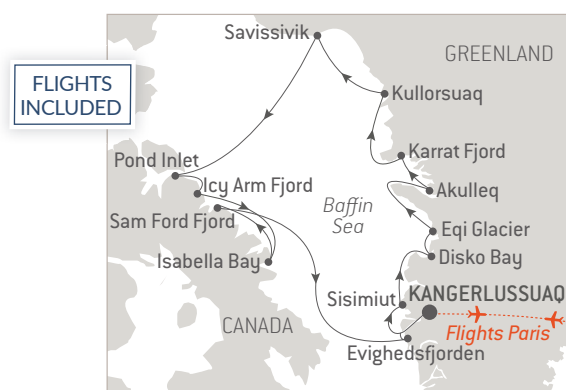
Full programme from €7,650 per person ⁽¹⁾

These services may be purchased separately.

The Secrets of Baffin Bay

KANGERLUSSUAQ - KANGERLUSSUAQ

14 days/13 nights | From 16 to 29 July 2020 | L' Austral



This cruise around Baffin Bay, which will take you around Greenland and the Canadian Arctic Archipelago, will begin with you meeting the Inuit people of Greenland. We will then continue along Canada's Arctic coasts.

Baffin Island will welcome you to the territory of Nunavut, well known for its ice tongues, immense cliffs, which are home to thousands of seabirds, winding fjords and the Ninginganiq National Wildlife Area.

Highlights:

- Outings and landings on shore in an inflatable Zodiac® boat with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- The opportunity to go on hikes.
- Visiting traditional villages and meeting the Inuit people. Discovering Savissivik, Greenland's biggest 'iceberg graveyard'.
- Visiting Disko Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in search of the biggest icebergs in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The landscapes, which include fjords, rugged mountains, glaciers, unspoiled tundra, steep cliffs and ice caps.
- The wildlife, which includes polar bears, walrus, Arctic terns, muskoxen, and whales (including killer whales).



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14 day/13 night cruise on board L'Austral

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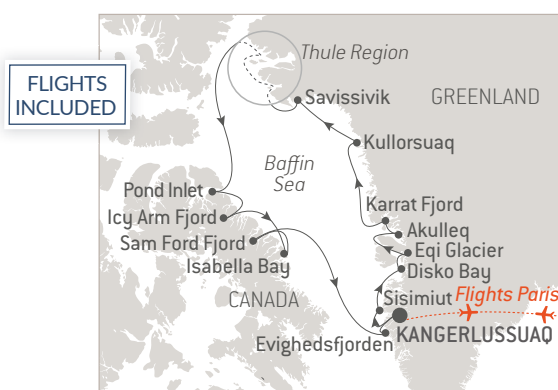
Full programme from €11,290 per person ⁽¹⁾

These services may be purchased separately.

Expedition to the Thule Region

KANGERLUSSUAQ - KANGERLUSSUAQ

17 days/16 nights | From 29 July to 14 August 2020 | *L'Austral*



This 17-day cruise will take you to Greenland's most northern region, Thule. Each port of call will be a chance for you to explore this mythical part of the Earth with mysterious place names such as Thule, Nunavut and Kullorsuaq.

Amongst ice caps, sea ice, glaciers, icebergs and brash ice, you will sail through one of the Northern Hemisphere's whitest regions. With a bit of luck, you'll also make friends with the local wildlife during your cruise.

Highlights:

- Outings and landings on shore in an inflatable Zodiac® boat with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- Sailing amongst the sea ice and icebergs in the Thule region.
- Discovering traditional villages, amongst the most northern in the world.
- Meeting the Inuit people.
- The landscapes, which include tundra, ice caps, glaciers, icebergs and sea ice.
- Visiting Disko Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in search of the biggest icebergs in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The wildlife, which includes polar bears, humpback whales, Arctic terns, beluga whales, bearded seals, killer whales and narwhals.



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+ Transfer after the cruise to Kangerlussuaq Airport.

+ Assistance provided by our local representative.

Full programme from €17,670 per person ⁽¹⁾

These services may be purchased separately.

Baffin Island Adventure

KANGERLUSSUAQ - KANGERLUSSUAQ

15 days/14 nights | From 14 to 28 August 2020 | *L'Austral*



NEW



Disko Bay

Head to one of the world's least-visited destinations. This 15-day cruise around Baffin Island is just one surprise after another.

This itinerary will plunge you into the heart of one of Earth's most northern regions. In Greenland and Nunavut, the Inuit people will show you how they live, as well as their ancient culture. To the south west of Baffin Island, in Cape Dorset, they will impress you with their unique artwork, including sculptures, drawings and paintings showing the people and wildlife who call this part of the world home. On this cruise, you will hopefully be in luck and catch a glimpse of a polar bear, whale, earless seal, walrus, killer whale or one of the many seabirds.

The surprises are endless with breathtaking Disko Bay, spectacular icebergs, a diverse range of wildlife, majestic fjords, towering cliffs, pristine glaciers and rugged tundra being just some of the sights you will be treated to in this unspoilt part of the world.



A thick-billed murre



Akpatok Island



Highlights:

- Outings and landings on shore in an inflatable Zodiac® boat with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- The opportunity to go on hikes.
- Discovering Baffin Island and Nunavut.
- Discovering the unique way of life and culture of the Inuit people.
- Visiting Disko Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The landscapes, which include icebergs, fjords, rugged mountains, glaciers, unspoilt tundra, steep cliffs and ice caps.
- The wildlife, which includes polar bears, whales (including killer whales), earless seals, walrus, Arctic terns, thick-billed murre and many species of seabirds.

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Full programme from €12,830 per person ⁽¹⁾

These services may be purchased separately.

On the Trail of the Gold Prospectors

JUNEAU, ALASKA - VANCOUVER

8 days/7 nights | From 22 to 29 July 2020 | *Le Soléal*

Other available dates:

12, 19, 26 August 2020 and 2 September 2020

OFFER
CONSECUTIVE CRUISE ⁽²⁾



Sitka Sound

The year is 1897. The 20th century is about to begin and there is a feeling of optimism in the air. That is because word has spread that gold has been discovered in Canada's Klondike region, causing thousands of hopeful prospectors to flock to this remote part of the world. As a result, the city of Skagway springs up with its railroad, which aimed to make this trip of a lifetime possible for the many.

This 8-day cruise will take you in the footsteps of these gold prospectors. Whilst sailing to Skagway, you might also be in luck and catch a glimpse of a majestic humpback whale in the Gastineau Channel. You will be taken aback by the sheer beauty of the Sawyer Glacier and Tracy Arm Fjord, where snow-capped peaks merge into lush green hills by the ice waters. You will also be treated to an unforgettable experience at Haines. Founded by the Tlingit, indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest Coast of North America, then developed by gold prospectors, today Haines is a peaceful village surrounded by coniferous forests, snow-capped peaks and rivers. This impression of travelling to a place where time has come to a standstill will continue in Sitka with its century-old totem poles, and the Johnstone Strait, home to many cetaceans.



Skagway



A bald eagle



Highlights:

- Discovering Alaska's breathtaking landscapes, including fjords, glaciers, waterfalls, primary forests and giant sequoias.
- The wildlife, which includes brown bears, black bears, sea otters, killer whales, humpback whales, bald eagles, etc.
- Visiting Skagway, the epicentre of the Klondike Gold Rush, with an optional trip on the White Pass railroad.
- Sailing through the Tracy Arm Fjord and past the Sawyer Glacier.
- Immersing yourself in the history and places of the Gold Rush.
- Discovering Sitka, a former Russian colony surrounded by towering mountains.
- Visiting Haines, a village where many pioneers came in search of gold at the end of the 19th century.

YOUR FULL PROGRAMME

8 day/7 night cruise on board *Le Soléal*

- + Outbound flight Paris – Seattle • Seattle – Juneau**
- + Stay before the cruise: Seattle (1 night) ⁽³⁾**
You will be taken to the 5* Fairmont Olympic Hotel, a historic hotel ideally located in downtown Seattle. This is the perfect chance for you to discover Seattle, the Emerald City.
- + Transfer after the cruise to Vancouver Airport**
- + Return flight Vancouver – Paris**
- + Assistance provided by our local representative**

Flights selected by PONANT. Please contact us for information about flights from other parts of France and business class.

800 € OFF YOUR CRUISE

Full programme from €5,580 per person instead of ~~€6,380~~, meaning a discount of €800.

These services may be purchased separately.

Alaska and its Fur Traders

NOME, ALASKA - VANCOUVER

15 days/14 nights | From 19 September to 3 October 2020 | *L'Austral*



SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
AVAILABLE ⁽⁴⁾



Unga Island

This 15-day cruise gives you the chance to become a true modern explorer, as well as go back to bygone times and civilisations, in an unknown region eager to reveal its secrets.

You will follow in the footsteps of Alaska's fur traders and indigenous peoples, visiting the villages of Sitka, Kake and Dutch Harbor. You will also discover the authentic charm of Nome, which experienced an influx of gold prospectors at the end of the 19th century and continues to hold on to many local traditions, such as fishing, reindeer husbandry and sled racing.

You will also be treated to many breathtaking moments whilst sailing in the Bering Strait, Icy Bay, with its fjord surrounded by hanging glaciers and towering waterfalls, and Albert Bay, home to many cetaceans. Discovering the volcanic Aleutian Islands in the North Pacific, and the spectacular forests of Alaska, home to black bears and grizzlies, will undoubtedly be highlights of your trip.



A humpback whale



Dutch Harbor



Highlights:

- Landings on shore in an inflatable Zodiac® boat with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- Visiting traditional villages, including Sitka, Kake and Dutch Harbor.
- Meeting the region's indigenous peoples, such as the Aleuts, Tlingit, Kwakwaka'wakw, Yupik and Haida.
- Spectacular moments at sea in the Bering Strait, Icy Bay with its fjord surrounded by hanging glaciers, and Albert Bay.
- Discovering the volcanic Aleutian Islands in the North Pacific and the spectacular forests of Alaska.
- The opportunity to go on hikes.
- The landscapes, which include fjords, rugged mountains, glaciers, steep cliffs and primary forests.
- The wildlife, which includes black bears, grizzlies, Arctic terns, harbour seals and whales (including killer whales).

YOUR FULL PROGRAMME

15 days/14 night cruise on board *L'Austral*

+ Outbound flight Paris – Seattle • Seattle – Nome

+ Stay before the cruise: Seattle (1 night) ⁽³⁾

You will be taken to the 5* Fairmont Olympic Hotel, a historic hotel ideally located in downtown Seattle. This is the perfect chance for you to discover Seattle, the Emerald City.

+ After the cruise: Vancouver

A tour of the city's most iconic sites, lunch at a local restaurant and transfer to Vancouver Airport.

+ Return flight Vancouver – Paris

+ Assistance provided by our local representative

Flights selected by PONANT. Please contact us for information about flights from other parts of France and business class.

Full programme from €10,430 per person ⁽¹⁾

These services may be purchased separately.

The Sea of Okhotsk

OTARU – PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKY

15 days/14 nights | From 26 June to 10 July 2020 | *Le Soléal*



The Russian Far East, Siberia, the Kamchatka Peninsula... it is in this part of the world, until recently uncharted territory, that you will discover a diverse range of wildlife and a culture unknown to most.

The Sea of Okhotsk is the playground of brown bears from the Kamchatka Peninsula, as well as Arctic foxes, sea otters, reindeer and whales. It is in these volcanic expanses, dotted with breathtaking forests, lakes and waterways, that you will have the opportunity to go on hikes and meet indigenous peoples, such as the Evenks.

Highlights:

- This cruise is run in partnership with National Geographic Expeditions and there will be experts on the destinations on board.
- Outings and landings on shore in an inflatable Zodiac® boat with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- Visiting Magadan, the site of a former gulag built during Stalin's reign of terror, and the perfect place to spot cetaceans.
- Discovering the region's abundant and diverse wildlife, which includes many species of seabirds, Steller sea lions, fur seals, whales, ribbon seals, Arctic ground squirrels and brown bears from the Kamchatka Peninsula.
- The landscapes, which include uninhabited islands, mountains, forests, volcanoes and sea ice.
- Meeting the indigenous peoples.



Atlasov Island



A sea lion

YOUR FULL PROGRAMME

15 day/14 night cruise on board *Le Soléal*

+ Outbound flight Paris – Osaka • Osaka – Otaru

+ Stay before the cruise: Otaru (1 night) ⁽³⁾

Visit iconic sites such as the Sumiyoshi Taisha shrine and the Umeda Sky Building, one of the city's tallest skyscrapers. You will spend the night at the 4* Imperial Hotel Osaka and will then be taken to Otaru Port to board your ship.

+ Transfer after the cruise to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky Airport

+ Return flight Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky – Seoul • Seoul – Paris

+ Assistance provided by our local representative

+ Stay after the cruise: Seoul (1 night) ⁽³⁾

You will be met at the airport by a local representative and taken to the 5* Grand Hyatt Incheon hotel, well known for its outstanding quality.

Flights selected by PONANT. Please contact us for information about flights from other parts of France and business class.

Full programme from €8,120 per person ⁽¹⁾

These services may be purchased separately.

The Magnificent Volcanoes of the Aleutian Islands

PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKY – JUNEAU, ALASKA
13 days/12 nights | From 10 to 22 July 2020 | Le Soléal



This cruise will take you to the Aleutian Islands, an archipelago made up of an arc of islands between Alaska and Russia, spanning 2000 kilometres. In this part of the Northern Pacific's Ring of Fire, you will discover some of Earth's most active volcanoes, as well as primary forests, expanses of flowers, glaciers and a diverse range of wildlife, such as whales (including killer whales), seabirds and grizzlies, to name but a few examples.

This exceptional cruise to the outer limits of the known world received the Trip of the Year Award 2019 from the magazine Grands Reportages.

Highlights:

- This cruise is run in partnership with National Geographic Expeditions and there will be experts on the destinations on board.
- Landings on shore in an inflatable Zodiac® boat with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- An exceptional cruise and journey of discovery to the North Pacific's Ring of Fire.
- The landscapes, which include volcanic islands, glaciers and primary forests.
- The wildlife, which includes whales (including killer whales), seabirds and grizzlies.
- Discovering the island of Kiska, dominated by a volcano towering more than 1000 metres into the clouds.
- Visiting Elfin Cove, a small, quaint fishing harbour which can only be reached by boat or seaplane.



Geographic Harbor



Grizzly bear

YOUR FULL PROGRAMME

13 day/12 night cruise on board Le Soléal

+ Outbound flight Paris - Séoul • Séoul - Petropavlovsk

+ Stay before the cruise: Seoul (1 night) ⁽³⁾

You will be met at the airport and spend the night at the 5* Grand Hyatt Incheon hotel, well known for its outstanding quality.

+ Stay after the cruise: Seoul (1 night) ⁽³⁾

You will be taken to the Hilton Hotel & Conference Center. A stone's throw from many attractions, this is the perfect chance for you to discover Seattle, the Emerald City.

+ Return flight Juneau – Seattle • Seattle – Paris

+ Assistance provided by our local representative.

Flights selected by PONANT. Please contact us for information about flights from other parts of France and business class.

Full programme from €13,100 per person ⁽¹⁾

These services may be purchased separately.

From the Norwegian Sea to Spitsbergen

GLASGOW - LONGYEARBYEN

12 days/11 nights | From 16 to 27 June 2020 | *Le Boréal*



This is a unique 13-day cruise, during which you will explore mysterious lands and travel to the outer reaches of Arctic Europe.

In Scotland, you will visit the Hebrides and Orkney Islands, which offer stunning scenery, an insight into Gaelic culture, numerous lochs, rugged coastlines with a diverse range of birds, Viking ruins and prehistoric sites. We will then head to Iceland, where you will be met by a land of volcanoes, lunar landscapes, breathtaking fjords, snow-capped peaks, waterfalls, villages with colourful houses, legends and a diverse wildlife. This will be a taster for what is to come in the Arctic.

Once in the Arctic Circle, Spitsbergen will emerge in all its glory. The Hornsund Fjord, considered to be the most stunning in the entire region, its eight glaciers, immense icebergs silently drifting in the sea and sea ice floating on the cold waters make for a thousand shades of white and blue. This is a place where magical, breathtaking sights are around every corner.





Highlights:

- This cruise is run in partnership with National Geographic Expeditions and there will be experts on the destinations on board.
- Outings and landings on shore in an inflatable Zodiac® boat with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- Discovering the unspoilt and remote islands of the Norwegian Sea and Greenland Sea, home to many species of seabirds, including the Hebrides, Orkney Islands, Jan Mayen and Spitsbergen.
- The landscapes, which include fjords, steep cliffs, sea ice, rugged mountains, icebergs, ice caps, incised valleys and gigantic glaciers.
- The wildlife, which includes an extremely diverse range of seabirds (Arctic terns, puffins, northern gannets, etc.), orquials, Arctic foxes and Svalbard reindeer.
- Venturing into the Arctic Circle.

YOUR FULL PROGRAMME

12 day/11 night cruise on board *Le Boréal*

✚ Outbound flight Paris – Edinburgh + transfer

✚ Stay before the cruise: Glasgow and Edinburgh (1 night) ⁽³⁾

You will visit the famous Royal Mile, which runs through the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town, and Calton Hill, which offers spectacular bird's-eye views across the city. After visiting the city centre and before making our way to Glasgow, you will be treated to a whisky tasting session in a traditional cellar in Edinburgh, followed by lunch.

✚ Transfer + return flight Longyearbyen – Paris

✚ Assistance provided by our local representative.

Flights selected by PONANT. Please contact us for information about flights from other parts of France and business class.

Full programme from €8,520 per person ⁽¹⁾

These services may be purchased separately.

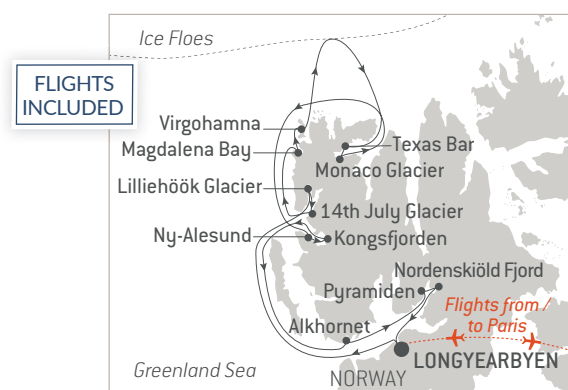
The Best of Spitsbergen

LONGYEARBYEN - LONGYEARBYEN

8 days/7 nights | From 28 May to 4 June 2020 | *L'Austral*

Other available dates:

4 and 27 June, 11 July 2020



You will embark upon an 8-day cruise through the vast polar expanses in search of breathtaking sites. Before reaching the 80th parallel north, we will discover spectacular landscapes such as towering fjords, the 14 alpine glaciers of Cross Bay, and Magdalena Bay.

Unique wildlife such as polar bears, Arctic foxes, walruses and whales will add to the magic of this voyage. You will have the impression of being alone, surrounded by the sheer beauty of this remote part of the Earth... memories that will last a lifetime.

Highlights:

- Outings and landings on shore in an inflatable Zodiac® boat with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- Reaching the 80th parallel north.
- The opportunity to go on hikes.
- Exploring Spitsbergen's fjords and sailing amongst the sea ice.
- The landscapes, which include sea ice, rugged mountains, icebergs, ice caps, incised valleys, towering ice walls, gigantic glaciers and glacier toes.
- The wildlife, which includes polar bears, Arctic foxes, Svalbard reindeer, Arctic terns, walruses, whales and puffins.



Spitsbergen – 14th July Glacier



A Svalbard reindeer

YOUR FULL PROGRAMME

8 day/7 night cruise on board *L'Austral*

+ Return flights:

Paris – Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen – Paris

Flights are chartered by PONANT and you will be met at the airport.

Please contact us for information about flights from other parts of France and business class.

+ Transfer before the cruise from Longyearbyen Airport to the Port of Longyearbyen.

+ Transfer after the cruise to Longyearbyen Airport.

+ Assistance provided by our local representative.

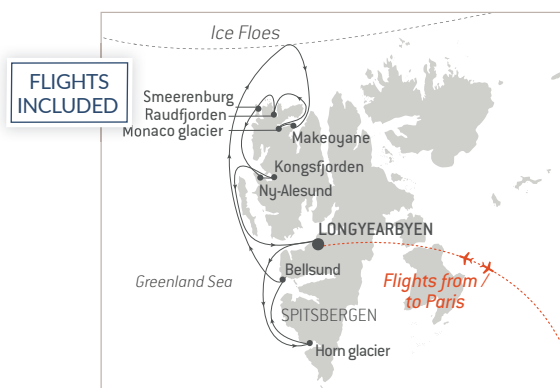
Full programme from €8,070 per person ⁽¹⁾

These services may be purchased separately.

The Fjords and Glaciers of Spitsbergen

LONGYEARBYEN-LONGYEARBYEN

8 days/7 nights | From 18 to 25 June 2020 | L'Austral



This 8-day cruise along Spitsbergen's west coast will immerse you in a polar world, where land and sea merge to create a unique and striking form of beauty.

With a bit of luck, you will catch a glimpse of polar bears, whales, earless seals, reindeer and some of the many species of birds which call the region home. Surrounded by such breathtaking beauty, it is easy to see why explorers such as Roald Amundsen came to these remote regions in search of complete escape.

Highlights:

- Landings on shore in an inflatable Zodiac® boat with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- Sailing through the Hornsund fjord, considered to be the most spectacular on the archipelago of Svalbard.
- The opportunity to go on hikes.
- Exploring Spitsbergen's fjords and sailing amongst the sea ice.
- The landscapes, which include sea ice, rugged mountains, icebergs, ice caps, incised valleys, towering ice walls, gigantic glaciers and glacier toes.
- The wildlife, which includes polar bears, Arctic foxes, Svalbard reindeer, Arctic terns, walruses, whales and puffins.



Monacobreen Glacier



A bearded seal

YOUR FULL PROGRAMME

8 day/7 night cruise on board L'Austral

+ Return flights:

Paris – Longyearbyen • Longyearbyen – Paris

Flights are chartered by PONANT and you will be met at the airport.

Please contact us for information about flights from other parts of France and business class.

+ Transfer before the cruise from Longyearbyen Airport to the Port of Longyearbyen.

+ Transfer after the cruise to Longyearbyen Airport.

+ Assistance provided by our local representative.

Full programme from €8,070 per person ⁽¹⁾

These services may be purchased separately.

Icelandic Mosaic

REYKJAVÍK - REYKJAVÍK

8 days/7 nights | From 13 to 20 July 2020 | *Le Bellot*

Other available dates

5, 12, 16 and 23 August 2020



Known as the Land of Ice and Fire, Iceland is a symphony of unparalleled landscapes which come together to surprise and amaze visitors. The steep slopes of the snow-capped peaks, cliffs, basalt flows, clear blue waters, lush green plains and hills covered with flowers, as well as the botanic garden with its own microclimate, all a stone's throw from the Arctic Circle, are truly awe-inspiring sights for visitors. Quaint towns and villages with colourful wooden houses and narrow cobblestone streets, and the warm hospitality of the locals, are experiences that will stay with you forever.

Highlights:

- Visiting Reykjavík, the capital of Iceland.
- Visiting Heimaey, the only inhabited island of the archipelago of Vestmannaeyjar and the spectacular Kirkjufell mountain.
- An optional excursion to the three sites of the Golden Circle – the Gullfoss waterfall, the Geysir geothermal area and Thingvellir National Park.
- The landscapes, which include vast glaciers, towering fjords, volcanic plateaus, basalt columns, rugged cliffs and numerous geysers.
- The wildlife, which includes Atlantic puffins, northern gannets, Arctic terns, small rorquals, humpback whales and Icelandic horses.
- The presence of an expert speaker on board, who will be eager to share their passion for the Land of Ice and Fire with you.



YOUR FULL PROGRAMME

8 day/7 night cruise on board *Le Bellot*

+ Return flights:

Paris – Reykjavík - Reykjavík – Paris

Flights are chartered by PONANT and you will be met at the airport.

Please contact us for information about flights from other parts of France and business class.

+ Transfer before the cruise from Reykjavík Airport to the Port of Reykjavík.

+ Transfer after the cruise to Reykjavík Airport.

+ Assistance provided by our local representative.

Full programme from €5,870 per person ⁽¹⁾

These services may be purchased separately.

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