



# SUMMER 2026

## Cruise selection

ARCTIC • NORTH AMERICA





## Boreal interlude



Take a break from the everyday to reconnect with the extraordinary. For summer 2026, put everyday life on hold and live the romance of the midnight sun and wide open spaces of the Arctic and North America.

The striking landscapes of the Arctic are bathed in perpetual daylight. This includes the fire-and-ice panoramas of Iceland, the majestic icebergs of Disko Bay, the basalt cliffs and ice cap of Spitsbergen, and the mythical Northwest Passage. In these awe-inspiring settings, encounters with Inuit communities and the observation of Arctic wildlife create a deep sense of fulfilment.

In North America, the icy landscapes of Nunavut, the fjords and boreal forests of Newfoundland and Labrador as well as the St Lawrence River offer supreme serenity. Meanwhile, the villages of Nova Scotia and the famous East Coast of the United States, cradle of the American dream, open up new horizons.

Each season, we cherish the connections forged with our guests. They overlay their own impressions and emotions onto the itineraries we design for them. Here you can find the account of Claude-Olivier Marti on his exploration of Spitsbergen. A glimpse of the breathtaking expedition that awaits you right in the heart of the High Arctic, combining a breath of freedom and an unforgettable experience aboard our intimately sized ships.

See you on board soon,

**Hervé Gastinel**  
CEO of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP





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# THE ARTIC AND NORTH AMERICA

with PONANT EXPLORATIONS

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## HIGHLIGHTS

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In all seasons  
with PONANT



Hiking



Emblematic fauna  
in polar regions



In the footsteps  
of the first explorers



UNESCO Sites



Sea kayak



Communities  
in polar regions



Opportunity to observe  
polar bears



# TEN REASONS to sail with PONANT

## 1 High-level expertise

For more than 35 years, our experts have explored the world in search of natural and cultural wonders. Each trip is designed as part of a collection – **Timeless, Discovery or Expedition** – each with a distinct, tailor-made approach, so you can experience the destination of your choice in the manner that best fits your desires. All with the support of passionate experts: your expedition team and/or our lecturers, partners and guests.

## The art of travelling 2

Each season, we design meaningful trips inspired by four themes: **Culture, Art of living, Society and the Planet, and Alliances**. In order to offer you unique experiences, we rely on the expertise of our **renowned partners**, who are represented on board by inspiring artists, historians, researchers or journalists.



## 3 The art of living

On board, enjoy **the comfort and sleek design** of the common areas. Spas offering expert treatments in collaboration with renowned brands (Biologique Recherche, Sothys, Algotharm), restaurants and bars welcome you into a **warm ambiance**. The theatre is the place to be for film screenings, lectures and performances.

## A refined table 4

Every day, delightful surprises await with a refined selection of dishes created with **Ducassee 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. 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. With just four to 165 staterooms, our **small-scale ships** are equipped with the most advanced technology.

## 6 Working towards more responsible tourism

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

## 7 Conscious travels

In the Arctic and the Antarctic, we are members of **IAATO** and **AECO**: regulatory organisations that bring together different stakeholders in the polar regions to promote more responsible tourism.

We have earned numerous **accreditations**, and our entire fleet has been awarded *CleanShip* certification by Bureau Veritas.



Check out all the initiatives we have implemented, on our website.



## 8 Tailor-made journeys

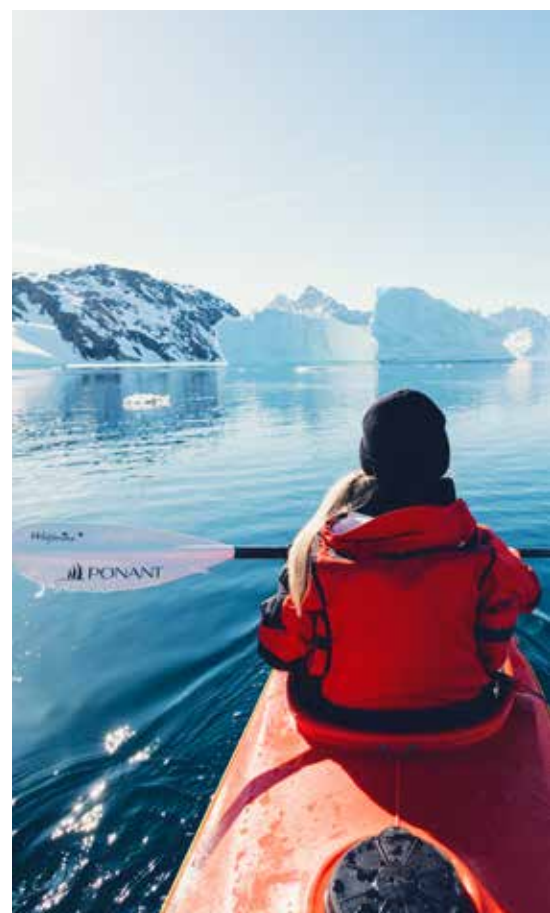
With our **'à la carte'** service, choose a personalised stay by booking private excursions, hotel stays or flights with the help of your dedicated advisors or travel agency. For certain hard-to-reach destinations, we offer private flights and land transportation to ensure your safe and serene arrival at the port of embarkation. Finally, download the **PONANT app to your phone**, and let us guide you during the preparation of your trip, then throughout your time on board.

## 9 A complete package

On our cruises, everything is included: fine dining, light meals and drinks (excluding the premium menu); room service; Wi-Fi; entertainment and conferences; access to the fitness area, hammam and sauna; and non-motorised water sport activities (except diving).

**One activity per person and per stopover is included on all our cruises** (except PAUL GAUGUIN Cruises and the PONANT Yachting range).

For expedition cruises, the support of our naturalist guides, all land excursions and zodiac outings are included. On some departures, we also offer you the free loan of a parka and/or boots.



## 10 Up to €1,200 flight credit

Travel with peace of mind: when you book your flight and hotel stays before and after your trip with PONANT, **you will receive a credit of €800 to €1,200 per guest** <sup>(1)</sup>.

**Exclusive:** on the *Icelandic mosaic* itinerary, we are offering you the *Glacier adventure* excursion, which usually costs €480 <sup>(2)</sup>.







## The Arctic, in broad daylight

The volcanic landscapes of Iceland or the frozen fjords of Spitsbergen, the blue icebergs of Disko Bay or the imposing reliefs of the Northwest Passage... Experiencing the Arctic summer also means being moved by encounters with the Inuit peoples and observing the boreal wildlife in the magic of a day without end.

THROUGH THE EYES OF

# Claude-Olivier Marti



**After his unforgettable discovery of the White Continent, loyal guest Claude-Olivier Marti then set sail for the Arctic. He shares his impressions and photographs from exploring Svalbard.**

“May 2022. At last, the chance to discover Svalbard, this far-flung northern land, aboard *Le Boréal*. After leaving Longyearbyen, we head north towards Ny-Ålesund. This was Roald Amundsen’s starting point in 1926, when he became the first person to definitively reach the geographic North Pole. Our objective is different, but just as exciting: Kongsbreen (‘King’s Glacier’), one of the largest in Svalbard.

“The sky is overcast and the clouds low, heightening the dramatic contrasts of the landscape. Once the zodiacs are in the water, we set off for an hour’s navigation through the ice, face to face with this monumental glacier. The colours are incredible: the water, stirred by our passage, turns almost red from the iron-rich sediments, while the ice itself shimmers in immaculate white and deep blue hues. The spectacle is breathtaking.



### **Nordautlandet Island and the Etonbreen glacier**

“80°7'16" N: we reach the most northerly point of our route, near Moffen Island and its walrus colony. The North Pole is just 1,100 km away, intensifying the sense of adventure. We then continue our journey to the island of Nordautlandet, in the north-east of Svalbard. At around 6am, the captain makes an announcement: a female polar bear and her two cubs have been spotted. Watching these cubs – as cuddly as soft toys, yet destined to become formidable predators – is a striking and fascinating vision of the wild Arctic.



### **The polar ice cap**

“Taking advantage of our position in the north-east of Svalbard, we head towards the majestic Austfonna ice cap. Its area of 8,500 km<sup>2</sup> makes it the largest in Europe. On deck, all the guests stand in silence, spellbound by the immensity of the ice.

### **Up close to the Samarinbreen glacier**

“In southern Svalbard, our final stop in Hornsund Fjord brings us close to Samarinbreen Glacier, while carefully keeping a safe distance. Suddenly, there's a sharp crack and a wall of ice breaks away and collapses with a thunderous crash. This is to be our last trip before returning to Longyearbyen.”

# Icelandic mosaic



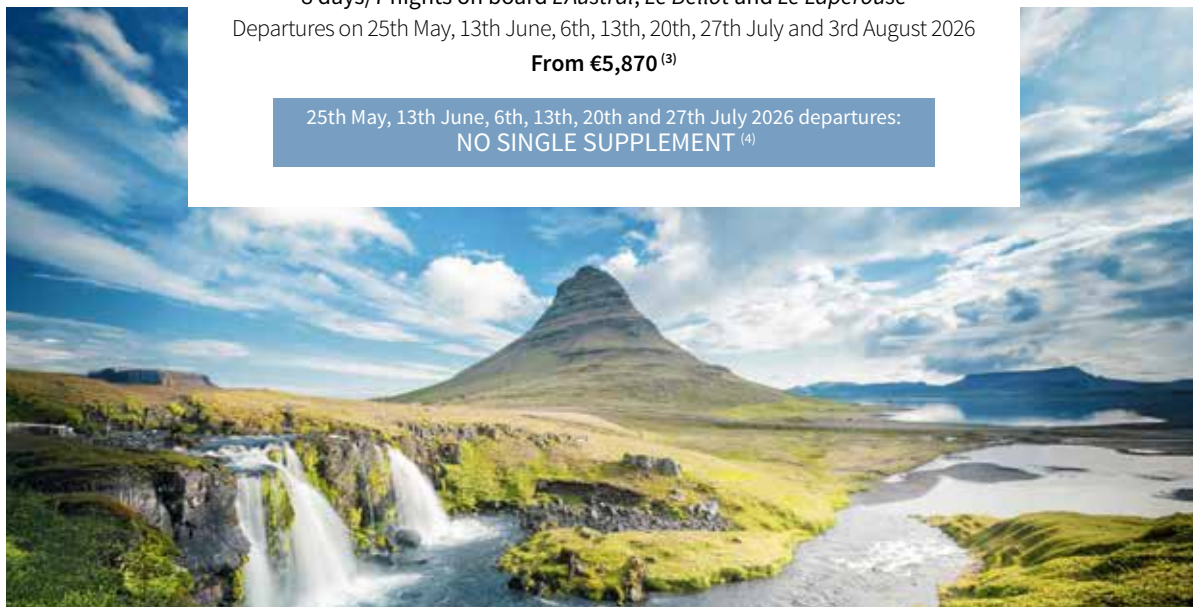
REYKJAVÍK • REYKJAVÍK

8 days/7 nights on board *L'Austral*, *Le Bellot* and *Le Lapérouse*

Departures on 25th May, 13th June, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th July and 3rd August 2026

From €5,870 <sup>(3)</sup>

25th May, 13th June, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th July 2026 departures:  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT <sup>(4)</sup>



At the gateway to the Arctic, where mighty glaciers, dramatic fjords and legendary volcanoes meet, Iceland offers a landscape that is both romantic and untamed. Explore the treasures of the famed 'Golden Circle', celebrated for its natural wonders and iconic landmarks.

| TIMELESS |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 13th June 2026 departure in partnership with **Ducasse Paris**, with the presence of **Jean-Philippe Blondet**, executive chef of the *Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester* restaurant.
- Landscapes and panoramas: wild islands, breathtaking fjords, volcanic plateaus, basalt columns, glaciers, geysers, waterfalls...
- The opportunity to observe local wildlife, including Arctic terns and Icelandic horses.
- Among the included excursions <sup>(5)</sup>: the spellbinding Snæfellsnes Peninsula from Grundarfjörður; the three sites of the Icelandic 'Golden Circle'; the Goðafoss waterfalls.

Above: 25th May 2026 departure.  
Stopovers vary depending on the departure date.  
More information on our website.

**Complimentary excursion <sup>(2)</sup>:** on this itinerary, take part in the **Glacier adventure** excursion (initial value of €480 per person). Located at an altitude of 1,355 metres, the Langjökull glacier is the second largest ice field in the country. Unusually, it is one of the few in the world to have advanced several hundred metres over the past 30 years.



# Fjords and glaciers of Spitsbergen



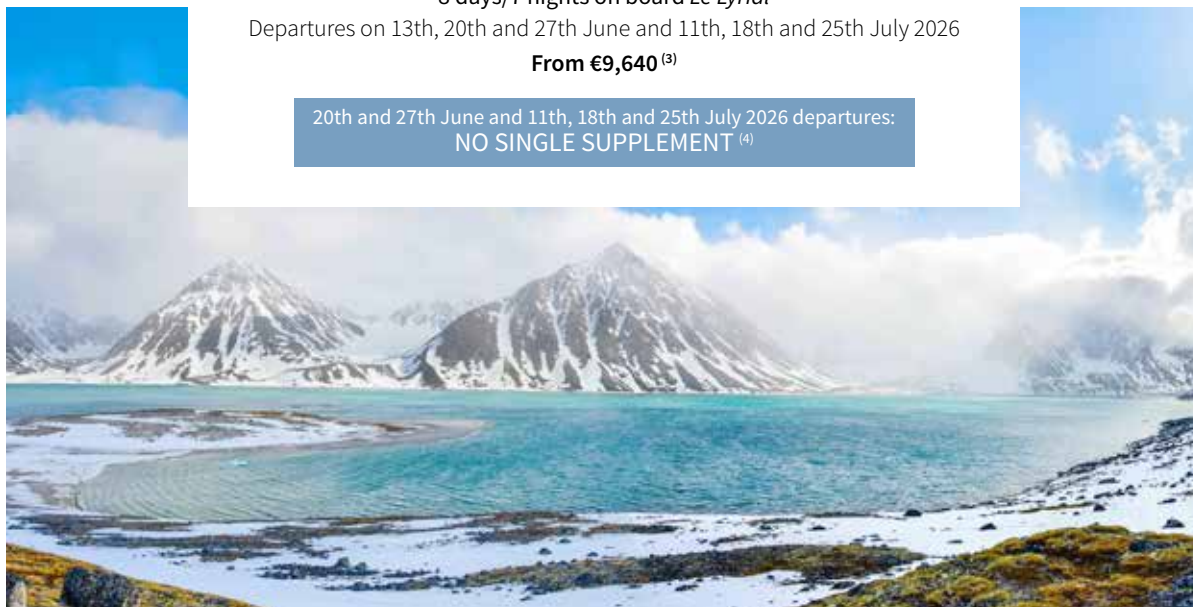
LONGYEARBYEN • LONGYEARBYEN

8 days/7 nights on board *Le Lyrial*

Departures on 13th, 20th and 27th June and 11th, 18th and 25th July 2026

From €9,640 <sup>(3)</sup>

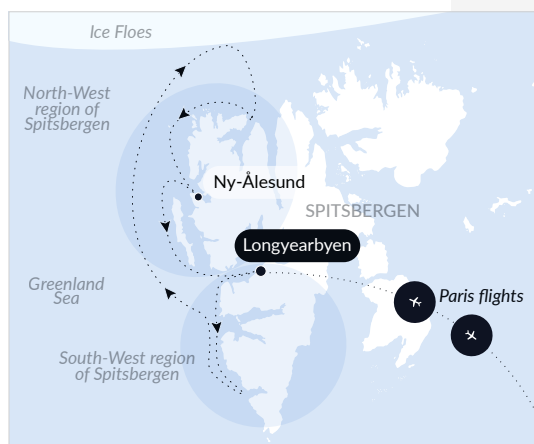
20th and 27th June and 11th, 18th and 25th July 2026 departures:  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT <sup>(4)</sup>



Our intimate vessel takes you into the heart of the High Arctic, between the northern latitudes of 76° and 80°, to be captivated by the majestic, tapering mountains of Spitsbergen and the fascinating wildlife that thrives there.



| EXPEDITION |



18th and 25th 2026 July departures:  
reverse itineraries.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore Spitsbergen, a wild and isolated territory with sumptuous landscapes: rugged mountains, ice caps, vertiginous walls, glaciers...
- The opportunity to observe local wildlife, including polar bears, Svalbard reindeer, cetaceans and seabirds.
- A wide range of activities, including hikes, excursions and zodiac landings with an experienced team of naturalist guides.

Included in your cruise <sup>(6)</sup>: return flights Paris/Longyearbyen and transfers.

# Expedition to the edge of the ice sheet

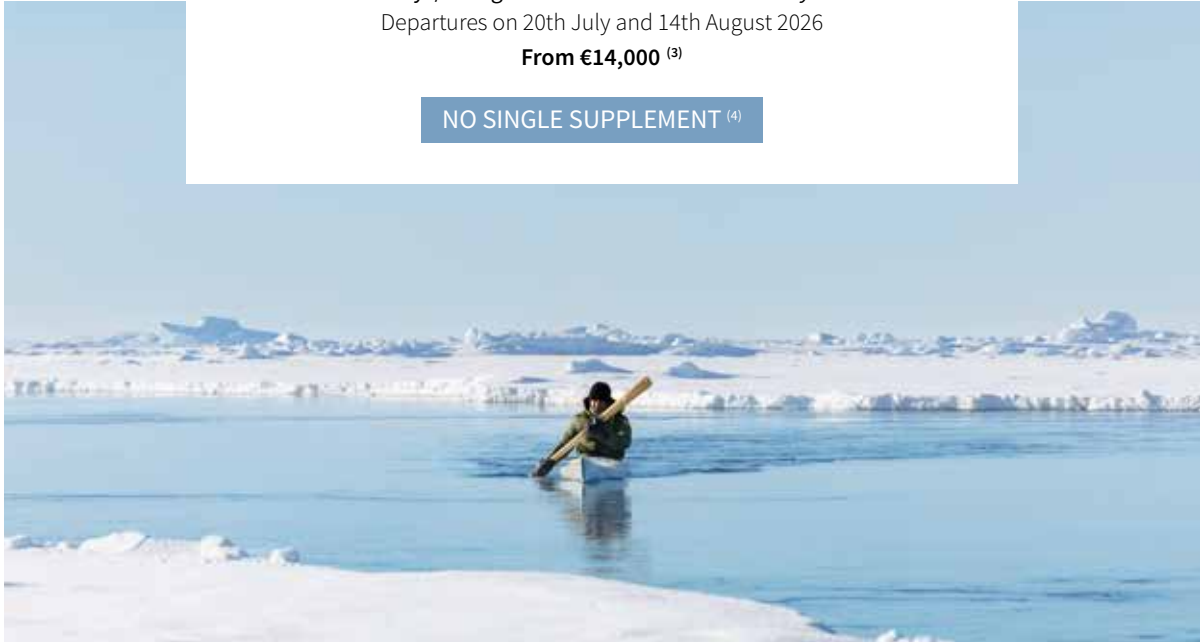
REYKJAVÍK • KANGERLUSSUAQ

14 days/13 nights on board *L'Austral* and *Le Lyréal*

Departures on 20th July and 14th August 2026

From €14,000 <sup>(3)</sup>

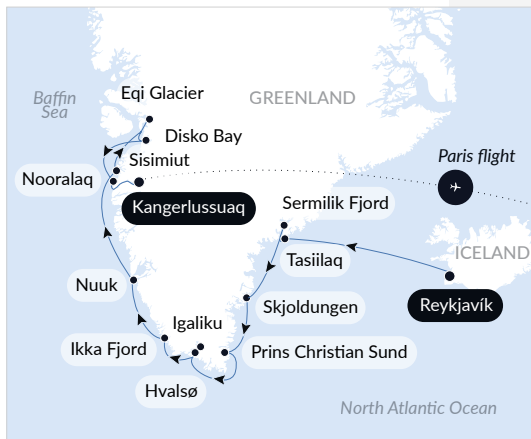
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Following this itinerary, you will sail in the wake of the Vikings, the first Europeans to explore Greenland's eastern shores as far as Nuuk, following in the footsteps of Erik the Red. An exciting adventure awaits you, with extraordinary discoveries and encounters along the way.



| EXPEDITION |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Exploring Greenland, following in the footsteps of the first Vikings – notably in Igaliku, a UNESCO World Heritage Site – and the first explorers.
- The opportunity to observe spectacular landscapes, such as Prins Christian Sund, Disko Bay – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – and majestic icebergs, as well as a variety of wildlife: cetaceans, seabirds, Arctic foxes and more.
- Numerous activities, including zodiac outings and landings with a team of naturalist guides, kayaking trips, encounters with Inuit communities in their villages and a visit to Nuuk, the capital of Greenland.

Included in your cruise <sup>(6)</sup>: flight Kangerlussuaq/Paris and transfer.



# Baffin Bay secrets

KANGERLUSSUAQ • KANGERLUSSUAQ

14 days/13 nights on board *L'Austral* and *Le Lyrial*

Departures on 2nd and 27th August 2026

From €15,460<sup>(3)</sup>

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT<sup>(4)</sup>



Travel along the west coast of Greenland in the heart of the Arctic's most spectacular landscapes. The beating heart of this region, it offers majestic fjords, the elusive quest for the polar bear, brightly coloured villages and encounters with Inuit communities.



| EXPEDITION |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 27th August 2026 departure with the presence of **Alban Michon**, French adventurer and explorer, who will host lectures on board.
- The encounter with Inuit communities.
- Spectacular landscapes, such as Disko Bay – a UNESCO World Heritage Site –, the 'Fjord of Eternity' and majestic icebergs, as well as a variety of wildlife: cetaceans, polar bears, musk oxen...
- Numerous activities: zodiac outings and landings with an experienced team of naturalist guides, hikes and kayaking trips.

*The 2nd August 2026 departure includes more stops on the west coast of Greenland, but no stops in Nunavut. More information on our website.*

Included in your cruise<sup>(6)</sup>: return flights Paris/Kangerlussuaq and transfers.

# In the heart of the Northwest Passage



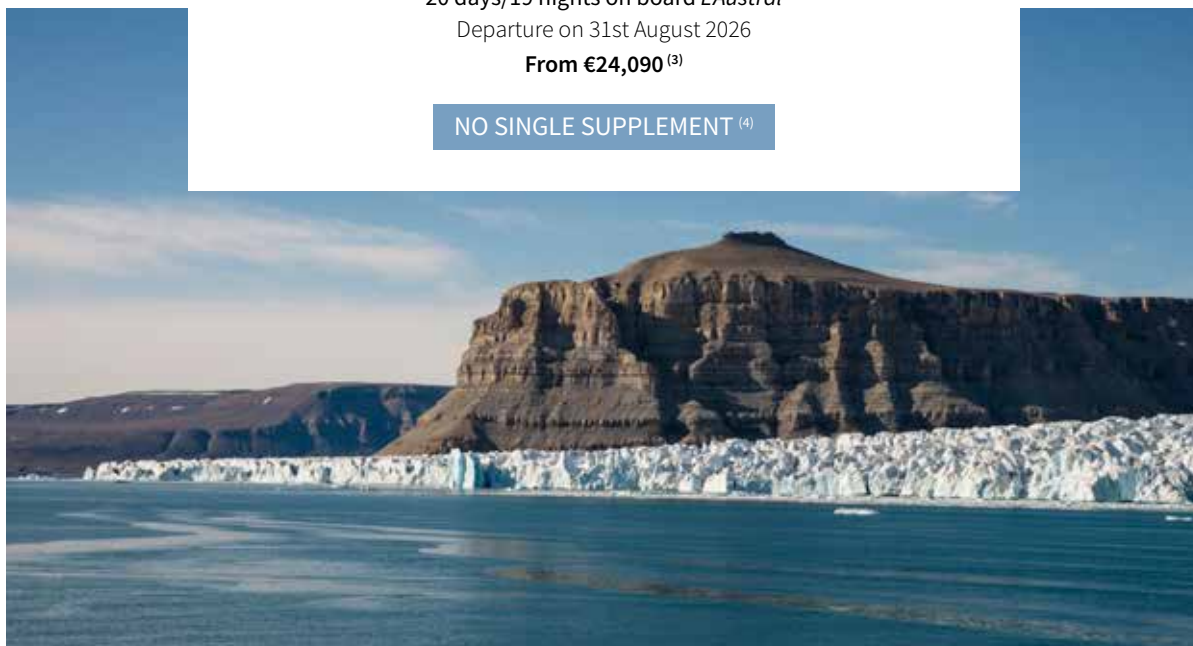
KANGERLUSSUAQ • KANGERLUSSUAQ

20 days/19 nights on board *L'Austral*

Departure on 31st August 2026

From €24,090 <sup>(3)</sup>

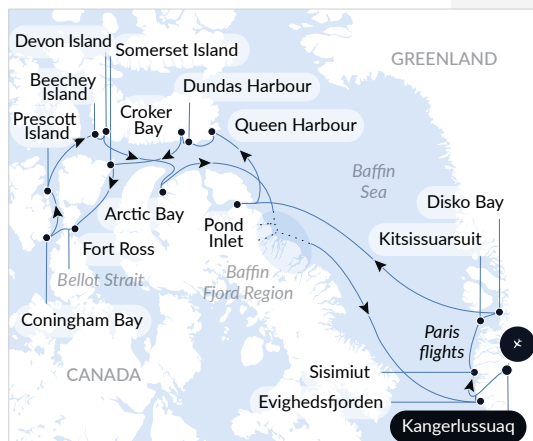
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT <sup>(4)</sup>



Discover part of the legendary Northwest Passage and its most fabled sites in the footsteps of countless explorers, including the British explorer Sir John Franklin, who set out to find this mythical sea route through the far reaches of the North.



| EXPEDITION |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- In partnership with **Le Cercle Polaire**, with the presence of its co-founder **Laurent Mayet**, of journalist **Christine Oberdorff** and of explorer **Ann Daniels**.
- An exhilarating exploration of some of the wildest territories on the planet, following in the footsteps of the great explorers and meeting Inuit communities.
- Spectacular landscapes, such as the majestic glaciers, fjords and icebergs of Disko Bay – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – as well as a wide variety of wildlife: cetaceans, polar bears...
- Numerous activities: zodiac outings and landings with an experienced team of naturalist guides and kayaking trips.

Included in your cruise <sup>(6)</sup>: return flights Paris/Kangerlussuaq and transfers.











## North America, in the great outdoors

Limestone cliffs of Labrador or boreal forests of Newfoundland,  
the St Lawrence River and Gulf or charming coastal towns,  
Viking ruins or a piece of France at the end of the world...  
In the heart of wide open spaces, wild or coveted,  
Indian summer extends the American dream.

# Wilderness from Greenland to the East Coast of Canada



**KANGERLUSSUAQ • HALIFAX**

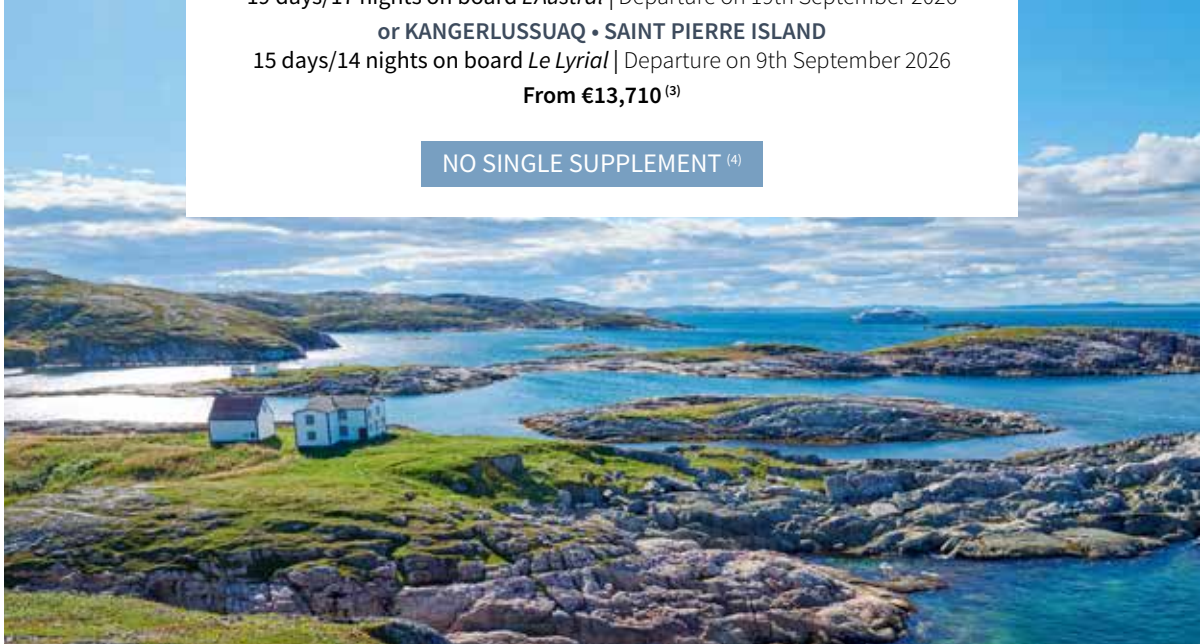
19 days/17 nights on board *L'Austral* | Departure on 19th September 2026

**or KANGERLUSSUAQ • SAINT PIERRE ISLAND**

15 days/14 nights on board *Le Lyrial* | Departure on 9th September 2026

**From €13,710<sup>(3)</sup>**

**NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT<sup>(4)</sup>**



From Greenland to Eastern Canada, uncover the untamed beauty of Nunavut, where the polar bear reigns supreme. Continue on to Newfoundland and Labrador where different species of rorquals and whales flourish, before reaching the island of Newfoundland itself, long regarded as the ends of the earth by the fishermen who once braved its waters.



| DISCOVERY |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore Canada's unspoilt wilderness and rich history, from Nunavut to Saint Pierre and Miquelon, via Newfoundland and Labrador.
- The magic of the great outdoors, discovering the fjords of Labrador, the island of Newfoundland and the boreal forests, with the opportunity to observe a variety of wildlife: musk oxen, cetaceans, seabirds...
- A rich programme of activities, including included excursions<sup>(5)</sup> led by local guides who are experts on the destination and activities accompanied by an experienced team of naturalist guides.

9th September 2026 departure: stopovers in Nuuk and Iqaluit are replaced by Sisimiut and Qikiqtarjuaq. No stopover in Halifax.

Included in your cruise<sup>(6)</sup>: the flight Paris/Kangerlussuaq and transfer, and for the 9th September 2026 departure, the flight Saint-Pierre Island/Montreal and transfer.



# Expedition from Greenland to Canada via Saint Pierre and Miquelon



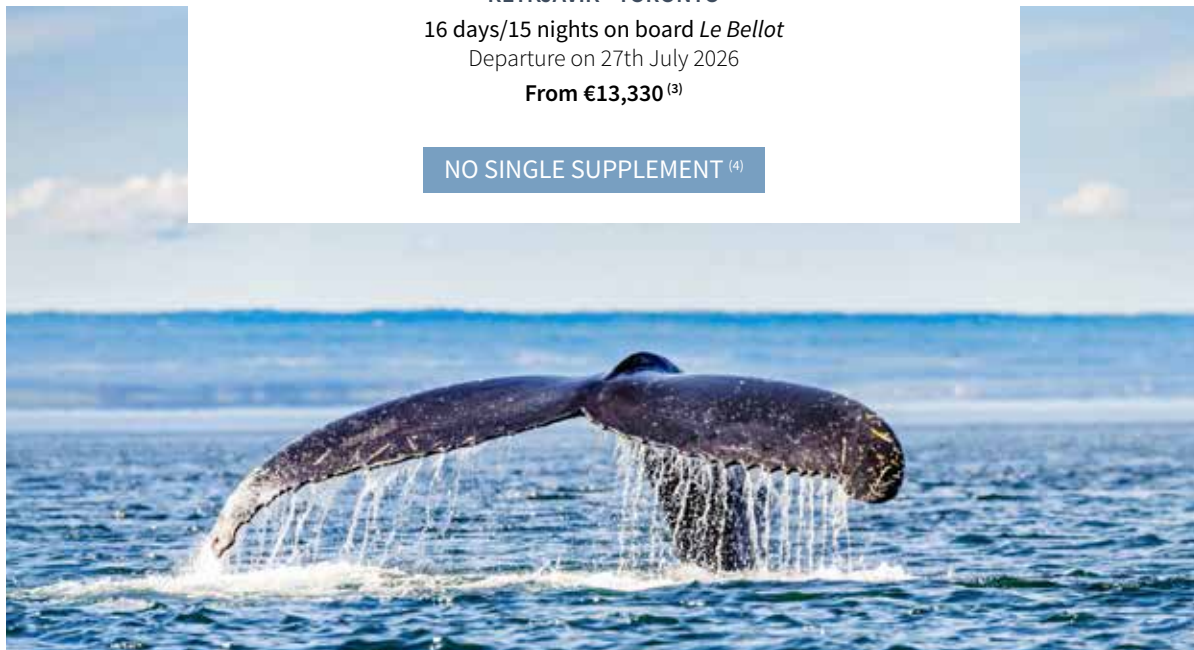
REYKJAVÍK • TORONTO

16 days/15 nights on board *Le Bellot*

Departure on 27th July 2026

From €13,330 <sup>(3)</sup>

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT <sup>(4)</sup>



From Iceland to the shores of Lake Ontario, via Greenland and the St Lawrence River, this voyage offers an unforgettable blend of historical discovery, breathtaking panoramas and unique encounters with wildlife.

| DISCOVERY |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover the coastlines and history of Greenland and Canada, via the Prins Christian Sund passage and Saint Pierre and Miquelon, as well as many remarkable sites: L'Anse aux Meadows – a UNESCO World Heritage Site –, St John's, Montreal...
- The opportunity to observe wild landscapes, such as glaciers and tundra, as well as a variety of wildlife: seabirds, caribou, musk oxen, whales and orcas...
- A rich programme of activities, including included excursions <sup>(5)</sup> led by local guides who are experts on the destination, and activities accompanied by an experienced team of naturalist guides.

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



**MONTREAL • NEW YORK**

14 days/13 nights on board *Le Lyrial*

Departure on 4th October 2026

**From €11,640 <sup>(3)</sup>**



Between soaring cliffs, unspoilt nature and vibrant cities, each stage of the journey offers a striking contrast, with the vast open spaces of Bonaventure Island and Percé Rock National Park, teeming with exceptional wildlife.

| TIMELESS |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- An exceptional itinerary between the vast unspoilt spaces of North America and the iconic cities of Canada and the American East Coast.
- Immerse yourself in the history of the New World, particularly in Quebec City and Nova Scotia, and discover regions with unique geology: the Saguenay River, Percé Rock, the Magdalen Islands...
- Among your included excursions <sup>(5)</sup>: the Old Quebec district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; Boston's famous Quincy Market; and the Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé National Park.

# Nova Scotia and the east coast of the United States

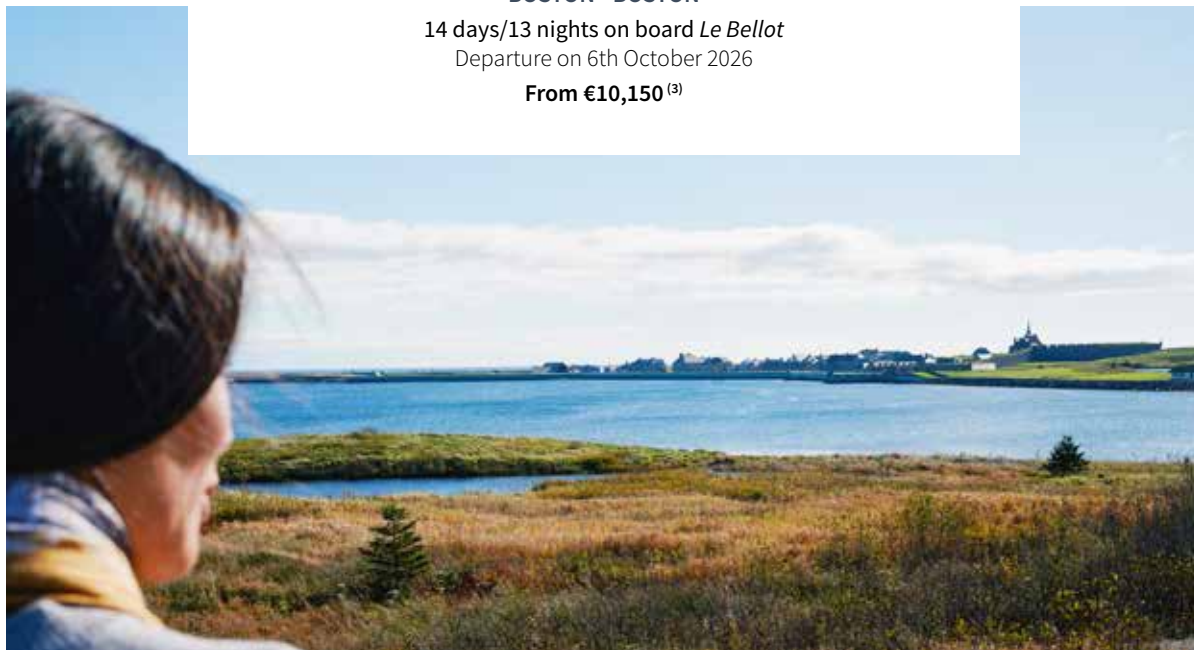


**BOSTON • BOSTON**

14 days/13 nights on board *Le Bellot*

Departure on 6th October 2026

**From €10,150 <sup>(3)</sup>**



Iconic towns steeped in history, marinas with undeniable charm...  
The richness of Acadian culture in Canada and the atmosphere of the coastal cities of the United States complete this endlessly changing tapestry.

| TIMELESS |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Nova Scotia's vast unspoilt landscapes and the discovery of North America's historical and cultural treasures.
- Stopovers in remarkable cities: New York; Lunenburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; Eastport, where the first French settlers arrived in the New World...
- Among your included excursions <sup>(5)</sup>: Boston's famous Quincy Market; the Atlantic Museum in Halifax; the mansions of Newport's Gilded Age.

## Your PONANT moments



**Mike Liebman**  
Northwest Passage, Greenland



**Astroreizen**  
Glacier, Svalbard

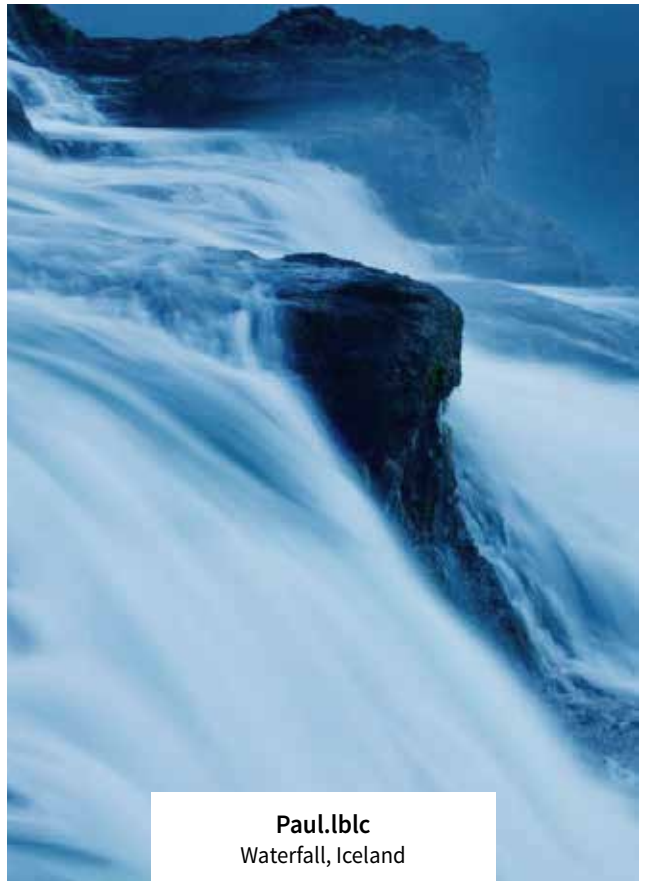
Each day, our guests post their favourite photos on social networks. Here is a selection of shots they have taken, giving their personal impression of some exceptional locations.

*You too can share your PONANT moments on Instagram by tagging our **@ponant** account.*





**Qkuenlin**  
Humpback whale, Greenland



**Paul.lblc**  
Waterfall, Iceland



**Sylvie dans les collines**  
Raudfjordbreen, Spitsbergen



**Johan Chabbert**  
Black guillemot, Spitsbergen



## The Sisterships

With their sleek silhouettes and refined decor, the Sisterships symbolise PONANT's mission to share the French art of living across the globe.

Human-scale yachts, *Le Boréal*, *L'Austral*, *Le Soléal* and *Le Lyrial* can access secluded locations or ports reserved for smaller vessels.

### IN DETAIL

Length: 142 m

Draft: 4,7 m

Number of staterooms and suites: 122 or 132

Width: 18 m

Crew members: 145

Delivery years: 2010 to 2015



## The PONANT EXPLORERS

With a refined blend of exploration in the world's most remote regions and the comfort of intimate vessels, the PONANT Explorers series is crafted to offer a redefined expedition experience. Each of these six exceptional yachts – *Le Lapérouse*, *Le Champlain*, *Le Bougainville*, *Le Dumont d'Urville*, *Le Bellot* and *Le Jacques Cartier* – is equipped with an underwater lounge, the Blue Eye, as well as state-of-the-art technology designed to minimise environmental impact.

### IN DETAIL

Length: 131 m	Width: 18 m
Draft: 4,7 m	Crew members: 118
Number of staterooms and suites: 92	Delivery years: 2018 to 2020

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