

# Smithsonian Journeys Collection

Small-Ship Expeditions to Awaken Your Sense of Wonder

WINTER 2022

Antarctica • Costa Rica & Panama • The Caribbean • Japan



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## *Enrich your mind, inspire your spirit*

PONANT and Smithsonian Journeys, the travel program of the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum, education, and research complex, are embarking toward a new frontier together, with a collection of unique travel experiences focused on culture, history, and the natural world that will launch in 2022. These curated itineraries celebrate our instinct to explore. Marvel at the rich inheritance left to us in the form of glaciers and ice floe in Antarctica; or craft your own udon noodles for a savory bowl of ramen at a specialized school in Japan. Unexpected discoveries are to be found closer to home as well, such as in lush Costa Rica and Panama and the pristine Caribbean Sea.

On each departure, Smithsonian Journeys Experts will host a series of enlightened conversations onboard. These passionate professionals—chosen for their expertise and ability to inspire—will explore the core themes of the Smithsonian and destinations with fellow travelers. Bespoke shore excursions are included in each port of call, providing ease and enrichment for every program.

Let your next exploration begin with PONANT and Smithsonian Journeys!





## Creating on a New Alliance

### PONANT | Smithsonian Journeys

Founded in 1988 by officers in the French Merchant Navy, **PONANT** created a new style of cruising under the French flag through the unique conception of sea travel and a commitment to promoting sustainable tourism. With a fleet of 12 ships, we carry passengers to exceptional destinations aboard yachts featuring refined design, on which the art of living and excellent cuisine take pride of place: such is the promise of a unique and authentic PONANT voyage. Health and safety are at the forefront of every operation, with a stringent set of anti-Covid health protection measures in place to ensure guests enjoy their journey in total peace of mind.

**Smithsonian Journeys** is the travel program of the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum, education, and research complex, consisting of 19 museums, the National Zoological Park, and nine research facilities. Drawing on Smithsonian's resources dating back 175 years, these sailings will feature notable experts and experiences that embrace local cultures and dive deeper into a destination's history, cuisine, language, environment, and wildlife. For more than 50 years, Smithsonian Journeys has been rooted in and focused on cultural immersion and discovery – with a goal of inspiring guests to become global citizens through travel.

## Winter 2022 Cruises

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# PONANT, the expert in luxury expedition cruising since 1988

From the ice of Antarctica to the lagoons of the Pacific, from Caribbean coves to Asian shores, PONANT has been sailing all the seas of the world for over thirty years. Our experts carefully design all itineraries, enabling our guests to access the treasures of the world via the sea.

## Recognized experience, a tradition of excellence

The PONANT ships are deliberately designed to welcome aboard a limited number of guests. There are 92 Staterooms on our new PONANT EXPLORERS, 132 Staterooms on *L'Austral* and *Le Soléal*.

This philosophy, a far cry from the current industry trend towards gigantism, gives our small ships a human dimension and unique atmosphere. Furthermore, it allows them to access less-crowded ports of call, explore remote locations, and provides our guests a genuine aura of exclusivity—always, of course, imbued with PONANT's attentive and personalized service.





## Respect for the Environment

PONANT's concern for the health and well-being of the planet is demonstrated by our active involvement in organizations dedicated to the promotion of ecologically responsible tourism and to the sharing of best practices. We are a member of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators and a signatory of La Charte Bleue d'Armateurs de France, which bind us to follow the most stringent rules and regulations governing safety and environmental protection.

In 2019, PONANT became the first European cruise line to obtain the North American Green Alliance certificate. It attests to the adoption of environmentally friendly practices and technologies by its members. In 2020, the German NGO NABU awarded us the title of the most environmentally friendly cruise company.



## Clean Ship Certification

Above and beyond participation in these organizations, we have taken the additional step of having all of our sister ships and the new PONANT EXPLORERS certified "Clean Ship" by the French classification society, Bureau Veritas, one of the world's major ship classification societies. This coveted and seldom-awarded certification recognizes that the PONANT fleet—from initial design and construction to seagoing operations—has adopted the most environmentally responsible materials, equipment, and management procedures possible.

# PONANT | Smithsonian Journeys

*Let your next exploration begin*

## A different kind of travel experience

The PONANT | Smithsonian Journeys alliance is a new frontier for enriched travel. These new, themed voyages embrace cultural immersion and discovery, with the goal of further inspiring guests to become global citizens through travel. Nineteen PONANT | Smithsonian Journeys departures are available in 2022, to destinations that traverse the globe. This Winter 2022 Collection introduces the first four PONANT | Smithsonian Journeys departures of the season.

## Expert naturalists and scientists aboard every departure

Chosen for their charisma, expertise, and affability, our Smithsonian Journeys Experts are the secret ingredient that turns a fine tour into an unforgettable experience. Other tour companies can take you to the most splendid sites, but in the hands of our Experts, your journey will take on new meaning. These men and women have dedicated entire careers to pursuing personal and professional passions. Their enthusiasm is contagious; their expert guidance consistently brings depth, excitement, and substance to the travelers who join them on our tours. We're proud to introduce you to our stars.







## PONANT | Smithsonian Journeys cruises include:

- Two Smithsonian Journeys Experts to provide onboard and on land discussions and enrichment
- One PONANT Travel Director
- Transfers from the airport to the ship on embarkation day, and from the ship to the airport on disembarkation day
- One included shore excursion or activity in each port of call
- Some ports of call provide a choice of included shore excursions
- Internal flights and included pre/post hotel nights on expedition cruises, as applicable
- A program of onboard Smithsonian Journeys activities including Smithsonian Journeys Travelers Corners
- All meals aboard ship
- French-inspired gourmet cuisine, with menu creation and chef training by Ducasse Conseil
- Complimentary open bar aboard ship including select wines served with lunch and dinner
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- 24-hour room service
- Complimentary Wi-Fi aboard ship
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers
- Port taxes and charges
- Pre-departure materials

# Smithsonian Journeys Experts

## Michelle Thaller

Astrophysicist

With over two decades of science communication experience, Dr. Thaller's research involves the lifecycles of stars, and she has worked at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Goddard Space Flight Center. She has appeared in many television science programs, including *How the Universe Works* and *Space's Deepest Secrets*. Dr. Thaller has given two TEDx talks about astronomy and has hosted the podcast *Orbital Path* on public radio.

***Aboard Antarctica: The White Continent, January 22-February 1, 2022***

## Wayne Ranney

Geologist

Wayne worked for the US Antarctic Research Program 7 where he was stationed at both McMurdo and the South Pole. He has since traveled to the White Continent 29 times, serving mainly as a geologic lecturer. His lectures will focus on the rocks, the glaciers, and how humans conduct science in this unique landscape.

***Aboard Antarctica: The White Continent, January 22-February 1, 2022***

## Matthew Larsen

Director Emeritus, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

Dr. Larsen has led research projects in the US, Panama, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and the US Virgin Islands. He was STRI director from 2014 to 2020 and also served as Chair of the US National Committee for the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme. Dr. Larsen looks forward to welcoming you to STRI and presenting research on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

***Aboard Panama and Costa Rica by Sea, January 24-31, 2022***

## Ralph Nurnberger

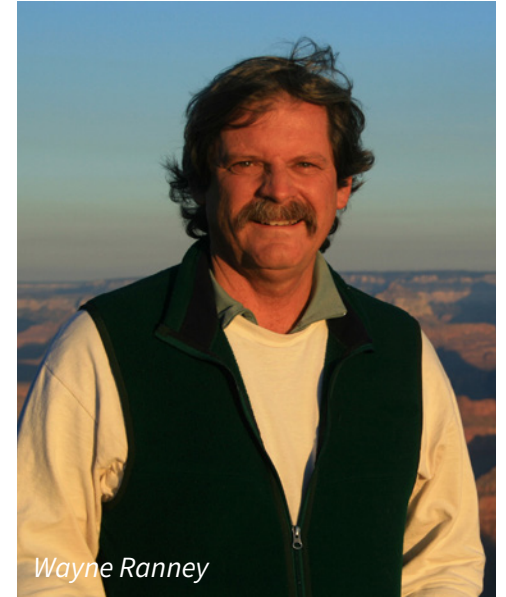
Historian

Ralph has spoken on a number of Smithsonian Journeys as well as at the Smithsonian Associates program in Washington D.C. He has appeared on radio and television programs as an analyst on political and international issues. He currently lectures on a wide range of historical and political subjects at Florida Atlantic University's Lifelong Learning Programs.

***Aboard Panama and Costa Rica by Sea, January 24-31, 2022***



Michelle Thaller



Wayne Ranney



Ralph Nurnberger



Matthew Larsen



Carola Sterns



Franklin W. Knight

## Carola Sterns

Field Geologist and Geophysicist

Dr. Sterns earned both a master's and PhD at the University of Michigan, where her research was in tectonics and paleogeography. She has participated in projects on both prehistoric and classical sites around the Mediterranean and in the Southwestern US. Her diverse research interests include tectonics and climatic geomorphology, especially as it relates to human history.

***Aboard Cruising the Caribbean's Windward Islands, February 13-20, 2022***

## Franklin W. Knight

Professor of History

Born in Jamaica, Professor Knight attended the University of the West Indies, Mona, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He has published widely on the social, cultural, economic, and political dimensions of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as on global slave systems.

***Aboard Cruising the Caribbean's Windward Islands, February 13-20, 2022***

## Jonathan Hall

Professor of Japanese Studies

Visiting Assistant Professor in Japanese Studies at the University of California Riverside, Professor Hall teaches courses in Japanese literature, history, film, and aesthetics. His broad range of courses includes Classical Japanese Literature, Cultures of the Floating World, Japanese film history, and modern Japanese women's literature.

***Aboard Treasures of Japan by Sea, April 15-23, 2022***

## Timon Screech

Professor of the History of Arts

Teaching at SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies), University of London, Professor Screech has devoted his career to the study of Japanese art and culture and to the interplay between art and the broader social landscape. Educated at Oxford and Harvard, he is the author of some dozen books on the visual culture of the Edo period.

***Aboard Treasures of Japan by Sea, April 15-23, 2022***



Jonathan Hall



Timon Screech





## *The Itineraries*

Set sail for a timeless voyage

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# Antarctica: The White Continent



Visiting Antarctica is almost like stepping back in time, to the era when the world was new. There are no human sounds in this land of primeval beauty, only the wild cries of birds, seals, and whales echoing across a vast expanse of land and sea. Travel with us to this magical land during the austral summer, when the days are long and relatively mild, when seabirds are courting, and massive icebergs thaw into sculptures of brilliant form and color. We are privileged guests in these extreme lands where we are at the mercy of weather and ice conditions. Landings on certain sites and the observation of certain wildlife cannot be guaranteed. They vary from day to day, making each PONANT expedition a unique experience.



## PRICE LIST

Save up to 30% with PONANT Bonus Fares.



Superior Staterooms	€10,730	€8,060
Deluxe Staterooms	€11,520	€8,610
Prestige Staterooms, Deck 4	€12,650	€9,400
Prestige Staterooms, Deck 5	€13,210	€9,790
Prestige Staterooms, Deck 6	€13,890	€10,270
Deluxe Suites	€18,840	€13,730
Prestige Suites, Deck 5	€20,310	€14,760
Prestige Suites, Deck 6	€21,320	€15,470
Owner's Suite	€26,050	€26,050

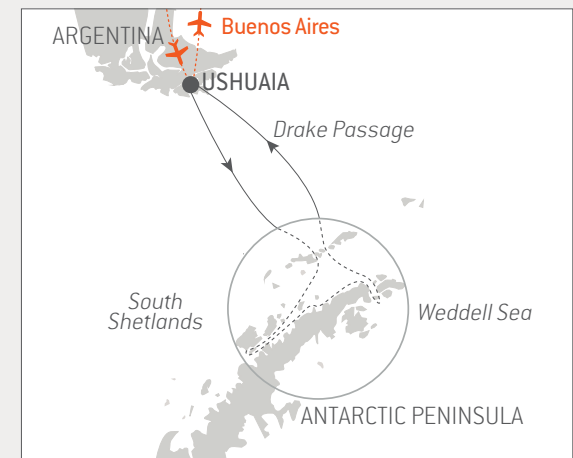
Rates listed are per person, double occupancy. Single occupancy staterooms, subject to availability. PONANT Bonus Fares are based on availability and subject to change.

**USHUAIA - USHUAIA** - 11 days/9 nights

January 22 – February 1, 2022

From €8,060

Aboard *L'Austral*



## Highlights\*:

- Explore the magic of Antarctica with a sea kayak adventure led by experienced and certified kayak guides.\*\*
- Engaging discussions onboard with Smithsonian Journeys Experts, including Astrophysicist Michelle Thaller and Geologist Wayne Ranney, and information sessions hosted by our naturalist guides.
- Outings and shore visits in Zodiac® inflatables, with opportunities to hike ashore and visit research stations and former whaling stations.
- One hotel night in Buenos Aires and an excursion in Tierra del Fuego prior to embarkation.
- Landscapes: alpine landscapes, tabletop icebergs, glaciers, ice floes, snow-covered mountains.
- Wildlife: Weddell seals, crabeater seals, leopard seals, Adeli penguins, Gentoo penguins, chinstrap penguins, humpback whales, sea birds.

\*Subject to ice and weather conditions. The expedition highlights and itineraries described above illustrate possible experiences only and cannot be guaranteed. \*\*Subject to availability and at an additional cost.

## ITINERARY

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*Saturday, January 22, 2022*

### **BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

Arrive in Buenos Aires and transfer to the *Hilton Buenos Aires* (or similar).

*Sunday, January 23*

### **BUENOS AIRES | USHUAIA | EMBARK**

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Ushuaia. Upon arrival, join an excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park. Created in 1960, the park is famous for its mountainous landscapes, lagoons, bogs, and rivers. If you are lucky, you may encounter beaver dams, birds, wild orchids, and more. Lunch will be in a restaurant within the Park. Continue to the pier in Ushuaia to embark *LAustral* in late afternoon. (B,L,D)

*Monday, January 24 & Tuesday, January 25*

### **CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE**

Your days crossing the Drake Passage on the way to the Antarctic Peninsula will allow you to get to know the ship and learn about Zodiac® operations, as well as rules of conduct ashore and bio-security protocols. This will also be a time for discussions with the Expedition Staff about the history, geology, flora, and fauna of the Antarctic. From the ship's bridge, experience exceptional sailing moments before joining the naturalist guides on the exterior decks to look out for albatrosses, Cape petrels, and other seabirds flying over the Drake Passage. (B,L,D)

*Wednesday, January 26 through Saturday, January 29*

### **ANTARCTIC PENINSULA**

The Antarctic Peninsula is a place of wonder and fascination, promising visitors unforgettable moments. Throughout your adventure in this icy realm, you will find yourself in the heart of a spectacular environment of subtle shades of blue and white, surrounded by exceptional wildlife. Penguins, humpback whales, seals, and giant petrels are at home here, as are elephant seals, fur seals, Antarctic minke whales, and orcas. Each day, based on ice conditions, the Captain and the Expedition Leader will suggest Zodiac® outings or landings to discover the infinite riches of the Antarctic Peninsula. Glaciers, ice floe, tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that plunge straight into the sea, volcanic beaches, research stations, enchanting bays, and vestiges of the whaling industry: these are the faces of the Antarctic that will reveal themselves. Sail in the wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Adrien de Gerlache, and Sir Ernest Shackleton, the great Antarctic explorers who first explored these remote and uninhabited lands. (B,L,D)

*Sunday, January 30 & Monday, January 31*

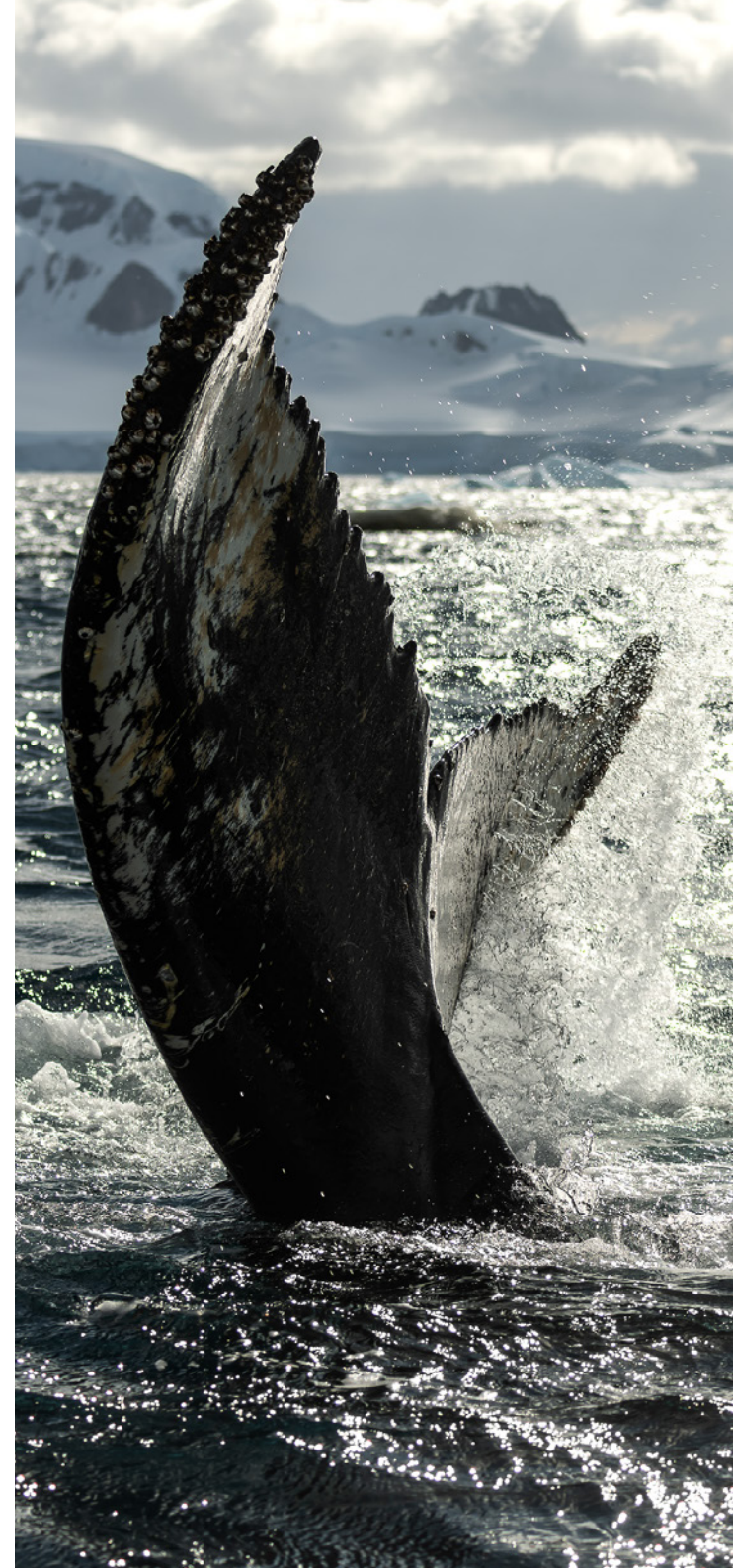
### **CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE**

Situated at the latitude of the infamous Furious Fifties winds, between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands, the Drake Passage is the shortest route between Antarctica and South America. At the Antarctic convergence, where cold currents rising up from the South Pole meet warmer equatorial water masses, the Drake is home to a diverse marine fauna, including the albatross and Cape petrels that will follow your ship as you head north. (B,L,D)

*Tuesday, February 1*

### **USHUAIA, ARGENTINA | DISEMBARK | BUENOS AIRES**

Disembark *LAustral* and transfer to the airport for the flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, continue to your return flight home. (B)



# Panama and Costa Rica by Sea

## The Natural Wonders of Central America



Here is the ideal itinerary to experience two iconic Central American countries: Panama and Costa Rica. Nestled in the Caribbean Sea, near the Panamanian Coast, the San Blas Archipelago is the perfect starting point for our journey, with its white-sand beaches and clear water that invites peaceful escape. Cross the Panama Canal, considered the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's most complex work of engineering, and spend an enriching full day in Panama City with a specially arranged guided tour of the Punta Culebra Nature Center at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI). When you get to the Pacific side, you'll meet the Emberá community in Darien National Park, bringing unique authenticity to this trip. Your grand finale is a visit to the Carara National Park in Costa Rica, where primary and secondary forests are home to dozens of species of birds, monkeys, sloths, iguanas, and crocodiles.



### PRICE LIST

Save up to 30% with PONANT Bonus Fares.



Deluxe Stateroom	€4,790	€3,570
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4	€5,280	€3,920
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5	€5,520	€4,080
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6	€5,810	€4,290
Deluxe Suite	€7,960	€5,790
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	€10,640	€7,670
Prestige Suite - Deck 6	€11,180	€8,050
Privilege Suite	€11,710	€8,420
Grand Deluxe Suite - Deck 6	€12,830	€9,200
Owner Suite	€13,470	€13,470

Rates listed are per person, double occupancy. Single occupancy staterooms, subject to availability. PONANT Bonus Fares are based on availability and subject to change.

COLON - PUERTO CALDERA - 8 days/7 nights

January 24-31, 2022

From €3,570

Aboard *Le Champlain*



### Highlights:

- A specially arranged guided visit of the Punta Culebra Nature Center at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI).
- Engaging discussions onboard with Smithsonian Journeys Experts, including Director Emeritus of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute Matthew Larsen and Historian Ralph Nurnberger.
- Explore the region's rich tropical flora and fauna in Carara National Park and Darién National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site with a magnificent rainforest.
- Swim and snorkel on beautiful Holandes Cayes, one of the most magnificent islets of the San Blas Islands.
- Cross the Panama Canal, a masterpiece of civil engineering.
- Meet the local indigenous Kuna and Emberá communities.
- Pre- and post-cruise transfers, shore excursions, and activities are included.



## ITINERARY

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*Monday, January 24, 2022*

**COLÓN, PANAMA | EMBARK (D)**

*Tuesday, January 25*

**HOLANDES CAYES | SAN BLAS ISLANDS**

Located on the northeast coast of Panama, the San Blas Archipelago is a string of coral islands in the heart of the Caribbean Sea. More than 300 islands and cays cover an area of 115 square miles offering travelers a multitude of treasures. Sheltered behind a long coral reef, the San Blas Islands are full of enchanting anchorages. On Holandes Cayes, the long sandy white beaches bound by crystal-clear waters will allow you to relax and enjoy incredible marine fauna. Here, you may also encounter members of the Kuna community, who subsist on hunting and fishing. (B,L,D)

*Wednesday, January 26*

**CROSSING THE PANAMA CANAL | FUERTE AMADOR, FLAMENCO ISLAND**

Aboard your ship, experience something unique that has inspired the imagination of numerous adventurers in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: crossing the Panama Canal. Its construction started in 1880 under the direction of Ferdinand de Lesseps. Abandoned then resumed, this marvel of engineering was completed by the United States in 1887 and opened in 1914. The canal crosses the Isthmus of Panama and links the Atlantic to the Pacific. Including three levels of locks and by raising ships to the level of Lake Gatun, almost as if the water was a lift, it allows them to avoid having to round Cape Horn. In the late afternoon, sail to Fuerte Amador for an overnight anchorage. (B,L,D)

*Thursday, January 27*

**PANAMA CITY**

Your excursion includes the new Biodiversity Museum, designed by architect Frank Gehry, to tell the story of how the emergence of the Isthmus of Panama changed our planet. The Museum's exhibition, executed by scientists from the Smithsonian Institution and the University of Panama, aims to interactively engage the public and demonstrate the ecological significance of Panama's flora and fauna. This visit will be hosted by specialist guides who will provide personalized explanations of each exhibit. Drive to Casco Antiguo, the old colonial part of the city. Enjoy a guided walking tour through this centuries-old neighborhood whose architecture blends French, Spanish, and Italian styles. Your final visit is to the Punta Culebra Nature Center at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, a fascinating, open-air museum focused on marine science and conservation. Enjoy a specially arranged, Smithsonian staff-guided tour and views of the Panama Canal. (B,L,D)

*Friday, January 28*

**PLAYA MUERTO, DARIEN NATIONAL PARK**

The Darien National Park was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1981 and a Biosphere Reserve in 1983. In addition to preserving rainforest, Darien also serves as home to about 30,000 indigenous peoples, mostly from the Emberá community. On this excursion you will visit one of their villages on the coast of the Pacific and have the opportunity to meet and talk with men and women who have maintained their traditions and lifestyle much as it was before Spain colonized the region. A ride aboard the ship's Zodiac® brings you to the beach and to the thatched-roof palapas of the village. The Chief will welcome you, introduce you to their customs, and invite you to enjoy a series of dances. Feel free to wander the village, ask questions, and engage with your hosts. (B,L,D)

*Saturday, January 29*

**AT SEA (B,L,D)**

*Sunday, January 30*

**HERRADURA, COSTA RICA**

Herradura takes its name in Spanish from the horseshoe form of its bay, covered in lush tropical vegetation. This small town is surrounded by national parks that are remarkable for the rich variety of fauna and flora they protect. When your ship calls here, it will be the moment to take a journey in small covered boats along the Tarcoles River, whose banks are home to crocodiles and iguanas. You may also opt for a guided walk in Carara National Park to view the exotic flora and fauna of this tropical rainforest. (B,L,D)

*Monday, January 31*

**PUERTO CALDERA | DISEMBARK (B)**



# Cruising the Caribbean's Windward Islands



Discover the most enchanting islands of the Caribbean Sea. Embark in Saint Lucia—its two majestic spires sticking straight out of the sea—and sail for Dominica, a mountainous island where inland rivers and nature trails may provide a glimpse of the nation's national bird, the Sisserou Parrot. Continue north to Les Saintes, Guadeloupe, with crystal-clear waters and fabulous seabeds in which to snorkel, swim, or kayak beneath the 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Fort Napoléon. Delight in the beauty of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Bequia, with its deserted beaches and hidden coves bordered by lush forests. Enjoy the idyllic Tobago Cays Marine Park and a private beach barbecue on the tiny island of Mayreau. Finally, call at Barbados for a full-day exploration of its UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic district.



## PRICE LIST

Save up to 30% with PONANT Bonus Fares.



Deluxe Stateroom	€4,410	€3,310
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4	€4,620	€3,460
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5	€4,740	€3,540
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6	€4,910	€3,660
Deluxe Suite	€6,460	€4,750
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	€6,920	€5,070
Prestige Suite - Deck 6	€7,130	€5,220
Privilege Suite	€7,300	€5,340
Grand Deluxe Suite - Deck 6	€7,510	€5,480
Owner Suite	€7,720	€7,720

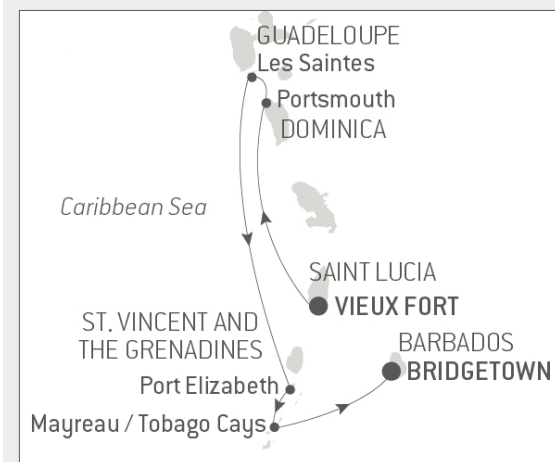
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**VIEUX FORT - BRIDGETOWN** - 8 days/7 nights

February 13-20, 2022

From €3,310

Aboard *Le Dumont-d'Urville*



## Highlights:

- **A true picture-perfect sampling of the West Indies: endless white-sand beaches, colorful reefs, idyllic turquoise waters, and the laid-back island way of life.**
- **Engaging discussions onboard with Smithsonian Journeys Experts, including Caribbean Historian Franklin Knight and Geologist and Geophysicist Carola Stearns.**
- UNESCO World Heritage sites: The Pitons of St. Lucia and Historic Bridgetown in Barbados.
- Discover Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, considered one of the world's most stunning archipelagos.
- Delight in a barbecue lunch on a private beach during our call at the island of Mayreau.
- Multiple opportunities to swim, snorkel, and SCUBA dive\* in crystal-clear waters, observing turtles, barracudas, spiny lobsters, and parrotfish.
- Pre- and post-cruise transfers, shore excursions, and activities are included.

\*Subject to availability and at an additional cost.

## ITINERARY

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*Sunday, February 13, 2022*

**VIEUX FORT, SAINT LUCIA | EMBARK (D)**

*Monday, February 14*

**PORTSMOUTH, DOMINICA**

With its mountainous terrain, vast tropical forest, hot springs, rivers, and spectacular waterfalls, Dominica is undoubtedly the wildest island in the Caribbean. Protected by several national parks, this land is an invitation to adventure. Discover the enchanting landscapes of the Indian River: navigating through this dense mangrove is a magical experience, a fascinating voyage into the heart of an almost mystical natural universe. Alternatively, choose to explore the Syndicate Nature Trail, popular for bird watching, where you might catch a glimpse of Dominica's national bird, the Sisserou Parrot. Or, opt to visit the Pointe Baptiste Chocolate Factory. (B,L,D)

*Tuesday, February 15*

**LES SAINTES, GUADELOUPE**

During the feast of All Saints in 1493, Christopher Columbus discovered this archipelago of nine islands that he named "The Saints". Today, only two of them are inhabited. Terre de Haut, in the east, is dominated by the Morne Mire hill; at the summit stands Fort Napoleon, which you will have the opportunity to tour. In the heart of the botanical garden, shared by iguanas and cacti, there is an exceptional view of the Baie des Saintes, one of the most beautiful in the world. The long shady beach of Pompierre, where it is forbidden to drop anchor, is a peaceful place for a swim, while Pain de Sucre Beach offers wonderful opportunities for snorkeling. Take advantage of a clear-bottom kayak ride to the wreck of the *Lynndy* for spectacular coral reef and tropical fish observation. (B,L,D)

*Wednesday, February 16*

**PORT ELIZABETH, BEQUIA ISLAND, ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

In the heart of the Caribbean, Bequia is the second-largest of 32 islands that make up the country of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. You will love the lively and picturesque atmosphere of Port Elizabeth, the island's main town. From the port, a promenade lined with beautiful traditional houses, landscaped gardens, and small restaurants runs along the shoreline. Tour the scenic island via Jeeps, visiting the 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Hamilton Fort and the Old Hegg Turtle Sanctuary. For a sailing and snorkeling adventure in the heart of one of the Caribbean's best dive spots, board a catamaran and sail to the unbelievably clear waters of tiny Petite Nevis. (B,L,D)

*Thursday, February 17*

**MAYREAU ISLAND**

Among the string of islands with their sandy beaches that form the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines archipelago, Mayreau is the smallest. Its peaceful and idyllic atmosphere, far from the madding crowd, invites you to relax. On shore, we will spend the day at a shaded and fully equipped private beach, enjoying a special barbecue lunch, a live steel band, and opportunities for snorkeling. (B,L,D)

*Friday, February 18*

**TOBAGO CAYS**

Scattered between St. Vincent and Grenada, the Tobago Cays comprise five little islands: Petit Rameau, Petit Bateau, Baradal, Petit Tabac and Jamesby. This rosary of uninhabited cays in the southern West Indies is a marine park whose turquoise lagoons provide a home and safe haven for some outstanding marine fauna, including peaceful green turtles. Girded and united by a coral reef, these secluded islands are a peaceful paradise for divers, swimmers, and snorkelers. (B,L,D)

*Saturday, February 19*

**BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS**

Bridgetown's historic quarters are collectively a UNESCO World Heritage site and contain prime examples of British colonial architecture, which you will see between the postcard-perfect fishing harbor and St. Ann's Fort. Step back in time with a visit to Gun Hill Signal Station, which was built to provide security for the island in 1818. Or, opt to visit the Great House of Clifton Hall, a splendid and historic plantation house lovingly restored in 2009. Alternatively, board a catamaran to swim and snorkel over a shipwreck or colorful reef. (B,L,D)

*Sunday, February 20*

**BRIDGETOWN | DISEMBARK (B)**



# Treasures of Japan by Sea



With a culture based on impermanence, and an aesthetic that is less about accumulation than subtraction, Japan perpetually asks the visitor to reflect on what is truly essential in life. It is for this reason that the Land of the Rising Sun is the perfect destination for an introspective sailing aboard *Le Soléal*. Our journey begins in bustling Kobe, but quickly takes a serene turn at Ritsurin, one of the top ten gardens in the country. Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park serves as a somber reminder of the importance of peace. Reflect on this message at the nearby Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Deep-dive into Japanese history and architecture at Hagi Castle Town, another UNESCO World Heritage site, and Kurashiki Museum of Folkcraft (housed in an 18<sup>th</sup>-Century rice granary). An udon making class and a sake-tasting excursion exemplify the distinctive attention to detail that defines Japanese cuisine.



## PRICE LIST

Save up to 30% with PONANT Bonus Fares.

Superior Staterooms	€6,660	€5,320
Deluxe Staterooms	€7,140	€5,680
Prestige Staterooms, Deck 4	€7,820	€6,190
Prestige Staterooms, Deck 5	€8,170	€6,450
Prestige Staterooms, Deck 6	€8,580	€6,760
Deluxe Suites	€11,590	€9,020
Prestige Suites, Deck 5	€15,360	€11,850
Prestige Suites, Deck 6	€16,120	€12,420
Owner's Suite	€18,380	€18,380

Rates listed are per person, double occupancy. Single occupancy staterooms, subject to availability. PONANT Bonus Fares are based on availability and subject to change.

**KOBE - OSAKA** - 8 days/7 nights

April 15-22, 2022

From €5,320

Aboard *Le Soléal*



## Highlights:

- Call at several a UNESCO World Heritage sites en route: Hiroshima Peace Memorial, Itsukushima Shinto Shrine, Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution, Gyeongju Historic Areas, and Bulguksa Temple.
- Engaging discussions onboard with Smithsonian Journeys Experts, including Japanese Film, Culture, Literature, and History Expert Jonathan Hall and Japanese Art Historian Timon Screech.
- Visit two remarkable, traditional Japanese gardens: Korakuen and Ritsurin.
- Remember those who perished during the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945 during a visit to the Peace Memorial Park.
- Make traditional Japanese udon noodles and sample sake in a traditional sake-making village.
- Pre- and post-cruise transfers and shore excursions are included.

## ITINERARY

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Friday, April 15, 2022

**KOBE, JAPAN | EMBARK (D)**

Saturday, April 16

### TAKAMATSU

A former fortified city, Takamatsu is home to one of the most beautiful classic gardens in Japan, the Ritsurin. Its landscape incorporates Mount Shiun in the background, an example of the Shakkei technique. A short drive then brings you to Shikokumura, an open-air museum at the base of Yashima Mountain. Scattered throughout its forest are 27 different structures, including a Kabuki theater, a sugar-making house, a salt refinery, and a papermaking house. In the afternoon, opt to visit the Nakano Udon school, where you will be invited to make (and eat!) your own udon noodles. Then complete the afternoon at Bonsai Kandaka Shojuen Garden to view some of the best bonsai in Japan. (B,L,D)

Sunday, April 17

### HIROSHIMA | MIYAJIMA ISLAND

Visiting Hiroshima is a moving experience. While firmly focused on the future, Hiroshima does not forget its past, and a visit to the Peace Memorial Park, Genbaku Dome, and Hiroshima Castle is a must. You may opt for a sake-tasting tour in Sakagura-dori (Sake Brewery Street) in Hiroshima's Saijo district, renowned for its quality spring water. At the heart of the Inland Sea, Miyajima, the "island sanctuary" will reveal its treasures. In the background you will see the Itsukushima Shinto Shrine, whose entrance is guarded by a vermilion *torii* gate. Considered to be one of the most beautiful sites in the Japanese islands, be transported by the serenity of this sacred site. (B,L,D)

Monday, April 18

### HAGI

In the south of Honshu island, surrounded by mountains, Hagi is a city of water. Tour Tokoji Temple, which belongs to the Obaku sect of Zen Buddhism and exhibits more Chinese influences—like its vivid red outer gate—than are typical in Japanese temples. Visit a Hagi-yaki pottery kiln before stopping at the UNESCO World Heritage site of Hagi Castle Town. Most of the streets are laid out exactly as they were four hundred years ago, and you will walk in the footsteps of the samurai at the preserved Kikuya Residence. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, April 19

### BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA

With around four million inhabitants, Busan is the second largest metropolis in South Korea, after Seoul. Stroll around the lively streets and explore the city's outstanding cultural heritage of art galleries, museums, and Buddhist sites, such as the Haedong Yonggungsa temple, which elegantly sits on the waterfront. You might opt to tour Bulguksa Temple in Gyeongju. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, April 20

### MOJI, KITAKYUSHU, JAPAN

At the mouth of the Kanmon Straits lies Mojiko, the northernmost port of Kyushu, one of Japan's four main islands. For many years, Mojiko was the gateway to the island. From the heights of the Mojiko Retro Observation Room, you can enjoy the amazing views that take in the Shinto shrine and coastal landscape like a postcard of the Land of the Rising Sun. At Kokura Castle, visit the Shoin-zukuri style Tea House and Chisen Kaiyu style garden for an authentic Japanese experience. An additional option is a visit to Chofu, a samurai stronghold of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. (B,L,D)

Thursday, April 21

### TAMANO

Located on the island of Honshu, hugging the banks of the Seto Inland Sea, Tamano is a popular destination thanks to its sun-drenched climate. Upon arrival, marvel at the way in which the city has been built along the coast at the foot of a deep, dark forest. In the area surrounding Tamano, stroll down the streets of Kurashiki, known as the 'white-walled city' in a nod to the pretty façades of the houses that line the streets of this ancient Edo-period trading town. Visit the Museum of Folk Craft and the Ohashi Family Home, typical of wealthy merchants of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. You may also choose to tour Fukiya and the Bengara Museum. (B,L,D)

Friday, April 22

**OSAKA | DISEMBARK (B)**





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## The PONANT Fleet

*Luxury, intimacy & refinement*

With fluid lines and streamlined bows, the exteriors of our ships reflect the spirit of a subtly revisited nautical theme. Aboard, our guests enjoy a relaxed elegance and experience an exclusive type of cruise—a concept of travel that is both intimate and luxurious.

*As though you were aboard  
your own yacht*

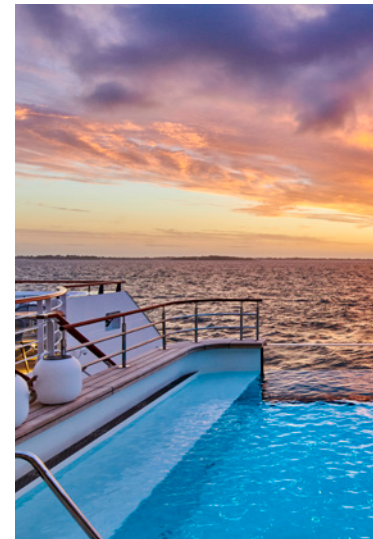
## Enjoy the experience in another way

The PONANT ships are innovative, designed for expeditions and easy to maneuver, so we can continue to design trips to ever-more exceptional destinations. You will enjoy new travel experiences and find the exceptional conditions of comfort and service that are our signature, even in the most extreme regions. All ships are equipped with state-of-the-art technology, like a movable marina platform on the EXPLORERS that enables guests to swim and engage in other activities directly from the ship, and a submersible mini-port that provides easy access to a number of nautical activities (such as kayaking, paddle boarding, and more).

## The French Touch

With PONANT, the French way of life sails all the seas of the globe. This “French Touch” blends discretion with refined services. PONANT works with partners who share our constant pursuit of excellence. These prestigious brands are ambassadors for French luxury all over the world:

- **Gastronomy** Ladurée macarons for afternoon tea, Lenôtre sweet pastries and bread, Bordier traditional butter, a selection of fine wines from Maison Taillevent, Veuve Clicquot champagne at gala dinners, fragrant aromas of the Palais des Thés, and Évian mineral water.
- **Way of life** Fragonard room fragrances, Hermès bath products in all Staterooms and Suites, spa care products by Sothy’s.
- **Décor and design** The décor of the Staterooms and Suites is designed by French architect Jean-Philippe Nuel, and Pierre Frey fabrics create a calming and luxurious atmosphere.







## The French *Art de la Table*

Our Chefs and their galley team interpret their passion for French culinary heritage, enriched by products and traditions from the countries visited.

Fresh products and carefully selected ingredients, mature cheeses and a superb list of grand cru wines... all this combines to make each meal a feast for the eyes and the taste buds.

## The advice and expertise of Ducasse Conseil

PONANT joins forces with Ducasse Conseil, a catering center of excellence run by Alain Ducasse Entreprise, to continue its route to excellence aboard our ships. From the conception of the culinary offering to the training of the company's Chefs, this long-term project aims to ensure that PONANT's culinary standards are as high as possible and to satisfy the exacting requirements of our guests.



## Take care of yourself

Come aboard and enjoy a pure moment of serenity. Our onboard spas feature:

- **Beauty treatments** from the French beauty house Sothy's.
- A **hammam** (onboard the Sisterships) **and balneo** (onboard *L' Austral*).
- A **sauna** (onboard the PONANT EXPLORERS).
- A **hair salon**.
- A **fitness center** with the latest Technogym® machines and floor-to-ceiling plate-glass windows offering views to the horizon.

# PONANT EXPLORERS

*Le Champlain & Le Dumont-d'Urville*



PONANT's new luxury expedition ships sail to the world's most inaccessible locations and go further—where others do not go. The PONANT EXPLORER yachts, each measuring 430 feet in length, are designed for just 184 guests and 110 crew members. They feature innovative equipment, elegantly designed guest accommodations, and welcoming lounge areas that open to the outside. And, in a world exclusive, the PONANT EXPLORER yachts are the first ships ever to be equipped with an underwater, multi-sensory lounge, called *Blue Eye*, located within the hull eight feet beneath the water line. Two large windows provide views of the underwater marine life, and guests can also hear and sense this life through unique technology.

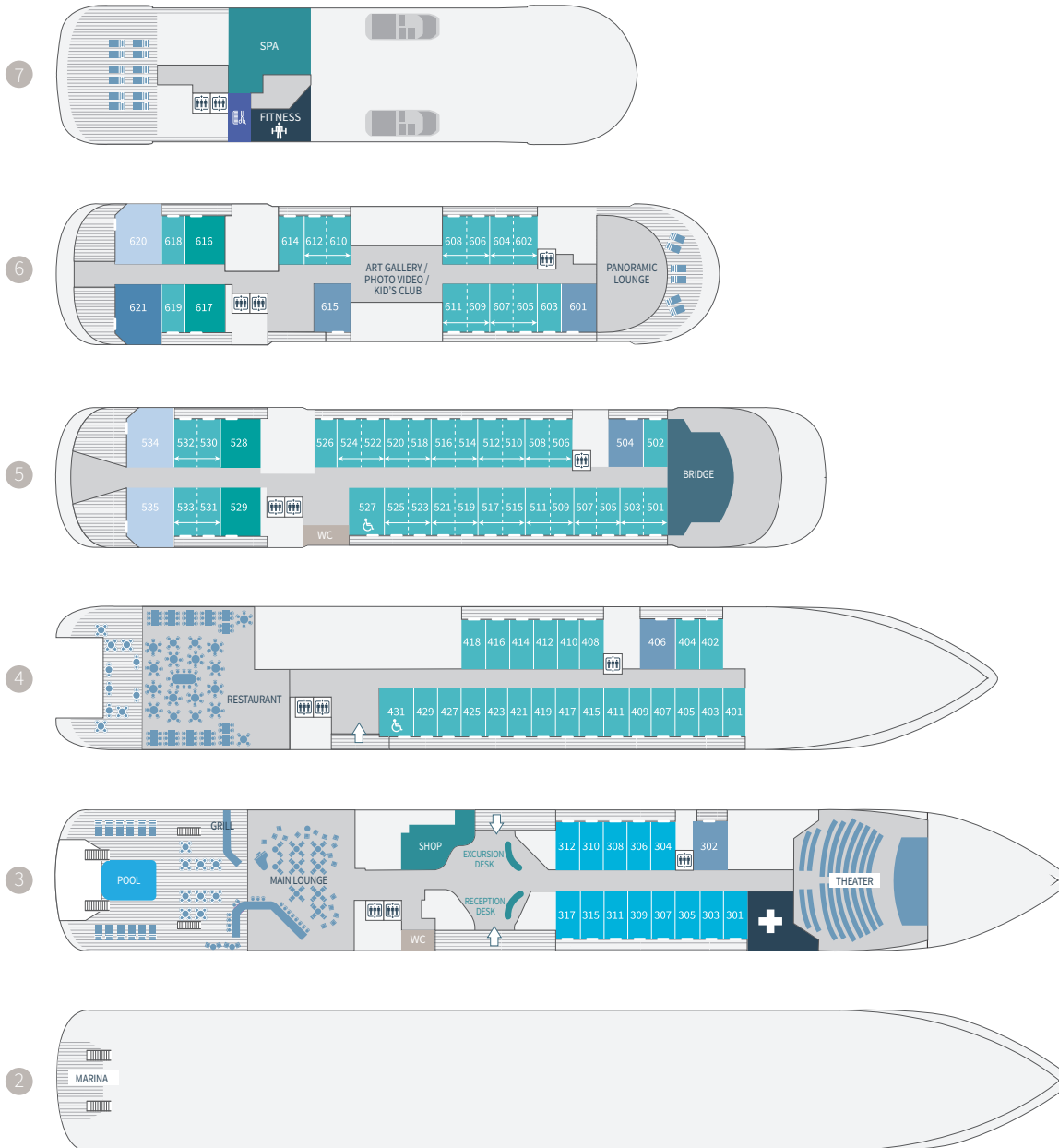
## Ship Specifications

- Length ..... 430 ft.
- Beam ..... 26 ft.
- Draft ..... 15 ft.
- Average cruising speed ... 12.5 knots
- Ice Class ..... 1C
- Classification ..... Bureau Veritas
- Flag ..... French
- Guest Decks ..... 5
- Crew members ..... 110
- Guest capacity ..... up to 184 pax  
(doubleoccupancy)
- Staterooms with balcony . 88
- Suites with bay windows  
and terrace ..... 4
- Zodiacs ..... (Mark V HD)  
10 Zodiac craft
- Gross tonnage ..... 9,900 UMS
- Stabilizers (2) ..... 13.1 ft. long x 4.7 ft. wide
- Construction ..... VARD, Norway

## Stateroom Amenities

- Glass door in each stateroom
- Individually-controlled air conditioning
- Queen bed or twin-size beds
- Connecting cabins available
- Private balconies
- Private bathroom with French bath products,  
hair dryer, and bathrobes
- 110/220-volt outlets
- Direct-dial satellite telephone
- Free WiFi
- Flat-screen satellite TV
- Movies on-demand
- iPod™ player
- Desk with stationery
- Mini-bar
- Safe
- 24-hour room service

# Deck Plan



- 7 Fitness - Ponant Yacht Spa - Sundeck
- 6 Panoramic lounge - 14 Prestige Staterooms (including 10 Prestige Staterooms convertible into 5 Luxury Suites) - 2 Deluxe Suites - 2 Privilege Suites - 1 Grand Deluxe Suite - 1 Owner's Suite
- 5 Bridge - 29 Prestige Staterooms (including 1 for person of reduced mobility and 26 Prestige Staterooms convertible into 13 Prestige Suites) - 1 Deluxe Suite - 2 Privilege Suites - 2 Grand Deluxe Suites
- 4 Restaurant - 23 Prestige Staterooms (including 1 for person of reduced mobility) - 1 Deluxe Suite
- 3 Reception Desk - Excursion Desk - Main Lounge - Pool Deck - Shop - Medical Center - Theater - 13 Deluxe Staterooms - 1 Deluxe Suite
- 2 Marina
- 0 DECK 0: Blue Eye underwater lounge

<span style="color: #004a7c;">■</span> Owner Suite Deck 6	<span style="color: #4682b4;">■</span> Grand Deluxe Suites Deck 5 - 6	<span style="color: #004a7c;">■</span> Deluxe Suites Deck 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
<span style="color: #008080;">■</span> Privilege Suites Deck 5 - 6	<span style="color: #4682b4;">■</span> Prestige Suites Deck 5 - 6	<span style="color: #008080;">■</span> Prestige Staterooms Deck 4 - 5 - 6
		<span style="color: #008080;">■</span> Deluxe Staterooms Deck 3



# THE SISTERSHIPS

*L'Austral & Le Soléal*



The elegant sisterships, with up to 132 staterooms and suites, perpetuate PONANT's **philosophy**: small capacity yachts perfect for fostering camaraderie, a unique atmosphere, and a subtle combination of luxury, privacy, and well-being. Designed in France and built in Italy, each ship has its own color palette and motif, but all share in an elegantly understated aesthetic and European sensibility and craftsmanship. The staterooms and suites feature panoramic sea views, and 95% have a balcony. Guests' comfort is the special responsibility of the impeccably trained staff, whose discreet yet attentive service has become legendary among discriminating travelers. Life aboard is relaxed and refined, capturing the best of the French art of living well, and an air of quiet sophistication enhances the unique experience of feeling one is aboard a private yacht.

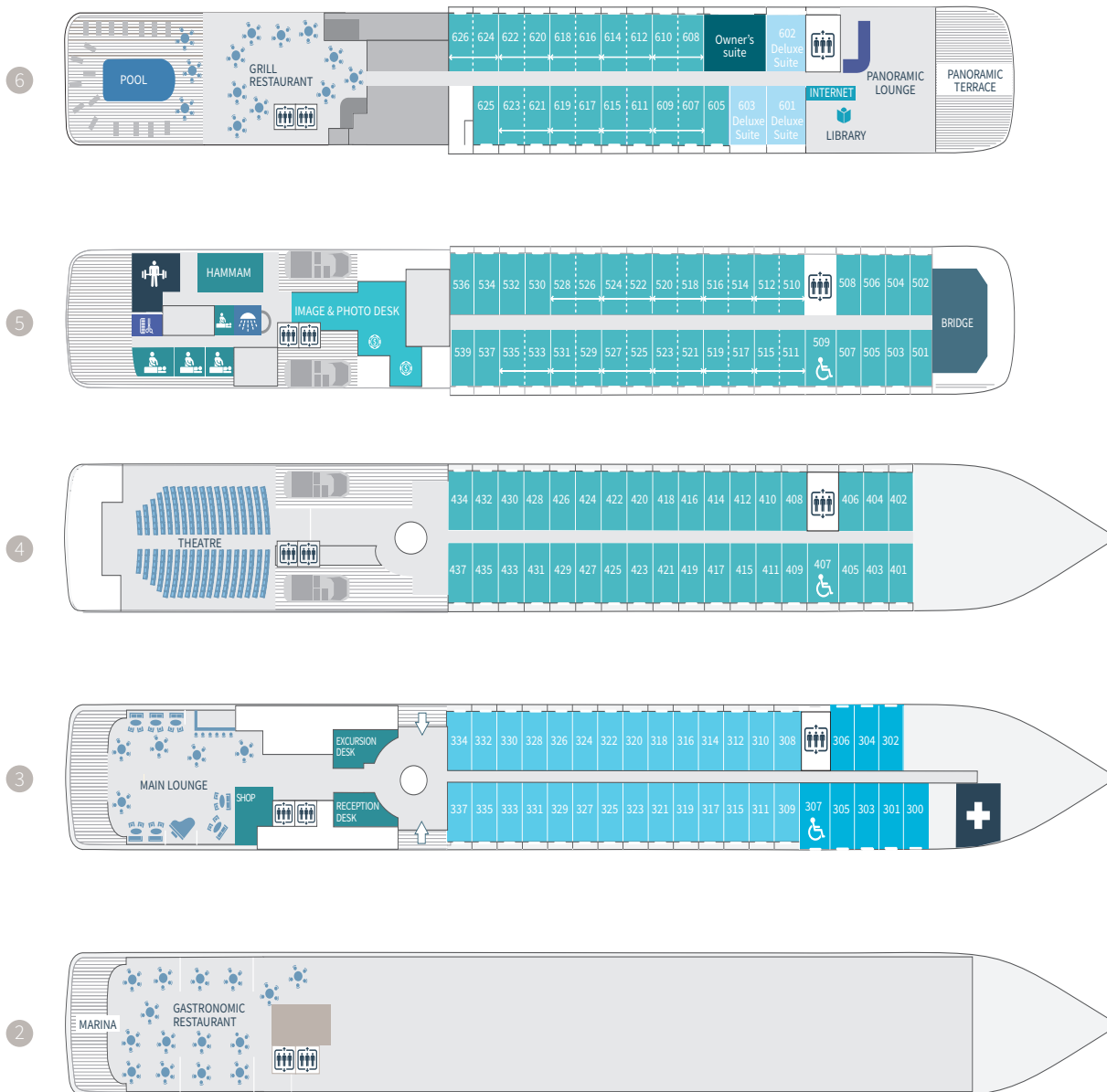
## Ship Specifications

- Length ..... 466 ft.
- Beam ..... 59 ft.
- Draft ..... 15.3 ft.
- Cruising Speed ..... 14 knots
- Ice class ..... 1 C
- Classification ..... Bureau Veritas
- Flag ..... French
- Guest Decks ..... 6
- Guest capacity ..... up to 264 pax  
(double occupancy) (up to 244 pax on Le Lyrial)
- Normal Crew Size ..... 140
- Zodiacs ..... (Mark V HD)  
..... 12 Zodiac craft
- Gross tonnage ..... 10,944 UMS
- Stabilizers (2) ..... 13.1 ft. long x 4.7 ft. wide
- Electric motors ..... 2 x 2,300 KW
- Installed power ..... 6,400 KW
- Construction ..... Fincantieri-Ancona, Italy

## Stateroom Amenities

- Glass door or window in each stateroom
- Individually-controlled air conditioning
- Queen bed or twin-size beds
- Connecting staterooms available
- Private balconies  
(except Superior Staterooms)
- Private bathroom
- En suite Hermès bath products
- Hair dryer
- Bathrobes
- 220-volt outlets (110-volt in bathroom)
- Direct-dial satellite telephone
- WiFi access
- Flat-screen satellite TV
- Movies on-demand
- iPod™ player
- Desk with stationery
- Mini-bar
- Safe
- 24-hour room service
- Butler service for suites on Deck 6

# Deck Plan



- 7 Sun Deck - Open-air Bar
- 6 Owner's Suite with private balcony - 3 Deluxe Suites with private balcony - 20 Prestige Staterooms with private balcony (with 18 Prestige Staterooms convertible into 9 Prestige Suites)  
All Ships: Pool - Grill Restaurant - Internet Space - Library - Panoramic Lounge - Panoramic Terrace
- 5 37 Prestige Staterooms with private balcony (with 22 Prestige Staterooms convertible into 11 Prestige Suites) - Fitness Center - SOTHYST™ Beauty Corner: Balneo, Hammam, Massage, Hairdresser - Relaxation Room - Image & Photo Desk - Bridge
- 4 35 Prestige Staterooms with private balcony - Theater
- 3 28 Deluxe Staterooms with private balcony - 8 Superior Staterooms - Main Lounge - Shop - Reception Desk - Excursion Desk - Medical Center
- 2 Gastronomic Restaurant - Marina

- OWNER'S SUITE — Deck 6
- PRESTIGE SUITES — Decks 6 - 5
- DELUXE SUITES — Deck 6
- PRESTIGE STATEROOMS — Decks 4 - 5 - 6
- DELUXE STATEROOMS — Deck 3
- SUPERIOR STATEROOMS — Deck 3



# Program Inclusions

## Included

- Cruise aboard one of Ponant's deluxe ships
- Lectures and discussions by featured guests as listed for each individual cruise
- Shore excursions as described in individual itineraries
- All meals aboard ship including early riser's coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner
- French-inspired gourmet cuisine, with menu creation and chef training by Ducasse Conseil
- Complimentary open bar aboard ship including select wines served with lunch and dinner
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship
- 24-hour room service
- Airport/pier transfers and handling of luggage
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, drivers
- Port taxes and charges
- Pre-departure materials
- WiFi on board

## Not Included

Airfare except where noted on individual itinerary; airport taxes; passport and visa fees and/or immigration reciprocity taxes (if applicable); transfers other than stated above; luggage handling; trip cancellation and baggage insurance; medical and repatriation insurance; meals and beverages other than those specified above; optional excursions; overland excursions; personal expenses (such as telephone, Internet, laundry service, hair salon services, à la carte spa treatments, etc.)

# Terms & Conditions

Compagnie du PONANT, PONANT Group USA, LLC, and PONANT USA, LLC are hereinafter collectively referred to as "PONANT GROUP". Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the passenger and PONANT GROUP and the tour's sponsoring organization.

**Payment:** The Acceptance of the Contract entails paying a deposit equivalent to 25% of the Price of this Service. For any Cruise booked on or before June 30, 2021, for a Cruise departure on or before April 30, 2023, the balance is to be paid no later than 30 days before the start of the initial Service in the Contract. For any Cruise booked on or after July 1, 2021, the balance is to be paid no later than 90 days before the start of the initial Service in the Contract. After the Service has been fully paid for, the Traveller shall receive a booking confirmation followed by the Ticket(s) and, where applicable, the vouchers closer to cruise departure.

**Cancellation, Modification Penalties & Refunds:** Under Article L.121-21 of the French Consumer Code, Travellers should note that they do not have the right to withdraw from the Contract set out in Article L.121-17 of the Consumer Code. Unless otherwise agreed with CDP, the Traveller cannot amend the Services described in the Contract. If the Traveller wishes to amend or cancel part or all of the Services described in the Contract, they must inform CDP by any means that allows for acknowledgement of receipt (fax, email, registered letter, etc.) as soon as circumstances change such that this amendment or cancellation is required. The document dispatch date will be taken as the invoice date for the change and/or cancellation fees. With the exception of PONANT Yacht Club Grand Admirals and Commodores, all alteration requests will be treated as cancellation requests and therefore covered by paragraph 10.5 governing cancellation fees. Specific terms and conditions for alteration requests from PONANT Yacht Club Grand Admirals and Commodores: In the event of the first alteration of a tourism package: no fees shall be applied to the cruise service, as long as the request is made within a timeframe of at least 90 days before the departure of the cruise. This timeframe shall be extended to 150 days for Expedition Cruise programmes. New departure must be within 12 months after the date of the departure initially scheduled. Only one alteration without penalty charges per period of 12 months and per person is entitled to Grand Admiral and Commodore member status, regardless of the cruise. Any alteration request aside from the alteration of the first cruise shall be subject to the general sales condition applicable by default.

For all PONANT & PAUL GAUGUIN Cruises booked on or before June 30, 2021, for a Cruise departure on or before April 30, 2023:

**Date of Cancellation:**

- Within 15 days after the booking is confirmed: no cancellation fees for the cruise service only
- From 15 days after the booking is confirmed to 181 days before the start of the cruise: €150 per passenger and per cruise for the cruise service only
- From 180 – 31 Days Prior to Departure Date: 25% of total amount of the Services remitted in the form of a Future Cruise Credit.
- Under 31 Days Prior to Departure Date: 100% of Full Fare total amount of the Services

For all PONANT & PAUL GAUGUIN Cruises booked on or after July 1, 2021:

**Date of Cancellation**

- Within 15 days after the booking is confirmed: no cancellation fees for the cruise service only
  - From 15 days after the booking is confirmed to 181 days before the start of the cruise: €150 per passenger and per cruise for the cruise service only
  - From 180 – 91 Days Prior to Departure Date: 25% of total amount of the Services
  - Under 91 Days Prior to Departure Date: 100% of Full Fare total amount of the Services
- For this purpose, "Departure Date" means the date the sea, air/sea or air/sea/land program first departs and "Full Fare" & "total Service amount" means the full cost of any cruise, hotel or air component purchased from PONANT & PGC.

For other services: No refund will be given for cancelling or forfeiting an air- or land-based Service included in the contract, or any service forming part of the Cruise, no matter the reason. Some components may have different refund and/or cancellation policies and penalties and, if so, these will be explained at time of booking.

**Travel Insurance:** Ponant partners with Allianz Global Assistance. Allianz Travel Insurance plans provide benefits for trip cancellation and interruption; travel delays; emergency

medical and dental; emergency transportation; and 24/7, award-winning assistance by phone—anytime, anywhere. Terms, conditions and exclusions apply.

**Itinerary:** PONANT GROUP reserves the right to withdraw and/or cancel a sailing to make changes in the itinerary whenever, in its sole judgment, or in the judgment of the vessel owner or operator, conditions warrant it.

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

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

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

**Rates:** The prices given at the time of booking are based on economic conditions known on May 1, 2021 and are subject to change. Ponant Bonus Fares of up to 30% savings are subject to availability and change. These conditions are, amongst others, the cost of transport and fuel, relevant dues and taxes for the proposed operation (port taxes, embarkation and disembarkation taxes, entrance costs to tourist sites), currency exchange rates relevant to the pricing of these programs. PONANT GROUP reserves the right within the legal limits of applicable laws to vary the prices if necessary. All variation of the cost of transport, fuel, taxes, dues and visa costs will be passed on within the voyage cost. Additionally, any surcharge levied will be increased to include an amount to cover agent's commission. Any change in fare cannot be imposed less than 60 days prior to departure. For the cruise-only rate, daily surcharge, if any, will be calculated based on:

S= fuel variation\* x daily consumption\*\*

Ship capacity \*\*\*

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

(\*\*): L'AUTRAL, LE BOREAL, LE LYRIAL, LE SOLEAL: 20t.  
PONANT EXPLORERS: 10t.

(\*\*): L'AUTRAL, LE BOREAL, LE SOLEAL, LE LYRIAL: 244 passengers.  
PONANT EXPLORERS: 173 passengers

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

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