

WHY PONANT?

We invite you to discover – or rediscover – incredible destinations onboard Ponant's seven French-flagged ships. The Ponant ships are deliberately designed to welcome aboard a limited number of passengers; there are 92 Staterooms on their new yachts Le Laperouse and Le Champlain.

From 122 to 132 Staterooms on the sisterships: Le Boreal, L'Austral, Le Soleal & Le Lyrial and just 32 staterooms on Le Ponant. With this intimate setting the ships let you maintain your privacy; you feel as if you are sailing on your own private yacht.

From 5-star culture and relaxation cruises to expedition cruises, Ponant creates exclusive itineraries to take you to new horizons. Their ships offer you the opportunity to explore every continent; a nature break in Northern Europe, a journey of discovery in South America, an idyllic cruise in the Caribbean or an amazing adventure among the Antarctic ice floes.

Why we chose to work with Ponant to bring you these once in a lifetime expedition itineraries is because we understand that you value comfort, refinement and discovery. Ponant pride themselves in developing amazing expedition itinerares to take you off the beaten track, as close as possible to nature and far from maritime routes.



A luxury Expedition with PONANT means:

- More than 20 years and 330 itineraries in the polar regions, PONANT carries more guests to Antarctica per year than anyone else
- A fleet of 6 luxury yachts designed for extreme regions whose smaller size allows them to bring guests ashore at the most exceptional sites which other ships are unable to reach.
- Expedition itineraries characterised by flexibility at all times: Our Captains and Expedition Leaders can make unscheduled stops to let guest enjoy the surprises of nature.
- Itineraries are renewed and updated each year.
- Expedition teams made up of enthusiastic experts and scientists.
- Constant respect for the environment, from the design of our yachts to our shore visits
- And always the quality, service and comfort on which PONANT has built its reputation, regardless of the destination.

THE FRENCH TOUCH

As the only French cruise company, Ponant is an ambassador of the "French Touch" around the world. With French crew, discreet service, refined cuisine and partners with excellent track records, they do their utmost to maintain their unique cruising philosophy.

French Crew

The French Touch means, above all, a French crew to welcome you and ensure your comfort and well-being throughout your cruise. In a very special atmosphere, you will find a luxury service on board to ensure you enjoy a travel experience that is simultaneously authentic and sophisticated.

A French Way of Living

The French Touch also means a way of living in which excellent gastronomy takes pride of place. Every day, you will discover fragrant flavours, carefully selected cheeses and wines, delicious specialty breads and sweet pastries imagined by Maison Lenôtre. And, as of very recently, Maison Taillevent now provides its fine selection of vintage wines by the glass, Maison Veuve Clicquot accompanies their gala cocktails, and the Ladurée bakery has a place of honour for afternoon tea.

Prestigious Partners

Finally, the French Touch is also evident in their choice of partners, whose expertise and passion for their work is in line with Ponant's own quest for excellence: interior design by Jean Philippe Nuel, fabrics by Pierre Frey, delicate flavours from Le Palais des Thés, Hermès bath products in all staterooms and suites, spa care products by Sothy's, and signature perfumes from Fragonard.





POLAR or TROPICAL EXPEDITION VOYAGES:

Enjoy an Unforgettable Experience



POLAR EXPEDITION VOYAGES

The leader in expeditions to polar regions and an expert for over 20 years in these destinations (Arctic, Antarctica, Subantarctic Islands), Ponant lets you live your dream for adventure, with the seriousness and ecological conscience that characterises them. In the Arctic, fjords, glaciers, icebergs of changing colours and varied fauna await you: polar bears, Arctic foxes, walruses, orcas, whales...without forgetting the special moments of interactions with Inuit people.



TROPICAL EXPEDITION VOYAGES

A tropical Expedition voyage is more a matter of encounters. Sailing to remote and seldom visited destinations allow you to discover the ancient customs of many tribes and ethnic groups that continue their rituals on the land of their forefathers. You will gain an understanding of their tradition and cultures. During visits to their villages, take time to interact with these warm and friendly people, ensuring rewarding encounters and priceless memories.



ZODIAC SHORE VISITS & OUTINGS

During Expedition voyages, Ponant's fleet of Zodiac inflatable boats make landing ashore in remote, seldom visited destinations, safe and enjoyable, enabling you to get as close as possible to ice and fauna. Ponant's Zodiacs are designed to accommodate small groups of 10 guests. They are easy to step on to from the marina platform at the rear of your ship.



AN EXPERIENCED EXPEDITION TEAM

Specialists of extreme regions, these passionate and fascinating professionals will bring culture, environmental and historical dimensions to all your outings and will be sure to keep you informed about nearby flora and fauna, local cultures and natural phenomena. As recognised professionals, they organise safe outings and shore visits, taking advantage of the opportunities that arise during any expedition, whilst aboard the ship the pleasure continues, with a series of cultural, scientific or historical presentations.

ALL-INCLUSIVE EXPEDITIONS

Once aboard, enjoy the adventure in total peace of mind. Everything is included: Zodiac outings, and shore visits, excursions, lectures, parkas and boot hire for polar expeditions.

Please note that some cruises are not full-expedition cruises, only a few days of expedition are included. Optional paying excursions are offered at regular ports of call.







ANCIENT CULTURES OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Cruise Pacific & Oceania departing 11 April 2020 12 Days/11 Nights from Honiara to Cairns onboard *Le Lapérouse* Includes: Economy flight from Brisbane to Honiara & group transfer from Honiara airport to pier

This 12-day Expedition cruise aboard Le Lapérouse will take you to discover the wonders of Papua New Guinea. Departing from Honiara, the capital of Guadalcanal and renown for being the site of the battle between the USA and Japan during WWII.

Your cruise will begin with our inaugural visit to the Autonomous region of Bougainville, a unique group of islands that are ecologically and geographically part of the Solomon Islands archipelago but not politically part of the nation of Solomon Islands. Take the opportunity to explore this region with rugged, mountainous landscapes, lush tropical vegetation bordering warm and crystal-clear waters which simply beckon to be explored. You will be welcomed with traditional dances and learn local customs.

Le Lapérouse will then set sail for Papua New Guinea, a fascinating land that is home to no fewer than 700 ethnic groups within a highly diverse yet mainly unexplored, ecosystem. Your call at Tufi, will undoubtedly be one of the highlights of your voyage. You will fall under the charm of this picturesque region, dubbed the "Scandinavia of the Tropics", with its deep fiords or locally known 'rias' formed through volcanic activity. In this unique setting the local Papuan tribes will share their customs, beliefs and artwork with you.

Finally, you will arrive in Australia and disembark in Cairns, known as the capital of 'Far North Queensland, this vibrant and welcoming city is the ideal place from which to explore the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef and the Tropical Rainforests.

Deluxe Stateroom \$8,889* Prestige Stateroom Deck 4 \$9,309* *prices are per person twin share

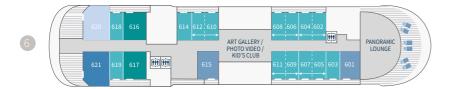


Day 1	Honiara (SOLOMON ISLANDS)	Depart 18:00
Day 2	At Sea	
Day 3	Kieta (PAPUA NEW GUINEA)	
Day 4	Buka (PAPUA NEW GUINEA)	
Day 5	Rabaul (PAPUA NEW GUINEA)	
Day 6	At Sea	
Day 7	Lusancay Islands (PAPUA NEW GUINEA)	
Day 8	Tufi (PAPUA NEW GUINEA)	
Day 9	Fergusson Island (PAPUA NEW GUINEA)	
	Dobu Island (PNG)	
Day 10	Dobu Island (PAPUA NEW GUINEA)	
Day 11	Samarai Island (PAPUA NEW GUINEA)	
Day 12	At Sea	
Day 13	Carins (AUSTRALIA)	Disembark 07:00

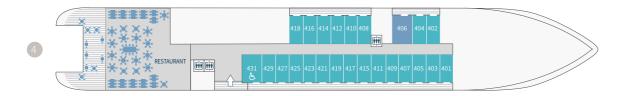


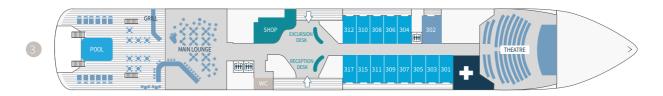
The PONANT Explorers : Le Lapérouse and Le Champlain













- Fitness PONANT Yacht Spa Sundeck
- 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
- 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
- Restaurant 23 Prestige Staterooms (including 1 for person of reduced mobility) 1 Deluxe Suite
- Reception Desk Excursion Desk Main Lounge - Pool Deck - Shop - Medical Centre - Theatre - 13 Deluxe Staterooms - 1 Deluxe Suite
- Marina
- DECK 0: Blue Eye underwater lounge

- Owner Suite
 Deck 6
- Privilege Suites
 Deck 5 6
- Grand Deluxe Suites
 Deck 5 6
- Prestige Suites
 Deck 5 6
- Deluxe Suites
 Deck 3 4 5 6
- Prestige Staterooms
 Deck 4 5 6
- Deluxe Staterooms
 Deck 3

^{*} Non-contractual plans, ships under construction.





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