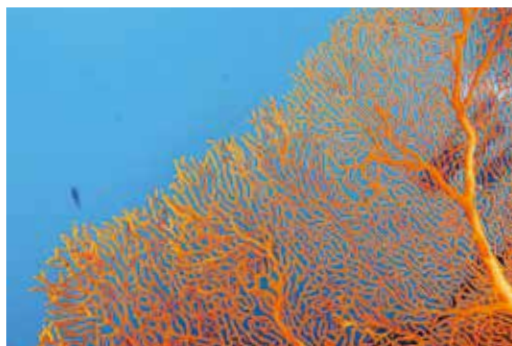




Cruise Selection
2023 INSPIRATIONS

THE POLES - ARCHIPELAGOS - CULTURES FROM ELSEWHERE





An inspiring world

Travel. Recharge your batteries. Disconnect. Reconnect with your loved ones, with others, with nature, too. Although 2023 has already begun, it still has its share of discoveries in store for us, with the underlying idea that this year is keeping a wide range of options open. Whatever your desire for new horizons, whatever your level of knowledge about the destination, there's a trip for you.

At the poles, we offer something for everyone, from beginners to veteran travellers alike. Set off for a first introduction to the Arctic or Antarctic; meet the Canadian and Greenlandic Inuit people of Baffin Bay for a more in-depth exploration; or experience a true odyssey through absolute immersion in the ice of the White Continent on board *Le Commandant Charcot*.

Unless, of course, the call of the islands is stronger. From the Aegean to the South Pacific via the Indian Ocean, the islands set their own pace, bringing us back to a serenity beyond time. The Cyclades, Madagascar, the Mascarene Islands, the Society Islands... Their names evoke myths, encounters, and flamboyant fauna and flora.

Futuristic architecture or traditional villages, dune deserts or tropical jungles, North American dynamism or the enthusiasm of the Garifuna and Caracol people in Central America: interacting and discovering inspiring cultures are all part of the change of scenery.

Whether you're looking for authenticity, universality, sharing or powerful nature, find inspiration in the pages of this brochure and treat yourself to the trip that will make this year like no other.

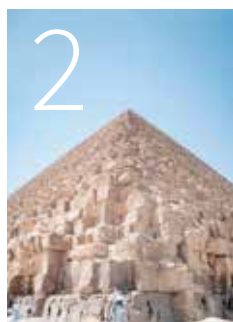
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TEN REASONS

to sail with PONANT

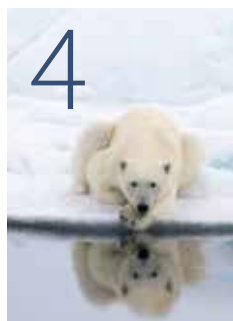
Cultural enrichment

Each season, we create voyages imbued with a sense of meaning articulated around four major themes: Planet, Culture, Art of Living and Geopolitics. In order to provide you with unique experiences, we call on the expert skill and knowledge of our renowned partners, represented on board by inspiring artists, historians, researchers or journalists.



A more sustainable form of tourism

Through our foundation and our PONANT Blue Horizon and PONANT Science programmes, we go to considerable efforts to reduce our impact both on land and at sea (elimination of heavy fuel oils, the use of hybrid propulsion, waste and wastewater recycling and treatment, elimination of single-use plastics, etc.), and to contribute to scientific research (hosting researchers on board *Le Commandant Charcot*).



Travel expertise

Our specialists have been exploring the world in search of natural and cultural gems and treasures for thirty years. Yachting or expedition cruises, mythical or confidential ports of call: each itinerary has been designed to offer you moments of discovery, to meet local cultures, rich wildlife and extraordinary landscapes. All of this, in complete safety, with the support of our experts: your expedition team or our partners and guests.

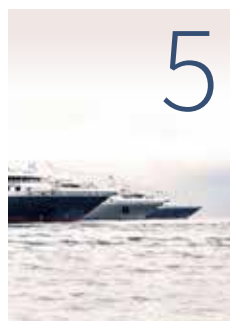


Responsible travelling

In the Arctic and Antarctica, we are members of IAATO and AECO organisations, which bring together stakeholders in the polar area to develop more responsible tourism. We have obtained various certifications, including Bureau Veritas' *Cleanship* certification for our fleet.

A safe, modern fleet

We are one of the few cruise companies to sail under the French flag – one of the safest in the world. We thus adhere to a range of strict requirements governing the training of our teams and compliance with health and safety protocols. Our intimately sized ships have between 16 and 165 cabins only and are equipped with the most advanced technologies available to ensure we sail and navigate in a responsible manner.



Dining with PONANT

Prepare to be delightfully surprised by a range of generously portioned cuisine designed and put together by Ducasse Conseil. On the menu: fine breakfasts, à la carte dishes and varied buffets, home-made pastries, bread prepared on board, tea time specialities and luxury food and drink tastings. The service we offer on board *Le Commandant Charcot* now includes Nuna, a gourmet restaurant by Alain Ducasse featuring a menu devised and put together by the multiply Michelin-starred chef himself.



A complete offer

Everything is included on our cruises: full board; drinks (excluding the premium menu); room service; internet access; shows and entertainment; talks and conferences; access to the fitness area, the steam room or the sauna; and sea-based activities (except scuba diving). On the polar expedition cruises, the services of the naturalist-guides, the excursions, the onshore activities and the disembarkations by inflatable boat are all included. We also provide you with a parka and the loan of boots.



Tailor-made voyages

Our “À la carte” service enables you to book private excursions, nights in hotels and flights directly through our own travel consultants. For certain difficult-to-reach destinations, we even offer private flights and transfers. *Le Commandant Charcot* cruise guests also benefit from their own dedicated concierge service. Once you’ve booked, download the PONANT app and use it to guide you both before and during your voyage.



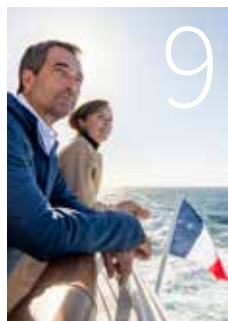
Lifestyle

Experience the comfort and elegant design of the public areas on board our ships. The swimming pool (except on *Le Ponant*), the fitness centre, the spa in partnership with famous brands (Clarins, Diptyque, Biologique Recherche, Sothys and Algorithme) and the restaurants and bars all offer you a warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere. Additionally, the onboard theatre also provides a venue for film projections, talks and conferences, and shows.



Your benefits

Advantages for solo guests, family and friends, honeymoons and wedding anniversaries, cruise series, the referral programme, or PONANT Yacht Club loyalty programme: there are advantages for everyone!



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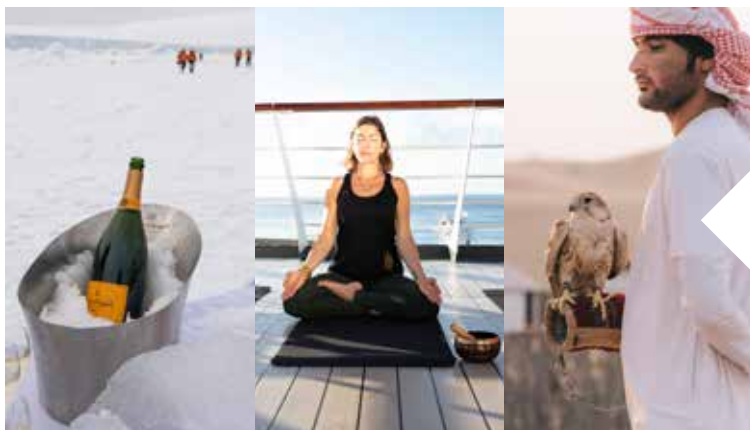


Where will you go in 2023?

Get a taste of adventure, explore new regions
or relax and unwind in fabulous settings...
Let yourself be guided and find inspiration
so that 2023 satisfies your thirst for new horizons.







A PONANT moment that instantly whisks you away:

-  A glass of champagne on the ice field
-  A mindfulness meditation on the elements on the ship's deck
-  The feeling of sharing traditions and local customs

You are currently looking for:

-  Hikes, excursions, visits: a brisk pace
-  The opportunity to swim and relax in warm water
-  A calm interlude at the heart of raw nature



The most incredible encounter that you could have on your trip:

-  Fauna that opens the doors to an incredible underwater world
-  A polar bear in the Arctic
-  Members of distant communities

The most beautiful sunset:



In the waters of French Polynesia
on board *Le Paul Gauguin*



Marguerite Bay in the Antarctic
on board *Le Commandant Charcot*



With an unbeatable view of the Toronto
skyline on board *Le Dumont-d'Urville*



An exhilarating experience:



A kayaking trip in the middle
of the ice



Diving with sea turtles



The discovery of an architecture
from a tale of a thousand
and one nights

A quote that illustrates your travel philosophy:



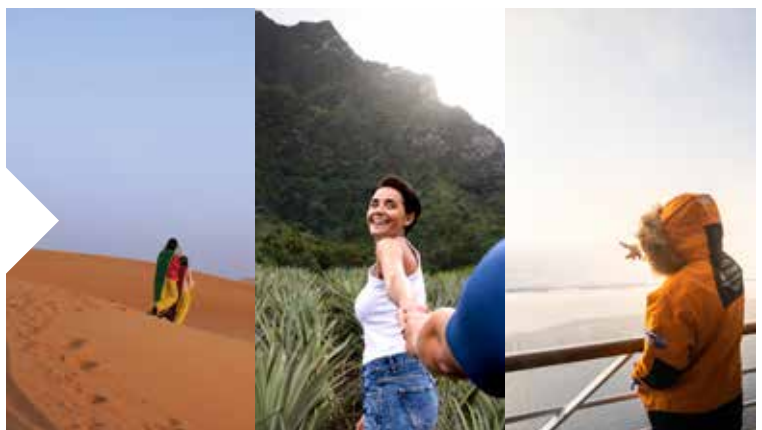
"Travel far enough, you might meet
yourself", David Mitchell



"It is not down on any map; true places
never are", Herman Melville



"Travelling - it leaves you speechless, then
turns you into a storyteller", Ibn Battûta



Your destinations for 2023



MOSTLY



All polar explorers

The beauty of the poles is the most intense. In the Arctic or Antarctic, whether discovering Inuit populations or the extraordinary fauna of the White Continent, we offer several itineraries that are ideal for first-time visitors or seasoned explorers.

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Head for the islands

Just step ashore, get away from it all and experience a different rhythm. The islands set the pace. Time passes differently there. Life seems more peaceful. Between the Aegean Sea, Madagascar and the Mascarene Islands or the Pacific Islands, history, nature and culture reveal their riches to novices and connoisseurs alike.

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Cultures from elsewhere

Megacities or traditional villages, futuristic skyscrapers or thousand-year-old heritage sites, deserts of sand or lush forests, pancakes or corn cakes... From the North American continent to the Persian Gulf or the lesser-known shores of Belize and Honduras... for each of these destinations, share more than just a trip.

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All polar explorers

It's like a dream. The journey of a lifetime, they say.
Whether you choose the Arctic or the Antarctic,
for a first discovery or a more in-depth exploration,
the poles will always surprise you.
They are one of those striking, compelling destinations
that leave no one indifferent.





Fjords and glaciers of Spitsbergen



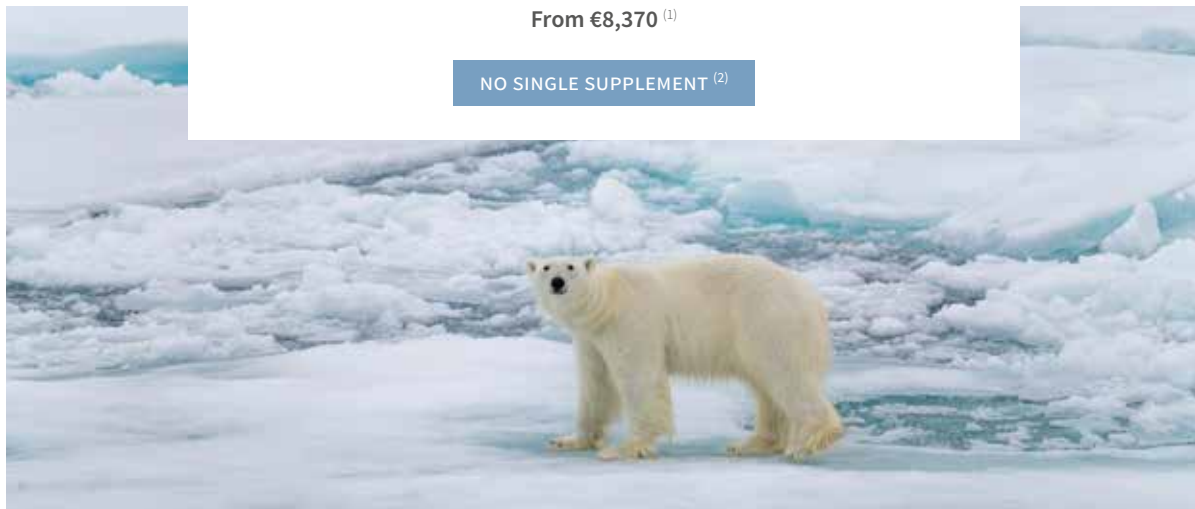
LONGYEARBYEN – LONGYEARBYEN

8 days/7 nights on board *L'Austral* or *Le Boréal*

Departures 17th, 30th and 31st May; 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 21st and 27th June; 4th July 2023

From €8,370 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽²⁾



Initial impressions. Somewhere in the High Arctic, between 76 and 80 degrees north in latitude, Spitsbergen, or “the pointed mountains” await. Less than 5 hours’ flight time from Paris, enjoy a fabulous first immersion in the Far North.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- The history of Spitsbergen connected to hunting and fishing, the mining industry and polar exploration, with the possibility of discovering Ny-Alesund.
- Scenic sailing past glaciers or cliffs, inside huge fjords, between dazzling blue sky or mysterious polar mist.
- Landscapes: rugged mountains, icebergs, ice caps, striated cliffs, gigantic glaciers, tundra and the possibility of observing the ice floe.
- Wildlife: polar bears, Arctic foxes, Svalbard reindeer, walruses, numerous birds, blue whales, minke whales, orcas.
- Hiking opportunity.

Itinerary, landings, wildlife viewing and activities cannot be guaranteed and are subject to weather and ice conditions.

Included with your cruise ⁽³⁾:
return flights Paris/Longyearbyen and transfers.

Emblematic Antarctica



USHUAIA - USHUAIA

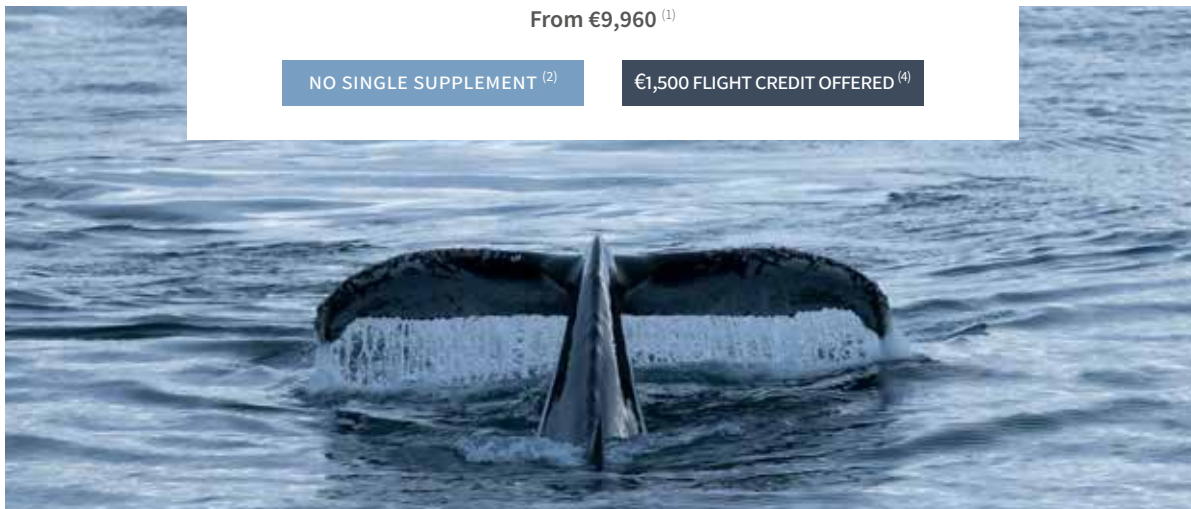
12 days/10 nights on board *L'Austral*, *Le Boréal* or *Le Lyréal*

Departures 17th, 20th, 21st, 27th and 30th November;
1st, 10th December 2023

From €9,960 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽²⁾

€1,500 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾



Initial impressions. Embark on a perfect introduction to the White Continent. The last *terra incognita*, Antarctica reveals its most beautiful secrets. Among them is a magnificent nature and a sumptuous fauna made of emblematic species, who are closely observed by attentive travellers.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- Follow in the footsteps of the great explorers who set out to conquer this remote and uninhabited land.
- An immersion in a grandiose nature, from a zodiac, during a hike or a kayak trip.
- Visit research stations and former whaling stations, if conditions allow.
- Landscapes: a multitude of drifting icebergs, ice floes, imposing glaciers and tall, snow-covered mountains.
- Wildlife: humpback whales; Gentoo, Adélie and chinstrap penguins; leopard, crabeater and Weddell seals; and numerous seabirds.

Itinerary, landings, wildlife viewing and activities cannot be guaranteed and are subject to weather and ice conditions.



Included with your cruise ⁽³⁾: return flights Buenos Aires/Ushuaia, the night in Buenos Aires before embarkation, visits and transfers.

Baffin Bay Secrets

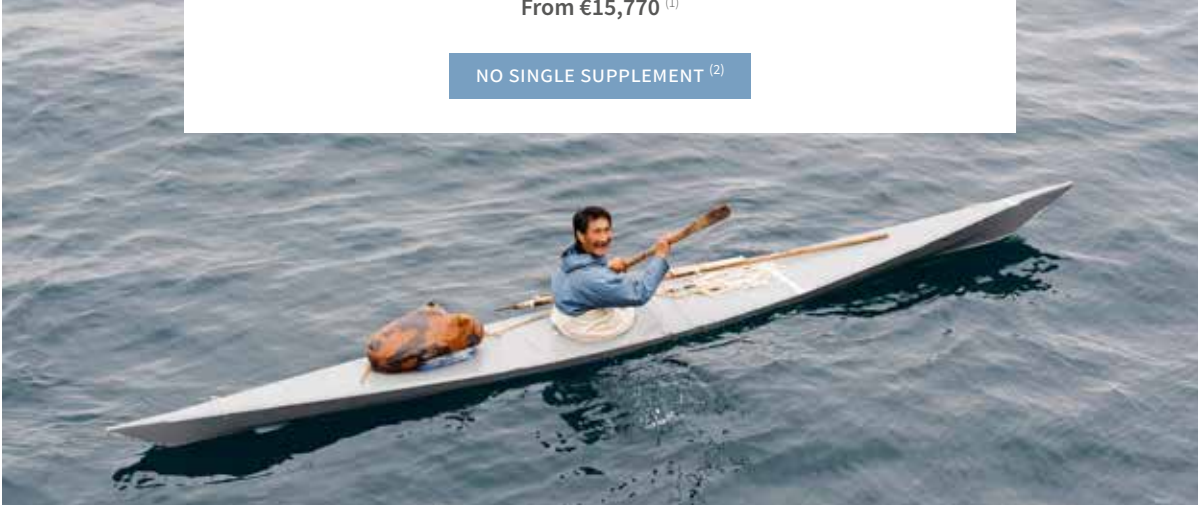
KANGERLUSSUAQ - KANGERLUSSUAQ

14 days/13 nights on board *L'Austral*

Departure 12th July 2023

From €15,770 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽²⁾



Go a little further. From searching for ice fields and majestic icebergs to polar bear quest and Greenlandic Inuit encounters, this exploration of the Baffin Sea is an unforgettable journey through some of the most beautiful scenery in the Arctic.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- Visit traditional villages and encounter the Inuit people.
- Orpit, meaning “trees” in Greenlandic, an all-new port of call featuring surprising vegetation for these latitudes.
- Disko Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the Northern Hemisphere’s largest icebergs.
- Landscapes: ice floes, jagged mountains, icebergs, ice caps, steep-sided valleys, sheer cliffs, huge glaciers.
- Wildlife: polar bears, Arctic terns, walruses, whales, musk oxen.
- Hiking opportunity.

Itinerary, landings, wildlife viewing and activities cannot be guaranteed and are subject to weather and ice conditions.

Included with your cruise ⁽³⁾:
Return flights Paris/Kangerlussuaq and transfers.

Expedition to the Thule Region

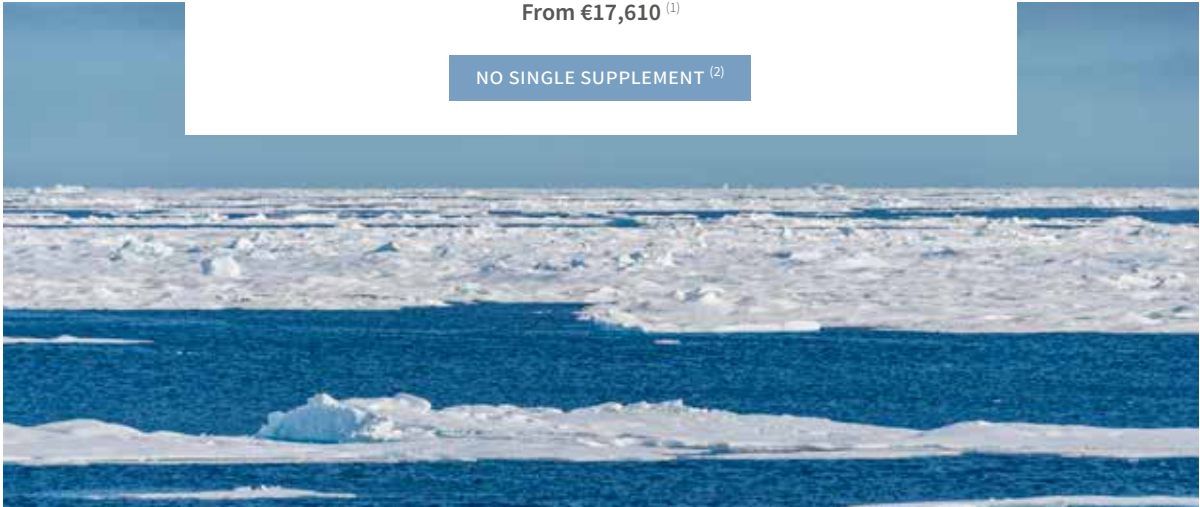
KANGERLUSSUAQ - KANGERLUSSUAQ

17 days/16 nights on board *L'Austral*

Departures 25th July; 10th August 2023

From €17,610 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽²⁾



Go a little further. Enter one of the legendary areas of the Far North. In the northern Baffin Sea, in the Thule region, the experience of careful and spectacular navigation between ice fields and drifting icebergs is sure to amaze travellers. And if the king of the Arctic, the polar bear, makes an appearance, the experience is complete!

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- Sail between the ice floes and icebergs in the region of Thule.
- Disko Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the Northern Hemisphere's largest icebergs.
- Discover of traditional villages among the northernmost in the world.
- Encounters with the Greenlandic and Canadian Inuit people.
- Landscapes: tundra, ice cap, glaciers, icebergs, ice floe.
- Wildlife: polar bears, humpback whales, Arctic terns, belugas, bearded seals, orcas, narwhals.

Itinerary, landings, wildlife viewing and activities cannot be guaranteed and are subject to weather and ice conditions.



10th August departure: a cruise in partnership with the French think tank Le Cercle Polaire, as part of the 'Women at the Poles' project dedicated to female explorers and with the exceptional presence of its president and founder **Laurent Mayet**.

Included with your cruise ⁽³⁾:
Return flights Paris/Kangerlussuaq and transfers.



LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

In the wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot

NEW

USHUAIA - USHUAIA

16 days/14 nights on board *Le Commandant Charcot*

Departures 28th November; 12th December 2023

From €21,710 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽²⁾

€2,000 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾

The ultimate exploration. Experience an unprecedented polar odyssey to the Bellingshausen Sea, following in the footsteps of the two great expeditions that Jean-Baptiste Charcot led to Antarctica on board the *Français* and the *Pourquoi-Pas ?*. Along the way, there are many opportunities to see the ice in all its forms, home to a wealth of wildlife.

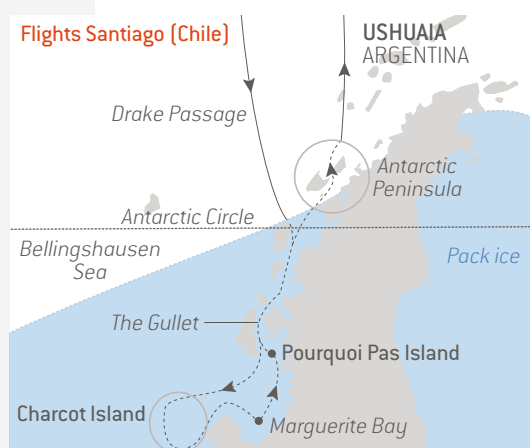




HIGHLIGHTS:

- The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- Cross the Arctic Circle and the exploratory approach of the distant Charcot Island.
- Landscapes: immense glaciers, monumental icebergs, immersion in the heart of the ice floes.
- Wildlife: Adelie, chinstrap and Gentoo penguins; leopard, crabeater and Weddell seals; humpbacks, Minke whales, orcas, and the possibility of observing emperors penguins.
- Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge.

Itinerary, landings, wildlife viewing and activities cannot be guaranteed and are subject to weather and ice conditions.



Departure on 28 November with the exceptional presence of Fridrik Rafnsson, Icelandic writer, founder of the Charcot Museum and former president of the Alliance française in Iceland.

Included with your cruise ⁽³⁾:
Santiago/Ushuaia return flights, an overnight in Santiago the day before embarkation and transfers.

Tallandier



Departure on 12 December in partnership with Tallandier, a French publishing house, and with the presence of Dominique Le Brun, writer and journalist specialising in maritime and polar subjects. On this departure, experience a magical Christmas in an exceptional environment.

Head for the islands

In the Aegean Sea, the Indian Ocean or the Pacific, from iconic ports of call to unsuspected gems, the islands hold the promise of exhilarating worlds apart. Escape to the heart of some of the planet's most beautiful archipelagos.





Antique wonders of the Aegean



ISTANBUL - ISTANBUL

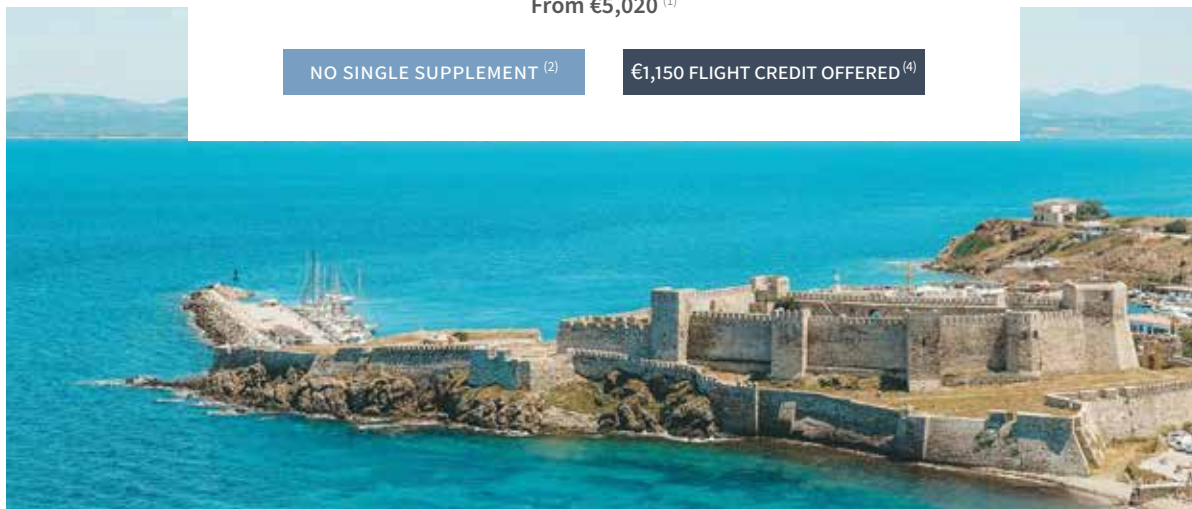
12 days/11 nights on board *Le Lyrial*

Departures 13th November; 24th July 2023

From €5,020 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽²⁾

€1,150 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾



Initial impressions. The Aegean Sea is a legendary place that is great to explore. Enjoy being immersed in the Cyclades, the Saronic Islands, the Dodecanese and the Turkish island of Bozcaada, a small paradise in the Dardanelles Strait.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Istanbul, the historical sites of Ephesus from Kusadasi, the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse on the Island of Patmos, the Mycenae ruins and the Epidaurus theatre from Napflion.
- A new call in Bozcaada, an island in the Aegean Sea prized by Stamboulis for its picturesque atmosphere and idyllic beaches.
- Bodrum, an elegant seaside resort sometimes known as “the Turkish Saint-Tropez.”
- Discover the Dodecanese islands, at the crossroads of the Orient and the Occident.
- An immersive journey to the heart of the Cyclades and the discovery of Milos, Paros, Hydra.
- A sail past the island of Polyaios, remarkable for its light-bathed blonde rocks.



Club Kid Explorers in partnership with the MAUD FONTENOY FOUNDATION

Children from ages 4 to 13 years old can now benefit from activities designed to develop their knowledge of the oceans and thus raise their awareness of ocean protection. A team of dedicated activity leaders will provide opportunities for hands-on activities, board games, DVD learning about different jobs on board, and will even provide supervised outings and walks on land for those over 6 years old.

Madagascar & the Mascarene islands adventure

NEW

PORT LOUIS - PORT LOUIS

14 days/13 nights on board *Le Champlain* or *Le Jacques-Cartier*

Departures 3rd, 7th, 16th December 2023

From €6,740 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽²⁾

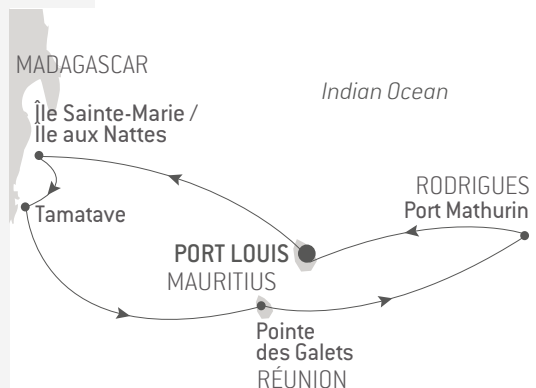
€1,000 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾



Go a little further. Wild nature, abundant wildlife, local culture... The incredible beauty of the islands of the Indian Ocean is revealed from stop to stop. After Madagascar, take the time to soak up the atmosphere of the Mascarenes with overnight stays at Pointe des Galets on Réunion Island, Port Mathurin on Rodrigues Island and Port Louis on Mauritius.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- All new ports of call on île Sainte-Marie, île aux Nattes and Tamatave to discover north-eastern Madagascar, its rich and preserved endemic fauna and flora, and its rich local culture.
- An all-new port of call on the small and little-known Rodrigues Island that concentrates white-sand beaches lined with palms, lush vegetation, a lagoon with translucent water and a picturesque market.
- The pitons, cirques and remparts region of Reunion Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Wildlife: echo parakeet, Kestrel, pink pigeon, Rodrigues fody, Mauritius fody, Mauritian flying fox, sea turtle, dolphin, deer, wild boar, monkey and lemur.
- Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkeling.



16th December departure: celebrate Christmas under the sun in an idyllic setting.



Cook Islands & Society Islands

Papeete • Papeete

12 days/ 11 nights on board *Le Paul Gauguin*

Departures 15th April; 20th May; 1st July; 9th September; 28th October 2023

Other available departures in 2024

From €4,930 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽²⁾

9TH SEPTEMBER DEPARTURE: €800 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾

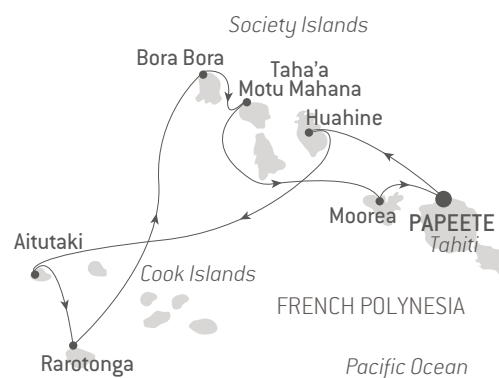
The ultimate exploration. Travel to the ends of the earth for a voyage of discovery around the Society Islands and the remote Cook Islands aboard *Le Paul Gauguin*, a ship specially designed for the shallow waters of the South Pacific. Throughout the voyage, the Gauguins, our Polynesian hosts, accompany you and contribute to the relaxed and international atmosphere on the ship.





HIGHLIGHTS:

- Two days in the Cook Islands, with a stop in Aitutaki, considered one of most beautiful islands in the South Pacific.
- Rarotonga, its luxuriant Takuvaine Valley and its capital, Avarua, home to half the Cook Islands population.
- An overnight in Bora Bora, to explore this laid-back destination's dramatic mountain peaks, romantic lagoon, and impossibly turquoise waters.
- Live the life idyllic with a memorable day on Motu Mahana, our own private slice of paradise.
- Moorea, the "magic island" with its eight valleys, beautiful bays and perfect lagoon.
- Fauna: lemon sharks, blacktip reef sharks, spotted eagle rays, Manta rays, superb coral, sea turtles, giant green morays, emperor angelfish, Napoleon fish, butterflyfish...
- Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) or snorkeling.



Cultures from elsewhere

Meet the other. Exchange. Share.
From contemporary history to antiquity,
the journey is multifaceted when it comes to taking
a step towards other cultures and the surprises
they hold for the curious.





Treasures of the Arabian Gulf

MUSCAT - DOHA

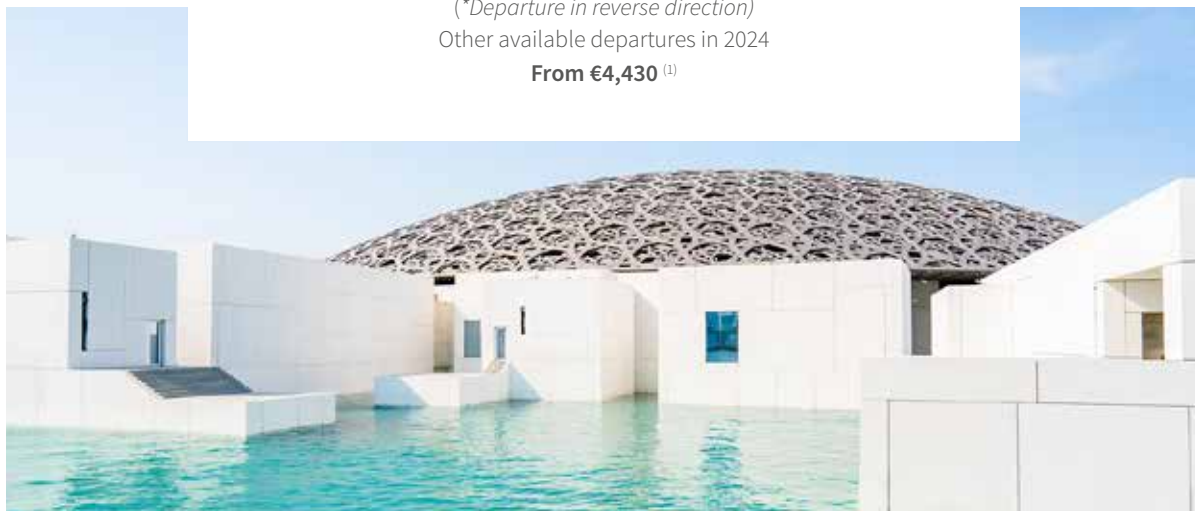
8 days/7 nights on board *Le Bougainville*

Departures 8th, 22nd and 29th* December 2023

(*Departure in reverse direction)

Other available departures in 2024

From €4,430 ⁽¹⁾



Initial impressions. Futuristic excess and preserved authenticity, lofty architecture and dune deserts, thousand-year-old culture and majestic nature... This trip between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman will reveal the treasures of the Arabian Peninsula.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- PONANT exclusive: the Daymaniyat Islands, a marine reserve renowned for its beautiful scenery and for its abundant marine life.
- The 'fjords of Arabia' - also called the Musandam fjords - between canyons, oases and dune deserts.
- At Sur, a traditional fishing port, the possibility of exploring a wadi, an oasis in the very heart of the desert.
- An overnight stay at Abu Dhabi to enjoy the treasures of what has become the cultural capital of the Emirates, with its magnificent Louvre Museum and its magical Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque.
- Before or after your cruise: from Muscat, possibility of visiting the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, and the Nizwa Fort.



22nd December departure: experience a magical Christmas off the coast of the Arabian Peninsula.



29th December departure: spend New Year's Day off the coast of the Persian Gulf.

From Canada to the American East Coast

TORONTO - BOSTON

15 days/14 nights on board *Le Dumont-d'Urville*

Departure 23rd October 2023

From €9,980 ⁽¹⁾



Go a little further. Between megacities showing North America's dynamism, authentic villages, flamboyant nature and powerful wildlife, this trip allows you to see the superb Saint Lawrence river in the most exciting way possible.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- A cruise combining nature observation at the tail end of summer with the history of the first American settlers.
- Discover Montreal, a cosmopolitan and dynamic city.
- Sailing on the St Lawrence, a great ocean-like river that is home to a rich ecosystem.
- Visiting national parks, such as Acadia and Saguenay Fjords national parks, and fishing villages that have kept their authentic charm.
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the old towns of Lunenburg and Quebec.
- A new call in Halifax, the capital and cultural hub of Nova Scotia.



Belize and Honduras: unexpected encounters and nature

NEW

BELIZE CITY - BELIZE CITY

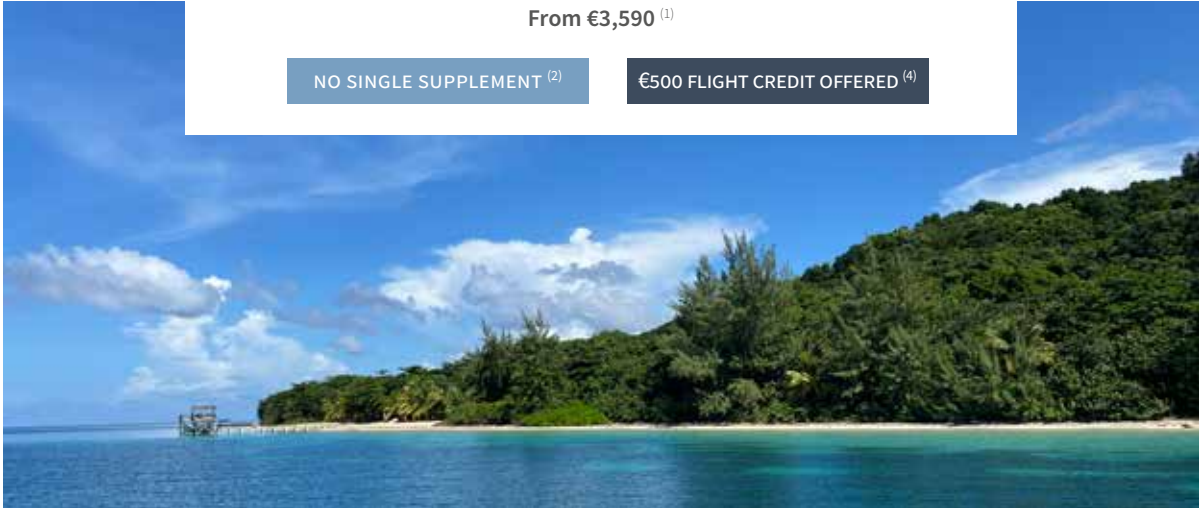
8 days/7 nights on board *Le Dumont-d'Urville*

Departures 14th, 21st, 28th November; 5th, 12th December 2023

From €3,590 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽²⁾

€500 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾



The ultimate exploration. Embark on a new comprehensive itinerary in Honduras, a country that is still visited by few travellers, with a friendly soul and lush landscapes. At some stops, be among the first visitors to meet the locals, who will welcome you with open arms.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Unforgettable encounters with the local populations, especially with the Garifuna, who descend from a mix of freed slaves, with the Arawak Caribbean people and with the Kekchi Mayan community.
- Exclusively with PONANT: a port of call in Guanaja to explore the lush forests and exceptional sea beds, and encounter the Caracoles people.
- Other all-new and remarkable ports of call: Punta Sal, Cayos Cochinos and Cuero y Salado.
- The presence of our experienced team and the local naturalist-guides in Honduras.
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Belize Barrier Reef with Half Moon Caye and the Great Blue Hole.
- Landscapes: palm tree-edged beaches, lagoons, idyllic islands, mangroves, tropical rainforest, coral reefs and rich sea beds.
- Wildlife: howler monkeys, white-headed monkeys, caimans, dolphins, tropical birds, multicoloured fish.
- Opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent).



Interview

“Guests are sure to find this journey moving, so beautiful, so complete as it is”

On his return from Honduras, José Sarica, Director of the PONANT expedition experience, tells us how the sights he saw and the people he met inspired him to draw up this new itinerary. A powerful tale, in line with the company's *Explore to Inspire* philosophy.

How does this itinerary fit with PONANT's aim to offer inspiring and immersive journeys to its guests?

We wanted to improve an existing route. And so, Captain Yannick Simon and I went to Honduras to do some prospecting. We planned both to explore new places and meet face-to-face with local communities in order to build trust and create immersive experiences that allow the necessary time for discovery. This is in line with the company's objective of offering meaningful travel. It also reflects PONANT's pioneering nature. We will be the first to explore some ports of call for which no exploration vessel has been given permission before.

What did you discover while you were there?

First of all, we were able to rule out some sites that did not fit in with the PONANT travel philosophy. Then, something magical happened. We first set foot on the island of Guanaja. For me, it is like Honduras' multi-faceted jewel, still quite unknown. There, we met some young people eager to showcase their Caracolian culture, which they are very proud of. In line with its sustainable development policy, PONANT will also help them establish their own tourism association and give train them to welcome travellers.

What are the other new ports of call?

We will also go to Punta Sal, where we can offer guests seabird watching on zodiac trips, and a hike in the Jeannette Kawas National Park. This is a multi-sensorial experience. From the first day, they will be immersed in the tropical atmosphere. Cayos Cochinos is an unspoilt archipelago, to where the Garifuna people live – some of them on the island of Chachahuat – and where life ebbs and flows to the rhythm of fishing. Finally, Cuero y Salado is another little-known treasure that will leave visitors to its sanctuary

speechless. It is a protected area, home to truly amazing mangroves, exceptional for its rich biodiversity. Visitors are greeted by the calls of howler monkeys, the singular sounds of an ecosystem to be found nowhere else in the world; a lucky few may even encounter another rare and protected species, the manatee. This is a peaceful, herbivorous aquatic mammal that is only to be found in healthy mangroves.

What would you like guests to experience on this journey?

Just what I experienced: a real cocktail of emotions! Being welcomed by friendly people, observing a rich and varied fauna, healthy mangroves, breathtaking seabeds, nature in all its majesty. Guests will be dazzled and moved by this beautiful and satisfying journey. In addition to a team of passionate naturalists and experts in these ecosystems, they will also benefit from local guides for several days; guides who have lived there all their lives and who talk about their country with deep affection. Personally, I felt not only alive, but fully aware because I was able to savour every moment, to revel in that powerful feeling of being in the right place, at the right time. With this benevolent energy and a strong sense of gratitude, I came back, and I continue to have that feeling even today.



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with José Sarica

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