

PONANT Yacht Cruises & Expeditions represents the dawn of a new era in small-ship experiential and enrichment travel, combining specially crafted itineraries and themed voyages with a fleet of purpose-built, small luxury cruise ships. PONANT offers a wide range of voyages to every corner of the globe and recently introduced the Quintessential Collection designed to engage with the world in order to better understand it. Under this collection each cruise is based on a theme and features engaging talks and performances by world renowned experts or musicians aboard ship and exceptional activities ashore, relevant to the theme of the cruise, to enrich the guest's appreciation of the destination. PONANT is the leader in luxury expedition cruises with 50% market share and is the world's number 1 cruise company sailing the Polar regions. Two new PONANT EXPLORER ships premiered in 2018 with four more launching in 2019/2020, all featuring the Blue Eye - the world's first multi-sensory underwater ship lounge. The world's first electric hybrid polar exploration ship **Le Commandant Charcot** will launch in 2021 to continue the tradition of offering unique and inspiring experiences.



## THE FLEET

PONANT has the only small, luxury, cruise ships sailing under the French flag

**Le Boréal** (2010), **L'Austral** (2011), **Le Soléal** (2012), **Le Lyrial** (May 2015)

- 132 Staterooms and Suites (122 aboard Le Lyrial)
- 140 Crew catering up to 264 guests (200 guests in Antarctica)
- Luxury 5-star mega-yachts with "Clean Ship" designation
- Ice strengthened hulls – Ice 1C certification

### Le PONANT

- Three-mast sailing yacht launched in 1991 and fully refurbished in 2013
- 32 Staterooms
- 32 crew catering to 64 guests

## NEW PONANT EXPLORERS

**Le Lapérouse** and **Le Champlain** (launched in June & October 2018)

**Le Bougainville** and **Le Dumont d'Urville** (April & August 2019 launch)

**Le Bellot** and **Le Jacques Cartier** (April & July 2020 launch)

- 92 All-balcony staterooms and suites
- 110 Crew catering to 184 guests
- Luxury expedition ships with Ice 1C certification
- The only ships in their class with Bureau Veritas "Clean Ship" certification

## ELECTRIC HYBRID POLAR EXPLORATION SHIP

**Le Commandant Charcot** (Spring 2021 launch)

- Propelled by liquefied natural gas
- 135 staterooms & suites including 68 with a private balcony

## LIFE ONBOARD

- Life onboard is relaxed and refined, capturing the best of the French art of living well.
- Intimate yachts with a country club casual atmosphere onboard
- 5-star Expedition cruises aboard ultra-modern ships with cutting edge technology
- Open seating dining in two restaurants (gourmet restaurant and a casual grill)
- Gourmet cuisine prepared by French chefs using local ingredients
- Open bar throughout the ship includes soft drinks, bottled water, tea, specialty coffees, wine, beer, spirits and cocktails
- Open bridge policy 24/7
- 24-hour room service (except on Le PONANT)
- Traditional afternoon tea
- Unique itineraries sailing into exclusive ports of call that larger ships cannot access
- International crew
- English and French spoken onboard
- Spa, Salon, Pool, Fitness Center, Theater
- Internet Café, Library
- Expert team of guides, naturalists (on expeditions) and lecturers on all voyages
- Butler service available to suite guests
- Laundry services (at an additional charge)
- Complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi on board
- The onboard currency is Euro but the US dollar is also accepted

## ACCOMMODATION

### **Le PONANT**

- Oceanview staterooms ranging in size from 113 sq. ft to 165 sq. ft
- All staterooms have king-size beds (can be separated into twins), ample storage, shower, Sothys bath products, bath robes, hair dryer, flat-screen TV, mini-bar, wireless Internet access (extra cost) and private safe

### **Le Boréal, L'Austral, Le Soléal, Le Lyrial**

- 8 Superior, 28 Deluxe and up to 92 Prestige staterooms\* – 200 sq. ft most with private balconies
- 3 Deluxe Suites – 200 sq. ft; most with 54 sq. ft private balcony
- Up to 20 Prestige Suites\* – 398 sq. ft + 86 sq. ft private balcony
- Owner's Suite – 484 sq. ft + 97 sq. ft private balcony (581 sq. ft + 129 sq. ft private balcony on Le Lyrial)
- Connecting staterooms make it ideal for families travelling together  
\*Prestige staterooms can connect to form Prestige Suites
- All staterooms have king-size beds (can be separated into twins), ample storage, bathtub or shower, Sothys bath products, bath robes, hair dryer, flat-screen TV, in-house movies, mini-bar, desk, iPod docking station, wireless Internet access (additional cost) and private safe

### **Le Lapérouse, Le Champlain, Le Bougainville, Le Dumont d'Urville, Le Bellot and Le Jacques Cartier**

- 13 Deluxe Staterooms – 205 sq. ft. plus 43 sq. ft. balcony
- 66 Prestige Staterooms – 205 sq. ft. plus 43 sq. ft. balcony – can be turned into Prestige Suites (409 sq. ft. plus 86 sq. ft. balcony)
- 5 Deluxe Suites – 291 sq. ft. plus 65 sq. ft. balcony
- 4 Privilege Suites – 344 sq. ft. plus 86 sq. ft. balcony
- 3 Grand Deluxe Suites – 484 sq. ft. plus 328 sq. ft. patio
- 1 Owner's Suite – 484 sq. ft. plus 328 sq. ft. patio with Jacuzzi
- All staterooms and suites have twin or queen size beds, private balconies, private bathrooms with French bath products, hair dryer, bathrobes, flat-screen TV, movies on demand, iPod player, desk with stationery, mini-bar and private safe

## INCLUSIONS

- All onboard meals in all venues
- Captain's welcome cocktail and gala dinner
- All beverages including mineral water, tea, specialty coffees, wine, beer, spirits, and cocktails
- Onboard entertainment and events
- English speaking naturalists (on expeditions), lecturers and expedition teams
- Use of ship's water sports equipment and water sports activities (except scuba diving)
- Port charges and taxes
- Crew Gratuities are included
- A polar parka on arrival to the ship (Polar Expeditions only)
- A free boot-rental service for Antarctic and Arctic cruises

## DINING

### **Le Boréal, L'Austral, Le Soléal, Le Lyrial, Le Lapérouse, Le Champlain, Le Bougainville, Le Dumont d'Urville, Le Bellot and Le Jacques Cartier**

- Gastronomic Restaurant/Panoramic Restaurant (Ponant Explorers) – elegant main dining room open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner serving French and international cuisine
- Grill Restaurant – casual eating venue for breakfast, buffet lunch, and themed dinner; outdoor dining is available

### **Le PONANT**

- Karukera Restaurant – Gastronomic Restaurant open for dinner and serving French and international cuisine in a sophisticated environment
- Le Diamant Restaurant – Outdoor panoramic restaurant serving breakfast and lunch buffets

## ATTRIBUTES OF PONANT GUESTS

PONANT's voyages are for travellers who seek the intellectual and physical stimulation of places away from mainstream tourism, while enjoying the company of like minded adventurous spirits.

### **Typical PONANT Guest**

- Mature baby boomers
- Semi- or fully retired professionals
- Travellers rather than tourists
- May not classify themselves as "cruisers" and have often never cruised
- Well travelled and looking for something different
- Seek an experiential travel experience
- Recognize the value in unique and intimate itineraries
- Enjoy their creature comforts

## DESTINATIONS

PONANT sails to all seven continents with calls in 450 ports in 81 countries throughout the year. Africa, Alaska, Antarctica, Asia, Australia's Kimberley and Great Barrier Reef, Bissagos Islands, Cape Verde, Caribbean, Cuba, Iceland, Latin America, New Zealand, North America, Northern Europe, Ocean Voyages, Panama, Pacific and Oceania, Russia, Sri Lanka, the Adriatic, the Arctic, the Great Lakes, the Maldives, the Mediterranean, the Seychelles and beyond.

## THEMED CRUISES

PONANT offers various themed cruises under the newly developed Quintessential Collection, featuring classical music, arts and literature, epicurean, gardening, multi-generational, World War II and other exciting themes. With internationally renowned artists, recognized specialists, distinguished speakers, top-level sports managers and Michelin-starred chefs, every themed cruise has been carefully crafted and customized to ensure that every guest will appreciate these exceptional cruises that encourage guests to embrace the sights and sounds, tastes and smells of the local culture.

## GROUPS

- 3 tiered program with fully blocked space
- 1:5 TC (6th stateroom is free), 1:8 TC (9th stateroom is free) or 1:10 TC (11th stateroom is free)
- Up to US\$300 per stateroom shipboard credit
- Deposits as low as 5%

Small Groups/Share the Moment Program – Receive 5% Savings on groups of 6 guests (3 staterooms). Combinable with Ponant Bonus Fares.

## PONANT BONUS FARES

The PONANT BONUS FARE is a guaranteed best price which guests will receive when they book early. Guests can save up to 30% off the brochure fares. As the space fills up, the savings decrease so guests are encouraged to book early.

## PONANT YACHT CLUB

To reward loyal customers, guests are automatically enrolled in the PONANT Yacht Club after their first cruise. There are three levels – Major, Admiral and Grand Admiral, and each comes with special offers and benefits. Benefits include shore excursion credits, upgrades, free Wi-Fi, Spa and boutique discounts, and more.

## PONANT PRO & E-LEARNING

Visit <https://pro-us.ponant.com> and register for Ponant Pro to access availability, sales, and marketing tools. Access our special E-learning platform, created to develop your knowledge of PONANT and support your sales efforts.

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