

# ANTARCTICA COLLECTION

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# Antarctica, A Dream of Adventure...

Once again this Winter, we have fine-tuned our itineraries with passion and expertise to offer you a choice of unique cruises to the Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands, as well as to a brand new destination: the Subantarctic Islands of Australia and New Zealand.

With more than 15 years experience of sailing in extreme regions, PONANT has become a true Polar Specialist. We invite you to journey far from the usual cruise routes, in the footsteps of the great explorers who once dreamed of conquering the mysterious White Continent.

Here, Nature gives full rein to its exuberance, creating exceptional settings of ice and water, icebergs and ice floes, in a palette of colours ranging from the deepest blue to immaculate white. On the Peninsula, as well as on South Georgia, discover sites entirely subject to the prevailing weather conditions, where time and space take on new meaning. Further on, in the Falkland Islands, a fascinating world of drama and beauty will offer itself to you, whilst on the same latitude but to the west, the less icy Subantarctic Islands of Australia and New Zealand will reveal their primitive beauty. As your cruise progresses, we invite you to truly relax and experience 5-stars expeditions as we offer them: a refined adventure to the heart of this remarkable kingdom of ice, aboard *Le Lyrial*, *L'Austral*, *Le Boréal* or *Le Soléal*.

Come and enjoy a unique cruise with us, a personal odyssey, the promise of an exceptional destination.

*See you on board very soon.*



# SUMMARY

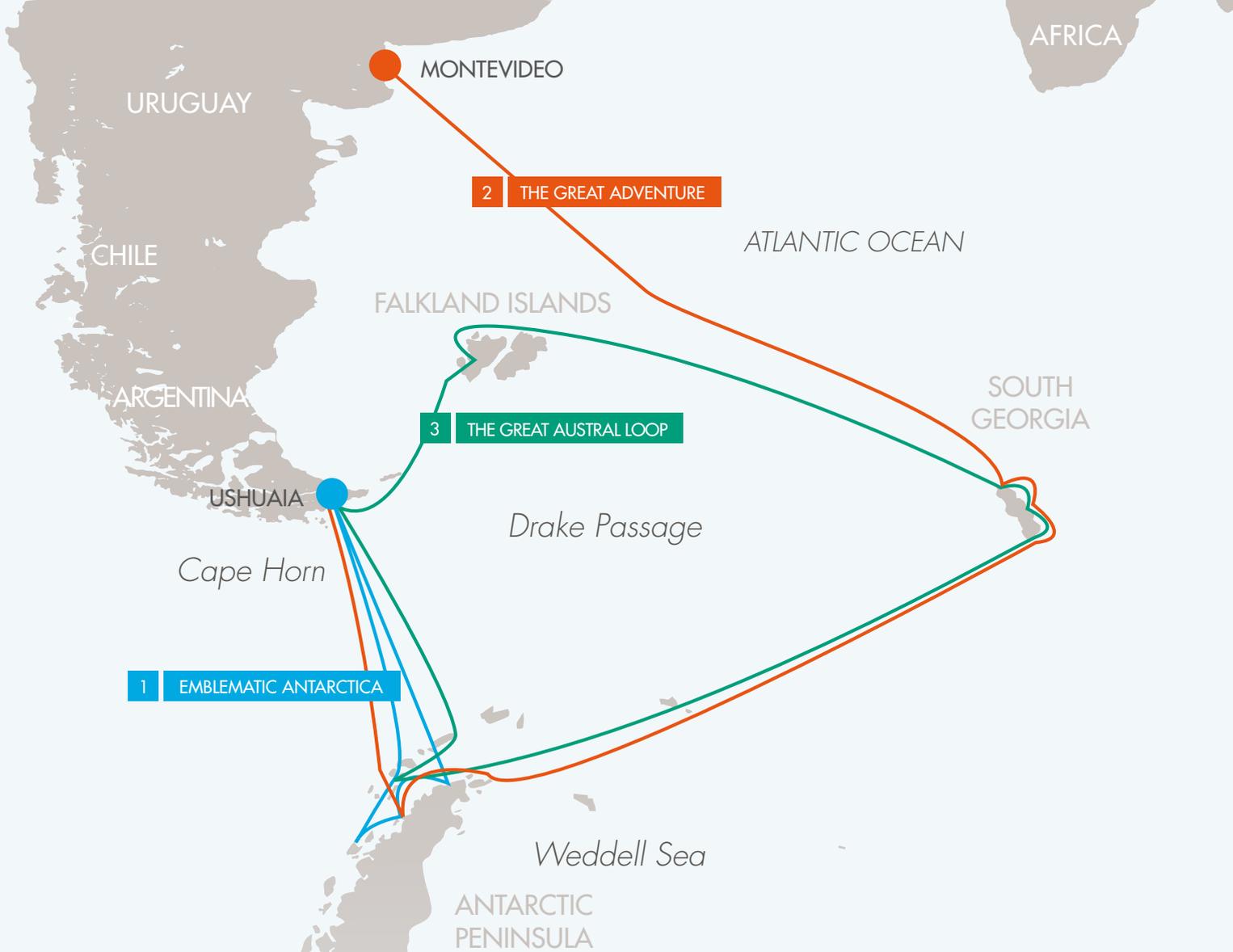
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# ANTARCTICA AND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS, 4 itineraries for 4 experiences

## 1 EMBLEMATIC ANTARCTICA: *The Peninsula (11 days)*

THE GREAT WHITE! 11 days of cruising and shore visits in the Antarctic Peninsula. Tabular icebergs, those sparkling icy giants renowned for their unusual shapes, a floating ice field which is home to fur seals and colonies of Gentoo, Adelie and Chinstrap Penguins as travelling companions. The Peninsula will reveal its vast white expanses, inviting you on an exceptional journey to the heart of this fascinating land.

8 departures, see page 20.

## 2 THE GREAT ADVENTURE: *The Peninsula and South Georgia (15 to 16 days)*

In the footsteps of the Great Explorers...an itinerary incorporating the most emblematic sites of the Antarctic, between the Peninsula itself and South Georgia. An extraordinary sight awaits you in the Peninsula, between long stretches of ice floes and giant icebergs of translucent colours. Further to the North, the coastline of South Georgia appears, giving a glimpse of its long chains of snow-topped mountains. A veritable sanctuary for wildlife, its beaches are home to a number of species of mammals and huge colonies of penguins.

2 departures, see page 22.



4 THE SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

**3 THE GREAT AUSTRAL LOOP:**  
*The Falkland Islands + South Georgia +  
 the northern tip of the Peninsula (15 to 17 days)*

A program which includes the highlights of all three regions. The Falkland Islands offer you the sight of undulating hills and verdant moors. Discovered in 1690, the Islands remained uninhabited until 1764 when French sailors from Saint Malo landed there. Further, South Georgia is home to imposing glaciers that tumble to the sea and black sandy beaches playing host to thousands of King Penguins, so emblematic of these remote area. Then, we will head South to discover the Northern Peninsula with its unique beauty: iridescent icebergs, floating ice fields and extraordinary marine mammals.

*4 departures, see page 24, 26 & 28.*

**4 THE SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND:**  
*The Galapagos of the Southern Ocean (16 days)*

For the very first time, we invite you to sail far South of New Zealand, to the edge of the Southern Ocean, between the Antarctic and Subtropical Convergences. Discover these mysterious islands, less icy than their "sister islands", and their primitive beauty. The majority are of volcanic origin and they are also known as the "Galapagos of the Southern Ocean". They are renowned for their remarkably rich biodiversity which has earned them UNESCO World Heritage Status.

*1 departure, see page 18.*

# PONANT POLAR SPECIALISTS

## ANTARCTIC CRUISE LEADER

Thanks to its 15 years of experience in the Antarctic, PONANT has made its reputation as a true Polar Specialist. It is the only French shipowner to have 4 ships, which have been designed and built for polar cruises. Thanks to these ships we can take you to the edges of the mythical White Continent. The smaller size of these new generation vessels and their high technical specifications allow you to access exceptional sites and enjoy 5-stars comfort that is unique in these extreme regions. This privilege is currently accorded to just a handful of ships, conferring an air of exclusivity on our expeditions.

## 5\* COMFORT IN POLAR LANDS: A UNIQUE CONCEPT

PONANT promises you a rare and privileged opportunity to experience all the intensity of an Expedition in a standard of 5-stars comfort unique in these remote regions.

## SAFETY AND RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The safety of our passengers has always been our number one priority as shipowners and is the constant concern of our experienced Captains and Expedition Leaders. Our four « *Cleanship* » ships are stable and quiet and all have ice-going classification, meaning that they meet the most demanding international criteria and are at the cutting edge of technology in terms of their safety equipment. This constant concern for safety goes hand-in-hand with the care taken to preserve the environment. PONANT is committed to respecting the environment by doing everything in its power to reduce its impact on the environment and respect the ecosystem, on board our ships, on land and at sea.



### THE "PONANT" SIGNATURE AT THE HEART OF THE ICY REGIONS

- The World's **number 1** cruise company in polar regions.
- The only one cruise company flying the French Flag.
- **5\* Expedition Cruises**, aboard ultra-modern ships, blend of elegance, luxury and cutting-edge technology.
- Ships certified with the label « **Clean Ship** » protecting the environment at the heart of the Antarctic.
- Officer of polar and ice specialists, **experts in extreme sailing**.
- On all departures, a **team of Guides, Naturalists and/or Lecturers**, selected for their areas of expertise and their knowledge of these unknown zones.

*Access the World's treasures by Sea...*





# 5-STARS EXPEDITION

Our Antarctic and Subantarctic cruises are above all “*Expedition Cruises*” where the route each day can bring a new adventure or an unexpected surprise. Each morning, the Captain and the Expedition Leader will decide on the day’s schedule, taking into account the state of the ice and the weather conditions.

Our expedition itineraries are characterized by flexibility at all times. This adaptability allows us to stay longer at the most emblematic sites, to make a detour to admire the acrobatics of a Southern Right Whale or disembark on a beach to encounter a colony of penguins.



## YOUR TRIPS IN A ZODIAC® DINGHY

Daily trips in small groups aboard a Zodiac® dinghy will allow you to get as close as possible, to the majestic giants of the ice and their iridescent colors or to observe a group of Seals gathered on a floating section of pack ice. Each sea trip is different. Accompanied by our experienced Naturalist-Guides, set out aboard our Zodiac® dinghies to immortalize a magic moment, an adventure that is intense in emotions.

## SHORE VISITS

Although at first glance, the Antarctic Peninsula appears like a vast white frozen expanse, there are some areas where we can set foot on solid ground, during delightful trips. Going ashore from one of our Zodiac® dinghies will allow you to discover the remains of a former whaling station, or will lead you to the territory of the majestic King Penguins. Whether you are a walker or a hiker, each shore visit offers the promise of a new encounter and a new landscape.



## REFINED ADVENTURE

Whichever cruise you choose, you will always find the same exceptional conditions of comfort, service and elegance that have forged the reputation of PONANT. Our ships have earned Class Comfort 1 certification, which allows it to navigate in the most extreme regions, whilst at the same time offering five-stars service and comfort. Aboard you will enjoy a warm atmosphere, a subtle blend of refinement and authenticity. A certain idea of luxury, a way of experiencing cruising...differently.



## A BUTLER SERVICE

You will be welcomed into a warm environment. Your cruise will allow you to experience the French way of living, that subtle blend of relaxed elegance and conviviality that is our trademark.

To make your trip even more perfect, a butler service is available to passengers travelling in one of the suites on Deck 6, to ensure a tailor-made and trouble-free cruise. Attentive and discreet, your butler will be your primary contact, providing personalized service each day and efficiently catering to all your requirements.





# YOUR NATURALIST-GUIDES\*

NATURALISTS, GEOLOGISTS, LECTURERS AND EXPERIENCED GUIDES, OUR TEAM OF WELL-KNOWN PROFESSIONALS ARE THE IDEAL COMPANIONS TO HAVE AS YOU EXPLORE THIS LITTLE KNOWN TERRITORY.



**Nicolas DUBREUIL - Expedition Leader**

With more than 20 years' experience in the Antarctic, be it on foot, in a kayak, on skis or on a dogsled, and with more than 60 expeditions under his belt, the Polar Regions hold no more secrets for this Expedition Leader. Armed with his experience, Nicolas has been working with PONANT for eleven years now, helping the Captain plan routes and produce a photo of your cruise. He is only too delighted to share his memories and knowledge.



**José SARICA – Expedition Leader**

From an early age, protecting nature has been a true vocation for José. He trained as a zootherapist in Quebec then studied the Belugas of Saint-Laurent. Fascinated by marine mammals, he has published many articles in international scientific reviews and he has been a Naturalist-Guide specializing in cetology on polar cruises since 2009.



**Didier DROUET**

In 1985, Didier DROUET accompanied an Arctic expedition, whose objective was to cross Greenland's polar ice field. His knowledge of the environment under extreme conditions naturally led him to the South Pole region. This seasoned naturalist is delighted to share his knowledge and allow you to fully experience the adventure of the Sixth Continent. During your cruise, he will accompany small groups in Zodiac® dinghies to the heart of these wild and fascinating territories.



### **Raphaël SANÉ - Expedition Leader**

Naturalist-Guide since the age of 15 years old and passionate about nature, Raphaël graduated in hydrobiology. Having worked for various naturalist associations and taken part in several expeditions, he is now an Expedition Leader on our ships. This year will be his tenth season on board our ships in the Polar Regions.



### **Sophie FAVROLT**

An Art Historian and qualified tour guide, Sophie developed an interest in the Vikings and this led her to the Far North-Norway, Iceland and Greenland - as well as to the countries of the Baltic Sea. For the last six years, her appreciation of extreme destinations has seen her accompany our cruises to the Antarctic region.



### **Sylvain MAHUZIER**

Initiated in ornithology by his grandfather, Sylvain has dedicated his life to the Nature. Either teacher of Biology, Lecturer or Naturalist-Guide, he wrote a lot of articles and books on Nature. Member of the LPO (Bird Protection League) since more than 20 years, he is also passionate by marine mammals, and travels a lot, giving preference to cold or polar destinations like Antarctic. He will be delighted to share his knowledge of these remote lands.

*\*Non-exhaustive list. Subject to availability.*

# WILDLIFE

THIS PEARLY WHITE LAND IS HOME TO A NUMBER OF ANIMAL SPECIES INCLUDING SEA BIRDS, FUR SEALS, KING PENGUINS, ADELIE AND GENTOO PENGUINS... THIS IS NATURE AT ITS UNSPOILED, FASCINATING BEST.

## IN THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

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### LEOPARD SEALS

This solitary hunter can grow up to 3 metres in length; it owes its name to the spotted fur on its belly. Slim, lean and very agile, you may spot them in the wake of your boat.



### GENTOO PENGUINS

Smaller than its cousins standing just 80 centimeters tall, the Gentoo stands out with its black and white coat, brightened by the reddy-orange of its feet. White triangles highlight its mischievous eyes.



### CHINSTRAP PENGUINS

A medium-sized bird renowned for its boldness and agility, this species is easily recognisable for the fine band of black feathers that adorn its throat. A very sociable animal, it often shares its land with other colonies of Gentoo or Adelie Penguins.



### FIN WHALES

Easily identifiable thanks to the dorsal fin that breaks the surface of the water, you will recognise this whale for its asymmetrical colouring. Fin Whales are smaller than Blue whales but can reach 20 metres in length and weigh some 50 tons.

## IN SOUTH GEORGIA

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### HUMPBACK WHALES

Renowned as the most impressive marine mammal, this playful acrobat offers an astonishing sight; its huge, powerful blue tail slaps the water's surface, challenging spectators and photographers alike.



### ELEPHANT SEALS

The largest members of the seal family, the colossal silhouette of this mammal is adorned with a trunk-shaped nose, forming a sound box that allows it to express itself from the shore.



### KING PENGUINS

Easy to identify with its bright yellow head and neck and its grey dorsal feathers, we only encounter this exceptional swimmer in South Georgia. Indolent and very sociable, they travel in huge colonies that can include many thousands of individuals.



### NORTHERN FUR SEALS

Their small heads and short muzzles plus their large front flippers make these animals easy to identify. They are very social and favour windswept beaches, finding shelter in the surrounding rocks.

## IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS



### SEA LIONS

This mammal of the seal family owes its name to the long, dense fur redolent of a large mane around its neck and shoulders. They make their home on the beaches and this talented swimmer is as ease in water as on the shore.



### MACARONI PENGUINS

Measuring about 70 cm in height, this species of Penguin is easy to spot thanks to its black and white dress and the crest of yellow feathers on both sides of its head.



### MAGELLANIC PENGUINS

A black and white sea bird with short wings ideal for swimming, this Penguin is found only in the Falkland Islands and is the only species that digs and nests in burrows on the edge of the beach.



### BLACK - BROWED ALBATROSS

This elegant bird of the polar seas, whose wingspan can reach some 3 metres, has white feathers and a scattering of black on its wings, while its eyes seem to have been drawn in charcoal. Playing in the air currents, they will become your favourite travelling companion.

## IN THE SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND



### YELLOW - EYED PENGUIN

The Yellow-Eyed Penguin differs from the other members of its species by the pale yellow feathers forming a continuous line running from one side of its beak to the other. It is only to be found in the South of New Zealand and is listed as one of the rarest Penguins in the World.



### COMMERSON'S DOLPHIN

Also known as the "Panda Dolphin" because of its black dorsal and caudal fins and its white body, the Commerson's Dolphin is easily recognisable by its small size, blunt head, stocky shape and its playful behaviour so typical of Dolphins. It is one of the smallest of its species and generally lives in the cold Subantarctic waters.



### ORCA

Orca generally live in groups of up to 30 members and have very distinctive markings, with an entirely black back, white belly and white patch above the eye. The dorsal fin is unique to each Orca and allows it to be identified; it is as reliable as a human fingerprint! This powerful and majestic mammal can measure up to 10 metres in length.



### GIANT PETREL

These large Sea Birds have dark grey feathers that lighten towards the neck. They generally nest in hollows along the craggy coastline of the Subantarctic Islands, which form an ideal nesting site. Thanks to their 2 metres wingspan, they are capable of covering long distances, with a powerful and sustained flight.

*As each trip is different and subject to the weather conditions and the chance encounters that typify it, the expedition highlights and the wildlife and plant life described in this brochure can only illustrate possible experiences and therefore cannot be guaranteed.*



*"Embarking on the conquest of virgin lands means being driven by a taste for adventure, by scientific curiosity or by the mysterious attraction of the unknown. Each of these three reasons played its part in my decision to leave for Antarctica once again".*

Sir Ernest SHACKLETON - The heart of the Antarctic



# THE SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS

Fjords, black sandy beaches or imposing cliffs....The Subantarctic Islands, or the "Galapagos of the Southern Ocean", will hold no secrets for you! During your cruise aboard *Le Soléal*, do not miss Macquarie Island, discovered by an Australian sailor, Frederick HASSELBURGH, on a seal-hunting trip. This cruise will offer the traveller unspoiled and unique nature in a captivating setting.



## THE MILFORD SOUND

Located at the Southern end of New Zealand, off the crystal-clear waters of the Tasman Sea, the Milford Sound is an ancient glacial valley of remarkable pristine beauty. With its landscapes of rugged rocks, mirror lakes and virgin forests, the British author Rudyard KIPLING described it as "the eighth wonder of the World". The Milford Sound is also home to a surprising variety of wildlife: Penguin and Seal colonies soaking up the sun on the surrounding shorelines, Dolphins and Whales playing on the water's surface...



## MELBOURNE

Melbourne stands out as one of the island continent's most creative cities. This Australian capital of culture changes, styles and tastes according to influences, which is why it attracts all sorts of creative types. Built around the Yarra River in Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne charms its visitors with its many green parks, its fascinating landscapes, its abundant cultural life, and its famous inner suburbs filled with Victorian houses which give the city a British style. After disembarking, we invite you to discover this city of a thousand faces, through its winding streets where you can visit the famous Ian Potter Center, the first public art gallery dedicated to Australian art. Later you will also have the possibility of observing Little Penguins, which are endemic to Phillip Island. You will be present to see their traditional parade along the beach.



NEW

## ABOARD LE SOLÉAL

DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2015 (15 nights)  
From 4 720 € (flights & transfers included)  
See price list page 38.

### HIGHLIGHTS\*

- **Wildlife:** Impressive colonies of Fur Seals, many Elephant Seals, King Penguins, Yellow-Eyed Penguins and Royal Penguins. A very wide variety of birds: Gibson's Albatross, Giant Petrels, Auckland Shags and Numerous Sterns. Also Rorquals, Commerson's Dolphins and Orcas, which can be seen around the coastline.
- **Landscapes:** Beaches of gravel and black sand, cliffs and lush green prairies, snow-capped mountain chains, coastal plateaux, glacial valleys (fjords), lakes and ponds, primary forests.
- **Hiking possible:** Auckland Islands, Macquarie Island, Snares Islands, Campbell Island.
- **Outings everyday in Zodiac® dinghies.**

\* Just for example. Taking into account the state of the weather conditions.

## MACQUARIE ISLAND

A nature reserve located in the Pacific Ocean, midway between Australia and Antarctica, Macquarie Island is a protected area, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Sometimes described as a speck of dust thrown into the immensity of the Southern Ocean, Macquarie offers an exceptional spectacle of natural and wild beauty, between abrupt cliff faces and coastal plateaux, scattered with ponds and lakes and covered in extraordinary vegetation, despite the harsh climate under this wind-exposed latitude. The island is a gathering point for a number of bird colonies such as the endemic Royal Penguins or the Macquarie Cormorant. Come and discover these lands sculpted by the wind and the sea.



## THE AUCKLAND ISLANDS

Lying to the South of New Zealand, the Auckland Islands, or "Motu Maha" in Maori, form a hilly and volcanic archipelago, renowned as the most fascinating of the Subantarctic Islands. Here you do not have to be an experienced naturalist to appreciate all the richness and power of these sites. Much less icy than their "sister island" of South Georgia, this very mountainous archipelago, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, offers its visitors a wild, dense and varied nature to be discovered during a series of hikes, as well as remarkable biodiversity including a number of endemic species of birds such as the rare Auckland Teal, the Auckland Shag and the Gibson's Albatross.



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LE SOLÉAL : DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2015  
16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS

NEW YEAR  
CRUISE



DATE	ITINERARY
D 1	<b>Christchurch</b> (New Zealand) Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00.
D 2	At sea
D 3	Dusky Sound - Doubtful Sound (New Zealand)
D 4	Milford Sound (New Zealand)
D 5	Snares Islands (New Zealand)
D 6	Auckland Islands (New Zealand)
D 7	Campbell Island (New Zealand)
D 8	At sea
D 9	Macquarie Island (Australia)
D 10	Macquarie Island (Australia)
D 11	Macquarie Island (Australia)
D 12, 13, 14	At sea
D 15, 16	<b>Melbourne</b> (Australia) Disembarkation

### YOUR PRE CRUISE

- From Auckland to Akaroa port (2 days / 1 night)  
Price per person from 520 €

### YOUR POST CRUISE

- Melbourne, a cultural capital of Australia (1 day / 1 night)  
Price per person from 300 €

For more information about your pre/post program and prices, please consult [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com) or your travel agent or consult our Winter 2015-2016 Brochure.

# EMBLEMATIC ANTARCTICA

Tabletop icebergs, growlers, drift, ice flow or pack ice... the Antarctic and his Peninsula has its own language, which you'll soon speak fluently! We are offering you a chance to sail through the Heart of the Peninsula who offers travelers an enchanting polar desert, a final frontier surrounded by a gigantic ice sheet.



## NEKO BAY

Neko Bay is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful sites in the Antarctic Peninsula. It was discovered by the Belgian explorer Adrien DE GERLACHE during his 1897-99 Antarctic expedition. Mountains, snow, ice and unspoiled nature combine to offer a unique landscape. Wildlife is as abundant as it is exceptional: sea birds such as Gulls, Cape Petrels and Cormorants, as well as marine mammals like Seals, Orcas and Whales. Excursions aboard our Zodiac® dinghies allow you to sail close to blue-tinged icebergs or disembark near colonies of Penguins, observe Leopard Seals basking on the shore or watch the Antarctic Terns flying overhead.



## PLENEAU ISLAND

One of the very first reporters of adventures in the polar region was the talented photographer Paul PLÉNEAU, who accompanied the explorer Jean -Baptiste CHARCOT during his expeditions in Antarctica. Today, the bay that bears his name deploys an entire army of icy giants. Some of the icebergs even have surreal shapes and the colour of the ice shifts between countless shades of blue and white. An excursion in a Zodiac® dinghy will enable you to meet the marine mammals that have taken up residence in the heart of the Bay. On land, the ice sheets are scattered with red algae in parts, and colonies of Gentoo Penguins set up nesting places here and there across the Island.



## ABOARD LE LYRIAL

FROM NOV. 2015 TO JAN. 2016 (10 nights)  
from 4 660 € (flights & transfers included)  
See price list page 39.

## ABOARD L'AUSTRAL

FROM DEC. 2015 TO JAN. 2016 (10 nights)  
from 5 120 € (flights & transfers included)  
See price list page 38.

## HIGHLIGHTS\*

- **Wildlife:** The highest concentration of Gentoo, Adelle and Chinstrap Penguins in Antarctica; Minke and Humpback Whales, Weddell Seals, Sea Leopards, and numerous sea birds: Cape Petrels, Albatross, Imperial Shags, and Snow Petrels.
- **Landscapes:** a multitude of drifting icebergs, ice floe (or pack ice), calving of imposing icebergs, tall snowy mountains.
- **Visits:** to research stations and former whaling stations.
- **Hiking possible:** Deception Island, Neko Bay, Paradise Bay.
- **Outings everyday in Zodiac® dinghies:** the Weddell Sea, Neko Bay, Paradise Bay.

\* Just for example. Taking into account the state of the ice and the weather conditions.

## THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA: PENGUIN TERRITORY

The Antarctic Peninsula, with its chain of ice-covered peaks that plunge down into the Drake Passage, not only boasts the most spectacular landscapes in all the White Continent, its coastlines are also home to the largest Penguin populations. These funny looking sea birds are emblematic of this icy region and each has different characteristics. They can literally "fly on water" when looking for food. During your shore visits, observe these unusual animals as they waddle clumsily along the beaches to reach their nests or their young. Being calm and not overly timid by nature, Gentoo, Adélie or Chinstrap Penguins won't shy away from your camera lens.



## ICEBERGS

Made up of freshwater, unlike the ice floe, these ice mountains travel on the sea like white sailing vessels shrouded in the mist. The Antarctic produces the largest icebergs in the world; their huge size has always fascinated the greatest explorers and continues to enchant all the visitors to this icy region. Like Crystal Cathedrals, in shades of turquoise, emerald, snow and azure, they are the trademark of the polar landscape and are home to an abundant wildlife. Some of them have such surprising shapes, with curves, domes and arches, that they appear to have been carved by ice sculptors. Tabletop icebergs, the most imposing specimens in the world, can be many kilometres in length. They are subject to erosion by the waves and are the guardians of the climatic history of our Planet.

### YOUR PRE CRUISES

- **Stay in Buenos Aires** (2 days / 1 night)  
Price per person from 415 €
- **Iguazu Falls** (4 days / 3 nights)  
Price per person from 1 695 €

For more information about your pre/post program and prices, please consult [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com) or your travel agent or consult our Winter 2015-2016 Brochure.

## USHUAIA • USHUAIA

LE YRIAL: NOV 29<sup>TH</sup>, DEC 09<sup>TH</sup> 2015, JAN 14<sup>TH</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> 2016  
11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



### DAY ITINERARY

- D 1 **Buenos-Aires/Ushuaia** (Argentina) direct flight <sup>(1)</sup>. Excursion to **Tierra del Fuego National Park** with lunch OR direct transfer on board including lunch. Embarkation from 17.00 to 18.00.
- D 2,3 **At sea - Drake Passage**
- D 4 **Neko Bay - Paradise Bay** (Antarctica)
- D 5 **Pleneau Island - Port Charcot** (Antarctica)
- D 6 **Port Lockroy** (Antarctica)
- D 7 **Deception Island** (Antarctica)
- D 8 **Weddell Sea** (Antarctica)
- D 9,10 **At sea - Drake Passage**
- D 11 **Ushuaia** (Argentina) Disembarkation. Transfer to the airport. **Ushuaia/ Buenos Aires** (Pistarini) with direct flight <sup>(1)</sup>.

<sup>(1)</sup> Subject to availability.

**FOR DEC 29<sup>TH</sup> 2015  
NEW YEAR CRUISE**

## USHUAIA • USHUAIA

L'AUSTRAL: DEC 29<sup>TH</sup> 2015, JAN 08<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup> 2016  
11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



### DAY ITINERARY

- D 1 **Buenos-Aires/Ushuaia** (Argentina) direct flight <sup>(1)</sup>. Excursion to **Tierra del Fuego National Park** with lunch OR direct transfer on board including lunch. Embarkation from 17.00 to 18.00.
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# THE GREAT ADVENTURE

*Sailing beyond the roaring fifties and the screaming sixties, your ship will take you into an uninhabited World.*

*From South Georgia, a land of adventure whose grandiose landscapes are home to an abundant wildlife, journey in the footsteps of the great explorers as far as the Antarctic Peninsula, with its icy panoramas of iridescent colours.*



## SOUTH GEORGIA

*In 1914, Endurance, the ship captained by Sir Ernest SHACKLETON, sank during its journey, a prisoner of the Antarctic ice. After having sailed a lifeboat a number of kilometres, the crew finally made it to the shores of a pristine and wild land. They did not know that they had set foot on South Georgia... A Subantarctic region formed by an underwater mountain chain, South Georgia is an essential destination in an Antarctic journey. In symbiosis with the sea and the soaring mountains, this island offers a wide variety of landscapes and reliefs, a blend of extensive beaches, vast plateaux and mountain ranges. Whales, Mammals, Penguins and other Sea Birds have made this island at the edge of the world into a paradise for nature lovers.*

## WILHELMINA BAY

*"It was with pleasure and surprise that we found ourselves in Wilhelmina Bay, where the ice floe is still very present. During our approach, we encountered some Humpback Whales and observed them for a while. Nicolas, our Expedition Leader, and our Captain offered us a unique experience: disembarking on the ice floe! So, after a short ride in a Zodiac® dinghy through the sheets of floating ice, peopled with small Rorquals, Fur Seals and Leopard Foxes, we could finally set foot ourselves on the ice that doubles the surface area of the Antarctic during the Winter...the fresh snow that covered the ice almost allowed us to forget that under our feet, below a metre and a half of ice lay the Ocean depths!"*

Extract from the diary of a Naturalist - Guide aboard L'Austral.



## ABOARD LE LYRIAL

NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015 (14 nights)  
from 4 880 € (return flight & transfer included)  
See price list page 39.

## ABOARD LE LYRIAL

FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> 2016 (15 nights)  
from 5 190 € (outward flight & transfer included)  
See price list page 39.

## HIGHLIGHTS\*

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## DECEPTION ISLAND

Nestled at the heart of the South Shetland Islands, Deception Island is easy to recognise for its horseshoe shape. This island was once an active volcano whose crater collapsed some 10,000 years ago. This produced a caldera which was then flooded by the sea creating a natural port. Entrance to the port is via a narrow channel called Neptune's Bellows. For a long time this was an important whaling station and the intensity of this activity has left traces that have withstood the passage of time. On the black sand of the volcanic beaches lie the ruins of abandoned huts, and the place is teeming today with extraordinary wildlife. Excursions aboard our Zodiac® dinghies will allow you to set foot on this expanse of land where more than 100,000 pairs of Chinstrap Penguins, Elephant Seals and Fur Seals live side by side.



## CUVERVILLE ISLAND

"The afternoon found us at nearby Cuverville Island. It is the site of the largest Gentoo colony in Antarctica and has approximately 5,000 pairs. The backdrop though of sea and icebergs and peaks and glaciers was spectacular. From the beach we could walk either to the right or to the left but it didn't really matter which way we went as there were Gentoos in both directions. There were some very nice photographs to be had, particularly of Penguins with icebergs behind them. Another attraction was a short Zodiac® cruise amongst the ice on the way back to the ship and it was a very popular option. The shapes, textures and colours of the ice were breath-taking. One of the boat drivers went right under the bow of the ship, to give a "whales-eye view" of our home-from-home".

Nicolas TOLSTOÏ - Naturalist-Guide aboard Le Boréal.

### YOUR PRE / POST CRUISES

- **Discover Montevideo** (1 day)  
Price per person from 315 €
- **From Ushuaia, stay in Buenos Aires** (2 days / 1 night)  
Price per person from 415 €
- **From Ushuaia, Iguazu Falls** (4 days / 3 nights)  
Price per person from 1 695 €
- **From Montevideo, panoramic tour & transfer to the airport**  
Price per person from 75 €

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## MONTEVIDEO • USHUAIA

LE LYRIAL : NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015  
15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



DAY	ITINERARY
D 1	<b>Montevideo</b> (Uruguay). Embarkation from 14.00 to 14.30.
D 2, 3, 4	<b>At sea</b>
D 5	<b>Grytviken</b> (South Georgia)
D 6	<b>Fortuna - St Andrew Bay</b> (South Georgia)
D 7	<b>Gold Harbour - Cooper Bay</b> (South Georgia)
D 8, 9	<b>At sea</b>
D 10	<b>Brown Bluff - Weddell Sea</b> (Antarctica)
D 11	<b>Cuverville - Cierva Cove</b> (Antarctica)
D 12	<b>Deception Island</b> (Antarctica)
D 13, 14	<b>At sea - Drake Passage</b>
D 15	<b>Ushuaia</b> (Argentina) Disembarkation. Transfer to the airport. <b>Ushuaia/ Buenos Aires</b> (Pistarini) with direct flight <sup>(1)</sup> .

<sup>(1)</sup> Subject to availability.

## USHUAIA • MONTEVIDEO

LE LYRIAL : FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> 2016  
16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS



DAY	ITINERARY
D 1	<b>Buenos-Aires/Ushuaia</b> (Argentina) direct flight <sup>(1)</sup> . Excursion to <b>Tierra del Fuego National Park</b> with lunch OR direct transfer on board including lunch. Embarkation from 17.00 to 18.00.
D 2, 3	<b>At sea - Drake Passage</b>
D 4	<b>Neko - Paradise Bay</b> (Antarctica)
D 5	<b>Port Lockroy - Wilhelmina</b> (Antarctica)
D 6	<b>Deception Island</b> (Antarctica)
D 7, 8	<b>At sea</b>
D 9	<b>Cooper Bay - Gold Harbour</b> (South Georgia)
D 10	<b>Grytviken</b> (South Georgia)
D 11	<b>Fortuna Bay</b> (South Georgia)
D 12, 13, 14, 15	<b>At sea</b>
D 16	<b>Montevideo</b> (Uruguay). Disembarkation.

<sup>(1)</sup> Subject to availability.

# THE GREAT AUSTRAL LOOP

Aboard *Le Boréal*, set sail in the direction of the Falkland Islands, an Archipelago made up of moors and craggy coastlines, where the plant and animal life forms a link between Patagonia and the Antarctic. Further on, South Georgia looms into view in a maze of mountainous chains and long black sandy beaches, before you sail towards the Peninsula, that immense white expanse where ice floes and tabular icebergs coexist in perfect harmony.



## THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Located to the South East of South America, the Falkland Islands, which are renowned for their wildness, were discovered by a Spanish expedition at the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. More than two hundred years later, sailors from Saint-Malo, known as Malouins, occupied the island and gave it the name used until the British conquered them in 1833. Scattered with tufts of grass, surrounded by a grey and often wild sea, the Islands are a small country of moors and rugged coastlines carved by the South Atlantic, where the wildlife and plant life form a link between Patagonia and Antarctica. Take the time to observe and photograph the abundant wildlife of these wild and very attractive Islands.

*"As I look out to sea, the sun slowly sets, the gentle varied blues of the icebergs become harsher, and soon the dark blue of the crevasses and cracks is all that remains. Then gradually, with exquisite gentleness, a pink hue washes over everything and it is so beautiful that I wonder if I'm dreaming and wish I could go on dreaming forever. It looks like the ruins of a huge and magnificent city made of the purest marble. The sky becomes a pearly shell where all of nature's colors mingle without clashing and become iridescent. Without my noticing it, night has fallen and when Paul (PLÉNEAU) touches me on the shoulder he wakes me from my reverie and I wipe away a tear, not of sadness, but of beautiful and powerful emotion".*

Jean-Baptiste CHARCOT - *Le Gentleman des Pôles*



## ABOARD LE BORÉAL

NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015 (15 nights)  
from 6 560 € (flights & transfers included)  
See price list page 38.

## HIGHLIGHTS\*

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## SALISBURY PLAIN

South Georgia is an unmissable destination within Antarctica. This Subantarctic region is a peak emerging from the Scotia Arc, an underwater mountain chain that extends the Andes to the Antarctic Peninsula. Salisbury Plain will be the arena for the most memorable and the most authentic display of Nature. Formed by the withdrawal of the Grace Glacier, high mountains dominate time and space; the blue-tinged landscape demonstrates all the strength and beauty of the unspoiled nature all around. At the heart of this haven of peace, on the beaches of the bay, a colony of 250 000 King Penguins has taken residence. In the midst of all these orange headed couples, Fur Seals try to beat a path to feed with their young. Under the weak Southern sun that lights this glacial plain, clouds of birds fly on the wind, enchanting the traveler.

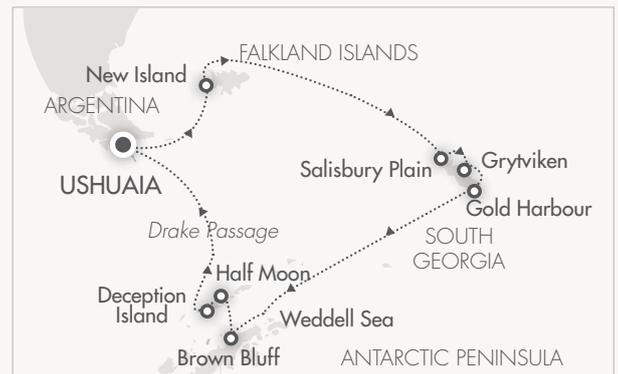


## ANTARCTIC SOUND

A famous stretch of sea connecting the East and West of the Antarctic Peninsula, this strait is the junction between the Bransfield Strait and the Weddell Sea. It is certainly one of the most spectacular sights of the mythical White Continent and where most of the majestic tabletop icebergs that calve from the ice floe tend to float. At the heart of this icy landscape, the polar light creates multiple reflections, Humpback Whales live under the water's surface and the broken up ice shelf floats freely, taking with it the Fur Seals basking in the sun.

## USHUAIA • USHUAIA

LE BORÉAL: NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015  
16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS



DAY	ITINERARY
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D 3	<b>New Island - Grave Cove</b> (Falkland Islands)
D 4,5	<i>At sea</i>
D 6	<b>Salisbury Plain - Fortuna Bay</b> (South Georgia)
D 7	<b>Grytviken - St Andrew Bay</b> (South Georgia)
D 8	<b>Gold Harbour</b> (South Georgia)
D 9,10	<i>At sea</i>
D 11	<b>Weddell Sea</b> (Antarctica)
D 12	<b>Antarctic Strait - Deception Island</b> (Antarctica)
D 13	<b>Half Moon - South Shetland Island</b> (Antarctica)
D 14, 15	<i>At sea- Drake Passage</i>
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## YOUR PRE CRUISE

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# THE GREAT AUSTRAL LOOP

*"What poet would be able to declaim the splendour of this Polar World? We are captivated by the charm of this sight that defies the imagination and that my pen is incapable of describing." These lines from the explorer Adrien de GERLACHE perfectly capture the extraordinary sensations that overwhelm us at the heart of the White Continent – a sight that is unique and of a rare emotion".*



## TRIPS IN A ZODIAC® DINGHY

A strange voyage to the heart of a World made of ice and water where days seem to stretch into infinity and never want to end. During the cruise, we regularly offer trips for small groups in Zodiac® dinghies, in total safety. Warmly dressed in red, with your lifejacket on, head off to discover the secret and rich Antarctic wildlife. The pilots and Naturalist-Guides will lead you through the ice floes, these floating blue-tinged giants, the favored spots of colonies of Penguins basking on the shore. Each sea trip can be different, so take a seat aboard the Zodiac® and revel in the pleasures of a moment of authenticity, as close as it is possible to get to Nature and to these sensations.



## GOLD HARBOUR

*"This sixth passage to Gold Harbour was another great moment ! In addition to the sweeping cliffs and high mountains overlooked by the Bertrand mountain glacier, we also enjoyed the extraordinary light coming from the sun setting behind a cloud. The full splendour of Gold Harbour was revealed by this light, illuminating the colony of thousands of King Penguins, creating ochre highlights on the sand when the waves withdrew, turning the only cloud in the sky red...some of us watched the rainbows sparkling in the spray of the waves, others sat on the sand staring out to sea, surrounded by Elephant Seals, Sea Lions and Penguins. We returned to the ship around 9pm, determined to come back again during the next season".*

Log Book Extract - January 2013 aboard L'Austral.



## ABOARD L'AUSTRAL

DECEMBER 01<sup>ST</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015 (14 nights)  
from 6 260 € (flights & transfers included)

See price list page 38.

## HIGHLIGHTS\*

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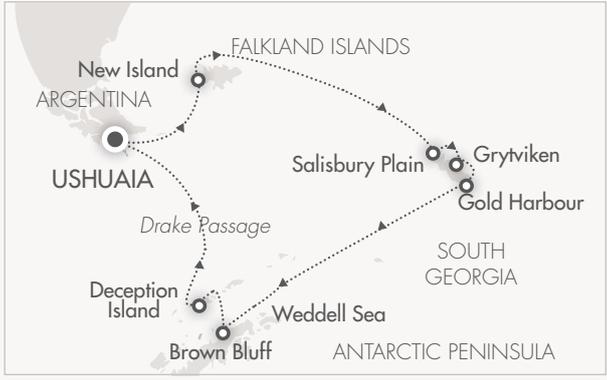
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**FOR DEC 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015  
CHRISTMAS CRUISE**

**USHUAIA • USHUAIA**

L'AUSTRAL: DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015

15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



**WEDDELL SEA**

A beautiful sail in the Weddell Sea will allow you to experience true silence, an extraordinary and enchanting atmosphere, unrivalled calm... You will discover a secret reserve of preserved treasure: Fur Seals, Penguin colonies, Wandering Albatross and other Giant Petrels. Here the huge icebergs and the endless ice cap sculpt a landscape beyond compare. The lord of the manor is known as the Weddell Seal. It is a record breaker, able to remain submerged for more than an hour. Its pelage is dark grey and it has a spotted belly. To maintain its access to the sea and be able to fish, the Weddell Seal has special teeth allowing it to make a hole in the thick ice.



**FORTUNA BAY**

"Our second land visit of the day was in Fortuna Bay, at the foot of the abrupt heights of the Breakwind Ridge Mountains". A grandiose sight appeared before us: the widening bay rounded as far as the sea to form a perfect arc, slashed by a waterfall. We decided to follow in the footsteps of Ernest SHACKLETON, who set foot on the island during his final expedition. We travelled through a vast plain where plant cover was rare, mainly a scattering of high tussocks of grass. Deep in this plain we come across a Penguin colony made up of more than 50,000 King Penguins, whose tightly packed bodies formed a silver patch scattered with areas of brown and bright orange".

Didier DROUET – Naturalist-Guide aboard L'Austral.

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# THE GREAT AUSTRAL LOOP

Chart a course North, on board *Le Lyrial*, toward the Falkland, remote Archipelago near the tip of the South American continent. Then it's following in the footsteps of the famous explorer Sir Ernest SHACKLETON that you approach South Georgia and ending with the discovery of the North of the Peninsula, the kingdom of ice. An unforgettable journey...



## MAGELLANIC PENGUINS

The Magellanic Penguin, with its very distinctive black and white plumage separated into two parts by a wide band of white feathers, owes its name to the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand DE MAGELLAN, who discovered the species. The Magellanic Penguin lives in the Falkland Islands and, like its cousins the Gentoo, Adelie or Chinstrap, rarely exceeds 65 cm in height. However, it is the only one of its species to lay eggs and nest in burrows on the edge of the beach, in the soft soils of the sand dunes. Magellanic Penguins are rather clumsy on land, waddling and using their fins to keep their balance. These inquisitive and bold animals will willingly come up to meet you.



## USHUAIA

Considered to be the southernmost city in the World, Ushuaia is the capital of Tierra del Fuego, lying at the very tip of Argentina looking out over the Beagle Channel. This surprising little town of 45 000 people is surrounded by mountains and fertile plains. The first populations of this land were nomadic hunter-gatherers, who arrived on foot on Isla Grande more than 10 000 years ago. Nature lovers will be enchanted by the Tierra del Fuego National Park with its remarkable plant and wildlife, including Beavers, Albatross, Guanacos and Penguins. Here, forests cover the lower slopes of the Andean mountains which are crowned with snow-capped peaks – a unique and unforgettable sight.



## ABOARD LE LYRIAL

DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2015 (16 nights)  
from 7 630€ (flights & transfers included)  
*See price list page 39.*

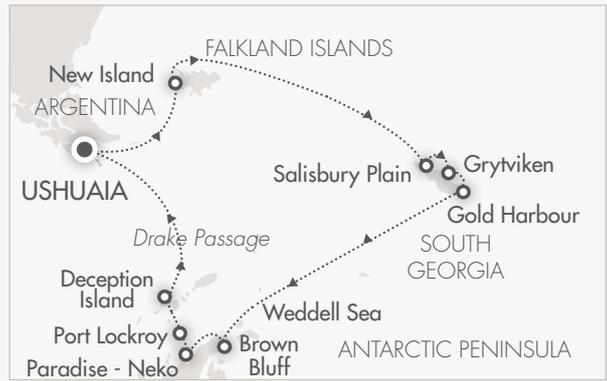
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**USHUAIA • USHUAIA**

LE LYRIAL : DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2015  
17 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS



**BROWN BLUFF**

During your cruise, don't miss our new Itinerary: Brown Bluff. Located at the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula, this site welcomes you to an utterly grandiose decor of beaches and glaciers, overlooked by a remarkable fawn-coloured cliff formed by volcanic tuff. Less than a kilometre from the beach lies the crater of a volcano that erupted some 700 000 years ago, when it was still covered by a cap of ice. A lake of melted ice then formed, in which the ash compacted to create this highly unusual rock found at Brown Bluff: hyaloclastite. At the foot of this impressive wall, 20 000 pairs of Gentoo and Adelie Penguins nest. Don't miss your chance to observe their clumsy waddling as they leave their nest and head for the beach in search of food, or how awkward their chicks look as they impatiently await their parents' return. You'll feel like you're at an open-air theatre production, watching polar wildlife you won't see anywhere else.



**PORT LOCKROY**

On the small island of Goudier, you will visit Port Lockroy, discovered by the French explorer Jean-Baptiste CHARCOT in 1903. Initially serving as a relief and repair base for whalers, Port Lockroy later became a research station. You will be able to visit the small Museum that retraces the life of the base in the 1950s. Since 1996, it has been open to the public during the short Southern Summer and is used for carrying out research on Gentoo Penguins. Nowadays, this base is the most visited site on the White Continent and, thanks to its little store and post office, it is the only place to offer you the opportunity to write to your friends and family and share this unique moment.

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D 7	Grytviken - St Andrews Bay (South Georgia)
D 8	Gold Harbour (South Georgia)
D 9, 10	At sea
J 11	Brown Bluff - Weddell Sea (Antarctica)
J 12	Paradise - Neko (Antarctica)
J 13	Port Lockroy - Wilhelmina Bay (Antarctica)
J 14	Deception Island (Antarctica)
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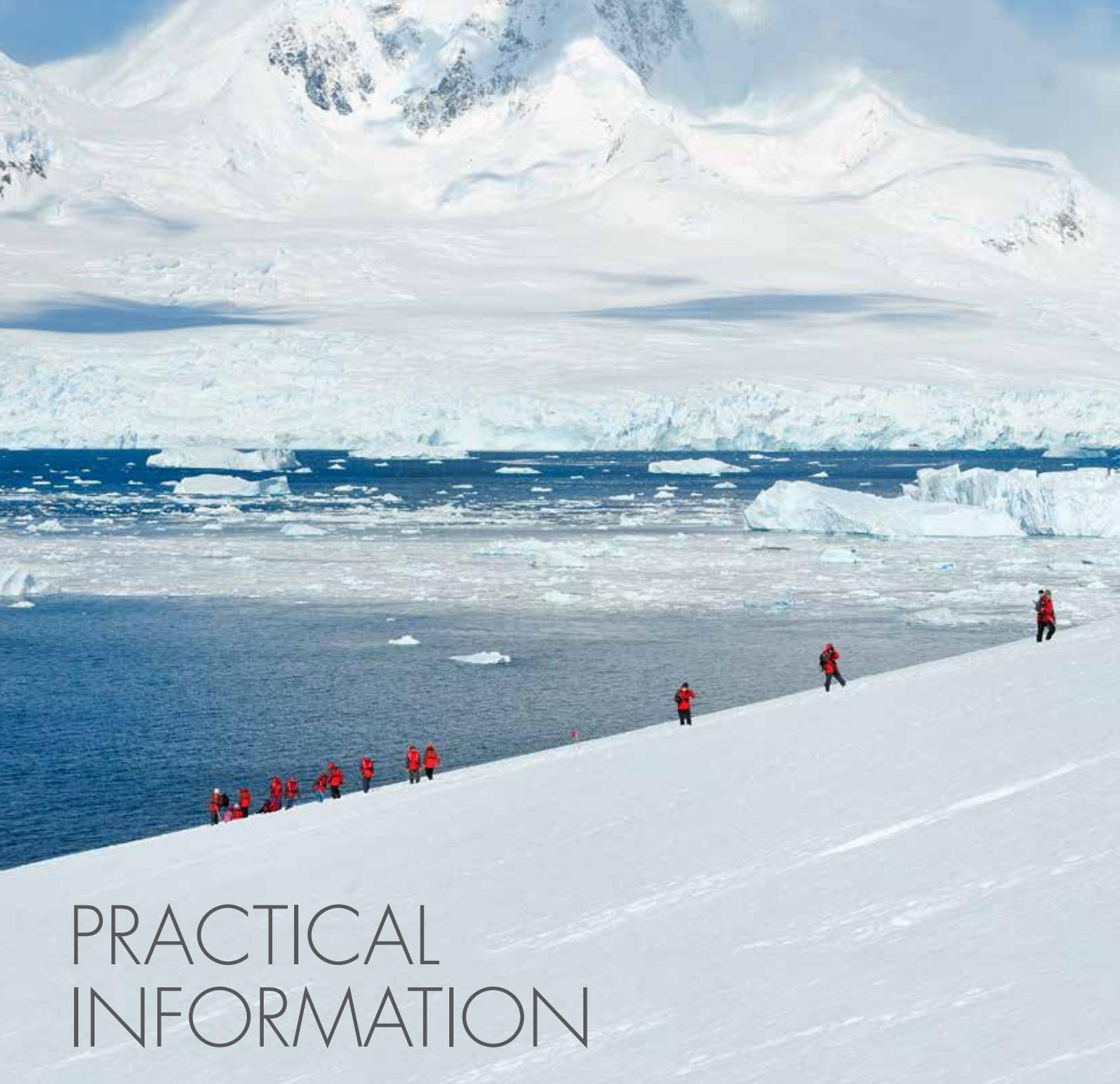
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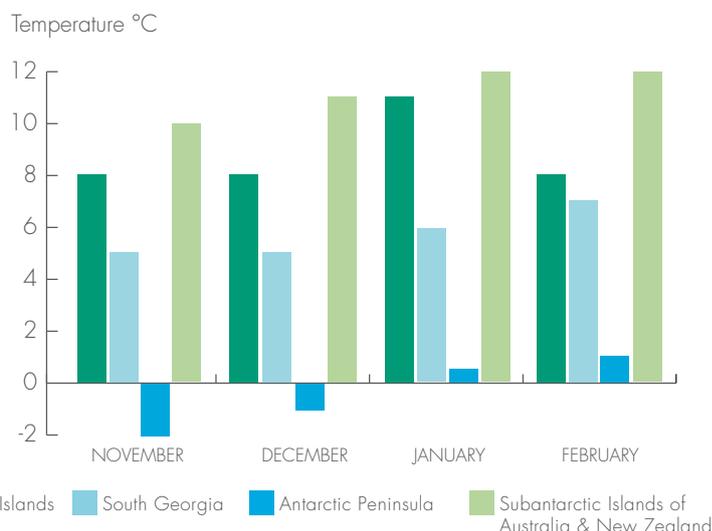
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# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## IDEAL SEASON

During the Southern Summer (from November to February) the White Continent and the Subantarctic Islands comes alive. Wildlife dominates the scene where you can watch colonies of thousands of Penguins busy feeding and raising their young. The birth of new life against a backdrop of orange sunsets, softened by the transparency of drifting icebergs, is an experience not to be missed. The Antarctic and the Subantarctic Islands may be extreme, but it possesses a natural grace which adventurers have always dreamed of exploring... Now it's your turn.





## ADVICE ON WHAT TO WEAR

- A warm waterproof parka, especially adapted for Expeditions, will be provided on board (available only for adults).
- Loose trousers: warm cotton tracksuit bottoms and "thermolactyl™" polo neck jumpers.
- Thick waterproof and windproof over-trousers are obligatory.
- Light trousers plus waterproof over-trousers can be replaced by flexible waterproof ski pants. Having a comfortable but waterproof pair of trousers is essential.
- Pullover, sweat-shirt or fleece.
- Underwear: long johns and long-sleeved vests or tops, plus silk or light cotton and wool mix knee-length socks.
- Fleecy scarf and hat covering the ears (avoid scarves that do not stay in place).
- Waterproof gloves (silk gloves + waterproof gloves to wear over them).
- Sunglasses with a high UV protective index.
- Waterproof and anti-slip rubber boots are obligatory (renting available\*, except caution, see below).



## RENTING BOOTS AVAILABLE

Boots are an essential item when you go ashore. PONANT has selected the expedition equipment specialist *Ship to Shore Traveler*, to offer you, during your cruise, the renting of your boots that are specially adapted for polar destinations.

### PONANT'S ADVANTAGES



- It's practical: Your boots are delivered free of charge to the ship, the day you board.
- Available size: Men, Women, Children
- Travel light: Leaves more space and weight in your luggage for other items.

*Specialist's warranty. Find your offer by logging on [www.ponantboots.com](http://www.ponantboots.com) (From September 2015 for Winter 2015-2016's cruises).*

*\*Only for Subantarctic Islands of Australia & New Zealand, service about your renting boots is not guaranteed to this day. Information will be communicated 4 months before your departure. Please consult us.*

## TO FIND OUT MORE...

- PONANT includes a free copy of the «*Terres Australes*» guide (in French) with your ticket.
- You can also look at the Antarctic video on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com)

# LE BORÉAL, L'AUSTRAL, LE SOLÉAL & LE LYRIAL

4 LATEST GENERATION YACHTS



## EXCEPTIONAL DESIGN

Fluid lines, streamlined bow, and an appearance enhanced by two glass arches which let in light and provide water views: the exterior lines of these yachts reflect the spirit of a subtly revisited nautical theme. On board, an elegant selection of fine materials in discreet and soothing shades of taupe, grey, white, and natural wood gives these ships a unique style that is both contemporary and inviting.

## SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

Limited capacity, unique atmosphere, secluded destinations: at a time when giant cruise ships abound, PONANT has chosen to remain true to its philosophy by developing an ultra-modern but moderately-sized fleet. Thus Le Boréal, L'Austral and Le Soléal boast only 132 cabins and suites, and the latest sistership, Le Lyrial has only... 122! The perfect blend of luxury and cutting-edge technology.

## GREEN CHIC

Because we are convinced that a responsible approach is required in our quest for excellence, PONANT chose to equip its sisterships with efficient "green" equipment. As a result, they have all been awarded the international "Green Ship" label.

*Welcome on board.*

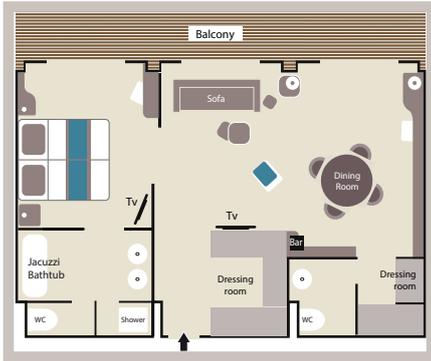


# STATEROOMS & DECKS

## LE LYRIAL

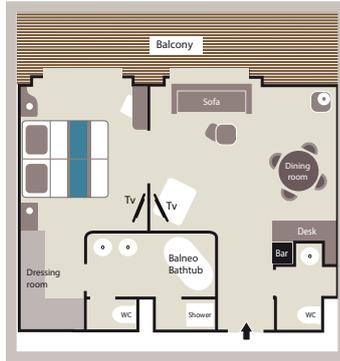
### OWNER'S SUITE

(581 sq.ft + 129 sq.ft. private balcony)



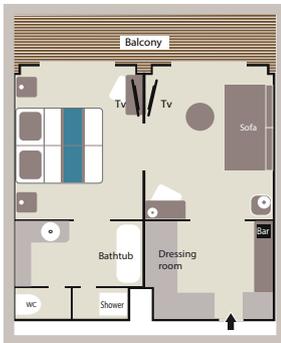
### GRAND DELUXE SUITE

(484 sq.ft + 108 sq.ft. private balcony)



### 8 PRIVILEGE SUITES

(388 sq.ft. + 86 sq.ft. private balcony)

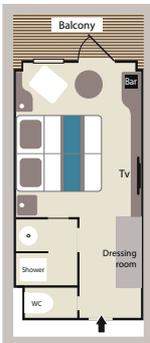


### 3 DELUXE SUITES

(291 sq.ft. + 65 sq.ft. private balcony)

### 28 DELUXE STATEROOMS

(194 sq.ft. + 43 sq.ft. private balcony)



### 8 SUPERIOR STATEROOMS

(226 sq.ft)

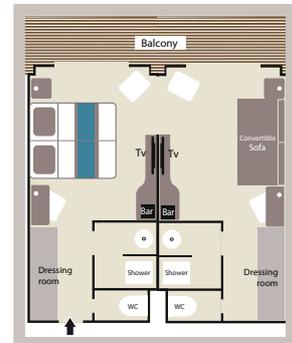


### 11 PRESTIGE SUITES

(388 sq.ft. + 86 sq.ft. private balcony)

### 73 PRESTIGE STATEROOMS

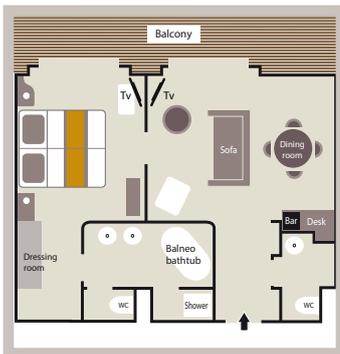
(194 sq.ft. + 43 sq.ft. private balcony)



## LE BORÉAL, L'AUSTRAL & LE SOLÉAL

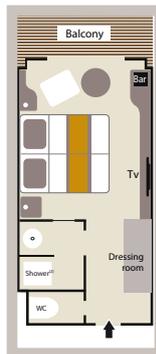
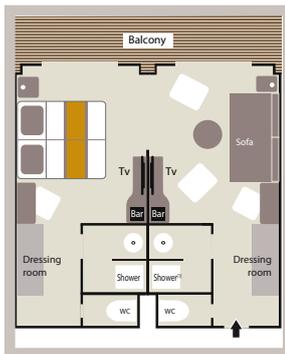
### OWNER'S SUITE

(484 sq.ft + 97 sq.ft. private balcony)



### UP TO 20 PRESTIGE SUITES

(398 sq.ft. + 86 sq.ft. private balcony)



(1) Prestige Suites aboard Le Boréal & Le Soléal : 1 shower & 1 bathtub.

(2) Prestige Stateroom aboard Le Boréal & Le Soléal, Decks 5 & 6 : 1 shower or 1 bathtub depends on cabins.

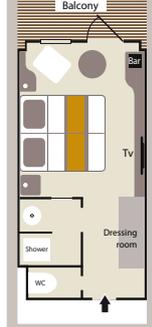
### 3 DELUXE SUITES

(290 sq.ft. + 54 sq.ft. private balcony)



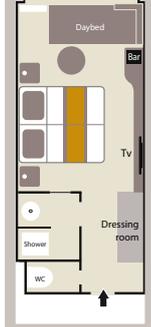
### 28 DELUXE STATEROOMS

(200 sq.ft. + 43 sq.ft. private balcony)



### 8 SUPERIOR STATEROOMS

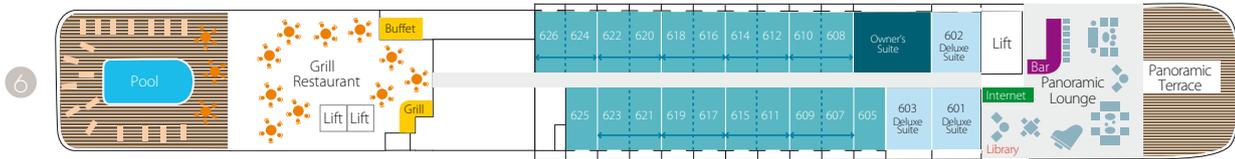
(226 sq.ft)



Deluxe Suites aboard Le Boréal : 1 shower & 1 bathtub.



Deck 6 - LE LYRIAL



Deck 6 - LE BORÉAL - L'AUSTRAL - LE SOLÉAL



LYRIAL Configuration: <sup>(1)</sup>Hammam <sup>(2)</sup>Locker <sup>(3)</sup>Massage  
 SOLÉAL Configuration: <sup>(1)</sup>Hammam <sup>(2)</sup>Locker <sup>(3)</sup>Massage



- 2 Gastronomic Restaurant - Marina
- 3 28 Deluxe staterooms with private balcony  
8 Superior staterooms - Main Lounge - Shop  
- Reception desk - Excursion desk - Medical center
- 4 35 Prestige staterooms with private balcony  
Theater
- 5 37 Prestige staterooms with private balcony  
(with 22 Prestige staterooms convertible into  
11 Prestige suites) - Fitness - Beauty Corner  
Sothys™: Balneo, Hammam, Massage,  
Hairdresser - Relaxation room - Image & photo  
desk - Bridge
- 6 BORÉAL, AUSTRAL & SOLÉAL: Owner's Suite -  
3 Deluxe Suites with private balcony -  
20 Prestige staterooms with private balcony  
(with 18 Prestige staterooms convertible into  
9 Prestige suites) - LYRIAL: Owner's Suite  
- 3 Deluxe Suites with private balcony -  
1 Grand Deluxe Suite - 8 Privilege Suites -  
1 Prestige stateroom - Pool - Grill Restaurant  
- Internet space - Library - Panoramic lounge  
- Panoramic terrace

- Owner's Suite  
Deck 6
- Privilege Suites  
Deck 6 - LE LYRIAL
- Prestige Suites  
Decks 6 - 5 (except LE LYRIAL)
- Grand Deluxe Suites  
Deck 6 - LE LYRIAL
- Deluxe Suites  
Deck 6
- Prestige Stateroom  
Decks 4 - 5 - 6
- Deluxe Stateroom  
Deck 3
- Superior Stateroom  
Deck 3

# FORMALITIES

## FOR ALL CRUISES

The information below is current but subject to change at any time without advance notice from government authorities. Please consult your respective government agencies for visa and health information.

**Passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond the completion of your trip.** Passport must contain at least two completely clear, blank, unused visa pages for each visa required, not including any amendment pages. Visa pages with stains or ink from other pages in the passport are not usable. Guests who deviate from the scheduled embarkation or disembarkation port should research the foreign entry requirements for the port country. Due to government regulations, regrettably, PONANT will have to deny boarding to any guest who fails to obtain the appropriate travel documentation for this trip.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATIONS

### PENINSULA, SOUTH GEORGIA, FALKLANDS AND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS CRUISES

- Travelling to Antarctica, Falkland, South Georgia and Subantarctic Islands is an exhilarating experience and an expedition at first. The raw beauty and untouched wilderness offer an unusual chance to experience a place where there is little evidence of human presence. Inevitably, there are some consequences that come with such remoteness: please remember that you are far from modern hospitals with full medical facilities and evacuation can take several days thus necessary medical help may not be immediately available.
- It is important to note that during this entire voyage, you will visit areas where medical infrastructure is totally inexistent and emergency evacuation impossible. Given the inaccessibility of the White Continent and its islands, this is an obligation to choose your insurance company carefully. Evacuation costs from the Antarctic Peninsula are up to more than 130 000 US\$ plus medical costs. Therefore, please be particularly prudent when choosing an insurance company, especially if you are insured by your credit card. **In addition, it is mandatory to return the medical questionnaire, provided at time of booking, at the latest 90 days prior to departure.** This questionnaire is very important in order to respect mandatory safety rules in polar zones. Any false information on this questionnaire may lead to a refusal of your embarkation at the port of departure, without any possible recourse.
- These voyages include activities such as Zodiac® landings (sometimes wet landings), Zodiac® outings, moderate walks to more active hikes. All this accompanied by your expedition team of Naturalist-Guides. Considering the nature of the programs, a reasonable level of mobility is required to enjoy these expeditions.
- Due to the exceptional nature of this itinerary, the calls/sites listed are only a guide. The final route will be confirmed by the ship's Captain with priority being given to passenger safety. Pack ice may also force the Captain to change course at the last minute. His decision will be based on advice from expert pilots who are present on board during our cruise. Zodiac® landings or outings accompanied by your expedition team offer plenty of opportunities to discover and experience what Antarctica and its islands have to offer at close range. These will of course depend on the weather conditions, the ice, the wind and the sea state.
- We also recommend you follow the clothing instructions and advice you will find in your travel documents.
- **Argentina:** ENTRY/EXIT REQUIREMENTS: Australian, Canadian, and U.S. citizens entering/exiting Argentina must have a valid passport and pay a RECIPROCITY TAX. Fee may be paid online in US dollars by credit card. Consult [www.migraciones.gov.ar](http://www.migraciones.gov.ar).  
At time of print, the fees were as follow (subject to change without notice)
  - **Australia:** U\$D 100\* - (multiple entry valid for one year)
  - **Canada:** U\$D 75\* - (one entry) or U\$D 150 - (multiple entry valid for 5 years from first entry)
  - **USA:** U\$D 140\* - (one entry)\* Subject to changes.

## SPECIFIC FORMALITIES

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#### Australia & New Zealand:

- **Visas :** Before departure, please check carefully that your visas are valid for the right date and time spent in the countries in order to avoid unpleasant situations. An Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) must be obtained before your arrival in Australia. For more information, please visit [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au). Carriers should be aware that there will not be any physical evidence in your passport.
- Australian and New Zealand customs regulations are very strict, especially for the import of food items such as fresh food (even sealed), fruits, eggs, meat, plants, vegetables, seeds, grains. Fur and feathers are also forbidden. We highly recommend you consult this website for further details: [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au).
- **Medication:** If you have a medical treatment, do not forget your prescription.



# INSURANCE



PONANT is creating a new insurance and multi-risk assistance contract. Enjoy worry-free travel with our exclusive **Ponant 5\* Insurance** policy, arranged through our partner, APRIL, a specialist in high-end travel insurance. This insurance will cover you on all our itineraries without exception, and for the full duration of your cruise. APRIL has been our partner for nearly 15 years and has plenty of experience in the type of problems that may arise. We are therefore offering to be the single and unique point of contact for booking your flights and cruises and also for managing insurance cover throughout your trip. The guarantees provided are subject to a surcharge of **4% incl. taxes on the total cost of your travel**. The policy must be taken out on the day your cruise is purchased. Our sales staff are at your disposal to answer all your questions. To be eligible you must live in mainland France including Corsica, the French overseas departments, Andorra and Monaco, or in an EU country or in Switzerland.

BENEFITS	Maximum amounts / person, incl. tax
<b>TRIP CANCELLATION</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illness (including relapse from previous illness or injury), accident, death of the insured, of a family member or an insured accompanying party.</li> <li>• Attack or natural disaster occurring at destination point</li> <li>• Other justified reasons</li> </ul> ↳ Deductible	50 000 € maximum / person 100 000 € maximum / event 10% of the cancellation cost with a minimum of 50 € / person (no deductible in case of illness, accident or death)
<b>MISSED CONNECTION</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel expenses up to the next stop-over</li> </ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early return</li> </ul>	50% of the trip cost with a maximum of 1 500 € / person Return ticket + taxi fare
<b>BAGGAGE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theft, total or partial destruction, loss during conveyance by a shipping company</li> </ul> ↳ Deductible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late delivery &gt; 24h</li> </ul>	3 049 € incl. tax / person 30 € / file Fixed sum of 400 € incl. tax / person
<b>ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY DURING TRAVEL</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation / Repatriation</li> <li>• Return travel of family members or insured accompanying party</li> </ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presence during hospitalization               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transportation</li> <li>- Accommodations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prolonged stay of accompanying party in the event of hospitalization</li> <li>• Accompanying children under 18 years old</li> <li>• Travel continuation</li> <li>• Reimbursement of medical expenses abroad and advance of hospitalization costs abroad               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Europe and Mediterranean countries</li> <li>- Rest of the world</li> </ul>               ↳ Deductible for medical expenses             </li> </ul>	Actual costs Return ticket + taxi fare Round trip ticket + taxi fare 80 € / night (maximum 10 nights) 80 € / night (maximum 4 nights) Hostess or round trip ticket Additional travel expenses 75 000 € / person 152 500 € / person 30 € / person / event
<b>ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN CASE OF DEATH</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return travel of family members or one or two of the insured accompanying party</li> <li>• Anticipated return in the event of death of a family member, the person in charge of child care or the professional replacement</li> </ul>	Return ticket + taxi fare Return ticket + taxi fare
<b>TRAVEL ASSISTANCE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advance of bail abroad</li> <li>• Coverage of lawyers' fees abroad</li> <li>• Early return in case of damages at home</li> <li>• Assistance in case of damages at home               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conservatory measures</li> <li>- Accommodations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Assistance and advance of funds in case of theft, loss OR destruction of identification papers or payment means</li> </ul>	15 300 € / person 3 100 € / person Return ticket + taxi fare 80 € 50 € / night (maximum 2 nights) 2 300 € / person
<b>CIVIL LIABILITY</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All bodily injury and property damage</li> <li>• Including property damage</li> </ul> ↳ Deductible	4 500 000 € incl. tax / person 75 000 € incl. tax / person 75 € / claim
<b>TRIP INTERRUPTION</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of trip interruption, due to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hospitalization or death of close relations</li> <li>- Damages at home</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Compensation travel, following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical repatriation of the insured</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Prorata temporis (excluding transportation) Initial cost of insured trip
<b>TRAVEL ACCIDENT</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Death</li> <li>• Disability</li> </ul>	15 245 € incl. tax / person 15 245 € incl. tax / person 150 000 € incl. tax / event

# PRICE LIST in €\*

## CRUISES + FLIGHTS & TRANSFERS FARE

DECEMBER 01<sup>ST</sup> 2015  
14 nights on board + flights & transfers included

USHUAIA • USHUAIA  
L'AUSRAL

POYANT BONUS  
From  
-30%

Superior Stateroom	8 570 €	<b>6 260 €</b>
Deluxe Stateroom	10 150 €	<b>7 360 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 4	11 360 €	<b>8 210 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 5	11 880 €	<b>8 570 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 6	12 430 €	<b>8 960 €</b>
Deluxe Suite	16 370 €	<b>11 720 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	19 390 €	<b>13 830 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 6	20 310 €	<b>14 470 €</b>
Owner Suite	24 200 €	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Superior Stateroom	7 300 €	<b>5 370 €</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Prestige Suite	16 490 €	<b>11 800 €</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> adult Pass. in a Prestige Suite	16 490 €	<b>11 800 €</b>
Children 8 - 11 sharing parents <sup>(1)</sup>	870 €	-
Single Occupancy Supplement <sup>(1)</sup>	from 85 %	
Safety and port taxes <sup>(1)</sup>	700 €	
Airport taxes <sup>(1)</sup>	40 €	

DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015  
14 nights on board + flights & transfers included

USHUAIA • USHUAIA  
L'AUSRAL

POYANT BONUS  
From  
-30%

Superior Stateroom	9 330 €	<b>6 790 €</b>
Deluxe Stateroom	11 060 €	<b>8 000 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 4	12 390 €	<b>8 930 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 5	12 960 €	<b>9 330 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 6	13 560 €	<b>9 750 €</b>
Deluxe Suite	17 970 €	<b>12 840 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	21 350 €	<b>15 200 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 6	22 370 €	<b>15 920 €</b>
Owner Suite	26 670 €	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Superior Stateroom	7 930 €	<b>5 810 €</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Prestige Suite	18 140 €	<b>12 950 €</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> adult Pass. in a Prestige Suite	18 140 €	<b>12 950 €</b>
Children 8 - 11 sharing parents <sup>(1)</sup>	870 €	-
Single Occupancy Supplement <sup>(1)</sup>	from 85 %	
Safety and port taxes <sup>(1)</sup>	700 €	
Airport taxes <sup>(1)</sup>	40 €	

DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2015  
JANUARY 08<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup> 2016  
10 nights on board + flights & transfers included

USHUAIA • USHUAIA  
L'AUSRAL

POYANT BONUS  
From  
-30%

Superior Stateroom	6 950 €	<b>5 120 €</b>
Deluxe Stateroom	8 100 €	<b>5 930 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 4	9 050 €	<b>6 590 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 5	9 460 €	<b>6 880 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 6	9 880 €	<b>7 170 €</b>
Deluxe Suite	13 160 €	<b>9 470 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	15 690 €	<b>11 240 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 6	16 430 €	<b>11 760 €</b>
Owner Suite	19 550 €	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Superior Stateroom	5 900 €	<b>4 390 €</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Prestige Suite	13 320 €	<b>9 580 €</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> adult Pass. in a Prestige Suite	13 320 €	<b>9 580 €</b>
Children 8 - 11 sharing parents <sup>(1)</sup>	870 €	-
Single Occupancy Supplement <sup>(1)</sup>	from 85 %	
Safety and port taxes <sup>(1)</sup>	700 €	
Airport taxes <sup>(1)</sup>	40 €	

**Direct flights included**  
**Buenos Aires - Ushuaia - Buenos Aires**  
A tour of discover Tierra del Fuego National Park  
Transfer included

NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015  
15 nights on board + flights & transfers included

USHUAIA • USHUAIA  
LE BORÉAL

POYANT BONUS  
From  
-30%

Superior Stateroom	9 000 €	<b>6 560 €</b>
Deluxe Stateroom	10 820 €	<b>7 830 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 4	12 220 €	<b>8 810 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 5	12 780 €	<b>9 200 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 6	13 380 €	<b>9 620 €</b>
Deluxe Suite	17 120 €	<b>12 240 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	21 410 €	<b>15 240 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 6	22 430 €	<b>15 960 €</b>
Owner Suite	29 330 €	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Superior Stateroom	7 570 €	<b>5 560 €</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Prestige Suite	18 120 €	<b>12 940 €</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> adult Pass. in a Prestige Suite	18 120 €	<b>12 940 €</b>
Children 8 - 11 sharing parents <sup>(1)</sup>	870 €	-
Single Occupancy Supplement <sup>(1)</sup>	from 85 %	
Safety and port taxes <sup>(1)</sup>	750 €	
Airport taxes <sup>(1)</sup>	40 €	

DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2015  
15 nights on board

CHRISTCHURCH • MELBOURNE  
LE SOLÉAL

POYANT BONUS  
From  
-30%

Superior Stateroom	6 750 €	<b>4 720 €</b>
Deluxe Stateroom	8 290 €	<b>5 800 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 4	9 370 €	<b>6 550 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 5	9 850 €	<b>6 890 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 6	10 340 €	<b>7 230 €</b>
Deluxe Suite	13 700 €	<b>9 590 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	16 240 €	<b>11 360 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 6	17 050 €	<b>11 930 €</b>
Owner Suite	22 510 €	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Superior Stateroom	5 660 €	<b>3 960 €</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Prestige Suite	13 720 €	<b>9 600 €</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> adult Pass. in a Prestige Suite	13 720 €	<b>9 600 €</b>
Children 8 - 11 sharing parents <sup>(1)</sup>	-	-
Single Occupancy Supplement <sup>(***)</sup>		<b>OFFERED</b>
Safety and port taxes <sup>(1)</sup>	750 €	

**Direct flights included**  
**Buenos Aires - Ushuaia - Buenos Aires**  
A tour of discovery Tierra  
de fuego National Park  
Transfer included



(\* For details on pricing and conditions, refer to pages 40 to 43. (\*\*) Except Owner Suite. (\*\*\*) The free single is subject to availability at the time of booking. The cruises below are only provided as an exemple. The cruises for which the offer is valid are subject to change and can be viewed at [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com).

## NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2015

14 nights on board + return flight & transfer included

### MONTEVIDEO • USHUAIA LE LYRIAL



Superior Stateroom	6 770 €	<b>4 880 €</b>
Deluxe Stateroom	8 210 €	<b>5 880 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 4	9 220 €	<b>6 590 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 5	9 660 €	<b>6 900 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 6	10 120 €	<b>7 220 €</b>
Deluxe Suite	13 260 €	<b>9 420 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	15 630 €	<b>11 080 €</b>
Privilege Suite	16 390 €	<b>11 610 €</b>
Grand Deluxe Suite	18 940 €	<b>13 390 €</b>
Owner Suite	21 480 €	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Superior Stateroom	5 750 €	<b>4 160 €</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> adult in Suites <sup>(*)</sup>	13 280 €	<b>9 430 €</b>
Children 8 - 11 sharing parents <sup>(*)</sup>	470 €	-
Single Occupancy Supplement <sup>(*)</sup>	from 85 %	
Safety and port taxes <sup>(*)</sup>	700 €	
Airport taxes <sup>(*)</sup>	20 €	

Return flight Ushuaia - Buenos Aires  
& transfer included

## DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2015

10 nights on board + flights & transfers included

### USHUAIA • USHUAIA LE LYRIAL



Superior Stateroom	6 290 €	<b>4 660 €</b>
Deluxe Stateroom	7 500 €	<b>5 510 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 4	8 440 €	<b>6 160 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 5	8 810 €	<b>6 420 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 6	9 210 €	<b>6 700 €</b>
Deluxe Suite	12 230 €	<b>8 820 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	14 570 €	<b>10 460 €</b>
Privilege Suite	15 250 €	<b>10 930 €</b>
Grand Deluxe Suite	17 550 €	<b>12 540 €</b>
Owner Suite	19 850 €	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Superior Stateroom	5 340 €	<b>3 990 €</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> adult in Suites <sup>(*)</sup>	12 370 €	<b>8 920 €</b>
Children 8 - 11 sharing parents <sup>(*)</sup>	870 €	-
Single Occupancy Supplement <sup>(*)</sup>	from 85 %	
Safety and port taxes <sup>(*)</sup>	500 €	
Airport taxes <sup>(*)</sup>	40 €	

Direct flights included  
Buenos Aires - Ushuaia - Buenos Aires  
A tour of discover Tierra del Fuego National Park  
Transfer included

## DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2015

## JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> 2016

10 nights on board + flights & transfers included

### USHUAIA • USHUAIA LE LYRIAL



Superior Stateroom	6 950 €	<b>5 120 €</b>
Deluxe Stateroom	8 100 €	<b>5 930 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 4	9 050 €	<b>6 590 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 5	9 460 €	<b>6 880 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 6	9 880 €	<b>7 170 €</b>
Deluxe Suite	13 160 €	<b>9 470 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	15 690 €	<b>11 240 €</b>
Privilege Suite	16 430 €	<b>11 760 €</b>
Grand Deluxe Suite	18 920 €	<b>13 500 €</b>
Owner Suite	21 410 €	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Superior Stateroom	5 900 €	<b>4 390 €</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> adult in Suites <sup>(*)</sup>	13 320 €	<b>9 580 €</b>
Children 8 - 11 sharing parents <sup>(*)</sup>	870 €	-
Single Occupancy Supplement <sup>(*)</sup>	from 85 %	
Safety and port taxes <sup>(*)</sup>	500 €	
Airport taxes <sup>(*)</sup>	40 €	



## DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2015

16 nights on board + flights & transfers included

### USHUAIA • USHUAIA LE LYRIAL



Superior Stateroom	10 530 €	<b>7 630 €</b>
Deluxe Stateroom	12 520 €	<b>9 020 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 4	14 040 €	<b>10 080 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 5	14 690 €	<b>10 540 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 6	15 370 €	<b>11 020 €</b>
Deluxe Suite	20 410 €	<b>14 540 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	24 270 €	<b>17 250 €</b>
Privilege Suite	25 440 €	<b>18 060 €</b>
Suite Grand Deluxe	29 380 €	<b>20 820 €</b>
Owner Suite	33 310 €	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Superior Stateroom	8 930 €	<b>6 510 €</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> adult in Suites <sup>(*)</sup>	20 610 €	<b>14 680 €</b>
Children 8 - 11 sharing parents <sup>(*)</sup>	870 €	-
Single Occupancy Supplement <sup>(*)</sup>	from 85 %	
Safety and port taxes <sup>(*)</sup>	800 €	
Airport taxes <sup>(*)</sup>	40 €	

Direct flights included  
Buenos Aires - Ushuaia - Buenos Aires  
A tour of discover  
Tierra del Fuego National Park  
Transfer included

## FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> 2016

15 nights on board + outward flight & transfer included

### USHUAIA • MONTEVIDEO LE LYRIAL



Superior Stateroom	7 220 €	<b>5 190 €</b>
Deluxe Stateroom	8 760 €	<b>6 270 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 4	9 840 €	<b>7 020 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 5	10 320 €	<b>7 360 €</b>
Prestige Sateroom - Deck 6	10 810 €	<b>7 700 €</b>
Deluxe Suite	14 170 €	<b>10 060 €</b>
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	16 710 €	<b>11 830 €</b>
Privilege Suite	17 520 €	<b>12 400 €</b>
Suite Grand Deluxe	20 250 €	<b>14 310 €</b>
Owner Suite	22 980 €	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> adult Pass. in a Superior Stateroom	6 130 €	<b>4 430 €</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> adult in Suites <sup>(*)</sup>	14 190 €	<b>10 070 €</b>
Children 8 - 11 sharing parents <sup>(*)</sup>	470 €	-
Single Occupancy Supplement <sup>(*)</sup>	from 85 %	
Safety and port taxes <sup>(*)</sup>	750 €	
Airport taxes <sup>(*)</sup>	20 €	

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(\*) For details on pricing and conditions, refer to pages 40 to 43. (\*\*) Except Owner Suite

# GENERAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## 1- "Cruise , Flights & Transfers" program rates are per person and include:

- "Cruise, Flights & transfers" Programs for expedition voyages Ushuaia-Ushuaia: Direct, private flights Buenos-Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos-Aires in Economy-class (subject to availability)
- "Cruise, Flight & Transfer" Program for expedition voyage Ushuaia-Montevideo and Montevideo-Ushuaia: Direct, private one-way flight Buenos-Aires/Ushuaia or Ushuaia/Buenos-Aires in Economy-class (subject to availability)
- Meet and Greet by our representatives in Ushuaia and luggage direct transfer from the airport to the ship for port clearance
- Choice between one full day tour to Tierra del Fuego National Park with lunch included and English Speaking local guide (detailed description available upon request) OR direct transfer to the port for embarkation, buffet lunch and access to the Main Lounge (cabins/suites will not be accessible before 5pm)
- On disembarkation days in Ushuaia: direct transfer from the ship to the airport (not included on Ushuaia – Montevideo cruise)
- All meals from dinner on the day of embarkation to breakfast on the day of disembarkation
- Captain's welcome cocktail and gala dinner
- Evening gatherings, organised entertainments and events
- Open Bar (pouring wines, house champagne, alcohol except premium brands, coffees, juices and soft drinks; list available upon request)
- Room service 24h (special selection)
- Highly experienced multi-lingual Expedition team.

## 2- "Cruise, Flights and Transfers" program rates don't include:

- Airport taxes
- Port and safety taxes and crew gratuities
- Any ground services before and/or after the cruise other than the ones mentioned in each "Cruise, Flights & Transfers" package and for which details are available upon request. Don't hesitate to contact your travel agent or consult [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com)
- Optional Spa package to be booked prior your departure; Please ask for more information
- Beverages other than the ones mentioned
- Laundry services, hair salon and à la carte Spa treatments
- Personal expenses, on board medical consultations and drug prescriptions
- Cancellation/luggage/assistance/repatriation/medical insurance(s)
- Visa expenses and/or immigration reciprocity taxes if applicable

**Please do not forget to bring your medical certificates when it is required to participate in an expedition cruise.**

## 3- Ground services

### 3.1 Services included in "Cruise , flights and Transfers packages:

Packages "Cruise, Flights and Transfers" include ground services before and/or after the cruise as described in documents available 10 months prior departure of each cruise and available on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com). 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 Compagnie du Ponant. In this respect, Compagnie du Ponant 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. The passenger agrees that Compagnie du Ponant acts as agent and/or trustee for any person including ground and maritime agents and subcontractors, who provide any service forming, or in connection with, any part of the cruise.

Our Cruise and Flights package programs are made in connection with Compagnie du Ponant selected regular or private charter flights. Final timings and schedule of the day by day program will be communicated with the cruise ticket. All our programs are made in economy class and according to number of seats available. If the class is not available anymore, we will suggest, depending on the availability, extra seats with a supplement.

On International flights, check-in luggage is limited to 23kg/50lbs and 8kg/11 to 17lbs per person for carry-on luggage (besides airlines frequent flyer advantages). On regular domestic or intercontinental flights, check-in luggage limits are between 15 and 20 kg/33 to 44lbs and 5 to 8kg/11 to 17lbs per person for carry-on. On Compagnie du Ponant Private charter flights, check-in luggage is limited to 20 kg/44lbs and 5kg/11lbs maximum per person as carry-on. We thank you for taking these restrictions into account. Airline carriers charge for extra weight and sometimes refuse, for strict security reasons, to check-in overweight and oversized luggage. Compagnie du Ponant and the airline carriers waive all liability for luggage with extra weight that is refused at the check-in.

### 3.2 Ground activities included during expedition cruises itself:

It is understood that taking part to activities proposed during expedition cruising certain risks and dangers including but not limited to activities in remote areas, animals, forces of nature, accident and illness. Compagnie du Ponant, organizer of this expedition, does not undertake and does not have any responsibility for the accuracy of any information it provides or to determine or assure the suitability of any participant to expedition activities proposed in general or as to a particular person. Compagnie du Ponant has no duty to provide medical assistance or advice to any activity participant. Each individual participating in any expedition activity accepts responsibility for making their own determinations as to the suitability of the activity and for their own safety, conduct and well-being and agrees to participate solely at their own risk. Being informed, each participant in any expedition activities, assume the risk associated with these activities and will hold Compagnie du Ponant, its officers, directors, crew and expedition team members as well as hike leaders harmless from and defend them against any and all liability, actions, suits, claims and demands which could arise from any of the Compagnie du Ponant's activities and from any loss or injury which may sustain as a result of my participation in any of these activities.

**It is essential to be properly equipped and not to forget to bring with you your binoculars for a good fauna observation during Nature outings.**

## 4-Rates and Savings

Please find the rates for each expedition program on our website [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com). Ponant Bonus saving is not applicable on taxes. Tax amounts are subject to change and in addition to the package rates (Except for All Inclusive packages presented in US\$)

### 4-1: Public rates:

They are the reference rates of the cruise applicable for the validity period of the brochure. Public rates are per person and based on double occupancy.

### 4.2: Ponant Bonus Fares

PONANT BONUS is a special savings program off published cruise-only rates for selected voyages. Ponant Bonus is the guaranteed best price you can obtain on the day you make your reservation. It can save you up to 30% off the public rates. Ponant Bonus fares are capacity controlled, subject to availability and may change at any time without notice. Ponant Bonus could decrease or be closed for specific stateroom and suite categories or entire cruises. Contact your travel agent or refer to [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com) to determine the Ponant Bonus available at the time of booking your cruise (s). Ponant Bonus may not be combinable with other promotional offers or onboard cruise credits.

### 4.3: "Guaranteed" cabin

Depending on cruise occupancy at time of booking, a "guaranteed" cabin in Deluxe category – deck 3 may be proposed. This means that the booking is made in the Deluxe category – deck 3 without cabin number assignment. Cabin assignment will be made at Compagnie du Ponant's discretion and can change at all times up to embarkation. Once cabin number is assigned no changes are accepted. The advantage of this option is to maybe benefit of a higher cabin category without additional surcharge. In all events, the minimum category chosen at time of reservation is guaranteed.

### 4-4: Other savings:

- **Combination cruise (if applicable)** : -10% off the second consecutive cruise-only rate, port taxes excluded, applicable on all consecutive cruises, except Ocean Voyages.
- **Ponant Yacht Club Grand Admiral Members**: -5% off the cruise-only rate, port taxes excluded
- **Family & Friends**: -5% off the cruise-only rate, port taxes excluded, for all bookings of 5 adults or more, booked at the same time and all sailing together on the same cruise
- **Honeymoon**: see details on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com)
- **Wedding Anniversary (every 5<sup>th</sup> year)**: see details on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com)
- **On board Reservations**: -5% off the cruise-only rate, port taxes excluded for each new cruise booked with our onboard staff

NOTE: These discounts/benefits are not combinable with any offer other than those mentioned above. If you are entitled to several discounts, the value of the second discount is calculated from the revised rate obtained after the deduction of the first discount and so on.

## 5- Children

Children under 3 years of age and women who are over 6 months pregnant are not authorized to sail. Children between 3 and 8 years old are accepted subject to agreement at the time of booking. If accepted, a liability waiver will have to be completed and returned to Compagnie du Ponant to validate your booking. On expedition cruises, children must be able to disembark/embark by zodiac without assistance and be able to understand and follow safety instructions. Therefore disembarkation is submitted to Captain's and Expedition Leader's decision depending on weather conditions and landing sites. In all cases, children and young adults, once on board, are the entire and total responsibility of their parents or guardians.

**Children from 8 to 11 years old** sharing with 2 adults and **Teenagers from 12 to 17 years old**, sharing with 1 or 2 adults benefit from special discounts on cruise-only fares; please contact us for more details.

## 6- Mobility

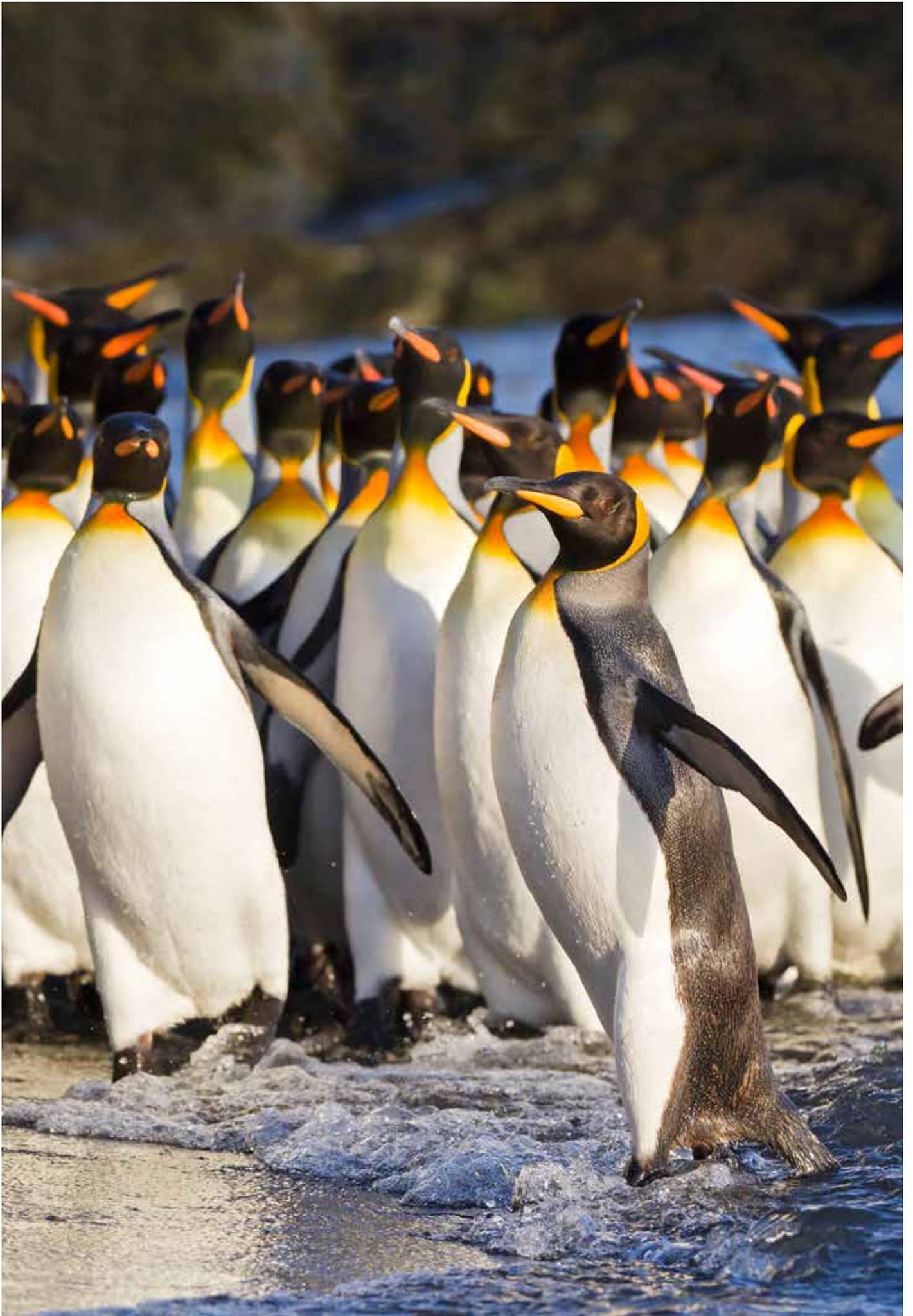
L'AUSTRAL, LE BOREAL, LE SOLEAL and LE LYRIAL have three cabins which are specially adapted for disabled guests (ADA Norms). Nevertheless, for safety reasons, all passengers must either be fully mobile or must be accompanied by a travelling companion fit and able to provide all necessary assistance during the voyage. Please note that animals (including service and/or comfort animals) are not permitted aboard. Persons who are not fully mobile, with physical disabilities or other handicaps requiring special treatment or assistance, including persons who use a wheelchair, must advise Compagnie du Ponant in writing of the nature of such conditions when making a reservation request and by all means before the signature of booking form. Compagnie du Ponant reserves the right to refuse passage to anyone who has failed to notify them of such limited mobility, disabilities or need of assistance, whose medical conditions is not compatible with security rules and requirements specific to the navigation area, or who, in the Compagnie du Ponant's opinion is unfit for travel. Please note that landings are done using zodiacs making them very difficult or even impossible for passengers with limited mobility. Each landing will be subject to Captain and Expedition Leader approval.

## 7- Others

- Women who are pregnant must inform us by mail or email before their cruise and submit a medical certificate confirming their ability to travel. Women who are more than 5 months pregnant at the time of embarkation or during their cruise are not permitted to embark.
- All our vessels are non-smoking with the exception of designated areas on outside decks.
- Animals (including service and/or comfort animals) are not permitted aboard.
- Any specific health issue, if known, must be reported in writing to our medical department ([medical@ponant.com](mailto:medical@ponant.com)). There is a specific and mandatory medical questionnaire to be completed by your physician between 90 and 45 days prior to your cruise. The completed questionnaire must be returned by each participant to an Antarctica program, at the latest 40 days prior departure. Any medical questionnaire completed before this time period will be invalid. Should the information on the medical questionnaire not correspond to the reality, embarkation might be refused at the port of embarkation without any recourse. Any passenger who has not returned the completed compulsory medical form will be denied boarding.
- **Due to exceptional nature of these programs, sites names are given as an indication only. Final route will be confirmed daily by Captain and Expedition Leader depending on ice conditions, weather forecasts with priority being given to passenger safety.**
- Euro, US Dollar currencies and credit cards (VISA, MASTERCARD and AMEX) are accepted on board. Note there are no ATMs onboard the ships or money exchange. Onboard purchases may be charged back to the guest's stateroom.
- Ship master retains the right to change the itineraries as per article 4.2 of the cruise ticket.
- Detailed terms and conditions are available on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com) and upon request.



PONANT is a voting Member of International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), organization founded in 1991 to advocate, promote and practice safe and environmentally responsible private-sector travel to the Antarctic. [www.iaato.org](http://www.iaato.org)



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These are extracts of the terms and conditions which will apply to your cruise. Please read them carefully. Complete terms and conditions are available upon request. Attention is particularly drawn to the exemption and limitation of liability in favour of Compagnie Du Ponant / Compagnie Du Ponant USA LLC, Compagnie du Ponant Pty Limited Australia / Compagnie du Ponant HK Limited / Compagnie du Ponant Shanghai Information Consulting Co., Ltd. hereinafter referred as "the Company" or "CDP". These terms and conditions are subject to change without notice.

## 1- Transferability:

A reservation for one of the programs listed in this brochure is only valid for date, cruise program and passenger(s) names listed on the written confirmation received upon reservation and on the cruise ticket provided with travel documents. Passenger may transfer the ticket to a third party, who shall fill the same conditions as the passenger to perform all purchased services, as long as the agreement has not rendered any effect. The transferor and/or transferee must settle any fees which result, and inform the Company and the seller of this decision by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt no later than 90 days prior day of embarkation. In the event where the passenger transfers his/her ticket without informing the Company and the seller as per the terms described above, this ticket transfer will be invalid and the ticket will be cancelled without any possible refund.

## 2- Payment Schedule:

In order to secure a booking, the guest is required to pay 25% of total cruise price upon confirmation. The final 75% is due no later than 90 days prior to sailing/departure. All reservations are subject to cancellation fees if payments are not received by the due date. Your full payment or acceptance of a ticket constitutes agreement to these Terms and Conditions, General and Important information presented in this brochure as part of the Passenger Ticket Contract. Any revisions to the above payment plan must be in writing and approved by CDP.

## 3- Revisions & modifications:

Guests who deviate from the scheduled embarkation or disembarkation port should inform the Company in advance to obtain her agreement. Once a booking is secured by a deposit, all revisions and/or changes which occurred less than 90 days before departure are subject to an administration change fee that has to be paid by the passenger as stated hereunder in "Cancellation & Refunds". The passenger who decides to shorten his journey cannot claim any refund for any unused services. The passenger, who fails to present himself in time for his departure or relinquishes booked services included in the program for any reason, cannot claim any refund.

## 4- Cancellation, modification penalties & Refunds:

All cancellations or modifications must be in writing. Any and all guests not reporting for departure or prevented from reporting for departure or waiving for any reason whatsoever the benefit of services included in the program cannot claim any refund. Compagnie du Ponant shall not be required to refund any monies to any guests who must leave the sailing prematurely for any reason, nor shall Compagnie du Ponant be held responsible for any costs, fees, damages or causes of action which result from the transportation expenses incurred by guest's early departure.

### 4-1: Modification penalties:

In case of modification of the deposited paid booking for a travel package of inferior value: modification penalty applies and equivalent to cancellation penalties defined in section 4.2 hereunder. The penalty percentage applies on the difference in prices between the initial package and the new package fare.  
In case of modification of the deposited paid booking for a travel package of superior value: no modification penalty will be assessed.

### 4.2: Cancellation penalties:

For any deposited or fully paid booking, cancellation penalties will be assessed as noted below. These cancellation penalties are applicable on all services booked with Compagnie du Ponant.

- From confirmation of booking date up to 91 days prior departure: 25% of full fare
- 90-76 days prior departure: 50% of full fare
- 75-61 days prior departure: 75% of full fare
- Less than 61 days prior departure: 100% of full fare.

## 5- Formalities and health information:

Before booking one of these journeys or trips offered in this brochure, each passenger is personally responsible for complying with the required legal regulations. All passengers must carry a valid passport, as well as the visas and vaccination certificates which may be required at the airport, at the port of arrival and departure. Company du Ponant waives all liability for not complying with the required legal regulations regarding immigration, customs or sanitary documents required before departure and during his trip. Please note that Australian, Canadian, and U.S. citizens entering/exiting Argentina must have a valid passport and pay a Reciprocity Tax. Currently, the fee will have to be paid by credit card online before arriving in Argentina: Please consult [www.migraciones.gov.ar](http://www.migraciones.gov.ar) or [www.provinciapagos.com.ar](http://www.provinciapagos.com.ar). At time of print, the fees were as follow (subject to change without notice) Australia: U\$D 100 - (multiple entry valid for one year). Canada: U\$D 75 - (one entry) or U\$D 150 - (multiple entry valid for 5 years from first entry). USA: U\$D 140 - (one entry).

Any guest who fails to obtain the appropriate travel documentation to board the airplane or access to the ship is responsible and may not claim any compensation or refund of his trip or services.

The information given in this brochure is current but subject to change at any time without advance notice from government authorities. Please consult respective government agencies up to the departure date.

## 6- Air transport and Flight Package information:

All airline tickets are provided in the electronic ticket format. It is imperative to ensure that the first names and surnames communicated are those mentioned on the relevant passport, as they cannot be changed later. Any mistakes, or requests to alter the name, will require the purchase of a new ticket. Compagnie du Ponant will provide passengers, at the time they make their booking, with the name of the airline or airline carriers which have either already been selected or are likely to be selected. Compagnie du Ponant undertakes to inform passengers, before departure, of any changes to the identity of the

airline or airline carriers as soon as they are known.

The words "direct flight" mean there will be no change of aircraft, but do not exclude the possibility that there may be one or several stops. A "direct non-stop flight" means no change of aircraft and no stops. Private charter flights do not offer special meals. Airline carriers can enter into a "code share" agreement whereby they are able to sell a flight under their own name, although the aircraft itself may be operated by another airline company.

The schedules and type of transportation listed are provided by the transportation companies at the time this brochure was being produced. They are a guideline to the moment of departure and are subject to change for all kinds of reasons (additional stops added, weather conditions, air traffic control authorisation, strikes, etc). In accordance with the Warsaw and Montreal Convention, timings and routes as well as departure/destination airports are not a contractual element of the transportation ticket. Under these conditions, Compagnie du Ponant cannot be held responsible for changes that are beyond its control.

Changes to the original travel program may be the result, in particular, of technical faults, weather conditions, political reasons, delays or cancellations, strikes, additional stops, changes to aircraft or routes, etc. Under no circumstances can these incidences be attributed to Compagnie du Ponant or any compensation made whatsoever. If a client wishes to abandon his journey, he will be liable to the cruise cancellation fees indicated above.

The airline carrier's responsibility, in the event of damages, complaints or claims of any kind, is limited to the carriage of passengers and their luggage by air, within the terms and conditions stipulated on the tickets and by the airline companies themselves. Compagnie du Ponant will not reimburse any expenses (taxis, meals, hotels, etc), when the passenger is under the responsibility of the airline company. The consequences of accidents/incidents occurring when travelling by air are governed by the Warsaw and Montreal Convention, or by the local regulations governing national transportation in the country concerned.

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## 7- Boarding and transportation terms and conditions:

**a) Embarkation:** Guests must report for boarding in the conditions set by the cruise ticket (details of cruise ticket document are available upon request). Passengers are responsible for having received all medical inoculations necessary for the voyage and having their cruise ticket, a valid passport, visas and other documents mandatory for the scheduled ports of call and disembarkation. If a passenger does not have proper documents he/she will not be allowed to embark. Boarding the ship automatically makes the passenger subject to the application of the provisions hereafter, as well as the general conditions concerning the travel program, which they are familiar with and which they have accepted.

**b) Visas, Passport and Health information:** At the time of boarding, all guests must have a passport valid for six months following disembarkation as well as necessary visas and vaccination certificates which may be required in destination ports where the ship calls. CDP accepts no responsibility for obtaining required visas or for advising guests of visa or other immigration requirements. Please consult relevant authorities or a visa service to determine accurately if any visas, health certificates, or vaccinations are required. If incorrect documents are obtained, guests will be unable to participate in particular shore excursions and may be denied boarding and/or disembark in certain port of calls/countries. The Company and/or master of the ship are entitled to refuse embarkation or to prevent disembarkation of any passengers who do not show the documents allowing them to disembark at the scheduled destination or stopover ports. Every passenger is personally responsible for compliance with the statutory and regulatory provisions in force before departure.

**Note:** Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name or you may be denied boarding.

**c) Health and Security:** If it appears to the Company and/or the Master of the ship that a passenger is for any reason whatsoever unfit to travel or likely to endanger his health or safety or impair the comfort of others on board or seems likely to be refused permission to land at any port or to render the Company liable for his maintenance, support or repatriation, the Company or the Master of the ship shall be entitled at any time to take any of the following courses as appear appropriate to them, namely a) To refuse to embark or disembark the passenger at any particular port; b) To disembark him at any port; c) To transfer him from one berth to another; d) To confine him to one cabin of the ship's medical centre; e) Through the ship's doctor and/or his staff to administer any drug, medication or other substance or to admit and/or confine the passenger to the hospital, or any similar institution at any port provided that the ship's doctor considers it necessary.

Health care, medical expenses and drugs on land or aboard the ship shall be paid by passengers. In Antarctica, please remember that there is no medical structure available before several days at sea. A mandatory medical questionnaire is provided and has to be properly filled by you and your personal physician between 90 and 75 days prior departure and returned to our dedicated Medical Department no later than 60 days prior departure. Any guest not having provided this mandatory document completed will not be authorized to embark without possible recourse. Please note that given the inaccessibility of Antarctica, we recommend you choose your travel insurance company very carefully as in case of evacuation; all kind of expenses will have to be paid up front. L'AUSTRAL, LE BOREAL, LE SOLEAL and LE LYRIAL have three cabins which are

specially adapted for disabled guests (ADA Norms). Nevertheless, for safety reasons, all passengers must either be fully mobile or must be accompanied by a travelling companion fit and able to provide all necessary assistance during the voyage. Please note that animals (including service and/or comfort animals) are not permitted aboard. Persons who are not fully mobile, with physical disabilities or other handicaps requiring special treatment or assistance, including persons who use a wheelchair, must advise Compagnie du Ponant in writing of the nature of such conditions when making a reservation request and by all means before the signature of booking form. Compagnie du Ponant reserves the right to refuse passage to anyone who has failed to notify them of such limited mobility, disabilities or need of assistance, whose medical conditions is not compatible with security rules and requirements specific to the navigation area, or who, in the Compagnie du Ponant's opinion is unfit for travel. Please note that landings are done using zodiacs making them very difficult or even impossible for passengers with limited mobility. Each landing will be subject to Captain and Expedition Leader approval.

Passengers accept civil and criminal liability for all damages caused to Compagnie du Ponant, other passengers or third parties by their actions. Passengers are individually and solely responsible for the payment of any and all fines or penalties inflicted by competent authorities on account of their own acts.

#### d) Itinerary changes/alterations/cancellation of a trip:

Arrival and departure times are given as an indication only. The Company cannot guarantee coincidence with corresponding schedules (plane, train...) notably due to modification of the programme duration initially planned, which cannot incur any compensation, as the Company cannot be held liable for indirect damages. CDP 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.

In the event of adverse meteorological conditions or adverse political or social conditions in the country of a port of call or for any other fact that may jeopardize the safety of guests or of the ship, or in the event of orders by public authorities, the Company may change the itinerary or ports of call or destination, delay, end or cancel the trip, divert the ship, tow or be towed, transfer guests and their luggage aboard any other means of transportation, even when this results in an increase or a shortening of the advertised program. The Company does not warrant that these will correspond to the time schedule of connecting flights or transfers (eg planes or trains...), due to the fact that the initially scheduled trip duration may be altered. No indemnification shall be due on this account, as the Company is not liable for indirect damages.

Under any circumstances, the ship may provide assistance to any person or goods at sea, and will not be liable for the consequences of a modification to the cruise programme for this reason.

In the case of external events beyond the control of the Company or for any reason regarding the safety of travellers or the ship or due to charter of the ship or due to an insufficient number of participants, according to that which is provided for by the terms and conditions of the trip programme, the Company may cancel the cruise and must inform the passengers by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt or email, fax with proof of delivery.

Cruise & Flight and Transfer Programs indicated in the brochure "COMPAGNIE DU PONANT- WINTER CRUISES 2015-2016" are subject to a minimum of participants. Compagnie du Ponant may cancel any cruise program up to 21 days before departure if the minimum of guests registered is under or equal to 50% of the ship capacity (200 guests).

In the event of an alteration of the contract by the Company after boarding the ship, passengers shall in any case not be entitled to any indemnification other than refund for unperformed services for which no replacement was provided. In addition, passengers may be requested to pay extra monies for services rendered under such circumstances and for the costs of living aboard the ship in the event that the duration of the trip is extended.

Compagnie du Ponant may give passengers cabins other than those initially planned.

#### e) Luggage:

Each guest can bring aboard a reasonable amount of clothing and personal effects without charge, subject to airline restrictions. Hand luggage or cabin luggage and personal effects shall comply with allowances in the terms and conditions provided for in the programme. Luggage must be distinctly labeled with the passenger's full name, the name of the ship and cabin number.

All passengers are prohibited from transporting merchandise in their luggage whose content may threaten the health of other passengers, damage or contaminate their luggage on the vessel. It is notably forbidden to board or pack animals or inflammable, explosive, corrosive, dangerous, scented or leaking materials in your luggage. Failure to comply with these rules will lead to payment of a lump sum penalty provided for by law.

The passenger will in any case be responsible for any injury, loss or damages suffered due to the presence of these objects, and shall ensure that the Company is not sued due to such events. Such objects may at any time and in any place be disembarked, destroyed, thrown into the sea or made safe by the Company without any compensation. It is also prohibited to load objects as luggage other than those intended for personal use by the passenger, and notably goods in general, and objects whose importing is prohibited or which are not compliant with customs or police regulations. The passenger is responsible for all consequences, expenses, damages and penalties resulting therefrom, and the Company, in such cases, shall not be held liable for loss or damages.

Passengers must look after their personal luggage during the entire duration of the stay aboard the ship as well as during embarking, transfer and disembarking operations. Compagnie du Ponant waives all liability for luggage left unattended by passengers and for which passengers have not taken the necessary precautions against theft, loss or damage. Specifically, the Company shall not be liable for breakable items and valuables including but not limited to money, watches, securities, jewellery, computers and any electronic materials, mobile phones and other precious objects which must be hand-carried by the passenger on and off the ship; are the full responsibility of the passenger at all time. CDP is not responsible for loss of or damage to such items. Passenger is responsible for subscribing to insurance to cover luggage.

#### 8- Independent contractors/Limit of liability:

The passenger agrees that Compagnie du Ponant 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 Compagnie du Ponant. In this respect, Compagnie du Ponant 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.

Compagnie du Ponant 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 Compagnie du Ponant is incurred, such liability is limited (details available upon request).

Compagnie du Ponant 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 or a third party unconnected with the provision of any services to be provided under the contract ; unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of Compagnie du Ponant; 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 Compagnie du Ponant.

During expedition programs, all persons who participate in any expedition activity accept responsibility for making their own determinations as to the suitability of the activity and for their own safety, conduct and well-being and agree to participate solely at their own risk. Attending information briefings is mandatory. Thus informed, each participant assumes the risk associated with these activities and will hold Compagnie du Ponant, its officers, directors, crew and expedition team members as well as hiking leaders harmless from and defend them against any and all liability, actions, suits, claims and demands which could arise from any of the Compagnie du Ponant's activities and from any loss or injury which may sustain as a result of participation in any of these activities.

Compagnie du Ponant and the Owners and operators of the vessels identified in this brochure shall be entitled to claim the benefit of whichever law, regulation, treaty or doctrine provides the greatest protection.

#### 9- Validity of the brochure:

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#### 10- Rates:

The prices given at the time of booking are based on economic conditions known on June 24, 2014 for the period from November 15th, 2015 and until further notice.

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 programmes. Compagnie du Ponant reserves the right within the legal limits of French Law 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:

$$S = \frac{\text{fuel variation} * \text{x daily consumption}^{**}}{\text{Ship capacity}^{***}}$$

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

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#### 11- Travel Insurance:

Passengers shall be responsible for subscribing to cancellation/luggage/ assistance/ repatriation/medical insurance(s).

#### 12- Claim:

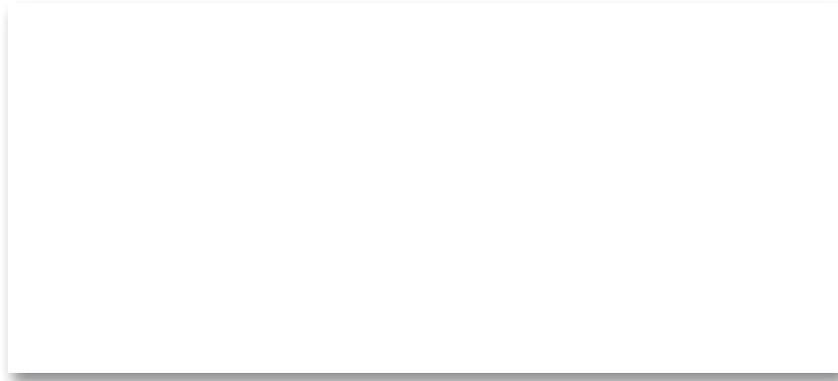
No claims can be made against CDP without a written and detailed statement of the claim by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt requested within the following time periods :

a) For luggage : in the event of obvious damages or loss : at the time of disembarkation at the latest. In the event of hidden damages or loss: within seven (7) days of disembarking or of the date when disembarkation should have taken place ; b) For passengers in the case of bodily harm and damages other than to luggage : within thirty (30) days from the date when the passenger disembarked or should have disembarked. Failure to comply with these provisions shall mean that the passenger is deemed to have safely disembarked without harm and collected his or her luggage without damage thereto.

#### 13- 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. CDP 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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