



WINTER 2023-2024

Cruise selection

NORWAY • THE ANTARCTIC • CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA
THE INDIAN OCEAN • THE CARIBBEAN • OCEANIA AND POLYNESIA





Nature is our guide



Calling all intrepid explorers, tireless enthusiasts, and curious observers: join PONANT as we visit polar regions and venture into tropical isles for incredible adventures this 2023-2024 winter season!

For the first time, we will take you beyond the Arctic Circle, still wrapped in its winter coat, as well as the heart of Norway to meet the Sámi, one of the last indigenous peoples of Europe. Meanwhile, our various South Pole itineraries offer you the opportunity for a breathtaking introduction to the Antarctic Peninsula; board *Le Commandant Charcot* and explore places that are completely inaccessible to other expedition ships. You will spend nearly a month travelling more than 8,000 miles, gazing into the sheer gigantism of nature during exploratory voyages along the coasts of the Great White Continent between Argentina's Ushuaia and New Zealand's Lyttelton, where only a privileged few have had the opportunity to sail.

In the Caribbean Sea, the Caracoles and Garifuna await you on Guanaja and Chachahuate, some of the most isolated islands in Honduras. These locals are welcoming PONANT in a completely new way, allowing us to observe their daily life and traditions. During his scouting of these unspoiled 'true gems', José Sarica, our Expedition Experience Director, made lasting connections with these communities, hence the unbridled access. At other latitudes, Zanzibar, Madagascar, and the Mascarenes, or Vanuatu, New Caledonia, and French Polynesia conjure up images of fascinating encounters and landscapes that simulate all of our senses.

For 35 years, we have been guided by the maritime tradition that steers us along our chosen path, at sea and on land. We wake up to the world and contemplate it with a vision of constant amazement, because Nature is our guide.

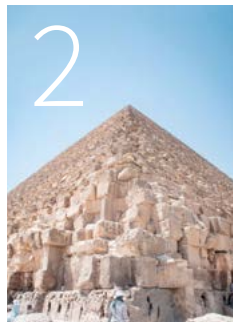
Hervé Gastinel
CEO of PONANT

TEN REASONS

to sail with PONANT

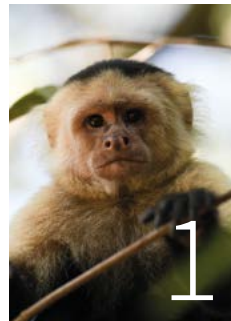
Travel is an art

Each season, we design meaningful trips inspired by four major themes: Planet, Culture, Lifestyle, and Geopolitics. In order to provide you with unique experiences, we rely on the expertise of our renowned partners, represented on board by inspiring personalities: artists, historians, curators, researchers, journalists, essayists and others.



Conscious travels

In the Arctic and the Antarctic, we are members of IAATO and AECO: regulatory organisations that bring together different stakeholders in the polar regions to promote more responsible tourism. We have earned numerous labels, including Bureau Veritas' *CleanShip* certification for our fleet.



Travel expertise

Our specialists have been exploring the world in search of natural and cultural gems and treasures for thirty-five years. Each itinerary has been designed to offer you the opportunity to discover rich wildlife and extraordinary landscapes, and to meet local cultures. All of this, in complete safety, with the support of our experts: your expedition team or our partners and guests.

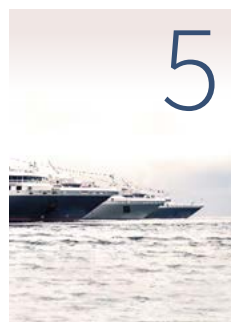
A more sustainable form of tourism

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



A safe and modern fleet

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



On the PONANT table

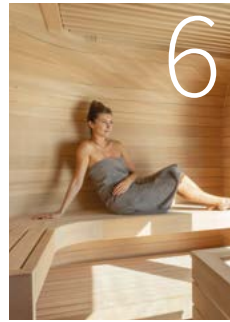
Prepare to be delightfully surprised by a range of generously portioned cuisine designed and put together by Ducasse Conseil. On the menu: fine breakfasts, 'à la carte' dishes and varied buffets, home-made pastries, bread prepared on board, tea time specialities and luxury food and drink tastings. The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



Tailor-made journey

Our 'à la carte' service enables you to book private excursions, hotel nights and flights directly through our own travel consultants. For certain difficult-to-reach destinations, we offer private flights and transfers.

Le Commandant Charcot cruise guests also benefit from their own dedicated concierge service. Once you have booked, download the PONANT app and use it to guide you both before and during your voyage.



Lifestyle

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

A complete offer

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

Your advantages

Solo travellers, family and friends, honeymooners, couples celebrating wedding anniversaries, adventurers embarking on back-to-back cruises, or people travelling as part of the referral programme or the PONANT Yacht Club loyalty programme: there are plenty of benefits for every guest.



Discover all our available offers:

PONANT's experience recognised



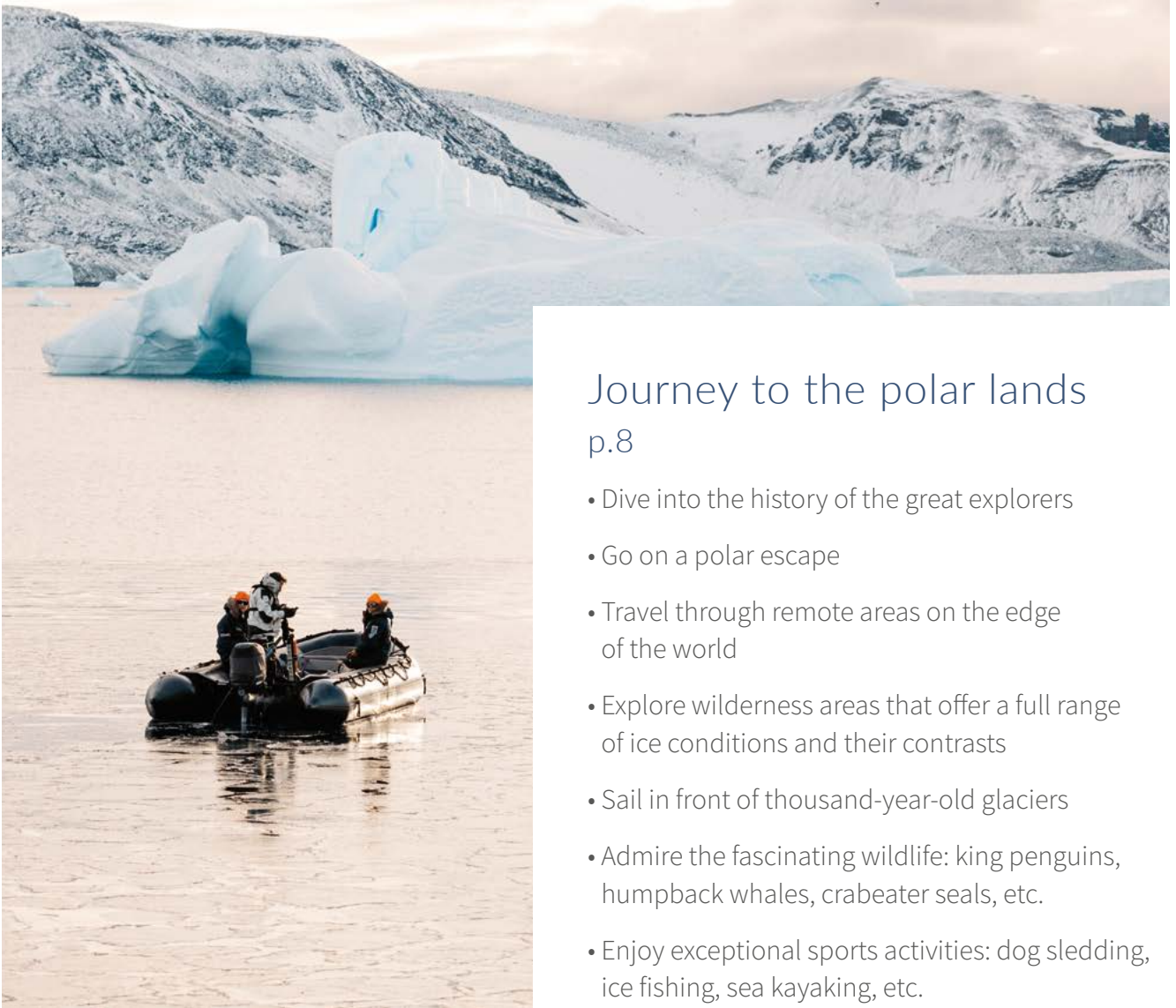
'Best Cruise Ships in the World'
awarded by the Condé Nast Traveler magazine
in its *Gold List 2023*.

'Sustainable Practice of the Year'
awarded by the luxury travel magazine *Aspire*
at the *Aspire Awards 2022*.

See the complete list of our awards on en.ponant.com.

Where will you go next?

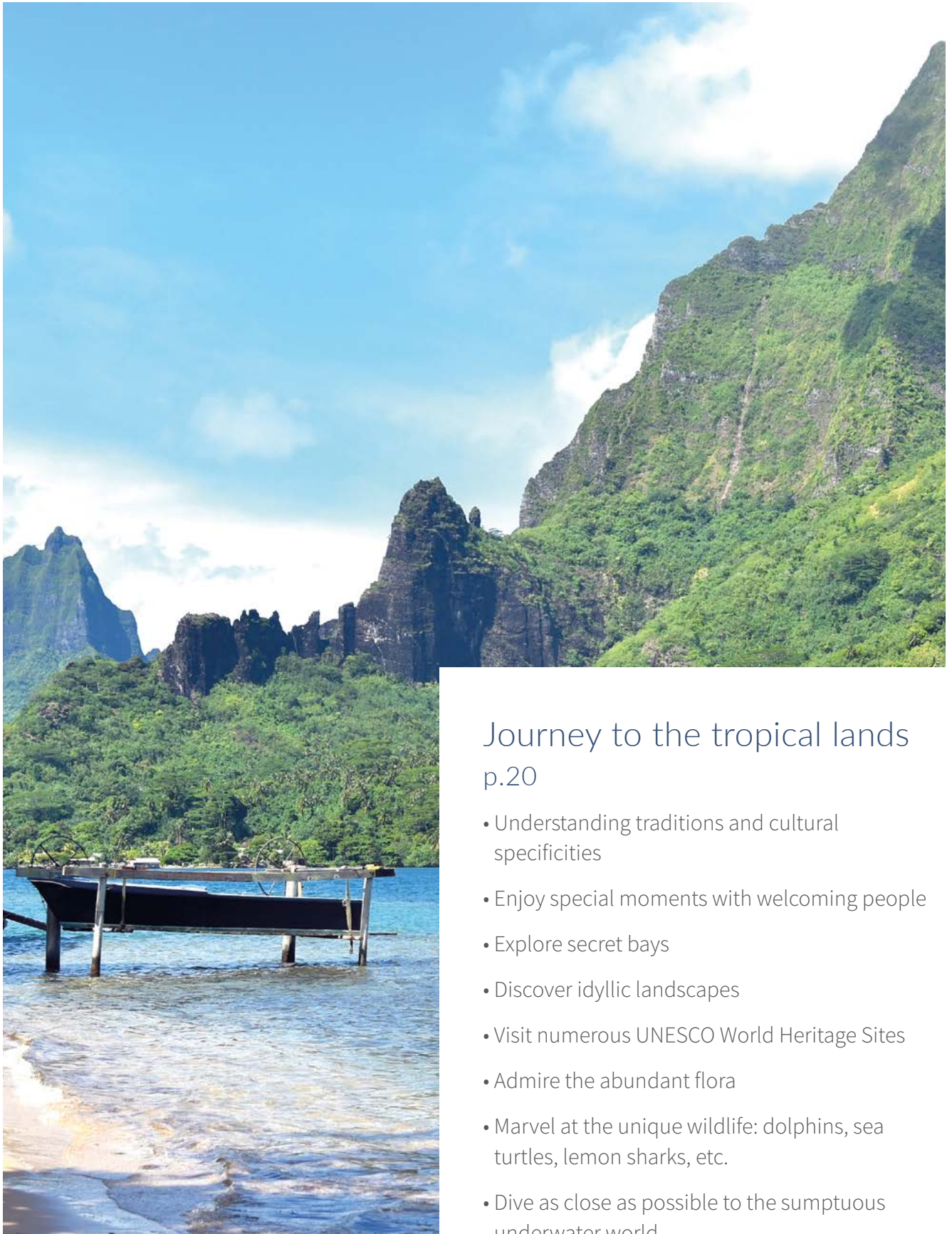
Icy sea ripples or turquoise water spray?
Calm iceberg deserts or rustling jungles? The tranquillity of pristine expanses or the peace and quiet of white sandy beaches? Whether polar regions or tropical areas, we have selected the best assets of extraordinary destinations for you. This will inspire you to choose your next trip!



Journey to the polar lands

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- Dive into the history of the great explorers
- Go on a polar escape
- Travel through remote areas on the edge of the world
- Explore wilderness areas that offer a full range of ice conditions and their contrasts
- Sail in front of thousand-year-old glaciers
- Admire the fascinating wildlife: king penguins, humpback whales, crabeater seals, etc.
- Enjoy exceptional sports activities: dog sledding, ice fishing, sea kayaking, etc.



Journey to the tropical lands p.20

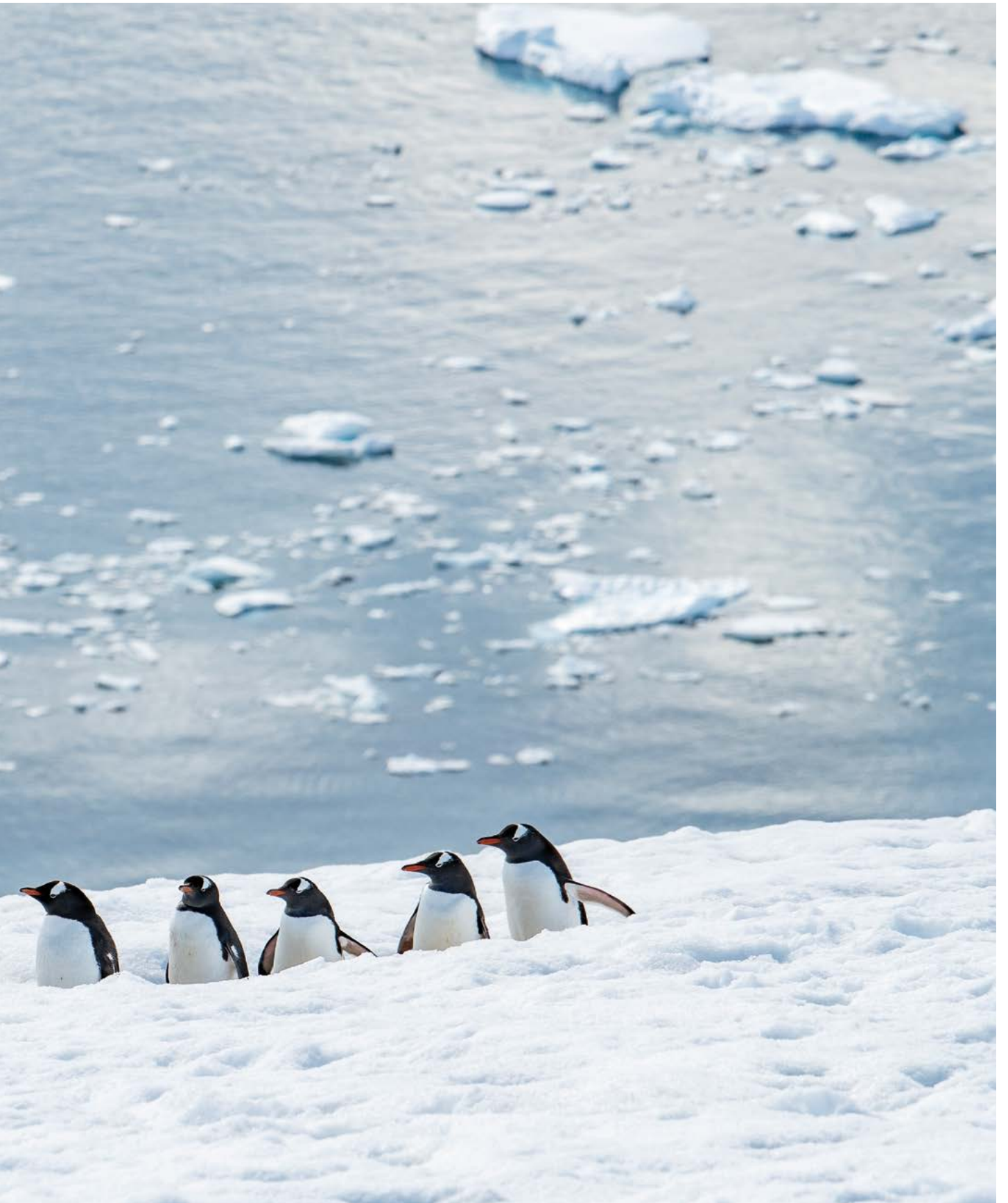
- Understanding traditions and cultural specificities
- Enjoy special moments with welcoming people
- Explore secret bays
- Discover idyllic landscapes
- Visit numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Admire the abundant flora
- Marvel at the unique wildlife: dolphins, sea turtles, lemon sharks, etc.
- Dive as close as possible to the sumptuous underwater world.

Journey to the polar lands

Off the beaten track, where nature expresses itself in all its immensity, between thousand-year-old glaciers and unusual white sand beaches, varied fauna and extraordinary encounters, you will witness a fascinating and intoxicating life, like a waking dream in the middle of a sea of ice.

During polar expeditions, itinerary, landings, wildlife viewing and activities cannot be guaranteed and are subject to weather and ice conditions.







Nordic discoveries & traditions

TROMSØ • TROMSØ

11 days/10 nights on board *Le Bellot*

Departures: 21st and 31st March 2024

From €8,350 ⁽¹⁾

For the first time at this time of year, PONANT takes you on a journey of discovery through Norway, between majestic fjords and unforgettable encounters with the Sámi people. This is the ideal season to try to observe the enchanting spectacle of the Northern Lights with their magical colours and incredible drapes of light.





HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover the traditions and customs of one of the last European indigenous people, the Sámi.
- UNESCO World Heritage Site: the Struve Geodetic Arc in Hammerfest.
- Two brand new ports of call: Hammerfest and Honningsvåg, with the opportunity to reach the North Cape, the northernmost point of Europe.
- Landscapes: snow-capped peaks, enchanting fjords, plains covered with a fine white coat, picturesque villages with traditional red or white wooden houses...
- The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- Introduction to Nordic activities: dog sleigh, ice fishing, snowshoeing, chasing the Northern Lights – subject to weather conditions (*optional activities*).



NEW

Included with your cruise ⁽²⁾: return flights Paris/Tromsø and transfers.

Cuisine et Vins
DE FRANCE

21st March departure: a gastronomic cruise in partnership with the French magazine *Cuisine et Vins de France*. On this departure, the stopover in the Lofoten archipelago will take place on the island of Leknes, and not in Reine.

Emblematic Antarctica

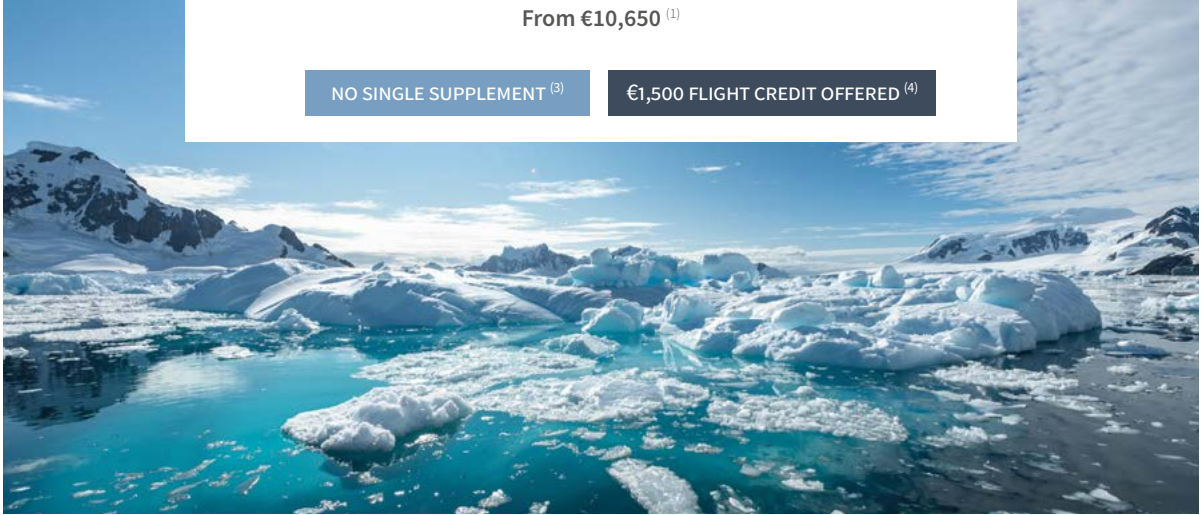


USHUAIA • USHUAIA

12 days/10 nights on board *L'Austral*, *Le Boréal* or *Le Lyrial*
 Departures: 17th, 21st, 27th, 30th November, 1st, 10th, 27th December 2023,
 6th, 16th, 26th, 28th January and 7th, 15th February 2024
From €10,650 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽³⁾

€1,500 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾



For an initial impressions, embark on a perfect introduction to the White Continent. The last *terra incognita*, Antarctica reveals its most beautiful secrets. Among them is a magnificent nature and a sumptuous wildlife made of emblematic species, which can be closely observed by attentive travellers.



HIGHLIGHTS:

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

Included with your cruise ⁽²⁾: return flights Buenos Aires/Ushuaia, the night in Buenos Aires before embarkation, visits and transfers.



27th December departure: celebrate a New Year's Day in an exceptional environment.

The great adventure

MONTEVIDEO • USHUAIA

16 days/15 nights on board *Le Lyrial* | Departure: 7th November 2023

USHUAIA • BUENOS AIRES

19 days/17 nights on board *Le Lyrial* | Departure: 26th February 2024

From €12,120 ⁽¹⁾

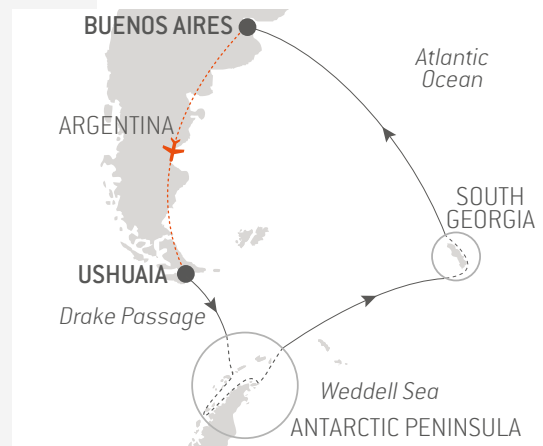
€1,500 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾



Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Adrien de Gerlache, Ernest Shackleton: follow in the traces of these great polar explorers as you visit the White Continent and South Georgia, home to impressive breeding colonies of king penguins.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Hiking opportunity.
- The possibility to visit old whaling stations or scientific bases.
- Wildlife: humpback whales ; gentoo, Adélie, king, macaroni and chinstrap penguins; leopard, crabeater and Weddell seals; numerous seabirds in the Antarctic Peninsula; elephant and fur seals in South Georgia.
- Landscapes: drifting icebergs, ice floes, glaciers and snow-capped mountains in the Antarctic Peninsula; tabular icebergs in the Weddell Sea; black-sand beaches, alpine landscapes, lush green plains and suspended glaciers in South Georgia.
- The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- A magical experience: sea kayak adventure (*optional activity*).



26th February 2024 departure: extend your discovery of the unique Antarctic Peninsula, with several additional days on site.

Included with your cruise ⁽²⁾: single flight Buenos Aires/ Ushuaia, transfer. For the 26th February departure, an overnight in Buenos Aires is also included.

The last bastion before a world of snow and ice, discover the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Valdes Peninsula, natural subantarctic paradise lands that are still unknown, where one of the last wilderness sanctuaries is nestled.

Wild nature between Argentina and the Falkland Islands

USHUAIA • BUENOS AIRES
 16 days/14 nights on board *L'Austral*
 Departure: 11th March 2024
 From €7,680 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽³⁾

€1,500 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾

This journey takes you on a deep-dive to discover surprising and curious wildlife in an exceptional and pristine natural setting. Board for a great adventure that will take you from Tierra del Fuego to the Falkland Islands, from the Chubut province to the bustling capital of Argentina.



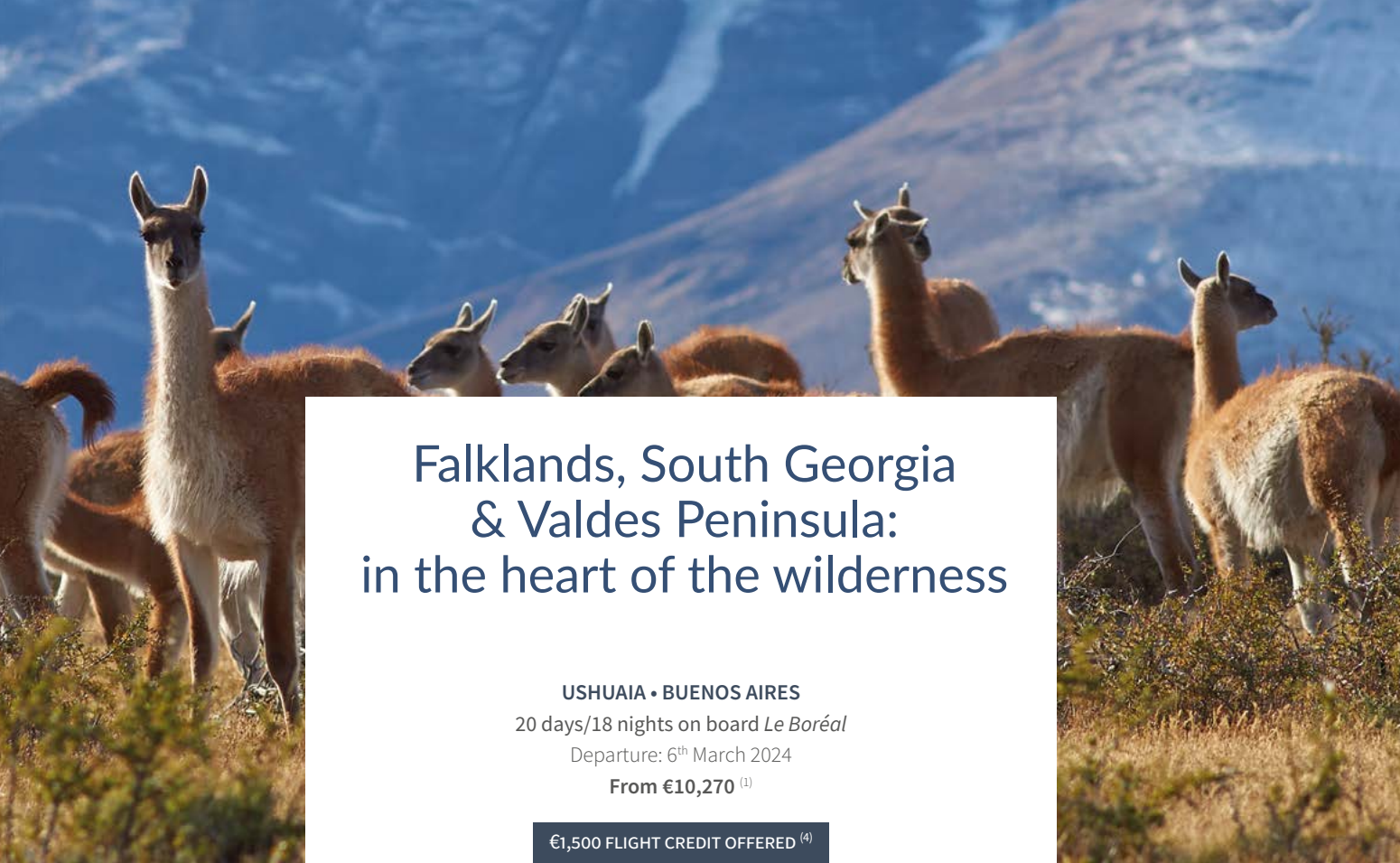
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HIGHLIGHTS:

- A unique sail around the legendary Cape Horn.
- Sailing around Staten Island at the far south of Argentina.
- Discover the wild archipelago of the Falkland Islands during five ports of call: New Island, Carcass, Saunders, Volunteer Point and Port Stanley.
- Wildlife: Magellanic penguins in the Falkland Islands, sea lions and Commerson's dolphins in Camarones, southern right whales and orcas on the Valdes Peninsula.
- The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- A magical experience: sea kayak adventure (*optional activity*).

Included with your cruise ⁽²⁾: single flight Buenos Aires/ Ushuaia, an overnight in Buenos Aires the day before embarkation and transfers.



Falklands, South Georgia & Valdes Peninsula: in the heart of the wilderness

USHUAIA • BUENOS AIRES

20 days/18 nights on board *Le Boréal*

Departure: 6th March 2024

From €10,270 ⁽¹⁾

€1,500 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾

Sail through the southern seas of the South Atlantic, encountering unexpected wildlife and sumptuous flora in the heart of three rich and unique ecosystems: South Georgia and its thousands of king penguins, the wild Falkland archipelago and the Argentinian province of Chubut.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- South Georgia and the Falkland Islands, two subantarctic archipelagos of singular beauty.
- The discovery of the Valdes Peninsula, in Patagonia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a veritable wildlife sanctuary with a unique ecosystem.
- Wildlife: gentoo, king, Magellanic and macaroni penguins; elephant seals and sea lions; maned and fur seals; light-mantled and black-browed albatrosses; orcas; sei whales; guanacos; dusky and Commerson's dolphins.
- Landscapes: alpine landscapes, black sand beaches, verdant plains and hanging glaciers in South Georgia; white sand beaches, cliffs and moors dotted with moss and lichen in the Falkland Islands; barren steppes with a unique ecosystem in southern Argentina.
- The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- A magical experience: sea kayak adventure (*optional activity*).



NEW

Included with your cruise ⁽²⁾: single flight Buenos Aires/Ushuaia, an overnight in Buenos Aires the day before embarkation and transfers.

Reach the absolute on the White Continent on board *Le Commandant Charcot*, the first luxury icebreaker in the world. Combining knowledge and openness to the world, adventure and exclusive discoveries, this ship is the only one capable of plunging you into the heart of the ice, where it is possible to best observe the emblematic fauna.



LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

In the wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot

USHUAIA • USHUAIA

16 days/14 nights on board *Le Commandant Charcot*
Departures: 28th November and 12th December 2023

SPECIAL OFFER

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽³⁾

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



28th November departure: the exceptional presence of Fridrik Rafnsson, Icelandic writer, founder of the Charcot Museum and former president of the *Alliance française* in Iceland. .



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

Tallandier



HIGHLIGHTS:

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



NEW

SPECIAL OFFER: YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE JOURNEY FROM €21,710 ^{(1) (5)}



Transfers included ● Already included with your cruise ● Included thanks to the SPECIAL OFFER

Experience the exceptional in places to which only you have access.

"The unique endurance of the ship and this incredible journey over more than 13,000 kilometres, as close to the coast as possible, allow us to really feel the immensity of this continent", Stanislas Devorsine, Captain on board *Le Commandant Charcot*.

Unexplored Antarctica between two continents

USHUAIA • LYTTELTON

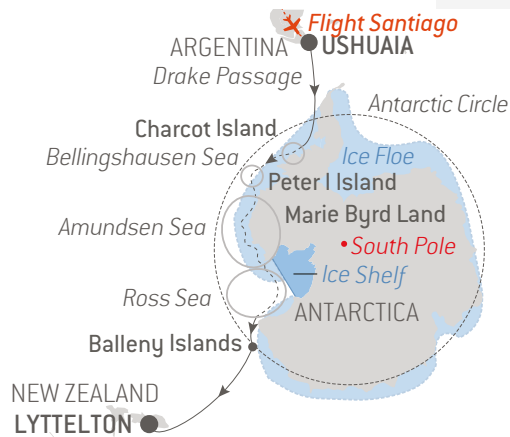
30 days/28 nights on board *Le Commandant Charcot*

Departure: 7th January 2024

From €44,260 ⁽¹⁾

€2,000 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾

Charcot, Bellingshausen, Dean, Fisher, Ross, Amundsen... Follow in the tracks of the great Antarctic explorers as part of a unique and unparalleled polar adventure extending from the extreme south of the South-American continent to New Zealand. Explore these territories, some of the least known and remotest on our planet, with respect and humility.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- A semi-circumnavigation of the Antarctic, at the limits of the known world, with sections of sailing through the icy waters of three legendary southern seas.
- The exploratory approach to some of the least known islands in the world: Charcot Island, Peter I Island and the Marie Byrd Land Islands.
- Discover the Bay of Whales, a natural harbour that served as a base for Roald Amundsen's victorious expedition in 1911.
- Wildlife: crabeater seals, leopard seals, Weddell seals, humpback whales, orcas, royal, king and Adélie penguins.
- Landscapes: ice shelves, including that of Ross, surrealist glaciers, monumental icebergs, immersion in the heart of the ice floe.
- The knowledgeable support of a reinforced team of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge without suit, polar swim with drysuit.

Included with your cruise ⁽²⁾: single flight Santiago/Ushuaia, an overnight in Santiago the day before embarkation and transfers.

From Dumont d'Urville to Mawson: retracing heroic age expeditions

LYTTELTON • USHUAIA

27 days/26 nights on board *Le Commandant Charcot*

Departure: 6th February 2024

From €38,030 ⁽¹⁾

€2,000 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾

Embark on an epic journey between two continents with, among others, the quest for the Magnetic South Pole. This polar odyssey to the edge of the world follows the path of the first discoverers of Antarctica. It will take you to places where the few men who were able to land only did so in the 1960s.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- A semi-circumnavigation of the Antarctic, with the crossing of five southern seas.
- The approach to Adélie Land, home to the Dumont d'Urville scientific station, and the exploration of Victoria Land.
- The quest for the Magnetic South Pole.
- The exploratory approach to some of the least known islands in the world: Charcot Island, Peter I Island and the Marie Byrd Land Islands.
- Wildlife: crabeater, leopard and Weddell seals; royal, king and Adélie penguins; humpback whales and orcas.
- Landscapes: ice shelves, surrealist glaciers, monumental icebergs, immersion in the heart of the ice floe.
- The knowledgeable support of a reinforced team of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- Many activities: kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, polar plunge without suit.



**Subject to weather and ice conditions and according to sailing opportunities.*

Included with your cruise ⁽²⁾: single flight Santiago/ Ushuaia, an overnight in Santiago the day before embarkation and transfers.

Journey to the tropical lands

From one stopover to the next, we open the doors to the West Indies, the Indian Ocean, Central America and Polynesia, between wild landscapes and ancestral cultures, heavenly islands and volcanic reliefs. Vibrate to the rhythm of these ever more inspiring and memorable journeys, during which time seems to stand still.





Pearls of the Caribbean



FORT-DE-FRANCE • FORT-DE-FRANCE

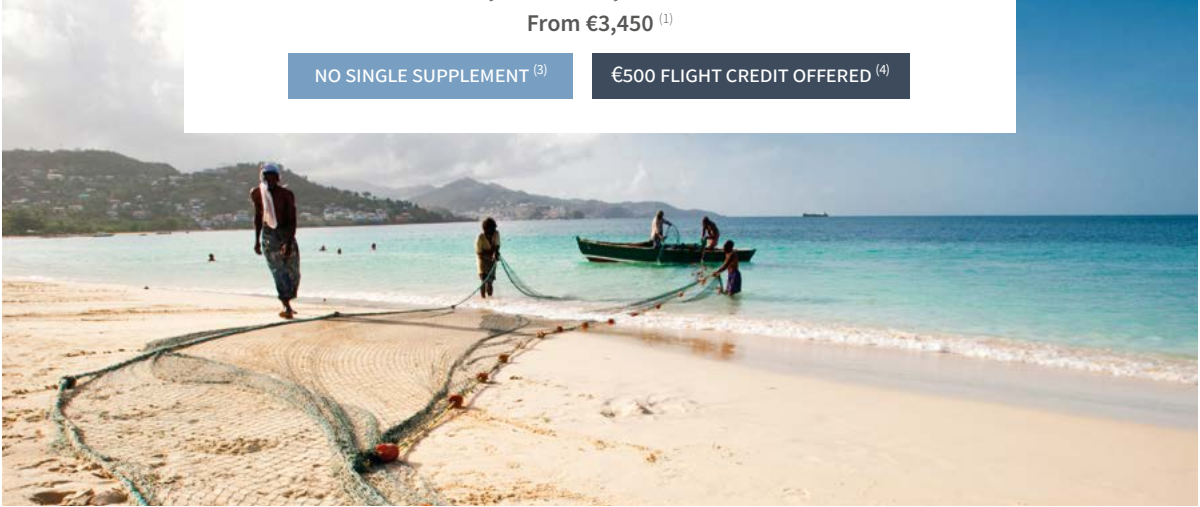
9 days/8 nights on board *Le Bellot* or *Le Dumont-d'Urville*

Departures: 5th and 13th November 2023,
20th January, 5th February and 21st March 2024

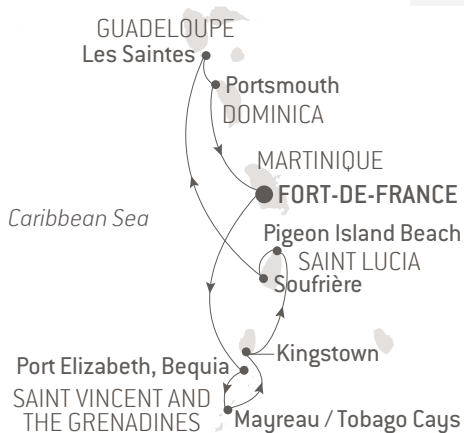
From €3,450 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽³⁾

€500 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾



Sail through the supremely beautiful picture-postcard scenery of the Caribbean. From Fort-de-France, head first for the most secret, out of the way islands of the Caribbean, then continue on to Guadeloupe. All around, warmth, a gentle way of life, and the sea and its thousand shades of blue surround you.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Saint Lucia and its two rocky peaks, and Morne Trois Pitons National Park on the island of Dominica.
- The Grenadine Islands, considered one of the world's most stunning archipelagos.
- On Mayreau Island, private use of a beach for the day, including a barbecue.
- Exceptional seabed with possibility of observing turtles, barracuda, spiny lobsters and parrot fish.
- Multiple opportunities to swim in crystal-clear waters.
- On Dominica, the National Park of Cabrits and Fort Shirley.
- Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).



21st March departure: the exceptional presence of Jean-François Clervoy, French astronaut since 1985, and Jacques Rougerie, French architect and oceanographer, academician and member of the Academy of Fine Arts.

Belize and Honduras: unexpected encounters and nature

BELIZE CITY • BELIZE CITY

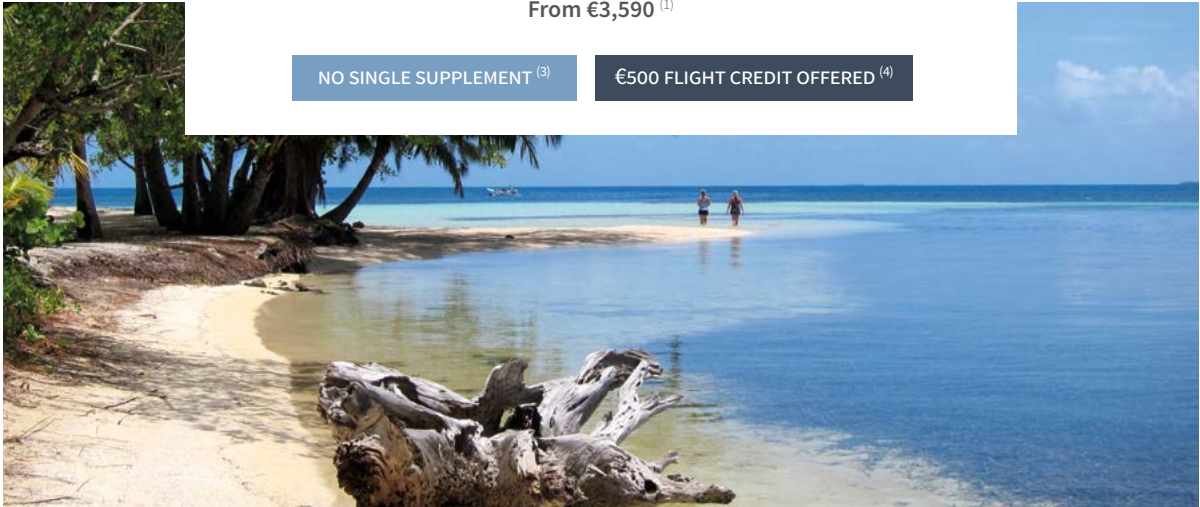
8 days/7 nights on board *Le Dumont-d'Urville*

Departures: 14th, 21st, 28th November, and 5th, 12th and 19th December 2023

From €3,590 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽³⁾

€500 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾

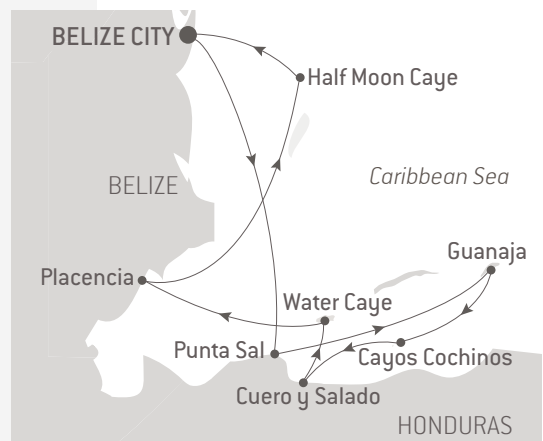


"Being welcomed by friendly people. To observe a rich and varied fauna, healthy mangroves, breathtaking sea beds. A powerful nature. Guests will be dazzled and moved by this beautiful and complete journey".

José Sarica, PONANT Expedition Experience Director.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Exclusively with PONANT: a port of call in Guanaja to explore the lush forests and exceptional seabeds, and encounter the Caracoles people.
- Other all-new and remarkable ports of call: Punta Sal, Cayos Cochinos and Cuero y Salado.
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Belize Barrier Reef with Half Moon Caye and the Great Blue Hole.
- Landscapes: palm tree-edged beaches, lagoons, idyllic islands, mangroves, tropical rainforest, coral reefs and rich seabeds.
- Wildlife: howler and monkeys, white-headed monkeys, caimans, dolphins, tropical birds, multicoloured fish.
- The knowledgeable support of throughout your cruise.
- Opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling.



NEW



Celebrate a magical Christmas on a longer 9-night cruise on **19th December 2023** to discover Guatemala in addition to Honduras and Belize.

Find out more
about this itinerary:



Adventure in Madagascar

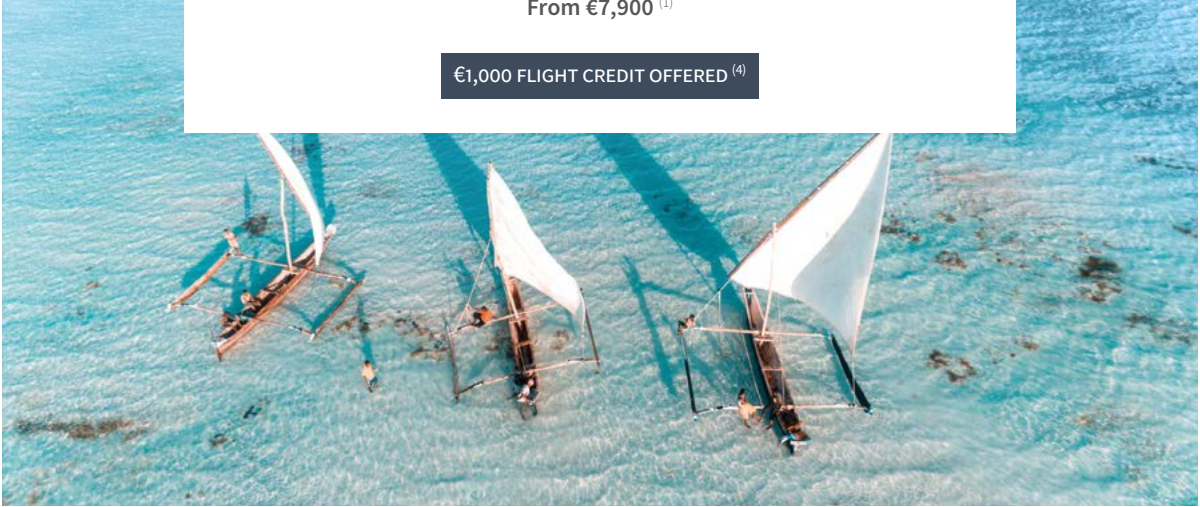
VICTORIA, MAHÉ • PORT LOUIS

16 days/15 nights on board *Le Champlain* or *Le Jacques-Cartier*

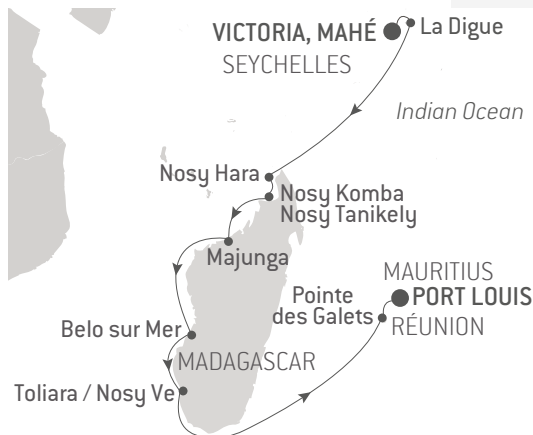
Departures: 18th, 22th November, 20th, 29th December 2023 and 13th January 2024

From €7,900 ⁽¹⁾

€1,000 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾



In the heart of the Indian Ocean, discover the incredible natural wealth of Madagascar. Between beaches, dives, meetings with local people and discovery of endemic fauna and flora in places of natural beauty.



The 20th and 29th December departures are reversed routes.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Biosphere Reserves in the south-west of Madagascar, the area of Pitons, cirques and remparts of Reunion Island.
- Idyllic landscapes: coral reefs, lagoons, rainforests or thorny forests, white-sand beaches, granite islands, volcanoes.
- In the Seychelles, Anse Source d'Argent, the most famous beach of La Digue, surrounded by large blocks of granite.
- In Madagascar, a preserved endemic flora and fauna: multicoloured fish, green and radiated turtles, ring-tailed and red ruffed lemurs, chameleons, red-tailed tropicbirds, baobabs.
- An exceptional encounter with one of the planet's last 'sea nomad' people, the Vezo.
- The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- Possibility of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling.



20th December departure: experience a magical Christmas and New Year's Day in this tropical paradise.



29th December departure: celebrate New Year's Day on an unforgettable crossing.

Madagascar & the Mascarene islands adventure

PORT LOUIS • PORT LOUIS

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

Departures: 3rd, 7th and 16th December 2023

From €6,330 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽³⁾

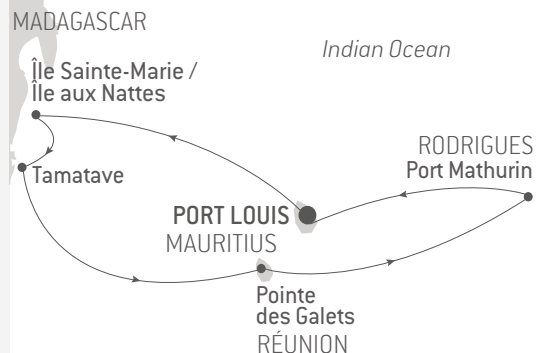
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Wild nature, abundant wildlife, local culture... The incredible beauty of the islands of the Indian Ocean is revealed day after day. After your stopovers in Madagascar, take the time to soak up the atmosphere of the Mascarenes with overnight stays at Pointe des Galets on Réunion Island, Port Mathurin on Rodrigues Island and Port Louis on Mauritius.

HIGHLIGHTS:

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



NEW



16th December departure: the exceptional presence of Maud Fontenoy, sailor and ambassador to the French Ministry of National Education and Youth for education at sea and sea classes. On this departure, celebrate Christmas under the sun in an idyllic setting.

Zanzibar, Aldabra & the treasures of the Indian Ocean

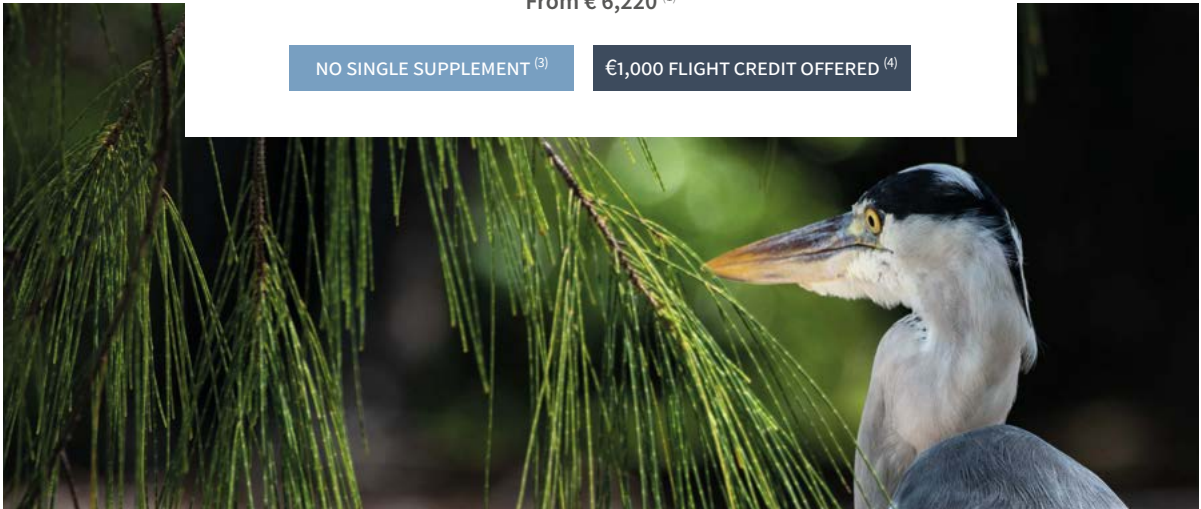
VICTORIA, MAHÉ • ZANZIBAR

13 days/12 nights on board *Le Champlain* or *Le Bougainville*
Departures: 7th, 8th, 19th et 20th February 2023 et 2nd March 2024

From € 6,220 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽³⁾

€1,000 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾



Between Tanzania and the Seychelles, discover majestic natural sites of unspoilt wilderness, abundant wildlife and places steeped in history. You will be amazed by the Aldabra Atoll, a UNESCO site, which is home to the world's largest colony of land tortoises.



7th and 20th February departures: reversed itineraries.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The islands of Pemba and Misali, true Gardens of Eden, with a luxuriant biodiversity, surrounded by enchanting seabeds.
- UNESCO sites: Aldabra, the largest coral atoll in the world; the ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani; and Zanzibar's Stone Town.
- In the Seychelles, Anse Source d'Argent, the most famous beach of La Digue, surrounded by large blocks of granite and edged with coconut palms.
- Possibility of observing tortoises and many species of birds on Aldabra atoll.
- The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- Possibility of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling.



Le Point

8th February departure in partnership with *Le Point* and with the exceptional presence of Christophe Ono-dit-Biot, deputy editor of this French news magazine.

Revealing the Mysteries of Melanesia

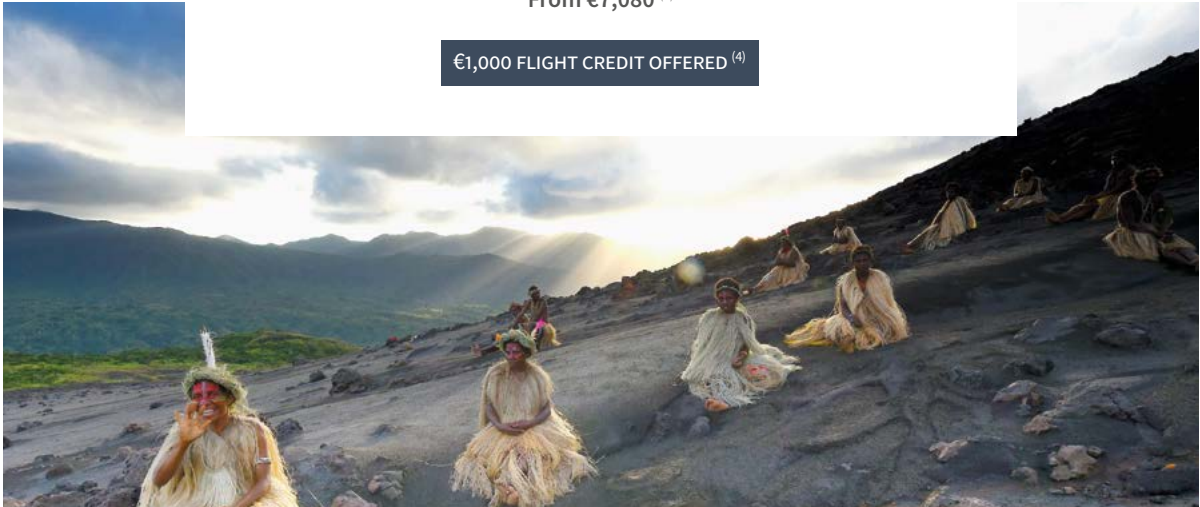
HONIARA, GUADALCANAL ISLAND • NOUMÉA

11 days/10 nights on board *Le Soléal*

Departure: 23rd November 2023

From €7,080 ⁽¹⁾

€1,000 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾



Discover the natural wonders of Vanuatu and New Caledonia, lands at the ends of the world, in the heart of the Pacific Ocean. You will experience a total immersion in traditional villages, tropical beaches, coral reefs and sites with still active volcanoes.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sail into the Caldera of Ureparapara.
- From Espiritu Santo, don't miss a unique performance by the 'water music women'.
- Experience seldom visited islands in the 'happiest country in the world'.
- On Tanna Island, walk to the rim of an active volcano and view a fireworks spectacle like no other.
- Discover the arts and traditions of Kanak culture, the tribes of the 'Big Nambas' on the island of Malekula and the famous Rom dance of the Ambrym Islanders.
- The knowledgeable support of naturalist guides throughout your cruise.
- Opportunity of diving (PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling.



Included with your cruise ⁽²⁾: transfer from the airport to the port of Honiara.

Embark on a true dive into the South Pacific and an ideal introduction to the rich traditions of Polynesia. An award-winning ship, *Le Paul Gauguin* brings the spirit of the islands to its guests in a casual atmosphere, where relaxation and change of scenery are the key words.

Paul Gauguin CRUISES

Cook Islands & Society Islands

Papeete • Papeete

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

Departures: 28th October 2023, 13th January and 24th February 2024

From € 4,960 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽³⁾

€800 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾

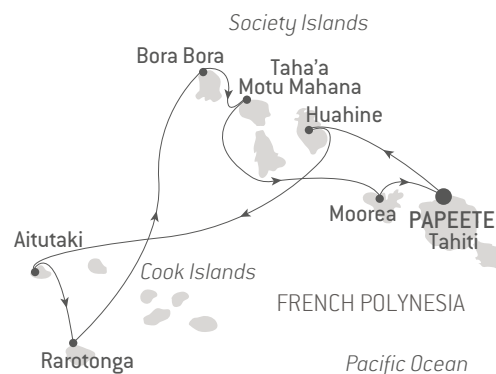
From the beauty of the islands of French Polynesia to the wondrous Cook Islands, you will be dazzled by Aitutaki, considered one of the most beautiful islands in the South Pacific, or Rarotonga and its lush Takuvaine Valley.





HIGHLIGHTS:

- Two days in the Cook Islands, with a stopover in Aitutaki, famous for its colourful pareos and hand-made *tivaevae* (a kind of quilt).
- Rarotonga, its luxuriant Takuvaine Valley and its capital, Avarua, with the possibility of visiting the sacred and ancient site of Arai-Te-Tonga.
- Enjoy an overnight in Bora Bora, and explore its destination's dramatic mountain peaks, romantic lagoon, and impossibly turquoise waters.
- A memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise.
- Moorea, the 'magic island' that has inspired many artists with its eight valleys, 900-metre Mt Rotui, beautiful bays and perfect lagoon.
- Fauna: lemon sharks, blacktip reef sharks, spotted eagle rays, manta rays, superb coral, sea turtles, giant green morays, emperor angelfish, Napoleon fish, butterflyfish and more...
- Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling.



Society Islands & the Tuamotus

Papeete • Papeete

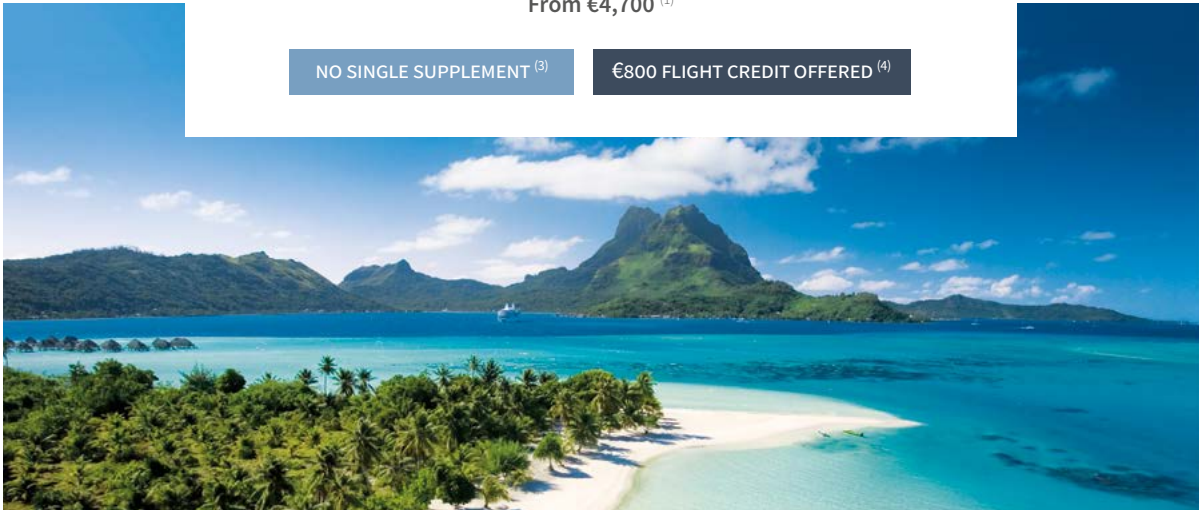
11 days/10 nights on board *Le Paul Gauguin*

Departures: 8th November 2023, 24th January and 6th March 2024

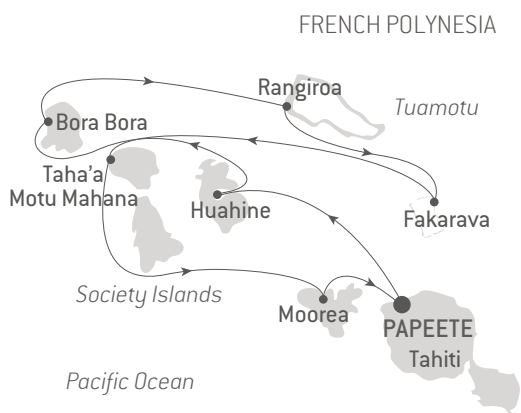
From €4,700 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽³⁾

€800 FLIGHT CREDIT OFFERED ⁽⁴⁾



From the lagoon of Rangiroa, ranked by Captain Cousteau as one of the most beautiful underwater sites on the planet, to the warm waters of Fakarava populated by shimmering corals, the Tuamotu seabed promises moments of wonder.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover the 'infinite lagoon' on Rangiroa, the biggest atoll in French Polynesia, which is famous for its 'wall of sharks'.
- UNESCO World Heritage Site: Fakarava, a biosphere reserve, and the world's second-largest lagoon.
- The picture-postcard scenery of the Tuamotus.
- A memorable day on Motu Mahana, our own private slice of paradise.
- Discover Polynesia's culture and traditions.
- Fauna: manta rays, spotted eagle rays, common eagle rays, lemon sharks, blacktip reef sharks, sea turtles and multicoloured fish.
- Indulge in two full days in the Pacific paradise of Bora Bora.
- Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling.

Marquesas, Tuamotus & Society Islands

Papeete • Papeete

15 days/14 nights on board *Le Paul Gauguin*

Departures: 18th November, 16th and 30th December 2023,
3rd February and 16th March 2024

From €6,280 ⁽¹⁾

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ⁽³⁾

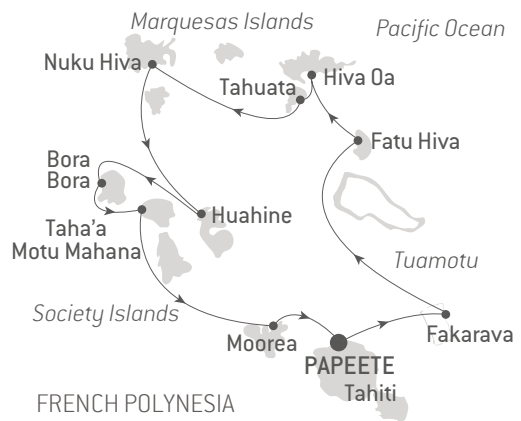
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Encounters, exploration and relaxation punctuate this trip, a true concentrate of Polynesian charms. The Marquesas Islands stand like dark green fortresses in the indigo blue of the Pacific Ocean, while at the same time revealing some of the best-kept skills of their inhabitants.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- History and culture are in the forefront on the island of Hiva Oa, home to the largest stone sculptures in the Marquesas, which are said to be linked to the famous *tiki* of Easter Island.
- Ancient crafts in Fatu Hiva, sculpted works in Tahuata, sculpted stone *tiki* and 7,000 petroglyphs in Taiohae (Nuku Hiva).
- UNESCO World Heritage Site: biosphere reserve of Fakarava, the world's second-largest lagoon.
- A memorable day on *motu* Mahana, our own private slice of paradise.
- Landscapes: towering peaks, imposing cliffs, plantations, forests, turquoise lagoons, unspoiled beaches, deserted coves underwater caves, and more.
- Possibility of diving (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) and snorkelling.



16th December departure: celebrate a magical Christmas in a heavenly setting.

Complete your journey

*To help you explore the islands you visit, we offer a wide range of excursions.
And, to complete your trip, our pre- and post-cruise stays help draw out the dream.*



Tahitian relaxation

A room with lagoon view, the huge pool designed for peaceful contemplation, the warm welcome: before your cruise, your first night in French Polynesia at the 4-star InterContinental Tahiti will immerse you in the delightful ambiance of the region.

1 night - from €370 ⁽⁶⁾

Relaxing stay in Moorea and Tahiti

Offering bungalows in the middle of the natural environment or over the water, the 5-star Sofitel Kia Ora Moorea Beach Resort welcomes you for 3 nights after your cruise. Breakfast is delivered by canoe (for the bungalows on the water), and you can relax on Temae Beach, the longest on the island, and explore the depths of this protected marine area. Sense of calm guaranteed.

3 nights - from €1,330 ⁽⁶⁾





Relaxing stay in Bora Bora and Tahiti

After your cruise, extend the dream for 4 days in Bora Bora at the 5-star InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa. Enjoy one of the most idyllic islands in the world and the many activities offered by your hotel (canoeing, kayaking, hiking, presentation of local crafts, etc.). Special mention for the Deep Ocean Spa: 4000 sqm devoted to wellbeing in the heart of nature.

3 nights - from €3,070 ⁽⁶⁾

Helicopter flight over Bora Bora

Bora Bora is unique and is best seen from the air. Fly up high to discover its unique topography, including iconic Mount Otemanu.

1 hour (30-minute flight) - €365 per person



Marquesas Islands, discoveries and encounters in the Land of Men

Before your cruise, explore the Marquesas Islands. After a stopover in Tahiti, 3 nights on Hiva Oa and 3 on Nuku Hiva await. On the programme: secret hotels, trips, lush scenery, archaeological sites, local crafts... Enjoy being immersed in this wild archipelago.

7 nights - from €3,760 ⁽⁶⁾

The petroglyphs of Omoa

The remains of an ancient chief's dwelling engraved with a *tiki*; images of men and ancient canoes; the 'paoa' petroglyph, one of the largest in the archipelago, resembling an enormous tuna carved into the rock... From one surprise to another, in the Omoa Valley on the island of Fatu Hiva, walking in the footsteps of past Marquesan generations will pique your curiosity.

3h-€78



You can find the complete list of our programmes, excursions and the corresponding prices about 12 months before departure on our website, from our travel consultant or your travel agency. Pre- and post-cruise programmes must be booked prior to departure. Excursions on board Le Paul Gauguin are sold in US dollars. The dollar/euro conversion is made according to the exchange rate above as of April, 2023, and is likely to change. The final price of the excursion will be communicated to you in your travel book.

YOUR SHIPS

for this Winter 2023-2024 cruise selection

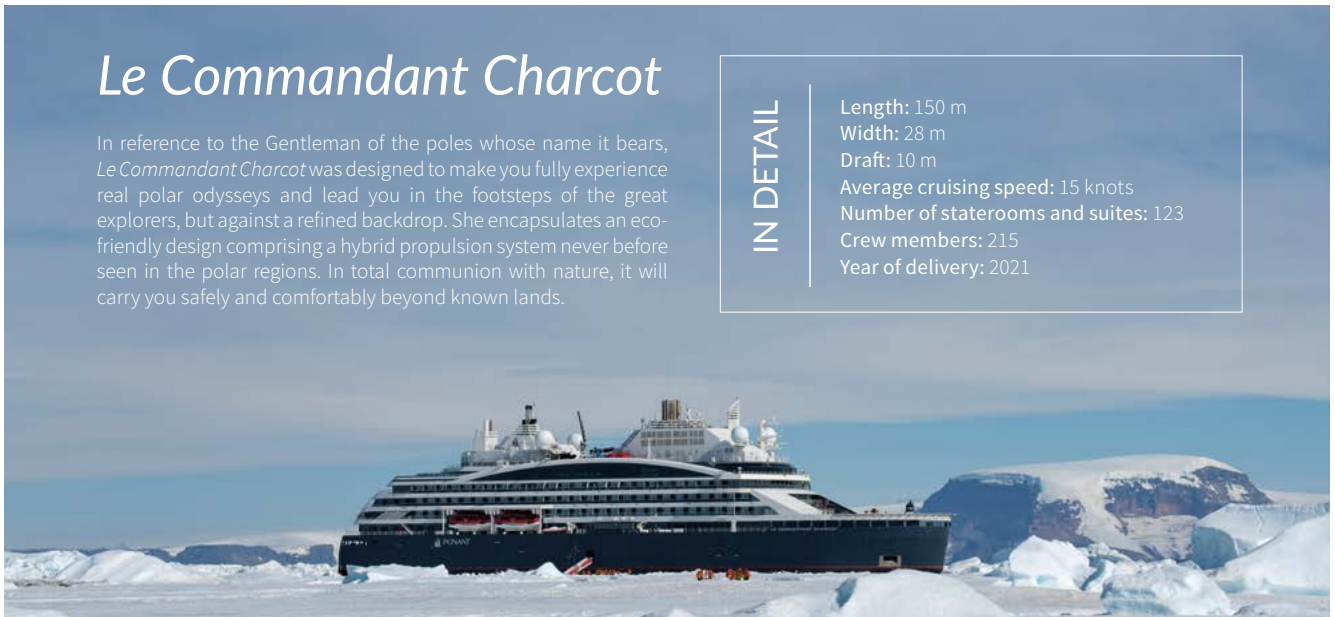
Clean lines and innovative technologies are the strength and uniqueness of our latest generation fleet. With their high level of luxury, our ships contribute to the success of your journey with the greatest respect of the environments visited.

Le Commandant Charcot

In reference to the Gentleman of the poles whose name it bears, *Le Commandant Charcot* was designed to make you fully experience real polar odysseys and lead you in the footsteps of the great explorers, but against a refined backdrop. She encapsulates an eco-friendly design comprising a hybrid propulsion system never before seen in the polar regions. In total communion with nature, it will carry you safely and comfortably beyond known lands.

IN DETAIL

Length: 150 m
Width: 28 m
Draft: 10 m
Average cruising speed: 15 knots
Number of staterooms and suites: 123
Crew members: 215
Year of delivery: 2021



Le Paul Gauguin

With a relaxed international atmosphere, *Le Paul Gauguin* stands out from the rest of the company's ships. Designed to navigate in Polynesian waters, she can get as close as possible to lagoons and confidential bays. On board, the *Gauguines* and *Gauguins* will share their *joie de vivre* and their know-how.

IN DETAIL

Length: 156 m
Width: 22 m
Draft: 5.15 m
Average cruising speed: 18 knots
Number of staterooms and suites: 165
Crew members: 209
Year of delivery: 1998, renovated in 2021



The Sisterships

With its slender lines and understated decor, the Sisterships series symbolises the company's wish to propagate the French lifestyle across the world. Being yachts on a human scale, *Le Boréal*, *L'Austral*, *Le Soléal* and *Le Lyrial* can gain access to isolated places and ports reserved for small vessels.

IN DETAIL

Length: 142 m
Width: 18 m
Draft: 4.7 m
Average cruising speed: 14 knots
Number of staterooms and suites: 122 or 132
Crew members: 145
Years of delivery: from 2010 to 2015



The PONANT Explorers

With this subtle blend of the wish to explore the most remote parts of the world and the comfort of an intimate ship, the PONANT Explorers series is designed to enable you to experience the expedition cruises in a different way. Equipped with a multi-sensory underwater lounge, the *Blue Eye*, *Le Lapérouse*, *Le Champlain*, *Le Bougainville*, *Le Dumont-d'Urville*, *Le Bellot* and *Le Jacques-Cartier* are also equipped with the latest technologies to limit the impact on the environment.

IN DETAIL

Length: 131 m
Width: 18 m
Draft: 4.7 m
Average cruising speed: 13.5 knots
Number of staterooms and suites: 92
Crew members: 118
Years of delivery: from 2018 to 2020



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