

ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT – WITH SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS

In alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

This cruise is part of a collection of PONANT voyages that are specially-tailored for English-speaking travelers who want to engage with the world. In addition to the usual elements of the PONANT experience, the listed price for these voyages includes transfers to and from the ship, talks and discussions aboard ship by world class experts, and a shore excursion or activity in each port of call that encourages guests to embrace the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of the local environment and culture.

PONANT invites you on a polar expedition cruise to the heart of the icy realm that is the Antarctic Peninsula. Embark on an unforgettable 11-day voyage and succumb to the enchantment of the breathtaking landscapes inhabited by astonishing wildlife.

The start of your cruise will be marked by the crossing of the mythical Drake Passage , during which you will likely be escorted by several albatrosses and Cape petrels, the sentinels of these often-choppy waters.

Your ship will then reach the White Continent , realm of the unexpected. Weather and ice conditions permitting, this extreme environment where nature reigns supreme will reveal to you its most beautiful secrets through numerous discoveries.

On this uninhabited land, which wasn't explored until the 19th century, your encounters with wildlife will no doubt be one of the highlights of your experience. The Gentoo, Ad elie, and Chinstrap penguins, Humpback whales, seals, and seabirds will provide you with cherished lifelong memories.

Each day, whether on land, aboard your ship, or during a Zodiac ® outing, you will be surrounded by a grandiose landscape ranging from icebergs to ice floe and ancient glaciers.

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Day 1 USHUAIA

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Days 2 - 3 CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Use your days spent in the Drake Passage to familiarise yourself with your ship and deepen your knowledge of the Antarctic. The Expedition Leader will first present the IAATO rules of conduct that must be observed during landings in the region and will explain everything you need to know about the zodiac outings. Lectures about the history and wildlife of the Antarctic will be an opportunity for you to learn more about this magical region, where every cruise is a unique experience. You will experience exceptional sailing moments on board and join the naturalist-guides on your ship's exterior decks to look out for albatrosses, cape petrels, and other seabirds flying over the Drake Passage.

Days 4 - 8 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Succumb to the magic of a place unlike any other. To this day, the mythical Antarctic Peninsula still holds real fascination and promises its visitors unforgettable moments. Throughout your adventure in this icy realm, you will find yourself in the heart of a spectacular decor in subtle shades of blue and white, surrounded by exceptional wildlife. Penguins, humpback whales, seals and giant petrels are at home here, as are elephant seals, fur seals, Antarctic minke whales, and orcas. Depending on which sites you will be lucky enough to visit, you may get the chance to observe them and share with them the beauty of these extreme parts.

Each day, based on ice conditions, the Captain and the Expedition Leader will suggest zodiac outings or landings to discover the infinite riches of the Antarctic Peninsula. Glaciers, ice floe, tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that plunge straight into the sea, volcanic beaches, research stations, enchanting bays, and vestiges of the whaling industry: these are the faces of the Antarctic that will likely reveal themselves to you, in a hushed and surreal atmosphere. You will sail in the wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Adrien de Gerlache and Sir Ernest Shackleton, great Antarctic explorers who, from the 19th century, set out to conquer these remote and uninhabited lands.

Days 9 - 10 CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE



If there is one place, one sea, one waterway dreaded by tourists, researchers and hardened seafarers alike, it is undoubtedly Drake Passage. Situated at the latitude of the infamous Furious Fifties winds, between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands, it is the shortest route to connect Antarctica to South America. Seasoned navigators will tell you that you must earn your visit to the White Continent! As the Antarctic convergence zone where cold currents rising up from the South Pole meet warmer equatorial water masses, Drake Passage harbours a very diverse marine fauna. Don't forget to look to the sky to catch a glimpse of elegant albatross and Cape petrels, playfully floating about in the wind around your ship.

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VESSEL TYPE:	**Luxury Expedition / Cruise Ship**
LENGTH:	**142 metres**
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	**264 (200 in Antarctica)**
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	**2011**

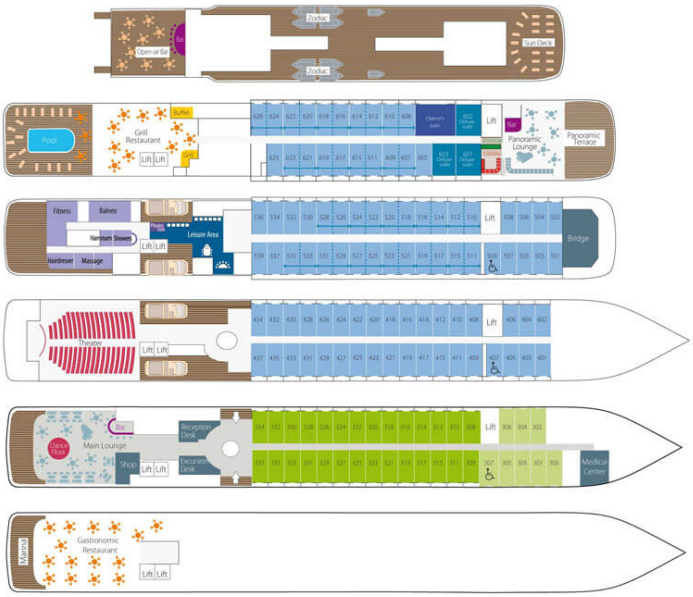


L'Austral is a sleek, French-designed expedition yacht combining modern elegance with an intimate atmosphere. With just 132 staterooms for 264 guests, she offers the refined feel of a private yacht, enhanced by attentive service and stylish interiors featuring fine materials, harmonious colours, and discreet touches of brightness. Built by Fincantieri in Ancona, Italy, she is 466 ft long with a 59 ft beam, ice-class certified (1C), and equipped with the latest eco-design innovations, continually upgraded to improve environmental performance.

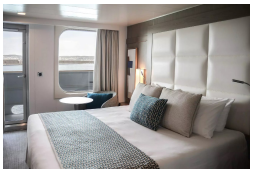
Designed for both polar adventures and tropical voyages, L'Austral features six guest decks, elegant dining venues, and 11 Zodiacs for immersive exploration. Life on board blends relaxation and discovery, with refined gastronomy, welcoming social spaces, and an emphasis on responsible travel. From the subantarctic islands to sunlit coasts, she offers a chic and comfortable way to experience the world, always with PONANT's signature style of elegance, intimacy, and connection to the sea.



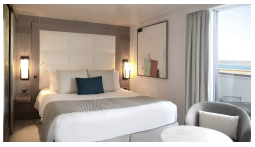
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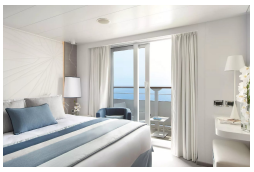
Deluxe Stateroom



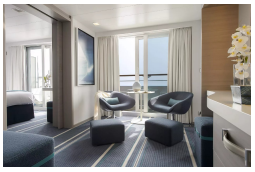
Deluxe Suite



Grand Deluxe Suite



Grand Privilege Suite



Owner's Suite



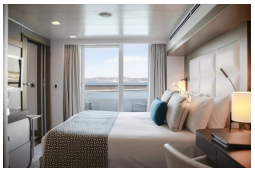
Prestige Deck 4



Prestige Deck 5



Prestige Deck 5 Suite





PRICING

16-Jan-2027 to 27-Jan-2027

Superior Stateroom	25270 AUD pp
Deluxe Stateroom	26980 AUD pp
Prestige Deck 4	28210 AUD pp
Prestige Deck 5	28690 AUD pp
Prestige Deck 6	29430 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	41700 AUD pp
Prestige Deck 5 Suite	43410 AUD pp
Prestige Deck 6 Suite	45640 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	57410 AUD pp

13-Feb-2028 to 24-Feb-2028

Superior Stateroom	23100 AUD pp
Deluxe Stateroom	24610 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	25680 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	26120 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	26750 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	37500 AUD pp
Prestige Suite Deck 5	39010 AUD pp
Prestige Suite Deck 6	40940 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	59440 AUD pp

27-Jan-2029 to 07-Feb-2029

Superior Stateroom	22040 AUD pp
Deluxe Stateroom	23480 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	24510 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	24920 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	25540 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	35830 AUD pp
Prestige Suite	45910 AUD pp
Privilege Suite	48160 AUD pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	52890 AUD pp
Grand Privilege Suite	54330 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	72700 AUD pp

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: Port Taxes & Fees 740 AUD pp



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