



# SUMMER 2026

Cruise selection

NORTHERN EUROPE AND ATLANTIC • MEDITERRANEAN





## Blissful summer



If you had the choice, wouldn't you like to enjoy several summers in one? Dip your toe into the Atlantic Ocean before diving headfirst into the Mediterranean. It's a way of 'testing' the waters — and a reminder to consider that the best choice for summer 2026 could be to embrace all horizons.

Soak up the spirit of each destination too: reinvent yourself under the Sicilian sun or in the gentle mists of the Highlands, enrich your knowledge with Greek myths and Celtic legends alike. Feel the pulse... of Ireland and the Canary Islands, of Baltic capitals, and of the coastal towns and cities of Portugal and France.

Certain landscapes and certain journeys dictate their own tempo. The energy of mysterious standing stones, lunar panoramas, turquoise shores, colourful lanes and vibrant kasbahs linger within long after you have left.

From treasured memories to new horizons, each voyage imbues a sense of pure contentment. So why settle for just one summer? Let's embrace every possibility as we sail around a magnificent Europe, from North to South, from West to East.

**Olivier Narcy**  
Chief EMEA Sales  
& Global Customer Relations Officer

### Echoes of the past

In **Calanais**, in the Hebrides, 51 stones erected **5,000 years ago** tower over the peat bog. Their mysterious arrangement attracts curious visitors and history buffs. Each stone opens the door to reverie and imagination.

*Find out more on p.23*



### Lands of legends

Beneath your feet, the basalt columns of the **Giant's Causeway** rise like a thousand-year-old labyrinth. The wind and waves sculpt a wild and enchanting volcanic landscape. Here, myths and legends mingle with the raw beauty of nature.

*Find out more on p.22 and 23*



### Basque coast

In **Bilbao**, hop aboard an unusual funicular railway to reach the **Guggenheim Museum**. Designed by Frank Gehry, its bold architecture combines stone, glass and titanium. Inside, modern art is expressed through works of striking scale.

*Find out more on p.18*



### Moroccan city

**Tangier** stretches along the famous Strait of Gibraltar, offering breathtaking scenery and a charming medina. **The Kasbah**, a jewel of Moroccan architecture, dominates the city with elegance. Inside, the Sultan's palace and gardens invite visitors to explore and contemplate.

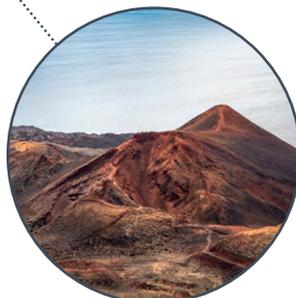
*Find out more on p.15*



### In the heart of the Canary Islands

Head south to **Fuencaliente**, a land of lava and contrasts. Here stands the **Teneguía volcano**, a witness to the eruptions that shaped the island. Since its last awakening in 1971, it has watched over these wild landscapes where nature expresses itself with force.

*Find out more on p.19*





### The eternal myth

On the banks of a canal in Copenhagen, **the Little Mermaid** watches over the city, caught between dream and reality. Her story tells of love and sacrifice to join the world of men. This tale, written by Hans Christian Andersen in 1837, still fascinates us today.

*Find out more on p.20 and 21*

### La dolce vita

A stone's throw from *Cinque Terre*, **Portofino** shines on the Ligurian Riviera. Its colourful narrow streets and immaculate lighthouse, perched on Punta del Capo, reflect the Italian way of life and have always inspired artists, writers and travellers.

*Find out more on p.10 and 11*

### Legendary watercourse

Opened in 1893, the **Corinth Canal**, 6 km long and flanked by 50-metre-high ochre cliffs, amazes visitors with its narrowness. It allows ships to avoid a 400 km detour. From the bridges, the crossing offers a unique and impressive panorama.

*Find out more on p.14*

### Jewel of Corsica

Under the Corsican sun, the coves and beaches seem unreal. Every alleyway in **Propriano** whispers ancient tales of Mediterranean traders. The unspoilt nature and blue sea create a fascinating picture.

*Find out more on p.10*



### UNESCO wonder

**Lipari**, the largest city in the Aeolian Islands, tells a story spanning thousands of years. Its castle and citadel bear witness to its ancient and strategic origins. The Norman cathedral, with its Baroque façade, reveals the island's cultural richness.

*Find out more on p.11 and 13*



# TEN REASONS

to sail with PONANT EXPLORATIONS

## 1 High-level expertise

For more than 35 years, our experts have explored the world in search of natural and cultural wonders. Each trip is designed as part of a collection – **Timeless**, **Discovery** or **Expedition** – each with a distinct, tailor-made approach, so you can experience the destination of your choice in the manner that best fits your desires.

All with the support of passionate experts: your expedition team and/or our lecturers, partners and guests.

## The art of travelling 2

Each season, we design meaningful trips inspired by four themes: **Culture**, **Art of living**, **Society and the Planet**, and **Alliances**.

In order to offer you unique experiences, we rely on the expertise of our **renowned partners**, who are represented on board by inspiring artists, historians, researchers or journalists.

## 3 The art of living

On board, enjoy **the comfort and sleek design** of the common areas. Spas offering expert treatments in collaboration with renowned brands (Biologique Recherche, Sothys, Algotharm), restaurants and bars welcome you into a **warm ambiance**. The theatre is the place to be for film screenings, lectures and performances.

## A refined table 4

Every day, delightful surprises await with a refined selection of dishes created with **Ducasse Conseil**. On the menu, you will find delicious breakfasts, 'à la carte' dishes and diverse buffets, home-made pastries, bread prepared and baked on board, and a range of afternoon teas and luxury product tastings.

## 5 A modern fleet

We are one of only a few cruise companies to sail under the **French flag**, which represents the highest level of safety. We respect strict specifications regarding crew training, health and safety protocols. With just four to 165 staterooms, our **small-scale ships** are equipped with the most advanced technology.

## 6 Working towards more responsible tourism

By way of our Foundation and our PONANT Blue Horizon and PONANT Science programmes, we are striving to **reduce our environmental footprint** (hybrid propulsion, recycling and waste and water treatment, elimination of single-use plastics, etc.).

## 7 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 **accreditations**, and our entire fleet has been awarded *CleanShip* certification by Bureau Veritas.



*Check out our website for all the initiatives we have implemented.*

## 8 Tailor-made journeys

Opt for a personalised stay by booking private excursions, hotel nights, or flights. For certain hard-to-reach destinations, we offer private flights and land transportation to ensure your safe and serene arrival at the port of embarkation. Finally, download the **PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP app to your phone**, and let us guide you during the preparation of your trip, then throughout your time on board.

## 9 A complete package

On our cruises, everything is included: fine dining, light meals and drinks (excluding the premium menu); room service; Wi-Fi; entertainment and conferences; access to the fitness area, hammam and sauna; and non-motorised water sport activities (except diving).

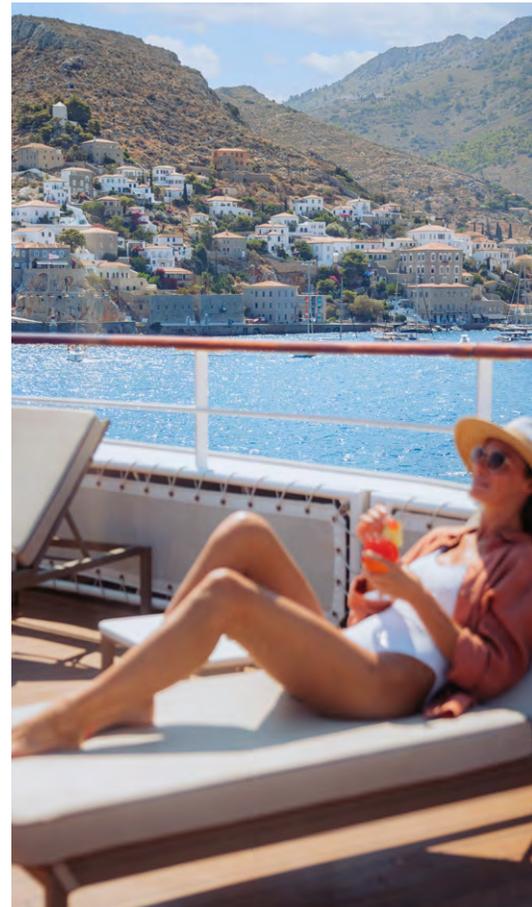
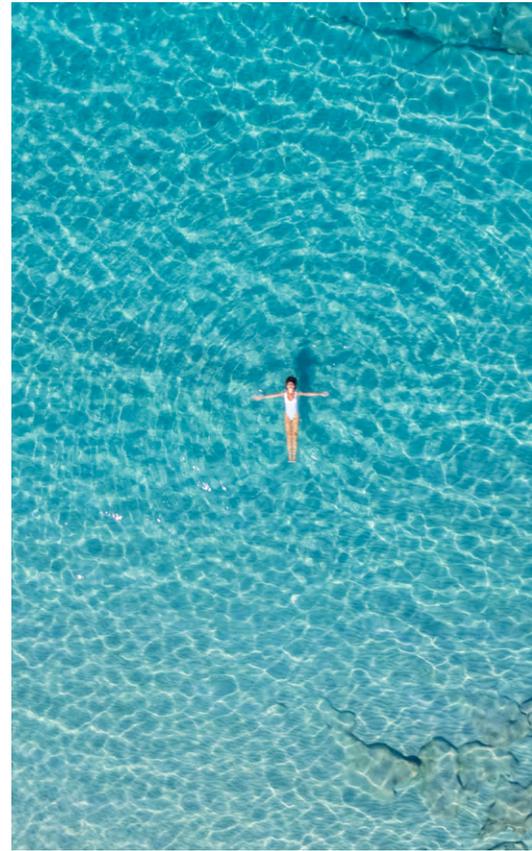
**One activity per person and per stopover is included on all our cruises** (except PAUL GAUGUIN Cruises and the PONANT YACHTING range).

For expedition cruises, the support of our naturalist guides and zodiac outings are included. On some departures, we also offer you the free loan of a parka and/or boots.

## 10 Christmas special offer



Book now and receive a **10% discount** <sup>(1)</sup> on the price of your cruise (offer applies to selected cruises in this brochure).







## Sunny horizons

Between turquoise seas and golden shores, let yourself be carried away by the light and colours of Mediterranean. Each stopover reveals its unique character, where history, culture and art de vivre intermingle. A vibrant journey, during which the beauty of the landscapes and cities can be savoured at every moment.

# Isle of Beauty & Italian shores

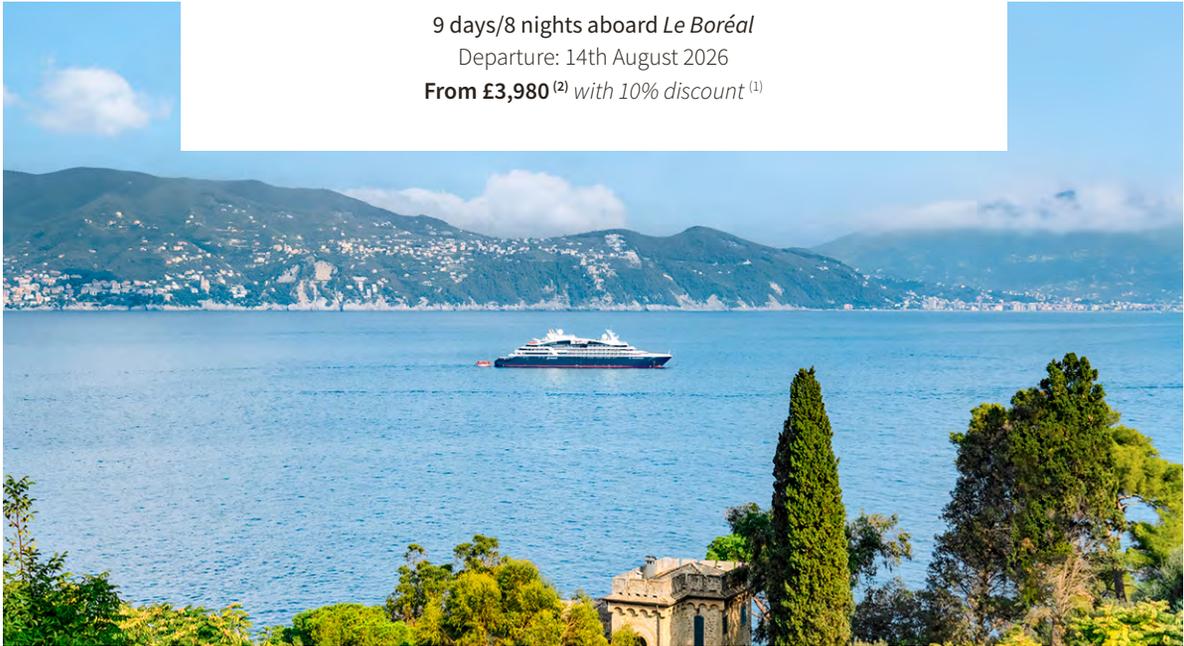


NICE • NICE

9 days/8 nights aboard *Le Boréal*

Departure: 14th August 2026

From £3,980<sup>(2)</sup> with 10% discount<sup>(1)</sup>



From the sparkling pearl of the French Riviera, enjoy a dream break between the Isle of Beauty and the shores of north-western Italy. Exceptional landscapes, charming stopovers and a Mediterranean atmosphere invite you to enjoy a unique getaway steeped in *la dolce vita*.



| TIMELESS |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- A family cruise with the Kids Explorer Club.
- Saint-Florent, an ancient Genoese city with picture-postcard charm.
- A visit to Portofino, an iconic location on the Italian Riviera and a former fishing village with colourful houses.
- Among your included excursions<sup>(3)</sup>: exploring the natural beauty of Portofino and visiting Napoleon's residences in Portoferraio.

# Isle of Beauty, Italian shores & Malta

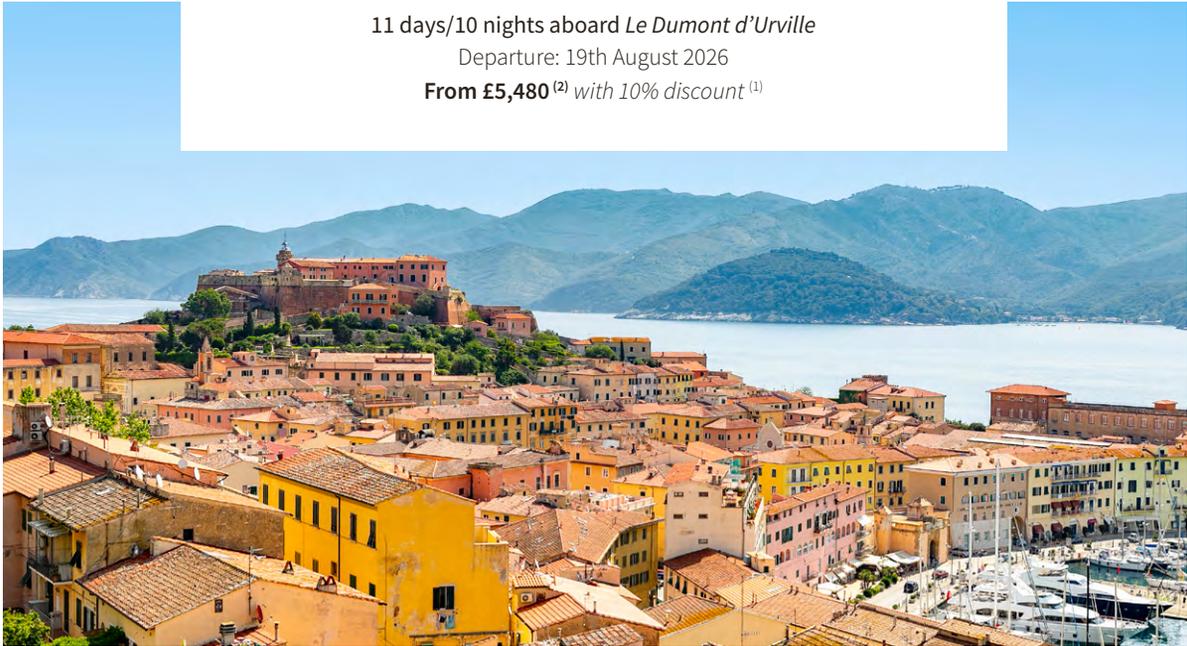


NICE • VALLETTA

11 days/10 nights aboard *Le Dumont d'Urville*

Departure: 19th August 2026

From **£5,480** <sup>(2)</sup> with 10% discount <sup>(1)</sup>



From the French Riviera to the bright Maltese capital, set off on a journey through unspoilt villages and Mediterranean allure. As you stop off at colourful ports, peaceful coves and cultural treasures, you will discover the many facets of this authentic region.

| TIMELESS |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Greek theatre in Taormina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the island of Elba, captivating with their history and Mediterranean appeal.
- Discover Lipari, in the Aeolian archipelago – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – Portofino and Calvi, with their legendary panoramas and authentic villages.
- Among your included excursions <sup>(3)</sup>: the Revellata peninsula and a visit to Napoleon's residences in Portoferraio.



*"The turquoise waters stretching as far as the eye can see, the hilltop ruins of Taormina, the statue of the mermaid in Piran and the colourful villages near Bonifacio where it's so pleasant to stroll... So many simple, wonderful moments that I will remember for a long time to come."*

**V. Laurent** – guest



# From the Tyrrhenian Sea to the Adriatic

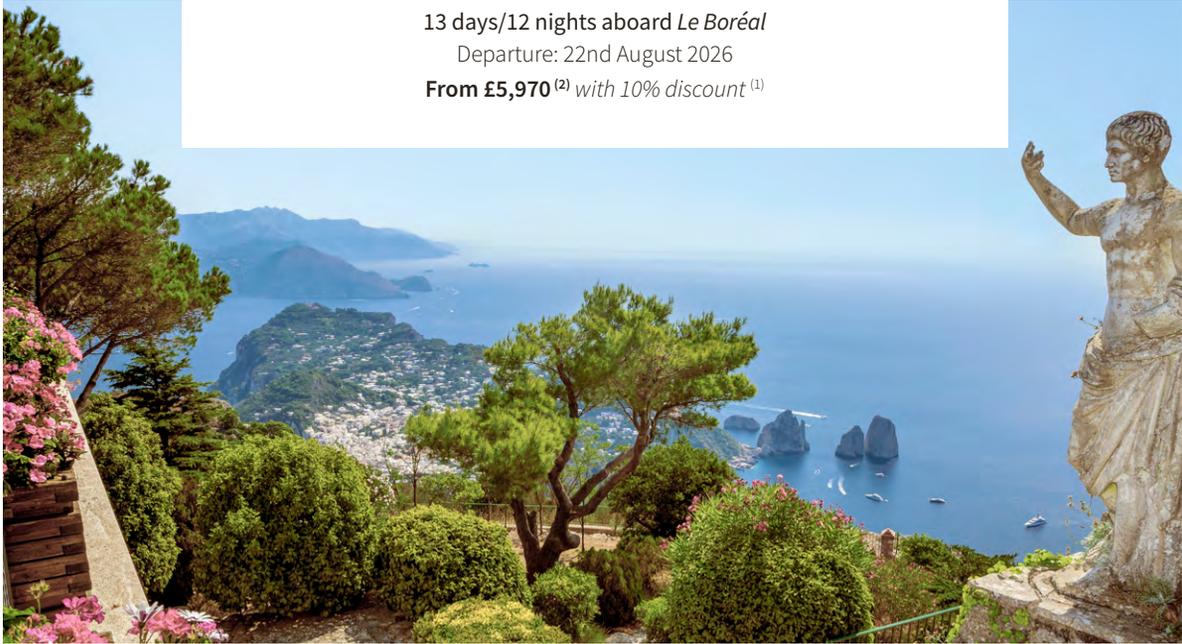


## NICE • VENICE

13 days/12 nights aboard *Le Boréal*

Departure: 22nd August 2026

From **£5,970** <sup>(2)</sup> with 10% discount <sup>(1)</sup>



From Nice to Venice, summer stretches gently along the Mediterranean coastline. Ancient stones tell stories of times gone by, cerulean waters invite you to take a dip, and sun-drenched scents awaken the senses, offering a unique itinerary along the Tyrrhenian and Adriatic coasts.

| TIMELESS |



### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Must-see cities, Calvi, Dubrovnik and Split, listed by UNESCO, as well as unique landscapes such as Lipari, in the Aeolian Islands, listed by UNESCO, and the fortress of Bonifacio.
- The quintessential beauty of Venice with its narrow streets and ancient bridges.
- Among your included excursions <sup>(3)</sup>: a visit to the Greek theatre in Taormina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, exploring Lecce from Gallipoli, and sampling traditional Croatian cuisine in Dubrovnik.

# The eternal Aegean



VALLETTA • ISTANBUL

11 days/10 nights aboard *Le Boréal*

Departure: 14th May 2026

From £5,550 <sup>(2)</sup> with 10% discount <sup>(1)</sup>



In spring, when flowers brighten up the landscape and the sun bathes the Mediterranean in its gentle light, treat yourself to an exquisite break between Valletta and Istanbul. Set off to discover the treasures of the largest inland sea, a crossroads of civilisations and a link between peoples.

| TIMELESS |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- A spring getaway, from Sicily to Turkey, via Puglia, Greece and its unforgettable regions (Peloponnese, Cyclades and Dodecanese).
- Unique sailing experiences in the Corinth Canal, the Dardanelles Strait and a visit to charming Hydra.
- Among your included excursions <sup>(3)</sup>: the UNESCO-listed archaeological site of Ephesus and visits to the villages of Lefkes, Naoussa and Noto.

# Secrets of the Iberian Peninsula



LISBON • BARCELONA

11 days/10 nights aboard *Le Champlain*

Departure: 26th April 2026

From **£5,150** <sup>(2)</sup> with 10% discount <sup>(1)</sup>

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT <sup>(4)</sup>



From Portugal to Spain, with a stopover in Morocco, the Iberian Peninsula reveals itself in all its splendour. Its cultural treasures, lively streets and vibrant soul offer a journey out of time, with every moment celebrating the history and beauty of the places visited.

| TIMELESS |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover Cadiz, a coastal gem with its sun-drenched beaches bordered by a picturesque, historic centre.
- Cross the legendary Strait of Gibraltar, the only maritime passage connecting the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.
- Among your included activities <sup>(3)</sup>: a visit to the Albufera Natural Park (Valencia) and an introduction to traditional Moroccan crafts in Tetouan (Tangier).





## Wild horizons

Wind-swept cliffs, mysterious islands  
and picturesque villages follow one another.  
From the Atlantic to the northern shores, the soul marvels  
at the endless expanses. Here, nature and history merge  
in striking harmony.

# The Iberian Peninsula and Fortified cities of the Atlantic



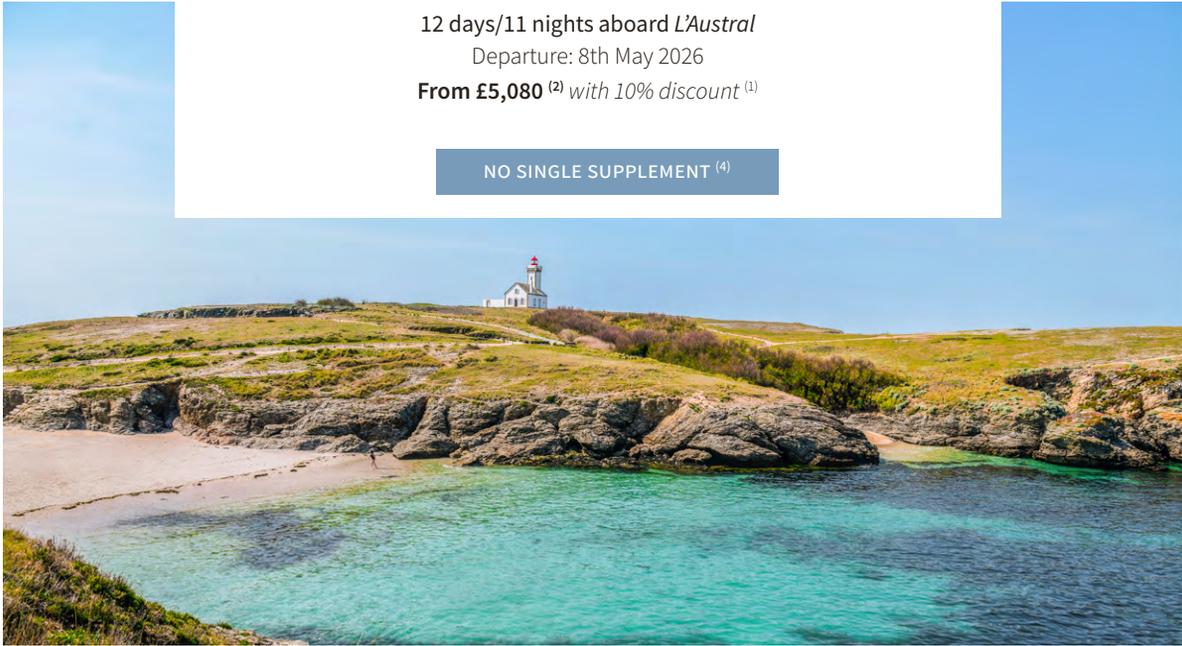
LISBON • HONFLEUR

12 days/11 nights aboard *L'Austral*

Departure: 8th May 2026

From **£5,080** <sup>(2)</sup> with 10% discount <sup>(1)</sup>

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT <sup>(4)</sup>



From Lisbon to Honfleur, explore the Atlantic coastlines of Portugal, Spain and France. Majestic cliffs, endless beaches and unspoilt villages punctuate a cruise where the salty air and charm of the region leave lasting memories.

| TIMELESS |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- A stopover in southern Brittany: Belle-Île-en-Mer, home to the Kervilahouen lighthouse where Claude Monet stayed.
- UNESCO sites including the historic centre of Porto from Leixões and the Belém Tower, as well as the Jerónimos Monastery in Lisbon.
- Among your included excursions <sup>(3)</sup>: the old town of Santiago de Compostela (UNESCO) or Mont-Saint-Michel (UNESCO) from Saint-Malo.

SOCIETY

With **Franck Ferrand**, writer, presenter and editorial director of *Historia*.

# Volcanic islands and historic cities of the North Atlantic



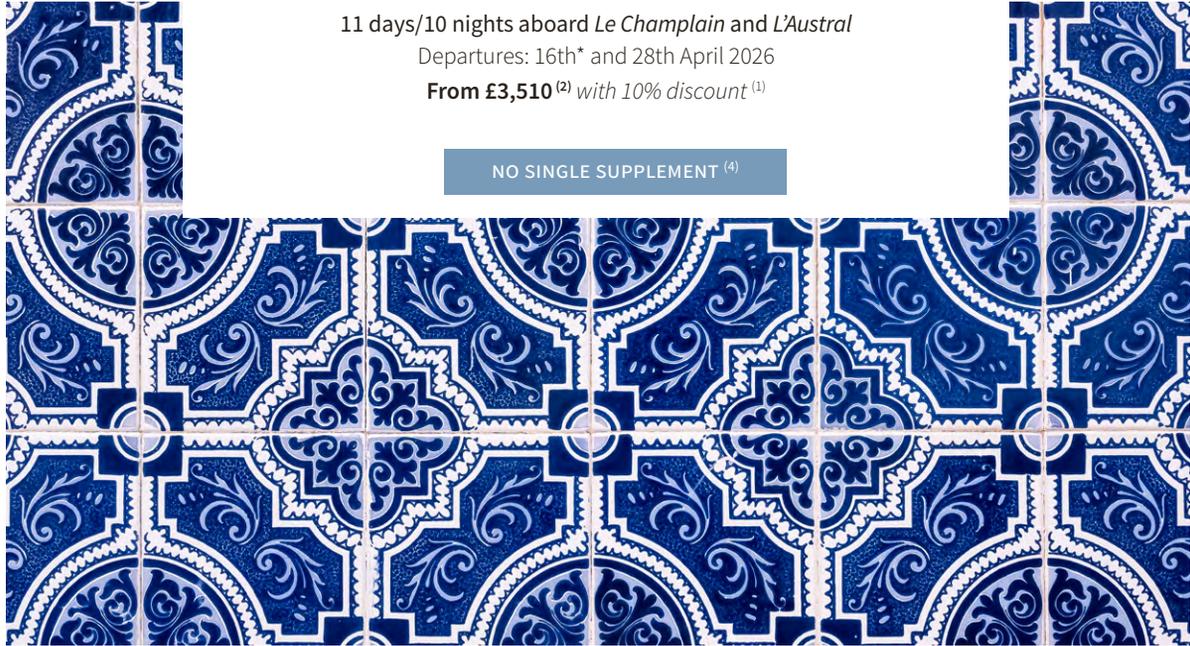
LAS PALMAS • LISBON

11 days/10 nights aboard *Le Champlain* and *L'Austral*

Departures: 16th\* and 28th April 2026

From £3,510<sup>(2)</sup> with 10% discount<sup>(1)</sup>

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT<sup>(4)</sup>



From the volcanic archipelagos of the Canary Islands and Madeira to the southern tip of Portugal, embark on a journey into the heart of wild landscapes. Majestic volcanoes, lush green valleys, secluded coves and historic cities with rich heritage unfold before you, offering fascinating spectacles.

| TIMELESS |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- La Gomera, a volcanic island in the Canaries, with its rugged cliffs, palm-lined valleys and black sand beaches surrounded by crystal-clear waters.
- Funchal and its botanical gardens, jewels of flowers and greenery, the levadas of Madeira and their lush valleys, offering walks in the heart of nature.
- Among your included excursions<sup>(3)</sup>: the Garajonay and Teide National Parks, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and the historic centre of Funchal.

\*Stopovers vary depending on the departure. More information is available on our website.

# Islands and cities, from the North Sea to the Baltic

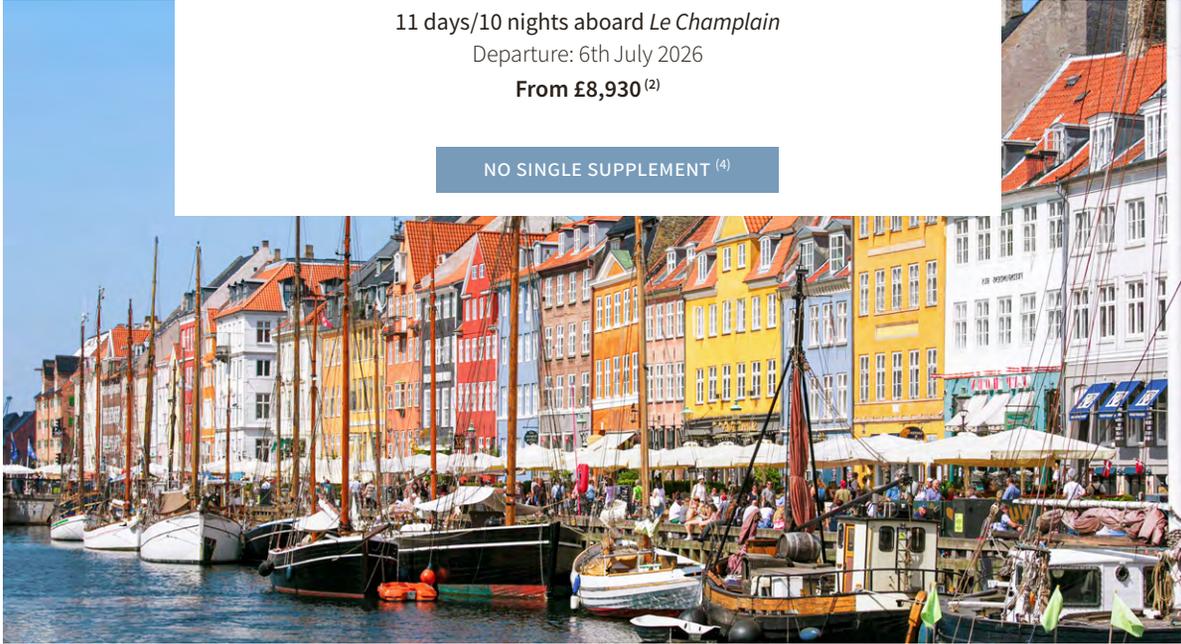
FREDRIKSTAD • HELSINKI

11 days/10 nights aboard *Le Champlain*

Departure: 6th July 2026

From £8,930<sup>(2)</sup>

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT<sup>(4)</sup>



Explore the iconic islands and cities of Northern Europe and the Baltic, where stunning coastlines and historic towns await. Wander through picturesque streets, admire remarkable buildings and be captivated by magnificent Nordic panoramas.

| TIMELESS |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Hanseatic city of Visby, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the island of Saaremaa, with its medieval streets and island landscapes.
- Aalborg and its Viking heritage, exploring a historic city combining Nordic traditions and unique heritage.
- Among your included excursions<sup>(3)</sup>: a folk show in Tallinn, the canals of Copenhagen, a visit to Gdansk and a concert dedicated to Chopin.

GEOPOLITICS

With the presence of **Lech Walesa**, Nobel Peace Prize winner and former President for Poland, at a conference in Gdansk.

# Iconic capitals & towns of the Baltic

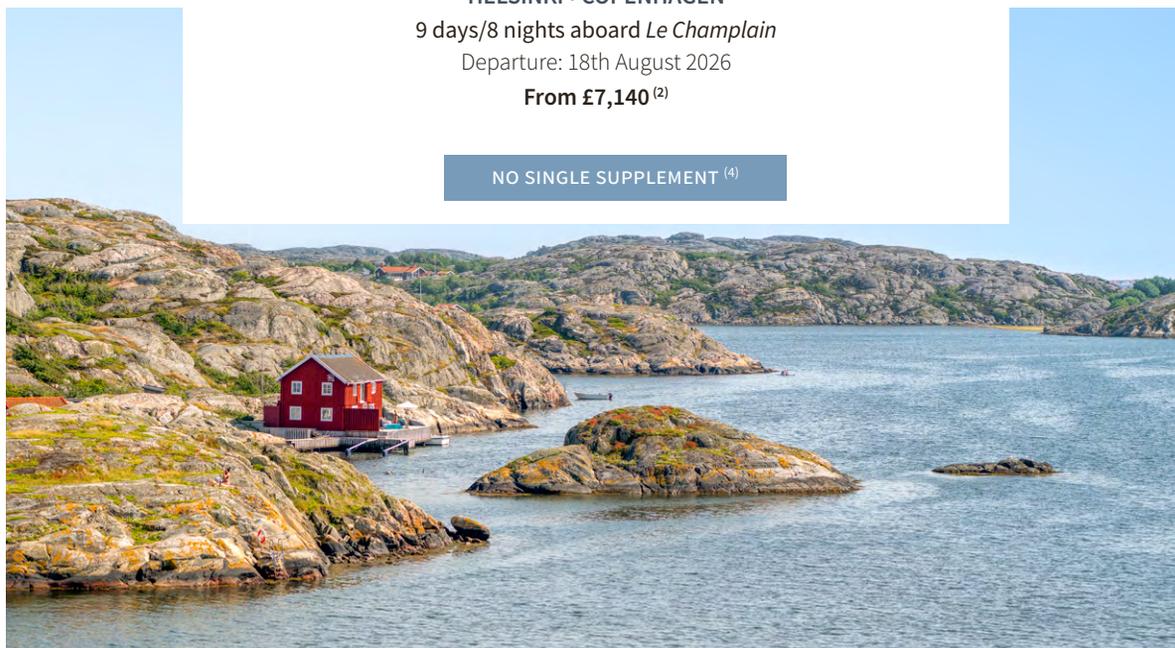
HELSINKI • COPENHAGEN

9 days/8 nights aboard *Le Champlain*

Departure: 18th August 2026

From £7,140 <sup>(2)</sup>

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT <sup>(4)</sup>



In the heart of the Baltic Sea, explore renowned cities and capitals, steeped in history and surrounded by sumptuous landscapes, majestic sites in northern Europe, picturesque shores and surprising architecture.

| TIMELESS |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Suomenlinna Fortress and Tallinn's Old Town, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites, with historic ramparts, picturesque squares and a medieval Nordic atmosphere.
- The Hanseatic city of Visby, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the island of Saaremaa, with its medieval streets and island landscapes.
- Among your included excursions <sup>(3)</sup>: a tour of Gdansk and a concert dedicated to Chopin, the Vasa Museum, and a folk show in Tallinn.

# Celtic secrets & landscapes

GLASGOW • DUBLIN

10 days/9 nights aboard *Le Lapérouse*

Departure: 12th April 2026

From £5,120 <sup>(2)</sup>

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT <sup>(4)</sup>



From shimmering moors to magnificent lakes and wind-sculpted cliffs, Scotland invites you to escape and find serenity. Along the coastline of the Irish Sea, the aptly named Emerald Isle and its neighbours reveal a captivating world.

| TIMELESS |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- The beaches and waterfalls of Killybegs and the Inishowen Peninsula, with its famous coastal road.
- The Isle of Mull and sailing on Loch Linnhe, in the heart of the Highlands.
- Among your included excursions <sup>(3)</sup>: the Glencoe Visitor Centre from Fort William, the Giant's Causeway (UNESCO) from Belfast, Blarney Castle from Cobh.

# The Hebrides archipelago, a journey deep into the heart of the wilderness

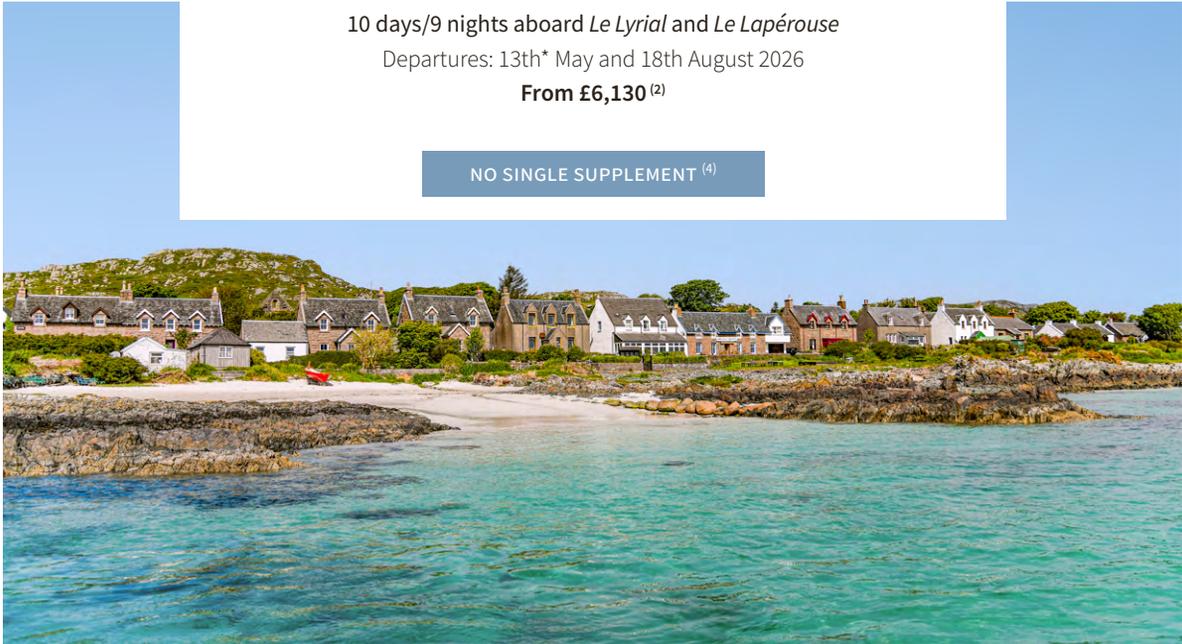
DUBLIN • GLASGOW

10 days/9 nights aboard *Le Lyrial* and *Le Lapérouse*

Departures: 13th\* May and 18th August 2026

From £6,130 <sup>(2)</sup>

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT <sup>(4)</sup>



In northern Scotland, between the majestic Highlands and the enigmatic Hebrides, discover a world where the history of archaeological sites combines with the raw beauty of the landscapes, from windswept cliffs to green valleys bathed in northern light.

| DISCOVERY |



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Calanais megalithic site.
- The islands, home to numerous bird colonies.
- Among your included excursions <sup>(3)</sup>: the sacred island of Iona and its abbey, the Manx Museum, and the Corrieshalloch Gorge.

\*Stopovers vary depending on the departure. More information is available on our website.

# Your PONANT moments



Each day, our guests post their favourite photos on social networks. Here is a selection of shots they have taken, giving their personal impression of some exceptional locations.

*You too can share your PONANT moments on Instagram by tagging **@ponant**.*



**Elisabeth Isoart**  
La Gomera, Canary Islands



**Jean-Baptiste Lerebour**  
Gudhjem, Bornholm Island



**Stéphane Mailly**  
Funchal, Madeira



**Klervi Rolland**  
Istanbul, Turkey



## The Sisterships

With their sleek silhouettes and refined decor, the Sisterships symbolise PONANT EXPLORATIONS's mission to share the French art of living across the globe.

Human-scale yachts, *Le Boréal*, *L'Austral*, *Le Soléal* and *Le Lyrial* can access secluded locations or ports reserved for smaller vessels.

### IN DETAIL

Length: 142 m	Width: 18 m
Draft: 4,7 m	Crew members: 145
Number of staterooms and suites: 122 or 132	Delivery years: 2010 to 2015



## The PONANT EXPLORERS

With a refined blend of exploration in the world's most remote regions and the comfort of intimate vessels, the PONANT EXPLORERS series is crafted to offer a redefined expedition experience. Each of these six exceptional yachts – *Le Lapérouse*, *Le Champlain*, *Le Bougainville*, *Le Dumont d'Urville*, *Le Bellot* and *Le Jacques Cartier* – is equipped with an underwater lounge, the Blue Eye, as well as state-of-the-art technology designed to minimise environmental impact.

### IN DETAIL

Length: 131 m	Width: 18 m
Draft: 4,7 m	Crew members: 118
Number of staterooms and suites: 92	Delivery years: 2018 to 2020

