



SUMMER 2026

Cruise selection

MEDITERRANEAN





Into the deep blue horizon



Our ships have been exploring the Mediterranean for more than 30 years, with the aim of showing you both its most prestigious sites and its most unexpected nooks and crannies. The seafaring cultures who flourished along its coasts have honoured it for centuries. In summer 2026, we are setting our sights on the Mediterranean, brimming with some of the world's most popular cultural and natural wonders.

The diversity of its landscapes, languages and heritage makes for unmissable journeys, particularly suited to being explored from the sea. Each port of call opens the door to a unique world, with an unmistakable identity. Andalusian Málaga or Catalan Barcelona. The idyllic coves of Ibiza or the dramatic cliffs of Bonifacio. The vibrancy of Algiers, the splendour of Venice, the majesty of Athens. The orange grove valleys of Sicily, the medieval cities of Croatia, the ancient ruins of Greece.

Each season displays its own magic. Spring and autumn bring a feeling of peace and calm with fewer visitors and milder temperatures. To benefit from these advantages, our experts have designed exclusive itineraries that highlight May's blossoms and October's gentle light. In summer, our ships are intimate retreats, havens designed for a more personal style of travel. Ashore, the lively atmosphere of coastal towns, the sweetness of the long evenings and the pleasure of a refreshing swim in crystal-clear waters are constant reminders of the joy of living.

You can count on a warm and caring crew at all times, dedicated to looking after you. As you read this, they are already preparing the many surprises that give PONANT moments their distinctive flavour. Will you be joining them?

See you on board soon,

Benoît-Étienne Domenget
CEO of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP



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 approach, 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, 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 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.).



Check out our website for all the initiatives.



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.

8 Tailor-made journeys

Opt for a **personalised stay** by booking private excursions, hotel nights, or flights. For certain hard-to-reach destinations, booking flights and transfers with us guarantees you a stress-free arrival at the port of embarkation. Download the **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; snorkelling, etc. Land-based services vary depending on the cruise collection.

10 Offers and benefits

Whether you are travelling solo, with family or friends, are a loyal customer or are embarking on your second cruise, there are special offers and benefits tailored to your needs. Consider combining cruises to take advantage of special discounts.



DID YOU KNOW?

Bonaparte's gardens

Exiled for about 300 days on the island of Elba in 1814 and 1815, Napoleon I chose the **Villa dei Mulini** in Portoferraio as his main residence. The deposed emperor undertook extensive renovations there, particularly in the gardens overlooking the sea, which he personally tended.

Find out more on p. 13.



Elba Island ●

Freshwater sanctuary

The **Albufera Natural Park**, near Valencia, is a delight for nature lovers. This vast lagoon, covering more than 21,000 hectares, is a true haven for migratory birds that come here to breed, amid unspoilt rice fields.

Find out more on p. 10 and p. 11.



Valencia ●

Western Mediterranean

● Cartagena

Spain's 'Little Rome'

The impressive remains of the Roman Empire lend the city of **Cartagena** a grand and majestic air. Unearthed by archaeologists only in 1988, its majestic **theatre** was built in the 1st century BC and ranks among the best-preserved ancient monuments in Spain.

Find out more on p. 9 and p. 10.



Tyrrhenian Sea



Croatian paradise

Seen from above, the **Brijuni archipelago** traces rounded shapes in vivid colours. We recommend exploring it by bicycle, on a gentle ride that takes in forests, scrubland and meadows, vineyards and olive groves, holm oaks and laurels, coves, shaded coasts, and ruins from distant eras.

Find out more on p. 17.

Southern fjord

Set in one of Montenegro's most beautiful bays, **Kotor**, a small medieval town listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, lies nestled between the sea and wooded mountains. Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman remains are a reminder that a seafaring people have occupied this perfect natural shelter since antiquity.

Find out more on p. 18 and p. 19.



Adriatic Sea

Brijuni archipelago

Kotor

Reggio Calabria



The 'City of Bronzes'

At the tip of the Italian peninsula, **Reggio Calabria** captivates with its Art Nouveau and Belle Époque architecture, inherited from its reconstruction in 1909 following an earthquake. Its archaeological museum houses the famous **Riace Bronzes** whose identification remains the subject of fascinating debate.

Find out more on p. 14.

Aegean Sea



Paros

Pearl of the Cyclades

Enjoy the turquoise shoreline of **Paros** with a stop in **Naoussa**, which guarantees a change of scenery amid whitewashed houses with blue shutters, octopuses drying in the sun, and tavernas with a lively, contemporary atmosphere.

Find out more on p. 22 and p. 23.



Western Mediterranean

Here we find colour on the stalls, the mosaics and *azulejos*, and also in the smiles and in the accents: in Portugal, where the sea meets the ocean, in Spain, where audacity and artistic genius reach creative heights, and in North Africa, where refinement is elevated to an authentic way of life.

Ancient shores of the Mediterranean

MÁLAGA • VALLETTA
 10 days/9 nights aboard *Le Boréal*
 Departure: 5th May 2026
From £6,480 ⁽¹⁾

VALLETTA • MÁLAGA
 11 days/10 nights aboard *Le Bougainville*
 Departure: 31st October 2026
From £6,760 ⁽¹⁾



From the sumptuous cities of Sicily to the eastern shores of Spain, via two charming North African capitals. This is an iconic journey best experienced in spring and autumn, the ideal times to explore the remains of ancient Mediterranean civilisations.

| TIMELESS |



*5th May departure: reverse itinerary.
 Stopovers vary depending on the departure.
 More information is available on our website.*

HIGHLIGHTS

- Remarkable ancient sites and old towns, listed by UNESCO: the ruins of Agrigento, Carthage and Tipasa, the Casbah of Algiers, the Medina of Tunis and the historic centre of Syracuse.
- A stopover in Palermo (*5th May departure*), guardian of the Sicilian soul, or in Porto Empedocle (*31st October departure*), gateway to the Valley of the Temples.
- Among your included excursions ⁽²⁾: a cavalcade in Cartagena, a walk on the island of Ortygia in Syracuse, and through the narrow streets of the Casbah in Algiers.

DEPARTURES AVAILABLE IN 2027 | 23rd October aboard *Le Lapérouse*, 30th October aboard *Le Bougainville* and 6th November aboard *Le Dumont d'Urville*. More information at en.ponant.com.

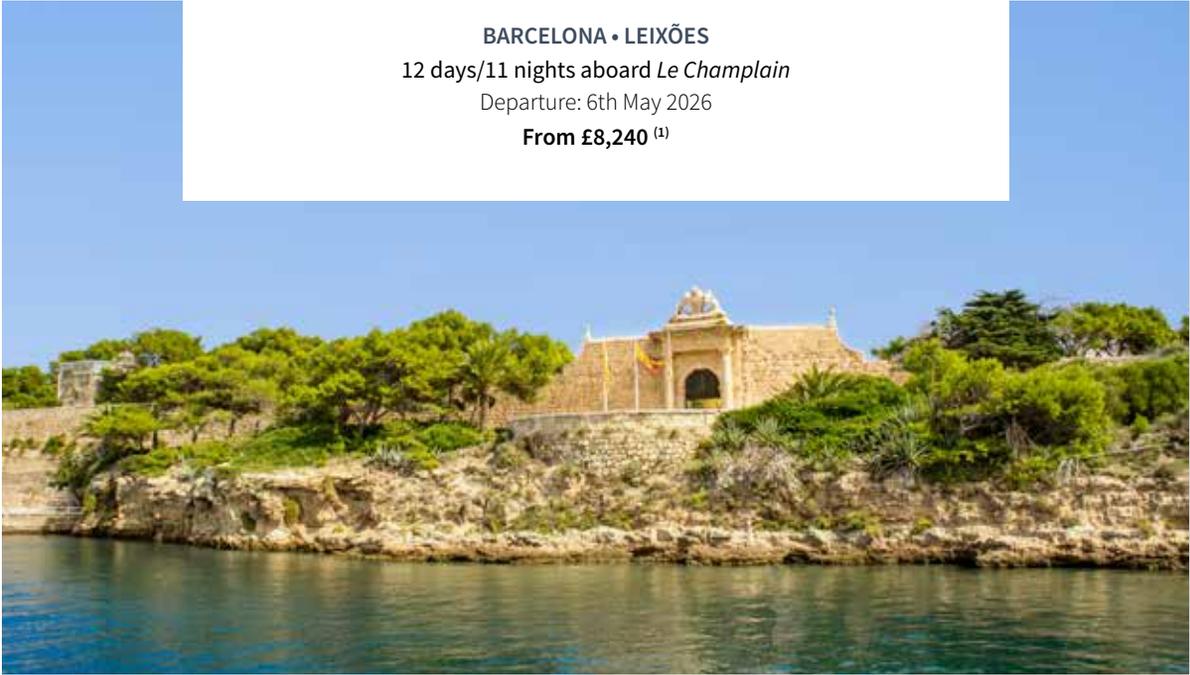
Heavenly islands and Iberian shores

BARCELONA • LEIXÕES

12 days/11 nights aboard *Le Champlain*

Departure: 6th May 2026

From £8,240 ⁽¹⁾



The Iberian Peninsula reveals all its splendour in the heart of spring, in an itinerary that is as comprehensive as it is exhilarating. Its vibrant cities, among the oldest in the western Mediterranean, and the cultural treasures of the Balearic Islands, Andalusia and the Algarve offer a journey suspended in time.

| TIMELESS |



HIGHLIGHTS

- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Silk Exchange in Valencia, the Jerónimos Monastery in Lisbon, the island of Ibiza and of Menorca, which is listed as a biosphere reserve.
- The coastal landscapes of Andalusia: Costa Tropical in Motril, Costa del Sol in Málaga, Costa de la Luz in Cádiz.
- Among your included excursions ⁽²⁾: the fortress of Sagres in the Algarve, a cavalcade on a *finca* in Cartagena, a flamenco show in Cádiz.

Corsica, Sardinia and Iberian shores

NICE • BARCELONA

9 days/8 nights aboard *Le Dumont d'Urville*

Departure: 3rd August 2026

From £6,310 ⁽¹⁾



From the French Riviera to Catalonia, experience the getaway of your dreams, focused on some of the Mediterranean's most mythical and mysterious islands. Wonderful landscapes and charming ports of call invite you to a restorative break, imbued with the gentle art of living.

| TIMELESS |



HIGHLIGHTS

- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Silk Exchange in Valencia, the island of Ibiza and of Menorca, which is listed as a biosphere reserve.
- Remarkable landscapes: the volcanic Sanguinaires Islands in Corsica; the wild coves and white *finca* villages of Ibiza...
- Among your included excursions ⁽²⁾: Albufera Natural Park, the island of Menorca, the historic centre of Bonifacio.



Tyrrhenian Sea

With Corsica to the west, the Italian peninsula to the east, and Sicily and Malta to the south, the Tyrrhenian Sea rightly boasts some of the most idyllic destinations on the planet. White limestone cliffs, crystal-clear waters, dormant and active volcanoes, valleys planted with orange or olive trees... landscapes and ancient sites dazzle under a benevolent sun.

From the French city of angels to the shores of the Adriatic

NICE • DUBROVNIK

8 days/7 nights aboard *Le Dumont d'Urville*

Departure: 8th June 2026

From £4,990 ⁽¹⁾



Tuscany, Campania, Sicily, Puglia: from colourful ports to archaeological sites, feel yourself drawn in by the history of the Italian regions not to be missed. A springtime getaway that extends as far as the medieval towns of Croatia's luminous coasts.

| TIMELESS |



HIGHLIGHTS

- Italian cities with a rich historical heritage: Livorno and its Renaissance treasures, Salerno, gateway to the sites of Pompeii and Paestum, Taormina and its ancient theatre.
- A scenic cruise through the Bay of Kotor.
- Among your included excursions ⁽²⁾: the legendary Mount Etna and Villa dei Mulini, Napoleon's winter residence on the island of Elba.

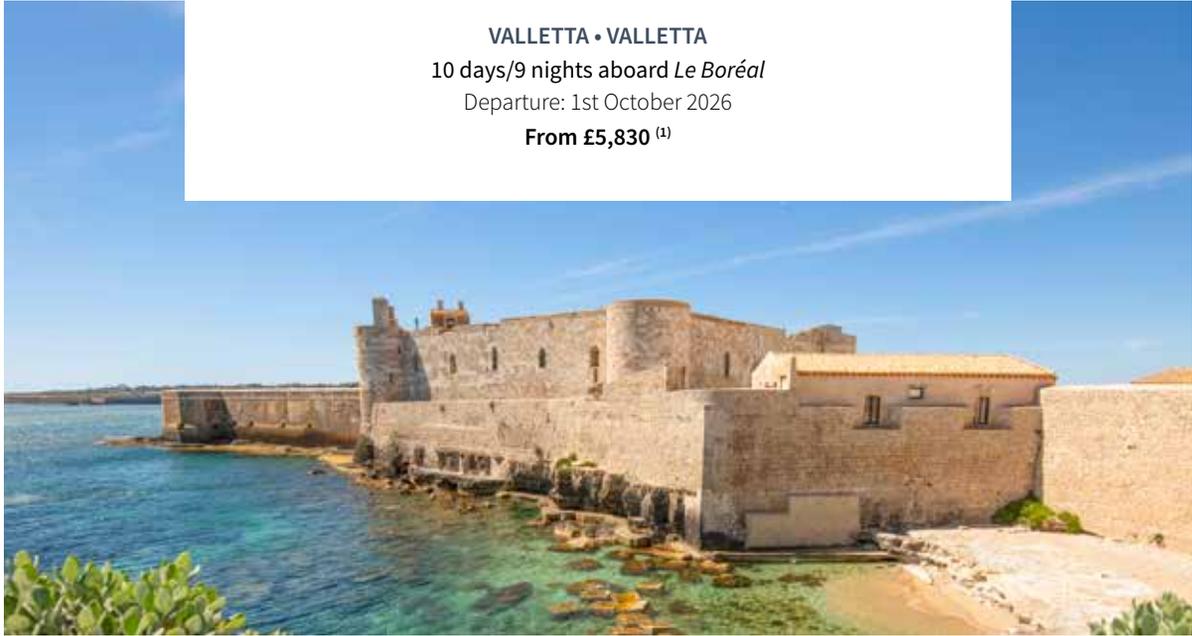
Authentic Mediterranean shores

VALLETTA • VALLETTA

10 days/9 nights aboard *Le Boréal*

Departure: 1st October 2026

From £5,830 ⁽¹⁾



Majestic volcanoes, fertile valleys, iconic ancient sites... At the crossroads of Eastern and Western civilisations, Southern Italy – and especially Sicily – is a concentration of wonders and intoxicating experiences that can be enjoyed in complete tranquillity at the beginning of autumn.

| TIMELESS |



HIGHLIGHTS

- Iconic UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Mount Etna, the Greek theatre in Taormina, Palermo, the Aeolian Islands, Pompeii, Syracuse, Valletta.
- Sailing past Stromboli, the 'lighthouse of the Mediterranean', which has been active for thousands of years.
- Among your included excursions ⁽²⁾: the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, and Noto, considered the capital of Sicilian Baroque.

DEPARTURES AVAILABLE IN 2027 | 8th April aboard *Le Bougainville*, 3rd May aboard *Le Dumont d'Urville* and 6th June aboard *Le Boréal*. More information at en.ponant.com.

From the Tyrrhenian Sea to the Adriatic

NICE • VENICE

13 days/12 nights aboard *Le Boréal*

Departure: 22nd August 2026

From £7,010 ⁽¹⁾



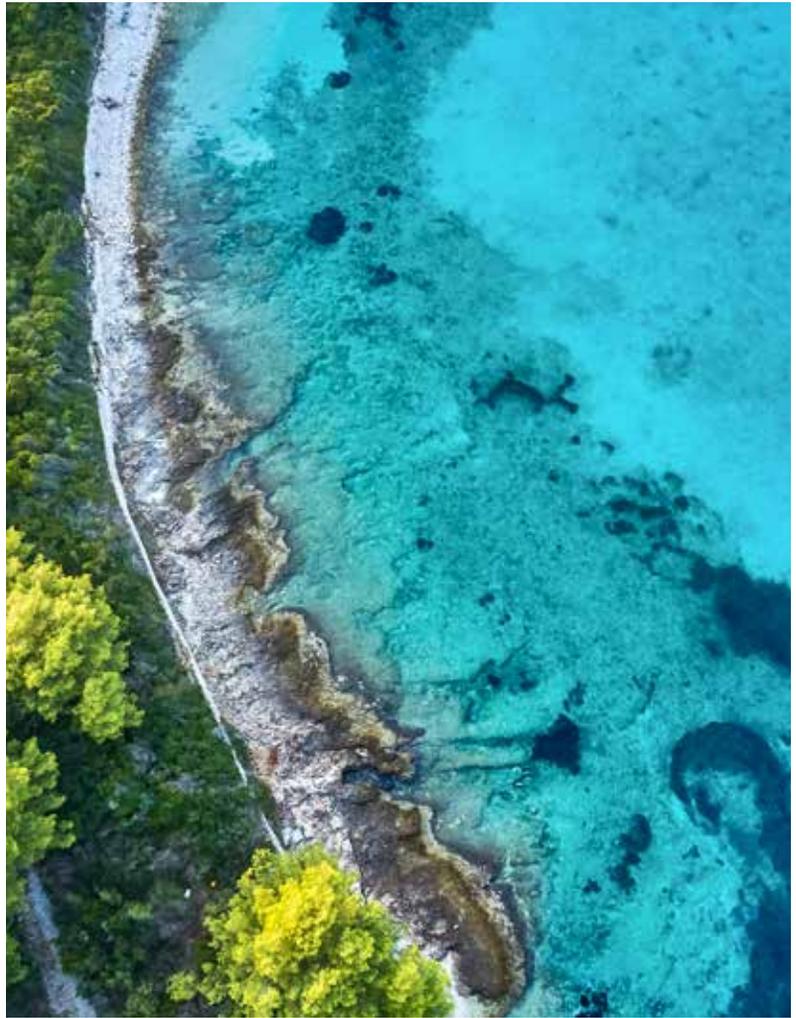
From Nice to Venice, summer unfolds gently along the Mediterranean shores. Ancient stones tell age-old stories, turquoise waters beckon us to enter, and sun-drenched scents awaken the senses, offering a rejuvenating interlude.

| TIMELESS |



HIGHLIGHTS

- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Dubrovnik and Split, the Aeolian Islands, the ancient theatre of Taormina.
- Towns with unique identities: the dazzling whitewashed buildings of Gallipoli, Bonifacio, nestled on a narrow limestone promontory, Rovinj and its Venetian-influenced monuments.
- Among your included excursions ⁽²⁾: the Greek theatre in Taormina, the city of Lecce, a tasting of traditional Croatian cuisine in Dubrovnik.



Adriatic Sea

Forming a bridge between East and West, the Adriatic resembles a mosaic in a synthesis of different influences, including Greek, Venetian, Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian. The cities, villages and countless monuments bear splendid witness to this rich past, turning Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro and Western Greece into true open-air museums.

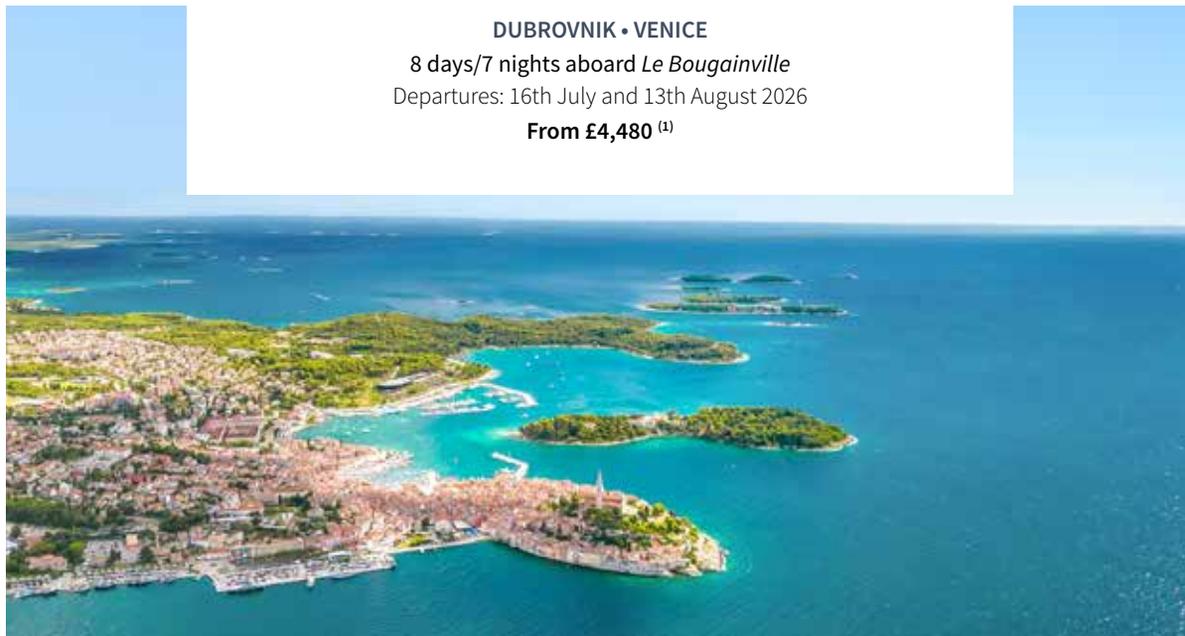
Cities and splendours of the Adriatic

DUBROVNIK • VENICE

8 days/7 nights aboard *Le Bougainville*

Departures: 16th July and 13th August 2026

From £4,480 ⁽¹⁾



Enjoying a summer evening, soothed by the scent of pine trees on the island of Hvar. Stroll through the lively streets of Pula, where every corner reveals a fragment of history. The beautiful natural treasures and cultural riches that form the jewels of the Adriatic are sure to captivate you.

| TIMELESS |



HIGHLIGHTS

- The Kid Explorers club, offering outings, swimming, workshops and treasure hunts for children aged 4 to 13.
- Unforgettable moments in Brijuni National Park, a place rich in biodiversity and fascinating history, and during the night at anchor in the old town of Dubrovnik.
- Among your activities: included excursions ⁽²⁾ led by local guides.

DEPARTURES AVAILABLE IN 2027 | 4th and 18th August and 1st September aboard *Le Dumont d'Urville*.

More information at en.ponant.com.

Natural wonders and cultural jewels of Dalmatia



VENICE • DUBROVNIK

8 days/7 nights aboard *Le Bougainville*

Departures: 23rd July, 6th and 20th August 2026

From £4,480 ⁽¹⁾



Set off to discover Croatia through its valleys filled with olive groves, breathtakingly beautiful national parks, and old cobbled towns evoking a turbulent past. Make the most of the warm evenings at the end of summer to dine or wander through some of these historic towns.

| TIMELESS |



23rd July 2026 departure: the stopover in Tivat is replaced by Kotor.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Kid Explorers club, offering outings, swimming, workshops and treasure hunts for children aged 4 to 13.
- Extended stops in Hvar and Split to enjoy the warm late summer evenings, as well as a scenic cruise in the Bay of Kotor.
- Among your included excursions ⁽²⁾: a tour of Hvar in a Volkswagen Beetle, an open-air performance of *moreška* (traditional sword dance) in Korčula, and truffle hunting and tasting in Rovinj.

DEPARTURES AVAILABLE IN 2027 | 11th and 25th August aboard *Le Dumont d'Urville*. More information at en.ponant.com.

From the Adriatic to the Ionian Sea

DUBROVNIK • VALLETTA

10 days/9 nights aboard *Le Bougainville*

Departure: 27th August 2026

From £5,470 ⁽¹⁾



This journey begins in Croatia, where ancient history meets breathtaking landscapes. The adventure continues in Montenegro and Greece, all the way to Italy. Each port of call reveals architectural gems and a rich heritage, responding to every desire and curiosity.

| TIMELESS |



HIGHLIGHTS

- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Dubrovnik, Kotor, the Greek theatre in Taormina.
- Secret getaways: the island of Mljet and its protected forests, the island of Vis with the small town of Komiža, the oldest fishing port in the Adriatic, as well as the ancient ruins and Venetian citadel of Parga.
- Among your included excursions ⁽²⁾: a *moreška* (traditional sword dance) show in Korčula, the ancient theatre of Taormina, the history of Gallipoli.



Aegean Sea

The stage of great ancient epics, the Aegean Sea offers everything a traveller could dream of, from translucent waters to idyllic archipelagos and secret coves, not to mention ruins that speak of grandeur and learning. A premier destination where travelling through time is not only guaranteed, but profoundly moving.

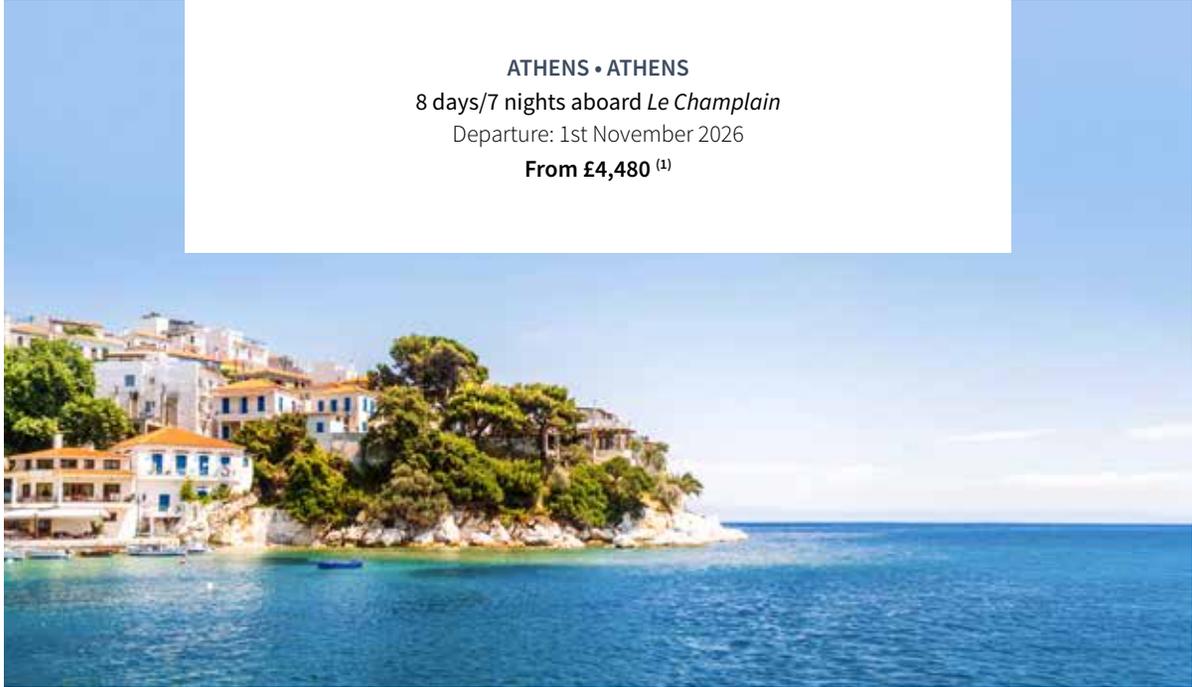
European autumn in the Aegean Sea

ATHENS • ATHENS

8 days/7 nights aboard *Le Champlain*

Departure: 1st November 2026

From £4,480 ⁽¹⁾



In autumn, when the sun still bathes the Mediterranean in a soft light and the crowds lessen, treat yourself to an exquisite break of nature and culture. Journey back through the centuries via some of the world's most prized archaeological sites, while enjoying the mild Greek climate.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- A picturesque cruise along Mount Athos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its majestic monasteries clinging to the mountainside.
- The astonishing city of Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city, home to numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites, such as the Basilica of Saint Demetrius with its splendid Byzantine mosaics.
- Among your included excursions ⁽²⁾: the monasteries of Meteora, the ruins of Philippi and the royal tombs of Vergina – three exceptional UNESCO sites.

Antique wonders of the Aegean

ISTANBUL • ATHENS

9 days/8 nights aboard *Le Boréal*

Departure: 2nd July 2026

From £4,680 ⁽¹⁾



Between the Cyclades, Dodecanese islands or Saronic islands, Greece is known for its splendid archipelagos, incorporating sea and mountains. Off the beaten track, head to small, still unspoiled islands, offering countless opportunities for swimming in the crystal-clear waters of the Aegean Sea.

| TIMELESS |



HIGHLIGHTS

- Unique sailings in the Dardanelles Strait and opposite the Santorini caldera.
- Charming islands: Bozcaada, Turkey, a favourite destination for Istanbul residents; the unusual Hydra, Greece, with no motorised traffic.
- Among your included excursions ⁽²⁾: the Monastery of Saint John and the Cave of the Apocalypse in Patmos, two UNESCO World Heritage Sites; the historic villages of Lefkes and Naoussa on the island of Paros.

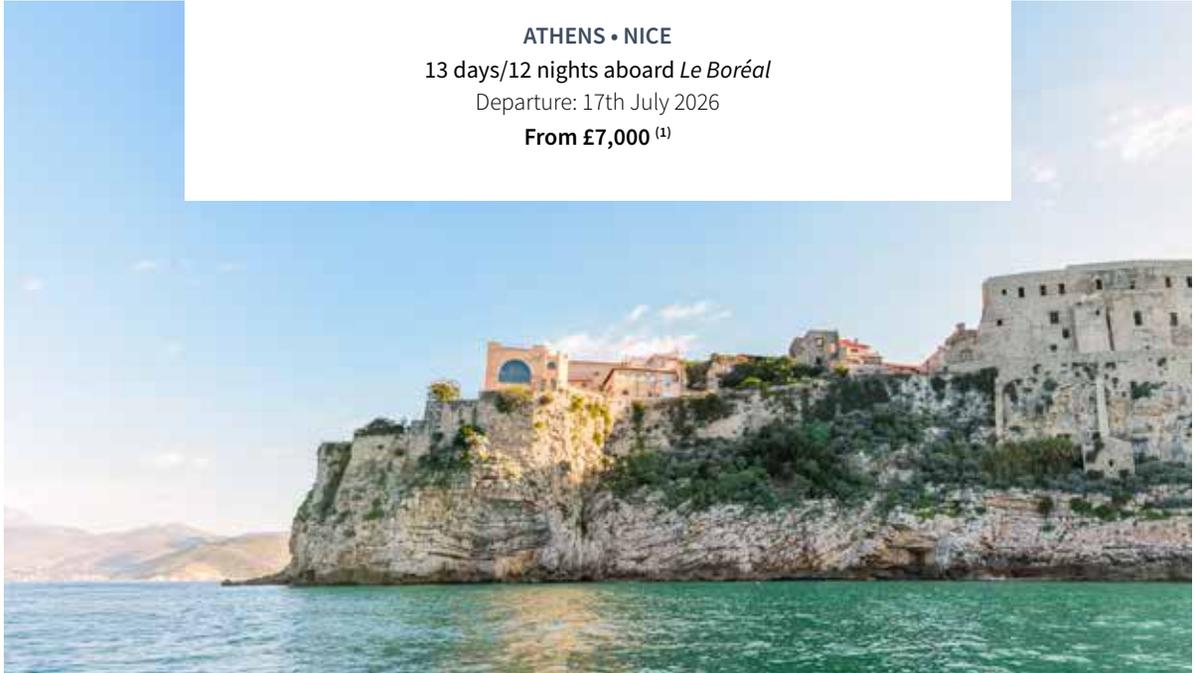
Sweet Mediterranean escape

ATHENS • NICE

13 days/12 nights aboard *Le Boréal*

Departure: 17th July 2026

From £7,000 ⁽¹⁾



From the Cyclades to the Côte d'Azur, via the Peloponnese, the Italian coastline and Corsica, set off to discover the treasures of the Mediterranean, a crossroads of civilisations and link between cultures. A comprehensive itinerary that will delight both history enthusiasts and lovers of the *dolce vita*.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the ruins of Mycenae in Nafplio, the ancient theatre of Taormina, and the archaeological site of Delos.
- A panoramic sailing through the Corinth Canal.
- Among your included excursions ⁽²⁾: the legendary Mount Etna, the Monastery of Saint John and the Cave of the Apocalypse in Patmos, all three of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Your PONANT moments



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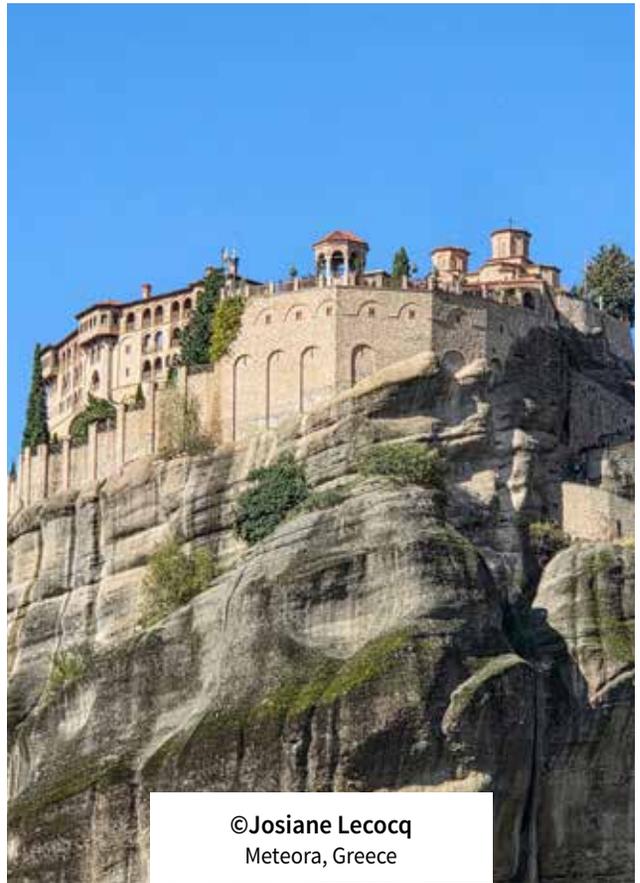
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Agrigento, Sicily (Italy)

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**.*



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Our fleet

The Sisterships

With their sleek silhouettes and refined decor, this series of four ships symbolizes the Company'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.



The PONANT EXPLORERS

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



PONANT EXPLORATIONS'

experience recognised



'Best luxury cruise line' and 'Best expedition cruises'

Awarded by *Global Traveler*
at the *2025 Leisure Lifestyle Awards*.

**'Best in Arctic' and 'Best itineraries'
(both in the Expedition section)**

Awarded by *Cruise Critic*
at the *Best in Cruise Awards*, in 2025.

'Most innovative Cruise Line'

Awarded by *Modern Luxury*
at the *Best of Luxury Travel Awards*, in 2025.

No. 1 in the 'Sustainability' category

Awarded by *Sailawaze*
at the *2025 Sailawaze Excellence Awards*.

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