THE GREAT AUSTRAL LOOP - ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA & FALKLANDS LUXURY EXPEDITION

Experience a magical Christmas with PONANT. Discover the Southern Ocean as you have never seen it before! Embark on a 18-day polar expedition cruise to the highest latitudes, from the Falkland Islands to South Georgia and the immaculate lands of Antarctica. Your expedition to the heart of the South Atlantic begins with the exploration of the Falkland Islands: as you sail in this archipelago of 200 islands, you will be escorted by sei whales. Composing the wild beauty of the shorelines are beaches of white sand, jagged cliffs, windswept moors and tall grass swaying with the wind. Your ship will soon take to the seas once again, to reach the mountainous island of South Georgia. It is there, in the midst of gigantic glaciers, that Sir Ernest Shackleton miraculously ran aground during the famous Endurance Odyssey in 1916. Today, king penguins, elephant and fur seals that have taken over the black-sand beaches dominated by the tall peaks that reveal the Scotia Arc. You will ultimately land on the frozen shores of the nearly inaccessible White Continent, Antarctica. White shades take on a thousand nuances as it covers the icebergs, glaciers, mountains and frozen sea all around you. You will be one of the rare few travellers to have laid eyes on this legendary land, the theatre of the greatest expeditions and the witness of the most extraordinary adventures. Above all, you are in the realm of the penguins - Adelie, Gentoo, chinstrap - seals, whales and seabirds that accompany you on this unforgettable trip.

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Day 1 USHUAIA

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Day 2 AT SEA

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

Day 3 NEW ISLAND & GRAVE COVE

This island with its distinctive jagged relief is located on the western edge of the Falkland Islands and is home to a tiny village of two families. Step onto the golden sand of its flower-lined beaches, beside which an old stone house still stands, and you'll feel like you've entered a natural paradise. A narrow pathway weaves around typical Falkland moorlands. Follow it and in under 20 minutes you'll find yourself at the heart of a colony of southern rockhopper penguins, black-browed albatross and imperial shags. It's the perfect opportunity to watch the albatross swoop down from the cliffs and skim the waves that crash against the rocks on the exposed side of the island. Make your way through the turbulent Woolly Gut strait and emerge in the stillness of Grave Cove. Located in the northern edge of the Falkland Islands, this bay owes its name to the vestiges of whalers' graves that overlook the beach. As you step off the boat and onto the white-sand beach, you might find yourself escorted by a few hospitable Commerson's dolphins, elegantly adorned in black and white. A stroll along the grassy dunes will lead you to a vast plain of lush green grass, tended by a few sheep. On the other side of the island you'll find one of the largest gentoo penguin colonies in the area. With some luck, you'll also glimpse a sea lion scouring the waves for his next meal.

Days 4 - 5 AT SEA

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Days 6 - 8 SOUTH GEORGIA

Aboard your ship, discover South Georgia, a region formed by an underwater mountain chain that extends from the Andes to the Antarctic Peninsula. All the wildlife of the Far South can be found there: king and Gentoo penguins, elephant seals, fur seals... You might get the chance to discover the majestic glaciers of Gold Harbour and the vast plains of Fortuna Bay. If you are fortunate enough to land at Salisbury Plain, you can expect a wonderful spectacle: more than 300,000 king penguins, which you will recognise by the bright orange mark on their head and neck, have taken up residence there.

Days 9 - 10 AT SEA

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Days 11 - 14 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 15 - 16 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.

Days 17 - 18 USHUAIA

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Please Note:

We are privileged guests in these extreme lands where we are at the mercy of weather and ice conditions. Landings on certain sites and the observation of certain wildlife cannot be guaranteed. They vary from day to day, making each PONANT cruise a unique experience. The Captain and the Expedition Leader will make every effort to ensure that your experience is as rich as possible, while complying with the safety rules and instructions imposed by the IAATO.

YOUR SHIP: L'AUSTRAL

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH: 142 metres. Passenger Capacity: 264 (200 in Antarctica). Built: 2011

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Luxury Expedition / Cruise Ship This superb mega-yacht with 132 cabins is the result of the expertise of the Italian Fincantieri shipyard and French sophistication, as interpreted by designer Jean-Philippe Nuel. L'Austral has a unique atmosphere, a subtle blend of luxury, intimacy and well-being. A sleek silhouette softened by elegantly smooth contours and large, arched windows opening up to the sea and the light: so many features come together to give L'Austral her distinctive shape. Precious materials, discreet elegance and a perfect balance between chic and casual, combine to make you feel as if you are on your own private yacht. A design blending tradition and innovation, where a nautical mood has been subtly recreated. Precious materials in smoothing neutral tones are brought to life with splashes of cheerful reds. So many personal touches create the spirit of a "private yacht". Suites and staterooms You can expect magnificent ocean views as 124 staterooms and suites have balconies. Individually-controlled airconditioning · Cabin layout: kingsize bed, or twin beds, communicating cabins available (children welcome) · Minibar · Flat screen satellite TV · IPod™ players · Desk with stationery · Electronic safe · French bath products · Dressing table and hairdryer · Bath robes · Satellite direct line telephone · 110/220 volts · 24hr room service · WiFi · Balcony Cuisine Loyal to the great French tradition, the haute cuisine on board is worthy of the finest restaurants, where discreet, attentive service is the hallmark. Choose from two restaurants for breakfasts, lunch and dinner. The Gastronomic Restaurant is situated on Le Liberte Deck and serves you French and international cuisine accompagnied by fine wine. On the Grill Restaurant, you have the opportuniny to eat outside and enjoy buffet lunch and themed dinner. Life On Board Whether you want to join other guests in the theatre or games area (Wii™ consoles, etc), or relax on your own in a quiet corner of the library, L'Austral has been designed to meet the needs of every guest. Everything has been done to preserve the independence of each guest to suit their personal tastes: lounges for lectures and shows, a spa in partnership with Sothys™, but also more intimate spaces such as the library and internet corner. Comfortable cabins, nearly all with private balcony, are available for families either as triples or as communicating cabins. There is also a games area with Wii™ consoles, children's menus, and a baby-sitting service. Just as if you were on a private yacht, your time is your own to do as you please. Fitted with the latest equipment (Kinesis Wall, running machine) and in partnership with the famous Sothys™ brand, the Beauty Centre on L'Austral welcomes you for some unforgettable moments of relaxation and pampering (beauty treatments, hairdresser). Wheelchairs 3 specially adapted wheelchair cabins (Deck 3 = Superior cabin no. 307, no balcony, Deck 4 = Prestige Cabin no. 407 - with

balcony and Deck 5 = Prestige Cabin no 509, with balcony) and lifts to all decks/areas. Details Please click the following links to read more about Ponant and the other Ponant

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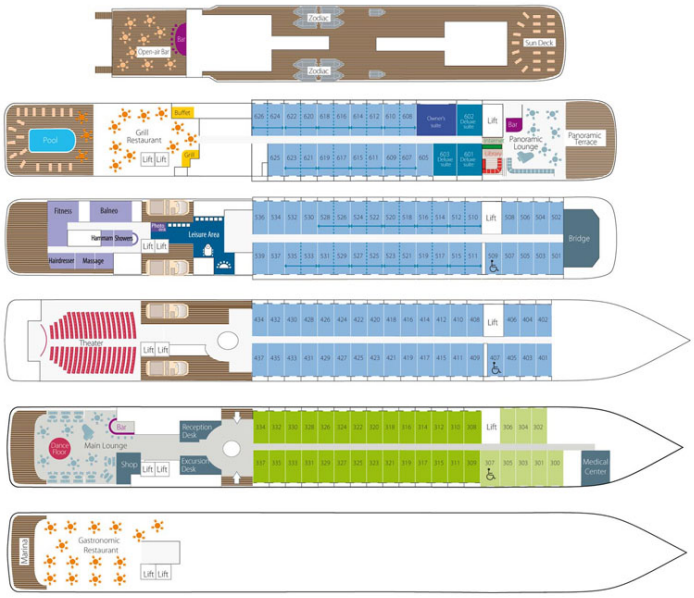
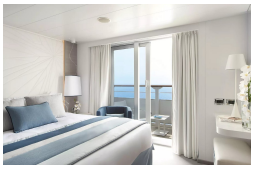


Deluxe Stateroom

Deluxe Suite

Grand Deluxe Suite



Grand Privilege Suite

Owner's Suite

Owners Suite

Prestige Deck 4

Prestige Deck 5

Prestige Deck 5 Suite

Prestige Deck 6

Prestige Deck 6 Suite

Prestige Stateroom Deck 4

Prestige Stateroom Deck 5

Prestige Stateroom Deck 6

Prestige Suite

Prestige Suite Deck 5

Prestige Suite Deck 6

Privilege Suite

Privilège Suite

Superior Stateroom

PRICING

17-Nov-2026 to 04-Dec-2026

Deluxe Suite	£27675 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£16475 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 4	£18485 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£17655 GBP pp
Grand Privilege Suite	£39545 GBP pp
Privilège Suite	£31345 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5 Suite	£28845 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5	£18825 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6	£19315 GBP pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	£38375 GBP pp

04-Dec-2026 to 21-Dec-2026

Superior Stateroom	£15775 GBP pp
Privilège Suite	£29905 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£16895 GBP pp
Grand Privilege Suite	£37685 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6	£18475 GBP pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	£36575 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£26415 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5 Suite	£27525 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 4	£17675 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5	£18005 GBP pp

20-Dec-2026 to 06-Jan-2027

Deluxe Stateroom	£18165 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5 Suite	£29685 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£28485 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6	£19885 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 4	£19035 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£16965 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5	£19375 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6 Suite	£31235 GBP pp

PRICING

14-Feb-2027 to 04-Mar-2027

Deluxe Suite	£27675 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£16475 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6	£19315 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5 Suite	£28845 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6 Suite	£30345 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 4	£18485 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£17655 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5	£18825 GBP pp
Owners Suite	£41400 GBP pp

16-Dec-2027 to 03-Jan-2028

Prestige Suite	£24825 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	£16115 GBP pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	£32825 GBP pp
Privilege Suite	£26925 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	£16825 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£14435 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£23845 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£42835 GBP pp
Grand Privilege Suite	£33805 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£15415 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	£16395 GBP pp

27-Jan-2028 to 14-Feb-2028

Superior Stateroom	£15445 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 5	£27135 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	£18135 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£26035 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£16555 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£39915 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	£17345 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	£17655 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 6	£28565 GBP pp

PRICING

23-Feb-2028 to 12-Mar-2028

Owner's Suite	£40375 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 5	£24825 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 6	£26085 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	£16115 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	£16825 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£23845 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£15415 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	£16395 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£14435 GBP pp

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