

## The Small Cruise Ship Collection

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### THE GREAT AUSTRAL LOOP

A 16-day itinerary between South America and the Antarctic Peninsula. An exceptional polar expedition cruise to discover the most beautiful sites of these southern lands. You will set sail from the fascinating city of Ushuaia, which the Argentinians call El fin del mundo (the end of the world). First, you will chart a course for the Falkland Islands, whose wild beauty and lush moors are sure to captivate you, before heading to South Georgia, its impressive glaciers and its black-sand beaches where large colonies of king penguins have taken up residence. You will then sail to 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. Gentoo, Adelie and chinstrap penguins, humpback whales, seals and seabirds: these are some of the encounters you will most likely have the chance to experience in the Antarctic Peninsula, creating indelible memories. Each day, whether on land, aboard your ship or during a Zodiac® outing, you will be surrounded by a grandiose decor ranging from icebergs to ice floe and ancient glaciers. 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.



#### ITINERARY

Day 1 USHUAIA

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have chosen as the ultimate sanctuary. With its exceptional site, where the Andes plunge straight into the sea, Ushuaia is one of the most fascinating places on earth, its very name evocative of journeys to the unlikely and the inaccessible...

#### 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 - 13 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 14 - 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 USHUAIA

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## YOUR SHIP: L'AUSTRAL

**YOUR SHIP:**

**L'Austral**

**VESSEL TYPE:**

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

**LENGTH:**

**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 accompanied by fine wine. On the Grill Restaurant, you have the opportunity 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

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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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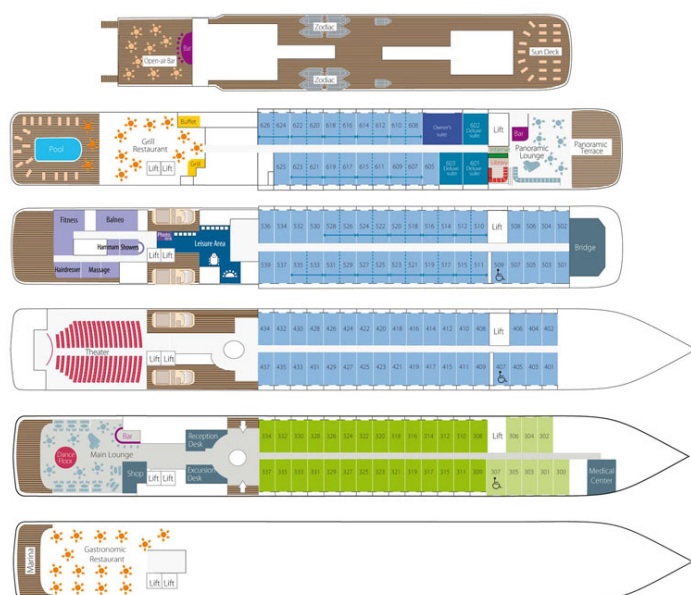
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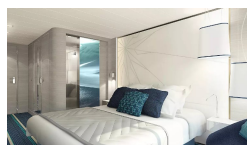
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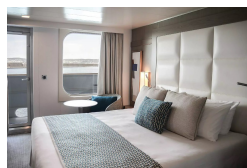
## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



DeLuxe Stateroom



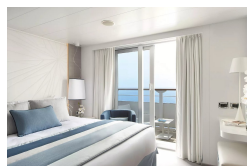
Deluxe Stateroom



Deluxe Suite



Grand Deluxe Suite



Grand Privilege Suite

Owner's suite

Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4

Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5

Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6

Prestige Stateroom Deck 4

Prestige Stateroom Deck 5

Prestige Stateroom Deck 6

Prestige Suite - Deck 5

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Prestige Suite Deck 5

Prestige Suite Deck 6

Privilege Suite

Superior Stateroom



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## PRICING

### 11-Jan-2025 to 30-Jan-2025

Owner's suite	£34736 GBP pp
DeLuxe Stateroom	£14518 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6	£15984 GBP pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	£32682 GBP pp
Grand Privilege Suite	£33711 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£23311 GBP pp
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	£24336 GBP pp
Privilege Suite	£26535 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4	£15251 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£13494 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5	£15553 GBP pp

### 10-Nov-2025 to 26-Nov-2025

Prestige Suite - Deck 5	£32429 GBP pp
Grand Privilege Suite	£44785 GBP pp
Owner's suite	£46135 GBP pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	£43435 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6	£21409 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£31075 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5	£20839 GBP pp
DeLuxe Stateroom	£19479 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£18135 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4	£20449 GBP pp
Privilege Suite	£35319 GBP pp

### 12-Dec-2025 to 28-Dec-2025

Prestige Suite Deck 6	£24469 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£22299 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	£15139 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	£15545 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£14189 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£13245 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	£14869 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 5	£23249 GBP pp



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## PRICING

### 20-Dec-2025 to 05-Jan-2026

Prestige Suite - Deck 5	£36895 GBP pp
Owner's suite	£49475 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4	£23209 GBP pp
DeLuxe Stateroom	£22105 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5	£23655 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£35345 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6	£24315 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£20565 GBP pp
Prestige Suite - Deck 6	£38885 GBP pp

### 24-Jan-2026 to 09-Feb-2026

Prestige Suite - Deck 5	£32429 GBP pp
Grand Privilege Suite	£44785 GBP pp
Owner's suite	£46135 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£31075 GBP pp
Privilege Suite	£35319 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5	£20839 GBP pp
DeLuxe Stateroom	£19479 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£18135 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4	£20449 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6	£21409 GBP pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	£43435 GBP pp

### 15-Feb-2026 to 03-Mar-2026

Deluxe Suite	£31075 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4	£20455 GBP pp
Owner's suite	£43435 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6	£21419 GBP pp
DeLuxe Stateroom	£19479 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5	£20839 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£18135 GBP pp
Prestige Suite - Deck 5	£32429 GBP pp
Prestige Suite - Deck 6	£34165 GBP pp

### ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

Port Taxes & Fees 790 GBP pp



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