

AUTHENTIC MEDITERRANEAN SHORES LUXURY JUNE 2027 CRUISE

Majestic volcanoes, fertile valleys, iconic ancient sites, and enchanting islands... Leaving from Valletta , the Maltese capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, set off to explore the jewels of Sicily and the Calabrian coastlines , during a journey that will take you to discover mythical sites at the crossroads of eastern and western civilisations. On these sun-kissed shores, towns brimming with history will open the doors to their heritage treasures between ancient sites, architectural jewels and age-old traditions, while the unaltered raw beauty of the Mediterranean coasts reveals its full grandeur.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Valletta

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floral experience.

Day 2 Porto Empedocle, Sicily

Huddled on the south-western coast of Sicily, **Porto Empedocles** bears the name of the philosopher Empedocles, who lived in the region in the 5th century BC. An age-old city offered up to sun and sea, this is your doorway to the exceptional archaeological site of **Temple Valley** , a high place of Greek civilisation listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. You can admire the remains of many temples dedicated to Zeus, his wife Hera and Hephaestus. Make sure you take in the magnificent Italian countryside, with its olive orchards that cover the hillsides.

Day 3 Trapani, Sicily

Bathed in the cobalt waters of the **Tyrrhenian sea,** Trapani is the former port of the Greek city of **Erice,** boasting a privileged natural position in western **Sicily.** As you wander through its little streets, you will discover a secular cultural heritage, bearing witness to the many influences of civilisations that came here: **San Lorenzo Cathedral,** Maria Santissima Annunziata sanctuary, the fountain of Triton. On the shaded restaurant terraces, savour some fresh fish from the morning's catch. Or else you can opt for a seafood couscous, a culinary legacy from their Arab neighbours.

Day 4 Palermo, Sicily

Palermo is the guardian of the Sicilian soul. Many have been attracted to this city, the largest capital of the Italian islands. Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans... Palermo is a rich culmination of so many cultural influences as seen in the Moorish designs on the **cathedral,** and the Byzantine mosaics of the **Palatine chapel,** which is itself housed within the precincts of the **Norman palace.** You will fall under the spell of the palaces, **baroque splendours** that grace the town with their obsolete beauty. It is thrilling to stumble upon one of those fabulous markets, high in colour, and headily picturesque.

Day 5 Lipari, Aeolian Islands & Sailing in front of Stromboli

Of the seven **Aeolian islands,** this is the largest and the most populated. Lying off the north coast of **Sicily,** in the Tyrrhenian sea, **Lipari** is one of UNESCO's marvellous World Heritage sites. Its lava stone quarries and obsidian flow of **Rocce Rosse** are indications of its volcanic nature. The town, the largest urban area in the whole archipelago, proudly houses its **citadel** and its **castle,** both rooted in Antiquity. If you head further into the centre, you'll be surprised to come across a Norman cathedral, complete with a magnificent baroque façade.

Like Ulysses during his Odyssey, you will have the opportunity to admire the **Stromboli** , the **capricious volcano** that looms over the Aeolian Islands. Its activity, uninterrupted for thousands of years, has earned it the nickname the "**Lighthouse of the Mediterranean** ".

Day 6 Reggio di Calabria

At the southern tip of the Italian boot, **Reggio di Calabria** guards the eastern shore of the Strait of Messina. From the lungomare, the sea front promenade, there are magnificent views over Sicily, a little over 3 km away, and Etna. Rebuilt after the 1908 earthquake, Reggio is set out in a grid pattern and has Art Nouveau and Belle Époque architecture that add to its charm. And the fragrance of bergamot, the citrus fruit that dominates the region's confectionery and perfumery.



Day 7 Syracuse, Sicily

Its undulating rocky coastline, the endless sandy beaches, the menacing form of **Mount Etna** which surveys its island like a patriarch, the flowery gardens on the hillside... **Sicily** lays out its varied landscapes like a shopkeeper displays his wares. Described by Cicero as "the most beautiful city in the world", **Syracuse** was one of the most prestigious cities in Sicily and at her height was even a rival for Athens. **A central city of Ancient Greece** , it was home to a succession of civilisations, each of which has left their mark. The blend of Arabic, Roman, Norman, Byzantine and Spanish cultures makes Syracuse a town that is extraordinarily rich in fragrances, colours and flavours.

Day 8 Taormina, Sicily

Located on Sicily's eastern coast, in the province of Messina, the seaside town of Taormina is Sicily's Saint-Tropez, boasting heritage sites, secluded beaches and luxury shopping. You can visit its medieval centre, suspended 300 metres above sea level, where terraces offer a spectacular view of the Mediterranean Sea. Another vestige from its past are the ruins of the **Greco-Roman theatre.** This extremely well-preserved site attracts visitors who are fascinated by the natural beauty of the area which overlooks a **turquoise bay.**

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YOUR SHIP: LE BOREAL

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH: 142 metres. Passenger Capacity: 264 (in twin cabins, just 200 in Antarctica). Built: 2011

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Luxury Expedition / Cruise Ship A superb mega-yacht with 132 cabins, she is the fruit of the expertise of the Italian Fincantieri shipyard and French sophistication, as interpreted by designer Jean-Philippe Nuel. Le Boreal creates a unique atmosphere, a subtle blend of luxury, intimacy and well-being. The best materials, discreet elegance and a tasteful decor combined with exterior and interior lines to reflect a nautical mood. On board, soothing neutral tones are enlivened by splashes of red, our signature theme linking tradition and innovation to create personal touches in the spirit of a "private yacht". 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 breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Gastronomic Restaurant is situated on Le Liberte Deck and serves you French and international cuisine accompagnied by fine wine. In 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, Le Boreal 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 Carita™, 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 ser vice. 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 Carita™ brand, the Beauty Centre on Le Boreal welcomes you for some relaxation and pampering (beauty treatments, hairdresser, hammam, balneotherapy). 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. Please click the following links to read more about Ponant and the other Ponant





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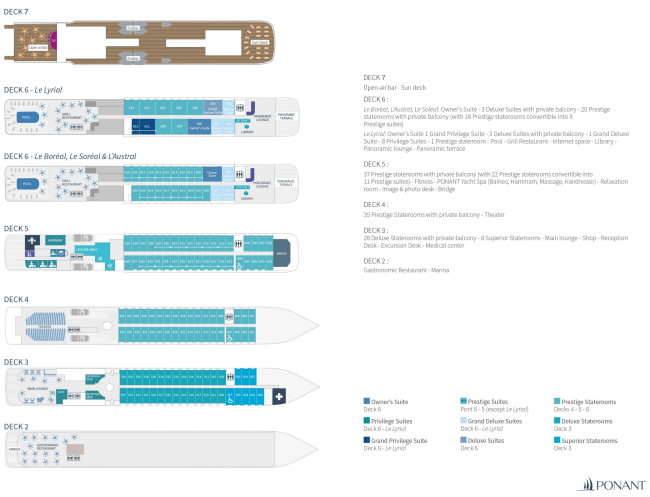
INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Deck plans - *Le Boréal, L'Austral, Le Soléal & Le Lyrial*



DECK 7
Open-air bar - Sun deck

DECK 6 :
Le Boréal, L'Austral, Le Soléal: Owner's Suite - 3 Deluxe Suites with private balcony - 20 Prestige staterooms with private balcony (with 18 Prestige staterooms convertible into 9 Prestige suites)
Le Lyrial: Owner's Suite 1 Grand Privilege Suite - 3 Deluxe Suites with private balcony - 1 Grand Deluxe Suite - 8 Privilege Suites - 1 Prestige stateroom - Pool - Grill Restaurant - Internet space - Library - Panoramic lounge - Panoramic terrace

DECK 5 :
37 Prestige staterooms with private balcony (with 22 Prestige staterooms convertible into 11 Prestige suites) - Fitness - PONANT Yacht Spa (Balneo, Hammam, Massage, Hairdresser) - Relaxation room - Image & photo desk - Bridge

DECK 4 :
35 Prestige Staterooms with private balcony - Theater

DECK 3 :
28 Deluxe Staterooms with private balcony - 8 Superior Staterooms - Main lounge - Shop - Reception Desk - Excursion Desk - Medical center

DECK 2 :
Gastronomic Restaurant - Marina

Owner's Suite — Deck 6
Prestige Suites — Pont 6 - 5 (except *Le Lyrial*)
Prestige Staterooms — Decks 4 - 5 - 6
Privilege Suites — Deck 6 - *Le Lyrial*
Grand Deluxe Suites — Deck 6 - *Le Lyrial*
Deluxe Staterooms — Deck 3
Grand Privilege Suite — Deck 6 - *Le Lyrial*
Deluxe Suites — Deck 6
Superior Staterooms — Deck 3

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Deluxe Stateroom



Deluxe Suite



Owner's Suite



Prestige Deck 4



Prestige Deck 5



Prestige Deck 5 Suite



Prestige Deck 6



Prestige Deck 6 Suite





Superior Stateroom





PRICING

06-Jun-2027 to 14-Jun-2027

Prestige Deck 5	£4755 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6 Suite	£9235 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£4305 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£8115 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 4	£4525 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6	£5015 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5 Suite	£9015 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£4075 GBP pp
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