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## EMBLEMATIC SOUTH AMERICAN SHORES AND CITIES LUXURY CRUISE

Picture yourself sailing between Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, carried along by the ocean waves. At the end of the northern summer, set off on an all-new journey during which vibrant metropolises will rub shoulders with idyllic beaches and lush landscapes. Fall under the spell of iconic cities such as elegant and welcoming Montevideo, luxurious and refined Punta del Este, preserved and authentic Porto Belo, and lively and festive Rio de Janeiro. You will also be able to escape to paradisiacal places like Paraty, a colourful colonial city nestled between the jungle and the ocean, or Ilhabela, the island of countless waterfalls, where serenity and natural beauty come together.



### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 - Buenos Aires

A port city built on the south-western shore of the Rio de la Plata, between the Atlantic Ocean and the vast Argentine Pampas, Buenos Aires is a unique city in Latin America. Nicknamed "the Little Paris of South America", the Argentine capital is a clever blend of architecture with European influences and a joyful Latin American atmosphere. Designed on an orthogonal grid plan, it has 48 districts, all of which are as charming as they are different, with a range of styles such as Belle Époque, gothic and baroque. With its markets overflowing with treasures, its legendary cultural and architectural heritage, and tango providing its background music, the Argentine capital



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will delight you on every street corner.

#### Day 2 - Montevideo

Perched on the far southern tip of Uruguay, Montevideo is a white city, and one of the loveliest capital cities of South America. Come and admire the beautiful historical remains dating from Spanish rule; you'll find the most interesting within the Ciudad Vieja, formerly fortified, its old town dates from the 18th century. The best preserved are the cathedral and the former governmental palace of the Cabildo, both listed historical monuments. In the crook of a vast blue bay, the city is also blessed with beautiful beaches.

#### Day 3 - Punta del Este

The jewel of south-eastern Uruguay, Punta del Este is a gentle blend of sky and sea. Its endless beaches, lapped by the Atlantic, invite contemplation and freedom. On Brava Beach, La Mano, a sculpted hand rising mysteriously from the sand, is a testament to eternity and the fragile bond between man and nature. Nicknamed the "Saint-Tropez of South America", the city combines urban elegance and wild beauty, offering a promise of wonder where every moment is imbued with timeless magic.

#### Day 4 - Rio Grande

Rio Grande is one of the oldest cities in the State of Rio Grande do Sul and bears the legacy of centuries past. Founded in the 18th century, this city with Portuguese roots reveals rich heritage: century-old churches, colonial façades and cobbled streets bearing witness to the maritime era. The State Capital from 1835 to 1845, it has been at the heart of significant events in Brazilian history. From the Brazilian city, you will travel to a typical farm, very close by, where you will be invited to meet the gauchos, guardians of herds of livestock, discover the local

ancestral techniques for drying meat and taste the local products.

#### Day 5 - At sea

During your journey 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 journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or 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 6 - Porto Belo

Nestling in the heart of Brazil's Emerald Coast, Porto Belo exemplifies timeless escape. Its golden beaches, lulled by the whisper of the waves, are an invitation to serenity, while its lush vegetation reveal a preserved natural setting. It is a place where natural beauty joins forces with the soul of Brazil. This former fishing village, colonised by the Azoreans in the 18th century, is also the gateway to destinations such as Florianopolis.

#### Day 7 - Paranaguá

Paranaguá, founded in 1648, is a city where time seems to stand still, preserving the traces of a fascinating past. Its streets whisper the secrets of past centuries, and its shores remember the first travellers. The city shelters some of Paraná's oldest remains, reminders of an epoch steeped in history. Let yourself



be swept away by the soul of this port, where architecture from another age, traditions and memory interlace beneath the sea breeze. Stroll around and take in the magic of this place where past and present come together with timeless beauty.

#### Day 8 - Ilhabela

A precious pearl on the Brazilian coast, in the State of Sao Paulo, Ilhabela, or the island of 365 waterfalls, according to legend, reveals itself between lush jungle and emerald water. Bathed by the soothing sound of the ocean, it is a little paradise for souls in search of serenity. Its immaculate beaches, edged with swaying coconut trees, stretch out beneath an infinite sky. In the heart of this island discovered by the Portuguese in 1502 lies a lush forest whispering promises of wonder. Crystal-clear waterfalls, mysterious paths and the symphony of the birds invite you to commune with nature. In 1977, the majority of the archipelago's surface area was declared a State Park and UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

#### Day 9 - Paraty

To the South of Rio, you will discover the charming village of Paraty. Bathed in the emerald waters of the Ilha Grande Bay, surrounded by verdant hills and islets, it is one of the jewels of Brazil's Costa Verde. Here, time seems to have stopped in the time of the conquistadors and their gold-laden galleons. You will love the splendour of Paraty's heritage -- its maze of paved streets, the historic beauty of its colonial houses, its baroque churches. Above all, you will be enchanted by its lively terraces where locals and visitors enjoy grilled fish accompanied by glasses of cachaça. It is, quite simply, a little taste of paradise on Earth!

#### Days 10 - 11 - Rio de Janeiro

Famed for its colourful Carnival and now as host of the 2016 Summer Olympics, Brazil's former capital is dubbed the City of Marvels by locals. You can't help being astounded by the panorama that opens up to you from the summit of Corcovado, the rocky peak where the giant statue of Christ the Redeemer has stood for nearly a century. In downtown Rio historic monuments such as the National Museum of Fine Arts sit side-by-side with modernistic buildings such as the cathedral of Sao Sebastiao. On the seafront, Atlantica Avenue runs alongside Copacabana Beach; enjoy a bird's eye view from the cable car ride to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain.

#### Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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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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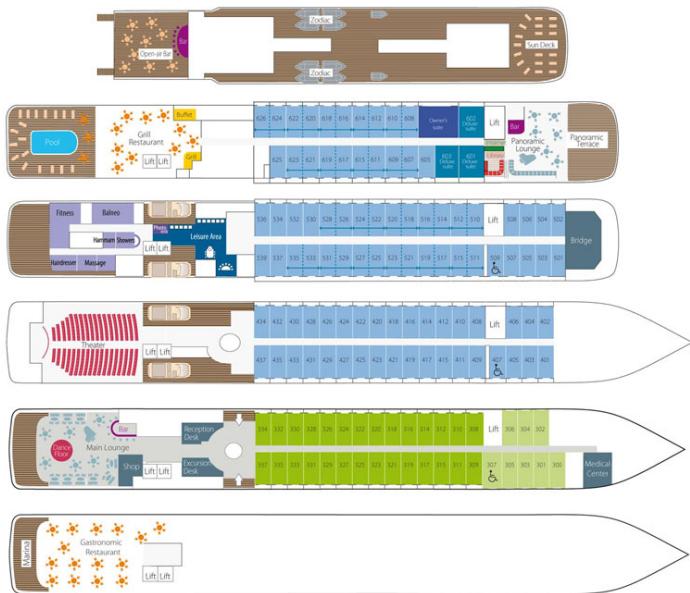
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Prestige Deck 5	<b>£7045 GBP pp</b>
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