

EXPEDITION TO THE EDGE OF THE ICE SHEET - GREENLAND & ICELAND LUXURY EXPEDITIONS

Embark on an expedition cruise to Greenland, following in the footsteps of the Vikings , the very first polar explorers. As you travel from east to west, from one port of call to the next, you will discover the spectacular landscapes of these wild lands, from icebergs casting blue-tinged reflections on the horizon to majestic fjords, snow-capped mountains, rocky cliffs and waterfalls... The absolute highlight of the trip will be navigating Disko Bay amongst the largest icebergs in the Northern Hemisphere. During your journey, you will undoubtedly have the opportunity to observe marine mammals and a variety of bird species. _Some departures may have slightly modified itineraries. Please confirm the itinerary with an Expedition Specialist._



ITINERARY

Day 1 - Reykjavík

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Day 3 - 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 4 - Tasiilaq

In **Tasiilaq** , on Ammassalik Island, follow in the wake of Captain **Jean-Baptiste Charcot** 's famous ship, the Pourquoi Pas ?, which set off with its crew in 1935 to discover this small island of primitive and wild beauty that remained unexplored until the end of the 19th century. Along with Ittoqqortoormiit, a village with 500 inhabitants located at the entrance of the **Scoresby Sound** , the village of **Tasiilaq** and its surroundings, 800 kilometres (500 miles) further north, are the only inhabited areas on the **east coast of Greenland**. The name of this island is a reference to the capelin, a small flamboyant silver-coloured fish whose presence in the thousands announces to inhabitants the return of spring. A surprising discovery in a spectacular setting.

Day 5 - Timmiarmiut Fjord

Day 6 - Prins Christian Sund

Your ship glides silently towards the Greenland coast, in a setting punctuated by pointed peaks and majestic glaciers... You are on the verge of crossing **the Prins Christian Sund** , a narrow channel that stretches out and zigzags over some **one hundred kilometres** between Greenland's south-east and south-west. Fall under the spell of the primitive beauty of these unique landscapes, including rocky cliffs and waterfalls that are fed by the ice sheet and plunge into the icy waters. Here, **bearded seals** love to lie on the floating ice to soak up the sunshine.

Day 7 - Hvalso

Around you, a **grassy meadow** filled with flowers stretches out, dotted with imposing granite rocks. A few semi-wild sheep and horses greet you; they are the only inhabitants of this place surrounded by beautiful mountains. You are in **Hvals ø**, in the heart of the fertile lands in Greenland's south. During the 10th century, this site was colonised by the **Vikings** , who established a large community here. When your ship calls at these lands brimming with history, you will see the ruins of a

church whose remains are still very well preserved. It was most likely built in the 14th century. It has lost its timber roof, but its four stone walls continue to stand proudly as a moving relic of a long-gone era.

Day 7 - Igaliku

Nestling on the southern tip of Greenland, **Igaliku** offers a peaceful panorama, dominated by high snow-capped mountains and vibrant valleys of flowers on fine days. Home to the first Viking agricultural settlements, **this bucolic village** houses the **remains of the Gar ðar religious site**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Day 8 - Narsarsuaq Region

Day 9 - Paamiut (Kvanefjorden)

Day 10 - Evighedsfjorden

Day 11 - At sea

Day 12 - Disko Bay

To the east of Baffin Bay, discover **Disko Bay** , scattered with countless icebergs produced by the Ilulissat Icefjord, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. From your ship, admire the majestic ballet of these ice giants as they slowly drift across the dark waters. This site is a natural marvel of Greenland, and is also renowned as an observation point for the region's many humpback whales. The encounters with wild fauna and stunning landscapes in the heart of this spectacular and fragile nature will be pure moments of wonder for you.

Day 13 - Nooralak

Located a few kilometres away from the Arctic Circle, the **Nooralaq** peninsula features raw and untamed beauty. Nature reigns supreme here, **with** **the tundra stretching as far as the eye can see** , decked out in various forms of flora and inhabited by Greenland's emblematic fauna -- snow buntings, common ravens, reindeer, musk oxen, and the discreet Arctic fox. The heights of Nooralaq afford **sublime panoramas over the Itteleq fjord** , whose water reflects the moving skies of the Far North.

Day 14 - Kangerlussuaq

From 1941 to 1992, the town of **Kangerlussuaq** in Greenland was home to an American military base. Nowadays, thanks to its international airport, it has become a transit point for travellers seeking adventure in the Far North. Located to the north of the Arctic Circle, this town is the starting point of magnificent discoveries surrounded by **unspoiled nature**. Indeed, just a few dozen kilometres from there it is possible to get close to the Greenland ice sheet, the largest **body of ice in the Northern Hemisphere**. From Kangerlussuaq, admire also the superb landscapes of tundra in autumnal colours, where Arctic hares, musk oxen, Arctic foxes, reindeer, falcons and eagles live.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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

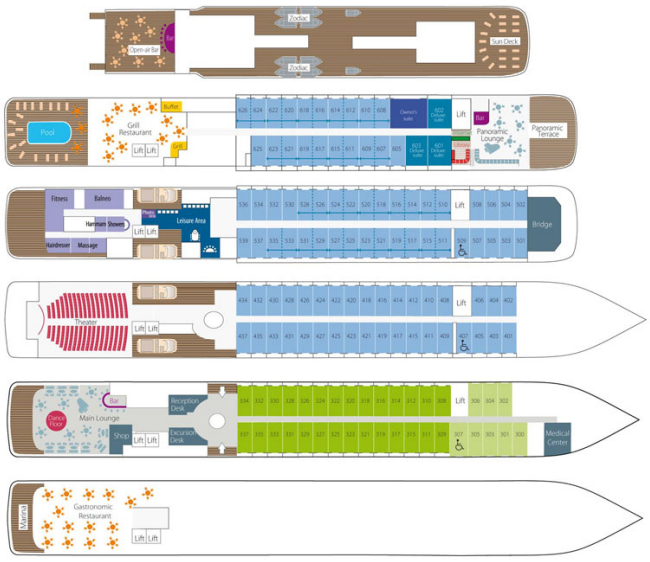
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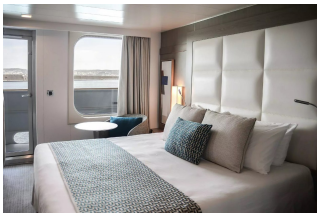
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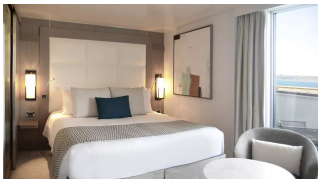
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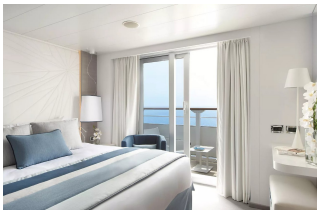
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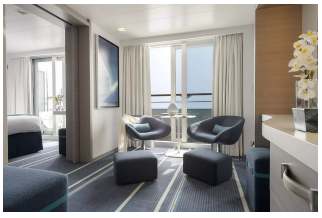
Deluxe Suite



Grand Deluxe Suite



Grand Privilege Suite



Owner's Suite



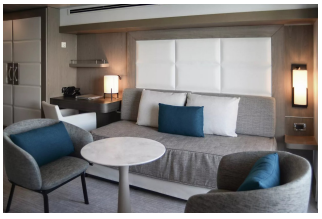
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Prestige Deck 5 Suite





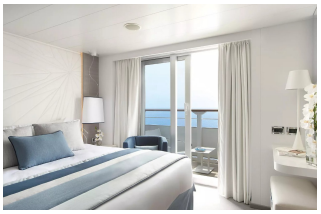
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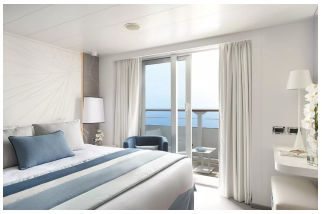
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Privilege Suite



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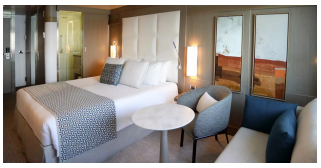
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4



Prestige Stateroom Deck 5



Superior Stateroom



Prestige Stateroom Deck 6



Prestige Suite



Prestige Suite Deck 5



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PRICING

30-Jul-2027 to 12-Aug-2027

Prestige Deck 6	£15235 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£12625 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£21625 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£11765 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6 Suite	£30205 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5	£14495 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5 Suite	£28785 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 4	£13865 GBP pp

20-Aug-2027 to 02-Sep-2027

Grand Privilege Suite	£33225 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£10995 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 4	£12045 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6	£13205 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5 Suite	£23635 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£10255 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£17845 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5	£12575 GBP pp
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Prestige Suite Deck 6	£23125 GBP pp
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Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	£11545 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	£12025 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 5	£22075 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£34255 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£9915 GBP pp



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Deluxe Stateroom	£10035 GBP pp
Grand Privilege Suite	£28885 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	£10925 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	£11375 GBP pp
Privilege Suite	£21745 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£43455 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£9405 GBP pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	£24685 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	£11915 GBP pp
Prestige Suite	£20755 GBP pp