



THE UNEXPLORED GREENLAND

Come aboard L'AUSTRAL for an 14-day, 5-star expedition from Reykjavik, Iceland to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland. LAUSTRAL will sail through silence broken only by the cracking of icebergs, to introduce you to the landscapes of this radiant, virgin land. Here, when the ice breaks up and the granite peaks shed their white mantle for a brief Summer, a spellbinding world of bewitching power and beauty emerges. Note: Half Air package included.



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Day 1: Reykjavik - Hafnarfjörður (Iceland)
Embarking from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

Day 2: Crossing the Denmark Strait

Day 3: Knut Rasmussen Fjord (Greenland)

Day 4: Ammassalik (Greenland)

Day 5: Sermilik (Greenland)

Days 6 & 7: Sailing along the Eastern coast of Greenland observation of fjords and glaciers (Greenland)

Day 8: Passing Cape Farewell (Greenland)



Day 9: Sailing along the coast of Greenland

Day 10: Nuuk (Greenland)

When Erik the Red, the exiled Norse chief, landed on the coast of Nuuk at the tail end of the 10th century, he found a fertile and welcoming land dotted with fjords. He settled there with a group of his former countrymen, and the Norse remained the principal inhabitants until, over a period of 500 years, their population declined and gave way to the Inuit. Nuuk is situated at the mouth of one of the largest fjords in the world, where the waters never freeze. The town spreads gently out towards the Davis Strait and enjoys an historic centre that is particularly rich in national heritage. The National Museum is home to fabulous collections of items depicting Inuit hunter and fishermens lives. Despite being Greenlands capital city and its largest, Nuuk benefits from the rarefied atmosphere of inaccessibility; it can only be reached by air or sea, as there are no roads on Greenland. The vivid reds, blues, greens and yellows of the houses are a lively contrast to the sombre waters of Greenland and serve to lift the spirits of the locals during the winter months. Nuuk is visually emotive and imbued with the expressions of the tundra, the sea and the sky...

Days 11 & 12: Ilulissat Disko Bay (Greenland)

At the heart of Disko Bay - a UNESCO World Heritage Site - the Ilulissat Icefjord provides an extraordinary spectacle of almost surreal beauty. The sculptural icebergs continue their on timeless journey, shimmering with their eternal light. Vast pieces of ice break off from the bergs and rejoin the inexorable movement of the sea. Close by lies the town of Ilulissat, the regions principal destination. Encircled by icebergs, it has retained a unique mix of traditional Arctic life, with multicoloured wooden houses, huskies and the leather tanners who still work

today using the ancient methods of their ancestors.

Day 13: Sailing in the fjords (Greenland)

Day 14: Kangerlussuaq (Greenland)

Disembarkation. Discovery of the Tundra. Transfer to the airport. Kangerlussuaq/Paris on European airline flight.



YOUR SHIP: L'AUSTRAL

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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



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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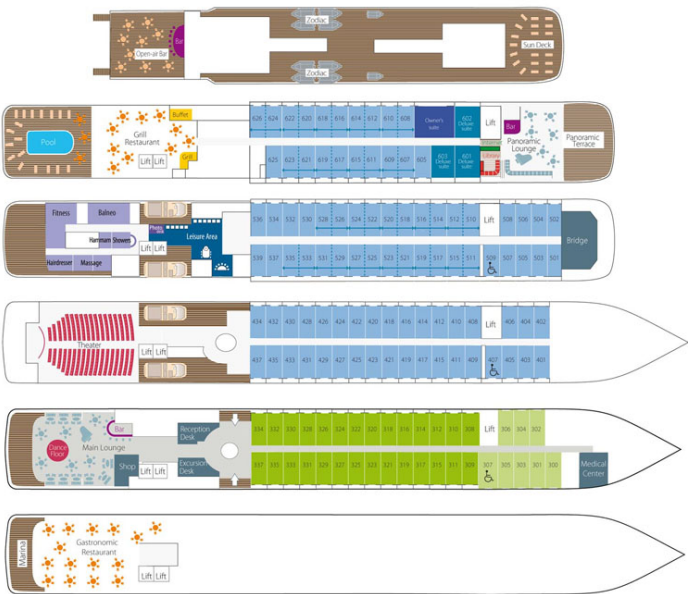
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