

MADEIRA AND THE AZORES LUXURY CRUISE

Far off the coast of Portugal, Madeira and the Azores reveal their volcanic landscapes, edged with unique vegetation. The call of the great outdoors resonates in this green kaleidoscope. Vertiginous cliffs, calderas shrouded in mist and _levadas_(irrigation channels) winding their way through the mountains invite visitors to go hiking. In the small towns, time stretches slowly to make way for leisurely strolls and historical discovery, like on the islands of Porto Santo or Santa Maria, marked by the passage of Christopher Columbus. In the balm of July, - the best period to discover these shores -, don't miss your chance to visit the colourful market of Funchal or the Manueline-style elegant archways of Ponta Delgada, two ports of call with an overnight stay to let you fully immerse yourself in the surroundings, between adventure and lifestyle. And to extend the magic, why not treat yourself to a second break, entirely dedicated to discovering the Azores?



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Day 1 - Lisbon

Portugal's capital city located on the banks of the Tagus, only a few kilometres from the Atlantic coast, is a city of exceptionally rich cultural diversity. At the mouth of the river harbour, impose two UNESCO World Heritage monuments, Jeronimos monastery and Belem tower. The Alfama hillside is also worth visiting: known for its fado bars and its Moorish streets, this district is the oldest one of the city and one of the most typical. Not far from there, Chiado's elegant streets are home to big fashion labels and are an invitation to a bit of of luxury shopping.

Day 2 - At sea

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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 3 - Porto Santo Island, Madeira

Porto Santo Island is a Portuguese island situated fifty kilometres northeast of Madeira Island in the North Atlantic Ocean. It is one of the most beautiful, peace and quiet islands in Europe, and its long sandy beaches and ochre-yellow coloured soil earned it the name of "Golden Island". Due to these various shades of brown and yellow, Porto Santo has a beauty of its own and is very different to Madeira. The island was discovered by the Portuguese in 1418 who appreciated its sheltered anchorage. Christopher Columbus the famous explorer lived on Porto Santo for a while.

Days 4 - 5 - Funchal, Madeira

This attractive capital of Madeira is located on the southern coast of the island. The walkways of the old town are lined with azulejos, or multi-coloured mosaics. If you follow these patterns, they'll lead you to the appetising Mercado dos Lavradores market stands, the Frederico de Freitas museum, and the golden panelling of the Cathedral de la Se. Along the waterfront, the palm tree-shaded promenade leads you to the telefericos de Monte, Madeira's cable cars. Its panoramic cabins transport you over the city to top of Monte, where you can see the picturesque botanical garden.

Day 6 - At sea

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Day 7 - Vila do Porto, Azores

The town of Vila do Porto has managed to retain vestiges of its history on certain houses that have ogive-shaped doors and Manueline-style windows. Some of its streets still bear the memories of its past grandeur with palaces, doors and portals to admire. Here you'll discover the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, one of the island's oldest churches, which has a large, 17th-century, sculpted wooden altarpiece in its upper choir. Our Lady of Victoria - a convent and church - built in 1607, destroyed by pirates in 1616, rebuilt in 1725 and modified for the last time in 1822 is also well worth a visit.

Days 8 - 9 - Ponta Delgada, Azores

The coastal city of Ponta Delgada stands on the southern coastline of Sao Miguel Island, in the Portuguese archipelago of



the Azores. On your way to the town centre from the port, you ll pass through the Doors to the Sea, a contemporary architectural complex bordering the Atlantic. The historic district features a beautiful square framed by the three Baroque arches of the City Gates. A few steps from the shore you ll find the Gothic church of Sao Sebastiao and the Renaissance fortress, Fortaleza de Sao Brasainsi.

Please note:
Itineraries are subject to change.



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 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

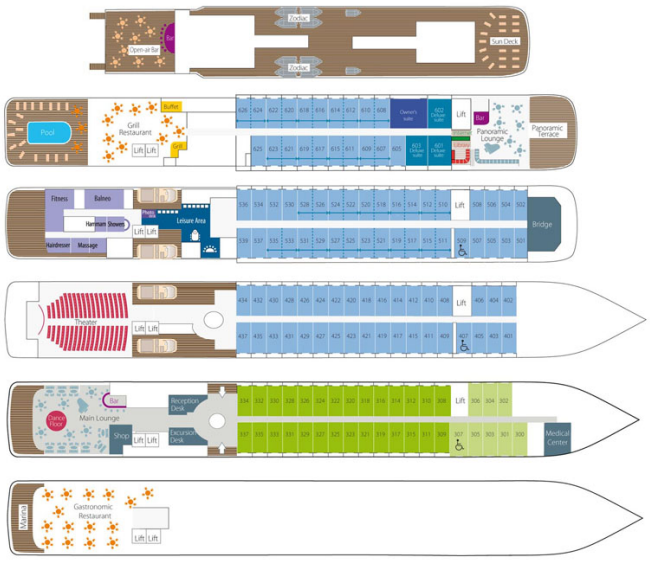
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Prestige Stateroom Deck 4



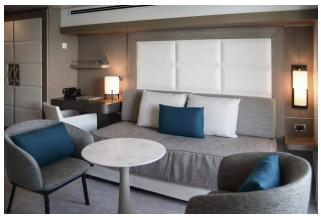
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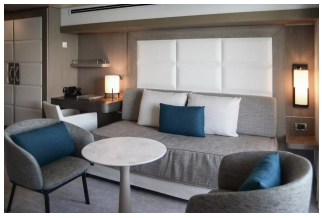
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Superior Stateroom





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Deluxe Stateroom	£4475 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6	£5005 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5 Suite	£7115 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5	£4835 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£6625 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6 Suite	£7325 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£4175 GBP pp

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Deluxe Suite	£6225 GBP pp
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Superior Stateroom	£3935 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5 Suite	£6675 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6 Suite	£6875 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 4	£4425 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5	£4545 GBP pp

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Superior Stateroom	£4045 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	£4545 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	£4675 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 5	£6865 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£4335 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£6405 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£10355 GBP pp

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Owner's Suite	£10355 GBP pp
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Prestige Suite Deck 5	£6865 GBP pp
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