

NOVA SCOTIA AND THE EAST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES LUXURY CRUISE

Fall under the spell of the timeless elegance of North American shores. From Boston, PONANT offers you an exceptional itinerary aboard the _Bellot_ on an original 14-day voyage to conquer vast unspoilt spaces, cultural and historical treasures and emblematic cities. Throughout your journey, you will benefit from an excursion included per person per port of call, to choose from a selection offered by PONANT. During this cruise, discover the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax as well as the charming fishing village of Peggy's Cove; fall under the spell of the pretty and lively little streets of the Beacon Hill district and wander around the aisles of the famous Quincy Market in Boston; or contemplate the wild nature marked by geological curiosities on the Cliff Walk and admire the finest residences inherited from the Golden Age, from Newport. The diversity of experiences on offer promises you intense and varied moments (to discover the full range of excursions, go to the itinerary tab). Le Bellot _will sail along the coastline of Nova Scotia whose towns and villages are full of history and undeniable character. Fall in love with Halifax, a cultural crossroads and provincial capital surrounded by sumptuous nature. The rocky coast of western Nova Scotia will emerge slowly before you. During an port of call in Yarmouth, immerse yourself in Acadian culture and discover their traditions and ancestral customs through encounters with the population. While in Louisbourg and Lunenburg, dive into the heart of Canada 's 18th-century history. You will leave Canadian waters for the United States. In Eastport, you will walk on the first stretch of land reached by the French upon arriving in the New World. This is where the highest tides in the Northern Hemisphere can be found, with

tidal ranges of up to 8 metres (26 feet). In Portland, scattered across the hollow of Casco Bay, wander the narrow and paved streets of this former colonial maritime port whose 19th century buildings still bear traces of that period. Provincetown will also provide an opportunity to learn more about the origins of the country in the easy atmosphere of Cape Cod. After crossing the Cape Cod Canal, you will reach the state of Rhode Island and arrive in the charming marina of Newport. Here, fall under the spell of the East Coast atmosphere __,_ between sublime Golden Age residences inspired by French and Italian palaces, a coastline featuring a wealth of charm, and a gentle way of life. Then, further south, the legendary New York reveals the majestic Statue of Liberty from the sea: an unforgettable final port of call in a city that is second to none. You will conclude your journey in Boston, considered to be the cradle of the United States for the key role it played during the American





Day 2 - At sea

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Day 1 - Boston

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Day 3 - Halifax

A historical port city on the Canadian east coast, Halifax, surrounded by enchanting nature, stands out as the provincial capital and the cultural hub of Nova Scotia. The city played an important strategic military role in the two world wars and was also the largest Royal Navy base during the American Revolutionary War and the Napoleonic Wars. Most of the victims of the Titanic disaster were laid to rest here in the Fairview cemetery, which you will have the chance to discover. At this port of call, you will also have the opportunity to visit the picturesque fishing village of Peggy's Cove and discover its breathtaking natural landscapes.

Day 4 - Louisbourg





Set in the Atlantic Ocean, Cape Breton Island turns up fun-to-explore curiosities such as Louisbourg, the former capital from when it was named Ile Royale. This picturesque little town is home to one of the country's most significant historical sites: the symbolic and beautifully restored Fortress of Louisbourg. A tour transports you back to the heart of 18th-century Canada. Access the old fortified square via the drawbridge and Dauphin Gate, which is guarded by a sentry. You can then explore the fortified town as it was in its heyday. Get ready for an extraordinary adventure that's more than just a journey back in time.

Discover their story at the Saint Croix Island International Historic Site. In the late 19th century, this charming town in Maine grew significantly as a result of the development of the canned sardine industry. At the time, the town boasted more than a dozen sardine canneries. The architecture and some mansions from this period live on, affording the town a distinct elegance. One of the attractions of this town is undeniably its proximity to the Old Sow Whirlpool, the largest tidal whirlpool in the Northern Hemisphere, where visitors can watch the birds and marine mammals that come to feed on the nutrients driven up to the surface.

Day 5 - Lunenburg

Stretching out along the eastern seaboard of Nova Scotia, the picturesque port of Lunenburg will leave an indelible impression. You can admire the colonial architecture of this fishing village whilst strolling through the chequerboard streets studded with brightly coloured houses. The enchanting charm of the old town has earned it UNESCO World Heritage status. The former naval shipyard town of Lunenburg is where you will also find the replica of the legendary Bluenose schooner, originally built in this port.

Day 6 - Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

Day 7 - Eastport

At the Canadian border, Eastport is, as its name suggests, the easternmost city in the United States. It is here that, in 1604, the first French people to arrive in the New World settled.

Day 8 - Portland

The former colonial maritime port of Portland, lying in the hollow of Casco Bay, will fascinate you with its abundant nature, cultural riches and unique atmosphere. Let yourself be guided by the salty air of the Atlantic and admire the colourful fishing boats in the old port. A stroll through the paved little streets edged with historical red-brick buildings from the 19th century promises you an extraordinary journey back in time. This city of nature is home to many verdant parks, botanical gardens and other nature reserves where you will find it easy to recharge your batteries and reconnect with the elements.

Day 9 - Province Town

At the far end of Cape Cod is where you'll find this hidden little New England village. Its elongated bay offers pristine, sandy beaches. For a bit of shopping, you can explore Commercial Street and the many art galleries and coffee shops there. At the





end of the street, you will come across the Pilgrim Monument and its 116 steps. This tower was built at the beginning of the century to celebrate the first pilgrims who arrived a few hundred years earlier. The Provincetown museum commemorates the history and way of life of the Mayflower Pilgrims. Fine food is not scarce here, and you'll be tempted by delicious sea food platters in the restaurants opposite the harbour!

Day 9 - Crossing the Cape Cod Canal - West

Day 10 - Newport

This marina harbour, with only 25,000 inhabitants, boasts fabulous Gilded Age mansions inspired by French and Italian palaces. One example is The Elms, the summer residence of the Berwind family, who made their fortune in the coal industry. Another is the imposing Chateau-sur-Mer built by the Wetmore family. But the cream of the crop is The Breakers, a Renaissance-style palace composed of 70 rooms.

Day 11 - New York

The biggest city in the United States is fascinating on many accounts. With its five particularly spread out districts - Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, the Bronx and Staten Island -, it offers an incredible number of cultural interests. You'll just love taking in the constant buzz in Times Square, discovering beautiful classical masterpieces at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, taking a stroll in Central Park's 341 hectares, or climbing to the top of the Statue of Liberty. Not surprising then that the Big Apple is to be consumed without moderation!

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Day 13 - Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard

This little town is the ideal starting point for a stroll around Martha's Vineyard ». The gentle lifestyle of this incomparable setting has been attracting American presidents for several decades. Oak Bluffs will surprise you first and foremost by its Gingerbread Houses. The story goes that the Methodist community settled here more than a century ago, and built these colourful houses, straight out of the Hansel and Gretel fairytale fairytale. You'll certainly enjoy a visit to the Flying Horses, the oldest wooden carrousel in the United States.



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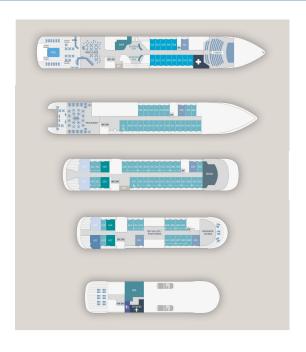




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