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## ST PETERSBURG: CAPITAL OF THE BALTIC

Explore the natural sites and cities steeped in history of the Baltic Sea. Architectural gems in the Baroque style, churches with domes so elaborate they seem otherworldly, palaces, fountains, gardens, canals, and the famous "perspectives" that criss-cross the city: at each street corner a new theatrical decor is revealed. We invite you to visit this colourful city where the atmosphere is rich with the splendour of the Tsars and the traces of the Russian Enlightenment.



### ITINERARY

Day 1: Copenhagen (Denmark)

Embarkation from 16.00 to 17.00.

Day 2: At Sea

Day 3: Tallinn (Estonia)

The unique character of the old town of Tallinn lies in particular in the perfection of its marvellously preserved architecture. Tallinn is the capital of Estonia and is teeming in stories and secrets. Its name means castle of the city and it was particularly active during the medieval period, as is demonstrated by the very beautiful monuments from this period that are still visible in the city. Follow the enchanting labyrinth of cobbled streets in this medieval and mysterious city; admire its castles, cafes, terracotta-tiled roofs, chapels and bell towers. Don't hesitate to lose yourself in the heart of UNESCO World Heritage Site.



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### Days 4 - 6: St Petersburg (Russia)

The capital of the Russian Empire from 1712 to its collapse in 1917, Saint Petersburg has preserved a unique architectural heritage from this era that makes it one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. A vast open-air museum stretching over the banks of the Neva River, the 18th century townhouses, the former residences of the Tsars, the magnificent cathedral and, obviously, the famous Hermitage Museum have earned it the status of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is no surprise that such an environment has inspired some of the countrys greatest artists St Petersburg is the home of the Russian Ballet and the birthplace of famous writers such as Dostoyevsky and Pushkin, or composers of genius like Rachmaninoff and Shostakovich. The splendour of the Tsars and the traces of the Russian Enlightenment can still be felt in the atmosphere of the city today.

### Day 7: Helsinki (Finland)

Helsinki is known as the daughter of the Baltic and this superb port city and cultural capital possesses great historical treasures. With its blend of European, Scandinavian and Russian influences, Helsinki is a city of contrasts. The different architectural styles are the perfect reflection of the multicultural past of the country and its capital. Discover the Lutheran temple of Temppeliaukion that was dug from the rocks, Finlandia Hall, the palace of Concerts, designed by Aalto, and the magnificent Orthodox cathedral. A city that is literally built on water, Helsinki is surrounded by numerous islands, some of which are fortified, such as Suomenlinna.

### Day 8: Stockholm (Sweden)

Disembarkation



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## YOUR SHIP: L'AUSTRAL

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**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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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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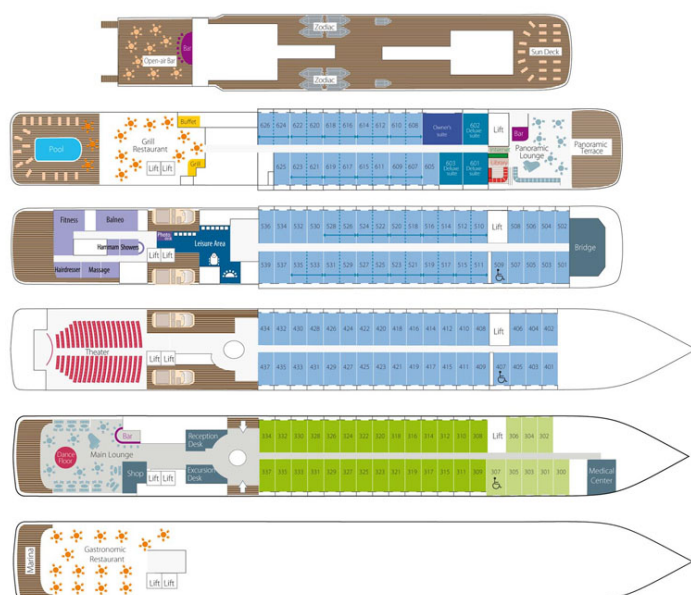
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP





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## PRICING

### ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

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