

THE ESSENTIAL AZORES LUXURY CRUISE

In the heart of the Atlantic, discover the pristine beauty of the Azores , a volcanic archipelago where nature and culture intertwine. Between emerald landscapes and picturesque villages , each port of call will reveal its own unique character, where the blowing of the whales pierces the horizon and where nature, perfect for hiking, sets the pace. Faial , or "the blue island", is adorned with dazzling blue hydrangeas, while S ao Jorge unveils is steep cliffs and its discreet _faj as_. Pico , dominated by its volcano, Portugal's highest summit, tells the history of humanity through its stone vineyards (UNESCO World Heritage Site); Terceira reveals, between its fortifications and colourful little streets, a heritage forged by centuries of maritime history. Discreet Graciosa is the northernmost Azorean island and designated a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO; its appeal lies in its calm, its windmills with red domes and its striking volcanic caves.



ITINERARY

Day 1 - 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.

Day 2 - Velas, Azores



On the southern coast of the island of Sao Jorge lies the port of Velas. You will be amazed by its cliffs that plunge straight into the sea and the numerous fajas that dot the shoreline. These curious geological formations result from lava flows reaching the sea, landslides caused by earthquakes, or erosion. Sheltered from the winds, the fajas, flat stretches of land along the shoreline at the foot of towering cliffs, benefit from fertile soil and a favourable microclimate. Their natural pools of clear water invite you to swim in an exceptional natural setting.

Day 3 - Horta, Azores

Horta, the main town on Faial Island in the Azores, has retained a genuine authenticity and a picturesque charm. As the archipelago's main marina, it offers the chance to admire the many frescoes painted by sailors from around the world who have stopped on the island. Be sure to visit the town's museums, including the Scrimshaw Museum, showcasing the local art of carving whale teeth, or marvel at the captivating sight of whales, as Horta is one of the best places to watch these giants of the sea.

Day 4 - Madalena

Perched on the west coast of Pico Island, Madalena captivates visitors with its authenticity and tranquil atmosphere. Set amid enchanting volcanic landscapes, with white houses topped by red roofs, narrow streets, and a bustling harbour, the town opens onto the ocean, with the majestic silhouette of Pico volcano as its backdrop. Here, time seems to slow down, offering the opportunity to enjoy coastal walks, moments of relaxation in one of the many natural pools, wine tastings from UNESCO-listed volcanic vineyards, and friendly encounters.

Day 4 - Lajes do Pico, Azores

Nestled on the south coast of the island of Pico in the Azores archipelago, the charming town of Lajes do Pico is well worth a visit. Its colourful houses and stunning landscapes, steeped in the rich history of the whaling period that made the town famous, are sure to captivate you. Overlooking the town is the highest peak in Portugal, a majestic volcanic mountain rising to an altitude of 2,531 metres (8,300 ft). The unique landscapes of unspoilt nature, from volcanic cliffs to wild coastline, are sure to captivate you.

Day 5 - Praia da Graciosa, Azores

On Graciosa, admire the island's captivating landscapes, from vineyards surrounded by black basalt walls to rugged shorelines and crystal-clear waters. Its designation as a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve has helped protect the northernmost island of the Azores archipelago from mass tourism. Take a stroll through its narrow streets, showcasing architectural influences from the Algarve and Alentejo, and admire the diverse landscapes, from verdant hills to spectacular volcanic formations.

Day 6 - Praia da Vitória, Azores

Nestled on the island of Terceira, Praia da Vitoria charms visitors with its unique atmosphere. Its narrow streets lined with white churches and colourful houses offer a glimpse into the gentle way of life typical of the Azores. The surrounding hills provide striking vistas of the bay and ocean, revealing the raw beauty of the landscapes. With its hikes, ocean vistas and warm encounters, Praia da Vitoria carries visitors into a world of authenticity and calm.

Days 6 - 7 - Angra do Heroísmo, Azores



Situated in the heart of Terceira Island in the Azores archipelago, Angra do Heroismo was an essential staging post for fleets sailing to Africa and India in the 15th and 16th centuries. Its UNESCO-listed historic centre reflects this golden age, with a grid of streets lined with Renaissance architecture, palaces, imposing churches, noble residences, and meticulously maintained gardens. Born of trade and navigation, Angra do Heroismo still radiates the refined charm of its prestigious past, offering visitors an atmosphere uniquely shaped by the ocean and history.

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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

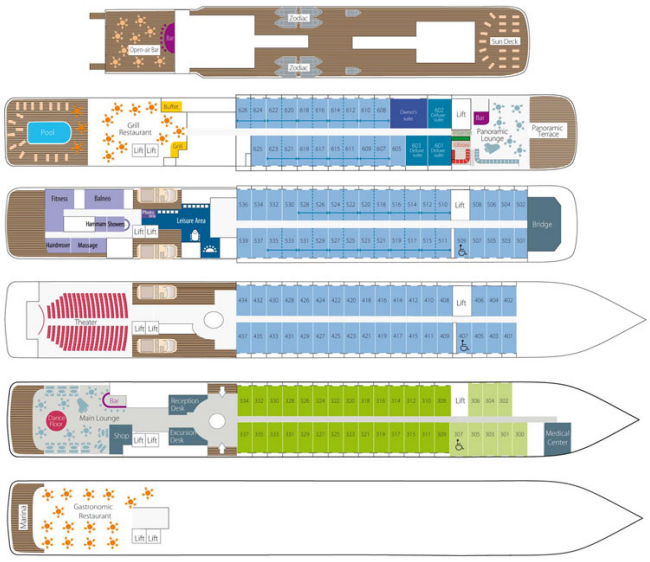
balcony and Deck 5 = Prestige Cabin no 509, with balcony) and lifts to all decks/areas. Details Please click the following links to read more about Ponant and the other Ponant



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Deluxe Stateroom



Deluxe Suite



Owner's Suite



Prestige Deck 4



Prestige Deck 5



Prestige Deck 5 Suite



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Prestige Stateroom Deck 4



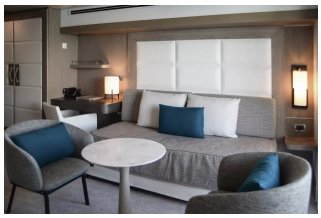
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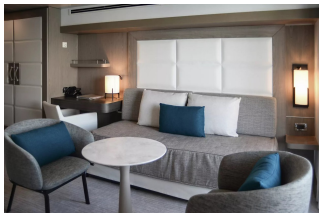
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6



Prestige Suite Deck 5



Prestige Suite Deck 6



Superior Stateroom





PRICING

15-Jul-2027 to 22-Jul-2027

Prestige Deck 4	£5575 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6	£5969 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5 Suite	£7915 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 5	£5749 GBP pp
Prestige Deck 6 Suite	£8165 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£5135 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£5515 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£8285 GBP pp

23-Jul-2028 to 30-Jul-2028

Prestige Suite Deck 6	£7025 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£9655 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	£4785 GBP pp
Superior Stateroom	£3985 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 5	£6805 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	£4495 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£4285 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£6345 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	£4615 GBP pp

30-Jul-2028 to 06-Aug-2028

Superior Stateroom	£3985 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 6	£7025 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	£4615 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	£4785 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 5	£6805 GBP pp
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