

UNESCO TREASURES FROM BRAZIL TO AFRICA

Baroque, historic, modern - Brazil is a land of contrasts and combinations. It has the feel of a continent, and has always fired the imagination of travellers. Discover this country with bewitching charm and multiple treasures, before heading North, where L'AUSTRAL will sail up the African coast and reveal beautiful archipelagos.



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Day 1: Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Embarkation in Rio de Janeiro, commonly referred to as simply Rio, is the second largest city in Brazil, the sixth largest city in the Americas and the world's thirty-fifth largest city by population

Day 2: Paraty (Brazil)

Set amid jutting peninsulas and secluded beaches, with a backdrop of steep, jungled mountains plunging into an





island-studded bay, Paraty is one of Brazil's most appealing and exquisitely preserved historical gems.

Day 3: Buzios (Brazil)

Beautiful Búzios sits on a jutting peninsula scalloped by 17 beaches. A simple fishing village until the early '60s, when it was 'discovered' by Brigitte Bardot and her Brazilian boyfriend, it's now one of Brazil's most upscale and animated seaside resorts, littered with boutiques, fine restaurants, villas, bars and posh pousadas.

Days 4 & 5: At Sea

Sailing through the Atlantic Ocean

Day 6: Salvador de Bahia (Brazil)

Salvador is the capital of the state of Bahia, Brazil. With a charming Old Town (a World Heritage Site), a vibrant musical scene and popular Carnival celebrations, it is considered one of the birthplaces of Brazilian culture.

Day 7: At Sea

Sailing and enjoying the luxury of the ship.

Day 8: Recife (Brazil)

Recife, capital of Pernambuco, is the Northeast's most exciting city after Salvador, with a vibrant cultural, entertainment and restaurant scene, an intriguing historic center, an impressive coastal setting, and a fabulous Carnaval.

Day 9: At Sea

Sailing and enjoying the luxury of the ship.

Day 10: Fernando de Noronha (Brazil)

Fernando de Noronha is an archipelago of 21 islands and islets in the Atlantic Ocean, 354 km offshore from the Brazilian coast.

Days 11 - 14: At Sea

Enjoy life at sea aboard L'Austral

Day 15: Formosa / Bijagos (Guinee Bissau)

The Bijagos Archipelago are a group of 18 major islands and dozens more smaller ones in the Atlantic Ocean. They are a part of Guinea-Bissau. The archipelago constitutes a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, known for animals including marine turtles and monkeys and are mostly forested. It is possible to see hippos or turtle nesting grounds on some islands.

Day 16: Caravela / Bijagos (Guinee Bissau)

Visit Formosa on the Bijagos Archipelago

Day 17: Carache / Bijagos (Guinee Bissau)

Visit Carache on the Bijagos Archipelago

Day 18: Dakar (Senegal)

Arrive in Dakar early morning - Dakar is the capital and largest city of Senegal. It is located on the Cap-Vert Peninsula on the Atlantic coast and is the westernmost city in the Old World and on the African mainland.





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



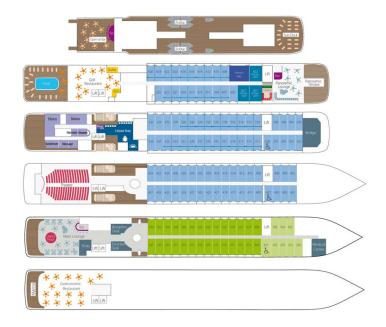
balcony and Deck 5 = Prestige Cabin no 509, with balcony) and lifts to all decks/areas. Details Please click the following links to read more about Ponant and the other Ponant



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