

VOLCANIC ISLANDS AND HISTORIC CITIES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC IN LUXURY

In the heart of the Atlantic Ocean, set off to discover the volcanic and verdant landscapes of the Canary Islands and Madeira, as well as some of the fascinating historic cities to be found on the Moroccan and Portuguese shores. On these lands of a thousand contrasts, nature reveals a wild beauty, featuring majestic volcanos, lush valleys and secret coves. You will explore cities with a rich past, brimming with architectural treasures that blend Spanish, Portuguese and Moorish influences, and picturesque and lively squares ideal for strolling around and immersing yourself in the local atmosphere. An unforgettable journey during which nature meets the vibrant heritage of past civilisations. _Some departures may have slightly modified itineraries. Please confirm the itinerary with an Expedition Specialist._



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Day 1 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Canary Islands

A stopover of sunny climes, Las Palmas is located on the north-east coast of Gran Canaria. A few streets away from Puerto de la Luz port, you'll discover the vast Las Canteras beach, bordered with the town's characteristic palms. You'll find these palms are all over Las Palmas, in the streets and squares, especially on the plaza de Santa Ana in the heart of the historical district. It feels like you've travelled back in time here, as you stand looking at the tall houses beside the Santa Ana cathedral. Very close by, you can visit the Casa de Colon, a museum dedicated to the famous explorer. The museum is housed in the palace belonging to the island's former governor. Chances are, you'll be drawn to the covered Vegueta market to



partake in some daily life along with the locals and taste some unfamiliar dishes.

Day 2 - San Sebastian de la Gomera, Canary Islands

La Gomera rises from the water like a mirage. This volcanic island in **the Canaries** features jagged cliffs, valleys covered in palm trees, and beaches of black sand bathing in crystal-clear waters. But its greatest treasure lies at its heart: an exceptional laurisilva, a laurel forest whose prehistoric vegetation has been preserved thanks to the microclimate on the island. This unique ecosystem, common a few million years ago in the tropics, forms the **Garajonay National Park** , listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Like the birds, the Guanches contribute to the poetry of the island too, with their whistled language called **Silbo**. This magical-sounding, melodious language is also listed as World Heritage by UNESCO.

Day 3 - Santa Cruz de La Palma, Canary Islands

The capital of the island of Palma, **Santa Cruz de la Palma** is the pearl of the Canaries. Founded in 1493 by the conquistador Alonso Fernandez de Lugo, the city has preserved a large and atypical architectural heritage from its colonial past, with its traditional Canarian houses adorned with brightly coloured wooden balconies, its cobbled streets, its sumptuous palaces and its numerous religious buildings. The **Santa Catalina Castle** is the symbol of the city. This 16th century military fortification helped defend the city from repeated attacks by French privateers.

Day 4 - Funchal, Madeira

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Day 6 - At sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation 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 7 - Casablanca

Situated along the Atlantic coast, **Casablanca** is the very image of contemporary **Morocco:** Westernised and cosmopolitan. Exploring the architectural heritage of the "White City" tells you all you need to know about its cultural and historical diversity. Breathtaking highlights include the majestic **Hassan II Mosque,** considered to be one of the greatest religious buildings in the world. You can explore the narrow alleys of the old Medina, which stand in sharp contrast to the surrounding modern architecture. To get the most from the seafront, the **Ain Diab Corniche** provides a pleasant place for strolling with easy access to the beach.

Day 8 - Tangier

Nestling in the Bay of **Tangier,** this bewitching Moroccan city lies at the northwestern tip of the country, along the famous **Strait of Gibraltar.** Following in the footsteps of the writers and artists inspired and seduced by the city's climate and setting, you'll love its rich landscapes and multicultural charm. You'll instantly understand as soon as you set foot in the heart of the Medina. An architectural masterpiece, the **Kasbah** is your gateway to the **Sultan 's Palace** and its gardens. If you prefer beaches to museums, you can relax just a few minutes from the city on the beautiful sweep of sand bathed by the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 9 - Cadiz

Andalusia's Cadiz is located on the **Costa de la Luz,** in the south-west of Spain. From the beaches of Cortadura, to the flamenco bars of Santa Maria, through the colourful streets of la Viña, you will be amazed by this city, which is both steeped in history and extremely festive. In the medieval **El P opulo** district, you will stroll along covered passages in the narrow gaps between houses. You will also be able to mosey around the lush Mina square. The star of the show is the magnificent cathedral and its dome crowned with yellow porcelain, presiding above the Ocean.

Day 10 - Portimão

At the entrance of the River Arade, Portimao is a former sardine port that has become a famous seaside city. From this pleasant town, you can explore Silves, the former capital of the Algarve. The town is dominated by a Moorish castle, one of the best preserved in Portugal. You can also admire the incredible cathedral with its baroque façade, built on the site of an old mosque. Then you will go to Monchique, a small mountain town surrounded by a forest lush eucalyptus and cork oaks. In the maze of narrow cobbled streets and whitewashed houses, you will discover here a wilder and more authentic Algarve.

Day 11 - 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.

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

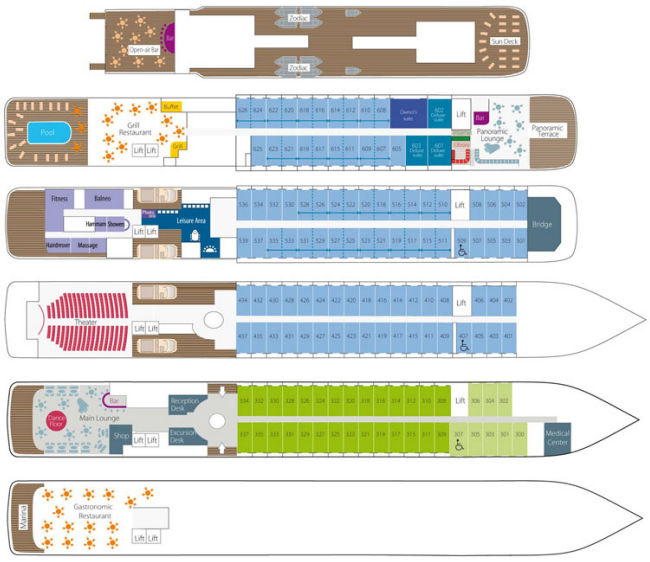
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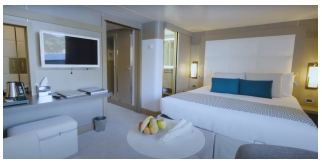
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Deluxe Stateroom



Deluxe Suite



Deluxe Suite Deck 3



Deluxe Suite Deck 4



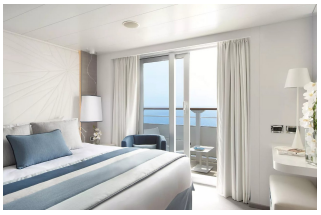
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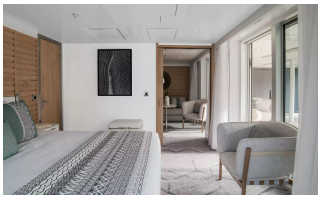
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Grand Deluxe Suite



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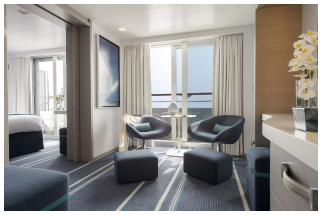




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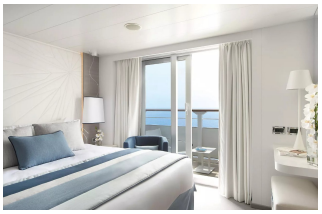
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Privilège Suite



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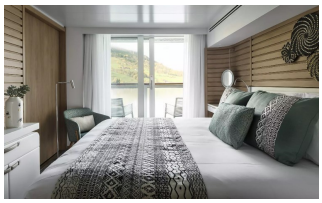
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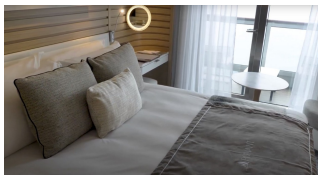
Superior Stateroom



Prestige Deck 5 Suite



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Privilege Suite Deck 5





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