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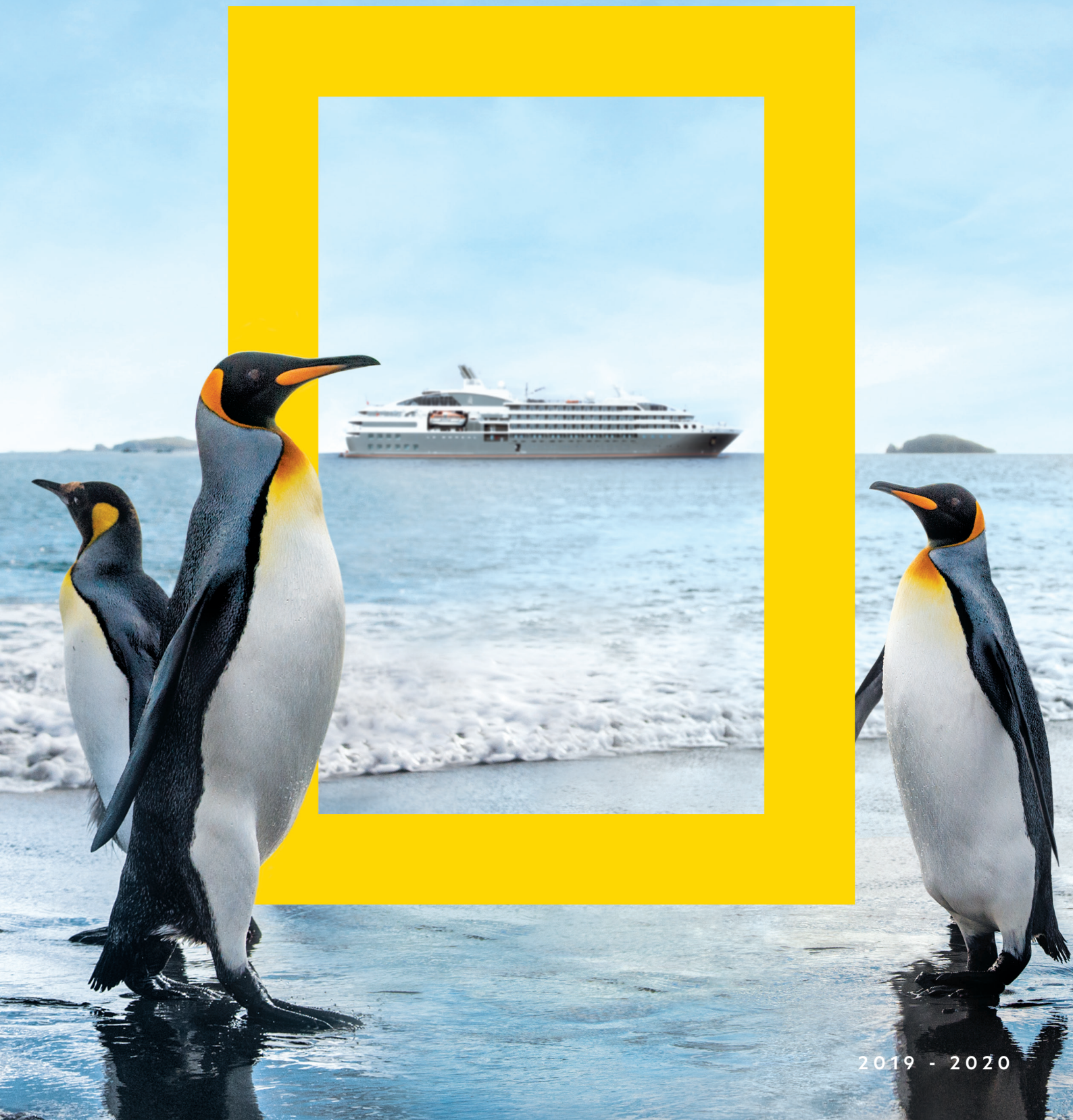
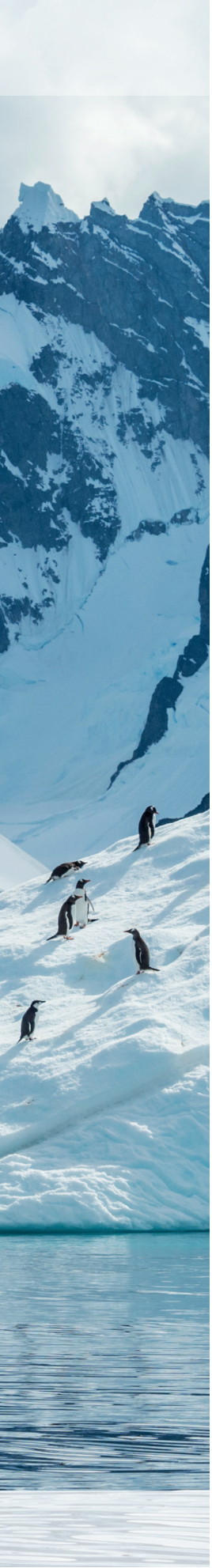
EXPEDITIONS



2019 - 2020

"Here we have two highly respected global companies working together to inspire our guests to live curiously, explore our planet and become global ambassadors for sustainability. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC brings a network of experts, photographers and Society-sponsored researchers, while PONANT brings the largest fleet of new, technically advanced small expedition ships able to sail all regions of the world."
— JEAN EMMANUEL SAUVÉE & GARY E.KNELL



A STRONG PARTNERSHIP OFFERING EXCEPTIONAL AND IMMERSIVE EXPEDITIONS

Dear guests,

For all lovers of travel, exploration, discovery, untouched nature and unusual encounters PONANT and NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC have joined their forces and combined their expertise to offer unique and enriching expedition cruises.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC has been igniting the explorer in all of us for 130 years, through ground-breaking storytelling from the best and brightest scientists, explorers, photographers, and visionary filmmakers, while PONANT has been providing its guests with unique travel experiences all around the world - aboard luxury ships - for more than 30 years. Over 130 new itineraries will take you to the world's most intriguing and remote destinations, the very same places where the pages of exploration were written, and on board a fleet of state of the art, 'clean ships', each designed using leading edge technologies to respect the environment and marine life.

Aboard PONANT's luxury small expedition ships, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC will continue to be your guide, with specialists, experts and NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC photographers as your travelling companions, to share their knowledge and passion of the breath-taking places visited and on and how to capture the perfect picture of the incredible sights you'll see. Our itineraries stretch to the far corners of the world; enjoy spectacular landscapes and impressive glaciers on a "once-in-a-lifetime" adventure to the Arctic or Antarctica; sail the turquoise waters on an idyllic cruise through the beautiful islands of the Seychelles; or discover wild open spaces while following the steps of the ancient gold miners in Alaska. Whichever itinerary you choose, we are sure you will come back inspired.

We hope you will join us on board to experience an unforgettable journey.

Jean Emmanuel Sauvée
CEO and Co-founder of PONANT

Gary E. Knell
CEO of NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PARTNERS

SET SAIL WITH PONANT AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

From 2019, PONANT and NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC have chosen to work together to offer all travel, discovery and nature lovers the opportunity to embark on new expedition cruises to some of the most secret and best-preserved destinations on the planet.

A PARTNERSHIP FORGED AROUND COMMON VALUES

A spirit of adventure, a passion for exploring, and a thirst for discovery: these are our shared values.

PONANT, the leader in polar expeditions for almost 20 years, boasts a modern fleet of expedition ships. Designed to sail distant seas in comfort and safety, their small size and manoeuvrability allow them to reach the most remote lands. They are equipped with environmentally friendly devices, which are essential when crossing through fragile areas with unique and often delicate ecosystems.

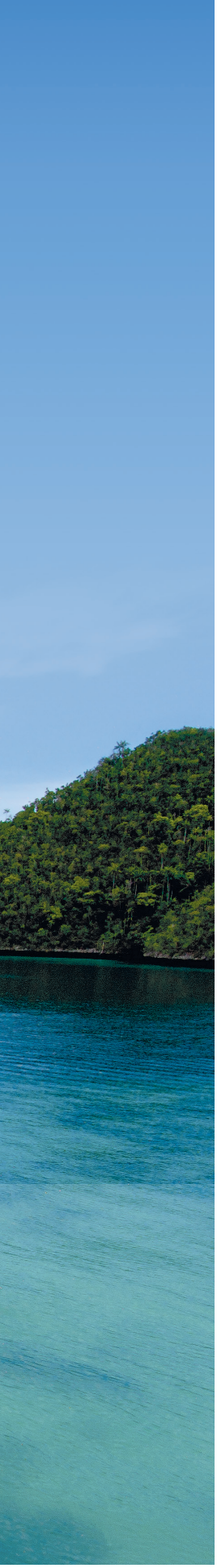
For over 130 years, the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY has funded groundbreaking scientists and explorers, sharing their findings with the world. It sponsored Hiram Bingham as he brought back stories of Machu Picchu, documented Robert Ballard's quest to find the Titanic, and supported Jane Goodall's study of chimpanzees. Today, the Society awards more than 575 grants a year to scientists, educators, innovators and storytellers around the world. Simply by taking a trip with PONANT and NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, you support these initiatives. *

On board every cruise, a NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC expert specialising in topics ranging from anthropology to history to marine biology enriches the expedition through fascinating presentations and informal discussions. You will also have the opportunity to see your destination through the eyes of a NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC photographer, who is on hand to teach techniques along the way.

National Geographic Society receives funds from National Geographic Partners LLC, funded in part by your purchase. To learn more, visit www.natgeo.com/info.

"Nobody can discover the world for somebody else. Only when we discover it for ourselves does it become common ground and a common bond and we cease to be alone."

— WENDELLBERRY



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, PASSIONATE ABOUT EXPLORING THE WORLD

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, AN INSPIRING AND TRUSTED BRAND

Part of the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY — founded in 1888 and one of the most influential non-profit institutions in the world in the fields of science and education — NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC has been providing sophisticated and inspiring content covering major current affairs and topics aimed at an inquiring audience.

Building on generations of trust, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC harnesses the energy of millions to promote learning, caring and taking action to protect our planet.

"We believe in the power of science, exploration, education and storytelling to change the world"
— NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

WE ARE ALL EXPLORERS

Stimulated by science and adventure, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC's objective is to inspire people through meaningful experiences and to create personal connections through exploration.

TRAVEL IS NOT AN EXTENSION OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC. IT HAS BEEN A CORNERSTONE FROM THE START.

Travel has been part of NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC's DNA ever since that January evening in 1888 when 33 explorers, scientists, academics and patrons gathered to found "a society for the increase and diffusion of geographical knowledge."

Since the first issue of the Journal of the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, the writing, then photography, followed by video, digital, and social media have transported people. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC captures the far-flung places of the world and delivers them to its audience.

Travel is just another way that NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC fuels an understanding of our world.

DISCOVER THE PONANT DIFFERENCE

ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE OF A PONANT CRUISE

Discover Earth's treasures by sea aboard luxurious ships built on an intimate scale. 30 years of expertise, attentive service, gastronomy: set sail in a stylishly relaxed environment and enjoy a travel experience that is both engaging and sophisticated.

On board state-of-the-art ships with a maximum of 132 staterooms and suites, you will find a special intimate atmosphere imbued with French flair: a blend of gastronomy, French wines, fine materials, elegant details and sleek yet welcoming design.

THE WORLD LEADER IN LUXURY EXPEDITIONS

Discover some of the world's most remote and inaccessible regions in supreme comfort. Enjoy unique itineraries where flexibility is the key at all times. Visit places that other ships are unable to reach aboard modern ships designed to navigate in extreme regions and which are small enough to take guests to the most exceptional sites.

Under the guidance of PONANT expedition teams composed of passionate and knowledgeable experts, regular outings and landings in Zodiac® will allow you to get as close to nature as possible.

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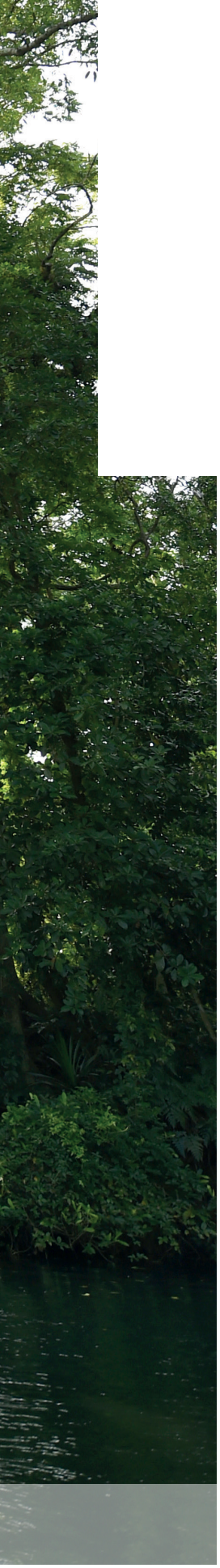
"Choosing a PONANT Expedition cruise means choosing to be truly connected to your environment: a blend of luxury and immersive experiences, exploration and great comfort, adventure and refinement... even in the heart of the most remote regions."



EXPEDITIONS BY PONANT

ARE YOU DREAMING OF AN EXCEPTIONAL, ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME TRIP?

Far from modern civilisations, in the heart of extreme lands, and as close as possible to unspoilt nature and ancient cultures?
With PONANT, you can effortlessly fulfil this dream in the luxurious comfort and refined setting of our ultra-modern fleet.

Trips in Zodiac® accompanied by naturalist-guides, landings on deserted shores, observing fauna, expert lectures on board: everything comes together to make your cruise an unforgettable experience.

AN ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE APPROACH

Aware of our responsibilities towards the ecosystems we cross and the local communities we meet, we plan all our expedition cruises with an environmentally responsible approach. This approach is focused on sustainable tourism so as to limit the environmental impact of our visits on these preserved sites: zero-impact landing protocol, the use of an electric propulsion system and dynamic positioning to protect the seabed.

WHETHER POLAR OR TROPICAL, ENJOY AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPEDITION

Whether you prefer the icy expanses of the poles or the preserved atolls of the Indian Ocean, our teams have created unique itineraries so you can discover the wonders of our planet.

ALL-INCLUSIVE EXPEDITIONS

Once aboard, enjoy the adventure in total peace of mind. Everything is included: Zodiac® outings and shore visits, excursions, lectures, parkas and boot hire for polar expeditions.

During some cruises and port of calls, optional excursions to some sites are offered relying on local transport. Please note a surcharge will apply.

INTRODUCING THE PONANT FLEET

Fluid lines, streamlined bow: the exterior lines of our ships reflect the spirit of a subtly revisited nautical theme. Aboard, our guests enjoy a relaxed elegant atmosphere, luxurious amenities and service, experiencing an exceptional type of cruise.

Welcome aboard!

PONANT
LE LAPÉROUSE

THE PONANT EXPLORERS

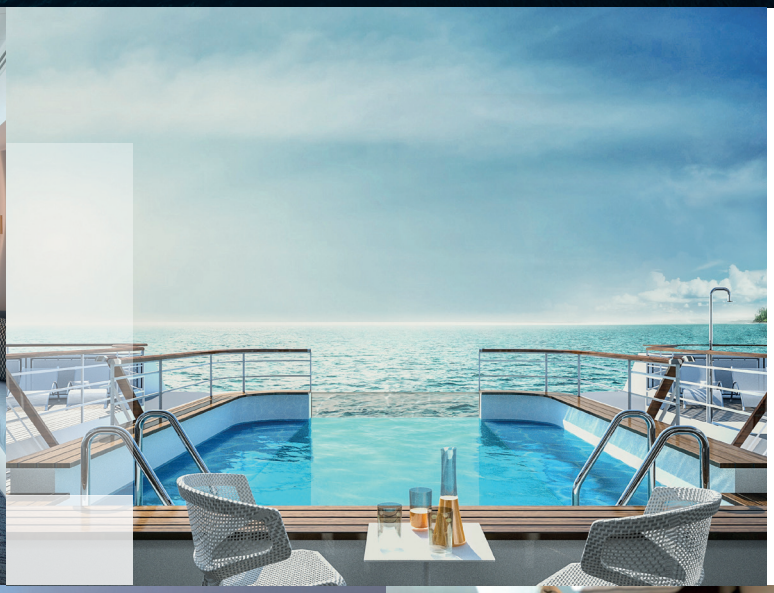
PONANT IS EXPANDING ITS UNIQUE LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISE CONCEPT WITH THE ARRIVAL OF SIX NEW SISTER SHIPS, THE PONANT EXPLORERS.
PONANT guests will be able to enjoy new travel experiences, such as tropical and subtropical expeditions. Offering a unique blend of discovery and exceptional comfort, even in the most remote corners of the world, this is our hallmark.

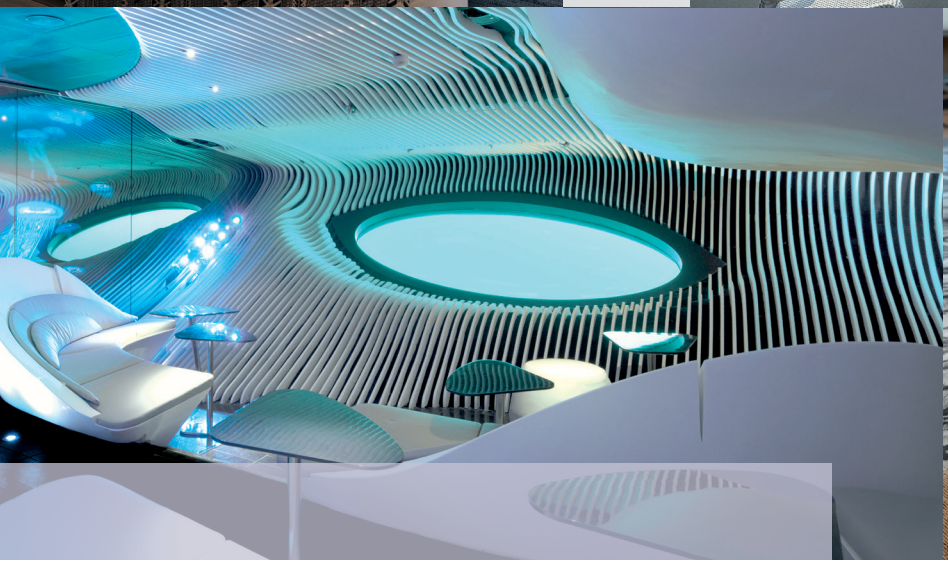
LE LAPÉROUSE, LE CHAMPLAIN, LE BOUGAINVILLE, LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE, LE BELLOT & LE SURVILLE
The six new stars of our fleet pay tribute to the great French explorers and will carry guests in the wake of these men who, long ago, set off for adventure in search of new lands. Taking inspiration from these navigators was a natural choice for PONANT, the only French cruise line to sail to little-known, remote lands that are inaccessible to larger ships. In keeping with our cruise line's standards, each ship offers a limited guest capacity, sleek design, cutting-edge technology, and respect for the environment, allowing PONANT to access an ever-wider range of destinations.

BLUE EYE, A WORLD EXCLUSIVE MULTI-SENSORY INNOVATION

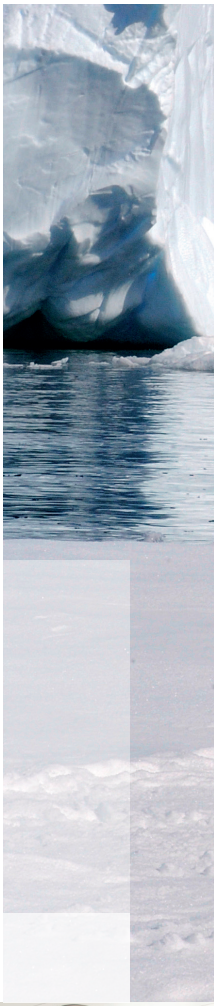
PONANT is at the forefront of innovative sea exploration with the launch of the world's first multi-sensory underwater lounge, *Blue Eye*, featured onboard our six small luxury exploration vessels, the PONANT EXPLORERS.

WHAT IS THE BLUE EYE LOUNGE?
- World's first multi-sensory underwater lounge. Below sea level, it is available to all guests
- Underwater projectors enable observation of the seabed and photo-luminescent organisms
- Design evokes cetaceans and jellyfish
- Underwater cameras project live images on digital screens
- Hydrophones allow guests to experience world-exclusive acoustic immersion
- Body listening sofas vibrate and offer unique sensory listening through corporal resonance





A SUPERB SERIES OF 4 SISTER SHIPS



L'AUSTRAL, LE BORÉAL, LE SOLÉAL & LE LYRIAL

These four elegant ships with 122 to 132 staterooms and suites perpetuate our philosophy: they boast a limited capacity, a unique atmosphere and a subtle combination of luxury, privacy and wellbeing.

All of the staterooms and suites offer sea views and 95% of them have balconies. With large windows and exterior decks, guests can enjoy breath-taking views of the horizon.

On board, there are no more than 260 guests, attentively looked after by 132 staff members.

The atmosphere aboard the ship is refined yet convivial; unique in the cruise industry, the Captain may choose to invite guests to join him on the Bridge for the chance to spend a few moments experiencing what it's like to navigate the ship by his side and to meet the officers*.

**This custom, which PONANT is continuing for the pleasure of its guests, is subject to strict rules and regulations for reasons of safety and security, in accordance with international maritime law.*

CHOOSE YOUR EXCEPTIONAL NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC AND PONANT EXPEDITION CRUISE

CRUISE	DEPARTURE	ITINERARY	SHIP	NIGHTS	BROCHURE FARE PP	PONANT BONUS FARE
ANTARCTICA						
FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND ANTARCTICA	14/11/19	Ushuaia - Ushuaia	*Le Soléal*	15	FROM AUD 22,540	FROM AUD 16,630
THE ANTARCTIC ODYSSEY	19/11/19	Montevideo - Ushuaia	*Le Lyrial*	20	FROM AUD 26,760	FROM AUD 20,640
BEYOND THE POLAR CIRCLE	15/01/20	Ushuaia - Ushuaia	*L'Austral*	16	FROM AUD 26,710	FROM AUD 21,944
FIORDLAND AND THE SUB ANTARCTIC ISLANDS EXPEDITION	02/02/20	Dunedin - Lyttelton	*Le Lapérouse*	14	FROM AUD 19,100	FROM AUD 13,680
FROM ANTARCTICA TO AFRICA	25/02/20	Ushuaia - Cape Town	*Le Lyrial*	21	FROM AUD 15,010	FROM AUD 12,534
EMBLEMATIC ANTARCTICA	26/02/20	Ushuaia - Ushuaia	*Le Boréal*	10	FROM AUD 15,820	FROM AUD 13,150
ALASKA						
IN THE WAKE OF PIONEERS	15/09/19	Nome - Vancouver	*L'Austral*	14	FROM AUD 14,890	FROM AUD 11,770
THE SEA OF OKHOTSK	26/06/20	Otaru,Hokkaido - Petropavlovsk	*Le Soléal*	12	FROM AUD 16,510	FROM AUD 12,390
MAGNIFICENT VOLCANOES OF THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS	10/07/20	Petropavlovsk - Juneau	*Le Soléal*	13	FROM AUD 16,030	FROM AUD 12,500
SPITSBERGEN AND GREENLAND						
FROM SCOTLAND TO SPITSBERGEN	17/05/20	Dublin - Longyearbyen	*L'Austral*	11	FROM AUD 12,400	FROM AUD 9,260
FROM THE NORWEGIAN SEA TO SPITSBERGEN	16/06/20	Glasgow - Longyearbyen	*Le Boréal*	11	FROM AUD 12,400	FROM AUD 9,260
GREENLAND AND NEWFOUNDLAND	19/08/20	Reykjavik - St Pierre and Miquelon	*Le Champlain*	9	FROM AUD 10,400	FROM AUD 7,660
THE CARIBBEAN AND THE ISLANDS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN						
THE BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO AND CAPE VERDE	24/10/19	Praia - Dakar	*Le Dumont-d'Urville*	11	FROM AUD 15,330	FROM AUD 11,360
ADVENTURE IN THE CARIBBEAN	23/11/19	Puerto Morelos - Puerto Morelos	*Le Champlain*	7	FROM AUD 5,480	FROM AUD 4,730
FERNANDO DE NORONHA AND THE BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO	21/03/20	Recife - Dakar	*L'Austral*	11	FROM AUD 7,140	FROM AUD 5,240
OCEANIA						
ANCIENT CULTURES OF NORTHERN AUSTRALIA AND PAPUA	06/12/19	Darwin - Cairns	*Le Lapérouse*	10	FROM AUD 9,260	FROM AUD 6,700
FROM FIJI TO MICRONESIA	01/04/20	Lautoka - Guam	*Le Soléal*	15	FROM AUD 11,100	FROM AUD 9,600
THE INDIAN OCEAN						
SECRET ISLANDS OF THE SEYCHELLES AND ALDABRA ATOLL	14/12/19	Mahe - Mahe	*Le Bougainville*	12	FROM AUD 11,390	FROM AUD 9,810

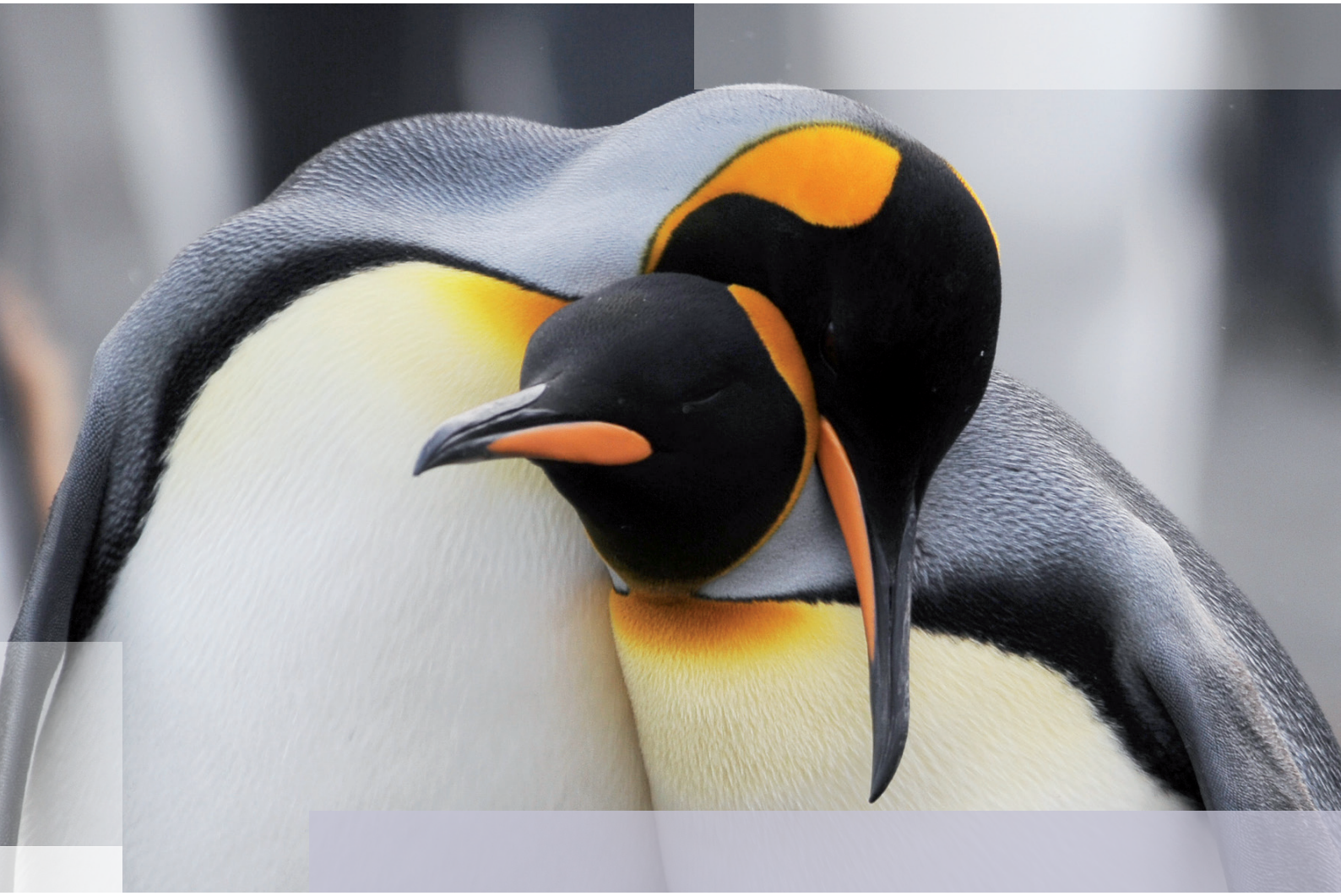
ACCESS THE WORLD'S TREASURES BY SEA

Brochure fares are the reference fares of the cruise applicable for the validity period of the brochure. Brochure fares are per person and based on double occupancy. Ponant Bonus Fares is a special savings discount off published cruise only rates for selected voyages. Ponant Bonus is the guaranteed best price you can obtain on the day you make your reservation. It can save you up to 30% off the brochure fares (rate port to port only, departure port taxes, security and airline fare). Ponant Bonus fares are capacity controlled, subject to availability and may change at any time without notice.

POLAR EXPEDITION VOYAGES

The leader in luxury expeditions to polar regions and an expert for over 20 years in this region, PONANT lets you live your dream of adventure, with the dedication and ecological conscientiousness that characterises us. In Antarctica, set off to discover the icy vastness and the prolific fauna of the white continent: humpback whales, seals, penguins...
In the Arctic, fjords, glaciers, icebergs of changing colours and varied fauna await you: polar bears, Arctic foxes, walruses, orcas, whales, without forgetting the special moments of interaction with the Inuit people.

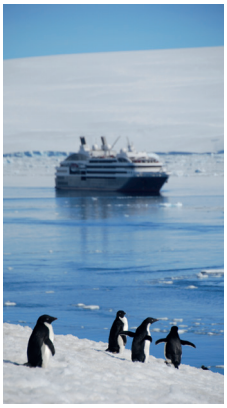
ANTARCTICA



The promise of an exceptional trip, the discovery of an untamed world and incredible fauna, overwhelming sights...
Having remained a mystery to the world for centuries, today the white continent still exerts a powerful fascination. Be among the privileged few to embark on this trip of a lifetime.

FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND ANTARCTICA

Ushuaia – Ushuaia | *Le Soléal* | 16 days / 15 nights | 14th November 2019



HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive circumnavigation of South Georgia
- Hiking opportunity
- Wildlife: black-browed albatrosses, Gentoo penguins, southern rockhopper penguins, king penguins, elephant seals, fur seals, humpback whales

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 16,630**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 22,540**

THE ANTARCTIC ODYSSEY

Montevideo – Ushuaia | *Le Lyrial* | 21 days / 20 nights | 19th November 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

- The most comprehensive of our cruises to the Antarctic: the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, the South Orkney Islands, and the Antarctic Peninsula
- Explore the South Orkney Islands
- Hiking opportunity

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 20,640**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 26,760**

BEYOND THE POLAR CIRCLE

Ushuaia – Ushuaia | *L'Austral* | 17 days / 16 nights | 15th January 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Antarctic Polar Circle crossing
- Hiking opportunity
- Wildlife: black-browed albatrosses, Gentoo penguins, southern rockhopper penguins, king penguins, elephant seals, fur seals, humpback whales, Weddell seals

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 21,944**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 26,710**

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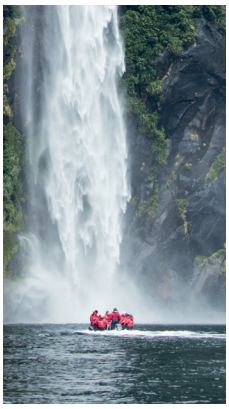
FIORDLAND AND THE SUB ANTARCTIC ISLANDS EXPEDITION

Dunedin - Lyttelton | *Le Lapérouse* | 15 days / 14 nights | 2nd February 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

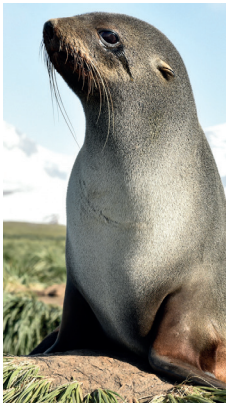
- Opportunities for hiking with guided walks on the Auckland Islands, Campbell Island and Macquarie Island, all of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Wildlife: colonies of fur seals, elephant seals, king and yelloweyed penguins
- Landscapes: beaches of black sand, cliffs and lush green prairies, contrasting with snow

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 13,680**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 19,100**

FROM ANTARCTICA TO AFRICA

Ushuaia – Cape Town | *Le Lyrial* | 22 days / 21 nights | 25th February 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

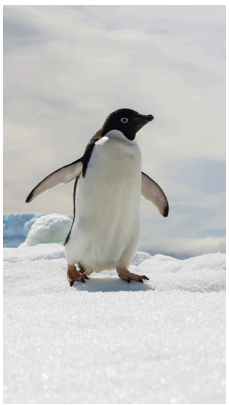
- Hiking opportunity
- Discovering the Tristan da Cunha archipelago, many of whose islands are UNESCO World Heritage
- Sailing around the Cape of Good Hope
- Landscapes: beaches of black sand, cliffs and green prairies, contrasting with snow

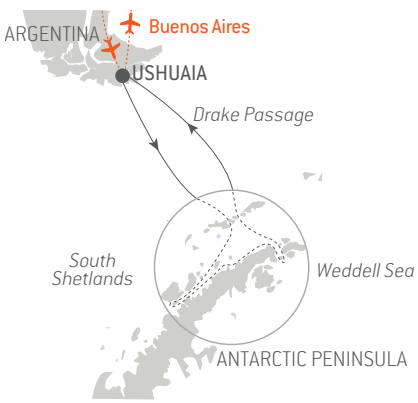
FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 12,534**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 15,010**

EMBLEMATIC ANTARCTICA

Ushuaia – Ushuaia | *Le Boréal* | 11 days / 10 nights | 26th February 2020





HIGHLIGHTS

- Sailing on the Weddell Sea, among patches of pack ice
- Hiking opportunity
- Visiting research stations and former whaling stations
- Wildlife: humpback whales, Gentoo penguins, Adelie penguins, chinstrap penguins

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 13,150**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 15,820**

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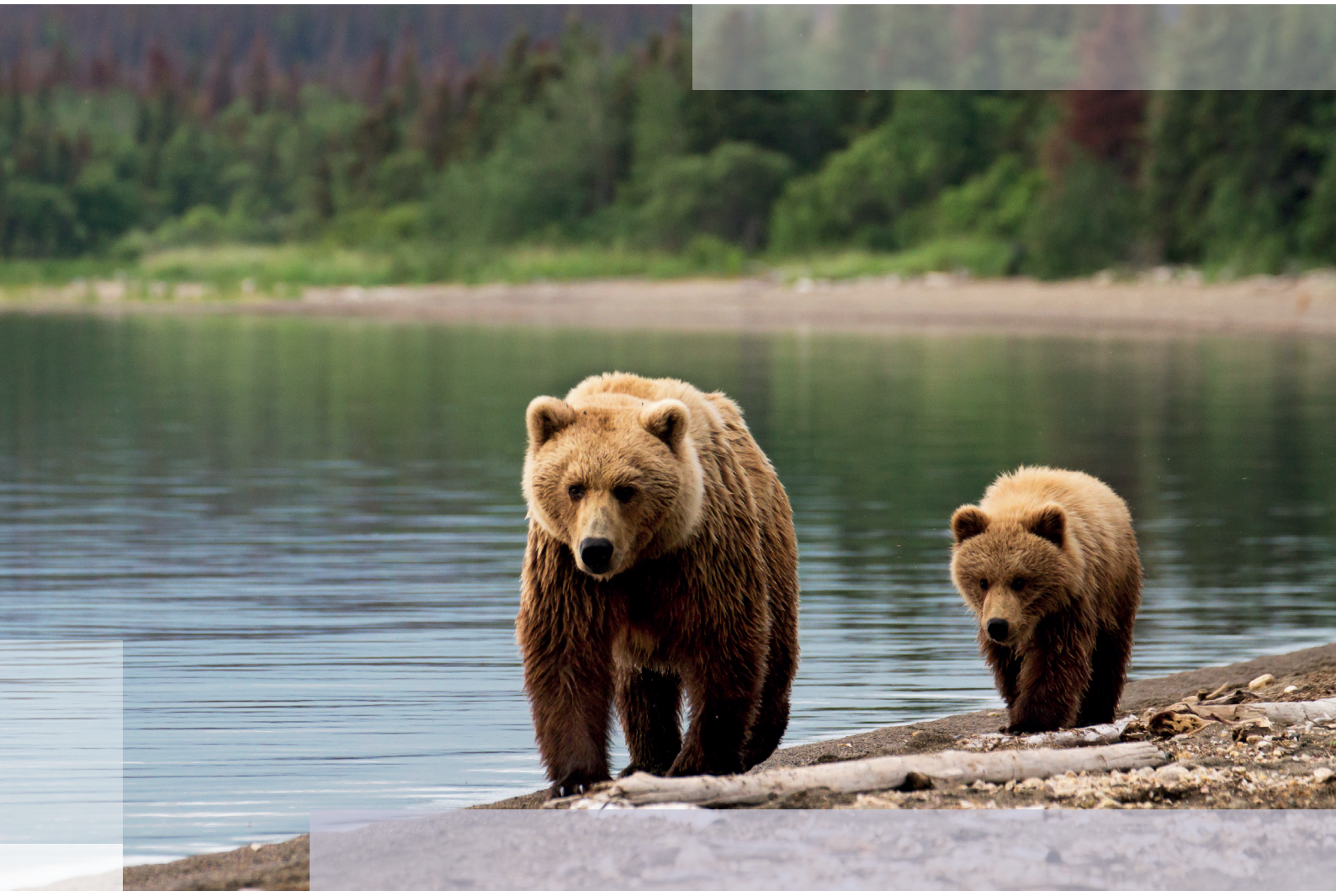
ALASKA



With wide-open spaces, gigantic glaciers, jagged mountains and sparkling lakes, Alaska invites travellers to journey in the footsteps of the fur traders and gold prospectors. Here, nature is shaped by glacier fronts, coniferous forests, and a myriad of islands and islets. A cruise provides the perfect opportunity to get as close as possible to this abundant fauna.

IN THE WAKE OF PIONEERS

Nome - Vancouver | *L'Austral* | 15 days / 14 nights | 15th September 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

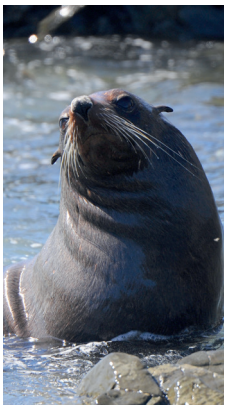
- Hiking opportunity
- Visit traditional villages and encounter the Aleut people
- Landscapes: fjords, tall mountains, huge glaciers, primary forest, jagged cliffs
- Wildlife: black bears, walruses, Arctic terns, grizzlies, musk oxen, whales and orcas

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 11,770**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 14,890**

THE SEA OF OKHOTSK

Otaru - Petropavlovsk | *Le Soléal* | 13 days / 12 nights | 26th June 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

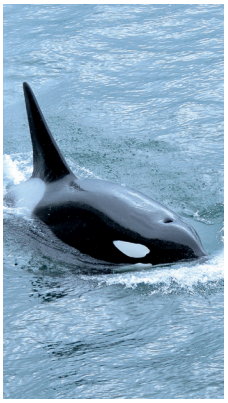
- Magadan, a gulag during the time of Stalin, is a prime site for observing cetaceans
- Abundant and varied wildlife: many marine birds, Steller sea lions, fur seals, whales, Arctic ground squirrel, the Kamchatka brown bear
- Landscapes: uninhabited islands, mountains, forests, volcanoes

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 12,390**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 16,510**

MAGNIFICENT VOLCANOES OF THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

Petropavlovsk - Juneau | *Le Soléal* | 13 days / 12 nights | 10th July 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

- Landscapes: volcanic islands, glaciers, old-growth forest; Wildlife: whales, orcas, seabirds, grizzlies
- Kiska Island, dominated by a 1,000-metre-tall volcano
- Unga Island, home to the vestiges of an Aleutian village

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 12,500**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 16,030**

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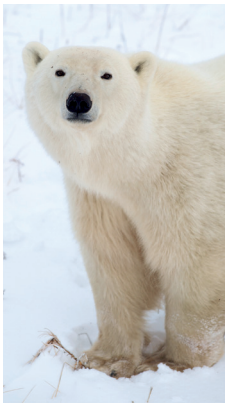
SPITSBERGEN AND GREENLAND

On the borders of inhabited lands, at high northern latitudes, where the sun merely brushes the horizon during the short summer, sail to Spitsbergen to encounter the lord of the sea ice: the polar bear. In Greenland, you can admire magnificent landscapes combining ice and greenery as well as exceptional marine and avian wildlife. You will also have the privilege of meeting the Inuit in their villages made up of brightly-coloured houses.

FROM SCOTLAND TO SPITSBERGEN

Dublin - Longyearbyen | *L'Austral* | 12 days / 11 nights | 17th May 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

- Hiking opportunity
- Explore five archipelagos on the same cruise: the Hebrides, Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands, Lofoten Islands and Svalbard
- Cross the Arctic Circle
- Wildlife: multiple species of birds, whales, dolphins and seals in the British Isles; fin whales, arctic foxes, Svalbard reindeer

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 9,260**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 12,400**

FROM THE NORWEGIAN SEA TO SPITSBERGEN

Glasgow - Longyearbyen | *Le Boréal* | 12 days / 11 nights | 16th June 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

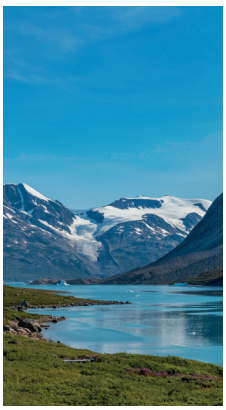
- Discovery of the wild and remote islands in the Norwegian Sea and the Greenland Sea
- Landscape: fjords, vertiginous cliffs, ice floes, icebergs, ice caps, steep-sided valleys
- Wildlife: a wide range of seabirds, fin whales, arctic foxes, Svalbard reindeer
- Cross the Arctic Circle

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 9,260**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 12,400**

GREENLAND AND NEWFOUNDLAND

Reykjavik - Saint Pierre and Miquelon | *Le Champlain* | 10 days / 9 nights | 19th August 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

- Landscape: fjords, rugged mountains, glaciers, wild tundra, sheer cliffs, and the polar ice cap
- Sail along the Prince Christian Sound, a narrow, 100-km long passage that winds its way through cliffs and glaciers
- Visit traditional villages and meet the Inuit people

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 7,660**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 10,400**

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TROPICAL EXPEDITION VOYAGES

A tropical Expedition voyage is more a matter of encounters. Sailing to remote and seldom visited destinations allows you to discover the ancient customs of many tribes and ethnic groups that continue their rituals on the land of their ancestors. In isolated villages, whether they are Papuan, Polynesian or Māori people, you will gain an understanding of their traditions and cultures. During visits to these villages, take time to interact with these warm and friendly people, ensuring rewarding encounters and priceless memories. You will also get the chance to experience local means of transport (dugout canoes, bush taxis, local buses, etc.) to reach essential sites for hiking such as volcanoes and nature reserves. Not forgetting disembarking on idyllic white sand beaches with crystal clear waters and coral gardens where you will enjoy snorkelling under the supervision of our naturalist team.

THE CARIBBEAN AND THE ISLANDS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

From the Caribbean Sea to the archipelagos lost in the Atlantic Ocean, discover an untamed nature of exceptional beauty and remarkable natural attractions classed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. You will be able to observe an extraordinary biodiversity and meet communities with ancient traditions, living in harmony with their environment.

THE BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO AND CAPE VERDE

Praia – Dakar | *Le Dumont-d'Urville* | 12 days / 11 nights | 24th October 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cidade Velha, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit traditional villages and meet the Bijogo people who have ancestral traditions
- The mangrove swamp, covering more than a third of the emerged part of the Bijagós archipelago

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 11,360**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 15,330**

ADVENTURE IN THE CARIBBEAN

Puerto Morelos - Puerto Morelos | *Le Champlain* | 8 days / 7 nights | 23rd November 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit four Central American countries, explore idyllic beaches, dive sites, and learn about the Garifuna culture
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Swimming, snorkelling or scuba diving at the Great Blue Hole in Belize, one of the world's most beautiful diving sites

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 4,730**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 5,480**

FERNANDO DE NORONHA AND THE BIJAGOS ARCHIPELAGO

Recife – Dakar | *L'Austral* | 12 days / 11 nights | 21st March 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Meet the Bijogo people
- Landscapes: pristine beaches in Fernando à Noronha; mangrove swamp, savanna, tropical rainforests and white sand beaches in the Bijagós Islands
- Wildlife: turtles, sharks, dolphins in the Fernando de Noronha islands; saltwater hippos, crocodiles, sea turtles, rays

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 5,240**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 7,140**

OCEANIA

Your ship will take you to the heart of the southern seas, to discover paradise-like islands of untamed beauty and with centuries-old traditions. In the north-east of the Australian continent, the Top End offers travellers a unique experience to enjoy the last untouched areas, while Micronesia and its lavish seabeds, almost unaffected by the passing of time, provide an opportunity for a complete change of scenery.

ANCIENT CULTURES OF NORTHERN AUSTRALIA AND PAPUA

Darwin - Cairns | *Le Lapérouse* | 11 days / 10 nights | 6th December 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cultural performances and traditional welcome in several remote Aboriginal communities
- Encounters with local communities and the chance to buy Aboriginal works of art directly from the artists
- Discover the Asmat region and its small traditional villages

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 6,700**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 9,260**

FROM FIJI TO MICRONESIA

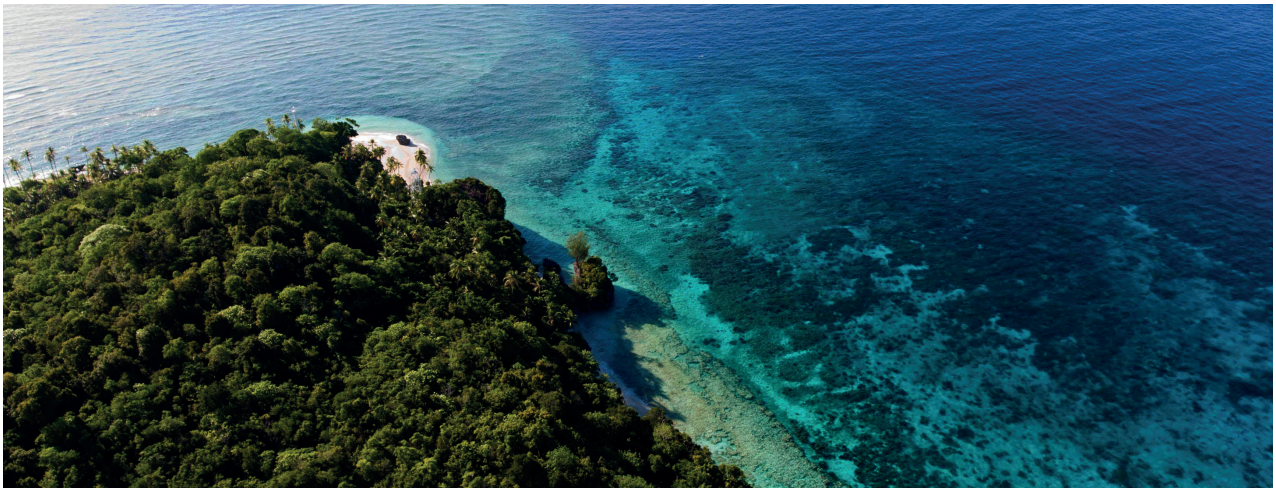
Lautoka - Guam | *Le Soléal* | 14 days / 15 nights | 1st April 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Vanuatu: traditional villages, tropical beaches, coral reefs, active volcanoes
- The Solomon Islands, a secret destination in the South Pacific
- Micronesia, a scattering of islands and atolls with breathtaking underwater scenery
- Encounters with local people

FARE PER PERSON

Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 9,600**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 11,100**

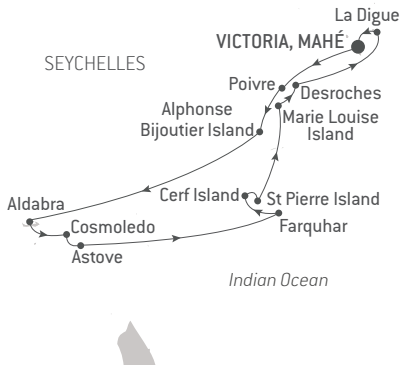


THE INDIAN OCEAN

A scattering of islands across the Indian Ocean, the Seychelles archipelago is nothing short of heaven on Earth. Isolated from the rest of the world for millions of years, these coral and granite islands have contributed to the development of a fauna and flora unlike any others. The many national parks that take up close to half of the territory and the large marine reserves are home to a wide variety of animal species, such as the giant tortoise.

SECRET ISLANDS OF THE SEYCHELLES AND ALDABRA ATOLL

Mahe - Mahe I *Le Bougainville* I 13 days / 12 nights I 14th December 2019



HIGHLIGHTS

- UNESCO site: Aldabra, the largest coral atoll in the world
- Explore the Outer Islands of the Seychelles and the Farquhar Atoll. These islands are very remote and rarely visited
- Possibility of observing tortoises on Aldabra
- Encounters with the locals

FARE PER PERSON

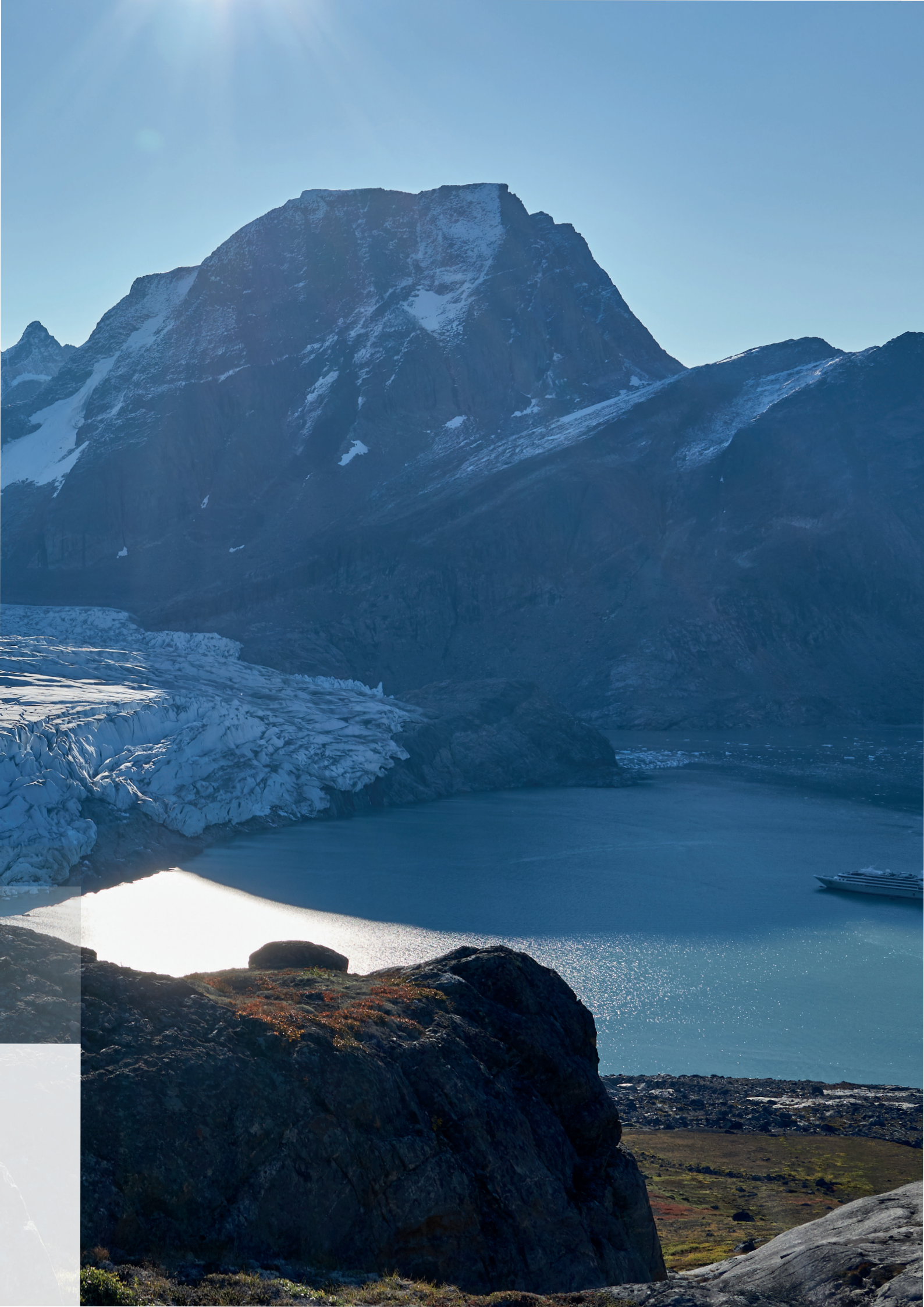
Ponant Bonus fare	**From AUD 9,810**
Brochure fare	**From AUD 11,390**

PONANT AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

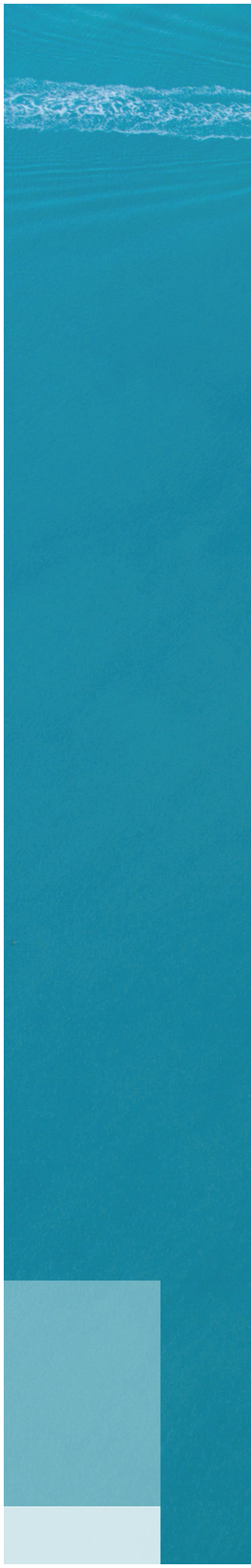
COMMON VALUES FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Driven by a spirit of curiosity, guests come aboard to enjoy an unforgettable voyage and to discover the planet's natural beauty and meet its inhabitants. This experience of expanding one's horizons and personal growth is an extraordinary opportunity, upon returning, to share our wonder and to emphasise the need to protect the environment.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC and PONANT's deep belief is that when people understand the world, they care more deeply and take responsibility for it.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC: WORKING TOWARD A PLANET IN BALANCE



SUPPORT FOR SCIENCE AND EXPLORATION

A portion of the proceeds from your journey will go towards to the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY; the non-profit scientific and educational organisation that pushes the boundaries of exploration to further our understanding of our planet and inspire solutions for a more sustainable future. Every year, the Society funds scientists, conservationists, educators, and storytellers around the globe who work to preserve species and ecosystems, protect cultures, and advance understanding of our planet and its inhabitants.

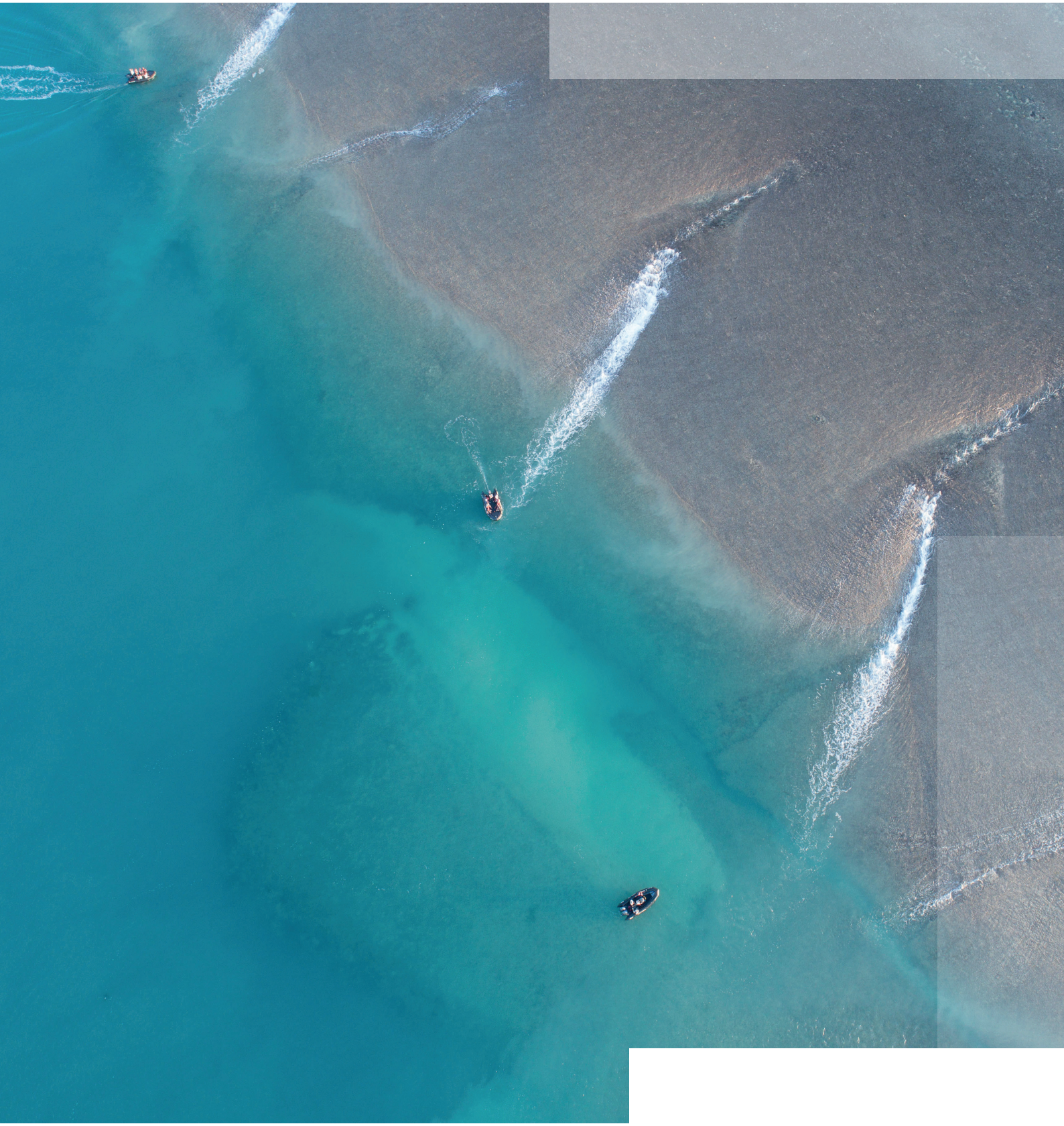
To date, the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY has given out almost 14,000 grants to scientists and conservationists whose work is making a significant difference in the world. It has also supported critical projects such as the Big Cats Initiative, which has helped stop more than 2,600 big cat mortalities in the wild, and the Pristine Seas project, which has helped protect more than 5.2 million square kilometres of the ocean's last wild places.

LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST PLASTICS

Every year nine million tons of plastic waste ends up in the oceans, this is equivalent to five plastic grocery bags stuffed with plastic waste sitting on every foot of coastline around the world. More than 40% of plastic is used just once, then disposed of. Ocean plastic is estimated to kill millions of marine animals every year. Marine species of all sizes, from zooplankton to whales now eat microplastics. Others are strangled by abandoned fishing nets or discarded six-pack rings.

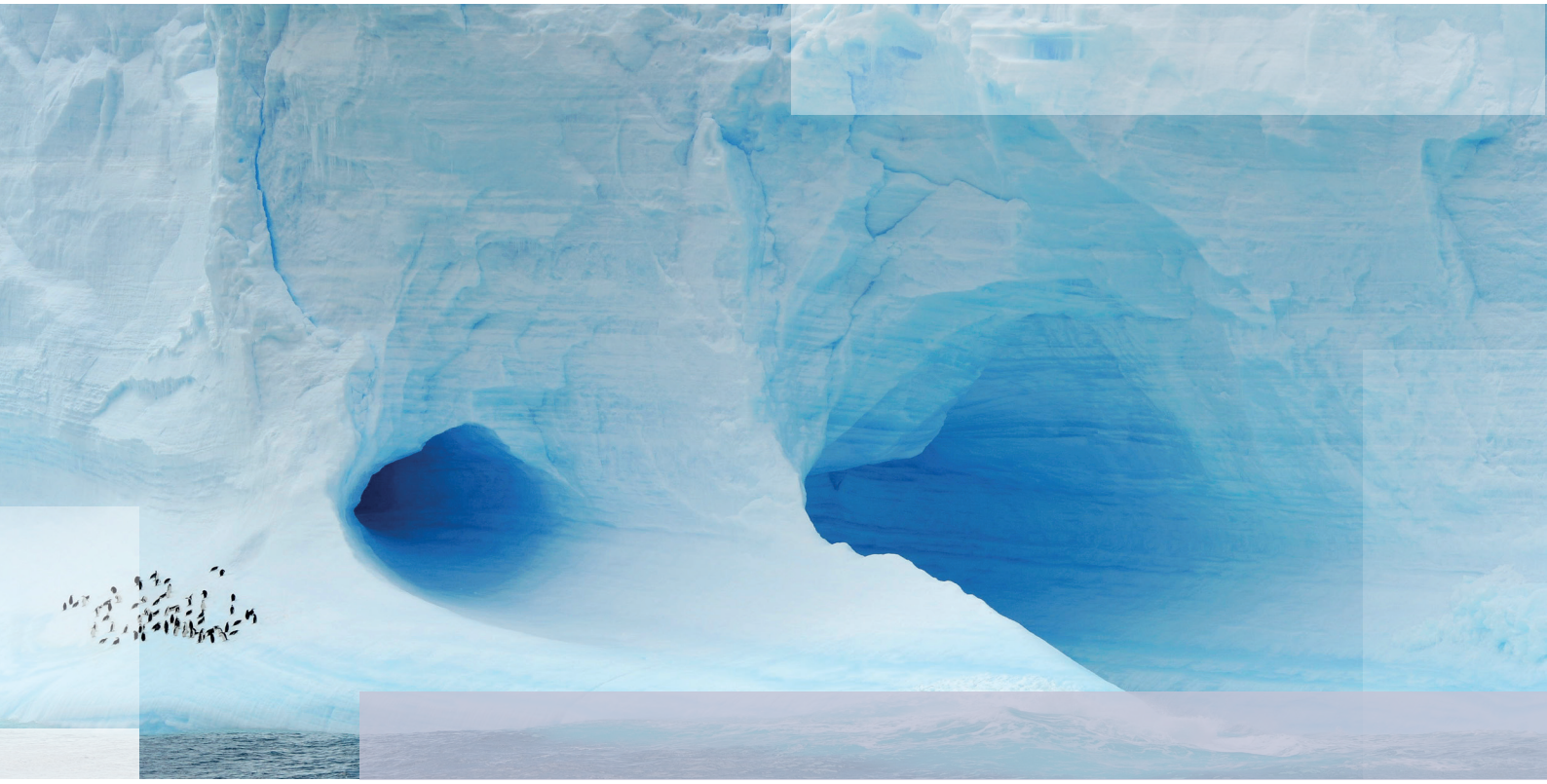
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC is committed to raising awareness of this pressing problem and working to reduce the amount of plastic that enters in the world's oceans. National Geographic's organisation-wide efforts include a major research and scientific initiative; a consumer education and engagement campaign; corporate sustainability commitments; and innovative partnerships with like-minded corporations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) from all over the world.

**When you travel with NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, you support the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S explorers who work to preserve, protect, and advance our understanding of the planet and its people.* To learn more, visit www.natgeo.com/info.



PONANT, FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT

For more than 30 years, PONANT has been taking its guests to some of the most remote locations on the planet, where nature rules in all her splendour. This choice involves responsibilities towards the ecosystems of these places and the local communities that live there.



AN INCREASINGLY CLEANER FLEET

We go above and beyond environmental regulations in force by studying the levers that help us minimise our impact on the places we visit. Thanks to our efforts, our ships have all been awarded the international “Clean Ship” label, which certifies that we have reduced our environmental impact.

LUXURY ICEBREAKER WITH LNG PROPULSION: THE FIRST IN THE WORLD

PONANT is designing a luxury icebreaker to be delivered in 2021. It will be fitted with the latest sustainable development technologies and will surpass the requirements of the IMO (International Maritime Organization) 2020 regulation. Using LNG allows reduction of SO2, NOX, CO2 and particle emissions.

THE TECHNOLOGY AT THE HEART OF PONANT SHIP DESIGNS

Refrigerant gas (R407C) used for air conditioning and for refrigeration units. It has no impact on the ozone layer and a very low impact on the greenhouse gas effect

Low energy and low heat emitting lighting system (LED and fibre optic based)

Dynamic positioning system (when necessary) helps maintain a vessel's position without having to drop the anchor, thereby protecting the seabed

Tin-free antifouling paint to protect marine ecosystems as much as possible

PONANT, A MEMBER OF IAATO AND AECO

PONANT is a full and proud member of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO). IAATO is an industry group organisation that sets the highest possible tourism operating standards in an effort to ensure appropriate, safe and environmentally sound travel to Antarctica. Its rules include guidelines about about the maximum number of guests during shore landings, and other specific guidelines about wildlife watching, visitor briefings and key safety obligations on operators). In the Arctic, PONANT is a member of the AECO, Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators. AECO is dedicated to managing responsible, environmentally friendly and safe tourism in the Arctic.

A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Approaching seldom-visited places by sea promises a privileged discovery of little-known cultures and populations who continue their traditional way of life, often on the lands of their ancestors. Without a profound respect for these people who welcome us, PONANT would not be accepted. When planning every single one of our expedition cruises, we work closely with the local community. They are the ones who decide what they want to share from their cultures and environments. When involved in this way, local communities are no longer considered passive players in tourism.

PONANT is also committed to preserving and maintaining traditional cultures and practices, notably by supporting the work of the Upernavik "FabLab" organisation in Greenland, which trains members of the Inuit community in traditional skills and crafts.

To find out more, please visit:
au.ponant.com/sustainable-development/

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

These General Terms and Conditions of Sale (GTCS) form an integral part of the Contract entered into by CDP and the Traveller. The Particular Terms and Conditions of Sale (PTCS) – which are specific to each Cruise season, summer or winter – may create an exception to these General Terms and Conditions of Sale. In any event, the specifications of the Cruise Ticket and of the Passenger Ticket shall prevail over the General and Particular Terms and Conditions of Sale. All these contractual documents make up the Contract entered into by CDP and the Traveller.
In the event that a provision in these General Terms and Conditions of Sale and/or in the Contract breaches a mandatory legal provision, and/or is considered as invalid, this invalidity shall not affect the validity of the other clauses.
In accordance with Law No. 78-17 of 6 January 1978 regarding data privacy, Travellers have the right to view and correct any personal information that concerns them, and that Compagnie du Ponant may be required to gather for the purposes of its business activities.

1. Definitions:
1.1 "Tickets": refers interchangeably to Transportation, Cruise, and/or Airline Tickets.
1.2 "Airline Ticket": A document that contains the specifications of the air transportation contract via which the Airline undertakes to carry the Traveller between the airports mentioned therein.
1.3 "Cruise Ticket": a document that contains the specifications of the cruise contract via which the Organiser of the Cruise undertakes to have the Traveller carried by the Sea Carrier, and to provide them with the amenities and services that are mentioned on the Cruise Ticket. The Cruise Ticket delivered to the Traveller is governed by the general terms and conditions of the Cruise Ticket.
1.4 "Passenger Ticket": a document that contains the specifications of the passenger transportation agreement via which the Sea Carrier undertakes to carry the Traveller between the ports mentioned therein. The Passenger Ticket delivered to the Traveller is governed by the general terms and conditions of the Passenger Ticket.
1.5 "CDP": Compagnie du Ponant, a simplified joint stock company, which has its registered office at 408, avenue du Prado 13008 Marseille, with share capital of €3,644,607. The company is registered on the Marseille Trade and Companies Register under No. 344 497 011, holds Government Licence No. 013.06.0005, is a member of SNAV (French National Travel Agents' Association) and is registered with ATOUT France under No. IM013120040. The company's financial cover is provided by APST, 15 avenue Carnot, 75017 Paris. Compagnie du Ponant has subscribed to an insurance policy covering its Professional Civil Liability under No. AA714708 with Generali Assurance IARD – 7 boulevard Haussmann – 75456 Paris Cedex 09.
1.6 "Signing of the Contract": refers to the point when the contract is entered into between the Traveller(s) and CDP, i.e. when the latter confirms their booking to the Traveller.
1.7 "General Terms and Conditions of Sale" or "GTCS": the clauses in this document.
1.8 "Particular Terms and Conditions of Sale" or "PTCS": the contractual clauses applicable to the Contract, which are specific to each Cruise season – summer or winter.
1.9 "Contract": all the respective obligations incumbent upon CDP and the Traveller, as specified on the invoice and the Tickets, as well as in the GTCS and PTCS.
1.10 "Cruise": a round-trip by sea as described in the CDP Sales Brochure and/or on the CDP website, and on the Cruise Ticket.
1.11 "Expedition Cruise": cruise during which exploration excursions are planned in inflatable boats, accompanied by nature guides.
1.12 "Pre-Booked excursion and/or extension": Services including Transfers, sight-seeing trips and ground services before, during and/or after the Cruise.
1.13 "Fixed-Rate Package": refers to the combination of a Cruise with a flight and/or a Transfer and/or Pre- and Post-Cruise Services, and/or Pre-Booked Excursions and/or Extensions, and/or any other tourism service booked when Signing the Contract. The Fixed-Rate Package does not include land excursions that have not been booked at the same time as the Cruise, and the services offered on board the ship.
1.14 "Organiser of the Cruise": a private individual or a company that undertakes to have the Travellers carried by the Sea Carrier, and to provide them with the amenities and services that are mentioned on the Cruise Ticket, and whose letterhead appears on the Cruise Ticket.
1.15 "Disabled Person" or "Person with Reduced Mobility": any person affected by a restriction on their movements or a restriction preventing them from enjoying the Services agreed due to a significant alteration of one or several of their physical, sensory, mental, cognitive, or psychological functions, to multiple handicaps, or to a debilitating health problem.
1.16 "Service": refers to any Cruise, Fixed-Rate Package, flight, Transfer, Pre- and Post-Cruise Service, Pre-Booked Excursion and/or Extension, and any other tourism service booked when Signing the Contract.
1.17 "Price": total cost of the Services booked by the Traveller.
1.18 "Pre- and Post-Cruise Services": Services including Transfers, sight-seeing trips and ground services before and/or after the Cruise, as mentioned in the Contract.
1.19 "Transfer": an operation that consists in carrying Travellers between the port of embarkation and/or disembarkation and a meeting point determined by CDP (airport, hotel, or railway station, etc.).
1.20 "Sea Carrier": a private individual or company that operates the ship that carries the Travellers, and whose letterhead is shown on the Passenger Ticket.
1.21 "Air Carrier": a company that under takes to carry the Travellers by air, and whose letterhead is shown on the Airline Ticket.
1.22 "Vendor": a private individual or legal entity that has sold the Services included in the Contract directly to the Travellers.
1.23 "Travellers": any person named at the time of the booking and/or Signing of the Contract, and whose name is shown on an invoice and/or on the Tickets issued by CDP or by the Vendor.

2. Acceptance and application of the General Terms and Conditions
2.1 The Signing of the Contract implies acceptance of all these GTCS and PTCS by the Traveller, with no reservations, together with the clauses and conditions in the Passenger Ticket and the Cruise Ticket.

3. Applicable legislation
3.1 Where CDP acts in the capacity of a Sea Carrier, the contractual relations between CDP and the Traveller shall be governed by the Passenger Ticket and by the provisions of the French Transport Code, and specifically Articles L. 5420-1 to L. 5421-12, by the Application Decree of 31 December 1966, and by the provisions of the London International Convention of 19 November 1976, as well as by the provisions of Regulation 392/2009 issued by the European Parliament and Council on 23 April 2009, where applicable, which form an integral part of the Passenger Ticket.
3.2 Where CDP is the Organiser of the Cruise, the contractual relations between CDP and the Traveller shall be governed by the Contract, which includes the Cruise Ticket, as well as by Articles 47 to 49 of Law No. 66-420 of 18 June 1966 regarding chartering and sea carriage contracts, and its application decree of 31 December 1966.
3.3 Where CDP is the Vendor of a tourism package within the meaning of Article L. 211-2 of the French Tourism Code, the contractual relations between CDP and the Traveller shall be governed by the Contract, and by Articles L. 211-1 and seq. and R. 211-1 and seq. of the French Tourism Code.

4. Payment of the Price
4.1 The Signing of the Contract implies payment of 25% of the Price of this Service as an advance, while the balance must be paid within 60 business days at most prior to the beginning of the first Service featured in the Contract.
4.2 As an exemption to Article 4.1, the balance must be paid within 90 days at most before the beginning of the first Service featured in the Contract in the case of Expedition Cruises.
4.3 Once the Service has been paid for in full, the Traveller shall receive a booking confirmation followed by the Ticket(s) and the exchange vouchers closer to cruise departure, where applicable.

5. Rates and reductions per person and per cruise
5-1: Public rates are the reference rates of the cruise applicable for the validity period of the brochure. Public rates are per person and based on double occupancy.
5.2: Ponant Bonus Fares is a special savings programme off published cruise only rates for selected voyages. Ponant Bonus is the guaranteed best price you can obtain on the day you make your reservation. It can save you up to 30% off the public rates (rate port to port only, out port taxes and security and airline fare). Ponant Bonus fares are capacity controlled, subject to availability and may change at any time without notice.
5.3 Single Supplement The single supplement shall apply to any person who occupies a stateroom on their own. The Supplement shall apply to the port-to-port section (excluding port taxes) of the Ponant Bonus rate in effect. This supplement may change depending on the occupancy rate of the cruises concerned. It may therefore change for certain categories of staterooms and/or suites only, or for an entire cruise at any time with no notice. The single supplement shall be offered in certain stateroom categories for a selection of cruises. This selection shall be updated in accordance with the occupancy rate, and can be viewed on our website at au.ponant.com.
5.4 Depending on the occupancy of the ship (with the exception of the *Le Ponant* yacht) at the time of reservation, a **"guaranteed"** Deluxe Stateroom Deck 3 stateroom may be offered. This means that the booking has been made in the Deluxe Stateroom Deck 3 category without a stateroom number being assigned, and that the stateroom shall be assigned at the Company's discretion, and may change at any time until embarkation. Once the stateroom number has been assigned, no request for a change may be accepted. This formula offers the advantage of potentially benefiting from a stateroom in a higher category without a price surcharge. The minimum category selected at the time of booking shall be guaranteed in any event.
5.5 Other Savings
These offer are not combinable with any other discounts or special offers, and are not applicable on Ocean Voyage (except Grand Admirals of the Ponant Yacht Club who also benefit from these advantages on Ocean Voyage)
If you could obtain more discounts, the amount of the second discount is calculated from the price obtained after deducting the 1st and so on.
5.5.1 Combination of cruises (Discount only applies to port/port cruise fare does not include port charges, not applicable to Ocean Voyages, and subject to availability at time of booking). Both offers below are not cumulative.
• On all our cruises: 10% off on any combined cruise
• On a particular selection of cruises accessible on our website:
- 20% off the 2nd cruise
- 30% off the 3rd cruise
- 40% off the 4th cruise
5.5.2 Ponant Yacht Club Grand Admiral Members
-5% off the cruise-only rate, port taxes excluded. This offer will also work for Ocean Voyages.
-10% off the cruise only rate, port taxes excluded of your 2nd cruise in the same year - excluding back to back cruises.
5.5.3 Ponant Yacht Club Admiral Members
-5% off the cruise only rate, port taxes excluded of your 2nd cruise in the same year – excluding back to back cruises.
5.5.4 Honeymoon Offer
For any cruise taken within the 12 months after the wedding or civil union (1), you can enjoy the following advantages:
- 5% off the cruise-only rate, port taxes excluded
- Bottle of champagne on arrival
- A photography session and your 5 favourite photos for free (except on board *Le Ponant*)
- 2 spa treatments (maximum value: €120 per treatment, approximately AUD 180) (except on board *Le Ponant*)
- Dinner at Captain's Table
(1) Offer valid on presentation of proof.
5.5.5 Wedding Anniversary
If you are celebrating any multiple of five years of marriage or civil union (1), enjoy a € 200 / AUD 300 / US$ 260 /£ 175 reductions per stateroom /suite for a cruise taken during the calendar year of your anniversary.
(1) Offer valid on presentation of proof. Reduction applies only once per year of anniversary.
5.5.6 Family & Friends
• Any group booking that includes at least 5 paying persons will receive an unconditional 5% reduction on that cruise port/port (port taxes not included).
• Preferential rate for 2 to 17 year-olds sharing a stateroom or Suite with 1or 2 adults. Please contact us.
5.5.7 Referral Programme
Introduce PONANT to your relatives and friends and take advantage of the Sponsorship offer. As a sponsor, you receive a AUD 1000 reduction per stateroom on your next cruise, after the person you sponsor has returned from theirs; they in turn enjoy a reduction of AUD 700* on their first cruise. The number of referred persons is not limited; you are allowed to cumulate reductions. Referrer is eligible for the Referral Program from the day they embark on their first PONANT cruise. Travel Agents are not eligible for the Referral Program.
5.5.8 Booking on board
-5% off the cruise only (excluding port charges and security) for each new cruise booked with our onboard staff.
Except the Single Traveller Offer and the Ponant Bonus, the offers described above are not combinable.

6. Passports, Visas and Vaccination Certificates
6.1 Every Traveller shall be responsible for performing the administrative and/or health formalities required by the countries concerned by the Services, including those formalities disclosed by CDP and viewable on the website au.ponant.com as well as in the brochure, prior to Signing the Contract.
6.2 Travellers should contact the relevant embassies and/or consulates and perform the administrative and/or health formalities required by the countries concerned by the Services prior to Signing the Contract.
6.3 CDP shall not be held responsible for the consequences of a Traveller failing to comply with police, customs, or health formalities prior to or during the length of the Services under any circumstances. A Traveller who is unable to board a flight or a ship because they cannot present the documents required may not claim any refund or compensation.
6.4 In any event, Travellers are advised to check all the information with the authorities concerned prior to the departure date. CDP advises Travellers to consult the country factsheets relating to the chosen destinations. CDP specifically draws Travellers' attention to the fact that the information provided may change up until the departure date, and they are advised to consult that information up until the time of departure.
CDP invites Travellers to adjust their behaviour to the visited country, to exercise vigilance and to avoid carrying valuable objects during their travel.

7. Embarkation and sea carriage conditions
• General rules
7.1 The Traveller must present themselves for embarkation under the conditions determined by the Passenger Ticket, and at least two hours before the ship's scheduled departure time. The Passenger Ticket and/or the Cruise Ticket issued by CDP shall only be valid for the Cruise and the ship mentioned on the ticket.
7.2 The purpose of the Passenger Ticket is to transport the Travellers and their luggage from the time when they embark at the port of departure to the time when they disembark at their destination.
7.3 All Travellers must hold a valid passport, or an identity card, where applicable, that are valid for six months following the date of their return, together with the visas and vaccination certificates likely to be required in the ports where the ship calls and the port of destination. Every Traveller shall be personally responsible for complying with the legal and regulatory provisions required prior to departure. The Carrier, the Organiser of the Cruise, and/or CDP, and/or the Captain may refuse to allow a Traveller who does not show the documents enabling them to disembark at the port of destination port and at the scheduled ports of call to embark or disembark.
7.4 If a Traveller who has reserved a Cruise solely on a port-to-port basis organises their own air or ground

transport to the port of embarkation and/or to their home address, they are strongly advised to purchase changeable and refundable transportation tickets, and to allow for reasonable transfer times between the station, the airport, and the port. In the event of a delay, cancellation or change, CDP shall not be responsible for the transport and Transfer expenses and/or for any other kind of amenities and services not included in the Cruise Ticket that were not directly purchased from CDP. CDP shall not be responsible for any incidents or accidental damage to equipment and/or bodily injury that may occur during travel to and/or from the ship.

7.5 Every Traveller shall guarantee that they are fit to travel by sea, and that their state of health or behaviour shall not harm the other Travellers or the proper performance of the Services agreed and/or proposed. If a Traveller's state of health is likely to limit their ability to enjoy the Services agreed, or to disrupt the proper provision of those Services, they must inform CDP, and must provide a medical certificate certifying their fitness on request. Any health problem, if known, must be mentioned to CDP's Medical Department in writing when Signing the Contract or before the departure of the ship (or prior to the beginning of the Services) at the latest.

7.6 Travellers shall be responsible for Doctor's appointments, medical care, and medication on land or on board the ships. All Travellers must ensure that they are covered by an appropriate medical insurance policy.

7.7 In the event of the threat of an epidemic, the Carrier, the Organiser of the Cruise, CDP, the Captain of the ship, or any other local health authority may demand that the Traveller fill in a health questionnaire and take a screening test, where applicable, before or at the time of embarkation or disembarkation, including during port calls.

7.8 In the specific case of Expedition Cruises, where you are reminded that any medical facilities are several days away by sea, a mandatory full medical questionnaire (a document provided on Signing the Contract) must be filled in by the Traveller's referring attendant physician between 90 and 45 days prior to the beginning of the Services, and must be returned to CDP's Medical Department (medical@ponant.com) by mail or e-mail within 40 days prior to the beginning of the Services at the latest. Any medical certificate issued prior to the determined period shall not be valid. Any Traveller who has not returned their duly completed mandatory medical certificate shall not be allowed to embark, and shall not benefit from any refund.

7.9 Travellers must comply with the rules on board throughout the journey. Travellers are required to attend any safety demonstrations and explanations that are organised on board, and to follow the crew's instructions at all times.

7.10 If they consider it necessary, the Carrier, the Organiser of the Cruise, CDP and/or the Captain of the ship may terminate the contract and refuse to carry any Traveller who does not comply with the conditions for entering into the destination ports, or whose presence on board could be harmful to the comfort, health, and safety of the other Travellers and the crew, breach the laws and rules of the ports where the ship calls, or render the Carrier, the Organiser of the Cruise, and/or CDP liable for the Traveller's legal defence or repatriation. Accordingly, the Organiser of the Cruise, the Carrier, and/or CDP, and/or the Captain of the ship may decide to take the following appropriate measures: Refuse to allow the Traveller(s) to embark or disembark in any port that the ship calls at; 2) Disembark the Traveller(s) at any port that the ship calls at; 3) Transfer the Traveller(s) to another ship; 4) Confine the Traveller(s) on board, in their stateroom, or in a stateroom managed by the on-board medical team; 5) Have the doctor and their team administer any drugs, medications, or other permissible substances, and/or confine the Traveller in hospital or in any other similar facility at the port of destination if the on-board doctor considers it necessary.

• Disabled Persons and Persons with Reduced Mobility

7.11 Due to safety requirements, every Traveller must be independent, or travel with a person who is capable of providing them with all the assistance required during the performance of the Services.

7.12 Travellers whose mobility is restricted due to a physical disability or to a condition that requires special treatment and/or special assistance, including people who use wheelchairs, must inform CDP in writing at the time when they make the booking request, or as soon as the Traveller becomes aware of their disability if that disability occurs following the booking, but in any event at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the Services, in order to enable CDP to confirm to the Traveller that they will be physically able to enjoy the Cruise on board the ship and/or the Services agreed, inter alia.

7.13 The Organiser of the Cruise, the Carrier, and/or CDP, and/or the Captain reserve the right to refuse access to Travellers who have failed to inform CDP or the Vendor about a disability or their need for assistance, if such disability and need are not compatible with the applicable safety rules and the specific regulations for the navigation area, or require care that CDP and/or the Carrier would not be in a position to provide, or if the design of the passenger ship, and the port infrastructure and facilities, including port terminals, make the embarkation, disembarkation, or transportation of the person concerned under satisfactory safety conditions impossible.

7.14 Going ashore may be difficult or even impossible for Travellers with Restricted Mobility, or Disabled Travellers, especially in the event of disembarkation in launches or/and excursions in inflatable boats.

7.15 Once they have received CDP's written agreement, Travellers who use a wheelchair must embark with their own wheelchair, and must absolutely be accompanied by a person who is capable of assisting them at all times. Every disembarkation shall nonetheless be subject to the approval of the Captain.

7.16 *Le Boréal*, *L'Austral*, *Le Soléal* and *Le Lyrial* all have three staterooms that are specially equipped to receive Disabled Persons, or Persons with Restricted Mobility (two staterooms on board *Le Lapérouse*, *Le Champlain, Le Bougainville* and *Le Dumont-d'Urville*). Please note that the *Le Ponant* yacht specifically does not allow access to Persons with Restricted Mobility or Disabled Persons due to a different design.

• Children and Pregnancy

7.17 Children under two years of age shall not be authorised to embark on the ships. Children under five years of age shall not be authorised to embark on the ships for Polar Expedition cruises.

7.18 In the case of all the Expedition Cruises, children must be fully independent during all the outside activities organised and during disembarkation in inflatable boats, be sufficiently tall to sit on the inflatable sides of the boats, and old enough to understand, and immediately respond to the orders given by the persons in charge. As a result, children's participation in any activity in an inflatable boat shall be subject to the agreement of the Captain and of the Expedition Head, depending on the sea conditions, and the difficulty of disembarking at each location visited. The ships do not carry Parka's in children's sizes. Parents must arrange to bring a suitable Parka for children.

7.19 Minor children shall remain under their parents or guardians' full and entire responsibility when on board and/or during excursions.

7.20 PONANT reserves the right to limit the number of children less than 8 years of age aboard its ships.

7.21 As the ships do not have any facilities to enable women to give birth on board, women who are over six months pregnant shall not be allowed to embark on the ships. In any event, pregnant women travelling on board the ship are advised to consult a doctor prior to embarkation, in order to ensure that their state of health is compatible with the planned cruise.

• Authorised luggage

7.21 Every Traveller must label each luggage item correctly, and indicate their full name, the name of the ship, their destination, and their stateroom number in a highly legible manner. The markings must be visible and permanent.

7.22 Goods, property, and items where the contents may threaten the health and safety of the other Travellers and their Luggage, of persons or of property, and may damage or pollute the ship, inflammable, explosive, corrosive, hazardous, or odorous materials, or materials that are likely to leak, items where importation is prohibited or that do not comply with customs or police regulations, and generally speaking property and items other than those intended for the Traveller's personal use are prohibited on board and in their luggage (hereinafter the "Prohibited Items"). In any event, the Traveller shall be liable for any injury, loss, or damage suffered as a result of the presence of Prohibited Items in their luggage or in their stateroom, and shall hold the Organiser of the Cruise, the Carrier, and/or CDP harmless against any proceedings that may be initiated against them as a result of the presence of these Prohibited Items on board or at the time of embarkation or disembarkation. These Prohibited Items may be disembarked, destroyed, thrown into the sea, or rendered harmless at any time and any place by the Organiser of the Cruise, the Carrier, the crew, and/or CDP, without compensation, and notwithstanding payment of any destruction costs by the Traveller.

7.23 Travellers must keep an eye on their luggage and personal effects throughout the length of the Services, including their stay on board and during embarkation, transfer, and disembarkation operations. The Organiser of the Cruise, the Carrier, and/or CDP shall decline any liability for luggage that is left unsupervised by the Traveller, and where the latter has not taken all necessary precautions to avoid theft, loss, or damage. The Organiser of the Cruise, the Carrier and/or CDP shall not be liable for fragile items, jewellery, watches, money, cash, computers and other electronic appliances, mobile 'phones, or any other valuable items that the Traveller has not declared as valuables, and entrusted for custody on board with a descriptive inventory and an estimate, and for which they have not paid the corresponding proportional custody fees.

7.24 Travellers shall be liable under civil and criminal law for any direct or indirect damage that they cause to the Organiser of the Cruise, the Carrier, and/or CDP, and to the other Travellers or third parties. They shall be solely liable for any fine or penalty inflicted by the relevant authorities on their account.

7.25 Travellers shall agree to allow the Organiser of the Cruise, the Carrier, the officers of the crew and/or CDP, together with the customs, health and/or administrative authorities in port of call countries or the State where the ship is registered free access to their stateroom, luggage, and personal effects on request and without delay.

7.26 The Organiser of the Cruise, the Carrier, and/or CDP shall not be liable for the damage caused to photographic, telephone, and electronic equipment and cameras that are lost or damaged during the performance of the Services, whether on board the ship or in ancillary facilities, or during embarkation and disembarkation operations, or for any damage caused to items that have fallen into the water.

• Pets

7.27 Pets, including service or medical assistance animals are prohibited on board the ships, and are not admitted for embarkation.

• Smoking policies

7.28 The ships are non-smoking except for the specifically designated areas on the outside decks (the policy also applies to electronic cigarettes).

8. Air carriage

8.1 The full Airline Tickets shall be presented in the form of electronic tickets. The surnames and given names must strictly be those indicated on the Traveller's valid passport. Any error or request for alteration shall result in the purchase of a new Airline Ticket.

8.2 In accordance with French Decree No. 2007-669 of 2 May 2007 regarding the obligation to inform Travellers of the identity of the Airline Carrier, CDP shall inform Travellers of the identity of the known Airline Carrier(s) likely to provide air transportation as at the date when they register. In the event of a change subsequent to the signing of the Contract, CDP undertakes to disclose any changes in the identity of the Airline Carrier(s) prior to departure as soon as it becomes aware of them.

8.3 Airline companies may enter into so-called mutual code-sharing agreements, which consist in marketing a flight under their own name even though it may be operated by an aircraft belonging to another airline.

8.4 The term "direct flight" means that there shall be no change of aircraft, but does not exclude the possibility of one or several stop-overs. The term "non-stop direct flight" means a flight with no change of aircraft and no stop-overs.

8.5 The timetables and types of transport mentioned by CDP shall be those disclosed by the Airline Carriers. They shall therefore be indicative up until the time of departure, and subject to alterations for all kinds of reasons (additional stop-overs, weather conditions, air traffic control authorisations, and strikes, etc.). In accordance with the Warsaw and Montréal Conventions, the timetables and itineraries, and the departure and destination airports shall never be a contractual feature of the Transportation Ticket; under these conditions, CDP cannot be held liable for any changes beyond its control.

8.6 CDP cannot be held responsible for any technical, climate-related or political incident, delay, cancellation or strike, additional stop-over, or change of aircraft or routing, etc that may arise during the air transportation, and no compensation may result on any grounds whatsoever. If a Traveller wishes to waive their right to benefit from a Service, they shall be liable for the cancellation fees set out below.

8.7 The Airline Carrier's responsibility shall be limited in the event of damage, complaints, or claims of any kind, in accordance with the conditions set out on the Airline Tickets. CDP shall not refund any expenses (taxis, meals and hotels, etc.) if the Traveller is under the responsibility of the Airline Carrier. The consequences of any accidents and/or incidents that may arise during the performance of the air transportation shall be governed by the Warsaw and Montréal Conventions, and by the local regulations governing domestic transport systems in the country concerned.

8.8 Depending on the Airline Carrier, the usual baggage allowance on regular international flights (excluding the benefits granted to members of loyalty programmes) is strictly limited to a maximum of 23 kg in the hold and 8 kg in the stateroom per Traveller. On regular domestic flights, the allowance usually ranges between a maximum of 15 and 20 kg in the hold. On charter flights operated by CDP, the maximum hold luggage allowance is 23 kg (subject to confirmation by the selected Airline Carrier) and 5 kg for each item of luggage in the stateroom. Travellers are advised to pay close attention to this restriction. Airline Carriers do not hesitate to charge additional fees for excess baggage, and sometimes refuse to check luggage that is too heavy or too bulky due to strict security rules. The liability of CDP and of the Airline Carrier cannot be engaged in the event of refusal to check in a Traveller due to the fact that their luggage exceeds the allowance.

9. Transfer of the Contract

9.1 A Traveller may transfer their Contract to a third party who fulfils the same conditions as them for the performance of all the Services, as long as those Services have not begun, in accordance with Article R. 211-7 of the French Tourism Code, and only where this Code applies to CDP.

9.2 The transferor and/or the transferee shall be required to pay the resulting fees. They must inform CDP of this decision by any means that enables them to obtain an acknowledgement of receipt (registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, e-mail, or fax, etc.) within 60 business days at the latest prior to the beginning of the Services.

9.3 In the event that a Traveller transfers their Contract without informing CDP in accordance with the procedures provided for above, this transfer shall not be valid, and the Services provided for in the Contract shall be cancelled with no possible refund.

10. Cancellation or alteration of the Contract by the Traveller

10.1 Pursuant to Article L. 121-21 of the French Consumer Code, Travellers are informed of the fact that they do not benefit from the right of withdrawal provided for in Article L. 121-17 of said Code.

10.2 Travellers cannot alter the Services provided for in the Contract without CDP's prior agreement.

10.3 If a Traveller alters or cancels a portion or all of the Services provided for in the Contract, shall need to inform CDP via any means that enables them to obtain an acknowledgement of receipt (fax, email, or registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt) as soon as the event resulting in this alteration or cancellation occurs. The date on which the document was sent shall be the date on which the alteration and/or cancellation fees are invoiced.

Requests to alter a cruise shall only be accepted subject to Compagnie du Ponant being informed within a timeframe of at least 90 days before the departure of the cruise, via the means set out above. This timeframe shall be increased to 150 days for Expedition Cruise programmes.

Beyond that deadline, alteration requests shall be considered as cancellation requests, and shall therefore be managed according to Paragraph 10.5, which governs cancellation fees.The alteration terms and conditions exclusively involve the option for the traveller to replace a port-to-port cruise with another port-to-port cruise with Compagnie du Ponant.

10.4 Alteration fees:

In the event of an alteration involving a higher-value travel package, and subject to compliance with the terms and conditions set out in Points 10.4.a to 10.4.d, no alteration fee shall be applied to the cruise service, or to the other services, (e.g. air travel). The rebooking fees shall amount to the expenses already incurred by Compagnie du Ponant:

- 10.4. a: The passenger may alter their cruise subject to replacing it with a more expensive cruise than the one that is being replaced;

• 10.4. b: The departure date of the cruise booked as a replacement must fall within a maximum timeframe of 12 months as from the date when the alteration request was made;
• 10.4.c: The reservation and payment of the deposit for the replacement cruise must be made at the same time as the alteration request;
• 10.4. d: The replacement cruise selected shall become non-exchangeable and non-refundable from that point; the passenger may only cancel it.

In the event that the Contract is switched to a Service of a lower value than the initial value, alteration fees shall apply, and shall be equal to those in the cancellation terms and conditions set out in Article 10.5 below. The fee percentage shall then apply to the difference between the price of the initial Service and/or of the new Service.
Specific terms and conditions for an alteration request from Ponant Yacht Club High Admirals
In the event of the 1st alteration of a tourism package: no fees shall be applied to the cruise service, as long as the request is made within a timeframe of at least 90 days before the departure of the cruise. This timeframe shall be extended to 150 days for Expedition Cruise programmes. New departure within 12 months after the date of departure initially scheduled. Only one alteration without penalty charges per calendar year and per person entitled to Grand Admiral status, regardless of the cruise.
Any alteration request aside from the alteration of the 1st cruise shall be subject to the general sales condition applicable by default.
In the case of other services (e.g. air travel), the alteration fees shall amount to the expenses already incurred by Compagnie du Ponant:
10.5 Cancellation fees:
For the Expedition Cruises:
• From the registration confirmation date up to 365 days prior to the departure of the Cruise: AUD 400 per passenger on the cruise only rate;
• Between 364 days and 91 days prior to the departure of the Cruise: 25% of the total amount of the Services;
• Between 90 days and 76 days before the departure of the Cruise: 50% of the total amount of the Services;
• Between 75 days and 61 days prior to the departure of the Cruise: 75 % of the total amount of the Services;
• Less than 61 days prior to the departure of the Cruise: 100 % of the total amount of the Services.
For other cruise programmes:
• From the registration confirmation date up to 365 days prior to the departure of the Cruise: AUD 400 per passenger on the cruise only rate;
• Between 364 days and 91 days prior to the departure of the Cruise: 10% of the total amount of the Services;
• Between 90 days and 61 days before the departure of the Cruise: 25% of the total amount of the Services;
• Between 60 days and 46 days prior to the departure of the Cruise: 50 % of the total amount of the Services;
• Between 45 days and 31 days prior to the departure of the Cruise: 75% of the total amount of the Services;
• Less than 30 days prior to the departure of the Cruise: 100 % of the total amount of the Services.
For the other Services:
No refund shall be granted for any cancellation or waiver of an airline or ground Service included in the contract, or of any service that forms part of the Cruise, for any reason whatsoever.
10.6 In the event that a Traveller is prevented from taking the Cruise by a force majeure event, or due to their death, the Contract shall be terminated via the notice provided by the Traveller or their beneficiaries prior to the execution of the Contract. One quarter of the price of the Contract shall then be payable to CDP. The same conditions shall apply to the family members of a Traveller who was prevented from taking the Cruise by a force majeure event or who has died, and who were meant to be travelling with them.
10.7 A Traveller who does not present themselves at the departure of a Service, or who finds themselves unable to depart, or decides not to depart for any reason whatsoever, including due to a connection delay, cannot claim any refund.
10.8 Once the Services have begun, the Traveller shall be required to pay the full price of the Contract, regardless of the reason that may lead them to decide to waive it.

11. Cancellation, interruption, or alteration of the Contract by CDP
11.1 The arrival and departure times are provided for information purposes and are not definitive. In its capacity as the Organiser of the Cruise, and/or the Carrier, and/or the Vendor of a Package, CDP cannot guarantee that the times will fit in with (air plane and train, etc.) connection timetables.
11.2 CDP may assign travellers different staterooms than those initially provided for.
11.3 CDP reserves the right to interrupt a Cruise or to change its itinerary for any reason that it shall consider valid; in this case, CDP cannot be held liable for any loss or harm.
11.4 Specifically in the event of adverse weather conditions, or due to the political or social situation in a port of call country, or due to any other event that may endanger the safety of the Travellers, property, or the ship, or in the event of orders imposed by public authorities, the Organiser of the Cruise, and/or the Carrier, and/or CDP shall have the option to change the itinerary or the ports of call or destination, to delay the trip or to end it, to divert the ship, to tow another ship or to be towed, to transfer the Travellers and their luggage to any other means of transport, even if such transfer results in extending or shortening the length of the programme.
11.5 The ship may provide assistance to any person or property at sea under all circumstances, and cannot be held liable for the consequences of a change to the Cruise programme for that reason.
11.6 Where CDP is required to alter the Cruise after the Travellers have embarked for reasons beyond its control, Travellers cannot claim any compensation other than the refund of the Services that were not provided and not replaced, or of the unused portion of the Tickets less any expenses incurred, from either CDP, the Carrier, or the Organiser of the Cruise. Conversely, CDP may ask the Travellers to pay a price supplement corresponding to the additional services provided to the Travellers due to an extension of the trip.
11.7 In the case of external events beyond the control of the Organiser of the Cruise, and/or the Carrier, and/or CDP, or for any reason relating to the safety of the Travellers, or of the ship, or due to an insufficient number of participants, CDP may cancel the Cruise, and must inform the Travellers and/or the Organiser of the Cruise, where applicable, by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, or via e-mail, or via a press release.
11.8 CDP's Cruises and other Services are subject to a minimum number of participants.
11.8.1 CDP reserves the right to cancel a Cruise up to 21 days prior to departure if the minimum number of Travellers registered is less than or equal to 50% of the ship's "passenger capacity" (200 Passengers for the Expedition Cruise programmes, 244 passengers for the other Cruises on board the *L'Austral*, *Le Boréal*, *Le Lyrial* and *Le Soléal*, 172 passengers on board *Le Lapérouse*, *Le Champlain*, *Le Bougainville* and *Le Dumont d'Urville* and 55 passengers for the *Le Ponant* Yacht).
11.8.2 CDP reserves the right to cancel any other service other than the Cruise if the number of Passengers is less than 20 participants (unless specified otherwise).
11.9 Where CDP is the Organiser of the Cruise, and regardless of the reason for the cancellation, no compensation shall be payable to the Traveller, who shall have a choice between the following solutions: (i) The full refund of the price of the Contract, (ii) another Service at an identical price, (iii) a Service at a lower price, and the refund of the difference in price between the two Services on the basis of the published prices. Travellers must inform CDP of their choice as soon as possible, and in any event prior to the cut-off date mentioned in the cancellation documents.
11.10 The means of transport that are the subject of the Services shall be reserved by CDP in accordance with the terms and conditions of each operator who provides these services. CDP reserves the right to substitute one means of transport for another, or one hotel for another in the same category. In the second case, if the hotel is in a lower category, the excess amount paid shall be refunded to the Travellers.
11.11 All the Services shall be offered within the limit of the places available. If there is no more room in the category proposed, CDP may offer additional places in exchange for a price supplement, depending on availability.

12. Liability
12.1 Where it acts in the capacity of a Sea Carrier, CDP shall be liable for any harm caused to Travellers in accordance with the provisions and compensation limits provided for in the following legislation, depending on their respective scopes of application, namely Articles L. 5421-1 to 5421-8 of the French Transport Code, and (EC) Regulation 392/2009 issued by the European Parliament and Council on 23 April 2009. Where this Regulation is applicable, the compensation limits assigned to the Carrier in the event of death or bodily harm amount to 400,000 drawing rights per Traveller and per event.
12.2 Where it acts in the capacity of a Sea Carrier, CDP shall be liable for any damage caused to luggage in accordance with the provisions and compensation limits provided for in the following legislation, depending on their respective scopes of application, namely Articles L. 5421-9 to 5421-12 of the French Transport Code, Decree No. 67-268 of 23 March 1967, as amended by Decree No. 86-1065 24 September 1986, and (EC) Regulation 392/2009 issued by the European Parliament and Council on 23 April 2009. Where this Regulation is applicable, the compensation limits assigned to the Carrier in the event of loss of or damage to luggage shall be 2,250 special drawing rights for each passenger and trip, while an excess of 149 special drawing rights per Traveller shall be applied in any event. Where (EC) Regulation 392/2009 does not apply, the maximum compensation for loss of or damage to luggage payable by the Carrier shall be €1,520 per Traveller and per trip.
12.3 In any event, where it acts in the capacity of a Sea Carrier, CDP shall benefit from the compensation limits included in the London International Convention of 19 November 1976, as amended by the 1996 Protocol; these limits shall prevail over any other limits determined by legislation where the application is not mandatory.
12.4 Where it operates as the Organiser of the Cruise, CDP shall be liable for any bodily harm or damage to property that occurs on board the ship or in its ancillary facilities or vessels during embarkation or disembarkation, or that occurs during carriage at sea within the same limits and under the same conditions as the Carrier. Where this damage or injury occurs outside such circumstances, but between the beginning and the end of the cruise, the compensation potentially payable to the Traveller by the Organiser of the Cruise and/or CDP shall be capped at 50% of the price of the Cruise.
12.5 Where it is involved in the capacity of the vendor of a fixed-price travel package within the meaning of the French Tourism Code, CDP shall be responsible for any harm or damage caused to Travellers or their luggage within the limits and conditions specified in Article L. 211-16 of said Code.
CDP's liability may specifically not be engaged in relation to the consequences of the following events:
a) Loss or theft of the Tickets, failure to present the correct documents, or presentation of identity or health documents that are out of date or where the validity period is insufficient (identity card, passport, visas, and vaccination certificates, etc.), or that do not comply with the instructions mentioned in the documents delivered to the Traveller;
b) unforeseeable and unavoidable incidents or events that affect a third party to the travel contract (force majeure events). Where a cancellation is required by circumstances that have the nature of a force majeure event and/or for reasons relating to the security of Travellers, and/or as the result of an injunction issued by a French or foreign administrative authority.
12.6 CDP's liability in its capacity as the Organiser of the Cruise, and/or the Carrier, and/or the Vendor of a Package shall be expressly excluded in the case of non-pecuniary losses, loss of enjoyment and so-called punitive and or similar damages.
12.7 Where a Traveller is not allowed to embark on the ship – including after of during a port call – under the conditions mentioned in Articles 6, neither CDP, in its capacity as Organiser of the Cruise, and/or the Carrier, and/or the Vendor of a Package, nor the Captain of the ship, nor the crew shall be held liable on any grounds whatsoever.
12.8 CDP shall not be held liable for bodily harm, or damage to property or non-physical damage caused by wars, blockades, riots, strikes, social conflicts, acts of piracy or terrorism, epidemics or periods of quarantine, natural disasters and catastrophes, nuclear fusion, fission, pollution or explosion or its consequences, the closure of the port of departure, of call, or destination, the impounding, requisition, or seizure of the ship for whatever reason, the use of the ship for special Government purposes, or due simply to the threat of the above events. Moreover, it shall not be held liable for any harm caused by the Traveller's deliberate involvement in an affray or in a hazardous activity or action that was not rendered necessary in order to safeguard human life.
12.9 CDP shall not be held liable under any circumstances for any damage caused by the interruption and/or the alteration of the trip as the result of a force majeure event, including, wars, blockades, riots, strikes, social conflicts, acts of piracy or terrorism, epidemics or periods of quarantine, natural disasters and catastrophes, nuclear fusion, fission, pollution or explosion or its consequences, the closure of the port of departure, of call, or destination, the impounding, requisition, or seizure of the ship for whatever reason, the use of the ship for special Government purposes, or due simply to the threat of the above events.
12.10 In the event that CDP is responsible for transporting luggage during a period prior or subsequent to the disembarkation of the ship in its capacity as the Organiser of the Cruise, and/or the Carrier, and/or the Vendor of a Package, it shall act as a representative on the Traveller's behalf, and its liability shall not replace the liability of the carriers who are effectively responsible for transporting the luggage.
12.11 Luggage that is not claimed at the time when the ship or any other means of transport arrives shall remain at the port at the Travellers' expense and at their own risk.
12.12 Any delay in delivering the luggage that inconveniences the Traveller may only give rise to the payment of a compensation amount that cannot exceed 20% of the amount that would be payable in the event of the loss of the luggage stowed in the hold under the terms of Article 12.2. CDP reserves a period of 3 (three) months to look for lost luggage.
12.13 Unless a specific written contractual agreement is in place, ground or air transport, Transfers, water sports and scuba diving from the deck, services included in the Pre-and Post-Cruise Services, Excursions and/or Extensions, excursions on land, including, where applicable, the booking of hotels and restaurants and guided tours when booked from the ship with CDP and invoiced by the latter, are supplied by independent service providers who are neither representatives nor employees of the Organiser of the Cruise, the Carrier, the Vendor of the Package, and/or CDP. Travellers shall use these services at their own risk, and CDP shall only be involved as an intermediary, in its capacity as the Organiser of the Cruise, the Carrier, and/or the Vendor of the Package, and shall not assume or engage any liability for the services, regardless of whether such liability involves bodily harm or damage to property, cancellation, delay or a change of programme.
12.14 Any Traveller who takes part in outside activities as part of the Expedition Cruises agrees to take part in them in good faith and solely at their own risk. In this case, participation engages the liability of each participant, in terms of their physical fitness, their safety, their behaviour, and their comfort. Travellers' attendance at the information briefings provided on board is mandatory. The liability of CDP, its Managing Directors, Directors, officers, crew members, and expedition team members, and the activity leaders cannot be engaged in the event of loss or damage suffered while taking part in outside activities offered during Expedition Cruises under any circumstances.

13. Price reviews
13.1 The prices proposed by CDP are established in accordance with the economic conditions on the day when they are published. These economic conditions include, inter alia, the cost of transportation and fuel, the royalties and taxes relating to the services proposed (entry and/or exit duties in the countries visited, airport or port taxes, embarkation or disembarkation taxes, visa fees, and the cost of admission to tourist attractions), and the exchange rates used when setting the price of the programmes. CDP expressly reserves the right to review its prices. Any change in the cost of transportation and fuel, in taxes, royalties, in the euro and US dollar exchange rates, or special drawing rights and visa fees shall be fully reflected in the price of the trips, including travel agents' commissions, where applicable. Where the French Tourism Code applies, CDP also has the option to lower the Price pursuant to Article L. 211-12 of said Code, on the understanding that, in this case, no pricing review may occur less than 30 business days prior to the scheduled departure date.
13.2 Where the French Tourism Code applies, Travellers shall be informed of any increase in the Price via registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt – or via any other means as long as it enables the effective receipt of the correspondence to be proved – on the basis of a notice period of (30) days prior to the departure date. When they receive this notice, the Passenger and/or the purchaser of the Ticket(s) may cancel their contract and receive an immediate refund of the amount paid by informing the Vendor in writing within a period of 7 (seven) days following receipt of the notice of the price increase.
Any daily surcharge (S) in the case of cruise services only shall be calculated as follows:

$$S = \frac{\text{(change in the price of fuel* X daily consumption**)}}{\text{Capacity of the ship***}}$$

(*): MGO FOB Rotterdam 0.1% in US$
(**): the *L'Austral*, the *Le Boréal*, the *Le Soléal* and the *Le Lyrial*: 20 tonnes; *Le Ponant*: 5.5 tonnes; *Le Lapérouse*, *Le Champlain*, *Le Bougainville* and *Le Dumont d'Urville* : 10 tonnes
(***): *L'Austral*, *Le Boréal*, *Le Soléal* and *Le Lyrial*: 200 for Expedition Cruises and 244 for the other programmes; *Le Ponant*: 55; *Le Lapérouse*, *Le Champlain*, *Le Bougainville* and *Le Dumont-d'Urville*: 172.

14. Travel Insurance
14.1 The sale of the Services by CDP does not include any kind of insurance.
14.2 Passengers shall be responsible for subscribing to cancellation/luggage/assistance/repatriation/medical insurance(s).

15. After-sales
15.1 Any comment or claim relating to a trip or stay must be sent by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, clearly specifying the alleged incident and loss, to either Compagnie du Ponant – 408 avenue du Prado 13008 Marseille, if the Traveller signed their Contract directly with CDP, or to the travel agency that sold them the Services, within a period of one month following the date of their return, subject to the statute of limitations. CDP encourages passengers to fill in the satisfaction questionnaires delivered on board the ship at the end of the Cruise.
15.2 Once they have contacted the After-Sales Departments mentioned in Article 14.1, and failing a satisfactory reply within a period of 60 days, the Traveller may contact the French Tourism and Travel Mediator, whose details and contact methods are available on the following website: www.mtv.travel.
15.3 Any proceedings initiated by the Traveller against CDP in its capacity as the Organiser of the Cruise, and/or the Carrier must be initiated within a period of 1 (one) year for damage to property and of 2 (two) years for bodily harm, subject to the statute of limitations as from the date when the Traveller disembarked or should have disembarked.
15.4 The statute of limitations for any proceedings against CDP in its capacity as the vendor of a Package shall expire within the timeframe specified by Articles 2224 and 2226 of the French Civil Code.

16. Applicable law & Jurisdiction
16.1 This Contract is governed by French law.
16.2 Only the courts in the area of the Marseille District Court, France, have jurisdiction to hear any proceedings initiated against CDP, its employees, subsidiaries, or sub-contractors, even in the event that third parties are involved.

17. Excerpt from the French Tourism Code:
The information contained in CDP's hard-copy brochures and on the company's website is the prior information provided to the Traveller and provided for by Article L. 211-9 of the French Tourism Code. However, in accordance with Article R. 211-5 of the French Tourism Code, Compagnie du Ponant expressly reserves the right to alter certain items prior to the signing of the Contract.
Excerpt from the French Tourism Code determining the conditions for performance of the activities relating to the organisation and sale of trips or stays:
Article R. 211-3: Subject to the exclusions provided for in the third and fourth sub-paragraphs of Article L. 211-7, any offer and sale of travel or accommodation services shall give rise to the delivery of appropriate documents that comply with the rules determined in this section.
In the event of the sale of airline travel tickets or tickets for travel on a regular shipping line, which does not include services relating to this transportation, the vendors shall deliver one or several passenger tickets for the entire trip to the purchaser, issued by the carrier or under their responsibility. In the event of on-request transportation, the name and the address of the carrier on behalf of whom the tickets are issued must be mentioned.
The separate invoicing of the various components of the same travel package shall not release the vendor from the obligations incumbent on them as a result of the regulatory provisions in this section.
Article R. 211-3-1: The exchange of pre-contractual information on the availability of contractual terms shall be in writing. This process may take place via e-mail under the validity and performance conditions provided for in Articles 1369-1 to 1369-11 of the French Civil Code. The vendor's name or company name and their address shall be mentioned, together with the number relating to their registration on the register provided for under Sub-Paragraph a) of Article L. 141-3, or, where applicable, their name, address and a number relating to their registration with the association or union mentioned in the second sub-paragraph of Article R. 211-2.
Article R. 211-4: The vendor or must disclose information on the price, dates, and the other components of the services provided at the time of the trip or the stay to the consumer prior to the signing of the contract; this information shall include:
1) The destination, the means, the characteristic features, and the categories of transport used; 2) The accommodation type, its location, its level of comfort and its main characteristic features, its accreditation and its tourism classification in accordance with the regulations or practices of the host country;
3) The catering services provided;
4) A description of the itinerary where a tour is involved;
5) The administrative and health formalities to be performed by French nationals or by nationals of another EU Member State, or of a State that is party to the European Economic Area Agreement, specifically in the event that the crossing of borders is involved, together with the timeframe for performing those formalities;
6) The tours, excursions, and other services included in the fixed-price, or that may be available in exchange for a price supplement;
7) The minimum or maximum size of the group that will enable the trip or stay to go ahead, as well as the cut-off date for informing the consumer in the event that the trip or stay is cancelled, if the trip or stay going ahead is dependent on a minimum number of participants; that date cannot be set at less than twenty-one days prior to the departure date;
8) The amount or the percentage of the price payable as an advance on signing of the contract, as well as the timetable for payment of the balance;
9) The terms and conditions for price reviews, as provided for by the contract, pursuant to Article R. 211-8;
10) The contractual cancellation terms and conditions; 11) The cancellation terms and conditions set out in Articles **R. 211-9**, **R. 211-10**, and **R.-211-8**;
12) The information relating to optional subscription to an insurance policy covering the consequences of certain cancellation events, or to an assistance policy covering certain specific risks, including repatriation expenses in the event of an accident or illness;
13) Where the contract includes air transport services, the information for each leg of the flight, as provided for in Articles **R. 211-15** to **R. 211-18**.
Article R. 211-5: The prior information provided to the consumer shall commit the vendor, unless the vendor specifically has the right to alter certain aspects of that information. In that case, the vendor must clearly specify the extent of that alteration, and which aspects it covers.
In any event, any alterations made to the prior information must be disclosed to the consumer prior to the signing of the contract.
Article R. 211-6: The contract entered into by the vendor and the purchaser must be in writing, and drawn up in two copies, one of which shall be given to the purchaser, and signed by both parties. Where the contract is entered into via electronic means, Articles 1369-1 to 1369-11 of the French Civil Code shall apply.
The contract must include the following clauses:
1) the name and address of the vendor, their guarantor and their insurance company, together with the name and address of the organiser;
2) the trip destination or destinations, and the various periods and their dates in the event of a segmented trip;
3) the means of transport used, and their characteristic features and categories, and the departure and return dates and locations;
4) the accommodation type, its location, comfort level and main characteristic features, and its tourism classification pursuant to the regulations or practices of the host country;
5) the catering services provided;
6) the itinerary where a tour is involved;
7) the tours, excursions or other services included in the total price of the trip or stay;
8) the total price of the services invoiced, together with an indication of any potential review of that invoice pursuant to the provisions of Article R. 211-8;
9) an indication, where necessary, of the royalties or taxes relating to certain services such as landing disembarkation or embarkation taxes at ports and airports, and hotel taxes when they are not included in the price of the service or services provided;
10) the timetable and procedures for payment of the price; the final payment made by the purchaser cannot be less than 30% of the price of the trip or stay, and must be made at the time when the documents enabling the trip or stay to take place are delivered;
11) the special terms and conditions requested by the purchaser and accepted by the vendor;
12) the procedures according to which the purchaser may lodge a claim against the vendor on the grounds of their failure to execute, or their poor execution of the contract; this claim must be made as soon as possible, via any means that enables an acknowledgement of receipt by the vendor to be obtained (fax, e-mail, or registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt), and, where applicable, mentioned in writing to the organiser of the trip and to the service provider concerned;
13) the cut-off date for informing the purchaser in the event that the trip or stay is cancelled by the vendor if the trip or stay going ahead is dependent on a minimum number of participants, in accordance with the provisions of Sub-Paragraph 7) of Article R. 211-4;
14) the contractual cancellation terms and conditions;
15) the cancellation conditions provided for in Articles R. 211-9, R. 211-10, and R. 211-11;
16) further information regarding the risks covered, and the amount of the cover provided by the insurance policy covering the consequences of the vendor's professional third-party liability;
17) information regarding the insurance policy covering the consequences of certain cancellation cases subscribed by the purchaser (policy number and name of the insurance company), together with the information regarding the assistance policy covering certain specific risks, including repatriation expenses in the event of an accident or illness; in this case, the vendor must give the purchaser a document specifying the risks covered and the risks excluded, at the very least;
18) the cut-off date for informing the vendor in the event that the purchaser transfers the contract;
19) an undertaking to provide the following information to the purchaser, at least 10 days prior to their scheduled departure date:
a) the name, address, and telephone number of the vendor's local representative, or else, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of local organisations likely to assist the consumer in the event of a problem, or else the telephone number enabling emergency contact to be made with the vendor;
b) in the event of trips and stays abroad involving minors, a telephone number and an address that enables direct contract with the child or the person in situ responsible for their stay to be established;
20) the clause governing the cancellation and refund, free of charge, of the amounts paid by the purchaser in the event of non-compliance with the information obligation provided for in Sub-Paragraph 13) of Article R. 211-4;
21) the undertaking to inform the purchaser of the departure and arrival times in good time prior to the beginning of the trip or the state.
Article R. 211-7: The purchaser may transfer their contract for the trip or stay to a transferee who meets the same conditions as them, as long as the contract has not taken effect. Unless the transferor benefits from a more favourable clause, they are required to inform the vendor of their decision via any means that enables an acknowledgement of receipt to be obtained (fax, e-mail, or registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt) at least seven days prior to the beginning of the trip. This deadline shall be extended to 15 days where it involves a cruise. This transfer shall not be subject to prior authorisation by the vendor under any circumstances.
Article R. 211-8: Where the contract includes an express price review option, within the limits provided for in Article L. 211-12, it must mention the specific calculation procedures for the price changes, in the case of both increases and decreases, and specifically the amount of the transportation expenses and related taxes, the currency or currencies that may have an impact on the price of the trip or the stay, the portion of the price to which the change applies, and the exchange rate for the currency or currencies used as a benchmark when determining the price shown in the contract.
Article R. 211-9: Where the vendor finds themselves required to alter one of the key aspects of the contract prior to the purchaser's departure, such as by significantly increasing
the price, and where they ignore the information obligation mentioned in Sub-Paragraph 13) of Article R. 211-4, the purchaser may take the following measures, without prejudice to any appeals for compensation for the loss that they may suffer, and once they have been informed by the vendor via any means that enables an acknowledgement of receipt to be obtained (fax, e-mail, or registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, etc.):
- either cancel the contract and obtain immediate repayment of the amounts paid with no penalty;
- or accept the change or the substitute trip proposed by the vendor; in that case, an amendment to the contract specifying the alterations made shall then be signed by the parties; any price decrease shall be deducted from the amounts that may remain payable by the purchaser, and if the payment already made by the latter exceeds the price of the altered service, the excess amount must be returned to them prior to their departure date.
Article R. 211-10: In the event provided for in Article L. 211-14, where the vendor cancels the trip or the stay prior to the purchaser's departure, they must inform the purchaser via any means that enables an acknowledgement of receipt to be obtained (fax, e-mail, or registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, etc.); the purchaser shall then obtain immediate repayment of the amounts paid from the vendor without any penalty, without prejudice to any claims for compensation for any loss that they may have suffered; in this case, the purchaser shall receive a compensation amount that is at least equal to the penalty that they would have paid if they had been responsible for the cancellation on this date.
The provisions of this article shall not prevent the reaching of an amicable agreement with a view to the purchaser accepting a replacement trip or stay offered by the vendor under any circumstances.
Article R. 211-11: Where the vendor finds themselves unable to provide a major portion of the services provided for in the agreement, and which account for a significant percentage of the price paid by the purchaser after the latter's departure, the vendor must immediately take the following measures, without prejudice to the claims for compensation for any losses that may have been suffered:
- either offer services as a replacement for the services provided for, and potentially bear any additional cost, and, if the services accepted by the purchaser are of a lower quality, the vendor must refund the price difference to them as soon as they return;
- or, if they cannot offer any replacement service, or if that service is refused by the purchaser on valid grounds, provide the purchaser with transportation tickets enabling them to return to their place of departure under conditions that may be considered as equivalent, or to another place agreed by both parties, at no additional cost. The provisions of this article shall apply in the event of non-compliance with the obligation provided for in Sub-Paragraph 13) of Article R. 211-4.
Article R. 211-12: The provisions of Articles R. 211-3 to R. 211-11 must be included in the brochures and the travel contracts offered by the persons mentioned in Article L. 211-1.
Article R. 211-13: The purchaser can no longer claim the benefit of the clause provided for under Sub-Paragraph 20 of Article R. 211-61 once the service has been provided.

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