



Beyond the Polar Circle

Ushuaia to Ushuaia

L'Austral /
Le Soleal/ Le Lyréal

17days / 16nights

From AUD 20,760pp

Cross the mythical line of the Antarctic Circle during this 17-day polar expedition cruise to the far reaches of the Southern Hemisphere. Antarctica looms large in the imagination of adventure seekers and travellers. And until recently Antarctica was like a ghost on the world map – untouched and out of reach. Today the continent remains untouched but it's entirely within your reach aboard a Ponant luxury expedition yacht.

Why cruise with Ponant?

- All inclusive – fine dining, drinks (wine, beer, soft drink and champagne), shore landings, wifi
- Leaders in Polar Expeditions - Ponant carries more guests to Antarctica each year than anyone else – and more than 20 years cruising the world
- Travel aboard the most ecological & modern fleet in the world
- Naturalist experts inform & guide using Zodiacs and on shore expeditions
- Included flights to/from Buenos Aires and transfers

Welcome to the world of Ponant

Discover the treasures of the land by sea on board luxurious yachts that are built on an intimate scale for discerning travellers. With a French crew, attentive service and focus on gastronomy, this is expedition cruising at its authentic and sophisticated best.

Ponant & National Geographic Expeditions

For one special voyage (marked *) Ponant and National Geographic combine their expertise to offer a unique and enriching expedition cruise. Aboard this cruise National Geographic naturalists and photographers accompany you, sharing their knowledge and passion for this breathtaking continent.

Dates

The Beyond the Polar Circle itinerary has a duration of 17 days (16 nights). Please contact us for further Ponant Antarctica cruises.

Departure Date	Ship
15 Jan 2020	L'Austral
3 Feb 2020	Le Soleal
9 Feb 2020*	Le Lyrial
7 Feb 2021	Le Soleal
9 Feb 2021	Le Lyrial

* National Geographic Expeditions

Itinerary

Highlights

- Antarctic Polar Circle crossing
- Landscapes: moors scattered with moss and lichen, white-sand beaches and turquoise waters in the Falkland Islands; alpine landscapes, lush green plains and suspended glaciers in South Georgia; drifting icebergs, ice floe, glaciers and snow-capped mountains in the Antarctic Peninsula.
- Incredible wildlife – black-browed albatrosses, snowy albatrosses, Magellanic penguins, Gentoo penguins and southern rockhopper penguins in the Falkland Islands; king penguins, elephant seals, fur seals and macaroni penguins in South Georgia; humpback whales, Gentoo penguins, Adelie penguins, chinstrap penguins, leopard seals, crabeater seals and Weddell seals in the Antarctic Peninsula.
- Outings & shore visits in Zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides
- Lectures & information sessions hosted by naturalist guides
- Visiting research stations and former whaling stations

Itinerary

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After boarding your ship in Ushuaia, you will set sail for the Falkland Islands, whose wild beauty is sure to captivate you.

You will then make your way to South Georgia. This subantarctic region formed by an underwater mountain chain is home to a diverse and wild fauna. King penguins, fur seals and elephant seals are its most emblematic representatives.

Before crossing the Antarctic Circle, the highlight of your cruise, you will be dazzled by your stops in the Antarctic Peninsula, realm of the unexpected.

Weather and ice conditions permitting, the White Continent, an extreme environment where nature reigns supreme, will reveal to you its most beautiful secrets through numerous discoveries. Here, it is likely you will have the chance to observe Gentoo, Adelie and chinstrap penguins, humpback whales, seals and seabirds.

Each day, whether on land, aboard your ship or during a Zodiac outing, you will be surrounded by a grandiose decor ranging from icebergs to ice floe and ancient glaciers.

Details

Day 1 Ushuaia (Argentina) - Embark from 16h00 to 17h00
Day 2 At Sea
Day 3 New Island and Grave Cove (Falkland Islands)
Day 4 At Sea
Day 5 At Sea
Day 6 South Georgia (South Georgia)
Day 7 South Georgia (South Georgia)
Day 8 South Georgia (South Georgia)
Day 9 At Sea
Day 10 Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)
Day 11 Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)
Day 12 Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)
Day 13 Crossing the Antarctic Circle
Day 14 At Sea
Day 15 Crossing the Drake Passage
Day 16 Crossing the Drake Passage
Day 17 Ushuaia (Argentina) Disembarkation at 07h00

Please note: itinerary subject to ice and weather conditions. The expedition highlights and itineraries described above illustrate possible experiences only and cannot be guaranteed.

Inclusions

- Top quality meals during the voyage
- Open bar – house wine, champagne, beer & non-alcoholic options
- Domestic flights, transfers & taxes (Buenos Aires/Ushuaia /Buenos Aires) in economy class
- Activities/shore excursions as specified
- Lectures and presentations by expedition leaders & naturalist staff
- Complimentary polar parka for you to keep (waterproof boots on loan)
- Park entry fees into protected areas
- Transfers & port charges

Map





Your cruise ships – L’Austral, Le Soleal & Le Lyrrial

Ponant ships embody the subtle alliance between luxury, intimacy and wellbeing. The elegance of her exterior and interior lines and her intimate size (only 132 staterooms and suites) make this a rare and innovative yacht on the cruise market.

All ships feature:

- Restaurants x 2
- Lounges x 2
- Open-air Bar
- Theatre, Fitness & Beauty Rooms, and Leisure Area

L’Austral & Le Soleal:

Cabins	Area	Price From*
Superior Staterooms	21m ²	\$20,760
Deluxe Stateroom	18m ² +4m ²	\$22,260
Prestige Stateroom	18m ² +4m ²	\$24,690
Deluxe Suite	27m ² +6m ²	\$37,020
Prestige Suite	36m ² +8m ²	\$42,970
Owners Suite	45m ² +9m ²	\$67,650

**prices are AUD per person, twin share, and is are subject to change, availability and departure dates.*

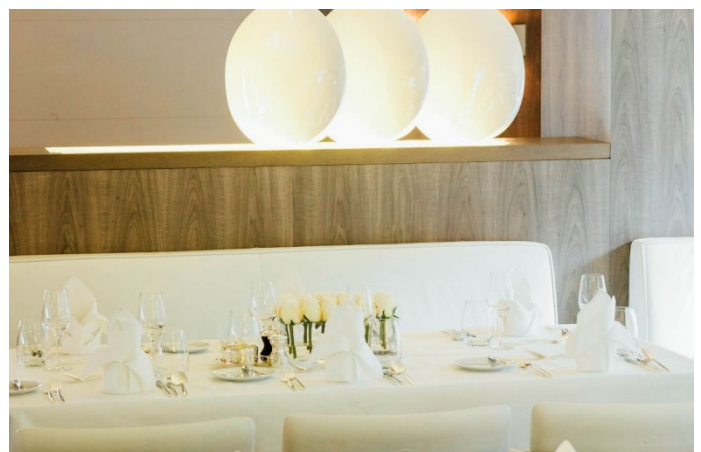
Le Lyrrial

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Prestige Suite	36m ² +8m ²	\$42,970
Privilege Suite	36m ² +8m ²	\$45,010
Grand Deluxe Suite	45m ² +10m ²	\$51,460
Grand Privilege Suite	54m ² +12m ²	\$69,110
Owners Suite	54m ² +12m ²	\$92,070

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All cabins include:

- Private balcony (ex. Superior Staterooms)
- Individually-controlled air-conditioning
- King-size bed or twin beds and Shower
- Flat screen satellite TV, DVD, CD and Ipod players and Video on demand
- Desk with stationery, Minibar, Safe Hairdryer, Bath robes, Satellite direct line telephone, 110/220 volts outlet
- French bath products
- 24hr room service, Internet Access WIFI



* Images are provided by Ponant. The interior is the L'Austral ship and the cabin is the Owners Suite.

Other things you need to know

Expedition programs include activities such as Zodiac outings and landings (sometimes with "wet landings"), moderate walks to more active hikes, all accompanied by your expedition team of naturalist guides.

Ports of call, visited sites, outings and landings will depend on weather conditions, position of ice, winds and the state of the sea. These can force a change of plans at any time. The Captain and the Expedition Leader may at any time cancel or stop any activity, or even modify the itinerary. The final itinerary will be confirmed by the Captain, who will take into account the touristic quality of the sites and above all, the safety of the passengers. His/her decision will be based on advice from experts and authorities.

Travelling to polar/isolated regions is an exhilarating experience in remote areas. Please remember that you are far from modern hospitals with full medical facilities, thus evacuation is extremely expensive. Without adequate travel insurance coverage, all expenses will have to be immediately paid with your personal funds. We urge you to subscribe to full coverage insurance, choose your insurance company very carefully, be extremely vigilant and ensure your travel insurance is fully comprehensive, especially if you are insured by your credit card.

Clothing tips:

- A Ponant polar water-resistant parka is offered on board for all departures
- Half calf rubber boots with non-slip soles, which will allow you to go ashore in 20 cm of cold water, keeping your feet dry for walks and visits on steep paths. Boot rental will be offered onboard (for adults only) on Expedition cruises. Book your boots up to 7 days prior to departure
- Comfortable trousers: classic Winter trousers, warm cotton tracksuit, wool leggings
- Waterproof and windproof over-trousers – Mandatory
- Winter trousers with waterproof over trousers are the ideal combination: water-resistance and comfort of trousers are essential
- Pullover, sweat-shirt or fleece jacket
- Woollen or thermolactyl Thermal underwear
- A warm hat, woollen ear muffs or fleece ear muffs, fleece or woollen neck warmer (avoid scarves that do not stay in place)- Mandatory
- Wool or silk glove liners, water-resistant and supple gloves
- Thick warm socks (ideally woollen)

Accessories:

- Small waterproof backpack (to protect your camera from water).
- Binoculars (strongly recommended for wildlife viewing).
- Highly protective sunglasses.
- Walking poles (highly recommended).



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