



## Christmas and New Year in Southern Lands

Ushuaia to Ushuaia | Le Soleal / L'Austral | 17days / 16nights | From AUD 19,770pp

Dreaming of a white Christmas? It doesn't get much whiter than Antarctica! An untouched wilderness filled with beauty and surprise, Antarctica is the epitome of exploration. Treat yourself to a white Christmas and welcome in the New Year in comfort and style.

### Why cruise with Ponant?

- 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, transfers, full board, open bar on board, shore landings & lectures

### 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.

### Dates

The Christmas and New Year itinerary has a duration of 17 days (16 nights). We also have 15 night Christmas cruise with Ponant, departing 14 December. Please contact us for details.

Departure Date	Ship
19 Dec 2019	Le Soleal
20 Dec 2019	L'Austral
23 Dec 2020	Le Soleal

## Itinerary

### Highlights

- Celebrate Christmas & New Year's Eve/Day in Antarctica you'll be the first in the world to see the sun in the new year!
- 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 and 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.
- The unspoiled treasures of the Weddell Sea.
- Outings & shore visits in Zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides
- Lectures & information sessions hosted by naturalist guides

### Itinerary

Spend an unforgettable festive season on a 17-day cruise to the Antarctic. An exceptional polar expedition cruise to discover the most beautiful sites of these southern lands.

You will set sail from the fascinating city of Ushuaia, which the Argentinians call El fin del mundo (the end of the world).

First, you will chart a course for the Falkland Islands, whose wild beauty and lush moors are sure to captivate you, before heading to South Georgia, its impressive glaciers and its black-sand beaches where large colonies of king penguins have taken up residence.

You will then sail to the White Continent, realm of the unexpected. Weather and ice conditions permitting, this extreme environment where nature reigns supreme will reveal to you its most beautiful secrets through numerous discoveries.

Gentoo, Adelie and chinstrap penguins, humpback whales, seals and seabirds: these are some of the encounters you will most likely have the chance to experience in the Antarctic Peninsula, creating indelible memories.

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 Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)  
Day 14 Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)  
Day 15 Crossing the Drake Passage  
Day 16 Crossing the Drake Passage  
Day 17 Ushuaia (Argentina) Disembarkation at 07h00

*Please note: We are privileged guests in these extreme lands where we are at the mercy of weather and ice conditions. Landings on certain sites and the observation of certain wildlife cannot be guaranteed. The Captain and the Expedition Leader will make every effort to ensure that your experience is as rich as possible, while complying with the safety rules and instructions imposed by the IAATO.*

## 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 – Le Soleal and L’Austral

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

### Le Soleal & L’Austral:

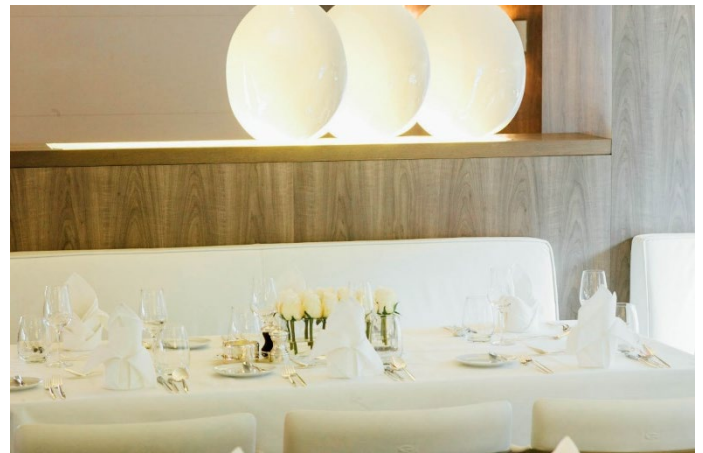
Cabins	Area	Price From*
Superior Staterooms	21m <sup>2</sup>	\$19,770
Deluxe Stateroom	18m <sup>2</sup> +4m <sup>2</sup>	\$21,190
Prestige Stateroom	18m <sup>2</sup> +4m <sup>2</sup>	\$23,500
Deluxe Suite	27m <sup>2</sup> +6m <sup>2</sup>	\$35,160
Prestige Suite	36m <sup>2</sup> +8m <sup>2</sup>	\$40,800
Owners Suite	45m <sup>2</sup> +9m <sup>2</sup>	\$64,150

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



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 Ipad 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 and Le Soleal ships.*

## Other things you need to know

Expedition programmes include activities such as Zodiac® outings and landings (sometimes with "wet landing"), 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 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 medical 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 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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