



Madagascar, Reunion and Mauritius

Port Louis (Mauritius) – Mahe (Seychelles) | Le Lyrial | 14 days / 13 nights | From AUD11,400pp

Enter an undiscovered world of breathtaking natural beauty, filled with endemic fauna and flora. Explore crystal clear waters, exceptional cultures, untouched white sand and sail a stunning archipelago. Cruise the remote and exotic islands of Madagascar, Reunion and Mauritius.

Why cruise with Ponant?

- More than 20 years cruising the world
- All-inclusive cruises expeditions ashore, fine dining, drinks (beer, wine, champagne), wifi
- Naturalist experts inform & guide using Zodiacs and on shore expeditions
- Attentive service & fabulous cuisine from your French crew
- Travel aboard the most ecological & modern fleet in the world

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 Madagascar, Reunion and Mauritius cruise is a duration of 14 days (13 nights).

Departure Date

22 April 2020

Itinerary

Highlights

- Discovering the Seychelles, the Scattered Islands, Madagascar, Reunion Island and Mauritius, all on the one same cruise.
- A variety of idyllic landscapes: atolls, coral reefs, lagoons, mangrove, white-sand beaches, granite islands.
- UNESCO site: the Pitons, cirques and remparts of Reunion Island.
- On Reunion Island, a scenic helicopter flight over the famous “cirques” (additional cost).
- In the Seychelles, Anse Source d’Argent, the most famous beach of La Digue, surrounded by large blocks of granite and edged with coconut palms.
- Discovering the Scattered Islands, a geological sanctuary with nature reserve status since 1975.
- In Madagascar, a rich and preserved endemic flora and fauna.

Itinerary

This is a brand-new expedition cruise in the Indian Ocean. From Mauritius to the Seychelles via Madagascar and Reunion Island, take a 14-day cruise aboard Le Lyrial to enjoy beaches, nautical activities, and discovering endemic fauna and flora as well as places of breathtaking natural beauty that few tourists visit.

You’ll board your ship in Port Louis, Mauritius.

After calling at Reunion Island, you will reach Madagascar, the island continent. On the east coast first, you will discover Île Sainte-Marie, once a lair of pirates, with its authentic and untouched character. On the west coast, you will discover Nosy Komba, also known as “lemur island”, home to large colonies of these small, agile primates, Nosy Mitsio and its immaculate beaches, and Majunga, from which you’ll be able to explore Ankarafantsika National Park.

You will then reach the Glorioso Islands, part of the Scattered Islands. This beautiful archipelago with very few inhabitants is home to exceptional fauna and flora including, in particular, marine turtles. Further on, on the small island of Alphonse, you will have the opportunity to snorkel and scuba dive among the brightly-coloured sea life.

Before disembarking on the island of Mahé, a veritable picture-postcard awaits you in La Digue: palm trees, granite rocks, white sand and crystal-clear waters.

Details

- Day 1 Port Louis (Mauritius) - Embark from 16h00 to 17h00
- Day 2 Pointe des Galets (Reunion)
- Day 3 At Sea
- Day 4 Tamatave (Madagascar)
- Day 5 St. Marys Island (Madagascar)
- Day 6 At Sea
- Day 7 Nosy Mitsio (Madagascar)
- Day 8 Majunga (Madagascar)
- Day 9 Nosy Kombo (Madagascar)
- Day 10 Glorieuses, Scattered Islands (France)
- Day 11 At Sea
- Day 12 Alphonse Island (Seychelles)
- Day 13 La Digue Island and Victoria, Mahe (Seychelles)
- Day 14 Victoria, Mahe (Seychelles) Disembark

Please note: The encounters with the wildlife 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
- Activities/shore excursions as specified
- Lectures and presentations by expedition leaders & naturalist staff
- Park entry fees into protected areas
- Transfers & port charges

Map



Your cruise ships – Le Lyrial

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.

Features:

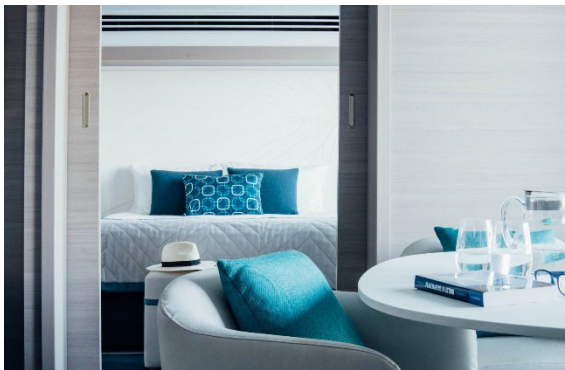
- Restaurants x 2
- Lounges x 2
- Open-air Bar
- Theatre, Fitness & Beauty Rooms, and Leisure Area

Cabins	Area	Price From*
Superior Staterooms	21m ²	\$11,400
Deluxe Stateroom	18m ² +4m ²	\$12,310
Prestige Stateroom	18m ² +4m ²	\$13,800
Deluxe Suite	27m ² +6m ²	\$21,340
Prestige Suite	36m ² +8m ²	\$26,240
Privilege Suite	36m ² +8m ²	\$27,530
Grand Deluxe Suite	45m ² +10m ²	\$31,660
Owners Suite	54m ² +12m ²	\$45,200

**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 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



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Other things you need to know

Expedition programmes 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, 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 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:

- Cotton comfortable and light-weight shorts/bermuda shorts
- Light weight long trousers
- Long-sleeved breathable SPF50+ shirts
- Cotton short sleeved T-shirt
- Aquatic UV long-sleeved T-shirt for sun protection during snorkelling or swimming
- Aquatic non-slip sandals
- Windproof, waterproof and breathable outer layer
- Broad brimmed anti-UV hat with strap and veil to protect the neck
- Comfortable walking shoes

Accessories:

- Highly protective sunglasses.
- Sunscreen and after-sun with high SPF index & insect repellent
- Binoculars (strongly recommended for wildlife viewing).
- Small waterproof backpack (to protect your camera from water).
- Camelbak (backpack with water pockets)
- Walking poles (highly recommended).

Please note: During your visits to some local communities, all guests will be required to dress respectfully. Ladies must have their shoulders and thighs covered. Gentlemen should have their shoulders covered also.



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