



The Antarctic Odyssey

Montevideo - Ushuaia | Le Lyril | 21days / 20nights | From AUD 19,780pp

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?

- 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 from Ushuaia to 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.

Ponant & National Geographic Expeditions

These two entities have joined forces and combined their expertise to offer unique and enriching expedition cruises.

Aboard select Ponant luxury small expedition ship cruises, National Geographic will 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.

Dates

The Antarctic Odyssey itinerary has a duration of 21 days (20 nights). Please contact us for further Ponant Antarctica cruises.

Departure Date	Ship
19 Nov 2019*	Le Lyrial
9 Nov 2020	Le Lyrial

* National Geographic Expeditions

Itinerary

Highlights

- The most comprehensive of cruise in Antarctic: the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, the South Orkney Islands, and the Antarctic Peninsula.
- 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; glaciers and snow-capped mountains in the South Orkney Islands; 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; leopard seals, chinstrap penguins, Adelie penguins and Gentoo penguins in the South Orkney Islands.
- Outings & shore visits in Zodiac inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides
- Lectures & information sessions hosted by naturalist guides

Itinerary

An extraordinary 21-day adventure in the Antarctic. You will board Le Lyrial for an all-new polar expedition cruise with an extremely rich itinerary that will take you from Montevideo to Ushuaia.

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.

Your ship will then make its way to the South Orkney Islands. These mountainous islands where impressive glaciers dominate the landscape are a major nesting site for chinstrap penguins and a favourite hunting spot of leopard seals.

On the final leg of your epic adventure, discover the Antarctic Peninsula, realm of the unexpected. There, weather and ice conditions permitting, you will most likely get the chance to see Gentoo, Adelie and chinstrap penguins, humpback whales, seals and seabirds, against a grandiose backdrop of icebergs, ice floe, and ages-old glaciers.

After crossing the mythical Drake Passage, you will disembark in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world.

Details

- Day 1 Montevideo (Uruguay) - Embark from 16h00 to 17h00
- Day 2 At Sea
- Day 3 At Sea
- Day 4 At Sea
- Day 5 Grave Cove, The Neck and Saunders Island (Falkland Islands)
- Day 6 Volunteer Point (Falkland Islands)
- Day 7 At Sea
- Day 8 At Sea
- Day 9 South Georgia (South Georgia)
- Day 10 South Georgia (South Georgia)
- Day 11 South Georgia (South Georgia)
- Day 12 At Sea
- Day 13 South Orkney Islands (Antarctica)
- Day 14 South Orkney Islands (Antarctica)
- Day 15 At Sea
- Day 16 Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)
- Day 17 Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)
- Day 18 Antarctic Peninsula (Antarctica)
- Day 19 Crossing the Drake Passage
- Day 20 Crossing the Drake Passage
- Day 21 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 flight from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires (incl. transfers & taxes) 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 ship – Le Lyréal

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 Lyréal

Cabins	Area	Price From*
Superior Staterooms	21m ²	\$19,780
Deluxe Stateroom	18m ² +4m ²	\$21,260
Prestige Stateroom	18m ² +4m ²	\$23,660
Deluxe Suite	27m ² +6m ²	\$35,860
Prestige Suite	36m ² +8m ²	\$38,920
Privilege Suite	36m ² +8m ²	\$40,800
Grand Deluxe Suite	45m ² +10m ²	\$50,290
Grand Privilege Suite	54m ² +12m ²	\$73,980
Owners Suite	54m ² +12m ²	\$76,170

**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.*

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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