



EXPEDITIONS



TRAVEL THE WORLD WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
EXPERTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS

EXPEDITION CRUISES 2022

TRAVEL WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC



The NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY has a long history of helping protect our planet's last wild places, both on land and at sea.

For more than 130 years they sent explorers across continents and into remote cultures, down to the oceans' depths, and up the highest mountains, in an effort to better understand the world and our relationship to it.

Originating from the idea that 'people will protect what they have seen for themselves', NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPEDITIONS grew from the Society's legacy as a way to invite others to explore and travel the world in a meaningful way.

At NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPEDITIONS we are committed to sustaining the character and integrity of each place we visit—its environment, culture, and heritage—as well as the wellbeing of its residents. In providing authentic travel experiences, we strive to support local economies in our choice of services.

Our luxury expedition cruises in collaboration with PONANT are designed to inspire people to live curiously, explore our planet and become global ambassadors for sustainability. Our cruises go above and beyond environmental regulations, using research and innovation to help us minimise our impact on the remote places we visit.

WHEN YOU TRAVEL WITH US YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE



When you travel with us, you help further the work of our scientists, explorers, and educators around the world. Every year, we distribute a portion of our proceeds to the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, which has so far awarded over 13,000 grants around the world.

Your support is vital to NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY's non-profit mission to explore and protect the planet. To learn more, visit natgeo.com/giveback



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC AND PONANT



For all those who love exploration, adventure, discovery, untouched nature and unique encounters, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC and PONANT have joined forces and combined their expertise to offer unique and enriching expedition cruises.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC has been igniting our inner explorer for 130 years, through its legacy of ground-breaking storytelling from the best and brightest scientists, photographers, and visionary filmmakers.

Luxury cruise line PONANT has provided its passengers with unique, unparalleled travel experiences aboard luxury ships, all around the world, for more than 30 years.

Together we offer unique itineraries that take you to the world's most intriguing and remote destinations, on board a fleet of state-of-the-art 'clean ships', each designed and built with leading edge technologies to respect our environment and marine life.

Aboard PONANT's luxury small expedition ships, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC will continue to be your guide, offering specialists, experts and our unrivalled photographers as your travel companions. They will share their knowledge and passion for breathtaking destinations and teach you how to capture perfect photographs of the incredible sights you'll see.

Our itineraries cover the furthest corners of the world, far from the usual tourist bubbles. Enjoy awe-inspiring landscapes and soaring glaciers on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to the Arctic or Antarctica. Sail turquoise waters on an idyllic cruise through the beautiful islands of Melanesia. Discover wild open spaces while following the steps of gold miners in Alaska. Whichever itinerary you choose, we know you will come home changed, with a new appreciation for the world we live in and the role we all play in it.

We hope you will join us onboard in 2022.

WHY TRAVEL WITH US?

- ✓ Travel with a National Geographic expert and photographer, as well as a knowledgeable team of naturalists.
- ✓ Our small ships can explore places that larger vessels are unable to reach and offer a more personalised and intimate travel experience.
- ✓ Going above and beyond standard environmental regulations, all our ships are rewarded with the international 'Clean Ship' label and we offset all carbon emissions that we are unable to eliminate.
- ✓ A portion of the proceeds of your cruise are returned to the non-profit National Geographic Society, which works to preserve and protect the magnificent wonders of our planet.
- ✓ Once aboard, most things are included in your expedition price: all meals, room service, open bar from water to (house) champagne, Zodiac® and kayak outings, shore visits and excursions, lectures and WIFI. We also offer you free boot hire and a National Geographic branded parka for polar expeditions that you get to keep!



THE PONANT FLEET

Discover the Earth's treasures onboard PONANT's luxurious small ships that take you to places that larger vessels can't reach.

Enjoy unique, flexible itineraries curated to share with you the very best of the region, and regular outings and landings in Zodiacs® that will get you as close as possible to wildlife and nature.

The Captains of PONANT ships are committed to providing you with the real feel of an expedition. They take every opportunity to ensure you experience unforgettable moments, for example, an unexpected sighting of whales from the decks of the ship. The bridge is accessible to passengers, as long as the weather and safety conditions allow.



A SUPERB SERIES OF FOUR SISTER SHIPS

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

These four elegant ships with 122 to 132 cabins and suites, reflect PONANT's philosophy: they boast a limited capacity, a unique atmosphere and a combination of luxury, privacy and well-being.

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. The atmosphere aboard the ship is refined yet convivial and, with incredible personalised service and unique French gastronomy, they offer an unparalleled onboard experience.



Haute cuisine is one of the highlights on board the sister ships, with two onboard restaurants, one serving incredible French cuisine and the other serving casual buffet lunches and themed dinners.

OUR SIX NEWEST SHIPS: THE PONANT EXPLORERS

LE LAPÉROUSE, LE CHAMPLAIN, LE BOUGAINVILLE, LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE, LE BELLOT AND LE JACQUES-CARTIER

These ships allow guests to enjoy a broader range of new adventures, including tropical and subtropical expeditions. PONANT's hallmark remains unchanged: to offer a unique blend of discovery and exceptional comfort, even in the most remote corners of the world.

These newest additions to our fleet are named in tribute to great French explorers and will carry guests in the wake of these courageous, pioneering men who, long ago, set off for adventure in search of new lands. Featuring innovative and environmentally-friendly equipment, elegantly designed staterooms, spacious suites with large windows, and lounge areas open to the outside, these limited-



capacity yachts boasting just 92 staterooms and suites will offer guests a truly unique expedition cruising experience.

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

OUR LATEST HYBRID ELECTRIC POLAR SHIP

LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

As the first-ever PC2 Polar Class luxury cruise ship, *Le Commandant Charcot* combines liquefied natural gas (LNG) and electric generators. Created as the world's luxury polar exploration vessel, it has been designed to minimise the environmental impact of travel to the furthest latitudes whilst simultaneously allowing guests to experience the most breath-taking landscapes.

We offer extra activities onboard *Le Commandant Charcot* - included in your price - such as snowshoeing, cold water swimming/floating (in survival suit), polar plunge and ice fishing.



OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE CRUISING

Our cruises are carefully crafted to minimise any disturbance to fragile natural and cultural resources. Here are just some examples of our efforts:

- Expert-led environmental impact assessments are made for cruises in fragile environments
- Reduce emissions through the use of low sulphur marine gasoil and offset carbon emissions we cannot eliminate
- Ships are equipped with a chemical-free desalination system and a wastewater treatment system; use of recycled water in our laundry rooms
- Compact all waste, optimising storage and proper recycling
- Reduce single-use plastics where possible; continuous strive for further elimination
- Working with local communities when planning our cruises and actively engage with them what is shared from their culture and environment; supporting projects that preserve and maintain traditional cultures
- All ships are fitted out with 'dynamic positioning' technology which avoids the need to drop anchor and thus protects the seabed

MEET YOUR TRAVEL COMPANIONS



National Geographic's researchers, explorers, writers, and photographers have brought the world to our members for more than a hundred years. Now, our experts bring you to the planet's most intriguing places to share their knowledge and their insights. From history to marine biology, our National Geographic experts are passionate about their fields. They travel side-by-side for the full duration of your expedition cruise and add a storytelling enrichment through fascinating presentations, small group discussions and informal conversations.

And who better than a renowned National Geographic photographer to teach you how to best capture movement and light in the amazing destinations we visit? You don't need to be an experienced photographer, they are there to enhance everyone's experience and to show the world through their eyes.

Here are some examples of the type of experts and photographers that join our expedition cruises:

Jason Edwards - National Geographic photographer

Award-winning Australian photographer Jason Edwards has been at the forefront of wildlife and environmental photography with his work appearing in hundreds of publications including National Geographic Magazine, BBC Wildlife, New York Times, and Condé Nast Traveler, as well as science education books, environmental campaigns, and Hollywood blockbusters. As the face of the National Geographic Channel's Pure Photography, he has taken his storytelling to every continent.



M Jackson - Geographer & glaciologist

Geographer, glaciologist, National Geographic Emerging Explorer, and TED Fellow M Jackson studies and writes about glaciers, people, and climate change. She earned a doctorate from the University of Oregon in geography and glaciology and holds a Master of Science degree from the University of Montana. She is a U.S. Fulbright Ambassador and authored two books which explore the complex effects of climate change on communities.



Sisse Brimberg - National Geographic photographer

Award-winning Danish photographer Sisse Brimberg has produced more than 50 stories for National Geographic and National Geographic Traveler magazines over the past 40 years. Her stories have covered a wide range of subjects, from northern Europe's Viking culture to the global flower trade and the prehistoric cave art of southwestern France. Brimberg enjoys teaching photography and has joined National Geographic Expeditions for the past two decades.



Robert Kunzig - Senior environment editor, National Geographic Magazine

Robert Kunzig is senior environment editor at National Geographic magazine, focussing on global environmental issues such as climate change and its effects on glaciers and ice shelves. He has been a science journalist for more than 30 years with articles published in Best American Science and Nature Writing numerous times. He has also written two books including one about oceanography, which won an Aventis/Royal Society prize.



Lucy Hawkes - Biologist

Biologist Lucy Hawkes is fascinated by the movements of a wide range of animals around the planet, from deep-diving sharks and bluefin tuna to high-flying geese and seabirds. She is a current grantee of the National Geographic Society, studying one of the longest distance migrations on earth. Lucy has a passion for sharing science with the world and is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Exeter.



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Below you can have a taste of what our experts think about their role travelling with National Geographic Expeditions, which destinations to choose and how to have a positive impact when travelling.

What does being a National Geographic expert mean?

M Jackson, glaciologist and National Geographic expert: I've been working with the National Geographic Society for around a decade—and it has consistently been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Expeditions that have a National Geographic expert are unique—guests have continual trip-long access to some of the world's leading experts in topics unique to each trip. I'm a glaciologist and have been working with ice worldwide for over a decade now, and I bring an enormous body of knowledge to these expeditions. As an expert,



I've also been trained by National Geographic in science communication—on how to share my knowledge in a way that transcends disciplines, backgrounds and languages.

Which destination should I choose: Antarctica or the Arctic?

Alastair Newton, Expedition Leader: Both are equally stunning! But looking more closely, these beautiful destinations could not be more different. The Arctic is a frozen ocean surrounded by the landmasses of various countries such as Canada and Greenland, whilst the Antarctic itself is a continent entirely

covered by ice. You can only visit in the summer: the Arctic from May to September and the Antarctic between November and March. The Arctic is the only place to see polar bears - hard to find though! There are also walrus and reindeer to be seen as well as whales and other marine life, and some extremely interesting indigenous communities living there that you can visit. The Antarctic, in contrast, has no land-based wildlife and no people living there (apart from a few scientists that run the research stations). But to see penguins, this is THE place! There are also whales, seals and many seabird species who make the Antarctic their home.

What is your role onboard our cruises and what do you like best about travelling with us?

Susan Seubert, National Geographic photographer: The food! Just kidding, although the food was exceptional. My role onboard includes helping people with their cameras, pointing out good photo opportunities, and getting people excited about taking good photographs. I try to be available as much as possible both on board the ship as well as in the field when we are experiencing the breath-taking nature of these amazing

destinations. Areas such as Antarctica are unique environments with many opportunities to photograph the landscape as well as the wildlife. I show people how to take better photos, how to put together a story, and to offer technical advice about cameras and post-processing. I enjoy giving lectures and offer workshops on how to best use your iPhone for example. You definitely don't have to be a photography expert to enjoy taking great pictures!

How can our travellers have a positive impact?

Robert Kunzig, Senior Environment Editor of National Geographic Magazine: I think what is heartening to me about the relationship between PONANT and National Geographic is that we share the same basic values of trying to reduce our impact as much as possible, and we are on the same page as far as sustainability. People have to see a place to really understand it, and once they see it, I think a lot of them are changed forever. They go back home and they tell their friends and family about it, and this can be a very motivating factor. We have to love this planet in order to preserve it. We need people to share that feeling in order to get us all moving towards the goal of a sustainable Earth.

Antarctica



EXPEDITION TO CHARCOT & PETER I ISLANDS - INAUGURAL SEASON

Ushuaia (Argentina) to Ushuaia (Argentina) aboard *Le Commandant Charcot*, max. 245 guests

Join this unrivalled expedition cruise south of the Antarctic Circle to reach two of the world's most seldom-visited places; Peter I Island and Charcot Island. Departing from Ushuaia, cross the legendary Drake Passage and the Antarctic Circle, before arriving in some of Antarctica's most remote and elusive islands that were discovered by various explorers in the early 1900s, and which have rarely been visited since then.

- Cross the Antarctic Circle: a key landmark of our voyage as most visitors never make it this far south
- Witness an array of wildlife such as penguins, seals and whales
- Your expedition will be onboard our newest vessel, *Le Commandant Charcot*, and you will be able to enjoy activities like Zodiac® landings, sea kayaking, snowshoeing, and polar plunge

15 days | Price from €16,320 to €22,300*
Departure date: 8 January 2022

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Antarctica



THE WEDDELL SEA & LARSEN ICE SHELF - INAUGURAL SEASON

Ushuaia (Argentina) to Ushuaia (Argentina), aboard *Le Commandant Charcot*, max. 245 guests

Join us for a unique opportunity to experience the captivating Weddell Sea; a source of huge tabular icebergs, the biggest of which can be over 100km in length. Enjoy the unusual journey across this immense polar expanse where sea ice and open waters seem to go on and on! This 12-day journey takes you into the heart of this mystical sea and promises exceptional landscapes and otherworldly encounters with nature.

- See the epic icebergs of the Weddell Sea and try to reach the impressive Larsen Ice Shelf
- Enjoy encounters with an array of wildlife such as penguins, seals and whales
- Your expedition will be onboard our newest vessel, *Le Commandant Charcot*, and you will be able to enjoy activities like Zodiac® landings, sea kayaking, snowshoeing, and polar plunge

12 days | Price from €13,810 to €18,770*
Departure date: 22 January 2022

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NB: We are guests in these extreme lands and at the mercy of weather and ice conditions. Landings on certain sites and the observation of wildlife cannot be guaranteed. They vary from day to day, making each cruise a unique experience. The Captain and the Expedition Leader will make every effort to ensure that your experience is as rich as possible, whilst complying with the safety rules and instructions imposed by the IAATO.

Antarctica



THE FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND ANTARCTICA: THE GREAT AUSTRAL LOOP

Ushuaia (Argentina) to Ushuaia (Argentina) aboard *L'Austral*, max. 200 guests

This extended voyage gives you the very best opportunities to experience both Antarctica and the Subantarctic regions. Discover the abundance of unique wildlife that lives in both the Falklands and South Georgia before continuing onto Antarctica itself. From hiking up pristine snow-covered mountains to exploring research stations and kayaking in iceberg littered waters; this will be an expedition of a lifetime.

- Visit the Falkland Islands with their wild beauty and lush moors
- Encounter South Georgia's wildlife such as king penguins, southern fur seals and enormous elephant seals
- Experience the wonders of Antarctica, with its stunning landscapes led by high mountains, cascading glaciers and captivating icebergs

16 days | Price from €13,220 to €16,000*
Departure date: 5 November 2022

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NEW ZEALAND'S SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS

Dunedin (New Zealand) to Dunedin (New Zealand), aboard *Le Soléal*, max. 264 guests

Discover the wild and untouched beauty of New Zealand's Fjordland and the Subantarctic Islands of both Australia and New Zealand. These islands, various designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, are some of the best preserved and protected environments of the planet. This journey offers the unique opportunity to search for some of the rarest bird species in the world as well as various species of penguins.

- See some of the rare endemic species only found on these islands
- Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites such as Te Wahipounamu, home of Milford and Doubtful Sounds
- Enjoy a two-day visit to Macquarie Island with its incredible abundance of wildlife, including king & royal penguins

14 days | Price from €8,730 to €11,410*
Departure date: 14 December 2022

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EMBLEMATIC ANTARCTICA

Ushuaia (Argentina) to Ushuaia (Argentina), aboard L'Austral, max. 200 guests

Cruise to the heart of the icy realm that is the Antarctic Peninsula and embark on an unforgettable voyage of the breath-taking landscapes inhabited by astonishing, unique wildlife. This is THE ultimate once-in-a-lifetime, 'bucket list' travel experience!

After crossing Drake Passage, you will reach 'the White Continent', an extreme environment where nature will reveal to you its most beautiful secrets through numerous discoveries. Each day, whether on land, aboard your ship, during a Zodiac® outing or a kayak adventure, you will enjoy being surrounded by grandiose icebergs, snow-capped mountains and ancient glaciers. However, the wildlife encounters with penguins, whales, seals and seabirds - just to name a few - will no doubt be one of the highlights of your trip of a lifetime.

- Join Zodiac® outings or landings (included) to discover glaciers, volcanic beaches, enchanting bays and more
- Encounter wildlife such as various penguin species, whales, seals and seabirds
- Participate in a sea kayak adventure (included) using professional equipment and led by experienced, certified guides
- Join lectures on a variety of topics such as wildlife, history, climate and environmental protection
- Enjoy various hiking opportunities with our NG expert, NG photographer or naturalist team
- Visit research stations and former whaling stations to learn about the region's past and present

11 days | Price from €8,380 to €11,170*
Departure date: 1 February 2022

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11 days | Price from €10,260 to €13,040*
Departure date: 20 November 2022*

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DID YOU KNOW?

Astonishingly, the animals of Antarctica - particularly the penguins - have no fear of humans. Because they've never had any land-based predators, they are curious about visitors, and are quite happy to allow you to watch them from nearby. Landings are accompanied by our specialist naturalist team, so you'll learn all about these fascinating and beguiling creatures. Importantly, we closely follow the strict international guidelines for interaction with the wildlife and avoid any disturbance to them or their habitat.



DID YOU KNOW?

Over four million people live within the Arctic Circle! Despite the harsh climate, many areas of the Arctic have been settled for thousands of years with indigenous peoples including the Saami in Finland, Sweden and Norway, the Nenets and Khanty peoples in Russia, and Inuit in Alaska, Canada and Greenland. Our polar expeditions will give you the opportunity to discover some of these ancient cultures, and understand how they have managed to make a living in this inhospitable part of the planet.



Arctic



PRISTINE SPITSBERGEN

Tromsø (Norway) to Longyearbyen (Norway), aboard L'Austral & Le Boréal, max. 264 guests

Head into the heart of the Svalbard Archipelago during this unique expedition cruise where ice floes and breath-taking glaciers can be found in abundance. Experience the wonders of this pristine region located midway between the northern coast of Norway and the North Pole and meet its friendly inhabitants, human or otherwise, along the way.

Our voyage will take us in the footsteps of the 17th century whalers and explorers who settled in this remote landscape and we meet the world's northernmost community with more than 1000 permanent residents that share the archipelago with the iconic polar bears that also call Svalbard home. This journey would not be complete without exploring the magnificent Hornsund, one of the region's most beautiful fjords, with an impressive glacier front.

- Sail with a NG expert and a NG photographer as well as a fantastic team of naturalists who will offer insight into local wildlife, history, geopolitics, the great explorers, climate and environmental protection through lectures and informal discussions
- Experience the magnificence of dramatic fjords and ice floe as we cruise through Spitsbergen, one of the most picturesque and remote regions in the world
- Search for wildlife that call Svalbard home, including polar bears, Arctic foxes, Svalbard reindeer, Arctic terns, walrus, whales and puffins (NB. puffins cannot be seen on the August departure)

9 days | Price from €8,000 to €10,760*
Departure date: 26 May 2022

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11 days | Price from €9,720 to €13,170*
Departure date: 17 August 2022*

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*Operates in reverse direction

Arctic



DISCOVERING THE NORTHEAST GREENLAND NATIONAL PARK - INAUGURAL SEASON Reykjavik (Iceland) to Reykjavik (Iceland), aboard *Le Commandant Charcot*, max. 245 guests

Set sail on a brand-new itinerary aboard our hybrid electric polar exploration ship, the first of its kind. This journey will offer you the unique opportunity to discover the north-east coast of Greenland, one of the most difficult regions to access. Spring time still means solid and powerful sea ice which is the perfect time to observe the exceptional Arctic wildlife including polar bears... if you are lucky!

- Visit Ittoqqortoormiit and learn more about this small community of Greenlanders
- Head for Northeast Greenland National Park, the largest national park in the world and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
- Attempt to reach Île de France, a particularly remote region protected by thick pack ice

13 days | Price from €16,820 to €23,780*
Departure date: 10 May 2022

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Arctic



EXPEDITION TO THE EDGE OF THE ICE SHEET Reykjavik (Iceland) to Kangerlussuaq (Greenland), aboard *L'Austral*, max. 264 guests

This itinerary is your chance to embark on a brand-new 14-day expedition cruise to Greenland. You will follow the Vikings' route, the first Europeans to discover eastern Greenland as far as Nuuk. You will touch the east coast of Greenland in Tasilaq, sail down the narrow Prins Christian Sund passage and amid the blue icebergs of the Narsaq region before cruising among the largest icebergs in the Northern Hemisphere.

- Experience the most picturesque and remote regions in the world such as Disko Bay, home to the largest icebergs in the Northern Hemisphere
- Visit traditional villages and learn more about the Inuit people
- Search for wildlife including musk oxen, Arctic foxes, seals and whales

14 days | Price from €11,480*
Departure date: 14 July 2022

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Arctic



ALASKA AND ITS FUR TRADERS Nome, Alaska (USA) to Vancouver (Canada), aboard *L'Austral*, max. 264 guests

Following in the path of Alaska's historic fur trade, you will experience the diverse ecosystems and landscapes of Alaska, discover its incredible wildlife and encounter some of its native people. Your journey will take you from the wild tundra landscapes of the North - with the incredible bounty of the Bering Sea - down through the mountain coastlines of the southeast with a mix of lush temperate rainforest and gigantic glaciers.

- Visit traditional villages and meet indigenous people such as the Yup'ik, Aleuts, Tlingits, and Kwakwaka'wakw
- Explore Geographic Harbour, a lagoon with rocky beaches, surrounded by snowcapped mountains, and a favourite location for brown bears
- Discover a magnitude of wildlife including brown bears, seals, whales and orcas

15 days | Price from €10,780 to €11,260*
Departure date: 15 September 2022

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PACIFIC ISLANDS DISCOVERY Noumea (New Caledonia) to Auckland (New Zealand), aboard *Le Soléal*, max. 264 guests

Join this extraordinary voyage of discovery from New Caledonia to New Zealand, with a focus on some of the most extraordinary lagoons in the world. Sail to Kouaré Island with its beauty and the richness of its seabed, explore the idyllic islands of New Caledonia, visit the nature-lovers delights of Hienghene and Norfolk Island before continuing to the Bay of Islands in the far north of the New Zealand archipelago.

- Explore UNESCO World Heritage Sites of New Caledonia as well as the Loyalty Islands archipelago known for unspoilt landscapes and exceptional marine life
- Learn more about the history and culture of the region's most remote islands
- Discover the art and traditions of the Kanak culture

11 days | Price from €4,920 to €6,400*
Departure date: 22 November 2022

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REVEALING THE MYSTERIES OF MELANESIA

Noumea (New Caledonia) to Honiara (Solomon Islands), aboard *Le Lapérouse & Le Soléal*, max. 184 guests

Let us take you on a voyage of discovery to the islands of Melanesia. As we explore New Caledonia, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands on our 12-day expedition, we will discover the diverse local cultures and the paradise landscapes found on these island shores.

Sailing from Nouméa to Honiara, (or in reverse) we will discover idyllic islands with white sandy beaches, emerald clear waters as well as destinations offering pristine tropical forests with volcanoes rising above them. Our journey to this extraordinary region would not be complete without visiting the traditional villages. Each has their own unique traditions and dances, as well as deep spiritual beliefs ranging from the cargo cults to black magic.

- Discover the region's great diversity by visiting traditional villages as well as the warm waters and tropical beaches that surround them
- Experience the tropical volcanic landscapes by sailing into the Caldera of Ureparapara and visit Mount Yasur, one of the most accessible active volcanoes in the world
- Visit the community of Owaraha, known for their wood carvings, and traditional villages such as Melekula and Ammbrym to explore the Kanak culture, visit the tribes of the "Big Nambas" and see the famous Rom dance

12 days | Price from €7,760*
Departure date: 9 February 2022

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12 days | Price from €7,110 to €7,760*
Departure date: 11 November 2022*

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*Operates in reverse direction

DID YOU KNOW?

Our NG-PONANT itineraries are created in consultation with local stakeholders such as authorities, national parks, Aboriginal councils, NGOs and scientific teams ensuring that we fully respect the places we visit and that we avoid mistakes relating to local habits and customs. Each of our expedition cruises is designed in close consultation with local people: they are the ones that decide what they want to share about their customs and their environment and play an active role in tourism.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Lacedpede Islands is THE place to discover for bird watching as it is an important breeding area for sea birds. The breeding colony of Brown Boobies is possibly the largest in the world, with up to 18,000 pairs, while 20,000 Roseate Terns have also been recorded. Other birds include Masked Boobies, Australian Pelicans, Eastern Reef Egrets, Silver Gulls, Common Noddies, Lesser Frigatebirds, and Pied and Sooty Oystercatchers. Visiting wading birds also include Grey-tailed Tattlers, Bar-Tailed Godwits and Great Knots.



Oceania



AUSTRALIA'S ICONIC KIMBERLEY

Darwin (Australia) to Broome (Australia), aboard *Le Soléal*, max. 264 guests

Journey from Darwin to Broome (or in reverse) on this exceptional expedition to the Kimberley, one of the world's most magnificent landscapes. Experience the wonders of this pristine region and journey along one of Australia's most spectacular coastlines, where flora and fauna thrive.

This expedition will take you deep into the many bays dissecting the picturesque coast, where hidden coves and caves are home to ancient galleries of cave art, allowing us insight into the lives of the first people on these sacred lands. The region also offers unique phenomena such as the Horizontal Falls and King George Waterfall. This combined with abrupt gorges, savannah, calm waters and desolate mountain chains, the wild lands of the Kimberley are the promise of an exceptional adventure.

- Discover billions of years-old landscapes and ancient rock art in Vansittart Bay where you can learn more about aboriginal culture and those who first settled on these sacred lands
- Explore pristine mangrove environments to discover the breath-taking Twin Falls and venture by Zodiac® into the Hunter River to search for the largest reptile on earth, the saltwater crocodile
- Sail into the remote Lacedpede Islands, an important breeding site for green turtles, to observe colonies of sea birds including brown boobies, Roseate terns and Australian pelicans

11 days | Price from €7,940 to €8,760*
Departure date: 5 September 2022

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11 days | Price from €8,350 to €8,760*
Departure date: 15 September 2022*

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Central America



THE SECRETS OF CENTRAL AMERICA

Colón (Panama) to Puerto Caldera (Costa Rica), aboard *Le Champlain*, max. 184 guests

Join us for a voyage of discovery to Costa Rica and Panama as we explore the Isthmus of Panama, a link between two continents. You will find striking beauty in the biodiversity that is unique in the world, taking in the dream islands, natural reserves and encounters with the fascinating local communities as we journey between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. You may be lucky enough to see Costa Rica's multi-coloured birds, monkeys, iguanas and sloths as well as the country's most beautiful beaches.

Panama is home to remarkable sandy beaches, rocky coastlines, mangroves, swamps and tropical rainforests which will offer feast for all senses. Here we will also be able to meet the semi-nomadic Emberás community and learn more about their way of life.

- Sail through the Panama Canal; a masterpiece of civil engineering and an iconic moment of navigation through one of the world's most essential shipping routes
- Enjoy the unique opportunity to meet with indigenous communities such as the Emberás and the Kuna Indians, known for their traditional craft of vibrant weaved textiles
- Explore world-renowned UNESCO sites: the fortifications of Portobelo, the Darien National Park and spend time at San Blas Islands, a unique archipelago boasting spectacular landscapes of sandy beaches and lush greenery

11 days | Price from €4,770 to €5,840*
Departure date: 4 January 2022

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11 days | Price from €5,030 to €5,840*
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DID YOU KNOW?

The San Blas archipelago, located on the north-east coast of Panama, is a string of coral islands in the heart of the Caribbean Sea. More than 300 islands and cays cover an area of 300 square kilometres offering travellers a multitude of treasures. Sheltered behind a long coral reef, the San Blas Islands are full of enchanting anchorages. The long sandy white beaches bound by crystal-clear waters will allow you to relax and enjoy incredible marine fauna.



South America



WILD NATURE BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Ushuaia (Argentina) to Buenos Aires (Argentina), aboard *Le Lyrial*, max. 264 guests

From Tierra del Fuego to flamboyant Buenos Aires, via the Falkland Islands, this new itinerary combines unique panoramas of undulating hillsides and lush green moors, mythical ports and an array of spectacular wildlife encounters. Round legendary Cape Horn before reaching the archipelago of the Falkland Islands, then discover Camarones and Puerto Madryn, known for their marine mammals.

- Visit the Falkland Islands and see black-browed albatrosses and various penguin species
- Chart a course around the legendary Cape Horn before sailing in the direction of the Isla de los Estados
- Encounter unique marine wildlife such as sea lions, orcas, elephant seals and dolphins

15 days | Price from €6,730 to €8,900*
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THE BEST OF CHILEAN FJORDS

Talcahuano (Chile) to Ushuaia (Argentina), aboard *L'Austral*, max. 264 guests

Take in the magnificent scenery of Chile and Argentina. From spectacular glaciers to imposing fjords, winding channels and dramatic scenery; this region of the world is nothing short of breathtaking. Visit quaint fishing town surrounded by snow-tipped volcanoes, visit remote communities, encounter bountiful wildlife including sea lions, penguins and dolphins and discover an array of majestic glaciers.

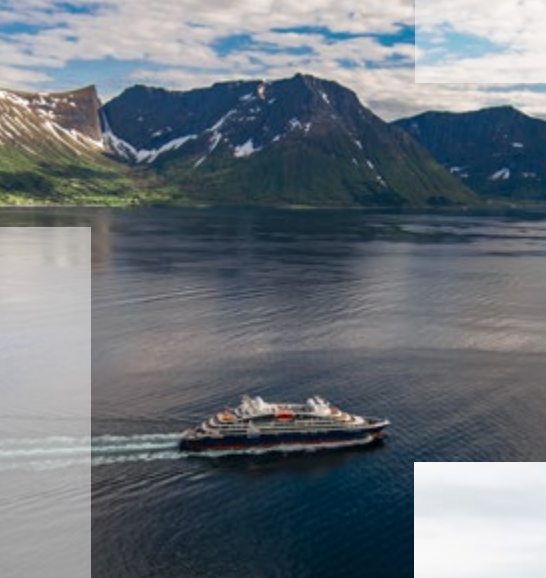
- Sail through the Chilean Fjords, through the iconic Strait of Magellan and rounding Cape Horn
- Observing wildlife with the possibility to see penguins, whales, seals, condors and more
- Enjoy multiple Zodiac® cruises to enable you to get even closer to the wildlife and landscapes

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2022 EXPEDITION CRUISE CALENDAR

CRUISE	FROM	TO	DESTINATION	VESSEL	DEPARTURE DATE	RETURN DATE	NIGHTS	PRICE FROM PER PERSON
The Secrets of Central America	Colon, Panama	Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica	Central America	<i>Le Champlain</i>	04 January 2022	14 January 2022	10	€4,770
Expedition to Charcot and Peter I Islands	Ushuaia, Argentina	Ushuaia, Argentina	Antarctica	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	08 January 2022	22 January 2022	14	€16,320
The Secrets of Central America	Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica	Colon, Panama	Central America	<i>Le Champlain</i>	14 January 2022	24 January 2022	10	€5,030
The Weddell Sea & Larsen Ice Shelf	Ushuaia, Argentina	Ushuaia, Argentina	Antarctica	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	22 January 2022	02 February 2022	11	€13,180
Emblematic Antarctica	Ushuaia, Argentina	Ushuaia, Argentina	Antarctica	<i>L'Austral</i>	01 February 2022	11 February 2022	10	€8,380
Revealing the Mysteries of Melanesia	Noumea, New Caledonia	Honiara, Solomon Islands	Oceania	<i>Le Laperouse</i>	09 February 2022	20 February 2022	11	€7,760
Wild Nature between Argentina and the Falkland Islands	Ushuaia, Argentina	Buenos Aires, Argentina	South America	<i>Le Lyrial</i>	15 March 2022	29 March 2022	14	€6,730
Discovering the Northeast Greenland National Park	Reykjavik, Iceland	Reykjavik, Iceland	Arctic	<i>Le Commandant Charcot</i>	10 May 2022	22 May 2022	12	€16,820
Pristine Spitsbergen	Tromso, Norway	Longyearbyen, Norway	Arctic	<i>L'Austral</i>	26 May 2022	03 June 2022	8	€8,000
Expedition To The Edge of the Ice Sheet	Reykjavik, Iceland	Kangerlussuaq, Greenland	Arctic	<i>L'Austral</i>	14 July 2022	27 July 2022	13	€11,480
Pristine Spitsbergen	Longyearbyen, Norway	Tromso, Norway	Arctic	<i>Le Boréal</i>	17 August 2022	27 August 2022	10	€9,720
Australia's Iconic Kimberley	Darwin, Australia	Broome, Australia	Oceania	<i>Le Soléal</i>	05 September 2022	15 September 2022	10	€7,940
Alaska and Its fur traders	Nome, Alaska (USA)	Vancouver, Canada	Arctic	<i>L'Austral</i>	15 September 2022	29 September 2022	14	€10,780
Australia's Iconic Kimberley	Broome, Australia	Darwin, Australia	Oceania	<i>Le Soléal</i>	15 September 2022	25 September 2022	10	€8,350
The best of Chilean Fjords	Talcahuano, Chile	Ushuaia, Argentina	South America	<i>L'Austral</i>	23 October 2022	05 November 2022	13	€6,860
The Great Austral Loop	Ushuaia, Argentina	Ushuaia, Argentina	Antarctica	<i>L'Austral</i>	05 November 2022	20 November 2022	15	€13,220
Revealing the Mysteries of Melanesia	Honiara, Solomon Islands	Noumea, New Caldeonia	Oceania	<i>Le Soléal</i>	11 November 2022	22 November 2022	11	€7,110
Emblematic Antarctica	Ushuaia, Argentina	Ushuaia, Argentina	Antarctica	<i>L'Austral</i>	20 November 2022	01 December 2022	11	€10,260
Pacific Islands Discovery	Noumea, New Caledonia	Auckland, New Zealand	Oceania	<i>Le Soléal</i>	22 November 2022	02 December 2022	10	€4,920
New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands	Dunedin, New Zealand	Dunedin, New Zealand	Antarctica	<i>Le Soléal</i>	14 December 2022	28 December 2022	14	€8,730



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