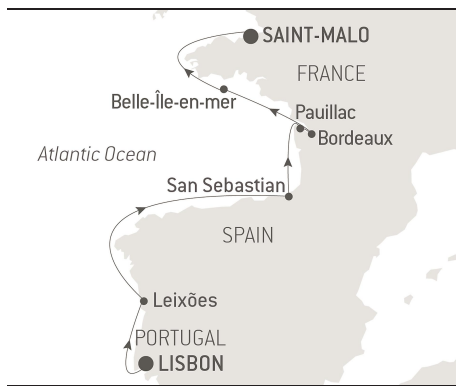


Gastronomy, Vineyards & Grands Crus

From **17/04/2021**
to **26/04/2021**

Ship: **L'AUSTRAL**

From **Lisbon**
to **Saint-Malo**



In partnership with **Ducassee Conseil** and **Château Latour**.

From Lisbon to Saint-Malo, PONANT invites you to join an exceptional **gastronomic and oenological cruise** in partnership with Ducasse Paris and Château Latour.

Board *L'Austral* for a **10-day cruise** to the land of rich flavours and discover all the know-how and excellence of Alain Ducasse's teams during **prestigious gala dinners**.

From the port of Leixões, you will first visit **Porto**. Capital of the northern region of Portugal, this "city of granite", the centre of which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, is renowned for its wine.

You will discover **San Sebastián**, the elegant capital of Gipuzkoa province. With its distinctive shell-shaped bay, opulent-looking buildings and small streets that are ideal for strolling, this city provides a fine glimpse at the charms of the **Spanish Basque Country**.

L'Austral will then make its way up the Gironde estuary for a first stop in **Pauillac**, will several visits and wine tastings at some very beautiful wine estates in the Saint-Estephe, Margaux and Pauillac appellations. In the evening, the moored ship will have Château Latour as a backdrop: in this magnificent setting, a gala dinner held on board will enchant you with its wine and dish pairings.

Two days in **Bordeaux**, the wine capital of the world, will follow. You will be captivated by its rich wine-making tradition and have the opportunity to visit the Cité du Vin, the medieval village of Saint-Émilion, and other châteaux.

Then, you will call at **Belle-Île-en-Mer**, before heading to **Saint-Malo**, a town famous for the legendary Route du Rhum yacht race, lose yourself in the diversity of its heritage, stroll along its rampart walks, and fall under the charm of the city of privateers.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

LISBON

Embarkation 17/04/2021 from 16h00 to 17h00

Departure 17/04/2021 at 19h00

Portugal's capital city located on the banks of the Tagus, only a few kilometres from the Atlantic coast, is a city of exceptionally rich cultural diversity. At the mouth of the river harbour, impose two UNESCO World Heritage monuments, **Jeronimos monastery** and **Belem tower**. The Alfama hillside is also worth visiting: known for its **fado** bars and its **Moorish streets**, this district is the oldest one of the city and one of the most typical. Not far from there, Chiado's elegant streets are home to big fashion labels and are an invitation to a bit of luxury shopping.

LEIXÕES - PORTO

Arrival 18/04/2021 midday

Departure 18/04/2021 early evening

Located at the mouth of the Douro River, the port of Leixões lies less than 10 kilometres from Porto. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the historic centre of Porto is worth a visit for its famous **Ribeira district**, the metallic silhouette of the Dom-Luis bridge looming over its ancient houses, its richly decorated Baroque churches and its national **Soares dos Reis** museum. The **São Bento station** is also interesting for its typically Portuguese decoration, using *Azulejos*, blue square ceramic tiles decorated with geometric patterns or figurative scenes.

AT SEA

Arrival 19/04/2021

Departure 19/04/2021

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

PASAJES – SAN SEBASTIÁN

Arrival 20/04/2021 early morning
Departure 20/04/2021 late afternoon

On the Spanish Basque coast, discover Pasaia, a picturesque little town nestling in the hollow of verdant mountains, on the shores of the bay. The coastal footpath offers magnificent views over the sea and goes all the way to San Sebastián. Nicknamed the “Pearl of Cantabria” because of its shell-shaped bay, this renowned seaside resort in the Bay of Biscay combines an idyllic natural setting with the charm of the Belle Époque.

PAUILLAC

Arrival 21/04/2021 mid morning
Departure 21/04/2021 late evening

Discover **Pauillac**, a town in southwestern France located a few kilometres away from Bordeaux, stretching along the Gironde. The undisputed capital of Médoc, Pauillac will open up its magical universe for you, from **culture and heritage to vineyards and châteaux**. This stop will be a voyage of myriad flavours, particularly during the tasting of the region’s wines, revealing their soft ruby colours and reflections turning amber with time. Enjoy both a **sensorial adventure** and an adventure into the heart of the town. Don’t miss the visit of Saint Martin’s Church or the mysterious **grotto of Artigues**, dominated by a statue of the Virgin Mary. As for the **Aspic Tower**, it is topped with a dome from which the harvesters’ work used to be overseen.

BORDEAUX

Arrival 22/04/2021 early morning
Departure 23/04/2021 evening

Bordeaux stretches along the banks of the Garonne river, in South-West France. Its rich wine tradition makes it the **world capital of wine**. Let yourself be carried away by the history of the *Port de la Lune*, made a UNESCO World Heritage site for its prestigious classical architecture. On the famous Place de la Bourse, the past and the present unite: here you can observe the majestic old buildings reflected in the contemporary **Miroir d’eau** creation.

BELLE-ÎLE-EN-MER

Arrival 24/04/2021 midday
Departure 24/04/2021 late afternoon

Lying to the South of Brittany, Belle-Île is very aptly named. The largest of the Ponant islands, it owes its glowing reputation to its exceptional environment and generous natural attributes: pristine moors and dunes, headlands and cliffs cut into granite points, rocky inlets, and sheltered bays with sandy or pebble beaches. Aboard your ship, let the wild coastline of Belle-île-en-Mer surprise you, this little speck of land lying on the ocean, sparkling with colours in the morning light.

SAINT-MALO

Arrival 25/04/2021 early afternoon
Disembarkation 26/04/2021 at 07h00

The mere mention of Saint-Malo's name is enough to plunge us back into the richness of its past. The fortifications stand as testimony to the Malouins' determination to defend their citadel, fought over by France and Britain in turn. When we drop anchor here, immerse yourself in the diversity of its heritage: the time when privateers sailed the oceans in search of trade and victories; the legendary yacht races the port city is still famous for, such as the Route du Rhum; and the final resting place of the French writer François-René de Chateaubriand, who was born here and chose to be buried here anonymously.