

# Historic cities of the Atlantic coast

From **5/5/2022**  
to **13/5/2022**

Ship: **LE BOREAL**

From **Lisbon**  
to **Honfleur**



From Lisbon to Honfleur, **PONANT** invites you aboard *Le Boréal* for an **9-day cruise**, that will take you along the **French, Spanish and Portuguese Atlantic coastlines**.

From the port of Leixões, you will visit **Porto**. The capital of Portugal's northern region, this "city of granite" is renowned for its wine but also for its remarkable historic centre, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Your journey will continue to Galicia and the city of Vigo, the biggest fishing port in Spain. Not far from here, **Santiago de Compostela** awaits you. This unmissable pilgrimage destination is home to a number of monuments from the Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque periods, testimony to its illustrious past.

*Le Boréal* will then head for the capital of the Spanish Basque Country, **Bilbao**. Between daring architecture and the continuation of its ancestral traditions, you will be able to witness the city's unique energy.

You will conclude your exploration of Basque Country on the French side with a stay in the city of **Saint-Jean-de-Luz**.

During your stop in **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.

You will then reach the pretty Norman town of Honfleur, your port of disembarkation.



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### LISBON

Embarkation 5/5/2022 from 16h00 to 17h00

Departure 5/5/2022 at 18h00

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 6/5/2022 midday

Departure 6/5/2022 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.

### VIGO – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Arrival 7/5/2022 early morning

Departure 7/5/2022 late afternoon

Nestling on the Atlantic coast, in the south of **Galicia**, the former fishing port of Vigo is now the region's largest municipality. Its old town, more commonly known as O Berbés, will unveil its many historical monuments and the unusual architectural style of its homes. Off the coast, the Cíes Islands, declared a Nature Reserve and located in the **Atlantic Islands of Galicia National Park**, offer truly splendid landscapes and exceptional biodiversity. Further north, make sure you visit **Santiago de Compostela**, which welcomes many pilgrims from all over the world every year. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, its historical centre has significant architectural heritage.

### AT SEA

Arrival 8/5/2022

Departure 8/5/2022

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.

## BILBAO

Arrival 9/5/2022 early morning

Departure 9/5/2022 evening

Bilbao, capital of the Spanish Basque country, is one of the most avant-garde cities in Europe. Its architectural audacity as well as its ancient built heritage will take you on a journey between traditions and innovations. An unusual cable car will allow you to reach the magnificent **Guggenheim Museum**, a unique construction of stone, glass and titanium, designed by the architect Frank Gehry and home to a collection of modern art and contemporary monumental sculpture. The narrow streets of the **old city** and the unmissable **Ensanche district** are also worthy of a visit, as is the **Vizcaya bridge**, the world's first ever transporter bridge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## SAINT-JEAN-DE-LUZ

Arrival 10/5/2022 early morning

Departure 10/5/2022 mid afternoon

A renowned seaside resort in the South West of France, **Saint-Jean-de-Luz** is a picturesque and authentic town with a rich history. In particular, King Louis XIV married Maria Teresa in the famous Saint Jean the Baptist church in 1660. The seafront unveils stunning views, between the **Basque architecture** and the Cantabrian Sea. An unforgettable bay, which was frequented in the 17<sup>th</sup> century by privateers and wealthy ship-owners.

## AT SEA

Arrival 11/5/2022

Departure 11/5/2022

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.

## SAINT-MALO

Arrival 12/5/2022 early morning

Departure 12/5/2022 early afternoon

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.

## HONFLEUR

Arrival 13/5/2022 early morning

Disembarkation 13/5/2022 at 09h30

A treasure of the **Côte Fleurie**, Honfleur is located on the edge of la Crique de Rouen in Normandy. You will no doubt admire the historical ships moored in its **old port**. With its tall, slate-covered houses, the quays provide a great setting for a very nice walk. In the streets behind the harbour, you will see many timber houses. These picturesque places were the cradle of several pre-impressionist painters. You can see their works in the **Eugène Boudin museum**. Exhibited works represent scenes of medieval streets and the coastline as it used to be, as illustrated by the Butin beach and its lush green hillsides.