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BAY OF BISCAY & IBERIAN PENINSULA - PORTUGAL, SPAIN & FRANCE IN LUXURY

From Bordeaux to Lisbon, PONANT invites you on a brand-new cruise along the shores of the Atlantic to discover the French, Spanish and Portuguese coasts. Enjoy a different experience of the Atlantic Ocean during an 11-day trip aboard *Le Lap erouse*. Throughout your journey, you will benefit from an excursion included per person per port of call, to choose from a selection offered by PONANT. During this cruise, follow the Medoc region's famous "Route des Chateaux" from Pauillac, admire the historic city of Santillana del Mar from Santander, from Santander or hike the final kilometres of the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) from Vigo. The diversity of experiences on offer promises you intense and varied moments (to discover the full range of excursions, go to the itinerary tab). The diversity of experiences on offer promises you intense and varied moments (to discover the full range of excursions, go to the itinerary tab). The ship will set sail from Bordeaux, considered the wine capital of the world, to reach your first port of call, Pauillac. Here, several visits and wine tastings at some beautiful wine estates in the Saint-Estephe, Margaux and Pauillac appellations will enable you to explore the region in the best possible way. After a stop in the beautiful fortified town of Talmont-sur-Gironde, you will set sail for the Basque coast and Saint-Jean-de-Luz, an authentic fishing port with charming half-timbered houses. You will then cruise to Santander and its dazzling bay, considered one of the most beautiful in the Bay of Biscay. You will fall in love with the timeless charm of this coastal city with a rich maritime heritage. *Le Lap erouse* will continue its exploration of the Northern Spanish coast until it reaches Avilés. The town is an ode to the beauty of Asturias,

offering unspoilt nature, a history spanning centuries, and contemporary artistic creation. Your ship will then set a course for Corruna, a trading port with a history extending all the way back to antiquity. This Galician city will captivate you with its stories and architectural gems, including the legendary Tower of Hercules: a Roman lighthouse declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Your journey will continue to 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. Leixoes will be the next stop on your cruise. From there, you will have the opportunity to 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. In Figueira da Foz, at the mouth of the Mondego River, you will love the slow pace of this historic seaside resort and its beaches of white sand. Your cruise will come to an end in Lisbon, sitting on the Tagus River, distilling its one-of-a-kind charm imbued with

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Day 2 - Pauillac

Discover Pauillac, a town in southwestern France located a few kilometres away from Bordeaux, stretching along the Gironde. The undisputed capital of Medoc, Pauillac will open up its magical universe for you, from culture and heritage to vineyards and chateaux. 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.

Day 3 - Talmont-sur-Gironde

You will sail along the coast to discover the remarkable Meschers caves, natural cavities carved into the chalk cliffs that loom over the Gironde estuary. Enlarged by man in the 19th century, they became troglodyte dwellings, some of which are still inhabited today. Punctuating the coastline of the Charente region with their poetic presence, the carrelets, fragile-looking huts on stilts fitted with a square fishing net, can be seen along the Saintonge coastline. The beautiful town of Talmont-sur-Gironde is to be found at the heart of the fortified city founded by Edward I, King of England and Duke of Aquitaine. The Sainte-Radegonde church, a jewel of Romanesque art, dating from the 12th century, looms

rich history.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Bordeaux

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.



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majestically over the estuary.

Day 4 - Saint-Jean-de-Luz

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 17th century by privateers and wealthy ship-owners.

Day 5 - Santander

Facing the Bay of Biscay, its backdrop a natural setting that combines sea and mountain, Santander rolls out along a huge bay on the northern coast of the peninsula. A city of maritime tradition, it has a century-old touristic vocation. It is home to two treasures that are UNESCO World Heritage Sites: a part of the Way of Saint James and the Cave of Altamira. Its Prehistory and Archaeology Museum houses one of the most valuable Palaeolithic collections in Europe and the Maritime Museum of Cantabria is one of the most comprehensive museums in Spain dedicated to the sea. Its beaches with peaceful waters, protected from the wind, offer one of the most beautiful sea fronts with a succession of Belle Époque buildings.

Day 6 - Aviles

Day 7 - La Coruña

La Coruña stands on a peninsula in north-west Spain. As you enter the harbour, you can see the imposing Castillo de San Anton, which houses archaeological collections from Galicia. In the old town, you'll travel back in time as you meander through the streets from the medieval church of Santiago to the contemporary Domus building, a museum dedicated to human biology and psychology. Brightly coloured tramways connect to the waterfront, on one side, Riazor beach, and on the other, the Hercules tower: this lighthouse overlooking the Atlantic, is a UNESCO World Heritage site, listed for its history dating back to Antiquity.

Day 8 - Vigo - Santiago de Compostela

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 Berbes, will unveil its many historical monuments and the unusual architectural style of its homes. Off the coast, the Cies 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

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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.

from there, Chiado's elegant streets are home to big fashion labels and are an invitation to a bit of luxury shopping.

Day 9 - Leixões - Porto

Located at the mouth of the Douro River, the port of Leixoes 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 Sao Bento station is also interesting for its typically Portuguese decoration, using Azulejos, blue square ceramic tiles decorated with geometric patterns or figurative scenes.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

Day 10 - Figueira da Foz

Day 11 - Lisbon

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

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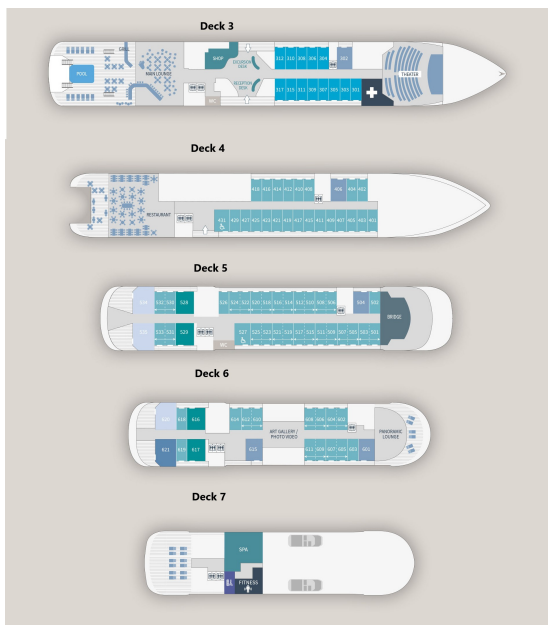
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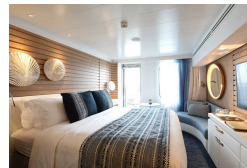
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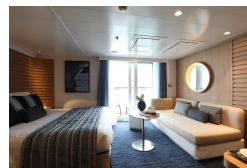
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