

# **REVERIE UNDER SAIL IN THE HEART OF THE LESSER ANTILLES - CARIBBEAN LUXURY CRUISE**

Le Ponant, the first Relais & Chateaux sailing yacht. The finest travel address on the waters of the world. The Caribbean. The mere mention of this vast archipelago conjures images of waves dancing along the shoreline, lapping against long beaches lined with elegant palm trees. During this unforgettable 8-day cruise, spend your time contemplating and exploring aboard PONANT's emblematic yacht. You will leave behind the lively shores of Philipsburg, the Dutch part of Saint-Martin. Soon, deeply breathing in the air on the deck of the three-mast yacht, you will be enchanted by the infinite palette of blues in the Caribbean Sea. You will drop anchor around Sandy Island, where you may indulge in daydreaming in the heart of an extraordinary lagoon where an almost otherworldly sand bar has formed. In this natural pool, you will enjoy the moment as you go out on a paddle board or a kayak, or for a swim. Thanks to the perfect conditions, sailing here is a delight for all the senses. Lying on the deck, you will let the wind and the sunshine caress your skin, while the crew sail the mainsail. With dependable trade winds, easy visual navigation, many moorings in crystal-clear waters and an underwater world full of fish, the British Virgin Islands really are one of the best sailing destinations in the world. Be inspired by the hilly landscapes, swim with turtles and multicoloured fish above the coral reefs, lounge on the seemingly endless beaches of white sand and head for the heights to explore the paths that criss-cross Norman Island, "the pirate island" where PONANT will be taking you for the first time. At the end of a beautiful crossing over the Caribbean Sea, you will arrive in the Anguilla archipelago, a little-known jewel where you will be able to reconnect both with yourself and the

surrounding elements. On Dog Island, you will be like Robinson Crusoe discovering a desert island. You will not come across anyone, except a few wild goats and a colony of seabirds that you will learn to recognise with the help of a local naturalist-guide. After this odyssey embracing the elements, feeling refreshed by this special experience aboard Le Ponant, as if you were on your very own yacht, you will return to terra firma



in Marigot.

#### **ITINERARY**

Day 1 PHILIPSBURG

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The capital of the Dutch part of Saint-Martin, in the south of the island, Philipsburg is bordered by a 3-km (1.9-mile) long expanse of sand. Following a stroll along Front Street and Back Street, the lively streets edged with houses with colourful facades, take a break on a lounger opposite the calm and turquoise sea of Great Bay. Sint Maarten Museum will immerse you in the past of the Arawaks, an indigenous people of the West Indies. You will also be able to admire the view from Fort Amsterdam, the first fort constructed by the Dutch in the 17th century.

Day 2 AT SEA ABOARD LE PONANT & SANDY ISLAND, ANGUILLA

During your day at sea on board Le Ponant, make the most of your free time and the comfort of your ship for a moment of rest or conviviality. If the weather is right, let yourself be tempted by a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to do some shopping in the boutique and share the highlights of your cruise with the other passengers. 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 relaxation, sharing and the pleasure of sailing on a yacht. This little slice of crescent-shaped land is located in the vast lagoon of Anguilla, off the north-west coast. It has all the magical allure of a desert island. To shelter you from the sun's blaze in the hottest part of the day, the only constructions to be seen are wooden pergolas nestling among the coconut palms. You can swim, snorkel, or just chill.

#### Day 3 NORMAN ISLAND

The private property of an American philanthropist, this "pirate island" is brimming with stories of adventure. It is said that pirates used to come here to hide their loot, that a fisherman found treasure deep in a cave here and that it is where Robert Louis Stevenson found the inspiration to write his famous novel. Today, the island is very popular for its snorkelling and diving spots. You will be able to explore the caves of Treasure Point, and kayak to Peter Island with a guide. With its numerous hiking paths, the island is also perfect for walking. Go up the hill to make the most of the incredible views over the Sir Francis Drake Channel. The large port offers passing ships substantial protection. The island is inhabited only by pelicans and wild goats, but you will be able to enjoy grilled fish, seafood and cocktails in one of the establishments on the beach.

Day 4 VIRGIN GORDA



Virgin Gorda is one of the British Virgin Islands archipelago's largest islands. There, you will discover The Baths National Park and its well-renowned picture-postcard beaches. Gigantic volcanic boulders sit surrounded by the turquoise waters of the Caribbean, creating spectacular geological formations. Indeed, over the years a network of basins, caves and natural pools has formed, resulting in a sublime aquatic maze in which it is enjoyable to lose oneself before heading to the stunning Devil's Bay Beach. On the island's south-eastern tip, Copper Mine National Park is still home to many ruins of an abandoned copper mine that looks out over the sea.

Connected to the island of Tortola by the Queen Elizabeth Bridge, Beef Island will provide you with an enchanted interlude. You will disembark by Zodiac in Trellis Bay, a small town with a market, restaurant, cafe, boutiques selling local crafts and a beach. Visit the shops, boutiques and the Aragorn art gallery, where you will find artisanal objects from the Caribbean, jewellery, sculptures, calabash purses and bowls as well as handwoven baskets.

Day 7 DOG ISLAND, ANGUILLA

#### Day 5 JOST VAN DYKE

During your cruise, discover the pearl of the British Virgin Islands, said to have been named after a fearsome Dutch pirate from long ago. he hilly landscape offers travellers beautiful wild expanses lined with immaculate beaches where the breeze gently caresses the coconut palms. In this slice of heaven with crystal-clear waters, you will be able to enjoy the lively atmosphere of White Bay. As for the wildlife, iguanas, mongooses, pelicans and blue herons have taken up residence on these islands, much to the delight of our passengers who love a good holiday snap! A small and uninhabited island edged with low cliffs and sandy beaches, Dog Island and the three cays that make it up are an important bird breeding area. You will be able to observe a great number of nesting seabirds here, mainly sooty terns. Other seabirds breed here in smaller numbers, in particular red-billed tropicbirds, magnificent frigatebirds, masked boobies, brown boobies, black-headed gulls, bridled terns and brown noddies. The island is also home to several kinds of small reptiles, as well as wild goats. You will also be able to experience the joys of swimming, kayaking and free-diving.

#### Day 8 MARIGOT

### Day 6 BEEF ISLAND

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Located on the west coast of the French side of Saint Martin, an island in the north-east of the Caribbean Sea, Marigot has stunning discoveries in store for you. Its streets are home to old Creole huts, the traditional dwellings in the 19th century, as well as a host of luxury boutiques and artist studios. Overlooking Marigot Bay and facing Anguilla, Fort Louis is an ideal spot from which to admire the Simpson Bay Lagoon and the surrounding small, lush mountains. For those who enjoy walking, taking a lovely stroll from the Fort Louis marina via the market, is an opportunity to fully enjoy the easy way of life in this charming, picturesque town.

#### Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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# **YOUR SHIP: LE PONANT**

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VESSEL TYPE:	
LENGTH:	
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	

\_Le Ponant\_ becomes world's first sailing yacht to obtain Relais & Chateaux label After four years of regular ad hoc partnerships, PONANT and Relais & Chateaux are strengthening their ties. The three-master joins the large family of Relais & Chateaux establishments as a new member. It is the first sailing yacht in history to obtain the label and be included in its catalogue of the finest travel addresses in the world. In 2019 & 2020 Le Ponant underwent a huge revamp. Her capacity was reduced from 64 to just 32 passengers who will be served by a crew of 34. Following in the nautical tradition of three-masted sailing ships, Le Ponant will take you on a voyage of discovery. The ship provides intimacy and convivial atmosphere and the refined life on board, the welcoming charm to your cabin, the lounges and the restaurants setting are invitations to relax. Le Ponant is one of the most majestic sailing vessels in the world. With 16 spacious cabins and suites, one crew member per passenger, a dedicated chef, and authentic and exclusive experiences to be enjoyed at every stop, designed for and with you, the ship redefines the concept of luxury vachting and promises you an extraordinary experience. In addition to its tasteful and refined design by Jean-Philippe Nuel, it has many innovative and

environmentally friendly amenities. Conserving the environment is one of our priorities. We have therefore chosen to invest in innovations and equipment at the cutting edge of technology, with the aim of achieving the highest standards possible in the sector. Le Ponant is the only yacht in the world with a hybrid propulsion system. This uniquely designed three-masted schooner can rely solely on its sails but also can connect to the electricity network in certain ports to limit its ecological impact. On board, we have banned the use of plastic in straws, laundry bags, cups and individual food portion packaging. Packaging is collected from our warehouses. Unavoidable plastic waste is sorted and entrusted to resource-recovery companies, who monitor its traceability until its elimination. Le Ponant is equipped with a complete desalination and wastewater treatment system. This biodegradation process works without the use of chemicals. It provides clean water and meets the highest quality standards. On board, 60% of packaging is recycled, while the rate elsewhere in the world is only 20%. The rest is 100% traced. We have on-board compactors adapted to each type of waste and are working to optimise their management on land. Under full sail, gliding over the sea with the wind, you will fall under Le Ponant's spell. Please click the following links to read more about Ponant and the other Ponant

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20-Dec-2025 to 27-Dec-2025		Alizés Privilege Suite	£10285 GBP pp
Alizés Prestige Stateroom	£9299 GBP pp	Alizés Prestige Stateroom	£8735 GBP pp
Alizés Privilege Suite	£10955 GBP pp	Mistral Prestige Suite	£8069 GBP pp
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Mistral Prestige Suite	£8589 GBP pp	Alizés Stateroom	£8625 GBP pp
Mistral Stateroom	£5939 GBP pp	Mistral Junior Suite	£7519 GBP pp
Mistral Junior Suite	£7999 GBP pp	Mistral Stateroom	£5579 GBP pp
Owner Suite	£15718 GBP pp	Owner Suite	£15718 GBP pp
Mistral Prestige Stateroom	£6229 GBP pp		
		14-Mar-2026 to 21-Mar-2026	
17-Jan-2026 to 24-Jan-2026		Owner Suite	£15985 GBP pp
Alizés Prestige Stateroom	£10995 GBP pp	Alizés Privilege Suite	£10955 GBP pp
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Alizés Stateroom	£10855 GBP pp	Alizés Stateroom	£9185 GBP pp
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Owner Suite	£15985 GBP pp	Mistral Stateroom	£5939 GBP pp
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Alizés Privilege Suite	£12955 GBP pp		40. hh
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