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### THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER IN THE HEART OF THE BOREAL WINTER

With featured guest Sue Flood, British Photo Ambassador. Le Commandant Charcot, a technological wonder capable of sailing in the most extreme environments, is opening up new horizons in unrivalled comfort and invites you to explore the Saint Lawrence. This river is not accessible to traditional ships in winter, so this exclusive and all-new PONANT journey lifts the veil on unique great open spaces, where the waters, once turbulent, freeze into ice, and where the forests are dressed in an immaculate white coat. You will sail among different states and forms of ice - from drifting and fragmented sea ice to solid ice - and will be able to admire the evolution of this spectacular natural scenery from the reassuring cocoon of Le Commandant Charcot. In these lands, only the murmur of broken ice, bearing mysteries and legends, disturbs the calmness. Aboard the ship or on shore, you will seize the opportunities to explore these places where nature reigns supreme and in never-ending variety: boreal forests of immaculate conifers, snow-covered valleys and a sea of ice. Set off to discover this enchanting environment, thanks to winter activities such as hiking or snowshoeing, dog sledding or ice fishing. You may be lucky enough to see typical animals like caribou, elk and black bears in their natural habitat, or watch whitecoats being born in the Magdalen Islands, if weather and ice conditions permit. In this region, where souls are filled with deep serenity, the colourful houses and fishing huts stand valiantly. Their sparkling facades, in bright and vibrant colours, defy the harshness of the winter landscape. Here, in one of the "few places where you can experience the cold with so much warmth" (Saguenay proverb), you will receive a hospitable welcome from Quebeckers and the Innu and

Micmac peoples in unforgettable get-togethers. These indigenous communities, who include some of the First Nations, will tell you about their stories, legends and ancestral traditions. A journey suspended in time, where lives blend with the natural elements and where the wild beauty of nature is revealed in its full



splendour.

#### ITINERARY

Days 1 - 2 QUÉBEC

At the confluence of the Saint Charles River and the Saint

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Lawrence estuary, in the South-East of Canada, the capital of the Beautiful Province puts on its best finery in the winter season. During its long winter months, the historic streets of the city - whose name means "where the river narrows" in the Mi'kmaq language - are decked out in a cloak of snow. Let yourself be swept away by the unique atmosphere of the old town, including in the Petit Champlain district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where the aromas of spices and hot chocolate emanating from the surrounding cafes will warm up hearts and souls alike. An oasis in the heart of urban life, the Plains of Abraham will provide you with the opportunity to try out the most popular winter activities, like cross-country skiing or ice skating, while making the most of sumptuous panoramas over the city that hosts the world's largest winter carnival every year.

### Days 3 - 4 LA BAIE (SAGUENAY)

During the long winter months, in the majestic Saguenay Valley, the borough of La Baie is cloaked in an aura of mystery. Here, the striking contrasts of its pristine lands, where nature displays its full splendour, invite you to experience a unique moment alongside the Saguenayens, a people amongst the most welcoming and hospitable in the world. During a snowshoe walk or a dog sled outing, as a passenger or a musher, take the time to observe immaculate nature bordered by a thick ice floe, where Le Commandant Charcot will remain for several days, and you will be able to disembark. Each winter, hundreds of colourful huts set up on these frozen waters to practice traditional ice fishing. You will be initiated into these ancestral techniques and have the pleasure of tasting freshly caught rockfish.

### Day 5 SAILING SAGUENAY RIVER

In the heart of winter, the Saguenay River becomes an enchanting setting. Aboard Le Commandant Charcot, set sail on a captivating cruise. The once turbulent waters of the Saguenay are now calm and silent, covered in a thick layer of ice. The trees lining its shores are wrapped in a glistening coat of snow, forming a majestic alley. At twilight, when the sun is setting behind the mountains, pink and gold reflections light up the horizon, turning the landscape into a bewitching tableau.

### Days 6 - 7 SEPT-ÎLES

On the edge of the Canadian landscape, between the icy waters of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, Sept-Îles invites you on a unique journey. Surrounded by a captivating sea of ice and an immaculate boreal forest, the seven islands, eternal guardians of the coastline, seem to murmur timeless stories. In particular, you will have the privilege of meeting the Innu people, the indigenous civilisation of the Cote-Nord, during a unique moment when you will learn more about their ancestral customs and traditions. The area is famous for its winter festivities; like its emblematic Hivernants (hunters and trappers who would spend the winter), fall under the charm of its unique environment. During Nordic hikes on skis or snowshoes, you will be enchanted by its captivated landscapes.

### Days 8 - 9 GASPÉ

In the glacial darkness of the Canadian winter, Gaspé stands

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proud like a preserved and authentic jewel at the edge of the dark waters of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence. Nature seems to be holding its breath. The captivating Mount Jacques-Cartier, the highest point of the Chic-Choc Mountains range and the South, is dressed with an immaculate coat of snow, while the frozen rivers slowly wind their way, fixing time in their icy embrace. During a snowshoe walk, fall in love with the captivating landscapes of the L'Anse-au-Griffon Valley, right in the heart of the Forillon National Park. Then, in Perce, opposite the famous eponymous Rock, dive into the natural beauty of the "magic forest", where thousands of conifers decked out in an immaculate white cloak are like silent guardians watching over this isolated piece of land. You may also fall in love with this charming town, where the exciting history and the conviviality of the locals come together in a delightful blend.

### Days 10 - 11 CAP-AUX-MEULES, MAGDALEN ISLANDS

Scattered through the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, the Magdalen Islands offer a variety of extraordinary landscapes, between captivating drifting ice floe, tall red sandstone cliffs, sandy beaches covered with an immaculate coat and snow-covered valleys. Here, winter really is a special season, a time of contrasts and mysteries. The icy winds intertwine with the softness of the salty air, and the colourful houses, dressed in their finest attire, stand bravely in this enchanting scenery. In these distant lands, you will be plunged into Acadian culture, you will discover ancestral traditions here and will have the chance to explore the unique landscapes on hikes or snowshoe walks along the icy shores.

### Day 12 SYDNEY

Anchored on the eastern shores of the province of Nova Scotia, Sydney, the largest town on the Cape Breton Island, stands proudly opposite the icy breezes of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence. Fall under the charms of an immaculate and preserved nature in this winter setting. Here, the snow-capped mountains plunge into the waters dotted with drifting ice floe, the rays of winter sun caress the captivating conifer forests with their golden hue, creating enchanting plays on light. On these lands steeped in history, the place where the Mi'kmaq indigenous people encountered the British and French explorers, discover a rich heritage shaped by these different visits, as evidenced by the emblematic Big Fiddle, the largest violin in the world standing over 18 metres (60 feet) tall.

### Day 13 SAINT PIERRE ISLAND, SAINT PIERRE AND MIQUELON

Off the Canadian coast, discover Saint Pierre Island, one of the two main islands of the Saint Pierre and Miquelon archipelago, the only French territory in North America. Endowed with a natural harbour, the island, whose name is a reference to the patron saint of fishermen, developed around the fishing industry and still has many traces of its past today. Whale hunting, cod fishing, alcohol smuggling during the Prohibition: all of these memories are still very much alive in the capital, Saint-Pierre.

#### Please Note:

The itinerary is subject to modifications. On board, the sailing programme, outings and activities cannot be guaranteed and

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## YOUR SHIP: LE COMMANDANT-CHARCOT

**YOUR SHIP:** Le Commandant-Charcot

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

With its hybrid propulsion combining liquefied natural gas (LNG) and electric generators, Le Commandant-Charcot has been designed to minimise the environmental impact of travel to the furthest latitudes. The decoration of the ship, designed by two internationally renowned design and architecture firms - the studio of Jean-Philippe Nuel and Wilmotte & Associes - is designed to be in harmony with the environment. The approach is contemporary with the desire to create a warm and elegant setting; stone, wood and leather recall the natural environment in which the ship is sailing. Equipped with just 135 staterooms including 31 suites with balconies and outside views, Le Commandant-Charcot welcomes you in an intimate and refined atmosphere. Outstanding gastronomy in the two restaurants, relaxation in the indoor pool surrounded by its winter garden, relaxation in the well-being area with sauna and Snow Room... Like on a private yacht, each of our guests is unique. **PUBLIC AREAS** Le Commandant-Charcot has many common areas that are designed and equipped to meet all of your needs while preserving the intimacy of each passenger. A 177 m<sup>2</sup> reception area includes: A reception/concierge desk, An expeditions desk, The ship's administrative services, The sales office, manned by

our Hospitality & Travel Manager officer, Our boutique which sells clothing, jewellery, beauty products, postcards and various accessories, The image & photo desk. The different lounges include a 302 m<sup>2</sup> main lounge including a 28 m<sup>2</sup> cigar lounge, a tea corner and a bar, with live music on selected evenings, A 400 m<sup>2</sup> panoramic bar and lounge, An open-air Bar. The recreation spaces Fitness & Beauty Corner: Fitness room: Elliptic, running machines, bicycles... Beauty Corner: Hairdresser, Massage rooms, Sauna, Snow Room, Nail Shop. Pool area: Indoor Pool and winter garden - Outdoor Pool Theatre: Capacity: 270-276 - Main show room for conferences and live entertainment on selected evenings - State-of-the-art audio and video technology. Leisure area: Public areas - Library - Medical centre. 16



Zodiacs on board.

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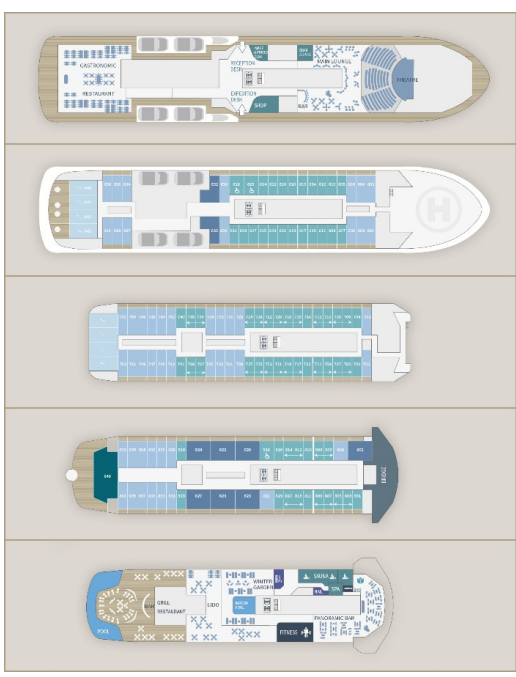
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



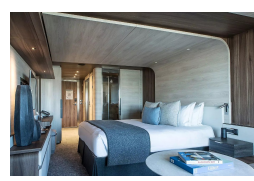
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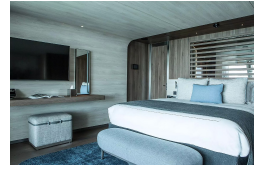
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Deluxe Suite Deck 8



Duplex Suite



Grand Prestige Suite

Owner's Suite

Prestige Stateroom Deck 6

Prestige Stateroom Deck 7

Prestige Stateroom Deck 8

Prestige Suite Deck 7

Prestige Suite Deck 8

Privilege Suite Deck 8



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## PRICING

### 10-Feb-2025 to 22-Feb-2025

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Prestige Suite Deck 8	£24615 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 8	£18449 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 6	£17019 GBP pp
Grand Prestige Suite	£25409 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 8	£16539 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 7	£17809 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 7	£16229 GBP pp
Suite Duplex	£37279 GBP pp
Privilege Suite Deck 8	£26989 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 7	£23825 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£59991 GBP pp

### 22-Feb-2025 to 06-Mar-2025

Prestige Suite Deck 8	£24615 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 7	£17809 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 8	£18449 GBP pp
Suite Duplex	£37279 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 8	£16539 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	£15915 GBP pp
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Privilege Suite Deck 8	£26989 GBP pp
Grand Prestige Suite	£25409 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£59991 GBP pp

### 13-Feb-2027 to 27-Feb-2027

Grand Prestige Suite	£28805 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 6	£19305 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 8	£18769 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 8	£20925 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	£18055 GBP pp
Duplex Suite	£42249 GBP pp
Privilege Suite Deck 8	£30595 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 7	£20205 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 8	£27909 GBP pp
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27-Feb-2027 to 13-Mar-2027

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Grand Prestige Suite	£27699 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 8	£20125 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 8	£26845 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 6	£18569 GBP pp
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Prestige Stateroom Deck 8	£18055 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 7	£19429 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 7	£25985 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	£17365 GBP pp
Duplex Suite	£40629 GBP pp

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