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Founded by the Spanish in 1726 at the mouth of the Rio de la Plata, Montevideo, Uruguay's capital is a thriving commercial centre and pleasant seaside resort. Once fortified, the town has retained its colonial charm which you will discover in the Ciudad Vieja historic district, the colonnades of Plaza Independencia and Plaza Constitucion, the oldest in Montevideo to retain an image of its distinguished past.

Then comes the moment when you enter South Georgia. This sub-Antarctic region is a peak which emerges from the Scotia Arc, a vast submarine mountain chain extending from the Andes to the Antarctic Peninsula. All the wildlife species of the Great South are to be found here. You will disembark at the splendid Gold Harbour or Fortuna sites among the penguins and be allowed to approach the sea elephants lounging in the weak southern sunshine. But the big spectacle is still to come with Salisbury Plain.

This glacial expanse surrounded by high mountains is home to over 250,000 Royal penguins. Here you will also find the first whaling station and the Grytviken museum which houses the tomb of the famous navigator, Shackleton.

Le Boréal then sets course for the Antarctic Peninsula, slipping slowly through the sometimes frozen waters escorted by orcas, whales and other cetaceans. You then cruise through the Weddell Sea before Neko and Paradise Bay emerge on the horizon, a former weather station shrouded in mist and encircled by walls of ice and mountains.

You can almost taste the silence in this extraordinary, spell-binding and totally serene atmosphere. You will discover secret locations of fur seals, penguin colonies, albatrosses, giant petrels and sea elephants in large numbers, all of whom live side by side in this vast lunar landscape. Deception Island for example has the largest colony of Chinstrap penguins – more than 120,000 couples!

Eventually you will leave the mythical White Continent and cross the notorious Drake Passage named after the famous explorer, Sir Frances Drake, who navigated these waters way back in 1578.

Throughout your cruise, you will never tire of the amazing spectacle of translucent glaciers, rocks and icebergs which seem to loom up out of the ocean. Zodiac* excursions will bring you into the closest contact with the natural charms of the "sixth continent": an intense and unforgettable journey, a truly unique experience.



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We 24/11 **Buenos Aires** (*Argentina*).Embarkation from 5pm to 6pm. 6.30pm
Th 25/11 **Montevideo** (*Uruguay*) 7am 12pm
Fr 26/11 **At sea** - -
Sa 27/11 **At sea** - -
Su 28/11 **At sea** - -
Mo 29/11 **Salisbury Plain/Fortuna Bay** (*South Georgia*)
Tu 30/11 **Grytviken/St Andrews Bay** (*South Georgia*)
We 01/12 **Gold Harbour/Drygalski Fjord** (*South Georgia*)
Th 02/12 **At sea** - -
Fr 03/12 **At sea** - -
Sa 04/12 *Cruising in the Weddell Sea. Brown Bluff* (*Antarctica*)
Su 05/12 **Antarctic Strait, Neko / Paradise Bay** (*Antarctica*)
Mo 06/12 **Deception Island / Half Moon** (*Antarctica*)
Tu 07/12 **At sea, Drake Passage** - -
We 08/12 **At sea, Drake Passage Ushuaia** (*Argentina*) 11pm
Th 09/12 **Ushuaia** (*Argentina*) *Disembarkation*Buenos aires • Ushuaia

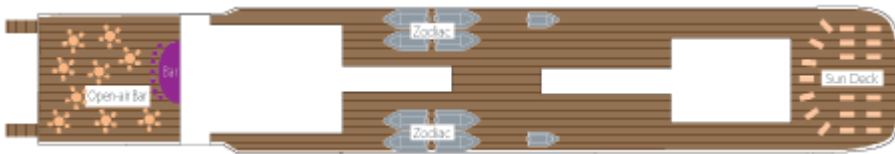
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A superb mega-yacht with 132 cabins, she is the fruit of the expertise of the Italian Fincantieri shipyard and French sophistication, as interpreted by designer Jean-Philippe Nuel. Le Boréal remains faithful to our philosophy - to create a unique atmosphere, a subtle blend of luxury, intimacy and well-being.

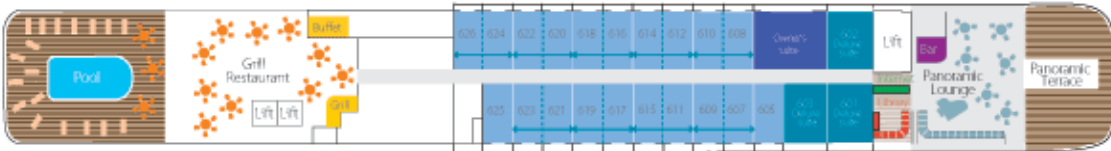
Superior materials, discreet elegance and a tasteful décor combined with exterior and interior lines to reflect a nautical mood, subtly revisited. On board, soothing neutral tones are enlivened by splashes of red, our signature theme linking tradition and innovation to create personal touches in the spirit of a "private yacht"...

- From 224 to 264 passengers
- Up to 132 outside cabins
- Length : 142m (466ft) * Beam : 18 m (59ft)
- Average speed : 16 knots
- 139 crew members
- Elevators to all decks
- Dynamic positioning system
- « Clean ship » standards
- French flag

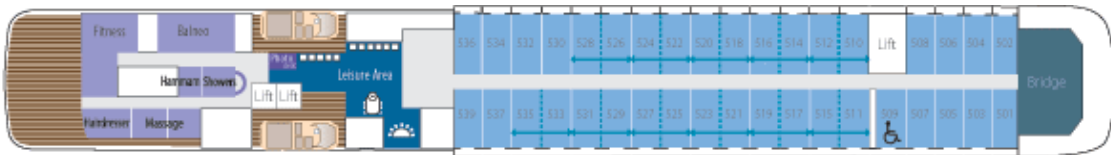
DECK PLAN



Open-air bar - Sun deck

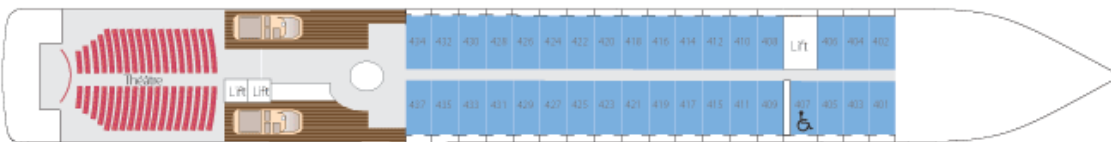


Owner's suite - 3 Deluxe suites with private balcony - 20 Prestige staterooms with private balcony (with 18 Prestige staterooms convertible into 9 Prestige suites) - Pool - Grill Restaurant - Internet station - Library - Panoramic lounge - Panoramic terrace



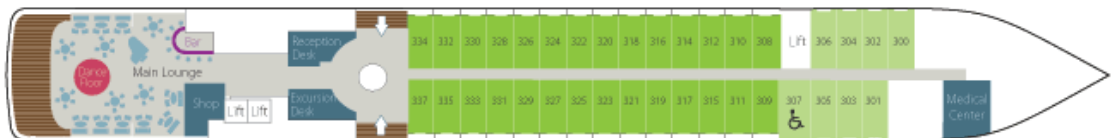
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Prestige staterooms with private balcony (with 22 Prestige staterooms convertible into 11 Prestige suites) - Fitness - Beauty Corner Carita™: Balneo, Hammam, Massage, Hairdresser - Leisure area - Image & photo desk in partnership with Philippe Plisson - Bridge



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Prestige staterooms with private balcony - Théâtre



28 Deluxe staterooms with private balcony - 8 Superior staterooms - Main Lounge - Shop - Reception desk - Excursion desk - Medical center



Gastronomic Restaurant - Marina

CABINES

Owner's suite (484 sq.ft. + 97 sq.ft. private balcony)

The Owner's suite is situated on Le France Deck. It has been decorated by Franch interior designers and will provide you a breathtaking panoramic sea view.

AMENITIES

- Individually-controlled air-conditioning
- Cabin layout : king-size bed, or twin beds, communicating cabins available (Children welcome)
- Bathtub or shower
- Minibar
- Flat screen satellite TV
- Desk with stationery
- DVD, CD and Ipod™ players
- Video on demand
- Safe
- Hairdryer
- Bath robes
- Satellite direct line telephone
- 110/220 volts outlet
- French bath products
- 24hr room service
- Internet acces wifi
- Another Flat screen satellite TV
- Large bathtub
- Sofa
- Table with 4 chairs
- Armchair & Pedestal table

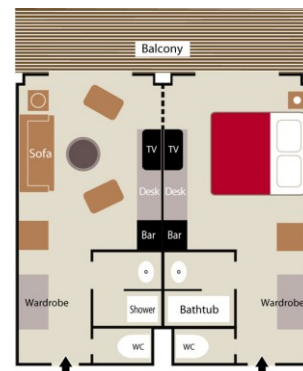


Prestige Suites (398 sq.ft. + 86 sq.ft. private balcony)

20 Prestige Suites with private balcony will provide you a sea with in total discretion.

AMENITIES

- Individually-controlled air-conditioning
- Cabin layout : king-size bed, or twin beds, communicating cabins available (Children welcome)
- Bathtub and shower
- Minibar
- Flat screen satellite TV
- Desk with stationery
- DVD, CD and Ipod™ players
- Video on demand
- Safe
- Hairdryer
- Bath robes
- Satellite direct line telephone
- 110/220 volts outlet
- French bath products
- 24hr room service



- Internet acces wifi
- Another Flat screen satellite TV
- Sofa
- Armchair & Pedestal table
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Deluxe Suites (290 sq.ft. + 54 sq.ft. private balcony)

On the Le France Deck you will find 3 Deluxe Suites with private balcony.

AMENTIES

- Individually-controlled air-conditioning
- Cabin layout : king-size bed, or twin beds
- Bathtub
- Minibar
- Flat screen satellite TV
- Desk with stationery
- DVD, CD and Ipod™ players
- Video on demand
- Safe
- Hairdryer
- Bath robes
- Satellite direct line telephone
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- 24hr room service
- Internet acces wifi
- Sofa
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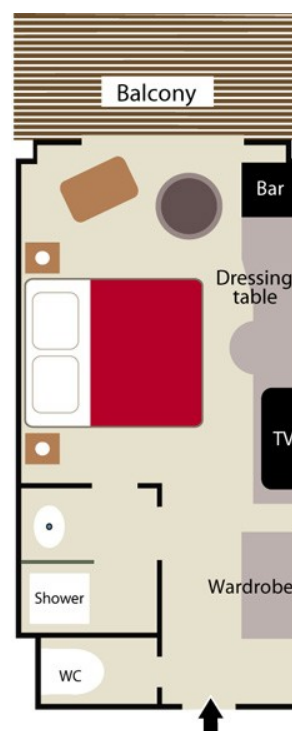


Prestige Staterooms (200 sq.ft. +43 sq.ft. private balcony)

92 Prestige Staterooms with private balcony.

AMENTIES

- Individually-controlled air-conditioning
- Cabin layout : king-size bed, or twin beds
- Bathtub
- Minibar
- Flat screen satellite TV
- Desk with stationery
- DVD, CD and Ipod™ players
- Video on demand
- Safe
- Hairdryer
- Bath robes
- Satellite direct line telephone
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- French bath products
- 24hr room service
- Internet acces wifi

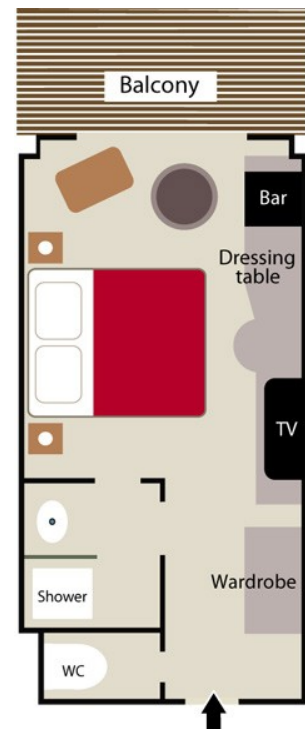


Deluxe Staterooms (200 sq.ft. + 43 sq.ft. private balcony)

28 Deluxe Staterooms of 200 sq.ft.with private balcony.

AMENITIES

- Individually-controlled air-conditioning
- Cabin layout : king-size bed, or twin beds
- Bathtub
- Minibar
- Flat screen satellite TV
- Desk with stationery
- DVD, CD and Ipod™ players
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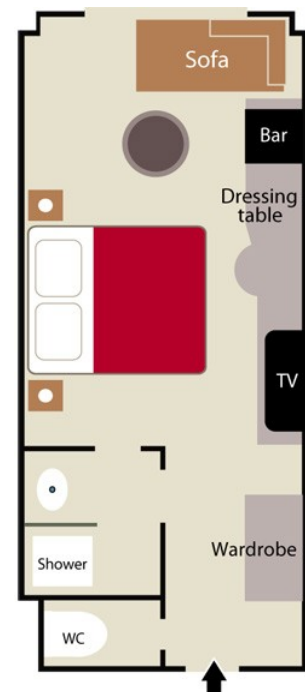


Superior Staterooms (226 sq.ft.)

8 superior staterooms of 226 sq.ft. located on Le Champollion Deck.

AMENITIES

- Individually-controlled air-conditioning
- Cabin layout : king-size bed, or twin beds
- Bathtub
- Minibar
- Flat screen satellite TV
- Desk with stationery
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- 24hr room service
- Internet acces wifi



Loyal to the great French tradition, the haute cuisine on board is worthy of the finest restaurants, where discreet, attentive service is the hallmark.

Our two restaurants welcome you for breakfasts, lunch and dinner. The Gastronomic Restaurant, with a capacity of 268 persons, is situated on Le Liberté Deck and serves you French and international cuisine accompagnied by fine wine. On the Grill Restaurant, you will have the opportunity to eat outside and enjoy buffet lunch and themed dinner.



Here you will find a special ambiance, La Companie du Ponant's signature: a feeling that you are on board your own yacht.

Whether you want to join other guests in the theatre or games area (Wii™ consoles, etc), or relax on your own in a quiet corner of the library, Le Boréal has been designed to meet the needs of every guest. Fitted with the latest equipment (Kinesis Wall, running machine) and in partnership with the famous Carita™ brand, the Beauty Centre on Le Boréal welcomes you for some unforgettable moments of relaxation and pampering (beauty treatments, hairdresser, hammam, balneotherapy).

Everything has been done to preserve the independence of each guest to suit their personal tastes: lounges for lectures and shows, a spa in partnership with Carita™, but also more intimate spaces such as the library and internet corner. Comfortable cabins, nearly all with private balcony, are available for families either as triples or as communicating cabins. There is also a games area with Wii™ consoles, children's menus, and a baby-sitting service. Just as if you were on a private yacht, your time is your own to do as you please.



General Information

Services on board include:

- All meals from dinner on the day of embarkation to breakfast on the day of disembarkation
- Captain's welcome cocktail and gala dinner
- Mineral water, tea, filter coffee, a selection of white, red and rosé wines offered during meals; afternoon tea
- Evening gatherings, organised entertainments and events
- Portage from the quayside to the ship and vice versa
- 24 hr room service (selected menu)
- Experienced English Speaking IAATO expedition team

Not included:

- Port and safety taxes
- Optional shore excursions sold on board
- Beverages other than the ones mentioned
- Personal expenses and crew gratuities
- Cancellation / luggage / assistance / repatriation / medical insurance policies
- Laundry services, hairdresser and Spa Treatments

South Georgia and Antarctica special advices:

- A cruise to Antarctica and South Georgia is primarily an expedition.
- Given the inaccessibility of the White Continent, we recommend you choose your insurance company carefully. Evacuation cost from the Antarctica Peninsula are up to 80 000 US\$ plus medical cost.

Therefore please be particularly prudent when choosing an insurance company, especially if you are insured by your credit card.

In addition, it is mandatory to return the medical questionnaire, provided at time of booking, at the latest 90 prior departure. This questionnaire is very important in order to respect mandatory safety rules in the Polar zone. Any false information on this questionnaire may lead to a refusal of your embarkation at the port of departure, without any possible resort.

- A polar parka will be offered upon your arrival on board the ship. We also kindly ask you to follow the dressing instructions you will

find in your travel documents. Don't hesitate to contact us if needed.

Shore excursions: Excursions are sold and charged for on board and are governed by general conditions that apply to the contract signed with the local tour operator and the relevant national regulations. Excursions can involve activities that may not suit persons with disabilities. Prices are only given as an indication and may change. Before departure, you will receive a pre-registration form detailing the excursions on offer with the latest rates. In the event of an excursion being cancelled due to a technical reason, shortage of participants or a case of force majeure, the client will not be eligible for any compensation. Please note that you will not be reimbursed for excursions if you cancel after registration. Any meals offered during excursions are simple and should not be compared to the standards on board the ship. Do remember to bring your binoculars and your medical certificates.

Mobility: For safety reasons, all passengers must either be fully mobile or accompanied by a travelling companion fit and able to provide all necessary assistance during the voyage. Persons who are not fully mobile, with physical disabilities or other handicaps requiring special treatment or assistance, including persons who use a wheelchair, must advise the Company in writing of the nature of such conditions when making a reservation. Please note that the sailing vessel Le Ponant is not accessible for those with limited mobility or in a wheelchair. The Company reserves the right to refuse passage to anyone who has failed to notify them of such limited mobility, disabilities or need of assistance, or who, in the Company's opinion is unfit to travel. Please note that at some ports, disembarkations by tender or zodiac making them very difficult or even impossible for passengers with limited mobility. Children under 6 months of age and women who are over 6 months pregnant are not authorised to board. Children under 8 years old are accepted subject to agreement at the time of booking. In all cases, children and young adults, once on board, are the entire and total responsibility of their parents or guardians.

Animals are not permitted aboard. All our vessels are no-smoking with the exception of designated areas on outside decks.