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Greenland

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Package #236

Discover the unexplored shores of the eastern coast of Greenland on a 15 day expedition cruise aboard Ponant Cruises' luxurious LAustral. You'll follow in the footsteps of great French explorers who pushed the boundaries of polar navigation.

Your journey begins in magical Paris where you'll have a night to enjoy the sights and ambiance of one of the most romantic cities in the world. The following day, you'll fly from Paris to Longyerbyen where the adventure begins!

From Longyearbyen in Spitsbergen, L'Austral will make its way to Jan Mayen Island, which was very dear to Captain Jean-Baptiste Charcot. Located on the threshold of the Arctic and North Atlantic Oceans, this isolated and uninhabited volcanic island was a whale hunting centre and is home to large bird colonies.

Your ship will then sail on toward the west coast of Greenland, known for its wild natural environments, its alpine landscapes, and its sea ice carried along the Transpolar Drift.

You will then sail along the Blosserville Coast, named after the French captain who saw it for the first time in 1833. Here, the ice sheet meets the sea.

During the last part of your cruise, you will sail up the west coast of Greenland. You will be able to admire the sublime fjords of Prins Christian Sund and the blue-tinged icebergs of Narsaq, before heading for Kangerlussuaq, where this unforgettable cruise will end.

*We are privileged guests in these remote lands where we are at the mercy of weather, ice, tidal and current conditions. Landings on certain sites and the observation of certain wildlife cannot be guaranteed. They vary from day to day, making each Ponant cruise a unique experience. The Captain and the Expedition Leader will make every effort to ensure that your experience is as rich as possible, while complying with the safety rules and instructions imposed by the AECO.*

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**Departing 24 June 2020, your 16 night package includes:**

- Flight from Paris to Longyearbyen
- 14 night luxury Greenland expedition cruise
- All meals onboard the cruise
- Wide selection of drinks (mineral water, soft drinks, wine, beer, Henri Abelé BRUT champagne, spirits, coffee, tea) is served on request and at any time of the day. Certain premium alcoholic beverages on the menu are not included in the Open Bar.
- Outings and shore visits in Zodiac® inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- Pre-paid port taxes
- Flight from Kangerlussuaq to Paris

Plus also receive:

- **FREE! Flights** ex SYD/MEL/BNE
- **FREE!** Transfer from airport to hotel in Paris
- **FREE!** 3 nights accommodation in Paris pre-cruise (includes some meals and tours)
- **FREE!** Transfer from hotel to airport
- **FREE!** Transfer from airport to hotel
- **FREE!** 1 nights accommodation in Paris post-cruise
- **FREE!** Transfer from hotel to airport
- **FREE!** Chauffeur driven luxury car transfers from your home to/from your nearest international airport (within 35 km)

**Enquire for latest pricing**

Package is subject to availability. Please ask for full terms and conditions.

To see even more amazing pictures of Greenland and what you are bound to experience head over to our [travel blog](#), [this article in particular is great](#).

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## L'Austral

This superb mega-yacht with 132 cabins is the result of the expertise of the Italian Fincantieri shipyard and French sophistication, as interpreted by designer Jean-Philippe Nuel. L'Austral remains faithful to our philosophy – to create a unique atmosphere, a subtle blend of luxury, intimacy and well-being.

A sleek silhouette softened by elegantly smooth contours and large, arched windows opening up to the sea and the light: so many features come together to give L'Austral her distinctive shape. Precious materials, discreet elegance and a perfect balance between chic and casual, combine to make you feel as if you are on your own private yacht. A design blending tradition and innovation, where a nautical mood has been subtly recreated. Precious materials in smoothing neutral tones are brought to life with splashes of cheerful reds. So many personal touches create the spirit of a "private yacht."

You will encounter unique itineraries, calls inaccessible to large ships, chic and elegant yacht-like ambiance, raffined and personalized service as well as gastronomic cuisine.

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## Cruise Highlights

### Longyearbyen

Longyearbyen is the capital of the Norwegian Svalbard archipelago, located on Svalbard's main island, and is the northernmost territorial capital on the planet. With winter temperatures dropping to below 40°C, the landscapes of this mining town are simply breathtaking. The glaciers, the mountains stretching as far as the eye can see and the untouched nature, make you feel like you're in completely unexplored territory.

### Prins Christiansund

Your ship glides silently towards the Greenland coast, in a setting punctuated by pointed peaks and majestic glaciers... You are on the verge of crossing the Prins Christian Sund, a narrow channel that stretches out and zigzags over some one hundred kilometres between Greenland's south-east and south-west. Fall under the spell of the primitive beauty of these unique landscapes, including rocky cliffs and waterfalls that are fed by the ice sheet and plunge into the icy waters. Here, bearded seals love to lie on the floating ice to soak up the sunshine. If you are lucky, you may get to witness an aurora borealis, a stunning light show put on by the polar night.

### Jan Mayen Island

The island of Jan Mayen, belonging to Norway, lies hidden off Greenland's coastlines, lost between the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic Ocean. This small piece of land is inhabited by only a handful of Norwegian meteorologists. Tongues of ice descend from its volcanic summit, which culminates at 2,227 metres and is covered with a thick glacial coat. These tongues join the sea, between ranges of black volcanic rocks at times tinged with red. If the sky is clement, you will have the chance to glimpse the summit, decked out in magnificent light. The visit of a small fin whale will perhaps enable you to complete this memorable picture.

### Kangerlussuaq

From 1941 to 1992, the town of Kangerlussuaq in Greenland was home to an American military base. Nowadays, thanks to its international airport, it has become a transit point for travellers seeking adventure in the Far North. Located to the north of the Arctic Circle, this town is the starting point of magnificent discoveries surrounded by unspoiled nature. Indeed, just a few dozen kilometres from there it is possible to get close to the Greenland ice sheet, the largest body of ice in the Northern Hemisphere. From Kangerlussuaq, admire also the superb landscapes of tundra in autumnal colours, where Arctic hares, musk oxen, Arctic foxes, reindeer, falcons and eagles live.

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## Cruise Category

- Luxury Expedition

## Onboard Features

- 24 Hr Room Service
- All meals
- Boutique &/or Salon
- Drinks All Day
- On-Board Lecturer
- Ponant Exclusive Service

- Pool &/or Spa
  - Shore Excursions
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trip itinerary

Day 1

Paris - Overnight

Day 2

Fly Paris to Longyearbyen

Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen

Embark L'Austral

Day 3

Spitsbergen, Norway

Day 4

At Sea

Day 5

Jan Mayen Island Norway

Day 6

At Sea

Day 7

Greenland

Day 8

Greenland

Day 9

Ammassalik (Tasiilaq), Greenland

Day 10

Nansen Fjord, Greenland

Day 11

Skjoldungen Fjord, Greenland

Day 12

Prins Christian Sund, Greenland

Day 13

Narsaq, Greenland

Day 14

At Sea

Day 15

Evighedsfjorden, Greenland

Day 16

Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

Day 17

Kangerlussuaq to Paris

Overnight in Paris

□ The Vessel

## Technical Details

- Built Date 2011
- Crew 140
- Capacity 264
- Length 142M

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- Boutique Style
- Luxury Expeditions

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- **Gratuities**

- **Medical Services**
- **Pool &/or Spa**
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