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Asia

FROM

**\$12,999<sub>pp</sub>**

Package #237

Discover the best of Japan onboard Le Soleal for an exceptional 8 night luxury cruise.

On arrival in Tokyo, you'll be met at the airport and taken to your hotel. We'll include a full day Tokyo Sights including the National Museum and Asukasa as well as a morning Tokyo Sights tour during your stay.

Then, it's onto the high-speed Bullet Train to Kyoto. You'll have one night in Kyoto, with a morning tour included, before heading to Maizuru to board the gorgeous Le Soleal.

Settle in, relax and enjoy all that is Ponant as you set sail to enjoy the Best of Japan!

In Sakaiminato you will set off to discover medieval Japan and the ancient dwellings of the samurai, who had lavish homes and castles built.

Your ship will then take you to Busan, a warm and welcoming city where you will enjoy a spectacular view of the port. This ancient city full of contrasts presents numerous vestiges that speak of its prestigious past.

We will call at Miyajima, home to the majestic Shinto shrine whose entrance is guarded by a magnificent vermilion Torii listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

You will also discover the small Japanese city of Tamano, a former feudal domain with a unique cultural heritage. Among its sites, you will be able to admire its famous Korakuen Garden, one of the country's three must-see landscaped gardens.

You will end your cruise with the discovery of the most Japanese of metropolis, Osaka, a modern, industrial and cultural city that is entirely turned towards the future. This city has been the national centre for trade and industry since the reign of Emperor Nintoku.

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#### **Departing 04 June 2020, your 11 night package includes:**

- 8 night luxury cruise with Ponant
- 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.
- Pre-paid port taxes Plus also receive:
- Transfer from airport to hotel in Tokyo
- 2 nights accommodation in Tokyo pre-cruise
- Full day Tokyo Sights including National Museum & Asukusa (including lunch)
- Morning Tokyo Sights with lunch
- Tokyo to Kyoto by Bullet Train
- Transfer from train station to hotel
- 1 nights accommodation in Kyoto (dinner included)
- Kyoto Morning tour including lunch and drop off at port
- BONUS Chauffeur driven luxury car transfers from your home to/from your nearest international airport (within 35 km)
- **BONUS Economy airfares ex SYD/MEL/BNE**

**Package prices start from A\$12,999 per person share twin in a Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4.**

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

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## Le Soleal

Designed in 2013 and loyal to the PONANT spirit, Le Soléal like her sisterships embodies the subtle alliance between luxury, intimacy and wellbeing which is Ponant's signature. The elegance of her exterior and interior lines and her intimate size (only 132 staterooms and suites) make this a rare and innovative yacht on the cruise market.

Interior Design: With her fluid lines and a modern colour scheme combining natural wood with shades of grey and white, Le Soléal presents references to a nautical theme.

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## Cruise Highlights

### MAIZURU

Located on the western coast of Honshu island, in the province of Kyoto, the charming town of Maizuru boasts one of Japan's most exquisite closed bays. A climb to the observatory will allow you to appreciate the splendour of this inlet scattered with tiny wild islands. You can also admire the treasures of traditional architecture by visiting the temple of Enryu-ji or the Tanabe-jo castle. The town also bears traces of a rich military past, which you can see in the old arsenals of the navy, red brick buildings that today house a museum.

### SAKAIMIATO

Located on the south-west coast of Honshu Island, the busy fishing port of Sakaiminato celebrates the comic writer and artist Shigeru Mizuki, who was born here. As well as a museum a dedicated tourist route leads through streets and squares that feature 134 bronze statues representing his beloved characters. This isn't the only thing Sakaiminato has to offer; try some local seafood specialities and enjoy the stunning views of Mt Daisen and the Yumigahama peninsula.

### BUSAN

With around four million inhabitants, Busan is the second largest metropolis on South Korea, after Seoul. This dynamic harbour city, located in the south-east, surrounded by the warm waters of the Sea of Japan, benefits from a mild, pleasant climate. You'll find delightful simply to stroll around the lively streets and explore the city's outstanding cultural heritage of art galleries, museums, and Buddhist sites, such as the Haedong Yonggungsa temple, which elegantly sits on the waterfront. Rich too in magnificent beaches and superlative natural landscapes, Busan's peaceful atmosphere will win you over, as will its inhabitants, whom you'll have the pleasure of meeting.

### NAGASAKI

Located on the north-west coast of Kyushu, Nagasaki will impress you by its rich heritage. Despite the destruction in 1945, you can visit several ancient sites, including the beautiful 19th-century Catholic Church of Oura and its garden, the sanctuary of Suwa Shrine as well as several Buddhist temples. A visit to the Atomic Bomb Museum gives you insight into the extent of the damage caused by the nuclear attack. Close by, a walk in the Memorial Peace Park leads you to a collection of objets d'art offered as a gift from Japan to the world.

### KAGOSHIMA

The seaside city of Kagoshima, at the south of Kyushu Island, is best known for Sakurajima, an active volcano that faces Kinko Bay. A visit to this busy metropolis will remind you just how much the volcano is part of the inhabitants' everyday life: in the wake of the almost daily eruptions, a delicate layer of ash settles on everything. The top of a buried torii (traditional Japanese gate) measuring three metres that was 'swallowed up' by a giant lava flow in 1914 can still be seen. The power of nature will send a shiver down your spine.

### UWAJIMA

Located on the west coast of Shikoku island, Uwajima will delight lovers of history and traditional customs. The magnificent Uwajima Castle was built in the 17th-century by the powerful Date clan and has a beautiful ornamental garden and bridge. The much-visited Taga Shrine is dedicated to fertility and is full of phalluses. As for eating, you must taste jakoten, a local delicacy based on fried fish.

### HIROSHIMA

Visiting Hiroshima is a moving experience. The town spreads along Honshu Island, along the inside coasts of Seto. While firmly focused on the future, Hiroshima doesn't forget its past, and a visit to the Peace Memorial Park and Genbaku Dome is a must. You'll enjoy the city's modern, cosmopolitan atmosphere and effervescent nightlife just as much as the peaceful stillness of its natural parkland areas such as splendid Shukkei-en, the town's historic garden.

### MIYAJIMA ISLAND

At the heart of the Inland Sea, Miyajima, the "island sanctuary" will reveal its treasures. In the background you will see the Shinto Grand Sanctuary, whose entrance is guarded by a magnificent vermilion "Torii". Considered to be one of the most beautiful sites in the Japanese islands, you will be transported by the unique character and the serenity of this sacred site.

### TAMANO

Located on the island of Honshu, hugging the banks of the Seto Inland Sea, Tamano is a popular destination thanks to its sun-drenched climate. Upon arrival, marvel at the way in which the city has been built along the coast at the foot of a deep, dark forest. In

the area surrounding Tamano, stroll down the streets of Kurashiki, known as the 'white-walled city' in a nod to the pretty façades of the houses that line the streets of this ancient Edo-period trading town. Another major regional attraction is the Seto Ohashi bridge. Its 12.5 kilometres make it the world's longest double-decker bridge.

## OSAKA

Like its big sister Tokyo, Osaka is the product of ancestral traditions and amazing technological innovations. And despite its size, its location on the Pacific Ocean give it a sense of serenity. The main historic landmark is the 16th-century Osaka Castle, which stands proud in the midst of majestic skyscrapers. The lively streets of Dotomburi and the bizarre Shinsekai district attract thousands of locals and visitors. A multitude of restaurants offer menus full of regional specialities: takoyaki, made with octopus, and other succulent dishes such as kushikatsu kebabs.

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## Cruise Category

- Luxury Expedition
- Modern

## 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

Tokyo

Day 2

Full day tour

Day 3

Half day tour, Bullet Train to Kyoto

Day 4

Half day tour, drop off at Maizuru

Day 4

Maizuru, Japan

Embark Le Soleal

Day 5

Sakaiminato, Japan

Day 6

Busan, (Pusan) South Korea

Day 7

Nagasaki, Japan

Day 8

Kagoshima, Japan

Day 9

Uwajima, Japan

Day 10

Hiroshima, Japan

Day 11

Okayama, Japan

Day 12

Osaka, Japan

□ The Vessel

## Technical Details

- Tonnage 10944
- Built Date 2013
- Crew 140

- Capacity 264
- Length 142M

## Cruise Category

- Boutique Style
- Luxurious

### Le Soleal

The contemporary décor, fluid lines and modern colour scheme combine natural wood with shades of grey and white. A refined ambiance enhanced by quality workmanship is synonymous with French elegance and a chic seaside spirit.

### Vessel Features

- **24 Hr Room Service**
- **All meals**
- **Medical Services**
- **Pool &/or Spa**

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### Departures

From SYD/MEL/BNE

Voyage Date - 04 June to 15 June 2020

FROM

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per person twin share			

Voyage Date - 04 June to 15 June 2020

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□ <b>\$13,399</b>	prestige stateroom deck 5	Bonus Economy Flights Per Person ex SYD/MEL/BNE and Lux transfer from and to your door	Selling Fast
per person twin share			

Voyage Date - 04 June to 15 June 2020

FROM

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□ <b>\$13,899</b>	Prestige stateroom deck 6	Bonus Economy Flights Per Person ex SYD/MEL/BNE and Lux transfer from and to your door	Selling Fast
PP Twin Share			

Voyage Date - 04 June to 15 June 2020

FROM

	CABIN TYPE	SPECIAL OFFER	
□ <b>\$26,999</b>	Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	Bonus Economy Flights Per Person ex SYD/MEL/BNE and Lux transfer from and to your door	Selling Fast
SOLO TRAVELLER OFFER			

Voyage Date - 04 June to 15 June 2020

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	CABIN TYPE	SPECIAL OFFER	
□ <b>\$27,799</b>	Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	Bonus Economy Flights Per Person ex SYD/MEL/BNE and Lux transfer from and to your door	Selling Fast
SOLO TRAVELLER			

Voyage Date - 04 June to 15 June 2020

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	CABIN TYPE	SPECIAL OFFER	
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