

History, Art & Architecture

Along the North Sea - Copenhagen to Honfleur



Expressly for Americans. This voyage is an art connoisseur's dream, visiting some of the best museums in the world in the space of nine days, with a state-of-the-art five-star small luxury cruise ship as our means of transportation. **Ponant Quintessential Art Theme** voyages are designed to offer an in-depth experience of the art of a destination – both the works produced by artists from the region and the art collected in great museums. All Art Theme voyages feature special access to select collections, and all are accompanied by a renowned scholar/critic.



DATE: 24 August 2019 to
01 September 2019

DURATION: 9-DAYS/8-NIGHTS

EMBARK: COPENHAGEN
DISEMBARK: HONFLEUR

SHIP: LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE

FROM: \$4,510*

*After Early Booking Savings

*SAVE 25% - Book Early - Limited time

QUINTESSENTIAL ART THEME

Highlights of this cruise:

- Series of lectures and discussions with Till-Holger Borchert
- Included pre-cruise in Copenhagen with visit to Louisiana Museum
- Private after-hours tour and reception at the recently renovated Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam
- Specially designed optional excursions to:
 - o Groninger Museum;
 - o Rijksmuseum;
 - o Mauritshuis;
 - o Rubens' masterpieces in the Antwerp Cathedral;
 - o Michelangelo's Madonna in Bruges

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DAY 1 — Saturday, August 24 – ARRIVE COPENHAGEN



You will be met at the airport and transferred to the Hotel Phoenix Copenhagen in "Bredgade" – a part of the city known for high profile galleries and restaurants and within walking distance of the royal castle Amalienborg.

The afternoon is free to rest or to explore this corner of Copenhagen on your own. Connected to the far eastern side of Sealand island, a few kilometres away from the Swedish coasts, Copenhagen offers you the high color of Scandinavian capitals. You can discover the city's riches that weaves through the canal networks through the historical districts of Christiansborg and Nyhavn. Many palaces provide an apercu of Danish history. For eating, you can try out the smorebrod, a traditional dish composed of several kinds of smoked fish.

In the evening, gather with fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception at historic Odd Fellows Hall, where Till-Holger Borchert and our Tour Manager will introduce you to the program ahead.

DAY 2 - Sunday, August 25 – COPENHAGEN - EMBARK

After breakfast at the hotel, travel about 20 miles north to the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art. Founded in 1958, Louisiana has evolved into one of the premier museums of modern art in the world. Like MoMA in New York, the museum features a broad range of artistic genres, including architecture, design, photography and film. Explore the exhibits and the open-air sculpture garden. Enjoy lunch before returning to Copenhagen to embark *Le Dumont D'Urville* in late afternoon.

DAY 3 – Monday, August 26 - CROSSING THE KIEL CANAL

Spanning one hundred kilometers, the Kiel Canal links the North Sea to the Baltic Sea, crossing the Jutland peninsula. It is the world's busiest artificial waterway.

DAY 4 – Tuesday, August 27 – HARLINGEN

Lying at the mouth of the Harinxma canal in the Frise province of the Netherlands, **Harlingen** has always had a very close relationship with the sea. Once a whale fishing center and today a port specialized in shrimp fishing, its dynamism has transformed it into a modern city which also offers travelers museums and sites of interest. The local museum, the Hannemahuis, is housed in an 18th Century dwelling and presents a collection of regional furniture and objects retracing the history of the city. The lighthouse and the city hall with their typically Dutch architecture also deserve a visit.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE





DAY 5 – Wednesday, August 28 – AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam is above all a city of water. Omnipresent, it guides the traveler's steps, from street to street, from canal to canal, its bridges seeming to bend their arches to form allegiances with him. Let yourself fall in love with the grace and romanticism that emanate from this charming scene. Known around the world for its museums and the finest collection of the Dutch and Flemish masters of the golden age, this city is home to many other treasures. Take a stroll through the old district or pay a visit to a diamond house – do not miss this “treasure chest” of the Netherlands.

This evening, attend a private, after-hours tour and reception at the recently expanded and renovated Stedelijk Museum, devoted to modern and contemporary art and design. In small groups led by museum staff, explore the core of the collection and enjoy a reception produced by one of Amsterdam's premiere caterers.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE

DAY 6 – Thursday, August 29 – AMSTERDAM OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE

DAY 7 – Friday, August 30 - ANTWERP

Located in the Flemish region of Belgium, Antwerp is worth a visit for its remarkable architectural heritage. In this moderately-sized, cosmopolitan city, you will be able to stroll around the ancient city center, dominated by the most important monument in Antwerp, the Notre-Dame Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The museums of the city retrace the history of Antwerp, including the home of Rubens, containing the works of the painter, and the Plantin-Moretus museum, a print works and publishing house that are UNESCO listed. From Grote Markt, the central square in the city, you will be captivated by the attractive sight formed by the unusual medieval architecture of the guild houses.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE



DAY 8 –Saturday, August 31 - OSTEND

Located on the Flemish coastline, half way between France and the Netherlands, the elegant city of **Ostend** is a favorite summer destination for Belgians. You can enjoy the “queen of beaches”, a stretch of fine white sand punctuated by breakwaters, covered by the North Sea at high tide. The seafront boasts sumptuous facades from the Belle Epoque, such as **Villa Maritza**, which stands witness to this seaside town's rich past. Art amateurs will enjoy the excellent **Kunstmuseum aan Zee**, where a retrospective of Belgian art dating from 1830 is on display.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE



DAY 9 – SUNDAY, September 01 – HONFLUER – DISEMBARK – TRANSFER TO PARIS

A treasure of the Côte Fleurie, Honfleur is located on the edge of la Crique de Rouen in Normandy. You will no doubt admire the historical ships moored in its old port. With its tall, slate-covered houses, the quays provide a great setting for a very nice walk. In the streets behind the harbor, you will see many timber houses. These picturesque places were the cradle of several pre-impressionist painters. You can see their works in the Eugène Boudin museum. Exhibited works represent scenes of medieval streets and the coastline as it used to be, as illustrated by the Butin beach and its lush green hillsides.

Transfer to Paris airport, or stay a while.



| SUITE – | After 25% Savings |
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| Deluxe – Deck 3 | \$4,510 |
| Prestige – Deck 4 | \$4,710 |
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| Prestige Ste – Dk 6 | \$8,460 |
| Priviledge – Deck 5 | \$8,670 |
| Grand Deluxe – 5/6 | \$8,880 |
| Owners - #621 | \$11,590 |

ALL SUITES HAVE PRIVATE BALCONIES

Book early to get UP TO 25% Savings.
Rates are per person, Double Occupancy
Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available to suit your interests.

Your Hotel:

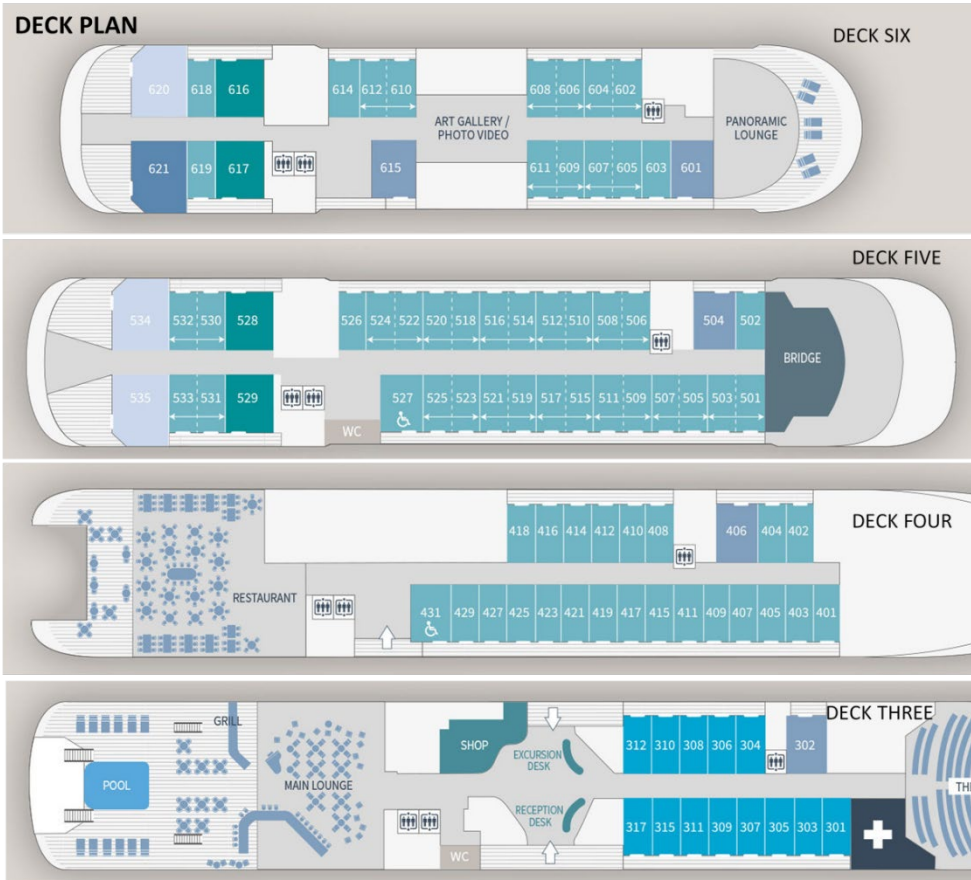
Hotel Phoenix Copenhagen is an old building with an inspiring history and charm. All rooms and Junior Suites have been renovated in the beginning of 2017. The elegant style the hotel is known for has been preserved, but at the same time the rooms have been given a more modern look. Focus has been on luxury with elegant materials in bright and pleasant colors.

Included features:

- All accommodations, meals, and excursion described above
- Transfers and luggage handling from Copenhagen airport to the hotel and from hotel to the ship
- Gratuities to guides and drivers on included excursions
- Comprehensive 7-night cruise aboard the deluxe Le Dumont D'Urville, with all the amenities for which Ponant ships are famous.
- Transfer from Honfleur to Paris airports at the end of the cruise.

Not included:

- Meals and beverages other than those specified above
- Optional excursions
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, Internet, etc.)



Reservations & Information

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