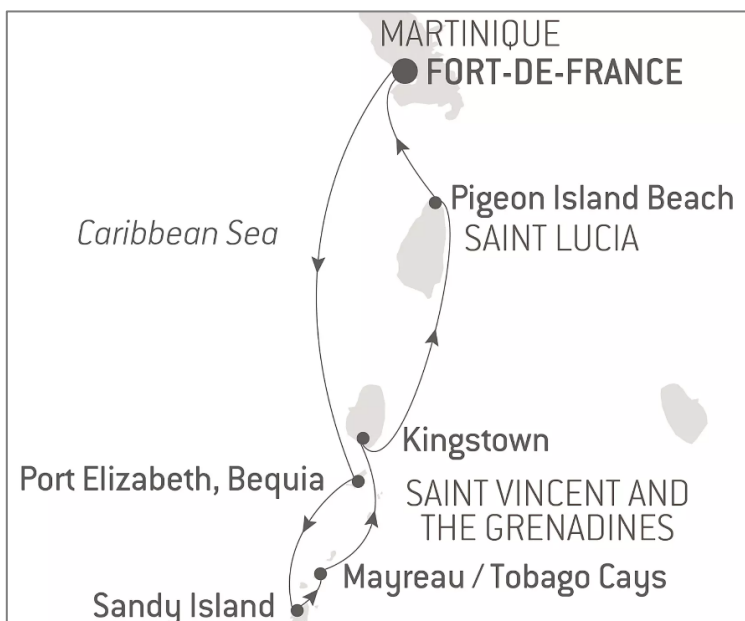


# THE CARIBBEAN

## UNDER SAIL ABOARD *LE PONANT*



For the first time in several years, *Le Ponant* is returning to its first Caribbean loves, to the great delight of those who enjoy intimate travel to little-known places. For 8 unforgettable days, spend your time contemplating and exploring aboard PONANT's emblematic yacht with a maximum of only 32 guests. From island to island, savor the gentleness of the Creole way of life, admire the beauty of the sunsets, and explore the waters teeming with life.



**DATES: 2024** –Feb 03, 10, 17, 24;  
Mar 02, 9, 16, 23

**DURATION: 8 DAYS/ 7 NIGHTS**

**ROUND TRIP: FORT-DE-FRANCE**

**SHIP: LE PONANT**

**FROM: \$7,940**

*All Inclusive – Port Charges, Open Bar, Gratuities  
to ship crew, Shore Excursions*

## Expedition Highlights

- A cruise to discover the Caribbean, combining the gentle Creole way of life, Eden-like natural environments, and private moments.
- On land and on sea, soak in the Caribbean spirit and enjoy exceptional moments such as the stunning sunsets aboard your ship.
- An enchanted interlude during which you can do exactly as you please, whether that is hiking in a forest or spending an afternoon relaxing on the water's edge.
- A rich program of included excursions.
- Enjoy the extraordinary experience of sailing aboard *Le Ponant* as though you were on your own private yacht.
- A limited-capacity yacht: a maximum of 32 passengers and as many crew members; a dedicated chef
- Sail on a ship propelled by the wind and enjoy the wonderful opportunities nature offers us to adjust the program and navigate under sail whenever possible.
- As the wind carries you, savor shared moments of joy and be fully present in this wonderful Eden.
- Exceptional moments on board and numerous water-based activities to discover the beauty of the Caribbean as if alone in the world, with all your senses heightened.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 – FORT-DE-FRANCE, MARTINIQUE- EMBARK

Located on the western coast of Martinique, Fort-de-France will amaze you by the splendor of its bay, a magnificent cut-out in the coastline, considered as one of the most beautiful in the world. At the harbor mouth, on its strip of land, fort Saint-Louis overlooks the capital city of Martinique. If you climb up to it, you can see some breath-taking views. Saint Louis Cathedral and the Schoelcher library bear witness to a secular history, intimately linked to the island's story. Why not try some fresh coconut at the colorful Grand Marché. Two really pleasant places you can take a breather in, right in the heart of the city, are the garden of Balata and the Aimé Césaire park.

### DAY 2 - PORT ELIZABETH, BEQUIA ISLAND

In the heart of the Caribbean, Bequia is the second-largest of 32 islands that make up the country of St

Vincent and the Grenadines. You will love the lively and picturesque atmosphere of Port Elizabeth, the island's main town. From the port, a promenade lined with beautiful traditional houses, landscaped gardens and small restaurants runs along the shoreline. It leads to Princess Margaret Beach, a wild beach where Princess Margaret herself has stayed and which seems to emerge directly from the tropical forest. From rainforest to lush meadows and long stretches of sand, Bequia will offer you a natural setting that is conducive to lovely walks and to spending time on the Beach.



### DAY 3 - SANDY ISLAND, CARRIACOU

West of Carriacou, the northernmost island in the state of Grenada, is Sandy Island, a spit of sand set in the bewitching Caribbean waters. Known for its powdery white sand and small lagoon with crystal clear waters, this wild islet, dotted with coconut trees, offers a natural setting for swimming and snorkeling. The abundant and colorful marine life promises memorable and thrilling encounters. Listed as a marine protected area, the site is also a hunting ground for numerous pelicans. Enjoy a fascinating show as they circle above the water before diving suddenly to catch their prey.

### DAY 4 – MAYREAU ISLAND

Among the string of paradisiac islands with their sandy beaches that form the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines archipelago, Mayreau is the smallest. Its peaceful and idyllic atmosphere, far from the madding crowd, invites you to relax. On shore, enjoy a shaded and fully equipped beach from which to go snorkeling if you'd like to observe the colorful fish around the coral sitting at the foot of the rocks that stretch across the bay.





#### DAY 5 - TOBAGO CAYS

Scattered between St Vincent and Grenada, the Tobago Cays comprises five little islands: Petit Rameau, Petit Bateau, Baradal, Petit Tabac and Jamesby. This rosary of uninhabited cays in the southern West Indies is a marine park whose turquoise lagoons provide a home and safe haven for some outstanding marine fauna, including peaceful green turtles. Girded and united by a coral reef, these secluded islands are a peaceful paradise for divers, swimmers and snorkelers.

#### DAY 6 – KINGSTOWN, ST. VINCENT

Kingstown is the capital of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, independent since 1979 but still a member of the British Commonwealth. Some of the 32 islands of the Grenadines are inhabited, like Mustique, some are not, like Tobago Cays. But they are all renowned for crystal clear, calm waters, and some of the best snorkeling and diving in the world. The Botanic Garden in Kingstown is the oldest of its kind in the Western Hemisphere and well worth a visit, as is Fort Charlotte, featuring panoramic views of the archipelago.

#### DAY 7- PIGEON ISLAND BEACH

Linked to St Lucia by a sand causeway, Pigeon Island has been a designated National Park since 1979. On

this wild and pristine land, you will be inspired to take pleasant walks amid the tropical vegetation and through a magnificent tree-filled garden. You will also be irresistibly drawn to the two pretty little sandy beaches nestling on the southern side and bathed by crystal-clear waters. While snorkeling, be sure to explore the underwater world that is teeming with life, along the rocks lining this peninsula's coast. You will thoroughly enjoy the calm and beauty of this place, which is really conducive to simply relaxing.



#### DAY 8- FORT-DE-FRANCE, MARTINIQUE- DISEMBARK

Head to the airport for your flight home, or relax and spend a few more days in paradise!



The three-master joins the large family of Relais & Châteaux establishments as a new member. It **is the first sailing yacht in history to obtain the label** and be included in its catalogue of the finest travel addresses in the world. Due to its small size *Le Ponant* offers exclusive ports of call. With only sixteen elegantly decorated staterooms and suites and a dedicated chef, the travel experience is as if you are on your own private yacht.





## Le Ponant

**GUESTS: 32**

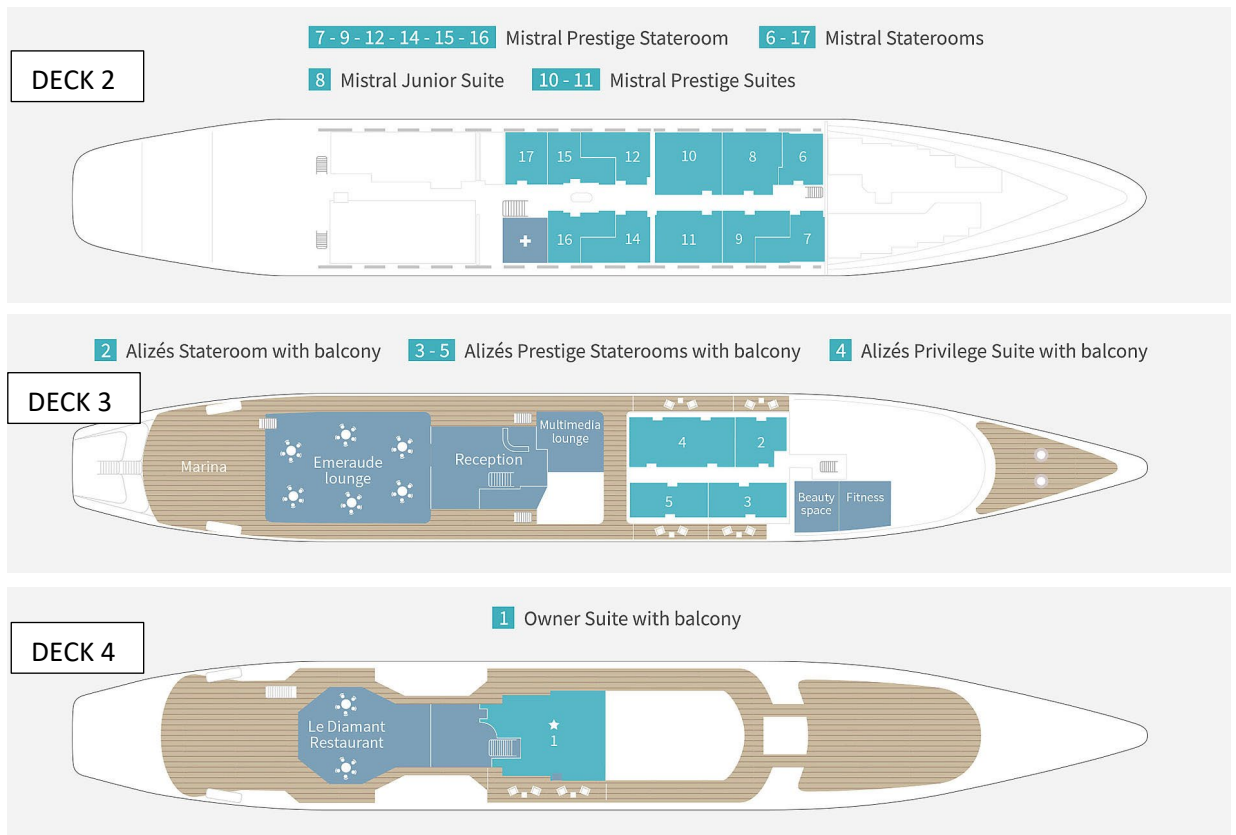
### RATES – 2024

(Rates subject to change without notice – Book early for best rates.)

#### All inclusive –

Gratuities to crew;  
all beverages – open  
bar; Port Charges;  
Room Service.

### DECK PLAN



SUITE – FROM -	2024
Mistral – Deck 2	\$7,940
Mistral Prestige – Deck 2	\$9,480
Mistral Junior Ste – Deck 2	\$10,950
Mistral Prestige Ste– Deck 2	\$11,720
Alizes w/Balcony – Deck 3	WL
Alizes Prestige w/Bal – Deck 3	WL
Alizes Privilege Ste w/Bal– Dk 3	WL
OWNER SUITE W/BAL – DECK 4	\$21,090



### Reservations & Information

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