

VIETNAM

Vietnamese Coastline



This Ponant itinerary invites you to discover Vietnam. Embark aboard *Le Lapérouse* for a 10-day cruise between sumptuous landscapes and timeless cities. Throughout your journey, you will benefit from an excursion included per person per port of call, to choose from a selection offered by PONANT. During this cruise, embark on a cruise through the fascinating wonders of Halong Bay, discover the My Son sanctuary from Da Nang, and admire the exceptional heritage of Nha Trang. A choice of included excursions is offered in each port.



DATES: 2024 – NOV 29-DEC 08

DURATION: 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

EMBARK: HO CHI MINH CITY
DISEMBARK: HA LONG

SHIP: LE LAPÉROUSE

FROM: \$5,490*

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

**After 30% Early Booking Savings*

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Expedition Highlights

- *A cruise to discover various UNESCO World heritage sites in Vietnam.*
- *UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the ancient imperial citadel of Huê, Hoi An ancient town, My Son Sanctuary, Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park.*
- *Make the most of an excursion included* per person per port of call during your cruise.*
- *Possibility of visiting an underground cave in the Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park*
The paradisiacal beaches of Nha Trang and Doc Let.
- *Opportunity to visit ancient Hindu and Buddhist sites in Nha Trang.*
- *Possibility of visiting My Son (from Da Nang), the former religious center of Champa, a Hindu kingdom located in the center of Vietnam.*
- *Possibility of discovering Ghenh Da Dia (from Quy Nhon), an impressive grouping of basalt columns.*

**Pre-bookings open around two months before the start of the cruise; requests are processed on a first-come first-served basis, subject to availability.*

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2 – Nov 29-30, 2024 - HO CHI MINH CITY (SAIGON)

Embarkation 11/29/2024 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Departure 11/30/2024 at 11:00 PM

Located near the Mekong delta, Ho Chi Minh City is the largest city in Vietnam. It is both the historic



heart and economic hub. Formerly Saigon, the city is an imposing avant-garde metropolis. You can admire its famous central post office and its emblematic Reunification Palace. From 95 years of French presence, the city has kept some remarkable monuments, like the Cathédrale Notre-Dame with its neo-Gothic façade built in 19th century red brick. You'll succumb to the magic of this hectic city, where everything is about contrast, like the very brightly-colored district of Cholon, Saigon's "Chinatown".

DAY 3 – Dec 1, 2024 - SAILING SAIGON RIVER

The Saigon River originates in Phum Daung in the south-east of Cambodia and runs through Saigon before flowing into the South China Sea further south, to the north-east of the Mekong Delta. Along its shores, you will see traditional stilt houses, dwellings from the colonial period, Buddhist temples, and daring skyscrapers. This architectural eclecticism will afford you a glimpse of new and ancient Vietnamese traditions. On this cruise, you will also be able to admire the lush, tropical natural environment along this mythical river that is more than 170 kilometers (105 miles) long.



DAY 4 – Dec 2, 2024 - NHA TRANG

Nha Trang, the capital of the Khanh Hoa province in Vietnam, is a coastal city with 300,000 inhabitants. Famous for its long, 7-km white sand beach along which runs Tran Phu Street, the city's main thoroughfare, Nha Trang is a member of the Most Beautiful Bays in the World Club, an international association that includes 41 bays. The bay is the reason the city is sometimes called the "Riviera of the South China Sea". You will have the opportunity to

discover the city during a rather original experience: a tour in a rickshaw.



DAY 5 – Dec 3, 2024 - QUY NHON

When your ship calls at Quy Nhon you will be able to discover the Ganh Da Dia, an area of impressive basalt rock formations created by a volcanic eruption that occurred 200 million years ago. When the blocks of lava came into contact with the freezing water, neat vertical fissures appeared, forming an amalgam of columns whose surface, once cooled, became square, round or hexagonal. Some are vertical, others oblique, and in places they are of different sizes. Some of the structures almost look like piled up dishes. You will be able to discover this surprising rock formation which, although made entirely by nature, seems to have been perfectly designed by man.

DAY 6 - Dec 4, 2024 - DA NANG

Mid-way between Ho Chi Minh City to the south and Hanoi to the north, Da Nang enjoys an ideal location in Vietnam. The old colonial town has skilfully navigated the transition to economic growth, becoming a wealthy tourist destination. With its five Marble Mountains, its 72-meter high Buddha and white sand beach, Da Nang will create some magical



memories, made sublime by a secular culinary tradition that has nothing left to prove. It is also the gateway to the country's treasures, including the cities of Hoi-An and Hue, which are both UNESCO World Heritage sites.

DAY 7 - Dec 5, 2024 - CHAN MAY

To the south-east of Thua Thuen-Hue province, Chan May harbor was developed around its industrial activity, but has since opened up to cruise tourism. This harbor enjoys an exceptional location on the Vietnamese coast, not far from Chan May, the doorway into the imperial city of Hue, the ancient capital of the country and listed by UNESCO as World Heritage site. Its royal citadel dating from the 19th century, inspired by the Forbidden city of Beijing, is a gem of architecture and history.

DAY 8 - Dec 6, 2024 - AT SEA

DAYS 9-10 Dec 7-8, 2024 - HA LONG

Arrival 12/7/2024 early morning

Disembarkation 12/8/2024 at 8:00 AM

Shielded by majestic karstic peaks, Halong reveals itself through a string of spectacular landscapes. Known the world over for its bay, listed with UNESCO, this city in northern Vietnam is lesser known for its heritage. That is a shame, as the authenticity and cultural richness of Halong is surprising. Boasting a unique mix of modern architecture and heritage from the dynasty of the Hung kings, the tourism capital of the Quang Ninh province promises unexpected moments in its bustling streets and breathtaking panoramas of one of the most beautiful bays in the world.





Le Lapérouse

GUESTS: 184

RATES – 2024 (Rates subject to change without notice – **Book early for best rates BELOW.**)

All inclusive – Gratuities to crew; all beverages – open bar; Shore excursions; Port Charges; Room Service

SUITE – AFTER EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS	NOV 29 SAVE 30%
Deluxe – Deck 3	\$5,490
Prestige – Deck 4	\$6,050
Prestige – Deck 5	\$6,340
Prestige – Deck 6	\$6,680
Deluxe Ste – Decks 3-6	\$9,200
Prestige Suite – Dk 5	\$12,350
Prestige Suite – Dk 6	\$13,000
Privilege Suite – Dk 5-6	\$13,630
Grand Deluxe Suite	\$14,940
OWNER SUITE	\$22,110



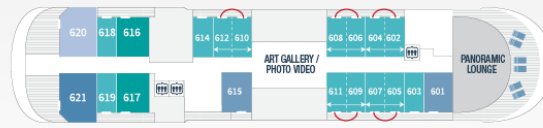
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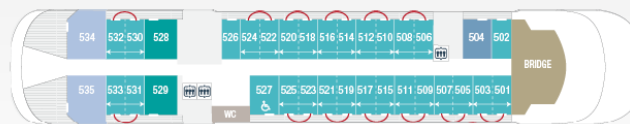
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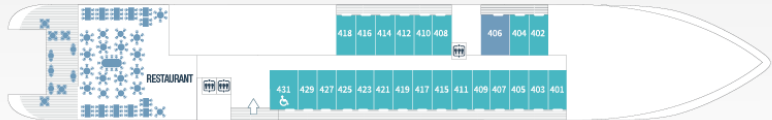
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■ Owner's Suite

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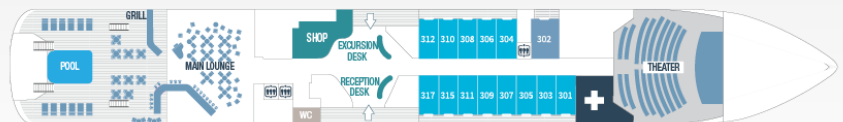
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