

ALASKA IN THE WAKE OF PIONEERS



Visit remote territory still unknown and wild, landscape from wide spaces to gigantic glaciers, steep mountains, infinite tundra and glittering lakes - Alaska invites you to follow the steps of trappers and gold miners. During your trip, discover the unique wildlife at some of the sites that have marked the history of Alaska.



DATES: Sept. 18-Oct. 02, 2018

September 15 – 29, 2019

DURATION: 15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS

EMBARK: NOME, ALASKA, USA

DISEMBARK: VANCOUVER, CANADA

SHIPS: LE SOLEAL (2018)

L'AUSTRAL (2019)

FROM: \$9,630

(Including Air Seattle to Nome)

Expedition Highlights

- Marvel at spectacular Arctic scenery, the remote Bering Sea and the popular Inside Passage to Vancouver, Canada
- Great opportunities for viewing the Northern Lights, far, far away from city lights
- Watch for whales – humpback, gray, orca, and porpoise

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Day 1 —NOME (ALASKA)



Located along the Bering Strait at the westernmost point of Alaska, Nome offers the rustic charm of a former gold-mining town, set in the middle of magnificent wilderness. As you weave in and out of the brightly colored houses, you will discover the pioneering legacy that still marks local traditions. Fishing, reindeer herding, sled dog-racing and gold mining are still practiced here. The surrounding plains provide stunning vantage points for observing Arctic fauna.

(NOTE: Consider adding a day or two to explore Nome, or other highlights of Alaska. We can arrange it all for you.)

Days 2 – SAVOONGA(2018)/ KING ISLAND (2019)

During one of your Zodiac® outings, we invite you to discover the village of Savoonga. Located on St. Lawrence Island, at the southern entrance of the Bering Strait, it provides a great glimpse into the lifestyle and traditions of the Yupik people. You will be greeted by smiling villagers, happy to spend a few hours with you. Savoonga's 800 inhabitants

mainly subsist on walrus and bowhead whale hunting. Traditional singing and dancing are also part of daily life for the villagers, who are masters at the art of walrus tusk carving.

Located in the Bering Sea, King Island was discovered in 1778. This island takes its name from James King, a crew member of the expedition led by James Cook. King Island was inhabited by a group of Inupiat until the middle of the 20th century and the village, now abandoned, was called Ukivok. During your port of call, a Zodiac® outing along the island's southern coasts will enable you to observe a majestic bird cliff (tufted and horned puffins, Tridactyl gulls, thick-billed murre).

Day 3 – ST MATTHEWS (PRIBILOFS)

Part of the earth's history was written between Alaska and Russia. Aboard your ship, we invite you to discover the origins of the world, a unique environment that seems to stretch out to infinity. Lost in the middle of the Bering Sea, the Pribilof archipelago is made up of four volcanic islands where nature has crafted exquisitely beautiful landscapes. Here, on the islands, you will find majestic volcanoes, lava deserts and crater lakes, offering travelers a magnificent vantage point from which to observe a fauna composed of numerous bird species and fur seals.



Day - 4 - ST GEORGE ISLAND (PRIBILOFS)

Located in the middle of the Bering Sea, Saint-George Island is the second largest island of the Pribilof archipelago. A special atmosphere emanates from this landscape of volcanic craters and tundra: wild lands surrounded by a sumptuous coastline of majestic cliffs. You may very well spot some migratory birds that come and settle here all year round, making this a perfect place for observing many different species. Fur seals, also called Pribilof seals, have made this haven of peace their home with its rich biodiversity.

Day 5 – DUTCH HARBOR & UNALASKA BAY

Clinging to the southwestern tip of Alaska, between the Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea, the port of Dutch Harbor offers a delightfully different stopover at the heart of the Aleutian Islands archipelago. A single bridge connects the port to the small town of Unalaska, founded in the 18th century by pioneering Russian fur trappers. With gentle valleys nestling between volcanic peaks, Dutch Harbor reveals a primitive natural beauty waiting to be explored.

Day 6 — DELAROF HARBOR/UNGA ISLAND

Originally called Ougnagok by the Aleuts, this small hamlet, which was home to some 100 inhabitants in the 19th century, was renamed Delarof, after Evstratii Ivanovich Delarov. While working for the Shelikhov-Golikov Company, he was the first Greek mariner to discover the Aleutian Islands. These days, this small ghost-village now overrun by willowherb is called Unga.

Day 7 — GEOGRAPHIC HARBOR

Part of Katmai National Park and Monument, Geographic Harbor is home to many Brown Bear who feed on the plentiful salmon, vegetation, and shell fish along tidal areas.



Days 8-9 – AT SEA – CROSS THE GULF OF ALASKA

Day 10 - SITKA (ALASKA)

Former Russian colony and capitol of Russian America, which stretched as far south as central California, Sitka is brimming with history. The historical national park of Sitka shelters totems carved out of red cedar. These totems are testimonials of the former presence of Tlingit Indians. This place is full of natural wonders too. You just have to look up to admire the mountain range around the port. In the distance, the snow-peaked Mt. Edgecumbe volcano stands majestic.

Day 11 – AT SEA

Day 12 – PRINCE RUPERT, CANADA

Day 13 – CRUISE THE INSIDE PASSAGE

Day 14 – ALERT BAY & JOHNSTONE STRAIGHT, CANADA



Day 15 – VANCOUVER, CANADA DISEMBARKATION

Verdant and cosmopolitan, Vancouver is one of Canada's most multi-cultural cities. Located in British Columbia on Canada's west coast, it's surrounded by mountains and outdoor activities are popular. In the city, you can immerse yourself in the Asian atmosphere of bustling Chinatown, shop for pashminas and silk saris at the Punjabi



Market Indian district and explore the historic area of Gastown.

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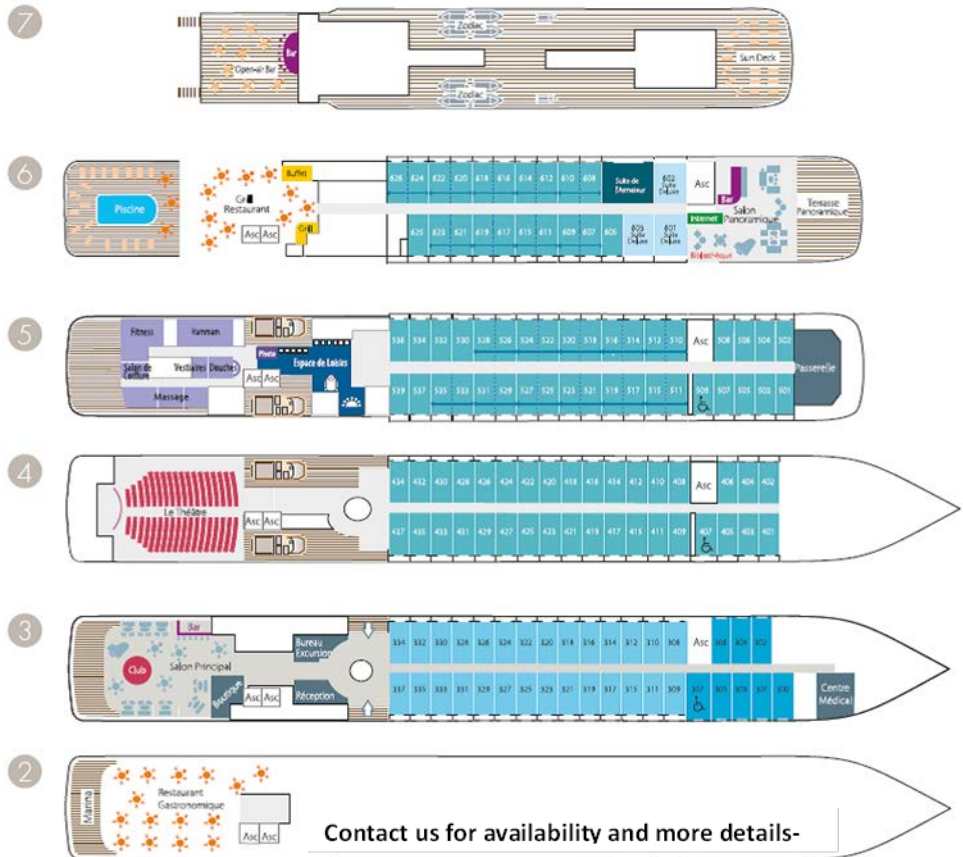
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ABOUT THE SHIPS

Le Soleal and her sister ship, L'Austral, embody 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 suites) make this a rare and innovative yacht on the cruise market.

Interior Design

Superior materials, discreet elegance and a tasteful décor reflect a nautical mood subtly revisited. Aboard, soothing neutral grey tones are enlivened by splashes of red, our signature theme linking tradition and innovation to create personal touches in the spirit of a "private yacht".



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