

CAPE VERDE AND CANARY ISLANDS



Sailing between Dakar, Cape Verde and Portugal, PONANT offers you an itinerary at the crossroads of cultures and traditions. You will set sail aboard L'Austral for an 11-day cruise leaving from Dakar, the bustling capital of Senegal.



DATE: April 1, 2020

DURATION: 11-DAYS/10-NIGHTS

EMBARK: DAKAR, WEST AFRICA
DISEMBARK: LISBON, PORTUGAL

SHIP: L'AUSTRAL

FROM: \$4,080*
No Single Supplement!

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\$600 off these fares
*Book and deposit by Mar 31, 2019**

Your discovery of **Cape Verde** will start with a port of call in **Santiago**, the most populated and also the most African of the archipelago's islands. Further to the north, you will reach **São Vicente** and visit **Mindelo**, the cultural capital of Cape Verde, the birthplace of the famous singer of *morna*, Cesaria Évora.

Your ship will then drop anchor at **Las Palmas**, on the island of **Gran Canaria**. Do not miss the chance to wander through the streets of the historic district of **Vegueta**, rich in architectural treasures including the Santa Ana cathedral.

Then admire the volcanic landscapes that are so typical of **Lanzarote** before sailing to Madeira, the island of the eternal spring. The lively streets of **Funchal**, its old district, as well as its magnificent **botanical garden** located on the heights of the town will not fail to delight you.

Your journey around the Atlantic will conclude with a visit to **Lisbon**. This city with its nostalgic charm has a unique personality, a blend of tramways, museums and listed buildings.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The clarinettist Christian Morin will be on board.
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Cidade Velha, the historic centre of Ribeira Grande (island of Santiago); The Jeronimos Monastery and Belem Tower in Lisbon.
- The varied landscapes of three exceptional archipelagos: Cape Verde, the Canary Islands and Madeira.
- The town of Mindelo in Cape Verde with its elegant buildings influenced by its British and Portuguese colonial heritage.
- Before your cruise, you have the opportunity to visit Dakar in Senegal and Goree Island, the memorial to the slave trade.
- After disembarking, you will have the possibility of visiting Lisbon, the Portuguese capital and its rich cultural offerings.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 — DAKAR

NOTE: We can arrange pre- and post-cruise tour programs for you – see more while you are here! It is always advisable to arrive at least one day early, two or more is preferable.

On the tip of the African continent, the buzzing capital of **Senegal** stretches along the narrow **peninsula of Cape Verde**. You may be overwhelmed by its sheer size, but **Dakar** will win you over with its richly diverse districts, appealing cultural scene and rich natural surroundings. In

the historic centre, you'll enjoy the pell-mell of colours and tasty delights in Kermel market. A visit to the **island of Gorée** is deeply moving; for several hundred years this island was the largest slave trading center on the African coast. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. If you are looking for pristine, unspoilt nature, the wildlife in the heart of Madeleine Islands' national park will not disappoint.

DAY 2 – AT SEA

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

DAY 3 – PRAIA

The capital of Cape Verde, Praia, is located on the southern tip of Santiago island. You can dally in the districts planted with Tamarind and Albizia trees. Above the harbour, the **statue of Diogo Gomes** pays homage to the man who discovered Cape Verde in 1460. A few streets away, in the old centre, the **Ethnographic Museum** presents the diversity of the archipelago's cultural origins. Its historical building with transom windows is one of the city's more unusual curiosities.



DAY 4 – MINDELO

Set on the shores of the Porto Grande bay on the north-west coast of São Vicente, Mindelo is considered to be Cape Verde's cultural capital. Here in singer Cesaria Evora's homeland, you can listen to real **morna** in the bars of the old town, where you can also sip the local **grog**, a Cape

Verdian sugarcane spirit. A few streets from the elegant floating resort of Pont d'água you'll see the pastel-coloured houses and **colonial buildings of the historical district**. Other landmarks are the facades of the old Governor's Palace and the busy municipal market.

DAYS 5-6 – AT SEA

DAY 7– LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA, CANARY ISLANDS

A stopover of sunny climes, Las Palmas is located on the north-east coast of Gran Canaria. A few streets away from Puerto de la Luz port, you'll discover the vast Las Canteras beach, bordered with the town's characteristic palms. You'll find these palms are all over Las Palmas, in the streets and squares, especially on the **plaza de Santa Ana** in the heart of the historical district. It feels like you've travelled back in time here, as you stand looking at the tall houses beside the Santa Ana cathedral. Very close by, you can visit the **Casa de Colón**, a museum dedicated to the famous explorer. The museum is housed in the palace belonging to the island's former governor. Chances are, you'll be drawn to the covered Vegueta market to partake in some daily life along with the locals and taste some unfamiliar dishes.

DAY 8 – ARRECIFE DE LANZAROTE, CANARY ISLANDS



A Established on a coast sprinkled with cliffs, **Arrecife** has a pleasant beach and a lagoon full of charm, **Charca of San Ginés**, where the fishermen anchor their boats. The city also proposes places fed by history and culture, such as the **castle San Gabriel**, former fort of defense of the city.

DAY 9 – FUNCHAL, MADEIRA

This attractive capital of Madeira is located on the southern coast of the island. The walkways of the old town are lined with *azulejos*, or multi-coloured mosaics. If you follow these patterns, they'll lead you to the appetising Mercado dos Lavradores market stands, the **Frederico de Freitas** museum, and the golden panelling of the Cathedral de la Sé. Along the waterfront, the palm tree-shaded promenade leads you to the **teleféricos de**

Monte, Madeira's cable cars. Its panoramic cabins transport you over the city to top of Monte, where you can see the picturesque botanical garden.



DAY 10 – AT SEA

DAY 11 – LISBON

Portugal's capital city located on the banks of the Tagus, only a few kilometers from the Atlantic coast, is a city of exceptionally rich cultural diversity. At the mouth of the river harbour, impose two UNESCO World Heritage monuments, **Jeronimos monastery** and **Belem tower**. Sample the local delicacies such as the *pasteis de nata*—delicious creamy bakery flans. On the Alfama hillside, as you explore the **Moorish streets**, you may well hear **sounds of fado** drifting from the bars. Along Chiado's elegant streets, big fashion labels will entice in you for a bit of luxury shopping.



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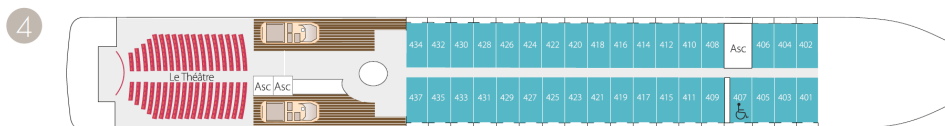
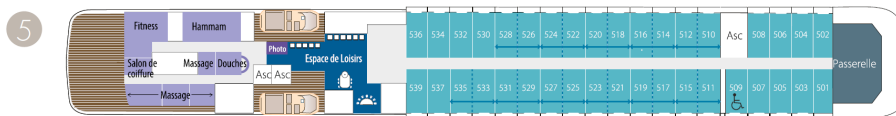
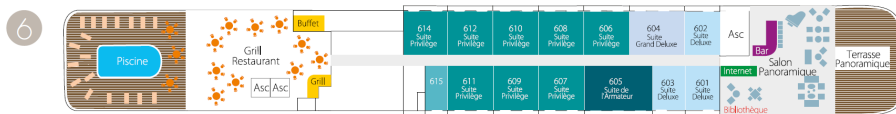
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Not included:

- Meals and beverages other than those specified above
- Optional excursions
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