Portugal to Scotland

LISBON TO GLASGOW



Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom and Ireland: PONANT invites you sail along the Atlantic coastline of these four European countries during a brandnew 8-day cruise aboard Le Champlain.



DATE: 26 April 2020 to 3 May 2020

DURATION: 8-DAYS/7-NIGHTS

EMBARK: LISBON, PORTUGAL

DISEMBARK: GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

SHIP: LE CHAMPLAIN

FROM: \$3,420

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HIGHLIGHTS

- A cruise along the Atlantic coastlines of four countries: Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom and Ireland.
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the tower of Belem and the monastery of Jeronimos in Lisbon (embarkation port), the historic center of Porto, the old town of Santiago de Compostela, Dublin.
- An excursion in Galicia to discover Santiago de Compostela.
- From Cork, there will be the possibility to visit Blarney Castle, an imposing fortress with numerous hidden treasures, including the famous "Blarney Stone".
- The possibility of visiting Lisbon (before your cruise) and Glasgow (after your cruise).

ITINERARY - 2020

DAY 1 — Sunday, April 26 – LISBON, PORTUGAL

Embarkation 16H00 to 17H00 Departure at 18H00

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 harbor, 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.



DAY 2 - Monday, April 27 - LEIXÕES - PORTO

Located at the mouth of the Douro River, the port of Leixões lies less than 10 kilometers from Porto. A

UNESCO World Heritage Site, the historic center of Porto is worth a visit for its famous Ribeira district, the metallic silhouette of the Dom-Luis bridge looming over its ancient houses, its richly decorated Baroque churches and its national Soares dos Reis museum. The São Bentostation is also interesting for its typically Portuguese decoration, using *Azulejos*, blue square ceramic tiles decorated with geometric patterns or figurative scenes.



DAY 3 - Tuesday, April 28 - CEE, SPAIN

Cee is located at the end of a bay on the north-western Spanish coast. A stone's throw from the marina, the maritime promenade is a great place to stroll alongside one of the town's beaches or luxuriant gardens. The center can be reached by a pleasant walk down quaint streets bordered by pines and palms. These streets lead you to the market square with its shops offering a profusion of all kinds of delicious food. You'll want to dally under the arcades and perhaps be tempted by a slice of bica gallega, a regional cake that's both moist and crunchy. Try it with a cortado or machado, two delectable espresso drinks.

LA CORUÑA, SPAIN

La Coruña stands on a peninsula in north-west Spain. As you enter the harbor, you can see the imposing Castillo de San Antón, which houses archaeological collections from Galicia. In the old town, you'll travel back in time as you meander through the streets from the medieval church of Santiago to the contemporary Domus building, a museum dedicated to human biology and psychology. Brightly coloured tramways connect to the waterfront, on one side, Riazor beach, and on the other, the Hercules tower: this lighthouse overlooking the Atlantic, is a UNESCO World Heritage site, listed for its history dating back to Antiquity.

DAY 4 - Wednesday, April 29 - AT SEA

DAY 5 – Thursday, April 30 – ISLES OF SCILLY

Nestling in the clear waters of the Atlantic Ocean, at the south west tip of Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly form a small British island chain whose climate, landscapes and lifestyle are unlike any other and seem to have come straight from an Enid Blyton story. Here, everything resembles a tropical paradise. The long sandy beaches run alongside lush green meadows teeming with semi-exotic flowers, whilst the ruins of ancient castles loom from the tops of the hills. Veritable havens of peace that inspired the legendary Avalon of King Arthur, they are today listed as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the rugged coastline plays host to wildlife that is as varied as it is exceptional, including the very rare Atlantic grey seal.

DAY 6 - Friday, May 01 - COBH, IRELAND

From the very endearing small town of Cobh, you will set out to discover Cork, rich with a history that goes back to Viking times. During our visit here, we invite you to take an exceptional trip to Blarney Castle, dating from 1446 and renowned for its legends and its ancient stones. At the end of your visit, do not miss the chance of kissing the "Stone of Eloquence", located at the top of the monument, which legend tells will confer its powers upon you.



DAY 7 – Saturday, May 02 – DUBLIN, IRELAND

The Irish capital stretches along the banks of the Liffey to Dublin bay, on the East coast of Ireland. Discover Ireland's warm conviviality in the pedestrian district of **Temple Bar**. Its cobbled streets are brimming with fabulous shops, pubs and

arts centers. Next to Trinity College, famous for its 18th century library, you can stroll along Grafton Street: in one of its famous tea shops, try a delicious scone and clotted cream served hot and melt-in-the-mouth with jam. Not far from here, the majestic O'Connell bridge leads you to the avenue with the same name, on which Spire a luminous contemporary sculpture presides.



DAY 8 - Sunday, May 03 - GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

Disembarkation at 07H30

In the heart of the Clyde Valley, the bustling city of Glasgow contrasts starkly with the wild beauty of the surrounding countryside. Scotland's biggest city overflows with landmarks from its extensive artistic heritage and outstanding architectural tradition. The city's chequerboard layout makes walking through the major pedestrian thoroughfares easy: go with the flow and let the lively street atmosphere take you past the many Victorian monuments. Don't miss the collections on display in the numerous museums and art galleries. The Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum is an outstanding example.





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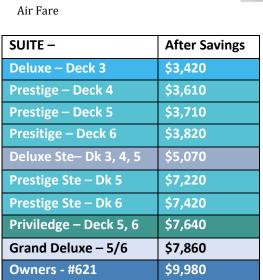
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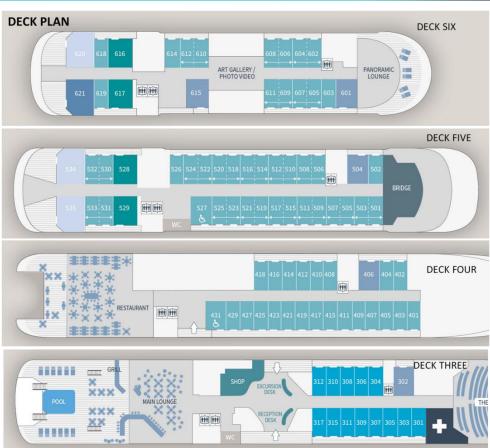
Included features:

- All accommodations, meals, and excursion described above
- Gratuities to ship staff, guides and drivers on included excursions
- Comprehensive 7-night cruise aboard the deluxe Le Champlain, with all the amenities for which Ponant ships are famous.
- Open Bar throughout ship
- Wi-Fi

Not included:

- Meals and beverages other than those specified above
- **Optional Excursions**
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, etc.)
- Travel Insurance









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