

## A voyage through the ages with PONANT and the Louvre



Time stands still in the quest to see artworks that may be thousands of years old. PONANT is renewing its partnership with the Louvre for a one-off special cruise in January 2022 to discover the Arabian Gulf’s cultural and artistic treasures, and lands behind the birth of civilisations responsible for art works conserved in the famous museum. A fascinating voyage down the ages awaits.

### A journey through time

Discover Fujairah Fort built in 1670 and Al Bidya, oldest mosque in the United Arab Emirates. Marvel at the atypical architecture of Khasab Fortress and visit cultural locations at the Al Ain Oasis, UNESCO World Heritage Site, and explore the intriguing cities of Doha, Dubai and Abu Dhabi, where tradition rubs shoulders with modernity. This ‘Treasures of the Arabian Gulf’ cruise invites guests aboard *Le Jacques-Cartier* to discover the wonders of Islamic culture. Many of the ports of call also offer the opportunity to admire outstanding nature sites such as the “Arabian fjords”, canyons and oases and Sir Bani Yas Island, an open-air reserve dedicated to protecting species threatened with extinction. All excursions are as emblematic as they are fascinating.

### The Louvre as guiding light

Throughout the cruise, the itinerary of which has been planned by PONANT teams, guests will benefit from the expertise of Yannick Lintz, curator and Director of the Louvre’s Arts of Islam Department. *“Having specialised in the Iranian world for 30 years, and being in constant contact with my Arab friends, I am delighted to share this other passion I have for the Arabian Gulf on Le Jacques-Cartier,”* she explains. *“In ancient times, this region was at the heart of civilisations routes from India to the Mediterranean. Today it is the centre of cultural innovation with new museums like the Abu Dhabi Louvre.”* Designed by architect Jean Nouvel and opened in 2017, the Louvre Abu Dhabi brings together objects and artworks from the world’s civilisations to promote dialogue between peoples and oriental and western art: a ground-breaking approach to the art, culture and history of the human race.

### *Le Jacques-Cartier* as a setting of choice

This 8-night yachting cruise – 5 to 13 January 2022 – from the Sultanate of Oman’s capital Muscat to Dubai is aboard *Le Jacques-Cartier*. A small capacity ship with 92 staterooms and suites, all with balcony or private terrace, and state-of-the-art technologies in tune with the environment, *Le Jacques-Cartier* is the ideal setting with its elegant design. Below the waterline, the ship boasts a world first with the “Blue Eye”, a multi-sensory lounge where guests can fully immerse themselves in the underwater world. An awakening of the senses is guaranteed.

### Cultural ports of call

As well as the Louvre Abu Dhabi visit, ‘Treasures of the Arabian Gulf’ cruise offers other cultural ports of call to many prestigious museums, starting with the Fujairah to contemplate ancient weapons, traditional costumes and antiquities from the United Arab Emirates. In Doha, Qatar’s national and Islamic art museum open windows on the history of this country and its people. A desert

safari, dhow outing (traditional Arab wooden boat), kayaking in the mangroves and visit to Expo 2021 Dubai complete a rich and varied range of excursions on offer.

*Treasures of the Arabian Gulf*

*Muscat - Dubai*

*Aboard Le Jacques Cartier*

*5 to 13 January 2022*

*9 days - 8 nights*

*From €4,730*

[Find more about this cruise](#)

## **ABOUT THE LOUVRE**

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From the beginning in 1793, the Louvre was designed to be a universal museum. It exhibits some of the world's most beautiful and fascinating collections, spanning several millennia and a territory stretching from America to the frontiers of Asia. As guardian of this unique heritage, which it shares and brings to life, the Louvre builds bridges between cultures by stimulating our emotions and curiosity. It is the world's most visited museum, welcoming 9.6 million visitors in 2019.

## **ABOUT PONANT**

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Created in 1988, by officers of the French Merchant Navy, PONANT has created a new style of cruising, under the French flag, through a unique conception of sea travel and a commitment to promoting sustainable and responsible tourism. Accessing exceptional territories aboard yachts featuring refined design, on which the art of living and excellent cuisine take pride of place: such is the promise of a unique and authentic PONANT voyage.

In collaboration with the IHU (Institut Hospitalo-Universitaire) Méditerranée Infection of Marseilles, one of the world's leading centres in the field of infectious diseases, PONANT has developed a protocol with "anti-Covid" precautions based on health standards that exceed international regulations.

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