



New polar odysseys: PONANT launches sales for Winter 2022-23 on *Le Commandant Charcot*



PONANT, the reference in Expedition cruises aboard small cruising yachts, unveils a totally new range of voyages to the ends of the earth for Winter 2022-2023 in the heart of the Antarctic continent. With these unprecedented polar odysseys aboard the first high polar exploration ship, *Le Commandant Charcot*, PONANT invites travellers in search of meaning to weigh anchor for new adventures in the wake of the famous navigator after whom this ship is named.

Fascinating, captivating, extreme – the Antarctic aboard *Le Commandant Charcot*

A mythical territory that proved a magnet for the great explorers of the past, the White Continent continues to fascinate us on every level. As the polar expert for over 20 years, PONANT combines its ice navigation experience with the passion of its naturalist-guides to ensure truly immersive experiences.

Aboard *Le Commandant Charcot*, guests can take their pick from a range of new activities from citizen science to kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, to polar diving without a wetsuit and polar swimming in a drysuit. More than 20 naturalist-guides will be supervising the activities and taking guests to meet a fascinating array of wildlife during Zodiac and hovercraft outings.

New itineraries and perspectives

For its second season in the Antarctic with *Le Commandant Charcot*, PONANT has expanded its offer to include two itineraries providing unforgettable semi-circumnavigations of the Antarctic.

Expedition “Unexplored Antarctica between Two Continents”

For the very first time, *Le Commandant Charcot* is inviting guests to follow in the footsteps of the great Antarctic explorers during a truly exceptional semi-circumnavigation, a voyage of exploration linking the southern end of the American continent to New Zealand. This exclusive cruise into the heart of the icefields explores the Bellingshausen, Amundsen and Ross seas, the world’s largest marine sanctuary, where whales, orcas, seals and penguins can be seen, as well as Marie Byrd Land, the last Terra Nullius (unclaimed land) on our planet.

Ushuaia – Dunedin
30 days, 28 nights
15 January to 13 February 2023
From €37,530
[Find more about the cruise](#)

Expedition “From Dumont d’Urville to Mawson: retracing Heroic Age expeditions”

This first ever polar odyssey to earth’s boundary retraces the steps of early explorers to the White Continent, sharpening the senses during a voyage where all the nuances of the ice come into their own. From the shores of New Zealand to those of Ushuaia, a city at the end of the world, with this itinerary PONANT is offering another semi-circumnavigation of the Antarctic. On the way guests will discover Adélie Land, Victoria Land and Marie Byrd Land, as well as Macquarie Island, a sub-Antarctic Australian island, classified a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its extraordinary biodiversity. A unique voyage of exploration steeped in French and Australian polar history.

Dunedin – Ushuaia
28 days, 26 nights
13 February to 12 March 2023
From €35,500
[Find more about the cruise](#)

Pioneering and responsible

Le Commandant Charcot is the first high polar exploration ship, a hybrid-electric powered by LNG (liquefied natural gas) the most virtuous fuel available today, a major innovation that signals the company’s deep commitment to sustainable tourism. A Polar Class PC2 ship, her design includes all the latest ‘green’ technologies, such as waste-water treatment, 100% waste sorted on board and no single-use plastics. They symbolise the culmination of PONANT’s pioneering efforts to reduce its environmental impact and consolidate its polar expertise based on 20 years of experience in these regions.

Inaugural Antarctic season for Winter 2021-2022

Le Commandant Charcot is sailing in the Antarctic this winter 2021-2022. Ten cruises, all as unique as they are exceptional, are proposed for her inaugural season from November 2021 to March 2022, including six different itineraries.

[Find out more about the cruises](#)

ABOUT PONANT

Founded 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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