



Le Bellot christening – 5th ship in the PONANT EXPLORER series



On 21 May 2022, one of the latest ships in the PONANT EXPLORER series, *Le Bellot*, was christened during her maiden port of call in Honfleur, France.

The ceremony was attended by the ship's godmother, Adélaïde de Clermont-Tonnerre, writer - Winner of the Grand Prix de l'Académie Française for *The Last of Our Kind* - and Editor-in-Chief of Point de Vue magazine who is on the PONANT Board of Directors, with music by the Finistère Regional Orchestra. Hervé Gastinel, CEO of PONANT; Christophe Buisson, town councillor, Tourist Office President and Vice-President of the Community of Communes du Pays de Honfleur-Beuzeville; Michèle Prevost, Joseph-René Bellot's great-grandniece; and the Captains Maxime Benoit and Quentin Dubois were alongside *Le Bellot*'s godmother.

The ship will now set sail for the American continent. After an ocean crossing via Europe, Iceland and Greenland, *Le Bellot* is scheduled to reach Canada by September.

ABOUT THE PONANT EXPLORER SERIES

A new generation of ships flying under the French flag, fitted with the latest technologies, the PONANT EXPLORERS comply with the most recent environmental regulations and have been awarded the "CLEANSHIP" label. The ships offer 92 staterooms, including four suites; all cabins include a plate glass window and private balcony. With limited capacity – the PONANT EXPLORERS can welcome up to 184 guests and 118 crew members – they are designed for landing in the most inaccessible locations, where others do not go.

ABOUT PONANT

Explore to inspire: explore to better understand, learn, share and protect. PONANT has been committed to responsible tourism, and purposeful voyages of exploration for over 30 years. Aboard a fleet of 13 French-flagged small ships fitted with the latest environmental technologies, the journey of exploration is always elegant, authentic, and inspiring. For more information: www.ponant.com

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