



The White Continent in all its facets: PONANT's Winter 2024-2025 expeditions



Set sail with PONANT, polar expert, for the mythical White Continent of Antarctica, a vast untamed land of ice and icebergs. Throughout the southern summer, three ships in the company's fleet will be crisscrossing these remotest of territories. The first sailing in the winter 2024-2025 season is scheduled for 19 October.

Twenty-six! That's the number of sailings for which PONANT has just launched sales for voyages to Antarctica for winter 2024-2025. Backed by 30 years of experience in the region, the company is offering expeditions for the whole of the southern summer season, from October to March, which covers the entire reproduction cycle of the penguins which populate the White Continent.

Every month has its privilege

November is special as this is when the penguins breeding and nesting take place on the Antarctic Peninsula. Against a backdrop of snow-covered mountain peaks, icebergs drift in the distance. In January, newborn penguins are a sight to behold, while February is an equally magical month as the chicks are growing and the end of summer snow makes hiking easier.

Aboard the company's three small ships, *Le Lyrial*, *L'Austral* and *Le Boréal*, the experts at PONANT – Captains, Expedition Leaders, naturalist-guides – share their passion and knowledge of the region. Thanks to them, guests have an opportunity to see Adelie, chinstrap and gentoo penguins, orcas, seals, elephant seals, albatrosses and southern fulmars, all in conditions that fully respect the environment.

Among the must-see voyages for this season: **The Southern Adventure** promises a 15-day polar expedition in the highest latitudes between the Falkland Islands and untouched lands of the Antarctic; **The Great Adventure** takes in the southern region's most beautiful sites; and **Expedition to Southern Lands** follows in the wake of the greatest explorers in South Georgia along shores of the White Continent on a 17-or-18-day voyage through time. Just three of the many adventures that beckon.

[Discover all the expeditions](#)

Focus on three exclusive itineraries

The Southern Adventure

This polar expedition to the planet's southernmost lands begins with the discovery of the Falkland Islands. Escorted by Rudolphi whales, the ship follows in their wake through this archipelago of 200 islands, before approaching the frozen shores of the - almost - inaccessible Antarctica. Here guests can see for themselves that white comes in a thousand shades. Outings and landings in Zodiacs or sea kayaks, always supervised by professionals, bring guests as close as it is possible to be to the ice.

*Ushuaia – Ushuaia, on Le Lyrial and Le Boréal. Two sailings, 1st and 16 November 2024, 16 days – 14 nights on board.
From €14,000, Buenos Aires-Ushuaia return flights included – [Find more about these voyages](#)*

The Great Adventure

L'Austral and *Le Lyrial* go back in time as she sets sail for South Georgia. It is here in the midst of black sandy beaches, watched over by snow-capped mountains, that Sir Ernest Shackleton miraculously washed up during the famous *Endurance Odyssey* in 1916. Further south on *L'Austral*, the Orkney Islands emerge just beyond the latitude of the mythical Screaming 60s. Throughout the voyage, this vast territory that is home to penguins, albatrosses, seals and whales is revealed.

*Buenos Aires – Ushuaia, Ushuaia – Buenos Aires, on L'Austral and Le Lyrial. Two sailings, 9 November 2024 and 3rd March 2025, 19 days – 17 nights on board.
From €14,990, Ushuaia-Buenos Aires and Buenos Aires-Ushuaia return flights included – [Find more about these voyages](#)*

Emblematic Antarctica

At the border between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, guests enter Drake Passage. In the latitudes of the Furious 50s and Screaming 60s, the wind blows and waves beat against the bow; in the sky above, Cape petrels lead the ship to their kingdom, up to the first lands of the White Continent. The ice is there and evolves throughout the summer, in all its forms, to give life to the reproduction cycle of the Adelie, gentoo and chinstrap penguins. A mountainous landscape opens up to give way to huge carving glaciers, as tabular icebergs drift in the ocean and sea ice shimmers in the distance.

*Ushuaia – Ushuaia, on L'Austral, Le Boréal & Le Lyrial. 16 sailings from November 2024 to March 2025, 12 days – 10 nights on board.
From €10,640, Buenos Aires-Ushuaia return flights included – [Find more about these voyages](#)*

Falklands, South Georgia & Valdes Peninsula: in the heart of the wilderness

Le Boréal will set sail for a polar expedition in the southern seas to discover stunning wildlife, in the heart of three rich and unique ecosystems: South Georgia, the Falkland archipelago and its 200 islands, and the Argentinean province of Chubut. Magellanic, gentoo and king penguins, elephant seals, fur seals, albatrosses and orcas inhabit these wild lands. The richness of the landscape will go from the black sand beaches encircled by the snow-capped mountains of South Georgia to the rich beauty of the shores of the Falkland Islands, where white sand beaches, sharp cliffs and windswept moors meet, before giving way to the desert lands of the Chubut province.

*Ushuaia - Buenos Aires, on board Le Boréal. From 11 to 30 March 2025, 20 days - 18 nights on board.
From €10,570, Buenos Aires-Ushuaia flight included – [Find more about this voyage](#)*

ABOUT PONANT

Explore to Inspire: explore to better understand, learn, share and protect. For 35 years, PONANT has been committed to more responsible tourism and voyages of exploration which have meaning. The French-flagged fleet comprises 13 small ships equipped with state of the art environmentally friendly equipment. With PONANT, exploration is refined, authentic and a source of inspiration. For more information www.ponant.com

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