



Le Ponant becomes world's first sailing yacht to obtain Relais & Châteaux label



After four years of regular ad hoc partnerships, PONANT and Relais & Châteaux are strengthening their ties. The three-master joins the large family of Relais & Châteaux establishments as a new member. It is the first sailing yacht in history to obtain the label and be included in its catalogue of the finest travel addresses in the world.

An exceptional catalogue for an exceptional establishment

*"Both our firms are committed to sharing expertise and promoting the inimitable French lifestyle to design meaningful voyages. Aboard *Le Ponant*, the jewel of our fleet, everyone can reconnect with nature and their own inspirations and live out their desires under sail",* says Hervé Gastinel, CEO of PONANT. With only 16 elegantly decorated staterooms and a dedicated chef, the travel experience for guests is as if they are on their own private yacht. Due to its small size *Le Ponant* offers exclusive ports of call.

Dream destinations for *Le Ponant* and Relais & Châteaux in 2023/2024

The first voyages aboard Relais & Châteaux member *Le Ponant* are tropical expeditions to Cape Verde and the Caribbean for the 2023/2024 season.

The common denominator is the sharing of values and a personalised experience that meets the expectations of most discerning Relais & Châteaux customers.

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ABOUT RELAIS & CHÂTEAUX

A MOVEMENT WITH MEANING

Relais & Châteaux, established in 1954, is an association of 580 unique hotels and restaurants throughout the world, owned and operated by independent entrepreneurs – most often families – who are passionate about their craft and deeply committed to forging warm, lasting relationships with their guests.

Relais & Châteaux members protect and promote the wealth and diversity of the world’s culinary and hospitality traditions, to ensure they continue to thrive. They are equally dedicated to preserving local heritage and the environment, as articulated in the association’s Vision presented to UNESCO in November 2014.

www.relaischateaux.com

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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