

Spirit of Ponant, the Iconic New Catamaran Sets Sail this Summer



5 April 2024 | The latest addition to PONANT's fleet is the *Spirit of Ponant*, a 24m maxi-catamaran with six staterooms offering a unique sailing experience. With up to 12 guests and four crew including a chef, the *Spirit of Ponant* combines the pleasures of sailing with all the refinements and personalised service that are the hallmarks of PONANT voyages.

"The Spirit of Ponant is a new expression of our pioneering spirit, as the travel format is a first in the luxury cruise sector," explains Hervé Gastinel, CEO of PONANT. "Our guests will experience what it is really like to be a sailor, including interacting with the Captain to create a voyage that meets their desires and expectations. They will benefit from hidden away anchorages in magical places, while enjoying the high-end services for which PONANT is renowned".

With this catamaran, PONANT is adding another string to its bow of offers in exclusive intimate settings. A bold and innovative move that confirms the company's commitment to more responsible tourism and its historic attachment to sailing. Built in France, the *Spirit of Ponant* promises an immersive experience, sailing to some of the world's most beautiful islands. The yacht is being launched in June 2024 and will spend the summer in Corsica, France, before heading to the Seychelles for winter 2025.

"Embarking on the Spirit of Ponant is to have an authentic experience of sailing at sea, with extremely easy access to the sea and water sports activities," explains Guillaume Le Brec, the experienced skipper in charge of this project at PONANT. "The concept and design of this Lagoon Seventy 7 yacht has been praised by everyone in the industry, won over by the spacious interior and exterior areas. Guests will really appreciate the high-end finishings as much as her exceptional sailing qualities," adds the highly experienced skipper.



An intimate voyage with a maximum of 12 guests on board. A dedicated crew includes the Captain, a chef selected by PONANT, one seaman and the personal services of a steward as befits the company's high standards. The itinerary is developed based on the Captain's recommendations and what the guests would like to do. PONANT's gastronomy, wine cellar and signature cocktails, room service, nautical activities (paddleboarding, wakeboarding, snorkelling...), all are included.

Cruises of 8 days / 7 nights: Corsica (Bonifacio • Bonifacio): sailings from 13 July 2024, and the Seychelles (Mahé • Mahé): winter 2024/2025, from €7,500* per person.

*Price based on double occupancy. The price may change as the departure date approaches and varies depending on availability. Noncontractual photos.

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