



## LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT IN BALTIC

### WHY GO WITH LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT ?

- The only PONANT ship going there **in winter, away from the hustle and bustle of tourism**
- Optimum operating temperatures: **warm refuge** of Le Commandant Charcot!

### INCLUDED ON LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

- A polar water-resistant **parka** (no children sizes)
- **Boots** to use provided onboard (for adults only)
- All inclusive including **fine dining in all the restaurants** Sila and Nuna & **all drinks** in restaurants, bars and minibars (excluding premium card)
- For Owner's, Duplex, Privilege & Grand Prestige Suites: **Butler** service & **Fitness and well being Coach** private lessons

### WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE ?

- The **emblematic cities full of lights** bordering the Baltic Sea during the **Christmas holiday period**
- The enchantment of Scandinavian cities **outside high season**.
- The **handicrafts** and **local gastronomy** in the traditional **Christmas markets**
- The architecture : **Art Nouveau** era style for some, **gothic and baroque styles** for other
- A magical overnight stay opposite **the old town of Stockholm**
- Towns with **exceptional heritage: Rauma; Gammeltad** and the neoclassical city of **Oulu**
- The **High Coast archipelago** in northern Sweden and a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- A cruise among the **skerries of the Stockholm archipelago**

### OTHER PONANT CRUISES IN THE SAME AREA

#### A musical journey on the Baltic Sea | 9N

*Le Bellot*  
Copenhagen - Stockholm



From 9 310 €

#### Historic Cities of the Baltic Sea | 8N

*Le Dumont d'Urville*  
Stockholm - Copenhagen



From 6 610 €

#### Cruising the Historic Cities of the Baltic Sea | 7N

*Le Dumont d'Urville*  
Stockholm - Copenhagen



From 5 470 €

#### Iconic Capitals & Towns of the Baltic | 7N

*Le Dumont d'Urville*  
Helsinki - Copenhagen



From 5 470 €

### MAIN DIFFERENCE : no Christmas spirit!!

6 Ponant cruises on a similar itinerary but only operated in **APRIL, JULY AND AUGUST**

- More crowded period
- No Christmas traditional markets & enlited cities

# SCANDINAVIAN WONDERLAND & CHRISTMAS MARKETS

9 nights

Helsinki – Helsinki

2/12/2024 to 11/12/2024 | 11/12/2024 to 20/12/2024



From 8:00 AM  
to 3:30 PM



-3°/+3°



No ice

FROM 8 170€



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## GUESTS SPEAKERS

[Julien Gueslin](#), head curator and **head of the Musée de La Contemporaine** (Paris-Nanterre). Associate researcher at Université Paris-Panthéon-Sorbonne, his PhD on *France and the Baltic States* was awarded the Prix Jean-Baptiste Duroselle in 2004.

Since then, he has written and lectured extensively on history, in particular the **birth of the Baltic States through the wars of independence** and the construction of a **Baltic regional order in the 20th century**.

Among his latest contributions, he has written a chapter on **the Baltic countries and Russia** (*Un accident qui se dérobe*).

## For CC111224



For over 40 years, Kaviari had **exclusive rights to import wild Iranian caviar into France**. It manages the caviar production with the breeders, contributing the **know-how learned alongside the Iranian masters**. It complies with HACCP standards to ensure **perfect control over food safety and hygiene**. They also holds health certificates and permits for imports and exports, guaranteeing **rigorous traceability checks**. Kaviari matures all its caviar in **its own laboratories**.

## GUESTS SPEAKERS

[Alain Ducasse](#), at the helm of thirty restaurants from bistros and brasseries to **three-Michelin-star restaurants**, throughout eight countries. He created an **international Education division** (Ecole Ducasse) in culinary and pastry arts. He is now expanding artisan **chocolate manufactures** (Manufacture de chocolat Paris, London, Tokyo, Munich) artisan bean-to-cup **coffee shops** (Manufacture de café Paris, London), artisan **gelato parlors** (Manufacture de glace Paris), artisan **biscuit manufactures**. (Fr)

## Jacques Nebot

From 1975 to 1980, he was the **head of Caviar Volga**, at the time the **largest importer of Iranian caviar in France**. In 1981, he set up **Astara**. Four years later, he opened Le Coin du Caviar, near the Bastille. In 1995, Michel Pastor asked him to become Chairman of **Hédiard**. His experience, know-how and advice are now supporting the development of **The Kaviari company** headed by Raphaël Bouchez (Fr)



GALA DINNERS



WORKSHOPS



BOOK SIGNING FOR  
"UNE VIE DE GOÛTS  
ET DE PASSIONS"



TALKS,  
ROUND TABLE



WINES & FOOD  
PAIRING

### HELSINKI

Buzz of a **cosmopolitan city**

**Historical centre:** neoclassical buildings & modern constructions.

**Kalli district:** boutiques and restaurants with local specialties like gravilohi - a sweet, marinated, aromatic salmon dish

**Keskusuisto park,** good place to sit and unwind.

### STOCKHOLM

Shining Old town: singing and music from the streets of the **historic centre Gamla Stan**.

**Christmas markets** to taste an hot *glögg* spicy mulled wine

In daylight hours, sail through the **Stockholm archipelago**: on the inhabited lands, bright red facades

### VISBY

**UNESCO World Heritage Site**, Viking-era treasure in the island of **Gotland**

- **Saint Mary's Cathedral** - The *ringmuren*, the 3.5 km (2.2 mile) long perimeter wall with towers and gates.

The **Gotland Museum**, with archaeological discoveries from the Viking era.

Local speciality, *Saffranspannkaka*, saffron pancakes served with berries and cream.

### GDANSK

Medieval atmosphere: red brick **architecture**, gabled houses, churches and galleries!

Illuminated quaysides and nocturnal buzz!

The **Christmas market**, the **Cistercian abbey** and the **cathedral**, home to a magnificent sculpted wooden organ

The **Polish Baltic F. Chopin Philharmonic**.

### RIGA

Considered the **Art Nouveau capital!**

The **old town**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site: medieval architecture**, its cathedral, old walls and the narrow streets.

**Local craft objects** like wooden chandeliers, jewelry made from **Baltic amber**, hand-knitted gloves and **Christmas decorations** in the old town's park

### TALLINN

In the far north of Estonia, this well-preserved city of the **Hanseatic League** is a **UNESCO World Heritage site**

The recently restored **St. Nicholas Church**.

**Town Hall Square** (*Raekoja plats*) & its luxurious Christmas tree.

At the **Christmas market**: hand-knitted wool garments and traditional *glögi* mulled wine accompanied by spiced almonds.



Baltic 8:30AM to 3:00PM  
Botnia: 10:30AM to 2:00PM



-13°/+3°



No ice,  
Slush in North Botnia

## CHRISTMAS MAGIC WITH RENAUD CAPUÇON

8 nights

Helsinki – Kemi

20/12/2024 to 28/12/2024

FROM 10 940 €



### GUESTS SPEAKERS

**RENAUD CAPUÇON**, one of the most sought-after **solo violinists on the international scene**: Berliner Philharmoniker, Vienna Philharmonic, London Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra of Europe, Orchestre National de France, Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France, Filarmonica della Scala, Boston Symphony and New York Philharmonic.

They accompany him:

- Guillaume Bellom, pianist
- Adrien La Marca, violist
- Guillaume Chilleme, violinist
- Edgar Moreau, cellist

**ALAIN DUAUTL**, novelist, poet, journalist, musicologist and radio and television presenter, Alain Duault is **one of the greatest opera specialists** in France he is now President of the *Prix Pelléas* jury. He is the author of a number of books, including *Dans la peau de Maria Callas*, (Le Passeur Éditeur, 2014, pocket edition, 2017), *Dictionnaire amoureux illustré de l'Opéra* (Plon Gründ, 2016), *Ce léger rien des choses qui ont fui*, poetry (Gallimard, 2017).



Transfer + flight  
Kemi/Paris included

## MUSICAL NEW YEAR IN THE GULF OF BOTHNIA

8 nights

Kemi - Helsinki

28/12/2024 to 5/1/2025

FROM 10 400 €



### GUESTS SPEAKERS

**AUGUSTIN DUMAY**, violinist and conductor, was discovered thanks to his concerts with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra and his recordings for Warner (Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, Saint-Saëns, Lalo). He is regularly invited to conduct orchestras such as the English Chamber Orchestra, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and the New Japan Philharmonic.

They accompany him:

- Amélie Robins, lyric coloratura soprano
- Camille Thomas, cellist
- Florent Héau, clarinetist
- Tanguy de Willencourt, pianist

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### ACTIVITIES



### PARTNERS



RADIO CLASSIQUE attracts over a million listeners with a promise to celebrate the **best works in the classical repertoire by top performers**. Radio Classique employs **well-known personalities** with a passion for music. The PONANT's musical cruises are under the **artistic direction of Alain Duault**



Operating in France and internationally to **protect the oceans**, the Maud Fontenay Foundation organises **educational activities focused on the environment for the younger generation and general public**, with **support from scientific partners** and the French Ministry of National Education. Every year, **700,000 children** benefit from its Sea Education programs.

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#### RAUMA

a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, founded at the height of the Swedish Empire

Remains of the **Church of The Holy Cross** from the 15th century.

Best examples of **traditional Nordic wood construction techniques**.

The **Marela Museum**, a fine ship-owner's home: dive into the town's maritime and industrial history and **day-to-day life** of a wealthy 19th-century merchant

#### LULEA

Departure point for exploring **Swedish Lapland**

Snowmobile or on **snowshoes** in the forest, **ice fishing** on a frozen lake, **spectacle of stars** of the Lappish night.

In **Gammelstad**, the church-town, best-preserved example of a settlement found in northern Scandinavia: **wander in the old town by lantern light** and observe its **424 brick-red houses** constructed around the stone church.

#### OULU

Largest town in the north of Scandinavia. On the edge of the **Oulujoki River**, the **market square (Kauppatori)** The wooden houses, home to cafés and restaurants

Go snowshoeing or on a nature excursion: enter the tranquility of the forest and familiarise yourself with Scandinavia's emblematic animal, the **reindeer** during a **visit to a farm**.

#### KEMI

From the snow-covered shores of **Finnish Lapland**, the **ephemeral snow castle** will welcome you.

**Snowmobile outing or sled trip**, pulled by huskies or reindeer (to be chosen)

Around a hundred kilometres (60 miles) towards the North: the Santa Claus Village of **Rovaniemi!**

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