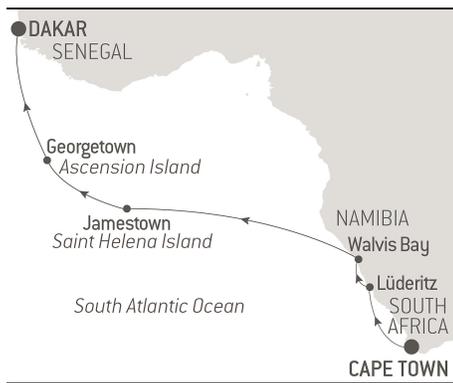


Napoleon Cruise

From **26/4/2021**
to **14/5/2021**

Ship: **LE JACQUES CARTIER**

From **Cape Town**
to **Dakar**



In partnership with the magazine **Point de Vue**, with the exceptional presence on board of **Jean Tulard** and **Franck Ferrand**.

PONANT is organising **an exceptional 19-day cruise** to commemorate the bicentenary of the death of **Napoleon Bonaparte** on 5 May 1821.

Embark onboard **Le Jacques-Cartier** in **South Africa, in Cape Town**, mother-city of the country, dominated by Table Mountain, and reach **Walvis Bay**, at the heart of the **Namib desert**.

Then your ship will chart a course towards the **island of Saint Helena** to arrive the day before the official ceremony, which will be held on 5 May 2021. Although this British territory, the site of his last exile, houses his tomb, it remains above all the place where Napoleon dictated his memoirs and sealed his legend. Offering an intimate and moving testimony of his last moments on the island, the **Longwood Residence** and the Emperor's furniture have been preciously maintained and preserved by the French authorities and the Fondation Napoléon. During your visit, you will travel through history in a luxuriant and bucolic setting, far from the sombre image of the island.

You will then call at **Ascension Island**, some 1,000 km off the coast of Saint Helena. On this desert island, the British created a garrison to counter any hope of escape by the Emperor. Today the island is a veritable sanctuary for birds, marine mammals and green turtles.

You will then sail north along the maritime route taken in 1815 by the **Northumberland**, the ship that escorted Napoleon to Saint Helena and will enjoy a few days at sea before reaching **Dakar**, the lively capital of Senegal, which will be your port of disembarkation.



The information in this document is valid as of 11/8/2020

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YOUR STOPOVERS :

CAPE TOWN

Embarkation 26/4/2021 from 10h00 to 11h00

Departure 26/4/2021 at 12h00

Dynamic and peaceful, cosmopolitan and hip, **Cape Town** offers its visitors a most unique mix. Here, the locals like to say that their city is “the quintessential melting pot of South Africa”. Located in the heart of one of the most beautiful bays in the world and dominated by the famous **Table Mountain**, it is graced with extraordinary landscapes including sheer cliffs that plunge into the Atlantic Ocean and vast whitesand beaches. We invite you to discover this incredible city, the South African capital of fashion, the art of living, and gastronomy. Further on, the **Cape of Good Hope** Nature Reserve awaits you and is home to a wide variety of endemic fauna and flora.

AT SEA

Arrival 27/4/2021

Departure 27/4/2021

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

LÜDERITZ

Arrival 28/4/2021 late morning

Departure 28/4/2021 late afternoon

Located in Namibia, in southern Africa, **Luderitz** is a coastal town in the **Karas** region. A former German colony at the gates of the **Namib desert**, this singular town has houses featuring occasionally extravagant colonial architecture. With its sandy streets overlooking the ocean, the small port town gives off a particular atmosphere that will not leave you indifferent. Perched on a granite promontory, the **Felsenkirche Lutheran church** is well worth a visit, as are the **Deutsche Afrika Bank** building and the **Goerke Haus** monument. The **Kolmanskop** ghost town, with its hospital and abandoned colonial houses invaded by the desert sands, looks like it's come straight off a film set.

WALVIS BAY

Arrival 29/4/2021 midday

Departure 30/4/2021 midday

On the **wild coastlines of Namibia**, you will feel the force of the encounter between the infinite dunes of **the oldest desert in the world** and the tempestuous waves of the Atlantic Ocean. A natural port in the curve of a bay formed by an old river delta, **Walvis Bay** is protected from the whims of the ocean by the natural barrier of **Pelican Point**. It is a real refuge for migratory birds, where thousands of **pink flamingos** and Cape cormorants mix with one of the largest **Cape fur seal colonies** in the world. On the Namibian coastline, the seals make the most of the Benguela Current, cold and full of fish, which comes up from the Antarctic.

AT SEA

Arrival 1/5/2021

Departure 3/5/2021

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JAMESTOWN, SAINT HELENA ISLAND

Arrival 4/5/2021 early morning

Departure 6/5/2021 evening

Nestling in the hollow of a volcanic valley, Jamestown retains the charm of a small **English village** in the tropics. A centre of **Napoleonic legend**, the French authorities preciously conserved **evidence of the Emperor's exile** on the island, including the Briars and Longwood House pavilions, the "valley of the tomb" and Bertrand's Cottage. Escorted to Saint Helena by the British aboard *HMS Northumberland* in 1815, Napoléon died there in 1821. Far removed from the arid hell he described in the memoirs dictated to his faithful companions, you will discover that this **natural fortress** offers a very diverse landscape, from steep cliffs to fertile lands covered with **lush nature**.

AT SEA

Arrival 7/5/2021

Departure 8/5/2021

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GEORGETOWN, ASCENSION ISLAND

Arrival 9/5/2021 early morning

Departure 9/5/2021 early evening

Lost in the heart of the Atlantic, this arid island with a lunar landscape is not as deserted as we may believe. Its position has made it a **military base and strategic air bridge** for the British and the Americans. The first garrison was established in 1815 to prevent any escape attempt by Napoleon, who was exiled nearly 1,000 kilometres away on the island of Saint Helena. The forts and barracks of the **Royal Navy** from those times can be visited. **Intense marine biodiversity** surrounds this island. It is one of the most important breeding sites for **tropical marine birds** and **green turtles**, which leave their footprints on the island's magnificent beaches before heading to the Brazilian coastlines.

AT SEA

Arrival 10/5/2021

Departure 13/5/2021

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DAKAR

Arrival 14/5/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 14/5/2021 at 07h00

On the tip of the African continent, the buzzing capital of **Senegal** stretches along the narrow **peninsula of Cape Verde**. You may be overwhelmed by its sheer size, but **Dakar** will win you over with its richly diverse districts, appealing cultural scene and rich natural surroundings. In the historic centre, you'll enjoy the pell-mell of colours and tasty delights in **Kermel market**. Far from the effervescence of the city, **Gorée Island**, a **UNESCO** World Heritage Site, is known as a place of remembrance, having once been a slave trade outpost. On the other side of the plateau, the wild Madeleine islands are protected by a national park.