

Cape Verde, Canary Islands & Andalusian-Arabic Heritage

From **14/5/2021**
to **27/5/2021**

Ship: **LE LYRIAL**

From **Praia**
to **Palermo, Sicily**

Cape Verde, Canary Islands, Andalusia, Balearics, Sardinia, Sicily: **PONANT** offers you an all-new itinerary at the crossroads of cultures and traditions. You will set sail aboard **Le Lyrial** for a new **14-day cruise** leaving from **Praia**, the capital of Cape Verde, on the most populated and also the most African of the archipelago's islands.

Further to the north, you will reach **São Vicente** and visit **Mindelo**, the cultural capital of Cape Verde, the birthplace of the famous singer of *morna*, Cesaria Évora.

Your ship will then drop anchor at **Las Palmas**, on the island of **Gran Canaria**. Do not miss the chance to wander through the streets of the historic district of **Vegueta**, rich in architectural treasures including the Santa Ana cathedral. Then admire the volcanic landscapes that are so typical of **Lanzarote** before heading to **Andalusia**.

You will discover **Cadiz**, one of the country's oldest cities, built on a rock and surrounded by the sea and **Málaga**. These calls will allow you to visit the cathedral and the **Alcázar palace in Seville**, and the splendid **Alhambra** in **Granada**, UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Your ship will then reach the coastlines of **Algeria** for two brand new ports of call in **Oran** and **Algiers**. You will discover the vitality of these cities and the architectural heritage of their historic centres. The Casbah of Algiers is a typically Islamic *medina*, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Your journey will end in **Palermo**, the capital of Sicily, where you will be able to visit emblematic landmarks such as the 12th-century cathedral.



Flight Paris/Praia + transfer



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

PRAIA

Embarkation 14/5/2021 from 16h00 to 17h00

Departure 14/5/2021 at 18h00

The capital of Cape Verde, Praia, is located on the southern tip of Santiago island. You can dally in the districts planted with Tamarind and Albizia trees. Above the harbour, the **statue of Diogo Gomes** pays homage to the man who discovered Cape Verde in 1460. A few streets away, in the old centre, the **Ethnographic Museum** presents the diversity of the archipelago's cultural origins. Its historical building with transom windows is one of the city's more unusual curiosities.

MINDELO

Arrival 15/5/2021 early morning

Departure 15/5/2021 late afternoon

Set on the shores of the Porto Grande bay on the north-west coast of São Vicente, Mindelo is considered to be Cape Verde's cultural capital. Here in singer Cesaria Evora's homeland, you can listen to real **morna** in the bars of the old town, where you can also sip the local **grog**, a Cape Verdian sugarcane spirit. A few streets from the elegant floating resort of Pont d'água you'll see the pastel-coloured houses and **colonial buildings of the historical district**. Other landmarks are the facades of the old Governor's Palace and the busy municipal market.

AT SEA

Arrival 16/5/2021

Departure 17/5/2021

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.

LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 18/5/2021 midday

Departure 18/5/2021 early evening

A stopover of sunny climes, Las Palmas is located on the north-east coast of Gran Canaria. A few streets away from Puerto de la Luz port, you'll discover the vast Las Canteras beach, bordered with the town's characteristic palms. You'll find these palms are all over Las Palmas, in the streets and squares, especially on the **plaza de Santa Ana** in the heart of the historical district. It feels like you've travelled back in time here, as you stand looking at the tall houses beside the Santa Ana cathedral. Very close by, you can visit the **Casa de Colón**, a museum dedicated to the famous explorer. The museum is housed in the palace belonging to the island's former governor. Chances are, you'll be drawn to the covered Vegueta market to partake in some daily life along with the locals and taste some unfamiliar dishes.

ARRECIFE DE LANZAROTE, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 19/5/2021 early morning

Departure 19/5/2021 late afternoon

Established on a coast sprinkled with cliffs, **Arrecife** has a pleasant beach and a lagoon full of charm, **Charca of San Ginés**, where the fishermen anchor their boats. The city also proposes places fed by history and culture, such as the **castle San Gabriel**, former fort of defense of the city.

AT SEA

Arrival 20/5/2021

Departure 20/5/2021

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CADIZ

Arrival 21/5/2021 early afternoon

Departure 21/5/2021 evening

Andalusia's Cadiz is located on the **Costa de la Luz**, in the south-west of Spain. From the beaches of Cortadura, to the flamenco bars of Santa Maria, through the colourful streets of la Viña, you will be amazed by this city, which is both steeped in history and extremely festive. In the medieval **El Pópulo** district, you will stroll along covered passages in the narrow gaps between houses. You will also be able to mosey around the lush Mina square. The star of the show is

the magnificent cathedral and its dome crowned with yellow porcelain, presiding above the Ocean.

MÁLAGA

Arrival 22/5/2021 early morning

Departure 22/5/2021 late evening

A historical and festive town, Malaga is located in Andalusia, on the Costa del Sol. Between the marina and the beaches, the seaside promenade of La Farola offers an ideal setting for strolling and relaxing. Set slightly further back, the Malagueta bullring is one of the emblematic sites of the city. From the hill overlooking the old town, one can see **Gibralfaro castle** and **the Alcazaba**, two fortified ensembles rising out from the cypresses and maritime pines. To visit **Pablo Picasso's birthplace**, you will go first to the courtly plaza de la Merced. A few streets back from here, you can explore the museum dedicated to the artist, in the Buenavista palace.

AT SEA

Arrival 23/5/2021

Departure 23/5/2021

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ORAN

Arrival 24/5/2021

Departure 24/5/2021 late afternoon

ALGIERS

Arrival 25/5/2021 early morning

Departure 25/5/2021 late afternoon

AT SEA

Arrival 26/5/2021

Departure 26/5/2021

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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.

PALERMO, SICILY

Arrival 27/5/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 27/5/2021 at 09h30

Palermo is the guardian of the Sicilian soul. Many have been attracted to this city, the largest capital of the Italian islands. Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans... Palermo is a rich culmination of so many cultural influences as seen in the Moorish designs on the **cathedral**, and the Byzantine mosaics of the **Palatine chapel**, which is itself housed within the precincts of the **Norman palace**. You will fall under the spell of the palaces, **baroque splendours** that grace the town with their obsolete beauty. It is thrilling to stumble upon one of those fabulous markets, high in colour, and headily picturesque.