

#1 PONANT EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION



*Vineyards & Grands Crus*

April 15 – 24, 2017







## *Discover the Treasures of the World by Sea*

Join like-minded travelers on PONANT's first *Vineyards and Grand Crus* program, which uniquely combines the pleasures of sailing while exploring prestigious winemaking estates through a series of carefully-selected shore visits.

In an exclusive partnership with Artemis Domaines, the owners of the French wine estate Château Latour, we have created a unique itinerary for lovers of both wine and the sea, sharing our vision of how travel should be: original, unforgettable, and filled with unique opportunities not available anywhere else.



# Ponant excursion to the heart of wine country



PONANT. Château Latour. Two names, two identities, two worlds, and yet a single philosophy: to perpetuate French excellence. Both brands are committed to pass on their passion to like-minded individuals who share an appreciation for the finer enjoyments in life.

This newly-formed alliance has resulted in **the first Vineyards & Grands Crus cruise**, which will take you on a voyage of discovery at sea, visiting exceptional winemaking estates from Lisbon to Portsmouth.

## **A leisurely cruise punctuated with exclusive wine excursions**

This unique first wine cruise offers guests a journey to the heart of prestigious estates, such as Taylor's Port Cellars in Porto and the vineyards of the Bordeaux region—where PONANT will have the pleasure of taking you on a private tour of **Château Latour**.

During our call in Bordeaux, you will also be able to visit Château Siaurac and an estate in Saint-Emilion, enjoying tours and wine-tastings.



### Aboard ship, renowned experts will share their knowledge

Our wine theme will permeate all aspects of this spectacular voyage. Particular attention will be paid to the choice of wines available during this cruise: an exclusive wine list, dinners where the wines and dishes are carefully chosen to complement each other, with the focus on showcasing fine wines. Illustrious guests will be onboard to share their passion for wine and French gastronomy.

Thanks to a recent partnership with the consultancy arm of Alain Ducasse Enterprise, we are honored to welcome the triple Michelin-starred chef **Alain Ducasse** aboard *Le Soléal* to host a prestigious Gala Dinner of dishes prepared to perfectly complement the wines of Château Latour.

We are delighted to have renowned sommelier **Eric Beaumard** and specialist of French wine and gastronomy **Jean-Robert Pitte** onboard as well. These experts will conduct fascinating lectures on oenology and the history of French winemaking throughout the program, providing the perfect compliment to the destinations visited.

### Château Latour guests

Frédéric Engerer, President of Château Latour, and Hélène Génin, Technical Director, will have the pleasure of joining you aboard this exceptional cruise to offer you the inside story of the estate's development.



**Frédéric Engerer**  
President of Château Latour



**Hélène Génin**  
Technical Director of Château Latour

## Itinerary Exclusives



### Private tour of Château Latour

On Wednesday, April 19, *Le Soléal* will sail along the Gironde River at daybreak and drop anchor in Pauillac, the undisputed capital of the Médoc wine-growing region. Médoc has boasted 18 Cru Classés since 1855, including three Premiers. In the early afternoon, you will access Château Latour directly from the Gironde via Zodiac landing craft, using a temporary pontoon installed expressly for the occasion. You will then have the privilege of visiting the estate and touring the vineyards. Once your private visit has come to an end, you will be invited to take part in a tasting of three of Château Latour's exemplary wines.

Our special guests from Château Latour, **Frédéric Engerer** and **Hélène Génin**, will be at your side to show you around the estate, share their passion for great wine, and reveal the secrets of this legendary vintage. Onboard experts **Jean-Robert Pitte** and **Eric Beaumard** will offer advice and insider knowledge as we sample the world-class wines.

Return to *Le Soléal* in the late afternoon to enjoy an aperitif on the deck as the sun sets, with the endless rows of vines serving as a stunning backdrop.

To continue this unforgettable day, join fellow guests at a unique Gala Dinner, hosted by **Chef Alain Ducasse**, whose team will prepare dishes that complement the wines of Château Latour. Chef Ducasse will join passengers in the restaurant as an honored guest.









## Your experts aboard and ashore



### Jean-Robert Pitte

President of the **Académie du vin de France** since 2011

Member of the **Institute de France** (Academy of Moral and Political Sciences) since 2008

Jean-Robert Pitte is a French geographer and landscape and gastronomy specialist. He has held the roles of Director of the Faculty of Geography and Planning, President of the University of Paris la Sorbonne, and is now a writer, publishing many books about gastronomy and win. A fascinating speaker who is truly passionate about his subject, he will be delighted to share his knowledge and will present lectures aboard about wine and French gastronomy.



### Eric Beaumard

Director of **Cinq**, the three Michelin-starred restaurant of the *George V Four Seasons Hotel* in Paris.

After training as a chef, in 1984 Eric Beaumard decided to focus on the profession of sommelier. In 1992, he was awarded the title of Best Sommelier in France, and then Best Sommelier in Europe in 1994. He achieved global recognition in 1998 when he won the silver medal at the Best Sommelier in the World contest. He particularly appreciates the diversity of the great winemaking regions of the world, and strives to create harmonies between these wines and the cuisine at the *Four Seasons*. Aboard ship, he will have the pleasure of conducting wine tasting workshops and will accompany guests during shore visits.



## Your a la carte wine excursions



### Porto and Port wine

*Sunday, April 16*

From Leixoes, take a panoramic tour en route to Porto, a picturesque town in Portugal's Douro region and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Visit **Taylor's Port Cellars**, one of the most prestigious port merchants. You will have the chance to take a tour with a specialist guide to discover the secrets behind the production of port.

This visit will be followed by a tasting session of a number of the estate's wines, including Tawny and Ruby port, as well as wines up to 10 years old. From the terrace, enjoy a magnificent view of the Douro, the Dom-Luis Bridge, and the old town on the opposite bank.

You will be then driven to the heart of Porto to visit the Church of São Francisco, an architectural marvel which is reputed to be one of the most beautiful examples of Portuguese Baroque architecture. Enjoy breathtaking views over the river before returning to *Le Soléal*.



## Bordeaux and La Cité du Vin

Thursday, April 20

Recently awarded UNESCO World Heritage status, Bordeaux is a beacon of French winemaking culture. Our stopover in Bordeaux will give you the chance to visit this city, whose architectural beauty rivals that of the surrounding vineyards. Walk past the German submarine base from World War II and the quays of Chartrons where the wine trade began, pause in front of the 18<sup>th</sup>-century Palais Rohan, now the Bordeaux City Hall, then continue your stroll to the Saint André Cathedral. From there, you can admire the Grand Theater—Bordeaux’s opera house and one of the most beautiful theaters in Europe—and then wander through the “Vieux Bordeaux” district. Continue your discovery at the newly-opened **Cité du Vin**, which invites visitors to see wine differently—around the world, through the ages, in all cultures and all civilizations. After a self-guided visit of the permanent exhibition, you will be offered a carefully-chosen glass of wine before you return to *Le Soléal*.



Prices for excursions are shown on page 20.





## Discover a wine estate in Saint-Emilion

*From Bordeaux, Thursday, April 20*

There is no better place to discover the Bordeaux region than the village of Saint-Emilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site and cradle of the Merlot grape. The vineyards on the “hill of a thousand castles” lead us directly to the village, an 18<sup>th</sup>-century walled construction perched on a rocky peak. Discover the village’s main monuments: the collegial church and its magnificent 17<sup>th</sup>-century cloister, the ramparts, and the market square. As you stroll through the narrow streets you will also discover the Cadène and the King’s Tower.

The visit will continue in one of the neighboring wine estates, such as Franc-Mayne, Faugères, Pressac, Ferrand, or Soutard. The wine-making process will be explained, and you will visit the cellars and attend a wine tasting in the company of the estate’s sommeliers.



## Château Siaurac and its vineyards

*From Bordeaux, Thursday, April 20*

Siaurac boasts three winemaking regions on the exceptional terroirs of the right bank of the Gironde River.

During this morning excursion, visit the Siaurac estate and château. You will also be invited to enjoy an extensive wine tasting, starting with wines from the three great terroirs of the right bank: Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé (Château Le Prieuré), Pomerol (Château Vray Croix de Gay), and Lalande de Pomerol (Château Siaurac). Continue with a wine-tasting workshop that will allow you to discover the three grape varieties that make up Château Siaurac's wines before assemblage and blind-taste a young wine and a more mature wine in order to appreciate the development of the flavor. Lastly, to complete this workshop, sample wines that illustrate the contrasts created by the various terroirs.

The morning will conclude with a fine dinner at the estate, the dishes chosen in harmony with the wines.



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# *Cruising, differently*



## **The only French luxury cruise company**

Sailing with PONANT is a chance to experience a different type of cruise, and a concept of travel that is intimate, luxurious, and authentic. Access the treasures of land from the sea aboard luxurious, moderately-sized ships that celebrate the best of French living. In a comfortably elegant environment, set sail to discover exceptional destinations and experience a unique concept of travel that is both intimate and inquiring, luxurious and authentic.





### **The elegance and privacy of a moderately-sized yacht**

Aboard *Le Soléal*, a state-of-the-art yacht with just 132 cabins and suites, most of which have balconies, you will discover the incomparable pleasure of cruising on an intimate scale in luxurious comfort.

### **Exceptional itineraries and idyllic ports of call**

Sailing from some of the world's best ports of call to secret harbors only accessible to moderately-sized crafts, we have been designing the finest itineraries for our passengers for more than 25 years.

### **Refined gastronomy**

Our French chefs prepare carefully-designed menus offering fine and varied cuisine, accompanied by a selection of fine wines. The dining experience is always enhanced by the professional and discreet service.

### **French Touch**

Aboard *Le Soléal*, you will find a relaxed and sophisticated atmosphere generated by the French way of life. PONANT blends gastronomy, French wines, fine materials, an eye for detail, welcoming design, and above all, a multilingual French crew who welcome you aboard and strive to ensure your wellbeing throughout the journey.



# Vineyards and Grands Crus



Sail to some of the most exceptional winemaking regions in the world while also discovering the idyllic towns of Europe's culturally-rich Atlantic coast.

This journey between Land and Sea will take you from Lisbon to Portsmouth via Porto, Bordeaux, and Pauillac, and into the heart of the most beautiful French winemaking areas, before charting a course along the Brittany coastline to call at Belle-Île ("Beautiful Island"); Ouessant, known for its lighthouses and indigenous sheep; the old city of Saint-Malo; and Le Mont-Saint-Michel, a world-renowned monument and UNESCO World Heritage site. Your wine odyssey will come to a close in Portsmouth, England.

To enrich your experience, we are offering the chance to fly in a La Première cabin aboard Air France, available for guests traveling in *Le Soléal* suites. With departures from major U.S. gateways to Lisbon (outbound flight) and from London (return flight), with a layover at Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport, you can fly with Air France and discover the brand new La Première experience. Gateways include: Washington D.C., New York City, Los Angeles, Houston, and San Francisco.

Learn more about the La Première from Air France offer on pages 18-19, and package details on page 20.

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10 days/9 nights aboard *Le Soléal*

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Mont Saint-Michel, *France*



Saint-Malo, *France*



Belle-île, *France*



Lisbon, *Portugal*



# Experience the La Première Way of Flying



## LA PREMIERE /

### A brand new flying experience

Air France, the leading French airline company, is revealing its new La Première cabin, composed of four suites. On board, enjoy on board the privacy and comfort of an exclusive space, perfectly tailored to your needs. The Air France La Première flight offer is available for guests traveling in *Le Soléal Suites* from major U.S. gateways to Lisbon (outbound flight) and from London (return flight), with a layover at Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport. Gateways include: Washington D.C.; New York City; Los Angeles; Houston; and San Francisco. Offer includes cruise package, flights, and airport/port and port/airport transfers for embarkation/disembarkation.

Additionally, you may choose to spend two nights in Paris in a selection of five-star hotels such as *Le Bristol Hotel* or *Le Meurice*, including airport/hotel transfers.





## LA PREMIERE /

As a La Première guest you will receive priority access at security checkpoints. Once on board you will be personally introduced to the crew, who will guide you to your seat and help you take full advantage of the La Première travel experience. The La Première cabin is composed of 4 to 9 gently curved seats in elegant and subdued hues, combining style and privacy.


Experience absolute comfort while onboard, with gourmet French dining, excellent tableware, personalized coat service, a full range of accessories including lounge wear, slippers, and a dust bag for your shoes, a travel kit featuring a selection of Givenchy® facial and body care products, and quality, refined materials throughout the the 32-square-foot suite. Offering direct access to the aisle, your seat turns into a 6.5 ft. bed with a memory foam mattress and a Sofitel MyBed pillow and duvet. Inflight entertainment includes more than 1,000 hours of programming on demand, a HD 24" display monitor with a tactile remote control, and WiFi access.

Throughout the trip, an Air France team member will be at your disposal. You will receive priority access when exiting the aircraft and Air France staff will accompany you to the baggage claim area. During connections at the Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport, you will be welcomed immediately upon arrival and accompanied to the La Première lounge. Enjoy a snack or meal, flip through an art book, watch the news on high-definition television, work, or recharge in the Biologique Recherche spa treatment center.

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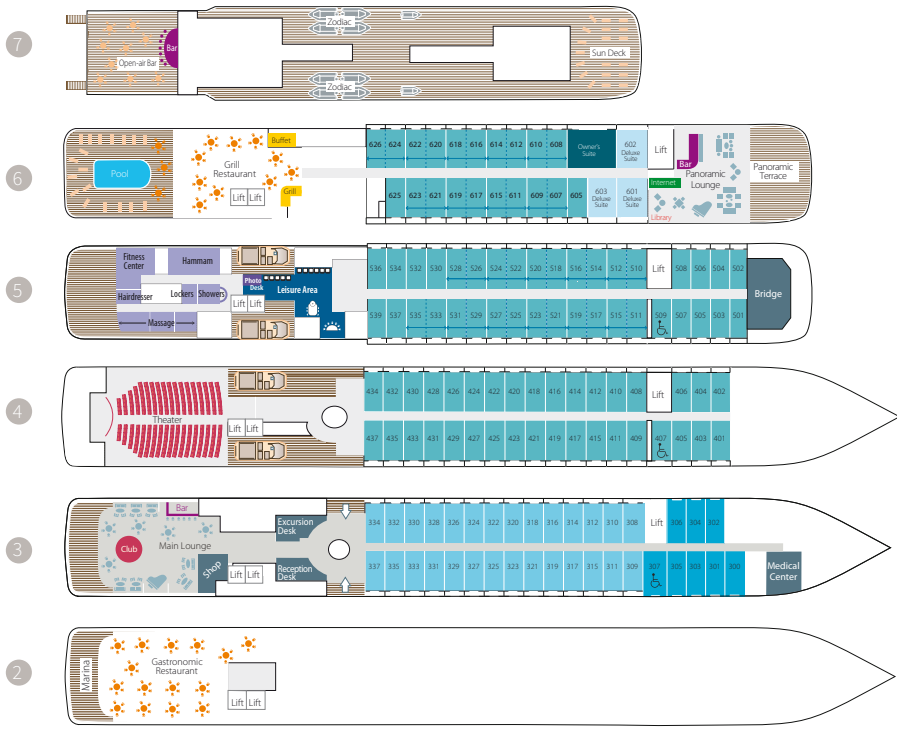


# Information & Prices

INCLUSIONS	CRUISE ONLY	LA PREMIÈRE PACKAGE
Panoramic tour of Lisbon with transfer to the port on April 15	✓	✓
10 day-cruise aboard <i>Le Soléal</i>	✓	✓
All meals aboard ship including early riser's coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner	✓	✓
24-hour room service and complimentary open bar aboard ship <sup>(1)</sup>	✓	✓
Conferences, wine tastings, and wine workshops presented by Eric Beaumard and Jean-Robert Pitte	✓	✓
Private visit to Château Latour, including wine tastings	✓	✓
Exclusive Gala Dinner on April 19, hosted by Chef Alain Ducasse	✓	✓
Captain's Cocktail Reception, farewell reception, events and entertainment aboard	✓	✓
Gratuities to shipboard personnel	✓	✓
Port taxes and charges	✓	✓
Transfer from Portsmouth to London-Heathrow Airport on April 24	✓	✓
A LA CARTE PROGRAMS <sup>(2)</sup>	CRUISE ONLY	LA PREMIÈRE PACKAGE
Port and its Port wine – ½ day	\$90	✓
Bordeaux and the Cité du Vin – ½ day	\$77	✓
Discovering an estate in Saint-Emilion – ½ day	\$100	✓
Château Siaurac and its estate – 1 day	\$256	✓
<b>LA PREMIÈRE / AIRFRANCE</b>  <b>FLIGHTS</b>	-	✓
Airport-port and port-airport transfers for embarkation/disembarkation	-	✓
Optional 2-night stay in Paris in a selection of five-star hotels, including airport-hotel transfers	From \$2,500	From \$2,500
PRICES PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY <sup>(3)</sup>	CRUISE ONLY FROM	LA PREMIÈRE PACKAGE
■ Superior Stateroom	<b>\$5,720</b>	-
■ Deluxe Stateroom	<b>\$6,130</b>	-
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4	<b>\$6,560</b>	-
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5	<b>\$6,730</b>	-
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6	<b>\$6,920</b>	-
■ Deluxe Suite	<b>\$9,400</b>	-
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5	<b>\$12,760</b>	<b>\$21,600</b>
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6	<b>\$13,120</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>
■ Owner's Suite <sup>(4)</sup>	<b>\$14,640</b>	<b>\$23,500</b>
Single Supplement	Please contact us for more information	



# Deck Plan of Le Soléal



- Owner's Suite  
Deck 6
- Deluxe Suites  
Deck 6
- Deluxe Staterooms  
Deck 3
- Prestige Suites  
Decks 6 - 5
- Prestige Staterooms  
Decks 4 - 5 - 6
- Superior Staterooms  
Deck 3





- (1) The Open Bar does not include the premium spirits list at the bar and the fine wine list in the restaurant.
- (2) The prices and the program of excursions are given for information only and are subject to availability, with a limited number of places. You will be asked if you wish to join these excursions once aboard the ship at the start of your cruise. Details and conditions: Please contact us for more information.
- (3) Prices are per person on the basis of two people sharing a cabin, include the services listed in the paragraph "Your cruise includes" as well as compulsory port taxes. The price includes the currently applicable Ponant Bonus, which varies according to the availability of the cruise and may therefore change without notice. Details and conditions: See the Terms and Conditions section in the Summer 2017 Collection available on [www.ponant.com](http://www.ponant.com).
- (4) Prices for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> passengers in the Owner's Suite: please contact PONANT for more information. Prices subject to availability.

The presence of Frédéric Engerer, Hélène Génin, Jean-Robert Pitte and Eric Beaumard are subject to cancellation in the event of force majeure. Photo credits: PONANT, Château Latour, Siaurac, Baumgarten, Fotolia, iStock. Photos are not contractually binding and are intended for illustration purposes only. PONANT May 2016



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