

# FROM MALTA TO THE ADRIATIC COAST LUXURY CRUISE

Kid Explorers Club in partnership with MAUD FONTENOY FOUNDATION.

Set sail to discover the cultural and artistic jewels of the Ionian and Adriatic Seas with PONANT. During this 8-day cruise, L'Austral will take you to Greece, Montenegro, Croatia and Italy.

Throughout your journey, you will benefit from an excursion included per person per port of call, to choose from a selection offered by PONANT. During this cruise, enjoy a unique truffle-based experience from Rovinj, discover Croatian culinary traditions from Dubrovnik, or visit the former shipyard in Aci Trezza from Taormina. The diversity of experiences on offer promises you intense and varied moments (to discover the full range of excursions, go to the itinerary tab).

Your ship will leave Valletta, the capital of Malta and former stronghold of the Knights of the Order of Malta and set sail towards Sicily. In Taormina, the streets will lead you to the impressive ancient theatre, where the quality of the acoustics is exceptional. And as a constant backdrop: the majestic Mount Etna!

Then, L'Austral will call at Otranto, a town located in the magnificent Puglia region and will reach Montenegro and the city of Kotor. Nestled in a bay surrounded by wooded mountains, its old town is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its medieval architecture.

You will then head to the aptly named "Pearl of the Adriatic", Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Surrounded by medieval ramparts, its terracotta-tiled roofs, its palaces, cloisters and fountains are bound to impress you and will plunge you into the heart of Croatian history.

Following a port of call in the picturesque port of Hvar, you will continue to sail along the Dalmatian coastlines to Dubrovnik. Sitting high on a rocky outcrop, its old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, watches the world go by.

You will sail along the coast before finishing your exploration of the Croatian coastlines with visits of Hvar and Rovinj.

As a grand finale, your voyage will draw an end in Venice the Serenissima and its lagoon. Piazza San Marco, the Doge's Palace, the Grand Canal and the palaces along the canals will be your last stops on an unforgettable cruise.







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#### **ITINERARY**

### Day 1 VALLETTA

The whole of the Maltese capital Valletta is UNESCO World Heritage listed and occupies a peninsula in the north-east of the island. From the fountain of Tritons to Saint-Elme fort, there are as many majestic streets as there are narrow staircase vennels to explore. The painted loggia and carved corbels on the tall houses will accompany you in your explorations, and you'll rarely be bothered by traffic. You can visit the Grandmasters palace decorated with coats of arms and frescoes. Saint-John's cathedral and the ramparts which have guarded the city since the 16th century are also among the most emblematic sites of the city. Arranged in terraces, the Barrakka Gardens will punctuate your promenade with a green and floral experience.

Day 2 TAORMINA, SICILY

Located on Sicily's eastern coast, in the province of Messina, the seaside town of Taormina is Sicily's Saint-Tropez, boasting heritage sites, secluded beaches and luxury shopping. You can visit its medieval centre, suspended 300 metres above sea level, where terraces offer a spectacular view of the Mediterranean Sea. Another vestige from its past are the ruins of the Greco-Roman theatre. This extremely well-preserved site attracts visitors who are fascinated by the natural beauty of the area which overlooks a turquoise bay.

#### Day 3 OTRANTO

Located in the Apulia region, Otrante is the easternmost transalpine town. Behind its medieval ramparts, you will taste the sweetlife of Salento, the "heel on Italy's boot". Inhabited since Antiquity, Otrante has today become a very pleasant seaside town. Yet its history is still visible as you meander through the little streets of its old centre. With its magnificent 12th century ornamental mosaic tiling, the Cathedral is one of its most beautiful treasures. During a stroll along the ramparts, you can sit and relax at a cafe terrace.

#### Day 4 KOTOR

Situated in one of Montenegro's most beautiful bays, the medieval city of Kotor is a small town full of charm, truly imbued with the traditions and stories of another time. Built between the 12th and 14th centuries, this village, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, has preserved many historical monuments from this epoch. During your stop, be sure to admire the impressive castle that dominates the town, and let yourself fall under the charm of its maze of small streets and intimate squares on which folk festivals featuring magnificent colourful costumes are often organised.

### Day 5 DUBROVNIK

Emblem of the Dalmatian coast, Dubrovnik is magnificently positioned on a rocky spur. History is sovereign here, in this ancient city, now a listed UNESCO World Heritage site. You will perhaps be surprised by the proportions of La Placa, the central drag through the city. The sheer width of it can be explained by the fact that it straddles a former lagoon. The elegant houses along La Placa are built in the legendary travertine stone. At Pile gate, you will be greeted by the statue of the patron saint of Dubrovnik, and you can admire the





coastline as you walk along the ramparts. But what's inside Fort Saint John, adjoining the outer walls? A maritime museum and an aquarium featuring rare fish from the Adriatic.

Itineraries are subject to change.

# Day 6 HVAR

Off the coast of Split, Hvar will surprise you by its traditions that have not changed since Antiquity. The country's oldest town, Stari Grad, is here on this Dalmatian Island. The town nestles by a cove on the north-west coast, surrounded by dry stone wall structures on the Stari Grad plains. These have been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site because they were built in the time of the Ancient Greeks. From these parcels of land come wines and olive oil manufactured manually. In the upper part of town, it is possible to discover hams and cheeses made by local producers.

# Day 7 ROVINJ

Rovinj is located in Istria, a region bordering Slovenia. This becomes apparent as you walk through its old cobblestoned town. There are many monuments of Venetian influence here. If you study the Balbi arch, you will see the winged lion, symbol of Venice. The bell-tower erected beside Saint Euphemia Cathedral was designed like the bell of Saint Mark in Venice. From the top of the tower, you can scan the entire historical district. To absorb its quaint atmosphere, take a walk in the ochre and sepia-coloured streets leading to bustling squares and terraces shaded by canvas awnings.

#### Day 8 VENICE

Proud and eternal, Venice has reigned on its lagoon ever since the 6th century. You may think you know this city before even setting foot here. You will inevitably fall in love with the charm of the innumerable treasures of the Serenissima: Saint Mark's square, the basilica, Doges palace, the Grand Canal and the gondolas. Yet, secret Venice is also waiting for you to explore its little interlacing streets and canals, to ramble through its squares and to push open the doors of its churches. The city's extraordinary heritage shouldn't stop you from enjoying a glass of Spritz and a few tramezzini.

#### Please Note:





# YOUR SHIP: L'AUSTRAL

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VESSEL TYPE: Luxury Expedition / Cruise Ship

LENGTH: 142 metres

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 264 (200 in Antarctica)

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 2011

This superb mega-yacht with 132 cabins is the result of the expertise of the Italian Fincantieri shipyard and French sophistication, as interpreted by designer Jean-Philippe Nuel. L'Austral has a unique atmosphere, a subtle blend of luxury, intimacy and well-being.

A sleek silhouette softened by elegantly smooth contours and large, arched windows opening up to the sea and the light: so many features come together to give L'Austral her distinctive shape. Precious materials, discreet elegance and a perfect balance between chic and casual, combine to make you feel as if you are on your own private yacht. A design blending tradition and innovation, where a nautical mood has been subtly recreated. Precious materials in smoothing neutral tones are brought to life with splashes of cheerful reds. So many personal touches create the spirit of a "private yacht".

Cuisine

Loyal to the great French tradition, the haute cuisine on board is worthy of the finest restaurants, where discreet, attentive service is the hallmark.

Our two restaurants welcome you for breakfasts, lunch and dinner. The Gastronomic Restaurant, with a capacity of 268

persons, is situated on Le Liberte Deck and serves you French and international cuisine accompagnied by fine wine. On the Grill Restaurant, you will have the opportuniny to eat outside and enjoy buffet lunch and themed dinner.

Life On Board

Whether you want to join other guests in the theatre or games area (Wii™ consoles, etc), or relax on your own in a quiet corner of the library, L'Austral has been designed to meet the needs of every guest.

Everything has been done to preserve the independence of each guest to suit their personal tastes: lounges for lectures and shows, a spa in partnership with Sothys™, but also more intimate spaces such as the library and internet corner. Comfortable cabins, nearly all with private balcony, are available for families either as triples or as communicating cabins. There is also a games area with Wii™ consoles, children's menus, and a baby-sitting service. Just as if you were on a private yacht, your time is your own to do as you please.

Fitted with the latest equipment (Kinesis Wall, running machine) and in partnership with the famous

Sothys™ brand, the Beauty Centre on L'Austral welcomes you for some unforgettable moments of relaxation and pampering (beauty treatments, hairdresser).





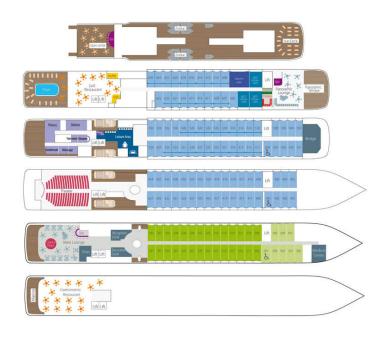


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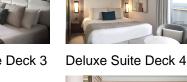
# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**



**Deluxe Stateroom** 



Deluxe Suite Deck 3



**Deluxe Suite** 

Deluxe Suite Deck 5



**Grand Deluxe Suite** 



Grand Deluxe Suite Deck 5





Deluxe Suite Deck 6





# **PRICING**

# 01-Aug-2025 to 08-Aug-2025

Superior Stateroom	7040 AUD pp
Deluxe Stateroom	7430 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	7820 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	8220 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	8680 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	14050 AUD pp
Prestige Suite Deck 5	15590 AUD pp
Prestige Suite Deck 6	15990 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	22780 AUD pp

05-Aug-2025 to 13-Aug-2025

Deluxe Stateroom	8370 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	8800 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	9240 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	9760 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 4	15790 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 5	15790 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	15790 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 6	15790 AUD pp
Prestige Suite Deck 5	17550 AUD pp
Prestige Suite Deck 6	17980 AUD pp
Privilege Suite Deck 6	18850 AUD pp
Privilege Suite	18850 AUD pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	22780 AUD pp
Grand Deluxe Suite Deck 6	22780 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	27740 AUD pp
9 Day Voyage	0 pp





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13-Aug-2023 to 20-Aug-2023	
Deluxe Stateroom	8370 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	8800 AUD pp
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Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	9760 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 5	15790 AUD pp
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Deluxe Suite Deck 6	15790 AUD pp
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Privilege Suite	18850 AUD pp
Privilege Suite Deck 6	18850 AUD pp
Grand Deluxe Suite Deck 6	22780 AUD pp
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Grand Deluxe Suite	22780 AUD pp
Grand Deluxe Suite Deck 6	22780 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	27740 AUD pp

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# **PRICING**

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Deluxe Stateroom	8780 AUD pp
Prestige Deck 4	9240 AUD pp
Prestige Deck 5	9700 AUD pp
Prestige Deck 6	10250 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 5	16570 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 6	16570 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 3	16570 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite Deck 4	16570 AUD pp
Prestige Deck 5 Suite	18420 AUD pp
Prestige Deck 6 Suite	18870 AUD pp
Privilege Suite Deck 5	19790 AUD pp
Privilege Suite Deck 6	19790 AUD pp
Grand Deluxe Suite Deck 5	23910 AUD pp
Grand Deluxe Suite Deck 6	23910 AUD pp

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: Port Taxes & Fees 590 AUD pp





# **SPECIAL OFFERS**

Online prices reflect the current brochure fare savings of up to 30%. Prices may change based on demand. Terms and conditions apply. This special offer is subject to availability. Please contact us for more details.

