

## TREASURES OF THE ARABIAN GULF - QATAR, UAE & OMAN LUXURY CRUISE

In the Persian Gulf, cities spring up on the horizon like mirages in the huge and arid Arabian Desert. The contrasts between territories here are as dramatic as the turquoise sea that washes up on the golden rocky coastline. Set sail aboard Le Dumont-d'Urville for an 9-day cruise, taking in prodigious metropolises, former trading cities and a natural environment that has been shaped by the stunning sun of the desert.

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, set off to visit the Louvre Abu Dhabi in the city of the same name, appreciate a Musandam fjords dhow cruise from Khasab, or discover the Museum of Islamic Art and the Souq Waqif in Doha. The diversity of experiences on offer promises you intense and varied moments (to discover the full range of excursions, go to the itinerary tab).

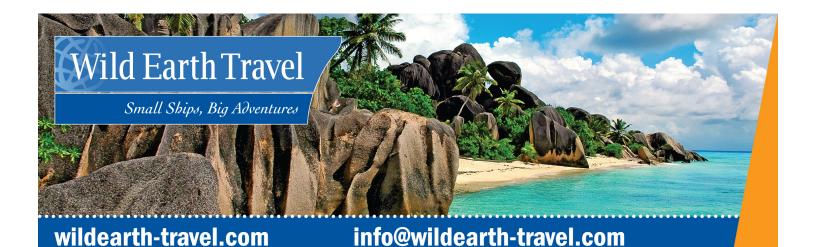
The Sultanate of Oman is as discreet as its Emirati neighbours are bold. The sea maintains a special place in the kingdom of the legendary Sinbad the Sailor. The fishermen here perpetuate millennial traditions while the shipyards are still in operation. Between the sea and the desert, you will sail through the carved fjords of Musandam from Khasab and, leaving from Sur, you will experience the enchantment procured by the shade and cool of a wadi - lush oases planted with palm trees. On the Daymaniyat Islands, you can dive and snorkel in an exceptional natural sanctuary where turtles come to nest. In the capital, Muscat, the fragrances of the Orient and of incense will intoxicate you, the sparkling colours of the markets will captivate you, and the vibrant bustle of the souk will enchant you. The Near East evokes its incredible poetry.

There are countless words to describe the Emirati cities: extravagant, modern and luxurious are just some of them. These masterpieces of futuristic architecture will immerse you in a fantastic and surprising universe. Dubai and its skyscrapers that are among the tallest in the world; Abu Dhabi, with its Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and its new Louvre Museum; Doha and its bay offering a panorama of its fascinating skyline: they all offer a singular and breath-taking experience.



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## **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1 MUSCAT

Unlike neighbouring metropolises, the capital of the Sultanate of Oman has chosen to ban towers and skyscrapers and to cultivate the peninsula's traditional and refined architectural style: low houses, domes, moucharaby windows, and wooden balconies. This authenticity adds to the charm of this small former maritime city protected by mountains and the forts constructed by the Portuguese in the 16th century. There is no doubt that you will fall under the charm of the treasures of Omani craftsmanship: the souk in the old district of Mutrah is a perfect example of this, as is the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque.

## Day 2 SUR

Built on either side of a lagoon, Sur is a city and seaport in the north-east of the Sultanate of Oman, on the coast of the Gulf of Oman. Connected to the sea by a channel, the port was very active for a long time, having regular dealings with Africa and India since the 6th century. Sur is renowned for being the only Omani city to have retained its traditional boatyards, where dhows (wooden sailing ships) are hand-crafted. The city's charm stems from its immaculate white houses dotting the seafront and from its fort erected on a hill along the road to Muscat.

## Day 3 DAYMANIYAT ISLANDS

Set atop the turquoise waters of the Gulf of Oman, the Daymaniyat Islands have been a nature reserve since the 1980s. Some forty kilometres (25 miles) off the coast from Muscat, the Omani capital, their craggy coastlines form natural pools home to an incredible biodiversity. The different types of coral reefs that dot this ecosystem, the turtles that nest there, and the numerous species of fish make this an ideal destination for snorkelling. This rocky landscape is also the favourite spot of many birds, both endemic and migratory.

## Day 4 KHASAB

Located in the country's north, on the Musandam Peninsula, Khasab is a city in the Sultanate of Oman. In the Strait of Hormuz, which connects the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman, this small port built by the Portuguese in the 16th century and surrounded by a chain of rocky mountains was established at the mouth of Wadi Khasab. You will love its authentic scenery and particularly its fjords, which cut through the landscapes in a spectacular fashion and have earned it the moniker "Norway of Arabia". In the city, Khasab Castle and its atypical architecture are well worth a visit to discover the history and culture of Oman.

## Day 5 AT SEA

During your journey 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 journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or 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.

## Day 6 DOHA

On the banks of the Persian Gulf, discover Doha, the capital of Qatar. Rising out of the desert, the city has managed to maintain its traditions in spite of a frantic race for modernity. The cliff bordering Doha Bay has magnificent views over the city centre's enormous constructions. The silhouette of the Museum of Islamic Art rises up near the quays, where the region's typical sailboats, known as dhows, are docked. This "fortress", designed by Ming Pei, the architect of the Louvre pyramid, is home to the finest collections of Islamic art in the world. Not far, the lively district of Souq Waqif and its colourful stalls are also an unmissable visit.

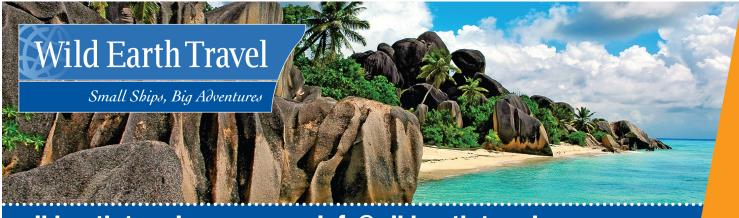
## Days 7 - 8 ABU DHABI

The political capital of the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi stands out thanks



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to its exceptional cultural offering. In the Saadiyat Island district, the Louvre Abu Dhabi, designed by Jean Nouvel as a museum town inspired by traditional Arab architecture, creates a dialogue between objects and works from civilisations from all over the world around the great universal questions. A little further, the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque boasts a sumptuous decor of marble, gold and glass. Abu Dhabi is also the gateway to the Al Ain oasis and its 150,000 date palms, a remarkable testimony to the settling of nomads in the region since Neolithic times, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## Day 9 DUBAI

Vertiginous, excessive, immoderate... Dubai, the largest city in the United Arab Emirates, stands out for its architectural follies. Home to the world's tallest skyscraper, the Burj Khalifa, with a total height of 828 metres, almost three times that of the Eiffel Tower, the city is also famous for the gigantic scale of the Palm Islands, its artificial islands in the form of a palm tree. You can explore more traditional districts not far away, with visits of the souks of Deira or the Gold Souk. Or perhaps you would prefer to discover Dubai Museum: located in an 18th-century fort, it tells the city's history from Antiquity to the present day.

## Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.





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## YOUR SHIP: LE DUMONT D'URVILLE

YOUR SHIP:	Le Dumont d'Urville
VESSEL TYPE:	Luxury
LENGTH:	
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	92 cabins
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2017/2018

Featuring innovative and environmentally-friendly equipment, elegantly designed staterooms, spacious suites with large windows, and lounge areas that open onto the outside, this new limited-capacity yacht boasting just 92 staterooms and suites will offer you a truly unique cruising experience.

As the first ship in a new series that remains true to the Ponant spirit, Le Dumont d'Urville will embody the unique atmosphere that is the cruise line's hallmark: a subtle blend of refinement, intimacy and comfort.

Aboard this ship that flies the French flag, you will experience the incomparable pleasure of an intimate cruise, with the possibility of exploring an ever-increasing range of destinations in an ethnic-chic ambiance with luxury service.

Experience a luxurious setting where the accent is on authenticity and passion for travel.

## RESTAURANTS

As it is an essential part of French culture, gastronomy will naturally have pride of place aboard this new ship. Through its two restaurants, Le Dumont d'Urville will invite you on a journey to elegance and epicureanism.

In a relaxed atmosphere, a first dining area located on Deck 3

and able to seat 70 will serve grilled meats daily, along with a variety of salads and desserts.

To the back of Deck 4, you will find a 260 m<sup>2</sup> panoramic restaurant which can accommodate all of our passengers in a single sitting. Designed differently to that on our other ships, this dining area, which opens onto the outside, will have a buffet of salads, desserts and cheeses at your disposal. Our discreet and attentive crew will provide table service for hot meals.

## **PUBLIC AREAS**

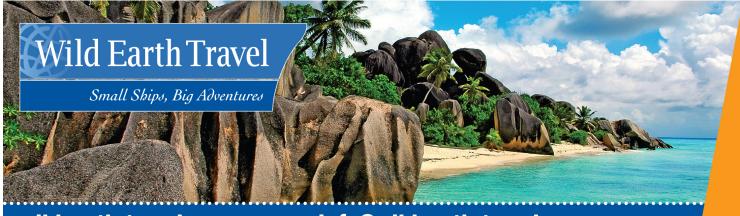
Like Le Boreal and its sisterships, Le Dumont d'Urville has many common areas that are designed and equipped to meet all of your needs while preserving the intimacy of each passenger.

A 140 m<sup>2</sup> reception area includes: A reception/concierge desk, An excursions desk, The ship's administrative services, The sales office, manned by our Guest Relations Officer, Our 50 m<sup>2</sup> boutique which sells clothing, jewellery, beauty products, postcards and various accessories, Toilets accessible to passengers with reduced mobility.

A new hydraulic platform with adjustable height provides: Easier boarding than on any other cruise ship, Easier Zodiac embarkation and disembarkation for expeditions, Easier access to the sea for swimming and practising various water sports such as kayaking or paddle-boarding.

A pool deck offering: A pool with a panoramic view, equipped with a counter-current swimming system, A pleasant solarium, An outdoor bar and lounge with armchairs and sofas. A 200 m<sup>2</sup> main lounge which can accommodate all of our passengers to share convivial moments and to host activities organised during the day or evening.

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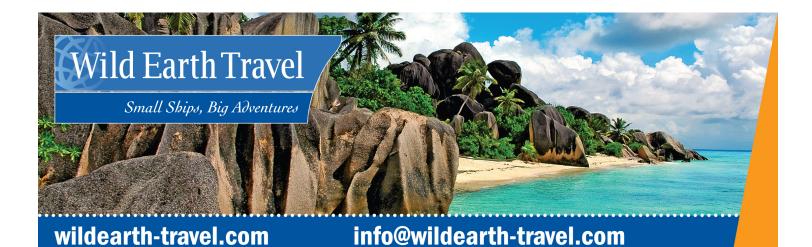
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Lastly, a theatre that seats 188, equipped with: The latest sound and lighting technology, A LED wall as the stage backdrop, for the projection of high-resolution images and videos.

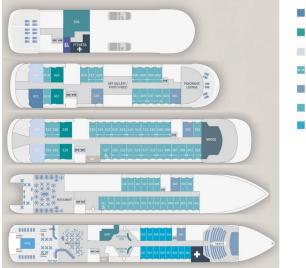


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# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**



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**Deluxe Stateroom** 



Grand Deluxe Suite



Prestige Stateroom Deck 4



Prestige Stateroom Deck 6



**Deluxe Suite** 



**Owner's Suite** 



Prestige Stateroom Deck 5

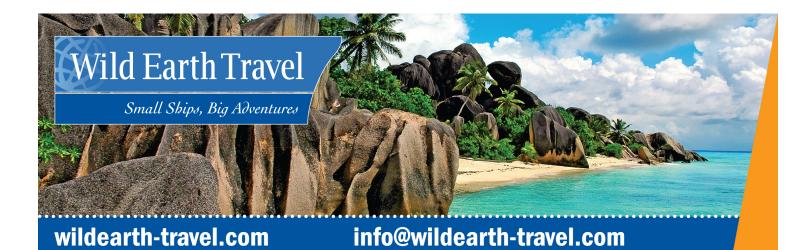


Prestige Suite Deck 5



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#### 28-Nov-2025 to 06-Dec-2025

Deluxe Stateroom	8850 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	9900 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	10430 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	11060 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	14640 AUD pp
Prestige Suite Deck 5	17810 AUD pp
Prestige Suite Deck 6	18660 AUD pp
Privilege Suite	19280 AUD pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	19920 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	20540 AUD pp

#### 05-Jan-2026 to 13-Jan-2026

Deluxe Stateroom	8850 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	9900 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	10430 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	11060 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	14640 AUD pp
Prestige Suite Deck 5	17810 AUD pp
Prestige Suite Deck 6	18660 AUD pp
Privilege Suite	19280 AUD pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	19920 AUD pp
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Deluxe Stateroom	11700 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	12950 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	13570 AUD pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	14310 AUD pp
Deluxe Suite	19800 AUD pp
Prestige Suite Deck 5	26660 AUD pp
Prestige Suite Deck 6	28040 AUD pp
Privilege Suite	29410 AUD pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	32280 AUD pp
Owner's Suite	33890 AUD pp
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