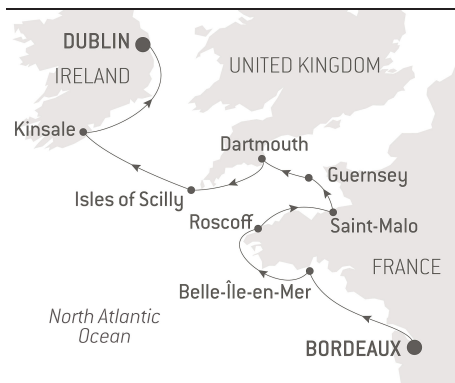


# Landscapes and islands of the North Atlantic

From **7/5/2022**  
to **15/5/2022**

Ship: **L'AUSTRAL**

From **Bordeaux**  
to **Dublin**



**PONANT** invites you to discover the Atlantic coastline with a brand-new 9-day cruise. During this exceptional journey aboard *L'Austral*, let the wild and melancholic beauty of the French, British and Irish coasts surprise you.

Setting sail from **Bordeaux**, the world's wine capital, you will chart a course for the Breton coast. **Belle-Île-en-Mer**, to the south of Brittany, will be one of the key ports of call. The Impressionist painter Claude Monet lived for a while in the village of Kervilahouen on this island. Make sure you climb the 247 steps of the **Grand Phare lighthouse** for a breathtaking view over the ocean.

*L'Austral* will then sail to **Roscoff** on the Morlaix peninsula. You will be enchanted by this port which is easily recognisable for its granite facades, testimony to a rich architectural heritage dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries.

**Saint-Malo** is the next port of call of your cruise. In this town famous for the legendary Route du Rhum yacht race, lose yourself in the diversity of its heritage, stroll along its rampart walks, and fall under the charm of the city of privateers.

Your first port of call will be **Guernsey**, whose green prairies and romantic cliffs welcomed Victor Hugo during his exile, then you will make your way to **Dartmouth**, a charming town tucked away in the heart of the stunning décor formed by the mouth of the Dart. You will discover its old pastel-coloured fishermen's houses and some half-timbered buildings.

Your ship will then sail towards the **Isles of Scilly**, a strange little archipelago whose landscapes seem to have come straight out of Enid Blyton's famous story, *The Rockingdown Mystery*. Here, long sandy beaches lie alongside green fields, while ruins of old castles stand proud on hilltops.

You will leave England for Ireland where you will discover **Kinsale**, a charming little port sheltered within the Bandon Estuary.

Your cruise will end in **Dublin**, the Irish capital brimming with convivial

atmosphere and authentic charm.



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### BORDEAUX

Embarkation 7/5/2022 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 7/5/2022 at 6:00 pm

Bordeaux stretches along the banks of the Garonne river, in South-West France. Its rich wine tradition makes it the **world capital of wine**. Let yourself be carried away by the history of the *Port de la Lune*, made a UNESCO World Heritage site for its prestigious classical architecture. On the famous Place de la Bourse, the past and the present unite: here you can observe the majestic old buildings reflected in the contemporary **Miroir d'eau** creation.

### BELLE-ÎLE-EN-MER

Arrival 8/5/2022 midday

Departure 8/5/2022 evening

Lying to the South of Brittany, **Belle-Île** is very aptly named. The largest of the **Ponant islands**, it owes its glowing reputation to its exceptional environment and generous natural attributes: pristine moors and dunes, headlands and cliffs cut into granite points, rocky inlets, and sheltered bays with sandy or pebble beaches. Aboard your ship, let the wild coastline of Belle-île-en-Mer surprise you, this little speck of land lying on the ocean, sparkling with colours in the morning light.

### ROSCOFF

Arrival 9/5/2022 early afternoon

Departure 9/5/2022 early evening

Once a city of corsairs, the port of **Roscoff** is now a popular seaside resort proud to have been labelled a "**Small Town with Character**". From its tumultuous and fascinating past, Roscoff has preserved an exceptional architectural heritage from the 16th and 17th centuries. Its historic centre is brimming with relics from the past: the magnificent granite mansions of shipowners, the **Notre-Dame-de-Croz-Batz gothic church**, and the **Old Port**, once the stronghold of smugglers and merchants. The town is also known for its foreshore, which boasts a rich algal biodiversity. Its study, beginning in 1872, led to the creation of the first European research and teaching centre in marine biology and oceanography, the **Station Biologique de Roscoff**.

### SAINT-MALO

Arrival 10/5/2022 early morning

Departure 10/5/2022 late evening

The mere mention of **Saint-Malo's** name is enough to plunge us back into the richness of its past. The fortifications stand as testimony to the Malouins' determination to defend their citadel, fought over by France and Britain in turn.

When we drop anchor here, immerse yourself in the diversity of its heritage: the time when privateers sailed the oceans in search of trade and victories; the legendary yacht races the port city is still famous for, such as the Route du Rhum; and the final resting place of the French writer François-René de Chateaubriand, who was born here and chose to be buried here anonymously.

## GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS

Arrival 11/5/2022 early morning

Departure 11/5/2022 late afternoon

**Guernsey** is an atypical and unforgettable port of call. This Channel Island will delight you with its mild, iodic climate and its green and floral landscapes. Don't be surprised to come across dolmens and menhirs here and there, testifying to the long history of the island and its rich heritage. The attractive capital of **St. Peter Port** is characteristic of the delightful British atmosphere that gives the island its charm. The memory of the great writer Victor Hugo is also very present, as he lived for fifteen years in exile in **Guernsey**. His home, Hauteville House, preserves his memory. The incredible richness of the decoration gives a clear illustration of the creative genius of this great man.

## DARTMOUTH

Arrival 12/5/2022 early morning

Departure 12/5/2022 late afternoon

Succumb to the charming setting of the small town of **Dartmouth** in the county of Devon, South-East England. Set in the heart of lush scenery, on the banks of the River Dart's estuary, the town's **magnificent landscapes are typical of English countryside**. Its picturesque paved streets will let you discover sumptuous half-timbered houses dating back to the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries while, on the northern bank of the river, you will be able to admire former fishermen's houses in their pastel colours. Now a popular tourist destination, this small port town has nonetheless managed to retain its **relaxing and romantic atmosphere**.

## ISLES OF SCILLY

Arrival 13/5/2022 early morning

Departure 13/5/2022 late afternoon

Nestling in the clear waters of the Atlantic Ocean, at the south west tip of Cornwall, the **Isles of Scilly** form a small British island chain whose climate, landscapes and lifestyle are unlike any other and seem to have come straight from an Enid Blyton story. Here, everything resembles a tropical paradise. The long sandy beaches run alongside lush green meadows teeming with semi-exotic flowers, whilst the ruins of ancient castles loom from the tops of the hills. Veritable havens of peace that inspired the legendary Avalon of King Arthur, they are today listed as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the rugged coastline plays host to wildlife that is as varied as it is exceptional, including the very rare Atlantic grey seal.

## KINSALE

Arrival 14/5/2022 early morning

Departure 14/5/2022 early afternoon

Considered Ireland's most beautiful village, **Kinsale** will captivate you with its sublime natural landscapes and rich cultural heritage. Located at the mouth of the Bandon River in County Cork, this charming little port is home to **picturesque streets lined with colourful houses, art galleries and theatres**, as well as to a 17th-century fort. Not far away, perched on a rocky promontory, stands the **Old Head of Kinsale Lighthouse**: still in operation today, it has magnificent views over the Atlantic Ocean.

## DUBLIN

Arrival 15/5/2022 early morning

Disembarkation 15/5/2022 at 8:00 am

The Irish capital stretches along the banks of the Liffey to Dublin bay, on the East coast of Ireland. Discover Ireland's warm conviviality in the pedestrian district of **Temple Bar**. Its cobbled streets are brimming with fabulous shops, pubs and arts centres. Next to Trinity College, famous for its 18th century library, you can stroll along Grafton Street: in one of its famous tea shops, try a delicious scone and clotted cream served hot and melt-in-the-mouth with jam. Not far from here, the majestic O'Connell bridge leads you to the avenue with the same name, on which **Spire**, a luminous contemporary sculpture presides.