

Heavenly Islands & Iberian shores

From **21/4/2022**
to **3/5/2022**

Ship: **LE BOUGAINVILLE**

From **Civitavecchia (Rome)**
to **Lisbon**



PONANT invites you to discover gorgeous landscapes and exceptional cities during a **13-day cruise** between Italy, France, Spain and Portugal. This unforgettable journey aboard *Le Bougainville*, from the shores of the Mediterranean to the Atlantic coast, will captivate you.

Departing from **Civitavecchia** (Rome), your ship will set a course for **Bonifacio**, in the far south of the **Isle of Beauty**. Veritable fortress sculpted by the wind and the spray, the “sentinel city” will reveal its historical centre and its long cobbled streets.

Then *Le Bougainville* will make its way to **Sardinia** and the Port of **Alghero**. Discover its rich past reflected in its medieval fortifications, its historic centre, and its majestic cathedral

Your cruise will then stop in the **Balearic Islands** on the well-preserved island of **Menorca**. **Mahon**, the island’s capital, will charm you with its age-old history and its exceptional port, which, at 6 kilometres (3.7 miles) long, is the biggest in the Mediterranean!

After a first call at **Palma de Majorca**, one of the jewels of the **Balearic Archipelago**, known for its four main islands that are charming, picturesque and discreet, sitting atop the clear waters of the Mediterranean like grains of sand, you will join **Valencia**, with its remarkable architectural splendours.

Le Bougainville will then sail on to **Malaga**, the lively cultural capital of the *Costa del Sol*, before travelling onward to **Marbella**. From the Paleochristian and Roman remains, in the area around this famous seaside resort, to the heart of the old town, its history can be read in its buildings, in particular the 10th century castle built by the Moors. You will also have the possibility of strolling through the picturesque town of **Ronda** and discovering its famous **Puente Nuevo**.

Then, you will discover **Cadiz**, one of the country’s oldest cities, built on a rock and surrounded by the sea. This call will allow those who wish to visit the superb city of **Seville**, before joining **Lisbon**, your port of disembarkation.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

CIVITAVECCHIA (ROME)

Embarkation 21/4/2022 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 21/4/2022 at 6:00 pm

Built on an Etruscan site, between the Tyrrhenian sea and the Monti della Tolfa, Civitavecchia respires the **dolce vita**. This very modern and easy going town combines art and history with panache. You can also visit superb historical sites like **Fort Michelangelo** or the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi. Just 80 kilometres from Rome, the town is a beautiful first step to the Italian capital.

BONIFACIO, CORSICA

Arrival 22/4/2022 late morning

Departure 22/4/2022 late evening

The spectacular town of **Bonifacio** located on the very tip of southern Corsica, clings to a narrow promontory of white rock overhanging the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. You can admire its limestone cliffs hewn out by the wind, before setting off on a cultural tour of its cultural treasures. From the little paved streets in the ancient **Haute Ville**, to the promenade on the open-air medieval **chemin de ronde**, this stunning town will take you on a journey back in time. Frequentated or secluded, there are numerous beaches to choose from, all in keeping with the high standards of the "Île de Beauté".

ALGHERO, SARDINIA

Arrival 23/4/2022 midday

Departure 23/4/2022 late afternoon

Located on the north-west coast of Sardinia, **Alghero** offers you traces of Sardinian culture combined with vestiges from a Catalan past. Here, many inhabitants speak the Algherese dialect, a variant of Catalan, as well as Catalan itself. A walk along the well-preserved **medieval ramparts** will give you a panoramic view of the town. The streets in the historical centre bear witness to its rich past, from **Santa Maria Cathedral** to numerous palaces dating from different eras.

MAHON, BALEARIC ISLANDS

Arrival 24/4/2022 midday

Departure 24/4/2022 early evening

You will be welcomed by the colourful houses of **Mahon**, its narrow streets and pretty squares that appear as you stroll around this richly contrasting city. Mahon reveals its different neighbourhoods, alternating between monuments, villas and white buildings. Discover the **Santa Maria church**, a building of neo-gothic inspiration, rebuilt in the 18th

Century. It is worth a visit to see its monumental organ with more than 3,000 pipes and four keyboards. Around the Carmen church you will find a **local market**, full of stands selling *avarcas*, typical Menorcan sandals originally made by peasants. Let yourself fall under the spell of this Mediterranean treasure.

PALMA DE MALLORCA, BALEARIC ISLANDS

Arrival 25/4/2022 early morning

Departure 25/4/2022 early morning

Palma de Mallorca will reveal its many treasures: idyllic coves, majestic limestone cliffs that plunge into the clear sapphire- and turquoise-coloured waters of the Mediterranean, and vast plains planted with almond trees, olive trees and vineyards. When your ship calls at the capital of the Balearic Islands, take a walk to discover its emblematic monuments, such as its **famous cathedral**, and amble through its old streets. Here, like a painting, the island's historical heritage forms a backdrop to the lively and warm cosmopolitan atmosphere of the Mediterranean.

VALENCIA

Arrival 26/4/2022 early morning

Departure 26/4/2022 early evening

Valencia - the city of Art and Sciences. Two hearts beat in this Spanish city: one is modern, avantgarde and almost futuristic; the other is more provincial, more traditional and nostalgic. Valencia has the temperament of a great Mediterranean city whose wide avenues form a border around the old town. The city has an abundance of architectural styles that coexist harmoniously, but above all it resolutely embraces the 21st Century with the futuristic structures of its Agora congress centre and City of Arts and Sciences, emerging from a crystal blue pool.

AT SEA

Arrival 27/4/2022

Departure 27/4/2022

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.

MÁLAGA

Arrival 28/4/2022 early morning

Departure 28/4/2022 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.

MARBELLA

Arrival 29/4/2022 early morning

Departure 29/4/2022 late afternoon

In the province of **Malaga**, **Marbella** is a renowned seaside resort on the **Costa del Sol**. The remains of early Christian and Roman sites around this former mining town, located at the foot of the **Sierra Blanca** mountains, bear witness to a rich history. With its white houses on flowery little streets, the old town is perfect for a pleasant stroll. The **Plaza de los Naranjos**, former focal point of the city, is near the 10th-century Arabic castle and the **Church of Santa María de la Encarnación**. Not far from here, you'll be able to discover the magnificent viewpoints offered by **Ronda**, a picturesque town perched 700 metres (2,296 feet) high. Its **Puente Nuevo** bridge majestically crosses the gorges of the Guadalevin River that cuts the town in two.

CADIZ

Arrival 30/4/2022 early morning

Departure 30/4/2022 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.

AT SEA

Arrival 1/5/2022

Departure 1/5/2022

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.

LISBON

Arrival 2/5/2022 early morning

Disembarkation 3/5/2022 at 7:00 am

Portugal's capital city located on the banks of the Tagus, only a few kilometres from the Atlantic coast, is a city of

exceptionally rich cultural diversity. At the mouth of the river harbour, impose two UNESCO World Heritage monuments, **Jeronimos monastery** and **Belem tower**. The Alfama hillside is also worth visiting: known for its **fado** bars and its **Moorish streets**, this district is the oldest one of the city and one of the most typical. Not far from there, Chiado's elegant streets are home to big fashion labels and are an invitation to a bit of of luxury shopping.