

Canaries, Madeira & Andalusia

From **18/4/2023**
to **26/4/2023**

Ship: **LE LYRIAL**

From **Las Palmas de Gran Canaria,**
Canary Islands
to **Málaga**



With the exceptional presence of Franck Ferrand, French journalist, author and historian.

PONANT invites you to discover exceptional sites during this brand-new cruise between Spain and Portugal, the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy this unforgettable **9-day** journey aboard *Le Lyrial*, combining stunning island landscapes and cities brimming with history.

Your cruise will begin on the island of **Gran Canaria**, in **Las Palmas**. You will sail to **Arrecife de Lanzarote**, where you will admire the volcanic landscapes that are typical of the area.

Your ship will then drop anchor at **La Gomera**. This tiny island with lush vegetation is a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its biosphere reserve.

After calling at **Santa Cruz de Tenerife**, from which you will be able to discover the wonderful volcanic landscapes of **Teide National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you will leave Spain for Portugal and **Madeira**, the 'island of eternal spring'. Discovering the *levadas*, a clever irrigation system widely used on this mountainous island for transporting water, will also provide an opportunity to admire the beautiful scenery.

You will also call in **Cadiz**, one of the country's oldest cities, built on a rock and surrounded by the sea.

Then you will head to **Malaga**, end of your cruise.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA, CANARY ISLANDS

Embarkation 18/4/2023 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 18/4/2023 at 7:00 pm

A stopover of sunny climates, Las Palmas is located on the north-east coast of Gran Canaria. A few streets away from Puerto de la Luz port, you'll discover the vast Las Canteras beach, bordered with the town's characteristic palms. You'll find these palms are all over Las Palmas, in the streets and squares, especially on the **plaza de Santa Ana** in the heart of the historical district. It feels like you've travelled back in time here, as you stand looking at the tall houses beside the Santa Ana cathedral. Very close by, you can visit the **Casa de Colón**, a museum dedicated to the famous explorer. The museum is housed in the palace belonging to the island's former governor. Chances are, you'll be drawn to the covered Vegueta market to partake in some daily life along with the locals and taste some unfamiliar dishes.

ARRECIFE DE LANZAROTE, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 19/4/2023 early morning

Departure 19/4/2023 midday

Established on a coast sprinkled with cliffs, **Arrecife** has a pleasant beach and a lagoon full of charm, **Charca of San Ginés**, where the fishermen anchor their boats. The city also proposes places fed by history and culture, such as the **castle San Gabriel**, former fort of defense of the city.

SAN SEBASTIAN DE LA GOMERA, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 20/4/2023 early morning

Departure 20/4/2023 early evening

La Gomera rises from the water like a mirage. This volcanic island in **the Canaries** features jagged cliffs, valleys covered in palm trees, and beaches of black sand bathing in crystal-clear waters. But its greatest treasure lies at its heart: an exceptional **laurisilva**, a laurel forest whose prehistoric vegetation has been preserved thanks to the microclimate on the island. This unique ecosystem, common a few million years ago in the tropics, forms the **Garajonay National Park**, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Like the birds, the Guanches contribute to the poetry of the island too, with their whistled language called **Silbo**. This magical-sounding, melodious language is also listed as World Heritage by UNESCO.

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 21/4/2023 early morning

Departure 21/4/2023 midday

The capital city of Tenerife is located on the north-east coast of the island. Close to the port is the monumental **Plaza de España**,

bedecked with a fountain and plant sculptures. Around the plaza, you can admire the white marble Triunfo de la Candelaria obelisk, the historic casino of Santa Cruz and the majestic Guimerà theatre. Not far from here, the picturesque **Iglesia de la Concepción** church features the characteristic traits of Canaries architecture.

FUNCHAL, MADEIRA

Arrival 22/4/2023 midday

Departure 23/4/2023 midday

This attractive capital of Madeira is located on the southern coast of the island. The walkways of the old town are lined with **azulejos**, or multi-coloured mosaics. If you follow these patterns, they'll lead you to the appetising Mercado dos Lavradores market stands, the **Frederico de Freitas** museum, and the golden panelling of the Cathedral de la Sé. Along the waterfront, the palm tree-shaded promenade leads you to the **teleféricos de Monte**, Madeira's cable cars. Its panoramic cabins transport you over the city to top of Monte, where you can see the picturesque botanical garden.

AT SEA

Arrival 24/4/2023

Departure 24/4/2023

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.

CADIZ

Arrival 25/4/2023 midday

Departure 25/4/2023 early 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.

MÁLAGA

Arrival 26/4/2023 early morning

Disembarkation 26/4/2023 at 8:00 am

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.