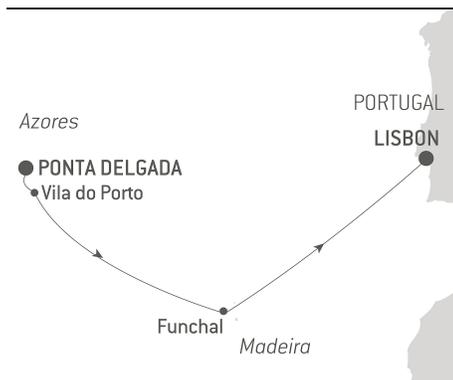


The Azores & Madeira

From **18/4/2023**
to **25/4/2023**

Ship: **LE BELLOT**

From **Ponta Delgada, Azores**
to **Lisbon**



Discover the charms of the **Portuguese archipelagos** on this **8-day itinerary** brought to you by **PONANT**. This cruise combining nature and culture in the heart of the Atlantic Ocean will take place aboard **Le Bellot**.

The first part of your trip will be in the **Azores**, boarding in **Ponta Delgada**. Situated on the island of Sao Miguel, the capital of the Azores boasts a beautiful natural environment including **hot springs**, lakes and **volcanic craters**. It will give you a wonderful glimpse of the wild beauty that characterises these Atlantic islands.

Your ship will then set a course southward to carry you to **Madeira**, a paradise for hiking enthusiasts. On this steep island covered in **luxuriant vegetation**, the variety of landscapes, including **sheer cliffs**, *levadas*, banana plantations, and laurisilva, never ceases to amaze visitors. Here you will discover **Funchal**, the capital of the Madeira Islands. Its Museum of Sacred Art, housed in a former bishop's palace, reveals Flemish paintings and precious jewellery. While the secrets of the production of the famous Madeira Wine will be the occasion for a pleasant experience.

Then you will reach **Lisbon**, your port of disembarkation.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

PONTA DELGADA, AZORES

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

Departure 18/4/2023 at 6:00 pm

The coastal city of Ponta Delgada stands on the southern coastline of São Miguel Island, in the Portuguese archipelago of the Azores. On your way to the town centre from the port, you'll pass through the **Doors to the Sea**, a contemporary architectural complex bordering the Atlantic. The historic district features a beautiful square framed by the three Baroque arches of the **City Gates**. A few steps from the shore you'll find the Gothic church of **São Sebastião** and the Renaissance fortress, **Fortaleza de São Brás**.

VILA DO PORTO, AZORES

Arrival 19/4/2023 early morning

Departure 19/4/2023 midday

The town of **Vila do Porto** has managed to retain vestiges of its history on certain houses that have ogive-shaped doors and Manueline-style windows. Some of its streets still bear the memories of its past grandeur with palaces, doors and portals to admire. Here you'll discover the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, one of the island's oldest churches, which has a large, 17th-century, sculpted wooden altarpiece in its upper choir. **Our Lady of Victoria** - a convent and church - built in 1607, destroyed by pirates in 1616, rebuilt in 1725 and modified for the last time in 1822 is also well worth a visit.

AT SEA

Arrival 20/4/2023

Departure 20/4/2023

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.

FUNCHAL, MADEIRA

Arrival 21/4/2023 early morning

Departure 22/4/2023 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 23/4/2023

Departure 23/4/2023

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.

LISBON

Arrival 24/4/2023 midday

Disembarkation 25/4/2023 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.