



## PONANT resumes cruises to Seychelles



**PONANT becomes the first cruise company to resume operations to the Seychelles. *Le Bellot* begins her cruise today, 18 November, departing from Mahé.**

*"After long months of waiting, we are more than prepared to resume our operations in the Seychelles. We've been taking guests to discover this paradise on earth for almost 20 years. We are happy to be able to actively contribute to relaunching tourism in the Seychelles,"* says Hervé Bellaïche, Chief Sales, Marketing and Communications Officer at PONANT.

This first Expedition cruise takes in eight emblematic islands from 18 to 26 November, departing from Mahé.

During the 2021-2022 winter season, *Le Bellot* will be joined by *Le Bougainville* and *Le Jacques-Cartier*. The Seychelles archipelago will be in the spotlight with five itineraries and 19 cruises from November to April. Sales for the 2022-2023 winter season are also open, with six itineraries and 18 cruises to choose from.

### **Health protocol reinforced**

Aboard and ashore our guests' safety is an absolute priority for PONANT with a health protocol which exceeds international regulations. It is based on the delimitation on board the ships of an "Anti-Covid" zone, in effect a sealed health bubble based on the double protection principle. Screening and decontamination measures when boarding are backed up by health protocols and barrier measures throughout the cruise.

For Expedition cruises, PONANT has further ramped up its protocol by requiring everyone on board to have a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to boarding and to be fully vaccinated (or natural immunity).



To find out more about our health protocol\*: [click here](#)

*\*This document may be amended depending on medical, health and scientific advances*

### About the PONANT EXPLORERS

Fitted with innovative equipment, elegantly designed staterooms, spacious suites with windows, and lounge areas opening onto the outside, these limited-capacity yachts (only 88 staterooms, each with private balcony, and four suites, each with a plate glass window and private terrace) provide a unique cruising experience thanks to their design and their small size. The PONANT EXPLORERS have a modular marina so guests can have a swim off the ship, as well as a submerged mini-port to facilitate numerous watersports (kayaking, paddleboarding, etc.).

These yachts feature a multi-sensory underwater lounge called *Blue Eye*. Located within the hull beneath the water line, it allows guests to see and hear all the sights and sounds of the underwater world. A technological achievement, this exclusive concept was designed in collaboration with architect Jacques Rougerie who specialises in underwater habitats.

### ABOUT PONANT

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Founded in 1988 by French Merchant Navy officers, PONANT offers a new style of cruises under the French flag with its own concept of sea travel and commitment to promoting sustainable and responsible tourism. Centred around sailing to exceptional and unusual destinations aboard refined design yachts, where lifestyle and excellent cuisine take pride of place, the promise of a voyage with PONANT is that it will be truly unique and authentic.

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