From Madeira to the Canary Islands

From **11/04/2022** to **19/04/2022**

Ship: *LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE*

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





In partnership with LE MUCEM, with the exceptional presence of Vincent Giovannoni, Chief Curator of the Exhibition "Aventuriers des Mers".

PONANT invites you to explore volcanic archipelagos during this cruise in the Atlantic Ocean, between **Madeira** and the **Canary Islands**. Enjoy this unforgettable **9-day** trip aboard *Le Dumont-d'Urville*, with sumptuous landscapes and unique cultural heritage.

Setting sail from **Lisbon**, the seven-hilled Portuguese capital, you will chart a course for **Madeira**, the island of the eternal spring. 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 cruise towards Spain and **the Canary Islands**. You will first call 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.

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. This island is also renowned for its whistling language, *Silbo*, invented by the inhabitants to communicate from one valley to another.

Then admire the volcanic landscapes that are so typical of **Lanzarote** before sailing to the island of **Gran Canaria** and **Las Palmas**, the end of your trip.



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From Madeira to the Canary Islands **YOUR STOPOVERS:**

LISBON

Embarkation 11/04/2022 from 16:00 to 17:00 Departure 11/04/2022 at 18:00

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.

AT SEA

Arrival 12/04/2022 Departure 13/04/2022

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.

FUNCHAL, MADEIRA

Arrival 14/04/2022 early morning Departure 15/04/2022 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.

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 16/04/2022 midday Departure 16/04/2022 early evening

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.

SAN SEBASTIAN DE LA GOMERA, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 17/04/2022 early morning Departure 17/04/2022 midday

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.

ARRECIFE DE LANZAROTE, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 18/04/2022 early morning Departure 18/04/2022 late afternoon

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.

LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 19/04/2022 early morning Disembarkation 19/04/2022 at 07:00

A stopover of sunny climes, 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.