

British shores and Celtic heritage

From **03/05/2023**
to **11/05/2023**

Ship: **LE BELLOT**

From **London**
to **Fairlie (Glasgow), Scotland**



PONANT invites you aboard *Le Bellot* for a **9-day cruise** to discover the British and Irish treasures along the coastlines of the Channel and the North, Celtic and Irish seas.

Your journey will start in **London**, the cosmopolitan capital of the United Kingdom, at the heart of global trade and rich with historical heritage and exceptional avant-garde art. Fall in love with this city, a concentration of all things British, enhanced by cultural influences from around the world.

After calling at **Cowes**, on the Isle of Wight, *Le Bellot* will sail to **Penzance**. With its moor landscapes and its beaches of white sand, this small seaside resort at the tip of Cornwall is reminiscent of Brittany.

Next port of call, **Fishguard**. This small coastal town in South Wales will offer you a peaceful stop **between lush valleys and heather-covered landscapes**. This town with a rich historical heritage was once a **Viking trading post**.

You will also discover **Liverpool**, a former industrial powerhouse, today completely redeveloped, located on the banks of the Mersey and famous as the birthplace of the Beatles.

Le Bellot will then sail to **Dublin**. The Irish capital, distinguished by UNESCO for having inspired some of the greatest authors since the 19th century, will win you over with **its authentic charm and its convivial atmosphere**.

During your stopover in **Belfast**, you can visit the **Giant's Causeway**. This massive geological formation is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and features over 40,000 basalt columns.

Your cruise will come to an end in **Fairlie, a charming village on the west coast of Scotland, looking across to the Isle of Arran**.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

LONDON

Embarkation 03/05/2023 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 04/05/2023 at 12:00

The main residence of the British monarch, financial hub and seat of British government, **London** is the economic and cultural heart of the country. A city of contrasts, attached to its traditions while buzzing with modernity, the capital of the United Kingdom has countless historic districts and notable sites to explore. From Hyde Park to the City through Westminster and Trafalgar Square, get ready to take on London's frenetic tempo. In between a visit to the **National Gallery**, a stroll through **Covent Garden** and a trip to **Tower Bridge**, you can take a quiet breather in one of London's many beautiful parks and gardens.

COWES

Arrival 05/05/2023 midday

Departure 05/05/2023 early evening

Located on the north coast of the Isle of Wight, across from the shores of the port cities of Portsmouth and Southampton, **Cowes** will win you over with its easy lifestyle, its heritage, verdant landscapes, craggy cliffs, and the crystal-clear waters of the Solent, the stretch of sea separating the island from mainland England. Many have succumbed to the charms of this pristine jewel. This includes **Queen Victoria**, who, captivated by this natural and authentic setting, had her summer residence built there in 1847: **Osborne House**, an architectural gem that is now one of the symbols of the town. A shipbuilding centre and the cradle of sailing, Cowes welcomes one of the largest regattas in the world every year during Cowes Week, an event gathering some 10,000 skippers and more than a thousand boats.

PENZANCE

Arrival 06/05/2023 midday

Departure 06/05/2023 early evening

The gateway to Cornwall, on the south-western tip of England, **Penzance**, whose Cornish name *Pen Sans* means "holy headland", is sure to captivate you with its charm. This **seaside town with white-sand beaches** is brimming with history. It boasts a small fishing port and is home to magnificent Georgian and Regency buildings, stunning gardens with exotic plants, and the **Penlee House Gallery & Museum**, which traces the evolution of West Cornwall. Follow the promenade along the water's edge: on the horizon stands **St Michael's Mount**. This mysterious island, which can be reached on foot at low tide, was once a refuge for pilgrims, soldiers, monks and fishermen. Here you will deep-dive into a history rich with legends.

FISHGUARD

Arrival 07/05/2023 midday

Departure 07/05/2023 late afternoon

A small coastal town located in the South Wales, **Fishguard** will offer you a peaceful stop during your cruise. Nestling in the hollow of two hills, the city, once a Viking trading post, is now the ideal starting point for exploring the **Welsh countryside**. Across its vast expanses of fertile land, its green valleys and its magnificent moors, the region will reveal its **rich historical heritage to you**. Among other things, you will be able to visit **mediaeval Pembroke Castle**, renowned for its impressive architecture and the illustrious people who have lived there, such as Gerald de Windsor.

LIVERPOOL

Arrival 08/05/2023 early morning

Departure 08/05/2023 evening

The fast-moving and appealing city of **Liverpool** sprawls along the banks of the River Mersey. This former bastion of industry in England's north-west has found its second wind, thanks especially to the highly successful redevelopment of its docks, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2004. The city, the **Beatles'** birthplace, has lots to offer to its visitors. While a walk down the Waterfront from Pier Head to Albert Dock is a major highlight you'll also love the quality of museums such as the **Walker Art Gallery** and the wealth of architecture in the city. But what will really impress you is the playful and open-minded spirit of its inhabitants, which John Lennon referred to as "positive energy".

DUBLIN

Arrival 09/05/2023 early morning

Departure 09/05/2023 early evening

The Irish capital stretches along the banks of the Liffey to Dublin bay, on the East coast of Ireland. Discover Ireland's warm conviviality in the pedestrian district of **Temple Bar**. Its cobbled streets are brimming with fabulous shops, pubs and arts centres. Next to Trinity College, famous for its 18th century library, you can stroll along Grafton Street: in one of its famous tea shops, try a delicious scone and clotted cream served hot and melt-in-the-mouth with jam. Not far from here, the majestic O'Connell bridge leads you to the avenue with the same name, on which **Spire**, a luminous contemporary sculpture presides.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

Arrival 10/05/2023 early morning

Departure 10/05/2023 late afternoon

The capital city of Northern Ireland is located on the very tip of Belfast Lough, in the north-east of the Emerald Isle. Along the waterfront, the building shaped like a fragmented liner is none other than the Titanic Belfast, a homage to the famous transatlantic liner, with full-scale reconstructions making for an insightful experience of the Belle Epoque. In the historical centre, you'll also travel back in time when you see the majestic Edwardian columns of the City Hall, and the imposing neo-gothic towers of Queen's University for example. The carved wooden façades of the Victorian pubs will certainly entice you in for a pint of beer or chilled cider.

FAIRLIE (GLASGOW), SCOTLAND

Arrival 11/05/2023 early morning

Disembarkation 11/05/2023 at 07:00

The village of **Fairlie** can be found less than an hour away from lively **Glasgow**. In the north of **Ayrshire county**, on the western Scottish coast, this charming little town faces the **Isle of Arran**. The originality of **Kelburn Castle**, built in the 12th century, stems from its façade covered in graffiti by four famous Brazilian graffiti artists. This artistic statement as well as the castle's estate and gardens, which can be discovered during a pleasant walk, are well worth a visit.