

### NATURAL AND CULTURAL DISCOVERIES IN CELTIC LANDS - IRELAND LUXURY CRUISE

PONANT invites you on an all-new 9-day cruise aboard Le Bellot for an exceptional immersion in Celtic lands, from Dublin to County Cork, via Wales and Northern Ireland. From Dublin, the capital of Ireland boasting a convivial atmosphere and authentic charm, your ship will sail to the medieval town of Youghal. From the port, you can easily get to the historical Raleigh Quarter, home to St Mary's Collegiate Church and the Clock Gate Tower. Walking along the old ramparts, which are among the best preserved in Ireland, you will be able to admire the views over the bay. An exploration of River Blackwater will reveal splendid country houses, including that of the Jameson sisters, direct descendents of John Jameson whose name is synonymous with Irish Whiskey. You will then reach Ballycotton, a small and sheltered fishing port, renowned for its black lighthouse sitting on a rocky islet. You will be able to go all the way around the island in a zodiac dinghy. During a walk along the cliffs, you will perhaps be lucky enough to glimpse peregrine falcons, seals or dolphins. A short distance from there lies Fota House, a large 19th-century mansion home to a large collection of paintings, an arboretum and superbly restored gardens. Then, Le Bellot will reach the charming port of Kinsale, lying at the mouth of the Bandon estuary. With its narrow streets of colourful facades, its cafes, pubs, galleries and boutiques, Kinsale is one of Ireland's most popular towns and enjoys a reputation as the country's gastronomic capital. In Baltimore, you will sail to the port in a tender among the legendary Carbery's Hundred Isles, thus named in the poem, The Sack of Baltimore, by Irish writer Thomas Davis, evoking the worst pirate raid to ever take place in Europe, during summer 1631. You will land on Sherkin Island,

populated with artists in summer. Along the narrow streets edged with fuchsias, small cottages and workshops seem to welcome visitors. Your ship will head for the shores of Wales and you will sail around the island of Skomer in a zodiac dinghy. This national nature reserve surrounded by spectacular cliffs is one of the country's most beautiful sites. An ornithological paradise, it is teeming with many species, for example, Manx shearwaters, razorbills, gannets and fulmars. The waters surrounding the island are some of the British Isles' richest in terms of fauna and flora. At the end of the summer, you can observe seals, dolphins and porpoises as well as the strange sunfish. Le Bellot will then make a port of call at Fishguard, a small and peaceful coastal town nestling in the hollow of two hills, an ideal starting point for exploring the Welsh countryside. Finally, you will head for Warrenpoint, a seaside resort in Northern Ireland set in an exceptional natural environment, which promises beautiful walks in the Silent Valley Mountain Park, before arriving in Dublin, where your cruise will come





to an end.

#### **ITINERARY**

Day 1 DUBLIN

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Day 2 YOUGHAL

The historic town of Youghal, in south-west Ireland's County Cork, lies at the mouth of the River Blackwater, which flows into the Irish Sea. A fortified medieval town, Youghal boasts numerous historic buildings inside some of the best-preserved ancient ramparts in Ireland. A stroll through the old town will take you to the 13th-century Saint Mary's Collegiate Church, the 700-year-old Clock Gate Tower and the gardens of Youghal College. Some architectural wonders lie hidden along the banks of the River Blackwater: the country homes of the town's great landowners and distillers.

Day 3 BALLYCOTTON & KINSALE

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

This picturesque fishing village is typical of West Cork, the wild, windswept coastline of south-west Ireland. You will be enchanted by the warm atmosphere of the traditional pubs and first-rate seafood restaurants, supplied directly by local fishermen. The huge beaches surrounding Ballycotton are extraordinary, and contain nature reserves where you can spot a large number of marine wildlife. The lighthouse, which stands on a small island opposite Ballycotton, is a well-known attraction as it is one of the world's only three black lighthouses.



Day 4 KINSALE

Considered Ireland's most beautiful village, Kinsale will captivate you with its sublime natural landscapes and rich cultural heritage. Located at the mouth of the Bandon River in County Cork, this charming little port is home to picturesque streets lined with colourful houses, art galleries and theatres, as well as to a 17th-century fort. Not far away, perched on a rocky promontory, stands the Old Head of Kinsale Lighthouse: still in operation today, it has magnificent views over the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 5 BALTIMORE

The magnificent West Cork area on the south-west tip of Ireland is home to Baltimore: a charming fishing village seemingly at the world's end. It lies in an extraordinary landscape with immense beaches, a steep coastline, rocky cliffs and secret coves. You can admire the 13th-century castle of Dun na Sead, which bears witness to the sack of Baltimore in the 17th century, when pirates attacked the village, kidnapping over 100 inhabitants. The famous white stone Baltimore Beacon towers majestically over the bay, offering one of the finest views of the coast.

Day 6 SKOMER ISLAND

Skomer is a Welsh island with a unique atmosphere. Lying off the south coast of Pembrokeshire, Skomer is famous as a home to a wide variety of seabirds, and one of the most beautiful natural sites in Wales, with its rugged coastline, spectacular cliffs, sheltered bays and coves, seals and wild flowers. The island, which has not been inhabited since 1950, is now a National Nature Reserve, a Site of Scientific Interest and a Protected Area. It contains traces of human occupation dating back to the Iron Age, with remains of prehistoric houses, burial cairns and menhirs.

Day 7 FISHGUARD

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.

Day 8 WARRENPOINT





On the shores of Carlingford Lough, a fjord marking the eastern end of the border between Ireland and the UK, lies the charming seaside resort of Warrenpoint. Set in stunning natural surroundings and dominated by the Mournes and Cooley peaks, the area is ideal for walking. It is also the starting point for an escape to discover the archaeological site of Fort Navan, also known as Emain Macha, once considered the capital of the Ulster kings. At the Castle Ward, a Victorian tower house, you can gain an insight into the lives of its inhabitants in the 18th century. Or you may prefer to learn about the history of Belfast's water supply at Silent Valley Park.

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**VESSEL TYPE:** 

LENGTH:

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:** 

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

Featuring innovative and environmentally-friendly equipment, elegantly designed staterooms, spacious suites with large windows, and lounge areas that open onto the outside, this new limited-capacity yacht boasting just 92 staterooms and suites will offer you a truly unique cruising experience. As the first ship in a new series, Le Bellot will embody the unique atmosphere of a subtle blend of exploration, refinement, intimacy and comfort. Aboard this ship that flies the French flag, you will experience the incomparable pleasure of an intimate cruise, with the possibility of exploring an ever-increasing range of destinations in an ethnic-chic ambiance with luxury service. Experience a luxurious setting where the accent is on authenticity and passion for travel. RESTAURANTS As it is an essential part of French culture, gastronomy will naturally have pride of place aboard this new ship. To the back of Deck 4, you will find a 260 m<sup>2</sup> panoramic restaurant which can accommodate all of our passengers in a single sitting. Designed differently to that on our other ships, this dining area, which opens onto the outside, will have a buffet of salads, desserts and cheeses at your disposal. Our discreet and attentive crew will provide table service for hot meals. In a relaxed atmosphere, an outdoor grill on Deck 3 will serve grilled meats with a variety of salads and desserts. PUBLIC AREAS Le Bellot has many common areas that are designed and equipped to meet all of your needs while preserving the intimacy of each passenger. A 140 m<sup>2</sup> reception area includes: A reception/concierge desk, An excursions desk, The ship's administrative services, The sales office, manned by our Guest Relations Officer, Our 50 m<sup>2</sup> boutique which sells clothing, jewellery, beauty products, postcards and various accessories, Toilets accessible to passengers with reduced mobility. A new hydraulic platform with adjustable height provides: Easier boarding than on any other cruise ship, Easier Zodiac embarkation and disembarkation for expeditions, Easier access to the sea for swimming and practising various water sports such as kayaking or paddle-boarding. A pool deck offering: A pool with a panoramic view, equipped with a counter-current swimming system, A pleasant solarium, An outdoor bar and lounge with armchairs and sofas. A 200 m<sup>2</sup> main lounge which can accommodate all of our passengers to share convivial moments and to host activities organised during the day or evening. Lastly, a theatre that seats 188, equipped with: The latest sound and lighting technology, A LED wall as the stage backdrop, for the projection of high-resolution images and videos. Please click the following links to read more about Ponant and the other Ponant

cruise ships.



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Deluxe Stateroom Deluxe Suite
Grand Deluxe Suite Owner's Suite

Prestige Stateroom Deck 4 Prestige Stateroom Deck 5

Prestige Stateroom Deck 6 Prestige Suite Deck 5

Prestige Suite Deck 6 Privilege Suite



### **PRICING**

#### 19-Aug-2025 to 27-Aug-2025

Prestige Suite Deck 5	£6519 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	£4345 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	£4509 GBP pp
Privilege Suite	£6895 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 6	£6729 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£6065 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	£4219 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£3999 GBP pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	£7109 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£10241 GBP pp

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Prestige Suite Deck 5	£6159 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	£4259 GBP pp
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	£3989 GBP pp
Privilege Suite	£6509 GBP pp
Deluxe Stateroom	£3785 GBP pp
Grand Deluxe Suite	£6709 GBP pp
Prestige Suite Deck 6	£6355 GBP pp
Deluxe Suite	£5729 GBP pp
Owner's Suite	£10241 GBP pp

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