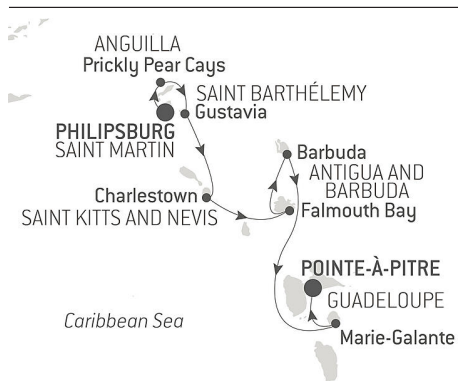


History and culture visiting Caribbean jewels

From **27/12/2025**
to **03/01/2026**

Ship: **Le Ponant**

From **Philipsburg**
to **Pointe-à-Pitre**



Le Ponant, the first Relais & Châteaux sailing yacht. The finest travel address on the waters of the world.

The Caribbean. The mere mention of this vast archipelago conjures images of waves dancing along the shoreline, lapping against long beaches lined with elegant palm trees. During this unforgettable 8-day cruise, spend your time contemplating and exploring aboard PONANT's emblematic yacht.

You will move away from the lively shores of **Philipsburg** and sail under wind power towards the **Anguilla archipelago**, a little-known jewel where you will be able to reconnect both with yourself and the surrounding elements. The two small uninhabited islands of **Prickly Pear Cays**, separated by a narrow channel and surrounded by rocky protrusions, are **heaven for divers and birds**. The island is also home to Lesser Antillean iguanas.

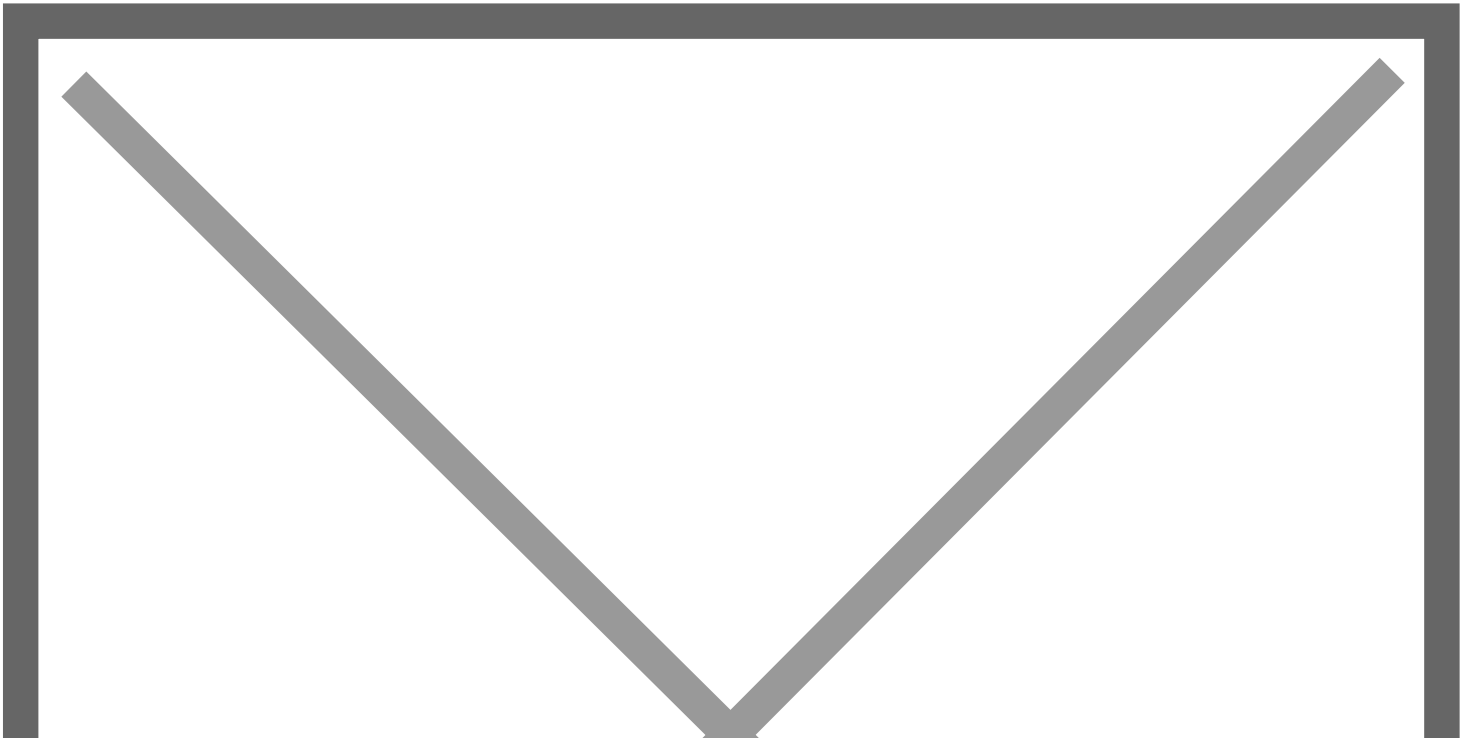
You will set sail again, for **Saint Barthélemy**, a small island in the Tropics offering an exceptional and windswept stretch of water. Sailing is synonymous with pleasure in these warm waters, even when the sea spray makes it onto the deck.

Le Ponant will set sail towards **Saint Kitts and Nevis**. Thanks to the perfect conditions, **sailing** here is a delight for all the senses. Lying on the deck, you will let the wind and the sunshine caress your skin, while the crew sail the mainsail. In **Charlestown**, on the island of Nevis, you will discover the port facilities built by Admiral Nelson. You will also be able to visit the birthplace of Alexander Hamilton, one of the founding fathers of the United States, as well as St John's Fig Tree Church, which houses the original marriage certificate of Lord Horatio Nelson and Fanny Nisbet. Nevis also has a very beautiful botanical garden.

You will find Admiral Nelson's works in Nelson's Dockyard, in **Falmouth Harbour**. This is also where his former residence may be found.

You will reach **Barbuda**, where you will be able to relax on beaches of white and pink sand bathing in crystal-clear water and observe the many seabirds, particularly the **magnificent frigatebirds**.

Soon, deeply breathing in the air on the deck of the three-mast yacht, you will be enchanted by the infinite palette of blues in the Caribbean Sea. On **Marie-Galante**, the final port of call of your cruise, you will enjoy practically deserted beaches and be immersed in an authentic and agricultural atmosphere focused on growing sugar cane. After this odyssey **embracing the elements**, feeling refreshed by this special experience aboard *Le Ponant*, as if you were on your very own yacht, you will return to terra firma in **Pointe-à-Pitre**.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

PHILIPSBURG

Embarkation 27/12/2025 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 27/12/2025 at 22:00

The capital of the Dutch part of Saint-Martin, in the south of the island, Philipsburg is bordered by a 3-km (1.9-mile) long expanse of sand. Following a stroll along **Front Street** and **Back Street**, the lively streets edged with houses with colourful facades, take a break on a lounge opposite the calm and turquoise sea of **Great Bay**. **Sint Maarten Museum** will immerse you in the past of the **Arawaks**, an indigenous people of the West Indies. You will also be able to admire the view from **Fort Amsterdam**, the first fort constructed by the Dutch in the 17th century.

PRICKLY PEAR CAYS

Arrival 28/12/2025 early morning

Departure 28/12/2025 early afternoon

Located 5 miles north of Anguilla, the twin islands of Prickly Pear East and West are separated by a narrow channel. Prickly Pear East consists of a huge **white sandy beach** and rocky outcrops offering excellent snorkelling possibilities. Behind the main beach, there is a small pool where the **black-necked stilt** comes to feed. The harder-to-access Prickly Pear West has a small beach of low limestone cliffs dotted with bushes. The waters surrounding the cays of Prickly Pear are protected by the **Anguilla Marine Park**. **Green** and **Hawksbill sea turtles**, endangered species, nest on these beaches. The island is also home to an **indigenous iguana population** as well as a **colony of Anguilla laughing gulls**. As you sail around Prickly Pear West, it will be easy to observe many birds along the cliffs, including **red-billed tropicbirds**, **brown noddies**, **brown boobies** and **little terns**. This is also where the only colony of **brown pelicans** nesting in Anguilla can be found: it is a species of regional importance.

GUSTAVIA

Arrival 29/12/2025

Departure 29/12/2025 evening

Lovers of this island call it **Saint-Barth**. This French island in the Lesser Antilles was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1493. Ever since, this tiny **mountainous volcanic gem** with its **unspoilt nature** has been enchanting visitors. You will enjoy the beauty of its large paradisiacal beaches, plus the charm and refinement of its old wooden houses and its sumptuous **colonial manors**. Although, as you saunter through the rues de **Gustavia** or **Saint-Jean**, you'll come across jewellers, top fashion boutiques and fine restaurants, there is also a simplicity that money can't buy...

CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS

Arrival 30/12/2025 early morning

Departure 30/12/2025 late afternoon

Opposite **Saint-Christopher island, Nevis** will win you over by its more easy-going rhythm than its neighbour, and by its tranquil atmosphere. Go ahead and explore the rich history of this island, admire its **Georgian architecture in Charlestown** and smell the wonderful scent of the tropical flowers in Nevis's botanical garden. The sumptuous landscapes that adorn this volcanic island offer you pleasant hiking opportunities at the foot of Nevis peak. And to cool down, you'll enjoy taking a dive into the turquoise waters, so characteristic of the **Caribbean...**

FALMOUTH BAY

Arrival 31/12/2025 early morning

Departure 31/12/2025 evening

Located to the south of the island of **Antigua and Barbuda**, Falmouth Bay is home to a marina that is the perfect starting point for visiting **Nelson's Dockyard**, where the former naval base and former home of the British Admiral Horatio Nelson can be found. This village was built in 1725 to act as a base for the squadrons of ships that used to patrol the waters of the West Indies to ensure British naval supremacy. It is the **last naval dockyard of the Georgian period** to be so well preserved and still active. This **UNESCO World Heritage Site** includes a collection of buildings and port facilities surrounded by a fortified compound.

BARBUDA

Arrival 01/01/2026 early morning

Departure 01/01/2026 late afternoon

During your port of call in **Barbuda**, an island influenced by British culture in the north of the Lesser Antilles, you'll discover idyllic beaches of white powder-like sand bathed by turquoise waters of striking intensity. The very British colonial atmosphere of English Harbour, a former Royal Navy base, mixes with creole culture in a happy union. This Eden, which has managed to stay calm and intimate, is brimming with **very wild fauna and flora**. Arts and crafts are present in the markets and shops, where you'll find wooden statuettes, printed fabrics and very good rum produced in the island's distilleries.

MARIE-GALANTE

Arrival 02/01/2026 early morning

Departure 02/01/2026 evening

It is undoubtedly because **Marie-Galante** concentrates all the charms of the Caribbean into one island that it is today one of the most in-demand destinations in the region. "The island of 100 mills" or the "great galette" as it is sometimes known, in reference to the form of its 15 km diameter limestone plateau, is surrounded by white sandy beaches that are some of the most beautiful in the Caribbean. In Saint-Louis, you can take the time to bathe in its **turquoise waters**, relax under the palm trees and almond trees or stroll along the colourful streets of the village.

POINTE-À-PITRE

Arrival 03/01/2026 early morning

Disembarkation 03/01/2026 at 08:00

At the crossroads of cultures, where European influence mingles with the richness of the Caribbean and the diversity of indigenous traditions, **Pointe-à-Pitre** promises a unique experience. Here, nestled on the southern coast of the island of Grande-Terre in Guadeloupe, in the heart of the Caribbean Sea, you will fall in love with the heavenly landscapes that reveal themselves to you, including **white-sand beaches, verdant mountains, and lush tropical forests**. Along the bustling streets of the city, you will discover Creole authenticity through the colourful markets, the traditional wooden houses, and the warm hospitality of the locals.