

Treasures of Scotland and Ireland

From **5/18/2021**
to **5/25/2021**

Ship: **L'AUSTRAL**

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



From **Fairlie** (Glasgow) to **Dublin**, **PONANT** invites you to discover an exceptional itinerary in to discover the wonderful shores Scotland and the Irish Wild Coast. Step aboard the *L'Austral* for an **8-day** cruise to discover the natural and cultural treasures of these legendary lands.

The **Inner Hebrides** will first welcome you with **Tobermory**, a charming fishing port with multi-coloured houses whose distillery produces a renowned single malt, and **Iona**, the cradle of Christianity in Scotland where the famous Book of Kells was written.

Further south, your ship will take you to **Killybegs**, a gateway to the city of **Donegal**. You will be captivated by its sheer cliffs, deserted sandy beaches, breathtaking scenery and welcoming pubs.

The city of **Galway** will offer you a real immersion into the heart of **Gaelic culture** and will be your gateway to the famous **Connemara** region.

Next, the ship will make its way to **Glengarriff**. This village surrounded by nature is blessed with a very mild climate, and the temperate waters that bathe the Beara Peninsula allow rhododendrons, azaleas, gorse and fuchsias to thrive in the local gardens.

Before making your way to **Dublin**, where you will disembark, *L'Austral* will take you to **Kinsale**, a charming little port sheltered within the Bandon Estuary.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

FAIRLIE (GLASGOW), SCOTLAND

Embarkation 5/18/2021 from 16h00 to 17h00

Departure 5/18/2021 at 18h00

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.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

Arrival 5/19/2021 early morning

Departure 5/19/2021 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 non 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.

TOBERMORY, ISLE OF MULL

Arrival 5/20/2021 early morning

Departure 5/20/2021 late morning

Located at the northernmost tip of the lovely **Isle of Mull**, **Tobermory** has to be one of the most beautiful natural seaports on Scotland's West Coast. Founded in 1788, this ancient fishing village has been converted to a leisure port highly appreciated today for its surroundings and the quiet charm it exudes. You will definitely be won over by the row of many-storied houses on the hillside, illuminating the harbour with their vibrant colours. Although the real spectacle is outdoors, no less interesting are the Mull Museum dedicated the local history and the exhibitions at the An Tobar art gallery.

IONA, HEBRIDES

Arrival 5/20/2021 early afternoon

Departure 5/20/2021 early evening

Of all the islands in the **Inner Hebrides**, **Iona** is by far the most conducive to contemplation and meditation. And for good reason... it is here that St Columba landed from Ireland in 563 and undertook to establish Christianity in **Scotland**. Now an abbey, the island's true spiritual centre stands where the ancient monastery founded by the Irish missionary

was built. Many kings of Scotland, including the legendary **Macbeth**, are buried in the nearby cemetery. In sunny weather, arriving on the Isle of Iona is a stunningly beautiful experience.

KILLYBEGS

Arrival 5/21/2021 early morning

Departure 5/21/2021 late afternoon

Tucked away and sheltered by a large inlet, this charming **fishing port** is located on Ireland's most northern extremity, in the heart of the southern coast of County **Donegal**. As your boat glides into the port, soak up the dazzling colours of the trawlers docked in the harbour. You may well have the opportunity to tour the **Donegal Carpets Factory**, one of the world's oldest handmade carpet manufacturers. You can also take a tour of the **Glenveagh National Park** and its **castle**, after having crossed through the wild, untamed beauty of northern Ireland. Donegal is a rambler's paradise, and the **Blue Stack Mountains** are sure to have you hooked with their peace, quiet and breathtakingly beautiful landscapes.

GALWAY

Arrival 5/22/2021 early morning

Departure 5/22/2021 early evening

Built at the mouth of the Corrib on in the West, Galway is one of the liveliest towns in the country. **The cobbled streets** in its historical centre offer plenty of designer boutiques, artists' studios and bohemian cafés.

GLENGARRIFF

Arrival 5/23/2021 early morning

Departure 5/23/2021 early evening

In County Cork, discover **Glengarriff**, a little village set in the heart of intact nature. Located on the Beara Peninsula, renowned for the beauty of its landscapes, the municipality, which owes its name to the Gaelic word Gleann (literally "wild glen"), is surrounded by rugged mountains, wooded spaces — including **one of Ireland's oldest oak forests** — and white sandy beaches. In addition to this natural setting, ideal for hiking, the site enjoys a **tropical microclimate** that favours the development of dense vegetation, composed of superb exotic plants.

KINSALE

Arrival 5/24/2021 early morning

Departure 5/24/2021 late afternoon

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.

DUBLIN

Arrival 5/25/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 5/25/2021 at 07h30

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.