

# Music at sea

From **9/6/2020**  
to **9/13/2020**

Ship: **LE JACQUES CARTIER**

From **Reykjavik**  
to **Dublin**

**PONANT** invites you on a **musical cruise** with the exceptional presence of Alain Duault.

This **8-day circuit** to discover the islands of Northern Europe will take you from **Iceland to Ireland** via the Hebrides and the Isle of Skye.

**Reykjavik** is the most northerly capital in the world, lying slightly above the 64<sup>th</sup> parallel. Houses with colourful roofs line its streets and this, coupled with the many ducks in its lake, produces a picture postcard setting. It boasts real **cultural riches**, particularly in **contemporary art**, notably with the **Reykjavik Art Museum**.

You will then discover **Heimaey**, the only inhabited island in the Westmann Islands. Fishing is the main source of income in this exceptional site. You can admire **its volcanoes** and its almost-desert like landscapes.

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.

You will disembark at **Dublin**, end of this beautiful cruise.





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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### REYKJAVÍK

Embarkation 9/6/2020 from 16h00 to 17h00

Departure 9/7/2020 at 00h00

Iceland's capital stretches along the edge of a vast bay in the west of the country. **Perlan**, the "Pearl of Reykjavík", a museum located on 'Oskjuhlíð hill, offers a panoramic view of the lush, green landscapes. A little further, one can easily spot the signpost showing the way to the evangelical **Hallgrímskirkja** church, and to the historical centre where one can stroll along the Skólavörðustígur and the Laugavegur, two lively streets with charming small shops. For some relaxation just outside of the city, visitors have the opportunity to visit the Reykjanes peninsula and its famous thermal lagoons of the **Blue Lagoon**.

### HEIMAEY, VESTMANNAEYJAR

Arrival 9/8/2020 early morning

Departure 9/8/2020 midday

This land seated off the southern coast of Iceland is the largest of the **Vestmann islands**, and is the only inhabited island in the archipelago. The steep Edfell volcanoes and the green prairies of Herjólfsdalur offer rich contrast of nature. On the Stórhöfði road, look out over grey sand beaches and cliffs carved out by the Arctic ocean. From here, you can also see the bronze landscapes of the mountaintops. You could visit **Eldheimar**, an ultra-modern and interactive museum which traces the volcanic eruption has experienced Heimaey in 1973.

### AT SEA

Arrival 9/9/2020

Departure 9/9/2020

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.

## STORNOWAY, HEBRIDES

Arrival 9/10/2020 early morning

Departure 9/10/2020 late afternoon

Discover **Lewis**, the largest island of the Hebrides, considered to be the cradle of Gaelic culture. Here, the peat- and heather- covered valleys and lochs stretch on to infinity, and numerous bird colonies have taken up residence in the long, jagged coastlines where. Not far from **Stornoway**, the island's main town, built by the Vikings in the 9th century stands one of Scotland's most prominent prehistoric sites: The **Standing Stones of Callanish**. Dating back to more than 3,000 years B.C., these imposing stones placed in a cruciform pattern were laid out according to the moon and stars and their main purpose was to keep track of seasonal cycles, as this was essential for farmers at the time.

## PORTREE, ISLE OF SKYE

Arrival 9/11/2020 early morning

Departure 9/11/2020 midday

Nestling in the crux of a gorgeous bay, **Portree** reflects the magnificence of the grandiose **Isle of Skye** as well as being its main town. Apart from the charm of its colourful houses, the town's outstanding location on the banks of a loch makes it a very pleasant place to be. From its colourful harbour bustling with local craftsmen's shops, you can take in a stunning view of the surrounding hills. Before trekking through the wilderness and drinking in the natural beauty of the Isle of Skye, check out some of the beautiful images in the **Aros Centre**.

## BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

Arrival 9/12/2020 early morning

Departure 9/12/2020 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.

## DUBLIN

Arrival 9/13/2020 early morning

Disembarkation 9/13/2020 at 07h00

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.