

Jewels of the Indian Ocean

From **3/29/2021**
to **4/12/2021**

Ship: **LE JACQUES CARTIER**

From **Port Louis**
to **Zanzibar**

PONANT invites you on a **new itinerary** in the **Indian Ocean**. From **Mauritius** to **Zanzibar** through **Reunion Island** and **Madagascar**, take a **15-day** cruise aboard **Le Jacques-Cartier** to enjoy beaches, diving and nautical activities, and to discover endemic fauna and flora as well as places of breathtaking natural beauty that few tourists visit.

From **Port Louis** on the island of **Mauritius**, you will first sail to **Reunion Island** and its wonderful area of volcanic pitons and cirques, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Your ship will then set sail for **Madagascar, the island continent**. On the east coast first, **Île Sainte-Marie**, once a lair of pirates, has successfully retained its authentic and untouched character. On the west coast you will then discover **Nosy Mitsio** and its immaculate beaches, and **Nosy Komba**, also known as "**lemur island**", home to large colonies of these small, agile primates.

This fabulous trip will draw to an end in **Zanzibar**, a city with superb **UNESCO-listed buildings**, blending African, Arab, Indian and European influences over more than a millennium.





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YOUR STOPOVERS :

PORT LOUIS

Embarkation 3/29/2021 from 16h00 to 16h00

Departure 3/29/2021 at 18h00

On the north-west coast of Mauritius, discover **Port-Louis**, the country's **multicultural capital**. Constantly in movement, the city, which was once a port of call on the route to India, is home to many cultural and historic treasures. In addition to the city's market where you will be able to discover all the local flavours and many handicrafts, make sure that you visit **Fort Adelaide**. Nestling on the heights of Port-Louis, this citadel built in the 16th century, classified as a national heritage monument, offers sumptuous views over the surroundings. Not far from there, the **Pamplemousses Botanical Garden** will reveal to you its countless plant species, coming from all four corners of the world.

POINTE DES GALETS

Arrival 3/30/2021 early morning

Departure 3/31/2021 early evening

At the end of the 19th century, the construction of the **port of Pointe des Galets** lasted seven years, with the **town called Le Port** emerging in its wake. You'll also hear the name "Port-Réunion" used to designate the **Pointe des Galets**, which is the main port on the island of Réunion. In fact, it is the only port in France that has five functions: naval base, passenger terminal, commercial port, fishing port and marina. The **old town of the Port** conjures up the area's rich history, which is connected to transport. Here you'll be able to discover the former house of the Réunion Railway and Port Company (1878), its marine cemetery and its teeming covered market.

AT SEA

Arrival 4/1/2021

Departure 4/1/2021

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.

SAINTE MARIE ISLAND

Arrival 4/2/2021 early morning
Departure 4/2/2021 midday

Off the east coast of Madagascar, discover the island of St. Mary. A real Garden of Eden, this peaceful land will offer you landscapes of stunning beauty, with lush vegetation, enormous waterfalls and sumptuous natural pools. In addition, the island is home to a very large variety of orchids. An idyllic natural setting that contrasts with the eventful past of the island, which once played host to pirates and prisoners. This port of call will also provide you with privileged access to the Île aux Nattes, renowned for its wild beauty.

NOSY NATO

Arrival 4/2/2021 early afternoon
Departure 4/2/2021 early evening

AT SEA

Arrival 4/3/2021
Departure 4/3/2021

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.

DIEGO SUAREZ (ANTSIRANANA)

Arrival 4/4/2021 early morning
Departure 4/4/2021 early evening

NOSY MITSIO

Arrival 4/5/2021 early morning
Departure 4/5/2021 late afternoon

In a magnificent bay, 45 miles northeast of Nosy Be, many islets formed of rocks and shallows skim the sea to form the **Mitsio archipelago**. With its immaculate beaches and its turquoise waters, it serenely appears like a majestic haven of peace and beauty, an ideal place for relaxation or exploration. With many orchids and baobabs, the **lush tropical vegetation** is a spectacle in itself. Several fishing villages stand alongside its very well preserved idyllic beaches. To the south of the island, **basalt columns, known as Organ Pipes**, emerge from the sea and the bowels of the earth in the form brown rock rods several tens of metres high.

NOSY BE

Arrival 4/6/2021 early morning
Departure 4/6/2021 late afternoon

Nosy Be (from the Malagasy: Nosy meaning island and Be meaning large), in the Mozambique Channel, is located near the north-eastern coastlines of Madagascar. A former French protectorate, known under the promising name of “**the scented island**”, of volcanic origin, it is located on a maritime route with access to India and Asia. Cosmopolitan, a boulevard of encounters, its mixed-race and multicultural population still remembers its past as a significant **trading post**. Today, its 321 km² enchant lovers of nature and idyllic beaches. Its sumptuous primary forest is home to animals that are endemic to the island as well as surprising flora.

NOSY KOMBA

Arrival 4/7/2021 early morning

Departure 4/7/2021 late afternoon

During your cruise, your ship will stop in Nosy Komba, otherwise known as “lemur island”. Not far from the Madagascar mainland, this volcanic island shaped like a gigantic turtle shell is covered in dense tropical rainforest. This vegetation is home to amusing black lemurs – furry orange-brown and black creatures that are surprisingly agile and call to each other from amongst the trees. The many small beaches and the emerald-coloured water make Nosy Komba a natural gem that only a select few visit.

AT SEA

Arrival 4/8/2021

Departure 4/9/2021

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.

DAR ES SALAAM

Arrival 4/10/2021 early morning

Departure 4/10/2021 late evening

ZANZIBAR

Arrival 4/11/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 4/12/2021 at 07h00

Once a mythical post along the legendary **Indian Ocean trade route**, today a certain whiff of adventure still pervades in **Zanzibar**. Located off the coast of Tanzania, this place often referred to as “**spice island**” is brimming with natural treasures, such as Jozani Forest, the last remains of the huge primeval forest that once covered the island, home to a unique ecosystem. This port of call will also be the moment to discover “Stone Town”, **the historical centre of Zanzibar, a UNESCO World Heritage site**. A veritable labyrinth of narrow streets lined with houses made from coral stone, it is home to sumptuous buildings in a multitude of architectural styles, the result of the blending of African, European

and Indian cultures.