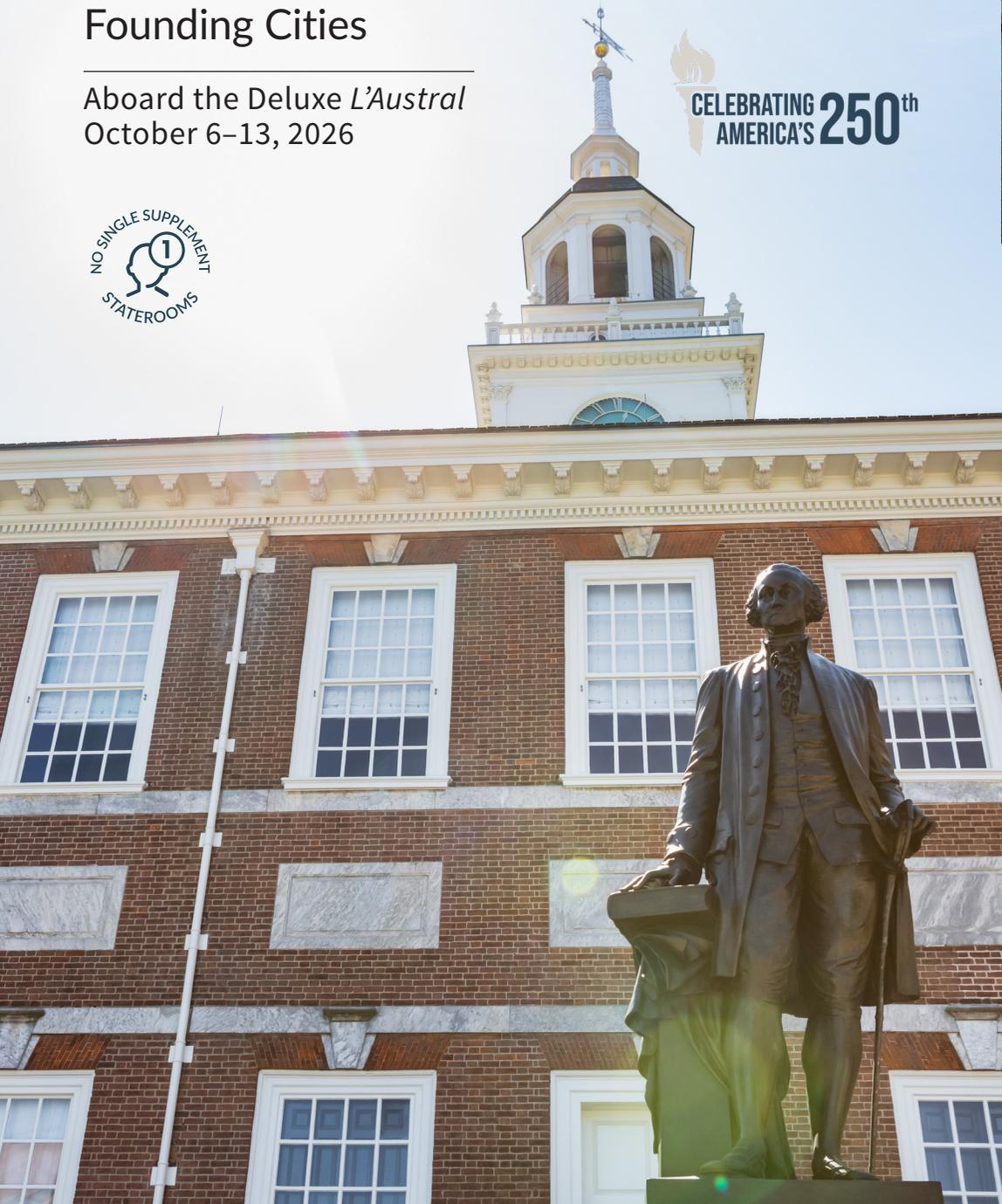


America's 250th by Sea: A Voyage Through the Nation's Founding Cities

Aboard the Deluxe *L'Austral*
October 6–13, 2026



CELEBRATING
AMERICA'S **250th**





Statue of Liberty, New York

Dear Curious Travelers,

We invite you to embark on an 8-day voyage from Halifax, Nova Scotia to Baltimore, Maryland, honoring the 250th anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence. Aboard the luxurious *L'Austral*, journey along the Eastern Seaboard through storied ports, iconic landmarks, and breathtaking coastlines that reflect the enduring spirit of the American experience.

This special journey will feature **Martin Luther King III** and **Arndrea Waters King**, renowned global humanitarians. We are also honored to welcome **Dr. Scott Stephenson, President and CEO of the Museum of the American Revolution**. Their perspectives on leadership, equality, preservation, and national identity will add meaningful depth throughout the journey.

Leaving **Halifax**, your first day is spent sailing along the rugged coastline of Nova Scotia and across the Gulf of Maine to dock in historic **Boston Harbor** early the following morning. While in Boston, walk the **Freedom Trail** to explore landmarks of the American Revolution, discover the grand architecture of **Copley Square** and the **Boston Public Library**, or savor the culinary traditions of the city's **North End**.

Call next in **Newport, Rhode Island**, once a favorite summer resort for the railroad and industrial tycoons of the Gilded Age. Visit opulent seaside "cottages" such as the Vanderbilt family's **Breakers mansion**, stroll along the dramatic **Cliff Walk** with sweeping Atlantic views, or celebrate Newport's storied sailing heritage aboard a classic **12 Meter Yacht**.

Sail into **New York Harbor** and past the emblematic **Statue of Liberty**. During your full day in the city, explore iconic landmarks such as **Central Park**, the **Brooklyn Bridge**, and the moving **9/11 Memorial**, while taking in the remarkable energy and skyline of this world-renowned metropolis.

After a day at sea, arrive in **Philadelphia**, the "Birthplace of America." Visit **Independence Hall** and the **Liberty Bell**, stroll historic **Elfreth's Alley**, or explore the **Museum of the American Revolution**. Some may choose to venture to nearby **Amish Country** to experience the traditions of rural Pennsylvania and enjoy a meal prepared by a local Amish family.

Your voyage concludes in **Baltimore**, a city that has long stood at the crossroads of commerce and culture; a fitting finale to a journey celebrating 250 years of resilience, progress, and hope.

Space is limited, and we encourage you to reserve your place soon for this unforgettable exploration where history, culture, and the elegance of PONANT EXPLORATIONS come together in honor of America at 250.

We look forward to welcoming you aboard,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Haught". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sincerely,
Andrew Haught
Director of Travel, World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

GUEST SPEAKERS



Martin Luther King III



Arndrea Waters King

Renowned global humanitarians



Dr. Scott Stephenson is President and CEO of the Museum of the American Revolution, where he has led since 2018 after more than a decade shaping its acclaimed exhibitions, collections, and programs. A Pittsburgh native with a Ph.D. in American History from the University of Virginia, he brings nearly thirty years of public history experience. He has developed award-winning exhibits and interpretive projects

for leading institutions including Colonial Williamsburg, the Smithsonian, and George Washington's Mount Vernon, and under his leadership the Museum has earned national and international acclaim.

BRIEF HIGHLIGHTS

- Special content arranged in Philadelphia by the World Affairs Council to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation.
- A voyage specially-tailored to include discussions with experts, transfers before and after your cruise, and an included excursion in each port of call.
- Engaging discussions on board with global humanitarians Martin Luther King III and Arndrea Waters King as our special guests of honor.

OPTIONAL PRE- AND POST-TRIP EXTENSIONS

Enhance your journey with curated extension programs designed to deepen your experience.

Pre-Voyage Extensions We will be offering optional pre-voyage programs in Halifax, Nova Scotia (two nights) and at the iconic Fogo Island Inn, Newfoundland (four nights). Additional details, including pricing and inclusions, will be provided by our Guest Services Specialist.

Post-Voyage Extension Expand your exploration of the nation's history from the Revolution, through two and a half centuries of diverse communities shaping the country's narrative, to the present-day political landscape with our optional Baltimore & Washington, D.C. post-voyage program (two nights). Additional details, including pricing and inclusions, will be provided by our Guest Services Specialist.

ITINERARY

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner



Tuesday, October 6, 2026

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA | EMBARK

Arrive at Halifax Stanfield International Airport (YHZ), where you will be met by your driver and transferred to the pier to embark your ship, *L'Austral*. Halifax, a historic port city on Canada's east coast, is surrounded by stunning natural beauty and serves as the cultural heart of Nova Scotia. Once the largest Royal Navy base during the American Revolutionary War and the Napoleonic Wars, Halifax also played a pivotal role in both World Wars and remains a city steeped in maritime heritage. (D)

We recommend arriving in Halifax the night before embarkation. An optional à la carte hotel package is available for your convenience and can be reserved through Guest Services.

Wednesday, October 7

AT SEA

Spend a relaxing day at sea enjoying the many comforts aboard *L'Austral*. Attend enriching lectures and briefings, take advantage of the ship's elegant amenities, or simply unwind on deck as you sail the open ocean. Indulge in a treatment at the spa, stay active in the fitness center, or relax in your luxurious stateroom or suite. Browse the boutique or visit the onboard photography studio for expert tips and inspiration. With luck, you may even spot dolphins or seabirds from the upper decks. This tranquil interlude offers the perfect balance of rest, enrichment, and discovery. (B,L,D)

Thursday, October 8

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.

Known as "America's Walking City," Boston is the cradle of American independence

and one of the country's most walkable destinations. Follow the Freedom Trail to explore landmarks of the Revolution, trace the contributions and stories of women throughout Boston's history, or taste the culinary specialties of Boston's North End. Or, cross the Charles River to visit Harvard Yard, and explore the grand architecture of Copley Square and the historic Boston Public Library. (B,L,D)

Friday, October 9

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

This seaside harbor town, once a favorite retreat of Gilded Age tycoons, offers a glimpse into America's opulent past. Visit magnificent mansions such as The Breakers, commissioned by families like the Vanderbilts. Stroll along the dramatic Cliff Walk or sail aboard a 12 Meter Yacht, celebrating Newport's legacy as the home of the America's Cup and world capital of sailing. (B,L,D)



Saturday, October 10

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

The largest city in the United States dazzles with its energy and diversity. See the Statue of Liberty as you sail into New York Harbor, then spend the day exploring this dynamic metropolis. Walk through Central Park, visit Ground Zero and the 9/11 Memorial, or cruise under the Brooklyn Bridge on an architectural boat tour for views of Manhattan's skyline.

Whether your interests lie in museums, architecture, or cuisine, the Big Apple offers endless discoveries. (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 11

AT SEA

Another day at sea offers time to relax and enjoy the many comforts aboard *L'Austral*. (B,L,D)

Monday, October 12

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Known as the “Birthplace of America,” Philadelphia is rich in Revolutionary history. Visit Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, and explore the Museum of the American Revolution and charming Elfreth’s Alley, the oldest continuously inhabited street in the country. Some may choose to enjoy a meal prepared by a local family in Amish Country, while other food enthusiasts can sample local favorites like the Philly cheesesteak at Reading Terminal Market. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, October 13

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND | DISEMBARK

After breakfast on board, disembark and transfer to Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI) for flights homeward. Baltimore offers a fitting finale to your journey, known for its proud maritime heritage and vibrant neighborhoods. The city’s Inner Harbor is home to historic ships, engaging museums, and the acclaimed National Aquarium. Nearby, Fort McHenry stands as the birthplace of “The Star-Spangled Banner,” while the cobbled streets of Fells Point and Mount Vernon reveal Baltimore’s enduring character, where history, art, and culture meet the charm of the Chesapeake. (B)



Fort McHenry, Baltimore

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Comprehensive 7-night cruise aboard the deluxe *L'Austral*
- One exclusive World Affairs Council of Philadelphia hosted cocktail reception on board
- Panel lectures in the ship’s theater and additional informal discussions will be presented by the host of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, Dr. Scott Stephenson
- Insightful talks and conversations on board with guests of honor Martin Luther King III and Arndrea Waters King
- One included shore excursion in each port of call led by expert English-speaking guides, one per port of call
- Captain’s gala dinners and cocktail receptions aboard ship
- All meals aboard ship including early riser’s coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner
- Open bar aboard ship, including select wines with lunch and dinner
- 24-hour complimentary room service
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials and dedicated Guest Services Specialist
- Unlimited WiFi (as available via satellite)
- Transfers and luggage handling from the airport in Halifax to the ship on the day of embarkation only
- Group transfer from the ship to the airport in Baltimore at the end of the cruise on the morning of disembarkation only
- Port taxes and charges
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers on tours

EXCLUSIONS Airfare; airport taxes; passport and visa fees and/or immigration reciprocity taxes (if applicable); trip cancellation and baggage insurance; medical and repatriation insurance; meals and beverages other than those specified above; personal expenses (such as telephone, laundry service, hair salon services, a la carte spa treatments, etc.); gratuities to drivers of transfers from/to airport; transfers outside of official arrival/departure dates

L'AUSTRAL



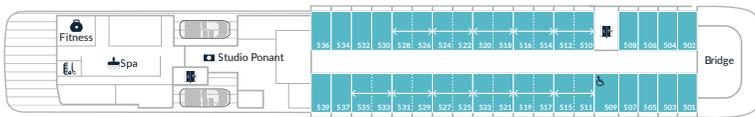
First introduced in 2011, *L'Austral* is the very embodiment of PONANT EXPLORATIONS' generation of intimately sized ships. The exterior and interior lines, all understatement and refinement, make this a yacht of a rare and innovative kind. The wellness area offers a spa with massage and beauty treatments, as well as a fitness area and steam room. Plus, with just 132 staterooms and suites, each with a sea view, guests will enjoy the subtle combination of luxury, intimacy, and well-being.

DECK PLAN

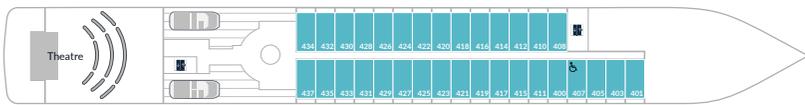
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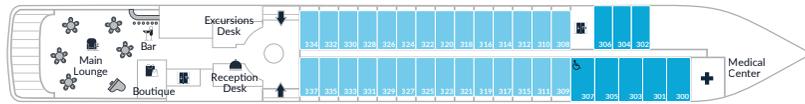
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- Superior Stateroom
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- Deluxe Suite
Deck 6
- Deluxe Stateroom
Deck 3
- Prestige Suite
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- Prestige Stateroom
Decks 4-5-6
- Owner's Suite
Deck 6

CABIN CATEGORIES & RATES ON L'AUSTRAL

All accommodations aboard *L'Austral* are outside staterooms and suites, and feature a private balcony. All cabins include either two beds or a king-size bed, mini bar, safe, spacious closets, climate control, telephone, WiFi access, TV with movies on demand, Bose Bluetooth Speaker, and private bathroom with fine amenities. **Fares are per person, double and single occupancy.**

	DOUBLE	SINGLE
■ SUPERIOR STATEROOM, DECK 3	\$5,800	N/A
■ DELUXE STATEROOM, DECK 3	\$6,240	\$6,240
■ PRESTIGE STATEROOM, DECK 4	\$6,880	\$6,880
■ PRESTIGE STATEROOM, DECK 5	\$7,200	\$7,200
■ PRESTIGE STATEROOM, DECK 6	\$7,590	\$7,590
■ DELUXE SUITE, DECK 6	\$10,400	\$10,400
■ PRESTIGE SUITE, DECK 5	\$13,910	\$13,910
■ PRESTIGE SUITE, DECK 6	\$14,600	\$14,600
■ OWNER'S SUITE, DECK 6	\$16,710	\$16,710

Single occupancy staterooms, subject to availability.





Boston's Beacon Hill neighborhood

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Compagnie du PONANT, PONANT Group USA, LLC, and PONANT USA, LLC are hereinafter collectively referred to as "PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP" or "PONANT" is the tour Operator/Organizer of this cruise and has invited members of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia (Sponsor) to participate. Please carefully read this information as payment of a deposit represents your acceptance of the following Terms & Conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the passenger and PONANT GROUP and the tour's sponsoring organization.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: To secure a booking, the guest is required to pay a 25% deposit of the tour fare. Final payment is due by July 8, 2026, or 90 days prior to departure. Checks and credit cards are accepted.

CANCELLATION, MODIFICATION PENALTIES & REFUNDS: All cancellations or modifications must be in writing. Any and all guests not reporting for departure or prevented from reporting for departure or waiving for any reason whatsoever the benefit of services included in the program cannot claim any refund. PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP shall not be required to refund any monies to any guests who must leave the cruise prematurely for any reason, nor shall PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP be held responsible for any costs, fees, damages or causes of action which result from the transportation expenses incurred by guest's early departure. For any deposited or fully paid booking, cancellation penalties will be assessed as noted below. These cancellation penalties are applicable on all services booked with PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP.

- From confirmation of booking date up to July 7, 2026, (91 days prior to departure): 10% of deposit to be kept by PONANT
- From July 8, 2026, (90 days prior to departure): 100% of full fare to be kept by PONANT

RATES: The prices given at the time of booking are based on economic conditions known on November 10, 2025, and are subject to change. These conditions are, amongst others, the cost of transport and fuel, relevant dues, and taxes for the proposed operation (port taxes, embarkation and disembarkation taxes, entrance costs to tourist sites), currency exchange rates relevant to the pricing of these programs. PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP reserves the right within the legal limits of applicable laws to vary the prices if necessary. All variation of the cost of transport, fuel, taxes, dues, and visa costs will be passed on within the voyage cost. Any change in fare cannot be imposed less than 60 days prior or August 7, 2026, to departure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Passengers shall be responsible for subscribing to cancellation/luggage/assistance repatriation/medical insurance(s).

ITINERARY: PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP reserves the right to withdraw and/or cancel a sailing to make changes in the itinerary whenever, in its sole judgment, or in the judgment of the vessel owner or operator, conditions warrant it.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS/LIMIT OF LIABILITY: The passenger agrees that PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and World Affairs Council of Philadelphia acts as agents and/ or trustees for any person, ground and maritime agents and subcontractors, who provide any service forming, or in connection with, any part of the cruise. Transportation services to the port of departure, transfers to the ship, including, as applicable, hotel room and restaurant bookings or guided tours, are performed by independent suppliers who are not employees of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP nor World Affairs Council of Philadelphia. In this respect, PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and World Affairs Council of Philadelphia acts only as an agent and shall not be held liable for said services or for the acts or omissions of subcontractors or other contractors. PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and World Affairs Council of Philadelphia shall not be held liable for bodily injury to, or death of passengers, or for loss of, or damage to luggage or other personal belongings, unless it is proved that the carrier has infringed statutory obligations or that it or one of its employees or agents has committed gross negligence. However, in the event the liability of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and World Affairs Council of Philadelphia is incurred, such liability is limited (details available upon request). PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and World Affairs Council of Philadelphia shall in any case not be liable for failure of an improper performance when the same is due to or caused by the fault

of the passenger; the unforeseeable or unavoidable fault of a third party unconnected with the provision of any services to be provided under the contract; unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP and World Affairs Council of Philadelphia; an event of "Force Majeure" such as a war, threat of war, riots, civil commotion, acts of God, terrorist activities, natural and nuclear disaster, fire, technical problems with transport, closure of ports, strikes and any industrial action, or any other event beyond the control of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP or World Affairs Council of Philadelphia.

ACCESSIBILITY & MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS: In reserving a PONANT cruise passengers declare they are aware of the physical and medical demands that may be entailed by our excursions, particularly & non-exhaustively, stepping into and out of a tender (assisted by the crew on board) at certain ports of call where we are anchored and not docked in port. Passengers must be fit enough to both physically and psychologically stay for several days at sea in the closed environment of a cruise ship. Passengers must respect the captain's and the crew's orders in case of bad weather or any other incident while at sea or in port.

PERSONS WITH REDUCED MOBILITY: Report any physical conditions and dietary or treatment requirements to the PONANT and World Affairs Council of Philadelphia in writing at the time of booking. PONANT will try to accommodate special needs where possible, but any extra costs associated with special accommodation is the responsibility of the passenger. For limited mobility, wheelchair users, or conditions requiring assistance, it is required to inform PONANT and World Affairs Council of Philadelphia in writing as soon as possible, but at least within 30 days (September 6, 2026), before the service starts. Despite these arrangements, each passenger should be able to be independent or travel with a close family member or friend who can give them whatever assistance they require during their trip. If a person has not been judged suitably fit for travel in complete safety, the company reserves the right to refuse their embarkation. Disembarkation in difficult places or in a tender is subject to the approval of the captain, who will always have the safety and wellbeing of the passenger in mind. Should a World Affairs Council of Philadelphia passenger not be able to participate on the shore excursions, passengers may independently make private touring arrangements at the scheduled ports of call.

ACTIVITY LEVEL DESCRIPTION: This journey features a range of activity levels to suit various preferences and physical capabilities. Most excursions are moderate, typically involving about 1 to 2 miles of walking on a mix of cobblestone, paved, or uneven surfaces, with some stairs or inclines. While some tours are gentle, others are not recommended for guests with limited mobility. These specifications will be shared in an upcoming mailing in the Shore Excursions Descriptions document. In certain ports of call, we will use a tender to disembark and get to shore and then again to embark back onto the ship – this requires stepping down into the tender assisted by your crew onboard.

JURISDICTION: These terms & conditions are subject to and interpreted according to international regulations and concern the transportation of passengers and their luggage from the time of boarding the ship to the moment of disembarking, as well as at ports of departure, destination, or stopover. PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP shall incur no liability outside this period. Without prejudice to required legal regulations, any actions related either to the interpretation, or execution of this agreement shall be brought before the competent courts of Marseille-France. PONANT is not responsible for omissions, printing and/or presentation errors and reserves the right to make corrections as required.

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