

# Celtic Shores

From **11/05/2021**  
to **18/05/2021**

Ship: **L'AUSTRAL**

From **Dublin**  
to **Portsmouth**



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From Dublin to Portsmouth, **PONANT** invites you to discover an exceptional **itinerary** in the heart of the Celtic Sea.

Step aboard the *L'Austral* for an **8-day** cruise to lands of legend and romance.

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.

*L'Austral* will take you to the **Isle of Man**, located between the United Kingdom and Ireland. You will discover the capital **Douglas**, a postcard from United Kingdom of yesteryear with a Victorian atmosphere.

Step ashore at Cobh, a maritime port in **County Cork** in south west Ireland, and take a trip to discover the picturesque **city centre of Cork** or a **famous whisky distillery** in the village of Midleton.

One next port of call will be at the **Isles of Scilly**, a strange little archipelago whose landscapes seem to have come straight out of Enid Blyton's famous story, *The Rockingdown Mystery*. Here, long sandy beaches stand alongside green fields, while ruins of old castles stand proud on hilltops.

Lastly, you will call at **Guernsey**, before disembarking at **Portsmouth**, end of this beautiful cruise.



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### DUBLIN

Embarkation 11/05/2021 from 16h00 to 17h00

Departure 11/05/2021 at 18h00

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.

### BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

Arrival 12/05/2021 early morning

Departure 12/05/2021 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.

### LIVERPOOL

Arrival 13/05/2021 early morning

Departure 13/05/2021 evening

The fast-moving and appealing city of **Liverpool** sprawls along the banks of the River Mersey. This former bastion of industry in England's north-west has found its second wind, thanks especially to the highly successful redevelopment of its docks, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2004. The city, the **Beatles'** birthplace, has lots to offer to its visitors. While a walk down the Waterfront from Pier Head to Albert Dock is a major highlight you'll also love the quality of museums such as the **Walker Art Gallery** and the wealth of architecture in the city. But what will really impress you is the playful and open-minded spirit of its inhabitants, which John Lennon referred to as "positive energy".

### DOUGLAS

Arrival 14/05/2021 early morning

Departure 14/05/2021 late afternoon

**Douglas** is the capital of the **Isle of Man**, a self-governing island in the Irish Sea between England and Ireland. The Isle of Man is best-known for its gruelling annual TT motorbike race but Douglas itself is a charming traditional seaside resort. The stroll along the busy **promenade** is very popular, as well as the visit of the **Manx Museum**, which retraces the island's fascinating Celtic and Viking heritage. It is possible to take a steam train into the mountainous interior, where medieval castles and pretty villages and farms can be observed.

## CORK

Arrival 15/05/2021 midday

Departure 15/05/2021 early evening

Located on the south-west coast of Ireland, the dynamic yet peaceful university city of **Cork** will delight you with its countless historical and cultural treasures. In the city centre, do not miss a visit to the **Saint Finbarr cathedral**, renowned for its impressive neo-gothic architecture, as well as the emblematic **English Market**, a magnificent covered food market in the Victorian style that will reveal all the richness of Irish produce. This pleasant visit to the second largest city in Ireland will also be the opportunity to visit the **old Jameson distillery**, where the famous whisky was made for nearly 200 years.

## ISLES OF SCILLY

Arrival 16/05/2021 early morning

Departure 16/05/2021 early afternoon

Nestling in the clear waters of the Atlantic Ocean, at the south west tip of Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly form a small British island chain whose climate, landscapes and lifestyle are unlike any other and seem to have come straight from an Enid Blyton story. Here, everything resembles a tropical paradise. The long sandy beaches run alongside lush green meadows teeming with semi-exotic flowers, whilst the ruins of ancient castles loom from the tops of the hills. Veritable havens of peace that inspired the legendary Avalon of King Arthur, they are today listed as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the rugged coastline plays host to wildlife that is as varied as it is exceptional, including the very rare Atlantic grey seal.

## JERSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS

Arrival 17/05/2021 early morning

Departure 17/05/2021 early afternoon

Located in the English Channel **west of the Cotentin Peninsula**, the Channel Island **Jersey** is a place that was shaped by the sea. Here, some of the most impressive tides in the world erode the coastline and nourish the land. From its eastern edge, you might be able to glimpse the French coast. It is often said that though this island may be small, it is full of character. With country roads that lead on to the cliff tops, Jersey is the largest of the Channel Islands and **Saint Helier** is its capital. Its magnificent landscapes are begging to be explored. Invigorated by the sea air, you will love strolling along the island's wild coastline. Here, the sea is never more than a ten-minute walk away.

## PORTSMOUTH

Arrival 18/05/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 18/05/2021 at 08h00

Located to the south-east of London, **Portsmouth** is one of the three most important military ports in England. This maritime tradition takes shape in the Historic Dockyard, the home of Portsmouth's arsenal, where emblematic ships are to be found, including HMS *Victory*, captained by Admiral Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar. The home town of **Charles Dickens**, and the adopted home of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author of the celebrated adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Portsmouth is not short of attractions with its parks, sea fronts and city walls. The Spinnaker Tower, taking the form of a great sail and soaring from 170 metres into the air, is one of the highest monuments in the United Kingdom and offers impressive views of the city.