

Gastronomy, Vineyards & Grands Crus

From **19/10/2025**
to **26/10/2025**

Ship: **LE BELLOT**

From **Bordeaux**
to **Lisbon**



From **Bordeaux** to **Lisbon**, PONANT invites you on **a cruise along the shores of the Atlantic** to discover the French, Spanish and Portuguese coasts. Enjoy a different experience of the Atlantic Ocean during an 8-day trip aboard *Le Bellot*.

Throughout your journey, you will benefit from an excursion included per person per port of call, to choose from a selection offered by PONANT. During this cruise, follow the Médoc region's famous "Route des Châteaux" from Pauillac, visit the beautiful towns of Saint-Jean-de-Luz and Biarritz from San Sebastian, or hike the final kilometres of the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) from Vigo. The diversity of experiences on offer promises you intense and varied moments (to discover the full range of excursions, go to the itinerary tab). The diversity of experiences on offer promises you intense and varied moments (to discover the full range of excursions, go to the itinerary tab).

The ship will set sail from **Bordeaux**, considered the wine capital of the world, to reach your first port of call, **Pauillac**. Here, several visits and wine tastings at some beautiful wine estates in the Saint-Estèphe, Margaux and Pauillac appellations will enable you to explore the region in the best possible way.

Your ship will then set a course for **San Sebastian**. In the heart of the Spanish Basque Country, you will fall in love with this city's shell-shaped bay, its opulent buildings and its narrow little streets.

Le Bellot will then sail to the capital of the region, **Bilbao**. Here, you will be able to enjoy the city's unique energy, its daring architecture and its ancestral traditions.

Your next port of call will be in **Galicia**, in the city of **Vigo**, Spain's biggest fishing port. Not far from there, **Santiago de Compostela** awaits you. This unmissable pilgrimage destination is home to a number of monuments from the Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque periods, testimony to its illustrious past.

Leixoes will be the next stop on your cruise. From there, you will have the

opportunity to visit Porto. Capital of the northern region of Portugal, this 'city of granite, the centre of which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, is renowned for its wine.

Your cruise will come to an end in **Lisbon**, sitting on the Tagus River, distilling its one-of-a-kind charm imbued with rich history.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

BORDEAUX

Embarkation 19/10/2025 From 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 19/10/2025 at 12:00 am

Bordeaux stretches along the banks of the Garonne river, in South-West France. Its rich wine tradition makes it the **world capital of wine**. Let yourself be carried away by the history of the *Port de la Lune*, made a UNESCO World Heritage site for its prestigious classical architecture. On the famous Place de la Bourse, the past and the present unite: here you can observe the majestic old buildings reflected in the contemporary **Miroir d'eau** creation.

PAUILLAC

Arrival 20/10/2025 early morning

Departure 20/10/2025 late afternoon

Discover **Pauillac**, a town in southwestern France located a few kilometres away from Bordeaux, stretching along the Gironde. The undisputed capital of Médoc, Pauillac will open up its magical universe for you, from **culture and heritage to vineyards and châteaux**. This stop will be a voyage of myriad flavours, particularly during the tasting of the region's wines, revealing their soft ruby colours and reflections turning amber with time. Enjoy both a **sensorial adventure** and an adventure into the heart of the town. Don't miss the visit of Saint Martin's Church or the mysterious **grotto of Artigues**, dominated by a statue of the Virgin Mary. As for the **Aspic Tower**, it is topped with a dome from which the harvesters' work used to be overseen.

PASAJES – SAN SEBASTIÁN

Arrival 21/10/2025 mid morning

Departure 21/10/2025 evening

On the Spanish Basque coast, discover Pasaia, a picturesque little town nestling in the hollow of verdant mountains, on the shores of the bay. The coastal footpath offers magnificent views over the sea and goes all the way to San Sebastián. Nicknamed the "Pearl of Cantabria" because of its shell-shaped bay, this renowned seaside resort in the Bay of Biscay combines an idyllic natural setting with the charm of the Belle Époque.

BILBAO

Arrival 22/10/2025 early morning

Departure 22/10/2025 early evening

Bilbao, capital of the Spanish Basque country, is one of the most avant-garde cities in Europe. Its architectural audacity as well as its ancient built heritage will take you on a journey between traditions and innovations. An unusual cable car will allow you to reach the magnificent **Guggenheim Museum**, a unique construction of stone, glass

and titanium, designed by the architect Frank Gehry and home to a collection of modern art and contemporary monumental sculpture. The narrow streets of the **old city** and the unmissable **Ensanche district** are also worthy of a visit, as is the **Vizcaya bridge**, the world's first ever transporter bridge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

AT SEA

Arrival 23/10/2025 at night

Departure 23/10/2025 late evening

During your journey 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 journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or 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.

VIGO – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Arrival 24/10/2025 early morning

Departure 24/10/2025 evening

Nestling on the Atlantic coast, in the south of **Galicia**, the former fishing port of Vigo is now the region's largest municipality. Its old town, more commonly known as O Berbés, will unveil its many historical monuments and the unusual architectural style of its homes. Off the coast, the Cíes Islands, declared a Nature Reserve and located in the **Atlantic Islands of Galicia National Park**, offer truly splendid landscapes and exceptional biodiversity. Further north, make sure you visit **Santiago de Compostela**, which welcomes many pilgrims from all over the world every year. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, its historical centre has significant architectural heritage.

LEIXÕES - PORTO

Arrival 25/10/2025 early morning

Departure 25/10/2025 early afternoon

Located at the mouth of the Douro River, the port of Leixões lies less than 10 kilometres from Porto. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the historic centre of Porto is worth a visit for its famous **Ribeira district**, the metallic silhouette of the Dom-Luis bridge looming over its ancient houses, its richly decorated Baroque churches and its national **Soares dos Reis** museum. The **São Bento station** is also interesting for its typically Portuguese decoration, using *Azulejos*, blue square ceramic tiles decorated with geometric patterns or figurative scenes.

LISBON

Arrival 26/10/2025 early morning

Disembarkation 26/10/2025 at 7:00 am

Portugal's capital city located on the banks of the Tagus, only a few kilometres from the Atlantic coast, is a city of exceptionally rich cultural diversity. At the mouth of the river harbour, impose two UNESCO World Heritage

monuments, **Jeronimos monastery** and **Belem tower**. The Alfama hillside is also worth visiting: known for its **fado** bars and its **Moorish streets**, this district is the oldest one of the city and one of the most typical. Not far from there, Chiado's elegant streets are home to big fashion labels and are an invitation to a bit of of luxury shopping.