



EUROPEAN COASTAL CRUISE: FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL (2024)

Embark on a comprehensive western European adventure and enjoy rare experiences, such as a hike on Spain's ancient Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route and exploration of the French epicurean region of Bordeaux.

Cruises, A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises



Europe, France, Spain, Portugal



10 days from AU\$19,220 pp



148 Guests

Journey Overview

Embark on a comprehensive western European adventure during the lovely fall season and enjoy rare experiences in France such as the exploration of bucolic Normandy, moving World War II sites, or the epicurean region of Bordeaux. You also visit picturesque Brittany, UNESCO-designated Mont Saint-Michel, Bilbao's modern Guggenheim, Santiago de Compostela and Porto.

Journey Highlights

- Cruise for nine nights on an exclusively chartered, all-inclusive A&K expedition featuring treasures of France, Spain and Portugal
- Experience the benefits of luxury small-ship expedition featuring no more than 148 guests and access to ports seldom visited by cruise ships, including Bordeaux and the coast of Brittany
- Enjoy a choice of included A&K-led excursions in every port designed for a range of activity levels and interests, including everything from the epicurean to art and architecture to natural wonders
- Savour wine tastings amid Europe's most famed vineyards, including UNESCO-designated Porto and Bordeaux
- Experience a rare opportunity to retrace an ancient pilgrimage route and visit Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, where you also enjoy tapas, and folkloric music and dance
- Visit Basque Country and Bilbao's stunning Guggenheim museum as well as a remarkable Paleolithic art Cave
- Step back in time when you explore the magnificent fortress of the Mont Saint-Michel

Take 10 with an A&K Expert to Hear More About This Journey



Itinerary

Sep 21: Arrive London, England

Arrive in London, where you meet your fellow guests and Expedition Team. Then transfer to Dover to board your luxurious ship this afternoon. Later this evening, enjoy a welcome briefing and reception aboard.

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Sep 22: Honfleur, France | Normandy's Riches

Arrive in Honfleur, a quaint Norman port town with a rich maritime heritage dating to the 16th century. Stroll the narrow streets, taking in St. Catherine's Church and the Old Port. Or, you might travel to the D-Day landing site of Omaha Beach, as well as the Normandy American Cemetery and Visitors Centre at Colleville-sur-Mer. Alternatively, embark on a culinary adventure in the countryside, sampling local cheeses, hard cider and Calvados.

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Sep 23: Saint-Malo | Gateway to Mont Saint-Michel

Arrive in Saint-Malo, a historic fortified port renowned for its walled battlements, idyllic beaches and regional gastronomy. Once ashore, explore the city's market, 15th-century buildings and Fort National. Then, visit a traditional Breton biscuit maker in Cancale and enjoy a seafood lunch. Alternatively, you might visit Mont Saint-Michel, a stunning village perched atop a tidal island. Here, wander its steep cobblestone streets and climb over 350 steps to reach its famed abbey. Or, visit the town of Dinan and its 14th-century castle, enjoying walks along the estuary, a guided oyster farm experience and a visit to the Jacques Cartier Museum. For another option, visit medieval Rennes, capital of Brittany, to explore its turbulent history, tour its Old Town and savour a traditional Breton lunch of crêpes.

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Sep 24: At Sea | Sailing Toward Southwest France

Unwind during a relaxing day at sea, enjoying the ship's amenities and engaging presentations by our experts.

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Sep 25: Bordeaux | Intoxicating Art de Vivre

Bordeaux offers an exciting mix of castles, vineyards, art and urban street life. Here, explore the Old Town, the 13th-century Cathedral of St. André and the immersive digital art exhibition of the Bassins de Lumières. Alternatively, set out for an exclusive Bordeaux wine estate tour and tasting with privileged access to areas closed to the public. Or, visit the seaside resort town of Arcachon, where you experience its golden beaches, Belle Époque atmosphere and freshly caught oysters. You might also opt for a nature walk through coastal Landes, home to the largest forest in Europe.

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Sep 26: Bilbao, Spain | Shimmering Art in Basque Country

Arrive in Bilbao, a medieval city and proud Basque enclave that has transformed itself into a modern cultural mecca. Here, explore Frank Gehry's spectacular Guggenheim Museum Bilbao with time to wander the city at leisure. Alternately, transfer to Guernica, a historic Basque city inextricably linked to the Spanish Civil War and immortalized in Picasso's namesake masterpiece. Alternatively, choose a hike and visit to a cave adorned with Paleolithic art, or a drive through to the quaint fishing town of Bermeo. Return to your vessel for lunch and a relaxing afternoon sailing scenic coastal Spain.

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Sep 27: Santiago de Compostela | Hallowed Ground

Today, explore the province of A Coruña and the city of Santiago de Compostela, the terminus of the Camino de Santiago, a network of pilgrimage routes dating to the ninth century. Choose to explore the city's cathedral and Old Town, followed by lunch with a Galician folklore dance performance. Alternatively, choose a shorter walk to Cape Finisterre, the last stop on the Camino de Santiago, followed by a visit to the medieval castle of Vimianzo. For another option, explore Santiago's bustling food market and restaurants, tasting local tapas, empanadas, cheeses and wines.

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Sep 28: Porto, Portugal | Opulent City on the Rio Douro

Arrive in Porto, the charming-yet-edgy star of the Iberian Peninsula. Here, explore vibrant Cais da Ribeira, discovering its Stock Exchange Palace and St. Francis Church, followed by a port wine tasting at a famous riverside lodge. Or, opt for a culinary tour of Porto's vibrant central market and beloved backstreet taverns. Alternatively, visit the enchanting Douro Valley for a winery tour, tasting and lunch at one of the region's finest wine estates; or see Braga, home of the Baroque Bom Jesus de Braga Sanctuary. You may also visit historic Guimarães and its medieval castle.

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Sep 29: Lisbon | Charismatic Capital

Arrive in Lisbon, a charismatic seaside capital renowned for its white-bleached limestone buildings and easygoing charm. Once ashore, tour the iconic Tower of Belem and Jerónimos Monastery, pausing to sample local culinary specialties along the way. Or, drive to Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its glittering palaces. Alternatively, set out on an excursion to the enchanting walled city of Évora. You might also opt to learn about the region's tilemaking tradition with a hands-on experience at a local workshop.

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Sep 30: Depart Lisbon

Disembark and continue on your post-tour extension or transfer to the airport for your return flight.

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Journey Details:

Note: Itinerary is for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances including weather, wildlife, ice, medical emergencies and other conditions beyond A&K's control at the sole discretion of the Captain.

This journey contains active elements, including walks over uneven terrain.

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 4–8 include butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: embarkation at 4:00 p.m. on Sep 21.

Last group event: disembarkation by 9:00 a.m. on Sep 30.

Included with this Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team and Local Guides
- Airport Meet and Greet and Transfers
- Private Balcony with Every Onboard Accommodation and Butler Service with Every Suite
- Maximum Personnel-to-Guest Ratio of 1 to 1.3 and ship occupancy limited to 80 percent
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed on board
- Choice of Curated, All-Inclusive Shore Excursions
- Enrichment program, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service on board
- All Gratuities, Port Charges and Taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on Board and in Hotels
- Onboard Service from an English-Speaking Staff, Including an Accredited Physician
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

Map



Extensions



England's Cotswolds Pre-Tour Extension (2024)

See Details



Lisbon Post-Tour Extension (2024)

See Details

Accommodation

Le Dumont d'Urville



Launched in 2019, a luxury expedition ship exclusively chartered by A&K and featuring all-balcony accommodations.

Ship Details

- Overall length: 131 metres
- Beam: 18 metres
- Average speed: 15 knots
- Passenger decks: 6
- Passenger capacity: 184, but limited to 148 exclusively on A&K charters
- Crew and A&K staff: 122 (personnel-to-guest ratio of 1 to 1.2)
- Gross tonnage: 9,900 GRT
- Standards: USPHS – U.S. Coast Guard's Rules Comfort Class 1 Clean-Ship Certification (meets or exceeds all IMO, EPA, IAATO and AECO operating standards)
- Technology: Advanced dynamic positioning system and highly efficient stabilisers
- Flag: French
- Language: English on all A&K charters

Amenities

- Private balcony with every guest stateroom and suite

- Complimentary butler service with every category of suite (an exclusive on A&K charters only, including welcome Champagne, nightly canapés, packing/unpacking on request and more)
- Stateroom and suite amenities include a hair dryer, large wardrobe and ample storage, safe, alarm clock, and luxury bath products
- Stateroom and suite electricity: 220v outlets — Europe 2-prong style (plus two 110/220 U.S. outlets)
- Sun Deck and multiple outer deck observation areas
- Outside heated pool
- Library with selection of books and games
- Two restaurants: Main and outdoor Grill
- Open bar with beer, wine, liquor, cocktails, soft drinks, coffee, tea and mineral water (excludes premium wines and spirits)
- Two lounges with bars: Main with live music and Panoramic with Terrace
- Complimentary 24-hour room service
- Complimentary in-cabin breakfast (on request)
- Three passenger elevators
- Fitness Centre with Kinesis® wall
- Full-service salon with spa, sauna and steam room
- Theatre with comfortable seating for all guests
- Boutique shop
- 24-hour medical facilities with certified doctor
- A&K's complimentary Traveller's Valet laundry service
- Complimentary wireless Internet on A&K charters (due to remote destinations, access and speed vary)

'Le Dumont d'Urville'

Category 1
Classic Stateroom

Category 2
Deluxe Stateroom

Category 3
Prestige Stateroom

Category 4*
Deluxe Suite

Category 5*
Privilege Suite

Category 6*
Prestige Two-Room Suite

Category 7*
Grand Deluxe Suite

Category 8*
Owner's Suite

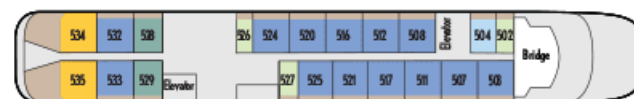
*Butler Service Included



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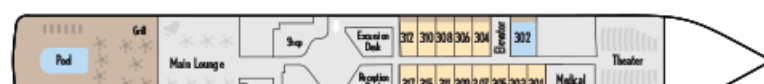
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Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Sep 21, 2024 - Sep 30, 2024

Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Classic Stateroom - Category 1	AU\$20,760 NOW ONLY AU\$19,220 pp	AU\$15,575	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Deluxe Stateroom - Category 2	AU\$25,375 NOW ONLY AU\$23,835 pp	AU\$19,040	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Prestige Stateroom - Category 3	AU\$29,225 NOW ONLY AU\$27,685 pp	AU\$21,915	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Deluxe Suite - Category 4	AU\$41,530 NOW ONLY AU\$39,990 pp	AU\$35,990	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Privilege Suite - Category 5	AU\$44,610 NOW ONLY AU\$43,070 pp	AU\$38,760	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Prestige Two-Room Suite - Category 6	AU\$55,375 NOW ONLY AU\$53,835 pp	AU\$48,455	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Grand Deluxe Suite - Category 7	AU\$66,915 NOW ONLY AU\$65,375 pp	AU\$58,840	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Owner's Suite - Category 8	AU\$73,070 NOW ONLY AU\$71,530 pp	AU\$64,375	AU\$0	Call for Availability

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