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CRUISING THE GREEK ISLES (2024)

Set sail on A&K's bestselling voyage to idyllic Greece, exploring ancient ruins, volcanic vineyards and hidden gems.

Cruises, A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises



Europe, Greece



10 days from AU\$21,530 pp



199 Guests

Journey Overview

Sail on A&K's bestselling cruise to Greece and explore ancient ruins and natural marvels. Joined by A&K experts, visit iconic sites such as Athens and Mykonos, as well as lesser-known gems, including Patmos, Delos and Monemvasia. Go off the beaten path in Santorini with an exclusive wine tasting, hike to the Monastery of St. John in Patmos and soak up the sun with leisurely breaks on the region's most spectacular beaches.

Journey Highlights

- Experience the benefits of small-ship cruising in Greece, with access to lesser-known Patmos, Crete and Monemvasia
- Enjoy an exclusive A&K evening event in Athens featuring a unique venue, local cuisine and live entertainment
- Privately visit a picturesque organic farm in Crete, where you participate in a cooking demonstration and sample fresh ingredients at their source
- Sample celebrated Santorini wines during an exclusive excursion led by a wine expert

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



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Athens, Greece

Arrive in Athens, where you are met and transferred to the Hotel Grande Bretagne.

Hotel Grande Bretagne

Day 2: Athens | Ancient Majesty

Awake in one of the world's ancient capitals, a veritable open-air museum adorned with graceful Greek temples, proud Roman arches and ornate Byzantine churches. You might choose to begin your day exploring the majestic Parthenon and other Hellenistic ruins of the Acropolis while taking in stunning views over the Plaka Quarter, the ancient Agora and the Theatre of Dionysus. Or, set out on a scenic drive through the Peloponnese to the Argolis region, pausing at the Corinth Canal, Cyclopean Walls, Lion's Gate, Royal Tombs, Treasury of Atreus and Epidaurus' ancient theatre. Alternately, art lovers might prefer a gallery visit showcasing local contemporary artists, followed by a tour of the Benaki Museum's Bronze Age exhibits. This evening, enjoy a festive private event hosted on the streets of Athens.

Hotel Grande Bretagne | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Athens | Setting Sail

After a morning at leisure, you might opt to visit the world-renowned Acropolis Museum, seeing antiquities that span the Bronze, Roman and Byzantine eras. Later, head to the port of Piraeus to board your expedition vessel.

'L'Austral' | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Monemvasia | Cliffside Stronghold

Your first port of call is Monemvasia, a walled medieval bastion perched on the cliffside of a small Peloponnese island. Coming ashore, you might opt for a closer look inside the fortified city itself, walking its narrow lanes to reveal the ruins of former Byzantine dwellings and churches, as well as the intact Church of Elkomenos Christos and its dazzling collection of iconographies. Linger within the walled city or continue to Liotrivi Mansion, a former family estate and olive oil mill that survives today as a cultural museum. Alternatively, you might opt for a day trip to the ruins of Mystras, a former Byzantine capital. After a short drive, enter Mystras through the castle gate to discover the Cathedral of Aghios Dimitrios, the Palace of the Despots and the Monastery of Pantanassa.

'L'Austral' | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Crete | Minoan Treasures

Your next destination is the island of Crete, former hub of the ancient Minoan maritime trading empire. Once ashore, you might opt for an exploration of the renowned Heraklion Archaeological Museum and the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Alternatively, pair your tour of the Heraklion Archaeological Museum with a hands-on culinary experience at a local hilltop farm. Or visit the Historical Museum of Crete, walk amid Heraklion's living history and embark on a scenic drive through the island.

'L'Austral' | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Santorini | Volcanic Vistas

Today, explore Santorini, the jewel of the small volcanic archipelago known as the Cyclades. Here, you might choose to visit the Bronze Age settlement of Akrotiri, its houses, streets, squares and workshops all preserved in volcanic pumice. Alternatively, opt for a hike up the crater of Nea Kameni, followed by a dip in the thermal springs of nearby Palea Kameni. Or embark on a scenic drive through the hills, pausing for a tour and tasting at a local winery. Later, enjoy an afternoon at leisure in the towns of Oia or Fira.

'L'Austral' | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Rhodes | Medieval Marvels

Discover Rhodes, the largest of the Dodecanese islands. Once ashore, you might choose a guided walk of the Old Town's medieval fortifications, the Grand Master's Palace, the Avenue of the Knights and the Archaeological Museum. For a more active experience, head toward the ancient Doric town of Lindos for a hike to its acropolis, taking in the temple of Athenia Lindia and the Byzantine church along the way. Or watch the artists of a local ceramics workshop ply their skills before attempting your own piece. Alternately, visit the Grand Master's Palace and take a walking tour of Rhodes' Old Town before transferring to a rustic restaurant for a hands-on cooking experience.

'L'Austral' | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Mykonos | Cosmopolitan Paradise

Today, explore Delos, a small uninhabited island that legend holds as the birthplace of Artemis and Apollo. Discover the island's remarkably preserved ruins, including government buildings, homes, a cistern and an amphitheatre. Alternatively, stay in Mykonos for a walk along its narrow streets. Or choose a panoramic drive through the island, pausing to take in its sun-drenched beaches, the quaint village of Ano Mera and its Monastery of Panagia Turliani.

'L'Austral' | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Patmos | Village of Chora

Uncover the hidden gem of Patmos, one of the smaller islands of the Dodecanese. Here, you might stroll through the hilltop village of Chora, visiting the House of Simandris and the historical Nikolaidis mansion. Alternately, visit the Monastery of St. John and the quaint village of Chora. For a more active experience, opt for a hike to the hermitage of Zaroi and a secluded beach.

'L'Austral' | Meals: BLD

Day 10: Depart Athens

Arrive in Piraeus and disembark your vessel after breakfast. Then, transfer to the Athens airport and board your return flight home or join our Treasures of Northern Greece extension to visit Meteora.

Meals: B

October departure begins with embarkation of 'Le Bougainville' on Day 1 in Athens and ends with a stay at the Hotel Grande Bretagne after disembarkation on Day 8.

Journey Details:

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

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 5–8 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard 'L'Austral'.

Categories 4–8 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard 'Le Bougainville'.

This journey contains some active elements, including walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

June Departure

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Jun 25.

Last group event: disembarkation by 9:00 a.m. on Jul 4.

October Departure

First group event: embarkation between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Oct 1.

Last group event: farewell reception on Oct 9.

Included with this Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team and Local Guides
- Pre- and Post-Cruise Stays at Stylish, Ideally Located Hotels and A&K-Led Excursions
- 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



Peloponnese Pre-Tour
Extension (2025)

[**See Details**](#)



Treasures of Northern
Greece Post-Tour Extension
(2024)

[**See Details**](#)

Accommodation

L'Austral



Innovative design, sleek shape and profile, refined interior decoration, friendly, intimate atmosphere: French designers and decorators have managed to give this ship a unique style and veritable signature of its own. Combinations of fine materials, colours and tones harmoniously livened up with touches of bright colour, elegant lines, discreet and subtle refinement. Everything has been designed to create a unique atmosphere onboard, a veritable personality: the chic style and naturally relaxing ambiance of a veritable private yacht.

L'Austral Details

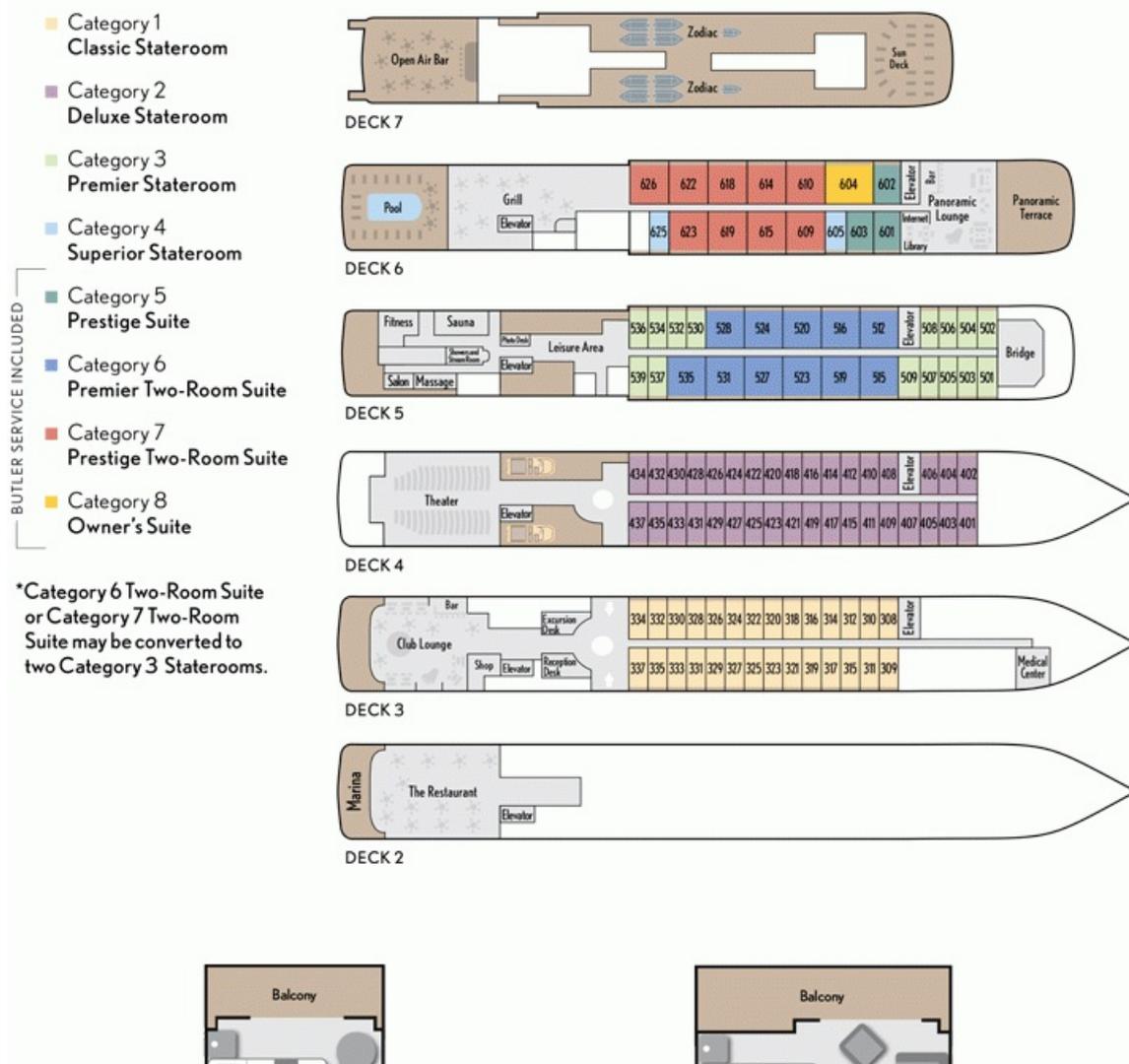
- Overall length: 142 metres
- Beam: 18 metres
- Average speed: 14 knots
- Passenger decks: 6
- Passenger capacity: 264, but limited to 199 exclusively on A&K charters
- Crew and A&K staff: 140 (personnel-to-guest ratio of 1 to 1.2)
- Gross tonnage: 10,994 UMS
- Standards: USPHS – U.S. Coast Guard’s 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

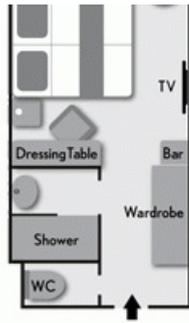
- Language: English on all A&K charters

L'Austral amenities

- A guest capacity limited to 199 total travellers (from a maximum of 264)
- A&K's expert Expedition Team, average of 20 members, on board every journey
- One of the most intimate personnel-to-guest ratios at sea of 1 to 1.2
- All English-speaking ship staff (customary onboard language is French)
- Private balcony with every guest stateroom and suite
- Complimentary butler service with every suite: includes welcome Champagne, nightly canapés, packing/unpacking on request and more
- A&K's complimentary Traveller's Valet laundry service
- 2 restaurants onboard
- Wellness Spa
- Complimentary wireless Internet (due to remote destinations, access and speed vary)

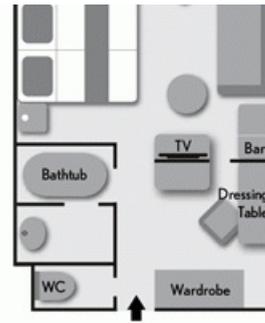
'L'Austral' Deck Plan





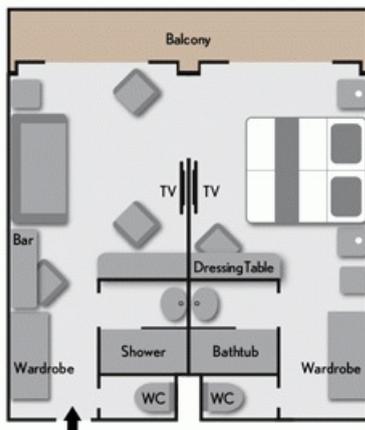
Categories 1-4
Staterooms

Cabin: 200 sq. ft. (18 sq. m.)
Balcony: 43 sq. ft. (4 sq. m.)



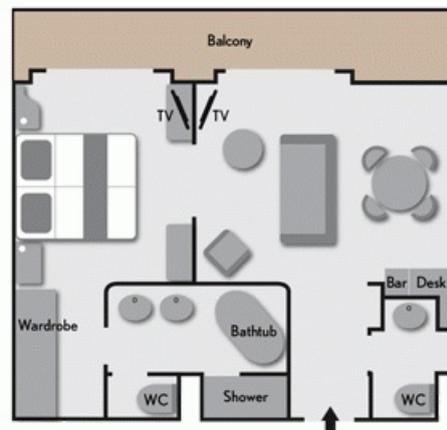
Category 5
Prestige Suite

Cabin: 290 sq. ft. (27 sq. m.)
Balcony: 54 sq. ft. (5 sq. m.)



Categories 6-7
Premier and Prestige Two-Room Suites

Cabin: 388 sq. ft. (36 sq. m.)
Balcony: 86 sq. ft. (8 sq. m.)



Category 8
Owner's Suite

Cabin: 484 sq. ft. (45 sq. m.)
Balcony: 97 sq. ft. (9 sq. m.)

Le Bougainville



Chartered exclusively for 148 guests, 'Le Bougainville' is a luxury mega-yacht featuring stylish staterooms and suites with private balconies. It also offers sleek public spaces include a state-of-the-art, interactive underwater lounge, a panoramic lounge, main lounge and theatre for enriching lectures and special events. Added amenities include an outdoor heated pool, multiple observation areas, a marina for Zodiac adventures, and a salon and spa with a hammam and well-equipped fitness centre.

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

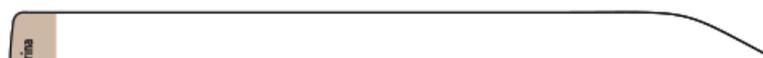
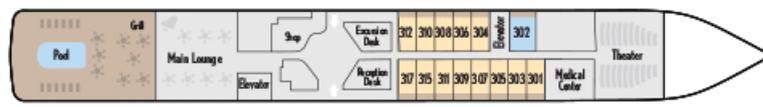
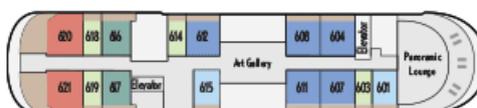
- Private balcony with every guest stateroom and suite
- Complimentary butler service with every category of suite (an exclusive on A&K)

- 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 Bougainville’

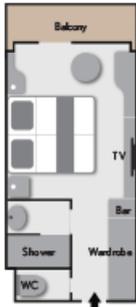
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Classic Stateroom
- Category 2
Deluxe Stateroom
- Category 3
Prestige Stateroom
- Category 4*
Deluxe Suite
- Category 5*
Privilege Suite
- Category 6*
Prestige Two-Room Suite
- Category 7*
Grand Deluxe Suite
- Category 8*
Owner’s Suite

*Butler Service Included



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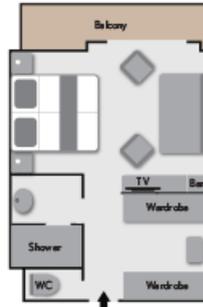
BUTLER SERVICE INCLUDED



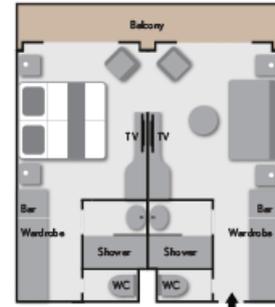
Categories 1-3
Staterooms
Cabin: 19 sq. mt. | Balcony: 4 sq. mt.



Category 4
Deluxe Suite
Cabin: 27.5 sq. mt. | Balcony: 6 sq. mt.

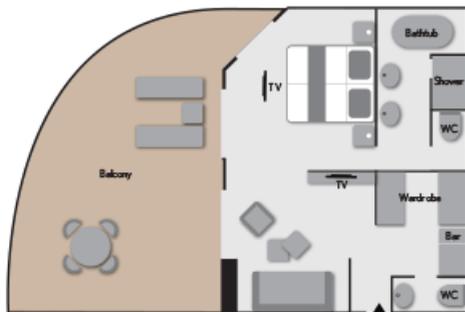


Category 5
Privilege Suite
Cabin: 32 sq. mt. | Balcony: 8 sq. mt.

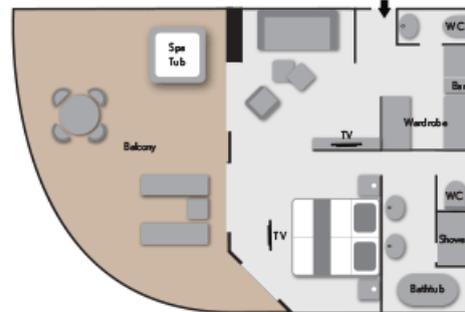


Category 6
Prestige Two-Room Suite
Cabin: 38 sq. mt. | Balcony: 8 sq. mt.

BUTLER SERVICE INCLUDED



Category 7
Grand Deluxe Suite
Cabin: 45 sq. mt. | Balcony: 30 sq. mt.



Category 8
Owner's Suite
Cabin: 45 sq. mt. | Balcony: 30 sq. mt.

Hotel Grande Bretagne, Athens



This 18th Century landmark is unquestionably Athens most luxurious hotel. Immaculately restored to the height of its old world grandeur, it is perfectly located at Syntagma Square in the heart of the city. The hotel's palatial interior is lavishly appointed, with restored antiques and wonderful fabrics personalising each of the 320 rooms and suites. Opt for a Junior Suite with butler service to tend to your every need.

The Grande Bretagne is ideally located for exploration of the House of Parliament and National Gardens, whilst the trendy bars, cafés and boutiques of Kolonaki Square are a short walk away.

After a day of exploration retreat to the Winter Garden where the hustle and bustle of Athens is left far behind or head to Alexander's Bar for cocktails where the 18th century tapestry of Alexander the Great is the focal point.

The Grande Bretagne not only dominates the skyline around it, meaning you're looking straight at the Parthenon, but glance to your left and you're looking straight at the Greek Parliament, with the Evzones soldiers trooping around the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier every hour.

Why we like it

- A landmark building of stunning classical architecture, the Grande Bretagne is known as the 'Royal Box' of Athens and provides excellent views of the Acropolis
- Dining options include the GB Roof Garden restaurant & Bar overlooking the Acropolis
- GB Spa with its indoor swimming pool and a fully equipped gymnasium
- The splendid outdoor rooftop pool is a welcome rest from the Athenian sun

- A&K recommends the Deluxe Suites, which provide spacious, stylish accommodation, mixing luxurious furnishings with warm décor to create a wonderful retreat in the heart of Athens

Dates & Pricing

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

Oct 1, 2024 - Oct 10, 2024

Cabin Class	Price	Single	Internal Air	Availability
Le Bougainville: Classic Stateroom - Category 1	AU\$21,530	Supplement	(From)	Call for
	pp	AU\$16,145	AU\$0	Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single	Internal Air	Availability
Le Bougainville: Deluxe Stateroom - Category 2	AU\$23,840	Supplement	(From)	Call for
	pp	AU\$17,885	AU\$0	Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single	Internal Air	Availability
Le Bougainville: Prestige Stateroom - Category 3	AU\$25,375	Supplement	(From)	Call for
	pp	AU\$19,040	AU\$0	Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single	Internal Air	Availability
Le Bougainville: Deluxe Suite - Category 4	AU\$34,610	Supplement	(From)	Call for
	pp	AU\$31,425	AU\$0	Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single	Internal Air	Availability
Le Bougainville: Privilege Suite - Category 5	AU\$37,685	Supplement	(From)	Call for
	pp	AU\$34,345	AU\$0	Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single	Internal Air	Availability
Le Bougainville: Prestige -Two-Room-Suite - Category 6	AU\$45,375	Supplement	(From)	Call for
	pp	AU\$41,655	AU\$0	Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single	Internal Air	Availability
Le Bougainville: Grand Deluxe Suite - Category 7	AU\$55,375	Supplement	(From)	Call for
	pp	AU\$51,145	AU\$0	Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single	Internal Air	Availability
Le Bougainville: Owner's Suite - Category 8	AU\$58,455	Supplement	(From)	Call for
	pp	AU\$54,070	AU\$0	Availability

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