



## EUROPEAN COASTAL CRUISE: PORTUGAL, SPAIN & FRANCE (2025)

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.

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Cruises, A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises



Europe, Portugal, Spain, France



10 days from AU\$21,420 pp



148 Guests

## Journey Overview

Embark on a European springtime expedition spanning iconic cities, seldom-visited ports and historic sites renowned the world over. Join A&K's celebrated Expedition Team as you savour the wines of the Douro Valley and Bordeaux, go off the beaten path in Porto and Mont Saint-Michel, browse the collections of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, visit the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage route, and reflect on Normandy's legacy.

### Journey Highlights

- Cruise for nine nights on an exclusively chartered, all-inclusive A&K expedition featuring treasures of Portugal, Spain & France
- 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 Galician music
- Visit Basque Country and Bilbao's stunning Guggenheim Museum
- Step back in time when you explore the magnificent fortress of the Mont Saint-Michel

**Combine this cruise with [Cruising the British Isles: England, Ireland & Scotland \(May 21-Jun 1, 2025\)](#) and save 5%. [Contact one of our expert Journey Designers](#) or talk to your travel advisor to learn more.**



## Itinerary

### **May 12: Arrive Porto, Portugal**

Arrive in Porto, where you meet your fellow guests and Expedition Team. This afternoon, board your ship. Later this evening, enjoy a welcome briefing and reception aboard.

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### **May 13: Porto | Opulent City on the Rio Douro**

Spend the day in the charming-yet-edgy star of the Iberian Peninsula, Porto. 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, see why this region is renowned among foodies the world over as you set out on a culinary tour of Porto's vibrant central market and beloved backstreet taverns.

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### **May 14: Santiago de Compostela, Spain | Holy Ground**

Today, arrive in Cee and head out to 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 band performance. Alternatively, choose a hike to Cape Finisterre, the last stop on the Camino de Santiago. For another option, explore Santiago's bustling food market and restaurants, tasting local tapas, empanadas, cheeses and wines.

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### **May 15: At Sea | Cruising to Bilbao**

Unwind as you cruise eastward through the Bay of Biscay, enjoying the ship's amenities along the way. En route, the Expedition Team prepares you for tomorrow's shore excursion to Bilbao with a series of enriching presentations.

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### **May 16: Bilbao | 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. Alternately, transfer to Guernica, a historic Basque city inextricably linked to the Spanish Civil War and immortalised in Picasso's namesake masterpiece, or take a drive through to the quaint fishing town of Bermeo.

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### **May 17: Bordeaux, France | 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 Saint André and the immersive digital art exhibition of the Bassins de Lumières. Alternatively, delve into Bordeaux's rich wine heritage with a tour and tasting at a local estate. Or, visit the seaside resort town of Arcachon, where you experience its golden beaches, soak in its romantic Belle Époque atmosphere and savour a sampling of fresh local oysters renowned as some of Europe's finest.

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### **May 18: At Sea | Cruising to Saint-Malo**

Relish a day of relaxation aboard, perhaps enjoying some time in the spa or conversing with newfound friends. Your Expedition Team shares insights into your next destinations, Saint-Malo and Mont Saint-Michel.

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### **May 19: 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. 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 Dinan, a walled Breton town renowned for its 14th-century castle. For yet another option, travel to the D-Day landing site of Omaha Beach, as well as the Normandy American Cemetery and Visitors Centre at Colleville-sur-Mer.

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### **May 20: Ouistreham | Reflections on Normandy's Legacy**

Arrive in Ouistreham, a historic and charming seaside town that serves as Caen's main port. Here, you might opt to stroll the sprawling seafront promenade from Lion-sur-Mer to Hermanville-sur-Mer. Or, visit the World War II memorial at Pegasus Bridge and the No 4 Commando Museum commemorating the 177 French servicemen who landed on Normandy's Sword Beach. Alternatively, you may opt to explore the local beachfront or market.

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### **May 21: Depart London, England**

Disembark in Dover and continue on your post-tour extension to the Cotswolds, or transfer to London airport for your return flight.

***Meals: B***

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### **Journey Details:**

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

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 4–8 include butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: embarkation at 4:00 p.m. on May 12.

Last group event: disembarkation by 9:00 a.m. on May 21.

### **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 1.2 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<sup>®</sup> 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





  4 days from AU\$6,115

Lisbon Pre-Tour Extension  
(2025)

[See Details](#)



  4 days from AU\$9,025

England's Cotswolds Post-Tour  
Extension (2025)

[See Details](#)

## Accommodation

### Le Laperouse



Cruise in intimate luxury aboard brand-new, exclusively chartered mega-yacht 'Le Laperouse', featuring a guest capacity limited to just 148 on A&K voyages and the leadership of our unrivalled Expedition Team. With the signature luxuries of an A&K expedition cruise, each stylish stateroom and suite has a private balcony. Meanwhile, sleek public spaces include a state-of-the-art, interactive underwater lounge, a panoramic lounge with abundant ocean vistas, a main lounge for live music, and a 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. When it comes time to dine, experience lavish French fare, coupled with unlimited house drinks.

Ensuring no detail is overlooked, enjoy complimentary connectivity throughout your cruise and our exclusive Traveller's Valet laundry service.

### Le Laperouse 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

## Le Laperouse amenities

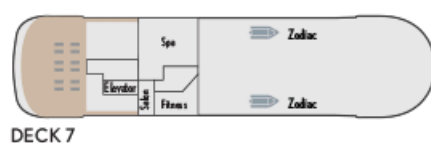
- Private balcony with every guest stateroom and suite
- Complimentary butler service with every category of suite (an exclusive on A&K charters only including welcome Champagne, nightly canapes, packing/unpacking on request and more)
- Stateroom and suite amenities include a hair dryer, large wardrobe 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 up to eight items (additional laundry available)
- Complimentary wireless Internet on A&K charters only (due to remote destinations, access and speed vary)

## ‘Le Laperouse’

■ Category 1  
Classic Stateroom

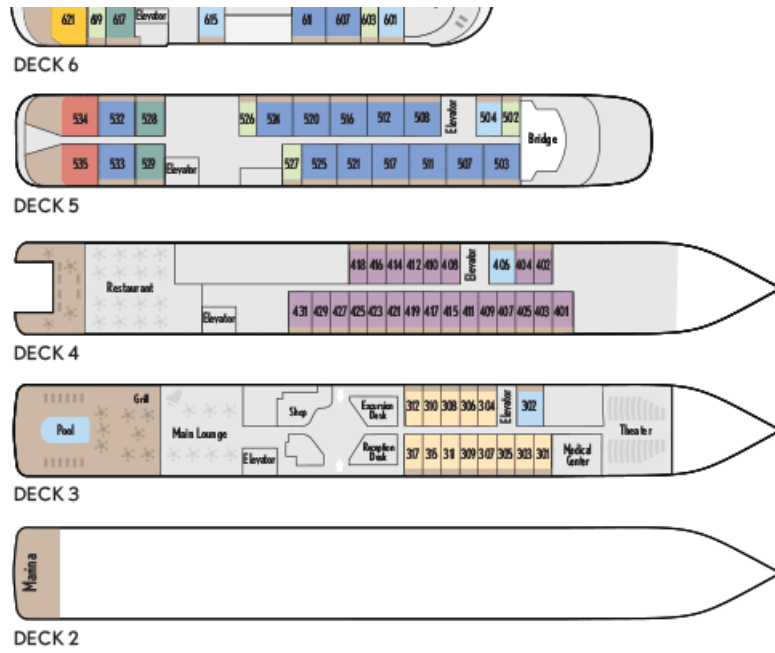
■ Category 2  
Deluxe Stateroom

■ Category 3  
Prestige Stateroom

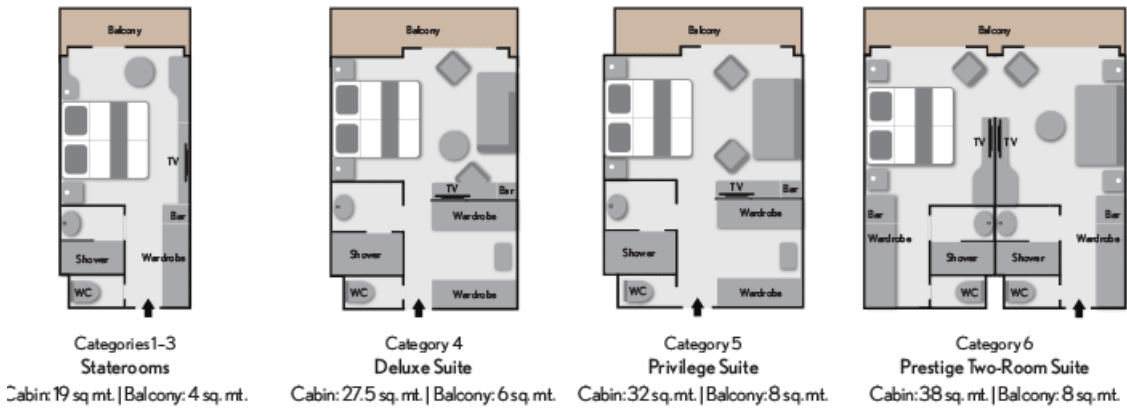


- Category 4\*  
Deluxe Suite
- Category 5\*  
Privilege Suite
- Category 6\*  
Prestige Two-Room Suite
- Category 7\*  
Grand Deluxe Suite
- Category 8\*  
Owner's Suite

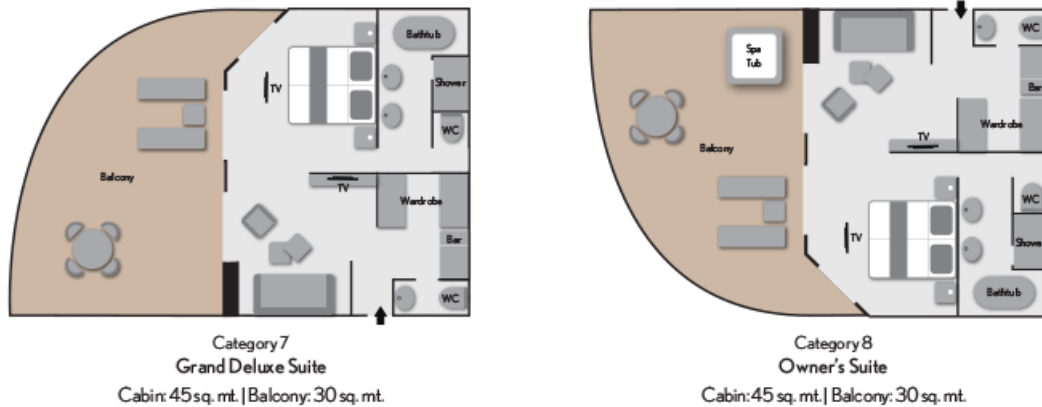
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## Dates & Pricing

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

### May 12, 2025 - May 21, 2025

Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Classic Stateroom - Category 1	<b>AU\$21,420</b> <b>pp</b>	AU\$10,705	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Deluxe Stateroom - Category 2	<b>AU\$26,780</b> <b>pp</b>	AU\$13,385	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Prestige Stateroom - Category 3	<b>AU\$30,605</b> <b>pp</b>	AU\$15,300	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Deluxe Suite - Category 4	<b>AU\$45,150</b> <b>pp</b>	AU\$33,895	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Privilege Suite - Category 5	<b>AU\$48,210</b> <b>pp</b>	AU\$36,195	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Prestige Two-Room Suite - Category 6	<b>AU\$60,455</b> <b>pp</b>	AU\$45,375	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Grand Deluxe Suite - Category 7	<b>AU\$73,465</b> <b>pp</b>	AU\$55,095	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Owner's Suite - Category 8	<b>AU\$80,355</b> <b>pp</b>	AU\$76,345	AU\$0	Call for Availability

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