



Le Lapérouse

Clean, crisp, chic elegance is how I would describe this new PONANT explorer ship.



Le Lapérouse was **launched in July 2018** and arrived in NZ for the first time, today 14FEB19 – Valentines Day ❤️ I was so lucky to be a part of a very small group of NZ media and wholesalers to sneak a peek on board this French beauty.

92 Staterooms and suites – all with private balconies.

150 Average guest capacity (with maximum capacity 184)

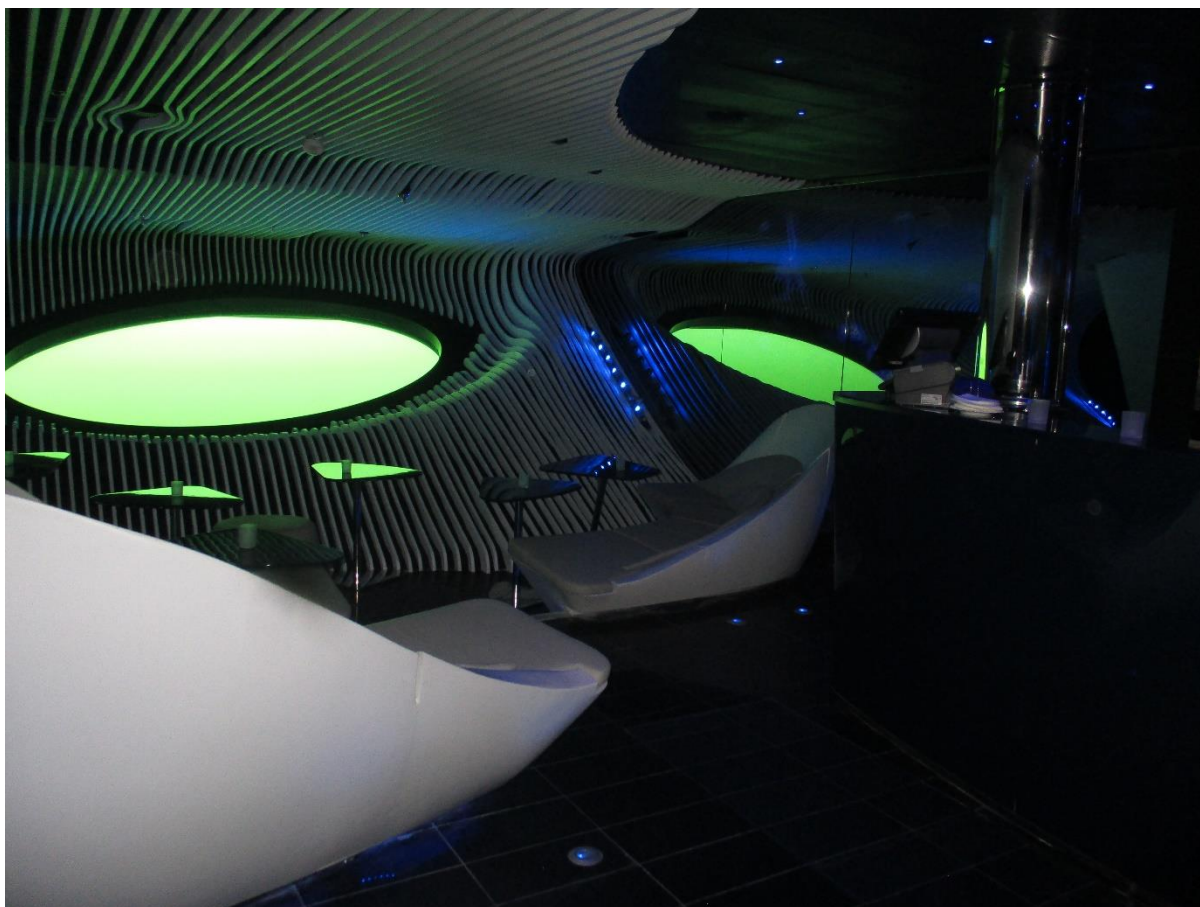
1st of two 1C – Ice class Explorer ships to be launched (in 2018)

Two more 1C Explorer ships will be launched in 2019.

With two more slated for delivery in 2020.

2021 will see the launching of PONANT's Icebreaker – Le Commandant Chercot.

After an excellent overview presentation in the theatre – we caught the lift down two levels below guest accommodation to **“Blue Eye”** – a state of the art underwater lounge:



When the doors of the lift opened we all went “Oooo” and stepped into the darkened area illuminated with electric indigo lines of light, and subtle ocean sounds playing. We make our way down two flights of stairs into the high tech 30-guest capacity lounge, with a bar serving whatever you may wish for, and sleek modern white lounges which gently vibrate when you sit on them.

You actually feel you are slowly floating inside an impressive whale, where the windows are the whales eyes looking out into the underwater world we are in. The effect is quite meditative. Designed by Jacques Rougerie, and three years in the making, Blue Eye is PONANT's eyes into the sea. Windows have eight levels of glass between us and the undersea world outside – Blue Eye is impressive!

Blue eye can be booked for private parties and incentive groups at no additional charge. Due to popularity access is limited at the beginning of the voyage, and opens up as the voyages continues. It is, a place you feel 😊

Public Areas:

Main lounge and outside grill / buffet – with white grand piano – this area is the hub of ship.

Observatory lounge – great views, contemporary space for a drink and relax.

Outside Deck areas – small infinity pool at rear and small number of loungers nearby.

Gym – quite small, but adequate.

Spa and Beauty treatment – massive for the size of this ship.

TOP SPOT – Deck 7 - Sauna with a view – FREE to use whenever you want 😊



OPEN BAR on PONANT includes VERY good house selections.

PONANT has an impressive wine cellar too.

12-14 Zodiacs are strapped on the forward deck – these are used on expedition voyages by the extensive guide team. These are easy to get in and out of using the lowered launch platform on the back of the deck. Your room key card is allocated your group colour – which is your zodiac group for going ashore. Zodiac excursions are free on expedition voyages.



Boarding zodiacs is very easy off the platform at the rear of the ship. The colour on your key card is your zodiac group and they rotate who goes first. PONANT is No.1 company for ice landings – carrying more guests than anyone else for ice landings in Antarctica.

The future is white!!

Ponant will be adding an ICE BREAKER in 2021 – Le Commandant Charcot will be launched to take more guests even further into Polar Regions. Sales open APRIL 2019

Category DEL – Deluxe Stateroom on Deck 3

(Lead in category – has solid steel balcony and smaller door with separate window)



Category PR4 – Prestige Stateroom Deck 4

(Floor to ceiling glass doors and see through glass on balcony)



Category PR4 - Prestige Stateroom – Bathroom and shower (Toilet is completely separate)



TWIN BEDS setting - PS6 Prestige Suite Deck 6



Ramp out on to balcony for Wheelchair accessible cabin PR4 Prestige Stateroom Deck 4 - # 431



Main Restaurant – Deck 4



Main lounge / Bar – Deck 3



Outside casual dining Bar and infinity pool



Infinity pool and step down to Zodiac launch platform



Panoramic lounge – Deck 6

