

BLUE DOT TRAVEL GROUP TERMS & CONDITIONS

FOR PONANT ANTARCTICA CRUISE DEPARTING 29 JANUARY 2023

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These terms and conditions should be read in conjunction with Ponant's General Terms & Conditions of Sale and will specifically supersede:

- The Particular Terms & Conditions of Sale (PTCS) - does not apply
- Clause 4 - Payment of the Price superseded by BDT's Booking forms & Procedures + Payment Schedule
- Clause 5 - Rates & reductions per person and per cruise - superseded by BDT's Discounts
- Clause 10 - Cancellation or alteration of the Contract by the Traveller - superseded by BDT's Cancellation Policy
- Clause 17 Article R. 211-6 clause 10 - does not apply

BOOKING FORMS & PROCEDURES

It is a requirement that a cruise booking form must be completed and returned with the deposit. If you have not received the cruise booking form and a quote for your requested cabin, please contact us to obtain a copy. Failure to return the form may result in the loss of your cabin. Guests first & last names as per individual passports as well as correct titles are required at the time of each individual guest booking. At this time any special requests or advice (e.g dietary requirements, medical conditions) need to be advised.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The payment schedule below refers to the 29 January 2023 Ponant Antarctica cruise only. Additional tour services and airfares will have a separate payment schedule.

All bookings are priced in Australian Dollars and must be paid in Australian Dollars.

In order to secure a cabin or share cabin on this expedition, an initial non-refundable deposit of AUD2,500 per person plus any interim payments requested by Blue Dot Travel are required with the return of the signed Blue Dot Travel & Ponant Antarctica Cruise Booking Form to hold and confirm all cabins. If not received within 7 days of your acceptance to this expedition, then your requested cabin allocation will be considered cancelled and your cabin offered up for sale to the next person on our waiting list.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE		
With Booking form	Non-refundable deposit	\$2,500 per person
Interim Payment	Interim payment due at time of booking	\$6,000 per person
Before 1 April, 2022	Final payment due	Final payment is dependent on cabin category selection as advised on your individual quote/invoice.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Requests to alter or cancel a portion or all of the services provided, must be provided to Blue Dot Travel in writing. The date on which the request was received and acknowledged shall be the date on which the alteration and/or cancellation fees are invoiced. The following deadlines will determine the level of refund

available. An administration fee of AUD400 will be deducted from any refund if applicable and will also apply for alterations. The cancellation fees shown below will be applied in all cases with no exceptions.

CANCELLATION POLICY PENALTIES	
DATES	CANCELLATION FEES
From payment date to 14 January 2022 inclusive	Non-refundable deposit + Admin Fee \$400 per person
From 15 January to 31 March 2022 inclusive	25% penalty + Admin Fee \$400 per person
From 1 April to 31 July 2022 inclusive	50% penalty + Admin Fee \$400 per person
From 1 August up to and including 28 January 2023	100% penalty

Example 1: From 15 January 2022 your cancellation fee is based on the price of the cabin you selected. For example: On 1 March 2022 - if you cancel your Deck 3 Deluxe Stateroom, you would have paid installments of \$8,500 per person - your cancellation fee would be say \$20,000 cabin price x 25% + \$400 admin fee = \$5,400 per person. You would receive a refund of \$3,100 per person

Example 2: Based on your total installment payments of \$8,500 per person - **\$5,600 per person would be refunded** if you cancelled up to and including 14 January 2022. For example: When you have paid \$8,500 per person: \$8,500 - \$2,900 (\$2500 + \$400 admin) = \$5,600 per person would be refunded if you canceled anytime up to and including 14 January 2022.

PARTIAL CABIN CANCELLATION

Changes to cabin occupancy when one guest cancels and the other guest is still travelling will result in cancellation fees for the cancelled guest and recalculation of the remaining guest's fare. Guests still travelling will be required to find a suitable replacement guest or pay the single supplement of up to 100% of the cost of the cabin. An admin fee of \$400 is payable by the person cancelling their share of the cabin.

BOOKING CHANGES

Any booking amendments will incur an administration fee of \$400 per person.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is mandatory and is the travellers's responsibility. Blue Dot Travel are not authorised to give you personal advice in relation to travel insurance. Any advice given to you about travel insurance will be of a general nature. You need to determine whether a product meets your travel needs. Please make sure you check full details of the terms and conditions, exclusions, limits and sub limits that apply and please read the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) before purchasing any insurance product.

Please ensure you are covered for trip cancellation, interruption and travel delay, baggage delay or loss, medical expenses, and travel accident protection. It is most important that medical evacuation cover from remote destinations such as Antarctica and other areas you are visiting are included in your travel insurance policy.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Overnight in Buenos Aires
- Economy class flights Buenos Aires/Ushuaia (this may be a charter flight)
- All meals whilst onboard the ship (from dinner on the day of embarkation to breakfast on the day of disembarkation)
- Captain's welcome cocktail and gala dinner
- Unlimited WIFI subject to availability and quality
- Gratuities (tips for cabin staff & expedition crew)
- Port Charges
- Airport Charges for the Buenos Aires/Ushuaia flights
- "Open Bar" (pouring wines, house champagne, alcohol except premium brands)
- Park entry fees into protected areas
- Complimentary boot rental
- Polar parka for you to keep (no children sizes available)
- Evening entertainment and events
- Room Service 24 hour - limited menu
- Highly qualified Ponant expedition team
- Zodiac Landings

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Return International airfares to Buenos Aires
- Domestic airfares to connect to your international flight ex Sydney
- Any ground services before and/or after the cruise other than the ones mentioned
- Visa expenses (which may include additional administrative charges imposed by the authorities of a country) and/or immigration reciprocity taxes if applicable.
- Luggage handling
- Optional Spa package to be booked prior to your departure
- Beverages other than the ones mentioned above
- Laundry services, hair salon and a la carte Spa treatments
- Personal expenses, on board medical consultations and drug prescriptions
- Cancellation/luggage/assistance/ repatriation/ medical insurance(s)

DISCOUNTS

Ponant group fares are not combinable with any other discounts or promotions including but not limited to:

- Ponant Yacht Club benefits or other Ponant discounts or promotions
- Ponant bonus savings program
- Blue Dot Travel loyalty discounts are not applicable for this cruise

OTHER FEES & CHARGES

Direct bank deposits are available for all payments and the account details can be found on the booking form. All payments by credit card will attract credit card fees.

SHIP & CABIN NUMBERS ALLOCATION

Your cabin category is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and or other applicable payments. Specific cabin numbers may not be confirmed until 30 days prior to departure and cannot be guaranteed.

PASSPORTS & VISAS

Passport must be valid for six months after your return date. It's the travellers responsibility to check requirements for visas and health requirements with the relevant authorities in your country, possibly including a Covid vaccination certificate.

MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

It is mandatory to provide a Medical Questionnaire completed by your doctor prior to your cruise. You will be requested to send your completed questionnaire in PDF prior to your cruise. Any guest not having provided this mandatory document will not be authorised to embark without possible recourse.

COMMISSION FROM SUPPLIERS

Blue Dot Travel may earn commissions from suppliers such as airlines, cruise operators and hotels. The amount of commission will vary from supplier to supplier depending on numerous factors including, but not limited to, the volume of business placed with the supplier. If a tour is cancelled by the customer, or cancelled due to DFAT travel warnings, Blue Dot Travel is not obliged to refund any commissions earned. The commission system in travel is considered standard practice.