

Japanese subtropical Islands

From **28/6/2021**
to **7/7/2021**

Ship: **LE LAPEROUSE**

From **Osaka**
to **Manila**



PONANT is the first cruise company to take you to the heart of the sublime landscapes of **the tropical islands in southern Japan** during an **expedition cruise**. On this **all-new 10-day itinerary** aboard *Le Lapérouse*, from **Osaka** to **Manila**, you will discover the rich natural heritage of the **Okinawa archipelago** and the **Ryuku Islands**.

You will board your ship in **Osaka**, before setting sail south to reach this string of idyllic islands.

After your discovery of the wild coastlines of the small coral island of **Okinoerabujima**, you will be able to admire some of Japan's **most beautiful beaches** on the **Okinawa archipelago**: **white sand**, turquoise sea, coral reefs. These unspoiled islands are home to exceptional fauna and flora that you will be able to explore while snorkelling or diving.

Le Lapérouse will then sail towards the magnificent **Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park**. Here wild beaches mix with traditional villages and lush, protected and intact, tropical forest: jungle, mangroves, rivers, waterfalls. This unique biodiversity is made up of many endemic species.

The landscapes on the remote island of **Yonagunijima**, the easternmost of the **Ryuku Islands**, offer a striking contrast: cliffs, windswept meadows, wild horses. The beauty of its sea beds and their mysterious rocky formations will delight the most experienced divers.

You will then cruise to **Manila**, a city full of contrasts, capital of the Philippines, your disembarkation port.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

OSAKA

Embarkation 28/6/2021 from 15h00 to 16h00

Departure 28/6/2021 at 17h00

Like its big sister Tokyo, Osaka is the product of ancestral traditions and amazing **technological innovations**. And despite its size, its location on the Pacific Ocean give it a sense of **serenity**. The main historic landmark is the 16th-century **Osaka Castle**, which stands proud in the midst of majestic skyscrapers. The lively streets of Dotomburi and the bizarre Shinsekai district attract thousands of locals and visitors. A multitude of restaurants offer menus full of regional specialities: *takoyaki*, made with octopus, and other succulent dishes such as *kushikatsu* kebabs.

AT SEA

Arrival 29/6/2021

Departure 29/6/2021

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

OKINOERABUJIMA

Arrival 30/6/2021

Departure 30/6/2021

ZAMAMI

Arrival 1/7/2021

Departure 1/7/2021

KUMEJIMA

Arrival 2/7/2021

Departure 2/7/2021

IRIOMOTE-ISHIGAKI NATIONAL PARK

Arrival 3/7/2021

Departure 3/7/2021

YONAGUNIJIMA

Arrival 4/7/2021

Departure 4/7/2021

AT SEA

Arrival 5/7/2021

Departure 6/7/2021

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

MANILA

Arrival 7/7/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 7/7/2021 at 08h30

On first sight, the Philippines' capital shows its highly Americanised Asian megalopolis side, with ultramodern skyscrapers set all along the waterfront. But when you stroll through the cobbled streets of the **Intramuros** district, you'll discover a different side of **Manila**, one that's full of old-world charm. An enchanted pause in the middle of urban bustle, Rizal Park's 60 hectares of magnificent green parkland is perfect for recharging your batteries. To see the city from a different angle, take a walk along Roxas boulevard, a popular seaside promenade.