

# Treasured Islands & Reefs of the Western Caribbean

From **15/12/2020**  
to **22/12/2020**

Ship: **LE CHAMPLAIN**

From **Cozumel**  
to **Cozumel**



Roundtrip transfers from Playa del Carmen to Cozumel

In partnership with **Le Point**.

PONANT brings you a **brand new 8-day cruise** in the **Caribbean Sea** to discover fabulous dive sites and the idyllic islands of the Yucatan and the Bay of Honduras, as well as the mythical **Blue Hole in Belize**.

You will board *Le Champlain* on the island of **Cozumel**, off the Riviera Maya. Your ship will then make its way south to the Bay Islands, an authentic and unspoiled archipelago off the coast of Honduras. The island of **Guanaja** and **Water Caye** offer wonderful scuba diving opportunities to discover the treasures of the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System: reefs, marine trenches, vertical walls and wrecks teeming with multicoloured fish, including majestic whale sharks.

Next, you will discover **Belize**, its heavenly beaches and its stunning waters that are home to the emblematic **Blue Hole**, one of the world's most beautiful dive sites.

From the island of **Cozumel**, your disembarkation port, you will be able to make your way to **Playa del Carmen** to explore the famous **Chaak Tun cenote** or discover the island's subaquatic environment and wild coasts.



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### COZUMEL

Embarkation 15/12/2020 from 16h00 to 17h00  
Departure 15/12/2020 at 21h00

Off the Riviera Maya, **Cozumel** is Mexico's second largest island. Located at the northern extremity of the **Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System**, the island is renowned for its snorkelling and diving sites and the incredible **clarity of its waters** protected by a marine park. The island's coasts and interior are also full of treasures: sacred Maya sites devoted to medicine, love and fertility; cenotes; a museum; an ecological reserve; mangroves; lagoons; coastal dunes; long unspoiled beaches. Don't hesitate to climb to the top of the lighthouse in the Punta Sur Nature Reserve in the island's south, to admire the panorama of these **wild expanses** from above.

### AT SEA

Arrival 16/12/2020  
Departure 16/12/2020

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.

### GUANAJA

Arrival 17/12/2020 early morning  
Departure 17/12/2020 late afternoon

**Guanaja** is the wildest and the most remote of the **Bay Islands**, a **group of unspoiled coral islands** off the coast of Honduras that also includes the islands of Roatan and Utila. Lush vegetation, deserted beaches, coral reefs... Nearly all of the island is protected by forest reserves or marine parks. Along the **coral reef** that surrounds the island, you will have the possibility of exploring stunning sites that attract diving enthusiasts from around the world. You could also get the opportunity to discover the mysterious and fascinating marine life to be found around one of its many **wrecks**.

## WATER CAYE, ISLA UTILA

Arrival 18/12/2020 early morning

Departure 18/12/2020 late afternoon

The **Bay Islands** archipelago is home to stunning cays, sheltered **coral islets** with warm, crystal-clear turquoise waters. Off the island of Utila, the white-sand beaches lined with palms and coconut trees and the reefs of the deserted islet called Water Caye offer a picture-postcard setting that will delight fans of swimming and snorkelling.

## BELIZE CITY

Arrival 19/12/2020 early morning

Departure 19/12/2020 late afternoon

Belize City is the former capital and the country's largest town. Located on the **Caribbean Sea**, this lively little town symbolises the fusion of British, Spanish and Maya cultures. The departure point for **flights over the Great Blue Hole and the barrier reef**, it's also the ideal gateway for discovering the treasures of Maya architecture: in the heart of the jungle, the grandiose and mysterious ruins of temples and palaces at the Lamanai and Xunantunich sites await you. Another unmissable experience: a trip to the mouth of the **Belize River**: with a little luck and care, you'll get a glimpse of manatees, dolphins, crocodiles, iguanas and many aquatic bird species.

## HALF MOON CAYE

Arrival 20/12/2020 early morning

Departure 20/12/2020 late afternoon

The tropical green crescent of Half Moon Caye is a natural monument of Belize stretching out over crystal-clear waters. The appeal of the oldest protected marine and ornithological area in Central America stems from its beaches lined with coconut trees, but most importantly from its incredible underwater world, which you will be able to explore with fins, mask and snorkel. Corals, sponges, sea turtles, spotted eagle rays, eels and groupers live in the turquoise waters, while on land the coastal forest is home to amusing geckos and a large colony of red-footed boobies, spectacular divers that penetrate the water at high speed to feed on small fish and squid.

## COZUMEL

Arrival 21/12/2020 late morning

Disembarkation 22/12/2020 at 07h00

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