

## Media Alert

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### Port of Cairns welcomes *L'ASTRAL*

**Vessel Information**

**Built:** 2009

**GT:** 10,700

**Shipyard:** Mariotti (Italy)

**Length:** 142 m (466 ft)

**Beam:** 18 m (59 ft)

**Draft:** 4.7 m (15 ft)

**Passenger decks:** 6

**Passenger capacity:** 264

**Crew:** 139

**Shipping Agent:** Cruise Reps

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The Cairns Cruise Liner terminal will welcome the mega yacht *L'ASTRAL* on Saturday December 27 carrying up to 404 passengers and crew.

The ship is scheduled to dock in the Port of Cairns at 06.30am and depart at 7pm in the evening.

*L'AUSTRAL* is operated by the French cruise line company Compagnie du Ponant. She is the sister vessel of *LE BORÉAL* and *LE SOLÉAL*, and has 132 cabins and suites for 264 passengers and 140 crew members.

Built in 2010 at Fincantieri's Ancona shipyard, Italy.<sup>[2]</sup> She was put into service on April 20, 2011.

The *L'ASTRAL* is part of a growing boutique cruise industry employing mega yachts for smaller, more intimate cruises.

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