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# Cruise to the Canaries and *take a hike!*

Michelle McDermott, Saga Expert Excursions Planner

“There’s so much more to the Canary Islands than sun, sea and sand when you cruise with Saga.”



Setting sail and heading south to the Canary Islands is such a popular thing to do, Saga offer ten different itineraries each year aboard their own cruise ships. This means I have the wonderful challenge of finding new and exciting excursions to wow our guests with when they reach the islands. And with their tastes becoming more and more adventurous, we’ve left the beaches behind and instead headed to the hills!

I’ve been working with local guides who know the region better than anyone, and together we created something quite exciting for Saga cruise customers – hiking along the foothills of Mount Teide on Tenerife – the highest peak on Spanish territory.

After leaving the ship by coach, the adventure begins from the Esperanza Forest, where the heady smell of pine and eucalyptus hangs in the air. The tour then heads higher up the mountain, which dominates the entire island. Well at 12,200 feet high, it’s hard to miss (to put it in into perspective, that’s as high as 12 ‘Shard’ skyscrapers stacked on top of one another!).

Next, the hike moves across the foothills, through the beautiful and rugged Ucanca Valley, where the views looking up at the mountain peak are really quite special. The valley is home to several indigenous plants that somehow survive in the harsh ground; some such as the Tajinaste flower exist nowhere else on Earth. On a recent visit, our guests also saw numerous lizards and birds of prey such as kestrels flying overhead.

After taking in these amazing sights, we offer a break and refreshments at a local hotel or lodge overlooking the volcanic crater, before the guide shows off even more of the unique landscapes on various trails through the park – there really is nowhere else like it.

Finally, it’s time to make the return journey downhill – thankfully by coach – where Saga’s small ship is waiting in the harbour. Many guests have said that the hike was the highlight of their Canary Island adventure, and I think that simply speaks for itself!

*Pictured clockwise from top: Explore the magnificent landscapes of Teide National Park; Saga Pearl II in Madeira; Explore Avilés’ historic streets.*



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# WELCOME TO CRUISE TRADE NEWS' **ULTIMATE DESTINATION GUIDE 2017**



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**Thomson Cruises**

Thomson Cruises are delighted to be sponsoring Cruise Trade News' The Ultimate Destination Guide 2017 – a fantastic one-stop guide for some of the most-visited cruise destinations around the world.

While on-board innovation is a great headline-grabber, research shows us that destination remains the number one reason people take a cruise. And, with more of you shunning the tourist trail and seeking to get closer to the authentic experience, the ability to give you a real insight into what's in store when you go ashore makes this snapshot guide indispensable.

Also inside, you'll find everything you need to get the most out of planning a cruise holiday – you can get the lowdown on everything from dining and entertainment to which cruise lines are best for combining a shoreside hotel stay with your cruise... that's us by the way, we've handpicked over 150 properties across 10 destinations from our TUI hotel portfolio.

Whether you've taken a cruise before or are considering a holiday at sea for the first time, dip inside and find out what makes waking up to a new adventure every day such a great holiday. Happy sailing!



**Jill Sayles**

Cruise Trade News  
**Editor**

Cruise trends change from year to year so this guide has been created to help you keep up-to-date with life on the ocean waves.

We highlight everything from scenic cruising around the British Isles to far-flung islands in the Indian Ocean where cruise lines are creating ever more attractive itineraries.

More than 1.79 million cruise passengers now sail from the UK and at this rate we can expect to hit the magic 2 million mark in the not too distant future!

Jumping off the ship to see vibrant cities or lazing on paradise beaches are the norm for days ashore but passengers are now looking for more immersive experiences and we feature new pre and post extension cruise holidays which are being added to the mix; from the romantic Taj Mahal to Big Game drives, these are cruises of a lifetime.

Luxury lines are raising the bar higher so families no longer have to skimp on accommodation with purpose-built suites and exciting child-friendly tours and activities being introduced.

Talking of families, we have added a 'Family Friendly' guide to our annual 'Who Sails Where' and 'Who Includes What' guides to offer important at-a-glance information. Plus, our Gallery pages provide further detail on cruise lines and their ships.

Destinations are key to cruising and we hope The Ultimate Destination Guide 2017 proves key to helping your clients choose their next cruise.

# YOUR **A-Z** OF SELLING A CRUISE

THERE ARE MANY REASONS TO TAKE A CRUISE – AND IT SHOULD BE AN EASY SELL WHEN YOU KNOW CRUISING FROM A-Z!



**A** Adventure - Sail to the Galapagos on Silversea's Silver Explorer



**F** All ashore for family fun

**A** **ADVENTURE**  
From whale-watching to zip-lining over the rainforest and exploring the Galapagos Islands, cruises offer amazing adventures – see Live the Dream on pages 14-18.

**B** **BARS**  
A piano bar for pre-dinner cocktails, a pub-style bar for a pint and chat, a lounge bar to meet friends. Cruise ships are perfect for socialising.

**C** **CUISINE**  
Speciality restaurants featuring menus by Michelin-starred chefs make eating out on a ship

even more of an occasion. From healthy eating to late-night snacks, there will always be a fabulous selection of menus, including children's meals. Some ships have up to 20 restaurants, so it's a good idea to check whether pre-booking is required.

**D** **DISCOVERY**  
Learn about everything from the Ancient Greeks in the Hellenic Mediterranean to turtle rescue in the Caribbean – or simply step off the ship into vibrant cities to explore the local culture and history. Enrichment is a big part of cruise line itineraries and there are often experts on board – from marine biologists to historians and conservationists – to offer an in-depth learning experience.

**E** **EXCURSIONS**  
Shore days offer many exciting options for an experience of a lifetime. Suggest a helicopter ride over Dubai, jumping into a 4x4 vehicle to tour remote islands, snorkelling over a coral reef, or viewing some of the world's great art treasures in any number of cities – from Rome to New York. A highlight is 'Caviar in the Surf' during Caribbean or Asia cruises on Seabourn, where ships tender off a secluded cove. While guests are ashore enjoying perfect white sand and turquoise seas, uniformed staff plunge into the water and invite guests to wade in to enjoy the champagne and caviar at a surfboard bar. The event also includes a lavish barbecue lunch, water sports and music (seabourn.co.uk).

**F** **FAMILIES**  
Cruise lines are responding to multi-generational families booking a cruise. Customised children's clubs, for tots to teens, offer everything from treasure hunts to pyjama parties. Onboard dodgems, wave machines and giant pool complexes make ships such great resorts that the children will not want to go ashore! However, cruise lines such as Hapag-Lloyd are devising special family-focused excursions, too, so there's fun, fun, fun every minute of the day.



**C** Oceania prides itself on fine cuisine, from fine dining to room service menus



**G** **GRATUITIES**  
Some cruise lines include tips while others add a daily rate plus tax. Be sure to highlight the details so there are no hidden surprises once passengers are on board.

**H** **HOLIDAY**  
A cruise is a holiday – new-to-cruise passengers may be overwhelmed by the terminology and see cruise as something they may find ‘boring’ or ‘restrictive’ – which as anyone who has cruised will know is not the case.

**I** **INCLUSIVE**  
Inclusive holidays can sometimes be considered as more downmarket but on cruise ships it is just the opposite. More inclusive usually means upmarket and it could include tips, drinks, tours and even a chauffeur service!

**J** **JUMPING ASHORE**  
There is not always a need to book a tour. Many ships dock within minutes of great cities – for example, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Oslo and Stavanger. Help passengers spend wisely on tours so they can treat themselves to a ‘wow factor’ excursion.

**K** **KISSING**  
Don’t forget there’s a romance to cruising. Sailing on a silver sea, with a glass of champagne, dressed for dinner and the gentle whisper of romance will enchant guests. It’s the perfect holiday for anniversary celebrations – or simply to tell someone they love them. Aaah. Guests can also get married or renew their vows on board, so be up-to-date on what cruise lines have to offer.



**H** Snorkelling in clear water over coral reefs – cruising is not boring!

**L** **LIBRARIES**  
Most ships have a library so guests do not have to pack books. Extol the virtue of choosing a novel while relaxing on a lounger by the pool. Daily news and quiz sheets will also be found in classic cruise ships’ libraries, as well as board games and DVDs for those times when guests just want to chill out.

**M** **MAIDEN PORTS**  
Always keep an eye open for maiden ports. Well-travelled passengers love to visit new destinations. For instance, in February 2017 Silver Discoverer will sail into Bangladesh, in the Bay of Bengal ([silversea.com](http://silversea.com)), which promises to be a memorable call.

**N** **NEW SHIPS**  
With new ships being launched every year there is ever more choice for passengers, so keep up with the latest offerings – from culinary schools to speciality dining – and fabulous shows – from Cirque du Soleil ([msccruises.com](http://msccruises.com)) to Strictly ([pocruises.com](http://pocruises.com)).

**O** **OCEAN VIEWS**  
A cabin with an ocean view or balcony adds to a cruise experience; waking up with the sun on the horizon and watching other ships go by is worth flagging up to passengers. Some guests may prefer to opt for budget inside cabins and spend their money elsewhere, but it is worth discussing the advantages.



**K** Kissing - Enjoy a romantic cruise holiday



**M** Maiden call: Silver Discoverer will sail into Bangladesh in February



## P PLANNING

The best cruise experiences start with great planning. Ensure your client is going on a ship that suits their holiday style; the size of the ship and dining arrangements are important to get right from the start – then everything will fall into place. A resort ship with all-singing, all-dancing activities, from climbing walls to skydiving? Or a classic, relaxed cruise? These are questions to ask early on.

## Q QUIZZES

Many cruise lines pride themselves on great pub-style quizzes. Regular afternoon or early evening quizzes are a social occasion and solo travellers will find they can quickly meet other guests by joining a team.

## R ROOM SERVICE

A lazy afternoon, eating out on a balcony can make a nice change during a cruise. Guests can call the 24-hour room service, which is usually included in the cruise price.

## S SPA

A well-earned holiday means some serious pampering. Aromatherapy, manicures and pedicures are popular treats. Remind guests to book in early on sea days to ensure they are first in the queue. Almost all spa treatments are extra – except in the Regent Suite on the new Regent Seven Seas Explorer, but guests already pay \$10,000 dollars a night for the accommodation!

## T THEATRE

Fabulous West End and Broadway-style shows feature on many of the larger cruise ships. It's a great selling point when you think tickets for such shows are on land are costly. Even the smaller ships have their own bands, singers and dancers, but often comedians or



**S** The Snow Grotto in Viking Star's spa

musicians are flown in to add variety to the evening entertainment.

## U UNPACK

One of the great cruise selling points is travelling to many destinations and yet only having to unpack once. Brilliant!

## V VOYAGE

A cross-Atlantic journey from Southampton to New York is more a voyage than a cruise, so guests can relive the golden days of travel. The journey can take around seven days.

## W WIFI

Passengers now expect access to the internet 24/7, although it is not always easy in the middle of the ocean. Some cruise lines offer free wifi while others offer packages that can be pricey. Check out the Who Includes What pages to see which cruise lines offer free wifi – pages 84-85.

## X -MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST

Chinese actress Fan Bingbing, of X-Men fame, christened the new Royal Caribbean ship, Ovation of the Seas. Find out the Godmother of your clients' chosen ship. Who knows? It could be Her Majesty the Queen, HRH The Duchess of Cambridge, ballet dancer Darcy Bussell or Shirley Bassey! They are all Godmothers to cruise ships.

## Y YOGA

Joining a yoga class on board is all the better when the early morning sessions are out on the deck. A great way for passengers to start the day.

## Z ZUMBA

Zumba! Dancing is always on a ship's daily programme and guests can keep fit at Zumba classes, with great music and a lively vibe. Of course, there's not only Zumba; try ballroom, salsa, jive and more!



**T** Theatre - enjoy fabulous shows on board cruise ships. Norwegian Cruise Line's Ballroom Blitz is an absolute dance sensation!



**O** Ocean views to remember forever. Falmouth, in Cornwall from Aegean Odyssey



# SUITE DREAMS



EUROPA 2: A room with a view – inside and out



Royal Caribbean's new Royal Suite Class



Guests can enjoy home-from-home comfort on Oceania cruise ships

**S**ailing on the ocean with the gently rolling waves usually guarantees a good night's sleep on cruise ships.

It's rare to find an uncomfortable bed, and with crisp, white cotton bedding – and very often a choice of pillows – guests can enjoy home-from-home comfort.

Cabins, suites, staterooms – or however the cruise lines choose to describe their accommodation – can vary in size from a basic single cabin with a side table, small desk, wardrobe and shower room to a private suite that's as big as four average UK houses.

Either way, the accommodation will be cleaned daily, beds made and towels replaced whenever they are needed, plus there's almost always 24-hour room service as standard.

Some guests may have the means to pay for superior cabins, but quite a few passengers choose compact inside accommodation because they spend every waking moment outside the cabin and see little reason to splash the cash.

Others will treat themselves to a balcony for the chance to enjoy a morning coffee or pre-dinner drink in the fresh air

and watch the world go by.

Discerning guests, for whom money is no object, can indulge themselves in vast space (sometimes even two-deck accommodation), a 24-hour butler service, whirlpools and spas, private dining rooms, and original artwork on the walls, as well as balconies big enough for a party. It's all there for the taking.

Whatever your client's budget and requirements, today's cruise ships can deliver but booking still needs to be smart. Cabins above the theatre, near the engines or below a children's club may save a client money, but will it put them off cruising forever?

Mid-deck is often a safe choice for new-to-cruise passengers, but talk through your clients' needs. If they have children, being close to a kids' zone may work really well, while being just a deck away from the main public areas would be useful for those with limited mobility.

The best cabins get snapped up quickly. Therefore as soon as new cruises are released advise your clients so they can get booking – and ensure suite dreams!

**TAKE THE FAMILY, PAGES 20-21**





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Stars of Strictly will be on board P&O's ships in 2017



Watch the Mardi Gras parade

# DANCE, SING, ANYTHING!

**J**oining a themed cruise is a fabulous way for passengers to indulge in their favourite interests and activities. For solo travellers particularly, such sailings make for an easy way to mix with like-minded guests. Whether it's music, arts, dance or gardens, the cruise lines' itinerary planners are always lining up more inventive ideas.

## DANCE

The stars of Strictly Come Dancing will be on board P&O ships in 2017. The participants have not yet been announced, but the 14-night sailings will be on Azura, April 2; Ventura, April 30, and Britannia, on June 4 and 25, with prices from £1,199.

[pocruises.com](http://pocruises.com) 0843 3740111

## JAZZ/MARDI GRAS

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## ART

Saga Sapphire's Impressions of the Mediterranean features some of Europe's greatest art and architecture. An included evening private view at the Guggenheim in Bilbao is a highlight, as well as visits to the Salvador Dali museum in Figueres, and a tour of Gaudi's Barcelona.

**20 nights from £3,288 departing Southampton on February 23, 2018.**

[saga.co.uk/ocean-cruises](http://saga.co.uk/ocean-cruises) 0800 50 50 30

## ART & LITERATURE

Actor Robert Powell, star of BBC drama Holby City, will be aboard Queen Elizabeth for Cunard's Arts and Literary Tour of the British Isles. The 13-night cruise departs from Southampton on July 1, 2017.

[cunard.co.uk](http://cunard.co.uk) 0843 374 2224

## GOLF

Hebridean Princess passengers can tee off on some of Scotland's famous golf courses – and the masterstroke is an alternative itinerary for non-golfing partners or friends to visit gardens and distilleries. The Links, Lochs and Sounds cruise includes a sailing through the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea to Kyle of Lochalsh for a round at Lochcarron Golf Club; a cruise off the west coast of Mull to Traigh Golf Club, plus more rounds of golf at more courses!

**7 nights from £4,300 departing Oban on May 16, 2017**  
[hebridean.co.uk](http://hebridean.co.uk) 01756 704704

PerryGolf has partnered with Azamara Club Cruises to offer guests a sailing around the British Isles which includes watching the final round of the 2017 British Open at Royal Birkdale and six rounds of golf at a mix of Royal Clubs and Open Championship and Ryder Cup venues.

**13 nights from £7,181 departing on July 19, 2017**  
[perrygolf.com](http://perrygolf.com)

## GARDENS

The 11-day Tapestry of France cruise on Swan Hellenic's Minerva on May 17, 2017 includes visits to Giverny, Les Jardins du Montmarin, Jardin des Plantes de Nantes, Parc Oriental de Maulevrier and Chateau de Trevarez in France, as well as mooring by London's Tower Bridge for a visit to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Price from £1,079pp.

[swanhellenic.com](http://swanhellenic.com) 01858 897453

Enjoy the Madeira Flower Festival during the 12-night Atlantic Coasts & Islands cruise on Britannia departing May 7, 2017.

## SINGING

Voyages to Antiquity's two musical sailings for 2017 are led by choirmaster Bob Porter, the founder of London's Brandenburg Choral Festival. Experienced vocalists and enthusiastic amateurs can join him on MV Aegean Odyssey during the 11-day Renaissance & Rivas cruise from Civitavecchia on May 27 or the 12-day Classical Greece & Aegean islands cruise from Piraeus on October 7.

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# LIVE THE DREAM



Castle Mountain near Banff, Alberta

**P**assengers can sail into the greatest-ever collection of cruise holidays in 2017/18 with tempting pre and post-cruise extension stays in dreamy and dramatic destinations.

Most passengers' only problem will be deciding on a choice of itineraries and the level of adventure, from big game drives to joining a glacier camp in the great wilderness of Antarctica.

For a touch of romance, guests can whisk a loved one to the Taj Mahal, the world's greatest monument to love, or share spiritual well-being at a spa hotel in Indonesia which is dedicated to body, mind and spirit rejuvenation. Here's a sample to tempt even the most discerning clients:

## MASAI MARA SAFARI

Crystal Spirit's sailings from the Seychelles feature a three-night post-cruise safari during February and March 2017. Guests can enjoy morning and afternoon Big Game drives; accommodation at the Norfolk Hotel and the Fairmont Mara Safari Club; flights from Mahé/Victoria to Nairobi; and up to two scheduled flights during the excursion.

If that's not enough, a hot air balloon safari can be arranged so that, when the sun rises, balloons will lift their passengers above the Mara Plain to give a bird's-eye view of

Africa's beauty. Extension price from \$3,495pp.  
**crystalcruises.co.uk 020 7399 7601**

## JOIN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

If guests have a thirst for adventure why not suggest they pair a luxury rail journey with a luxury cruise? Rocky Mountaineer has partnered with Holland America Line to make it easy to add a train trip to the end or beginning of an Alaska cruise.

The cruise packages depart from Vancouver or Seattle, where guests can see snow-capped mountains, glaciers and majestic wildlife.

While on the train guests can also look for bear, elk, deer, moose, bald eagles, osprey, mountain goats and bighorn sheep.

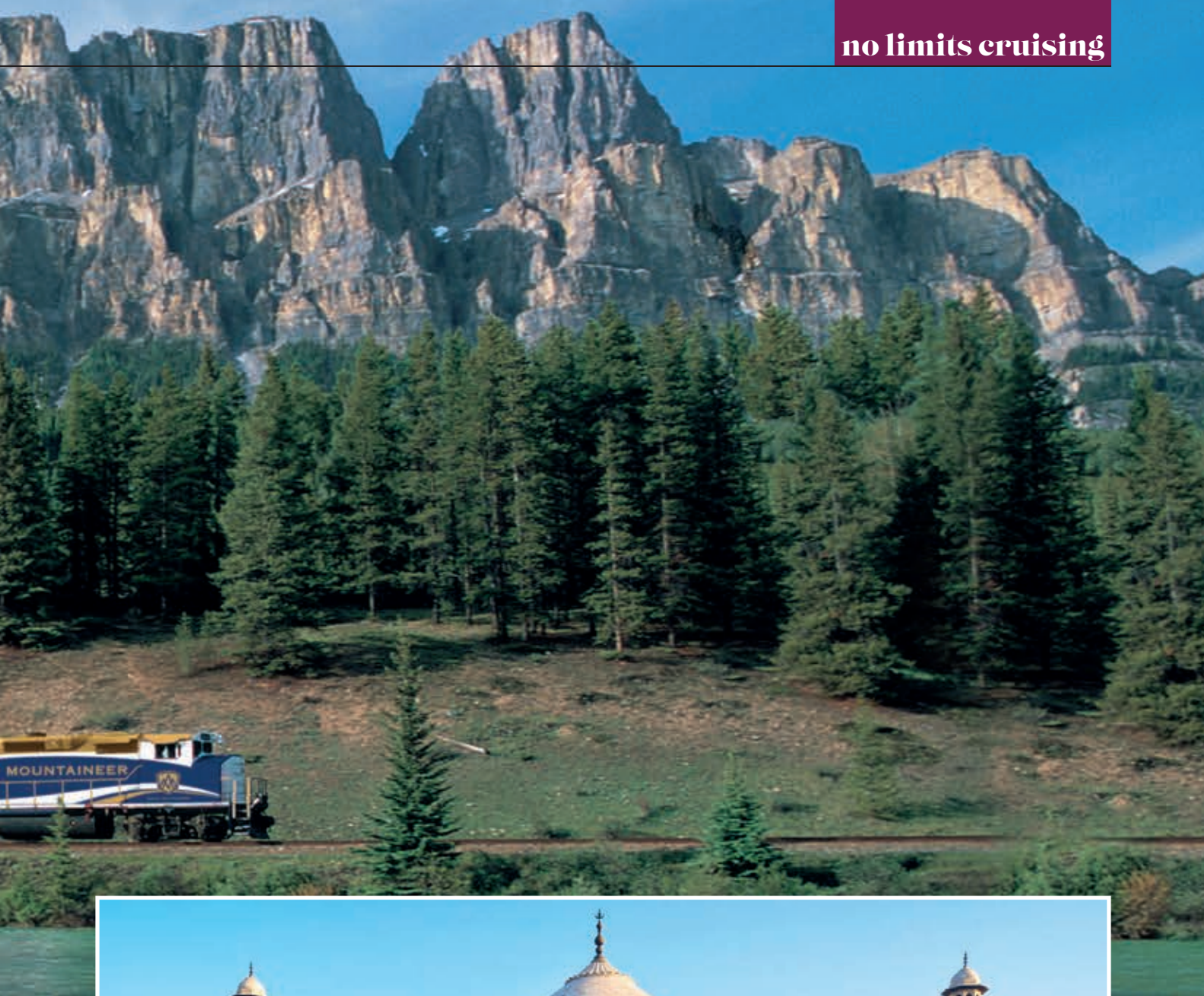
The train does not have sleeper cars so guests spend their days on the train and their nights in comfortable hotel accommodation.

Groups are catered for and when booking 16 or more guests on a journey of five or more days the 16th guest travels free.

An example cruise on ms Nieuw Amsterdam departs from Vancouver on a seven-night round trip and then cruises the Inside Passage with calls to Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay and Ketchikan. **rockymountaineer.com**







Taj Mahal: The greatest monument to love

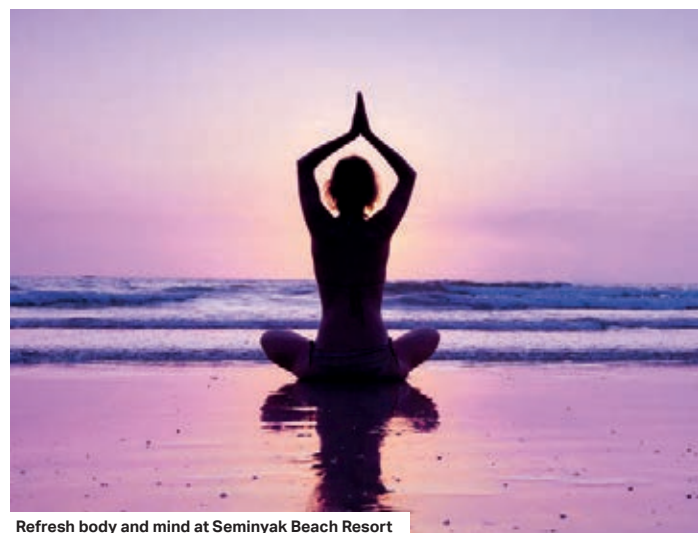




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Tauck's itineraries include child-friendly programmes

**M**ore and more cruise lines are recognising that multigenerational families want to spend holidays together so they are providing customized cruises and accommodation.

Hapag-Lloyd's EUROPA 2 works closely with toy company Steiff, and the family cruise mascot, Capt Knopf, is a genuine Steiff bear who meets and greets children and takes them on tour of the ship to meet the captain!

EUROPA 2 has eight impressive family apartments which comprise of two separate areas with an interconnecting door to themed children's rooms which have bunk beds, a separate bathroom and spaces to play, plus a PlayStation4.

The ship's childcare team run programmes for three age groups: 2-3 years, 4-10 years and 11-15 years. For the two

older age groups activities can include music and drama workshops, golf lessons, stunt workshops and pizza-making classes in the Culinary School.

Excursions include riding the waves on a banana boat, visiting adventure parks and days on the beach, plus there are the all-important family excursions to choose from, too.

Children 11 years old or under travel free if accompanied by their parents or two adults. Children between 12-15 years travel for £50 a day if they stay in the same suite as their guardians.

Families with children under the age of three receive a baby welcome package and baby monitors and travel cots can also be provided.

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TUI Discovery's new climbing wall

US-based luxury travel company Tauck offers family cruises around the Galápagos Islands on new expedition ship Santa Cruz II. The 90-passenger vessel features 36 interconnecting cabins and it has an observation platform for dolphin and whale watching.

[VISIT TAUCK.CO.UK/FAMILY-TRAVEL](http://VISIT.TAUCK.CO.UK/FAMILY-TRAVEL)

Holland America Line's new ship MS Koningsdam is the first ship to incorporate purpose-built family staterooms.

The 2,650-passenger luxury ship's 32 family staterooms sleep five people and each has two bathrooms.

Club HAL provides activities for 3-17 year-olds. Younger ones enjoy pirate treasure hunts, ice cream parties, storytelling and crafts while children aged 8-12 can take part in video game tournaments, relay races and karaoke dance parties.

Teens enjoy mocktail mixology classes, late night sporting competitions, hip hop classes, guys verses girls scavenger hunts, tech classes and night club events.

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Crystal Serenity and Crystal Symphony feature supervised junior activity programmes for children aged three to 17 during school holiday voyages and most

summer sailings. Both ships have a number of connecting staterooms plus staterooms with a third berth for families.

For children ages 3-7 and 8-12, Fantasia club offers games, crafts, Sony PlayStation and Xbox 360 kiosks, large-screen televisions, board games and personal computers.

A video arcade at Waves keeps teens amused and there is a library with books and videos for in-room viewing. Recent films can also be seen in The Hollywood Theatre.

Children's daily newsletters, Surf Runner and Teen Scene, highlight the next day's adventures which include scavenger hunts, pyjama and popcorn parties, fashions shows, mini-olympics, volleyball and pool games.

[VISIT CRYSTALCRUISES.CO.UK](http://VISIT.CRYSTALCRUISES.CO.UK)

Thomson's newly launched TUI Discovery has plenty of interconnecting cabins to make life easier for families. There's a whole programme of entertainment including the Kids' Clubs with messy time arts and crafts, treasure hunts, movie nights and pyjama parties. In the evenings, a new interactive show Splash Live! features animated characters and lots of fun for young ones.

The climbing wall is a first for Thomson Cruises and there's mini-golf, five-a-side football and table tennis. There are mountain bikes on board most Thomson ships and at almost every port, children can join an experienced guide to pedal around the best sights.

Don't forget under 12s receive discounted rates on shore tours including swimming with dolphins and stingrays, visits to water parks, aquariums and beaches.

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Carnival Cruise Line and Build-A-Bear Workshop have partnered to create a Build-A-Bear Workshop At Sea.

Carnival Dream is first to feature the workshop, which will be rolled out across all 25 Carnival ships by summer 2017.

Children can make their own cuddly bear with a variety of outfits and accessories. They can also create monkeys, leopards and other furry friends, as well as a St. Jude Bear, with proceeds benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This workshop complements a variety of programmes for kids aged 2-17; water parks with corkscrew water slides and splash zones, miniature golf courses, video arcades, poolside Dive-In Movies on giant LED screens, outdoor play spaces and more.

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Capt Knopf



Build-a-bear workshops are being introduced on all Carnival ships



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Kuala Lumpur skyline at twilight

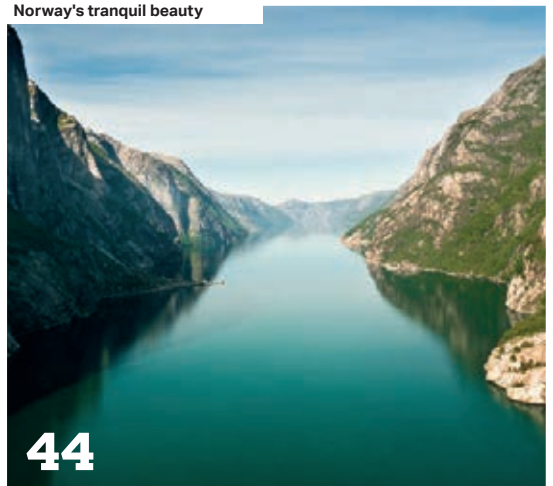


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**W**elcome to Europe's number-one cruise playground. The Mediterranean has it all: glitz and glamour, sweeping sandy bays, vibrant cities and long, long days of sunshine. Cruise passengers can sail into sparkling waters to literally soak up the culture or simply laze on a beach.

Many cruise ships sail from the UK or offer fly-cruises for the main departure ports of Venice, Civitavecchia (for Rome), Piraeus (for Athens), Monte Carlo and Barcelona.

Itineraries tend to be for seven or 10 nights, with a choice of the Western Mediterranean (visiting the Balearics, southern Italy and the South of France) or the Eastern Mediterranean (for Athens, Dubrovnik and Venice), or longer cruises that combine both.

#### BARCELONA

The Catalan capital is one of the world's greatest cities to visit and it's only a 10-minute shuttle bus ride from the main port. Small ships moor by the World Trade Centre

at the bottom of La Rambla, which leads straight into the centre. To see as much as possible in one day visitors should consider the open-top Bus Turistic – they can hop on and hop off to see La Sagrada Família (Gaudi's famous unfinished cathedral), Barcelona's Nou Camp football ground, the Gothic Quarter, the Picasso Museum and much more.

#### CIVITAVECCHIA

Civitavecchia is the closest port to Rome. It takes about 90 minutes by road to get into the city, or a one-hour train ride. All cruise lines offer excursions into Rome, either guided or independent tours. Beat-the-queue tours are more expensive but advisable for the Vatican, if guests also want to see the Colosseum, Spanish Steps, Pantheon, Roman Forum and Trevi Fountain.

#### CORFU

It is an easy walk into Corfu Town from the cruise ship, so passengers can wander through the maze of





Night view on Fontvieille and Monaco Harbour

## MYKONOS

Jackie Onassis certainly put Mykonos on the map and the island has been hip and trendy since the '60s. It is a popular cruise ship call for ships sailing into the Greek Islands, and the town is a shopper's delight, with white-washed boutiques selling the top designer labels. Mykonos is also a place to party with inviting bars, clubs and tavernas. History lovers should take a boat from the old town to nearby Delos, the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, according to Greek mythology.



cobbled streets and stop for a home-made ginger beer, a drink introduced to the second-largest of the Greek Ionian Islands during British rule. Other legacies include the cricket pitch and bandstand, while the beautiful architecture has a Venetian influence. Tours include Achillion Palace, which was built by the Empress of Austria; the stunning setting was a film location for the James Bond film *For Your Eyes Only* in 1981.

## DUBROVNIK

This walled ancient city is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its marble pedestrianised streets and baroque buildings restored to their former beauty after the war in 1991. Walking the city wall offers incredible views across terracotta rooftops to the shimmering sea, and a guided tour is recommended to understand the city's fascinating history. Dubrovnik is, not surprisingly, a busy cruise port and is about 10 minutes by taxi or shuttle bus from the city. Small ships can anchor just outside the old port and tender passengers ashore.

## LIVORNO

Sail into Livorno for Florence and Pisa or the lesser-known but charming Lucre. Some lines offer free shuttle buses; otherwise it is best for passengers to grab a cab if they are in a group. Trains are not particularly regular so ship tours are the simpler option. Art lovers should book ahead and buy skip-the-queue tickets to the Uffizi Gallery to see works including Sandro Botticelli's *Birth of Venus* and Caravaggio's *Medusa*. Further highlights include the Duomo Cathedral, the Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria, to see a replica of Michelangelo's *David*. Garden lovers can head to Il Giardino di Boboli, created by the Medici family.

## MONACO

Cruise itineraries often incorporate the Grand Prix in May, with tickets for the race included. This tiny principality in the South of France oozes glamour (try spotting the A-list celebrities on their superyachts) but there is only one pier for cruise ships, so many passengers arrive by tender. ➤



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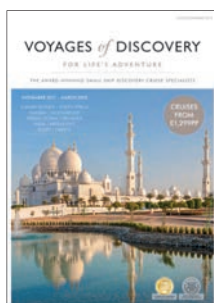
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### NAPLES

Naples is situated on the beautiful Amalfi coast and ships dock just five minutes from the city. Tours take guests to Pompeii, the Roman city destroyed when Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79AD, and Herculaneum, destroyed in the same eruption.

Another option for passengers is to take a ferry to Capri, a favourite with the rich and famous, or Sorrento, a beautiful town famous for Limoncello. Walkers may also want to stretch their legs along the wonderful Path of Gods with far-reaching views across the sea.

### PALMA DE MALLORCA

One day for Palma de Mallorca is not enough, so recommend a pre or post extension holiday.

Passengers sailing in for a day can simply enjoy a walk along the palm-lined promenade and fabulous marina to see Palma's masterpiece, the Gothic cathedral La Seu, which dominates the skyline. It rises above Parc de la Mer where concerts, fiestas and beer festivals are held.

For a relaxing day, Palma's beach is just beyond the cathedral, while adrenaline junkies can head for the UNESCO-listed Serra de Tramuntana mountains to leap off cliffs and ledges into icy plunge pools.

### PIRAEUS

For land-locked Athens, ships sail into Piraeus, about 25 minutes' walk from the train station. Fares are cheap at under £1.50 for a single for the 12km journey, and the announcements are in English. For the Acropolis, alight at Monastiriki, Thision or Akropoli Stations. All three are convenient for visiting the Acropolis Museum, which is in beautiful grounds and tells a story of the life and times of the Acropolis and Parthenon, which were built in 5BC.

The National Archaeological Museum should also be







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Naples



Palma de Mallorca





Venice, the city built on water

recommended as a treasure trove of Greek art and history which houses pottery, sculpture, jewellery and frescoes, including the gold Mask of Agamemnon.

## SANTORINI

When sailing into the caldera that was created by a volcano in 1650BC, passengers can feast their eyes on one of the great sights of the Med. Santorini is without doubt one of the most photographed Greek Islands, with its whitewashed houses and blue-domed churches.

A cable car goes to Fira, the main town, at the top of the cliff, and major attractions include a hike up to the volcano crater, the pretty town of Oia or an excursion to the ancient settlement of Akrotiri. Exploring Fira and having lunch ashore make for a lovely day out.

## VENICE

A gondola ride can be pricey so a more practical way to

get round this city built on water is to study a map and explore St Mark's Basilica, the Rialto Bridge and the Doge's Palace, then wander through the squares and backstreets at leisure before hopping on a water bus to find a place for lunch, away from the crowded and probably expensive centre.

There are tours to the islands of Murano and Burano, respectively known for glass and lace, so always recommend an overnight stay for those clients wanting a really immersive experience in Venice because there is so much to enjoy.

Ships dock at the main cruise port (a nearby transit takes passengers to the start of the canal system and there are water taxis to St Mark's Square). Smaller ships also use San Basilio between St Mark's and the port.

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Sardinia's rugged coastline

## CORSICA

In 1811, Napoleon Bonaparte, then Napoleon I, made Corsica a department of France. He also moved the capital from Bastia to his home town of Ajaccio... Well, if you are the emperor you can do that sort of thing – so this island is a French island, off the coast of Italy!

Ships generally sail into Ajaccio, which is on the west of the island. It takes five minutes to walk into the town to see the cathedral where Napoleon was baptised and the museum Casa Bonaparte.

Some cruise ships sail into Bonifacio and an early morning motorboat tour from here to the Îles Lavezzi is recommended. Cruise through the narrow harbour, look up at mighty Bonifacio, hanging on the rock's edge, and sail into the magical Grotte du Sdragonatu and a nearby cave where the movie Guns of Navarone was filmed.

It takes about an hour to get to Lavezzi – it's an exhilarating journey past geological wonders of limestone strata created over millions of years.

Once on the islands, you can see giant granite rocks that look like Henry Moore's sculptures, all smoothed by centuries of erosion, and there are the loveliest beaches to explore – or you can simply sunbathe.



## \* SALES TIPS

**1. Suggest Mediterranean cruises as an ideal choice for those who prefer not to spend too many days at sea.**

**2. Key embarkation ports in the Med are within a comfortable flying distance from British airports.**

**3. As a general rule of thumb, one-week cruises tend to be destination heavy. For customers who prefer to have more relaxation time, suggest two-week itineraries.**

**4. Tempt those who don't like crowds and hot weather with off-season cruises. May, September and October are pleasant months to visit the Med.**

underwater world for divers to discover wrecks and caves.

More than 670,000 cruise passengers sailed into Valletta last year and new tours are being introduced for visitors of every age.

Game of Thrones' fans can take an excursion with the series' original location manager and see where the King's Landing and the Red Keep sets were filmed, although when it comes to history, Malta stands on its own two feet; visitors can trace 7,000 years of human activity and even walk in the footsteps of the Knights of St John.

Ships sail into Valletta, a masterpiece of baroque architecture with narrow streets and pretty courtyards, but the island also offers the best of British – motorists drive on the left and beer is sold in pints.

### SARDINIA

Sardinia is the second largest island in the Mediterranean. Caligari, in the south, is the island's capital, founded by Phoenician traders in 7BC.

From here visitors with an interest in ancient history or archaeology will be in their element, with ruins to visit and the National Archaeological Museum.

Cruise ships also sail into Alghero, in the north, which has a Catalan feel. Visitors can rub shoulders with the A-listers on the dreamy Costa Smeralda, laze on gorgeous beaches, or saunter through the yachting marina to the smart bars and boutiques.

As well as the ultra-chic resorts, Sardinia still has plenty of untamed wilderness, with rugged limestone and granite ranges to discover. The island is 120 miles from the Italian mainland, and its bays, soft sand beaches and water sports make it a true island gem.

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1. Clients can escape the crowds on a trip to the colonial capital of La Laguna in Tenerife.
2. Suggest a tour to Timanfaya National Park in Lanzarote. It is super touristy – but it's too extraordinary to miss.
3. Think Madeira is boring? Take a cable car from Funchal to Monte and toboggan back down in a wicker basket steered by a man in a straw hat. You might just change your mind.
4. Saddle up and set off on a quad bike tour for a fun way to explore La Palma.

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WELCOME TO THE

# CANARY ISLANDS

Mount Teide is a 'must visit' in Tenerife

## CANARY ISLANDS

The Canary Islands are a hugely popular cruise destination, benefiting from a sub-tropical climate.

The archipelago is part of Spain, although closer to Africa than Europe, and each of the islands is different, apart from tiny villages in every hillside with terraces of fruit, from bananas to tomatoes and vines.

The warm, crystal-clear waters are home to short-finned pilot whales and many bottlenose dolphins so it is worth passengers booking a boat trip from the south coast of Tenerife or La Palma.

Many cruises to the Canaries extend a little further to include Madeira with its year-round glorious tropical planting or Casablanca for a taste of exotic.

## TENERIFE

Tenerife is the largest of the Canary Islands and dominated by Mount Teide. Take the cable car to the top and enjoy stargazing in the clear night sky.

Further attractions include the historic botanical gardens and new Palmetum, or for splashy fun, Siam water park has flumes and pools for all the family.

## GRAN CANARIA

The island is favoured for its lively beach resorts but drive inland for old villages and pine forests. Explore in a 4x4 vehicle or join a camel-back safari.

## LANZAROTE

Go to Fire Mountain where geysers spurt and bracken bursts into flames without a match, but don't miss Jardín de Cactus, designed by artist César Manrique (1919-1992), home to more than 1,100 species of cacti.

## FUERTEVENTURA

A barren island famous for its beaches, cliffs and sheltered coves, and el viento fuerte – a constant wind that makes this a fantastic place for wind-surfing.

## LA PALMA

Wildlife lovers should take a boat to look for whales or while on land seek out the La Palma giant lizard and visit to the Monte Brasil peninsula. If there's time visitors should head to the crater left when Teneguia volcano erupted in 1971.





# WELCOME TO THE ATLANTIC ISLANDS

## CAPE VERDE

The archipelago is made of up of 10 islands, 300 miles off the coast of West Africa, and visitors can see traces of the Portuguese colonial past. Cruise ships sail into the Porto Grande, in Mindelo, the capital and tenders also take passengers to Sao Antão, the second-largest of the islands and only one of four which sees any rain.

Visit the volcano or walk in the lush Paul Valley where farmers work the terraced land without machinery and live in simple white-washed volcanic stone houses. It is like stepping back centuries.

## THE AZORES

The Azores is made up of nine unspoilt volcanic islands in the North Atlantic where the climate is mild all year round.

Spring and early summer are good times for spotting migrating and resident whales.

São Miguel is the largest island in the Azores and a popular tour is to Sete Cidades, an extinct volcano that rises 580 metres above sea level with a magnificent view of two lakes.

A bird-watching trip to Furnas and Nordeste includes an opportunity to seek out the Azores bullfinch.

Further tour opportunities include Pico Island's whaling museum and cetaceans observation base and a visit to the Monte Brasil peninsula.

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Lake of Sete Cidades in the Azores



Paul Valley, Sao Antao, an oasis of green in the dry Cape Verde Islands  
Picture: Mike Kelly





**WELCOME TO A TRIP**

# ROUND BRITAIN

## \* SALES TIPS

**1.** The convenience of arriving at a UK port and starting your holiday as soon as you embark is a compelling proposition.

**2.** An ex-UK cruise is perfect for people who don't like flying.

**3.** Sterling is often used on board.

**4.** There are lots of cruise options due to the number of UK ports.

**5.** Focusing on regional ports offers agents the chance to reduce their clients' travel time across the UK to the embarking point.



**S**ailing around the British Isles is becoming a popular cruise choice – and there's no better way to see our beautiful coastline.

In spring and summer visitors can sail into cities such as Edinburgh, Liverpool, Dublin and Belfast, or pretty towns such as St Peter Port, Guernsey, to walk the cliffs and reward themselves with a cream tea. Or they can visit Falmouth, in Cornwall, to take a tour to the Eden Project or simply stroll into town for a cream tea or Rick Stein's fish and chips.

Along the 7,500-mile coastline smaller ships can also sail into tiny ports, including Holyhead, off the coast of Wales, for tours of Snowdonia National Park, and Scottish islands, including the Orkneys or Tobermory.

There's a cruise port within 90 miles of any UK home, and although the main ports are in Southampton, Dover and Portsmouth, passengers can sail from Bristol, in the South West, and Tilbury or Harwich in the South East, as well as Greenock, near Glasgow – all convenient no-fly options.

The trend is catching on. The Cruise Lines International

Association of UK & Ireland (CLIA) reported a 12% rise in departures from the UK last year and the figures are set to grow, with Voyages to Antiquity sailing out of London Tilbury in 2017.

Hull is the 2017 European City of Culture and Cruise & Maritime Voyages' ship Marco Polo will sail from there in June. Looking further ahead, London City Cruise Terminal, in Greenwich, has received the planning go-ahead to accommodate ships up to 230 metres in length from 2018/19.

Andy Harmer, vice president operations, CLIA Europe said: "Cruises which take in the very best sights the UK has to offer have always been popular but it's fair to say that the 'staycation' is enjoying its moment in the spotlight.

"The idea of not flying, no long periods at sea and no borders to cross is appealing to many and with more than 50 ports to visit around the UK, I predict UK sailings will continue to prosper."

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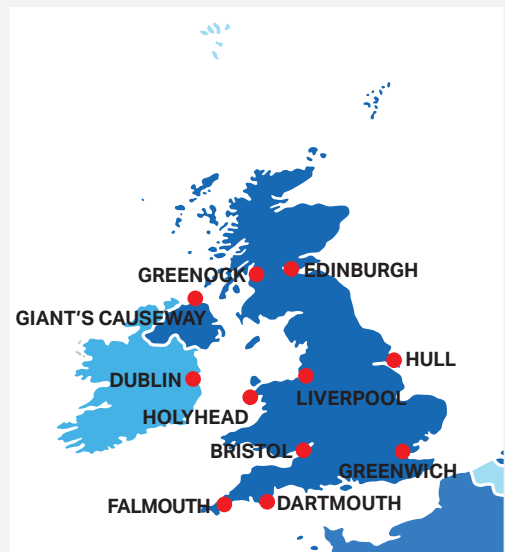
The Edinburgh Military Tattoo



Fingal's Cave, in the Inner Hebrides



Dartmouth on the English Riviera





# WELCOME TO THE BALTIC

Church of the  
Saviour on  
Spilled Blood,  
St. Petersburg







The Marble Bridge in Copenhagen

**U**ber cool modernism meets rich history and culture on cruises to the Baltic.

The Baltic Sea is the youngest on our planet, just 15,000 years old, and surrounded by the Scandinavian Peninsula, the Danish isles and the mainland of east and central Europe.

Shore tours take passenger to splendid cities with stunning architecture and art and centuries of maritime history.

All ships spend one or two nights in St Petersburg because there is so much to see in the city, but overnighters in Stockholm, Amsterdam and Copenhagen are also appealing to guests.

Baltic cruises depart from British ports, generally on two-week sailings or fly-cruises from Copenhagen, Stockholm and Amsterdam. Smaller ships can use the Kiel Canal while larger vessels reach the Baltic through the Kattegat off Denmark.

#### **COPENHAGEN**

Sail into Free Port, Copenhagen, and it's a 15-minute stroll along the waterside and into the city.

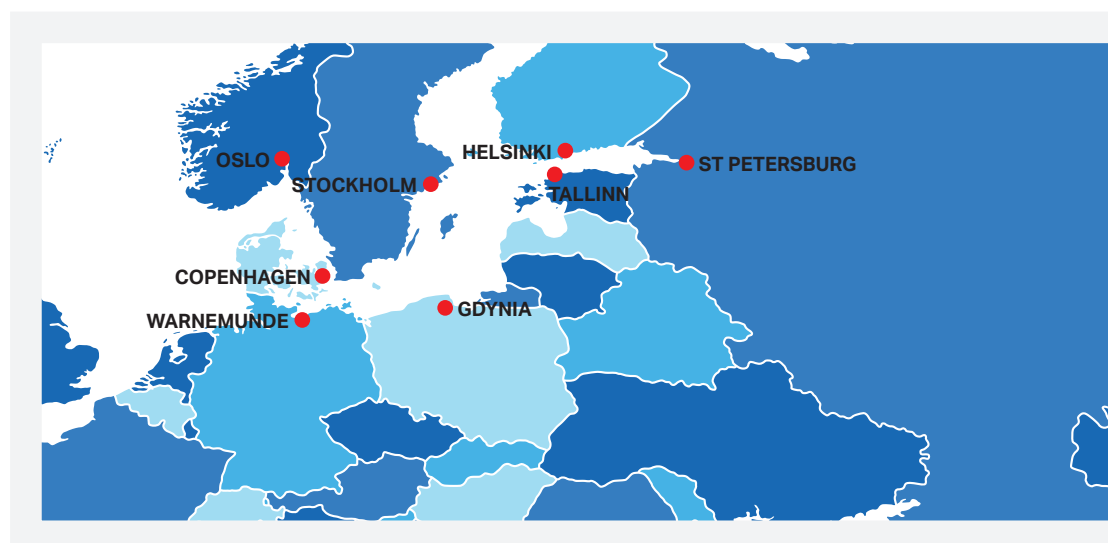
Pass the Little Mermaid statue and enjoy the café culture in Stroget and Nyhavn's bars and restaurants. The Carlsberg Brewery is probably the best tour in the world for lager drinkers.

#### **GDYNIA**

Gdansk is 14 miles from the port of Gdynia. Once in the city visitors will enjoy the market and buying such treats as the local favourite, chocolate-coated plums. Tour boats go from the old city quay to Westerplatte, where the Second World War began on September 1, 1939.

#### **HELSINKI**

The capital of Finland, Helsinki is Design Central for lovers of contemporary Scandinavian architecture. It features 20th century architect Alavar Aalto's Finlandia Hall and the Design Museum. It's a 10-minute shuttle bus ride into the city and further highlights include the Temppeliaukio Church, the Uspensky Cathedral, built in 1868 when Finland was part of the Russian Empire and the Sibelius Monument, in Sibelius Park. Tours to the composer's home are often included in cruise itineraries.







Kayaking in Stockholm's archipelago

## OSLO

Scandinavia's oldest city has been a major trading port for 1,000 years. It is sophisticated, yet cosy, with a fascinating blend of 19th and 20th-century buildings.

Walking from the port to the city is a delight, with wide avenues dotted with parks and squares. Art lovers should head to Vigeland Sculpture Park, which features work by sculptor Gustav Vigeland, and the National Gallery to see Edvard Munch's painting of the *The Scream* and other works by Norwegian painters, from the 19th century to the present day.

A ferry to Bygdøy Peninsula, just opposite the area where cruise ships moor, takes you to a group of maritime-themed museums: the Open Museum, the Kon-Tiki Museum, the Viking Museum and the Fram Museum. The Kon-Tiki Museum focuses on adventurer Thor Heyerdahl (1914-2002), who crossed the Pacific Ocean on the Kon-Tiki raft to prove his theory that South Americans originally populated Polynesia. The Kon-Tiki raft and reed boats *Ra* and *Tigris* are on display alongside artefacts from the explorer's expeditions. The triangular-shaped Fram Polar Museum has been newly refurbished with more interactive features and offers a nod to exploration.

## STOCKHOLM

Sailing into Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, is one of the great cruise memories for passengers lucky enough to take a Baltic cruise. The city is perched on 14 islands and connected by 40 bridges, and the approach by ship is magical, sailing past thousands of tiny islands dotted with pretty holiday homes and colourful boats.

Stockholm's rich history is reflected in the ornate architecture of its churches, castles and bridges, but for those who love a more contemporary vibe, the city salutes the best of Nordic minimalism and has a sophisticated coffee culture. Cruise passengers can easily walk to many attractions or use the excellent public transport, which covers the whole city. Bus or tram tickets can be bought at [sl.se/sv/kop-biljett](http://sl.se/sv/kop-biljett) Stockholm has two ports, Frihamnen and Stadsgårdhamnen, so visitors need know which one they are sailing into to ensure they can make the most of their day. Key attractions are the Royal Palace, at the south end of the Norrbrö (to watch the changing of the guard before stepping inside for a guided tour of the Royal Apartments), the Vasa Museum and the ABBA museum.

## SALES TIPS

**1. The Baltic Sea is surrounded by fantastic ports and beautiful scenery, none more beautiful than the view during the iconic sail into Stockholm.**

**2. A cruise is the perfect way to visit iconic cities including Oslo, St Petersburg, Stockholm, Copenhagen and of course Tallin, with its UNESCO world heritage site.**

**3. This is a destination that lends itself to both booked excursions and for those who prefer, just walking from the ports.**

## TALLINN

Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, is another city that can be easily reached by walking 15 minutes from the port, but there are shuttle buses for those who want a lift. The medieval walled city with fairytale spires is laced with the alleys and cobbled streets with highlights including the Town Hall Square, Alexander Nevski Cathedral and Toomkirk, the oldest church in Estonia. It's always good to stop to try the local honey beer.



## ST PETERSBURG

St Petersburg is the jewel in the Baltic's crown. Most ships stay two or three nights to allow passengers to see the cavernous Hermitage Museum; Peterhof, the summer palace; the eye-watering grandeur of Catherine Palace at Tsarskoe Selo; and the Church of the Spilled Blood, built where Tsar Alexander II was assassinated in 1881.

Evenings at the ballet and opera are featured in most ships' itineraries such as Swan Hellenic's *Minerva*, where guests can enjoy an evening at the Mariinsky Theatre, where Anna Pavlova once danced.

Passengers on ships' tours can go ashore without a visa; to explore alone, they must obtain a Russian visa before leaving the UK.

## WARNEMÜNDE

This lively seaside resort with plenty of bars and beaches is the gateway for cruise passengers to visit Berlin.

The transfer can take about three hours each way by train or coach, so it is worth considering whether to stay in the town or take the time to see Berlin's sights, including the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, the Holocaust Memorial, the Berlin Wall panorama and Kurfurstendamm.

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**WELCOME TO**

A polar bear on the ice  
and snow in Spitsbergen

# NORTHERN EUROPE



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Bergen night scene



**E**veryone has the serene Norwegian fjords on their cruise 'tick list' and, once hooked, passengers will often want to explore further by sailing around the coast of Norway and crossing the Arctic Circle to Spitsbergen.

Other favourites are Greenland and Iceland, although all have the same themes – spectacular scenery and wildlife.

Norway is a long, narrow country where deep fjords and outdoor activities such as hiking and whale-watching are on cruise itineraries. Summer cruises are the tradition but in the winter sailings to see the Northern Lights are often sell-outs, although there are never any guarantees visitors will be able to view the aurora borealis.

Iceland is just below the Arctic Circle and a circumnavigation of this island gives visitors time to explore the volcanic lunar landscape, geysers and glaciers. The arty capital Reykjavik is a top destination for a tour to the Blue Lagoon's thermal waters, while Akureyri in the north is on the fjord for whale-watching or a visit to the botanic garden.

Greenland, which is the largest island in the world, is part of Denmark, and about 80% of it is covered by the second-largest ice sheet in the world after Antarctica.

Polar bears may be seen in Spitsbergen, the largest island in the Svalbard archipelago. It is within the Arctic Circle and the nearest most cruise ships can get to the North Pole, with calls to Longyearbyen and Ny Alesund on the way. In summer, visitors can also enjoy 24 hours of daylight.

Traditional cruise ships visit Greenland and Spitsbergen, but for a day or two only. To do and see more, visitors should choose an expedition ship with an ice-strengthened hull, as they can circumnavigate Spitsbergen or cruise through the icebergs that litter Greenland's coast north of the Arctic Circle.

Expedition cruise lines fly passengers into Spitsbergen and Greenland for one-week voyages.

Cruises to the Norwegian fjords depart from the UK, Amsterdam and Copenhagen, and although there are more than 40 cruise ports along Norway's 1,300-nautical mile coastline, Bergen, Stavanger, Olden, Tromsø and Alesund tend to be the most popular calls.

Hurtigruten offers return cruises along the Norwegian coast from Bergen to Kirkenes on working ships that visit 34 ports during the journey.

### ALESUND

At the entrance of the Geiranger fjord, this town was destroyed by fire in 1904 and rebuilt in Art Nouveau style, which has earned it the title of the most beautiful town in Norway. It is an easy walk into the town and ships offer guided tours of the Art Nouveau district or for taking tougher walks to the top of Mount Aksia for views over the surrounding fjords.

### BERGEN

Norway's second-most populated city after Oslo offers plenty of options for visitors – from tours to the former home of composer Edvard Grieg and a ride on the funicular to the top of Mount Floyen to helicopter rides over the beautiful fjord. Ships dock about 10 minutes' walk from UNESCO Bryggen Wharf, fish market and shops.

### GEIRANGER FJORD

A postcard picture – with cliffs rising vertically out of the fjord this is a stunning UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site. A new Seawalk floating jetty from the ships to shore means there is no longer any need for tenders, a much better experience.

Excursions take visitors to some of the fjord's best viewpoints including Eagles' Bend and Flydaljuvet. Visits to picturesque farms in mountains and valleys make this a special cruise experience.

### KIRKENES

At the last stop before Russia excursions go to Pasvikdalen, home to the largest population of brown bears in Norway. Visitors who like to be active can try quad bike rides, snowmobile safaris and dog sledge rides.

### NORTH CAPE

As the name implies, this is the northernmost point on the European mainland. Ships dock at Honningsvåg, a 30-minute drive to the cape whose plateau is on a 307-metre cliff rising straight out of the sea.

### OLDEN

A pretty town at the end of the Nordfjord, Olden would be a short drive from the incredible Briksdal Glacier, one





**SALES  
TIPS**

Majestic Pulpit Rock over Lysefjorden, Stavanger

arm of the Jostedal Glacier, the largest on the European mainland. Although it is quite a hike, it's worth it because at the top visitors can take a boat ride on the lake and get near the ice. There are also RIB boats rides on the Nordfjord and fishing excursions.

**SPITSBERGEN**

Spitsbergen, the largest island in the Svalbard archipelago, is part of Norway. From Longyearbyen, the capital, it is 1,338km to the North Pole and 2,313km to Oslo. Visiting cruise lines call at Longyearbyen and Ny-Alesund where the main attraction is wildlife, from walruses and whales in the icy water to polar bears padding down the glaciers. Expedition-style cruise ships will circumnavigate the island and carry teams of naturalists and geologists to take passengers ashore once the area has been checked for hungry polar bears.

**STAVANGER**

Cruise ships dock close to the small town, which is lined with attractive homeware stores, but most visitors take a boat into the Lysefjord to see Pulpit Rock which is 600 metres above sea level and has a 600 square metre plateau at the top. If visitors like heights they'll be exhilarated by the sheer drop on three sides.

**TROMSØ**

Tromsø lies above the Arctic Circle and highlights include the botanic garden, which is free to enter and open every day of the year; concerts in the Arctic Cathedral, and the Polar Museum, dedicated to Polar exploration.

**TRONDHEIM**

Norway's first capital was founded in 997 by the Viking king Olav Trygvason. See the Nidaros Cathedral, built over the grave of King Olav, and the Archbishop's Palace. Harbour tours visit Monk's Island, once an execution site and now a popular leisure area for locals.

**1.** The wide range of options departing from UK ports also makes itineraries in Northern Europe a surefire hit with the no-fly brigade.

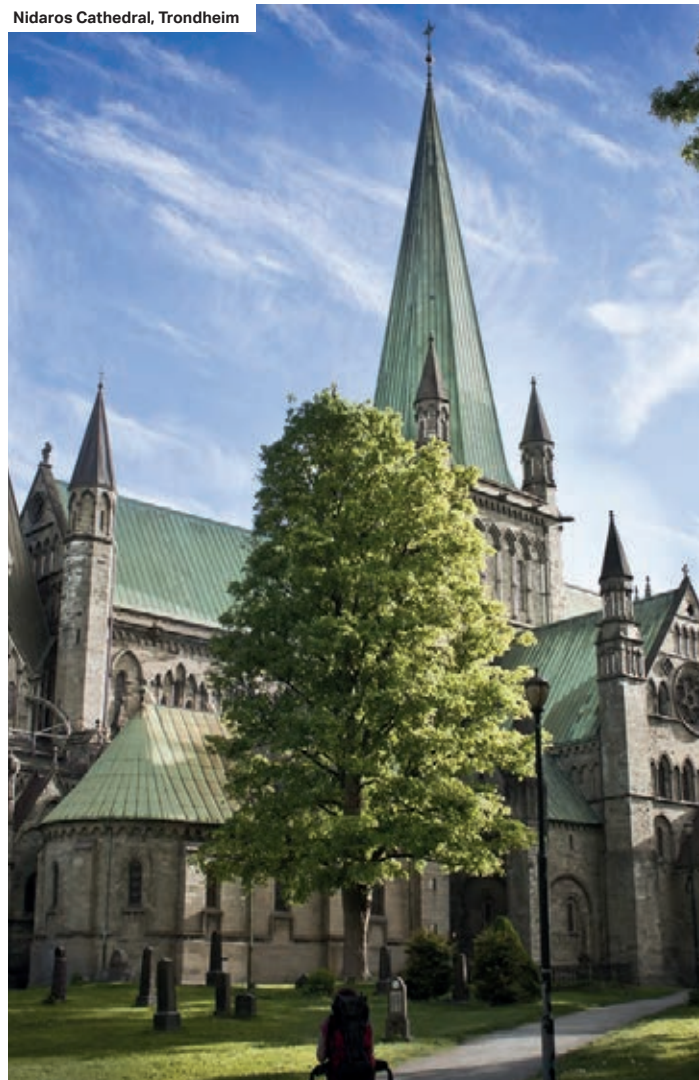
**2.** For those who don't mind flying, starting in ports such as Copenhagen and Oslo drastically reduces sea time.

**3.** Entice visitors back to the region by emphasising the staggering range of cities, cultures and landscapes to explore.

**4.** Swot up on the pre- and post-cruise city break extensions and tours on offer to max out the holiday experience for passengers.

**5.** Guests who sail during summer can enjoy the midnight sun when they cross the Arctic Circle.

Nidaros Cathedral, Trondheim



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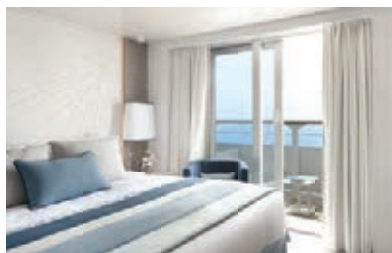


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**W**e are really excited about Thomson Celebration heading off to Arabia for winter 2016/17. It is a new deployment area for us and we see Dubai as a fantastic new hot-spot.

There are some wonderful itineraries where customers will get to experience the UAE, Oman, Bahrain and Qatar. They can also enjoy overnight stays in Dubai for a fully immersive experience.

We always want to maximise time in port for our customers as destinations are so important to them. We therefore try to create itineraries that will generally have no more than one sea day in every seven nights.

At Thomson Cruises we will also try to strike a balance between the better-known destinations, like Barcelona, and some of the more unusual ports of call our smaller ships can visit. For instance, we have a Greek Island-hopping cruise on Thomson Dream in 2017.

We are also returning to the UK in summer 2017 with cruises from Newcastle to Northern Europe – a programme that includes the iconic destinations of St Petersburg, Copenhagen, Reykjavik and the Norwegian Fjords.

We always seek to offer customers a wide choice of cruise holidays, so our itineraries to the Adriatic from Dubrovnik on Thomson Spirit next summer are adults-only.

The Mediterranean remains our number one destination for the summer; we have five ships positioned there. Being part of the wider TUI Group we want to ensure we maximise our fly-cruise operation and cruise-and-stay portfolio in this region, which gives us a significant USP over our competition.





TUI Discovery



“We try to have no more than one sea day every seven nights”

## JUMP ASHORE FOR THRILLS GALORE

### BELIZE

#### XUNANTUNICH MAYAN PALACE AND MARIMBA MUSIC

From historic sites to foot-tapping tunes, this full-day trip starts with a boat trip along the rainforest-shrouded Mopan River, ending at the ancient Mayan ruins of Xunantunich. They date to 600 AD, but weren't fully uncovered by modern explorers until the 1890s. Head to the traditional village of San Ignacio for lunch and get a taste of marimba music in the restaurant. The xylophone-inspired sound has African origins, and the Belizean version throws in a double bass and drums to give it a fresh twist.

#### BELIZE WILDLIFE RIVER TOUR

Get up close to all sorts of wildlife as you coast along the winding Belize River, through the country's tropical rainforest, animal-spotting on the 180-mile-long waterway. Once you're in the thick of the canopy, the skipper will stop in a good place for spotting West Indian manatees, affectionately-nicknamed 'sea cows'. As you drift further along the river, there's a good chance you'll see some crocodiles, iguanas and the occasional dolphin.

### ABU DHABI

#### FERRARI WORLD THEME PARK

Abu Dhabi's Ferrari World is the largest indoor theme park on the planet. It's packed with more than 20 rides and attractions that tell the story of Ferrari. The star of the show is the Formula Rossa rollercoaster: it reaches speeds of 150 miles per hour. It's designed to provide the same g-force that a Formula One driver would get as they whizz around a track and even bursts through the roof into the desert sun at one point.

### DUBAI

#### HEIGHTS & SIGHTS OF DUBAI

With a reputation as the world's most luxurious hotel, the Burj Al Arab sits on its own man-made island just off the shore. Make a quick photo stop, before a drive-by tour of the Dubai Marina and the Palm Island. Continue on to Downtown Dubai to visit two shopping centres. The Souk Al Bahar is an Arabian-themed mall and The Dubai Mall is huge and super-modern with more than 1,000 stores, plus an aquarium, an ice rink and a dinosaur museum. Round off the day on the 124th floor of the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa.

To give our guests more time in port we also have late evening departures in Barcelona and Ibiza Town.

In the winter, the Caribbean is our number one destination, as we have two ships based out of Barbados and Jamaica – giving customers the chance to explore traditional hotspots like St Lucia and Grenada, or visit more unusual destinations such as Cuba, Costa Rica and Colombia. There are overnight stops in Barbados and Havana in 2016/17, and we have masses of new tours in the Caribbean, from new big bus tours and trolley trains to historical sites and wildlife excursions (see panel).

We continue to keep our cruises fresh as we have a great number of repeat passengers and we introduce new ports of call and itineraries every year. For example, we recently introduced our Med Secrets itinerary on Thomson Majesty.

We also want to continue to attract new-to-cruise customers, so it's important that we maintain some of our more famous itineraries. On TUI Discovery's summer 2017 Highlights of the Mediterranean itinerary you can visit Rome, Florence, St Tropez and Barcelona – all within seven nights. How good is that?

Sun, sea, sand – and some amazing buildings



Sunset at English Harbor, Antigua

# WELCOME TO THE CARIBBEAN









Snorkeling at The Baths on Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands

**W**hite sand beaches, turquoise seas and laid-back living make the Caribbean Islands a cruise paradise. Passengers can hop to and from the islands, which vary from tiny outposts to lively tourist spots, to get a feel for their favourite vibe.

All sorts of boats, from Megaships to classic cruise vessels, sail in, mostly in the winter, when UK guests want to escape from the cold weather.

Several long cruises depart from Southampton, such as Fred. Olsen and Saga, while most depart from the Florida ports of Miami or Fort Lauderdale.

MSC offers cruises from Barbados, taking advantage of direct flights from the UK, while Thomson Dream is based in Montego Bay, Jamaica. P&O Cruises' Britannia will be embarking passengers in St Lucia for winter 2017-18.

Sailings range from three-day trips out of Florida to the Bahamas to voyages of two weeks or more, but the average is seven days, sailing to the Eastern Caribbean (Puerto Rico, St Thomas, Barbados and Martinique) or the Western Caribbean (Cozumel, the Cayman Islands and Jamaica).

Some vessels also visit the Southern Caribbean, with calls at islands including Guadeloupe, Grenada, Tobago and the Dutch ABC islands (Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao), while other sailings pair island calls with a trip to Cuba or through the Panama Canal to the Pacific Ocean.

## ANTIGUA

Antigua is famous for its 365 beaches: one for every day of the year. The best-known is Dickenson Bay, 20-minutes' drive from the port.

Ships moor in the capital, St John's, so it is easy to go ashore and wander in the modern Heritage Quay area or historic Redcliffe Quay, where authentic Georgian buildings house cafes and boutiques. Nelson's Dockyard, the world's only working Georgian dockyard, is worth a visit. Helicopter rides over nearby Montserrat are also popular.

## ARUBA

Aruba offers wonderful beaches and plenty of sun. Catamaran trips take visitors to coral reefs or swimming and snorkelling or guests can ride a Seabob underwater scooter.

On land, all-terrain vehicles or Harley-Davidson motorbike tours are a fun way to see the desert-like landscape. The capital, Oranjestad, is an easy walk from the cruise port, and has shopping and restaurants for those who like some retail therapy.

## BAHAMAS

Nassau is the capital and main cruise port of the Bahamas. Ships dock in the central Prince George Wharf, which can accommodate up to seven vessels and is within easy walking distance of the bustling shops of Bay Street and the Straw Market, and sights including the cathedral, main



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Aerial view of Barbados

square and museums.

The British Colonial Hilton hotel has the only private beach while resorts, including Sandals and Atlantis, offer day passes to cruise passengers.

### BARBADOS

With 3,000 hours of sunshine a year and 700 miles of beaches to choose from, guests can head to palm-fringed sands including the gently curving Brandon's Beach and Worthing Beach, both of which are close to the port. For calmer seas and celeb-spotting, visitors should head west to the Platinum Coast where A-listers fly in on their private jets to exclusive Sandy Lane resort.

An island tour takes in Cherry Tree Hill, renowned for its fabulous views, and down onto the rugged east coast where surfers ride the Atlantic rollers. Cruise ships dock a 20-minute walk outside the capital, Bridgetown. Local firms are only allowed to pick up if tours are arranged in advance.

### BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Virgin Gorda is a call only smaller ships can make into the beautiful bay with its reef-lined beaches. It is one of the 'must-sees' of the Caribbean and visitors should try to visit the baths at Devil's Bay – a fascinating mix of rock formations hiding secluded coves and beaches.

Larger ships dock at the main island, Tortola, a short walk from the Road Town. Taxis can be hired for island tours or guests can take a boat to explore the islands.



Roseau, Dominica

### COZUMEL

Mayan myth claims Cozumel was home to the gods – and no wonder, with its dazzling white-sand beaches, temples and exotic jungle wildlife. It is also a prime location for scuba-diving excursions and Palancar Reef, with its spectacular coral formations. Cozumel is just off the Mexican coast and visitors can take full-day excursions to visit the Mayan archaeological sites Chichen Itza or Tulum on the Yucatan Peninsula. The main town on Cozumel is San Miguel, accessible from the island's three cruise piers.

### DOMINICA

The so-called 'Nature Isle' of the Windward Islands, Dominica is the least developed outpost where larger cruise ships can sail in. Most dock in the capital, Roseau, though some smaller vessels call at the town of Portsmouth in the north. Once ashore, there are hiking tours through the lush rainforest to waterfalls or the island's 200ft boiling lake. The Rainforest tram offers a view across mountain peaks and there are tours to Carib Territory, inhabited by one of the Caribbean's few remaining tribes, or whale-watching tours.

### GRAND CAYMAN

When Christopher Columbus made his landing in 1503, he found tortoises and sea turtles – so he promptly named the islands Las Tortugas. However, the the Carib word Caimanas, a New World crocodile, is the one that stuck.

Nowadays the top attraction is Stingray City, a shallow





Stingray City in the Grand Cayman Islands

sandbar where tame rays wait to be fed squid by tourists who arrive in small boats. The island's Seven Mile Beach is popular, too, with crystal waters and powder-sand beaches.

Passengers transfer to shore by ship's tender just off the capital, George Town. The city is an easy walk from the dock and there are plenty of shopping opportunities.

#### **JAMAICA**

Visitors can chase waterfalls or fly like a bird on a zipline through the rainforest canopy on this verdant green island which cries out to be explored.

Tours to Dunn's River Falls, near Ocho Rios, are a top attraction, as well as river rafting on the White River and hiking to the Blue Mountain Peak, while those who want to relax can laze on the beaches and listen to the sea lap the shores of this achingly beautiful island.

Montego Bay is a lively north-coast town with a strip full of reggae bars and Caribbean restaurants, but for a serious reggae vibe head to Hope Road, in Kingston, where the former home of Bob Marley is now a museum and shrine to the global superstar.

The island is the third biggest in the Caribbean and has four ports along its north coast: Ocho Rios, Montego Bay, Port Antonio and Falmouth, which caters for the larger ships.

Dock in Ocho Rios or Falmouth to be close to town, while in Montego Bay the port is around three miles from the main shopping town. Port Antonio, in the east, is used by smaller vessels.

#### **PUERTO RICO**

Sail into San Juan, the oldest city under the American





Cozumel beach, a place to relax

## ST KITTS

It is easy to walk into the capital Basseterre from Port Zante but, for those who want to venture further, many cruise ship tours include the UNESCO-listed Brimstone Hill Fortress, built more than 300 years ago when the island was under British rule. The scenic railway, once the sugar train which transported cane to the mills, is another popular tour. The island's sugar trade came to an end in 2005 when the EU halted preferential pricing arrangements between Britain and St Kitts. Some ships include an overnight stay in St Kitts and a further mooring to visit to nearby Nevis. If this is not available, visitors can take a short boat ride over to the sister island.



flag, which pulsates to a lively salsa beat. Cruise ships moor in the enticing heart of the colonial quarter so it's easy to head ashore and delve into the historic Spanish roots of Puerto Rico's capital. Visitors should build in time to explore the verdant peaks, gleaming beaches and the El Yunque rainforest, about an hour's drive away.

## ST LUCIA

Direct flights mean guests who are not time-rich have the chance to start their cruise from the island. Larger ships sail into the capital, Castries, in the north, while smaller vessels call at Soufriere or Marigot Bay in the south, and Rodney Bay or Pigeon Island in the north.

Marigot Bay is a picture-postcard cove where filming of the Dr Doolittle movie took place, and cruise passengers can also enjoy this idyllic resort that's a 25-minute drive south from Castries. On arrival, jump aboard Captain Bravo's Marigot Ferry (a small boat and a small fee) which takes visitors to the palm-fringed beach and waterfront restaurants.

For active tours in St Lucia, consider an aerial tram ride through the rainforest canopy to look for wildlife, the world's only drive-in volcano and Tet Paul botanic garden.

Guests can also splash out on a private speedboat to see the volcano, take a mud bath, snorkel and enjoy the beach.

And remember: St Lucia still has working cocoa plantations where guests can make their own chocolate. So dive in!

## ST MAARTEN/ST MARTIN

Sun-kissed St Maarten is the smallest island in the world to be shared by two nations (Holland and France), so visitors enjoy a European feel twinned with Caribbean flair.

Cruise passengers who dream of sailing a racing yacht can do so on a '12-metre challenge' shore excursion; guests are assigned a crew position and receive training before heading off to the racecourse to grind a winch and trim a sail on the cool tradewinds. Snorkelling and deep-sea fishing to catch sailfish and marlin is another popular option.

Most cruise ships dock in Phillipsburg in St Maarten (Dutch), but some smaller ones call at St Martin (French).



Nassau, Bahamas



## SALES TIPS

From the modern dock in Phillipsburg it's an easy walk into town and a duty-free shopping delight.

A popular excursion goes to the island's French capital, Marigot, with French-style shops and cafes.

### ST THOMAS

St. Thomas, capital of the island group, is a sporting paradise offering snorkelling and golf to hiking and sailing.

The scenic harbour is one of the Caribbean's busiest and a favourite for its duty-free shopping. The capital, Charlotte Amalie, is a 10-minute taxi ride from the Havensight cruise port and a 30-minute walk from the dock at Crown Bay.

The marine park, Coral World, is one of the island's best-known attractions, while the St Thomas Skyride cable car offers the great views. Take a small boat and head off on a snorkelling trip – but go in the morning to escape the worst of the crowds.

WHO GOES WHERE: PAGES 82-83

**1. Beautiful beaches, fantastic weather and rich history all play their part in making the Caribbean a varied region.**

**2. A Caribbean cruise has something for everyone and therefore is a great option for first-time cruisers and experienced travellers alike.**

**3. With so many operators in the region, prices can be very attractive.**



Canon at Fort Rodney on Pigeon Island, Saint Lucia

## PRIVATE ISLANDS IN THE SUN

A number of cruise lines own or lease private islands and outposts where their ships spend a day during Caribbean sailings. Guests can enjoy white sand beaches, watersports, bars and restaurants. Here's a snapshot:

### COCOCAY (LITTLE STIRRUP ISLAND)

Some 55 miles north of Nassau, in the Bahamas, the island is leased by Royal Caribbean Cruises and used by Royal Caribbean and Celebrity Cruises. Beautiful beaches, barbecues and bliss!

### CASTAWAY CAY

A Bahamian island owned by Disney Cruise Line featuring white sand beaches and there's even a post office where guests can send postcards with special Disney stamps to friends and family.

### GREAT STIRRUP CAY

A Bahamian island owned by Norwegian Cruise Line featuring a 1,000ft zip line, kayaking and lovely beachfront cabanas.

### HALF MOON CAY

A 10 sq km Bahamian island owned by Holland America Line; small enough to visit in a day, large enough for activities from horse riding to water sports. The island is a protected sanctuary for wildlife.

### PRINCESS CAYS

This 100-mile long island is at the tip of the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas and used by Princess Cruises. Guests enjoy beach parties, snorkelling and volleyball to name just a few activities.

### LABADEE

A peninsula on Haiti, leased by Royal Caribbean Cruises and used by Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises, this 260-acre resort features the 2,600ft Dragon's Breath Flight Line.

### HARVEST CAYE

Norwegian Cruise Line's new destination in Belize features a cruise ship pier, 15,000 sq ft pool and 11 luxurious beach villas.

The tropical resort at Labadee, Haiti



Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas





WELCOME TO THE

UAE

Dubai: The Pearl of the Arabian Gulf





Skyline of Manama at night, Bahrain



## SALES TIPS

**1. Often UAE itineraries offer two, and sometimes three, overnight stays in the course of a seven-night itinerary.**

**2. Sailing on a largely enclosed body of water means kinder seas.**

**3. With almost continuous sunshine the region is perfect for winter cruising.**

**4. Cabin prices across the cruise ships wintering in the region are among the lowest per day in the entire industry.**

**5. From Formula One race tracks to feasting at a recreated medieval village under the stars, the choices in and around the UAE are limited only by the imagination.**

**I**n less than a lifetime oil-rich states in the Arabian Gulf have been transformed. Dazzling cities have sprung up as quickly as the black gold.

With the promise of winter sunshine the region is a fast-growing cruise destination with a choice of cruise ships sailing in winter 2016-17, offering pre and post extensions in Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Excellent flights to the region have also made this an attractive destination – just seven hours from the UK.

### DUBAI

The Pearl of the Arabian Gulf is a dazzling metropolis of futuristic buildings, from the iconic Burj Al Arab Hotel, designed to resemble a billowing sail, to the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, which dominates the skyline.

Visitors to the Burj Khalifa, home to the Armani Hotel, can take the fastest lift on the planet to 2,722ft for a drink in the bar on the 148th floor.

Dubai Cruise Terminal is at Port Rashid and complimentary shopping shuttles are provided to designer stores at Mercato Mall and City Center Drive. Visitors can also take a simple boat ride along Dubai creek or barter for souvenirs at the spice and gold souks.

In hipster Al Quoz a cluster of warehouses around Alserkal Avenue has grown into an independent arty scene of galleries, live music, food trucks and film nights.

### ABU DHABI

Abu Dhabi is MSC Cruises' main embarkation port for the UAE. In fact a new cruise terminal has opened in the capital of the UAE – and just in time as Saadiyat Island is set to become a cultural hub when the Jean Nouvel-designed Louvre Abu Dhabi opens in 2017, closely followed by the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi (Frank Gehry) and the Zayed National Museum (Norman Foster).

Saadiyat is one 200 islands in Abu Dhabi's archipelago and with more than 400 km of coastline, there's plenty of beachlife plus the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque to visit.

Ferrari World's fastest-ever theme park ride is on Yas Island – you might even catch the Formula One Grand Prix.

The area of the desert known as the Empty Quarter is popular for sand surfing and dune bashing.

### OMAN

In contrast to its Arabian neighbours – and part of the UAE region, but not a member – Oman's city skyline is not dominated by high-rise towers but the rugged Western Al Hajar Mountains. Visitors can see dolphins and whales along the coastline, enjoy the beaches, shop in the souks and visit the Grand Mosque.

Muscat lies on a stunning natural harbour with the

cruise port at Muttrah, the original old town. A shuttle takes passengers to the port gate where taxis are available.

### QATAR

The new port should be ready to welcome large cruise ships by the end of 2017, but, at present, cruise ships dock at Doha Port, next to the Museum of Islamic Art, which should not be missed. The cubist building, designed by architect I.M. Pei, houses a beautifully lit collection of calligraphy, ceramics, textiles and glass that spans 1,400 years.

Qatar's capital will be visited by around 30 cruise ships during the next tourist season, which runs from October 2016 to April 2017.

### BAHRAIN

Most cruise ships call at the capital Manama, which offers a blend of ancient mosques and modern skyscrapers.

Petrolheads may want to race like their heroes on the Formula One track or try a 4x4 off-road experience.

Water sports are popular, too, especially snorkelling and diving for pearls around coral reefs, while dolphins and flamingos are often seen on boat trips to the Hawar Islands.

Guests should remember that in many Arabian Gulf countries, alcohol is only served in hotel clubs and bars.

### VISAS

Cruise lines assist with visas, although guests flying out before a cruise must have a free 30-day visa. Passports must be valid for six months beyond your date of entry.

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Louvre Abu Dhabi opens in 2017

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**WELCOME TO**

# ASIA



Cherry blossoms and  
Mountain Fuji





Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam



**A**sia is a fast-growing cruise region, with many cruise lines adding more itineraries to meet demand.

Japan is certainly notable as the land of the rising cruise calls. The Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) has confirmed that cruise bookings have risen from 170,000 passengers in 2013 to around one million in 2016. With the Rugby World Cup in 2019 and the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020, the trend is set to continue. Princess Cruises says Japan is now the company's second-most popular destination.

Classic voyages in Asia – ranging from two-week sailings between Hong Kong and Singapore that call at multiple ports in Vietnam to island-hopping adventures around the Indonesian islands – are becoming established favourites, and there are cruises along the coasts of Thailand and Malaysia, and around China and South Korea.

Most ships are in the region between November and March, and, with a good choice of flights from the UK to Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Tokyo, Beijing and Shanghai, cruising in Asia has become an easy option.

British passport holders need a visa to travel to China, Vietnam and Myanmar.

#### **BALI, INDONESIA**

A cruise into this tiny 'Island of the Gods' with pristine beaches, soaring volcanoes and glistening temples, takes passengers into a little piece of paradise where terraced paddy fields on steep hillsides, tropical fruit plantations and tiny villages make it all the more enchanting. Cruise ships call at Benoa, usually mooring offshore and taking passengers ashore by tender. Explore further by taxi or on a cruise tour to the beach resorts of Kuta, Sanur or Nusa Dua, the Ubud Monkey Forest, and Taro Elephant Safari Park. Active guests can go whitewater rafting along Bali's longest river.

#### **BANGKOK, THAILAND**

The top attraction in the Thai capital is the extravagant Grand Palace and the Buddhist Temple, Wat Po. Guests can also take a boat trip along the Chao Phraya River or jump into one of the tuk-tuks for a city tour. The city is excellent for shopping – silks, handicrafts and fake designer goods. The Damnoen Saduak floating market is a popular tour, but it's a 90-minute drive from Bangkok. It's also worth noting that small ships arriving at Bangkok dock at Klong Toey, close to the city centre. Larger ships have to use the commercial port at Laem Chebang, more than two hours' away.

#### **HANOI, VIETNAM**

Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, can be visited from three ports – Halong Bay which is a 3.5-hour drive away and famous for the beautiful limestone karsts; Haiphong – up to three hours' drive; and Cai Lan – a 2.5-hour drive. Hanoi highlights include the mausoleum containing the body of former leader and Communist revolutionary Ho Chi Minh, the Ho Chi Minh Museum, and the Temple of Literature, dedicated to Chinese philosopher Confucius. Evidence of the city's Gallic colonial past can be seen at the grand Presidential Palace, built for a former French governor.

#### **HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM**

More than three decades have passed since the Vietnam War ended with the fall of Saigon. Today, the name of this bustling metropolis on the Mekong River is Ho Chi Minh City. Motorbikes and ever more cars fly out from every corner – it is a noisy, dizzying experience.

The War Remnants Museum makes a fascinating stop, while further out of the city are the Cu Chi Tunnels used by the Viet Cong during the war. Small ships dock on the Saigon River, 10 minutes from the centre. Larger ships dock at Phu My, a 2.5-hour drive away.





Hong Kong is a shopper's paradise

## HONG KONG, CHINA

Skyscrapers form a forest of steel and glass while junks and sampans ply the busy waters as cruise ships sail into Ocean Terminal in Victoria Harbour or a new terminal on the site of the former Kai Tak Airport runway.

Narrow streets are crammed with noodle vendors and fortune-tellers; the duty-free capital of the world also offers shoppers everything from hand-tailored suits and ancient porcelain to the latest electronics. Head to Temple Street Night Market and Stanley Market for outdoor shopping, or Victoria Peak for panoramic views, or enjoy lunch on one of the city's floating restaurants.

## JAPAN

Most cruise ships dock in Yokohama, where passengers can take the train to Tokyo, 40km away. However, many ports are opening to cruise passengers who want to explore ancient culture and local traditions.

They include Aomori, where visitors can see some of the best cherry blossom displays in Hirosaki Park at the end of April and early May, and Kanazawa on the west coast, home of the Samurai and Geisha, where guests can explore the preserved Edo Period districts via the Shinkansen bullet train from Tokyo (2.5 hours).

In Nagasaki, where an atomic bomb was dropped on August 9, 1945, visitors can see the Peace Park, the Atomic

## SINGAPORE

The city's new Marina Bay Cruise Terminal is an easy 20-minute drive from the airport and a walkable distance from the futuristic Gardens by the Bay.

The sparkling skyline of skyscrapers, sci-fi architecture, glass domes, ship-shaped hotels, fun-fair rides and cash-rich casinos is instantly recognisable and, it's worth noting, the whole city is spotlessly clean.

This island city-state's old buildings have been meticulously preserved. They include Chinese shop-houses with red-tiled roofs, sturdy Victorian buildings, Buddhist temples and Arab bazaars.

Guests should try a Singapore Sling cocktail in the Long Bar at the Raffles Hotel, which is named after Singapore's founder, Sir Stamford Raffles.





## SALES TIPS

**1. With major shipping ports such as Hong Kong and Singapore, as well as the beautiful retreats of the Thai islands and Kota Kinabalu & Penang in Malaysia, South East Asia has a wide range of very different experiences to offer**

**2. Great region for fascinating island-hopping itineraries**

**3. Great cuisine!**

Bomb Hypocenter and the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, which all focus on a message of world peace.

### **KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA**

Kuala Lumpur, at the confluence of the Klang and Gombak Rivers, was founded in the 1850s as a tin mining outpost. It is now the financial and cultural heart of Malaysia.

Take a lift to the top of the Petronas Twin Towers or visit the National Museum and the colonial Royal Selangor Club. Alternatively you could go further afield: the limestone Batu Caves outside Kuala Lumpur are one of the most noted Hindu shrines outside India. Ships dock at Port Klang, 90 minutes away by road.

### **SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA**

The South Korean capital is served by the port of Incheon, just over an hour's drive away. The top attraction is a tour to the demilitarized zone (DMZ) separating North and South Korea, to visit one of several tunnels dug to launch a surprise attack on Seoul. Visitors can also stay in the port to see where US General MacArthur landed in 1950 after North Korea invaded the South, or visit tranquil temples and gardens.

### **SHANGHAI, CHINA**

Another intoxicating mix of ancient and modern. You can take in the views from the restaurants and shops in the Pearl TV Tower or the 88-storey Jin Mao Tower. Further

sights worth catching include the Jade Buddha Temple and the Shanghai Museum, the five-acre Yu Gardens and The Bund's 19th-century mansions, which date to colonial times.

Ships dock close to downtown at Shanghai Port International Cruise Terminal or the Wusongkou International Cruise Terminal at Boashan and the Waigaoqiao Port Cruise Terminal, both of which are a 30-minute drive from the city centre.

### **TIANJIN, CHINA**

This port for Beijing is up to three hours by road from the city. The Forbidden City is the top attraction and next door to Tiananmen Square, scene of the student protests in 1989. The Great Wall is a favourite excursion – the Badaling section is nearer to Beijing but some companies prefer to go to Huangyaguan as it is closer to the port and not so busy.

### **YANGON, MYANMAR**

Ships dock at Thilawa Port, an hour from Yangon, or Nanthida Jetty in the city, where there are British colonial buildings to be seen, along with some colourful markets. Sightseeing centres around the golden Shwedagon Pagoda, but, for those who want to travel a bit further, there are day trips by air to Mandalay.

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Bali features beautiful beaches



# WELCOME TO THE INDIAN OCEAN

Anse Source d'Argent beach, La Digue Island, Seychelles

## \* SALES TIPS

**S**ome 900 miles off the coast of eastern Africa, the Indian Ocean islands offer tranquillity, natural beauty and an abundance of wildlife.

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has launched its first fly-cruise and guests will be able to fly from Manchester or London to join the 880-passenger Boudicca on a 14-night holiday with two days in Mauritius, three days in the Seychelles, as well as calls to Madagascar, Reunion and Mayotte. The cruise departs on November 30, 2017, priced from £2,699.

Costa Cruises has upped its number of cruises and the 14-day itineraries include longer stopovers to allow guests to immerse themselves in island life. Regent's Seven Seas Navigator, Oceania's Nautica and Noble Caledonia's Serenissima will all be sailing into the islands and Silversea's Silver Discoverer will be voyaging through the region.

### SEYCHELLES

The Seychelles is made up of 115 islands and islets. Ships sail into Mahe, the main island. Visitors can cruise around the archipelago, go ashore and see the exotic birdlife and giant tortoises, and still have time to laze on a beach or go snorkelling or scuba diving. Luxury yacht Crystal Esprit sails in the Seychelles throughout the winter season.

### SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka has lush landscapes and beautiful sandy beaches. Ships call at Colombo, the capital, for excursions to the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy, the elephant orphanage at Pinnawala and tea plantations.

### MALDIVES

The Maldives is made up of more than 1,000 islands. Ships dock in Male, the capital, which has a market and museum, but the main attraction is the glorious beach and crystal waters for swimming, snorkelling or diving.

**1. The Seychelles is a dream destination for wildlife lovers, with giant tortoises and exotic birds.**

**2. Skip the beach for a fascinating day out to a tea plantation and Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage in Sri Lanka.**

**3. Become Robinson Crusoe for a day on a call at one of the Maldives' desert islands.**

**4. Learn the history of Mauritius at L'Aventure du Sucre in Grand-Baie, a former fishing village that's now a hotspot for shopping and beaches.**

### MAURITIUS

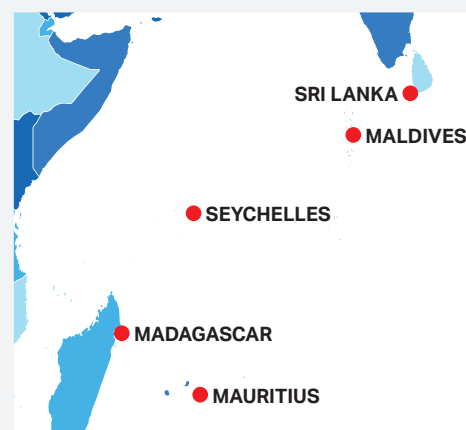
Ships dock in the capital, Port Louis, from where guests can hit the beach or tour the city and taste rum at the sugar museum. Excursions around the south of the island include the Trou aux Cerfs volcanic crater, the Sacred Lake of Grand Bassin, the Black River Gorge and the waterfalls and multi-coloured sand dunes at Chamarel.

### MADAGASCAR

Madagascar, with its red earth, is known as the Red Island. Ships mostly visit Nosy Be (meaning Big Island), and lemurs are the main attraction for most visitors, as well as an incredible array of flora and fauna, which has evolved from 80 million years of isolation in the Indian Ocean.

An expert guide takes guests on an unforgettable adventure in search of lemurs, with treks through rainforests and national parks, as well as offering an insight into the unique Malagasy culture.

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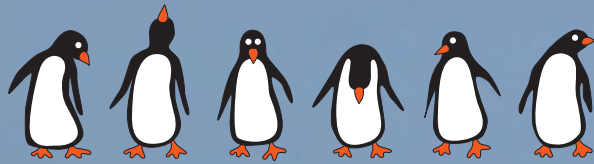
WELCOME TO

# SOUTH AMERICA



Aerial view of buildings on the beach front, Botafogo, Guanabara Bay, in Rio de Janeiro



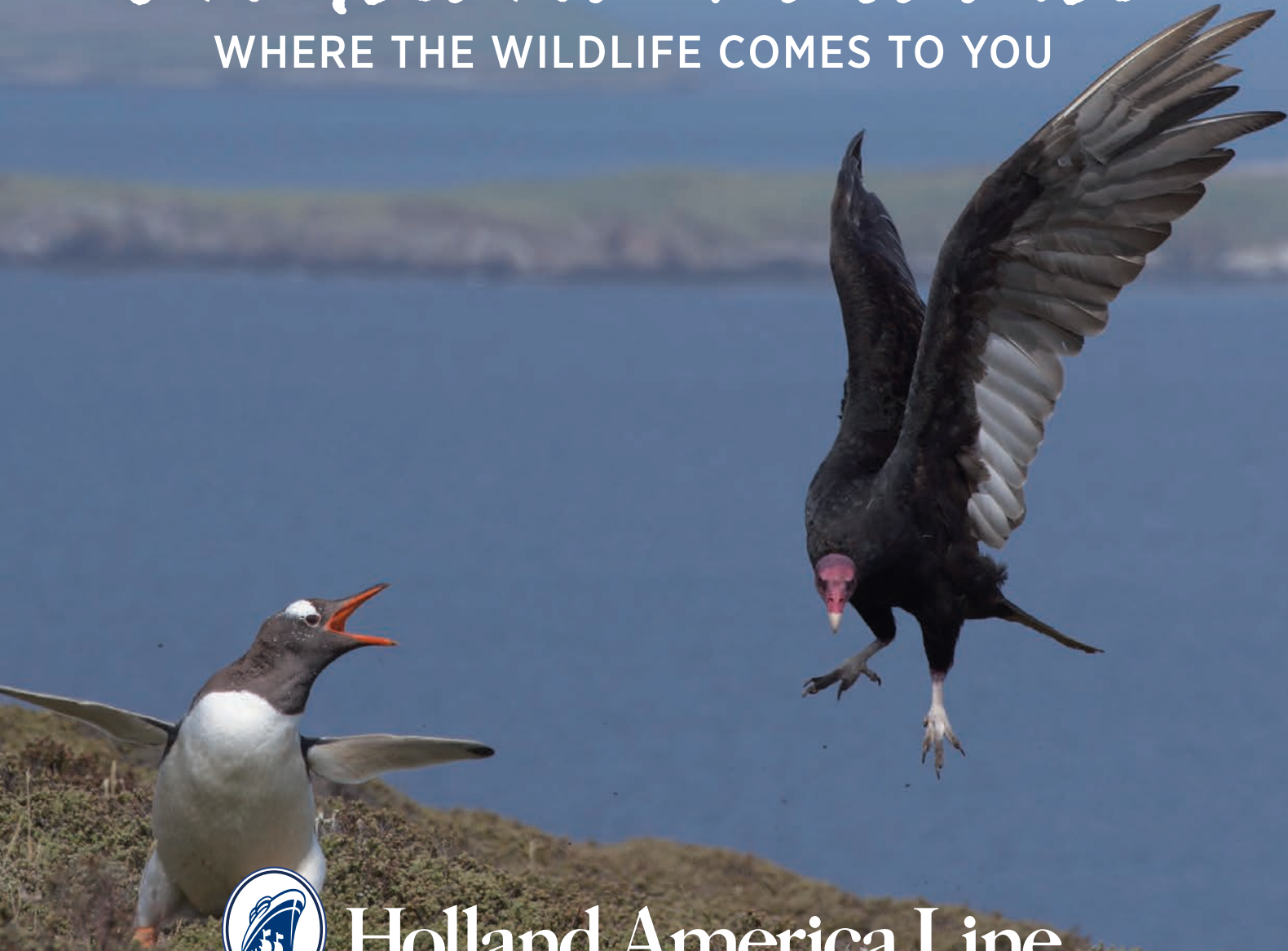


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Puerto Madero in Buenos Aires

**A** cruise is one of the best ways to see South America. Cruise ships visit in the austral summer (the UK's winter), when the weather is at its best on the continent and the ice in Antarctica has receded enough for cruise ships and exploration-style vessels to sail in the polar region.

Two-week cruises between Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, and Valparaiso, the port for the Chilean capital of Santiago, are among the most popular as they take ships round Cape Horn – an unmissable experience for keen cruisers.

There are sailings along the west coast that call at Cusco in Peru and Guayaquil in Ecuador, and they often offer the option to add on a cruise in the Galapagos. East coast itineraries visit Montevideo in Uruguay and Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, and sail up the Amazon River as far as Manaus.

Long voyages that circumnavigate South America are a great way to see much of the continent. These usually include a cruise up the Amazon and a day transiting the Panama Canal.

### **BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

Buenos Aires maybe known as the Paris of South America but the language is Spanish and around half the inhabitants are of Italian descent. It's a vibrant city with lively bars, wonderful steakhouses and tango in La Boca. The cruise terminal, on the Rio de la Plata, is half a mile from the city centre so it is best to recommend that visitors take a taxi. Attractions include the pink palace in Plaza de Mayo – it was here Eva Peron addressed the nation; the Recoleta Cemetery where she is buried and the colourful district of La Boca.

### **RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL**

A favourite on South American cruise itineraries. Ships dock at Pier Maua, walking distance from downtown Rio and about 20 minutes by taxi from the famous Copacabana Beach. Along with the city's Ipanema Beach, it is worth a visit, but don't miss a trip to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain for views across the city. A cog railway goes up Corcovado to the Christ the Redeemer statue.

### **MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY**

From the port, passengers can cross the Rambla Franklin D Roosevelt and they will be in the 18th century Spanish old town (Ciudad Vieja). The gateway is all that remains of the old city and Plaza Independencia marks the point where old meets newer downtown. Montevideo is a small city with plenty of restaurants and shops. For those who want to go further afield there are excursions to working estancia (ranch) or perhaps a beach trip to Punta Del Este.

### **VALPARAISO, CHILE**

Muelle Prat Port is walking distance from town, but most visitors want to see Santiago, the capital of Chile, which is a 90-minute drive away.

Plaza de Armas is the historic centre of Santiago and dates from 1541 with grand Spanish colonial architecture and the splendid Metropolitan Cathedral, which was built in 1745. A funicular train takes guests to the top of San Cristobal Hill for a view of the city and cross the Andes.

### **CALLAO, PERU**

Lima, the capital of Peru is seven miles from the port of Callao. It's about 20 minutes by taxi, depending on traffic





Sunset in Ushuaia



Icebergs in Andord Bay on Graham Land

but do advise passengers to agree the cab fare before heading off). A ship's shuttle might be the best option. Attractions in Lima are Plaza Mayor and the cathedral, the archbishop's palace and city hall.

The San Franciscan Monastery and Church, and the Gold Museum, which contains priceless artefacts from pre-Columbian Peru are also well worth viewing.

Lucky passengers can enjoy overnight tour to Cusco and Machu Picchu and rejoin the ship at a different port. It is always good to highlight this wonderful option when passengers are choosing a cruise.

#### **USHUAIA, ARGENTINA**

Welcome to the 'town at the end of the world'. Cruise ships head south and next stop is Antarctica, 1,000km across the Drake Passage. Ships dock in the centre of town and the most exciting tours are to Tierra del Fuego National Park or catamaran cruises through the Beagle Channel. For those staying Ushuaia, there is a Maritime Museum in the former prison and a display dedicated to Antarctica.

#### **MANAUS, BRAZIL**

Ships tie up to a floating dock next to the city because Manaus is the end of the cruise for most vessels sailing up the Amazon.

Being so close to the rainforest, visitors must be urged to experience the sights and sounds of this fascinating

and bio-diverse part of the world.

A Meeting the Waters tour takes passengers to where the brown, muddy waters of the Rio Solimoes meet the black water of the Rio Negro - they do not mix because water temperature and flow rates are so different. There are jungle hikes, canoe rides and piranha fishing tours by day but by night there are late-night expeditions in search of caiman, an Amazonian alligator. Sailing under the Milky Way, listening to the frogs' chorus while the fire-flies twinkle like fairy-lights and looking for the sometimes elusive caiman is an experience to highlight.

#### **GALAPAGOS**

Cruising is the best way to experience the Galapagos, 21 islands some 1,000km off the coast of Ecuador.

It was here Charles Darwin began formulate his theories about evolution and the protected islands are still teeming with wildlife.

Passengers fly in from Quito via Guayaquil. If time allows they should build in a few days to also enjoy these historic cities and their surrounds.

Cruise ships sailing in the Galapagos National Park are allowed to carry up to 100 passengers and visit a couple of islands a day. Visitors can go on walks ashore with park naturalists and get close to the wildlife that have no fear of humans. Each island has differing wildlife and geology so guests can expect to see blue-footed boobies, marine and



## \* SALES TIPS

**1.** The cruise season for the region usually runs from late spring in November to mid-autumn in early May. Nevertheless, customers cruising from Rio de Janeiro or Buenos Aires on the east coast to Santiago on the west (or vice versa) should pack for all weathers.

**2.** Cape Horn is a bucket-list destination but it's not a place to stop - apart from on small-ship expedition voyages.

**3.** Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires are easy to fly to (in about 12 - 14 hours). It's worth encouraging customers to book pre-cruise hotel stays.

land iguanas, lava lizards, sea lions, giant tortoises, frigate birds and Darwin's finches.

Landings are by inflatable zodiacs or dinghies and those thinking of visiting the islands need to be fairly agile and ready for adventure on these beautiful, remote islands.

### ANTARCTICA

Visitors numbers are tightly controlled by the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO); last year saw 36,686 visitors to the region, compared to around one million who ventured to its northern counterpart in Alaska. Adventure tourism is one of the fastest growing travel trends and has witnessed an increase of 195% in two years.

These expeditions are an incredible way to witness the Great White Continent's majestic landscape and venture into the unknown; to marvel at gigantic white-blue icebergs and watch whales break the icy silence.

The IAATO helps protect the continent and ships' captains are obliged to follow strict rules to minimise human impact. A maximum of 100 people at a time are allowed ashore. There is also a restriction on the time they are allowed to stay on the ice.

Useful websites include the British Antarctic Survey ([bas.ac.uk](http://bas.ac.uk)) and the IAATO ([iaato.org](http://iaato.org)).

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Marine iguanas bask in the sun of the Galapagos islands



## STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS

Ships anchor in the bay and tender passengers into Stanley, which echoes Britain in the late 20th century – red phone boxes, pubs and corner shops. The island is wild and windswept but there's a bonus because the Gentoo and King penguins at Bluff Cove and the Rockhopper penguin colony at Berkeley Sound do not tend to be bothered by visitors, so always remind clients to take their cameras!





**WELCOME TO**

# ALASKA



Juneau, Alaska





Rocky Mountaineer travels through Alberta

Titan offers a cruise and tour holiday featuring the Rocky Mountaineer and Holland America Line. The 18-day Deluxe Alaskan Voyage starts from £4,099pp and guests can experience spectacular Banff and Lake Louise; journey the Icefields Parkway to Jasper; ride on the unique Ice Explorer on the Athabasca Glacier and join the Rocky Mountaineer, on a rail journey to Vancouver. From here, they set sail with Holland America Line along Alaska's coastline to be inspired by fascinating history, monumental ice-floes, pine forests framed by towering, snow-dusted mountains, and iconic wildlife.

For departure dates and details visit [titantravel.co.uk](http://titantravel.co.uk) or [rockymountaineer.com](http://rockymountaineer.com)

**T**here is no better way to explore Alaska than by cruise ship. America's 'Last Frontier' offers adventure in a beautiful landscape of blue glaciers, waterfalls, lakes and mountain peaks.

This vast land, north-west of Canada, was bought from Russia in 1867 for 57.2 million dollars and admitted into the Union as the 49th US state in 1959.

Visitors can go whale-watching, take flights for a bird's-eye view of the scenery, walk on glaciers or enjoy the thrill of zip-wiring through tree canopies. However, excursions through the ship or independently can be expensive and need to be budgeted in – otherwise it is a long way to come to miss these incredible adventures.

Attention to detail when planning a cruise to Alaska is imperative: getting advice on the best time to see wildlife, packing appropriate clothing, and pre-planning those adventurous excursions, as well as bearing in mind that transfer costs in some destinations are quite expensive.

Cruises operate between May and September, usually for seven or 10 nights, although some offer 11 to 14 nights, sailing on a round-trip from Vancouver, Seattle or San Francisco, or one-way from Vancouver to Whittier or Seward or vice versa.

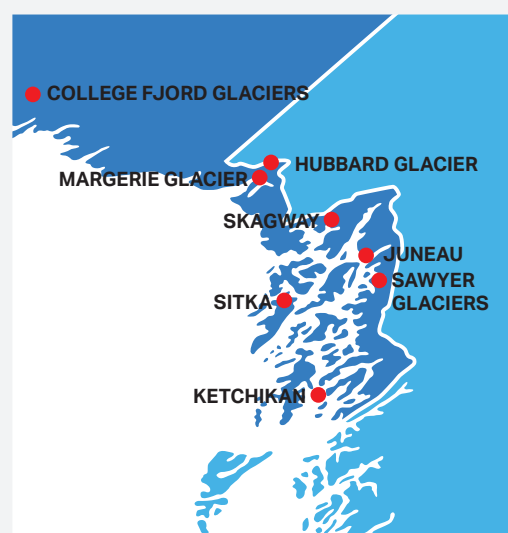
Guests who choose the one-way cruise can add extra nights in Alaska to the start or end of the voyage. This is one of the best ways to explore Alaska, and to go further afield to see areas such as the Arctic tundra and northern lights.

Several cruise lines package their Alaska sailings with a pre-cruise journey through the Canadian Rockies on the Rocky Mountaineer train to either Vancouver or Seattle. This is an excellent opportunity if time and budget allow.

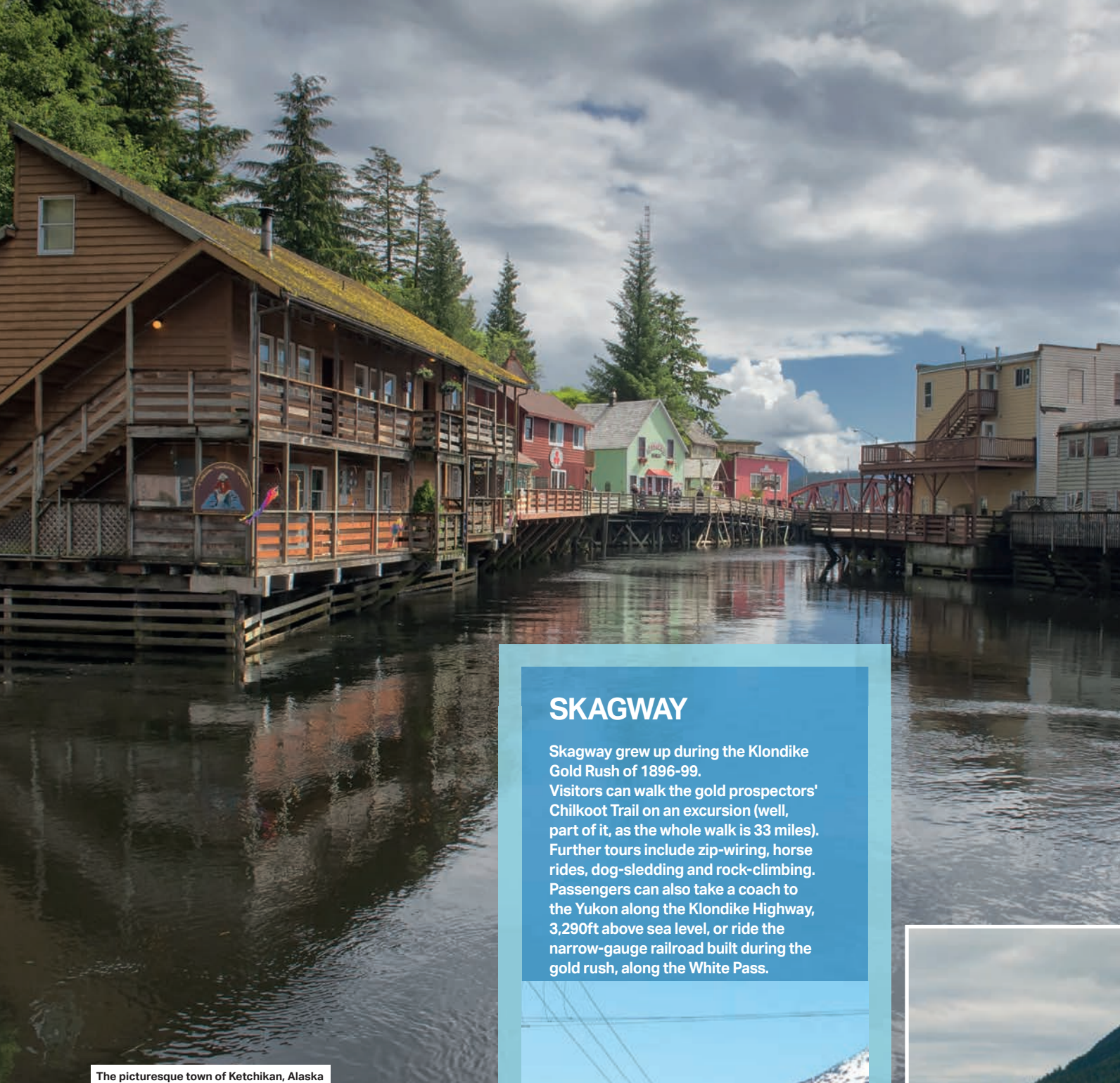
Most cruises call at Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway, and programme scenic cruising close to the glaciers. A few also visit Sitka, Prince Rupert and Victoria in British Columbia.

#### KETCHIKAN

Ships dock on the edge of this a city of salmon, lumberjacks and totem poles. It's easy to go ashore alone, although an excursion is more exciting. Choose from kayaking in search of bald eagles or a cruise or float plane ➤







The picturesque town of Ketchikan, Alaska

## SKAGWAY

Skagway grew up during the Klondike Gold Rush of 1896-99. Visitors can walk the gold prospectors' Chilkoot Trail on an excursion (well, part of it, as the whole walk is 33 miles). Further tours include zip-wiring, horse rides, dog-sledding and rock-climbing. Passengers can also take a coach to the Yukon along the Klondike Highway, 3,290ft above sea level, or ride the narrow-gauge railroad built during the gold rush, along the White Pass.



ride along Misty Fjords. There are walking tours in a wildlife sanctuary to see bears, seals, deer and eagles, as well as fishing trips, zip-wiring, jeep and canoe safaris.

### JUNEAU

Visitors cannot reach this US state capital by road. Luckily, cruise ships can dock close to downtown, not far from the Red Dog Saloon, a tourist hotspot with sawdust floors, plenty of beer and a honky-tonk piano.

Tours range from helicopter rides to the Mendenhall Glacier to whale-watching and a safari in search of brown bears. There's white-water rafting, sea-plane rides over the Juneau icefield, dog-sledding and hiking through the Tongass National Forest.

### SITKA

Sitka is a mix of Russian, Tlingit and American cultures. Founded by Russian fur traders as New Archangel in 1799,







## \* SELL IT

**1.** There are few places as suited to a cruise holiday as Alaska. The incredible scenery with top quality infrastructure allows for a perfect blend of exploration and ease for cruise passengers who wish to discover the wilderness but don't want to undertake an expedition.

**2.** Guests have the best of both worlds with cultural and historical excursions to sites famous for ancient tribal rituals and the gold rush, while also being able to venture into the untamed forests and mountains.

**3.** It's an incredible place for those with an interest in the natural world – passengers can experience encounters with incredible wildlife such as humpback whales, grizzly and black bears, bald eagles, caribou and moose.

Hubbard Glacier Alaska

it was once the capital of Alaska.

Smaller ships can dock while bigger vessels anchor in the sound and passengers arrive by tender. Visit St Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral and the Russian Bishop's House or take a cruise in search of sea otters. Speed boat rides and sea kayaking trips are also available.

### GLACIERS

There are more than 100,000 glaciers in Alaska but the following four are most visited by cruise lines:

#### HUBBARD GLACIER

The glacier is named after Gardiner Hubbard, the first president of the National Geographic Society. It is the largest tidewater glacier in Alaska and reaches 76 miles from its source in the Yukon.

#### COLLEGE FJORD GLACIERS

This 20-mile fjord has the highest density of tidewater glaciers in Alaska. Discovered in 1899, during an expedition funded by the US Ivy League colleges, all of the glaciers are named in their honour – women's colleges are to the north and men's to the south.

#### MARGERIE GLACIER

With 16 tidewater glaciers extending down to the sea in Glacier Bay National Park, this was a mass of ice 270 years ago. Margerie Glacier is the highlight, though, at about one mile long and 21 miles deep.

#### SAWYER GLACIERS

These twin glaciers (North and South) are at the head of the stunning Tracy Arm fjord. Thirty miles long and 1,200ft at its deepest, the fjord passes mountains and waterfalls.

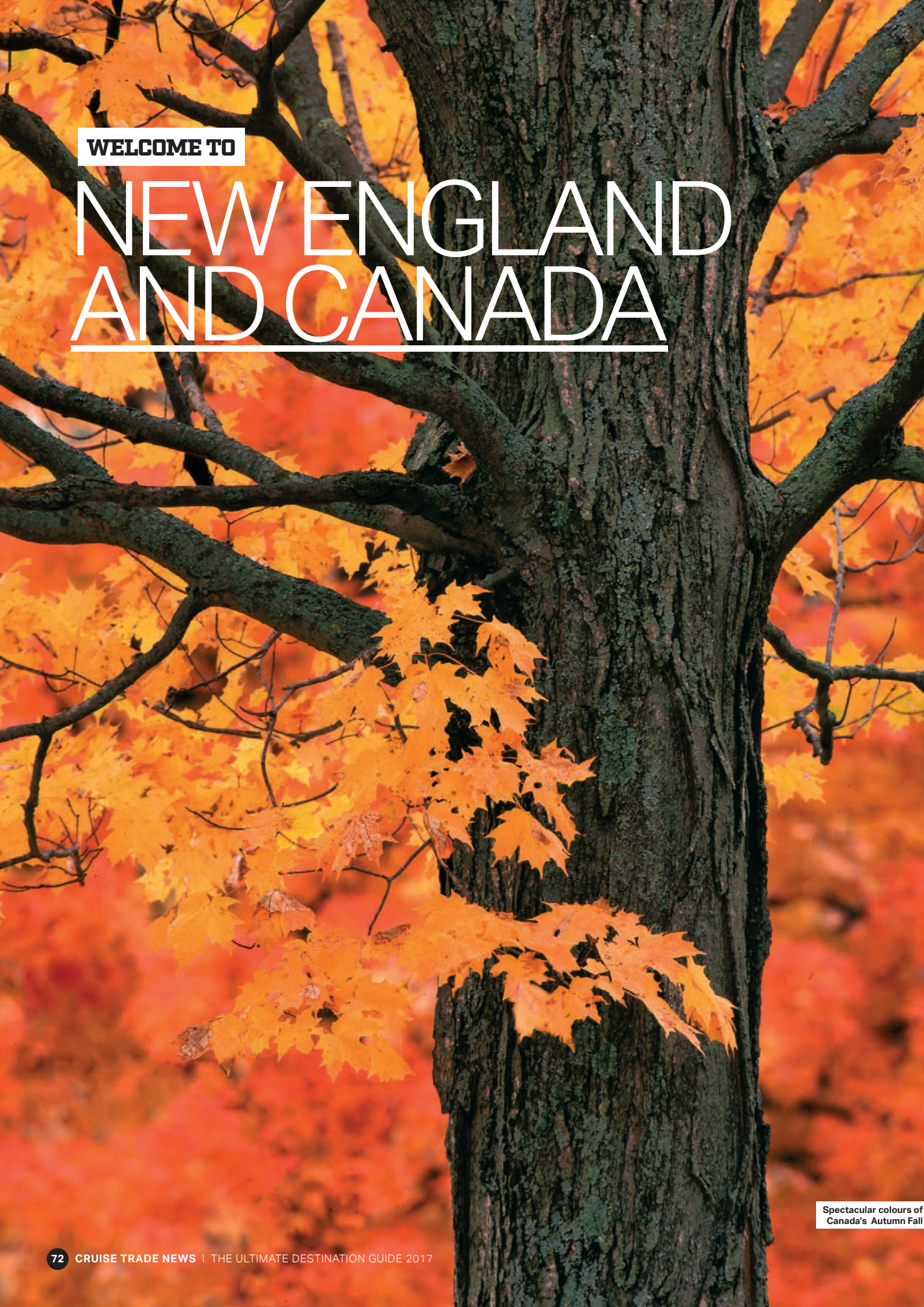
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Crescent Bay, Sitka, Alaska

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**WELCOME TO**

# NEW ENGLAND AND CANADA

Spectacular colours of  
Canada's Autumn Fall





Historic Boston

**F**or cruises along North America's East Coast guests can choose from a convenient New York round-trip or sail between New York and Montreal or Quebec, or vice versa, to call at Newport, Boston, Portland, Charleston, Port Saquenay, Gaspé, Charlottetown, and Bar Harbor in the US, and Halifax and St John in Canada along the way.

Sailings range from seven to 11 nights, with many cruise lines offering late August to October cruises for the autumn (or fall). Holland America Line and Royal Caribbean International also have departures in late spring and summer.

### BOSTON

Ships dock in Black Falcon Cruise Terminal, a 20-minute walk along the harbour from the city, although some ships will have shuttles, or guests can take the bus.

Head for the Old State House Museum, where the US Proclamation of Independence was read in 1776, to learn about the Boston Tea Party and the American Revolution. The museum is one stop on the Freedom Trail, which is an easy way to view many of the city's important landmarks such as Faneuil Hall, where the doctrine 'no taxation without representation' was born, the Bunker Hill monument, the site

of the Boston Massacre, Old North Church and more.

Yet there's so much more to Boston than history. Go on a culinary tour of the North End, which might be described as Boston's version of 'Little Italy'. You won't have to go far to find some delicious cannoli or gelato.

And sports fans shouldn't pass up the chance to visit one of the most famous institutions in America: Fenway Park, the home of the Boston Red Sox.

### BAR HARBOR, MAINE

One of the highlights of a trip to this quaint town on Mount Desert Island, off the southern coast of Maine, is visiting Cadillac Mountain, a 1,532-ft peak offering stunning views.

Ships anchor in Frenchman Bay and tender passengers into the centre of the town to explore. Those who do not want to head up the mountain can hike or cycle around Acadia National Park or opt for a carriage ride, go on lobster tours, kayak around the harbour or visit local brewery houses.

### HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

A piper greets ships docking in Halifax in honour of the city's Scottish roots. The terminal is close to the Maritime Museum, which has an exhibition about the Titanic; Halifax >





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St Paul Street in the Old Port, Montreal

was the closest major city to the wreck and many of its ships were charged with helping in the aftermath.

Pier 21, which was a landing site for immigrants, is now set up as a museum that looks back at the struggles of the people who braved the journey across the Atlantic.

Visitors can also learn more about the city on a Harbor Duck Tour, or visit Peggy's Cove, a fishing village 30 minutes' drive from the city.

### MONTREAL, CANADA

Cosmopolitan Montreal is the cultural soul of French Canada, with Parisian-style boulevards and a charming old town that's close to the port.

The city dates back to the first settlers in 1642, and highlights for visitors include the Place d'Armes, Place Jacques-Cartier and Notre-Dame Basilica, tours of the Olympic Stadium and the Parc du Mont-Royal. The city has a vibrant arts and theatre scene, as well as huge opportunities for retail therapy.

### NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Cruise ships tender passengers ashore and once they are on dry land, there are some lovely walks along leafy streets, during which they can admire colonial-style mansion houses or step inside The Breakers, considered to be the most impressive of all. Designed for Cornelius Vanderbilt II and completed in 1895, it cost around \$7m to build. That would be \$200m in today's money.

A scenic tour of Newport will include Rosecliff, a mansion that has been used in such films as *The Great Gatsby*, and the Marble House - before a visit to the Touro synagogue, the oldest surviving synagogue in the United States.

Visitors can stroll along the path between Bellevue Avenue's palace-like cottages and Newport's coastline. There are great opportunities to take photos of the ocean below, and the mansions and manicured lawns which overlook the coastline.

Known as the 'Ten Mile Drive', Ocean Drive covers much of the southern coastline of Aquidneck Island. A tour of the Touro Synagogue tells how Jews fleeing persecution in Europe and South America found acceptance in Newport in the 1600s.

### PORTLAND, MAINE

Portland is famous for its lobster so visitors should tuck in if they get the chance! Scenic attractions include a narrow gauge diesel or steam train along Casco Bay, a trolley tour around town, and trips to the coastal village of Kennebunkport. Ships dock on the edge of the Old Port, an easy walk into town for the restaurants and shops.

## SALES TIPS

**1. A cruise down the St. Lawrence river can take guests into the heart of Quebec and Montreal. The cruise also provides stunning scenery, including the incredible Montmorency Falls - taller than the Niagara Falls and best viewed from the river.**

**2. As the gateway to Alaska, the west of Canada is more prominent as a start point for many cruises while also offering excursions in and around Vancouver.**

**3. A cruise along the Northwest Passage provides some of the most stunning scenery in the world.**

## NEW YORK

Passengers sailing from or back to New York, should be advised to add a few days in the Big Apple to see Times Square, Central Park and the view from the top of the Empire State Building or Top of the Rock. The shops are also a big draw - Macey's and Bloomingdales among them. The subway or open-top buses are the best ways to get around, although ships either sail from Manhattan, which is handy for Times Square and Central Park, or Brooklyn, which is at the bottom of the island. Visitors will need taxi transfers to the ports if the ship does not run a shuttle service.



### QUEBEC CITY, CANADA

With its pavement cafes, baguettes and bicycles this is a little piece of North America that will always be Gallic. Ships dock at Le Vieux Port; from there walk or take the funicular to Haute Ville, or Upper Town, dominated by the stunning Chateau Frontenac, to see the citadel and Plains of Abraham, where the British beat the French for control of North America in 1759.

For a day out, the Montmorency Falls, 30 metres higher than Niagara, and rural He d'Orleans are favourites.

### ST JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK

St John, surrounded by cliffs and coves, has a deep natural harbour and, twice daily, the sea level in the Bay of Fundy rises and falls about 8.5 metres. At low tide, water from the river rushes through a narrow gorge into the bay, creating wild water called the Reversing Rapids.

The port is next to Uptown St John, which has well-preserved red brick and sandstone 19th century architecture. Visitors can see the sea through the hilly sidestreets,

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WELCOME TO

# AUSTRALASIA

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## \* SALES TIPS

**1. Journey through snow-capped mountains on the Tranz Alpine Express train from Christchurch, New Zealand.**

**2. Snorkel or scuba dive at the Great Barrier Reef on a boat trip from Cairns.**

**3. Take sightseeing to new heights by harnessing up for a walk over the Sydney Harbour Bridge.**

**4. Discover the sci-fi-looking Pinnacles Desert in Nambung National Park on a day trip from Fremantle.**

**I**f guests are travelling from the UK it is best to join a cruise for at least a couple of weeks to take in the highlights of Australia and New Zealand.

A few cruise lines are based in Australia year-round, but others position ships in the region for the Antipodean summer – the UK's winter – with Sydney a favourite port, or they visit as part of a world cruise also calling into Fremantle, Brisbane and Melbourne.

Meanwhile, visits to New Zealand are growing year on year with 600 ship calls in 2016, including calls to Stewart Island, Wellington and Kaikoura.

Several cruise lines offer voyages to the South Pacific from Australia, where Paul Gauguin and Windstar have ships based all year round.

### **BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA**

Brisbane, the capital of Queensland and offers a true taste of Australian culture. Visitors can sign up for snorkelling or fishing tours, and go whale-watching or kayaking.

Those staying on dry land can take a treetop tour through the woods surrounding Brisbane, or visit the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, which was established by naturalist Steve Irwin.

Cruise ships dock at Portside Wharf or the freight terminal; both are a taxi ride or shuttle bus ride from the city.

### **CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA**

The breathtakingly beautiful Great Barrier Reef, which is on almost everyone's bucket list, can be reached via Cairns, on the coast of Queensland. It is one of the wonders of the world and really should not be missed. Further tour options – for those who prefer dry land – are Daintree National Park or the Kuranda Scenic Railway.

### **FREMANTLE, AUSTRALIA**

Fremantle is the gateway to Perth, so visitors are advised to choose one or the other during a one-day cruise call. There are free shuttle buses from the port in Fremantle, home to the Western Australian Maritime Museum.

Perth, Western Australia's capital, is a cosmopolitan mix of high rises and colonial buildings, stunning beaches and verdant parkland. Visitors can take a city tour and jump on a

boat back to Fremantle. Attractions outside the city include the Yanchep National Park and mystical limestone pillars in the Pinnacles Desert in Nambung National Park.

### **MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**

Melbourne is big on everything. With a population of 4.25 million, it is a sprawling, friendly city offering culture, art and fashion. At its heart is the Golden Mile, the city's governmental and commercial centre, home to hotels, shops, restaurants and theatres. It is easy to get there on the tram that links the port to the city. Visitors can also take a cruise along the Yarra River, visit Queen Victoria Market or go into the Yarra Valley to sample wines. The discovery of gold propelled Melbourne's growth and those who ride the Puffing Billy steam train can relive the region's gold rush era at the outdoor museum at Sovereign.

### **SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

Sydney is one of the greatest cities on earth – especially if you arrive or depart by ship; going under the Sydney Bridge and past the Opera House is an unforgettable experience.

There are two cruise terminals: the Overseas Passenger Terminal at Circular Quay and the White Bay Cruise Terminal in Balmain.

Take in a concert at the Sydney Opera House or join a guided backstage tour from \$A38 with Viator ([viator.com](http://viator.com)). Alternatively, to go further afield, hop on a bus from Circular Quay to Bondi Beach or take a clifftop walk to Bronte Beach. It's also worth following the track through Sydney's Royal Botanic Garden, where some of the most exotic plants in the world are coupled with fabulous views.

Those who hanker after the Blue Mountains should catch the train from Circular Quay to Central Station, then transfer to the express train to Katoomba.

Sydney has an electronic 'Opal Card' for public transport which is worth buying for visits of two days or more.

### **AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND**

The former capital of New Zealand, sits between the Pacific Ocean and Tasman Sea, which makes it ideal for





The Great Barrier Reef

cruises to the Bay of Islands.

Ships dock at Princes Wharf and the modern city's main attraction is the 1,000ft Sky Tower, for great view or a bungee jump.

Venture further to view the wine-growing region or there are incredible natural geysers and springs in Rotorua.

### **WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND**

Film director Peter Jackson brought the fantasy world of Middle-earth to our screens while showcasing his beautiful home country of New Zealand in the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Cruise guests can immerse themselves in the majestic landscapes that became a setting for Tolkien's visions. Mount Victoria is within walking distance of the centre of Wellington and it's here that the forests became Hobbiton Woods, while the Hutt River became the River Anduin and Harcourt Park was transformed into the Gardens of Isengard.

The city is within walking distance of the ports, Aotea Quay and Queens Wharf, and visitors can also take the Kelburn Cable Car. The botanic garden, nautical museum and national museum – called Te Papa – are all worth a visit.

### **BORA BORA, FRENCH POLYNESIA**

Majestic tropical peaks, a shimmering lagoon and a barrier reef dotted with islets – welcome to Bora Bora, an idyllic retreat in the South Pacific.

Cruise ships tender passengers ashore to this earthly paradise for glass bottom boat rides and snorkelling trips. On land, take a 4x4 jeep ride for a tour of this classic desert island.



### **PAPEETE, TAHITI**

It is said that Tahiti is not just an island – it is a state of mind. It was immortalised in the novel *Mutiny on the Bounty*, and who could blame HMS *Bounty*'s crew for abandoning their ship in favour of basking in this desert island paradise?

Many South Pacific cruises start and end here, and ships dock on the waterfront in the French-feel city. However, if guests choose to venture out from Papeete they will have a chance to explore Polynesian culture and natural beauty along Tahiti's rugged east coast and the lagoons in the west. There are 4x4 jeep safaris and hikes into the rainforest and emerald hillsides.

Art lovers can also revel in Tahiti's influence on artist Paul Gauguin at the Museum of Tahiti and the Gauguin Museum.

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# Queen Mary 2 returns, Remastered.



The morning of 23 June 2016 saw the culmination of years of extensive planning and meticulous design, of thousands of conversations with our guests and, finally, of over one million hours of labour in dry dock. This was the day Queen Mary 2 arrived in Southampton from Hamburg flanked by Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth.

Our flagship had returned home, Remastered.

QUEEN MARY 2



## Suites and staterooms.

Our Queens Grill and Princess Grill suites have undergone a complete makeover with new curtains, sofas, chairs, lamps, soft furnishings, headboards and upgraded technology. Elegant textures throughout include specially commissioned carpets with design inspirations drawn from the rugs on the original Queen Mary.

For our Britannia guests we've heightened elegance and an extra level of choice too. We've extended the Britannia Club concept with the addition of 30 more Britannia Club Balcony staterooms and introduced 15 single staterooms for the first time on our flagship.



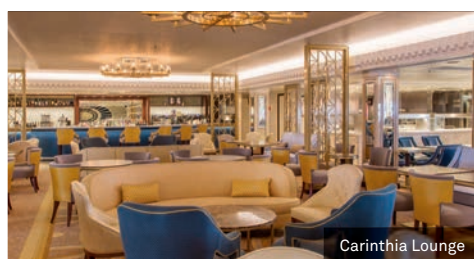
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Queens Grill

## Queens and Princess Grill.

The Queens Grill and Princess Grill restaurants benefited from elegant new décor that incorporates dramatic new window dressings, decorative lighting and feature wine cabinets. The cuisine itself continues to exceed expectations. Contemporary daily table d'hôte and à la carte menus blend specially created dishes and Cunard classics.



Carinthia Lounge

## Carinthia Lounge.

The Carinthia Lounge offers a stylish space for casual relaxation. During the day it serves as a tranquil retreat serving light breakfast and lunchtime options, speciality coffees and teas and a patisserie counter. It also hosts our traditional Champagne Afternoon Tea. In the evening guests can enjoy relaxed entertainment, premium wines and port dating from 1840.



The Verandah

## The Verandah.

The Verandah offers a celebration of fine, contemporary French cuisine with seasonal influences, served within a light and elegant dining room. The menus evoke the special personality and flavour of great French regional cooking. At dinner it also offers an acclaimed multiple-course tasting menu.



Kings Court

## Kings Court.

Kings Court has been reconfigured to offer a totally redesigned central service area giving our talented chefs the opportunity to showcase their culinary expertise, from a hot and cold buffet throughout the day to speciality stations offering Italian, Indian, Pan Asian, Mexican and American Smokehouse menus on a rotating basis in the evenings.



# WHO SAILS WHERE?

| Cruise line                   |                          | Alaska | Antarctica | Asia | Australia,<br>New Zealand<br>& South Pacific | Baltic |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|------------|------|----------------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Azamara Club Cruises          | azamaraclubcruises.co.uk |        |            | *    | *                                            | *      |  |
| Carnival Cruise Lines         | carnival.co.uk           | *      |            |      |                                              |        |  |
| Celebrity Cruises             | celebritycruises.co.uk   | *      |            | *    | *                                            | *      |  |
| Celestyal Cruises             | celestyalcruises.com     |        |            |      |                                              |        |  |
| Costa Cruises                 | costacruises.co.uk       |        |            | *    |                                              | *      |  |
| Cruise & Maritime Voyages     | cruiseandmaritime.com    |        |            |      | *                                            | *      |  |
| Crystal Cruises               | crystalcruises.co.uk     | *      | *          | *    | *                                            | *      |  |
| Cunard Cruises                | cunard.co.uk             |        |            | *    | *                                            | *      |  |
| Disney Cruise Line            | disneycruiseline.com     | *      |            |      |                                              |        |  |
| Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines      | fredolsencruises.com     |        |            |      |                                              | *      |  |
| Hapag-Lloyd Cruises           | hl-cruises.com           |        | *          | *    | *                                            | *      |  |
| Hebridean Island Cruises      | hebridean.co.uk          |        |            |      |                                              |        |  |
| Holland America Line          | hollandamerica.com       | *      | *          | *    | *                                            | *      |  |
| Hurtigruten                   | hurtigruten.co.uk        |        | *          |      |                                              |        |  |
| Lindblad                      | expeditions.com          | *      | *          |      |                                              | *      |  |
| MSC Cruises                   | msccruises.co.uk         |        |            |      |                                              | *      |  |
| Norwegian Cruise Line         | ncl.co.uk                | *      |            | *    |                                              | *      |  |
| Oceania Cruises               | oceaniacruises.com       | *      |            | *    | *                                            | *      |  |
| P&O Cruises                   | pocruises.com            |        |            |      | *                                            | *      |  |
| Paul Gauguin Cruises          | pgcruises.com            |        |            |      | *                                            |        |  |
| Ponant                        | ponant.com               |        | *          | *    | *                                            | *      |  |
| Princess Cruises              | princess.com             | *      |            | *    | *                                            | *      |  |
| Quark Expeditions             | quarkexpeditions.com     |        | *          |      |                                              |        |  |
| Regent Seven Seas Cruises     | rssc.com                 | *      |            | *    | *                                            | *      |  |
| Royal Caribbean International | royalcaribbean.co.uk     | *      |            | *    | *                                            | *      |  |
| Saga Cruises                  | saga.co.uk/cruises       |        |            |      |                                              | *      |  |
| Seabourn                      | seabourn.com             | *      | *          | *    | *                                            | *      |  |
| SeaDream Yacht Club           | seadream.co.uk           |        |            |      |                                              |        |  |
| Silversea                     | silversea.com            | *      | *          | *    | *                                            | *      |  |
| Star Clippers                 | starclippers.co.uk       |        |            | *    |                                              |        |  |
| Swan Hellenic                 | swanhellenic.com         |        |            |      |                                              | *      |  |
| Thomson Cruises               | thomson.co.uk/cruises    |        |            |      |                                              | *      |  |
| Variety Cruises               | varietycruises.com       |        |            |      |                                              |        |  |
| Viking Ocean Cruises          | vikingcruises.co.uk      |        |            |      |                                              | *      |  |
| Voyages of Discovery          | voyagesofdiscovery.co.uk |        |            | *    |                                              | *      |  |
| Voyages to Antiquity          | voyagestoantiquity.com   |        |            |      |                                              |        |  |
| Windstar Cruises              | windstarcruises.com      |        |            |      | *                                            | *      |  |



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# WHO INCLUDES WHAT?

| Cruise line                   |                          | Flights                                                                                                                                                                                        | Transfers                                                                                                                                                                                          | Accommodation | Main meals                                                                                                 |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Azamara Club Cruises          | azamaraclubcruises.co.uk |                              |                                                                                                                 | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Carnival Cruise Lines         | carnival.co.uk           |                              |                                                                                                                 | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Celebrity Cruises             | celebritycruises.co.uk   |                              |                                                                                                                 | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Celestyal Cruises             | celestyalcruises.com     |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Costa Cruises                 | costacruises.co.uk       |                              | Optional                                                                                                                                                                                           | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Cruise & Maritime Voyages     | cruiseandmaritime.com    |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Crystal Cruises               | crystalcruises.co.uk     |  <br>Selected itineraries    |  <br>Selected itineraries    | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Cunard Cruises                | cunard.co.uk             |                              |                                                                                                                 | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Disney Cruise Line            | disneycruiseline.com     |                              |                                                                                                                 | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Fred.Olsen Cruise Lines       | fredolsencruises.com     |                              |                                                                                                                 | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Hapag-Lloyd Cruises           | hl-cruises.com           |                              |                                                                                                                 | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Hebridean Island Cruises      | hebridean.co.uk          |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                 | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Holland America Line          | hollandamerica.com       |                              |                                                                                                                 | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Hurtigruten                   | hurtigruten.co.uk        |                              |                                                                                                                 | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Lindblad                      | expeditions.com          |  <br>Group charter flights |  <br>Group charter flights | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| MSC Cruises                   | msccruises.co.uk         |                          |                                                                                                               | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Norwegian Cruise Line         | ncl.co.uk                |                          |                                                                                                               | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Oceania Cruises               | oceaniacruises.com       |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| P&O Cruises                   | pocruises.com            |                          |                                                                                                               | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Paul Gauguin Cruises          | pgcruises.com            |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Ponant                        | ponant.com               |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Princess Cruises              | princess.com             |                          |                                                                                                               | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Quark Expeditions             | quarkexpeditions.com     |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Regent Seven Seas Cruises     | rssc.com                 |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                               | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Royal Caribbean International | royalcaribbean.co.uk     |                          |                                                                                                               | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Saga Cruises                  | saga.co.uk/cruises       | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                            | <br>UK port transfers                                                                                         | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Seabourn                      | seabourn.com             |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| SeaDream Yacht Club           | seadream.co.uk           |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Silversea                     | silversea.com            |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Star Clippers                 | starclippers.co.uk       |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Swan Hellenic                 | swanhellenic.com         |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                               | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Thomson Cruises               | thomson.co.uk/cruises    |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                               | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Variety Cruises               | varietycruises.com       |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | *             | <br>Mostly half-board |  |
| Viking Ocean Cruises          | vikingcruises.co.uk      |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                               | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Voyages of Discovery          | voyagesofdiscovery.co.uk |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                               | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Voyages to Antiquity          | voyagestoantiquity.com   |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                               | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |
| Windstar Cruises              | windstarcruises.com      |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | *             | *                                                                                                          |  |



 Included
  Fly-cruise or cruise-only prices available
  Transfers included when buying fly-cruise package

|  | Speciality dining                                                                                       | Alcoholic drinks                                                                                                                        | Soft drinks                                                                                                            | Bottled water                                                                                           | Wine (or beer/soft drinks) with meals                                               | Gratuities                                                                            | Shore excursions                                                                                                                      | Wi-Fi                                                                                                                          |
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|  |  Suite passengers only |                                                        |                                       |                        |    |    |  One AzAmazing Event per cruise                    |                                                                                                                                |
|  |                                                                                                         |                                                        |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                         |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |  Three per person                                  |                                                                                                                                |
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|  |  First visit only      |                                                        |                                       |                        |    |    |                                                                                                                                       |                                             |
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|  |                        |  From mini bar only                                    |  From mini bar only                   |  On excursions         |                                                                                     |    |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                |
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|  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                         |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |  Expedition cruises only                           |                                                                                                                                |
|  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                         |                                     |                                                                                                         |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                  |                                                                                                                                |
|  |                                                                                                         | Soft and alcoholic drinks included with selected packages                                                                               |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                         |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                |
|  |                      |                                                                                                                                         |                                     |                      |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                       |  Time plans vary according to cabin grade |
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|  |  Selected            |                                                      |                                     |                      |  |  |  Expedition cruises only                         |  Limited access for lower category suites |
|  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                         |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                |
|  |                                                                                                         |  TUI Discovery/TUI Discovery 2 only from summer 2017 |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                         |                                                                                     |  |                                                  |                                                                                                                                |
|  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                         |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                |
|  |                      |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                        |                      |  |                                                                                       |  One per port. Other tours available at a charge |                                           |
|  |                      |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                         |                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                |
|  |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                         |  In mini bar of balcony cabins only |  Balcony cabins only |  |  |                                                  |                                                                                                                                |
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# FAMILIES: WHAT'S INCLUDED?

| Cruise line                          |                        | Kids' clubs | Teen clubs | Baby/toddler creche | Group sitting for children |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Carnival Cruise Line</b>          | carnival.co.uk         | ✳           | ✳ TW       | ✳                   | ✳ £                        |  |
| <b>Celebrity Cruises</b>             | celebritycruises.co.uk | ✳           | ✳ TW       | ✳ £                 | ✳ £                        |  |
| <b>Costa Cruises</b>                 | costacruises.co.uk     | ✳           |            |                     | ✳                          |  |
| <b>Crystal Cruises *</b>             | crystalcruises.co.uk   | ✳           | ✳          |                     |                            |  |
| <b>Cunard</b>                        | cunard.co.uk           | ✳           | ✳          | ✳                   |                            |  |
| <b>Disney Cruise Line</b>            | disneycruiseline.co.uk | ✳           | ✳ TW       | ✳ ♿ £               | ✳ £                        |  |
| <b>Fred.Olsen Cruise *</b>           | fredolsencruises.com   | ✳           |            |                     |                            |  |
| <b>Holland America Line</b>          | hollandamerica.com     | ✳           | ✳ TW       |                     |                            |  |
| <b>MSC Cruises</b>                   | msccruises.co.uk       | ✳           | ✳ TW       | ✳                   |                            |  |
| <b>Norwegian Cruise Line</b>         | ncl.co.uk              | ✳           | ✳          | ✳                   | ✳ £                        |  |
| <b>P&amp;O Cruises</b>               | pocruises.com          | ✳           | ✳ TW       | ✳ ♿                 | ✳                          |  |
| <b>Princess Cruises</b>              | princess.com           | ✳           | ✳ TW       |                     | ✳ £                        |  |
| <b>Royal Caribbean International</b> | royalcaribbean.co.uk   | ✳           | ✳ TW       | ✳ ♿ £               | ✳ £                        |  |
| <b>Thomson Cruises</b>               | thomson.co.uk/cruises  | ✳           | ✳          | ✳                   |                            |  |



\* Available   \* Babysitting service   £ Charge applies   TW Separate tween club for 12-14s   \* Facilities in school holidays only

|  | Family cabins | Children's menus | Family excursions | Aqua parks | Adventure activities | Arcade games |
|--|---------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|
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Rocky coastal landscape near  
Wellington, New Zealand





**CRYSTAL®**  
CRUISES

Voted the World's Best for over 20 years, the luxurious Crystal Cruises fleet offers all-inclusive cruising including speciality dining in the most exquisite of restaurants; fine Wines, premium spirits and beers throughout the ship; complimentary soft drinks, and speciality coffees and pre-paid gratuities for housekeeping, bar and dining staff as well as Butler service in our Penthouses.

Days and evenings can be filled with endless enrichment and entertainment including Crystal Visions Enrichment lectures, award-winning Broadway-style entertainment, recent release films in the Hollywood Theatre accompanied by freshly popped popcorn, close up magic from members of the Magic Castle and the opportunity of a flutter in the Resorts World At Sea Casino. More than 2,000 expertly curated Crystal Adventures® shore excursions also provides you with enriching insight and privileged access to fascinating destinations. And over the next 3 years, Crystal Cruises will expand, effectively establishing three brand new classes of cruising in Ocean, River & Yachting – as well as its own Boeing 777 aircraft, as Crystal Luxury Air takes to the skies.

#### THE FLEET

**Crystal Symphony**  
52,055 tons, 922 passengers

**Crystal Serenity**  
68,870 tons 1,070 passengers

**Crystal Esprit**  
62 passengers

#### KEY FEATURES

- ✓ Voted the World's Best more times than any other cruise line, hotel or resort in history
- ✓ All-inclusive including complimentary fine wines, Champagne and premium spirits
- ✓ Outstanding service – with the lowest crew turnover afloat, staff are hired on attitude and trained for service
- ✓ Cuisine from Nobu Matsuhisa

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## CRUISE STYLE

Cruise & Maritime Voyages is Britain's leading independent cruise line offering a more traditional style cruise experience. Their fleet of smaller to mid-size cruise ships offer a more leisurely and friendly 'home from home' style of cruising with delicious cuisine, stylish entertainment and attentive service. New to the fleet in 2017 will be Columbus, CMV's proud new flagship. This splendid medium-sized ship enjoys a fine reputation on the British cruise market and will offer the same traditional style that CMV is known for.

The CMV programme of exceptional value, no fly cruising holidays sails from a choice of eleven UK ports. Destinations include the Norwegian fjords, British Isles, Baltic Cities & St Petersburg, Iceland, the Canary Islands & Madeira, Canada, Amazon & West Indies, the Land of the Northern Lights, Greenland and more.

In addition, there are voyages to Australasia, a Grand Round the World Cruise and an exciting choice of sectors and combinations.



### THE FLEET

**Columbus**  
63,786 tons, 1400 passengers

**Magellan**  
46,052 tons, 1250 passengers

**Marco Polo**  
22,080 tons, 800 passengers

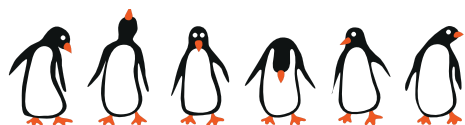
**Astoria**  
16,144 tons, 550 passengers

**Astor**  
21,000 tons, 600 passengers

### KEY FEATURES

- ✓ Traditional British cruise experience aboard smaller to mid-size cruise ships
- ✓ Departures from eleven UK ports – London Tilbury, Bristol Avonmouth, Newport, Cardiff, Liverpool, Hull, Newcastle Tyne, Edinburgh Rosyth, Glasgow Greenock, Dundee and Belfast
- ✓ Exceptional value scenic cruising holidays – everything from short breaks to a Round the World cruise
- ✓ Sterling is the onboard currency, so no exchange problems
- ✓ Great deals for solos and groups

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## Falkland Islands

The Falkland Islands are a compact group of more than 740 islands situated 400 miles off the south-eastern tip of South America. The islands have a total land area of 12,173 sq km (about the size of Connecticut or half the size of Wales).

Despite several large mountain ranges the Islands are relatively flat, rising no more than 705 metres above sea level at their highest point. The two main islands are East Falkland and West Falkland, linked by air and ferry services. The Islands lay between latitude 51° and 53°S and longitude 57° and 62°W.

Attractions for visitors include the islands' flora and fauna, including penguins, seals and sea lions, and the 1982 Falklands War battlefields.

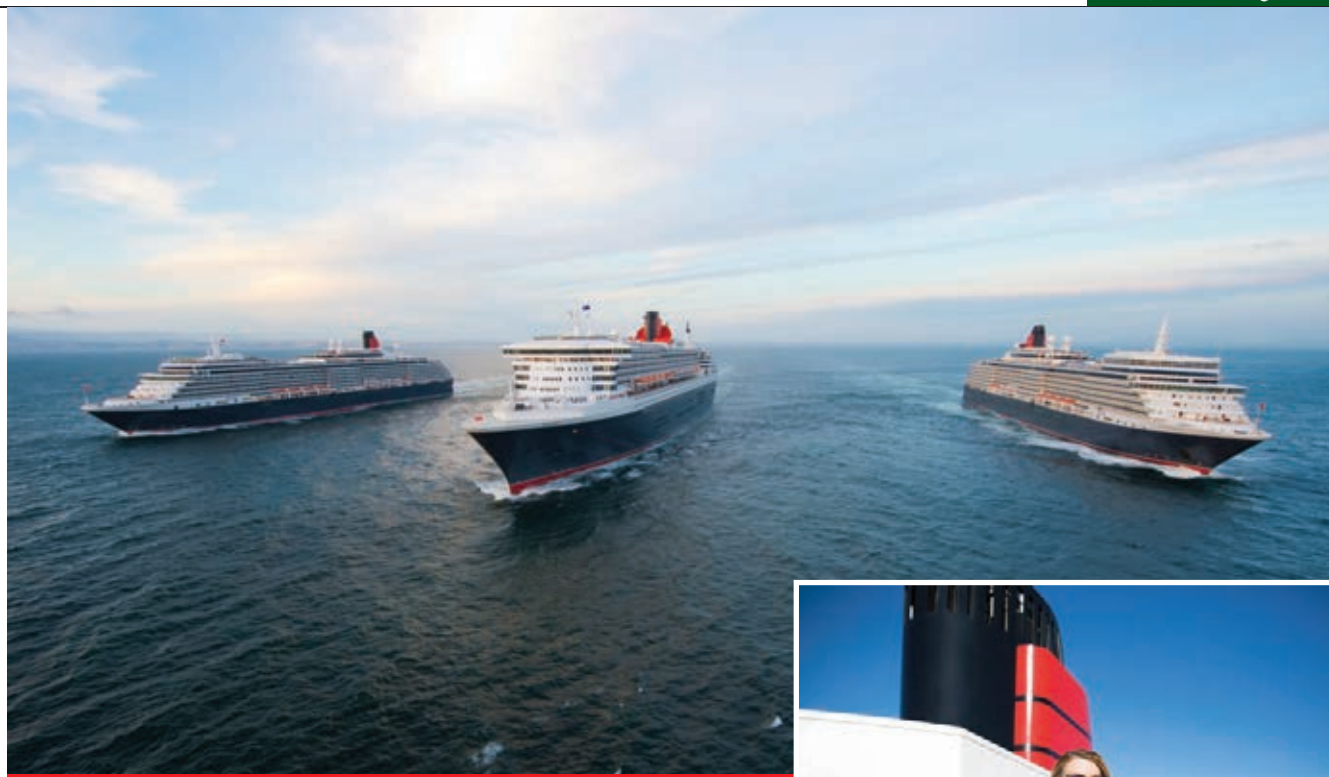


### KEY FEATURES

- ✓ A rich selection of flora and a fauna including five species of penguin and more than 60% of the world's black-browed albatross population.
- ✓ Excellent selection of food including Falkland calamari, sea trout and home-grown lamb.
- ✓ A rich history linked to sealers, whalers, explorers and South American indigenous people.

Find more information [www.falklandislands.com](http://www.falklandislands.com) | 07968 962 882





**CUNARD**

With an incomparable heritage, iconic ships and outstanding service, Cunard has defined sophisticated ocean travel for 176 years. The three iconic Cunard Queens: Queen Mary 2, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth, offer a unique experience like no other; capturing the romance and elegance of both the sea and the ports they visit as each sails across the great oceans of the globe in unparalleled style.

Accommodation on board all three Cunard Queens offers sumptuous space and comfort. Queens grill and Princess grill passengers enjoy the pinnacle of luxury with exclusive restaurants and lounges, whilst Britannia and Britannia Club staterooms offer a choice of spacious Balcony, Oceanview and Inside accommodation.

#### THE FLEET

##### **Queen Mary 2**

2,891 passengers, 1,292 crew

##### **Queen Victoria**

1,997 passengers, 981 crew

##### **Queen Elizabeth**

2,081 passengers, 1,005 crew

#### KEY FEATURES

- ✓ Experience the most iconic and romantic of ocean journeys such as a Transatlantic Crossing or World Voyage. Alternatively explore the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Baltic Sea, Atlantic Isles or Northern Europe
- ✓ Enjoy uniquely Cunard experiences such as Afternoon Tea, the largest ballrooms at sea and Cunard's Insights programme, which features celebrities and experts talking about their experiences
- ✓ Dine in fine restaurants such as Verandah, which offers French cuisine served in beautiful venues.

Find more information [www.completecruisesolution.com](http://www.completecruisesolution.com) | 0843 373 1000





**Holland America Line®**  
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

Holland America Line epitomises the ultimate in five-star worldwide travel experiences, taking its stylish mid-sized ships, adorned with priceless art and fresh flowers, to every continent, and combining quality, value and innovative ideas to enhance passengers' experience. Highlights include a Culinary Arts theatre with cookery demonstrations and classes, and complimentary digital workshops, plus special touches like Egyptian cotton sheets and fluffy bathrobes within spacious staterooms, many offering a private balcony. As well as introducing a new class of ship in 2016, ms Koningsdam, which features exciting innovations in dining and entertainment; new partnerships include BBC Earth activities and concerts, the Music Walk, featuring music from Billboard Onboard, The Lincoln Centre Stage and BB Kings; plus art and painting classes via The Rijksmuseum at Sea. Holland America Line specialises in leisurely itineraries that have long days and overnights in port, bringing the spirit of the region alive via local entertainment, cuisine and more. Guests may even explore and personalize their shore experiences before and during their cruise via online destination guides and expertise.

#### THE FLEET

##### Prinsendam

38,100 tons, 835 passengers

##### Maasdam, Veendam

56,000 tons, 1,260 passengers

##### Volendam, Ms Zaandam

61,000 tons, 1,432 passengers

##### Rotterdam, Amsterdam

60,000 tons, 1,404 passengers

##### Zuiderdam, Westerdam,

##### Noordam, Oosterdam

82,000 tons, 1,964 passengers

##### Eurodam, Nieuw Amsterdam

6,000 tons, 2,104 passengers

##### Koningsdam

99,500 tons, 2,650 passengers

#### KEY FEATURES

- ✓ Mid-sized ships designed to offer more space per guest
- ✓ Spacious staterooms, many with private balcony
- ✓ Nearly one crew member for every two passengers
- ✓ Fine dining with casual to formal options
- ✓ Full days ashore and overnights in many ports.

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## HEBRIDEAN ISLAND CRUISES

### CRUISE STYLE

The delectably small and exclusive Hebridean Princess, purpose-built for Scotland's Western Isles and launched by Hebridean Island Cruises as a cruise ship in 1989, sails mainly from her home port of Oban. As the smallest luxury cruise ship afloat, she effortlessly accesses the remotest islands, lochs and bays beyond the reach of larger vessels.

Carrying just 50 guests, Hebridean Princess has an enviable reputation for exceptional service, fine food and wine, and a guaranteed warm welcome from the dedicated crew. She has 30 spacious, elegant and well-appointed cabins, and 10 bedrooms designed for single travellers.

The welcome is always warm with the congenial atmosphere of a country house party, where old friends meet up and new acquaintances are quickly made.



#### THE FLEET

**Hebridean Princess**  
2,112 tons, 50 passengers

#### KEY FEATURES

- ✓ Each all-inclusive cruise is carefully planned by our highly-experienced researchers, whose brief is to capture the cultural essence and historical significance of each port of call
- ✓ A Hebridean Princess cruise includes all shore visits. From cultural and historical to serious walking, biking or simply strolling around the bay, the opportunities to experience the peace are endless

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*Your World. Your Way.®*

### CRUISE STYLE

Imagine a country hotel, nestled in the heart of the Mediterranean, the South China Sea, the Atlantic or the Pacific Ocean. Oceania Cruises combines the sophisticated elegance of a private hotel with the flexibility and adventure of sea travel. Exciting and exotic worldwide itineraries with extensive shore excursion choices and expert on board lecturers, fine dining in a wide choice of open-seating restaurants including speciality restaurants all at no additional charge, a private veranda in the majority of accommodations and butler service in suite accommodations blend to create an ambiance that is fast becoming the choice of the more discerning traveller. With a fleet of six mid-sized vessels, Oceania Cruises offers the chance to visit many of the world's most exciting destinations whilst retaining a consistent on board environment of unstructured comfort and relaxation – likened by many clients to being akin to a 'home away from home'.



#### THE FLEET

**Marina and Riviera**  
66,084 tons, 1,250 passengers  
Featuring: The Culinary Centre, La Reserve by Wine Spectator, Owner's Suite with furnishings from Ralph Lauren Home Collection plus award winning dining venues

**Nautica, Insignia, Regatta and Sirena**  
30,277 tons, 684 passengers  
Featuring: Martini's Bar, White-Glove served Afternoon Tea plus Baristas coffee bar offering complimentary illy® coffee

#### KEY FEATURES

- ✓ The Finest Cuisine at Sea™
- ✓ A variety of distinctive open-seating restaurants, all at no additional charge
- ✓ Gourmet cuisine curated by world-renowned Master Chef Jacques Pépin
- ✓ Epicurean enrichment programmes, including immersive Culinary Discovery Tours™ in the world's most fascinating destinations
- ✓ Award-winning itineraries featuring over 330 alluring destinations
- ✓ Spectacular port-intensive voyages featuring overnight visits and extended evening port stays
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#### KEY FEATURES

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### THE FLEET

#### Le Ponant

1,443 tons, 64 passengers

#### Le Boréal, L'Austral,

10,944 tons, 264 passengers

#### Le Soléal

10,922 tons, 264 passengers

#### Le Lyrial

10,992 tons, 244 passengers

### KEY FEATURES

- ✓ Founded in 1988, Ponant is the only French cruise line
- ✓ A world leader in polar expeditions.
- ✓ A boutique cruise line which boasts exclusive partnerships with Veuve Clicquot Champagne and Ladurée Macarons
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Take in the scenery through the windows of our custom-designed, single level glass dome coaches.

- ✓ Single level glass domed coach with oversized windows
- ✓ Delicious, hot entrée options served at your seat and plated to your preference
- ✓ Complimentary beverages, including wine, beer, spirits and non-alcoholic drinks will be served throughout your journey, along with gourmet snacks
- ✓ Overnight accommodation in popular hotels

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## CRUISE STYLE

The experts in classic, small-ship cruising, Saga includes so much more than most other cruise lines. Every cruise begins with a chauffeur service to the ship, departing from Dover, Portsmouth or Southampton to a host of inspiring destinations such as Norway, the Baltic, Canary Islands, Mediterranean, Canada and the Caribbean. Choose from two ships, each offering a friendly welcome and packed with amenities. But being smaller, they can seek out more interesting ports-of-call that the larger ships have to sail past, for unforgettable adventures ashore.

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### THE FLEET

#### Saga Sapphire

37,301 tons. 720 passengers

#### Saga Pearl II

18,591 tons. 449 passengers

### KEY FEATURES

- ✓ So much included in the fare such as a chauffeur service, on-board gratuities, speciality dining, free Wi-Fi and shuttle buses at every port
- ✓ Smaller ships with fewer guests ensures high levels of service and boutique dining experiences
- ✓ Inspiring and exciting adventures planned by Saga's cruise experts such as husky dog sledding in Norway and stargazing in the Canaries
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## CRUISE STYLE

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### THE FLEET

#### Minerva

12,449 tons, 350 passengers

### KEY FEATURES

- ✓ Small ship discovery cruising with a country hotel atmosphere
- ✓ The philosophy of small ship cruising is the ability to meet with fellow passengers with shared interests
- ✓ All cruises offer excellent value for money and include all meals, accommodation, entertainment, renowned guest speakers, on board gratuities and shore excursions.

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## CRUISE STYLE

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## THE FLEET

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## KEY FEATURES

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## CRUISE STYLE

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### KEY FEATURES

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### THE FLEET

**Voyager**

15,271 tons, 540 passengers

### KEY FEATURES

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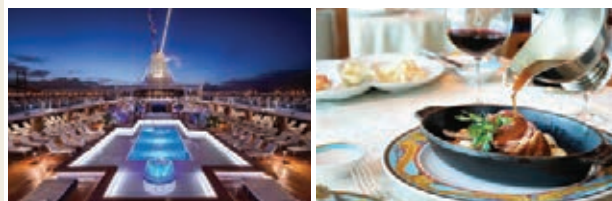
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