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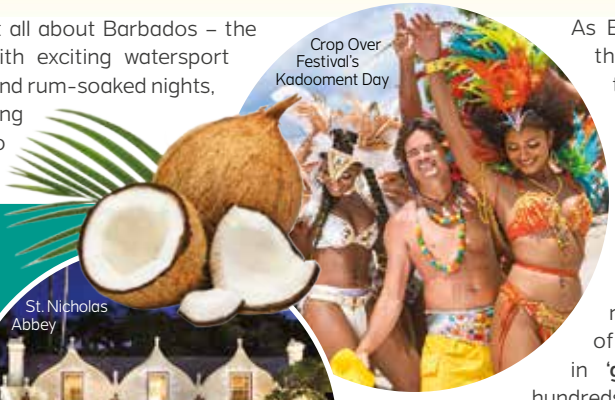
Just when you thought you knew it all about Barbados – the glorious white sandy beaches with exciting watersport activities, the endless sunny days and rum-soaked nights, the luxury resorts and enchanting restaurants – you find out that there's so much more the island has to offer!

If you thought you knew it all about Barbados, get ready to find out what else lies beyond our shores.



You'd be surprised that close to the port in the capital Bridgetown, are a number of museums that safeguard the history of our island. Did you know that Barbados has the **third oldest parliament in the Commonwealth?** The interactive **Parliament museum**, housed within the West Wing of the Gothic-styled Parliament Buildings, traces the development of our democracy in a collaborative way. Another incredible museum in Historic Bridgetown is known as **The Exchange**, where the development of business and trade in the city through the decades is featured. The building houses two exhibition gallery floors and an art gallery.

You may have heard of **George Washington House**, the site where the first American President stayed on his only trip outside of the United States, but did you know of the Garrison tunnels, a **network of passageways** running for miles under the Garrison Savannah area?

In the North, **St. Nicholas Abbey** is a 17th century Jacobean-style mansion that is one of the island's finest historic sites. An exciting new experience at the Abbey is their feature attraction of **an antique replica steam engine train** that will take passengers on a remarkable journey that will include the stunning vista at Cherry Tree Hill.

As Barbados continues to innovate, the island recognises the importance of the natural ecosystem and many of our newest attractions certainly play their part in ensuring our **commitment to protect, produce and preserve.**

Coco Hill forest is one such experience where 53 acres of rainforest overlook the East Coast of the island. Visitors can engage in **'green therapy'** surrounded by hundreds of palm trees, fruit trees and medicinal trees.

Harrison's Cave Eco-Adventure Tour lets you get down and dirty as you **walk, creep and crawl** through natural passageways to explore cave formations like the original discoverers of the cave did.

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Geoff Ridgeon
Head of sales
Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines

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Colette Doyle,
Editor, *Cruise Trade News*
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WELCOME to the 2020 edition of *Cruise Trade News*' *Ultimate Ocean Destination Guide*, which is bigger and better than ever. We have included lots of exciting new ports of call this year, as well as suggestions to recommend for pre and post-cruise stays; plus, we have retained our popular selling tips, where leading agents pass on the benefit of their experience.

Featuring no fewer than 16 different geographical regions, our super-comprehensive guide covers the globe all the way from the British Isles to Barbados and from Southeast Asia to Scandinavia.

Our perennially popular index tables are another winning feature: these work as an easy-to-read overview of which lines sail where and who includes what when it comes to elements such as tipping, shore excursions and transfers.

We hope you find the publication relevant and informative and we thank our sponsor, Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, for collaborating with us on what we hope will be an invaluable tool for selling cruise holidays.

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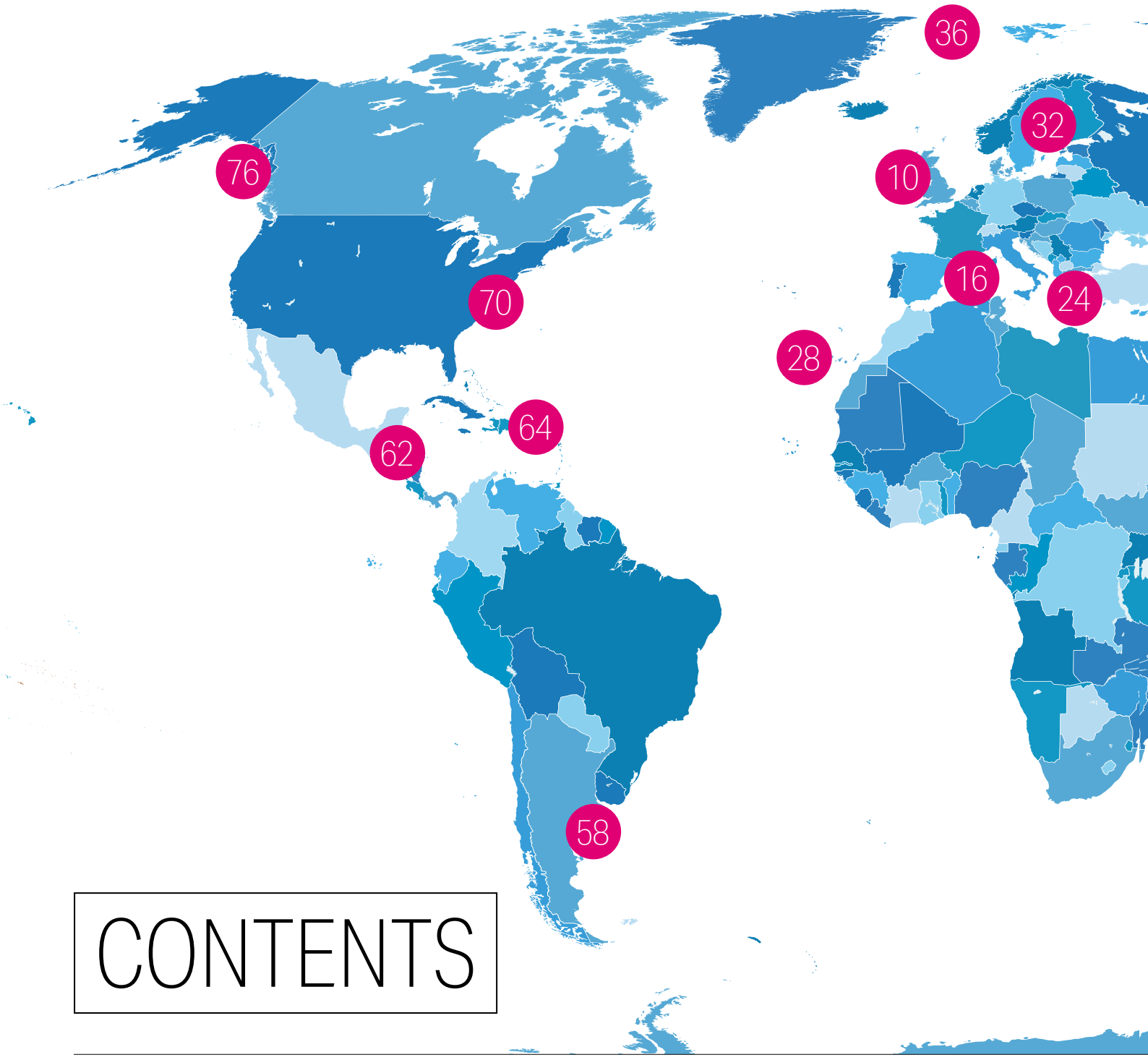

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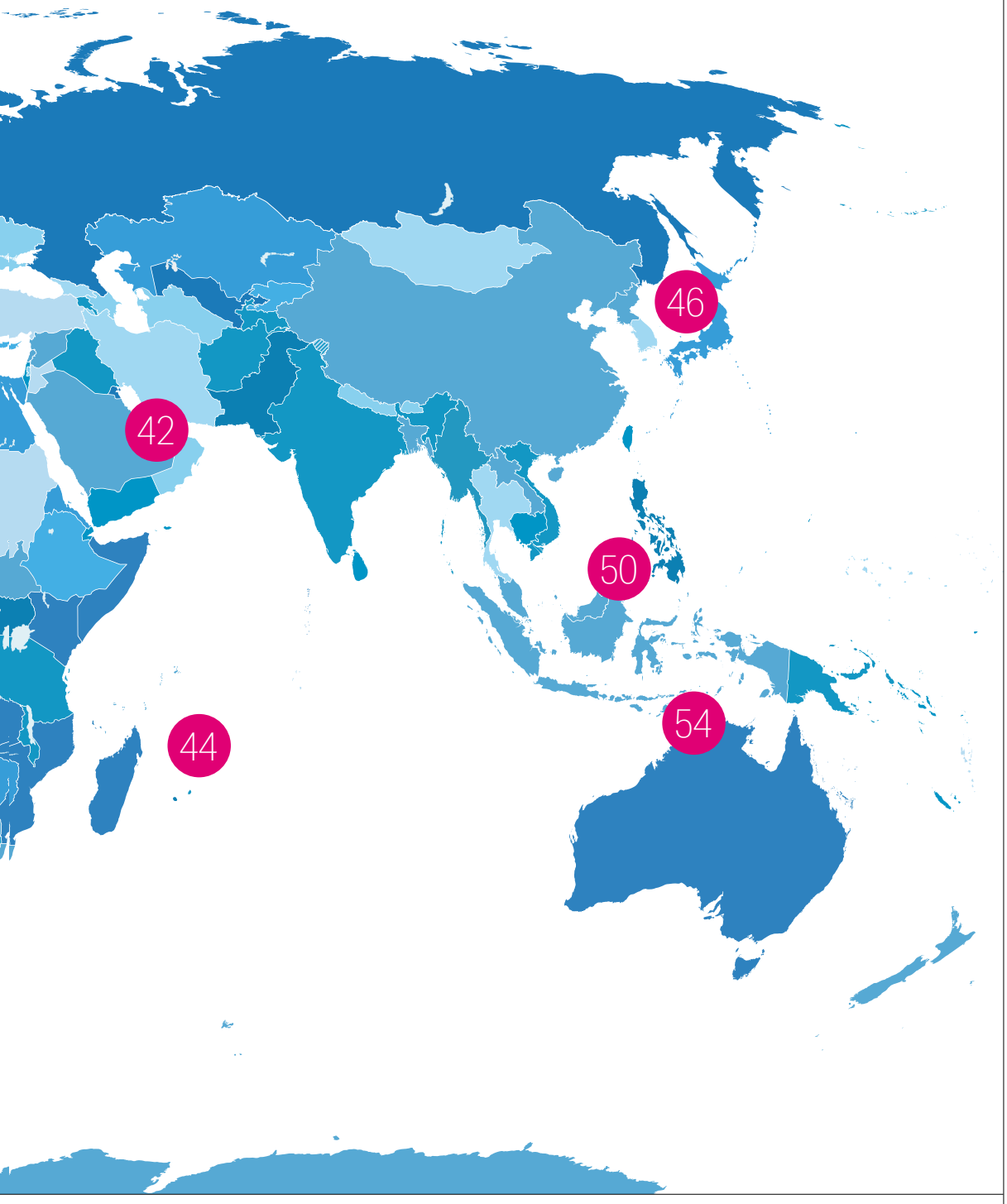

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FRESH INSIGHT

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' head of sales Geoff Ridgeon explains how the cruise line can meet growing expectations and why it remains focused on the small-ship market

Small ships – into the heart of the action

GEOFF RIDGEON

You took on the role of head of sales in May 2019 – what's been your immediate priority?

It is so important to get to know the team and the wider company. What makes it tick, how things work day-to-day and how we can build on that. I think a lot of people have probably thought, 'he's only come from over the road at Fred. Olsen Travel', but the two companies are so different. Building strong relationships internally and externally, assessing the strengths of the sales team and how we can build on those for the future are important processes that take time.

How is Fred. Olsen expanding its ocean-going programme?

While there was news from our outgoing managing director, Mike Rodwell, about expanding the fleet, our priority continues to be creating exciting itineraries that will see our guests return to us time and time again.

Our itineraries are award-winning and our efforts will not change as we continue to sail to some fantastic destinations across the world. In our 2020/21 programme we are introducing nine maiden calls, including sailings to Japan and Vietnam, to highlight just a couple.

Explorational itineraries, such as calls into Tromsø, remain popular

What sets Fred. Olsen apart from the competition?

We do what we do exceptionally well. We aren't about the gimmicks – you won't find three-storey water slides, multi-room casinos, wave machines and racing tracks on our ships. But this is to our advantage as it means our ships our smaller and can sail right into the heart of destinations, negating the need for lengthy coach transfers and creating a more intimate experience.

Sailing alongside hundreds, rather than thousands, of others means our crew can really get to know our guests, remember their names, where they like to sit, their favourite drink… we aren't known as the friendliest fleet afloat for nothing.

What destinations are growing in popularity and why?

Our guests continue to show demand for more adventurous holidays, which is why we will always introduce new ports of call each year. Destinations such as Iceland and Greenland continue to be popular, as do our Baltic sailings. The Baltic has also proven to be popular with our solo guests this year, along with the Canary Islands and UK cruises. Of course, our Norway sailings continue to be well-liked, allowing us to take guests to the country from which our heritage stems.

What are the key trends in the industry?

Destination remains paramount. People want to experience new places and we want to take them there. In recent years we have invested heavily in our fly-cruise offering, meaning that guests can enjoy an exotic holiday in a shorter amount of time. This is particularly important for those who work or have other commitments at home and can only travel for 14 nights at a time.

Fred. Olsen guests can spend an overnight in Kobe, Japan

How is Fred. Olsen improving its work with the trade?

This is a two-way street and so we started by having open discussions with our trade partners about how they would like to work with us. As a result, we are working on simplifying our messaging and tackling some misconceptions about our fantastic brand. We will continue to offer educational trips and agent incentives, too. The trade is so important to us – without them we couldn't do what we do.

How are you attracting new-to-cruise guests?

The key here is showing that there is a cruise out there for everyone. For us, we need to shout about the benefits of small-ship cruising.

What plans do you have to grow your ocean-going fleet?

It has been widely reported in the media that we have an appetite for growth and we are looking at how we can do this with new tonnage, but we are still in the early stages of these discussions.

If you do increase the fleet, could any future new builds see an increase in passenger capacity?

At the core of everything we do are our smaller ships. These allow us to offer the holidays that our guests know and love. While it is too early to say how large or small any potential new vessel would be, I would be very surprised if it were to be a 5,000-capacity mega ship. That's just not who we are. ⚓

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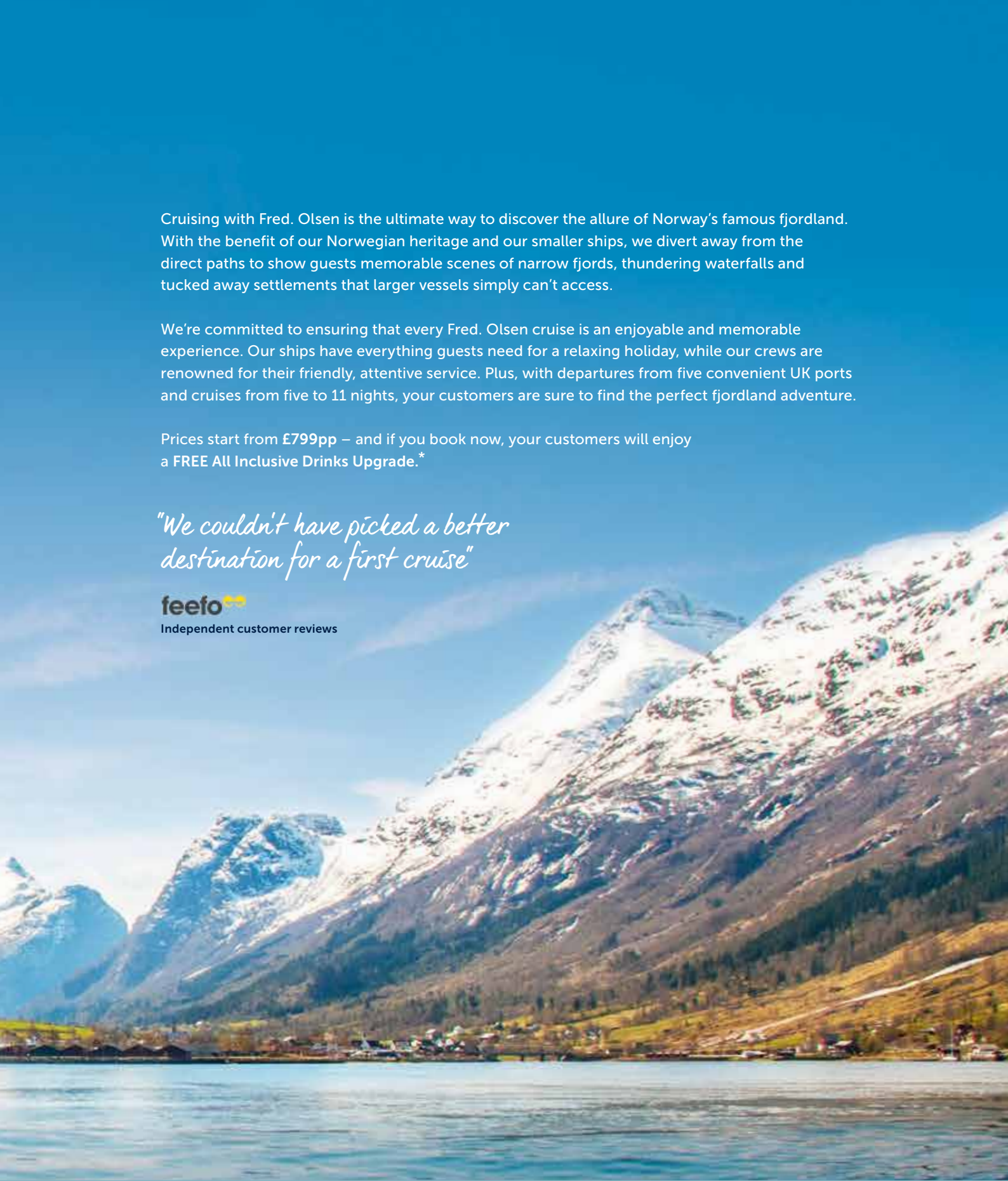

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BRITISH ISLES

London often hogs the limelight as the UK's premier urban hub, but there is plenty to enjoy in some of the country's more off-the-beaten-track locations

CRUISING holidays often evoke exotic images of tropical destinations, but in reality great seafaring experiences can also be had much closer to home. The British Isles offer a plethora of fascinating places outside the more obvious southeast: Scotland in particular affords spectacular sightseeing and cultural opportunities, while Northern Ireland has plenty to offer too when it comes to atmospheric scenery and historical treasures. Other areas worth exploring include picturesque Cornwall and the sunny Channel Islands, both boasting picture postcard-pretty locations. And for quirky charm, cruise passengers should make time to discover the many attractions of Liverpool, with its numerous museums and galleries.

BELFAST

Belfast cruise port has two docks: Stormont (Belfast Harbour) is located around three miles north of the city centre and is used by larger ships, while Pollock Dock is even closer to town and is used for berthing smaller vessels. A new cruise terminal in an area designated D3 is under construction north of the city airport and is scheduled for completion in 2020.

Shore excursions include a trip to Antrim on the north coast of Northern Ireland, home to the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO-listed collection of looming basalt stone columns on the edge of the choppy Irish Sea. The city centre, meanwhile, offers elegant Victorian buildings, plus chic restaurants and shops.

EDINBURGH

The compact Scottish capital boasts a medieval Old Town and the elegant Georgian New Town with gardens and neoclassical buildings. High on the skyline of the city is Edinburgh Castle, home to Scotland's crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny, used in the coronation of Scottish rulers.

Arthur's Seat is an imposing peak in Holyrood Park with sweeping views, and Calton Hill is topped with monuments and memorials.

Smaller ships dock at Leith, only three miles out of town, or Rosyth, situated 40 minutes away on the north bank of the River Forth, while

Historic Urquhart Castle stands beside Loch Ness in Scotland

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

Glasgow, the River Clyde port city where many of Britain best-loved ships were built, is also the country's best-kept secret. Recently voted "one of the world's friendliest cities", this effervescent northern conurbation is one of UNESCO's Cities of Music: both Simple Minds and Oasis got their first breaks here.

Astoundingly, some 1,800 of the city's buildings are listed as being of historical importance, including the striking Gothic cathedral and medieval Govan Stone sculptures. With dozens of world-class museums and event spaces too, including Sir Norman Foster's stylish SSE Hydro, there's no time to get bored in lively 'Glesga'.

larger vessels tender passengers into South Queensferry, where trains and buses transport them to the city centre in 20 minutes.

FALMOUTH

With pastel-hued cottages, a glittering harbour and a host of great pubs and restaurants, the Cornish town of Falmouth is a must-see stop on any British Isles cruise. Be sure to try the 'hedgehog' – Cornish ice cream, clotted cream and hazelnuts.

Small cruise ships dock at the County Wharf, a walk of about 15 minutes from the town centre, or taxis are available at the pier. Larger vessels have to be tendered from a mooring in the bay: the transfer takes around half an hour.

LIVERPOOL

Liverpool is known as a city of creative types, music lovers, culture addicts and friendly faces. This buzzing metropolis is home to the UK's biggest collection of museums and galleries outside London.

It is of course the birthplace of seminal band The Beatles, and their story is documented in several attractions dotted around the city, including The Beatles Story at Albert Dock, The Magical Mystery Tour and the museum in Mathew Street, which features more than 300 pieces of Beatles-related memorabilia.

The Pier Head cruise terminal, near the Royal Liver Building, has refreshment facilities and is located just half a mile from the city centre. Cunard, Norwegian Cruise Line, Costa Cruises, Celebrity, Disney, Princess and Viking Cruises all sail into the city and more than 165,000 passengers and crew from around the world were estimated to have come ashore in 2019, testament to Liverpool's enduring popularity as a cruise port of call.

LONDON

What more can be said about the British capital? A truly global megalopolis, and one of the biggest ethnic melting pots on the planet, London can lay claim to having something for everyone, with around 170 museums – including the unmissable Victoria & Albert, Tate Modern and the National Gallery – plus nearly 250 theatres that sit alongside a hugely varied and incredibly exciting entertainment scene.

Culture knows no bounds in this city, with UNESCO World Heritage sites such as the Tower of London and Westminster Abbey, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. Alternatively, admire the historic buildings of Maritime Greenwich, or explore the stunning Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew.

Currently, all larger cruise vessels dock at Port Tilbury on the north bank of the Thames, the home port of British line CMV. Smaller ships may dock at Greenwich Ship Tier, located near both the famous Cutty Sark attraction and the Naval College and conveniently close to Greenwich Railway Station.

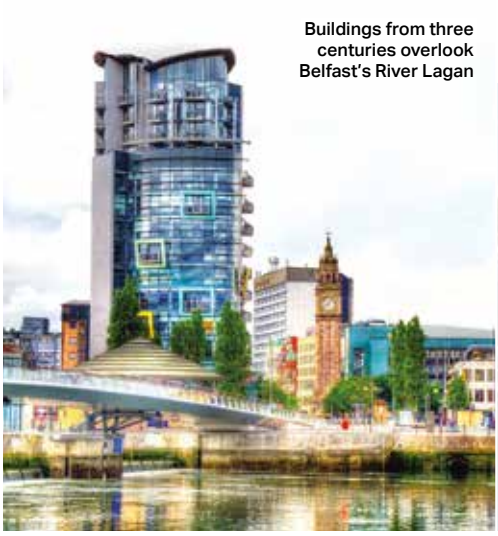
ORKNEY ISLANDS

These northern Scottish islands are steeped in natural beauty and feel magically remote. Visit for rolling hills, rugged beaches and amazing seabird colonies, along with the mysterious wrecks of warships. The local seafood here is world class, too.

Despite its relatively isolated location, this group of islands represents the UK's most popular cruise ship destination, with more than 140 ships calling into Kirkwall and Stromness annually.

SKYE

Famed for its peaty whisky, breathtaking craggy mountains and shimmering lochs, the Isle of Skye is one of ▶



Buildings from three centuries overlook Belfast's River Lagan

Maritime history and welcoming pubs mix at Falmouth in Cornwall

SELLING TIPS

"It's easy to take our home countries for granted, but the British Isles offers grand stately homes, world-class museums, beautiful gardens and cosmopolitan cities. Cruising is one of the best ways to visit the notable urban centres, famous historic sites and areas of natural beauty dotted around Britain and Ireland. Could there be a more convenient way to take in famous places like London, Belfast, or even Liverpool on one trip without having to unpack constantly?"

- With no flying involved and every comfort at guests' fingertips, a cruise is ideal for older travellers
- Lots of the best sights and locations can be seen from the water – and those reflections look stunning in photos
- There are so many different things to see and do, so passengers really won't get bored.

Amy Wright
marketing and business development executive
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the most beautiful destinations Britain has to offer. Hike its towering cliffs and moors, visit the harbourside pubs of Portree and stop by the Talisker distillery.

Most cruise ships to Skye dock at Portree, located on the eastern coast. Portree cruise port has a harbour with a ferry pier. Other ports where smaller ships may drop anchor are Armadale and Dunvegan. Armadale port is small (also with a ferry pier) and serves mainly the regular scheduled Caledonian MacBrayne ferries to Mallaig, the ferry port in Lochaber, on the west coast of the Scottish Highlands.

ST HELIER

The Channel Islands are often overlooked as a cruise destination, but the Jersey capital of St Helier is abundant with history and charm. It boasts sandy beaches, cliff-top fortifications, museums and some of the best seafood restaurants around. Head to the harbour for the famed Jersey crab.

Cultural attractions include the Maritime Museum and Jersey Art Gallery. St Helier also makes a good base for excursions to island highlights such as the Jersey War Tunnels, historic site La Hougue Bie and medieval Samarès Manor with its renowned botanic gardens.

ST PETER PORT

Both the Guernsey Information Centre and St Peter Port High Street are a short stroll from the cruise drop-off point. On arrival, passengers will find themselves on the Albert Pier, which is centrally located along the harbour seafront.

Guernsey is a compact island, just 24 square miles, which means everywhere is accessible in around 30 minutes by bus or taxi from the port.

Attractions for visitors include the 800-year-old Castle Cornet with its five museums and four period gardens, Old Government House for a delicious traditional tea and Hauteville House, for 14 years home to French writer Victor Hugo during his time in exile from his native land. ⚓

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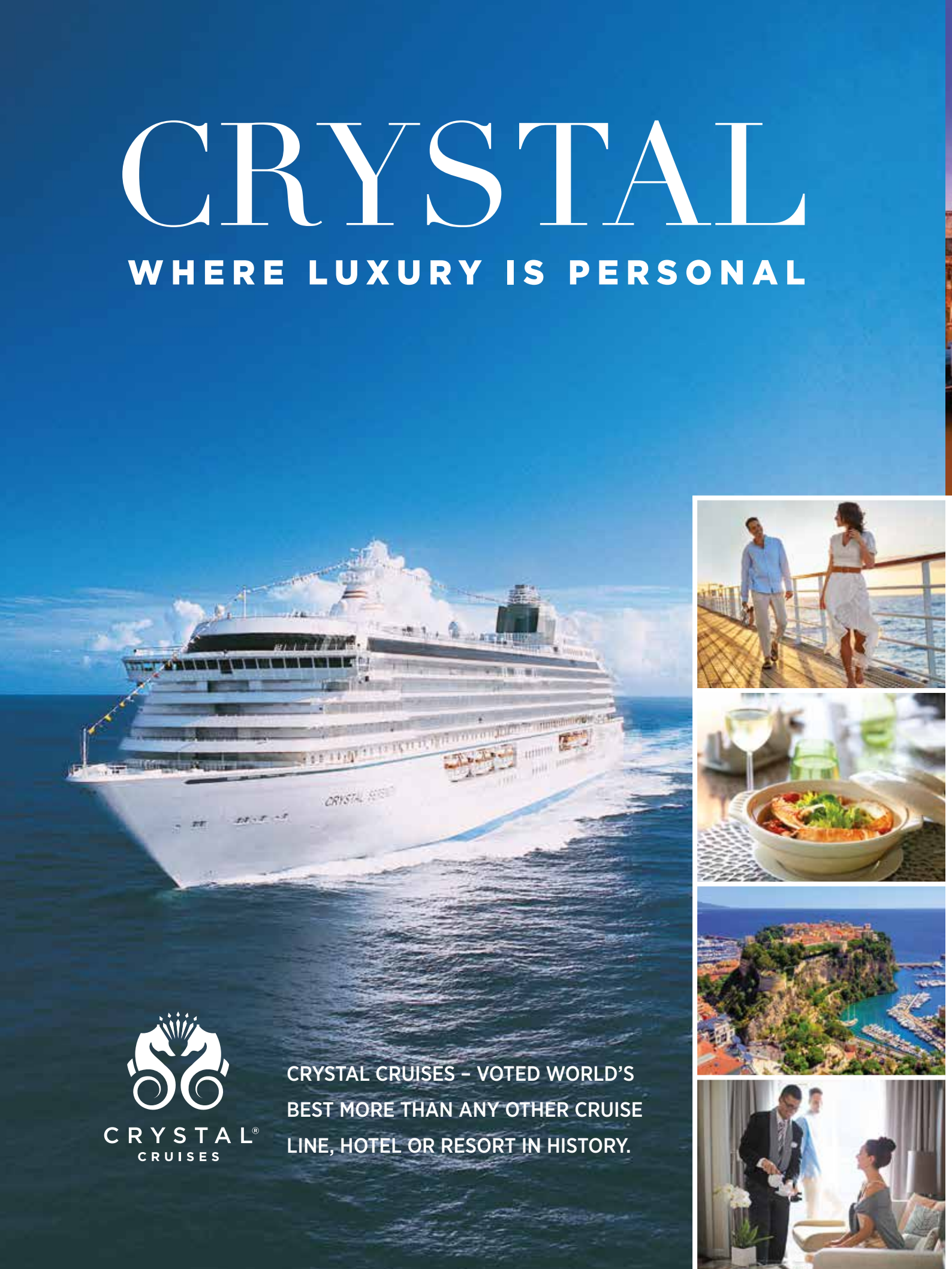

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MEDITERRANEAN

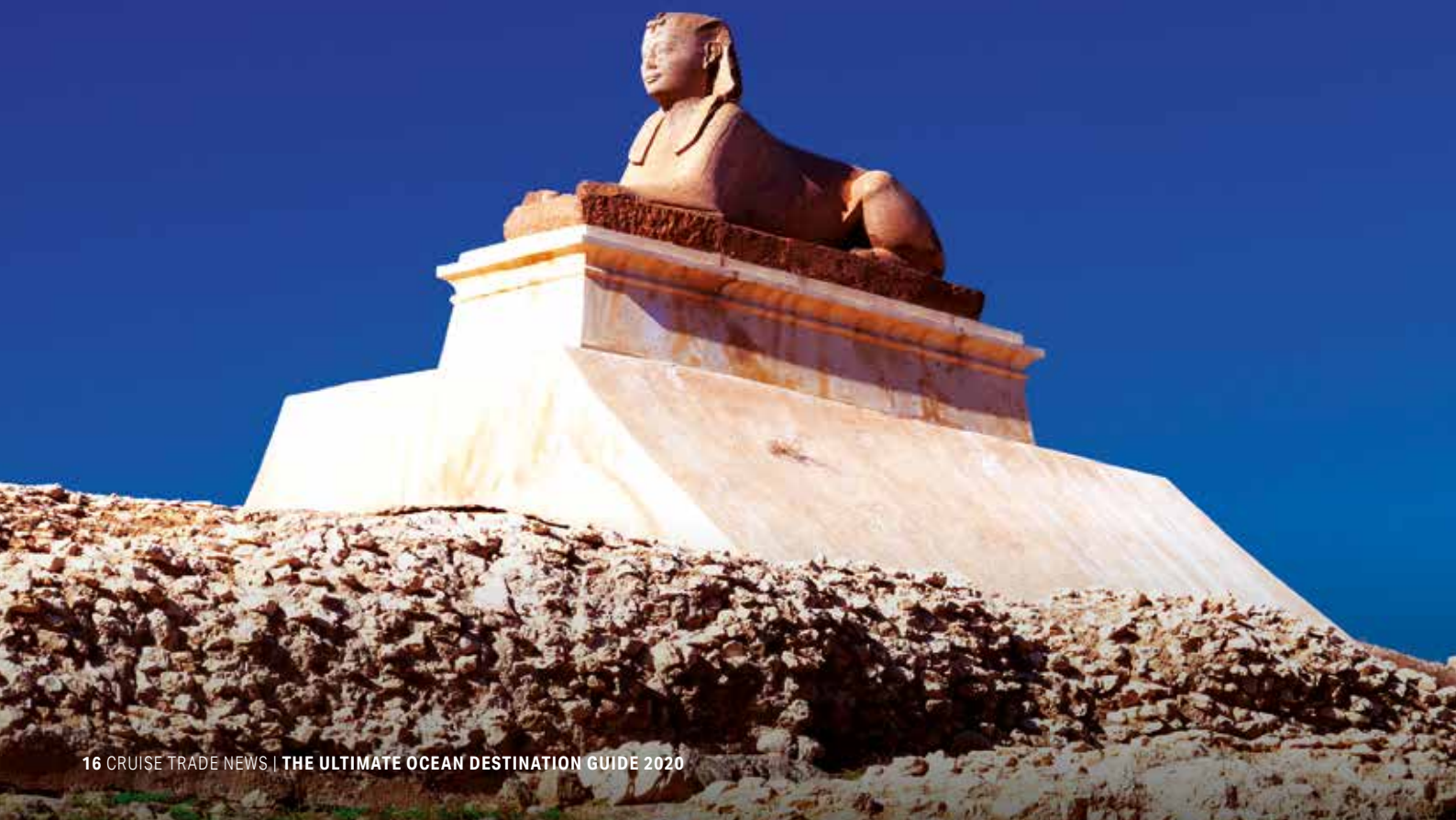
Packed with sights and activities and visited by all the world's major cruise lines, the Mediterranean is one of the most popular cruise destinations on earth

FROM Gaudi's flamboyant architecture in Barcelona, to Malta's medieval past, or Gibraltar's Barbary apes, few regions have so much cultural diversity packed into such a small space as The Mediterranean. Cruise itineraries generally cover the Western Mediterranean, including France, Spain and Italy, or the Eastern Mediterranean, including Croatia and Egypt. This is also the home of the renowned Mediterranean diet, so foodies will have plenty to relish, while nightlife lovers will lap up the lively club scene in Ibiza and Ayia Napa.

ALEXANDRIA

Nicknamed the Pearl of the Mediterranean, Alexandria was founded in 331BC by Alexander the Great and ruled over at one point by Queen Cleopatra. The focal point of this historic Egyptian city is Pompey's Pillar, a massive triumphal column carved from a single piece of granite, which was erected here 1,700 years ago.

Visitors also flock to the Alexandria National Museum, which bursts at the seams with treasures dating back to Pharaonic times, while Cairo and the Great Pyramids are only a few hours away. ▶



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The astonishing triumphal column at Alexandria was built in 297 AD

BARCELONA

Barcelona's docks are situated within walking distance of the city centre and the plethora of major attractions on offer here make this Spanish city one of the most popular Mediterranean cruise ports.

A free shuttle service from the port takes passengers into town to explore the old city's museums, shops and cafés. Other major attractions include street performers along Las Ramblas, Europe's largest aquarium at Port Vell and 19th-century architectural genius Gaudi's flamboyant works, which are dotted all over town.

BASTIA

Located bang in the centre of town, Corsica's main port is just a stroll away from the atmospheric labyrinth of passageways and alleys of the city's historic centre. Since this is a French island, you can expect gastronomy to be a big player; foodies should sample sheep's cheese-stuffed *Sardines farcies au brocciu* and other local specialities.

Wine lovers, meanwhile, will leap at the chance to visit some of Corsica's world-class vineyards. As for wildlife enthusiasts, they can get their kicks at Biguglia, Corsica's largest lake, which is used by countless migratory birds as a stopover and breeding ground.

CAGLIARI

Sardinia's busiest port, Cagliari is an easy shuttle ride from the city's picturesque historic centre, set on a hill with jaw-dropping views over the Cagliari gulf.

This is a city for strolling, where Roman amphitheatres stand alongside medieval towers and botanic gardens. Nature lovers will want to take a shore excursion to nearby Molentargius, a salt water lagoon renowned for its huge colony of pink flamingos.

CIVITAVECCHIA

Civitavecchia is situated 45 miles north of the Italian capital. Cruise ships dock on the northwest edge of the town at the Rome Cruise Terminal. Port authorities run a free shuttle bus service between the cruise ship pier and the information centre at Largo della Pace, also known as Porta di Città. This runs every 15 minutes from 7am-11pm. Trains to Rome take around one hour and ten minutes and run half-hourly; 37 trains run each day.

The attractions of Rome are well documented, but Civitavecchia also has interesting sightseeing options of its own: Michelangelo Fort dates back to the 16th century; the old town centre has a medieval district offering a variety of bars and restaurants; and the Taurine Baths is an a archaeological site on top of a hill just three miles away.

GIBRALTAR

The 426m-tall promontory, known to many as the Rock, is a spectacular slice of

The Cathedral of the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona is one of the great works by Gaudi

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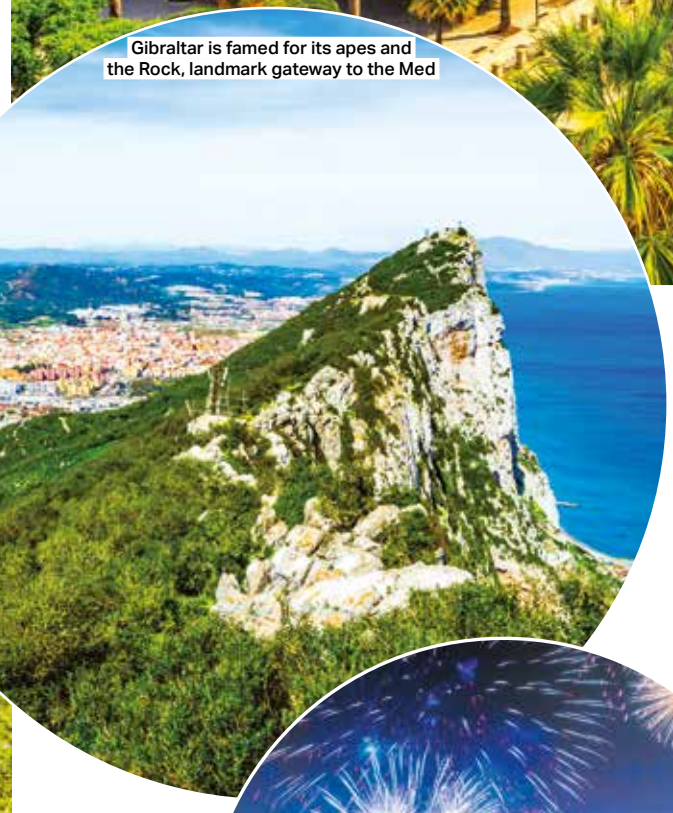
There's a rich mix of history on show in Cagliari, Sardinia



Gibraltar is famed for its apes and the Rock, landmark gateway to the Med

Ibizan beaches such as San Antonio are known for their nightlife

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

Linking Europe to Asia across the Bosphorus strait and a major stopping point on the historic Silk Road, illustrious Istanbul, known previously as Byzantium and Constantinople, fans out from the historical centre of Sultanahmet Square. Here you'll find sixth-century, mosaic-studded Hagia Sofia and the dazzling ceramic-lined Blue Mosque.

Other highlights include the Grand Bazaar, a covered labyrinth of stalls selling everything from jewellery to carpets, watching Whirling Dervishes at the Hodjapasha Cultural Centre and enjoying a real Turkish hammam. Head for the Sulemaniye baths for a proper steam treatment, full body wash and massage in a unique historical setting.

Englishness in a Mediterranean setting. Passengers are guaranteed to be impressed when they arrive in the cruise port, which lies in the shadow of this dramatic landform overlooking the Bay of Gibraltar.

Once the ship has docked, it's an easy 15-minute walk into town, where visitors can expect red phone boxes alongside fish and chip shops, along with a sprinkling of museums and a cable car trip to see the peninsula's iconic (and cheeky) Barbary macaque monkeys.

IBIZA TOWN

Ships cruising to the smallest of the three Balearic Islands dock at the Port d'Eivissa on the edge of town, which is within walking distance of the cobbled streets of Dalt Vila, the island's UNESCO World Heritage-classed medieval walled city. Packed with trendy shops and hip restaurants, Ibiza's streets also throng with the nightlife that has earned the island its globally recognised party reputation.

Clubs within easy reach of the port include the legendary Pacha ▶

SELLING TIPS

"This is an opportunity to explore so many wonderful islands, cities, towns and villages. Hidden gems are countless: whether you are looking for quaint and quiet, historical places or somewhere that's bustling and hip, there truly is something for everyone. The Med runs the gamut from turquoise seas and charming islands such as Mallorca and Sardinia to some of the world's top capital cities, like Barcelona, Rome and Venice."

- Listen to what your client is looking for in a cruise: if you have a client who wants quaint and charming then you need a smaller ship
- Make sure they have at least one-night pre or post- cruise stay to see cities such as Rome, Venice or Barcelona
- Remember to talk clients through the wide and varied range of shore excursions available in this region

Clare Dudley
managing director
Ponders Travel

and Privilege, which is one of the world's largest. The silk sands of Las Salinas, the island's most popular party beach and the place to see and be seen on the island, are also close by.

LIVORNO

From the pizza of Naples to Genoa's dazzling historic centre, there are plenty of reasons to visit Italy. But many visitors would agree that Livorno, gateway to Florence's treasures and the Leaning Tower of Pisa, is the best cruise stop for passengers wanting to explore this culturally rich country.

This is one of the Mediterranean's busiest ports and the cruise terminal lies west of the city centre; depending on where the ship docks, passengers will find themselves around two miles away from the railway station for independent travel to Pisa, Lucca and Florence.

NAPLES

Cruise ships dock at Molo Beverello alongside the cruise terminal, which is just a five-minute walk from the historic city centre with its many landmarks. These include the spectacular Lungomare beach promenade, the National Archaeological Museum, home to one of the world's finest collections of antiquities, many of which stem from early excavations of Pompeii, and the unique shops on Via San Gregorio Armeno. Here the terracotta nativity figures, called *presepi*, are said to be among the best things to bring home from Naples as souvenirs.

From here, passengers can also choose to go to

The port of Livorno in Italy is gateway to many of the country's historic cities

Mallorca is famous for some excellent beaches

The town of Amalfi gives its name to the charming coastline

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Spectacular architecture abounds in Valetta's Cathedral of St John

The bazaar is one of the attractions of Tunis

visit a number of fascinating locations: Pompeii, the city famously consumed by volcanic lava from Mount Vesuvius and now one of the most visited archaeological sites in the world; Amalfi, the picture postcard-pretty town that gives its name to the coastline; and of course Capri, the enchanting island that has attracted film stars, billionaires and even emperors.

PALMA

Local taxis whisk passengers from the modern cruise terminal of Mallorca's busy port Estació Maritima to the heart of this historic city in just five minutes.

Some ships also berth at Porto Pi, which is slightly further from town.

Founded by the Romans some 2,100 years ago, the city has narrow streets that are lined with Moorish, Gothic and Renaissance architecture, including the Gothic Cathedral La Seu, making this a perfect city for strolling; there are also plenty of excellent beaches nearby. Palma is renowned for leather goods and Mediterranean pearls, and visitors can get their shopping fix in the streets around Passeig des Born.

TUNIS

Built to resemble a Moorish *medina*, and housing duty-free shops and a traditional steam bath or *hammam*, Tunis' cruise port, La Goulette, is a destination in itself.

Cruises were cancelled for several years after a terrorist attack in 2015. Since 2017, though, countless cruise lines have put the capital of Tunisia, with its intriguing blend of French and Moorish influences, back on their Mediterranean map. Passengers will enjoy visiting the *medina* and haggling in the souk, before heading out to see the archaeological sites of ancient Carthage, which lie close by.

VALLETTA

Backdrop for classic films such as war epic *Battle of Britain* and Ridley Scott's *Gladiator*, Malta's main port at the heart of the Mediterranean is breathtaking. The skyline is dotted with castles, medieval churches and colourful fishing boats, and sailing into this port is an experience guaranteed to rate highly in Instagram feeds.

An elevator takes visitors up to the old town to visit the impressive 16th-century Grandmaster's Palace, plus other historic sights of the city, which was built in the 16th century by the Knights of St John. Other attractions within easy reach include the megalithic temples of Hagar Qim and the crafts village of Ta' Qali. ⚓

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Elaine Gillard, Marketing Director, Crystal Cruises

THE GLORIES OF GREECE

The delights of Greece are well documented, but there is always something new to discover. From the cultural joys of the capital and the historic treasures of Corinth to the golden beaches of Skiathos and the neoclassical charms of Galaxidi, this marvellous destination never fails to impress and surprise

Athens has history galore – and gorgeous beaches

ATHENS

Athens is the oldest capital in Europe and a large part of the town's centre has been converted into a three-kilometre pedestrianised zone – the largest in Europe – leading to the city's major archaeological sites.

It's not all ancient history, however, the suburbs offer a long stretch of beaches and amazing seaside tavernas, something unique for a European capital. Just 10 miles south of the city, typically around a 35-minute drive, visitors will find a place where urban sprawl gives way to an idyllic palm-fringed setting. They can swim, relax at a waterfront café, and take part in their favourite water sports. Athens' subway goes directly to Piraeus from where visitors can catch a ferry to the islands.

GALAXIDI

Through the stunning mountainous landscapes of Fokida one reaches a town with great tradition and naval history: the picturesque pride and joy of the southern coast of central Greece, Galaxidi. Brave seamen used to sail around the Mediterranean Sea to seek refuge in the two natural ports of the little town, Agora and Chirolakas and the naval museum bears witness to its history.

Captains' mansions and cobbled narrow streets guarantee a relaxing stroll. Traditional architectural elements conjure up tales of the old times: colourful façades, marble arches around the gates, yards with flowers and pebbles, and stone balconies decorated with figureheads.

The town of Galaxidi boasts a proud naval history

The town hall, housed in the Tsalaggyras mansion, the Folk Art Museum, and the Girls' School, are some of the best preserved old buildings. As for ancient monuments, you will find them in the park: the tomb of King Locros and the remnants of the walls of ancient Oianthi.

ITEA & DELPHI

Itea is a small waterfront town located in close proximity to the archaeological site of Delphi.

Skiathos' pine forests are a major tourist draw

Skopelos is the country's greenest island

Amazing views at the foot of Mount Pelion

Featuring a relatively new port that hosts a number of vessels, Itea's view of waters and imposing mountains in the horizon make for a pleasant stroll by the sea. In just 15 minutes, passengers can get from there to Delphi. Visited by an estimated 500,000 tourists each year, the UNESCO World Heritage archaeological site of Delphi is one of the most stunning in the world.

Located close to the port of Itea, there are hidden archaeological treasures, such as Mycenaean Tolophon and ancient Kirra in the Bay of Itea on the Corinthian Gulf, awaiting discovery. Once only walked by locals and pilgrims, the ancient paths at the foot of Mt Parnassos are becoming increasingly popular among hikers, who all year round can choose paths with varying degrees of difficulty.

KORINTHOS

The city centre has wide roads, parks, squares and a picturesque port with fishing boats. Beautiful pedestrian walkways entice visitors for a stroll, a coffee and shopping, with monuments, museums and historical sites surrounding the city.

Must-see sites include the seaside zone, especially around the small port of Floisvos with its marina. Close by guests will find Kalamia, an extensive and established pebble-strewn beach, with many coffee shops and taverns all along it. Then there is the city's impressive Court House, where the statue of Archbishop Damascenus stands in the small square in front. The Apostle Paul metropolitan church, on the street of the same name, was built after the 1928 earthquakes and is also worth a visit. The "Apostle to the Nations" lived and taught here for a short period and is the city's patron saint.

SKIATHOS

It's the pine forest and clear waters – accompanied by more than 60 beaches – that draw many a visitor to this island in the Northern Sporades, although there's little double that the buoyant nightlife has its own appeal, as evidenced by the area of Ammoudiá, which pulses late into the night with its open air clubs and venues. Those in search of golden sands should head to the aptly named Golden Sand beach, or Krassa Bay, also known as Banana, which is popular among adrenaline junkies as they can indulge in an array of water sports. Peace and quiet, however, can be found on the western part of Skiathos, particularly in Mandráki, Eliá, Agkistros and Small and Big Asélinos.

SKOPELOS

The so-called greenest island in Greece – that's just one of Skopelos' claims to fame. However, it's far more likely that people will recognise the name as this was the setting for the film *Mamma Mia* and many have since have flocked to Skopelos to walk in the footsteps of Hollywood stars and experience what the island has to offer, such as its impressive Byzantine monasteries, the Aï Yiannis chapel and ancient pirate graves carved into rock. During the summer months the beaches of Miliá and Pánormos are very popular, and guests should not leave the island without trying a piece of traditional cheese pie, made from local ingredients.

VOLOS

The city of Volos – one of Greece's most important ports – is situated at the foot of Mount Pelion, a popular site for hiking and climbers, overlooking the Pagasetic Gulf. The city's location In the Magnesia region lends itself to much excitement about its mythical past – the ancestor of its peoples was Magnes, believed to be the son of Zeus and Aeolus.

Magnesia is also said to be the birthplace of the Centaurs, which only adds to the mythical air that surrounds Volos. A stroll through the city showcases grand mansions and old-school charm, while modern-day highlights also stretch to a gorgeous seafront dotted with restaurants serving local delicacies. One of the most striking sights in Volos is on Argonauts Avenue, which features an exact replica of the ancient ship *Argo*. ⚓

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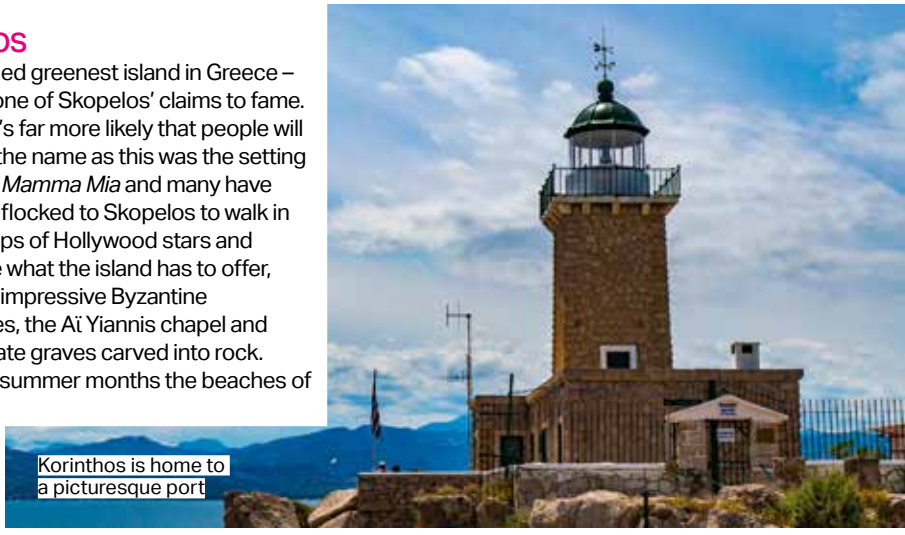
Delphi attracts as many as half a million tourists a year


Korinthos is home to a picturesque port

One of the Aegean's classic destinations... Oia in Santorini

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ADRIATIC & AEGEAN

Laid-back island life and lashings of culture are on the menu for anyone taking an Adriatic and Aegean cruise

LINKED by the spectacular feat of engineering that is the four-mile-long Corinth Canal, the Aegean – Homer's "wine-dark sea" – is surrounded by Greece and Turkey, while the deep blue Adriatic Sea fringes Italy and Croatia.

With more than 2,000 islands between the two, ranging from volcanic Santorini to stunning Split, island-hopping is a major feature of any cruise to this strikingly beautiful region. With Venice, Dubrovnik, Bodrum and Athens close to hand, however, there's plenty for culture vultures to do here, too.

BODRUM

The gateway to many beach resorts and dominated by the 15th-century St Peter's castle, this cruise port is lined with traditional gulet fishing boats. A stroll past cafés and shops selling local craftwork takes passengers into the small town, where they can visit a castle built by the Crusaders; the Bodrum Underwater Archaeology museum, meanwhile, features interactive exhibits.

CORFU

Situated off Greece's northwest coast, Corfu's sandy beaches, charming old town and delicious food ensure visitors return time and time again. Cruise ships dock at the small but modern Kerkira port, a short shuttle ride away from the UNESCO World Heritage site of Corfu Town, with its narrow, cobbled streets, medieval walls and Byzantine buildings.

CRETE

A distinctive destination, Greece's largest island has it all, whether clients are after culture, history or an alluring coastline. Cruise ships dock near the harbour of the island's capital, Heraklion. From the port, it's an easy walk to the main town surrounding the café-lined Lion square and the historic old town. It's also conveniently situated for the 4,000-year-old Minoan Palace of Knossos, where legend says that the half-man, half-bull Minotaur once lived.

DUBROVNIK

Another UNESCO world heritage site, this Croatian coastal gem is one of the world's best-conserved medieval cities. Larger ships dock at the Gruz harbour and shuttles take passengers the few miles into town, where they can wander along the ancient 12th century walls, then stroll through the city to discover a cluster of baroque churches, museums, markets and palaces.

KOTOR

If clients want to grab some unmissable photo opportunities, a cruise to the port of Montenegro can't be beaten. Cruise ships drop anchor at the foot of two mountains in a picturesque bay within a five-minute stroll of the UNESCO World Heritage-classed medieval walled city of ▶

The Acropolis in Athens is world heritage-listed

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

Birthplace of democracy, home of the Parthenon and currently undergoing a radical clean-up operation, the age-old city of Athens merits several days' exploration. Clamber steep slopes to visit the 2,500-year-old Acropolis, stroll the winding alleys of the Plaka region, stopping in at one of the *kafeneions* for an ouzo and *mezes*.

Visitors can shop in the vibrant Monastiraki flea-market neighbourhood – and they won't want to miss the city's brand new archaeological museum. After seeing the main sights, get off the beaten track and wander Kifiisia's elegant boulevards, or enjoy a sunset cocktail in exclusive Kolonaki.

Split can be the starting point for a visit to the Dalmatian islands

Kotor. Monuments worth a visit include the 12th-century Saint Tryphon Cathedral and Grgur Palace, an 18th-century treasure that houses the city's maritime museum.

MYKONOS

Situated in the Aegean Sea, Mykonos is studded with windmills, while the cruise port of this upscale party paradise is about three miles out of town. Shuttles take passengers to Hora, Mykonos' main village and renowned A-list hangout. When they've had enough of the designer boutiques, chic restaurants and nightclubs, visitors should visit Mikra Venetia (Little Venice), with houses built over the water.

SANTORINI

This is what holiday dreams are made of – arriving in the volcanic *caldera*, or crater, of Skala port on Santorini is the highlight of many a cruise. Ships dock in the centre of this volcano, and passengers hop on mules or take a cable car to scale the 600 steps up to the whitewashed houses and tavernas of Fira town. Shore excursions include boat trips to the black sand beaches of Kamari and Perissa, or to explore the archaeological site of Akrotiri.

SPLIT

Croatia's second-largest city and known for its beautiful beaches, Split is a popular tourist destination and the jumping-off point when visiting Croatia's Dalmatian islands. The main cruise terminal is a ten-minute walk from the city's old town, which is surrounded by ancient walls that were built by order of Emperor Diocletian in 295 AD. Visitors should climb the bell tower, then explore the 7th-century cathedral built over the Emperor's mausoleum.

VENICE

This city of canals and upscale restaurants is an essential of any Adriatic cruise itinerary. In 2019, a new plan was announced that will see ships which weigh more than 1,000 tonnes moved away from Venice's canal.

Larger ships will have to dock at Fusina and Lombardia terminals outside the city centre, but still inside its lagoon.

A gondola cruise is ideal for seeing St Mark's Square and the Bridge of Sighs. Shore excursion highlights include trips to Murano, the centuries-old home of Venetian glassmakers.

SELLING TIPS

"The Adriatic coastline is one of the most picturesque in Europe, from the mountain-flanked bays of Montenegro to the bustling, ancient walled towns of Croatia, while an Aegean cruise is the perfect way to discover the enchanting Greek islands, particularly for the first time. There is something to suit every taste: culture, history, pristine beaches and fishing villages suspended in time."

- Make sure to check the time of year your customer wishes to travel – this is generally a seasonal destination
- Consider the cruise length: seven-day cruises might be quite port-intensive, so opt for longer cruises if clients want more days at sea
- Remember that larger ships can only dock at the biggest ports, so smaller ships will have more unique destinations to choose from

Nicola Payne
product and commercial manager, Cruise Plus by Travel 2

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The Aegean "Greece is an idyllic place for both short or longer cruises ,with countless paradisiacal islands; the mainland with its fairy-tale scenery and ideal climate allows for pleasant travelling conditions all year round. Guided tours of the archaeological sites found on the islands, swimming in captivating beaches and unforgettable gastronomic adventures all make for a unique cruising experience."

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CAPE VERDE

Cape Verde spans 10 islands in the Atlantic Ocean. The archipelago was uninhabited until the 15th century, when Portuguese settlers arrived, before Cape Verde eventually gained independence in 1975. Those keen on adventure might be tempted to try hiking Pico do Fogo, the highest peak of Cape Verde, while those more inclined to relax should try the beaches, the most popular of which include Santa Maria Beach on Sal, Praia de Chaves on Boa Vista and Santa Monica. The sun is mostly out all year round, with average temperatures around the mid 20s.

LA PALMA

Santa Cruz de La Palma is the port of volcanic island La Palma. Cruise ships arriving in this unspoilt atoll's tiny port discover palm-tree-lined streets, bougainvillea-covered Spanish colonial houses and a naval museum housed in a full-size replica of Columbus' ship, *Santa Maria*. Shore excursions also take visitors to discover vineyards and hiking trails near the Caldera de Taburiente, one of the largest volcano craters in the world. La Palma is good for those who enjoy the outdoors, with plenty of activities to keep even the most energetic visitor occupied.

LANZAROTE

This well-known and well-loved Canary Island takes its name from Lancelotto Malocello, a Genoese sailor, who, legend has it, first moored on the island in the early 1300s.

The 300 volcanic cones that feature here on the island make for an intriguing terrain of red and black rocks – some of which provide for a spectacular backdrop to the beaches. It is also a UNESCO biosphere reserve, recognising the environmental importance of the island.

LAS PALMAS

Gran Canaria's busy port city is also the island's capital. Ships arrive at the Santa Catalina cruise terminal in the city centre. A gateway to this dramatic Canary Island, the port provides easy access to the old town of Vegueta, the stylish shops and cafés of Parque Santa Catalina and the superb sandy beaches of Playa de las Canteras. Other attractions close by include the Casa de Colon, a 15th-century mansion where Christopher Columbus stayed before setting sail for the New World.

LISBON

The hilly capital of Portugal is one of the oldest cities in Europe and as such has a strong magnetic force on all those inclined to a spot of historic learning. Cruise lines calling at Lisbon dock close to the city centre thanks to the €22m Lisbon Cruise Terminal at Santa Apolónia, which opened in November 2017. It has three quays and five passenger terminals. The number of passengers is expected to double to one million within the next 10 years.

MADEIRA

Colonised by Portugal in the 15th century and nicknamed 'Pearl of the Atlantic', Madeira's location on the Gulf Stream gives it year-round balmy weather and exotic vegetation. Madeira's main port is situated beneath Funchal city, which is perched way above on towering cliffs, and arriving here on a cruise ship is a breathtaking experience. Energetic walkers will enjoy the 20-minute hike along rough roads into town, where they can sample afternoon tea at Reid's Palace, the hotel where celebrities including Winston Churchill have stayed. Madeira is, of course, famed for fortified wine, and visitors can find out more about the world-renowned ▶

Madeira is known for lush vegetation and gardens, as well as its famous wine

speciality on a tour of a local wine cellar.

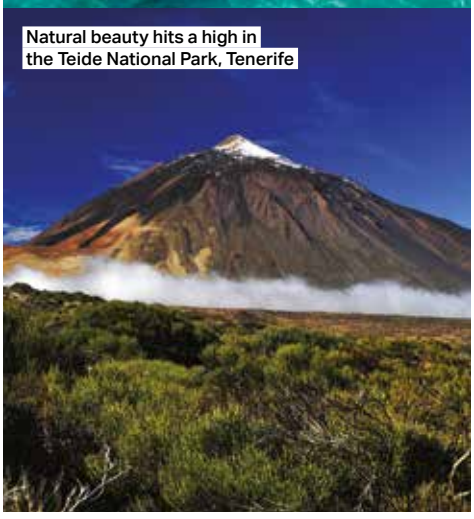
MINDELO

The cobbled streets, lively cafés and restaurants of Sao Vicente's capital, Mindelo, are a 15-minute walk – or shuttle ride – from Porto Grande cruise port in Cape Verde. A cosmopolitan city, whose Brazilian and European influences can be felt in local music and food, Mindelo is on the itinerary of many transatlantic sailings. Visitors will want to see the fishing museum *Museu do Mar*, near the lively fish market, and local colonial architecture, while divers will enjoy exploring the fauna-packed waters surrounding Sao Vicente.

PONTA DELGADA

Stopover for centuries between the 'Old' and 'New' Worlds, the Azores is an archipelago of nine mountainous and lush islands roughly halfway between Europe and North America. The main port is Ponta Delgada, the pretty capital of the island of Sao Miguel, which was discovered by Portuguese sailors in the 15th century. Despite its sub-tropical climate, the weather can be quite changeable here, but visitors generally come for the volcanic landscapes and lush environment, with its vineyards, and pineapple and coffee plantations.

Clients wanting to relax should head for Santa Maria beach on Sal Island



Natural beauty hits a high in the Teide National Park, Tenerife

SAN SEBASTIÁN DE LA GOMERA

The port of La Gomera is a pleasant stroll from the island's main town, San Sebastián, whose charming main street, the Calle Real (Royal Street), is lined with shops and cafés. Food lovers should order a bowl of the delicious watercress soup, which is a local speciality. One of the Canary Islands' lesser-known atolls, this pristine land mass is a haven for rare fauna and flora; visitors will want to visit Garajonay National Park, a vast local nature reserve, where they might be lucky enough to spot the Gomeran lizard and other indigenous species.

TENERIFE

The largest of the Canary Islands, Tenerife is about far more than just lush beaches. The north of the country is a real gem, with lashings of culture on the side. There's still a strong Spanish identity here, too, so many guests may find it useful to brush up on a few phrases. For natural beauty, there are few better sights than the Teide National Park, which makes for an incredible hike. Guests can explore the volcanic craters and caves, and see unique fauna and flora.

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

Buzzing Barcelona is a good choice for a pre or post-voyage excursion in this region, with many Atlantic Island cruises stopping in Spain. Bisected by the lively La Rambla, leading to the stylish Port Vell marina, this Catalan city is not only home to Gaudi's architectural masterpieces and some of Spain's top Michelin-starred restaurants, but also boasts a slew of world-class museums and attractions. Plus, it offers breathtaking panoramas best enjoyed during a cable-car trip to the top of Montjuïc mountain.

Sights worth seeing close by include cosmopolitan Sitges, with its mansion-lined seafront and stylish designer shops. For an outing with a more spiritual flavour, the Benedictine monks' retreat at Montserrat is the place to go, and offers spectacular mountain views of the area.

SELLING TIPS

"There is astounding variety to be discovered in an Atlantic Island cruise: Fuerteventura is renowned for wind surfing and Lanzarote has its volcanic parks. There's also the Azores – which are quite off the beaten track – and the cultural melting pot that is Cape Verde. Plus, of course, Madeira, with its gardens and sleigh rides, which is always a firm favourite with British clients."

- Most of the Atlantic Islands enjoy an all-year-round warm climate, so this is an ideal winter cruise destination, far from the dank British weather in winter
- There's a good choice when it comes to cruise duration: clients can choose to sail for just 10 days, or as long as several weeks
- It's possible for clients to get a long way off the beaten track here and to visit lesser known destinations such as the Azores, or St Helena

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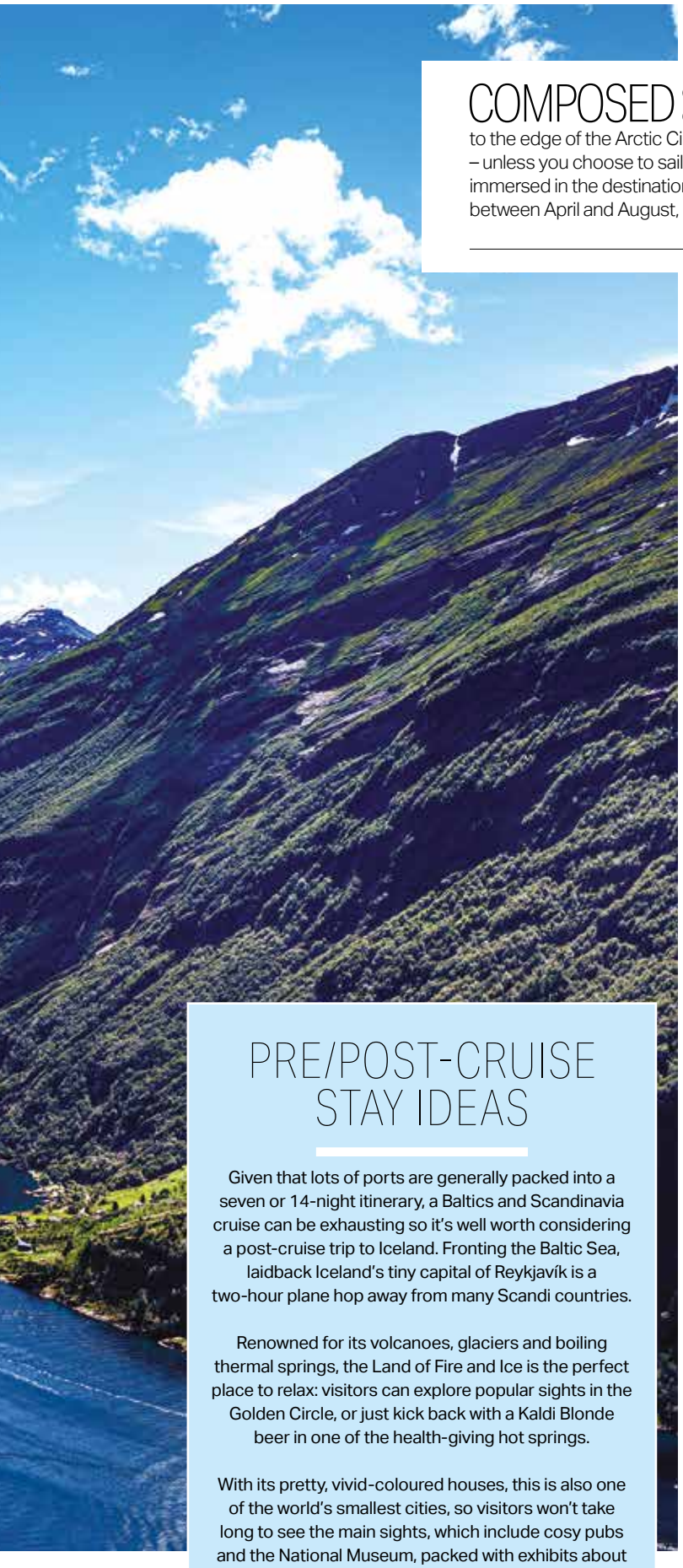
BALTICS & SCANDINAVIA

From Norway's pristine fjords to Estonia's hidden waterfalls via Copenhagen's stylish designer stores, a cruise to the Baltics and Scandinavia promises a smorgasbord of treats

Fjords such as the Geiranger, a World Heritage site, are famed as landmarks worth visiting in Norway



COMPOSED of a rich tapestry of cultures, the Baltics and Scandinavia cover myriad countries stretching from mainland Europe to the edge of the Arctic Circle. Since there are few days at sea during these cruises – unless you choose to sail from a British port – there's plenty of opportunity to get immersed in the destinations where the Vikings once sailed. Clients travelling between April and August, may be lucky enough to see the fabled Northern Lights.

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

Given that lots of ports are generally packed into a seven or 14-night itinerary, a Baltics and Scandinavia cruise can be exhausting so it's well worth considering a post-cruise trip to Iceland. Fronting the Baltic Sea, laidback Iceland's tiny capital of Reykjavík is a two-hour plane hop away from many Scandi countries.

Renowned for its volcanoes, glaciers and boiling thermal springs, the Land of Fire and Ice is the perfect place to relax: visitors can explore popular sights in the Golden Circle, or just kick back with a Kaldi Blonde beer in one of the health-giving hot springs.

With its pretty, vivid-coloured houses, this is also one of the world's smallest cities, so visitors won't take long to see the main sights, which include cosy pubs and the National Museum, packed with exhibits about Icelandic history.

COPENHAGEN

Cool Copenhagen, Scandinavia's largest city, is the home of author Hans Christian Andersen, and visitors will want to visit the canal district of Nyhavn where he once lived.

A big bonus here is that a large portion of the key attractions are within walking distance. Cruise passengers may choose to visit the Amalienborg Palace, home of the Danish royal family, or the Tivoli Museum of Art & Design, the largest museum for industrial design and applied arts in the region.

HELSINKI

Finnish cool can be found in abundance in the seaside city of Helsinki, the nation's capital. This city of approximately 620,000 people was founded in 1550 by King Gustav Vasa of Sweden. It is compact and easily explored on foot, meaning visitors can avoid using public transport if they so wish.

Helsinki is renowned for its cool style, and attractions here include the very hip Design Museum, which showcases Finnish and foreign creations, and stores selling Finnish clothing brands such as Marimekko and Artek. Visitors may like to take a ferry from the market square to Suomenlinna, an 18th-century sea fortress built across six islands. It's a UNESCO World Heritage site and has several museums, a restored submarine and even its own brewery.

OSLO

With dozens of exciting museums, a unique sculpture park and even a ski jump on offer, visitors could easily spend several days exploring the lake-dotted Norwegian capital. Must-see attractions include the Nobel Peace Centre, packed with inspiring exhibits and documentaries, and the city's three enthralling maritime museums.

Guests arrive into Akershus cruise terminal, via the stunningly picturesque Oslofjord. Ships dock next to the 13th-century Akershus Fortress and the terminal is just a five-minute walk from the centre of town.

RIGA

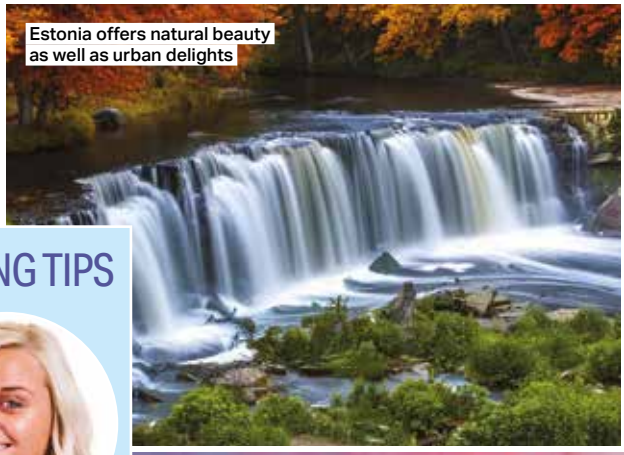
Cruise ships dock along the waterfront, just a short stroll from the capital of Latvia's glorious old town, with its cobbled streets, tiny alleys, the magnificent Doma cathedral and a throwback art nouveau-era quarter.

After visiting Riga Castle and buying amber in the shops along Valnu Street, visitors can head out on shore excursions to visit the pretty palaces and castles of the Zemgale region, or explore the streets of Sigulda, one of Latvia's most beautiful towns.

ST PETERSBURG

A city of immense beauty, St Petersburg is home to a wealth of experiences that are sure to wow visitors.

Highlights include the fabulous Hermitage museum, a former ▶


Estonia offers natural beauty as well as urban delights

Visitors to Reykjavik in Iceland may be lucky enough to see the Northern Lights

Copenhagen's canal district of Nyhavn has literary connections

SELLING TIPS

"Most cruises to the Baltics offer an overnight stay or two in St Petersburg, but if you book an excursion here you can use the cruise ship's visa. If you sail to Norway and head north of the Arctic Circle during the summer months you can witness the incredible Midnight Sun, where the sun never sets below the horizon."

- Paint a picture of the diverse highlights of each different port of call
- Make customers aware that if they want to visit Russia independently they would have to attend a visa application centre, but if they travel by cruise ship they can use the cruise line's group visa
- Scandinavian cities can be very expensive, so highlight the value of a cruise holiday

Rebecca Welsby
product manager
Cruise118

Royal residence and now home to artworks by greats such as Picasso and Rembrandt. Visitors might also love shopping along Nevsky Prospekt, taking a trip to Yusupov Palace, where notorious royal advisor Rasputin was murdered, or watching *Swan Lake* performed at the Hermitage Theatre.

STOCKHOLM

Stockholm is a dazzlingly attractive city that unfolds across 14 islands linked by bridges. Founded in the 13th century, the city is fairly compact, which makes it easy to get around: Gamla Stan, the old town with its vividly coloured 16th-century buildings, is within easy reach of the Royal Palace, where there is a Changing of the Guard ceremony in summer.

Abba fans won't want to miss the museum dedicated to the local band who shot to global fame in the 1970s. This is located near the city's Skansen open-air complex.

An opportunity for amateur photographers presents itself when cruise ships entering Stockholm's cruise port pass thousands of tiny and incredibly photogenic islands. Frihamnen, the city's larger, more modern terminal, is a short bus ride from town, while ships arriving in Stadsgarden are within easy walking distance of the centre.

TALLINN

Estonia's capital on the Baltic Sea, Tallinn is the country's cultural hub. Its walled, cobblestoned Old Town has been described as the best-preserved medieval city in Northern Europe and boasts Gothic spires, winding lanes and amazing architecture.

Due to its exceptionally intact 13th-century city centre, the Old Town was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997, joining the ranks of the world's most recognised landmarks.

Some of the sites that visitors may want to discover are the Kiek in de Kök, a 15th-century defensive tower, the Gothic Town Hall, built in the 13th century and featuring a 64-metre-high tower, and St Nicholas Church, which holds exhibitions of ecclesiastical art.

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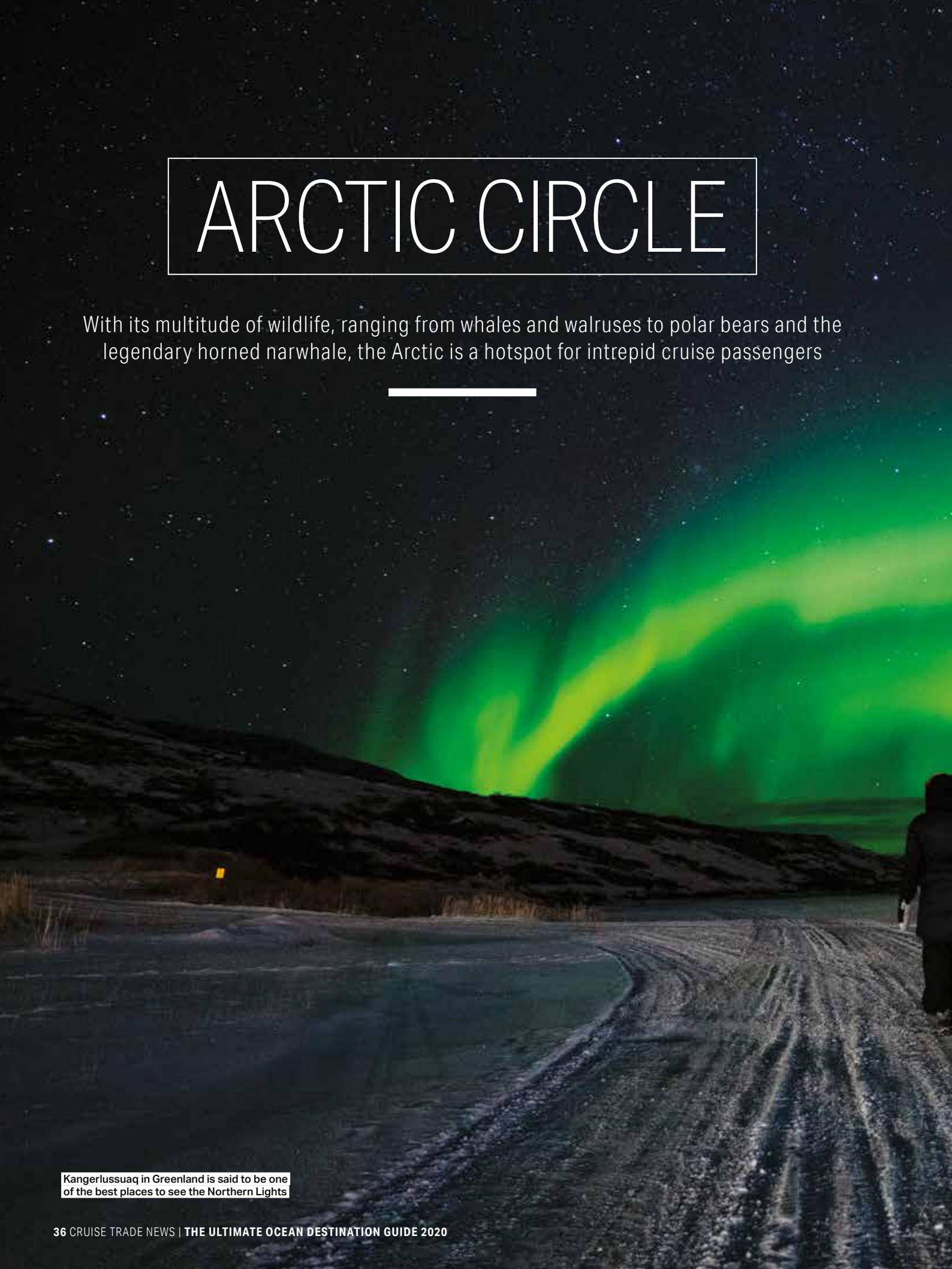
ARCTIC CIRCLE

With its multitude of wildlife, ranging from whales and walruses to polar bears and the legendary horned narwhale, the Arctic is a hotspot for intrepid cruise passengers



Kangerlussuaq in Greenland is said to be one of the best places to see the Northern Lights

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FANS of intrepid tourism will find that a cruise to the Arctic Circle is hard to beat. Covering the North Pole and seven other countries, including Norway and Russia, the Arctic Circle is known as "the land of the midnight sun". Cruises mainly leave from northern Europe, with some sailings departing from north-eastern Canada. The archipelago of Svalbard is also a popular region because of its proximity to Norway. Other cruises might include the legendary Northwest Passage, Iceland or Greenland on their itineraries.

AKUREYRI

A popular tourist destination, and surrounded by mountains as high as 1,500 metres, Akureyri is situated in north-east Iceland and ships cross the Arctic Circle on their way into the port.

However, despite being only 60km north of the Arctic Circle, this wondrous place is blessed with a mild climate.

The town, the second-largest urban area in Iceland after Reykjavik, offers plenty for visitors to do, including the world's most northerly botanic garden and one of the country's most popular swimming baths. If viewing nature's wonders – and especially whale ▶

SELLING TIPS

"Cruising to the Arctic Circle is extremely accessible from the UK and offers the chance to get up close to a lot of wildlife, including polar bears. My personal highlight was seeing the Northern Lights. I also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Arctic Circle Crossing Ceremony, with King Neptune coming to greet us all and the Captain putting us through the traditional initiation of a spoonful of cod liver oil and cold water down our backs."

- Find out if your customer wants to enjoy summer (midnight sun) or the winter activity and Northern Lights season
- Ensure you pick the right cruise ship to fit their personality, whether they're looking for adventure, relaxation , luxury or excursions
- Make sure they understand that this really is the trip of a lifetime

Cheryl Reid
sales consultant
Travel Bag

Polar bears may be spotted in the Svalbard region of Norway

watching – appeals, this is a good place to be based for a few hours.

CAMBRIDGE BAY

Canada's Cambridge Bay is an exciting destination for passengers who want to experience the life of the local Inuit people who have lived here for 4,000 years.

It's the largest port on the south-east coast of Victoria Island for passenger and research vessels traversing the Northwest Passage, and visitors can try dog sledding and cross-country skiing, or spot rare wildlife in Ovayok Territorial Park.

ILULISSAT AND KANGERLUSSUAQ

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Ilulissat (the name means 'iceberg') on Greenland's west coast is a spectacular port of call – for example, witness icebergs the size of skyscrapers. Near the port are stores selling craft souvenirs ranging from jewellery to *tupilaks* – local carvings that are said to ward off the evil eye. Although more than 80 per cent of land here is covered by the polar icecap, the port itself is ice free during the summer, making it an ideal spot to experience the watery midnight sun.

Kangerlussuaq is known as the gateway into Greenland. This village, which was founded in 1941 as a US Air Force base, is the busiest in Greenland and has a population of approximately 500 people. A large chunk of daily life is built around tourism – as the saying goes that you are never without a friend in Kangerlussuaq. There are 300 days of clear sky a year, making it one of the best places to see the Northern Lights.

MURMANSK

Russian Arctic cruises, and Russian itineraries as a whole, are growing

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Murmansk is one of the largest cities north of the Arctic Circle

Visitors based at Akureyri can expect to see plenty of natural wonders

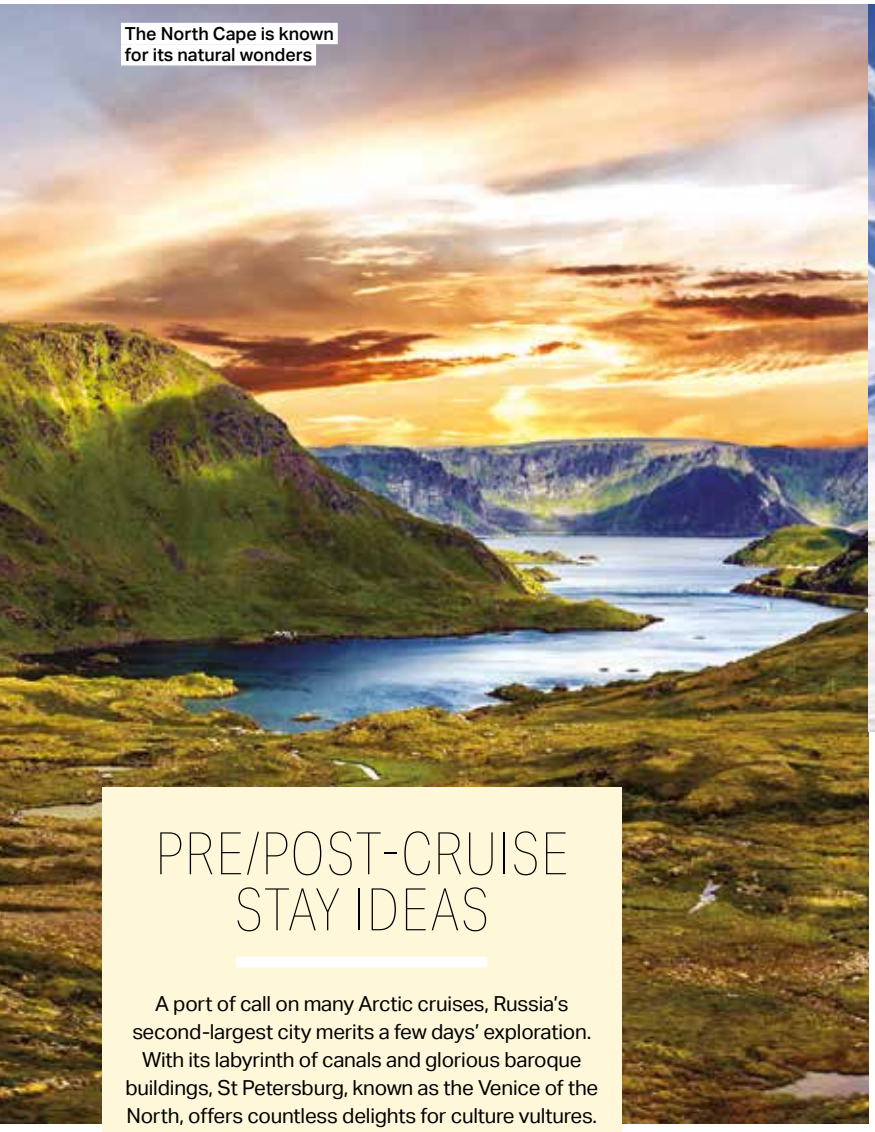
Seabirds can be spotted in the cold waters near Svalbard

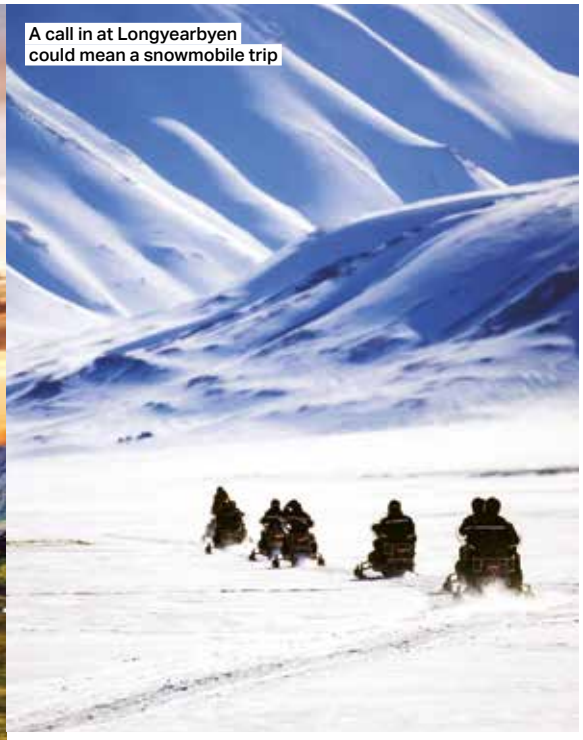
in popularity. Murmansk (the name means 'the edge of the earth'), is the main port for expedition cruises to the North Pole. One of the largest cities north of the Arctic circle, Murmansk is the Russian Arctic's only ice-free port. It's known as the City of Heroes because of the heroic acts that took place here during World War II, and cruise passengers will be impressed by the 116-foot Alyosha war monument, which towers above the town. Murmansk railway connects the port with the bustling town, where the Murmansk Oblast Museum and the Murmansk Art Museum showcase local art and history. Visitors also have the opportunity to visit the *Lenin*, a unique nuclear-powered icebreaker that's now also a museum.

SVALBARD ARCHIPELAGO

Spitsbergen is the largest of three islands that make up the Svalbard Archipelago, which became part of the kingdom of Norway in 1925. A short ride from town is the port of Longyearbyen, in the Advent fjord, which is the perfect base for exploring this fauna-packed region. Formerly a ▶

Whales are one of the attractions in the Ilulissat region


The North Cape is known for its natural wonders


A call in at Longyearbyen could mean a snowmobile trip

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

A port of call on many Arctic cruises, Russia's second-largest city merits a few days' exploration. With its labyrinth of canals and glorious baroque buildings, St Petersburg, known as the Venice of the North, offers countless delights for culture vultures.

Top of the agenda has to be the Hermitage, once the Winter Palace and now home to world-class ballet and opera, along with some of the globe's most cherished art works.

Other highlights include travelling on the stunningly elegant metro, discovering Nevsky Prospekt's souvenir shopping and architectural wonders, and learning more about the local favourite at the Vodka Museum.

coal mining town, Longyearbyen is now one of the Arctic's largest scientific research centres. It's well worth visiting the Spitsbergen Airship Museum, which has exhibitions ranging from the era of polar exploration to whaling and from mining to scientific discoveries. There are plenty of shops and cafés close to the port, plus a tourist office where visitors can find out about dog sledding, snowmobile safaris and other thrilling, adrenaline-fuelled outdoor activities.

THE NORTH CAPE

This is the place to head to see the Northern Lights, but that's not all the breathtakingly beautiful North Cape has to offer. There are picturesque fishing villages and cliffs plunging into the Arctic Ocean, attracting visitors from all over the world. As well as being popular with nature lovers, there's plenty to see and do; excursions could include a voyage to Hornvika, where the first cruise ships anchored in 1893, safaris to catch sight of Atlantic seabirds at the Gjesvaersstappan Nature Reserve, snowmobile safaris, crab fishing, or, of course, hunting down the Northern Lights.

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GULF OF ARABIA

Ideal for winter sun lovers, a cruise to the Arabian Gulf means visitors can shop till they drop, enjoy world-class attractions, or just laze on a paradise beach

Doha – plenty to experience and easy to explore

COMPRISING seven sizzling hot countries, the Arabian Gulf combines ancient Arabic traditions and ultra-modern activities. It's home to some of the globe's wealthiest cities, and the highlights here include Dubai's glittering skyscrapers and shopping malls – one even has an indoor ski resort.

Abu Dhabi, meanwhile, is home to a new incarnation of the famous Louvre in Paris, and at Ferrari World cruise passengers will find the globe's fastest roller coaster. Visitors to Bahrain have long been invited to experience the art of traditional pearl diving, but now the adventure has expanded with the opening of the world's largest underwater theme park, which also acts as an important conservation area. The theme park covers an area of more than 100,000 square metres and features a 70-metre long decommissioned Boeing 747 as its centrepiece.

ABU DHABI

Abu Dhabi's state-of-the-art Zayed Port is the gateway to the UAE's capital city and offers lots of tourist facilities including souvenir shops, a restaurant, a kids' play area and duty-free shopping. The port is three miles from the city centre; the best way to get to town is by bus – this stops outside the terminal and offers tours of the main sights.

Must-see attractions include the Sheikh Zayed mosque, shopping in the gigantic Marina mall and a trip to Lulu Island's Heritage Village, which showcases local Bedouin traditions. Shore excursions also make the 30-minute trip to Yas Island, home to the Grand Prix Yas Island Circuit and Ferrari World.

BAHRAIN

This small nation of 30 islands, connected to Saudi Arabia by the King Fahd Causeway, has an off-the-beaten-track appeal. Cruise ships generally dock at the

Abu Dhabi's Grand Prix circuit is one of the region's highlights

Khalifa Bin Salman port, which is a 40-minute shuttle ride from downtown Manama, where visitors can enjoy stunning views along the Corniche al-Fateh, before shopping in the city's labyrinthine souk.

DOHA

Doha is the modern, multicultural capital of the peninsular Arabian Gulf country Qatar and aims to be the 'one to watch' in the region. With free 96-hour transit visas making it easier for passengers to explore, Doha is appearing increasingly on Arabian Gulf itineraries. The port is a 15-minute shuttle ride from the centre, giving easy access to the city's attractions. These include the Museum of Islamic Art, showcasing artefacts dating back 1,400 years, as well as the Corniche promenade and souks offering crafts, clothes and spices.

DUBAI

Recently some lines have cancelled planned calls to Dubai because of increasing tension in the region, but as a destination, Dubai is considered one of the most luxurious ports to dock at. The Dubai Cruise Terminal is located at Port Rashid, the gateway to Dubai – an oasis for visitors with money to burn. Burj Khalifa (the world's tallest building), man-made islands, seven-star hotels and vast shopping malls are just some of the delights on offer to passengers who arrive into one of three cruise terminals at Port Rashid, which is a ten-minute taxi ride from the centre.

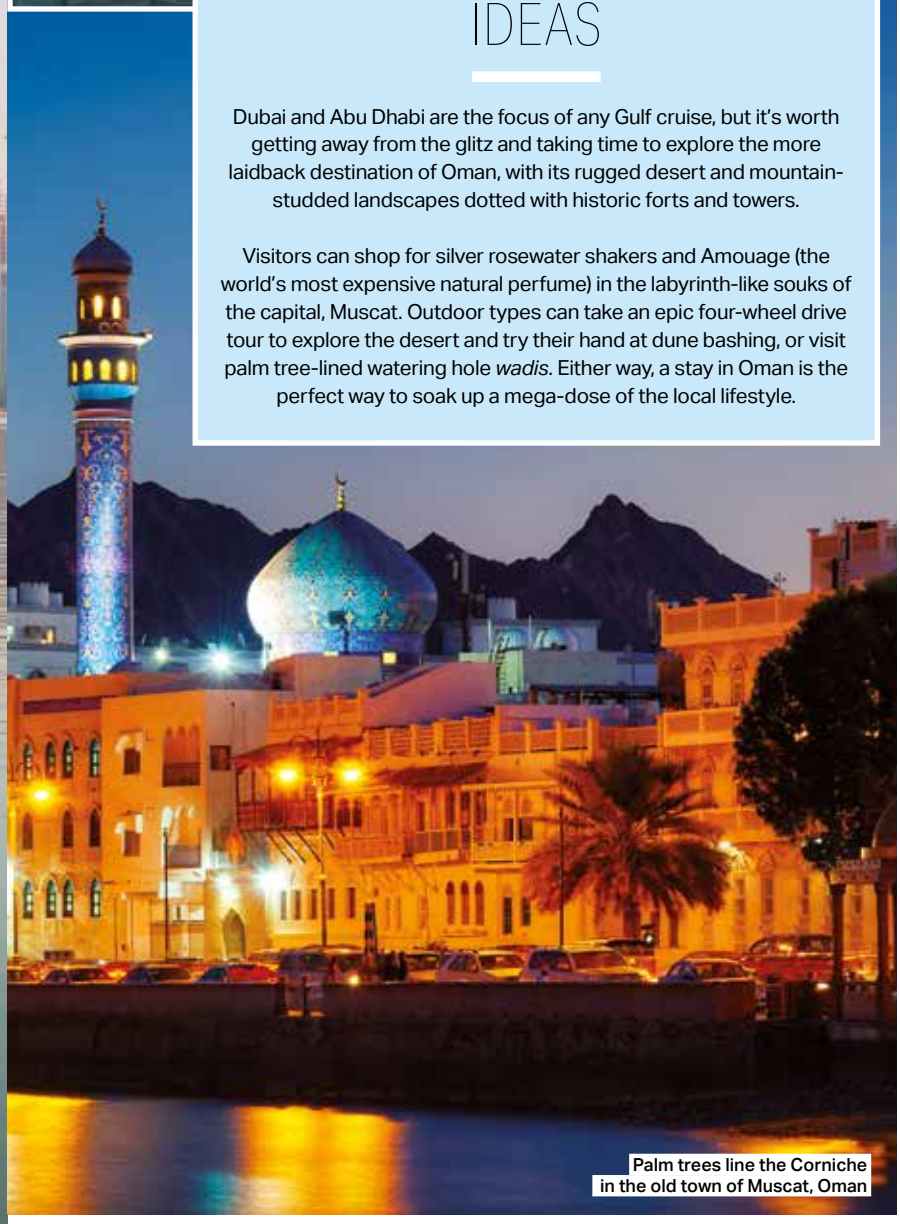
SIR BANI YAS CRUISE BEACH

The Arabian Gulf's first dedicated 'cruise beach' stopover destination is situated 170km south-west of Abu Dhabi. Passengers who tire of eating, drinking or soaking up the sun on a desert island beach can take a guided 4x4 tour to visit the island's fauna-packed Arabian Wildlife park, home to the endangered Arabian oryx and 13,000 other animals indigenous to the Arabian peninsula and the UAE.

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

Dubai and Abu Dhabi are the focus of any Gulf cruise, but it's worth getting away from the glitz and taking time to explore the more laidback destination of Oman, with its rugged desert and mountain-studded landscapes dotted with historic forts and towers.

Visitors can shop for silver rosewater shakers and Amouage (the world's most expensive natural perfume) in the labyrinth-like souks of the capital, Muscat. Outdoor types can take an epic four-wheel drive tour to explore the desert and try their hand at dune bashing, or visit palm tree-lined watering hole *wadis*. Either way, a stay in Oman is the perfect way to soak up a mega-dose of the local lifestyle.



Palm trees line the Corniche in the old town of Muscat, Oman

SELLING TIPS

"Cruising in the Gulf offers a bit of everything: adventure, luxury, shopping and relaxation. You have the world's first seven-star hotel, the Burj Al Arab, and there's also the world's tallest building, Burj Khalifa. There are also some amazing activities such as snow-boarding in Ski Dubai, or the Aquaventure Waterpark, with more than 65,000 marine animals."

- Find out what your client wants – whatever they like, there's guaranteed to be something for them to see or do here
- When clients are looking for guaranteed winter sun, the Gulf is the place to choose
- Always offer a post-cruise option, because there's so much to see and do in this region

Lee Ashton
sales manager, Cruise 1st

Baobab trees make an amazing outline against the Madagascan sunset

INDIAN OCEAN

This vast stretch of fauna-filled ocean is sprinkled with some of the world's most exotic atolls and enchanting destinations

FRAMED by Asia, Africa and Australia, these are the turquoise seas through which the legendary spice route once passed and whether it's a tour to see nutmeg growing in Zanzibar, exploring the natural beauty of the Seychelles archipelago, or lapping up sweet vanilla scents on the streets of Madagascar's Nosy Be, visitors will never be far from a variety of fragrant aromas.

Wildlife spotting is another highlight of any Indian Ocean cruise and passengers can expect to see everything from ring-tailed lemurs in Madagascar, to sharks and turtles in the Maldives.

DURBAN

Durban is a melting pot of African, Indian and colonial influences and a city tour here can take in sites such as the Emmanuel Cathedral, Victoria Street Market – which blends Indian and African flavours – and the spectacular sands of the Blue Lagoon beach.

Passengers may also wish to try their luck in the casino on Durban's Golden Mile.

MADAGASCAR

Passengers arriving at Toamasina, (also called Tamatave), can see frogs, lemurs, tortoises, chameleons, and snakes at Ivoloina Zoological Park. Some ships port at Nosy Be, the largest of the Madagascan islands, which is one of the region's most popular beach resorts.

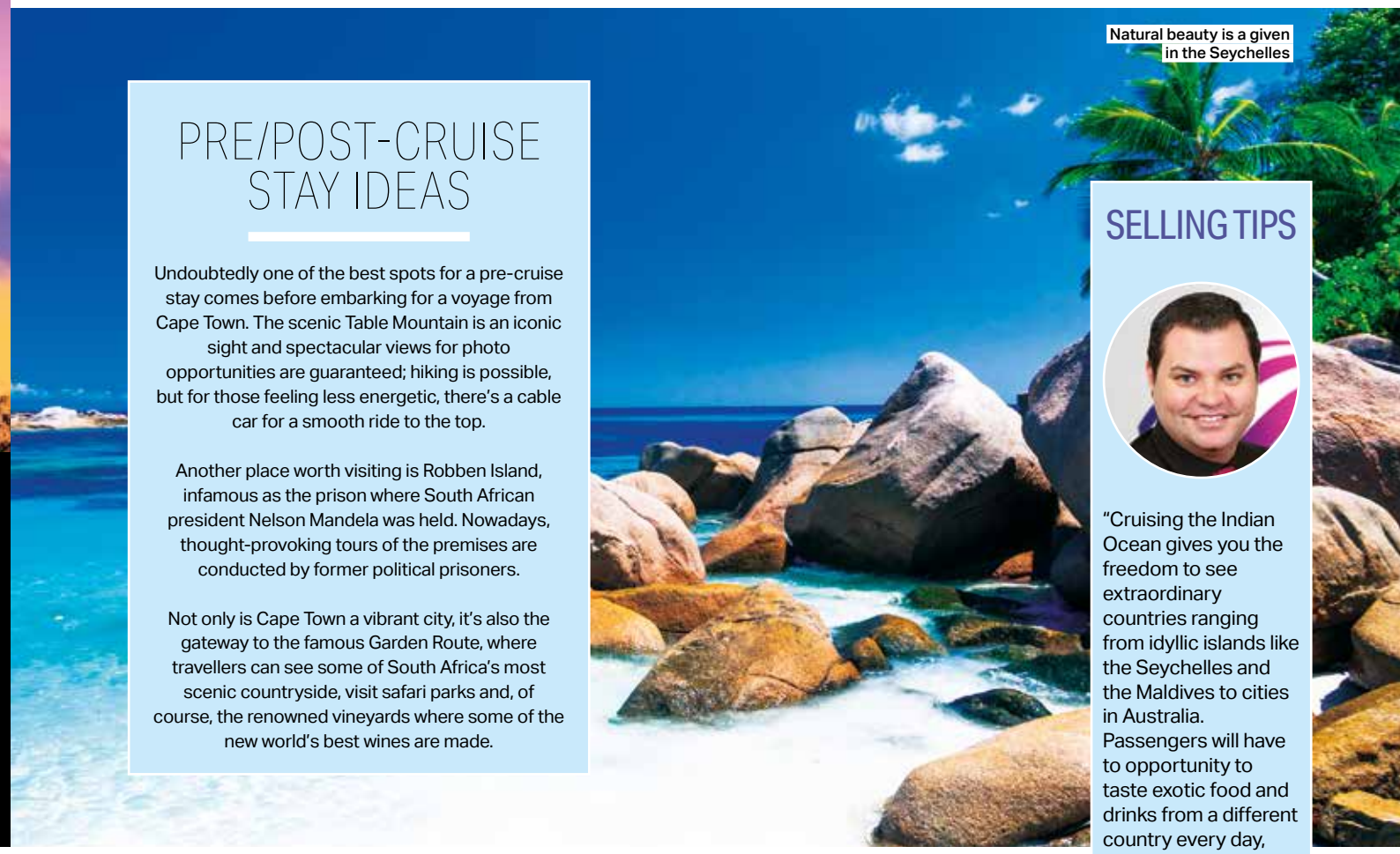
Excursions could include a tour of a rum distillery, a wander through a rainforest to spot ring-tailed lemurs and other wildlife, or a boat trip to Nosy Komba to enjoy a visit to the Black Lemur Sanctuary.

MAHÉ

It's one of the 'inner islands' of the Seychelles group, and Mahé's capital, Victoria, is also the capital of the archipelago. Some ships stop overnight here, en route to or from South Africa. Some of the best views can be found at Morne Blanc. Other highlights of a visit to the island include the Anse Major beach and Victoria Market. The Port Victoria cruise terminal is 20 minutes on foot from the capital with its bustling market and shops. Taxis are available and there's a bus service to the Seychelles International Airport.

MALÉ

This is the capital of the Maldives, 1,190 islands off the south-west tip of India. The Old Friday



Natural beauty is a given in the Seychelles

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

Undoubtedly one of the best spots for a pre-cruise stay comes before embarking for a voyage from Cape Town. The scenic Table Mountain is an iconic sight and spectacular views for photo opportunities are guaranteed; hiking is possible, but for those feeling less energetic, there's a cable car for a smooth ride to the top.

Another place worth visiting is Robben Island, infamous as the prison where South African president Nelson Mandela was held. Nowadays, thought-provoking tours of the premises are conducted by former political prisoners.

Not only is Cape Town a vibrant city, it's also the gateway to the famous Garden Route, where travellers can see some of South Africa's most scenic countryside, visit safari parks and, of course, the renowned vineyards where some of the new world's best wines are made.

Mosque, the country's oldest, can be found here. The fish market and farmers' market are popular haunts with both locals and tourists. Cruise ships sometimes visit the remote islands of the Maldives, such as Kuda Bandos, Miladummadulu and the privately owned Ethere Madivaru. Ships are usually anchored in Hanifaru Bay, so passengers are tendered ashore to the centre.

MAURITIUS

The Christian Decotter Cruise Terminal, at Port Louis, can host some of the largest ships in the world. Mauritius has mountain ranges, fine beaches, stunning coral reefs, picturesque villages and the popular Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Gardens. Port Louis, which is the capital, is multicultural, with Hindu, Islamic, Christian, Chinese and Creole districts. There are two access bridges. Shuttles and water taxis operate to the nearby downtown shopping area with its bazaar, shops and live entertainment.

PRASLIN ISLAND

Guests are taken ashore to Praslin via tender. This island, the second largest in the Seychelles with a population of around 6,500 people, is known for its white beaches, tropical forests and Vallée de Mai, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

RÉUNION ISLAND

Réunion Island is a French territory, and passengers on ships stopping at Réunion's capital, St Denis, can explore its botanical gardens – the Jardin de l'Etat – view paintings by Picasso and Gauguin at its museum of modern art, and wander inside the Notre Dame-inspired Saint-Denis Cathedral.

ZANZIBAR

The tiny Changuu, also known as Prison Island, was where slaves were kept in the 19th century. Now it's a nature reserve, and visitors may be able to see the island's giant tortoises.

Stone Town has charming winding streets and Arabic-inspired buildings. One, the House of Wonders, pays homage to Zanzibari and Swahili culture. Spice tours are also popular among cruise passengers.

SELLING TIPS

"Cruising the Indian Ocean gives you the freedom to see extraordinary countries ranging from idyllic islands like the Seychelles and the Maldives to cities in Australia. Passengers will have to opportunity to taste exotic food and drinks from a different country every day, while experiencing diverse cultures from their floating hotel. It is a great cruise option and gives you the chance to see many places with three-30 day sailings."

- Find the itinerary to suit the type of customer you have, as it needs to fulfil what they want to see
- Pick the right cruise ship to ensure they have the standard and facilities that they require
- Use lots of pictures: they are always vibrant, and help to sell the idea of what passengers are likely to experience

John Ferguson
Thorne Travel Team

The skyscraper known as Taipei 101 dominates the Taiwanese capital

THE FAR EAST

Adventure is constantly on the horizon during a cruise to discover this vast and varied continent, where past and present mingle in a firework blaze of colours, sights and delights

WHAT could be more exciting than a cruise to discover this mythical region stretched across Asia's eastern rim? Departing from Beijing, Singapore or Tokyo, ships sail to the core of this region, known historically as the Orient. Whether it's walking along the Great Wall of China, swimming in hot springs in the shadow of Tokyo's Mount Fuji, or admiring views from the top the world's second-tallest skyscraper in Taiwan, an ever-changing kaleidoscope of exotic vistas and captivating cultures is guaranteed on a Far East cruise.

HONG KONG

The former British colony, now a semi-autonomous region of China, is popular among UK travellers who want to wander its streets seeking out fortune tellers or purveyors of Chinese medicine, or to have lunch at a floating restaurant. Tours include Stanley Market, Victoria Peak, Lantau Island and Po Lin Monastery, where can be found the world's largest outdoor Buddha.

There are two cruise terminals. The five-storey Ocean Terminal, on the southern Kowloon Peninsula close to the Star Ferry and tourist attractions, is part of the Harbour City complex of shops and restaurants. The Kai Tak Terminal in Victoria Harbour, on the East Kowloon waterfront, has two berths. There are restaurants for passengers and a rooftop garden.

KOBE

The sixth-largest city ▶

SELLING TIPS

"In countries such as India, Burma, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia the river was historically the main artery for transport, so the main towns are sited on the rivers, making cruises a great option for today's sightseeing, enjoyable from one comfortable base. River cruises in the Far East offer good value and high quality."

- Point out that cruises give access to the region's wonderful marine life at a more affordable price than resort hotels
- Show the advantage of river cruises: they are on small ships so they offer fantastic personal service and access to smaller ports and less crowded sites
- Make sure clients know that it's easy to add on a cultural or beach extension at an affordable extra cost

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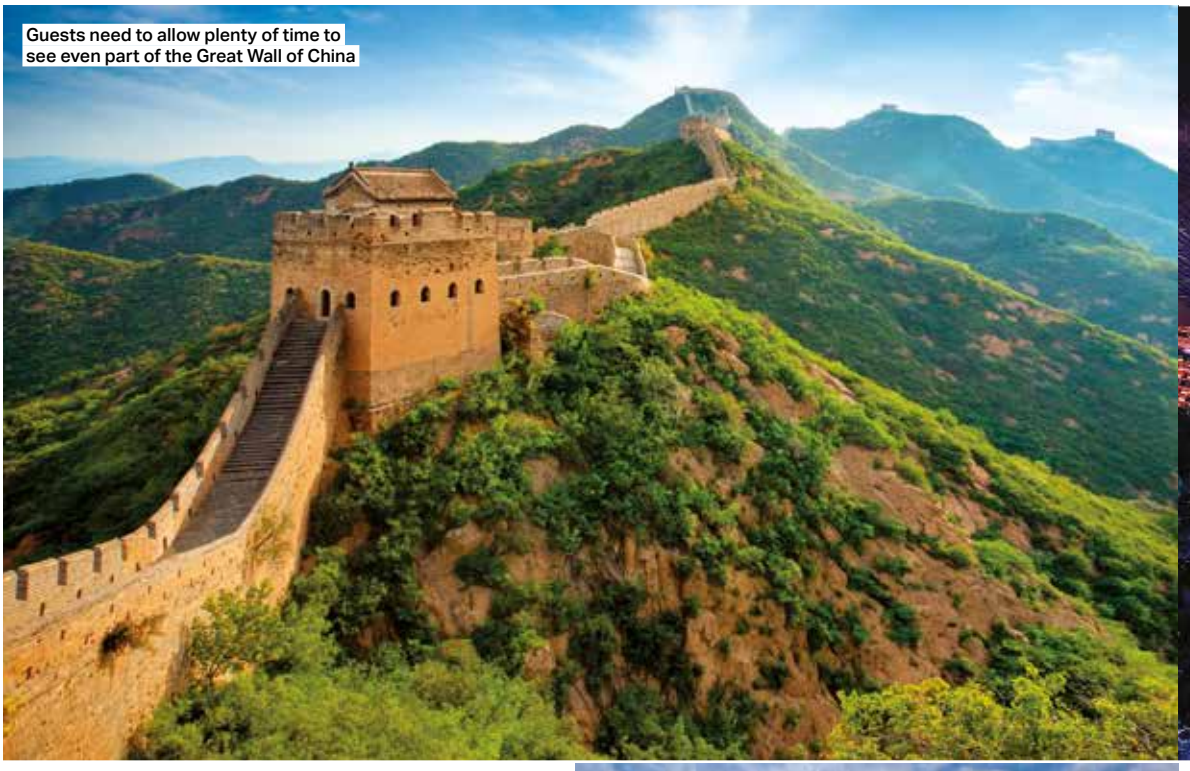


Guests need to allow plenty of time to see even part of the Great Wall of China

in Japan, cosmopolitan Kobe is on Osaka Bay and is the gateway to Kyoto, Japan's ancient imperial capital and the nation's cultural and spiritual centre.

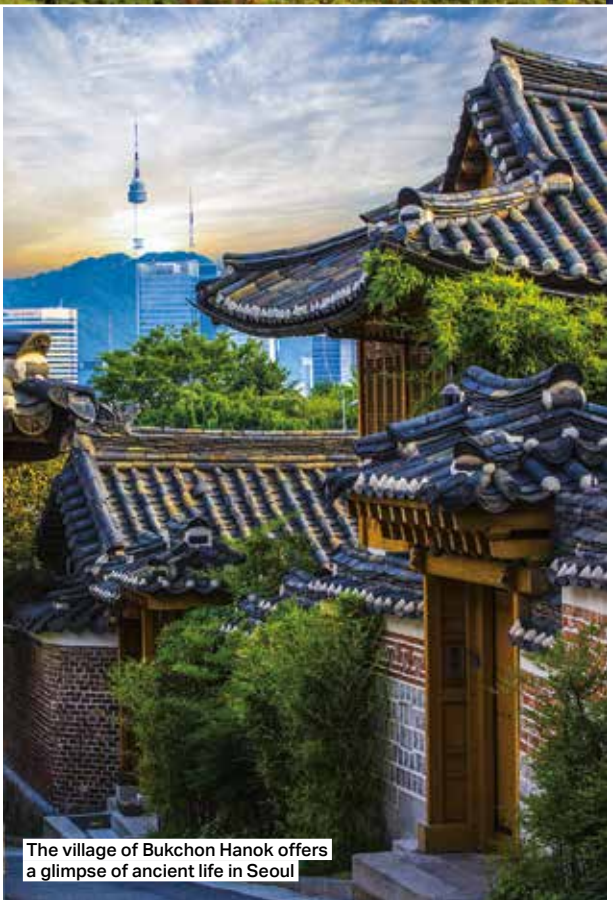
Many cruise ships dock at the Kobe Port Terminal, which has six berths. There are good transport options from here to the city, including a monorail and local buses. The second terminal is Naka Pier, not far from Kobe Tower, where there is a free shuttle bus to the downtown area.

SEOUL

Incheon is the port of call for South Korea's capital, which is an hour away. From there tours are available to the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), where visitors can stand on the border with North Korea. Some cruises also call at Busan, the country's second city. Busan's United Nations Memorial Cemetery commemorates the troops from 16 nations who died during the Korean War.

SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's largest and richest city – a thriving port metropolis fusing East and West, ancient and modern. Situated on the Huangpu River, where the Yangtze meets the East China Sea, its Pudong district is a globally important commercial and financial hub. The Bund promenade is its most popular tourist area, featuring 1920s architecture and impressive views across



The village of Bukchon Hanok offers a glimpse of ancient life in Seoul

Mount Fuji makes a dramatic backdrop to Yokohama, Japan

Spacey supertrees feature in Singapore's Gardens by the Bay

the river. The Jade Buddha Temple and Chinese garden provide some calm amid the commotion.

SINGAPORE

This popular island city-state is a mix of Buddhist temples, British-inspired Victorian buildings, Arab souks and ultra-modern skyscrapers. Shop down Orchard Road; take a seat at the Raffles Hotel Long Bar for an iconic Singapore Sling (the hotel has now reopened after being closed for a two-year refurbishment project); enrol on a cookery course; or see the sights on a leisurely river cruise.

There are two cruise ship terminals. Singapore Cruise Centre, located on the Sentosa Harbour front, has two berths, numerous shops and restaurants. The area has a Metro station and cable car links to Sentosa Island and Mount Faber. The state-of-the-art, two-berth Marina Bay Cruise Centre opened in 2012. Both terminals are a five to 10-minute drive from downtown.

TAIWAN

Because of its proximity to the East China Sea, Taiwan has been a commercially important island for centuries. The port of Keelung is the gateway to Taipei, the capital city. Visitors can get a bird's-eye view at Taipei 101, the world's second-tallest skyscraper, which has an architectural style that evokes Asian traditions in a modern structure, marvel at the volcanic landscape and hot springs of Yangmingshan National Park, or check out the rock formations at Yehliu Geopark.

TIANJIN

Tianjin is the gateway to Beijing, where excursions operate to some of China's most intriguing sites, including the Great Wall of China and Tiananmen Square, the world's largest public square. Beijing's black-tile-roofed Temple of Heaven and gold-tile-roofed Lama Temple, the stately gardens of the Summer Palace and Panjiayuan Market are also highlights.

YOKOHAMA

Yokohama is the port for Tokyo, where visitors can discover peaceful gardens, shrines and temples amid a modern city that is at the forefront of the technological revolution. Visitors can hear the legend of the city's oldest temple, Sensoji, take part in a traditional tea ceremony and visit Hakone National Park for an up-close view of Mount Fuji and sulphur springs.

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

No journey to China is complete without a visit to its greatest monument, but cruise passengers will have to extend their stay because the famed Great Wall is quite a long way inland. While many cruise lines offer the Wall as an excursion, it's worth staying on longer to take in its sheer magnitude and have time to wander its ancient sites and explore the area around.

The Wall stretches from Bohai Bay on the Yellow Sea in the east to Jiayu Pass, 1,500 miles away in the Gobi Desert, but the most interesting parts are to be found in the hills north of Beijing.

SOUTH EAST ASIA

A cruise to sultry, stunning Southeast Asia combines temples, beaches and exotic scenery with a raft of exciting modern attractions

EXPECT sensory overload on a cruise to this vibrant destination. Its location, straddled between the Indian and Pacific Oceans, makes it a magnet for beach lovers and activity fans alike. Whether it's the striking limestone islands of Halong Bay, Cambodia's legendary UNESCO site at the Angkor Wat temple complex, the dazzlingly white beaches of the Philippines, or Thailand's bustling capital, whose modern skyscrapers and ancient markets are linked by the Chao Phraya river, a cruise through this country of magic and mystery is bound to thrill.

BANGKOK

Large ships dock at Laem Chabang, which is a few hours south of Bangkok, while smaller ships can call at Klong Toey on the outskirts of the city.

In Bangkok visitors will experience a mix of modern, plush buildings and ancient temples. They include Wat Po and the Temple of the Reclining Buddha, the oldest in the city, where crowds flock to snap a selfie with the golden statue, measuring 150ft long and 49ft tall.

Siam Square is a hub of activity and will appeal to those who enjoy a bit of retail therapy. There is also an abundance of culinary options to satisfy all tastes.

BALI

Cruises to Bali dock at the port of Benoa, just south of the capital, Denpasar. The island, which is home to about four million people, is a place where locals and tourists mix, particularly in the south and around the capital. Motorbikes are the most common form of transport.

Glorious beaches dot the coastlines, while Ubud, north of Denpasar, has the Monkey Forest, a popular visitor attraction.

Foodies will love the Gianyar Night Market, where numerous stalls serve up some of the best and authentic food on the island. In addition, there are scores of temples to see, as well as the country's many rice paddies.

COLOMBO

Colombo is the gateway to Sri Lanka, which lies off the southern tip of India, and this vibrant capital city boasts a rich colonial heritage. ▶

The temple of Wat Arun could be on the itinerary for tourists in Bangkok

Iconic sites include the Red Mosque, or Jami Ul-Alfar Masjid, one of the architectural wonders of the world, the historic Fort Railway Station and the Khan clock tower, which marks the entrance to the enticing street food market at Pettah Bazaar.

There are a number of activities that cruise passengers can enjoy here: history buffs should head to the city's Dutch Colonial-style buildings, including the Old Dutch Hospital, now a popular eating and shopping destination, the Dutch Period Museum and Wolvendaal Church. For an experience with a difference, visitors can explore the culture surrounding tea-making and taste a huge variety of customised tea combinations in an organised session.

HANOI

Halong Bay is the port for Hanoi in Vietnam, where visitors can view the final resting place of the eponymous revolutionary leader at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, a huge structure overlooking Ba Dihn Square. His life is also documented in the nearby Ho Chi Minh museum, which relates Vietnam's revolutionary struggle against foreign powers. For shopping, the city's Old Quarter comes highly recommended.

HO CHI MINH CITY

Phu My is the nearest port to Ho Chi Minh city, previously called Saigon and the gateway to Vietnam's Mekong Delta region. Ho Chi Minh is the largest city in Vietnam and as such is buzzing with activity. Points of interest include the Presidential Palace and the War Remnants museum.

Another tourist haunt is the massive Ben Thanh Market, which serves up an array of street food and souvenirs aplenty. A traditional form of Vietnamese entertainment can be found at the Golden Dragon Water Puppet Theatre, which hosts daily shows.

KO SAMUI

Passengers reach Ko Samui via tender into the main town, Nathon, from where the centre is a 15-minute walk. Attractions include Wat Phra Yai, the 39-foot-high Big Buddha on nearby Fan Island, Chaweng Beach, which has four miles of white sand, and the impressive Na Muang Waterfall. Foodies can learn about local cuisine by enrolling in a cooking class.

The Na Muang Waterfalls spill down from this Thai island's highest points, and visitors can cool down in the large pool at the foot of the falls.

KUALA LUMPUR

Port Klang is around 40 miles from Malaysia's electrifying capital, known as KL, a heady mix of vibrant and multicultural influences from European colonisation and Chinese and Indian immigrants. The city has witnessed tremendous growth in recent times, turning it into an economic and cultural hub. Those who wish to see more of the older KL might try Kampung Baru, an area of traditional wooden houses.

On other hand, the 88-storey Petronas Towers – the tallest twin towers in the world – mingle with ancient temples and mosques. The 230-acre Lake Gardens provide a relaxing break from the hustle and bustle of this buzzing metropolis, while the Central Market is good for designer clothes and accessories. Outside the city, thrill

Sri Lanka offers amazing beaches as well as historic cities

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

A cruise through Southeast Asia is the perfect preparation for a trip to lush and beautiful Kerala, aptly known as God's Own Country. The region is famed for coconuts and spices and both can be bought in the local markets.

Other highlights include Kochi's famous fishing nets and charming colonial buildings, the tea plantations of Munnar high in the Western Ghats and a boat trip along the backwaters, a network of lakes and lagoons lying parallel to the Arabian Sea. This is also home to the ancient therapy of Ayurveda, so a massage treatment here is a must.

Ho Chi Minh City is one of Vietnam's largest urban areas

A spectacular cable-car ride is available at Langkawi

The beautiful rice terraces are a famous attraction in Bali

seekers can go canoeing, kayaking and white-water rafting.

LANGKAWI

Langkawi, located about 17 miles off the Malaysian coast, is also known as the Jewel of Kedah. Most visitors head for the cable car ride at Oriental Village, which goes up Mount Mat Cincang, soaring more than 2,000 feet above sea level.

The suspended, curved Skybridge swings out above the landscape, offering amazing views over the jungle. Other excursions include jungle trekking, kayaking and eagle spotting. Another famous landmark is Dataran Lang, a 12-metre tall sculpture of an eagle about to take flight.

MUARA

Brunei is a tiny yet famously wealthy state, primarily because of its oil and gas resources. Cruise ship passengers usually dock at Muara, which is about 15 miles away from the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan.

Brunei's largest mosque, Jame'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah, is known for its 29 golden domes and is lit up at night. The city is also host to the world's biggest settlement on stilts, Kampong Ayer, known as the Venice of the East.

SIHANOUKVILLE

Sihanoukville is the port for Cambodian excursions to Ream National Park, which lies 11 miles to the east, as well as for the capital, Phnom Penh, where tourists can visit the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda.

It's also the gateway to Siem Reap and the world-famous temples of Angkor Wat. Some cruise lines offer multi-day trips to the temples, which are located fairly far inland. Otres is another tourist hotspot, and is known as Cambodia's cleanest beach.

YANGON

Myanmar's capital, previously known as Rangoon, is a relatively new cruise destination, but a fascinating port of call nevertheless.

The port is the country's main hub for both tourists visiting on cruise ships and container vessels carrying goods for import and export.

Day trips to the city could include a visit to the Chauk Htat Gyi pagoda to see a huge reclining Buddha, as well as the World Peace Pagoda and Cave, and Yangon's oldest Chinese temple.

Visitors should also try to see the riverside Botataung Pagoda and go shopping in Bogyoke Aung San market.

Another fascinating option for cruise passengers is the Shwedagon Pagoda, a striking gilded *stupa* (a hemispherical structure containing relics) that is one of Buddhism's most sacred sites: strands of Gautama Buddha's hair are said to be held within it. ⚓

SELLING TIPS

"With glorious sunshine, incredible culture and fresh local food, Southeast Asia is one of my favourite destinations, perfect for anyone who is interested in exploring the local life or just wants some amazing beaches. My personal favourite is Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh City is a fabulous place and the history there is fascinating."

- As Asia is so big, point out that cruising here is the perfect way to see lots of different areas in a short space of time
- Be sure to let clients know that cruising to this area is perfect, as the ships provide some amazing hassle-free excursions that would be logistically difficult to organise overland
- Tell prospective passengers that a cruise to Southeast Asia offers a great opportunity to extend their trip: we even have options to do a Mekong river cruise

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Bolsover Cruise Club

AUSTRALASIA & THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

From kangaroos to Komodo dragons and the landscapes that Gauguin loved to paint, an Australasia and Pacific Islands cruise offers silky soft beaches alongside plenty of thrilling adventures

A trip to this part of the world is guaranteed to produce an envy-provoking Instagram feed. A cruise to Australasia can include not only Australia and New Zealand, but also islands as far afield as Papua New Guinea. Whether it's swimming off the Great Barrier Reef, sailing the South Pacific or taking a *Lord of the Rings* tour in New Zealand, this really is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to discover some of the world's most iconic cities and wonders.

Uluru (formerly Ayer's Rock), in Australia's Northern Territory, is one of the country's essential sights

AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE

Historic Port Adelaide has a Maritime Museum, plus craft beers at the Port Dock Brewery Hotel, while Adelaide Hills is a major wine-growing district. From there, tourists can fly to Alice Springs for Uluru, or take the legendary Ghan train, which travels through the Red Centre to Darwin.

ALBANY

Albany is the oldest European settlement in Western Australia. Originally called Frederickstown, it took its current moniker in 1832.

The main town has many historical buildings to admire, while there is plenty to see and do at the Albany Heritage park, which incorporates the National Anzac museum, Princess Royal Fortress, Padre White Lookout, the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial and the Ataturk Memorial.

CAIRNS

Cairns is the port for the Great Barrier Reef, the largest coral reef system in the world, which is host to more than 1,500 species of fish and brightly coloured coral.

Passengers can get close to the "largest living thing on earth" on smaller ship excursions, learn about the marine life and, of course, snorkel in the beautiful waters. The Atherton Tablelands in the Cairns highlands are 1,000 metres above sea level, and another must-see for visitors.

DARWIN

Capital of the Northern Territory and named by a sea captain after his passenger, Charles Darwin, the city is gateway to the Kakadu National Park. Its proximity to Asia has brought strong eastern influences to bear on both food and night markets.

It's also home to some extraordinary Aboriginal art, which can be viewed in the city's galleries and museums. The Mindil Beach Sunset markets feature an array of different cuisines and over 300 stalls.

MELBOURNE

Melbourne buzzes with art and culture and is home to the Royal Botanic Gardens. Visitors can learn about the gold rush years, as well as booking trips to see the penguins of Phillip Island. The city's zoo is one of the oldest in the world and a very popular Melbourne attraction.

SYDNEY

If cruising past two of Sydney's iconic sights isn't enough of a thrill, most excursions include a backstage tour of the Opera House and the chance to climb Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The Bondi-Coogee trail takes visitors to two of the city's most popular beaches, while a day trip to the Blue Mountains National Park offers awe-inspiring views of the famous Three Sisters rock formation. Back in the city, Sydney Harbour Bridge offers some great views, while the world-famous Opera House is a World Heritage-listed building.

NEW ZEALAND

AUCKLAND

Based around two large harbours, Auckland is the country's economic heart and is nicknamed the city of sails. The Sky Tower, currently the tallest structure in the ▶

Southern Hemisphere, is located here and is well worth a visit. Other attractions that visitors should make time for include the scenic Waitemata Harbour, the War Memorial Museum housed in an imposing Neoclassical building constructed in 1929 and Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium, home to sharks, tropical fish and stingrays, as well as the Antarctic Encounter gallery, featuring a snow-filled enclosure for penguins.

Further afield, the Hauraki Gulf islands offer a taste of adventure, the most visited of which is Waiheke. As well as great beaches, there are numerous trails for walkers to explore, which will allow them to soak up the spectacular scenery. Ferries to Waiheke Island operate on a frequent timetable from Princes Wharf and take around 45 minutes.

NAPIER

Cruise ships arriving at Napier, in New Zealand's North Island, berth at the Port of Napier, close to the centre. The city is in the heart of Hawke's Bay, New Zealand's oldest wine-making region, which produces Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah red wines.

PICTON

The quaint port town of Picton, in New Zealand's South Island, is the stop for the 1,500km of coastline, bays, beaches and forest that make up Marlborough Sounds, with some of the world's best boating, diving, fishing and hiking, plus wildlife such as penguins, dolphins and fur seals.

In Picton, visitors can see what is reported to be the world's ninth-oldest ship, the Edwin Fox, while nearby Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre displays aircraft from the two World Wars. It would be rude not to sample a Sauvignon Blanc, for which Marlborough is world renowned.

TAURANGA

The largest city in the Bay of Plenty, Tauranga is one of the fastest-growing areas in New Zealand and is popular for fishing, sailing, diving and kayaking tours. Tauranga Art Gallery is also a popular stop-off point for visitors. The surrounding region is known for its beaches and is home to White Island, the country's only active marine volcano.

WELLINGTON

Known as the "coolest little capital in the world", Wellington is also renowned for being very windy. But the city is easy to walk around and highlights include its national museum, Te Papa, the cable car to Mount Victoria and the Wellington Botanic Garden.

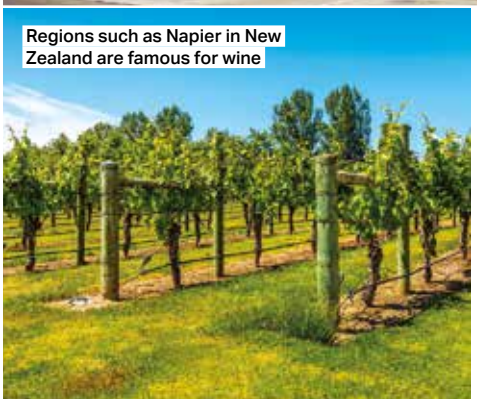
Lord of the Rings fans can book a tour of the Weta Workshop's props and look out for the Wellington sign in homage to film director and native-lad-made-good Peter Jackson.

PACIFIC ISLANDS

APIA

The writer Robert Louis Stevenson fell in love with the island of Samoa and spent his last years here in its capital. His home, Vailima, is now a museum, where tourists can visit his tomb. A major highlight is snorkelling in the Palolo Deep Marine Reserve.

Flinders Street Station, Melbourne, is the gateway to a buzzing city



Regions such as Napier in New Zealand are famous for wine

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

If you're travelling across the world, it makes sense to extend your stay in one of the most beautiful countries on earth. New Zealand's Queenstown sits on the shores of Lake Wakatipu in the Southern Alps, boasting adventure, fine vineyards and a historic mining heritage.

Renowned for outdoor activities, the town and surrounding area are perfect for those interested in getting the adrenaline racing and the blood flowing. You can indulge in sky diving, white water rafting, zipline riding, and even the famous Skyline luge (a thrilling ride that takes participants over 800 metres of banked corners, tunnels and dippers). Plus, there's bungee jumping off Kawarau Gorge Suspension Bridge and jet-boating on the Shotover and Dart rivers. In winter, there's skiing on the slopes of The Remarkables and Coronet Peak.

SELLING TIPS

"When cruising in Australasia be sure your camera has a full battery so you can capture the beauty of its diverse scenery: from beaches to world-renowned reefs, volcanoes, hot springs, fjords, and beautiful rolling green pastures. There is also the South Pacific, which is full of heavenly islands with colourful cultures and rich histories."

- Since Australasia is such a long way to travel, cruising is perfect for passengers who want to see lots of different places all in one trip
- A lot of cruises start or end in Sydney, so recommend that they add on a few nights to explore this wonderful city
- Point out the sheer variety of things on offer during an Australasia cruise, including incredible wildlife as well as delicious food and wines

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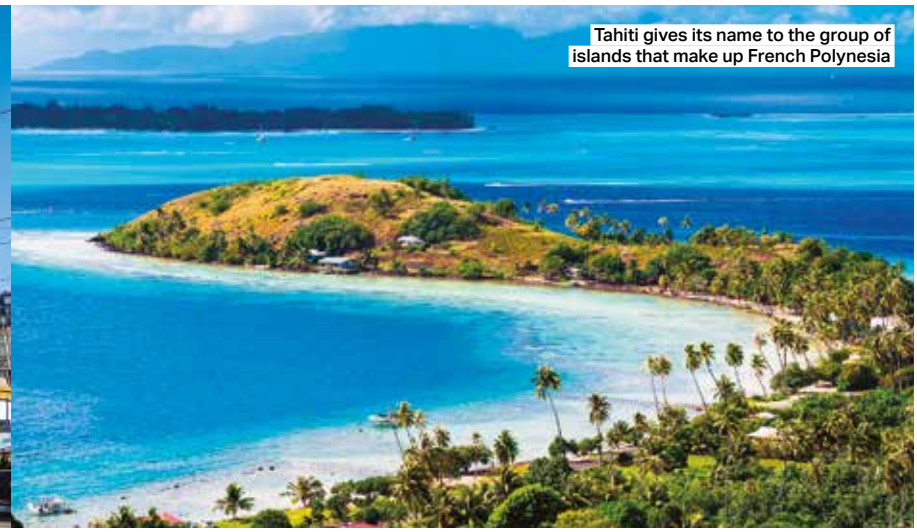


Tahiti gives its name to the group of islands that make up French Polynesia

EASTER ISLAND

The easternmost outpost of the Polynesian island world, the remote volcanic Easter Island is famed for its distinctive Moai statues, carved from rock and dating back many centuries.

The island is actually a Chilean territory, also known as Rapa Nui, where the indigenous people built the 887 statues, which are all shaped like giant heads. The island covers approximately 64 square miles and its economy is based largely on tourism.

FIJI

One hundred of the 333 tropical islands in the heart of the South Pacific that make up Fiji are inhabited and are a melting pot of East Indian, Polynesian, Melanesian, Chinese and European influences.

Ports of call include Denarau Island, with its shopping outlets, friendly locals, and natural thermal mud pools. Suva island has a lively municipal market and offers an unmissable opportunity to join a chief on a village tour. Dravuni Island is totally unspoiled, with only 200 inhabitants.

Cultural events such as the Goroka Tribal Festival are one of the lures of Papua New Guinea

MOOREA

One of the top honeymoon destinations in Tahiti, the heart-shaped Moorea is dubbed "the island of love" and thoroughly deserves its reputation as it's a scenic paradise that offers a mix of adventure and activity.

Visitors can get up close with dolphins, play golf and trek to see ancient temples. The best place to see the island is from the Belvedere Lookout, which takes around an hour to hike round (there are also organised tours to the top).

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

There are 10 main coastal ports of call in the region, including Milne Bay, East New Britain and Madang, each one rich in culture and ethnic diversity. The capital, Port Moresby, embraces the best of both worlds with warm, sandy islands and national parks meeting a thriving metropolis of small cafés and bars, a diverse food scene and a unique blend of fine art and artefacts.

The wonders of Papua New Guinea offer a multitude of experiences both onshore and off. Trekking, diving, surfing and other outdoor pursuits abound, while visitors can witness a range of ceremonial ensembles at one of the country's many cultural festivals – these are held throughout the year.

Passengers might also choose to take an expedition cruise into areas less frequented by the outside world, including the mighty Sepik River.

PITCAIRN ISLAND

The Pitcairn Islands are a loosely grouped handful of tiny islands, halfway between New Zealand and the Americas. Pitcairn Island itself is where Fletcher Christian and eight mutineers aboard the *HMS Bounty*, along with their Tahitian companions, came in search of a new life. Today, just 50 people live in the capital, Adamstown.

RAROTONGA

Often said to be a small version of Moorea, Rarotonga is the only island that is home to the Kakerori bird, or Rarotonga Monarch, making it popular with nature lovers and bird watchers.

Captain Cook described Rarotonga as one of the most remote places on earth. Those who manage to find their way there will be richly rewarded with excellent beaches, exotic jungle to explore and a variety of great water sports, such as kayaking and snorkelling.

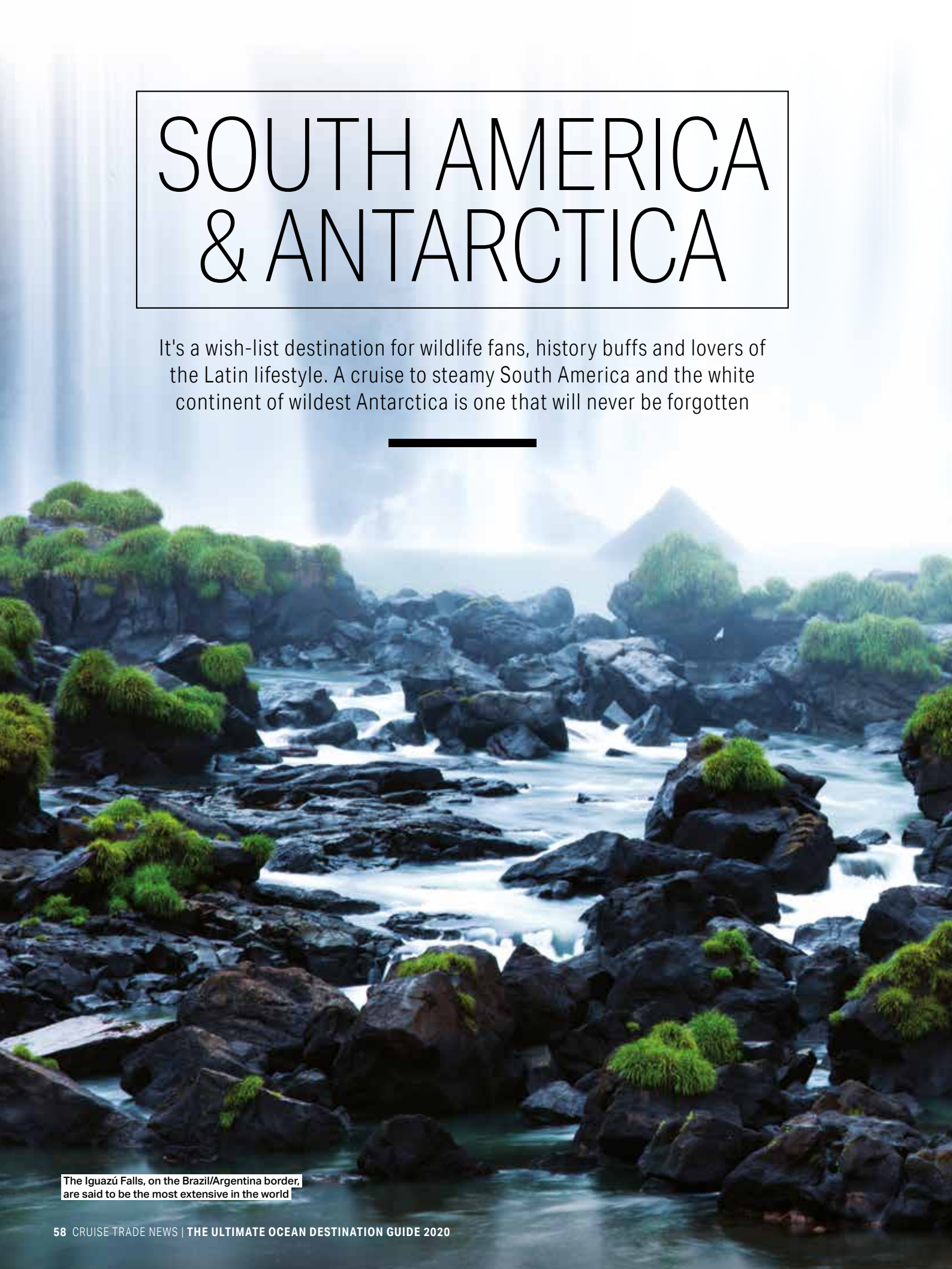
TAHITI

Tahiti is the largest island in French Polynesia. It is also the name of the group of over 100 islands and atolls that make up the region. Explored by Captain Cook, Tahiti is shaped like a figure of eight, with black sand beaches, lagoons, waterfalls and two non-active volcanoes.

Papeete is its capital, home to the Robert Wan Pearl Museum, as well as natural attractions such as the Faarumai Waterfalls and the spring garden of Vaipahi. There's a daily market worth visiting, too, Le Marché, selling food and handicrafts such as handbags and local textiles. ⚓

SOUTH AMERICA & ANTARCTICA

It's a wish-list destination for wildlife fans, history buffs and lovers of the Latin lifestyle. A cruise to steamy South America and the white continent of wildest Antarctica is one that will never be forgotten



The Iguazú Falls, on the Brazil/Argentina border, are said to be the most extensive in the world

HOME of temperature-raising tango, the explosive Rio Carnival, the remote Falklands Islands and the incredible wildlife destinations of the Galapagos Islands and Antarctica, this southernmost region joined to North America by the Panama Canal guarantees striking contrasts for anyone cruising there. From the elegant avenues and history-packed museums of Buenos Aires to samba-loving Rio de Janeiro's world-renowned Maracana football stadium, or the chance to get up close to penguins and seals, cruises to these southern shores truly have something for everyone.

BUENOS AIRES

Argentina's capital is a heady mix of European heritage, Parisian-style cafes, political turmoil – and passion. Highlights include visiting a tango club – or watching it for free in one of the city's parks – the brightly coloured houses of La Boca district, and the Recoleta Cemetery. Most people go to look for Eva Perón's resting place, but there are many impressive mausoleums among the 6,400 there. The Casa Rosada (Pink House, named for its colour), where Perón supporters once packed into the plaza, is situated on the eastern side of Plaza de Mayo.

CALLAO

Callao is the nearest port to Peru's capital, Lima. The main cruise lines offer a shuttle service for the seven-mile journey to Miraflores, Lima's ▶

tourist district. Here, the must-sees include the impressive 16th-century cathedral and the baroque Archbishop's Palace on the grand Plaza Mayor.

CAPE HORN

Not a port of call, but as it's the southernmost tip of South America, on Chile's Isla Hornos in the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, it's an Antarctic highlight. Many a sailor braved the treacherous waters here between the 18th and early 20th centuries – but not everyone returned to tell the tale.

CARTAGENA

Founded in 1533, Colombia's Cartagena is awash with impressive colonial buildings. Visit Plaza Santo Domingo for street entertainment, bars and restaurants, or head to Bocagrande, the city's trendiest beach. The Port of Cartagena de Indias is about two miles from the historic city centre. Free shuttles operate from the port's five cruise piers to the terminal, which offers landscaped gardens, a duty-free and coffee store, wi-fi and souvenir and handicraft shops.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

The Ecuadorian islands of the Galapagos are an expedition cruising must. Ships make a leisurely journey to some of the most fascinating and desolate islands on earth, where passengers can get close to iguanas on Fernandina island, albatross on Espanola, and flamingos on Rábida, swim with sea lions and other creatures off Champion Islet and marvel at the blue-footed booby – a large bird with clown-like blue feet – which can be seen on North Seymour and other islands. On Santa Cruz islands, there are tours to the Lava Tunnels, which were formed when the outside skin of a molten-lava flow became solidified.

PUERTO MONTT

This is the gateway to Chile's "Lake District", which lies below snow-capped volcanoes. Here it's possible to book activities including whitewater rafting, kayaking, horse riding and fishing. In Puerto Varas, the 'city of roses' approximately 12 miles from Puerto Montt, visitors can wander rose-lined streets, which were by laid by the German immigrants who settled here.

PUNTA ARENAS

Before the Panama Canal was built, Punta Arenas, in Chile, was a major port for ships heading to Cape Horn. To the north are the fjords and mountains of Chilean Patagonia and Torres del Paine National Park, while to the south is Antarctica. There's a monument to the explorer Ferdinand Magellan in the main square, as well as a museum dedicated to Sara Braun, one of the most powerful women in 19th-century Patagonia.

Sugarloaf Mountain overlooks the bay at Rio de Janeiro

The Cementerio Municipal is one of the most fascinating in South America, while the maritime museum – Museo Naval y Marítimo – includes accounts of the Chilean mission to rescue Sir Ernest Shackleton's crew from Antarctica.

RIO DE JANEIRO

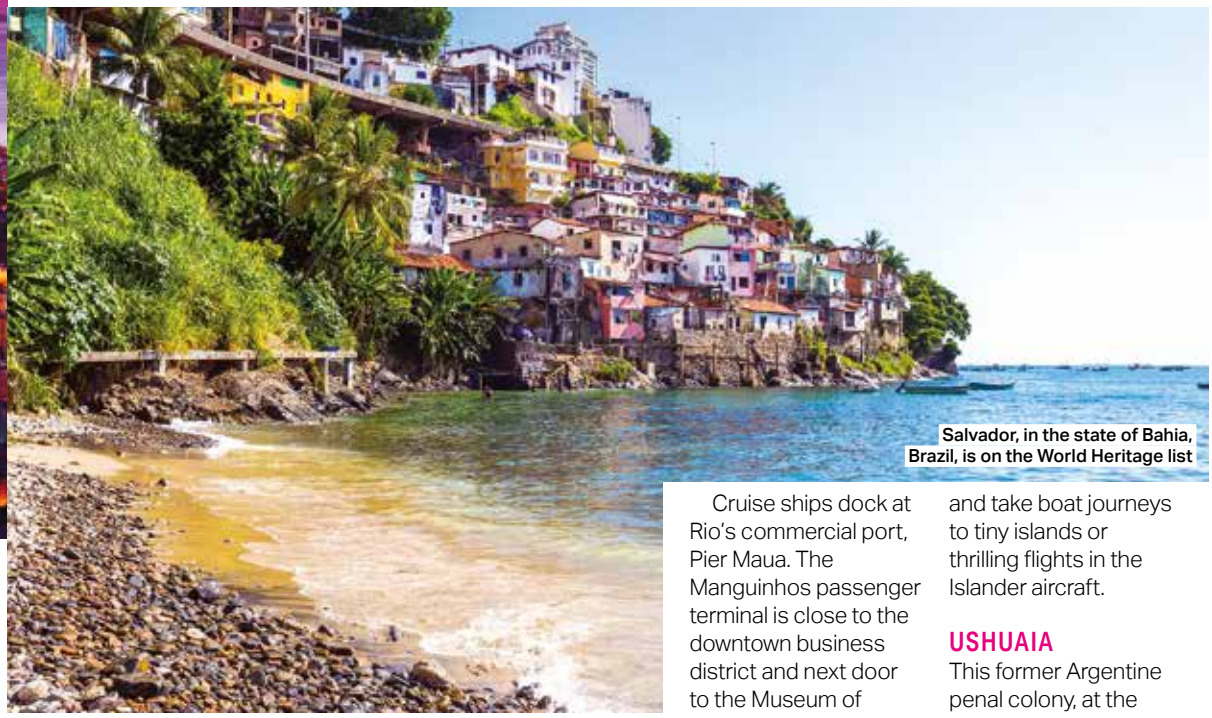
The beating heart of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro is approached via the port at Pier Maua.

From here it's easy to reach the museums, restaurants and nightlife of the coastal city's downtown area – overlooked by the Sugarloaf Mountain and the world-famous 125-foot-tall statue of Christ the Redeemer. Excursions can include a visit to one or more of the famous Copacabana, Ipanema and Leblon beaches; Tijuca National Park, the world's largest urban forest; or Iguazu Falls, which straddles Brazil and Argentina. The Maracana Stadium is one of football's most celebrated, while culture vultures will enjoy the Museu Histórico Nacional.

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

Discovering the wonders of Peru is a must-do add-on element. Planes fly high over the Andes to land in Cusco, ancient capital of the Incan empire, home to an imposing baroque-style cathedral. Standing 11,152 feet above sea level, this legendary city is a wonderland of colonial architecture and ancient Incan temples.

Most tours will also visit the Olyantambo archaeological complex, which was once an important Inca military centre, as well as the Pisac market, renowned for its Peruvian jewellery and locally made textiles. This magical trip ends with a visit to Machu Picchu, the Incas' Lost City, which was rediscovered in 1911.


Salvador, in the state of Bahia, Brazil, is on the World Heritage list

Chinstrap penguins are just one of Antarctica's bird colonies

Whitewater rafting could appeal to visitors to southern Chile

Cruise ships dock at Rio's commercial port, Pier Maua. The Manguinhos passenger terminal is close to the downtown business district and next door to the Museum of Tomorrow, which opened in 2015. A high-speed train links the port with Sao Paulo. Taxis run from the pier.

SALVADOR

The capital of Brazil's Bahia State, Salvador has a very African feel to it. That, combined with its Portuguese colonial past, makes it a fascinating place to visit. Its centre, Pelourinho, with its cobbled streets lined with colourful buildings, is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

STANLEY

Previously known as Port Stanley, it's been the capital of the Falkland Islands since 1845, and is situated on East Falkland Island. Visitors can step inside Christ Church Cathedral, the world's southernmost cathedral, enjoy the island's colourful houses and discover more about the 1982 Falklands War, while there are colonies of wildlife dotted around the island. Guests can also go 4x4 off-roading and take boat journeys to tiny islands or thrilling flights in the Islander aircraft.

USHUAIA

This former Argentine penal colony, at the southernmost tip of South America, is where passengers can join the southernmost railway in the world and ride through Tierra del Fuego National Park. It's also the preferred port for sailing to Antarctica, via the famously choppy Drake Passage. Cruise ships dock in the centre of town, where a host of restaurants serve delicious traditional Fuegian dishes.

VALPARAISO

Chile's Valparaíso, founded in 1536, is a blend of street art, cascading hills, a buzzing food scene and world-class wineries.
It has a Berlin-meets-San Francisco vibe that is best enjoyed on a free walking tour that starts at Aníbal Pinto Square, twice daily at 10am and 3pm.

The Valparaiso passenger terminal, which opened in 2016, has souvenir and handicraft shops, snack bar, currency exchange and tourist information kiosk.

SELLING TIPS

"South America and Antarctica are so far from most people's day-to-day reality that it feels like setting foot on another planet. Wildlife is a top reason for visiting Antarctica and it doesn't disappoint. Imagine sitting on a beach in a seal colony and having a baby elephant seal come over and snuggle up for a cuddle. This proximity to animals is like nowhere else on earth."

- Whether it's a longer trip or a higher cabin category, always try to upsell
- Suggest a trip that includes South Georgia – it's an absolute assault on the senses and your customers will thank you for it
- Sell them a stopover in cities like Buenos Aires or Santiago, or tack on a side trip to the amazing Iguazú Falls.

Wendy Smith
polar product manager
Intrepid Travel

La Cinta Costera is a highlight of the waterfront in Panama City

CENTRAL AMERICA

Like a lesser-known version of the Caribbean's exotic atolls, Central America promises a cruise to silky white beaches, Aztec ruins and exotic wildlife, but without the crowds

A cruise to the seven countries of Central America, which extend between Mexico and South America, is an ideal chance to get off the beaten path. Passengers can explore pristine rainforests and coral reefs in Costa Rica's Manuel Antonio National Park, or visit the ruins of León Viejo, one of the oldest Spanish settlements in the Americas, in Nicaragua. Other highlights of this lesser-cruised region include the colonial city of Antigua (make sure guests know it's not the Caribbean island of that name, of course) and the awe-inspiring achievement that is the Panama Canal – a favourite with cruising travellers – as well as the city of Panama itself.

ACAJUTLA

Acajutla, the main cruise port in El Salvador, is not the most common port of call, but that's what makes this all the more worthwhile, as, unlike with other popular destinations, much of it remains untouched, and therefore, all the more authentic. The somewhat sleepy nearby town of Acajutla, which is by no means a bustling tourist area either, is perfectly situated for excursions to Mayan ruins and rainforests. For those who want to stay closer to home, (or ship) the nearby Los Cabanos Beach is a popular spot for divers and has plenty of restaurants serving local seafood.

PANAMA

This former Spanish colony is famous for the Panama Canal – the world's greatest shortcut – which features heavily on many cruise line itineraries. However, this is no one-hit wonder. While the canal provides bucket-list views, Panama City is a medley of modern skyscrapers and old-world culture. The UNESCO-listed Casco Viejo area is known for its cuisine and is also home to the Plaza de Francia, which pays tribute to those who built the canal.

PUERTO LIMÓN

With national parks, rainforests and reserves in easy reach, Puerto Limón in Costa Rica is an eco-tourist haven. Passengers can go on an aerial tram adventure in Braulio Carrillo National Park or cruise the Tortuguero canals.

PUERTO QUETZAL

The Guatemalan port is the gateway to the colonial city of Antigua, founded by Spanish conquistadors in the 16th century and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visitors can book a tour to view the churches, museums and art galleries of the Central Plaza and surrounding area, or wander the cobblestone streets independently, stopping off for some people-watching at one of the cafés.

PUNTARENAS

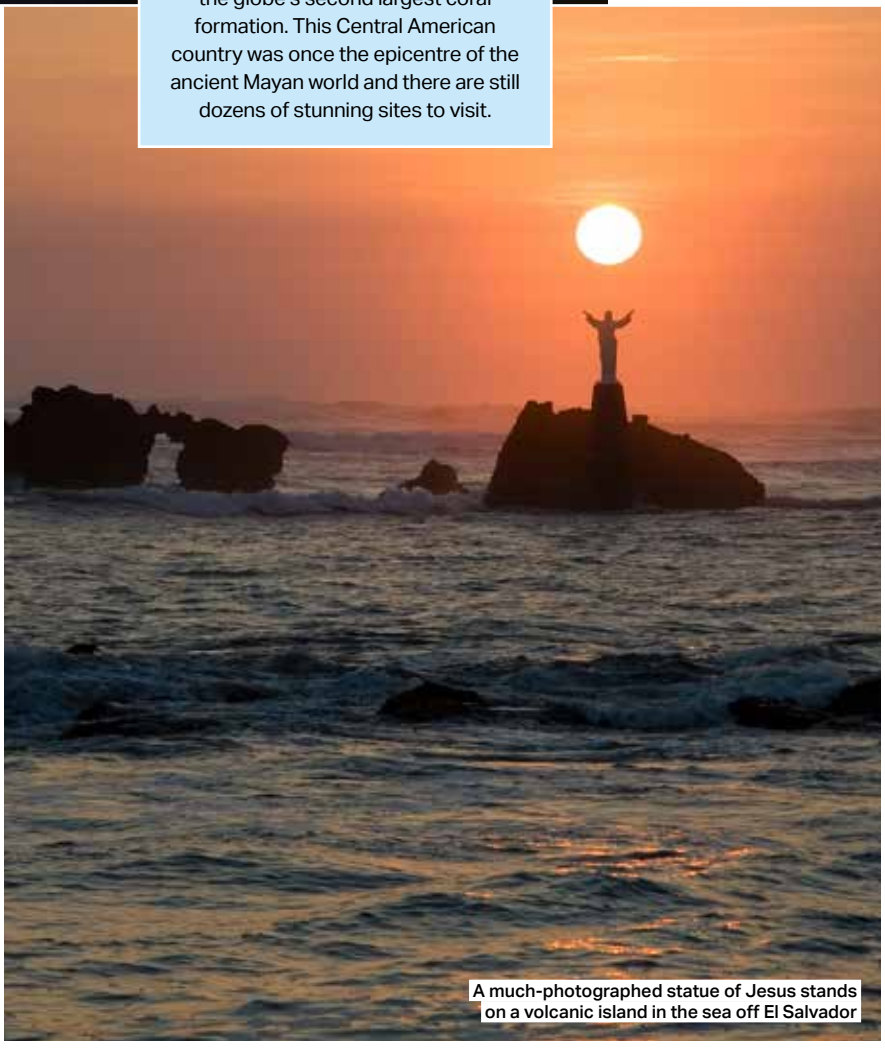
The capital city of the Province of Puntarenas has impressive Spanish colonial architecture, multi-coloured houses and a lovely beach, and is the gateway to many a Costa Rican adventure. Passengers can opt for walking or hiking in the Carara National Park, where those with a head for heights can do the Forest Sky Walk and enjoy a bird's-eye view of the tropical rainforest.

For a more leisurely excursion, guests can take a rail journey through the countryside, then hop on a boat along the Tarcoles River. Or they can find out all about the history and traditions of Costa Rican coffee at the 640-acre Espiritu Santo Coffee Plantation. San José,

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

It's well worth spending some extra time in beautiful Belize with its jungles and reefs, fascinating historic sites and exotic local culture. A relatively new cruise destination, Belize is ideal for adrenaline activity lovers – they can ride the country's longest zipline at the Mayflower Bocawina National Forest.

Other pursuits include exploring the spectacular Blue Hole – the world's largest ocean sinkhole, which is visible from space – or diving, snorkelling or kayaking to see the Belize Barrier reef, the globe's second largest coral formation. This Central American country was once the epicentre of the ancient Mayan world and there are still dozens of stunning sites to visit.



A much-photographed statue of Jesus stands on a volcanic island in the sea off El Salvador

Costa Rica's vibrant capital, is home to the Gold Museum, the Metropolitan Cathedral, the National Museum (scene of fighting during the 1948 civil war), and the National Theatre, perhaps the country's most beautiful building.

ROATAN

The island of Roatan is often at the heart of cruises to Honduras. About 40 miles off the coast, its forests and dense jungles never cease to entice visitors, as its presence on many cruise itineraries shows. Most ships dock at Coxen Hole, the island's largest city, although others do use the Mahogany Bay Cruise Centre, which opened in 2010. For a taste of local life, passengers should wander to the West End village, which is bursting with restaurants, bars and craft shops. The Gumbalimba Park nature reserve is also a chance to meet wildlife and snorkel among exotic fish.

SAN JUAN DEL SUR

This small beach town is set in a horseshoe-shaped bay on the south-west coast of Central America's largest nation, Nicaragua. Ships anchor in the bay and passengers arrive by tender. The country has only recently opened up to tourism following its civil war in the 1970s and 1980s. Tours include the capital, Managua, or Lake Nicaragua, a large freshwater lake. Nicaragua is a volcanic area and tours take in the Apoyo Lagoon, or Las Isletas, an archipelago of 365 islands formed by volcanic activity.

SELLING TIPS

"Taking a cruise to see Central America is probably the best way to visit the region: to see so many diverse places in one holiday by land would be a struggle, very expensive or close to impossible. The biodiversity of the Dairen Jungle in Panama, or the human culture of the Mayans in Guatemala are just some of the reasons to cruise here."

- Aim for adventurous people with a love of natural history, varying cultures, and wildlife; your safari clients, for instance, will love this region
- With many expedition-style cruise lines now visiting Central America, meaning smaller groups and zodiac-led jungle excursions and wildlife treks, this region will also appeal to bird watchers
- Point out the appeal for travellers who like to get off the beaten track

Scott Anderson
general manager
Wexas Travel

A swim in the sea at Dover Beach is a must while in Barbados

CARIBBEAN

Guaranteed sunshine, diverse cultural influences and a host of exciting land and water-based activities ensure there's plenty for everyone on a Caribbean island cruise

WITH its silk-sand beaches, top-notch activity options and sumptuous food, it's no surprise that the Caribbean and its enticing islands is one of the world's most popular cruise regions.

Perfect for shorter breaks, the northern Caribbean is close to Florida, while the lesser known southern Caribbean atolls, including St Maarten and the British Virgin Islands, are great for holiday makers who want to get off the beaten track.

Islands in the eastern Caribbean region are justly renowned for their superb beaches and the western Caribbean includes such popular cruising destinations as Grand Cayman and Jamaica.

BRIDGETOWN

Bridgetown port is a long walk, or a short taxi ride, from the capital town of Barbados. This island, famed for afternoon tea and cricket, still retains a tangible sense of Britishness. Visitors can experience Barbadian heritage at a number of plantation houses and rum distilleries on this, the easternmost of ▶

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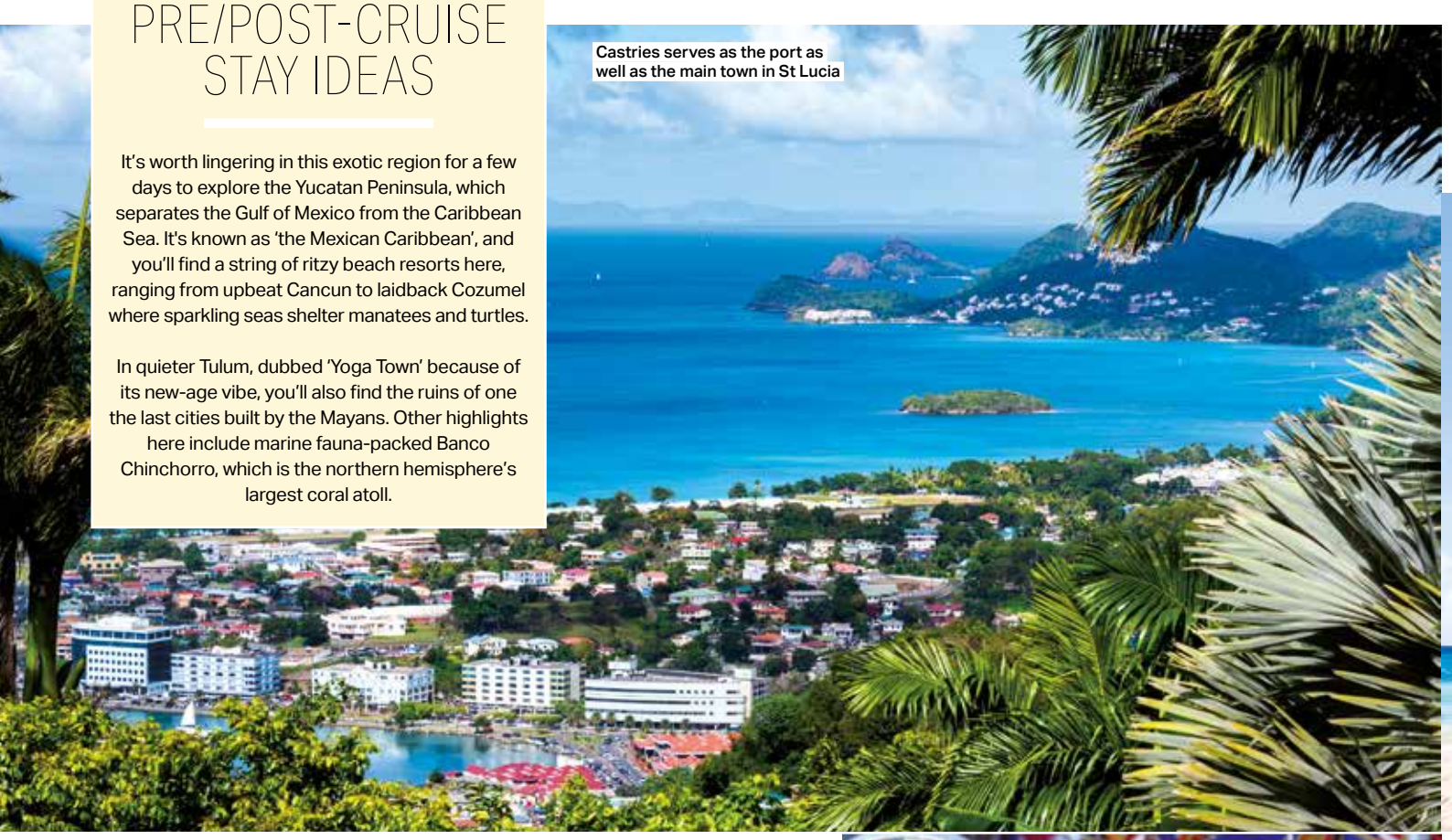
PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

It's worth lingering in this exotic region for a few days to explore the Yucatan Peninsula, which separates the Gulf of Mexico from the Caribbean Sea. It's known as 'the Mexican Caribbean', and you'll find a string of ritzy beach resorts here, ranging from upbeat Cancun to laidback Cozumel where sparkling seas shelter manatees and turtles.

In quieter Tulum, dubbed 'Yoga Town' because of its new-age vibe, you'll also find the ruins of one the last cities built by the Mayans. Other highlights here include marine fauna-packed Banco Chinchorro, which is the northern hemisphere's largest coral atoll.



Castries serves as the port as well as the main town in St Lucia

the Caribbean islands. There are also shore excursions to the underground caverns and waterfalls of Harrison's Cave, while treasure-hunters are sure to want to visit some of the 200 shipwrecks dotted on the surrounding seabed.

CASTRIES

Cruise ships pass the striking twin volcano peaks of the Pitons as they enter the port district of Castries, which is an easy 15-minute walk from St Lucia's chief town's centre.

A huge part of the island, approximately 19,000 acres, belongs to the St Lucia National Rain Forest, and there is an aerial tram that transports visitors to the heart of the rainforest canopy. Other shore excursions include visits to French colonial capital Soufrière, home of the atoll's bubbling hot volcanic springs.

COZUMEL

Mexico's largest Caribbean island has been popular since the 1960s, when marine scientist Jacques Cousteau told the world what a wonderful place it was for diving.

Most ships dock at International Pier or Puerto Maya, a ten-minute taxi ride from the centre, San Miguel, but some vessels tie up at Punta Langusta, which is just a short stroll from the duty-free shopping

Junkanoo, or carnival, is a big part of the Caribbean culture in Nassau

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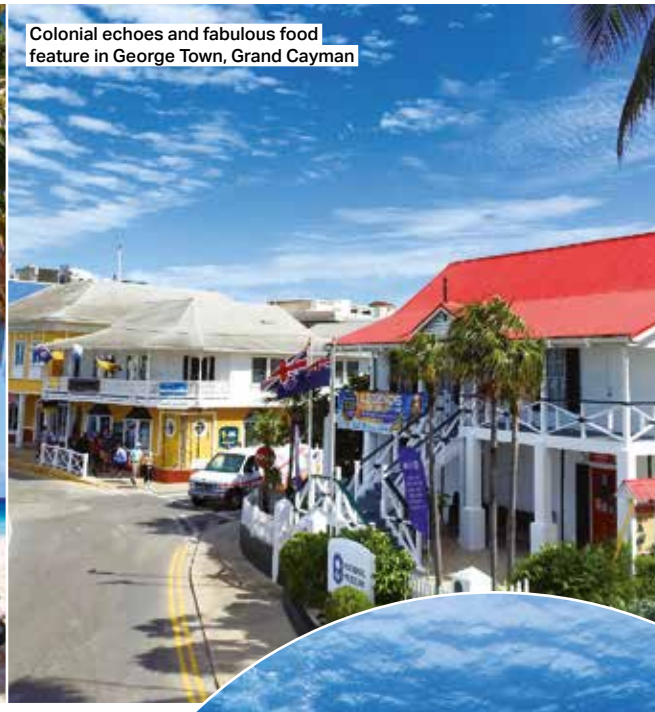
The classic beach is just one of the temptations near Falmouth, Jamaica


Colonial echoes and fabulous food feature in George Town, Grand Cayman

in Cozumel's animated city centre. Excursions within easy reach include boat trips to the Mesoamerican Reef – the world's second-largest – and coach rides to Tulum, one of the region's best-preserved Mayan ruins.

FALMOUTH

Passengers arrive at the historic Falmouth Cruise Port, which is situated in the heart of the town, the capital of Jamaica's Trelawny parish. After taking a tour to admire Falmouth's beautifully conserved Georgian architecture, visitors should take a ride along Martha Brae River on a bamboo raft made for two. Other shore excursions worth doing include a tour of the Appleton estate to taste the local rum.

GEORGE TOWN

Ships anchor offshore and visitors are tendered to the Royal Watler cruise terminals of George Town, capital of Grand Cayman. Foodies will love this destination, which features celebrity-owned gourmet restaurants that include New York chef Éric Ripert's restaurant, Blue, the Caribbean's only AAA Five Diamond restaurant. Excursions include snorkelling trips to the very popular Stingray City, a sandbar where this type of fish congregates, and tasting trips to the local Tortuga rum factory.

NASSAU

Nassau is a popular choice among cruisers, with passenger arrivals growing by 49% in 2019. Cruise ships docking at Nassau arrive at the heart of the action on Prince George wharf, located near Rawson Square and the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism.

This means that passengers can hit the art galleries and duty-free shops along Bay Street within minutes of arriving. After a stroll to discover the town's colonial-style architecture, visitors should check out Paradise Island, which blends white sand beaches with the vast Atlantis resort complex that offers Vegas-style ▶

Guests can follow Cousteau and see turtles off Cozumel

Nassau, in particular Bay Street, is famous for its colourful buildings

Harrison's Cave is a spectacular rock formation that's sure to attract guests in Barbados

From Ocho Rios visitors can experience Jamaica's rain forests

casinos, as well as water rides and an aquarium.

OCHO RIOS

A former fishing village, Ocho Rios is now a resort with a cruise ship harbour, where the scenic bay of Turtle Beach boasts some of Jamaica's most luxurious hotels. The surrounding parish of Saint Ann is home to a rainforest, rivers and waterfalls. Dunn's River Falls is a terraced, 180-metre mountain waterfall with lagoon pools that has been immortalised on film many times.

The heart of the action is Main Street, which is lined with eating establishments, bars, stores and craft markets and has a thriving nightlife. Island Village, meanwhile, is an open-air shopping mall based on a rural Jamaican community, where visitors can also check out a museum dedicated to the country's most acclaimed musical tradition, reggae.

ORANJESTAD

Visitors to Aruba dock in this, its capital, and the terminal hosts the main tourist information centre. Famed for its white beaches – considered to be some of the best in the world – Aruba is one of the most visited destinations in the Southern Caribbean, with casinos and dive sites proving to be particular favourites.

The island was captured by the Dutch, from Spain, during the Thirty Years' War and some of that heritage is still visible today.

SELLING TIPS

"Caribbean cruises excel when it comes to stunning scenery. The region's 7,000 islands sweep across the Caribbean sea, making it the ideal destination for first-time cruisers as there are so many destinations that can be ticked off in just one sailing.

For those seeking a winter sun cruise it's the perfect choice and there's no shortage of beautiful beaches and world-class diving opportunities."

- Marella Cruises offers the ultimate flexibility and choice as the only cruise line offering a range of UK regional flights direct to Jamaica and Barbados.
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- Consider cruise and stay options for first-time cruisers

Neil Duncan
head of trading and planning, Marella Cruises

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Oranjestad is a tight, compact, town that will find favour with those who enjoy walking.

PHILIPSBURG

St Maarten has a busy, bustling port where cruising first took off back in 1964. Known as 'Friendly Island', it is capable of welcoming some of the biggest cruise ships currently in operation.

Split in two halves ever since French and Dutch settlers divided the island in 1648, this fascinating atoll is home to two distinct cultures, meaning visitors can enjoy a blend of Dutch colonial architecture and traditional French cuisine, along with clothing-optional beaches, and plenty of vivid marine life. The main urban centre is just a 15-minute walk away.

SAN JUAN

Puerto Rico's capital, San Juan is a mix of old and new, where a modern business district sits harmoniously alongside Spanish colonial buildings. Ships dock in the heart of the old town, with its walled city and forts dating back to the 16th century.

Famous landmarks include the Cathedral of John the Baptist and the fortresses of El Morro and San Cristobal. Visitors can join excursions to El Yunque, the only tropical rainforest in the US National Park System.

ST KITTS

St Kitts, which is named after St Christopher, the patron saint of travellers, is the larger of two islands that make up the nation of St Kitts and Nevis, which gained full independence from the British Empire in 1983. Large cruise ships dock in Port Zante, which opened in 2005 and is handily located just outside the capital of Basseterre.

Military enthusiasts will enjoy the Brimstone Hill Fortress, designed by the British and now a National Park and since 1999 a UNESCO World Heritage site. ⚓

Bright umbrellas shade a street – and provide a draw for tourists – in San Juan, Puerto Rico

Brimstone Hill Fortress is an important historic site, and now a National Park

Flamingos flock to the white beaches of Aruba

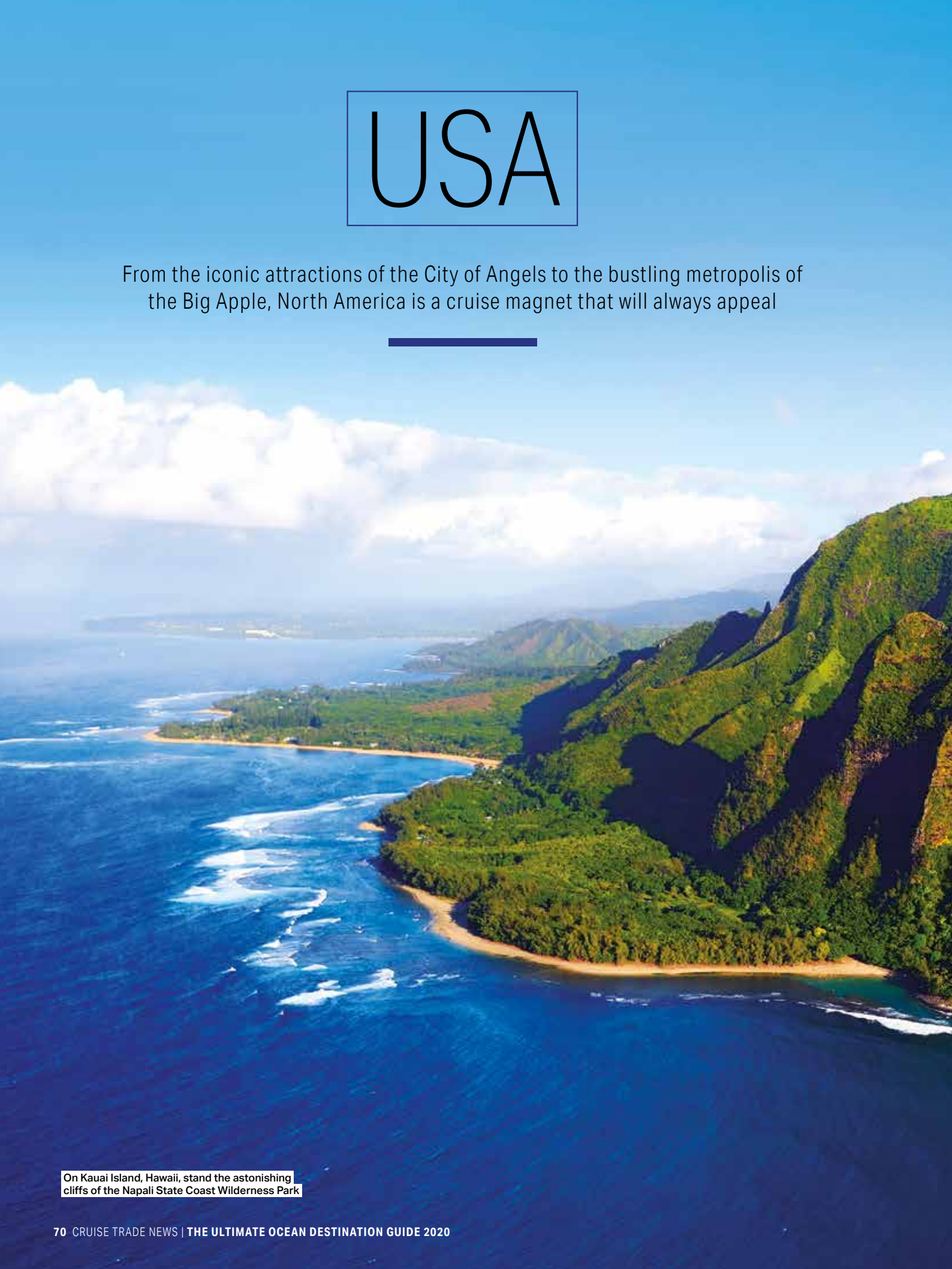
Why **PORT AUTHORITY OF JAMAICA** *loves...*

"**Jamaica** is an enchanting island paradise, buzzing with life and a zing of adventure that offers a diversity unmatched by any other Caribbean destination. The Island's history and culture continues to be a source of much fascination and excitement."

William Tatham, Vice-President, Cruise Shipping and Marina Operations, Port Authority of Jamaica

USA

From the iconic attractions of the City of Angels to the bustling metropolis of the Big Apple, North America is a cruise magnet that will always appeal



On Kauai Island, Hawaii, stand the astonishing cliffs of the Napali State Coast Wilderness Park

THE land of the free and home of the brave has long been an attractive destination for once-in-a-lifetime travel, from arts and culture in the mega urban hubs to the sun-drenched beaches and hip vibes along the coast. Alongside the fan favourites and big-ticket items there are hidden pockets best served on a cruise, such as excursions to local, independent eateries or quirky museums bursting with indigenous culture.

BOSTON

Follow the red brick road to explore centuries of history. The Freedom Trail, a network of red paving and painted lines, connects important sites in Boston, including the Massachusetts State House, the Benjamin Franklin Statue, the Old Corner Bookstore, Paul Revere House, Bunker Hill Monument and USS Constitution. Delight in Americana over the cobblestones of charming Beacon Hill, take the Black Heritage Trail, absorb the grandeur of Harvard University or the excitement of Fenway Park, home to baseball champions the Red Sox. With huge malls and superb restaurants including Celeste, you can have your own tea party – or say *Cheers* to a beer in TV's iconic bar.

CHARLESTON

Its bouncing namesake dance and James P Johnson's accompanying jazz riff have long set the tone for this Southern Belle of a US city – lively, energetic and incredibly memorable. At first ▶

glance, Charleston appears to be frozen in the 18th-century, with horse-drawn carriages and colourful cobbled streets sitting alongside eerie cemeteries and civil-war sights, but at the second you'll see a trendy, homegrown shopping and dining scene. For true southern hospitality, head to historic King Street and try out the freshest raw seafood food at The Darling Oyster Bar, but to understand the city's antebellum history, don't miss a poignant visit to the Old Slave Mart museum – where slaves were long ago sold at auction.

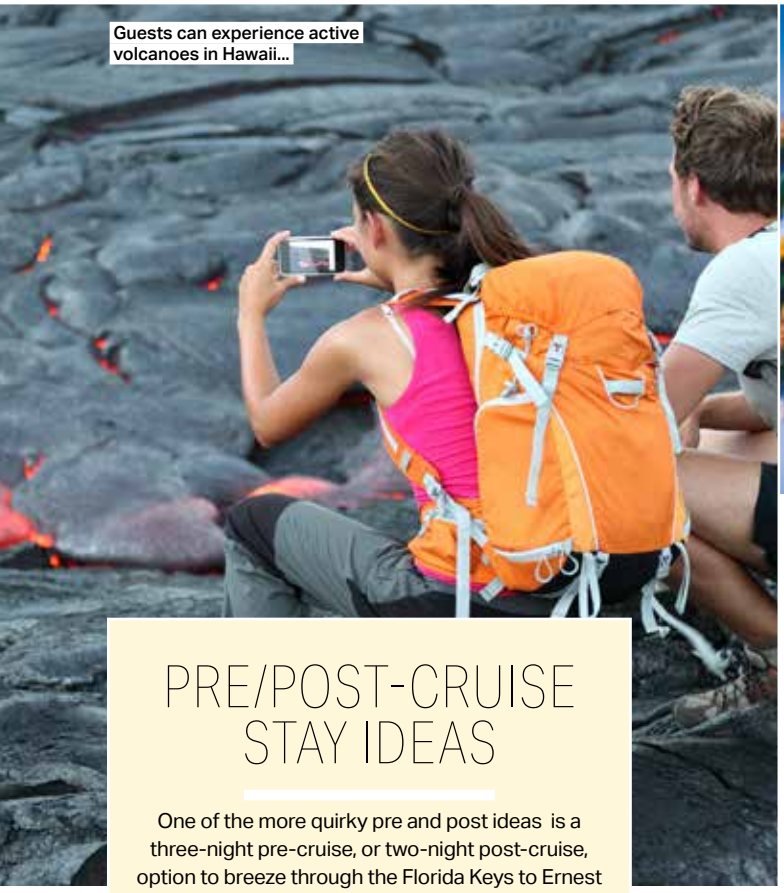
FORT LAUDERDALE

Situated in the centre of the Gold Coast and home to the second-busiest port in the world, laid-back Fort Lauderdale is famous for its beaches, arts, culture and great shopping on Las Olas Boulevard. It's just two miles north of Port Everglades, making an excursion to the Everglades National Park for hiking and nature-watching an easy option. Suggest clients jump on the Sun Trolley, which will ferry them around town for just $1 a day, or a Water Taxi, which will also enable them to explore the extensive network of canals.

HAWAII

The 50th state of the USA is an adventurer's dream. Luscious coral reefs, beaches and volcanoes await intrepid travellers and the *aloha* spirit is best discovered on a cruise, with multiple lines offering voyages that call across the islands and some with overnight stays. Of course, more time in port means more time to sample some of the awe-inspiring sights, from the Volcanoes National Park, which features two of the most active erupting giants in the world, to the Napali Coast, which according to locals is grade-A nourishment for the soul.

Sunshine comes first in laid-back Fort Lauderdale



Guests can experience active volcanoes in Hawaii...

...while Hollywood Boulevard, LA, is the place to meet heroes

LOS ANGELES

The City of Angels awaits. Check out the beaches of Malibu, shop in Beverly Hills and take the Walk of Fame. Universal Studios offers the authenticity of a working movie studio, bringing the magic of Hollywood to life. On iconic Santa Monica pier, find an amusement park, a trapeze school, an ocean-front walk, an aquarium, a historic carousel, shops, eateries and an arcade above the sparkling water. If you get time, take a trip out to the hip district of Silverlake, where you'll find some of the city's coolest eateries. This is smoothie central.

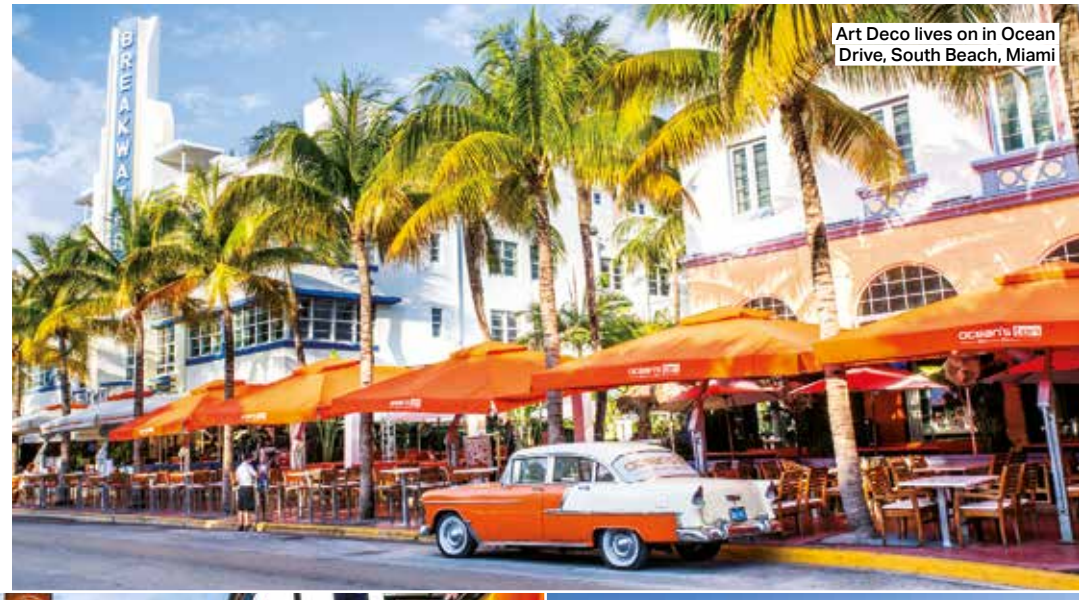
MIAMI

If cities swayed to a beat, Miami's would be a sensual Latin salsa. While the sun-drenched city is best known for its sands – think South and Miami Beach – a buzzing

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

One of the more quirky pre and post ideas is a three-night pre-cruise, or two-night post-cruise, option to breeze through the Florida Keys to Ernest Hemingway's house for an after-hours tour and private cocktail evening, including some of Hemingway's favourite drinks.

Guests can also explore the island on a walking tour, taking in the sights, sounds and food at their own pace. There's also a chance to learn the knack of making the world-famous Key Lime pie. It's the perfect blend of history and culture.


Art Deco lives on in Ocean Drive, South Beach, Miami

SELLING TIPS

"The USA is a great place to cruise: every experience is different and there's no language barrier to worry about. The east coast offers history along with amazing cities and the autumnal colours of the fall; the west coast offers natural beauty, plus easy options for add-ons, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Las Vegas, or even the national Parks of Yosemite and Yellowstone. And a trip out of Seattle for Alaska is many people's dream."

- Book guests as far in advance as you can to get them the best flight deals
- If time allows, book two or three nights in a hotel before and/or after the cruise
- Encourage cruising with friends – this is a fantastic choice, especially on one of the iconic Transatlantic cruises aboard QM2

Trevor Ridler
branch manager
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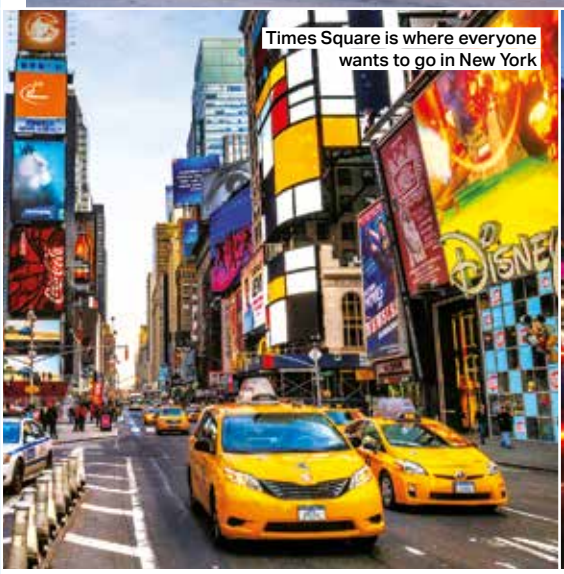
Times Square is where everyone wants to go in New York

Seattle's Pike Place Market is – of course – famous for fish

nightlife and vibrant mix of cultures will leave guests with plenty to see. An Art Deco tour on Ocean Drive is a great place to begin and if marvelling at pastel-hued 1930s hotels is up their street, the Italian Renaissance-style Vizcaya Museum and Gardens is just a short cab ride away. For some al-fresco shopping and dining, there's Miami Beach's Lincoln Road Mall, where visitors can sip mojitos at Cuban-inspired Havana 57.

NEW YORK

New York City has two cruise terminals – one in Manhattan, on the Hudson River, and the other in Brooklyn's Upper Bay. Cruising in or out of either is a real treat. There are plenty of urban spaces and districts for cruise passengers to discover, whether they want to wander around Lower Manhattan, Central Park or Times Square, shop on Madison Avenue or get up close to the Statue of Liberty. Other attractions are the Brooklyn Bridge, one of the oldest suspension bridges in the country, while autumn visitors can get involved with 'leaf peeping' – the annual tradition of experiencing the blazing fall foliage.

SEATTLE

The main US port for cruises to Alaska offers a host of laid-back attractions within a short walk of the Bell Street Pier cruise terminal. These include the famous Pike Place Market – where passengers will find fabulous seafood restaurants – Seattle Aquarium and Great Wheel. The Smith Cove cruise terminal, at the north end of the waterfront, is 10 minutes from the city's shops and the Space Needle.

SOMEWHERE INSPIRING AT EVERY GIVEN MOMENT

SINCE 1990, Rocky Mountaineer has welcomed more than two million guests to inhale the mountain air and soak up the world-class scenery. Running between Vancouver and the mountain towns of Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper, the train weaves through a mix of small towns, rugged wilderness and vast landscapes. The unparalleled experience on board offers rich, historic storytelling, world-class cuisine and a first-hand look at the lush forests and turquoise glacier-fed lakes in the Pacific Northwest from every angle.

Rocky Mountaineer's Executive Chefs re-imagine a menu inspired by the bounty of the passing regions before each season, highlighting ingredients such as fresh salmon, prime Alberta beef and local berries to create a true feast for the senses. The train travels only by daylight. Each night, guests enjoy the comfort and class of one of Rocky Mountaineer's preferred hotels. That way, you can explore the region's cosmopolitan cities and picturesque towns without giving up a single minute of your beauty sleep.

The views, warm hospitality and decadent cuisine are enough to keep guests enthralled, but beyond that, there's the chance to make new friends and connect with travelling companions as guests take in this memorable trip of a lifetime. With more than 65 vacation packages and three unique routes to choose from, the journeys offer romance and history, a reminder that travelling is as much about the journey as it is about the destination.

ROUTES

First Passage to the West

History comes alive as you travel the rail route that united Canada as a nation more than 130 years ago. Travel through lush rainforests and the semi-arid desert, alongside the powerful Kicking Horse River and into the Rocky Mountain towns of Lake Louise and Banff.

Journey Through the Clouds

Travelling between Vancouver, Kamloops and Jasper, this route lives up to its romantic name. Weaving alongside the Fraser River and through craggy mountains, you'll view the vast white expanse of the Albreda Glacier, rushing waters of Pyramid Falls and towering Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies.

Rainforest to Gold Rush

Recapture the romance of the Gold Rush era as you ascend through the rugged mountain terrain of Whistler, moving towards the old mining trail known as the Cariboo Wagon Road and historic Quesnel, the Gold Pan City, then onto Jasper, the quaint mountain town nestled in the snowcapped Canadian Rockies.

From Open Vistas to Open Seas

Sky-high peaks, stunning landscapes – a journey through the Canadian Rockies onboard Rocky Mountaineer is quite simply, unforgettable. And it gets even better – you can combine any Rocky Mountaineer rail package with an Alaska cruise to experience all the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada have to offer. Pair Rocky Mountaineer's GoldLeaf Service with an Alaska cruise for a seamless luxury experience complemented by gourmet à la carte meals, complimentary beverages and soul-stirring views.

Choose from a selection of rail and cruise itineraries designed by Rocky Mountaineer or add a rail package to any Alaska cruise. From the enormous heights of the Canadian Rockies to the wild fjords of Alaska: journey to a place that's truly above and beyond extraordinary. ⚓

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CANADA & ALASKA

From sailing the Inside Passage to spotting humpback whales or enjoying the cosmopolitan pleasures of multi-cultural Vancouver, passengers can have the best of both worlds on a Canada and Alaska cruise

The Rocky Mountains are one of Canada's must-sees

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CANADA

crosses six time zones and offers a dazzling array of pleasures for the holiday-maker, ranging from French-influenced gastronomy to spectacular scenery and astounding wildlife.

From the multi-cultural beauty of Vancouver to the delights of sophisticated Victoria and the magnificent wilderness that is Alaska, America's 'final frontier', this area is a must-do experience for nature lovers who also want to discover the multiple urban delights of the region's laid-back cities.

Since Alaska is largely inaccessible by land – the capital, Juneau, stands on one of the largest wilderness areas in the US – a cruise is the best way to explore this enthralling US state, which is a firm favourite with multi-generational travellers.

HALIFAX

The provincial capital of Nova Scotia has come a long way since its founding in 1749 as a naval base. Today it's not so much about warships, but is rather a trendy urban spot that has more pubs and clubs than almost any other city in Canada. Shopping is also a favoured pastime, with plenty of boutique outlets – including the Hydrostone Market – offering up art, jewellery and the city's first balsamic vinegar tasting bar. Guests can also pick up some hand-cut glass at the one-of-a-kind NovaScotian Crystal store.

JUNEAU

Alaska's capital is named after one of the gold prospectors, Jo Juneau, whose search led to the discovery of some of the largest gold mines in the whole world. The Mendenhall Glacier, the most famous of Juneau's ice floes, is a must-see, while guests can also indulge in a journey on the scenic Mount Roberts Tramway.

KETCHIKAN

The Alaskan town of Ketchikan is awash with a rich native heritage. Wander down Creek Street, the red light district during the Gold Rush, which now does an honourable trade in quaint souvenirs, admire the impressive totem poles dotted around the city, or take a seaplane to land on a fjord and enjoy the complete, eerie silence. The Totem Heritage Centre is the place to go for a lesson in the history of totem art and the traditions of the native Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian peoples.

PRINCE RUPERT

Prince Rupert, which is 40 miles south of the Alaskan border, is reached via British Colombia's spectacular Inside Passage. The Northland Terminal is conveniently situated downtown and there's a visitors' centre adjacent. Rupertites, as the locals are known, are a welcoming bunch, and just over half of the population is made up of different First Nations communities that organise their own cultural events, ensuring a diverse and memorable stay for any cruise passengers who visit.

SEWARD

Named after Abraham Lincoln's secretary of state, William Seward, ▶

PRE/POST-CRUISE STAY IDEAS

For many passengers an Alaska cruise is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to get close to the region's natural beauty, so it makes sense to add a pre or post-sailing excursion to explore wild and wonderful Denali National Park.

Centred around Mount McKinley, North America's tallest peak, this six-million-acre park dotted with forests and glaciers is home to grizzly bear, caribou, wolves and other breathtaking wildlife. The best time to visit is between May and September when it's possible to take a thrilling bus ride through the park, or join one of the fun and informative ranger-led programmes; these include sled dog demonstrations and off-trail discovery hikes.

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Bears are one of the great sights to be found in Alaska

SELLING TIPS

"Alaska and Canada both offer so much in a cruise: from exceptional scenery and rare wildlife to the history and culture in Canada's popular city destinations - there truly is something for everyone. Travellers also have the opportunity to enjoy memorable trips across the Rocky Mountains via the iconic Rocky Mountaineer train, or enjoy outdoor pursuits such as skiing or climbing."

- Cruises that combine luxury with adventure are increasingly popular, so emphasise the chance to explore in comfort and style
- Sell the pre/post excursions: from visiting Niagara Falls to travelling on the Rocky Mountaineer train
- Recommend they watch David Attenborough's various BBC documentaries focusing on the frozen kingdom to see the sheer scale and beauty of the region

Gerald Buck
commercial account manager, ROL Cruise

who set out to buy the land now known as Alaska, this small fishing village is gateway to the impressive Kenai Fjords National Park.

SITKA

The former capital of Russian Alaska, the city of Sitka is located on Baranof Island.

Guests looking for a bit of local culture and history should seek out Building 29, which is one of the few structures surviving from Russia's control of Alaska, and also visit Mariner's Wall, which has approximately 2,000 inscriptions to showcase the maritime history of Alaska.

SKAGWAY

Once Alaska's largest town, Skagway was the gateway to the gold mines and is known as one of the best-preserved gold-rush towns. The impressive buildings are testament to those who struck lucky. From here, cruisers can enjoy a leisurely day sailing through Glacier Bay, with a chance of seeing humpback and killer whales.

VANCOUVER

The city of Vancouver is often said to be one of the best places in the world to live. From Vancouver Lookout – a glass elevator that rises 430 feet in the air to a 360-degree observation deck – you can view popular attractions such as Stanley Park, the lush 1,000-acre rainforest, Vancouver Aquarium and Totem Pole Park. The Canada Place cruise terminal is close to downtown attractions, shops and restaurants and is only 30 minutes from Vancouver International Airport.

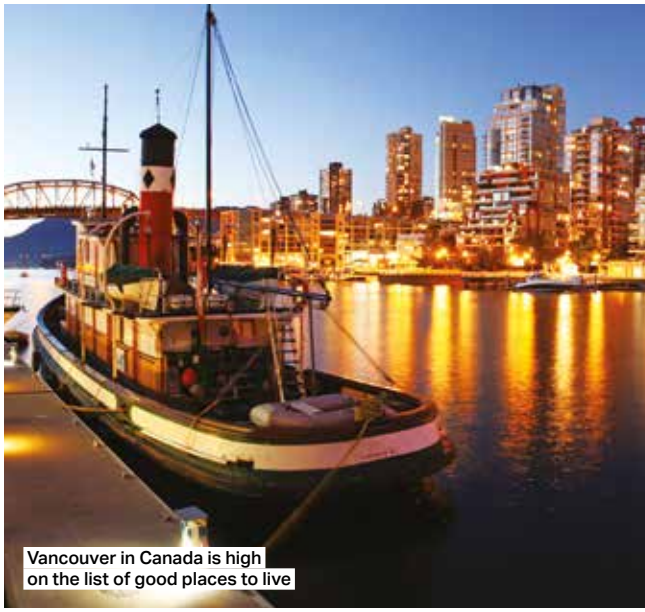
VICTORIA

Some places remind you of home and Victoria, the capital of Vancouver Island, across the Strait of Georgia, is one of those places. It has a mild climate that makes it perfect for growing plants, and popular excursions include the 55-acre Butchart Gardens and the Victoria Butterfly Gardens. The Royal BC Museum is one of the best places to learn about the history of British Columbia.

WHITTIER

Located at the head of Passage Canal, Whittier, Alaska – which is home to only about 218 permanent residents – is the most popular gateway to the Prince William Sound. This stretch of water was initially named Sandwich Sound, after the Earl of Sandwich. Here cruise passengers can discover enough wildlife to last them a lifetime.

There are few facilities other than check-in and disembarkation services at the terminal in Whittier, which is located at the mouth of the Whittier Creek in its tiny business district.



Vancouver in Canada is high on the list of good places to live

Why ROCKY MOUNTAINEER *loves...*

Canada & Alaska "Rocky Mountaineer guests share the same demographic profile as ocean and river cruisers. In fact, 80 per cent of Rocky Mountaineer guests have been on a cruise prior to embarking on a journey with us and 40 per cent of guests pair the experience with an Alaskan cruise. Our rail journeys and packages match up perfectly to cruise departure dates, making the two experiences one seamless and unforgettable journey."
Steve Harris, Regional Sales Director EMEA, Rocky Mountaineer

Fare shown is per person in £ sterling based on two adults sharing the lowest grade of stateroom available (or single occupancy in a single stateroom). Fares for sole occupancy and supplementary fares are available on request. Fares and other information are correct at the time of going to print. Stateroom upgrades applicable on new Cunard Fare bookings made between 1 May 2019 - 31 Dec 2019 on selected voyages, subject to availability.

WHO SAILS WHERE?

	ALASKA	ANTARCTICA	ASIA	AUSTRALIA, NZ AND SOUTH PACIFIC	BALTIC	CANADA/ NEW ENGLAND	CANARY ISLANDS	
AURORA EXPEDITIONS		●		●		●		
AZAMARA	●		●	●		●		
CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE	●			●	●	●	●	
CELEBRITY CRUISES	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
CELESTYAL CRUISES								
COSTA CRUISES			●		●		●	
CROISIEUROPE			●			●		
CRUISE & MARITIME VOYAGES			●	●	●	●	●	
CRYSTAL CRUISES	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
CUNARD	●		●	●	●	●	●	
DISNEY CRUISE LINE	●					●		
FRED OLSEN CRUISE LINES			●	●	●	●	●	
G ADVENTURES		●	●					
HAPAG-LLOYD CRUISES		●	●	●	●	●	●	
HEBRIDEAN ISLAND CRUISES								
HOLLAND AMERICA LINE	●	●	●	●	●	●		
HURTIGRUTEN	●	●				●		
LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS	●	●			●	●		
MARELLA CRUISES			●		●		●	
MSC CRUISES			●	●	●	●	●	
NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE	●		●	●	●	●	●	
OCEANIA CRUISES	●		●	●	●	●	●	
PAUL GAUGUIN CRUISES				●				
P&O CRUISES			●	●	●	●	●	
PONANT	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
PRINCESS CRUISES	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
QUARK EXPEDITIONS		●				●		
REGENT SEVEN SEAS CRUISES	●		●	●	●	●	●	
ROYAL CARIBBEAN	●		●	●	●	●	●	
SAGA CRUISES					●	●	●	
SCENIC	●	●			●	●		
SEABOURN	●	●	●	●	●	●		
SEADREAM YACHT CLUB							●	
SILVERSEA CRUISES	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
STAR CLIPPERS			●				●	
VARIETY CRUISES			●					
VIKING OCEAN CRUISES	●		●	●	●	●	●	
VIRGIN VOYAGES								
WINDSTAR CRUISES	●		●	●	●	●	●	

WHO SAILS WHERE?

	CARIBBEAN	INDIAN OCEAN	MEDITERRANEAN	NORTHERN EUROPE	MIDDLE EAST	AFRICA	BRITISH ISLES	CENTRAL/ SOUTH AMERICA	WORLD VOYAGES
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WHO INCLUDES WHAT?

	FLIGHTS	TRANSFERS	ACCOMMODATION (CRUISE SHIP)	MAIN MEALS	SPECIALITY DINING	
AURORA EXPEDITIONS		On some departures	●	●		
AZAMARA	A	On some departures	●	●		
CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE	✈		●	●		
CELEBRITY CRUISES	On some departures	A	●	●	●	
CELESTYAL CRUISES			●	●		
COSTA CRUISES	✈	Optional	●	●		
CROISIEUROPE			●	●		
CRUISE & MARITIME VOYAGES			●	●	●	
CRYSTAL CRUISES	✈	● (majority of sailings)	●	●	●	
CUNARD	A	A	●	●	A	
DISNEY CRUISE LINE	A	A	●	●	A	
FRED OLSEN CRUISE LINES	●	●	●	●	A	
G ADVENTURES		On some sailings	●	●		
HAPAG-LLOYD CRUISES			●	●	●	
HEBRIDEAN ISLAND CRUISES	On European cruises	✈	●	●	●	
HOLLAND AMERICA LINE	✈	✈	●	●	A	
HURTIGRUTEN	✈	✈	●	●		
LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS	Some included	●	●	●		
MARELLA CRUISES	●	●	●	●		
MSC CRUISES	✈	✈	●	●	A	
NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE	A	A	●	●	A - Free at Sea	
OCEANIA CRUISES	●		●	●	●	
PAUL GAUGUIN CRUISES	✈	✈	●	●	●	
P&O CRUISES	●	●	●	●	A	
PONANT			●	●	●	
PRINCESS CRUISES			●	●	A	
QUARK EXPEDITIONS		●	●	●	●	
REGENT SEVEN SEAS CRUISES	●	●	●	●	●	
ROYAL CARIBBEAN	A	A	●	A	A	
SAGA CRUISES		●	●	●	●	
SCENIC	●	●	●	●	●	
SEABOURN	✈	✈	●	●	●	
SEADREAM YACHT CLUB			●	●	●	
SILVERSEA CRUISES	✈	✈	●	●	A	
STAR CLIPPERS	A	A	●	●		
VARIETY CRUISES	●	●	●	●		
VIKING OCEAN CRUISES	●	●	●	●	A	
VIRGIN VOYAGES	A	●	●	●	●	
WINDSTAR CRUISES	A	A	●	●	●	

KEY **A** ADDITIONAL COST **B** EXPEDITION CRUISES ONLY **C** WITH CMV PREMIUM ADDITIONS PACKAGE **O** IF CHOSEN WITH OLIFE CHOICE PROMOTION ✈ FLY/CRUISE ONLY

WHO INCLUDES WHAT?

	SOFT DRINKS	ALCOHOLIC DRINKS	BOTTLED WATER	WINE (OR BEER/ SOFT DRINKS) WITH MEALS	GRATUITIES	SHORE EXCURSIONS	WI-FI
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	In some locations	A	●	A	A	A	A
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	A	A		A	A		A
						●	
	In suite mini bar	Mini bar of higher grade	In suite mini bar		●		1hr per person per day
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GALLERY

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CRUISE BARBADOS

Beautiful Barbados is often described as the gem of the Caribbean Sea owing to luxurious miles of white sand beaches, peaceful natural heritage locales and the cultural diversity of its music, food and people.

A jewel of an island set in crystal clear waters, Barbados offers a unique experience for both cruise and long-stay visitors. With just 166 square miles, Barbados is filled with more attractions per square mile than any other island in the Caribbean. Named the Favourite Cruise Destination in the 2019 Cruise International's British Cruise Awards, the island is a rich combination of culture, heritage, adventure, sport, cuisine, shopping, activities and hallmark attractions.

Nature trails, museums, historical locations and beautiful beaches welcome the traveller seeking a more relaxing getaway, while watersports, island tours, cultural parties and events beckon to the adventure-seeker.

UNIQUE TO BARBADOS

- The Birthplace of Rum
- Rihanna - the World's Wealthiest Female Musician
- 3rd Oldest Parliament in the British Commonwealth
- The oldest Jewish synagogue in the Western Hemisphere
- Morgan Lewis Sugar Mill - the largest and only complete sugar windmill surviving in the Caribbean.
- The Scotland District is home to Barbados' highest peak and is actually an undersea mountain range stretching from Trinidad up to Puerto Rico. This area of natural beauty is the only part that rises above the sea.
- And many more unique experiences to be explored by day or by night.

MORE INFORMATION | WWW.VISITBARBADOS.ORG/BARBADOS-CRUISES | EMAIL: UKADMIN@VISITBARBADOS.ORG | **020 7299 7175**

CRUISE & MARITIME VOYAGES

Cruise & Maritime Voyages is Britain's leading independent cruise line. With a fleet of six smaller to mid-sized cruise ships, CMV upholds a more traditional British cruise experience, offering delicious cuisine, stylish entertainment and friendly service.

They offer exceptional value, no-fly scenic cruising holidays from a choice of 15 ports throughout the UK and Ireland to destinations including: the British Isles, Norwegian fjords, Iceland, Baltic cities and Russia, Canary Islands and Madeira, European cities, River Seine, Greenland and Land of the Northern Lights.

A fleet of smaller ships enable CMV to offer itineraries to more remote ports of call. During the winter, faraway shores beckon, including South America and the Amazon, Oriental Odyssey, Round the World Cruise and a unique voyage service to/from Australasia.

KEY FEATURES

- Britain's leading independent cruise line
- Sailings from a choice of 15 UK and Irish ports
- Highly Commended 'Favourite Specialist Cruise Line 2019' – Wave Awards
- Highly Commended 'Best Value-For-Money Cruise Line 2019' – Wave Awards

THE FLEET

Columbus
Magellan
Marco Polo
Vasco da Gama
Astor
Astoria

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CRYSTAL®

Voted the World's Best for over 20 years, Crystal offers guests the most choice available, with a huge array of destinations, facilities and activities across the fleet.

Crystal Symphony and *Crystal Serenity* offer the epitome of luxury at sea, focussing on our four pillars of excellence – Service, Space, Quality and Choice. On board, our all-inclusive cruising includes speciality dining in the most exquisite of restaurants such as the Nobu-influenced Umi Uma; complimentary unlimited wi-fi; complimentary fine wines, premium spirits and beers, soft drinks, bottled water and speciality coffees throughout the ship, and pre-paid gratuities.

On *Crystal Esprit*, our elegantly appointed yacht, guests can swim, snorkel, paddle-board and kayak directly from the onboard marina and even explore below the waves in a state-of-the-art submersible.

And in 2020, *Esprit* will be joined by *Crystal Endeavor*, the world's largest and most spacious luxury expedition yacht.

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.

THE FLEET

Crystal Symphony
Crystal Serenity
Crystal Esprit
Crystal Endeavor
(launching 2020)

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CUNARD

From the moment guests step aboard a Cunard ship, they enter a world of style and elegance. While *Queen Elizabeth*, *Queen Victoria* and *Queen Mary 2* each have their own unique charms, every one of these ships offers an oasis of relaxation and discovery, the perfect place from which to discover new lands or rediscover old favourites.

Grand venues, wide open decks and personal space create a wonderful sense of freedom, with attentive White Star Service always at hand. With the possibility to do as much or as little as they please, guests will find that the Cunard experience is shaped by the way they want to feel.

KEY FEATURES

- ✦ Cunard's famous White Star Service - with one crew member for every two guests
- ✦ Cunard signature Afternoon Tea and Gala Evenings
- ✦ Inspiring Event Voyages - including Transatlantic Fashion Week and World Space Week.

THE FLEET

Queen Mary 2
Queen Elizabeth
Queen Victoria
New ship set to join the fleet in 2022

MORE INFORMATION | **WWW.SHINEREWARDSCLUB.COM** | EMAIL: CUNARDPARTNERSHIPTEAM@CUNARD.CO.UK | **03443 388 656**

Fred.Olsen Cruise Lines

At Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, we strive to create memories that will last a lifetime and to continue to develop intriguing and innovative itineraries that will captivate both new and returning guests time and again.

'Closer' cruising plays a huge part in what we do; we aim to 'bring the world closer' to our guests, and that is made possible by the smaller size of our ocean fleet – *Balmoral*, *Braemar*, *Boudicca* and *Black Watch* – which together can take guests to places that many of the larger vessels are unable to reach. Each year, we develop our closer concept by docking in the heart of even more destinations, increasing our scenic cruising offering and travelling to more harder-to-reach ports. In our 2020/21 programme alone, Fred. Olsen will be visiting no fewer than 277 destinations, introducing nine maiden calls in destinations including Ha Long Bay, in Vietnam and Kochi, Japan.

KEY FEATURES

- Small ships for closer cruising
- Five course a la carte dinners
- On board Rigid Inflatable Boats (RIBs) for tailored excursions

THE FLEET

Balmoral
Braemar
Boudicca
Black Watch

MORE INFORMATION | **WWW.FREDOLSENCRUISES.COM/AGENT** | **01473 746164**

GREECE

Greece is an idyllic place for short or longer cruises, as it has many islands and ports which you can visit, as well as an ideal climate allowing for pleasant travelling conditions nearly all year round.

Moreover, a cruise on the Greek seas gives you the opportunity to visit important archaeological sites, unique churches and monasteries, monuments of more recent periods, extremely interesting museums and traditional settlements and villages as well as to enjoy the natural beauties in many of the country's regions.

Visitors may be fond of dipping into world-class galleries in Athens, vibrant island shopping in Mykonos, admiring the colourful cliffs of Santorini, watching a cricket game in Corfu, visiting the medieval city of Knights in Rhodes, or just enjoying the warmth of sunny beaches in Crete.

The new, luxurious, completely safe and state of the art technology Greek and foreign owned cruise-ships promise to make all the days of the cruise memorable.

KEY FEATURES

- Amazing weather from May to October
- Picturesque villages, superb beaches, mind-blowing gastronomy and jet-set life
- Island hopping

KEY DESTINATIONS

Athens
Santorini
Mykonos
Heraklion
Rhodes
Patmos

MORE INFORMATION | **WWW.VISITGREECE.GR** | **020 7495 9300**

Holland America Line
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

Holland America Line epitomises the ultimate in worldwide premium travel experiences, on a fleet of 14 gracious, perfectly sized ships.

Elegant lounges are adorned with millions of pounds' worth of fine art; most spacious staterooms have a private balcony; restaurants serve gourmet cuisine and delicious snacks.

State-of-the-art leisure amenities include live music from classical strings, BB King's Blues Club and our new Rolling Stone Rock Room; and enrichment opportunities from cookery workshops to digital classes. All this underlies the company's reputation for offering authentic, personalised destination experiences while travelling in timeless elegance.

These are voyages that explore some of the world's most stunning places, offering long days and overnights in port, regional cuisine, Explorations Central™ destination experiences and more.

KEY FEATURES

- Tasteful decor, timeless style and refreshingly uncrowded spaces are the hallmark of Holland America Line
- Attentive service is never in the way, yet always at hand
- With 'We are Alaska' and over 70 years' experience, HAL offers the most authentic Alaskan cruises and tours

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Cruise JAMAICA

Jamaica is an enchanting island paradise, buzzing with life and a zing ofadventure that offers a diversity unmatched by any other Caribbean destination Jamaica's main cruise ports, Montego Bay, Ocho Rios and Falmouth are equipped to handle the largest cruise ships afloat and offer a full range of services and facilities. Beautiful Port Antonio is an idyllic call for boutique cruise ships and mega yachts. Our newest port of call is the Port Royal Cruise Port which opens in 2020 and expects its first ship in January. The history and culture of Jamaica provide a source of much fascination, from the relics of swashbuckling pirates who made Port Royal their favourite haunt, to the colourful diversity of the current population, reflecting their ethnic origins in Africa, Asia and Europe.

Arguably the jewel of the Caribbean, Jamaica is an English-speaking island nation and the experience would be incomplete without tasting the island's often spicy cuisine or listening to its world-acclaimed reggae music. Our island paradise offers an unmatched experience and is definitely the place to be!

KEY FEATURES

- 5 Ports of Call: Montego Bay | Falmouth | Ocho Rios | Port Antonio | Port Royal
- Award-Winning Ports
- Homeport in Montego Bay
- White Sand Beaches & Natural Lagoons
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Whether it's an idyllic 3-night mini cruise or a 14-night family adventure, MSC Cruises, the world's largest privately owned cruise line, will now offer holidaymakers the option to choose from 24 sailings departing from Southampton in summer 2021 on board *MSC Magnifica*.

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The 24 sailings from Southampton will depart on a Saturday to ensure guests can take full advantage of *MSC Magnifica*'s new itineraries. These visit some of Europe's must-see destinations, in the Canary Islands and Madeira, the Mediterranean, Northern Europe and the Baltic capitals.

KEY FEATURES

- 24 sailings from Southampton for Summer 2021
- More public space, new features and more cabins
- Brand new itineraries designed for UK cruise guests

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ROCKY MOUNTAINEER®

Rocky Mountaineer is known to many as a must-do vacation thanks to the awe-inspiring vistas that showcase nature's most beautiful aspects: sparkling lakes, snowy mountains, and local wildlife at every turn. Indulge in fresh culinary creations inspired by local regions while marvelling at the transforming landscapes. This spectacular rail journey operates during daylight only, that way, guests can enjoy the comfort and class of preferred hotels in beautiful destinations including; Lake Louise, Banff and Jasper.

Combine any Rocky Mountaineer rail package with an Alaska Cruise. Over 40% of guests take a cruise in conjunction with their rail journey and 60% of guests have travelled on a cruise in the past five years, making this pairing a natural choice for clients interested in cruises. Combining the mountains with the deep blue sea is a natural match for those looking to explore the Great White North even further.

KEY DESTINATIONS

- Banff – The most well-known town in the Rockies, with towering peaks, gorgeous lakes, and the Bow River.
- Lake Louise – One of the most pristine – and most photographed – lakes in the world, and a must-see location when visiting the Rockies.
- Jasper – A quiet mountain area filled with wildlife and adventure, Jasper is ideal for pre or post Mountaineer trips.

ROUTES

Journey through the Clouds: *Vancouver > Kamloops > Jasper*
First Passage to the West: *Vancouver > Kamloops > Lake Louise and Banff*
Rainforest to Gold Rush: *Vancouver > Whistler > Quesnel > Jasper*

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SCENIC°ECLIPSE

Scenic Eclipse is Scenic's first venture into ocean cruising, after more than 30 years in the travel industry, starting with escorted touring in Australia and expanding into river cruising throughout Europe and south east Asia.

Six-star ocean cruising is here on board The World's First Discovery Yacht™. Inspired by the sleek contours of a sailing yacht and seamlessly marrying state-of-the-art technology and discovery equipment with unrivalled style and indulgence, *Scenic Eclipse* sets new standards in exploration and truly all-inclusive luxury. With only 228 guests (200 in polar regions), up to 10 dining experiences, a 550 square metre Senses Spa and private verandahs in every suite – not to mention two on-board helicopters and a submarine – this ultra-luxury yacht invites guests to experience the extraordinary in every way.

KEY FEATURES

✦ *Scenic Eclipse* is The World's First Discovery Yacht™ with two on-board helicopters and a submarine
✦ All guests need is included: flights, meals, premium branded drinks, excursions, Wi-Fi, tips and much more
✦ Butler service for every guest, just 228 guests and 6-star service with an almost 1:1 staff-to-guest ratio.

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Scenic Jasper, Scenic Opal, Scenic Amber, Scenic Azure, Scenic Crystal, Scenic Jewel, Scenic Jade, Scenic Diamond, Scenic Sapphire, Scenic Gem, Scenic Jade, Scenic Pearl, Scenic Ruby, Scenic Aura, Scenic Spirit, and Scenic Tsar

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KEY FEATURES

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THE FLEET

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