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*Cruising With Cake Boy* We talk tea with P&O Cruises Food Hero Eric Lanlard

Stern Norwegian Escape This ship promises a family holiday like no other

*Cruising Through The Years* Jo Clough tells us how the cruise industry has changed since that very first trip





n behalf of everyone here at **Bolsover** Cruise Club and The Cruise Holiday Shop, I would firstly like to wish you all the best for the year ahead. What a year it promises to be for cruising!

2016 will see the introduction of new cruise ships to the world's waters, each of them offering something completely different to the last. Royal Caribbean International will follow the hugely successful 2015 launch of Anthem of the Seas with two new vessels: Ouantum-class sister ship Ovation of the Seas in April, followed by a third Oasisclass vessel, Harmony of the Seas, in May. With April debuts also scheduled for Holland America Line's MS Koningsdam and Viking Ocean Cruises' Viking Sea, 2016 is shaping up to be a rather exciting year indeed.

Anticipation is also building for the July launch of the newest ship in the Regent Seven Seas Cruises fleet, with the Seven Seas Explorer billed as the Most Luxurious Ship Ever Built; a claim that I know many of you are looking forward to putting to the test on her inaugural season sailings in the Mediterranean. The luxury cruising sector is bolstered further in December, with the arrival of Seabourn's newest all-suite ship, Seabourn Encore.

As we look forward to the year ahead, we also reflect on the year that has passed. Norwegian Cruise Line's NCL Escape injected some Miami heat into the waters off Southampton's Ocean Cruise

Happy New Year! Terminal on a rather grey day in October, confirming yet again that the tides have changed and cruising has become a really exciting

option for family holidays.

The last 18 months have also proven especially successful for river cruising and I hope you enjoy our dedicated river cruise feature inside this issue. There really is a river cruise for everyone and guest contributor Professor Ian Cooper offers some fantastic advice on finding the right one for you.

One of the common misconceptions about cruising is that itineraries focus purely on sun, sea and sand, however this is no longer the case, as proven by the burgeoning popularity of river cruising. Similarly adventure cruising is an exciting prospect for those seeking something other than beaches and cities, taking you everywhere from the icy waters of the Arctic to the prehistoric lands of the Galapagos Islands and everywhere in between. Our destination focus in this issue is Alaska and I defy anyone to resist the lure of a cruise to this intriguing part of the world. If great rail journeys join cruising as one of your passions, be sure to check out our exclusive Hays Travel packages combining cruise voyages with travel on the

iconic Rocky Mountaineer and Venice Simplon-Orient-Express trains.

WELCOME

In addition to an interview with P&O Cruises Food Hero, Eric Lanlard, as well as an article from guest contributor Jo Clough looking at how cruising has changed throughout the years, I hope you will find plenty to interest you in our first issue of the new year.

Enjoy and here's to a fantastic 2016!

Yours sincerely

Michael Wilson Managing Director

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# CRUISE NEWS



#### Britannia set to star in UKTV's Battlechefs show

P&O Cruises' Britannia is set to star in UKTV's brand new cookery show, Battlechefs, with Food Hero Marco Pierre White judging the cooking skills of ten celebrities including Blur's Alex James, former Boyzone member Keith Duffy and EastEnders star John Partridge.

The celebrities will take turns to command the kitchen, assuming the role of head chef and preparing a meal for Captain Paul Brown and his VIP guests. Filmed over the course of two Mediterranean cruises on Britannia, each episode will follow the amateur chefs as the ship sails from port to port, their culinary exploits accompanied by captivating stories about each location and the food that is grown and produced locally.

Described as part travelogue and part game show, Battlechefs will debut on our screens in 2016.

## Seabourn to return to Alaska for the first time in 15 years

Seabourn has announced plans to return to Alaska in 2017, with Seabourn Sojourn becoming the first ship deployed by them to the region in 15 years.

As a result of high guest demand, the cruise line will offer a series of 11, 12 and 14-day Alaskan itineraries, sailing from Vancouver, British Columbia and Anchorage. Thanks to its smaller size, Seabourn Sojourn will offer a closer look at the rarely visited regions of Alaska's Inside Passage, with guests benefitting from the vessel's ultra-luxury accommodation along the way.

Guests will explore wildlife-rich waterways, forested mountain vistas and thunderous waterfalls close up via the innovative Ventures by Seabourn' programme, led by Seabourn Sojourn's expedition team of naturalists, scientists and wildlife experts.

Seabourn's return to Alaska begins with the '11-Day Ultimate Alaska Sojourn', departing on 1 June 2017.



Holland America Line has announced a partnership with BBC Earth in 2016, bringing guests closer to the ocean and natural world through innovative concerts, films, children's activities and themed cruises.

A highlight of the partnership will be a live concert specially adapted for the line based on the BBC Earth's 'Frozen Planet' programme, through which guests will be taken on a journey into the wilderness of the Polar Regions. Themed cruises will provide access to the creators of BBC

Earth's exhilarating shows, who will recount behind-thescenes stories of how the

programmes were made and present master classes in their craft. Younger passengers will have the opportunity to join in the adventure with on board explorer trails, fun workshops and BBC Earth animal and dinosaur fact shows, along with the chance to film workshops with the BBC Earth YouTube team.

The BBC Earth programme is set to roll out across Holland America Line's entire fleet starting from April 2016.





#### **STYLED TO GIVE A SUBTLE NOD TO** THE CRUISE LINE'S LONG HERITAGE



#### Cunard unveils plans for remastering of Queen Mary 2

Cunard's iconic flagship Queen Mary 2 will undergo extensive renovations this year, with public spaces and accommodation set for a luxury makeover as part of an extensive 25-day dry dock at Hamburg's Blohm and Voss Shipyard.

A complete redesign will bring a contemporary look to all 172 Grills Suites on board, with carpets and furnishings styled to give a subtle nod to the cruise line's long heritage. Suite layout will be reconsidered in order to maximize space and new geometric design carpets will mirror those found on the original Queen Mary. A reconfiguration of the Grills Restaurants will see the introduction of more tables for two, more space between

tables and a new décor aimed at adding a little extra ambience to evenings in the restaurant.

Elsewhere, the Britannia Club Staterooms are also set to be fully refurbished, with an additional 30 new Britannia Club Balcony Staterooms to be created. In recognition of an increasing number of single passengers, the renovations will also see 15 new Britannia Single Staterooms incorporated on board. Over half of Britannia's Balcony Staterooms will be refurbished during the initial dry dock, with the remainder to be completed over the course of 2016/17.

The redesign will extend beyond Queen Mary 2's accommodation and into the ship's public spaces, beginning with the replacement

of the Winter Garden. Located on deck 7, the airy and elegant Carinthia Lounge will become a natural retreat after a walk on the promenade or a treatment in the spa, both of which are located nearby. A daytime menu will offer light breakfast and lunch options, specialty teas and coffees, delicacies from a patisserie counter and a special champagne afternoon tea. Evenings in the Carinthia Lounge promise relaxed entertainment in contemporary surroundings, complete with fine wines, sharing platters and perhaps a twirl on the sleek walnut dance floor.

A major redesign of King's Court is set to redefine self-service dining, with the buffet area to be completely transformed. Over 18 months of planning will culminate in Art Deco-inspired

surroundings complete with chandeliers, ocean views and dramatic artworks. The venue will offer an informal dining option both day and night, with pre-set tables and waiter-served drinks reflecting Cunard's famous White Star Service. A Chef's Table tasting menu will be offered on select evenings, with Cunard's Executive Chef hosting the experience. In addition to a delicious tasting menu and fine wine pairings, guests will also receive menu insights and recipe tips.

Finally, following the success of The Verandah on board both Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth, its French cuisine is to be introduced on board Queen Mary 2, with the formal dining venue set to replace the Todd English eatery.

#### Bolsover Cruise Club scoops British Travel Award

The biggest names in travel gathered for the British Travel Awards 2015 in November and we were thrilled to be crowned winners of the silver award for 'Best Cruise Holiday Retailer';

an accolade recognising industry performance and customer satisfaction, and which is based entirely on public votes. London's Battersea Evolution played host to the glittering New York themed event, with

Sales Manager Helen Moore on hand to collect the latest addition to our awards cabinet.

We'd like to say a massive 'thank you' to everyone who took the time to vote for us!



#### Discover the art of *delight* in 2016

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26 Apr	St Tropez, France	
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29 Apr	Naples, Italy	
30 Apr	Lipari, Italy Marina day with watersports	
2 May	Crete, Greece	
3 Мау	Kos, Greece	
4 May	Kusadasi, Turkey Classical concert at Ephesus	
5 May	Mykonos, Greece	
6 May	Bozcaada, Turkey	
7 May	Istanbul	



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	7 days from £2,499pp	
1	Venice	
2	Promosten, Croatia Marina day with watersports	
3	Dubrovnik, Croatia	
4	Corfu, Greece	
5	Nydri, Nisos Lefkada	
6	Katakolon (Olympia), Greece	
7	Monemvasia, Greece	
8	Piraeus (Athens)	

Lead fare based on date marked\*, ~ itinerary in reverse

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Seabourn Quest

14* , 21~ May; 11, 18~ Jun; 9, 16~ Jul 2016		
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2	Leisure at sea	
3	Tallinn	
4	St Petersburg	
5	St Petersburg	
6	St Petersburg	
7	Helsinki	
8	Stockholm	



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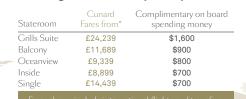


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#### Southampton to Shanghai 75 nights • 7 January - 24 March 2017

Cunard Fares from*	Complimentary on board spending money
£25,579	\$1,600
£12,179	\$1,000
£9,679	\$800
£9,179	\$700
£15,079	\$700
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#### Queen victoria

#### Southampton to Santiago 43 nights • 5 January - 17 February 2017

Stateroom	Cunard Fares from*	Complimentary on board spending money
Grills Suite	£13,879	\$950
Balcony	£6,879	\$550
Oceanview	£5,529	\$500
Inside	£5,299	\$400
Single	£8,379	\$400

#### Rio de Janeiro to Southampton

92 nights 🔹 2 February – 5 May 2017

Stateroom	Cunard Fares from*	Complimentary on board spending money
Grills Suite	£30,469	\$2,000
Balcony	£14,569	\$1,200
Oceanview	£11,619	\$1,000
Inside	£11,019	\$800
Single	£18,019	\$800



#### Queen mary 2

#### Southampton to Singapore 89 nights • 10 January to 9 April 2017

Stateroom	Cunard Fares from*	Complimentary on board spending money
Grills Suite	£30,269	\$1,900
Balcony	£13,719	\$1,100
Oceanview	£13,719	\$1,000
Inside	£10,519	\$800
Single	£23,069	\$1,000

#### Hong Kong to Southampton

38 nights • 31 March to 8 May 2017

Stateroom	Cunard Fares from*	Complimentary on board spending money
Grills Suite	£12,319	\$850
Balcony	£5,819	\$500
Oceanview	£5,819	\$500
Inside	£4,619	\$350
Single	£9,519	\$450



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It is truly rare to come across a place so remarkable that we struggle to find the superlatives to describe it. If adventure is calling your name, the answer is Alaska.

ith wilderness comes wildlife and Alaska is Mother Nature's zoo. Her seas are home to an abundance of whales, 98% of America's entire brown bear population roam her woodlands and the skies are filled with 246 native bird species. Rivers are teeming with enormous salmon, each of them fair game for the bald eagles that circle above (in fact half of the world's bald eagle population live in Alaska).

Eight whale species call Alaskan waters home, including beluga whales, humpback whales and the largest animal on earth, the blue whale. Winters are spent in warmer climes, as they should be in our opinion, before the whales and their offspring migrate to Alaskan waters to feed. As is so often the case when it comes to wildlife viewings, whales are often happened upon by accident. Frequently cruisers to this area are delighted to spot humpback whales breach alongside their ship as it negotiates the waters of the Inside Passage, whilst the 6ft fins of orcas are regularly spotted from the waterfront promenades of Ketchikan. Aside from spontaneous sightings, there are endless opportunities to whale watch; many boat

tours are offered with such confidence, they come with a money back guarantee.

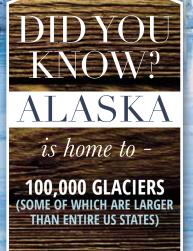
Of course, Alaska has much more to offer besides its sea life. Bald eagles are to Alaska what pigeons are to London, with many of the state's 30,000-strong population found on the islands just off the southeast coast. The horned puffin is another native of southern Alaska, where almost a million of these distinctive yellow and orange billed birds make their home in colonies along the coastline.

The state didn't get its 'bear country' moniker without good reason and with over 30,000 grizzly bears, 100,000 black bears and many polar and glacier bears, you're never far away from one of these natural born predators. Grizzlies, or brown bears as they're also known, are found almost everywhere in Alaska, black bears tend to inhabit the forest regions and polar bears trundle along the sea ice of the Bering, Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. We recommend you travel from Skagway, down the glacial fjord to Haines and

then onto the Chilkoot River, where you will encounter wildlife in its droves; brown bears and bald eagles are often spotted here, snatching their prey from the river's chilly waters.

Alaska compensates for its lack of humans with a profusion of wildlife, with mountain goats, moose, caribou and the ferocious looking muskoxen also inhabiting this subarctic expanse.





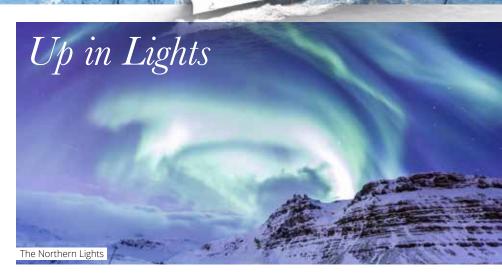
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Alaska

laska's wilderness is illuminated in the most magical way come night time, when the skies above are aglow with the reds, greens and purples of the northern lights. The aurora borealis, as the northern lights are officially known, can be seen across the whole of Alaska; though they occur most often and at their brightest in the region of Fairbanks, the lights have been known to glow as far south as the capital, Juneau.

The best times to see this incredible natural phenomenon are when the skies are dark and clear, generally from the end of September to the middle of April. Thanks to its position within an area known as the 'aurora oval', the region around the city of Fairbanks promises the best chance of sightings; to maximise your chances we suggest you venture out of the city and away from the glow of its streetlights. Alternatively, take a trip to Denali National Park. Spanning six million acres, this subarctic wilderness experiences long hours of darkness, meaning that even if those legendary lights don't make an appearance, the stargazing will more than make up for it.



ESTINATION - ALASKA

# ALUKES THEATRE

ild, raw, epic, extreme; there aren't nearly enough superlatives to even begin to describe the landscape of Alaska. At 663,268 square miles Alaska is America's larges

Alaska is America's largest yet least populated state, but what it lacks in population it makes up for in scenery. Alaska is home to seventeen of America's twenty highest peaks and as many as 100,000 glaciers cover its expansive terrain, many of them unexplored and unnamed. As many as 3 million lakes are scattered across the state, with

3,000 rivers snaking between fifteen national parks and 3.2 million acres of State Park Land. This isn't just the great outdoors, it's the greatest outdoors. Untamed

#### Untamed Wilderness

Alaska accommodates 15 National Parks, Preserves and Monuments within its state lines, with Denali National Park, Glacier Bay National Park and Misty Fjords National Monument amongst those most often explored.

At 6,190m above sea level, the recently renamed Denali Mountain is the highest peak in North America. Its snow-covered peaks are often shrouded in

clouds, adding extra dramatic effect to a view best witnessed from the National Park that surrounds it. Encompassing an incredible six million acres, yet with just a single road running through it, Denali National Park is a subarctic wilderness of great proportions. Its wild landscape is home to 1,500 plant species, 39 mammal species, 169 species of bird and just one solitary amphibian species. Come night time, the inky skies benefitting from an absolute lack of artificial light turn into an awe-inspiring dome of stars, with appearances from the

aurora borealis a bonus to those who visit at exactly the right time.

Look at many an Alaskan cruise itinerary and scenic cruising through the Glacier Bay National Park will often play a part. With 3.3 million acres of mountains, glaciers, deep fjords and emerald forests, the park is a highlight of Alaska's Inside Passage. This is a place as far removed from modern day life as one could imagine. There's a feeling of resilience and solitude to the wilderness here, where little has changed since the last Ice Age. You'll not quickly forget hearing the guttural roar of one of the twelve glaciers currently calving icebergs into the sea if you are lucky enough to be there at the right time. As well as being one of the world's snowiest places, with 100ft of snowfall year-round, Glacier Bay National Park is also an important Biosphere Reserve and is recognised in areas as part of a larger UNESCO World Heritage Site.

When it comes to the Misty Fjords National Monument, there are two ways to best appreciate its magnificence; either soaring above its deep crevices aboard a floatplane for a bird's eye view or cruising between the steeply sloping rock walls by boat or kayak. Extending over 2 million acres across the Tongass National Forest, Misty Fjords is a natural theatre, with performances from an abundance of Alaska's native wildlife; grizzly and black bears, wolves, moose, sea lions, orcas, porpoises and harbour seals all call this vast wilderness home.

#### Cool City Lights

Thanks to its position at the southern tip of the Inside Passage, Ketchikan is known as Alaska's 'First City', since it is generally the first destination encountered when cruising north through Alaska. Ketchikan provides a wet but warm welcome to her visitors; it rains so often here that the locals no longer concern themselves with umbrellas, instead preferring to soak up what they call 'liquid sunshine'.

It is important however, that you don't let a little precipitation put you off Ketchikan, for it is so much more than its weather.

Colourful buildings brighten the city, having perhaps been painted so to compensate for the seemingly endless rainfall. The skies above hum with the sound of floatplanes and you will find Ketchikan Creek is scattered with yellow kayaks, all means of transport united in their search of scenic surroundings. Search isn't perhaps the correct word here however, as the stunning scenery that surrounds Ketchikan takes little looking for.



A walk along the iconic Creek Street waterfront promenade cements every notion of the stereotypical Alaskan town, largely thanks to the businesses that ply their trade from vibrant buildings elevated on pilings over the creek. You won't find superyachts in this marina, though there are fishing boats aplenty. With the meandering river below and the epic alpine vista of Deer Mountain above, Ketchikan's scenery certainly stirs the senses.

Like Ketchikan, Juneau isn't your average city. You won't find a high street rammed with shoppers and there are no neon-lit billboards to light the night. Black cabs and tube systems are replaced with



biking, hiking and kayaking, and you'll be looking a long time before you come across a hip wine bar serving cocktails

in milk bottles. That's not to say that Alaska is all icebergs; venture into downtown Juneau and you'll find remnants of the Klondike gold-rush era are still obvious. Ornate saloons line South Franklin Street, some of them now housing art galleries and boutiques, others retaining the Wild West style of a traditional Juneau watering hole, albeit with far more beers on tap and far fewer gun-toting cowboys.

Juneau's position on the migratory path of many whale species makes it a popular starting point for whale watching tours galore. Boats depart from the pretty Auke Bay, destined for Tracy Arm and often guarantee sightings of humpbacks and orcas along the way.

Juneau is also just 12 miles from one of Alaska's star attractions, the Mendenhall Glacier. The most easily accessible of all Alaska's glaciers, this 13 mile long river of ice terminates in Mendenhall Lake, where huge blue icebergs calved from the glacier crash into the waters. Global warming and human interruption has seen the Mendenhall Glacier recede by 12 miles since 1958, putting its constantly evolving landscape on a list of natural wonders that must be appreciated before they eventually disappear.

When it comes to once in a lifetime experiences, Alaska tops the list. When the beaches have become boring and the cities too tiresome, a cruise to Alaska is the perfect antidote.



# Rocky aluskan cruise itineraries

With many Alaskan cruise itineraries beginning in Vancouver, the home of the iconic Rocky Mountaineer, a return to the romance of traditional rail travel is an appealing way to extend your holiday.

o you remember those train journeys when you were a child; your nose pressed against the glass and your breath steaming up the cold window, as you desperately tried to angle your view and see as much as possible as the world passed by?

THE JOURNEY ALLOWS YOU TO SEE THE CANADIAN ROCKIES FROM A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE

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A journey through the heart of the Canadian Rockies has the same effect on adults, instantly transporting you back to the age of seven, when your heart was full of anticipation at what you might see as you approached your destination. As if travelling on an Alaskan cruise isn't inspiring enough, adding a jaunt on the Rocky Mountaineer, deemed the 'World's Greatest Trip' by National Geographic, should prove to be the cherry on top of the proverbial cake.

Over the course of the last 25 years, the Rocky Mountaineer has placed the Canadian Rockies at the feet of almost two million guests, scooping eight World Travel Awards along with accolades such as 'One of the World's Ultimate Experiences' and 'One of the World's Most Life-Changing Trips' in the process. With Alaska's cruise season (running from April to October) matching that of the Rocky Mountaineer, and many cruises starting or finishing at the train's home station of Vancouver, the lure of a pre or post-cruise rail journey through Alberta and the Pacific Northwest is a strong one.

Evoke the romance of traditional rail travel as you snake a meandering path through the idyllic alpine towns and scenic expanses sitting in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains. Just like Alaska, wildlife is in OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST 25 YEARS, THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEER HAS PLACED THE CANADIAN ROCKIES AT THE FEET OF ALMOST TWO MILLION GUESTS abundance here, along with jaw-dropping views encountered nowhere else in the world. Glacial lakes, wild whitewater rivers, expansive pine glades and almighty canyons reveal themselves at every turn.

You won't miss a thing, as over-sized picture windows curve from floor-to-ceiling to offer panoramic views of the ever-changing landscape. Enjoy fascinating storytelling from your knowledgeable hosts on the scenery that surrounds you, whilst an open-air vestibule invites you to breathe in the cleanest and freshest of mountain air. Keep your eyes peeled for movement amidst the stillness; bears, elk, deer, moose, bald eagles, osprey, mountain goats and bighorn sheep roam freely in the region and your train driver will reduce his speed to give you the opportunity to see and photograph them as you pass.

#### **DAY1**) First Passage to the West

There are five routes taken by the Rocky Mountaineer, though the most popular is undoubtedly the First Passage to the West, made famous for connecting British Columbia and Canada over 125 years ago.

The Rocky Mountaineer is the only passenger train to transport guests over the historic Canadian Pacific Highway, which opened in 1885 as Canada's first transcontinental railway line. The journey allows you to see the Canadian Rockies from a unique perspective with the added extra of worldclass cuisine and wines from the renowned Okanagan Valley. You will pass through areas inaccessible to cars, coaches and cruise ships, with many places even

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beyond the reach of the hardiest of hikers. With no Wi-Fi access available and mobile phone signal sporadic at best, you really are getting away from it all in the wilderness and all you need is your camera. After boarding your train in coastal Vancouver, you'll journey inland through the heart of British Columbia towards the town of Kamloops. Passing through the lush fields of Fraser Valley and alongside the ferocious rapids of Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon, you will go on to cut a course between the rugged peaks of the Coast and Cascade Mountains. Finally, you will venture past the slopes of the Thomson River, along the shores of the placid Kamloops Lake, before arriving into Kamloops itself.

With the first leg of your alldaylight journey ending 280 miles and 9 hours later, you'll be glad to stretch your legs and rest your head overnight in your hotel.



The hospitality aboard the Rocky Mountaineer is second only to the views outside your window and whilst you may be journeying through the wilderness, there'll be no foraging involved here. Choose from GoldLeaf or SilverLeaf service, with dedicated coaches for each and five-star service every step of the way.



SilverLeaf Service seats you in a glass-domed coach, with your needs catered for by a pair of hosts. Hot main courses are served at your seat and you'll enjoy complimentary beverages plus gourmet snacks too. GoldLeaf Service is the ultimate in luxury and you will enjoy the best panoramic views from your bi-level dome coach, complete with reclining seats and an openair vestibule. Dine on the flavours of Western Canada in a 36 seater dining room, with locally sourced produce used by the Executive Chef to create dishes including Alberta Ranchlands Pork Tenderloin and Stoney Creek Cedar Plank Salmon. With overnight stays at the best hotels in the region and your luggage delivered there in time for your arrival, this is what we call travelling in style.



#### **DAY2** First Passage to the West

Your journey aboard the Rocky Mountaineer continues east towards the awe-inspiring Canadian Rockies and through the province of Alberta. The day will see you cross ranch lands and negotiate tunnels carved into the cliff-face, winding your way along rocky lakeshores and across sweeping mountain passes.

The glaciers and snowcapped peaks of the Rocky Mountains are truly astounding and this leg is a highlight of the journey. As impressive as they appear in photographs, there is no comparison to the overwhelming feelings they stir when you see them in real life. Other highlights include the spectacular climb over Rogers Pass, the snaking route through Kicking Horse Canyon and the unique Spiral Tunnels hidden amongst the greenery of the Yoho National Park.

An encounter with the emerald waters of Lake Louise awaits once you enter Banff National Park, before your once in a lifetime journey finally comes to an end in the resort town of Banff, a destination set in the shadow of the majestic Canadian Rockies.

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22 MAY 2016 Vancouver to Heathrow, (Air Canada – Economy)

#### Hotel stays $\star \star \star \star$

8 MAY The Fairmont Palliser, Calgary
9-10 MAY The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff
11 MAY The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper
12 MAY Kamloops (Allocated on the day)
13 MAY The Fairmont Hotel, Vancouver

#### TRANSFERS INCLUDED THROUGHOUT

Day 1 (8 May) - Arrive in Calgary Enjoy an overnight stay at The Fairmont Palliser before starting the tour to Banff.

#### Day 2 (9 May) - Calgary to Banff

OUR DETAILS

Join your luxury coach and travel through the foothills of the Rockies to the resort town of Banff in Canada's first National Park, enjoying inclusive excursions highlighting the scenic town of Banff and its environs. Visit Bow Falls and ascend Tunnel Mountain Drive to view Surprise Corner and the Hoodoos, overlooking the Bow River. Continue to Lake Minnewanka and enjoy an hour long cruise beneath the jagged peaks of Mount Aylmer and Mount Inglismaldie to the Devils Gap. Return to Banff to spend the rest of the day exploring at your leisure, before enjoying an overnight stay at the Fairmont **Banff Springs Hotel.** 

Day 3 (10 May) - Banff Today you are free to explore Banff. Take an optional sightseeing tour, visit the Banff Upper Hot Springs, enjoy a horseback ride or simply relax and enjoy the sights. A second night at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.

#### Day 4 (11 May) - Banff

to lasper Today's journey travels north along the famous Icefields Parkway. Travel through Banff and Jasper National Parks with stops at the Columbia Icefield and the newly opened Glacier Skywalk. Board a Brewster Ice Explorer to navigate the icy slopes of the Athabasca Glacier, before enjoying free admission to the nearby Glacier Skywalk, a glass-floored observation platform extending 30 metres out over the Sunwapta Valley. After your adventure, your camera should be ready to capture the majesty of the Athabasca Falls, prior to your arrival into Jasper and an overnight stay at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge.

Day 5 (12 May) - Jasper to Kamloops Board the Rocky Mountaineer for a two-day journey through the

Option 2

Rockies and British Columbia, with today's highlights including Pyramid Falls, the Albreda Icefields, located in the majestic Premier Mountain Range and Mount Robson, the tallest mountain in the Canadian Rockies at 12,970 feet. Transfer to your allocated hotel and enjoy an **overnight stay in Kamloops.** 

#### **Day 6 (13 May)** - Kamloops to Vancouver

Board the Rocky Mountaineer for a second day spent journeying to Vancouver, following the Thompson River through the stark, arid beauty of British Columbia. Pass the raging turbulence of Hell's Gate, before passing through the Pacific Coast Mountains and into the fertile fields of the Fraser Valley. Arrive into Vancouver and enjoy an **overnight stay at the** Fairmont Hotel.

Day 7 (14 May) - Vancouver Departure Transfer from your hotel to Vancouver Port and board Star Princess.

#### Rail

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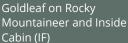




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Oceanview	£599
Balcony	£699
Mini-Suite	£898

CANARY ISLANDS

26 Apr, 17 Sep 2016

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Balcony

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Oceanview

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Southampton > Gran Canaria (Las Palmas) 🕨 Tenerife (Santa Cruz de

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de Compostela) > Southampton

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PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
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ROYAL PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS 21 May, 9 Jul, 27 Aug 2016

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PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
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Deluxe Balcony	£1,085	£1,336
Mini-Suite	£1,184	£1,435
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PACIFIC PRINCESS • 12 NIGHTS 9 Nov 2016

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(for Ephesus) Istanbul Lesbos (Mytilene) Athens (Piraeus) Mykonos 🕨 Dubrovnik 🕨 Rijeka 🕨 Venice

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
Interior	£1,949	£2,324
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Balcony	£2,099	£2,474
Mini-Suite	£3,209	£3,584

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**GREECE & TURKEY** 

**MEDITERRANEAN** 

18 Jun, 6 Aug 2016

ROYAL PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS

Rome (Civitavecchia) Cagliari La

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ROYAL PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS 14 May, 4 Jun, 2, 23 Jul, 20 Aug, 10 Sep 2016

Rome (Civitavecchia) Naples (for Pompeii/Capri) Vrete (Heraklion) Kusadasi (for Ephesus) 🕨 Istanbul 🕨 Mykonos Athens (Piraeus)

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
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PACIFIC PRINCESS • 14 NIGHTS 1 Jul 2016

Dover Amsterdam Kiel Canal transit Stockholm Tallinn 2-Day Experience St. Petersburg overnight onboard Riga Klaipeda Copenhagen Dover

PRICES FROM P		
Interior	£2,249	
Oceanview	£2,599	
Balcony	£2,799	
Mini-Suite	£4,219	

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#### SCANDINAVIA & RUSSIA

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Copenhagen Oslo Berlin (Warnemünde) Tallinn 2-Day Experience St. Petersburg overnight onboard Helsinki Stockholm (Nynahsamn) Copenhagen

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
Interior	£1,020	£1,310
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PACIFIC PRINCESS • **14 NIGHTS** 15 Jul, 28 Aug 2016

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Scrabster 
Seydisfjordur 
Akureyri
Grundarfjordur 
Reykjavik 
Eidfjord 
Bergen 
Dover

PRICES FROM P		
Interior	£2,019	
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Mini-Suite	£4,119	

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Oceanview	£1,499	
Balcony	£1,599	
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EMERALD PRINCESS • 14 NIGHTS 18 Jun, 6 Aug 2016

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Southampton > Stavanger > Flaam/ Sognefjord > Olden/Nordfjord > Trondheim > Honningsvåg (for North Cape) > Tromsø > Lofoten Islands (Gravdal) > Ålesund > Bergen > Southampton

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CARIBBEAN PRINCESS • **12 NIGHTS** 20 May, 13<sup>°</sup>, 25 Jun, 19 Jul, 12<sup>-</sup>, 24 Aug 2016

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# JO CLOUGH CRUISING THROUGH THE YEARS

Reader Jo Clough first cruised with her mother in 1964 and has since visited 120 countries. Here she tells us how the cruise industry has changed since that very first trip.

y first cruise was back in 1964 and In those far-off days there were very few en-suite cabins and no balcony cabins at all. During the day, I remember the Purser's staff would deal with office administration but in the evening they provided the entertainment for the passengers! They truly were all-rounders, with not only office-based skills but also musical talents.

During my first decade of

cruising, lunchtime buffet locations were altered at the whim of the maître d', with one's steward enquiring at dinner whether one would like a lunch buffet by the pool the next day. The reply was inevitably that it depended on the weather! Mealtimes were conducted in two sittings, with your table number preassigned, though it was possible to request a sitting preference.

Ship design has evolved to provide a more steady motion during rough seas and this has helped ships to grow vertically in a way that would have made them top-heavy and unstable in years gone by. Modern construction techniques also enable ships to reduce their draught without compromising stability, meaning that ships can now dock in ports that previously required passengers to take a tender to shore, thus opening up destinations that were formerly beyond reach.

> Cruise sceptics often claim that you only ever visit the seaboard of a country, however today's cruise lines offer land tours that venture far beyond the

DURING THE LAST FIVE DECADES, THE CRUISE INDUSTRY HAS CHANGED BEYOND ALL RECOGNITION port. With pre and post-cruise stays becoming increasingly popular, cruising is actually a wonderful way to see the world.

What the sceptics also overlook is that some cities are best approached from the water. Perhaps the most notable examples are New York, Rio de Janeiro, Lisbon, Venice, Hong Kong, Sydney and Cape Town. Another spectacular city entrance is to sail beneath a raised Tower Bridge into my hometown of London; having been fortunate enough to visit all of the cities mentioned above, this watery transit into London is one that I hope to experience very soon.



Until such a time that longdistance air travel became both feasible and affordable, ships made what were termed as 'line voyages', transporting mail as well as passengers and cargo. A gradual transition saw these types of voyages decline and shipping lines begin to deploy their vessels on holiday cruises for part of

Ready for deck party night Dec 2006

(L-R) Captain Ian Walters & Mrs Vivienne Walters, David Clough & Jo Davies (Soon to be Clough) and Father Ralph Evans, conducting the marriage ceremony on starboard bridge wing of Royal Princess in Fort Lauderdale prior to sailing

the year. Cunard continues the 'line voyage' tradition with its transatlantic Southampton to New York sailings.

Cruising was once viewed as a holiday purely for the wealthy, but with an ever-increasing number of cruise lines offering something for all tastes and budgets this is no longer the case. The cost per passenger has reduced to become comparable with land-based resorts and this, combined with a wide diversification in the product offered, has resulted in the phenomenal growth and popularity of cruising.

Today's issue is not whether you can visit a particular part of the world on a cruise ship, but rather which cruise line best suits your requirements along the way. Family-friendly lines provide facilities so good that children would often rather stay on the ship on port days than go ashore! By contrast, some cruise lines do not offer children's facilities at all, although they will accept bookings for under-18s, whilst those who prefer to cruise without children on board can choose from an array of adultonly ships.

Back in 1964, I would never have dreamed of the large scope of activities that can now be engaged in whilst cruising; today's passengers no longer need resign themselves to sea days spent playing deck quoits or shuffleboard! Instead, they can participate in a really diverse range of pursuits, with options available to stimulate, exert or enrich your mind and body. It is often said that a cruise can be as relaxing or action-packed as you choose - something I've certainly found to be true!

Even weddings or re-affirmation of vows can be arranged. In fact, I was a precursor in this respect, when I married my husband on board the original Royal Princess in 1997. We became one of the first ever couples to marry on board whilst the ship was still in port at Fort Lauderdale, before setting sail on our honeymoon cruise. At that time, the captain could not legally perform the ceremony and so we arranged for a local Vicar to come aboard to do so. The captain and his wife acted as our witnesses, the Chief Officer took a video and the Ship's Photographer, Elvis, did the still shots. So now you know what happened to Elvis!



It is now over half a century since that very first cruise with my mother and one does wonder what changes the next fifty years will bring. Will cruise ships continue to evolve? I personally do not think that the trend for increasingly bigger ships can be sustained, with there inevitably coming a time when destinations are unable to accommodate the number of passengers venturing ashore when these leviathans are in town.

With cruise lines constantly trying to reinvent the concept of cruising, it can be difficult to stay abreast of all that is new and on offer. It is no longer simply a case of deciding on your destination; equally important is your choice of ship, especially as life on board varies substantially between cruise lines. Picking the right ship for you is the secret to a happy holiday and this is why one should use an agent who is up to speed with every development in the industry.

I have been using Bolsover Cruise Club since the 1980's and have always found the staff to be both knowledgeable and helpful. In 1998, when Princess Cruises did not market all its sailings to UK customers, Bolsover Cruise Club's founder Derek Wilson arranged for us to sail from Buenos Aires to Barcelona, an itinerary which was not featured in the British brochure. The holiday saw exciting ports interspersed with two sea days and it still ranks as one of our all-time favourite cruises; all on-board our favourite Royal Princess!

With so many choices to make, from category of cabin to booking pre or post cruise land tours or other enhancements that may be on offer, it is more important than ever to have the services of a knowledgeable agent, who can offer advice on every aspect of your holiday.

It is therefore never a surprise to me that Bolsover Cruise Club continues to win so many industry awards.

Jo Clough



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Captain Ashley Cook



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# ALLABOARD BALMORAL ENCHANTING IBERIA

Marketing Executive Katie recently spent six nights cruising France and Spain aboard Fred Olsen's flagship, Balmoral. We asked her to tell us all about it.

#### Favourite port

La Rochelle is the most beautiful harbour, lined with smart cafes and bars. Everything is within walking distance and there is something for everyone; the Towers of La Rochelle for history buffs, quaint streets with hidden restaurants for foodies and great shopping too!



#### Must pack item

A camera is a must. From the Old Town in La Coruna to the Guggenheim Museum





in Bilbao and the idyllic sandy bay in Getxo, which is surrounded by impressive Basque mansions; there is so much to see.

#### Favourite spot on board

The Jacuzzi on Marquee Deck was a definite favourite of ours. It's a real sun trap and the friendly crew do a great job of keeping your glass topped up as you sailaway during the late afternoon.





#### $Most\ memorable\ meal$

Every meal on board Balmoral was beautiful, but the most memorable of all was served in the Spey Restaurant. I had Rack of Lamb with Roast Potatoes, Creamy Mash and Vegetables, followed by an incredible Orange Crème Brûlée.





#### Why cruise to France and Spain?

This region has it all, from vineyards to cathedrals, museums to beaches and pretty harbours. Whether you prefer to meander around the port at your leisure, dine on local delicacies or immerse yourself in local history, you can do so without having to travel too far.



#### Who would you recommend a Fred Olsen cruise to?

I would recommend Fred Olsen to couples but also to singles too. There was a great choice of activities taking place throughout the day and we noticed several designated meeting points for single passengers. If you are looking for fantastic service and food, Balmoral certainly fits the bill.

# FIVE THINGS TO DO IN BILBAO

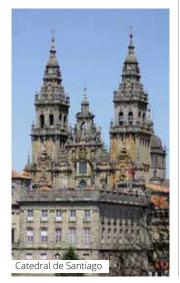
nce little more than an industrial hub, Bilbao has blossomed in recent years. Reinvigorated

by the arrival of the Museo Guggenheim, the city has cemented itself as one of Europe's leading art centres, with its museums now housing some of Spain's most notable collections. That being said, there is far more than paint and portraits luring people to Bilbao; seaside towns, rugged coastlines and wild scenery offer a refreshing take on the typical Spanish city break.

Step ashore and explore, starting with these **five** ways to see the city.

#### Get a little lost

Bilbao's Old Town is the perfect place for aimless ambling. The medieval Casco Viejo district sits on the east bank of the Nervión river, encompassing Bilbao's original seven streets 'Las Siete Calles', which dates back to the 1400's. With the stunning Catedral de Santiago Bilbao also within its boundaries, it's perfectly possible to lose a whole day here.



# Sopelana beach

#### Head for the beach

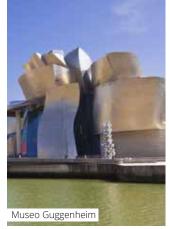
Bilbao's amazing metro system can take you to some of Northern Spain's best beaches, including Plentzia beach, which sits at the last stop on the metro line and is especially popular with locals seeking solace by the sea.

Sopelana beach could be easily confused for one of those in the Scottish highlands, were it not for the Spanish sun that warms its clifftop scenery and wild waves; don't forget your surfboard!

# Picnic and people watch

The Dona Casilda Park is located right beside the Museo de Bellas Artes and the best of days can be spent with free admission to the museum, followed by a rustic Spanish feast in the park. You'll find sculptures, duck ponds and water features aplenty, along with musical performances during the summer.





Meet an icon

No trip to Bilbao is complete without a visit to the Museo Guggenheim. This icon of 20th century architecture was designed by Frank O. Gehry to be every bit as impressive as the artworks housed inside. Admission costs €10 but it's free to appreciate the unique building from within its grounds and you'll find various art installations scattered around the photographic area, including the 9 metre tall spider 'Maman' by artist Louise Bourgeois.

#### All aboard the Funicular de Artxanda

The Funicular de Artxanda has been running since 1915 and takes just three minutes to convey you from the depths of the valley to the mountains and hills beyond the city. Don't forget your camera, along with your walking boots to make the most of the scenic routes at the top.

The views across Bilbao justify the €1 fare.





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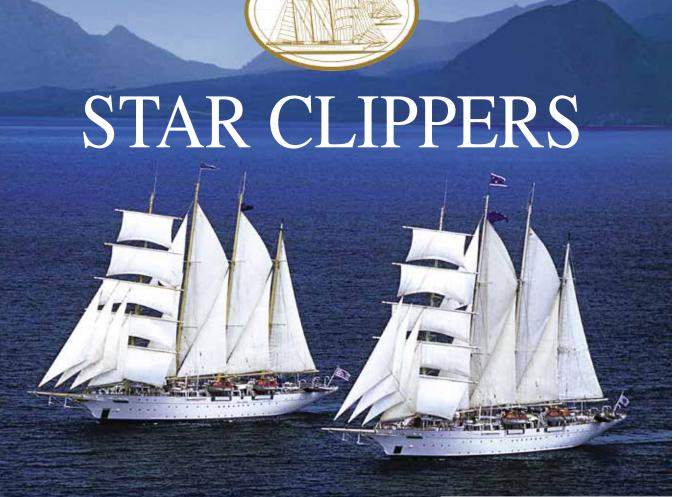
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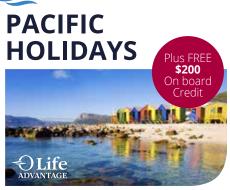


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# LET'S ESCAPE! Who could have predicted that NCL Escape would be

Who could have predicted that NCL Escape would bring some Miami heat to Southampton? Bolsover Cruise Club's Marketing Team spent a night on board and rediscovered the meaning of the word 'fun'.

he morning we arrived in Southampton was a wet one, with driving rain blighting the whole of our journey. Having grabbed our cases and readied our passports, we stumbled across an American couple on our way to the ship. They were set to travel on board the NCL Escape the following day for her inaugural cruise to Miami and said that they envied us for getting to see it before them. We couldn't help but secretly envy them for setting sail towards the sun, when conditions at home were oh-so-English.

Then we were on board. The clouds broke to reveal a glimmer of sunshine, the DJ hit the decks beside the pool, children slid through the tubes of the Aqua Park, groups chatted over margaritas and nachos at Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville at Sea and the party was in full swing at the Waves Pool Bar. Suddenly, without so much as hoisting the anchor, we felt like we were in Miami. Whilst the beach and heat were admittedly missing, the party was right here, and that set the tone for our night aboard the newest cruise ship in the world.

Family cruising has seen an explosion in popularity and Christmas had come early for the kids; Splash Academy kid's club, record-breaking waterslides at the Aqua Park, an enthralling rope course enticing far more fearless kids far than daring adults, graffiti-themed crazy golf, the 'Entourage' teen lounge (complete with one heck of a dancefloor), basketball and bowling alleys to keep youngsters entertained while the 'rents enjoyed a drink in O'Sheehan's Neighbourhood Bar & Grill, and an enormous video arcade overflowing with more slot machines than Brighton seafront. Cruising became cool in recent years and NCL Escape is like the popular kid at school, who throws all the best parties and has all the best gadgets.

For all that NCL Escape is unashamedly fun, the balance is wholly restored in The Haven; a veritable nirvana that will appeal to those who prefer to retire to a peaceful retreat once they've had their fill of excitement. Hidden away at the top of the ship, this exclusive enclave resembles a luxury spa retreat. Crystal wall lights glisten behind fresh orchids, velvet sofas are accessorised with plush cushions in shades of champagne and teal, and an air of sophistication lingers in the fine dining restaurant. The Haven Spa is serene, with the only sound coming from the water that trickles along the surface of a floor-to-ceiling water feature and into the pool below. The luxury continues in the Haven Suites, where impeccable attention to detail left us longing to soak in a polished marble bath tub with views across the ocean, before dressing for the evening in our walk-in wardrobe and spending the night entertaining on our expansive balcony. If you have found yourself tempted by the peace of a five-star beach resort but longing for the

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aspect of a cruise, The Haven could be the answer to your prayers.

Having experienced visions of grandeur in The Haven, we opted to get a taste of the ship's public spaces; no mean feat when faced with 28 different dining choices and 21 bars and lounges. If there is one thing NCL Escape does better than fun, it is food.

The Garden Café served a substantial buffet spread that pleased those digging in and the open-air seating proved very popular. Elsewhere, the Bake House was stocked to the rafters with cupcakes, sweet pastries and multicoloured macarons, much to the delight of sweettoothed travellers. Cagney's Steakhouse omitted a dark and sultry vibe, enhanced by an entranceway lined with charcoal walls, glimmering steel and smoked mirrors, whilst Moderno Churrascaria's hot orange décor reflected its Brazilian menu. The laughs started to spill from the Headliner's Comedy Club early in the evening and a congregation of dashing modern-day dandies added to the gentleman's lounge appeal of Tobacco Road Liquor Bar. Raspberry mojitos were served with a side of Cuban flair at the Sugarcane Mojito Bar, their enjoyment factor further enhanced by the smell of Spanish tapas wafting from the nearby Pinchos Tapas restaurant. The Supper Club had its name up

in lights, channelling a sultry French sense of occasion with reams of red velvet and gold accents, as did Le Bistro restaurant, where all that was missing to complete the Parisian ambience was a view of the Fiffel Tower

We dined at Teppanyaki, enjoying course after course of authentic Japanese hibachi fare. Fillet mignon steak was cooked to perfection and served on a filling bed of rice and noodles. Those who opted for seafood were treated to perfectly cooked lobster and squid, along with the biggest scallops we had ever seen. Defeated by the sheer volume of incredible food, we reluctantly refused a dessert of Green Tea Cake with Peanut Brittle Ice Cream. The main dining rooms, Taste and Savor, were busy but well-received, offering a menu so tempting that it would be impossible to order any less than three courses.

Norwegian Cruise Line promises that NCL Escape will 'keep you up all night' and we don't doubt this bold claim for a second. We listened to raucous renditions of hits including Empire State of Mind in Howl at the Moon and the Escape Theatre rocked to the beat of the

Million Dollar Quartet musical, with the Tony Award-winning show garnering rave reviews that resonated across the ship the following morning. Craft beers, cocktails and live bands kept the party going late into the night at The District Brew House, its too-cool-for-school interiors befitting of its dive bar theme. The two-tier Waves Pool Bar, complete with DI and enormous screens playing the videos to match the music, wasted no time in convincing us that pool parties will abound on sultry Caribbean nights.

Come morning, it was time to wave goodbye to our Balcony cabin. It had been a great home for the night, with a private balcony, substantial wardrobe space and bright bathroom. The best bit of all? A USB charger incorporated into the bedside lights - something that will bring a sigh of relief to technology buffs.

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Having 'escaped' for the evening, we disembarked with a brochure in hand and a plan in mind. We were already planning our return, only this time we'll be Caribbean bound.





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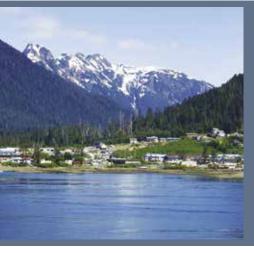


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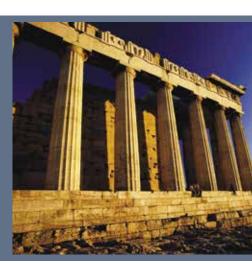
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# CRUISING WITH CAKE BOY

# We talk taking afternoon tea to the high seas with P&O Cruises Food Hero, Eric Lanlard.

Hi Eric, thanks for speaking to us and giving us a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes in the world of cruising's favourite patissier. How did your relationship with P&O Cruises first come about?

> The P&O Cruises creative team approached me a couple of years before the launch of their newest ship and, after swearing me to secrecy,

told me all about The Britannia Project. Our first meeting happened in London, over afternoon tea funnily enough, and they told me how high a priority food would play on board this new vessel. I have always loved cruising, ships and life at sea, so I couldn't turn down the exciting opportunity to serve a signature afternoon tea on board and to look after the first patisserie at sea.

Having had plenty of time to explore Britannia during your time on board for various Food Heroes cruises, what are your impressions of P&O Cruises' most recent arrival?

One of the most exciting things in the build up to the launch of Project Britannia was how involved we were from start to finish. We made regular trips to the ship yard in Monfalcone to see the ship being built and had input into designs, layout and service ideas. We all felt a big

part of the process. I remember feeling quite emotional when walking through the atrium for the first time following the ship's delivery, as it really was a 'copy and paste', if you will, of all the computer generated images we had seen over the previous two years. For this, I must applaud P&O Cruises. They really stuck to their ideas for the design and high standard of décor and service. The ship flows very well and you notice amazing little details at every turn. As an art collector, I love the artwork on board, all of which is contemporary and stylish. Britannia is unlike any other cruise ship; the luxury surroundings and all of the dining and drinking options really do give the ship the feel of a 5-star hotel at sea.

The Market Café has received rave reviews since Britannia's regal launch in April. Do you think people's perceptions of the food on board cruise ships have changed?

Like most travellers, cruise passengers are far more foodsavvy than they used to be. It's no longer just about all you can eat buffets but rather an appetite for experimenting with new flavours and new types of cuisine. You only have to speak to passengers to realise that they are becoming more adventurous with their food, having watched cookery shows or eaten abroad, and they want to experience this in a celebratory way on board.

The position of the Market Café, right in the heart of Britannia's gorgeous atrium, couldn't be more perfect. It is the place to be seen and to people watch, yet still far enough away from the buzz of the public places. Each time I am on board, I love to see people start to descend the grand staircase from about 4pm onwards, looking to enjoy an afternoon treat. It is terribly chic and sophisticated, and you can see that the passengers feel like a million dollars as they sit there enjoying their fine patisseries. This is exactly what we wanted to create with the Market Café.

In the past you have been quoted as saying that, despite your sweet surroundings, your treat of choice is actually cheese. Did this play a part in the decision to offer a combination of both sweet and savoury at the Market Café?

Well, I cannot take credit for Charlie Turnbull's cheese selections on board but I have to admit, I was really pleased to find out that we were going to share part of the Market Café. This savoury addition is perfect for passengers who are looking for light bites instead of a full dinner, usually after having my afternoon tea a little earlier in the day. It does of course go without saying that I absolutely must exercise some quality control whilst on board and simply MUST try each cheese platter for that reason!

Along with the Market Café, you have also created an exclusive afternoon tea, which is served in Britannia's Epicurean Restaurant. With savoury macarons and edible perfumes it's quite unlike the traditional 'sandwiches and scones' affair. Why was it important to you to put a fresh spin on a British institution?

I have always been a great fan of the traditional afternoon tea; as a child, we used to cross the channel from Brittany just to have High Tea in London. We obviously serve tea at my patisserie Cake Boy and I design afternoon tea for luxury hotels around the world too, so it just made sense to create a fabulous afternoon tea at sea. The dining room in which it is served on board Britannia is absolutely stunning. It is one of my favourite dining rooms on board and is the perfect place to take tea. When it came to the food itself, it was important for me to keep the

main components of a traditional high tea - the savouries, cakes and scones - but to give it a contemporary twist and a very fun, interactive feel, without appearing gimmicky. The edible perfume always takes people by surprise but it really opens the senses and gets you in the mood to enjoy the whole experience.

Baking was once considered the hobby of housewives but right now it has never been cooler. Why do you think its popularity has soared in recent years?

Again, I think it is due to a wider exposure to the world of food on TV and also due to travel giving people an appetite to learn and become more creative when it comes to their cooking. Baking's popularity has increased across all ages and genders, which is great!

In addition to the cookery demonstrations you hold on Britannia, you also run a cookery school at Cake Boy's London HQ. Why is it so important to you to pass on your skills?

When I began my training as a patissier, I was lucky to be working under some of the world's top chefs, all of whom made it their mission to share their time,

passion and

love for the profession to help make me a better baker. I look at the masterclasses I run at Cake Boy, on board Britannia and indeed all over the world almost as payback time. It's now my turn to share the patisserie love!

# Does your love of travel inspire your recipes?

Absolutely! I love travelling and food is always on the agenda wherever I am. I am inspired by new ingredients, presentation, spices and I often take note and create something using these new ideas. I never copy dishes though, that would be cheating!

# What is your dream destination?

I have a few favourite destinations but the British Virgin Islands are where I go to relax and do almost nothing. For food, I love visiting South Africa, especially the Cape Town region. The food scene there has become huge in recent years and they have a very fresh and simple approach to food that we don't really have in Europe. Also, I do love my South African wine and fizz, but don't tell my dad - he still thinks only French people can make decent wine!



#### How big a part does food play in your travels?

Food is a big part of my travels and I will never visit a destination without at least 80% of my lunches and dinners already pre-booked in advance; I get super excited about the planning! Being on vacation allows you to enjoy food so much more because you are relaxed and have time to appreciate each dish properly.

You are an author, presenter and teacher, and have baked for everyone from the Beckhams to Madonna, even creating a 101st birthday cake for the Queen Mother (complete with tiara-wearing corgis). What is next for Cake Boy?

Following the success of my afternoon tea ventures, I am in the process of putting the final touches to my sixth book, which will be called 'Eric Lanlard's Afternoon Tea'. It makes sense and people will finally be able to recreate my signature macaroons at home. The book will be out in May/June 2016.

DREAM DESTINATION



Eríc Lanlard's Dream Destination

# CAPE TOWN



#### Eat

Cape Town is a foodie's paradise and some of the world's best chefs have been lured by a combination of incredibly fresh produce, a simpler approach to food and of course, a great climate.

For fine dining, head to Tokara. Located at the top of Helshoogte Pass just outside Stellenbosch and surrounded by the Tokara Wine Estate, the restaurant is headed by award-winning chef Richard Carstens, whose food is a fusion of South African and French flavours merged with Japanese influences. Those seeking seafood should visit Harbour House at Kalk Bay, a restaurant almost as famous for its food as it is for its panoramic sea views. Built on the breakwater of False Bay, enjoy the ambience of the cocktail lounge as the waves crash against the rocks below. Book early for a window seat and time your visit to savour the sunset.

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#### Drink

Eric Lanlard isn't the only one with a taste for South African wines. Grapes have been cultivated in Cape Town since the 17th century and the city now sits at the heart of South African winemaking.

Wine tours are big business here and Constantia Valley is home to both the well-established and the newer wine farms, with their amazing Sauvignon Blanc being the region's most popular export by far. Elsewhere, the Stellenbosch Wine Route incorporates almost 200 wine producers and was the first wine network of its kind in South Africa. Quaint surroundings make the Franschhoek Wine Route appealing too, with a host of pretty boutiques, antique shops and art galleries to be discovered between vineyards.



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Table Mountain dominates the landscape and a cable car to the top is a must. Its rotating floor provides 360° views of the city, Table Bay and Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years imprisonment for fighting apartheid. Tours to this low-lying oval island just off Cape Town's coast will take you across Table Bay, where you will be greeted with the same sight Mr Mandela himself encountered upon stepping off the boat. Guided tours led by a former inmate provide an enthralling insight into 'The Island' of years gone by.

A visit to the Aquila Game Reserve, just a short drive from Cape Town, is also recommended. Let experienced rangers guide you on a safari through mountains, rivers and valleys and keep your eyes peeled for free-roaming elephants, buffalo, rhinos, giraffes, hippos, wildebeest and zebra. St James Beach, Cape Town



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#### Sail

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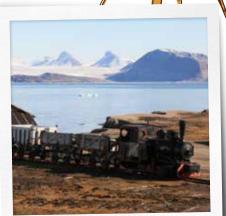
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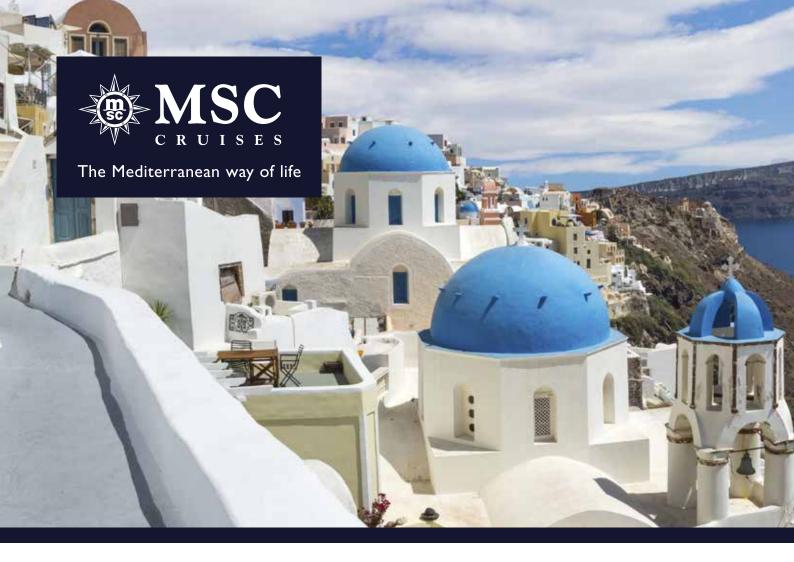
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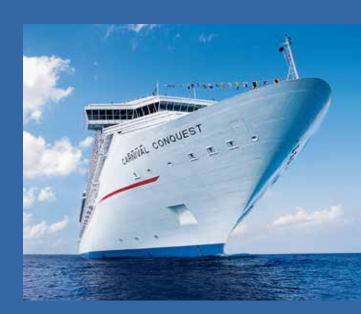
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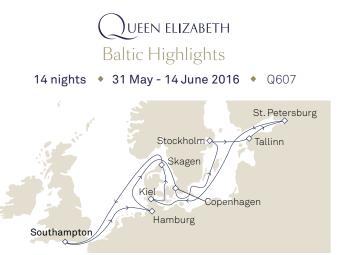
- On board spending money (amount dependent on cruise duration and stateroom grade)
- Car parking in Southampton
- Return coach travel to Southampton
- Airport car parking (for Fly-Cruise holidays).



#### Here are just a few examples of cruises:

Southampton > Sea Day > Bergen, Norway > Geiranger, Norway<sup>A</sup> > Olden, Norway > Stavanger, Norway > Sea Day > Southampton

Stateroom	Cunard Fares from*	Includes
Queens Grill (Q6)	£2,599	Complimentary on
Princess Grill (P1)	£2,599	board spending money of \$55-\$175pp
Princess Grill (P2)	£1,999	or
Balcony (BA)	£1,999	Car parking or
Inside, Oceanview & Balcony (CB-BC)	£1,149	Coach transfers



Southampton > Sea Day > Hamburg, Germany <sup>P</sup> > Sea Day > Copenhagen, Denmark > Sea Day > Stockholm, Sweden > Tallinn, Estonia > St Petersburg, Russia <sup>o</sup> > Sea Day > Kiel, Germany <sup>P</sup> > Skagen, Denmark<sup>AM</sup> > Sea Day > Southampton

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	Cunard Fares from*	Includes
	£6,299	Complimentary on board spending money of \$80-\$265pp or
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ly	£3,749	Car parking or
anview & Balcony (CB-BC	£2,599	Coach transfers
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A = Anchor Port PA = Possible Anchor Port Le = Late Evening Departure = Maiden Call = Overnight Stay = Embarkation/Disembarkation of international passengers = Three Days in Port

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### )ueen victoria Rome, Venice and Athens - 14 nights 2 - 16 July 2016 V609 • 13 - 27 August 2016 V612



→ Rome (for Civitavecchia), Italy > Transit Messina Strait > Corfu, Greece > Kotor, Montenegro ALE > Sea Day > Trieste, Italy LE > Venice, Italy<sup>0LE</sup> > Sea Day > Dubrovnik, Croatia <sup>PA</sup> > Sea Day > Crete, Greece > Ephesus (tours from Kusadasi), Turkey > Santorini, Greece A > Athens (from Piraeus), Greece >>

Stateroom	Cunard Fares from*	Includes
Queens Grill (Q6)	£5,449	Complimentary on board spending money of \$110-\$350pp or Car parking or Coach transfers
Princess Grill (PI)	£5,449	
Princess Grill (P2)	£4,449	
Balcony (BA)	£4,449	
Inside, Oceanview & Balcony (CB-BC)	£2,349	
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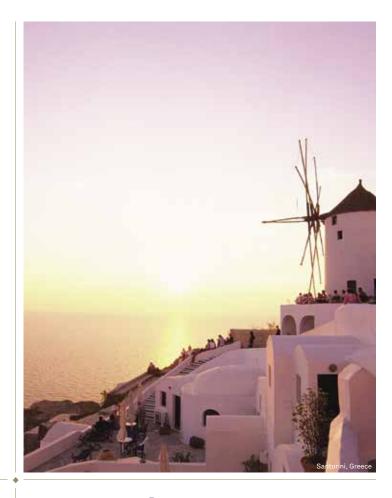
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#### 22 nights \* 20 September - 12 October 2016 \* M619B



#### Southampton > Six Sea Days > New York, USA > Newport, USA<sup>A</sup>> Boston, USA<sup>LE</sup>> Sea Day > Sydney, Canada<sup>A</sup>> Sea Day > Québec, Canada \*> Saguenay, Canada \*> Gaspé, Canada \*> Sea Day > Halifax, Canada > Sea Day > New York, USA +

Stateroom	Cunard Fares from*	Includes
Queens Grill (Q6-Q7)	£8,399	Complimentary on
Princess Grill (PI)	£8,399	board spending money
Princess Grill (P2)	£6,299	of \$110-\$435pp or
Club Balcony (A1)	£6,299	Car parking
Balcony (BZ-BU)	£3,999	or Coach transfers
Inside, Oceanview & Balcony (DF-DB)	£3,349	Coach transfers



)ueen elizabeth Greek Isles - 17 nights 5 - 22 July 2016 Q610 • 7 - 24 October 2016 Q618<sup>+</sup>



Southampton > Three Sea Days > Mallorca, Spain > Sea Day > Transit Messina Strait > Athens (tours from Piraeus), Greece > Ephesus (tours from Kusadasi), Turkey LE > Mykonos, Greece > Olympia (tours from Katakolon), Greece > Sicily, Italy > Transit Messina Strait > Two Sea Days > Gibraltar H > Two Sea Days > Southampton

† Q618 will not visit Gibraltar but will have a full day call at Seville (tours from Cadiz), Spain

Stateroom	Cunard Fares from*	Includes
Queens Grill	£6,699	Complimentary on board spending money of \$95-\$310pp or Car parking or
Princess Grill	£5,549	
Club Balcony	£3,849	
Inside, Oceanview & Balcony (CB-BC)	£2,299	Coach transfers
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- Enjoy panoramic views of the ocean and look out for wildlife on a journey along the Atlantic Road from Kristiansund
- Search for the captivating Aurora Borealis during an overnight stay in Alta
- Enjoy a glimpse of Viking life in Leknes, where you can find a reconstruction of the only Viking chieftain's homestead in Norway
- Discover the Hanseatic heritage of the colourful Bryggen waterfront in Bergen

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- Delve into the wealth of ancient history offered in Cagliari, the Sardinian capital
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- Sail into Venice, one of the world's most remarkable cities, and visit the magnificent Doge's Palace

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