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Welcome!

pring is always a busy time for cruising. New ships are launched and new season programmes are unveiled, making it the most exciting time of the year for avid cruisers like ourselves.

April saw the arrival of Royal Caribbean's Ovation of the Seas, whetting our appetite for the hugely anticipated debut of Harmony of the Seas – the largest ship in the world – this month. May also sees the arrival of Viking Cruises' second ocean ship, Viking Sea. We were fortunate enough to spend some time on board Viking Star in March and you can find out how the ship exceeded our high expectations in this issue.

This edition's destination focus is Naples, Pompeii and the beautiful Amalfi Coast; a popular itinerary with many cruise lines and one that explores a part of the world that I am especially fond of. We're also island hopping around the Greek Isles and joining Hurtigruten on an expedition through the Norwegian Fjords.

I do hope you enjoy reading.

Yours sincerely

Michael Wilson Managing Director





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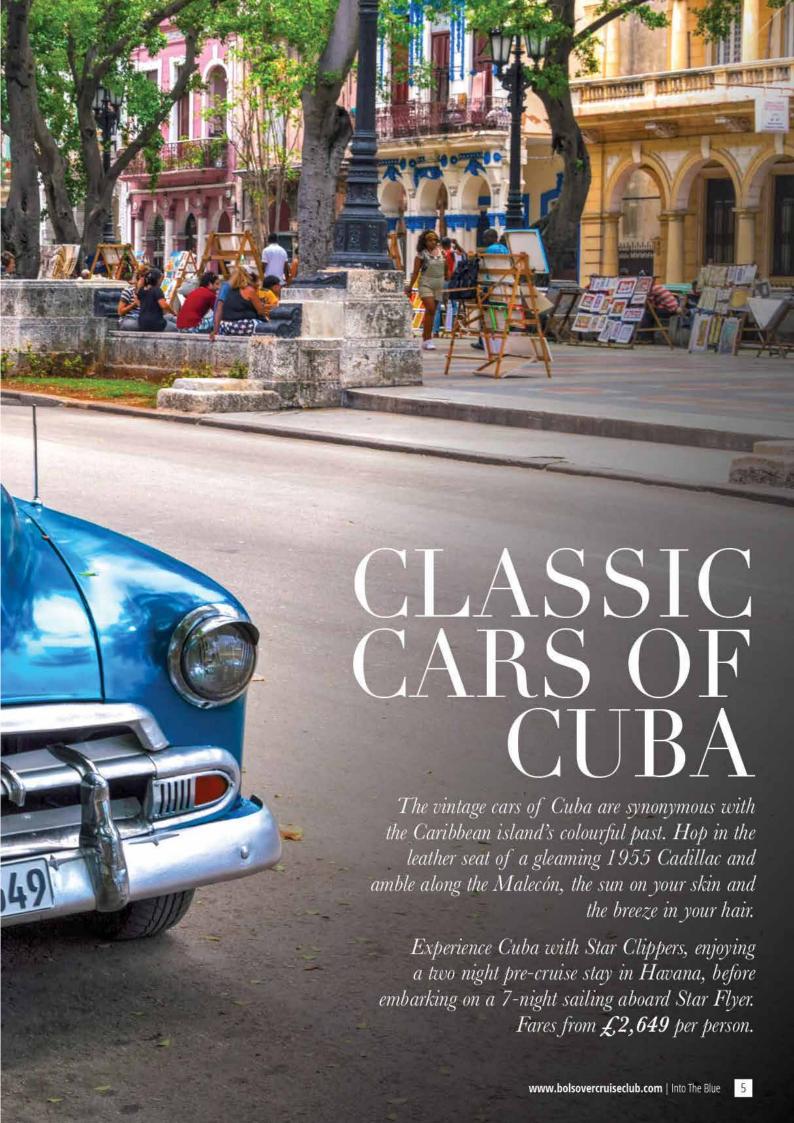
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CRUISE NEWS



Star Clippers To Sail Indonesian Waters For The First Time

Star Clippers has announced that it will sail in Indonesian waters for the first time in 2017.

The tall ship sailing specialist will offer a choice of 19 departures between 6 May and 14 October 2017, sailing 7, 10, 11 and 14 night itineraries from Bali and Singapore. The four-masted Star Clipper will voyage to culturally unique and exotic ports of call amongst the thousands of islands that make up Indonesia. Guests will have the opportunity to experience a combination of jungle-fringed beaches, bustling local markets and traditional villages, before returning to Star Clipper for sundowners on teak decks. The six new itineraries will also

offer a chance to get up close with the Komodo dragon; the world's heaviest living species of lizard at more than 300 pounds and up to 10ft long.

Speaking about the new itineraries, Star Clippers founder and owner, Mikael Kraft, said, "The Indonesian waters will really bring out the very best of a Star Clippers cruise and the natural scenery and spectacular sights will provide an exceptional backdrop for our beautiful Star Clipper. Guests will enjoy the most memorable sailings in some of the most beautiful waters in the world, while daytime activities will be eclectic and exotic. Each day will bring opportunities for new adventures."

Hurtigruten Orders Four New Ships

Exploration cruise line, Hurtigruten, has announced an order for four new explorer ships. Set to debut in 2018/19, the four ships will help to meet an ever-growing demand for adventure travel from holidaymakers across the globe. The investment is the largest Hurtigruten has made in its 120-years of exploring the Arctic and Antarctic waters, and its first order for the construction of a new ship in more than ten years.

Incorporated within the order is construction of two new state-of-the-art vessels, which will be designed and customised specifically for expedition voyages in the Arctic and Antarctic regions, as well as along the Norwegian coastline. A host of activities will be available to adventure seekers, from climbing and kayaking to whale safaris and rib-tours. In addition to hosted

excursions, experienced expedition teams will also accompany passengers on educational excursions to isolated places only accessible by ships or zodiac boats. The order follows recent news that Hurtigruten will expand to destinations including the Amazon Rainforest and Arctic Canada from 2017.

Speaking about the new investment, Daniel Skjeldam, Hurtigruten's CEO said, "This is a milestone for us and an expression of our confidence in the growth of the global market for adventure tourism. We are to build the most formidable expedition ships the world has seen."

The new vessels will be designed and developed by Rolls-Royce, with the assistance of renowned Norwegian ship designer Espec Øino, and built by Kleven.











Adonia Makes History In Cuba

Fathom's Adonia has become the first US cruise ship to dock in Cuba in more than 50 years.

Around 700 passengers celebrated on deck, as the ship completed its crossing from Florida to the Cuban capital, Havana – the first crossing of its kind since the Cuban Revolution brought Fidel Castro to power in 1959. Before this date, and the travel restrictions that came with it, cruise ships and ferries crossed the Florida Straits on an almost daily basis.

Cuba and the US restored diplomatic relations in July 2015, in an historic agreement reached between Presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro. Since then, tourism in Cuba has skyrocketed.

Adonia will sail from Miami to Cuba every other week, as part of a 'voluntourism' itinerary offered by Carnival's newest cruise line, Fathom. Other operators entering Cuban waters for the first time in 2016/17 include Star Clippers, MSC Cruises and Fred Olsen Cruise Lines.

Regent Announce Sister Ship For Seven Seas Explorer

As construction of Regent Seven Seas Explorer nears completion, the ultra-luxury cruise line has announced that it will build a sister ship to 'the most luxurious ship ever built'

rne as yet un-named second ship will be



delivered in 2020, bullt by Fincantieri, the Italian shipbuilders, at an estimated cost of £340 million. Regent Seven Seas Cruises also recently announced that it had embarked on a £90 million renovation of its existing ships, Mariner, Navigator and Voyager.

CRUISE NEWS



Crystal River Cruises Unveils Design For First River Vessel

Crystal River Cruises has unveiled the design for the first vessel in its river fleet.

Crystal Mozart will launch the new river brand on 13 July 2016, when it embarks on a maiden voyage round-trip from Vienna. The German-built ship has been entirely redesigned to bring Crystal Cruises' renowned standards to Europe's rivers and will incorporate features including a pop-up bar area, vanishing movie screen for al fresco evening showings and a living rooftop garden area. The ship's four main decks will feature six world-class dining venues, including several restaurants inspired by those aboard ships in the Crystal Cruises fleet of ocean vessels. The Crystal Life Spa will house an indoor pool, two treatment rooms, a sauna and steam rooms, alongside a fully-equipped fitness centre.

The 158-capacity Crystal Mozart will offer Window Suites at 219 sq.ft, Deluxe
Suites with French balconies
at 219 sq.ft, Penthouse
Suites at 330sq.ft and a
two-bedroom Crystal Suite;
the largest suite on any
river vessel at 883 sq.ft. All
guest suites will feature
king-size beds, Nespresso
machines, 40-inch flat-screen
televisions and marble
bathrooms. Penthouse
Suites and the Crystal Suite
will also feature French
Balconies, walk-in wardrobes
and separate showers and
oversized bathtubs. Crystal's
acclaimed butler service will
also be avallable with every
guest suite.

Crystal's President and CEO, Edie Rodriguez, said, "At the heart of every Crystal Experience is the genuine service and expert attention to detail our guests enjoy. With our newest vessels, we're upping our own ante by making every possible effort to ensure these components of a Crystal vacation are unparalleled."







Royal Caribbean's High-Speed Internet Goes Fleet-Wide

Royal Caribbean has made VOOM, its exclusive highspeed internet service, available across its entire fleet of 24 ships.

The cruise line has worked with a combination of Wi-Fi service providers to deliver an overall bandwidth exceeding that offered by any other cruise line, creating a service that is twice as fast as ever before. The enhancements have also enabled the cruise line to provide the least expensive Wi-Fi in its history, with guests offered a choice of two packages at a flat price.

Surf will allow guests to surf the internet, stay in touch via email and share holiday snaps on social media. The Surf package is available from \$12.99 per device, per day. Family packages incorporating five devices or more are available from just \$8.99 per device, per day. Surf and Stream is ideal for guests looking for the capability to stream movies and music, and to contact home using video chat apps such as Skype. This enhanced package is available from \$17.99 per device, per day, with additional devices connected at a discounted price. Family packages are available from \$11.99 per device, per day.

"VOOM is revolutionising the on board experience for our guests as well as for our crew and it is truly a game-changer for the industry," said Michael



Bayley, President and CEO of Royal Caribbean International. "Everything our guests and crew can do online at home, they will now be able to do on board all of our ships around the world"





Princess Cruises Unveil Downton Abbey Exhibits On UK Ships

Princess Cruises has announced that it will feature exhibits from ITV's Downton Abbey on board two of its UK-based ships.

Both Emerald Princess and Caribbean Princess will showcase costumes and jewellery worn by characters in the hit drama, with the displays available to view in the Princess Theatre at least once per cruise. An exclusive 'Making of Downton Abbey' film will be shown as part of the exhibit, with an afternoon tea completing the experience. Episodes of the show will also be available to watch on guests' stateroom televisions. The exhibit will run on Emerald Princess from 20 May to 5 September 2016, whilst Caribbean Princess' exhibit will be available from 18 May

to 3 September 2016, during her season sailing around the British Isles.

This isn't the first time
Downton Abbey has partnered
with Princess Cruises; Hugh
Bonneville, who played Lord
Grantham in the show,
recently narrated 'The Cruise',
a six-part ITV documentary set
on Regal Princess.



Star Clippers Set To Break Records

Star Clippers has revealed that their new ship will be named Flying Clipper.

The vessel is set to become the largest of its kind when launched in 2017. The five-masted tall-ship will carry 300 passengers and 150 crew, making it substantially larger than the cruise line's current flagship, Royal Clipper.



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...whoever you want to be. With so many memorable moments awaiting you on your next P&O Cruises holiday, a little extra spending money goes a long way.

However you like to create those special memories, extra on-board spending money can lend a helping hand along the way. Imagine living the life of a Caribbean island hopper; the sun setting over a powder sand beach, the dazzling blue crystal clear waters reflecting a golden sunset, as you take a stroll in the warmth of the Caribbean evening air. This is the moment you pinch yourself. It feels like a dream but in reality it's the freedom of a P&O Cruises holiday.

And now, with up to £550* per cabin to spend on board when you book an applicable Select Price holiday by 30 June 2016, there's ample opportunity to make your next P&O Cruises holiday everything you want it to be and more.

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Outside Select Price from £1.199 per person



Caribbean Eastern

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Caribbean Eastern BRITANNIA | B634B | 19 NOV 2016 | 8 NIGHTS

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Caribbean Southern

AZURA | A632 | 25 NOV 2016 | 15 NIGHTS

→ Fly UK to Barbados (overnight in port)
Antigua - St Maarten - Tortola - Amber
Cove, Dominican Republic - St Kitts
Martinique - St Lucia - Grenada
Barbados - Overnight flight to UK →

Outside Select Price from



Caribbean Southern

BRITANNIA | B635A | 3 DEC 2016 | 15 NIGHTS

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Balcony Select Price from



Caribbean Eastern

AZURA | A633A | 9 DEC 2016 | 15 NIGHTS

→ Fly UK to Barbados (overnight in port)
Antigua - St Kitts ● - St Maarten - Tortola
Catalina Island, Dominican Republic ↓
Montego Bay, Jamaica - Grand Cayman ↓
New Orleans, USA - Overnight flight
to UK →

Outside Select Price from



Caribbean Southern

AZURA | A701A | 7 JAN 2017 | 15 NIGHTS

→ Fly UK to Barbados - Antigua St Maarten - Tortola - Amber Cove, Dominican Republic - St Kitts ⊚ Martinique - St Lucia ⊚ - Grenada Barbados (overnight in port) - Overnight flight to UK →

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Caribbean Southern BRITANNIA | B701B | 14 JAN 2017 | 8 NIGHTS

→ Fly UK to Barbados - Curacao Aruba - Grenada - St Vincent

St Lucia - Overnight flight to UK →

Balcony Select Price from £1,299 per person



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This is your holiday, and however you like to spend your time, it's sure to be spent wisely. But with up to £700* per cabin to spend on board when you book an applicable Select Price holiday by 30 June 2016, you can now afford to be a little frivolous with your holiday money.

Iberia

BRITANNIA | B628 | 17 SEP 2016 | 8 NIGHTS

Southampton - La Rochelle - Lisbon Vigo - St Peter Port 🕹 - Southampton

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Western Mediterranean AZURA | A626 | 18 SEP 2016 | 14 NIGHTS

Southampton - Seville (tours from Cadiz) - Cartagena - Rome (tours from Civitavecchia) - Cannes & - Barcelona Gibraltar - Southampton

Outside Select Price from £1,399 per person



Western Mediterranean BRITANNIA | B631 | 9 OCT 2016 | 12 NIGHTS

Southampton - Gibraltar - Cartagena Mallorca - Barcelona - Seville (tours from Cadiz) - Lisbon - Southampton

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Mediterranean fly-cruise OCEANA | E618C | 12 OCT 2016 | 7 NIGHTS

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Iberia

VENTURA | N630 | 30 OCT 2016 | 12 NIGHTS

Southampton - Lisbon - Seville (tours from Cadiz) - Valencia - Ibiza Cartagena - Gibraltar - Southampton

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Central Mediterranean

AURORA | R619 | 1 NOV 2016 | 19 NIGHTS

Southampton - Seville (tours from Cadiz) Cagliari, Sardinia - Naples - Messina, Sicily Athens (tours from Piraeus) - Ephesus (tours from Kusadasi) - Rhodes - Valletta Lisbon - Southampton

Outside Select Price from

£400 per cabin to spend on board

Canary Islands

AURORA | R620 | 20 NOV 2016 | 16 NIGHTS

Southampton - Madeira - La Gomera Gran Canaria - Fuerteventura - Agadir Seville (tours from Cadiz) - Lisbon Southampton

Outside Select Price from £35 per cabin (\$250)

UK - UK Caribbean ARCADIA | J619 | 25 NOV 2016 | 24 NIGHTS

Southampton - Antigua - Tortola St Maarten - St Kitts - Martinique St Lucia - Ponta Delgada, Azores Southampton

Outside Select Price from £500 per cabin to spend on boards

UK - UK Caribbean VENTURA | N702 | 18 JAN 2017 | 28 NIGHTS

Southampton - La Coruna - Barbados St Lucia ● - Dominica ● - St Maarten Tortola - St Kitts ● - Antigua - Ponta Delgada, Azores - Southampton

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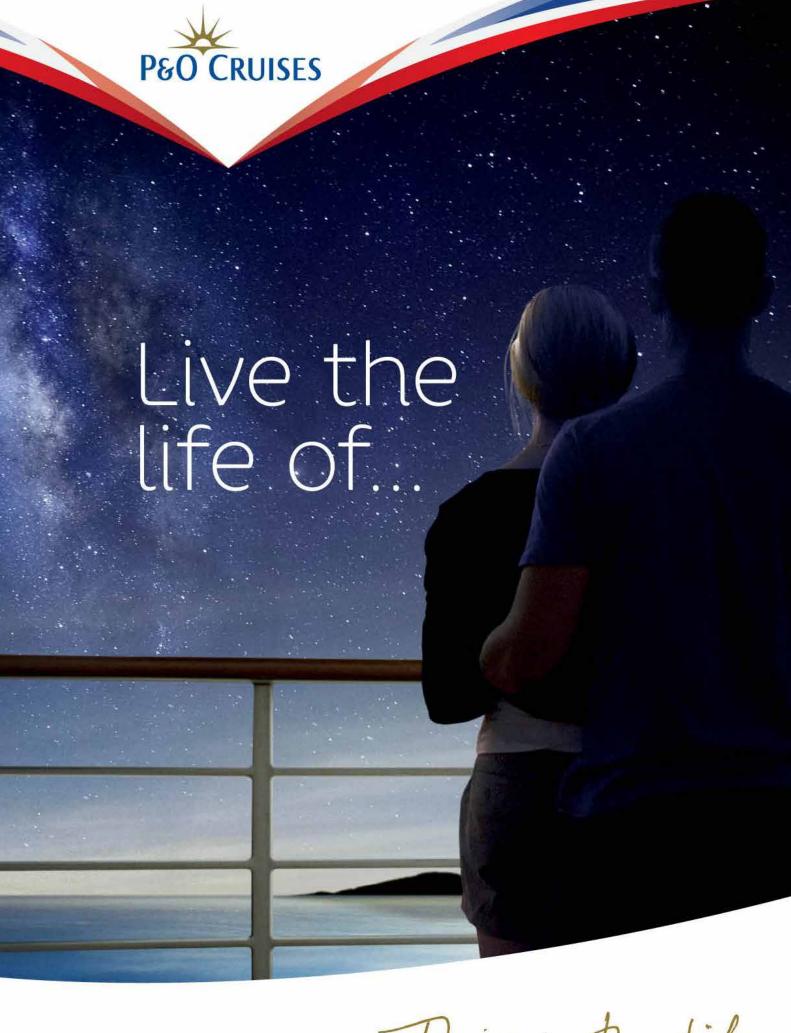
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This is the journey of a lifetime. With up to £1,200 per cabin to spend on board when you book an applicable Select Price holiday by 30 June 2016, how will you live the life throughout your never-to-be forgotten holiday?

If you can't spare the time for a full world circumnavigation, you can opt for an exotic fly-cruise to explore a comer of the globe that's always fascinated you. And, instead of receiving extra on-board spending money, you can opt for an exotic city stay of up to 6 nights. You can choose up to 3 nights' hotel accommodation before joining your ship and up to 3 following your cruise. This gives you the chance to fully explore two fascinating destinations under your own steam, and live a few days in the life of an adventurer.

Southampton to Sydney ARCADIA | JCG | 2 JAN 2017 | 48 NIGHTS

Southampton - Madeira - Barbados
Curacao - Transit Panama Canal - Huatulco
San Diego - Los Angeles - San Francisco
(overnight in port) - Honolulu, Oahu
Bora Bora ₺ - Tahiti - Auckland (overnight
in port) - Napier - Wellington - Sydney
Overnight flight to UK →



Southampton to Perth AURORA | RSP | 9 JAN 2017 | 44 NIGHTS

Southampton - Valletta - Transit Suez
Canal - Sharm el Sheikh - Petra (tours from
Aqaba) - Luxor & Valley of the Kings (tours
from Safaga) - Salalah - Muscat - Dubai
(overnight in port) - Cochin - Colombo
Penang ● - Singapore (two days in port)
- Borobudur (tours from Semarang) Bali Perth (from Fremantle) - Overnight flight
to UK →

Outside Select Price from £1,200 per cabin to spend on board.

San Francisco to Sydney ARCADIA | JKG | 26 JAN 2017 | 24 NIGHTS

→ Fly UK to San Francisco - Honolulu, Oahu Bora Bora む - Tahiti - Auckland (overnight in port) - Napier - Wellington - Sydney Overnight flight to UK →

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Singapore to Sydney AURORA | RNY | 10 FEB 2017 | 22 NIGHTS

→ Fly UK to Singapore (overnight in port) Borobudur (tours from Semarang) - Bali Perth (tours from Fremantle) - Adelaide Kangaroo Island & - Melbourne - Sydney & (overnight in port) - Overnight flight to UK →

Sydney to Hong Kong ARCADIA | JGH | 17 FEB 2017 | 27 NIGHTS

→ Fly UK to Sydney (ovemight in port) & Brisbane - Great Barrier Reef (tours from Yorkeys Knob) & - Alotau - Kochi - Kyoto (tours from Osaka) - Nagasaki - Busan Shanghai - Hong Kong - Overnight flight to UK →

Sydney to San Francisco AURORA | RYW | 1 MAR 2017 | 29 NIGHTS

→ Fly UK to Sydney - Cruise into New Zealand Fiordland - Dunedin - Christchurch (tours from Akaroa) & - Wellington Tauranga - Auckland - Lautoka - Apia Honolulu, Oahu - San Francisco (overnight in port) - Overnight flight to UK →

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£500° per cabin to spend on board Free exotic

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CRUISING CAMPANIA



Italian women making pasta

Live 'la dolce vita' in Italy's Campania region. Experience the frenetic pace of Naples, walk in the footsteps of Romans in Pompeii and soak up the sun on the stunning Amalfi Coast. This is Italy in all its facades.

Naples

id you know that a true Neapolitan pizza must be made in accordance with a stringent set of rules, laid out by a recognised governing body and detailed in an 11-page document?

Naples takes its pizza seriously and whilst there is so much more to this city than its signature dish, it's a pretty good place to start. Pizzeria Port'Alba has been dishing up true Neapolitan pizza for over 180 years and is considered by many to be Naples' very first pizzeria, whilst movie buffs should head to Pizzeria da Michele in the Forcella district. Made famous by Julia Roberts in the movie 'Eat, Pray, Love', this place has been serving a slice of heaven since 1870.

Aside from its reputation as the rightful home of pizza, Naples is a destination that inspires many other preconceptions. Whilst the largest city in southern Italy has admittedly experienced a tumultuous past, few places offer a more authentic insight into the true Italian lifestyle. Like the paintwork of the frescoed churches that sit at the end of its medieval

alleyways, Naples is timeworn yet captivating.

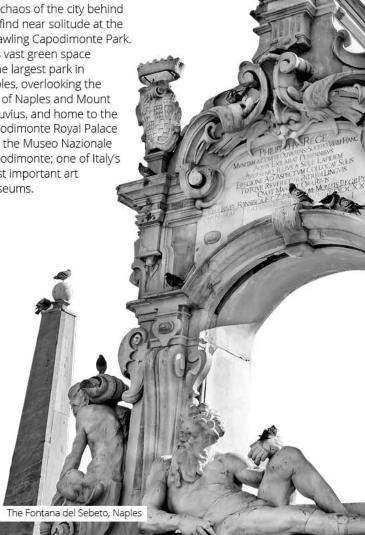
Centro Stico is found in the heart of the city and the bustling district of Spaccanapoli is its backbone. Some of Naples' most inconspicuous streets lead to the grandest piazzas and perhaps the most spectacular of them all is the Piazza de Plebiscito. The view here is impressive from all angles, from the pale pink Palazzo Reale to the east, to the neoclassical Chiesa di San Francesco di Paola to the west.

Nearby is the 13th century Duomo di San Gennaro, a cathedral dedicated to Naples' patron saint and which is famous for the two vials of his blood that are kept in the crypt altar. The blood famously liquefies several times each year and though there have been several scientific explanations offered, the 'miracle' continues to be celebrated as such to this day.

The Teatro di San Carlo is another star attraction and you needn't be a fan of the opera to appreciate the grandeur of the oldest opera house in Europe. When built for King Charles III in 1737,

the Teatro di San Carlo made Naples the music capital of Europe.

Those who are keen to leave the chaos of the city behind will find near solitude at the sprawling Capodimonte Park. This vast green space is the largest park in Naples, overlooking the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius, and home to the Capodimonte Royal Palace and the Museo Nazionale Capodimonte; one of Italy's most important art museums.





Pompeii

Italy's most popular tourist attraction comes straight from the history books and nowhere in the world can you get a greater insight into life in an ancient Roman city.

Mount Vesuvius has erupted over 50 times throughout the thousands of years that it has stood near the Bay of

Naples, however

it was a powerful
eruption in the
year of 79 AD
which cemented
its place in
history. Following
the enormous
eruption, an
avalanche
of red-

hot ash

cascaded down its sides, burying everything in its path including the once thriving port city of Pompeii. Today, following centuries of tireless excavation, the ancient Roman city stands almost as it did before the disaster hit.

Excavations began in 1748 and continue to this day, with generations of archaeologists having worked to unearth and preserve an entire city. Entire streets, temples, villas and even brothels have been uncovered, with highlights including the Grand Theatre, the House of the Farm, the Amphitheatre and the Garden of the Fugitives. Standing amongst them, with the menacing mass of the still active Mount

Vesuvius in the

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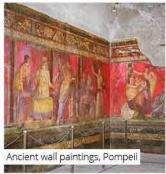
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of warning
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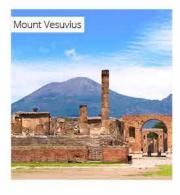
These vivid reminders of those who lost their life in the disaster are now some of the biggest attractions in the town, plaster having been poured into the cavities left by their decomposing bodies to preserve their shape, clothing and even their facial expressions. The result is haunting and fascinating in equal measure.

Many of the artefacts unearthed in Pompeii's buildings are housed at the Museo Archeologico Nazionale in Naples. This 17th century palazzo is home to one of the world's best collections of Graeco-Roman artefacts, including those from the towns of Herculaneum and Stabiae, both of which were also destroyed by the same volcanic eruption that devastated Pompeii. Pompeii itself is open to visitors every day, with entry costing €11 including a free guidebook. The best way to explore the city is to do so independently, wandering amongst the ruins. The site is so large that it is still perfectly possible to stumble upon deserted side streets, even on the busiest of days. Reaching Pompeii is a breeze; simply take the Circumvesuviana Naples-Sorrento train line from Naples Central Station to Pompeii Scavi-Villa

dei Misteri.











Amalfi Coast

he Amalfi Coast defies both gravity and belief. Sleepy painted villages cling precariously to steep hillsides, harbour towns are decorated with the white and blue boats of locals, dark sands fill tiny beach coves and the food is almost as good as the views. Don't get us wrong, the food here is delicious, but the views of the Amalfi Coast cannot be beaten by even the freshest fish in the sea and the juiciest lemons in Sorrento.

The Amalfi Drive is one of the most iconic routes in the world but nothing beats the feeling of approaching this colourful coast from the sea. When you tire of Roman ruins and gilded masterpieces, the Amalfi Coast - embellished by olive groves instead of gold and with the kind of natural beauty some of its high-maintenance visitors can only hope to replicate – is a breath of fresh air.

It'll take a mere 20 minutes to walk from one side of the pretty town of Amalfi to the other, but the sights you'll see along the way will stay with you forever. Set in the valley of the Lattari Mountains, its pastel Moorish villas spill out into the Bay of Salerno and its hills are crammed with the yellow and green of

lemon groves. Amalfi is the epitome of picturesque and a scene as sweet as the limoncello for which it is famed.

Once home to the greatest naval fleet in the Mediterranean, the town has since traded love for war, becoming one of Italy's most romantic destinations. Scratch beyond the surface, delving deeper between the cascading colours on the hills, and you'll unearth a labyrinth of streets that are every bit as impressive up close.

The panoramic commune of Positano is often described as the Amalfi Coast's most photogenic town; a bold claim given the beauty of the entire region. An inspirational hideaway for artists as recently as the 1950s, the town has become a hotspot for the rich, famous and fabulous. Roads and pathways have been replaced with steps for the most part, with even the houses themselves seemingly stacked like steps on the hillside. Shades of terracotta, pale yellow, cream and rose are interjected with the green of the mountains and the pink of valerian blooms; this town is as good looking as the clientele it attracts.

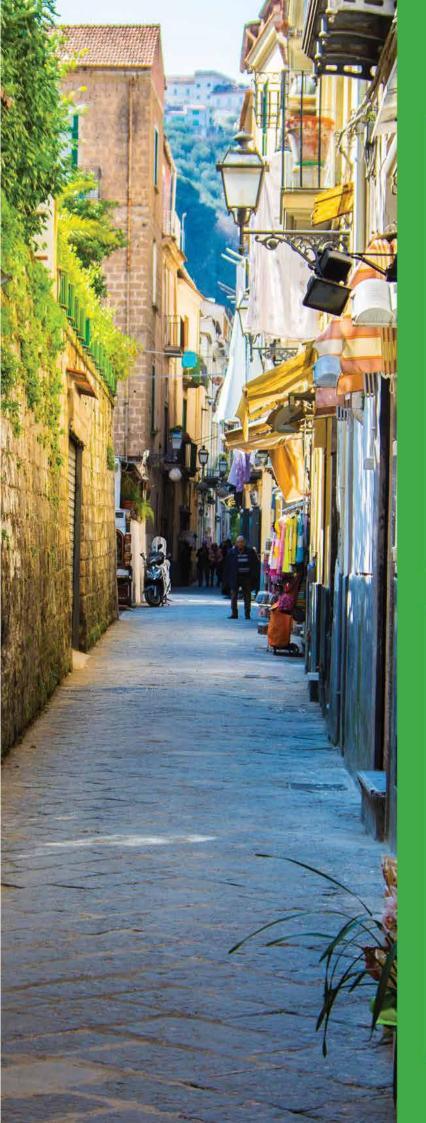
Unlike much of the Amalfi Coast, where the cliffs generally plunge straight into the sea, Positano has several beaches. Channelling Sophia Loren has never been easier than when reclining on the sands of Spiaggia Grande beach, the blue and gold mosaic scales of the baroque Church of Santa Maria Assunta behind you and the emerald sea of the Tyrrhenian ahead. "Positano bites deep", author John Steinbeck once wrote. "It is a dream place that isn't quite real when you are there and becomes beckoningly real after you have gone."

If Positano is the jewel of the Amalfi Coast, Ravello is its hidden treasure. Follow its peaceful streets to the gardens of the Villa Cimbrone and the bust-lined Terrace of Infinity. The view from here catches your breath and captivates your soul, stopping you dead in your tracks as it did DH Lawrence years before; the author made the villa his home whilst writing Lady Chatterley's Lover in 1927. The nearby Villa Rufolo is equally inspiring; legend has it that after trying for two years to complete the second

act of Parsifal, German composer Richard Wagner, was finally able to do so after being moved by the views from its gardens.









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CALL CRISE CON OVATION OF THE SEAS

By the time you read this, Harmony of the Seas — the largest cruise ship in the world — will have arrived on British shores. Back in April however, our heads were being turned by Royal Caribbean International's first new arrival of the year.









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ROYAL CARIBBEAN IS AS FAMOUS FOR FOOD AS IT IS FOR FUN

> Nothing brightens a grey April day quite like a multi-coloured waterpark or the neon lights of the North Star, so we headed to the Pool Deck the minute we boarded Ovation of the Seas. The smell of oriental noodles wafted under



our nostrils as we arrived, emanating from a new Kung Fu Panda restaurant that has replaced signature poolside joint, Johnny Rockets. Although we had arrived a little too soon to witness their arrival, another panda and her clambering cub would soon take a starring role on board,



perched at the very top of the ship, as Ovation's larger than life mascots. A strong panda presence, along with Chinese signage around the ship and a substantially larger casino, were the only noticeable alterations to the Quantum-class concept that served to remind us that Ovation of the Seas was ultimately intended for an Asian audience.

The North Star never ceases to amaze, though its appeal is undoubtedly greater over a beach and seascape than from 300ft above Southampton's industrial docks. Also found on the Pool Deck is Splashaway Bay, its multi-coloured slides promising to excite the kids to such an extent that they'll undoubtedly have to be prised away come tea time. It's no mean feat leaving the main pool either, where an outdoor movie screen, hot tub and the Pool Bar provide plenty to keep you occupied. Serenity seekers can head to the Solarium; occupying a

of the ship, this palm-tree scattered haven of relaxation features whirlpool spas, a three-tiered swimming pool and plenty of those plush shaded cabanas you always read about in the holiday brochures. Lazing away an entire day doesn't half work up an appetite, something they're happy to address at the chic Solarium Bistro. Throw in cocktails from the Sunshine Bar and you could quite easily hideaway there for days on end.

over a beach and seascape sizeable area at the very front for days on end. Jamie's Italian

Royal Caribbean's ships have this strange ability to inspire you to relive your youth. Head to the SeaPlex arena and you'll find yourself slipping into the seat of a bumper car or lacing up your roller skates before you know it. We did both, before refuelling with huge hotdogs laden with toppings from the SeaPlex Dog House, Sadly, being a fully-fledged adult means we wouldn't stand a chance in other areas on board; too technologicallychallenged to while away hours in an enormous Games Room full of Xbox's and PlayStations, and not nearly cool enough to join the teens in their dedicated nightclub, Fuel. 'Bored' isn't a word you encounter on a Royal Caribbean cruise and Ovation of the Seas isn't any different. Multi-coloured climbing walls, RipCord skydiving simulators and FlowRider surf simulators probably won't appeal to lovers of traditional cruising but are welcome groundbreaking developments for families that cruise; how many land-based resorts offer fun facilities that are comparable, not to mention a new destination almost every day?

The way to a Bolsover Cruise Club employee's heart is through their stomach and the dining options offered aboard Ovation of the Seas certainly hit the spot. Royal Caribbean is as famous for food as it is for fun and from late night pizza at Sorrento's, to avocado and fresh crab ice cream cones at the fantastical Wonderland and seafood velouté at the exclusive Coastal Kitchen; the ship deserves a standing ovation for its culinary









offerings alone. After nibbling on sushi at Izumi, salmon and cream cheese tarts in the Windjammer Marketplace and goat's cheese crostini at Jamie's Italian, we barely had room for our evening meal at Silk, one of the ship's complimentary dining rooms. We battled on in the name of research, loosening our belts and tucking into a taster menu that combined various dishes from each complimentary restaurant on board; we opted for seared tuna tataki, grilled filet mignon and good old apple pie, in case you were wondering.

Later on, we shimmled to the live samba that flowed out of Bolero's bar, past which we had wandered on route to the Music Hall. Here, we found ultimate eighties tribute band, the Wild Boys, filling the ears of revellers with the kind of 80's classics we all loved back in the day. Madonna, Bon Jovi and Tiffany all popped up on the track list, the Music Hall's plush velvet seating, epic chandelier and enormous dancefloor providing the perfect backdrop to the retro party atmosphere. Later, the more vocally gifted amongst us headed back to Bolero's for karaoke, whilst others grabbed a maroon leatherclad booth in Michael's Genuine Pub.

The following morning we disembarked from Ovation of the Seas into a foggy Southampton, something that seemed somewhat

symbolic of having to leave the fun behind. A single night on board had been enough to convince us all that Ovation of the Seas holds the same secret ingredient as Royal Caribbean's other ships, successfully imparting the fun factor into cruising. If you're gathering the family for some precious time away, and want a holiday where the older kids won't complain at being torn away from their Xbox and the younger ones can play safely under the sun whilst you relax with a book, before experiencing some of the best food and entertainment you've ever enjoyed, then Royal Caribbean's cruising concept is the one for you. Following

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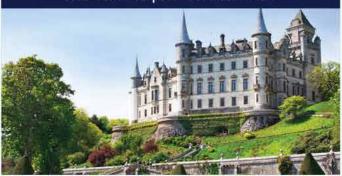
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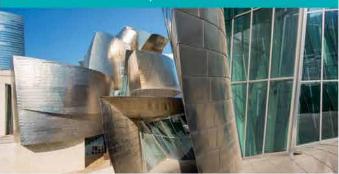
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THE NEW NORDIC

Who knew huskies could cause quite so much hysteria amongst a group of well-travelled adults?

Do you have huskies in your cabin?" was the question on everybody's lips and from the excitement that reverberated around the ship, you would have thought that our Arctic Superior staterooms had come complete with a pen full of puppies, all bright blue-eyed and bushy tailed. Sadly, the huskies that had caused so much hysteria weren't real ones, but rather black and white images tucked behind the enormous pillows on our double beds. You see, these black and white back boards were the differentiator between the cabins that had been refurbished and those that had not. Snowcovered hills thick with pine trees were depicted on the monochrome headboards of other newly refurbished cabins, and along with sleek beech units and a sizeable flat screen TV, made for quite the home-from-home during our two nights spent amidst the Norwegian Fjords.

It was the beginning of April and the Bolsover Cruise Club marketing team had been invited to join Hurtigruten on board the new and improved MS Kong Harald. Regarded by many as one of the best in the business when it comes to negotiating Norway's northern and western coasts in search of the Northern Lights, along with exploration voyages to Antarctica, Greenland, Iceland and Spitsbergen, Hurtigruten are famed more for encouraging outdoor adventures than tempting you to cosy up inside. Is it really possible to combine the two? On first impressions, MS Kong Harald certainly seems to be the ship to bridge the gap between exciting exploration and those all-important creature comforts.

The ship's extensive 'New Arctic Interior' refurbishment took place during an intensive 22-day dry dock in February 2016, with a skilled team working around the clock to completely transform a vessel named after the current king of Norway. Opulent regalia has been left to the Royal Palace in

Oslo however, with the inspiration behind MS Kong Harald's refurbishment instead reflecting the raw beauty of the country's stunning coastal landscapes; interiors were influenced by 'the fire, the waves and the seaweed' according to Hurtigruten's CEO, Daniel Skjeldam.

Having spent Friday night in a rather wet and windy Bergen, we practically sprinted through the Hurtigruten cruise terminal (we say practically rather than literally because Norwegian's do pastries even better than Mr Kipling does cakes. By the time we were to board MS Kong Harald, we were stuffed so full of cinnamon buns that we didn't have a run in us). Once on board, all memories of a rain sodden city tour slipped away and the cosy but contemporary interiors immediately lulled us into a state of 'hygge'. The Norwegians are pretty big on making themselves comfortable, so it seemed only fair to grab a coffee and make ourselves comfy in a sheepskinstrewn rocking chair at the Multe café. There is something so





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indulgent about doing nothing but watch as some of the world's most awesome landscapes pass you by. The icy scenery outside our windows merged seamlessly with an interior that has utilised natural materials, from sleek beech in our staterooms to dark walnut and cream leather in the Panorama Bar and charcoal grey slate in the Torget dining room.

All of MS Kong Harald's public areas have been refurbished, including its cafes, lounges and dining rooms. It is undeniable that the dining options aboard expedition ships aren't comparable to those on the world's biggest contemporary cruise ships, but five-course evening meals in lavish surroundings would simply be at odds with the natural beauty of the region and the adventurous nature of an exploration voyage. Instead, the stylish Nordic surroundings here are as clean

during a day ashore. The cuisine is heavily influenced by the local Norwegian specialities of the coastal areas through which Hurtigruten's ships sail; they're big on fish around these parts, catching it daily and delivering it straight to the ship via boat. We dined on some of the best starters of our lives in the fine dining restaurant, Kysten, where the menu changes every day to reflect the foods of the specific region through which you are travelling.

Head to Multe and you could be forgiven for thinking that you had been transported to one of the cosy cottages that are scattered along the water's edge. Cosy blankets and super-soft sheepskins are scattered over rocking chairs and benches, the walls covered in a combination of delicate embroideries and chintzy crockery; we even spotted a doily or two. This quaint cafe is the place to head when you no longer concern yourself with calories, for all attempts to refuse the pastries and ice creams on offer here are futile. The only exception to the rule is fish flavoured ice cream, an acquired taste that we hadn't quite developed when we were tricked into tucking in. It leaves a taste in your mouth that no amount of strawberry or chocolate chip can get rid of, though we certainly tried.

Further along deck 7 sits the Panorama Bar, the best spot on the ship in which to wait for a much-anticipated

appearance of the elusive Northern Lights. As its name suggests, the lounge features panoramic windows from which to take in those amazing views across the Norwegian Fjords and you're encouraged to make yourself comfortable in all-encompassing egg chairs, forcing yourself back out of which is a mission in itself. There's butter-soft cream leather and sleek walnut galore in here, although the view across the fjords remains the real star of the show both day and night. It was in the Panorama Lounge that we sat when we first heard the call of the Captain, alerting us to the appearance of the Northern Lights on the horizon. We peeled ourselves from the teal sofas, threw on our coats and headed up on deck, where sure enough we could see the pale green glow of the aurora borealis overhead. In that moment, nights were made and bucket lists were ticked.

For many, that is just what a Norwegian coastal voyage with Hurtigruten is all about; raw scenery, vast expanses of nature and rainbow lights that illuminate the sky for the fortunate few who find themselves in the right place at the right time. We venture to Norway for a taste of Mother Nature's finest work and if we can travel in style and comfort along the way, then that is just fine with us.











DINE IN NORWAY'S COASTAL KITCHEN

After spending time aboard Hurtigruten's newly refurbished MS Kong Harald, we waxed lyrical about its Nordic cuisine to all who would listen. Norway's coast is one of the most incredible natural 'pantries' in the world and Hurtigruten is its most loyal customer.

he expedition cruise line launched the concept of Norway's Coastal Kitchen in 2015, using food as a means of delving deeper into each destination. A journey through the fjords can't help but raise questions in the minds of those who are lucky enough to experience it; who lives in the humble wooden abodes at the water's edge and how do they sustain a life spent so remotely? Where did the cod fish ice

cream that you sampled this morning and talked about all afternoon originate from? By using food to tell the story of the cultures and traditions of the landscapes through which you sail, the cruise line turns a scenic voyage into an all-encompassing experience.

Hurtigruten is sometimes referred to as the Norwegian Coastal Express and its 11 ships visit 34 ports of call on a 'Classic Round-Voyage' itinerary, sailing almost the entire length of the country from Bergen to Kirkenes and back again in 12 days. The concept behind Norway's Coastal Kitchen focuses on appreciating the produce brought aboard by local suppliers in each port along the route. So, the Arctic char that you enjoy in the Kysten fine dining restaurant on board MS Kong Harald is caught late at night in Vesterålen and delivered to your plate the following afternoon. The scallops that are handpicked by divers off











the coast of Helgeland are still alive when they arrive on the ship and the cloudberries that are served out on deck in the autumn are handpicked and delivered by a little old lady in Finnmark. The cured leg of lamb served at lunchtime in the Torget dining room is brought aboard in Hellesylt, a pretty town near the stunning Geirangerfjord, whilst the berries in the evening's sea-buckthorn desert are collected when the ship docks in Trondheim. Red King Crab were first introduced into the Murmansk Fjord in the 1960s and have since become a vital part of local fishing culture in the Barents Sea. On Hurtigruten's ships, it is eaten sometimes just minutes after being caught, delivered direct to the ship by the boats of Finnmark's fishermen. On occasion you can even join the local fishermen on a rafting safari, heading out into the fjords to catch the crab, which can weigh up to 8kg, before returning it to the ship and having the chef cook it to your liking.

For those who are keen to sample a taste of the Norwegian coastline and everything it has to offer, Hurtigruten is offering a new 'Flavour of Norway' package. This five-day coastal voyage will show you some of the country's most scenic fjords, mountains and islands, whilst at the same time providing an opportunity to tuck into some of Scandinavia's freshest foods and even sail aboard the newly refurbished MS Kong Harald. Described by Hurtigruten as a 'short polar adventure' and with daily departures available from 7 April to 4 October 2016, the itinerary is perfect for those who are desperate to experience the Norwegian Fjords but don't have the free time to embark on a Classic Coastal Expedition.

You'll whet your appetite for Nordic cuisine with a threecourse meal at the Scandic Ishavshotel in Tromsø, the gateway to the Arctic Circle, before boarding MS Kong Harald and heading south towards Bergen. Along the way, you'll encounter scenery including the spectacular Seven Sisters waterfall, Norway's renowned curved Atlantic Road and the dramatic landscape of the Lofoten Islands, where you will be invited to join local fishermen on their hunt for the catch of the day. Back on board, you will enjoy the finest in local cuisine, with delicacies, produce and recipes inspired by your route along the coast. After five delicious days, you will arrive into the colourful harbour of Bergen; the historic wharfs of UNESCO-listed Bryggen on your left, a thriving cityscape on your right and the imposing hillsides of Mount Fløyen directly ahead.

Fares start at £745 per person with a choice of dates, based on two sharing an inside cabin on a full board basis. Flights, transfers and a 3-course meal at the Scandic Ishavshotel in Tromsø are also included.







CHASING THE LIGHTS

The Northern Lights are as elusive as they are impressive, making Hurtigruten's promise to show you them even more appealing. Here's what happened when Bolsover Cruise Club's Copywriter, Rebecca Martin, joined the search.

t was my first night aboard Hurtigruten's MS Kong Harald and the whole ship had slipped into a post-dinner lull in the Panorama Lounge when the announcement came over the speaker system. It was the Captain telling us, in a manner so casual it was as if he didn't know that he was about to tick something very important on many bucket lists, that the Northern Lights had made an appearance on the horizon. The excitement was immediate and palpable; in a flurry of Arctic fleeces and weighty Helly Hansen jackets, we headed out on deck en masse.

Sure enough, there they were.

Faint at first, tinging the sky with a shade of soft green, before shooting from the horizon in beams. Whether it's because I refused to eat my carrots as a child or not, is open to interpretation, but my eyesight in the dark is atrocious. The trusty and tarnished glasses that get me from A to B when the sun goes down had been left in my car at the airport, yet the green glow of the Northern Lights lit the skies so brightly, that even I could see them. Some turned their attention to capturing the perfect shot (a process involving apertures, tripods and other technicalities), whilst I joined those who simply stood and stared. We were ambling along the Sognefjord,

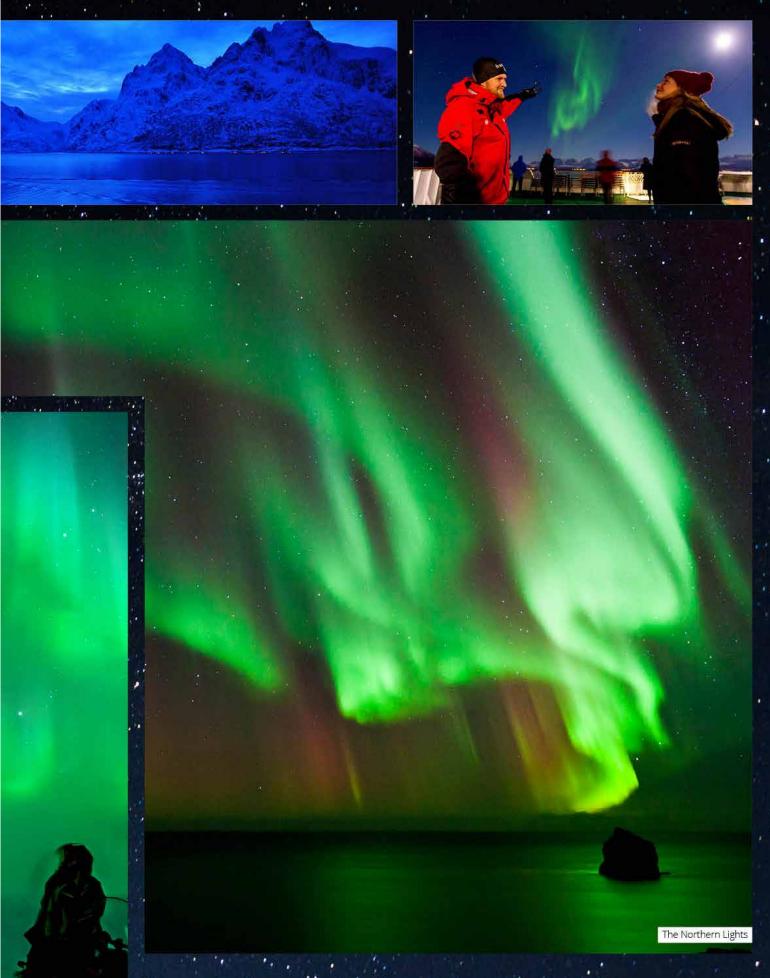
plates full of Nordic fare in our bellies and the aurora borealis in full force ahead of us; this is how a bucket list should be done.

There are few things in life that don't lose their magic as we get older and the Northern Lights are surely one of them, their appeal extending to all ages. Like almost every natural phenomenon, their mystical presence is in fact caused by science; the lights form when charged particles are emitted by the sun during a solar flare, penetrating the earth's magnetic shield and colliding with the atoms in our atmosphere on arrival. Science has made it easier to predict when the elusive lights will make an

appearance too, with apps and alerts now capable of forecasting the likelihood of activity based on the planetary magnetic index. Technical stuff indeed and even more reason to have Hurtigruten's team of experts by your side as you search the skies. Since 1893, Hurtigruten's ships have negotiated the legendary Norwegian coastal route between Bergen and Kirkenes every day, all year long. If there was ever an expert in chasing the lights, Hurtigruten is it.









he morning that followed the previous night's **Northern Lights** encounter brought with it bowls of the best hot cinnamon oats, served with a side of scenery that had us all reaching for our cameras once again. That's the great thing about a Norwegian coastal voyage; the backdrop during daylight hours is so awe-inspiring, that the arrival of darkness and the anticipation of those mystical lights almost becomes an afterthought.

Despite raising more than one toast to bucket lists the night before, the view outside my window when I woke early the next day was enough for me to shoot out of bed and up to the deck within minutes. The dark water reflected the snow-capped mountains like a mirror and I quickly decided that it was the most amazing view I had ever seen. The air was the freshest I had breathed and the sun was the brightest I had seen it, its heat not yet enough to change the Arctic scenery of Norway's vast icy expanses. We were charting a course along the Sognefjord towards Skjolden, a route not usually taken by Hurtigruten's ships but one that would give us a

taster of the landscape guests could expect to encounter on a full coastal voyage. It was hypnotic.

Whilst our own short trip was incredible, those who embark on a true Classics Round Voyage will see infinitely more. Described by Lonely Planet as 'The World's Most Beautiful Voyage', the journey takes you from Bergen to Kirkenes and back in 12 days, covering 2,500 nautical miles and calling at 34 ports, 22 of which lie north of the Polar Circle.

One thing to understand from the outset is that this is not a cruise but an exploration. The dramatic scenery can't fail to stir your sense of adventure; the Lofoten Islands, Trollfjorden and the Seven Sisters mountains are more amazing in person than you could ever imagine from photographs. The wintertime casts light in shades you've never seen anything like at home, from the purple and yellow glow over Bergen, to the 'Blue Hour' created by the indirect sunlight over Trondheim and the North Cape; every inch of the landscape is a photographers dream.

It is during the winter months that the aurora borealis is most often seen and Hurtigruten are so confident that the lights will occur during your 12 day voyage, that they will give you another 6 or 7-day Classic Voyage with half board FREE OF CHARGE if they don't. Hurtigruten's Northern Lights Promise applies to all Classic Round Voyages between 1 October 2016 and 31 March 2017, giving you the chance to become a true explorer during the time that Norway is at its most wild and inspiring. Let your adrenaline flow on a RIB safari or husky dog sled ride, take a horseback ride along the beaches of the Lofoten Islands, watch a midnight concert in the Arctic Cathedral in Tromsø, whale watch or kayak with the fjords encompassing you from all angles; the options are endless and the excursions range from action-packed to relaxed.

One of the best places in the world to enjoy the Northern Lights is from the deck of a Hurtigruten ship and with the promise of a free trip if they fail to make an appearance, there's never been a better chance of ticking the phenomenon off your bucket list. With regional flights departing from around the UK, the magic of the Northern Lights is closer than you think.







Northern Lights Occurrence is defined as a sighting from the ship which is recorded by the ship's deck officers and which is announced to passengers on board. An occurrence can last anything from a few minutes to a matter of hours, and the ships decision as to whether the Northern Lights occurred is final. We hope that you will experience seeing the Northern Lights whilst on your Classic Round Voyages cruise, although we cannot be held responsible if you don't. We do however, promise that in the event of there being no Northern Lights Occurrence as defined above on your voyage, we will invite you back to cruise with us once more. Offer valid for UR and Ireland passengers only. You will be able to take a 6 or 7 days Classic Voyage cruise, departing 1 October 2017 to 31 March 2018 in an unspecified inside twin cabin on a half board basis, (you may upgrade to another grade of cabin and add meals subject to additional costs and availability). This offer applies to all new bookings on the Classic Round Voyages, departing from 1 October 2016 to 31 Mar 2017. Hurtigruten reserves the right to withdraw or amended the offer at any time. Please check with Bolsover Cruise Club at the time of booking as to current status of offer. The offer cruise must be booked within 28 days from your return date. A choice of departure dates will be given. Exclusions' Offer excludes flights, transfers, all on board expenses, excursions, luggage handling. Offer does not apply to re-scheduled or cancelled cruises. Bookings are non-transferable, non-changeable and have no cash value.

NORWAY'S ENDLESS SUMMER SUN

See the deep colours of Norway's beautiful coast and fjords this summer, and bask in the Midnight Sun, 24 hours of glorious sunshine.

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Nesna
Sandnessjøen
Brønnøysund
Rørvik
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A FLAVOUR OF NORWAY

Tromsø-Bergen | 5 days | 22 ports

from £745pp* on a full-board basis

This taster tour of Norway's coast takes in the stunning Lofoten islands, the Vesterålen region, the picturesque Helgeland coast, and the Seven Sisters mountain range with its distinctive Torghatten Mountain.

Daily departures from 1 April to 30 September 2016

Includes:

- ✓ Direct flights from London
- ✓ Three-course dinner at Scandic Ishavshotel, Tromsø on your first evening

*Price based on April & September 2016 departures











BRUGES BOUND

Training Team Leader, Sarah Wilson, boarded P&O Cruises' Ventura on a mini cruise bound for Bruges. With her young family in tow, Sarah set sail for the land of chocolate shops and waffles; here's what she thought.



Which ports did you visit?

We did a two-night mini cruise with one port of call, Zeebrugge, a place most people sail to in order to visit the beautiful medieval town of Bruges.

Bruges' main square is full of charm. An enchanting clock tower dominates the square, which also offers a variety of bars, restaurants, shops and museums to explore. The shops, many of which are chocolate shops, are so beautiful that they are almost a work of art in themselves. From here we could have taken a horse drawn carriage or bus tour around the town, however we decided to explore on foot.

Must pack item

"Where is your suit carrier?" I asked my husband as we arrived in the departure lounge. "Hanging on the wardrobe door at home..." he replied, with a very guilty look on his face. So, please remember to pack your tuxedo and cocktail dress for a two night mini cruise as there will be a formal night and you will need it!

How did you find that a mini cruise differed from longer itineraries?

In essence it feels very much the same but there are a few practical differences. For example, the port parking is not a valet service, but rather we gave our luggage to the porters on arrival and then took our own car to the nearby car park. You need less luggage on a mini cruise, meaning you can carry it on and off the ship yourself and disembark more quickly. You may also find that a mini cruise attracts a wider variety of ages and types of customer, creating a really fun atmosphere.

Favourite spot on board

We spent a few lovely hours relaxing by the Laguna Pool and whirlpool spa after a busy day in Bruges. This is a wonderful feature on Ventura as the pool area's retractable roof sees it become a warm solarium on cooler days, making the ship ideal for a winter mini cruise.

Why would you recommend people consider a mini cruise as an alternative to the traditional city break?

On a mini cruise, your holiday starts the moment you arrive at Southampton, eradicating the effort of flying abroad. This, and the fact that you can take as much luggage as you like, makes mini cruises especially appealing to parents. Ventura caters wonderfully for families; the kids clubs are fantastic and cater for children as



Most memorable meal

The aforementioned lack of tuxedo meant that we couldn't dine in the main restaurant on the formal night. Instead, we settled our two girls in the children's club and decided to try a meal in Olly Smith's Glass House. I absolutely loved this restaurant. The beautiful food, fine wine and a relaxed but romantic atmosphere made for a wonderful evening.

young as two years old. Early children's teas have the kids fed, happy and loving life in the kids clubs, so mum and dad can enjoy some precious time together. There's lots to enjoy as a family too. Also, when you book a mini cruise you can be confident that your accommodation, food and entertainment will be fantastic.



Who would you recommend P&O Cruises' Ventura to?

Ventura is one of my favourite ships and suits many different types of people. It has so much to offer and families, couples and singles of all ages would have a most enjoyable holiday.

MARVELLOUS MINERVA

We caught up with Swan Hellenic's Director of Product and Planning, Lynn Cornish, to find out where the new season will take iconic small ship Minerva and her loyal guests.

i Lynn, thanks for taking the time to speak to us for the latest edition of Into The Blue. We're looking forward to finding out what is in store for Swan Hellenic and of course, Minerva.

As Director of Product and Planning at Swan Hellenic, you are heavily involved in the development of new itineraries and shore excursions. How does your team begin planning itineraries for the new programme and what goes into ensuring that the shore excursions offer something for everyone?

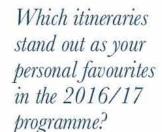
We are only a small team but we have lots of knowledge within the industry. Our Senior Itinerary Planner begins the process by building a picture of what a new season would look like, reviewing the suitability of each port for our passengers

and then liaising every step of the way with our shore excursion contracting team. We talk about where we have been and what would suit our passenger profile. We scrutinise passenger feedback and try to create an enticing mixture of excursions that give guests the opportunity to learn more about the culture and the history of the places they are visiting. We like to introduce new gems for our

loyal following, but also include cities like Rome or Florence so passengers who are new to cruising can identify with us.

Which new destinations will Minerva visit over the coming season?

We're excited to have included many new ports in our coming summer season. New destinations include Douarnenez in France, Rijeka in Croatia and some really intriguing ports of call in the White Sea, just off the northwest coast of Russia!

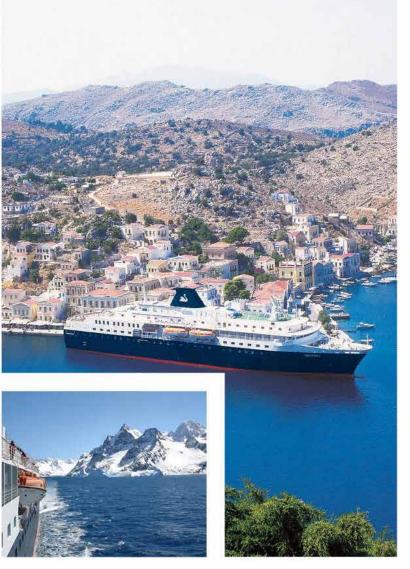


Some personal favourites of mine would be the 'Italian Overture' cruise or our 'Fiestas de Navidad' itinerary. During 'Italian Overture', we offer inclusive shore excursions in each port of call, giving guests a chance to really immerse themselves in the history and culture of Italy and the surrounding area. 'Fiestas de Navidad' shares the same inclusivity of shore excursions throughout Spain, France and some Mediterranean island gems, together with New Year celebrations in Barcelona.

Could you tell us a little more about Swan Hellenic's extended fly-cruise programme for summer 2016?

Our fly-cruise season runs from August to November 2016 and visits 17 Mediterranean destinations. Our repositioning cruise to the Med departs on 16th August 2016, with the season ending in Cyprus on 2nd November 2016.











Minerva has
spent the last few
winters in India
and the Far East,
or has headed west
towards Central
and South America.
What inspired the
decision to stay in
the Mediterranean,
remaining much
closer to home in
winter 2016/17?

Swan Hellenic has a history of staying 'closer to home' in the winter months so after many years of taking Minerva to destinations afar, the decision was made to bring her back to her roots and stay in the Mediterranean. Less time travelling, being able to visit all the classic sights of the Med without the crowds and the season including more shore excursions than ever before (worth up to £950pp) are just some of the many benefits of staying here.

The multi-award winning Minerva has charmed travellers for over 60 years. What do you think it is about the vessel that sets it apart from other small ships?

We are proud to deliver an experience that we know our passengers love. We pride ourselves on giving our guests the opportunity to explore destinations, learn about them,

and then to relax and enjoy the elegant atmosphere on board after a day of discovery.

Swan Hellenic recently introduced eight cabins for single occupancy with no supplement. Was this in response to a growing number of single travellers cruising on board Minerva?

It's important to cater for your passenger's needs. There is a growing demand for single travellers and these eight cabins are a great option for people who are trying to find single cabins with no supplement. They are more often than not, the cabins which sell out first.





Swan Hellenic's
Guest Speaker
programme is
considered to be one
of the best at sea.
Why do you think
enrichment and
education continues
to hold so much
importance for
cruisers?

Guest Speakers have been an integral part of the Swan Hellenic experience from the very beginning. Archaeologist, Sir Mortimer Wheeler, is credited as Swan Hellenic's first eminent speaker who, back in the 1950s, travelled with passengers on their cruises, visiting sites from Antiquity and bringing history to life for them. Passengers were also given a detailed

book about their cruise, which featured an article written by the Guest Speakers; something that continues to this date. What better way is there to travel than with someone who has dedicated much of their life to researching a particular place and having them share their enthusiasm with you the entire time?

These
knowledgeable
Guest Speakers,
along with visits
to lesser-known
ports and a choice
of shore excursions
included within
your fare, have seen
Swan Hellenic earn
a reputation as a
market leader for

cultural cruising.

What do you offer

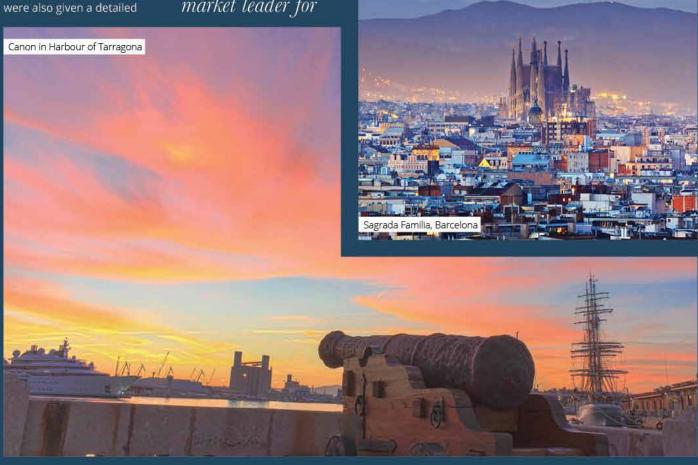
that other specialist

cruise lines cannot?

The beauty of small ships is that we can look for the more hidden gems. For example, a port like Tarragona has been chosen because it is only around 30 minutes from Barcelona. Rather than arriving in a port with five or six large ships, we can sail into a quaint and more unique port, from where passengers can travel into the city and soak up the atmosphere either in the morning or afternoon, whilst still having the opportunity to visit a Roman amphitheatre, a monastery and an archaeological museum in small numbers in Tarragona itself.

Finally, what does the future hold for Swan Hellenic? Will we eventually see a sibling for Minerva?

I believe that what makes the Swan Hellenic style of cruising so special is the fact that it is niche and with only around 300 people on Minerva at any time, the Swan Hellenic experience can certainly be quite exclusive. There's a great affection for Minerva from our passengers and we want to continue to deliver that something special, so for now at least we've no plans to introduce a sibling to the fold.



Stay even Explore in greater depth with a FREE 3-night city break in an incredible destination this winter



Swan Hellenic's winter 2016/17 calendar of cruises sees Minerva head to the Mediterranean, giving you the chance to escape the British winter without the need of a longhaul flight. With temperatures cooling slightly at this time of year and fewer tourists heading to the iconic sites you will visit, you will explore in greater depth and comfort. These itineraries have been crafted to feature more time in port than ever before, up to three whole days per cruise, allowing you to reach the heart and soul of every destination you visit as you explore the delights of renowned cities including Rome, Dubrovnik and Barcelona.

COMPLIMENTARY CITY BREAK WORTH UP TO £549pp

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- All gratuities, port taxes & porterage of luggage
- · Extended stays in port
- Selection of onboard activities & entertainment



ADRIATIC COASTS TO VENICE

27 Nov 2016 - 13 days

Fly from UK to Piraeus (Athens), Kotor, Dubrovnik (overnight in port), Split, Sibenik, Rijeka, Koper, Venice, fly to UK

FARES PER PER		MIN16112
CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE	OFFER
Balcony Suites from	£4,970	Complimentary 3 night city break in Athens or Venice
Outside Cabins from	£2,680	Complimentary 3 night city break in Athens or Venice
Inside Cabins from	£1,995	



OVERTURE

9 Dec 2016 - 13 days

Fly from UK to Venice, Ravenna, Kotor, Brindisi, Naples, Livorno (overnight in port), Rome (Civitavecchia), fly to UK

FARES PER PER	RSON	MIN161209
CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE	OFFER
Balcony Suites from	£4,715	Complimentary 3 night city break in Venice or Rome
Outside Cabins from	£2,545	Complimentary 3 night city break in Venice or Rome
Inside Cabins from	£1,895	



FIESTAS DE NAVIDAD

21 Dec 2016 - 14 days

Fly from UK to Rome (Civitavecchia), Cagliari, Mallorca (overnight in port), Valencia, Tarragona, Barcelona (overnight in port), Marseille, fly to UK

FARES PER PER	MIN16122	
CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE	OFFER
Balcony Suites from	£5,710	Complimentary 3 night city break in Rome or Aix-en-Provence
Outside Cabins from	£3,080	Complimentary 3 night city break in Rome or Aix-en-Provence
Inside Cabins from	£2,465	

Ocean Cruise fares calculated are per person based on two people sharing a double occupancy cabin. Fares apply to new bookings only, are correct as of 5 May 2016, are subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time. Complimentary City Break Offer is applicable to Outside and Balcony cabins only and must be booked by 31st May 2016. This offer is applicable to six cruises only. Offer is subject to availability and can be withdrawn or amended at any time. No retrospective discounts can be applied. Standard fares are based on current availability and are the lowest available standard brochure fare at the time of print. A deposit of £300 per passenger or 15% of the total fare due, whichever is highest (or full payment for bookings takes within 119 days of departure) is due on booking. Flights included are economy and, where applicable, overse airport transfers apply to Swan Hellenic dedicated group flights only. Travel insurance is not included. Booking terms and conditions apply. Visas where applicable are included in your cruise fare, although there may be conserved to the first payment of the Swan Hellenic August 2015 brochure. Please always, book visa requirements before booking.



RIJEKA

If you haven't yet heard of Rijeka, the chances are that you soon will. A maritime city since Venetian times and set to become the European Capital of Culture in 2020, the destination will soon become known as so much more than just the gateway to Croatia's islands.







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Eat

Thanks to its proximity to the Adriatic and like so many coastal towns in Croatia's Kvarner region, Rijeka thrives on seafood. Big, juicy pink scampi are a speciality here, along with Istrian asparagus and lamb that has grazed on the herby, salt-soaked hillsides.

Rijeka's two local food markets have thronged with locals since the 1800s, their counters boasting everything from piles of silvery sardines to goat's cheese from tiny farms on the island of Krk and folds of local pršut, a home-cured ham similar to prosciutto.

Later on, wander to one of the atmospheric inns that cling to the hills above Rijeka, many of which have been run by the same family for decades. "He who drinks the water from Rijeka once, will keep coming back", or so says the ancient proverb.

Drink

Whether it's water you drink here, or something a little stronger, Rijeka offers plenty of places in which to enjoy a tipple or two. Korzo is the best spot in town for people watching with a morning espresso or a gourmet coffee from the Filodrammatica Bookshop Café.

If you don't consider yourself on holiday until you have a cold glass of wine in hand, you're in luck here; there are an abundance of indigenous grape varieties in Croatia and some of the Kvarner region's best white wines are sipped in the harbour-side wine bars of Rijeka's waterfront. Rijeka Karneval is one of the biggest in the world. Over 100,000 people visit the carnival, which has been compared to Rio's, every year, lining the streets to watch vast floats, dancers, marching bands and firework displays.

Aside from its annual carnival, Rijeka has plenty more to offer its visitors, many of whom are passing through on route to the stunning Dalmatian islands. The medieval fort of Trsat and the Church of St Vitus are two of Rijeka's most iconic constructions, whilst Korzo sits at the heart of the city and is a place to shop and live like a local in the shadow of charming period buildings.

Croatia's National Parks are some of the most naturally beautiful in the world and one of the country's best and most visited is the vast wilderness of Risnjak National Park, which sits within easy reach of Rijeka.



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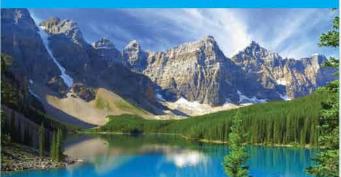
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Golden sand, hot sun and warm sea are adjectives befitting many destinations in the world, but add into the mix whitewashed villas, rustic tavernas, signature dishes like Moussaka and Kleftiko, evenings backed by a mandolin soundtrack, and there can be no mistaking that you are speaking of the Greek Islands. How many islands are there? Well, that is a matter of conjecture; estimates range to over 1,200, though most prefer to count only the islands which are inhabited, a number said to be between 160 and 225.

ost of the Greek Islands are situated in the Aegean Sea between mainland Greece and Turkey, and year after year tourists flock here by cruise ship. Some are returning on an annual pilgrimage, whilst others are drawn to the area after having seen films such as Zorba the Greek, Mamma Mia or Shirley Valentine, the story of a housewife who travels on holiday to Mykonos and finds romance on its shores.

Crete, the largest Greek isle at 160 miles long and 37 miles wide, is also the most southerly and densely populated with over 600,000 inhabitants. The ancient Minoan Civilisation that occupied this land is regarded by many as the earliest recorded civilisation in Europe.

Sail into Heraklion, Crete's capital, and you could be forgiven for thinking you were in any other port in the world. Heraklion is a city of modern shops, bars, restaurants and souvenir vendors, however take

a taxi ride away from the town and you will find yourself in countryside that has remained unchanged for centuries. With mountain peaks reaching over 8,000 feet and rivers and lakes scattered between them, the Cretan landscape abounds with date palms and olive trees producing virgin olive oil, one of the region's most important exports. Ask your taxi driver to take you to a beach and he will probably take you to the area of Agios North and the beach of Agios Nikolaos; a horseshoeshaped bay of golden sand where the hot sun is tempered by the often present breeze. Here you can bathe in the crystal clear waters or just sink into one of the comfortable loungers and daydream away your day. For a late lunch, indulge yourself in one of the small waterfront tavernas this small town has to offer, enjoying freshly caught grilled fish and a Greek salad washed down with a carafe of local wine, before heading back to the ship with another day of memories.

Rhodes is perhaps the best known of the Greek Islands and is full of beauty and rich in culture. Famous for its mythology going back to the time of the Trojan War and Achilles, the island is also known to many as the home of The Colossus of Rhodes. One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, this statue of the sun god Helios was a similar size to the Statue of Liberty and was a symbol of liberty and victory after a long war with Macedonia.

Whilst Rhodes is known to many as the home of the lively resort of Faliraki, the destination has another face. Travelling along the island's east coast, where the mountains form a backdrop to the sea, you'll arrive at the village of Lindos. It is here that Roger Moore and Telly Savalas spent time whilst filming 'Return to Athena' and visitors may also recognise the area as the setting for the film 'Guns of Navarone', with actor Anthony Quinn so taken with the location, that he purchased an area that is today known as Anthony Quinn Bay.

Once in Lindos, leave your coach behind and take the steep climb to the Acropolis





of Lindos, an intriguing archaeological site currently undergoing restoration. Within the fortress lies the Temple of Athena, the Medieval Castle and the Governors Palace that was occupied by the Knights of St. John. Whilst the site originally encompassed three buildings, only two remain today. Take in the truly amazing views across the calm blue waters of the Aegean and visit the Byzantine Church of the Panagia, which was built in 1300. The impressive colourful frescoes astound many visitors and should not be missed. Returning to Rhodes Town,

or Rodos in Greek, you will discover the medieval city of Rhodes, designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1988. Strolling through centuries of history, where over 200 of the streets have no name, you will most probably find yourself lost in the oldest medieval town in Europe! Discover the ruins of the Temple of Venus, roam Simi Square, home to the Municipal Art Gallery and its collection of works by modern Greek artists, and take a trip back in time on the long cobblestone stretch known as the 'Street of The Knights'. Modern day Rhodes has somehow managed to replace some of the old with new, whilst still retaining every ounce of its beauty. An example of this is the entrance to the ancient Mandraki harbour, where the feet of Colossus once stood but which is now guarded by deer and fawn statues atop soaring

columns. Rhodes is a fabulous island deserving of its place on so many cruise itineraries.

For many, the 'jewel in the crown' of the Greek Islands is Santorini, a rock that has risen proudly from the sea and is said to hold the secrets of Atlantis, A favourite destination for many cruise lines, Santorini is a photographer's paradise and serves as the subject of almost every glossy image of the Mediterranean depicting blue church domes and golden bells within whitewashed walls. There is no port here as such, so the ship anchors and transfers its passengers to the shore by tender. From there, it is up to you how you choose to reach the town: cable car, donkey ride or walking. A steady walk is preferable to the majority; the cable car travels closely to the cliff face and for some can prove a little unnerving at times, whilst many can't help but feel a little sorry for the donkeys that walk the steep pathway up to the town.

Once reached, the town of Fira is a sight for sore eyes with its sparkling whitewashed buildings. Many restaurants offer al fresco dining on platforms jutting out from the dramatic cliffs, affording unparalleled views across the Aegean that are tempting enough to lure even those who are afraid of heights. Visit the local vineyards where excellent wines including the famous 'Assyrtiko', are produced or explore the ancient city of Akrotiri. Dubbed the 'Minoan Pompeii', it is the most important archaeological site on the island and dates back to the 17th century BC. Those who aren't feeling especially adventurous may simply choose to roam the cobbled streets of the town, where flower sellers display their wares on the backs of their donkeys and old tavernas tempt you into the shade for a glass of chilled Ouzo.

Finally, no guide to the Greek Islands would be complete without mentioning Mykonos. This glamorous island is a playground for the rich and famous, who come from all over the world to see and be seen in its cosmopolitan harbour. The Mykonos waterfront is lined with tavernas where the tables never seem to empty, the aroma of grilled fish fills the air and blue waters lap the shore only metres away. Travel away from the town and you'll discover secluded beaches where you can swim, sunbathe and even BBQ fish and meat brought in fresh from town; serve with a Greek salad, feta cheese and lashings of olive oil. Hire a boat and sail to those parts generally only known to the locals, then finally, as the sun sets into the sea as a big red fiery ball, sample a glass of chilled rosé and reflect on how good life can be.









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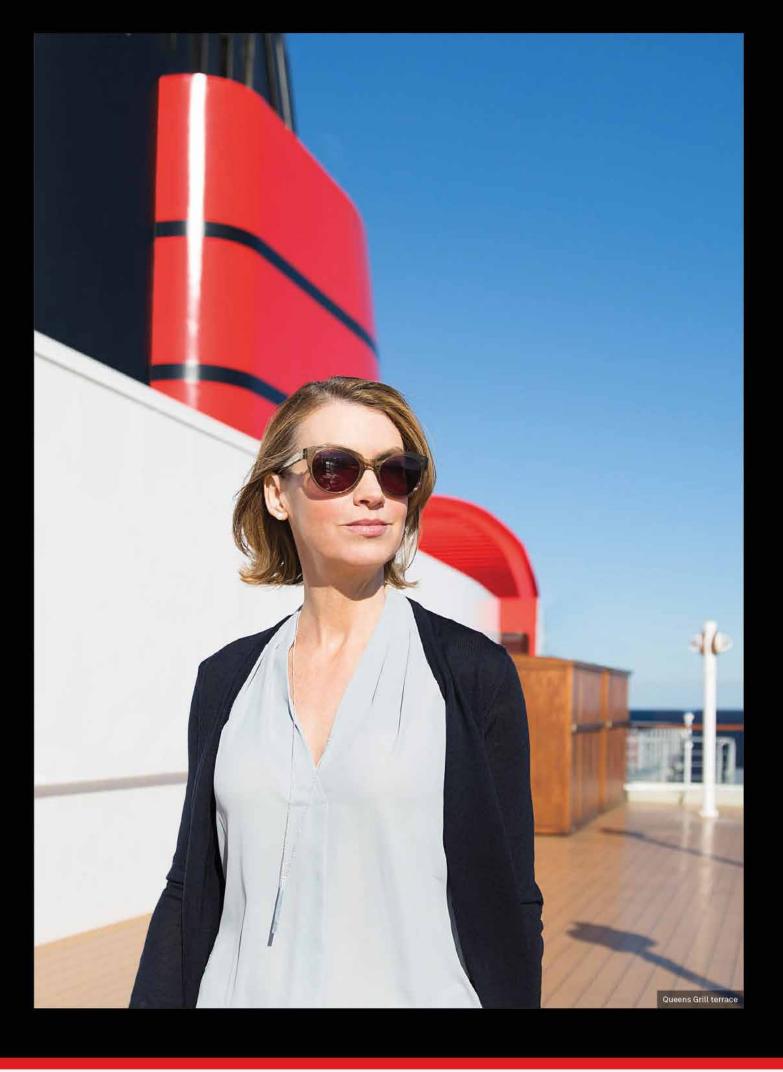
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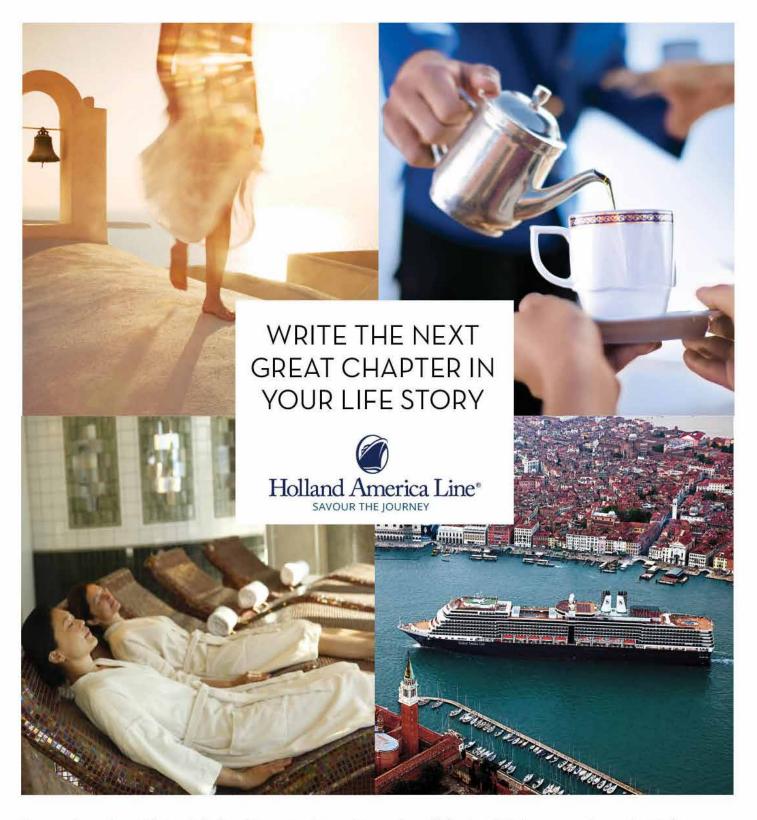
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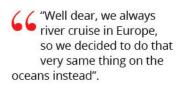
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VIKING STAR

River Relaxation, Ocean Exploration

Viking Ocean Cruises recently became the first new cruise line in a decade but how would they recreate the success of the river cruise ships that reign supreme on the world's smaller waterways? As final preparations were made for a second ship to join the fleet, our copywriter Rebecca Martin boarded Viking Star to find out what makes Viking's first ocean ship so special.



The diminutive, baseball cap clad American spoke in a Southern drawl when replying to my question of how she came to be aboard Viking Star. I had caught her attention whilst waiting to board the ship in Palma, part way through its Mediterranean itinerary, and I couldn't help but think that she must have had quite the shock at embarkation, having been under the impression that the Viking Ocean experience would be similar to a Viking River cruise. Viking Star has the capacity to accommodate 930

guests; more than four times as many as the average Viking Longship that sails Europe's waterways. I thought to myself that the poor lady wouldn't know what had hit her if she expected the experience to be the same.

However, she wasn't wrong, I was. I knew it from the moment I stepped aboard and it was reconfirmed at various points throughout my time on the ship. Viking Cruises have taken their successful formula on the rivers and brought it to the oceans, refusing to sacrifice an ounce of service or style along the way. It is what 84% of Viking's river cruise passengers had said that they wanted and it is exactly

what they had got. That little American lady was right.

If I could compare Viking's first ocean ship to anything, aside from the longships for which the river cruise line is so renowned, it would be a five-star luxury spa resort. That being said, they'd probably prefer that I didn't. You see, although the cruise line undoubtedly offers five-star surroundings and service on board its ocean ships, you'll never hear them describe themselves as anything more than the top end of four-star; undersell and over-deliver is the Viking Ocean motto, meaning you're never anything less than incredibly impressed.



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Spas have become de rigueur on new ships, so to say that the one aboard Viking Star is the best we've ever seen at sea is a bold claim. Fortunately, there is plenty of evidence to substantiate this assertion. Firstly, The Spa, as the haven of relaxation run by LivNordic is simply known, is complimentary to all guests, with the exception of treatments. Secondly, from the sleek reception desk to the airy salon and the plunge pools in the changing rooms; it is clear that The Spa is something special from the moment you enter. Alongside the aforementioned plunge pool, both changing rooms also feature a sauna, Jacuzzi and seating area that has 'post-spa





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slumber' written all over it.

The Thermal Suite is seriously into the into

Spa

Take a dip and you'll have the choice of a bubbling whirlpool or the warm waters of the main thalassotherapy pool. The real star of the spa show however, is the Snow Grotto. Embracing the holistic approach to wellness for which Nordic culture is famed, brave souls are encouraged to delve into the foot-deep snow that accumulates overnight, before warming their cockles in the sauna. When done right, the process is detoxing, great for soothing tired muscles after a day of exploring and able to stimulate your circulation like nothing else can.

There's no better way to end a spa day than with afternoon tea, so I'm only slightly ashamed to say that our group indulged twice in two days, at Viking Star's Wintergarden. Choosing between 70 different varieties of tea isn't easy but everybody knows that green tea offsets the calories found in cake, so we enjoyed two cups of that

in between finger sandwiches, pistachio macarons, clotted cream on warm scones, tiny apple tarts and mousse volcanoes overflowing with chocolate sauce. The sun was shining in Valencia, dappling through the beech millwork canopy that sits beneath the Wintergarden's retractable roof and imparting the kind of warm smugness that only ever comes with being on holiday. Nordic design in Mediterranean climates, served with a side of cake? What wasn't there to love?

Elsewhere, the Explorers' Lounge is vast, occupying two floors at the very forward of the ship. I'd headed here one morning to do some work and happened to sneeze as I walked by the bar. Within minutes, a rather handsome young waiter had appeared with coffee and cream served in vintage-style crockery, along with a tissue, which he handed to me with the suggestion that a hot drink might help my cold. It's this kind of service, in addition to such serene surroundings, that makes your time on board Viking Star so special. Snuggling into deep sofas, surrounded by knitted cushions and reindeer fur throws, it is impossible not to feel relaxed. Later on, when the coffee turned to cocktails and the water vapour lit to become flames in the fireplace, the cosy ambience remained akin to that of a chic ski resort. Après ski at sea, who knew?

The Explorers' Lounge incorporates one of the many charming details that help Viking Star stand out against the competition. From 11am, Mamsen's Deli dishes up traditional Scandinavian fare, including freshly-made hot waffles topped with a Norwegian brown cheese known as Brunost. The sweet thing here, aside from the cheese, is that the word 'Mamsen' is Norwegian for 'mum' and the monochrome image that hides the counter within the walls of the Explorers' Lounge when closed actually depicts the mother of Viking CEO, Torstein Hagen. The excitable child she pulls behind her is her granddaughter, Karine, and the image is one that could have fallen straight from the pages of any family photo album.

Viking Cruises' Scandinavian heritage is apparent around the ship, from the black and white fjord photos that appear to have been ripped from the pages of private travel journals and framed, to the mementos that line the walls of the Living Room; a magnifying glass here,



a map there, travel books everywhere. It's apparent in the cool colour scheme and the Scandi-chic décor of your spacious stateroom and it is incorporated into the design of the Atrium; a grand space where Viking's Scandinavian heritage is acknowledged not only with displays of Viking artefacts but also by the first lichen garden at sea, painstakingly planted into a geometric work of art that sits beneath the central staircase.

While its staterooms and suites embody a sense of Scandinavian style, Viking Star's restaurants are straight out of old Hollywood. Manfredi's dishes up Italian fare in snazzy leather booths, the walls lined

with black and white shots of silver screen stars. Open up the double doors to Manfredi's private dining room and the glamour turns up a notch, all at no extra cost.

Private dining here is a must if you're celebrating a special occasion; speak to the Maitre d' in advance and he'll arrange to have congratulatory messages from home displayed on the television screens that are discreetly concealed behind the artworks at one end of the dining room. With the whole group gathered, you're set to work your way through an enticing Italian menu. My squid rings were ocean fresh, juicy and served with a balsamic aioli;

the perfect fishy appetizer to a meaty main course. We'd been promised the best steak we had ever eaten and it certainly ranked highly, arriving smothered in a roasted garlic gorgonzola butter, and accompanied by a side of soft, salty, truffle roasted fingerling potatoes and piles of crunchy asparagus spears.

The Restaurant is the ship's bright and airy main dining room, whilst The Chef's Table joins Manfredi's as Viking Star's second speciality venue, offering a six-course tasting menu each evening. The menu here changes every three nights, alternating between Asian, Italian and French fare, and with space for 130 guests

each evening, there's plenty of opportunity for everyone to enjoy the experience during their time on board.

The Kitchen Table is the only dining venue that isn't included within your cruise fare, but the interactive experience is well worth its fee of \$299. You'll need to set aside a whole day to dine here, accompanying the chef to market in culinary hotspots such as Barcelona, before returning to the ship to concoct the ingredients just purchased into an amazing three-course meal. Wine pairings are included, of course. If you consider yourself to be more of a oenophile than a foodie, Viking Star's wine tasting sessions last just under





two hours, include cheese and will set you back just \$20.

The similarities between Viking River Cruises and Viking Ocean Cruises extend to your fare, with everything from wines to the in-room minibar, room service, Wi-Fi and walking tour shore excursions included. On my second day aboard, I wired up my 'QuietVox' audio system and joined a walking tour of Valencia. My tour guide was as knowledgeable as they come, Valencia was beautiful and we even had a chance to try the city's sweet signature oranges.

After two nights on board, we arrived in Barcelona, and a late airport transfer meant that we had the entire ship to ourselves for most of the day, giving us ample time to revisit the spa and tuck into dinner at the World Café. To compare this eatery to a buffet would be to do it an injustice, for it is the only casual dining venue at sea with its own open kitchen; order meatballs or a huge bowl of chicken pesto pasta and the chef will whip it up while you wait, leaving you free to gather

a plate of accompaniments from the fresh salad section in the meantime. We tucked in on the terrace, with the Spanish sun on our backs and the black and white mosaic hot tub bubbling away beside us. When the time finally came to leave, we did so reluctantly and with our hearts set on coming back.





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3	Cesme, Turkey	8am	6pm
4	Bodrum, Türkey	8am	11pm
5	Rhodes, Greece	8am	6pm
6	Santorini, Greece	8am	5pm
7	Spetses, Greece	8am	5pm
8	Piraeus, Athens	7am	
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Seabourn Odyssey Adriatic & Greek Isles 7 nights | Venice to Athens 18* Jun; 16 Jul; 13* Aug; 10 Sep; 8 Oct 2016

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4	Corfu, Greece	8am	8pm
5	Nydri, Greece	8am	5pm
5	Katakolon (Olympia)	8am	6pm
7	Monemvasia, Greece	8am	5pm
8	Piraeus, Athens	7am	
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Seabourn Odyssey Treasures of the Aegean 7 nights | Athens to Istanbul 25* Jun; 23 Jul; 20* Aug; 17 Sep; 15* Oct 2016

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
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3	Marmaris, Turkey	8am	5pm
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Rockin' Rockin' All eyes are on Rio de Janeiro ahead of the 2016 Summer Olympic Games, but the city's appeal

All eyes are on Rio de Janeiro ahead of the 2016 Summer Olympic Games, but the city's appeal will continue long after the medals have been won and the stadiums have emptied

There is no place in the world like Rio. This steamy, sultry city is home to some of the greatest landmarks in the world, from the spectacular Sugar Loaf Mountain which welcomes you into the bay, to the sweeping sandy stretches of Ipanema and Copacabana; arguably two of the world's most iconic beaches. From the peak of Corcovado Mountain, the colossal 125ft form of Christ the Redeemer presides over the city; the views before him so awesome, his soapstone jaw would undoubtedly drop if it could.

Christened Port Maravilha, or Marvellous Port, the £1.6bn redevelopment of dishevelled dockland in downtown Rio will create a new heart in the city. The Museu de Arte do Rio, or MAR, has already opened its doors, celebrating the city's thriving art scene in a space that spans eight exhibition halls. The building itself is as interesting as the artworks inside, merging a new spaceage construction with a stately 20th century palace. That said, the cutting-edge Museu do Amanhã, or Museum of Tomorrow, is without doubt

the port's most impressive new arrival. Despite only opening in December 2015, the futuristic edifice is already being celebrated as one of the world's most extraordinary buildings.

Whilst the new port development promises to bring a cosmopolitan edge to the city, it is unrestrained vibrancy that has always attracted visitors to Rio's shores. This is a place that knows how to party, sambaing until dawn, before greeting the sunrise on Copacabana Beach, a straw-studded Agua de Coco providing some much needed hydration after one too many Caipirinhas. Brazilians make up a substantial proportion of the world's most beautiful supermodels and fastest footballers, but they're such a friendly bunch that it is impossible to begrudge them their successes. That being said, it is surely nigh on impossible to be anything but carefree when 50 miles of the world's best beaches are on your doorstep.

Football is Brazil's national sport and Rio's streets and beaches are filled with future talents, each of them practicing from sunrise to sunset in the hope of one day joining the league of legends that the country has cultivated. Success will take them from the favela to the pitch of the Maracana Stadium; Brazil's national stadium and a must-see for visiting football fanatics.

Come Carnival, revellers pack another stadium. The Sambadrome is a purpose built structure in downtown Rio and for four days each February it is transformed in a riot of colour, costume and of course, samba. Time your visit to coincide with the Rio Carnival and you'll find yourself caught up in the party; the merriment sweeps the city, putting a samba step into the walk of everyone in its path.

When the party ends, the leafy Jardin Botânico neighbourhood promises a fragrant floral respite. This leafy suburb, nestled at the foot of Corcovado Mountain, has been made famous by Parque Lage; a subtropical public park backed by the vast and verdant rainforest of Tijuca National Park. The park is almost otherworldly, managing to escape the crowds, thanks to its position off the tourist track. Whilst known as a picturesque

starting point for hikes up the Corcovado, there's plenty to hold your attention even if you've no intention of heading up the mountain. Bring a picnic, pitch up in the Roman style palazzo and tuck in, keeping one eye on the monkeys and toucans waiting to dine out on your leftovers.

Rio's lust for life is intoxicating and those who visit can't fail to fall under its spell.







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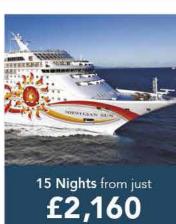
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WESTERN CARIBBEAN

REGAL PRINCESS • 7 NIGHTS 6 Nov^, 20 Nov, 4 Dec 2016

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	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE GUIDE
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Balcony	£1,349	£2,009
Mini-Suite	£1,669	£2,329
Suite	£3,039	£3,699

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Private islands were once reserved for the mega-rich, sitting alongside private jets and mega-yachts as the ultimate in luxury travel. Thankfully, the cruise lines are now offering us all the opportunity to sample a slice of private island life.

Half Moon Cay – Holland America Line

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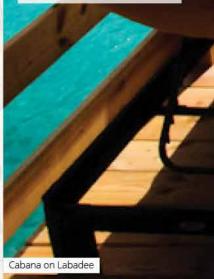
of Little San Salvador Island reserved purely for migratory birds, Half Moon Cay embodies a certain charm and has been voted 'best private island' year after year. Visitors will find private cabanas on gorgeous beaches, including the luxurious Oasis Cabana;

an area that accommodates up to 25 people and features a hot tub, BBQ, wet bar and massage area. The resort also features an open-air restaurant, waterfront bars and even a Bahamian chapel for prearranged weddings and vow renewals.



Labadee -Royal Caribbean International

If it's fun that you're fancying from your island hideaway, head to Labadee. From its position on the north coast of Haiti, Labadee brings Royal Caribbean's action-packed cruise concept to dry land. Independence of the Seas and Oasis of the Seas are just two of the ships that visit the island, docking shore side so you can get straight to the fun part. The Dragon's Breath Flight Line is the island's hottest adrenalinefuelled attraction but there's plenty on offer besides, including seven unique 'neighbourhoods' offering everything from kayaking tours to water parks and immaculate beaches. Barefoot Beach is one of the Caribbean's most beautiful and is reserved for suite guests only, whilst those seeking ultra-exclusivity can charter a catamaran to the nearby private beach of Malfini, where just 25 visitors are permitted at any one time.



Princess Cay – Princess Cay comprises

Princess Cay comprises of over 40 acres and half a mile of white sand on the southern tip of Eleuthera, an island in the Bahamas. Explore the beach and beyond on foot, get adventurous on a dune buggy safari around the island or embark on a deep-sea fishing expedition. Those who aren't the strongest of swimmers needn't miss out on the Caribbean's amazing marine life; hire a Sea Board and you can paddle face down, watching the fish through a viewing port that extends below the surface so you don't have to. Back on dry land, views from the Observation Tower stretch across the island and its stunning coastline. Finally, there's no better way to round off a day in paradise than with a free beach barbecue.



Great Stirrup Cay - Norwegian Cruise Line

When purchased by Norwegian Cruise Line in 1977, Great Stirrup Cay became the first ever private island developed exclusively for cruisers. Occupying 250 acres in the Bahamas, the island boasts a healthy combination of exciting excursions and ultimate relaxation. Visitors can spend their days as busily or as lazily as they like; swim with stingrays, parasail high above the ocean, kayak on crystal-clear waters or hop on a

WaveRunner for a tour of the coast. The best way to refuel is at Great Stirrup Cay's extensive beach buffet, and you'll find hammocks and shaded cabanas around the island in which to snooze away that post-lunch food coma.

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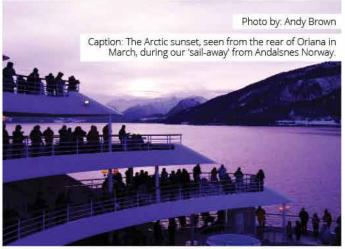
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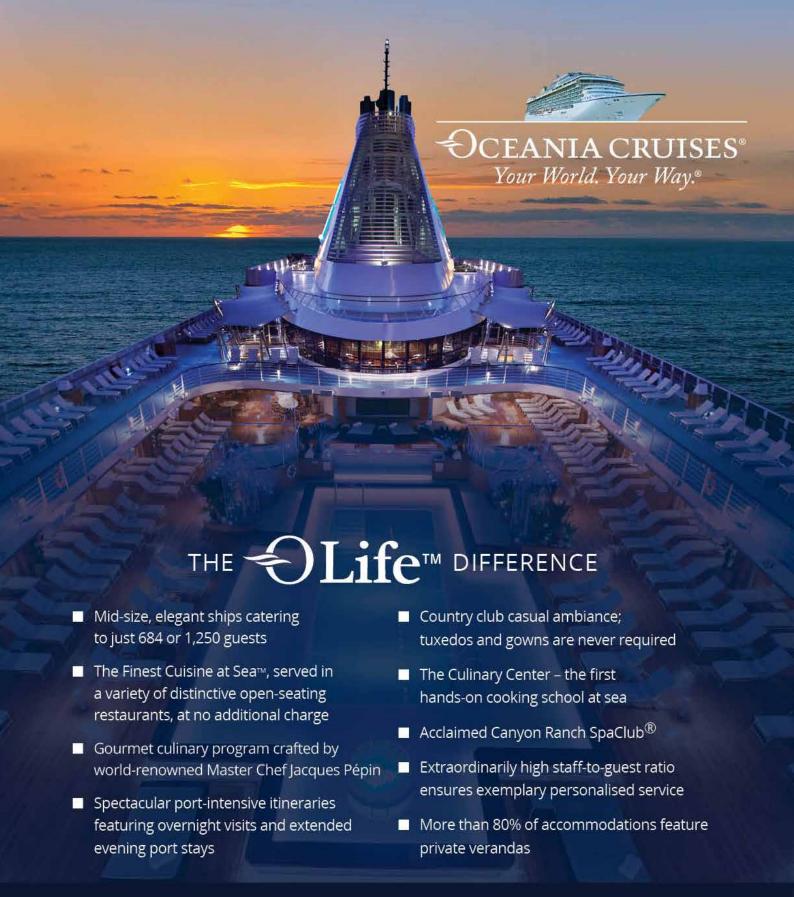


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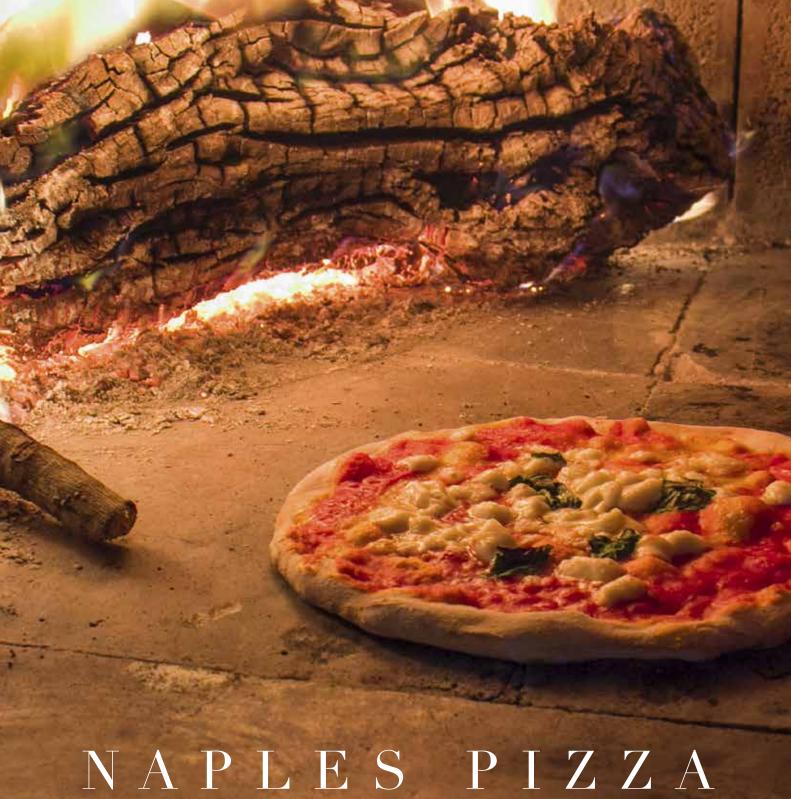












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