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Welcome!

t is a term which is thrown around often, but what truly makes for the 'holiday of a lifetime'? Is it cruising deep into the Amazon Rainforest or exploring the Galapagos Islands, or is it sailing the seas of the Mediterranean aboard the ship of your choice? Perhaps your holiday of a lifetime is crossing the Atlantic on the Queen's favourite ocean liner or maybe it is joining the tiny handful of travellers fortunate enough to set foot in Antarctica? Whatever it is, cruising can make it happen.

Since our last issue, we have seen the arrival of MS Koningsdam and Royal Caribbean's Harmony of the Seas, both of which are already making waves. Both ships are featured inside, as is an exclusive look at Cunard's 'remastered' Queen Mary 2. Whilst on the subject of debuts, we're also sharing the best new tourist attractions for 2016, as well as raising a toast to Regent Seven Seas Cruises' new Captain, Serena Melani.

I do hope you enjoy reading.

Yours sincerely

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Michael Wilson Managing Director





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VALLEMA

Surrounded by some of the Mediterranean's bluest waters and enjoying an average of 300 sunny days a year, the historic Maltese capital of Valletta sure packs a punch. With P&O Cruises set to include weekly departures from Malta in its Mediterranean fly-cruise itineraries from 2017, now is your chance to experience the intriguing walled city before it takes centre stage as the European Capital of Culture in 2018.



CRUISE NEWS

Celebrity Cruises Bring Modern Luxury To The Galapagos Islands

Celebrity Cruises has revealed that two new ships will join the stateof-the-art 49 passenger Celebrity Xpedition in the Galapagos Islands from March 2017. Celebrity Xploration and Celebrity Xperience have each undergone extensive multi-million dollar refurbishments to incorporate Celebrity Cruises' signature 'modern luxury' enhancements, with both set to offer a range of all-inclusive extras and land excursions on their new itineraries. Celebrity Xploration is a luxury catamaran featuring just eight staterooms, whilst the larger Celebrity Xperience will offer the same highend experience to guests in its 24 staterooms.

Together, the three ships will offer six itineraries in

total, visiting 15 islands and more than 30 ports of call. Packages will range from seven to 15-nights, feature northern and southern loop itineraries and offer the option to combine sailings with pre and post-cruise stays. Itineraries will include ports of call never before visited by Celebrity Cruises and will offer a range of land experiences that are exclusive to the cruise line.







Holland America Line Announces Name Of Next Ship

Holland America Line has announced that the next ship in its Pinnacle Class will be named ms Nieuw Statendam. The ship, which is set for delivery in autumn 2018, will become the sixth ship in the cruise line's history to bear the Statendam name and is set to "blend past, present and future", according to Orlando Ashford, Holland America Line's president.

Construction of the ship recently began at Fincantieri's Marghera shipyard in Italy, with the finished product set to accommodate 2,650 guests and incorporating many of the innovative features which were recently debuted on sister-ship, ms Koningsdam. Hospitality designer Adam D. Tihany will replicate his work aboard ms Koningsdam, as will designer Bjorn Storbraaten, who has successfully overseen the design of public spaces on ms Koningsdam, ms Eurodam and ms Nieuw Amsterdam in recent years.



Ncl Announces Expansion Of Great Stirrup Cay

Norwegian Cruise Lines has announced the addition of an exclusive Lagoon Retreat at its private island Great Stirrup Cay, as part of a planned \$400 million investment programme by the cruise line.

The Lagoon Retreat will include 22 private airconditioned villas, along with a secluded beach, a dedicated family area and an oceanfront restaurant. Access will be exclusively available to guests staying in The Haven and Suite accommodations, along with those who have purchased an on-island Mandara Spa service. A limited number of passes will also be available for general purchase on each sailing.

NCL were the first to offer their guests access to a

private island back in 1977 and it has become popular for its 10-acre beach, huge entertainment complex and range of activities. The expansion of the island, which is due for completion in January 2017, will see facilities made available to guests on a number of Caribbean and Bahamas itineraries including the introduction of a 1,000ft-long zip line.

Ports Direct Extends Service

Ports Direct have been offering reliable transfers to and from all major UK ports and airports since 2007, with services offered to guests travelling with Fred Olsen, Royal Caribbean and Celebrity Cruises.

Now, the company has announced that it has added P&O Cruises to its portfolio, in a move that sees it confirm its position as one of the UK's leading names in port transport.



Cunard Unveils Remastered Queen Mary 2

The "remastered" Queen Mary 2 made a regal return to Southampton at the end of June, where a handful of special guests were given an exclusive look at the extensive bow-to-stern renovations completed during a 25-day dry dock in Hamburg. Over a million man hours and a £90 million investment went in to revitalising the world's most famous ocean liner.

Work saw a complete redesign and refurbishment of the Queens Grill and Princess Grill suites and dining venues, as well as the modernisation of Britannia and Britannia Club cabins. Fifty new staterooms were also created during the dry dock, including 15 for single travellers. Public spaces including the Kings Court buffet have also been extensively remodelled, whilst the Todd English restaurant has been replaced with a new speciality dining venue, The Verandah. The former Winter Garden has been totally reimagined and reintroduced as the Carinthia Lounge.

Turn to page 10 to find out more about QM2 Remastered.





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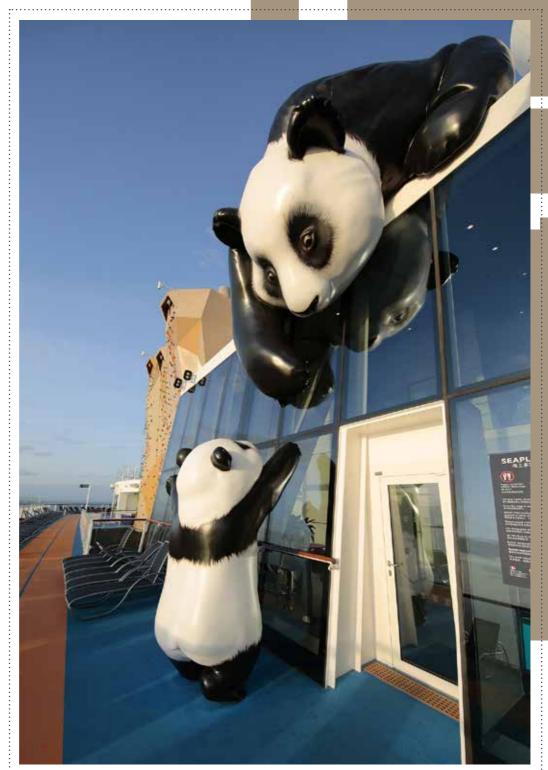
Royal Caribbean Announces New Terminal

Royal Caribbean International has announced plans to build and operate a new cruise terminal at PortMiami, in a development which would finally enable the cruise line's biggest ships to homeport at the location.

Two Oasis-class ships currently sail from Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale, with Harmony of the Seas set to join them in November. At present, PortMiami is unable to accommodate the 5,000-plus passenger vessels, something which would change with the development of a state-ofthe-art terminal described by representatives of RCI and Miami-Dade County as capable of seeing PortMiami become Royal Caribbean's largest cruise port in the world.



Harmony of the Seas



Ovation Of The Seas Christened In Tianjin

Royal Caribbean's Ovation of the Seas has become the cruise line's first ship to be christened in China. Fan BingBing, star of the blockbuster X-Men movies and one of China's most famous actresses, took on her new role as the ship's Godmother during a traditional ceremony at Ovation's homeport Tianjin in northeast China.

The Quantum class ship was the first ever built

specifically for the Chinese market by Royal Caribbean and its arrival sees the operator's fleet become the largest in China; the cruise industry's fastestgrowing market.

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HOLLAND AMERICA LINE REACHES ITS PINNACLE



As the first in a new, but still mid-sized Pinnacle class, the 2,650-guest ms Koningsdam blends fresh, contemporary styling with the classic elegance for which Holland America Line has long been renowned. Now, Holland America's first new ship in six years has commenced its maiden season, garnering fantastic feedback from guests and signalling the beginning of a new era for the cruise line.

onouring a Dutch heritage spanning 143 years, Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands christened ms Koningsdam back in May, upholding a long-time maritime tradition as she triggered a champagne bottle break on the ship's hull. As part of the christening celebrations in Rotterdam, Her Majesty Queen Máxima also participated in the ceremonial blessing of the ship's bell, and was the first to sign Koningsdam's commemorative wall, which will become a

permanent installation on the ship.

With its launch, the stunning 95,000 gross-tonnes vessel became the largest ship in the cruise line's 14-strong fleet. Built at Fincantieri's Marghera shipyard, ms Koningsdam combines classic Holland America Line features with new venues and experiences, including new dining options such as an immersive farm-to-table dinner experience, a 270-degree LED screen to enhance entertainment performances, and beautifully appointed staterooms and suites. Interiors by Adam D. Tihany, one of the world's pre-eminent hospitality designers, were inspired by the "architecture of music", with a focus on fluid curves and graceful lines. Speaking about the project, Tihany said: "Koningsdam has lightfilled spaces and beautifully curved lines because we want our guests to feel she is special the moment they step on board." Tihany has also suggested that a desire for luxury and glamour played a major role in the

design concepts for ms Koningsdam and went on to say: "We have tried to surprise and delight guests, so they have wonderful memories to take home."

Ms Koningsdam is exploring the pristine shores of Norway's fjords, before spending winter in the Caribbean, where longer itineraries will see guests visit more islands, experience more cultures and embark on more adventures, including a full day at the awardwinning island Half Moon Cay.





QM2 REMASTERED

The numbers are vast - a \pounds 90 million budget, over a million man hours, 15,000 litres of paint and ten football pitches worth of new carpet – and it all adds up to a new era for the remastered Queen Mary 2

t is the question that has been on everyone's lips ever since Cunard announced that the world's most iconic ocean liner was to enter dry dock in Hamburg. Now, following months of speculation, we can reveal that the answer is yes, the Queen Mary 2 does indeed now feature tea and coffee making facilities in its suites and staterooms.

This important revelation is just one of many that were divulged as we enjoyed an exclusive tour of the QM2 'Remastered' in Southampton. Others were revealed in the Britannia staterooms, where a brighter, more contemporary colour scheme was highlighted by imperial blue velvet pillows emblazoned with Cunard's gold crest. They came in the Verandah Grill, where the sleek circular booths are backed by circus artworks inspired by those found in the same restaurant on the

original Queen Mary, and they were beautifully apparent in the Grand Lobby, where the removal of the central lifts has eradicated privacy issues for those in the popular Atrium View Inside Staterooms.

Cunard's Art Deco heritage has been painstakingly incorporated into the décor subtly but surely, from the geometric fretwork that divides the cosy seating spaces in the brand new Carinthia Lounge, to the honeycomb pattern on the bespoke Wedgewood crockery and the gilded embroidery which decorates the leather backs of the velvet chairs in the Queens Grill Restaurant. Not a single penny of the refurbishment's £90 million budget has been spent without serious consideration and the resulting attention to detail is just what we have come to expect from HRH The Queen's favourite cruise line.

Whilst the refurbishment has created lighter, more contemporary surroundings, Cunard's most loyal cruisers needn't worry about the turning of any backs on tradition. The liner is intrinsically tied with notions of cruising at its most classic, so her legion of fans will be relieved to hear that her heritage has been embraced, as opposed to replaced.

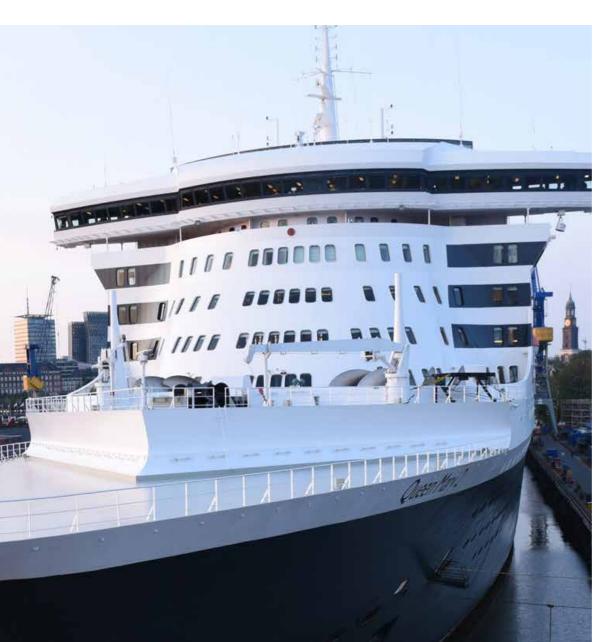
Of course, there have been shifts made towards a more modern luxury. An entire restructuring of the Kings Court buffet has opened up and illuminated the space, with cleaner décor and a neutral colour scheme creating a far more informal yet enticing dining venue than that of old.

The theme of lighter colours elevated with rich accent colours continues throughout the refreshed areas, including the accommodation. Rumour has it that a certain Rod Stewart













spends his sea days kicking back in the Queens Grill Balmoral Suite and he's likely to be rather impressed with his totally transformed suite next time he heads across the Atlantic. Indeed, all Queens Grill and Princess Grill accommodation has been remastered beyond recognition, with the end product cementing Cunard's reputation for offering the most luxurious suites at sea.

Every suite and stateroom aboard Queen Mary 2 will eventually be updated, and a total of 50 new cabins were also added during the dry dock, including 30 new Britannia Club staterooms and 15 for single occupancy. Once complete, every Britannia Club and Britannia grade stateroom will feature new carpets, sofas, soft furnishings and speciallycommissioned artworks, all of which combines to create an altogether more luxurious space than their previous incarnations.

Style and comfort is key for Cunard's guests and that extends to their canine companions too, for whom ten additional kennels have been incorporated. The American hounds will be right at home beside a bright red fire hydrant, whilst the British bulldogs will undoubtedly appreciate the lamppost, replicating that which was added to the Queen Mary at the suggestion of the Duke of Windsor and originating from outside the Cunard Building in Liverpool.

QM2 Remastered has subtly merged the line between traditional and contemporary. If you have sailed on her before, you will appreciate the elevated luxury. If you are yet to experience life on a liner, the remastering has removed any doubt that a sailing on the iconic Queen Mary 2 should be your first.



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M719	24 May 2017	31 May 2017	7	£4,549	£3,799	£1,799
M721 [†]	7 Jun 2017	15 Jun 2017	8	£5,179	£4,399	£1,999
M727	21 Jul 2017	28 Jul 2017	7	£4,899	£4,099	£1,949
M729 [†]	4 Aug 2017	12 Aug 2017	8	£5,439	£4,499	£2,099
	Transatlantic Fas	shion Week featuring Co	olin McDowell M	IBE, Fern Mallis an	d Gail Sackloff OBE	
M732B	31 Aug 2017	7 Sep 2017	7	£4,789	£3,999	£1,899
M734^	14 Sep 2017	22 Sep 2017	8	£5,559	£4,749	£2,149
M738	13 Oct 2017	20 Oct 2017	7	£4,649	£3,899	£1,849
M741B	5 Nov 2017	12 Nov 2017	7	£4,239	£3,699	£1,649
M743	19 Nov 2017	26 Nov 2017	7	£4,219	£3,649	£1,699
M746	15 Dec 2017	22 Dec 2017	7	£4,179	£3,599	£1,549

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M702	3 Jan 2017	10 Jan 2017	7	£3,899	£3,349	£1,549
M717	15 May 2017	22 May 2017	7	£4,399	£3,749	£1,749
M720	31 May 2017	7 Jun 2017	7	£4,419	£3,749	£1,699
M722	15 Jun 2017	22 Jun 2017	7	£4,639	£3,899	£1,849
M725	6 Jul 2017	14 Jul 2017	7	£4,879	£3,999	£1,949
M728	28 Jul 2017	4 Aug 2017	7	£4,849	£3,999	£1,999
M730A	12 Aug 2017	19 Aug 2017	7	£4,849	£3,999	£1,999
M733	7 Sep 2017	14 Sep 2017	7	£4,749	£3,999	£1,849
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M737	6 Oct 2017	13 Oct 2017	7	£4,519	£3,849	£1,849
M739A	20 Oct 2017	27 Oct 2017	7	£4,519	£3,849	£1,749
M742	12 Nov 2017	19 Nov 2017	7	£4,199	£3,599	£1,649
M745	8 Dec 2017	15 Dec 2017	7	£3,999	£3,499	£1,749

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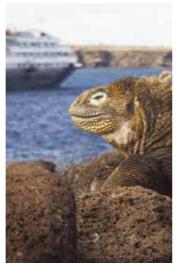
ADVENTURE AWAITS

When the beaches become boring and the cities have been seen, the urge to explore some of the world's more isolated regions can become very tempting. Fortunately, it is easier to do than you may think.

MACHU PICCHU, OR THE 'LOST CITY OF THE INCAS', HAS INTRIGUED THE MODERN WORLD SINCE ITS DISCOVERY IN 1911

ADVENTURE AWAITS





ntrepid travellers don't always wear backpacks and harem trousers. They don't always bed down for the night in questionable hostels, unpacking their belongings upon arrival and stuffing them away again each time a new destination beckons. And they don't always live on bowl after bowl of Vietnamese pho.

Sometimes they wear dinner jackets and, dare we say it, heels. Sometimes they spend their nights in staterooms, having unpacked just once on arrival. Sometimes they eat al fresco in the sun and sometimes they choose fine

dining in great restaurants. And they always let the destinations come to them.

Adventure travel has become one of tourism's fastest growing sectors in recent years and adventure cruising has quickly followed suit. Venturing off the beaten track and into the unknown is no longer reserved for gap year students blowing the last of their student loans. A new way to see the farthest flung corners of the world has emerged and it is seeing more cruisers leave their comfort zones, and the beaches, behind.



Venturing to destinations experienced by only a fortunate few is one of life's greatest luxuries and a week on the sand doesn't quite cut it anymore for those who seek to trade their

precious annual

leave for an insight into a life far removed from their own. And now, as more travellers look to walk in the footsteps of Charles Darwin in the Galapagos Islands or stroll beneath the rainforest canopies of the Amazon, the cruise lines are lining up to oblige.

If you thought cruising was all about beaches and black ties, think again; adventure awaits.





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Galapagos

Naturalist Charles Darwin spent five years studying plants and wildlife on a voyage around the world, yet it's his five weeks in the Galapagos Islands that are credited with ultimately inspiring his ground-breaking theory of evolution by natural selection.

Darwin's source of inspiration is hardly surprising; for such a tiny cluster of isolated islands, the volcanic Galapagos archipelago sure packs a punch. Not only is it a living museum of natural history but also a living, breathing reminder of just how small we are in the grand scheme of things.

More humans live here than you'd think but it's the wildlife which plays a starring role. Prehistoric iguanas bask beside you, completely undisturbed and uninterested by your presence. Sea lions appear alongside you in the water mid-

Smart Ships

Like their passengers, adventure cruise ships thrive on exploration. They're designed to carefully tread through invaluable biospheres and delve deep into the Amazonian rainforest, their destination at the heart of their design long before they even arrive in its waters.

Contemporary cruise ships may have grown to dizzying heights in recent years, battling it out to become the most technological or most luxurious, but adventure cruising doesn't bother itself with such competition. You won't find 600-thread count Egyptian cottons, marbled spas and grand ballrooms bedecked with crystal on board, but that's just fine; such luxuries are quickly forgotten once Mother Nature shows her hand.

That being said, if you're willing to splash the cash it does become possible to blur the line between luxury cruising and exploration, although this is barely a consideration for those who seek adventure in destinations that render modern luxuries wholly inferior to the natural wonders they pursue.

snorkel and rainbow-coloured Sally Lightfoot crabs scuttle into the sand as you emerge onto the beach. As far as endemic species go, few places in the world compare to the Galapagos Islands; over 2,000 different species are found here and only here. Visit independently and you'll do little but observe, visit via a cruise and you'll share your voyage with a team of leading naturalists and ecologists, all of whom know the region and its wildlife like the back of their hand. What's more, a Galapagos cruise with the likes of Celebrity Cruises or Silversea allows you to tread carefully in this incredibly delicate biosphere, preserving the fragile ecosystem whilst showing you sights few will be fortunate enough to see in their lifetime. 2

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Welcome to the jungle. The largest in the world in fact, so big that the UK and Ireland would squeeze beneath its rainforest canopy an incredible seven times.

Adventures don't come much more offbeat than in the Amazon, yet a cruise to the region combines days spent exploring with nights spent on crisp white linens as opposed to tents and hammocks. Sail during the dry season and you'll delve deep into the jungle in search of its countless species and settlements. Visit in rainy season and the action will come to you; the rising rivers tempting wildlife out of the forest and onto the water's edge as plant life, and therefore food sources, flourish.

Ten percent of all the world's known animal species make their home in the Amazon. Squirrel monkeys watch you inquisitively from the branches that reach across the river, pink river dolphins cavort beside your ship and hyacinth macaws swoop close enough to ruffle your hair. Evening excursions see torchlight reflected in the eyes of caimans and the silence of the night broken by a soundtrack of bird squawks and frog croaks, as the nocturnal residents rise and shine.

Many think that Amazonia is largely unpopulated but this isn't the case; a cruise of the region will take you to thriving cities including Parintins and Santarem. Manaus is the Amazon's largest city and is famed as the starting point



ADVENTURES DON'T COME MUCH MORE OFFBEAT THAN IN THE AMAZON Squirrel monkey



for excursions to the 'Meeting of the Waters'. Found six miles outside the city, this natural wonder intrigues many with its waters; the sandy-hued Rio Solimões and the dark Rio Negro meet but do not mix for over six miles, flowing alongside each other in a spectacle caused by differences in their temperature and consistency.

Beyond the cities are the indigenous civilisations; 350 different ethnic groups live in the realms of the rainforest, with 60 of them still completely isolated from the outside world. Whilst some of the rainforest's most elusive wildlife can take some searching for, the Amazonians will often come to you, though their interactions are often apprehensive. Tribesmen glide past gleaming Red-eyed green tree frog ships in their

wooden canoes, river children gaze out from their stilted homes and, on occasion, you may even find yourself welcomed into the rainforest abodes of a local tribal village.

For one of the world's most exotic regions, the Amazon is surprisingly within reach for cruisers; Fred Olsen, P&O Cruises and Princess Cruises all offer Amazon itineraries, whilst the smaller ships of Silversea, Regent Seven Seas Cruises and Seabourn can take you deeper into the jungle to explore some of the Amazon River's most remote tributaries.



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Intrepid Tours

South America is a hotbed of adventure and after flying so far to join your ship, it only makes sense to supplement your Galapagos or Amazon cruise with a land tour to some of the destination's most notable natural attractions.

Whilst Niagara Falls may be more famous, Iguazú Falls is undoubtedly its more spectacular counterpart and is not only taller, but also wider than Niagara, its two miles spread across the borders of Argentina and Brazil. Fiftypercent of Iguazú's estimated 300 waterfalls culminate in an area known as Devil's Throat, their waters plunging 80 metres into the misty, roaring cauldron of Rio Parana. Various footbridges have been installed along the Argentine stretch of the falls,

putting you close enough to their brink to wash the sweat of your hike from your hair and skin.

Crystal Cruises offers guests in its Verandah and Penthouse categories a complimentary two-day pre-cruise land program to Buenos Aires and the Iguazú Falls as part of its 22-day 'Amazon Expedition' itinerary, departing from Rio de Janeiro on 12 March 2017.

As if the thrill of the Galapagos Islands isn't enough, those who visit the archipelago are but a hop, skip and a jump from another of South America's most notable sites. Machu Picchu, or the 'Lost City of the Incas', has intrigued the modern world since its discovery in 1911. The Inca had no written language, meaning that no records exist to explain why the sprawling hilltop citadel was created in the 15th century and abandoned less than a hundred years later. Its ridges, carved into the slopes of the Andes, house the ruins of palaces, temples and homes, along with more than a few llamas and alpaca.

The isolation of Machu Picchu has contributed to its almost perfect state of preservation and steps are being taken to ensure that this remains the case. In the past, many explorers arrived at the site via the Inca Trail, however you can no longer negotiate this welltrodden path independently. Fortunately, cruise lines including Celebrity Cruises have a tendency to combine pre and post-cruise tours to Cuzco - the centre of the former Inca Empire - alongside their Galapagos cruises. Celebrity's 13-night 'Best of Ecuador & Peru Package' bookends a Galapagos Cruise aboard Celebrity Xpedition, with a 2-night pre-cruise stay in Quito and a 4-night Peru postcruise expedition focused on exploring the region around Machu Picchu.

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7	Akaroa, New Zealand	7am	7pm		
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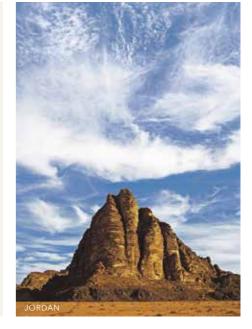






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Serena Melani recently became the first ever female Captain in the Regent Seven Seas Cruises fleet. With her maiden sailing of the Seven Seas Mariner complete – the world's first all-suite, all-balcony ship – we took the opportunity to find out more about the woman behind the wheel.

Tell us a little about your background.

I grew up in a small town on the coast of Tuscany and I have loved the sea for as long as I can remember. I became the first person in my family to have a career at sea, starting on cargo ships – where I was the only woman on board - and eventually progressing to cruise ships. My early career was a great professional experience. horizon gives me an incredible sense of freedom.

Tell us about your first sailing as Captain of the Seven Seas Mariner.

My maiden voyage was back in February, sailing South America. It was an extraordinary maiden itinerary visiting Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil. The highlight was cruising the Amazon River. I then sailed two cruises around the Caribbean Sea and East Coast USA, before signing off in Miami.



Why did you choose a career at sea?

As mentioned, I grew up with the ocean, and I also have a traveller's soul. The boundless, infinite Is there anywhere you'd especially like to sail as Captain?

Africa would be a dream. I sailed there last October on board Seven Seas Mariner; we cruised from Lisbon to Cape Town and it is my favourite ever itinerary. I just love animals and the wilderness.



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Where will your next voyage as Captain of Seven Seas Mariner take you?

I'll be sailing Alaska all summer.

Where do you live when not at sea?

My husband is Croatian and grew up in Dubrovnik. We both love nature and animals, and since I was a child I have dreamed of having a garden, so we chose to live on the beautiful island of Korcula. From my terrace I can see the Adriatic Sea, hills full of olive trees and the other big passion in my life, mountains. I love the mountains. I go hiking and climbing in the Italian Dolomites at least two or three times a year.

What tips would you give anyone who is thinking about cruising for the first time?

A cruise ship is like a small village. You can find all kinds of characters and it's an opportunity to have some really fantastic experiences. My advice is to approach everyone with a friendly curiosity and you'll have a holiday like no other.





KORČULA

When a Captain sails the world for a living, the place they choose to call home has to be pretty special. Korčula - the largest island in the Adriatic - certainly fits the bill, and it is within easy reach of some of Croatia's most popular ports.



Eat

Unsurprisingly for an island surrounded by the Adriatic, Korčula thrives on seafood. Many of the best seafood restaurants are squirrelled away between the medieval walls of the Old Town, where you'll find respite from the scorching Croatian sun and a sweet shot of limoncello to boot.

Home-cured pršut (prosciutto) and locally produced goats' cheese are piled alongside marinated Mediterranean vegetables on težačka plitica, literally translated as a 'farmer's platter', at the unassuming but delicious Konoba Mate. This family-run restaurant is hidden amongst the olive trees in the tiny hillside village of Pupnat and creates many of its dishes from ingredients grown on site, from the fresh rolled pasta made with eggs from the farm, to the home grown almonds that are baked into the chocolate cakes.



Drink

If you're fit and well, there is only one place on the island in which to enjoy your sundowners. The Massimo Cocktail Bar Korčula's unique take on a rooftop bar, but you'll have to earn the views from the top.

Climb a simple wooden ladder through a hole in the ceiling of the lower bar and you will emerge amongst the turrets of the 15th century Zakerjan Tower, in Korčula's Old Town. Whilst the cocktails are good, albeit rather sweet, it's the views across the Adriatic Sea and Pelješac peninsula that hold the appeal.

Don't get too squiffy; the only way down at the end of the night is via the ladder that brought you up!



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The beaches are never far away in Korčula and they are beautiful. Head to Lumbarda for sandy bays or visit the pebbly coves of Pupnatska Luka on the south coast; the nearby village of Pupnat is home to the aforementioned Konoba Mate, so stopping off for lunch after a morning at the beach is a must.

Much of Korčula's culture is centred around the historic fortified walls of its charming Old Town and its streets are well worth a wander. The city makes much of its tenuous links with legendary explorer, Marco Polo, and the Marco Polo Exhibition documents his travels well. In terms of historic sites, the Gothic-Renaissance St Mark's Cathedral has come to be recognised as the face of the island.

Red and white wines have been produced in Korčula's villages for centuries and wine tasting tours are a great way to get out of the Old Town's walls and see more of the countryside.

Sail

Korcula is often referred to as the 'mini Dubrovnik', thanks to its Old Town and fortifications, and a day trip from the popular Croatian cruise port to Captain Serena gives you chance to compare the two. There are several options available, with perhaps the most popular being a full-day tour that allows plenty of free time in Korcula, plus a chance to sample the produce at a beautiful vineyard in the Pelješac Peninsula. Alternatively, it is Dubrovnik's mainland. The Nona Ana catamaran runs a regular service throughout the summer, sailing in the morning

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The yellow carriages of Tram 28 - or Eléctrico 28 as it is known to the locals - have trundled along Lisbon's mosaicked streets since the 1930s. Creaking up impossibly small streets and negotiating the seven hills of the city on its 4.5 mile route between Martim Moniz and the Prazeres district, Tram 28 is the most iconic way to see Lisbon's finest sights. A €6 ticket allows you to hop on and off wherever you fancy, on a trip that takes you to Chiado and Baixa, along the historic hills of Alfama, Castelo and Graça, and on to Estrela, before terminating in the Campo de Ourique neighbourhood.

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Lisbon's appeal becomes apparent the moment you begin the slow sail along the Tagus River. Having glided beneath the 25 de Abril Bridge - albeit with just inches to spare – it is finally time to explore the seven hills of the world's most colourful capital.

he almost constant presence of sunshine means that Lisbon feels permanently tinged by the lazy haze of summer, something that is taken full advantage of in each of its vibrant districts. Life in Lisbon is lived outdoors, from afternoons lost in the historic alleyways of Alfama, to effervescent evenings spent sipping port wine in one of Baixa's mosaicked squares. Throw in Blue Flag beaches and grand architecture, and it becomes obvious that people head here for more than trams and custard tarts.

Made famous not only by the host of prominent monuments found within its borders, but also by the infamous Pastéis de Belém bakery, the district of Belém is one of the most-visited. Given its history as the one-time home of Lisbon's most elite residents, it is barely surprising that the district houses some of the city's most opulent and notable attractions, including the lavish Belém Palace, the Belém Tower and one of the city's best known monuments, Jerónimos Monastery. Built to celebrate Portuguese voyages and explorations around the world, the

spectacular monastery's flamboyant design often sees it crowned Lisbon's star attraction.

Belém's north bank is dominated by the Monument to the Discoveries, which honours the explorer Henry the Navigator and celebrates 32 other prominent figures from the Portuguese Age of Discovery. Look beyond the monolith and you'll see the fiery glow of the 25 de Abril Bridge in the background, almost perfectly replicating San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, on which its design was based. Santa Amaro Docks - the area beneath the bridge - has become one of the most cosmopolitan areas in the whole of Lisbon, attracting locals and holidaymakers keen to enjoy the late afternoon sun with a drink at one of the many terraces along the waterside.

Whilst Belém's many monuments have put it on the

THE DISTRICT OF ALFAMA IS THE PLACE TO GO FOR A REAL INSIGHT INTO LIFE IN LISBON

tourist radar, the district of Alfama is the place to go for a real insight into life in Lisbon. Having survived the 1755 earthquake that obliterated much of Lisbon, the district's medieval alleyways offer a step back in time. Narrow streets lead to village squares and whitewashed buildings are decorated with azulejos and washing, the latter of which is put out to dry over rusting wrought iron balconies. Found amongst Lisbon's oldest attractions are





the stunning Monastery of São Vicente de Fora and the Castle of St George, which dates back to the 7th century in parts and offers some of Lisbon's best views, thanks to its location atop one of the city's famous seven hills. Lisbon Cathedral, whose Romanesque architecture features a rose window and bell towers that have become synonymous with the city, is also unmissable.

Aside from its architecture, Alfama is best-known as the home of Lisbon's signature 'Fado' music. The cold and chunky walls of Clube de Fado have witnessed countless fado performances, its rustic surroundings providing a suitably austere backdrop for a style of music that often sings of loss, despair and desperation. Fortunately, the folk-style songs aren't as depressing as they sound, especially when appreciated with a glass of port wine or a pint of Sagres beer in hand.

The neoclassical streets of Baixa are the beating heart of the city. Look one way and you'll see traditional wares spilling out into the streets from Art Deco shop facades. Look the other and you're equally as likely to spot urban art and street performers. There's a youthful zest to the area and its café patios are brimming with animated locals exchanging stories over piping hot bica. Take five minutes to rest your feet in Rossio Square, before heading north for an al fresco lunch at one of the many seafood restaurants that dot the cobblestones of Rua das Portas de Santo Antão. Head to number 58 and you'll descend a handful of grey stone steps into an Arab oasis. Originally built as a gathering place for those from Portugal's historic Alentejo province, Casa do Alentejo has since become famous for its Moorish courtyard and regal Renaissance style restaurant.

Combine the laidback pace of the Portuguese with an array of multifaceted neighbourhoods that merge past and present perfectly, and it isn't difficult to see why so many fall in love with Lisbon.



Pastéis de Belém

Some might say that Lisbon's famed custard tarts alone are reason enough to visit the city. Smooth, creamy egg custard, encased in what feels like a thousand layers of flaky pastry; the thought alone had us running from the office to the bakery around the corner for our



ix, but nowhere competes vith Lisbon institution, Pastéis de Belém.

Located on Rue de Belém, in one of Lisbon's most historic districts, this traditional Portuguese café is considered the spiritual home of the custard tart - or pastel de nata - and has baked them to the same method since 1837. The recipe remains a closely guarded



secret, having originally been shared with the then nondescript bakery by wo nuns from the nearby erónimos Monastery, and each day sees it recreated for an eager crowd that gathers full force come unchtime. Delivered warm from the oven, sprinkled in cinnamon and icing sugar, tarts from Pastéis de Belém prove their worth in a single bite.

Azulejos

From the yellow of Tram 28 to the 'International Orange' of the 25 de Abril Bridge – the same shade as San Francisco's Golden Gate – Lisbon is a colourful city. Add to this the tiled facades that decorate its houses, churches and palaces, the city promises its visitors a real feast for the senses.



Azulejos, or glazed ceramic tiles, are found on buildings across Lisbon, having been introduced by the Moors in the 15th century. Walking tours will show you the most impressive examples across the city, some of which feature intricate geometric designs that give a nod to Arab influences, whilst others depict flora and fauna, or even historic and religious events. So noted is the city for its tiled facades, that a museum has been opened to display some of the finest. Located within walking distance of the popular Alfama district, Museu Nacional do Azulejo houses a collection of tiled facades dating back to the 15th century. Interestingly, the museum surroundings within the Madre de Deus Convent and its incredibly ornate chapel almost overshadow the exhibits themselves.

You'll come across azulejos all over Lisbon, from the religious images of patron saints that protect the doorways of Alfama, to the lavish palaces in Sintra and the stunning Caso Ferreira das Tabuletas in Bairro Alto.



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SOME THINGS OLD, SOME THINGS NEW

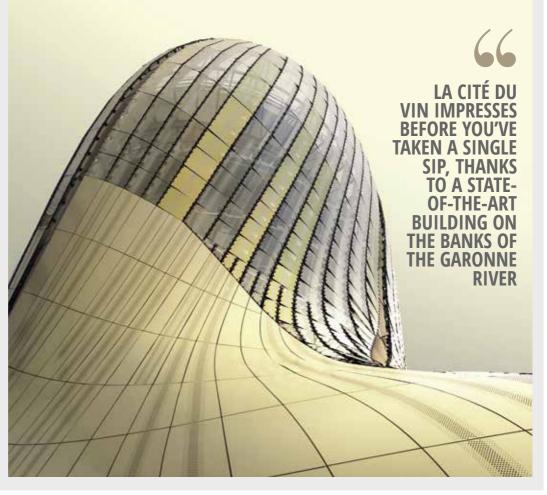
When it comes to new tourist attractions, 2016 isn't only about the newcomers but also the reimagining of familiar favourites, some of which will make their debuts on brand new shores.

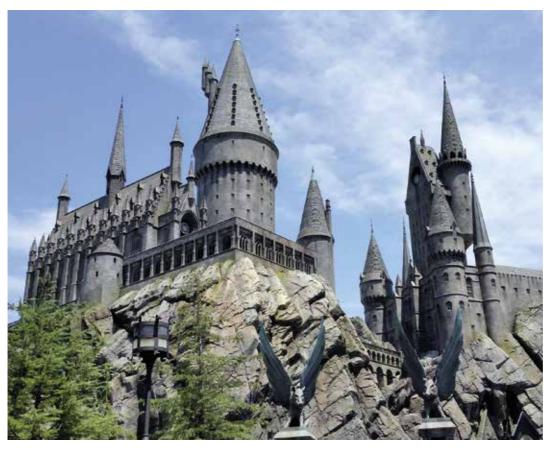
Here is our pick of the year's new openings; luxury lovers, oenophiles, footie fans and even mere muggles are in for a treat.



La Cité du Vin (Bordeaux)

La Cité du Vin has been billed as Disneyland for adults and its position in Bordeaux - the world capital of wine - couldn't be more befitting. La Cité du Vin impresses before you've taken a single sip, thanks to a state-of-the-art building on the banks of the Garonne River. Designed to replicate the swirling of white wine around a glass, the champagne-gold glass structure soars ten storeys and accommodates 20 themed areas and exhibits within its walls. Latitude 20 offers an international wine list and gourmet tapas, plus a 'library cellar' of over 14,000 bottles of wine from 70 different countries across the globe. The seventh floor of La Cité du Vin is home to Le 7, a cosmopolitan restaurant with stunning panoramic views across Bordeaux and the 'Port de la Lune', plus a wine list featuring more than 500 bottles.





Wizarding World of Harry Potter (Hollywood)

It was only a matter of time before Hogwarts came to Hollywood. April saw Universal Studios open the third Wizarding World of Harry Potter and the latest recreation of Hogsmeade is every bit as impressive as you'd expect from the men behind the movies. Hogwarts Castle is present and accounted for, incorporating a new and improved 3D version of the popular Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey ride. Sounds and sights abound as distractions hit from all angles, with the thrill experienced from the comfort of your enchanted bench. Outside, the thrills come courtesy of the theme park's outdoor rollercoaster, The Flight of the Hippogriff.

Disneyland Shanghai

Disneyland Shanghai became Disney's first resort in mainland China and the first Disney theme park to be built anywhere in the world for ten years when it opened in June. Prior knowledge tells us that the Chinese don't do anything by halves, so we can only assume that Disneyland Shanghai will blow others around the world out of the water; we already know that the **Enchanted Storybook Castle** is the world's largest Disney castle and that Mickey's



Storybook Express Parade will be the longest parade in any Disney park. Add to this the arrival of Pirates of the Caribbean: Battle for Sunken Treasure – a ride that has been billed as Disney's best ever – and that cruise to the Far East seems more appealing than ever.

Louvre Abu Dhabi (Saadiyat Island)

At 2,000ft in circumference and weighing an incredible 12,000 tons, the ginormous disc that sits atop the Louvre Abu Dhabi is difficult to miss, crowning Saadiyat Island's newest arrival and seemingly levitating in the haze of the red hot sun. The reality is that four huge pillars support the weight of the disc, which is itself decorated with a lace-like fretwork of almost 8,000 star cut-outs and was designed to recreate the cupolas of traditional Arabic architecture; a nod to the simpler days of a now glittering UAE.

Louvre Abu Dhabi has been 30 years and around £1 billion in the making. Its planned opening in December 2016 will see works from artists including Leonardo da Vinci, Claude Monet, Henri Matisse and Andy Warhol exhibited within its ultra-luxe surroundings, marking an exciting development in the launch of Saadiyat Island; a destination set to challenge neighbouring Dubai for the title of world's most extravagant resort.



World Trade Centre Transportation Hub (New York)

Eleven subways and PATH trains pass through New York's newest station but visitors aren't heading here for the trainspotting. The Oculus sits at the heart of the brand new \$4 billion development and it is clear to see that much of this hefty amount was spent on vast expanses of white Italian marble. The incredible feat of engineering was the brainchild of Santiago Calatrava, who has stated that his design for the World Trade Centre Transportation Hub represents new life in a region of Manhattan

that was left scarred by the events of 9/11. An arc of glass and soaring ribs of steel make up the Wedge of Light, a skylight structure that open to a width of 22 feet, revealing the sky above. Its unique design mirrors the rays of the sun and is an arresting sight when it appears in your eye shot quite suddenly from between the skyscrapers of Downtown Manhattan.



San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (San Francisco)

Looking at the newly reopened San Francisco MOMA, it is hard to believe that the awesome building started out with one solitary floor. The remodelling project saw the museum close for three years, as renowned design firm Snøhetta took the original building by Mario Botta and extended it at a cost of over \$305 million. A rippling white facade was built on to the far more modest original structure, giving a new nod to the waters of San Francisco's Bay area, whilst an additional 235,000 sq. ft. of exhibition space has been created inside. The artworks now extend to the kitchen too, where triple Michelin-starred chef Corey Lee oversees the culinary creations of the In Situ restaurant.





Casa Vicens (Barcelona)

The work of Antoni Gaudí has become synonymous with the city of Barcelona but the building that signalled the start in proper of his stratospheric career has never before been open to the public...until now.

Gaudí was 30 years old and relatively fresh out of university when local stockbroker and tile manufacturer Manuel Vicens Montaner commissioned him to create a family residence unlike anything Barcelona's Gràcia District, or indeed the world, had ever seen before. The commission, for Casa Vicens, was Gaudí's first and the success of the tile-bedazzled building that resulted served as a launch pad for a future in which he was destined to become one of the most renowned architects in history.

Casa Vicens will open later this year, once alterations to convert it from a private residence to a museum dedicated to the great architect are complete.

FIFA World Cup Museum (Zurich)

When the FIFA World Cup Museum launched in February it marked a change in a more positive direction for the controversy-marred FIFA. Zurich is already home to the FIFA headquarters and became the home of football history with the opening of the FIFA World Cup Museum in the centre

of the city. The museum will house over a thousand sporting artefacts, including one of particular importance to football fans; the original World Cup. Previously kept under lock and key in a Zurich bank vault, the Holy Grail of football trophies will be displayed in all of its glory to become the real star of the show.

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THE FINAL FRONTIER

Next month marks the 100th anniversary of the rescue of Sir Ernest Shackleton and his men from the wilds of Antarctica. Fortunately, whilst the sub-zero continent has barely changed since the Endurance Expedition, the chances of returning home from nature's final frontier have.

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Sir Ernest Shackleton didn't mince his words when he advertised for a team of men to join him on an expedition which would eventually enter the history books. Fortunately, Antarctica had long aroused the attention of adventurers and Shackleton was inundated with applications. Now, a hundred years since the eager yet ill-fated crew of the Endurance were rescued, cruising to Antarctica continues to pique the interest of many.

Adventure tourism has reached new heights of popularity in recent years, with figures indicating that exploration travel is tourism's fastest growing sector. If you think this means that Antarctica's penguin-strewn sands are full to breaking point, think again; according to the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), just 38,478 people visited the vast white continent last year. Take into consideration that the number of people cruising each year now

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over 20 million, and it becomes apparent just how fortunate the few who experience a once-in-a-lifetime cruise to Antarctica really are. SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON DIDN'T MINCE HIS WORDS WHEN HE ADVERTISED FOR A TEAM OF MEN TO JOIN HIM ON AN EXPEDITION WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY ENTER THE HISTORY BOOKS



The Wilder Life

Penguins rule supreme in Antarctica, their icy court headed by the majestic Emperor penguin. An IAATO ruling states that you must stay at least five metres away from any wildlife you encounter in the Antarctic, something that is easier said than done when you consider the sheer number of penguins here; 17 breeds in total, including the Adélie, Chinstrap, Gentoo and the aforementioned Emperor. Due to a lack of land predators, penguins aren't the only birds that thrive here; petrel colonies blanket clifftops and albatrosses soar above your ship as they head back to the grasslands with their catch of the day. Seal breeds including Leopard, Weddell

and Crabeater govern the land closer to the shore, whilst the true giants of the sea join the ship in disturbing Antarctica's inky black waters; Humpback, Minke and Blue whales are just some of those that are likely to make an appearance.

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Pair of orcas

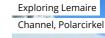
Without A Trace

Like exploration cruises to the continent, general tourism in Antarctica is also relatively new, having only existed legitimately for the last 50 years. Of course, exposing the world's most pristine environment to outsiders is something that must be properly governed in order to maintain the delicate ecosystem, which is why the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) has overseen responsible travel to Antarctica since 1991.

Under the guidelines of the IAATO, cruise lines must carry less than 500 passengers in order to make landings on the continent's shores and stringent rules stipulate that no more than 100 people may land from a vessel at any one time. The ruling, whilst designed to maintain the environment and ensure zero disturbance to wildlife, also means you'll never encounter anything that even slightly resembles a crowd. Furthermore, the ruling that a 1:20 guide to passenger ratio must be adhered to at all times during landings means that you are guaranteed the undivided attention of some of the most knowledgeable biologists, naturalists and expedition leaders in the world.

Going ashore in Antarctica differs enormously to being 'in port' in the traditional sense of the word. This is adventure cruising and you are merely a captivated guest of Mother Nature. A guest whose boots must be washed and re-washed to protect the ecosystem from harmful bacteria and one whose suitcases should be crammed with layers that defy the cold of the Arctic wilds. And as tempting as it may be to pocket that pebble as a souvenir of the time you braved the final frontier, doing so is forbidden; every stick and stone plays its part in Antarctica.







Expedition Leaders

Hurtigruten offers two ways to explore Antarctica. The MS Midnatsol calls at ports in Chile and Patagonia, before visiting Cape Horn and ultimately Antarctica. The ship is perfect for those who prefer their adventure cruising with a side of home comforts, with facilities including a couple of bars, a café, a separate a la carte restaurant and a two-tiered Panorama Lounge. By contrast, the MS Fram is an expedition ship through and through, following in the footsteps of its iconic predecessor of the same name as it ventures straight to Antarctica's lesser-visited landing sites. The vessel is one of the most technological in Antarctic waters and is considered more of an 'expedition base camp' than a cruise ship.

Hurtigruten will further bolster their Antarctic contingent with the launch of two new exploration ships - one in summer 2018 and another in summer 2019 - both of which have been designed specifically for voyages in the Arctic and Antarctic regions.

For those who are keen to

of a lifetime, but who are reluctant to compromise on the luxury element of cruising, Seabourn's six-star Antarctic experience takes some beating. Seabourn Quest was remodelled in 2013 for the launch of Seabourn's Patagonia and Antarctica debut, and whilst its marina may have made way for the storage of zodiacs, all of the other Seabourn signatures remain, from the complimentary embroidered parka jackets, to the award-winning cuisine and the inclusive 'Ventures by Seabourn' tours that are available on each landing. If you're looking to raise a champagne toast after a day of Antarctic adventures, this is your ship.















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HARMONY OF THE SEAS HAS THE HYPE BEEN FULFILLED? BY NATHALIE AVIS

Royal Caribbean made a lot of noise about their new arrival, Harmony of the Seas, promising a 'bigger, better and more extraordinary' ship. On the 20 May 2016, I got the chance to see if this was indeed the case.

rmed with my handy pocket guide and a checklist of mustsees, I headed out to explore the ship.

With seven neighbourhoods, a concept forged back in 2009

for sister ship Oasis of the Seas, there is a part of 'town' to suit everyone's mood. Fancy watching the world go by whilst you sip on the drink of your choice? Head to Central Park. Need to keep the kids entertained? Head to the



boardwalk, where the seaside vibe makes it feel more like you're on boardwalks of Coney Island than in the middle of the ocean. Alternatively, head to the Ultimate Abyss; the 11 deck tall slide we had all so eagerly anticipated was most definitely the main attraction.

Whilst the ship's various outdoor areas were incredible, it's safe to say that the interior spaces were pretty spectacular too. The hustle and bustle of the Royal Promenade could have you fooled that you were on the high street of any major city; boutique shops, eateries and of course, the good old fashioned pub. Come nightfall, the streets truly do come alive; bands, dancers and performers are on hand to get you dancing, singing and enjoying the best of the 90's. Fear not if this all sounds a little too lively for your liking. The local jazz bar offering a laid back groove was the highlight of our evening. Why not try a little scatting for yourself? You're on holiday after all!

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Gym bunnies eat your heart out at Vitality Spa & Fitness Suite. Not only is this area a state-of-the-art gym bigger than any we have seen on any other cruise ship, it is also equipped with everything from a dental hygienist to get your pearly whites sparkling, to a podiatrist to tell you exactly what your foot print (yes you read it right) has to say about your aching joints. Ladies get your tresses tamed, gents don't worry - there's a barber on hand to groom you to perfection too. Pamper yourself, you deserve it!

Travelling with a younger crowd? Fear not, for that all too familiar phrase "I'm bored" will not be used on this holiday. The Kids Zone is a force to be reckoned with. Whilst on board, families can take part in a whole host of activities and there are so many to choose from; soar through the air on the zip line, ride the waves on FlowRider® or play games to your heart's content in the Arcade. Without a shadow of doubt, the standout feature on Harmony of the Seas has got to be the slides, with more found on here than on any other cruise ship. Ride the Ultimate Abyss, 11-storey dry slide, or brave The Perfect Storm – a trio of water slides made up of Typhoon, Cyclone and Super Cell.

As this was an agent preview sailing, we had the opportunity to check out each category of stateroom. The contemporary design certainly utilised space to the fullest. As is to be expected, the Penthouse Suites were exemplary, but it was the Family Interior Stateroom that sleeps six guests which took us by surprise; a double bed, sofa bed, bunk beds, plus ample floor space...how was this even possible!?!

To sum things up, Royal Caribbean have got things very right on board this ship and they will certainly capture the hearts of the young and the young at heart on this super vessel!







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A-listers are on our TV's and on the covers of our magazines, but how often do we see them on our flights? Love them or hate them, the chances are that we'd all love to start our holidays in style just like them.

hen an email arrives asking if you'd like to sample

a private jet experience to Athens on a weekend in June, you reply 'yes' first and check that you're free afterwards. Opportunities like this don't drop into your inbox often, so when Celebrity Cruises offered me the chance to experience their Jet Set Sail VIP premium charter flight service from Stansted, it's safe to say that I jumped at the chance without giving any prior engagements a second thought.

A chance to see the world is one of the best things money can buy and the papers are never short of shots of George Clooney sipping a good red on Lake Como or Simon Cowell sunning himself on a private vacht in St Tropez. Whilst a cruise holiday can take us to some of the celebs' favourite places, Celebrity Cruises' Jet Set Sail experience is known as the only service that can get you there in a similarly exclusive style to that favoured by Hollywood's finest.

Celebrities don't mess about with parking, security queues and lengthy waits at the boarding gate, nor do they spend hours hanging around before departure. Instead, they arrive at the doors of a private aircraft terminal, breezing through security in minutes and disappearing into a swanky lounge with their entourage. They really have it rough, don't they?

Having heard great things about the Jet Set Sail service and knowing that flights offering it had doubled from six in 2016 to 12 in 2017, I couldn't wait to see what all the fuss was about. And so, at the ungodly hour of 6.00am on a Saturday morning, I hopped on a mini bus and prepared for Celebrity Cruises to 'get me to the Greek'.

We drove into Stansted's private terminal area and arrived at the doors of the Inflite Terminal. We breezed through security in minutes, six minutes, to be precise. And then, just like Mr Clooney himself, we disappeared into a swanky lounge, albeit without the entourage.

Swanky is a word not often associated with airports. They're usually grey, sterile places, save for the familiar glow of a Wetherspoons or the bright blue of Boots. Sleek chrome, glitzy crystal and Quality Street purple are not terms I've ever used when writing about any other airport.

Stansted's Inflite Terminal is not any other airport.

Sitting in a velvet armchair, with a cappuccino and warm pain au chocolat, was arguably the best start to a holiday you could wish for. And yes, I am calling 24 hours in Athens a holiday, as the feeling of coming home from 30-degree heat to a VERY rainy Yorkshire is equally upsetting, however long you have been away for!

Check in for the Jet Set Sail service takes just an hour with parking right outside the terminal (and it's FREE! Take that, hefty airport hotel parking prices). In what felt like minutes, we were called to the boarding gate. And by boarding gate I mean plush reception area, decorated in the same sleek style you'd expect from a high-end boutique hotel. Our passports were checked and we stepped outside, where our Titan Airways plane was waiting just a few feet from the STANSTED'S INFLITE TERMINAL IS NOT ANY OTHER AIRPORT.







door, ready to whisk us away to join Celebrity Equinox in Piraeus.

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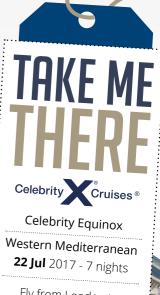
The inflight service was fantastic and the food was excellent. No plastic cups here, only proper cups and saucers, cold drinks in glass flutes and real cutlery with your meal. A two course breakfast was served - fruit salad followed by a good old English breakfast and we all settled in to enjoy the extra leg room (with which the taller guys in the group were particularly impressed).

Three hours later, I landed at Athens airport feeling incredibly disappointed. Not with the Jet Set Sail experience, absolutely not, but at the thought that I wouldn't be experiencing the celebrity treatment on my

Celebrity EQUINOX

return flight with EasyJet the following morning. I felt disappointed at the thought of long security queues and distraught imagining myself drinking a cheap coffee in a cardboard cup, perched on a steel chair outside a departure lounge café.

The Celebrity Cruises Jet Set Sail service gives you a taste of what it's like to holiday like an A-lister. Once you've experienced travelling like a celebrity, it's clear to see how Mariah Carey developed her diva ways; the usual airport experience just doesn't quite cut it anymore.



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INTERIOR from	£ 1,599 pp
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Western Mediterranean

Celebrity Equinox[™]- 21 Jun 2017 - 10 nights

Fly UK/Barcelona - Valencia - Florence/Pisa (Livorno) - Rome (Civitavecchia) -Naples - Nice (Villefranche) - Provence (Toulon) - Barcelona (overnight)/Fly UK

INTERIOR from	£ 1,695 pp
OCEAN VIEW from	£1,959 pp FREE DRINKS + ON BOARD SPEND
BALCONY from	£2,059 pp FREE DRINKS + ON BOARD SPEND



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BALCONY from	£1,749 pp FREE DRINKS + ON BOARD SPEND

When the nights draw in and the weather starts to wane, a hefty dose of vitamin sea can make you feel like yourself again.

Picture the scene; it's 7.14am on a Tuesday morning in November and the sound of your alarm is unrelenting. The heating kicked in at 7.00am and has only just started warming the house, but you can't stay cocooned in your bed all day. You do the daily shower dash, wrapping the towel around the radiator in anticipation of the arctic blast that inevitably hits the moment you open the shower door. Looking out of the kitchen window while waiting for the kettle to boil confirms

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your expectations for the day; Rain, again. Grey skies, soaked paths and murky puddles make wearing anything other than clunky winter boots an impossibility.

What you need is some winter sun.

Smugness peaks when you know that everyone at home is braving the early morning commute in their coats, shuffling along wet pavements and grappling with wind-ravaged umbrellas.

Trading your knitted jumpers for swimwear and shorts is liberating, and nothing beats the moment that first breath of red hot tropical air hits your face as you step off the plane. With your toes in warm sand and a fresh coconut in your hand, the reality of a very British winter becomes the last thing on your mind.

Whether you're tempted to stretch out your summer with an early winter break or attempting to cast aside the traditional Christmas roast in favour of a

barbie on the beach, chasing the sun to distant shores is seriously satisfying. A hop, skip and a the coasts of the Canary Islands, a destination long championed for offering some much needed Vitamin D to sun-starved Brits. Voyage further and you'll find the golden sands of the Caribbean and Thailand beneath your feet, whilst the Middle East promises guaranteed sun to those who prefer their sojourns





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Thailand

Thailand is intoxicating, exhilarating and serene in equal measure. With a combination of frenetic cities, flawless beaches and traditional villages, this is a winter sun destination that never goes out of fashion.

Bangkok extends an eclectic welcome to Thailand's visitors, providing the contrast you need to enable you to really appreciate the idyllic island heavens to which you are headed. The wet weekends of home are soon forgotten when your Saturdays are spent strolling along the sandbars that stretch into the turquoise waters

of Koh Kradan, or sailing between the Phi Phi Islands, made famous in cult movie classic 'The Beach'. Throw the immaculate islands of Koh Samui and Koh Tao into a mix with incredible street food, elaborate temples and countless fresh coconuts enjoyed on warm sands, and you've got the perfect remedy for the winter blues.





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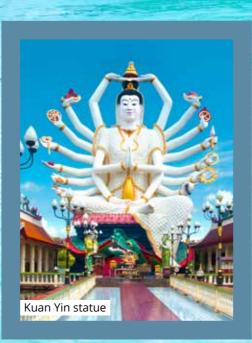
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Canary Islands

A lunar landscape and subtropical climate makes the Canaries a clear winner in terms of winter sun. The archipelago sits off the northwestern coast of Africa, hence the heat, and each of its seven islands offer something unique. Tenerife, Lanzarote and Gran Canaria are the three favourites in terms of sailing straight to the sun, with Southampton departures putting their golden shores on your doorstep. Sand dunes and lava fields create an otherworldly appeal that inspires even the laziest holidaymakers to get out and about to explore, whilst scorching sands vary from volcanic black to talcum powder white. The zest for life here feels suitably Mediterranean, as does the food; expect seafood in abundance, tapas for tea and plenty of sangria. Cruises to the Canary Islands are especially appealing to families in search of hot weather during half term, thanks in part to Siam Park; the best water park in the world if TripAdvisor is to be believed





Rattan Rope Bridge, St Lucia



Kinnaree ride at Siam Park

Marina Rubicon, Lanzarote







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Caribbean

Set your watch to island time; you're in the Caribbean now. Trade shepherd's pie for jerk chicken and spiced rum this winter on a Caribbean cruise, sailing to some of the 7,000 islands and islets that make up one of cruising's favourite regions.

Barbados has always attracted the rich and famous, its idyllic coastline luring visitors with aquamarine waters and perfect weather. Take to the water or head to the island's capital, Bridgetown, where colonial homes and a historic garrison await alongside some great opportunities for duty-free shopping. Elsewhere, St Lucia's dense rainforest feels a million miles away from the sparse winter woodlands back home. Hike Les Pitons for some incredible views across the island and its coast, or pick a spot on the silver sands of Anse Chastanet beach and do absolutely nothing. Antigua tends to attract a well-heeled crowd during the winter months and you'll find a beach for every day of the year here, including the world famous pink sands of the beautifully underdeveloped Barbuda.

The Caribbean is a hugely diverse destination and the great thing about cruising the region is that you can be on a yacht in Grenada's horseshoe-shaped harbour one day and sipping Mojitos in Martinique the next. Islanders are notoriously laid-back too, especially in the sunseeker's paradise of Jamaica, meaning that slipping into holiday mode is a breeze.

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South Africa

seasoned of travellers and if you're keen for adventure this winter, this destination delivers it in spades. Nature still reigns supreme here, so it is unsurprising that many come with the hope of spotting some of the world's most dangerous National Park on an organised and you will find yourself perfectly positioned to scope out a sighting of Africa's 'Big 5' - lions, leopards, elephants, cape buffalos and rhinos. Elsewhere, Port Elizabeth is the most popular port city and a visit here puts you on the doorstep of South Africa's third largest national park. Addo Elephant Park is the only national park in the become known as the 'Big 7'; the traditional Big 5, plus the southern right whale and the great white shark, both of which are found off the park's Algoa Bay coast.

Of course, South Africa has as much man-made appeal as it does natural beauty, with some of the world's most thriving and cosmopolitan port cities found here. Cape Town

Port Elizabeth, South Africa



has it all; the soaring Table Mountain which dominates the skyline, the stunning coast of Cape Point, the vine carpeted valleys of the Stellenbosch Wine Route and the chance to whale-watch without leaving dry land. Beach bums rejoice at Reunion Island, where a position in the Indian Ocean gifts the west coast with some of the best beaches you'll ever lay a towel on.

When a traditional winter sun break doesn't quite hit the mark, South Africa takes things to the next level.



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Australia

You needn't venture to the other side of the world for some winter sun, but you're promised an epic escape if you do. Christmas in Australia means beach barbies, Santa in shorts and fireworks over the Sydney Opera House. Beach bums can laze on some of the world's most famous sands, from iconic Bondi Beach to the dreamy Whitsunday Islands, whilst city lovers will appreciate the zest for life shown by Sydneysiders and the culture kick of Melbourne. Ayers Rock is a must see and of course, no trip down under is complete without a visit to the Great Barrier Reef; Airlie Beach in the Whitsundays provides a scenic gateway to your underwater explorations.

New Zealand is often compared to the UK in terms of its countryside and lifestyle, but its summer climate



makes it an altogether more appealing version when our winter kicks in; long sunny days and mild nights making the South Pacific island a tempting prospect for winter sun. Cruising New Zealand is the perfect way to explore everything the country has to offer, from the stunningly beautiful Milford Sound to the natural beauty of the Rotorua National Park, where mud pools and hot springs leave you feeling revitalised. The cities of Wellington and

Auckland are two of the country's busiest ports of call. Those who are feeling especially brave in the 'City of Sails' can opt to bungee jump from Auckland's Sky Tower, descending from the top to the bottom of the southern hemisphere's tallest manmade structure in just 11 seconds.



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TOP Winter Sun Picks

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Norwegian Fjords AURORA | R702 | 22 APR 2017 | 7 NIGHTS

Southampton, Stavanger, Flaam, Olden, Haugesund, Southampton



Canary Islands - Madeira Flower Festival

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San Francisco to Sydney ARCADIA (JXG) | 23 JAN 17 | 30 NIGHTS

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Hong Kong to Dubai ARCADIA (JHD) | 11 MAR 17 | 28 NIGHTS

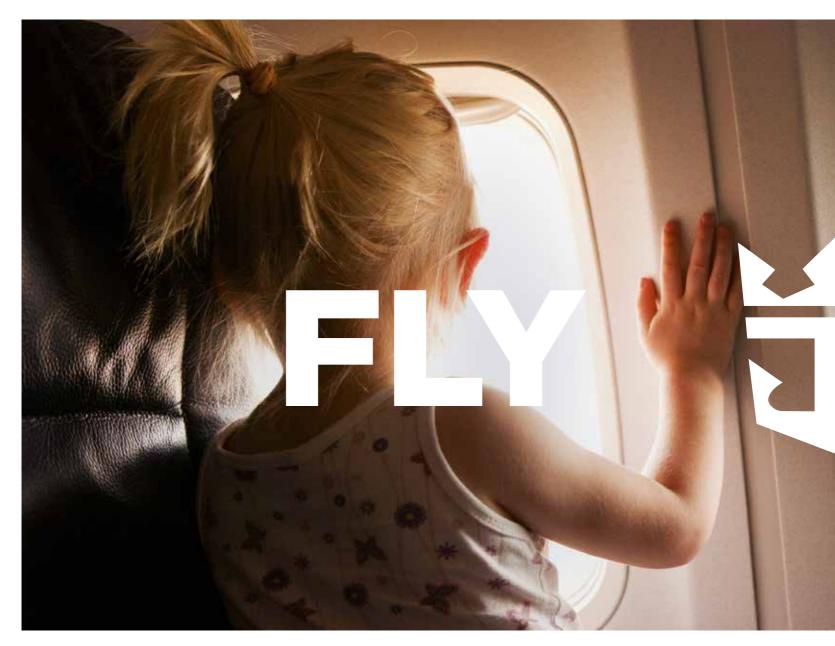
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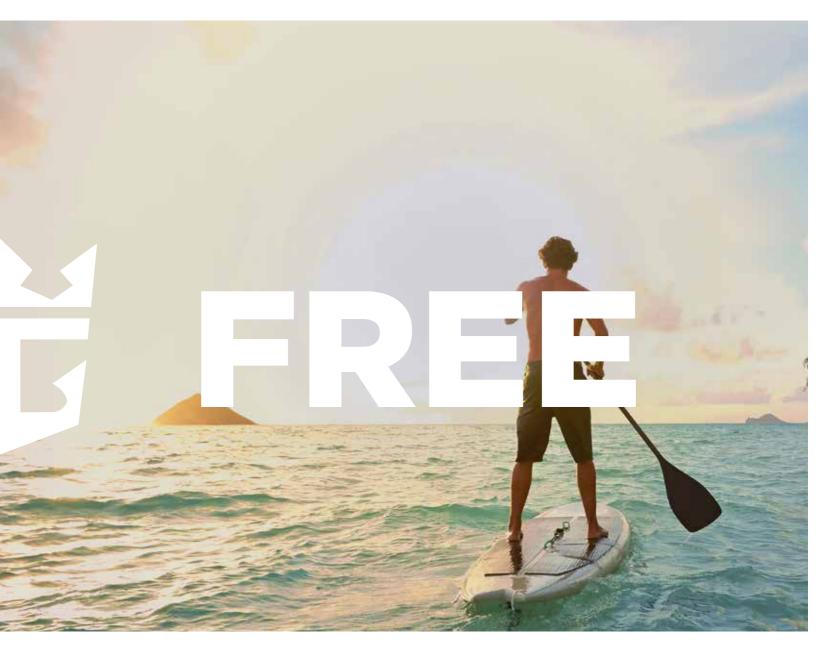
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t took little more than an oil rush and a resulting penchant for the finer things in life to see the Middle East become a winter sun hotspot, and now it rules the roost in terms of attracting the rich, famous and fabulous to its shores. The Middle East does nothing by halves, including its weather, and there's little you can't do during a winter break here. From sand dune safaris to shopping and

skiing under the same roof, if you can dream it you can do it.

Abu Dhabi was once considered Dubai's less showy sibling but that has changed in recent years. Reminders of its vast history remain in the form of grand temples and palaces, namely the intricately embellished Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, whilst the noexpense-spared development of Saadiyat Island threatens

to put even glitzy Dubai in the shade. The elaborate Yas Marina sits at the epicentre of spots to see and be seen in, and is famed as the home of the glitzy Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix in November. With your pre-cruise stay in Abu Dhabi timed just right, this is your chance to experience the most exciting race on the Formula 1 calendar.

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Q. We are a family of six, with four children under 12 years old, and have been considering booking our first family cruise for the summer of 2018. What are our options in terms of larger cabins capable of comfortably accommodating all six of us?

A. Surprisingly, there are more family cabins and suites available than you may think. The only problem is that they tend to sell out incredibly quickly, so you'll need to book sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment.

Royal Caribbean are arguably one of the best in the business when it comes to all-out family fun and their variety of stateroom options range from 4-berth cabins to enormous suites large enough to comfortably accommodate 16 people. Pullman beds are provided in selected staterooms and will be set up by your cabin steward each evening, leaving floor space free during the day, whilst the cruise line also offers additional beds and cots for under three's. Quantum-class ships in the Royal Caribbean fleet are especially good for families, thanks to having a variety of interconnecting cabins that are designed to provide the

whole family with their own space, whilst still keeping the kids close and safe.

If you're looking to avoid flying with young children then P&O Cruises offer plenty of itineraries from Southampton. They are renowned for having one of the best kid's clubs on the seas and offer suites large enough for your young family. Azura and Ventura feature family suites which combine a balcony cabin with an inside cabin, connecting the two together to create one large suite.

Q. We have booked our first fly-cruise for November and will be joining our ship in the Caribbean. I wondered if you might tell me what happens with our luggage, as we have always had it taken care of for us at the port on our sailings from Southampton.

A. How exciting! Few destinations are better for cruising than the Caribbean and once you have cruised you will never look back.

One of the great things about a fly-cruise is that your luggage is taken care of for you. As you are flying, you will be required to check-in your luggage at the airport, just as you would for any flight. However, on arrival at Barbados, your luggage will be collected on your behalf by the ship's crew and transferred directly to the ship, where it will undergo security screening before being delivered to your stateroom. It is worth considering packing a change of clothes in your hand luggage, along with any toilettes that will allow you to freshen up after a long flight.

At the end of any fly-cruise, the ship's porters will transfer your luggage to the airport on your behalf. You will be asked to leave your cases outside your cabin on the night before disembarkation, so that the porters can collect it during the early hours of the morning. The luggage will then be transported to the airport, security screened and loaded onto the plane, ready for you to collect once you land at your arrival airport in the UK.

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Now, it is important to plan ahead when it comes to disembarkation. Valuables, toiletries and medicines should all be packed in your hand luggage, as should a change of clothes for the day of disembarkation; you don't want to find yourself having to leave the ship in your nightwear because you forgot to leave out a change of clothes!

THE PROCESS AT DISEMBARKATION IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT BUT WITH A LITTLE PLANNING IT CAN BE REALLY SEAMLESS

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Q. Having cruised for many years, mostly within Europe and the Caribbean, we are considering venturing out of our comfort zone and into the Amazon. It is somewhere we have always wanted to explore but we aren't especially keen on sacrificing the little luxuries that come with cruising. We cruise once a year and save hard for our holidays, so the thought of being disappointed by a lack of facilities on an exploration ship worries us. Do any cruise lines combine the two?

A. We look forward to our holidays all year, so it makes perfect sense that you wouldn't want to risk being disappointed by a lack of the facilities you have come to expect from cruising. The great news is that it is perfectly possible to combine adventure cruising with home comforts, meaning you can explore deep into the Amazon and then head back to the luxury of your ship to freshen up and dine in style.

The key is choosing your cruise line carefully; whilst many operators touch upon the Amazon or even sail along it, only a handful delve deep into the jungle. Luxury cruise lines such as Silversea, Regent Seven Seas Cruises and Seabourn all combine beautiful ships and award-winning facilities, with itineraries that take you along some of the Amazon's lessersailed tributaries. Given that all of these are five-star or even six-star cruise lines, you're guaranteed to be as delighted by your time on board as you will by your rainforest adventures ashore!

Take a look at our Adventure Awaits feature on page 14 for more on cruising the Amazon.

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If you prefer your holidays to be all about rest, relaxation and grown-up conversations with like-minded travellers, an adult-only cruise ticks all the boxes. However, how do you choose between the various adult-only cruise lines that sail the seas today? Read on to find out what Saga believe sets them apart from the rest.

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PIZZA & POOL DAYS ON MSC PREZIOSA



Sales Consultant Kirsty spent five nights sailing the Mediterranean aboard MSC Cruises' MSC Preziosa. We caught up with her to talk bucket lists, infinity pools and the Med's best pizza place (clue – it isn't in Rome!)

Favourite port of call ?

Malta was beautiful but I really fell in love with Rome. I adored everything about the city, from the atmosphere to the architecture, and I actually managed to tick something off my bucket list here by tossing a coin into the Trevi Fountain.



Favourite excursion ?

We were quite lucky as the ship was able to dock in the heart of most of our destinations, meaning that we could walk straight into town. For this reason, we tended to explore independently. That said, I would definitely recommend the coach excursion into Rome from the port as it is very cost effective.



Favourite spot on board?

I loved the Garden Pool, which is the infinity pool at the back of the ship. The pool itself is gorgeous and there are plenty of sun loungers here, plus seating areas and a dedicated bar. It's a great spot to benefit from the best views on board when it comes to sailing into and away from ports.

Most memorable meal?

This has to be the pizza in the buffet restaurant. It was fantastic – the best pizza I have ever eaten! I'd even go so far as to say that it was much better than the one I had in Rome.



What sets MSC Preziosa apart from other ships you have sailed on in the past?

The amount of things to do on board really sets the ship apart from others. There was always something to do, from soaking up the sun beside the Garden Pool, to ten-pin bowling or 4D cinema, and simply enjoying the entertainment and atmosphere in the bars at night.





Who would you recommend MSC Cruises to?

I honestly believe that MSC Cruises has catered for all age groups aboard MSC Preziosa. There's a glitzy edge for those who love the glamour of traditional cruising, but also plenty of activities for younger travellers; it especially surprised me just how much MSC Preziosa has to offer families, with everything from ten pin bowling to video arcades and colourful splash parks on board.

Do you have any tips for anyone thinking of booking a holiday aboard MSC Preziosa?

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I think that with any MSC Cruises holiday, taking advantage of a drinks package is a must. Buying a package in advance is such great value and it saved me a lot of money when it came to cocktails in the sun!

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After a one hours drive to Southampton dock (why it could not have been moved nearer I do not know) we arrived at the terminal only to have some chap remove my luggage from the boot before my chauffeur could do it, I shall be docking his wages. We headed up to the checking in area where we were handed a cheap piece of plastic with a letter attached in a colour really not to my taste and which clashed with my nautical outfit bought bespoke from Primarnie. Well after a 10 minute wait we were herded like cattle to begin the check in process which could have been quicker in my book but I am not one to complain.

Once we finally got through the security and on board we expected to be greeted by the Captain but he was nowhere to be seen (bad form), it was the least he could do but he must think himself too important; he didn't even bother to send down any of his officers so we had to find our own cabin. And who in their right mind decided to make all the corridors look the same and worse still all the doors, how is one expected to find ones cabin when they all look the same? More needs to be done to rectify this and I shall be writing to the CEO to point this out.

On entering the cabin we were dismayed to find none of the lights worked and yes we tried them all but to no avail, we had to spend 45 minutes trying to find reception where we demanded a new cabin only to be told we had not put the card in the slot to get the lights to work. How did you expect us to know this? Very poor show and I will be claiming part of my money back for loss of holiday as it took us 50 additional minutes to refind our cabin.

Card in slot and light on we found a mat on the bed, very unhygienic I must say, the steward told us it was for us to rest our cases on!!!! We are not dirty people and our luggage is spotless how dare your company imply we are dirty? We shall be claiming money for slanderous accusations. We were told we would have flowers in our room, well I hardly call one wilting stem in a plastic vase an arrangement so I shall of course be claiming for a bouquet and an additional amount for disappointment and stress.

I shall continue my review once we have set sail, which I am sure we will do once the Captain has woken up from his slumber and managed to find his way to the bridge where he will tell the crew how busy he had been showing passengers to their cabin. It is a good job I am normal and not one to complain.

Our forum contributor competition has come to a close and we're thrilled to announce that 'Jaczs' has been chosen as the winner with her post 'A Complainer's Review'.

Whilst posted in jest, some of comical complaints certainly struck a chord with many of you, and we can only hope that compensation in the form of a £300 voucher will appease Jaczs' situation ever so slightly.

The competition saw a real mixture of members old and new taking to the forum with some really engaging posts, and whilst topics ranged from controversial to comedic, all were an equally good read.



So, congratulations to Jaczs – our very deserving winner – and thank you to everyone who took part throughout the competition.

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Whilst Norway is home to some of the most famous fjords in the world, those found in the likes of New Zealand and Chile leave their visitors equally awestruck. It is often said that the best way to experience the fjords is to cruise through them and these are the four you must see in your lifetime.



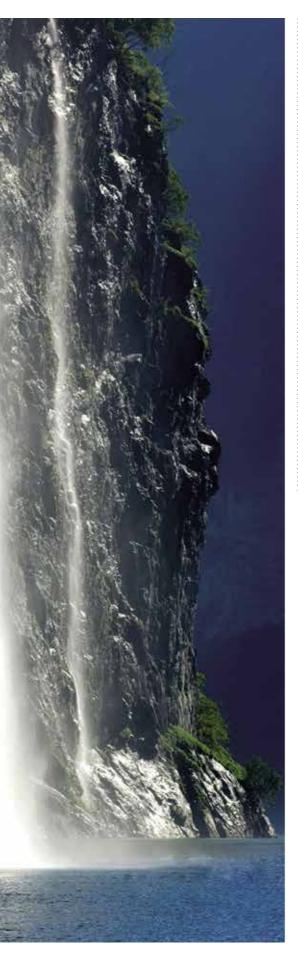
MILFORD SOUND, NEW ZEALAND

Rudyard Kipling was a welltravelled man, so his description of Milford Sound as 'the eighth Wonder of the World' says much about its beauty and the impression it tends to leave on those who visit. This inlet of the Tasman Sea meanders for some seven miles, reaching over 1,000ft deep in areas. Head for the Milford Sound Nature Reserve and you'll find yourself in the company of fur seals, dolphins and rare Fiordland Crested Penguins.



GEIRANGERFJORD, NORWAY

This Norwegian fjord is one of the world's most famous, thanks in part to the fact that it incorporates some of Norway's star attractions within its serpentine bends. The Seven Sisters and Brides Veil waterfalls are a sight to behold, whilst the Trollstigen mountain road snakes a death-defying path that has seen it deemed one of the best drives in the world. Geirangerfjord runs 62 miles from the town of Ålesund, terminating in the quaint village of Geiranger.



GARIBALDI FJORD, CHILE

Within the Albert de Agostini National Park in Chile lies the Garibaldi Fjord. If this slender fjord is the icing on top of the region's cake, then the

Garibaldi Glacier which sits at its end is the cherry on top. Its appearance as you approach the foothills of the Darwin mountain ranges comes as something of a surprise, with its enormous size and tendency to calve hulking blue icebergs into the icy waters of the fjord making for a spectacular sight.



Pulpit Rock

LYSEFJORD, NORWAY

The Lysefjord is best known for Preikestolen, or Pulpit Rock. Elevated almost 2,000ft above the fjord and recognised by Lonely Planet as one of the ten best viewing platforms in the world, the view from this 25m2 plateau will leave you speechless. Kjeragbolten, a huge boulder suspended between two rock faces 3,500ft above the Lysefjord, offers a view impressive enough to entice the brave to tentatively step onto its surface for the ultimate photo opportunity.



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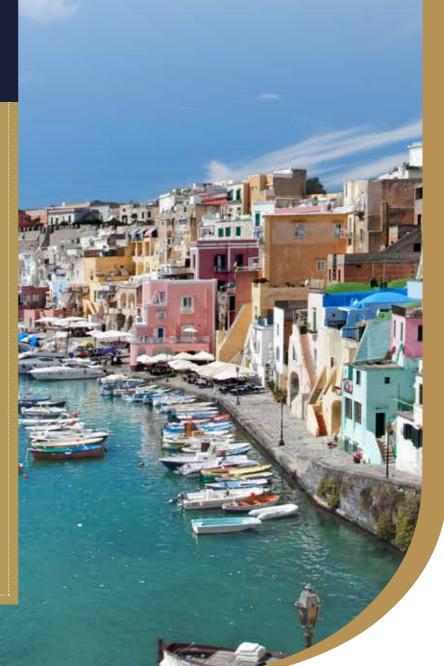
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Fly from London to Venice (Overnight Onboard), Zadar, Kotor, Corfu, Taormina (Sicily), Sorrento/Capri, Rome (Civitavecchia), Monte Carlo, Cannes, Palamos, Barcelona, Cruising The Alboran Sea, Gibraltar, Cruising The Atlantic Ocean, Santa Cruz De Tenerife, Santa Cruz De La Palma, Arrecife (Lanzarote), Cruising The Atlantic Ocean, Tangier, Almeria, Valencia, Barcelona, fly to London

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Nautica / 15th July 2017 / 20 nights (No Fly)

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A partnership with the **Rijksmuseum** debuting onboard *ms Oosterdam* features reproductions of some of the museum's most famous art plus cultural activities led by Rijksmuseum personnel.

Entertainment ranges from high tech shows through to **BB Kings** All Star Blues and the classical arrangements of the **Lincoln Centre Stage**; while new **suite upgrades** being rolled out fleet-wide feature thoughtful touches like lighted wardrobe rails, USB ports on headboards and night lights in bathrooms.

A NEW SHIP - MS KONINGSDAM

The beautiful new 2,658-guest *ms Koningsdam* arrived in April, and is already getting some fantastic reviews from our guests. The first in a new, but still mid-sized Pinnacle class, *ms Koningsdam* blends a fresh, contemporary styling in harmony with Holland America Line's classic elegance. Interiors by Adam D. Tihany, one of the world's pre-eminent hospitality designers are inspired by the "architecture of music" – focusing on fluid curves, graceful lines and light-filled places.

The ship features exciting public spaces, venues and innovative new features.





MORE CULINARY DELIGHTS

Already known for our wide range of superb cuisine ranging from regional specialties and itinerary-based dishes to traditional favourites, we are taking this to the next level with new dining choices and venues for guests to enjoy.



In the elegant **Main Dining Room**, which offers set and "as you wish" dining, guests will find classic favourites and vegetarian choices as well as regionally inspired cuisine prepared by talented chefs.

In the intimate **Pinnacle Grill**, where tables are set with crisp linens and dazzling stemware, dishes are inspired by America's Pacific Northwest, such as king salmon from Alaska and responsibly raised beef from Washington state's Double R Ranch.

Our Pan-Asian **Tamarind**, onboard *ms Eurodam*, *ms Nieuw Amsterdam* and *ms Koningsdam* offers exotic menus that evoke the culinary traditions of Southeast Asia, China and Japan, with dishes that honour the elements of water, wood, fire and earth. A new partnership with Top Sushi Chef, Andy Matsuda of the Los Angeles Sushi institute, sees his signature sushi rolls being introduced for guests to enjoy at Tamarind.

A partnership with Master Mixologist Dale "King Cocktail" DeGroff, means that guests can enjoy signature cocktails before or during their meals. For casual alfresco dining by the pool, **Dive-In** has it all, including lighter fare, like a grilled chicken breast sandwich and vegetarian-friendly portabella mushroom stack. Plus crisp Italian salads and made to order thin-crusted pizzas.

A feature on all ships is the **Culinary Arts Centre**, an innovative show kitchen where guests can enjoy hands on cooking classes and culinary demonstrations featuring regional recipes from our own and guest chefs.

Exclusively on *ms Koningsdam*, guests may indulge in dinner in the Culinary Arts Centre, By day a dramatic show kitchen with individual cooking stations, by evening this venue transforms into an immersive farm-to-table experience where chefs prepare artisanal dishes in the show kitchen and guests enjoy each course as it's freshly prepared with micro-greens cut from the innovative onboard Koppert Cress growing area, a first in the cruise industry.

EXCLUSIVE TO MS KONINGSDAM

Also onboard *ms Koningsdam* is **Sel de Mer**, an intimate seafood brasserie offering a contemporary twist on French seafood classics. At **BLEND**, the only one it's kind at sea, guests may learn to blend their own wines.

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23 Nov 2016; 1, 22 Mar 2017 Ms Koningsdam

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