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## Welcome!

lot has changed since 1987. Shell suits and baggy trousers have disappeared, though the photographic evidence that they were once quite the style statement refuses to do the same. Mullets are but an unfortunate memory, E.T. made it home, and the distant future portrayed in 'Back to the Future Part II' has long since been and gone.

One thing which hasn't changed in all of those years is Bolsover Cruise Club's title as the 'Top Independent UK Agent' for P&O Cruises. We scooped the accolade for the very first time in 1987, at an awards ceremony no doubt teeming with velvet, shoulder pads and pearls, and have collected the coveted award every single year since. As we returned to the stage in January, minus the shoulder pads, we marked our 30th consecutive year as P&O Cruises' top UK agent, and I cannot put into words how much of an incredible achievement this is and how proud I am.

We decided that there could be no better way to mark the occasion than by taking a look back to where it all began, with someone who has been there almost from the very beginning. Founding partner Derek Wilson has played a fundamental role in Bolsover Cruise Club's past and present, and I'm sure you'll find his insights very interesting indeed.

This edition of Into The Blue comes as we wait with baited breath for the exciting launch of brand new 2018/19 itineraries from P&O Cruises, tempting our sense of adventure with maiden calls to new destinations and return visits to some of our favourites. Time spent at sea is precious and choosing where your next itinerary will take you is never easy. I hope our destination features might provide a little inspiration, whetting your appetite for lazy summer days in San Francisco and grand voyages in the Baltic Sea.

I hope you enjoy reading.

Yours sincerely

Michael Wilson Managing Director



**Cover image:** Statues at the Peterhof Palace





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# AMALFI COAST

ive 'la dolce vita' on the Amalfi Coast, a destination which defies both gravity and expectation. Pastel villas stacked like steps on the hillside make for a picturesque port approach unlike any other, the sweet scent of Sorrento lemons lingering heavy in the air as you head into the harbour. The villages of Amalfi, Salerno, Sorrento, Positano and Ravello rise skyward from the emerald Tyrrhenian Sea, beckoning you to come up and see what you have been missing.



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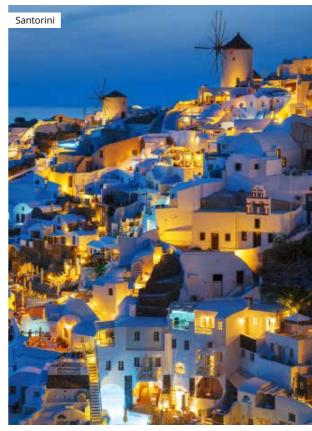
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Marseille (Provence), France - Florence/Pisa (Livorno), Italy - At Sea - Katakolon (Olympia), Greece - Mykonos - Santorini - At Sea - Kotor, Montenegro - At Sea - Naples, Italy (for exclusive private tour) - Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy. Disembark, private transfer to 4\* Mecenate Palace, Rome, for a 2 night stay. Private transfer to airport, fly to London.

## ITINERARY B:

## **14 NIGHTS**

Fly London to Rome, Italy. Private transfer to 4\* Mecenate Palace, Rome for a 2 night stay. Private transfer to Civitavecchia and embark Royal Princess sailing to Naples, Italy (for exclusive private tour) - Sicily (Messina), Italy - At Sea - Dubrovnik, Croatia - Kotor, Montenegro - Corfu - At Sea - Corsica (Ajaccio), France - Toulon (for Provence), France - Barcelona, Spain. Disembark, private transfer to 4\* Onix Liceo near Las Ramblas for a 2 night stay. Private transfer to airport, fly to London.



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View of the Amalfi Coast from Ravello





## EXCLUSIVE HERCULANEUM, RAVELLO AND AMALFI COAST PRIVATE TOUR

You will be met at Naples port by a representative ready to guide you to your private air conditioned transport. You will leave from the port of Naples and reach the archaeological site of Herculaneum, which hold the famous ruins of the lost city buried by the ash of Mount Vesuvius when it erupted in 79 AD. Once you have discovered everything about these fascinating sites, take a panoramic view over the Chiunzi mountains on the way to Ravello.

Ravello is a town situated on one of the highest points of the Amalfi coast,

founded in the 5th century and used as a shelter from the Romans against the Barbarian invasions. From there you'll have exceptional views over the coast richly decorated with villas and gardens. A true joy to see! After some free time you'll set off for your final destination, Amalfi.

Amalfi is a city rich of history and power. It became a maritime superpower in Italy, together with Pisa, Venice and Genoa; the so called Republiche Marinare (The Maritime Republics) which regulated sea trading and commerce. Now the city is a main tourist attraction with its sun-filled piazzas, where you can find plenty of restaurants, souvenir and liqueurs shops (you shouldn't leave Amalfi without tasting some Limoncello, a lemon based digestif). Overlooking the main square of Amalfi, you can see the beautiful Romanesque Basilica dedicated to the Saint Apostle Andrew.

At the end of the tour, you will be taken back to Naples on a final relaxing scenic drive through Via Agerola, where you can comfortably have a last glance at the stunning coast seen from above.

# CRUISE NEWS

## PRINCESS CRUISES DEBUT OCEAN MEDALLION

Princess Cruises will become the first Carnival Corporation brand to feature the new Ocean Medallion, a wearable device designed to enhance the guest experience.

The medallion, which is waterproof and the same size as a 10p piece, will debut on Regal Princess from 13 November 2017, followed by Royal Princess and Caribbean Princess in early 2018.

The Ocean Medallion is fully automated and can be worn as a pendant, on a wristband, clipped onto clothing, or slipped into a pocket or bag. The medallion will be sent to passengers prior to their sailing, along with instructions on how to build a personal profile sharing travel likes and dislikes. Guests may share as much or as little information as they choose, with privacy settings enabled to protect personal information on the device.

The programme will then use the information to create a more personalised on board experience, alerting cruisers to activities and entertainment that may be of interest to them. The Ocean Medallion will replace the key card when it comes to embarkation and disembarkation, and will also lock and unlock an assigned stateroom as guests near it. It will also enable guests to purchase services, excursions, food and drinks, as well as providing a more personalised dining experience, based on food and drink preferences and information on dietary restrictions shared by guests prior to boarding.

An Ocean Compass is being introduced alongside the Ocean Medallion and will act as a 'digital concierge', which will be accessible via interactive displays throughout the ship, stateroom televisions and on personal mobile devices. The Ocean Compass will assist guests in various ways, from providing directions around the ship, to making reservations at the Lotus spa and speciality dining restaurants, booking shore excursions and providing information about ports of call.





#### AZAMARA CLUB CRUISES UNVEIL "STAY LONGER. EXPERIENCE MORE." LAND PROGRAMME

Azamara Club Cruises has announced plans to extend its land programme with more exclusive and curated activities ashore, more overnight stays and late evenings in port, and more themed voyages built around major sports and entertainment events.

The cruise line's renewed focus on its land programme was announced by Azamara president and CEO, Larry Pimentel, at a recent press event in New York City.

"We have found that authentic, localised travel which is exclusive is one of the very hot buttons that turn people on about going to a destination," Pimentel said. "The more we can connect people to people and to culture in a deeper, more ingrained way, the more the clients want to be with us."

The land programmes will be built around the notion of doing things 'like a local' and many are expected to enable passengers to stay on shore overnight. In addition, Azamara Club Cruises will offer more cruises to big events, including the British Open, the Cannes Film Festival and the Monaco Grand Prix.

The extended land programme has been rolled out with the mantra: "Stay longer. Experience more." and will include an emphasis on food, shopping, biking, golf, walking and other pursuits. The cruise line is to offer more than 1,000 curated experiences "that can't be Googled" in the words of Pimentel.

"You can't find them," he said. "We're creating them. And that's the difference."

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### CARNIVAL CORPORATION PLACES DOUBLE ORDER WITH FINCANTIERI

Carnival Corporation has signed a memorandum of agreement with Italian shipbuilder Fincantieri to build two new cruise ships.

With the two ships – one for Holland America Line and one for Princess Cruises – Carnival Corporation has a total of 19 new ships scheduled for delivery between 2017 and 2022.

Holland America Line's new 99,500-ton, 2,660-passenger ship will become the third in its Pinnacle-class when built at Fincantieri's shipyard in Marghera, Italy, and is expected to be delivered in 2021. The as yet unnamed vessel will join the recently launched ms Koningsdam and Nieuw Statendam, scheduled for delivery in November 2018.

Princess Cruises' new 145,000-ton ship is to be built at Fincantieri's Monfalcone shipyard, with an expected delivery date of 2022. The vessel will carry 3,660 passengers and will become the cruise line's sixth in the Royal-class, joining Royal Princess, Regal Princess, Majestic Princess and two more yet-to-be-named ships currently under construction by Fincantieri, the delivery dates for which are 2019 and 2020. "We are extremely pleased to formally announce these two new ships and build on the success and popularity of their sister ships already sailing guests around the globe," said Arnold Donald, chief executive of Carnival Corporation.

"Our goal is to exceed the expectations of the 11.5 million guests who sail with us each year, and these new ships will offer more opportunities for our guests to create lifelong vacation memories while generating added excitement around the fast-growing global demand for cruise vacations."

#### QUEEN VICTORIA BECOMES LARGEST PASSENGER SHIP EVER TO DOCK IN MANAUS

Cunard's Queen Victoria has made her maiden voyage through the 'Meeting of the Waters', becoming the largest passenger ship to sail the Amazon and dock in the port of Manaus, 900 miles upriver from the ocean.

Captain Peter Philpott was at the helm as the ship arrived into the Brazilian port of Manaus, the sixth of 32 ports of call on Queen Victoria's 120-night World Voyage.

"Queen Victoria's maiden call in Manaus represents the type of innovation and uniqueness that guests have come to expect from Cunard," said Josh Leibowitz, Senior Vice President of Cunard North America.





## ROYAL CARIBBEAN BECOMES THE ONLY CRUISE LINE TO OFFER PADI DIVE CERTIFICATION

Royal Caribbean International is now the only cruise line in the world to offer on board PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) Five Star Dive Centres, enabling guests to become certified scuba divers as part of their holiday.

Royal Caribbean's new partnership with PADI will see the cruise line offer a range of programmes for both new and experienced divers, from a 30-minute 'Try Dive Program' for beginners, to PADI's 'Reactivate Program', which serves as a refresher for certified divers. Prices for these shorter programmes will start at \$29 per person.

Guests who are keen to turn their holiday into the ultimate scuba diving experience can enrol in PADI's 'Open Water Diver' course, which is priced from \$599 per person and earns participants a complete scuba diving certification. The scuba dive course begins at home with an online course using the PADI Touch™ mobile app or PADI eLearning® program. Once on board, divers will test the waters in the ship's pool, before completing the course's four mandatory openwater training dives in some of the world's most stunning underwater surroundings. Guests will return home as certified scuba divers.

Guests can book their PADI course before embarking through Royal Caribbean's Cruise Planner, or while on board at one of the PADI Five Star Dive Centres found on ten ships in the fleet, including Oasis, Freedom and Voyager-class ships, as well as the Quantum-class Anthem of the Seas.

#### FOUR NEW SHIPS FOR NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE

Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. has announced an order for four new ships, with an option for two more, in the company's first collaboration with shipbuilders Fincantieri.

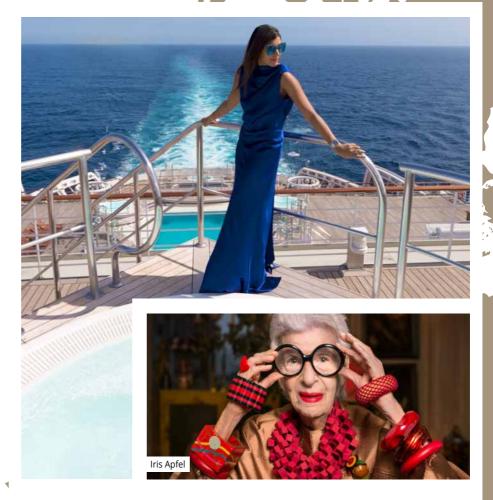
Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. revealed that four ships are on order for delivery in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, with the option for two additional ships to be delivered in 2026 and 2027. The four next generation ships will accommodate approximately 3,300 guests and will make up an as-yetunnamed new class in the Norwegian Cruise Lines fleet.

The prototype for the new ships was developed by Fincantieri based on NCL's signature 'freedom and flexibility' approach. Commenting on the collaboration, Giuseppe Bono, CEO of Fincantieri, said:

"We are extremely excited to collaborate with Norwegian Cruise Line and this partnership allows us to include a new prestigious client in Fincantieri's portfolio."

The value of each ship is estimated to be in the region of more than £680 million and the operator has hinted that several 'first-at-sea' features will be incorporated into their design.





## FASHION ICON SET FOR THE HIGH SEAS

Cunard has announced that eccentric fashion icon Iris Apfel will join the line-up on board the cruise line's second annual Transatlantic Fashion Week (31 August – 7 September 2017).

At 95, Iris has become known for her individual style and a penchant for flamboyant accessories. Her signature look of bold round glasses, oversized bangles and necklaces, and vibrant outfits, has led to the industry icon featuring in countless fashion campaigns.

Over the course of Cunard's Transatlantic Fashion Week, Iris will be presenting a Q&A session, offering insight into her lifestyle, inspiration and future fashion forecasts.

Iris commented: "I've lived quite a life of fashion and can't wait to experience style at sea! I look forward to being inspired by the elegance and glamour of the occasion and life on board, especially the formal nights, on my voyage across the Atlantic."

Designer Julien Macdonald OBE will headline Transatlantic Fashion Week 2017, joined by other prestigious names in the fashion industry including fashion historian Colin McDowell MBE and consultant to the international fashion industry, Gail Sackloff OBE, as well as top models from Storm Model Management.

Angus Struthers, Vice President of Marketing for Cunard, said: "Following on from the success of Transatlantic Fashion Week 2016, we are delighted to welcome fashion icon Iris Apfel, in addition to Julien Macdonald, on board Queen Mary 2 this year. Transatlantic Fashion Week 2017 will see another seven-night voyage full of glamorous dinners, exclusive unveilings and exciting catwalk shows, ensuring that this week becomes a firm fixture that is eagerly anticipated in the international fashion show calendar."

## **30YEARS AT SCIENCE** THE TOP! TOP AGENT FOR P&O CRUISES 1987-2017

## Bolsover Cruise Club recognised as the UK's top P&O Cruises agent for a 30th consecutive year.

he year was 1987 and George Michael had 'Faith', Bon Jovi was 'Livin' on a Prayer' and Patrick Swayze had us hypnotized with his snake hips in Dirty Dancing. Somewhere amidst all of this, Bolsover Cruise Club was collecting the award for 'Top UK Independent Agent for Canberra Cruises' for the very first time.

Fast-forward to 2017; Canberra Cruises has become better known as P&O Cruises and Bolsover Cruise Club has returned to the stage to collect the cruise line's most coveted award for a 30th consecutive year, at a starstudded ceremony held at London's 100 Wardour Street hotel in January.



L-R; Helen Moore, Nathalie Avis, Samantha Ward and Julie Straw, Bolsover Cruise Club



Cruises, with Julie Straw and Helen Moore of Bolsover Cruise Club The UK Cruise Awards are the most prestigious event on the cruise calendar, bringing the industry's biggest names together to recognise the most successful agents of the previous year.

Speaking about winning the award for an incredible 30 consecutive years, Michael Wilson, Managing Director of Bolsover Cruise Club, said:

"To be recognised as the UK's top independent agent for P&O Cruises for 30 years in a row is a huge achievement for us and one which we are incredibly proud of.

"Our relationship with P&O Cruises has been nurtured over a great period of time, beginning when the cruise industry itself was still in its inception and SS Canberra ruled the waves.

"Retaining this award for so long is testament to our unrivalled expertise of the UK's favourite cruise line.

Bolsover Cruise Club's second win of the night came via Reservations Manager, Helen Moore, who had her unwavering hard work and commitment recognised with the Shining Star Award.

Helen, who has worked for Bolsover Cruise Club for over 20 years, said:

"I am so honoured and proud to receive this award.

"To be recognised for all my hard work and my commitment to Bolsover Cruise Club, and our valued operators, makes everything worthwhile. I am so grateful to all who made this happen, it really does mean the world to me."



L-R; Paul Ludlow, Senior Vice President of P&O Cruises, and Helen Moore of Bolsover Cruise Club



L-R; Louise Robinson, editor of World of Cruising, Marcus Brigstocke, Comedian and Nathalie Avis of Bolsover Cruise Club



## Passenger Favourite Cruise Agent

Bolsover Cruise Club beat off the competition to be named 'Passenger Favourite Cruise Agent' in the second annual Wave Awards, which took place at Kensington's Royal Garden Hotel in February.

The Wave Awards set the benchmark for achieving excellence and significant growth in the cruise sector of the travel market, with the black-tie ceremony attended by 340 of the industry's leading figures.

The award for 'Passenger Favourite Cruise Agent' was voted for by the readers of World of Cruising magazine.

"We are always especially thrilled to receive awards which are voted for by the public" said Michael Wilson, Managing Director of Bolsover Cruise Club.

"We pride ourselves on being the best when it comes to our customer service and overall client experience, so it is fantastic to have our dedication recognised."

# CRUISING THROUGH THE YEARS

Back in January, we were awarded the title of 'Top UK Independent Agent for P&O Cruises' for a 30th consecutive year. As part of our celebrations, we decided it was time to shine a light on one of the great contributors to Bolsover Cruise Club's successes throughout the years, founding partner, Derek Wilson.

Bolsover Cruise Club was founded in the 1960's by your father, the late A. L. Wilson. Can you tell us a little about how the idea to open a travel agency first arose?

My father was a man of great foresight and entrepreneurial spirit. Throughout his life he had a knack for seeing opportunities that others had overlooked and this led to him opening several businesses during his years. The first of those was a sweet shop located next to the cinema in Bolsover. With World War II in progress, sweets and the like were on ration, and crisps were amongst the items that had become practically unobtainable. One day, as we passed a shop in Sheffield on our way home from the Empire Theatre, I pointed out a sign in the window saying 'Crisps for Sale'. My father, being the man he was, returned to the shop the following day and discovered that the crisps were being made at a fish shop in Hunters Bar, Sheffield. He travelled to the fish shop and told the owner that he would take as many crisps as could be produced, going on to sell his first van full within a couple of hours. Within a short period of time he was supplying not only his own shop, but also a number of large wholesalers, retailers, pubs and breweries around the country.

Some years later, and with other successful business ventures in between, my father was looking for a business to join his flourishing estate agency in the town of Bolsover. Realising that travel was a growing market and that nobody else in the area was operating this type of business, he opened Bolsover Travel.

## How did you come to be involved with the business?

I had previously worked for my father's crisps business, before going into the Armed Forces to complete two years of National Service. Like many, I had no idea what I wanted to do when I left the Forces. I took a sales job with Hoover immediately after leaving and was very successful in the role. Later, I would hold various management positions with a large electrical retailer in Sheffield and it was here that I learned much of the knowledge used to develop Bolsover Travel, once I finally joined the business in the late 1960's.





would become Bolsover Cruise Club?

My father's ability to spot an opportunity is something that is ingrained within the whole family and it was this that helped me grow the business. I had first experimented with advertising in the local press whilst working for the electrical retailers, after noticing that similar businesses were not promoting their services at all. I noticed the same thing again in the travel industry. At that time, people would simply post deals in their shop windows, never in the press. I began advertising holiday offers in the local newspaper and would regularly open the

shop to a long queue of customers the day after the paper went on sale.

After realising that nobody else was advertising cruise holidays, I decided to place a very small 1 column inch ad in the Mail on Sunday. I remember us debating whether it would be worthwhile, as the advert was quite expensive at £100. Shops never opened on Sundays back then, so I put my home telephone number on the ad rather than waiting in the shop for the phone to ring. The response was incredible and we received constant calls from 7.00am when the newsagents opened, right through to 1.00am the following morning. Word spread from there and it just grew and grew.



#### Did you ever expect that the business would grow to become one of the UK's leading cruise agents?

No, we could never have envisaged how the business would develop throughout the years. We came into the industry when there was really just one cruise ship, the SS Canberra, and have been lucky to grow with the cruise lines. Other agents have come and gone along the way, but we have stood the test of time.

#### To what do you attribute the success of Bolsover Cruise Club?

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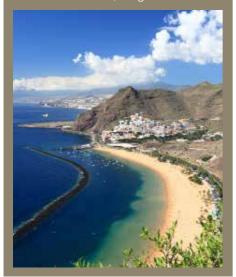
It is a huge cliché but here at Bolsover Cruise Club we really do focus on offering the best service to our customers. Everybody promises it these days but very few actually meet that promise. We get back to people immediately. We have incredible product knowledge and we have built the whole business around offering fantastic service. I would say that we are a family of perfectionists, it's in our blood and it has filtered down into the business; we offer the standard of service that we would expect to receive and I think this reflects in the number of personal recommendations from our clients. They have been the building blocks of our business.

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HILING BRIDE BUILDE PARAMETER

#### After 45 years in the industry, you must have seen rather a lot of the world. Do you remember your first cruise?

I do and it was that very first cruise which had me sold on the idea of cruising in general. It was unlike anything I had ever done and I knew others would enjoy it as much as I had. Like many cruisers around that time, I sailed on board the SS Canberra to the Canary Islands. My wife and I shared a 4-berth cabin with our two daughters and the ship itself was a million miles away from today's ships. Our cabin had bunk beds and a sink, no toilet. We had to pay for everything on board with cash too, imagine that!





How has your role with Bolsover Cruise Club changed over the years?

In the beginning, I took the very thorough sales training I received at Hoover and used the same principles to train my staff. The method works and it is one that we continue to use today, with all of our cruise consultants undergoing three months of really intense training before they take their first call.

I think as far as progression goes, I

recognised several years ago that it was time to hand over the reins to my children, Michael and Julie. They have great modern business minds and we live in a new world, where technology plays more of a role in business than ever. Seeing those changes coming and acknowledging that the business must change with the times was imperative in taking Bolsover Cruise Club to the next level. I've concentrated on sales training since, so I guess you could say I've gone full circle!





What has been your most memorable cruise holiday?

Cruising has given people the chance to see the furthest flung corners of the world and I have been lucky enough to travel to many places on board various ships. One of my most memorable cruises was aboard a ship called the MS Astor. The cruise line was very new at the time and offered sailings to the Indian Ocean. That particular trip was fantastic.

#### You've seen a lot of the world. Do you have a favourite destination?

One of my sons lives in Cape Town and I usually spend 5 or 6 weeks there each year; it's a great way to escape the worst of the winter! The weather is perfect and the place itself is incredible. I've also taken several short cruises in and out of Cape Town. It is a beautiful destination and it is a shame that political unrest has tainted its reputation. I personally would be the first to recommend it to anyone who has considered visiting.



#### After all these years, what has been your proudest moment at Bolsover Cruise Club?

It was very gratifying to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award for Significant Contribution to the Travel Industry quite recently. I knew nothing about it and I remember thinking that whoever Carnival Chairman David Dingle was talking about, when presenting an introduction to the award, sounded very familiar!

Of course, I have to mention our most recent award for 'Top UK Independent Agent for P&O Cruises'. To have achieved this accolade for a 30th consecutive year is just incredible and I am very, very proud. Aside from that, the feedback we have received on the new website is really important to me and it was also great to be recognised as having the best performing agent in Travel Weekly's mystery shopper feature. The magazine has assessed our cruise agents on three separate occasions and we scooped the top spot each time. It is testament to the hard work everyone puts in every day.





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P&O Cruises are proud to present a selection of Captain's Choice cruises; a carefully collated collection of exciting holidays offering you the opportunity to explore their cruising heartlands. Featuring a wealth of fabulously varied itineraries and packed with enriching experiences, we're certain you'll find something appealing amongst this selection of classic destinations. As well as offering ample opportunity for exploration, these Captain's Choice cruises tempt with an enticing blend of days at sea, glamorous Gala Evenings and calls in some of the world's most exciting cities.

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Tempted to take the plunge? If chilling out is high on your agenda, we'd recommend the balmy delights of the Caribbean over Iceland's effortless cool, where the dramatic scenery begs to be explored in a similarly rugged 4x4 vehicle. If you're answering the call of the wild, P&O Cruises' Canada and New England journeys combine wilderness and big city bright lights to brilliant effect. And if you're intent on brushing up on those Mediterranean classics, Aurora offers a 17 night odyssey of culture, history and cuisine.

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Southampton - Madeira - Antigua - St Maarten Tortola - St Lucia - Barbados - Grenada - Curacao Aruba - Cartagena - Colon - Roatan 🖲 - Belize 🕹 Cozumel • - Progreso - New Orleans (two days in port) - Key West • - Miami - Port Canaveral (overnight in port) - Charleston - Bermuda (two days in port) - Praia da Vitoria, Azores - Southampton







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Southampton - Madeira - Antigua - St Maarten Tortola - St Kitts 🔍 - Martinique - St Lucia - Grenada Barbados - Ponta Delgada, Azores - Southampton



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9 JAN 2018 | 41 NIGHTS

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ancient wonders of Egypt and Petra.



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Lift the lid on the treasure box that is the Baltic Sea and discover Northern Europe's most precious gems

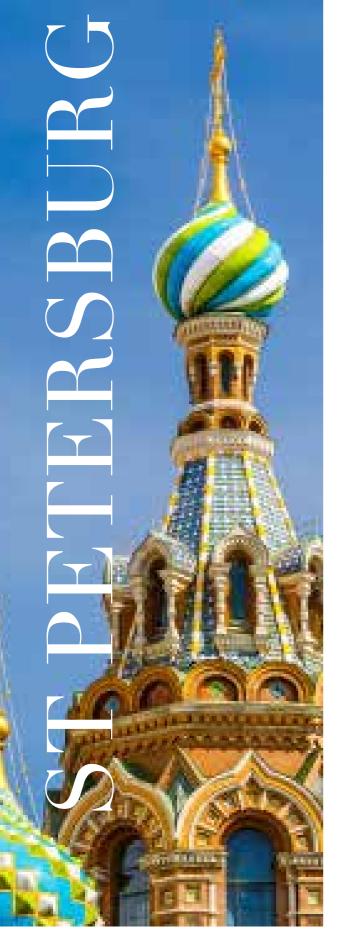
> he Baltic Sea crashes against the coastlines of Northern Europe, a region best explored from the water. Port-rich itineraries take you to some of the world's most cultural capitals, from medieval Tallinn, to cosy Copenhagen, vivacious Berlin and cutting-edge Helsinki. The land of the Vikings and the Tsars holds history and mystery in spades.

Stockholm, Sweden





## BALTIC TREASURES



Dramatic, flamboyant, opulent; it's hard to believe that St Petersburg was once little more than swampland. Built by Peter the Great in 1703, the city served as Russia's imperial showcase capital until the Russian Revolution and remains the country's cultural capital today.

trolling through St Petersburg sends you down the rabbit hole and back to the time of the Tsars. From the extravagant onion-domed exterior of the Church of the Saviour on the Spilled Blood, to the mint green, white and gold façade of the Hermitage and the antique gold walls that have witnessed a lifetime of performances in the Mariinsky Theatre; the city is a work of art in itself. For full effect, revel in the regalia of a changing of the guard ceremony in the grounds of the grand Palace Square, before casting your eye across some of the three million or more treasures contained within the neoclassical walls of the sprawling Hermitage Museum complex.

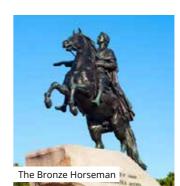
St Petersburg's Romanov residences and imperial palaces reflect in the still Neva River, but venture a little deeper into the streets beneath the bejewelled skyline and you'll discover a self-assured city that has two feet firmly in the present. St Petersburg holds its own against Moscow, its city-dwellers as chic and its social scene as sophisticated. The 'white nights' of midsummer bathe St Petersburg in a glorious glow, dusk's moody skies stretching into the early hours of the morning as the sun fails to set fully between mid-June and July. Locals raise a raucous toast to the start of summer, casting off their clothes to sunbathe at the Peter and Paul Fortress Beach during the day, before spending evenings at the Mariinsky Theatre, catching operas, theatrics and the worldfamous Russian ballet, ending with a nightcap at tables outside bars that stay open late into the night.

Despite its popularity, St Petersburg remains one of the most difficult destinations in the world to visit independently, due to Russia's stringent visa restrictions. Travellers on an organised excursion are covered within a ship group visa held by the cruise operator, making a cruise the simplest way to see the city by far.











# COPENHAGEN

Aside from the multi-coloured merchant houses of nautical Nyhavn and the smaller-thanexpected Little Mermaid statue, Copenhagen is most famous for being the coolest Nordic capital and the happiest city in the world.

he concept of 'hygge', a nearobsession with getting cosy, has been recreated across Europe in recent years but in Copenhagen's quaint cafes it is truly at home. In summer, you feel it as you eat outdoors on the harbour. In winter, hygge comes into its own, wrapping you in a warm hug as you eat warm pastries and sip hot chocolate in chintzy cafes. It's an entirely unique Nordic concept but it doesn't half make the city feel like home.

The largest city in Scandinavia has become one of Europe's must-see destinations in recent years. Its diverse neighbourhoods are incredibly bike-friendly, your two wheels taking you from the historic harbour district of Nyhavn, through the Vesterbro neighbourhood's cool Meatpacking District, to the lively shopping street of Strøget, one of Europe's largest and oldest pedestrianised streets.

Tivoli Gardens was established in 1843, making it not only one of the world's oldest theme parks but also one of the most tasteful. The attraction comes alive in November, when the festive markets transform it into a winter wonderland. Spring sees the park fill with locals and summer brings music festivals and long laissez-faire days of flitting between vintage fairground rides, shows in the Glass Hall Theatre and meals in one of over 30 different restaurants. Copenhagen is one of the Baltic's most family-friendly cities, not only thanks to the Tivoli Gardens and the National Aquarium Denmark (the largest aquarium in Northern Europe), but also because there is an endless list of activities to keep the kids entertained, from burning off excess energy in the gorgeous grounds of Rosenborg Castle, to picnics on the solar-powered 'GoBoats' that work their way along Copenhagen's canals.

With a thriving gastronomical scene attracting foodies from around the world, plus chic Scandinavian design boutiques that'll make you appreciate the lack of luggage limits when you sail to and from the UK, Copenhagen's popularity is well-deserved.





# STOCKHOLM

The night before arrival into Stockholm sees alarms set and cameras readied, the anticipation for one of cruising's best port approaches reaching fever pitch. There are 30,000 islands, islets and rocks in the Stockholm archipelago, and your ship will negotiate hundreds of them on its approach into the city, making for some seriously stunning views on route.

tockholm itself is spread across 14 islands, with 57 bridges making its many neighbourhoods surprisingly accessible. Each has its own unique character, from bohemian Södermalm, with its leisurely vibe, vintage shops and hip SoFo area, to the Old Town of Gamla Stan. Stockholm was founded here in 1252 and the city's central island continues to be considered its historic heart and soul. The medieval Stortorget square and the buildings along the streets of Köpmangatan are some of the oldest and best preserved in Europe. The Royal Palace, whose 600 rooms make it one of the largest palaces in the world, Stockholm Cathedral and the Nobel

Museum are all found in the Gamla Stan neighbourhood.

Norrmalm is the city's modern centre, where on any given day you'll find Sweden's stereotypically beautiful people shopping for beautiful Scandinavian interiors and fashion. Many retire to upmarket Östermalm, a neighbourhood whose exclusive Bibliotekstan shopping district and grand seaside boulevard, Strandvägen, make it a worthwhile stop for visitors.

The Swedish are famous for their love of the great outdoors. Follow the locals to Djugården by foot or ferry and you'll find the perfect place to enjoy summer in the city. The greenest of Stockholm's islands isn't only home to an abundance of natural beauty, but also some of the city's top attractions, including the must-see Vasa Museum. The Vasa capsized and sank just a mile from the Stockholm shore in 1623 and was preserved by the ice cold Baltic Sea in the 333 years that followed. It has since been recovered and is exhibited at the Vasa Museum as the world's only preserved 17th century ship. The mighty warship is an arresting sight.

If sunken ships aren't your idea of fun, perhaps you'd prefer to get a little more familiar with Sweden's four most famous figures; the ABBA Museum can be found on Djugården.





Town Hall Square in Tallinn Old Town



Alexander Nevsky Cathedral





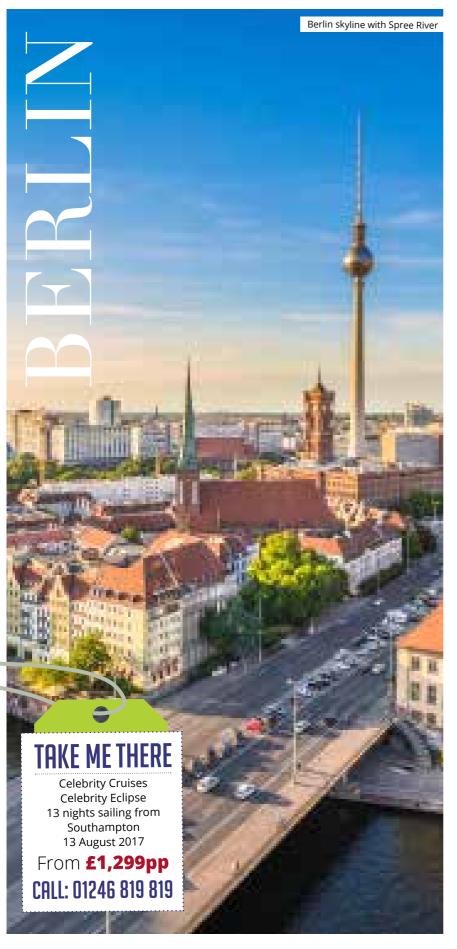
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Estonia's compact capital is more chocolate box charming than Soviet-era stark. Tallinn is one of the Baltic's most walkable cities and you needn't venture far from the port to discover its pride and joy. Tallinn's UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town is one of the best preserved medieval towns in the world. The gentlemanly Hanseatic League left behind a warren of cobbled streets, pastel merchant houses and 14th century alleyways leading to suntrap squares that still serve as the social hubs of the city.

espite its reputation as a living, breathing museum of medieval life, there is nothing antiquated about Tallinn. Locals are quick to point out that the city is one of the best connected in the world, with over 98% of it covered by free Wi-Fi. Some of technology's leading start-ups were conceived within these centuries-old city walls. There may be sleek skyscrapers and chic restaurants popping up between the ancient church spires and fortifications, but Tallinn hasn't sacrificed an inch of its historic integrity. Instead, these great strides into the 21st century only add to the city's charm, creating a destination that effortlessly merges the very best of both worlds.

For those who seek a glance of yesteryear, there are the landmarks; olde-worlde Raekoja plats and its Gothic town hall, Peter the Great's Petrine Baroque Kadriorg Palace and its endless gardens, and the 400ft tower of St Olaf's Church on Toompea Hill, from where the scene stretches across the red roofs of the Old Town and past the onion domes of the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. For those who prefer their days spent in a more modern metropolis, there are the swish shops of the Rotermann Quarter, the cutting-edge architecture of the Kumu Art Museum, and the ateliers, artists and offbeat eateries of Talliskivi Loomelinnak, or Creative City, Estonia's bohemian hangout.

## BALTIC TREASURES



This old city is young at heart. Once described by its own mayor as 'poor but sexy', Berlin has a tendency to leave all those who visit immediately enamoured. Eclectic, cool and just a little addictive, the historic German capital has become the place to be.

Berlin and its residents have every right to bask in the glow of the city's renaissance. World War II ravaged the city and the resulting occupation, along with the wall that came with it, saw the city literally divided in two. Decades later, with the wall felled and Germany unified, Berlin celebrates by refusing to take itself too seriously. There is the sense of possibility in the air, an influx of creatives bringing with them their art, their words and their freespirited approach.

As the seat of the Nazi headquarters, Berlin was bombed tirelessly during World War II. As a result, most of its neoclassical palaces were destroyed, replaced quickly with far more austere structures after the war. Unlike the medieval squares of many Baltic cities, the design of Berlin's main square, Alexanderplatz, dates back just 50 years. Bebelplatz is more reminiscent of pre-war Berlin, the beige stone and turquoise-topped Staatsoper, Catholic St. Hedwig's Cathedral and the Royal Library all offering an inkling of the grandeur the city once held. Sadly, Bebelplatz made history in an unfortunate manner on 10 May 1933, when it became the site of the Nazi 'book burning' in which 20,000 literary works were destroyed. Look beneath your feet in the centre of the square and you'll see the subterranean monument commemorating the incident; a library with endless empty shelves.

Berlin has a way of reminding you of the importance of the past, whilst striding towards the future. Many of the city's museums are free to visit, a conscious decision made to remove financial boundaries that might stop visitors educating themselves and appreciating Berlin's background story. You can almost feel the sense of division when you stand on the same spot on which the Berlin Wall once stood and you can almost feel the relief of walking through the Brandenburg Gate. At the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, sloping slabs of varying heights recreate a sense of claustrophobia akin to that which must have been felt by Berlin's Jewish residents as their situation deteriorated.

Against the odds, Berlin has picked itself up and brushed itself off, steadfastly refusing to wallow in its grief. Since its divisive walls became rebirthed as painted monuments of freedom, the future has never looked brighter for the city.

# OSLO

Few destinations can claim to combine an idyllic waterfront, ultra-modern city centre, forested hills, mountainous fjords and stratospheric ski slopes. Oslo can and it does so in style.

he Norwegian capital benefits endlessly from its enviable location between the Oslofjord and hundreds of acres of forest, natural beauty enveloping an ever-growing city centre. Whilst it may not court as much attention as its Scandinavian neighbours, Oslo has become a force to be reckoned with. Eye-catching architecture has sprung up across the city, concentrated on the skyscraper-stacked waterfront and the aptly named Barcode District. If you only visit one attraction before heading off into the great outdoors, make it the Oslo Opera House, a ground-breaking building that emulates the Norwegian mountains and

encourages its visitors to take a walk...on the roof.

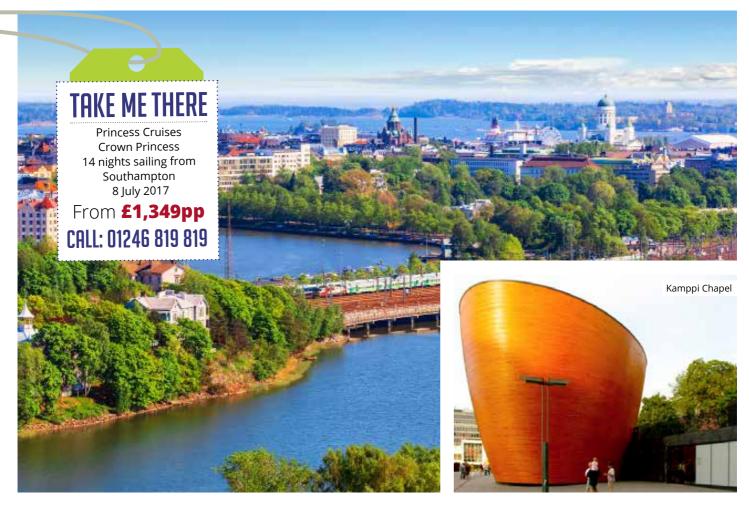
Oslo offers the best of both worlds. Its world-class museums, urban cafes and vibrant social scene has led to it becoming one of Europe's most cosmopolitan cities, but its proximity to endless swathes of greenery means you can be in the countryside in minutes.

Located just outside of the city centre, Vigeland Park is the largest sculpture park in the world by a single artist and one of Norway's most-visited attractions. The park's 212 bronze and granite sculptures are the life's work of Norwegian Gustav Vigneland and though some are a little bizarre, a morning in the park is one well spent.

The Oslofjord isn't the largest or most commanding of all Norway's fjords, but its islets and rocky shores are within easy reach of the city and the city ferry will take you there for free. The pretty painted village of Fredrikstad is one of the best preserved fortress towns in Scandinavia and many make the trip to see it. The scenic ferry ride departs from downtown Oslo and arrives into the heart of Fredrikstad's charming Old Town, Gamlebyen.



## BALTIC TREASURES



# HELSINKI

Helsinki often finds itself overlooked in favour of other Baltic cities, but this means that it feels like something of a secret. Crowds are non-existent here and there's a peace and quiet in the air that is instantly relaxing.

t is several years since Helsinki was appointed World Design Capital, but the design scene here remains one of the world's most cutting-edge. The Design District is the heart of Helsinki, its 200 plus shops, galleries, design studios and museums connected in a hive of creativity across 25 streets.

While other Baltic states cling to the grandeur of the past, Helsinki strides confidently towards the future with its most celebrated structures. The Kamppi Chapel is a curved wooden creation, designed by the Finnish K2S Architects to provide a haven of calm amidst the bustle of Narinkka Square, one of the busiest places in Finland. We guarantee that you have never seen a church quite like it.

Helsinki's position at the water's edge makes getting out onto the sea a must. Take a boat trip to picturesque Porvoo, one of the world's largest archipelagos comprising thousands of islands and islets. The wooden houses, pink city hall and cobbled main square of Porvoo's Old Town look just as they did in the Middle Ages and you'll notice a charming lack of chain restaurants and shops on the quaint streets.

Another must-see is Suomeinlinna, an inhabited sea fortress built across six islands at the entrance to Helsinki's harbour. Take the ferry over in the winter or the water bus in the summer and follow the blue trail along the fortress's miles-long fortifications, ducking into dusty tunnels and through handsome parks. There are also six museums spread across the various islands, including one which houses the submarine Vesikko, used during World War II. The Finnish are fiercely protective of their heritage and there are more than 80 museums around Helsinki, celebrating everything from Finnish art and folklore, to mammals and the military. Back on the mainland, the Steven Holl designed Kiasma building is one of Helsinki's most modern, an art museum that has proven as popular with visitors as it has with locals.

# KIEL

#### Kiel is a major maritime city at the eastern end of the Kiel Canal; the world's busiest manmade waterway.

his city by the sea lives and breathes its maritime traditions, the most renowned of which is the Kiel Week regatta. This annual international sailing festival has earned the city a reputation as the sailing centre of Europe, attracting over 500 sailors and millions of spectators from around the world. The event features heavily on themed Baltic cruise itineraries, granting sailing enthusiasts the opportunity to watch the high-tech yachts and historic ships from the Hindenburg Embankment. Kiel was almost completely destroyed in World War II and has been almost entirely rebuilt since. As a result, much of the city centre is relatively austere in comparison to other Baltic Sea destinations. That said, as a city which lives its life around the water, the Kiellinie waterfront promenade is as impressive as you might expect. An assortment of cruise ships, sailing boats and full-rigged ships litter the atmospheric harbour, where locals gather for ever-changing views across the water and great German cuisine in the cafes and restaurants along the promenade.

It isn't often considered complimentary to suggest that the best thing about a place is the road out, but for many cruise fanatics and sailing enthusiasts this is the case with Kiel. The Kiel Canal is up there with the Suez and the Panama as one of cruising's most iconic crossings, the ships proximity to shore showcasing local life lived alongside the river's 60-mile stretch.









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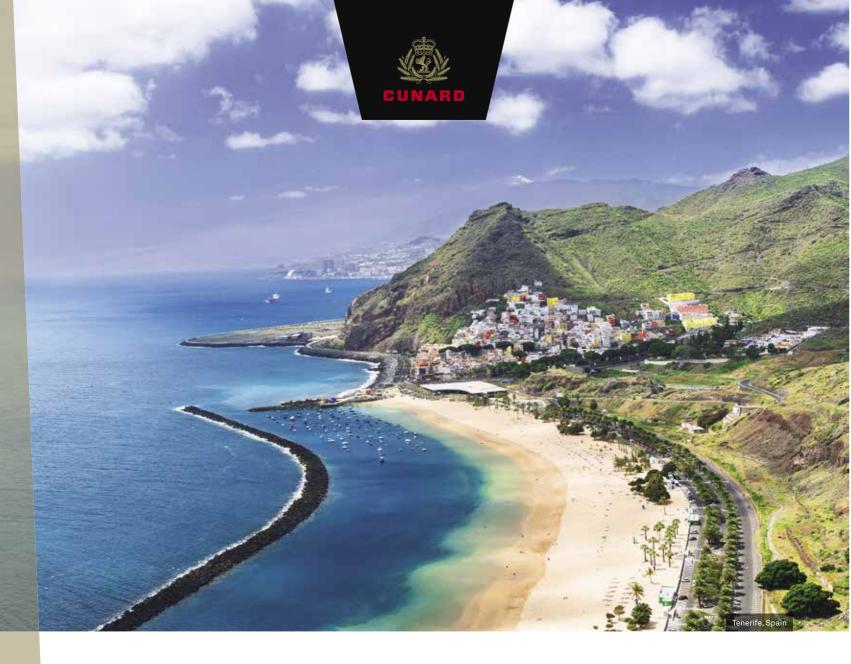
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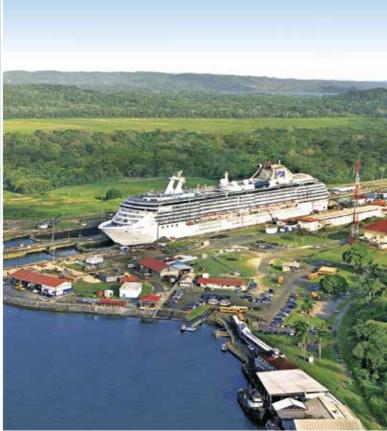
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# LUXURY REDEFINED

An opportunity to spend three nights sailing on 'The Most Luxurious Ship Ever Built<sup>TM</sup>' isn't one which comes around often. So, in the name of research, Sales Team Leaders Carla Straw and Sharon Tucker packed their hand luggage and joined Seven Seas Explorer in the Mediterranean.

t was a warm October afternoon and we were being chauffeur-driven along the French Riviera, from Nice to Monaco, in a Mercedes bound for a six-star ship which would become our home for the next three nights. As far as pinch yourself moments go, this was up there with the best of them.

Having been invited to experience Seven Seas Explorer with Regent Seven Seas Cruises, we had arrived at Nice Côte d'Azur airport less than an hour earlier, our chauffeur meeting us at passport control and even retrieving our luggage from the carousel. For those who have ever doubted the value of private transfers, please take our word for it when we say that they are worth every single penny.

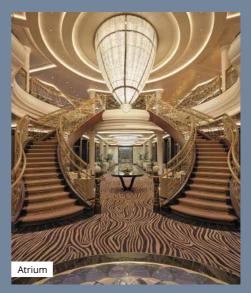
Seven Seas Explorer was docked in the gorgeous port of Monte Carlo and from the minute we arrived, pulling up beside the ship in true VIP style, it became clear that the next three nights were set to be really special. After being gently reprimanded for attempting to carry our own hand luggage to our cabin, a porter arrived to do so for us, the cases in our hands replaced with a glass of champagne.

At check-in, the necessary process couldn't have been completed any more smoothly. The theatre was a grand surrounding for the handing over of passports and the like, and our champagne glasses were kept full throughout. There were no snaking queues and certainly no stark check-in halls.

Once we were checked into our ultraluxurious floating abode, we made our way to the Pool Grill, where we could have some lunch whilst waiting for our suite to become available. What is it about travelling that unleashes an insatiable appetite? Sitting on the Pool Deck, with the port of Monte Carlo around us and our skin, we tucked into the first of many during our time aboard. While informal, and so perfect for a quick bite to eat after a shore excursion, the Pool Grill dishes up cuisine cooked with the same quality were set with perfectly pressed white cotton tablecloths and fine silver crockery, burgers were cooked to order and to your liking, and wines were hand chosen from the world's best vineyards. Plastic glasses are required on the pool deck but Regent Seven Seas Cruises' attention-to-detail meant that each glass was chilled before use, your drink replaced by the crew as soon as the glass began to warm beneath the sun.

After lunch, we lazed on one of the many double sunbeds surrounding the pool, their thick white cushions emblazoned with the Regent signature emblem and their covers replaced every time a guest got up and left. Despite addressing our every single need before we had even realised we had one, the Seven Seas Explorer crew were not intrusive in the slightest. Subtle, discreet and stunningly efficient, our first impressions were that nothing we could have asked for would have been beyond reach. The smoking lounge is also found on the Pool Deck; we call it 'lounge' because it is so much more than your usual smoking area. Unique to Regent Seven Seas Cruises and unlike anything we had seen on any other ship, the semienclosed glass booth was kitted out with an oak bar, leather bar stools and crystal ashtrays. Most importantly, the ashtrays are cleaned after every use and an air-conditioning system means there is absolutely no smell of smoke.

Once given the go ahead, we made our way to our F1 Superior Suite. We were blown away. A bed which faced the balcony meant you awoke to the most incredible views of each port of call. It was also the most comfortable bed we have ever slept in. A spacious marble bathroom had two sinks, L'Occitane toiletries, an enormous bath and not one, but two showers! The walk-in wardrobe was the icing on the cake. We ladies know that there is nothing worse than getting all hot and bothered when you are trying to decide what to wear for dinner and Regent Seven Seas Cruises have taken care of the problem perfectly, with air-conditioning which comes on automatically, along with the light, when you open the door to a walk-in wardrobe worthy of a Park Avenue Princess.







Pacific Rim





Along with the welcome fizz to toast our arrival, the suite also had a mini bar stocked with beer, soft drinks and water. Ice and lemon was available at all times and, as we settled into our home away from home, our steward arrived to introduce himself and take our drinks order. Later that evening, we returned to a litre of Tanqueray Gin and a fantastic bottle of Sauvignon Blanc. Once again, nothing we could request would have been too much trouble for Seven Seas Explorer's fantastic crew to source.

When it came to dining, the gastronomic offering went above and beyond our expectations. From delicious, piping hot breakfasts on our balcony, where our steward had set the table just as it would be set in the dining rooms, to a faultless welcome meal in the jaw-dropping Compass Rose, every meal was amazing, every wine was beautifully matched and the service was exemplary every time.

Every dining venue is included within your cruise fare and we were fortunate enough to sample most of them over the course of our three evenings on board. A taste of the Orient in Pacific Rim was absolutely delicious, the waiters so attentive and incredibly knowledgeable about both the menu and the matching wines. The opulent décor elevated the experience to such a level that you could have been forgiven for thinking that you were dining in one of the best restaurants in Asia itself.

Prime 7 has the air of an exclusive London gentleman's club and we waited for our table in huge wingback chairs, drinking a Malbec which had been perfectly stored until it was retrieved especially for us. We dined on fillet steak and enjoyed a cheeseboard dessert, sharing a handpicked selection of speciality cheeses and port.

It was the little details which set Seven Seas Explorer apart from other ships; beautiful flower arrangements fill the ship's public areas and feature lighting differs in every room; there are 5,000 chandeliers on board the ship, from a cascading blue chandelier in Compass Rose, to the amazing crystal number in the Atrium. Everything was faultless, right down to the public bathrooms, complete with cotton hand towels, L'Occitane toiletries and automatic doors. It was clear to see that when Regent Seven Seas Cruises said that no expense had been spared, it really had not.

It is safe to say that we didn't want to leave the ship behind, so our disembarkation was somewhat reluctant. After breakfast, we returned to our suites to find that our bags had been retrieved from the wardrobes and laid out on our beds for us. Oh how we would miss this service and we couldn't help but wonder whether we had been a little bit spoiled for life?

It probably goes without saying that we would absolutely recommend Seven Seas Explorer. For those who are looking to take things up a notch, experience something really extraordinary and sample luxury cruising as it should be, the newest ship in the Regent Seven Seas Cruises fleet fits the bill beyond any shadow of a doubt. When you take into consideration the fine food, the exceptional variety available when it comes to inclusive wines and drinks, the ship's stunning surroundings, the impeccable service and the cruise line's complimentary shore excursions, it really is outstanding value for money. Whilst the designer boutiques and indulgent Canyon Ranch SpaClub are very tempting, you really could come aboard Seven Seas Explorer and not spend a single penny.

Summing up the experience, when asked whether she believed that Seven Seas Explorer was indeed the most luxurious ship ever built, Sales Team Leader Carla said:

"I was not born fortunate enough for the six-star lifestyle to be the norm, but I do know great wine, incredible food and impeccable service, and all of these things on board Seven Seas Explorer were absolutely second to none."









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# creating their own on a two-week rolling

The first time I come across Executive Chef George Streeter is when I run into him at the foot of the deck 9 staircase, catching him mid-conversation as a passenger thanks him profusely for sharing a recipe with her from the previous night's dinner menu. So highly regarded was the dish in question, she "can't wait to cook it for the family on Christmas Day".

eorge is ever-present on board Saga Sapphire, overseeing deck-top barbecues, dissecting the dinner menu with guests and donning his apron to dish up chicken jalfrezi on the Verandah. Having been the man behind the meals on Saga ships for over 15 years, George knows how to please his patrons. Over the course of our Canaries and Casablanca cruise, countless passengers tell me that the food is the best they have ever eaten at sea; a bold claim, particularly from those cruisers who have spent the equivalent of entire years on the deepest blue. Saga's culinary creations are undoubtedly a contributing factor in

the cruise line's 99% satisfaction and 80% repeat passenger ratings, with passengers admitting that the food is one of the things which keeps them coming back for more. Given that the average Saga Cruises passenger has enjoyed over 50 years of mealtimes, the fact that they remain so impressed with the food on board Saga Sapphire is true testament to the work of George and his team.

Unlike many cruise lines, whose menus are created months - even years - in advance by head office, Saga Cruises hands full control to its chefs. There is no generic fleet-wide menu, with executive chefs

basis, dishing up what they want, when they want. The ship's dining rooms are run just like a la carte restaurants on land.

"It's a lot like having your own restaurant, only without the bills to go with it!" says George.

Many years ago, George would order provisions based on what had proven popular on the previous sailing. Nowadays, decades of experience means he instinctively knows what sells, so to speak, though you'll never pay a penny to dine on Saga ships, with even speciality venue East to West included within your fare.

Much of the provisioning is done at Southampton or Dover at the beginning of each cruise and provenance is key as far as Saga Cruises is concerned. The cruise line employs a 'chief shopper', charged with visiting suppliers around the globe to check that strict quality standards are met. Most fruit, vegetables and dairy produce is brought aboard in the UK, as is meat and fish, which for











the most part arrives frozen. Every ship has a butchery on board, its butcher following a process which flits between thawing room and cold room as he prepares doorstep-thick Colorado Angus steaks and works his way through the four tons of chicken consumed by guests on an average two-week cruise.

In addition to the supplies brought aboard pre-cruise, there are the little added extras picked up in ports along the way. Every now and again, George hangs up his apron and heads ashore to local markets, selecting regional delicacies that will bring a taste of the destination to guests at dinner. Whether it may be lbérico ham in Spain, pastéis de nata in Portugal or juicy pink prawns in Norway, George is a man on a mission when it comes to giving his guests a chance to sample the local specialities.

Despite having around 700 passengers and just over 400 crew to feed every day, batch cooking is a dirty term to Saga chefs. If the steak proves more popular than anticipated one evening, chef simply has the butcher cut more, each one cooked to the specific liking of each guest. Your meal is cooked just for you, just as it would be in an à la carte restaurant at home, and you'll find no ready-plated fare waiting under the kitchen pass.

Everything is cooked fresh on a Saga Cruises ship, George tells us as we delve deep into Saga Sapphire's galley for a behind-the-scenes tour. Running the galley is a military operation but the executive chef's 70-strong team knows the ropes. Hors d'oeuvres are pinched into shape and filled with caviar, crepes are rolled paper thin and dark chocolate spread on stainless steel counters is crafted into spiralling shards with little more than the pull of a palette knife. Soups, sauces and even the stocks which go into them are freshly-made each day, as are the flaky pain-au-chocolats served warm from the oven each morning in the Pole to Pole restaurant. In the 'calorie area' as George has deemed it, three bakers work on rotation day and night, rustling up the various bakes and cakes that lead us all down the slippery slope into the next size up. Turning down the bread basket is one thing, but an already difficult test of



## TAKE ME THERE

Saga Cruises Saga Sapphire 5 nights sailing from Southampton 3 December 2017 From **£679pp** CALL: 01246 819 819 willpower becomes nigh on impossible when you know that the bread barely had time to cool before reaching your side plate.

Of course, commanding a kitchen at sea isn't all plain sailing, with upwards of 80 special dietary requests on an average two-week cruise. Some request vegetarian dishes, whilst others have more complex needs like lactose and gluten intolerances and coeliac disease. Addressing special dietary requirements and allergies isn't easy in such a small space but George and his team are well-versed in ensuring that such needs are not only met but exceeded. Every lunch and dinner menu offers vegetarian options and a sugar-free dessert, whilst the sugar-free and gluten-free treats are as tempting as those on the main afternoon tea spread in the Britannia Lounge.

Despite delivering something for all dietary requirements and vast decktop barbecues capable of defeating even the biggest appetite, there is surprisingly little food waste generated aboard Saga Sapphire. Any leftovers are served to the officers and crew the following day, and if you think this must mean a diet of dry, day-old lasagne and shoe-leather steaks, think again; for the most part, meals are cooked fresh with the quality ingredients remaining from the previous passenger breakfast, lunch or dinner sitting.

And when it comes to the washing up? Well, there is no rolling up of sleeves or stainless steel sinks full of Fairy Liquid on Saga Sapphire. Instead, there is a dishwasher costing the equivalent of a brand new Aston Martin (£120,000 to be precise), which is so large that it required a hole to be cut into the side of the ship when it was installed in 2016. Cleaning up after 1,000 people three times a day, give or take an afternoon tea here and there, makes for quite the pile of dirty dishes, but this ultra-economical dishwasher does the job in minutes and is so cost-effective that it will pay for itself in three years.

When it comes to Saga Sapphire, it may be new Captain Julian Burgess who now commands the ship, but it is Saga veteran George who continues to command the kitchen.











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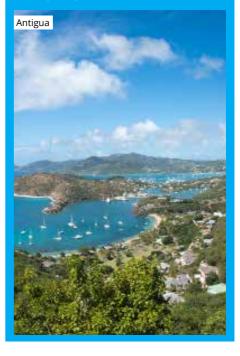
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With scenery in spades, a world-famous flower festival and a seal of approval from Sir Winston Churchill, the dessert wine isn't the only thing that is sweet about Madeira.

he sub-tropical Portuguese island of Madeira sits just a little over 300 miles from the African coast, meaning year-round sunshine and balmy temperatures that hover in the mid-twenties even in the depths of winter. For those embarking on a repositioning or Transatlantic crossing, the island presses pause on time spent at sea, encouraging cruisers to stretch their legs and soak up some sun before continuing onwards. For others, the island capital of Funchal is the star port on a Canary Islands itinerary, particularly for those who time their visit to coincide with the annual Flower Festival or with welcoming in the New Year with a fireworks display widely regarded as one of the best in the world. However you happen upon time spent in Madeira, a Garden of Eden appearance only hints at everything this unique island has to offer.









Madeira's rich volcanic soil sees a profusion of flora flourish, earning the largest island in this archipelago the moniker 'Isle of Flowers'.

Springtime is honoured in spectacular style at the Madeira Flower Festival, an event which continues to occupy a starring role on themed cruise itineraries from the likes of Cunard, Fred Olsen and P&O Cruises. The festival has been held each April since 1979, with highlights including a symbolic floral 'Wall of Hope' built by the city's children on the Praça de Municipio, floral carpets constructed by Madeiran artists along the walkways of Avenida Arriaga and the worldfamous flower parade, which sees dozens of elaborate floats decorated with the island's tropical blooms.

A paradise for the green fingered, Madeira is carpeted with countless gardens, including the botanical ones of Quinta do Bom Sucesso. In addition to views across the Madeiran capital, Funchal, the grounds here also offer an opportunity to discover almost every plant and flower known to call the island home, with over 2,000 exotic species thriving within its 80,000 square metres. Those with a head for heights can also experience one of Madeira's most famous modes of transport here, the Botanical Gardens Cable Car. Travelling for almost a mile at a height of 220m above ground, the cable car's gondolas offer incredible views over Funchal Bay and the Valley of Ribeira de João Gomes on their skyward route from Quinta do Bom Sucesso to the Monte Station.

Though it is possible to make the return trip back to Funchal from Monte via cable car, many take an even more adventurous route on the way down. The Monte Toboggan Run has enlivened Madeira's visitors since the 1850's, with Ernest Hemingway describing it as 'the most exhilarating experience of all his years'. The wicker sleds were once the preferred mode of transport for locals traversing the hills of Monte to the town of Funchal below, but now they exist purely for the pleasure of thrill-seekers. Known as 'carros de cesto', the two-person wicker



sleds on wooden runners are each manned by a team of straw-hatted 'carreiros' who use their hefty rubber-soled boots as brakes, something all the more terrifying when you consider that the sleds career at speeds of up to 30mph during the 10-minute journey.

Those more confident on two feet than two wooden runners will no doubt appreciate Madeira's levada walks. Developed during the 16th century to distribute rain water from the wet regions in the north of the island to the dry regions in the south, these man-made channels have since become walking trails of varying difficulty. There are 800 miles of levadas criss-crossing Madeira, snaking through forests, under tunnels and beneath waterfalls, making the island a haven for avid walkers.

Those who are less keen to exert any real energy on holiday needn't venture far from the port of Funchal for vertiginous views. The Cabo Girao sea cliffs are just 20 minutes from the city, their glass skywalk offering vertigo-inducing views from 500m above the raging seas below, where the waters are so deep that whales can often be spotted feeding. Equally impressive in terms of views is Nun's Valley, a tiny village nestled in a lush green valley at the heart of Madeira. This idyllic isolated village was founded in the 16th century by nuns who fled the pirate invasions which blighted the coast and its locals continue to live off the land today. Excursions visit the village at the foot of the vast green basin, but be sure to make sure yours also includes a stop-off at Eira do Serrado for some seriously stunning views into the valley below.

Madeira may be famed for its flora and fauna but to football fans there is only one star of the show. Cristiano Ronaldo was born in the Santo Antonio district and Madeira's most famous son is worshipped to God-like magnitudes in the city, 10ft-tall bronze statues and all. The CR7 Museum at Praça do Mar in Funchal houses every trophy the footballing hero has ever won, with the evergrowing total amounting to more than 160 trophies at last count. Ballon d'Ors, Golden Boots and the Henri Delaney Cup are just some of those showcased in glimmering glass cabinets, alongside life-size mannequins of the man himself, countless shirts and even letters of gushing appreciation from his fans. With entry costing just €5 and under 10's free of charge, the museum is a must for those who appreciate the flamboyant footballer's two-footed technique.

With a slippery black body, bulging eyeballs and long rows of razor sharp teeth, Madeira's endemic fish and key ingredient in the island's signature dishes isn't the most appetising to look at. Fortunately, the black scabbard fish tastes better than it looks. See the fish in all its glory at the Mercado dos Lavradores, the 'Worker's Market' in Funchal, where you will get a real insight into the Madeiran way of life, before sampling black scabbard curried with banana at O Portao restaurant in the Old Town.

The island's second signature dish is espetada. Showcasing the Madeiran's love of garlic, the kebab-like dish consists of chunks of tender beef rubbed in garlic salt and skewered

Sunset over Funchal, Madeira

on a bay leaf stick. Locals tuck in at Restaurante Dos Combatentes in the heart of Funchal, where the giant skewers arrive at the table hung from hooks and fresh from the hot coals they're cooked on. Opt for a side of bolo do caco, a traditional Madeiran bread cooked on a stone slab.

The resplendent Belmond Reid's Palace played host to Churchill when he holidayed in Madeira between his two stints as British Prime Minister and an air of British splendour remains at the 125-year-old pastel pink hotel. Afternoon tea here has become something of an institution, with finger sandwiches, warm scones and local jams tasting even better when enjoyed from a wicker chair on the terrace overlooking the Atlantic and Funchal below.











Madeira certainly isn't short of signature drinks, the most famous of which is undoubtedly its sweet dessert wine. Sample a tipple or two at Blandy's Wine Lodge on Avenida Arriaga 28 in Funchal, where the fortified wine has been made for over 200 years. Tours cover everything from the making of barrels in the Cooperage, to the ageing process in the Canteiro and the transformation of five specific grapes into Madeira wine, followed by the all-important tasting part. Our favourite of the several dedicated tastings available is the Vintage 70's Tasting, which takes you back in time with a selection of wines last sipped in the era of dizzying platforms and mustard cord flares.

Madeira was a major sugar supplier during the 15th century and poncha was the industry's sweetest byproduct. Combining distilled alcohol made from sugar cane juice with honey, sugar and lemon juice, the age-old cocktail was traditionally served in 'vendas', a neighbourhood grocery store with a bar. Fidy Poncha in the pretty fishing village of Cãmara de Lobos remains one of the most authentic vendas, whilst the venda of Mr Fidelio Figueira is one of the oldest in Madeira having stood for over 100 years.



# EUROPEAN ART CITIES

Europe is a treasure trove for art lovers, its cities overflowing with classical and contemporary collections by the great masters of art history. From iconic museums and galleries, to Renaissance sculptures and Gothic architecture, these cities are the guardians of Europe's greatest masterpieces.



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As the birthplace of bohemia, Paris has thrived on the romantic notions of struggling artists gravitating towards the city. Many of these artists became some of the world's most influential, responsible for starting the Impressionism, Cubism and Surrealism movements, and there are so many museums and galleries here today that choosing those most worthy of your time can be a daunting task. Of course, Le Louvre is a must visit, if only for the Mona Lisa and a glass pyramid exterior as impressive as the treasures contained within. The Musée d'Orsay on the Seine's Left Bank displays the world's largest collection of Impressionist, Post-Impressionist and Art Nouveau works, including those of masters such as Monet, Cézanne, Renoir and Van Gogh. Fans of Paris-born Claude Monet can also make the pilgrimage to Monet's Garden in Giverny, where the gardens, ponds, bridges and plants which inspired his most famous lily compositions are beautifully preserved.



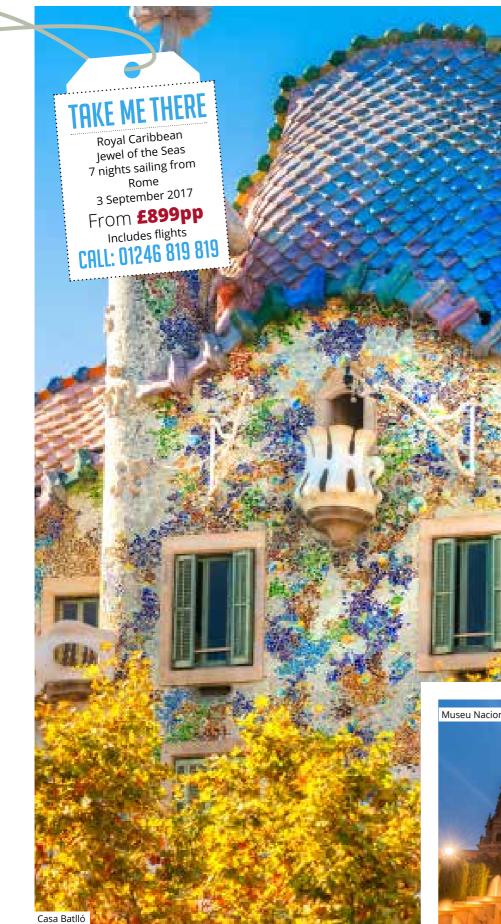
The Thinker by Rodin, Paris





It is difficult to throw a stone in Rome without it grazing the surface of a masterpiece. This is where art's greatest masters came to practice their craft during the second half of the 15th century and Michelangelo, Caravaggio, Raphael and Bernini are just some of the names who have left their mark on this living, breathing museum. There are of course countless museums and galleries in Rome, but art surrounds you wherever you walk, from the Ancient Roman Colosseum and the Pantheon, to opulent Byzantine basilicas and ornate Renaissance churches, including the stunning St Peter's Basilica. When it comes to painted masterpieces, the Vatican Museum houses one of the greatest classical art collections in the world amidst its maze of hallways and corridors, including one of the most famous classical Renaissance pieces ever created, Michelangelo's jaw-dropping frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel.





There is more to Barcelona than copious amounts of sun, sea and sangria. Indeed, it is barely possible to walk a mile in the Catalan capital without stumbling upon the work of Antoni Gaudí and his child-like imagination, his colourful creations capable of mesmerising even those who never gave architecture much thought. Casa Batlló is a beautiful multi-coloured testament to a man who ceased to take life too seriously, as is the hugely popular Parc Güell and work-in-progress, La Sagrada Familia. Despite being ten years from completion, the interior of this Roman Catholic church is already incredible. Aside from Catalonia's most famous son, Barcelona brims with art and culture elsewhere, too. Works by the city's homegrown artist, Joan Miró, can be found in various locations, whilst the Museu Picasso is a highlight of the atmospheric Gothic Quarter. The Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya is also a must-see, displaying a dizzying collection of works spanning a thousand years.



Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya





The birthplace of the Renaissance, Florence is famed for its sculptures, cathedrals and the elaborate palaces of the Medici family. The Duomo is Florence's most iconic landmark, thanks to its pink, white and green marble façade and a spectacular Renaissance cupola designed by Filippo Brunelleschi. The city's piazzas, cathedrals, churches and statues are an outdoor art gallery in themselves, free to admire on a roam around the Tuscan streets. That said, some of the world's most exceptional examples of Renaissance art are contained within the walls of Florence's galleries. The Uffizi Gallery is world-renowned as the home of Botticelli's 'Birth of Venus', Leonardo da Vinci's 'The Annunciation' and Michelangelo's 'Tondo Doni'. The Galleria dell'Accademia also houses some of Michelangelo's most notable works in its 'Hall of the Prisoners', where masterpiece 'David' stands proud amongst slaves left unfinished and abandoned in order for the artist to begin work on the Sistine Chapel.

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# A CHILDHOOD IN HOLIDAYS

Nothing evokes nostalgia quite like the memories of our childhood holidays.

he shopping trips for brand new clothes and bright white trainers, none of which may be worn a minute before departure day. The cone of chips with a warm liquor of salt and vinegar pooled at the bottom, followed immediately by a strawberry ice cream with sprinkles and sauce, white napkins no contest for the sticky dribbles dripping between your fingers. The holidays of our childhood are made up of hours on the beach, punctuated by reluctant visits to mum's sun lounger for coconut-scented Ambre Solaire rubbed into pink sandy shoulders and onto freshly freckled noses. They are new lilos and orange armbands, and leaving the pool only to refuel on burgers and chips, left halfeaten because the water is too much fun to leave for long.

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#### Who with?

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### **5 – 7 YEARS** LITTLE TOT'S TROPICAL TRIP

#### Where?

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#### Who with?

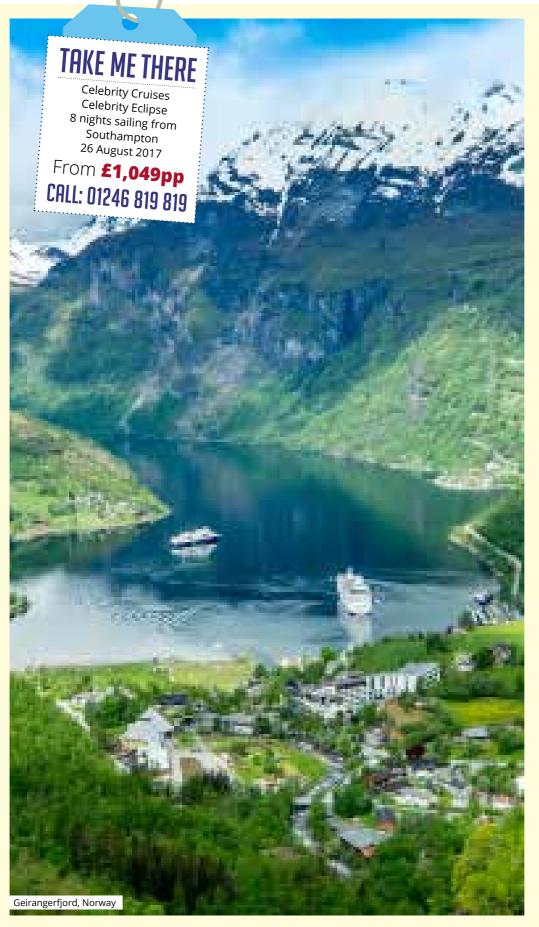
MSC Cruises' MSC Meraviglia will become the largest ship in the world when it launches in June 2017 and will be the first in the fleet to incorporate all family facilities into one dedicated area, making it a great option for those keen to keep a close eye on younger children. The ship has been designed specifically with families in mind, so you'll find interconnecting family staterooms, a cool family lounge and familyfriendly excursions, in addition to the kid's clubs and teen hangouts for which the cruise line is so well known. An exclusive partnership with Cirque du Soleil will take entertainment to the next level, lulling the kids into a fascinated, open-mouthed silence.

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MSC Lego character



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### 8 – 12 YEARS EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS Where?

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#### Who with?

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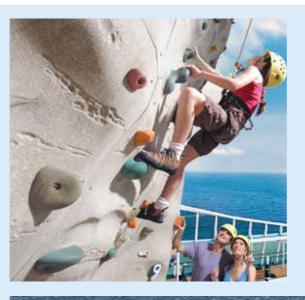
### **13 – 15 YEARS** INDULGE JUNIOR ADRENALINE JUNKIES

#### Where?

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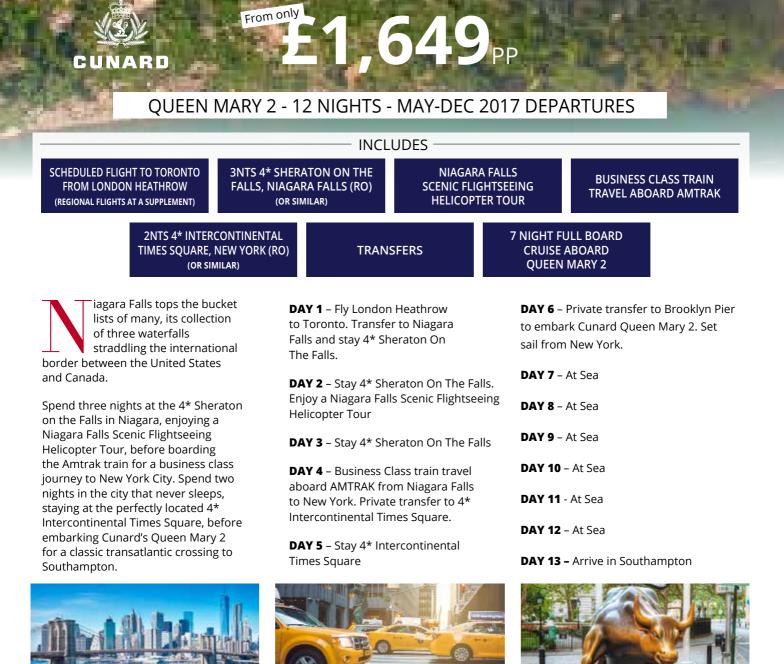
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# SUMMER OF LOVE

If you're going to San Francisco, be sure to wear some flowers in your hair, because celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love are in full swing.

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### SUMMER OF LOVE

n 1967, 100,000 free-spirited young people made a pilgrimage which changed the course of history for San Francisco. Activists and dreamers descended upon Golden Gate Park and the Haight-Ashbury district, influenced by the Beat Generation to protest against the issues of the time with

#### a hippie movement of music, psychedeli drugs and free love.

Fifty years later, the sixties live on in Haight-Ashbury. Aromas of incense hang heavy in the air, technicolour tie-dye stores still sell their psychedelia and the record shops still read the religion

### 4. SEE LIFE THROUGH A LENS AT THE CAMERA OBSCURA

The blue and white exterior of the Camera Obscura hints at its past as part of the 1950's Playland At The Beach. The theme park is long gone but the giant pinhole camera remains, projecting 360-degree views of scenic Seal Rock onto a circular focusing table within.

#### 5. VISIT THE BIGGER AND BETTER SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

After a three-year closure, the San Francisco MOMA is back bigger and better than ever. Now larger than its New York counterpart, the museum is three times its previous size, with thousands of new pieces spread across its ten floors.

#### 6. TUCK INTO A CRUFFIN AT MR HOLMES BAKEHOUSE

Ladies and gentlemen, meet baking's newest hybrid. The cruffin is part croissant, part muffin, filled with sweet cream in flavours that change daily. The cruffins sell like hot cakes, so get there early if you're keen to sample one. The neon 'I got baked in San Francisco' sign has become something of an Instagram icon, so grab a snap while you are there.

### 7. CATCH A GIG AT THE FILLMORE

If you're in San Francisco for a night or two, head to The Fillmore. The iconic music venue launched the careers of many of those who would go on to strum and sing their way through the Summer of Love, including The Grateful Dead and Jimi Hendrix. Nowadays, the atmosphere is just as cool as it was back when The Who and Otis Redding took to the stage, with a different band playing most nights. of rock 'n' roll. The neighbourhood is rejuvenated and ready to relive its golden years.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love, we've compiled a list of 50 things to do in the city by the Bay. Tuck a flower in your hair and join us.

#### 8. CATCH A BALLGAME AT AT&T PARK

Whether you're a baseball fan or not, an afternoon at AT&T Park, the home of the Giants, is a great day out. The MLB ballpark will be hosting special Summer of Love themed events throughout 2017; visit their website for more information.

### 9. SAMPLE THE BEST ICE-CREAM SANDWICH YOU'LL EVER HAVE

CREAM stands for 'Cookies Rule Everything Around Me' and that may just become your new motto, once you've tasted the ice cream sandwiches made with freshlybaked cookies at this Bay Area parlour.



### **10.** COAST THE CONCRETE SLIDES AT SEWARD PARK

These two steep slides aren't for the fainthearted but we promise they'll put a smile on your face before you reach the bottom.

# **11.** WAKE UP AND SMELL THE ROSES AT THE OBSERVATORY OF FLOWERS

This Victorian greenhouse is the oldest in the Western Hemisphere and is filled to bursting with countless flora species. Eat a picnic on the manicured lawn before heading inside.

#### 1. SEE THE SUMMER OF LOVE THROUGH JIM MARSHALL'S EYES

The 'Jim Marshall 1967' exhibit shares 80 of the thousands of photographs the internationally renowned and Grammy Award-winning music photographer took throughout the year of 1967. The Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and the Hell's Angels all feature in the exhibition at San Francisco City Hall.

### 2. VISIT THE POLO FIELDS IN GOLDEN GATE PARK

The Human Be-In saw the Polo Fields filled with over 20,000 free-spirits and ultimately led to San Francisco's Summer of Love. Play some Jimi Hendrix through your headphones, grab an ice-cream from the van and experience the location for yourself.

### 3. SPEND THE NIGHT AT ALCATRAZ

The Alcatraz shared by Al Capone and co is best discovered on an evening tour. The menacing federal penitentiary is even more haunting after dark, when the cells are eerie and the city lights serve as a reminder of how close, yet how far, civilisation was for those imprisoned on the island.



### **12.** BROWSE DESIGNER VINTAGE ON HAIGHT STREET

Vintage shopping in San Francisco is some of the best in America and designer labels come with tiny price tags at Haight Street's vintage stores. Buffalo Exchange, Wasteland and Relic are some of the best for bargains.



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### **13.** SEE THE SEA LIONS AT PIER 39

Their manners may leave much to be desired but watching the sea lions of Pier 39 belch their way through the morning is highly entertaining at any age. They've been here like clockwork since 1990, hanging around between January and July.

#### **14.** BUY VINYL AT AMOEBA MUSIC

This one-time bowling alley is now an enormous vinyl record store and something of a Haight Street icon. Time your visit just right and you'll stumble across one of the live bands known to set up shop in the corner for an impromptu performance.

#### **15.** VISIT BUENA VISTA PARK

The oldest public park in San Francisco is unlike others in the city, in that it sits high atop a hill. Its location promises great views across the city, provided the fog hasn't rolled into town.

### **16.** DELVE INTO SAN FRANCISCO'S DARK SIDE

Assassinations, death, murder, ghosts and cults all get a mention on Wild SF Walking Tours' 'The Haunted SF Tour' which takes you downtown and into the once-gritty Tenderloin district. wildsftours.com







### **17.** RACE TO THE TOP OF THE COIT TOWER

It may be little to look at but the Coit Tower gives good views from atop Telegraph Hill. See the San Francisco of the 1930s recreated on the tower's frescoes, before taking the lift to the top. Keep your eyes peeled for the local flock of wild parrots, too.

### **18.** CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER IN CHINATOWN

San Francisco's Chinatown is the largest outside of Asia and the oldest in the US. The Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory welcomes visitors into its cookie-scented walls to see how the insightful snacks have been made by hand since 1962.



### **19.** FEEL THE SAND BETWEEN YOUR TOES AT OCEAN BEACH

This beach on San Francisco's west coast is where the locals head for scenery and solitude. The 3-mile stretch of sand is often almost silent, aside from the crashing surf and seagull squawks.

### **20.** BE YOURSELF AT THE BEAT MUSEUM

The writers and artists of the Beat Generation were one of the major influences behind the Human Be-In that sparked the Summer of Love. The Beat Museum exhibits memorabilia celebrating the creatives who influenced a generation.

### **21.** PAY A VISIT TO THE PAINTED LADIES

The seven 'Painted Ladies' of Steiner Street, across the road from Alamo Park, are the city's most photographed buildings by far. For full effect, photograph the elaborate Victorian houses against the skyscraper backdrop of the city at dusk.

### 22. DO BRUNCH AT THE GLITZY PALACE HOTEL

Established in 1875, The Palace Hotel was the first luxury hotel in the city and the largest in the world. Nowadays, it is famous for its award-winning Sunday Brunch.

### 23. BRAVE A TANDEM HANG GLIDE

If you prefer excursions with a side of adrenaline, strap in for a tandem hang glide with East Bay Hang Gliding. You'll see the city from 2,200ft up, a GoPro providing video footage, just in case you daren't open your eyes. **eastbayhanggliding.com** 

### **24.** PLAY THE PROFESSOR AT THE EXPLORATORIUM

The hands-on exhibits here are designed to educate and entertain, with scientific experiments to keep the whole family interested.

#### **25.** EAT CLAM CHOWDER FROM A SOURDOUGH BOWL AT FISHERMAN'S WHARF

Fisherman's Wharf is the tourist hub of San Francisco, but even the locals can't resist a wander down these busy parts for a sourdough bowl filled to the brim with creamy clam chowder.

### **26.** RIDE THE MAGIC BUS

This groovy bus isn't your usual tour bus, its 'hippie hostesses' telling the tale of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll during the Swinging Sixties, complete with light shows and 3D glasses. **magicbussf.com** 

### **27.** SEE THE CITY FROM THE WATER

Despite what those in Alcatraz thought, San Francisco is really rather safe. Take to the waters in a hired canoe, kayak or paddle board from City Kayak located on Pier 40. **citykayak.com** 

### **28.** NEGOTIATE THE HAIRPIN BENDS OF LOMBARD STREET

Hiking the eight snaking bends of this tourist favourite is part walk, part workout. One to ease your conscience post-Fisherman's Wharf binge, perhaps.

### SUMMER OF LOVE

#### 29. WALK AMONG THE REDWOODS OF MUIR WOODS

Located 11 miles from the Golden Gate Bridge, Muir Woods and its walking trails put you at the foot of 250ft tall, 1200-yearold redwood trees.

### **30.** DRINK COCKTAILS IN A RAIN SHOWER AT THE TONGA ROOMS

In 1945, Metro Goldwyn Mayer's top set director transformed the Fairmont Hotel's pool into the Tonga Room & Hurricane Bar. With cocktails, Asian food, live music and an hourly indoor rain shower over the pool, the venue is a must-visit.

#### 31. WHALE WATCH AROUND THE FARALLON ISLANDS

Head out into the Pacific Ocean in search of blue, humpback and grey whales around the protected Farallon Islands. Dolphins, sharks and sea birds make regular appearances too.

#### **32.** STROLL THE HAIGHT-ASHBURY STREET FAIR

The Haight-Ashbury neighbourhood swells during the second weekend of June each year, with local artists, musicians and street food vendors attracting a crowd with their live music and exhibitions.

#### 33. CYCLE ACROSS THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

Cycle hire is available everywhere on Fisherman's Wharf and heading across the Golden Gate Bridge on two wheels is a rite of passage for any San Francisco visitor.

### **34.** SEE THE HOUSEBOATS OF SAUSALITO

Continue across the Golden Gate Bridge into the seaside town of Sausalito. Enjoy lunch on the harbour and check out the houseboats moored along the bay, including one designed to replicate the Taj Mahal.

#### **35.** INDULGE YOUR SWEET TOOTH AT GHIRARDELLI SQUARE

The fact that the Ghirardelli Chocolate Company is the oldest chocolate manufacturer in America feels kind of irrelevant. All you'll really care about is how good the hot fudge sundae tastes.

### **36.** GET LOST IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

If you have two or three days to fill, head out of the city on an excursion to Yosemite National Park, famous for its huge granite cliffs, gigantic sequoias and plummeting waterfalls. Of the twenty tallest waterfalls in the world, three of them are found here.

### **37.** REST YOUR LEGS AND TAKE THE CABLE CAR

Cable cars have worked San Francisco's hills since 1873. Today they save the tired legs of tourists and locals alike and yes, they really do hang from the handrails like in the movies. The Powell-Mason and Powell-Hyde routes are the most iconic, both of which depart from the Powell/ Market turntable.

### **38.** EAT FRESH AT THE FERRY PLAZA FARMER'S MARKET

If you love New York's Chelsea Market, you'll love this. The once derelict Ferry Building has been transformed into one of the best farmer's markets in America, with artisanal produce, locally-produced crafts and hot food vendors bringing in a crowd every Saturday.

### **39.** PAY YOUR RESPECTS TO THE GRATEFUL DEAD

The Grateful Dead moved out of Haight-Ashbury when the Summer of Love dissipated, but rock fans continue to flock to their one-time home, 710 Ashbury Street.

### **40.** TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Wild SF Walking Tours' 'Free Love Free Tour' is based upon the music of 1967, with stops including the Grateful Dead house, Janis Joplin's pastel pink abode and Panhandle Park, where tie-dye bedecked hippies congregated that summer.

### **41.** SHOP DESIGNER STEALS AT NORDSTROM RACK

If designer fashion is your thing, Nordstrom Rack is your place. This offshoot of the popular American Nordstrom department store sells last season's stock at insanely low prices. \$18 Levi's, anyone?

### **42.** UNLEASH YOUR INNER GEEK AT SILICON VALLEY

'Tech tourism' is a term coined for those who make the pilgrimage to Silicon Valley, home to innovators including Google, Facebook, Apple and the like. Take a tour of the campuses making history.

### 43. ROCK OUT AT PIER 39

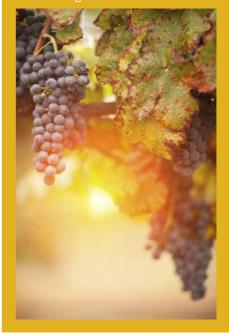
Pier 39 is one of the city's biggest attractions, thanks to its combination of waterfront dining, shopping, amusements and live music. As part of the planned Summer of Love celebrations, Pier 39's Hard Rock Café will showcase guitars, photographs and framed concert fliers donated by the bands who played.

### **44.** EXERCISE HAT APPRECIATION AT BEACH BLANKET BABYLON

Club Fugazi in North Beach hosts Beach Blanket Babylon, the world's longest running musical revue. Pop-culture characters such as Donald Trump, Oprah and Kanye West are spoofed in this hilarious stage show.

#### **45.** GET TIPSY AT NAPA VALLEY

Head into scenic Napa Valley, just 50 miles outside of San Francisco, where you'll find some of the world's best wine growers in stunning surroundings.



#### **46.** RELIVE YOUR CHILDHOOD AT THE WALT DISNEY FAMILY MUSEUM

Located in Presidio National Park, this family-friendly museum shares the life story of Walt Disney, the man behind America's most famous mouse.



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### **47.** LISTEN FOR THE DRUMMING ON HIPPIE HILL

There's still an air of free-spirited ambience to Hippie Hill and the drumming circles of the 60s remain a regular occurrence. Pack a picnic, pick a patch of grass and people watch to the sound of drums.

### **48.** TASTE THE ORIENT AT THE JAPANESE TEA HOUSE

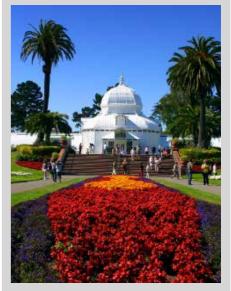
Created in 1894, the Japanese Tea Garden inside Golden Gate Park is the oldest in the US. Enjoy green matcha and tea house cookies in the serene surrounds, complete with pagodas, glowing stone lanterns, babbling koi ponds and a Zen garden. In April and May the Japanese Tea Garden blooms with cherry blossoms.

### **49.** TAKE A DETOUR WITH A SUMMER OF LOVE ACTIVIST

Peter Coyote was one of the starry-eyed dreamers who headed to Haight-Ashbury in 1967. Now, he voices a GPS audio tour around the neighbourhood, sharing his own insights into life during one of San Francisco's most exciting years. **detour.com** 

### **50.** GO BACK TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

The official Summer of Love 50th Anniversary Concert will take place on the 4th June 2017, back where it all began at Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park. Twenty-one bands will join 32 guest speakers for the event, including Tibetan Monks and Native American Indians.



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**Itinerary:** Fly London Gatwick to Miami, Florida. Private transfer to 5\* W Fort Lauderdale Beach. Enjoy a 3 night stay during which you will enjoy a private airboat experience of the Everglades allowing you to enjoy the true nature & beauty on offer in this region. Private transfer to Fort Lauderdale port and embark Silver Muse sailing to Grand Turk (Turks and Caicos Islands) – Day at Sea – Spanish Town (British Virgin Islands) – Basseterre (St Kitts and Nevis) – Roseau (Dominica) – St John's (Antigua and Barbuda) – Philipsburg (Netherlands Antilles) overnight in port – Gustavia (St Barthelemy, Guadeloupe) – San Juan (Puerto Rico). Disembark, private transfer to Sheraton Old San Juan for a one night stay. Private transfer to San Juan airport for overnight flight to London Gatwick.

Departure Date 2018	Classic Veranda	Superior Veranda	Deluxe Veranda
22 Mar	£4699	£4799	£4999

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Economy scheduled flights from/to London Heathrow
- 3 nights 5\* W Fort Lauderdale Beach
- Private Airboat Experience of the Everglades
- All private transfers
- 10 nights All-Inclusive Ultra-Luxury Cruise aboard Silver Muse
- 1 night stay Sheraton Old San Juan



# Antipodean Wonders

With the world's finest ultra-luxury cruise line

### Cruising with Seabourn is unlike any other form of travel

The experience is luxurious, yet relaxed ... elegant, yet casual ... sumptuous, yet understated. These intimate ships are the perfect blend of glamorous elegance, impeccable service, exquisite cuisine and highly personalised destination experiences, all of which have earned Seabourn some of the most coveted awards in travel.

Atrium, Seabourn Encore





### Seabourn Points of Difference

- Spacious, all-suite accommodations, most with verandas
- Gourmet dining experiences that rival the finest restaurants anywhere
- Intuitive, gracious service provided by a staff passionate about pleasing you
- Complimentary welcome champagne and in-suite bar stocked with your preferences
- Open bar throughout the ship, and fine wines poured at lunch and dinner
- Tipping is neither required nor expected, service simply to delight

### SIGNATURE SAVINGS EVENT Limited time. Limitless possibilities.

### Book by 14 March 2017 for the best views on select 2017-18 cruises

Complimentary Three Veranda Suite Category Upgrade\*

US \$1,000 per Suite Shipboard Credit for Penthouse and Premium Suites\*

US \$ 500 per person Round-Trip Air Credit\*

Up to 15% Savings on Combination Cruises\*

50% Reduced Deposits\*

The Restaurant, Seabourn Encore



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### Australia, New Zealand & South Pacific

Sail under the stars of the Southern Cross on the beautiful new Seabourn Encore. Explore the continent of Australia from Darwin and its rugged Northern Territories, along the multi-coloured miracle of the Great Barrier Reef, the subtropical playgrounds of the Gold Coast to Sydney and Melbourne.

The North and South Islands of New Zealand offer unforgettable sights including the majestic Fiordlands, roaring geysers, unspoiled scenery in Queen Charlotte and Milford Sound, stately Auckland and Wellington, and charming ports such as Akaroa and Dunedin, boasting a proud Scottish heritage.

Or choose a voyage that features the romantic islands of the South Pacific. Beautiful Bali, the UNESCO temples of Borobudur, Java. Or Komodo, with its incredible dragons.

New "Ventures by Seabourn" escorted excursions by kayak offer guests a different view on the world, a chance to discover multiple islands. For example in Lombok, Indonesia, a Zodiac or kayak tour takes guests from island to island, where they'll snorkel over tropical reefs, join a guided beach walk or simply soak up the sun and sample laid-back life in the tropics.



#### 24 night Orchid Isles & Great Barrier Reef

#### Seabourn Encore | 10 Nov 2017

#### 2017

10 Nov	Singapore			
13 Nov	Semarang (Borobudur, Java)			
14 Nov	Surabaya (Java)			
15 Nov	Celukan Bawang (Bali);			
16 Nov	Benoa (Denpasar, Bali)			
17 Nov	Benoa			
18 Nov	Senggigi (Indonesia)			
20 Nov	Slawi Bay (Komodo Island)			
23 Nov	Darwin (Australia)			
	Great Barrier Reef Experience			
27 Nov	Cairns (Australia)			
28 Nov	Cairns			
29 Nov	Townsville			
30 Nov	Hamilton Island			
2 Dec	Mooloolaba			
4 Dec	Sydney			
Cruise from £12,585pp				

Fly/cruise from £13,969pp



Destination Focus - Tauranga, (Rotorua)

Towering geysers, bubbling mud pots,

create the surreal landscape of the

the famous Pohutu geyser.

mineral springs and steaming fumeroles

Rotorua Thermal Area. Te Puia is home

to the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute and

Destination Focus - Oban, New Zealand

Stewart Island is the last inhabited land

before Antarctica. The local phonebook

fits on one typed page, but islanders

are friendly, providing seats for you to

rest on the hill into town. Birds abound

here, including the Southern Brown Kiwi.

### 17 night Australia & New Zealand

### Seabourn Encore | 4\* Dec 2017

- 5 Jan~; 21 Jan; 6 Feb~ 2018 Sydney (Australia)
- 1 Phillip Island (Victoria)
- 3 Melbourne (Australia) 4
- Milford Sound & Fiordland National 8 Park (New Zealand)
- 9 Oban (Halfmoon Bay)
- 10 Port Chalmers (Dunedin)
- 11 Timaru
- Akaroa (Christchurch) 12
- 13 Wellington
- 14 Picton
- 16
- Tauranga (Rotorua)
- 17 Auckland.

#### Cruise from £7,499pp Fly/cruise from £8,499pp

~ itinerary in reverse Lead in fare based on departures marked \*

### 16 night Christmas South Pacific Isles

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#### Seabourn Encore | 20 Dec 2017

2017	
20 Dec	Auckland (New Zealand)
21 Dec	Tauranga (Rotorua)
25 Dec	Dravuni Island (Fiji)
26 Dec	Lautoka (Viti Levu, Fiji)
27 Dec	Suva (Viti Levu, Fiji)
29 Dec	Tadine (Mare, New Caledonia)
30 Dec	Kuto (lle des Pins, New Caledonia)
31 Dec	Inyeug Islet (Mystery Island, Vanuatu)
2018	
2 Jan	Kingston (Norfolk, Australia)
4 Jan	Russell (Bay of Islands, New Zealand)
5 Jan	Auckland
Cruise f	rom £7,499pp
Fly/crui	se: Please enquire

### 18 night Gold Coast & Great Barrier Reef

#### Seabourn Encore | 22 Feb 2018

2018	
22 Feb	Sydney (Australia)
24 Feb	Moreton Island (Australia)
25 Feb	Mooloolaba
27 Feb	Hamilton Island
28 Feb	Townsville
1 Mar	Cairns
2 Mar	Cairns
	Great Barrier Reef experience
6 Mar	Darwin
7 Mar	Darwin
10 Mar	Slawi Bay (Komodo Island)
11 Mar	Senggigi (Indonesia)
12 Mar	Benoa (Denpasar, Bali)
Cruise f	rom £7,499pp
Flv/cruis	se: Please enquire

Terms and Conditions

\*Offers expire 14 March 2017. \*Lead in fare dates shown. Lead fares are cruise only or fly/cruise from London in Pounds sterling, for new bookings only, per guest, double occupancy, and subject to availability. Fares are not combinable with any other offer, may vary by sailing date, are capacity controlled, and are subject to change without notice. Three category upgrade on select sailings is subject to availability at time of booking. Upgrade will be reflected in fare paid for selected suite category. \*Premium Suite Shipboard credit offer of \$1,000USD per suite (\$500USD/person) on select vovages available in PH, PS, OW, SS, WG and GR suite categories only, and is not combinable with any other shipboard credit offer.





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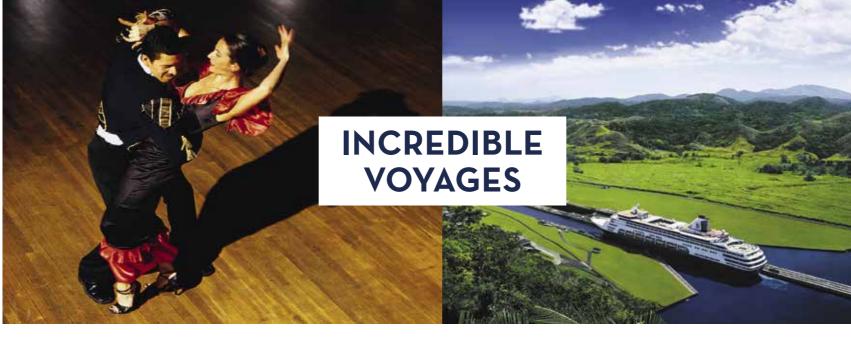
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Our spacious, mid-sized ships accommodate far fewer guests. Everywhere you look you'll feel a sense of classic elegance... gleaming brass, precious art and antiques, sweeping staircases... all combined with delicious dining and attentive service. Perfect for one of the classic voyages for which Holland America Line is famed.

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- Sumptuous Greenhouse Spa & Salon
- Long days and overnight stays in gorgeous cities
- Mid-sized, elegant ships

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Few experiences at sea compare to a Trans-Atlantic cruise. Luxuriate in the quiet and comfort of spacious staterooms, savour unique restaurants and a rich choice of activities. Along the way explore iconic destinations and enjoy that precious commodity... time.

least 6 months beyond the date travel is to commence. Ships' Registry: The Netherlands.



DEPART ARRIVE CIVITAVECCHIA (ROME) FT LAUDERDALE

VISITS: Alicante (Spain), Malaga (Granada), Cadiz (Seville), Funchal (Madeira)

Cruise fares from: Inside stateroom £899 Ocean view stateroom £1,199 Verandah stateroom £1,299 Vista Suite £1,799 Signature Suite £3,299 Neptune Suite £4,119

#### 13-NIGHT SPANISH PASSAGE

Departs: 26 Oct 2017 Ms Westerdam DEPART: ARRIVE

CIVITAVECCHIA (ROME) FT LAUDERDALE VISITS: Cartagena (Spain), Malaga (Granada), Funchal (Madeira)

Cruise fares from: Inside stateroom £799 Ocean view stateroom £999

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#### THE PANAMA CANAL

One of the modern wonders of the world, linking two great oceans, rainforests and reefs. Experience one of travel's greatest thrills as your ship is lifted then lowered through gigantic locks. Then call at a sprinkling of exotic Central American countries on your way.

18-NIGHT PANAMA CA	NAL	16-NIGHT PANAMA CANAL		
Cruise from	Fly/cruise from	Cruise from	Fly/cruise from	
<b>£1,699</b>	<b>£2,699</b>	<b>£1,599</b>	<b>£2,519</b>	
per person	per person	per person	per person	
Departs: 9 Sep 2017		Departs: 5 Oct 2017		
DEPART:	ARRIVE:	DEPART:	ARRIVE:	
BOSTON	SAN DIEGO	San Diego	FT LAUDERDALE	
Canal; Puerto Cala Corinto (Nicaragu (Guatemala); Puer Cabo San Lucas	ght transit Panama dera (Costa Rica); a); Puerto Quetzal to Chiapas (Mexico); nside stateroom £1,699 .£1,799	Corinto (Nicaragu (Costa Rica); Dayl Canal; Oranjestad Cruise fares from: In Ocean view stateroom Verandah stateroom £2	z Huatulco; Puerto uetzal (Guatemala); a); Puerto Caldera light transit Panama (Aruba); uside stateroom <b>£1,599</b> <b>£1,999</b>	
14-NIGHT PANAMA CA	NAL	15-NIGHT PANAMA CA	NAL	
Cruise from	Fly/cruise from	Cruise from	Fly/cruise from ENQUIRE	
<b>£1,499</b>	<b>£2,449</b>	£1,599		
per person	per person	per person		
Departs: 21 Oct 201	7 Ms Oosterdam	Departs: 4 Mar 2018	Ms Oosterdam	
DEPART:	ARRIVE:	DEPART:	ARRIVE:	
San Diego	<b>FT LAUDERDALE</b>	San Diego	FT LAUDERDALE	
<b>VISITS:</b> Puerto Va	llarta (Mexico);	VISITS: Puerto Val	llarta (Mexico);	
Huatulco; Puerto	Quetzal (Guatemala);	Huatulco; Puerto Q	Quetzal (Guatemala);	

VI Huatulco; Puerto Quetzal (Guatemala); Corinto (Nicaragua); Puerto Caldera (Costa Rica); Daylight transit Panama Canal; Cartagena (Colombia).

Cruise fares from: Inside stateroom £1,499 Ocean view stateroom £1.599 Verandah stateroom £1.999 Signature Suite £2,699 Neptune Suite £3,999

Canal; Cartagena (Colombia); Half Moon Cav Cruise fares from: Inside stateroom £1.599 Ocean view stateroom £1,699

Corinto (Nicaragua); Puerto Caldera

(Costa Rica); Daylight transit Panama

Verandah stateroom £2,099 Signature Suite £2,899 Neptune Suite £5,299



Verandah stateroom £1,099 Signature Suite £1,499 Neptune Suite £1,899 Terms & Conditions Featured fares are per person cruise only or fly/cruise based on double occupancy and include Taxes, Fees & Port Expenses. Lead in fly/cruise fares are based on London airports, and may be subject to an overnight pre-cruise hotel stay, please ask for

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