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Welcome!

pring is always an exciting time for cruising, bringing with it new ships and new itineraries promising countless maiden calls.

Perhaps the most exciting new arrival in recent months was that of Silversea's ultra-luxurious flagship, Silver Muse, the six-star cruise line's first new-build since 2009. We were lucky enough to join Silver Muse for a two-night taster cruise and we're sharing our first impressions in this edition.

Spring also saw the excitement and anticipation around Celebrity Cruises' Celebrity Edge reach a crescendo. The cruise line revealed a ship unlike anything ever seen before and we have all the details, along with news on the ship's tempting Caribbean itineraries, inside.

This edition's destination focus takes us to Canada and New England, a region famed for its fall-foliage and 'leaf peeping'. It's a colourful destination that appears on the bucket lists of many cruisers and I can't imagine anywhere better in the world in which to welcome autumn.

We're also sharing how to start your summer holiday in storybook style in our New Forest feature, taking a bite of the Big Apple in 36 Hours in New York, and looking ahead to the sporting spectacles worth cruising to in 2018.

I hope you enjoy reading.

Yours sincerely

Michael Wilson Managing Director



Cover image: Aerial view of fall foliage





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he Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is the jewel in Abu Dhabi's crown. A thousand columns are inlaid with garlands of lapis lazuli, red agate, amethyst, jasper and mother-of-pearl, a hundred thousand tons of pure white marble blanket every inch of the exterior and some of the largest chandeliers in the world glitter in 24-carat gold and sparkling Swarovski crystal. As is so often the case in Abu Dhabi, even the tiniest detail is record breaking; the hand-knotted carpet below your feet is the largest in the world, crafted by 1200 artisans over the course of two years. See it for yourself on one of P&O Cruises' brand new Arabian Gulf sailings.

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CRUISE NEWS

SAGA TO REPLACE BOTH SHIPS

Saga Cruises has revealed plans to replace both its ocean cruise ships with two new purpose-built vessels.

Spirit of Discovery, which is due for delivery in 2019, will replace Saga Pearl II, with Pearl to be retired shortly before the arrival of the new ship. A second ship, earmarked to replace Saga Sapphire, is currently in the planning stages.

Speaking at the launch of the cruise line's Cruises 2017-18 brochure, Chief executive Robin Shaw said: "This new ship, Spirit of Discovery, will allow us to go to places we wouldn't normally go to, such as Greenland and, of course, we will also go across to the States.

"It will mean Pearl will retire a couple of months before and eventually will see us replacing our current old ladies with another new ship too." Shaw also hinted at the possibility of fly-cruises in coming years, saying: "Fly-cruises are not totally off the agenda, but maybe when we have four or five ships, and they would likely be in winter season."

Saga is offering guests the chance to take a 'sneak peek' of new ship, Spirit of Discovery, which is under construction at the Meyer Werft shipyard in Papenburg. The sixnight Easter Getaway 2018 cruise includes a tour of the shipyard, offering guests a behind-the-scenes look at the progress of the new ship and an insight into its construction and design. The Easter Getaway cruise departs Southampton on 28 March 2018.

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CRUISE & MARITIME VOYAGES ANNOUNCE ADDITIONAL POOLE AND PORTSMOUTH DEPARTURES

Cruise & Maritime Voyages has announced seven additional no-fly cruises from regional ports for its 2018 programme.

The line's 550-passenger ship, Astoria, will offer three new sailings from the Port of Poole and four from Portsmouth International Port. The 2018 departures from Portsmouth include sailings to the Norwegian Fjords, Baltic Cities & St Petersburg, European Rivers & Canals and a Northern Lights in Northern Norway cruise. New departures from Poole are a three-night cruise to Rouen in France along the River Seine, a 12-night British Isles Discovery voyage and a one-night Captain's Gala cruise to Portsmouth, with a circumnavigation of the Isle of Wight.

Cruise & Maritime Voyages has also introduced a brand-new coach service to assist passengers travelling to and from Poole and Portsmouth. The service will offer 30 regional pick-up locations across Dorset, Hampshire and Sussex, plus a call at London Victoria Station, and is available from £20 per person.



OCEANIA CRUISES UNVEIL VEGAN MENU

Foodie favourite Oceania Cruises has boosted its food options for vegan passengers with the launch of a new vegan menu.

The plant-based dishes will be available to order in the Grand Dining Room and Terrace Café across all six ships in Oceania Cruises' luxury fleet. Raw, coldpressed juices and vegan smoothies will also be available to guests travelling aboard Marina and Riviera, with juice bars adjacent the Waves Grill serving the healthy beverages each morning.

In a statement, President & CEO of Oceania Cruises Bob Pinder said: "We are delighted to expand our culinary offerings to please an even wider array of palates and offer our guests more diverse choices to suit today's wellness-focused lifestyles."

ROYAL CARIBBEAN & CELEBRITY CRUISES INVITE GUESTS TO SPEND ON BOARD CREDIT BEFORE EMBARKATION

Both Royal Caribbean and Celebrity Cruises have announced new policies allowing cruisers to spend their on board credit before embarkation.

The two cruise lines rolled out the policies fleetwide at the beginning of April, meaning guests may now purchase shore excursions and make speciality dining reservations using their on board credit before boarding.

MSC CRUISES TO OFFER REGIONAL FLIGHTS FOR MSC MAGNIFICA

MSC Cruises will offer flights from five regional UK airports on 22 Northern Europe and Mediterranean sailings aboard MSC Magnifica in 2018.

The cruise line has partnered with Flybe to offer flights from Belfast, Edinburgh, Manchester, Glasgow and Newcastle for selected sailings between April and October 2018. Plans are also in place to expand regional departures further, with flights from Wales pencilled in for the future.

MSC Cruises has also announced discounted port parking for less than £8 per day, along with regional coach transfers from 20 towns and cities across the UK via a partnership with Eavesway Cruiselink.

MSC Magnifica has been adapted with the British guest in mind, with afternoon tea, British tea bags, branded beer and cider, a 'curry corner' and a British comedy show introduced especially for the UK cruiser. The ship will sail seven to 14-night itineraries, with fares from £819 per person including regional flights.







Celebrity Edge has arrived and the way we cruise will never be the same again; are you ready to join the revolution?

Celebrity Edge will take everything you know about cruising and turn it upside down, or rather, inside out. What's more, with a maiden season spent in the glorious Eastern and Western Caribbean, it'll do so in some of the most stunning surroundings on earth.

Accommodation aboard Celebrity Cruises' brand new class of ship is unlike anything you have ever seen before. In the sun-soaked Caribbean, the push of a button brings the outside in, a floor-to-ceiling glass wall sliding back to reveal the ocean outside. The boundaries are erased as the traditional balcony is replaced with entire living spaces designed to stretch to the very edge of the ship. As a result, Edge Staterooms with Infinite Balconies will be 23% larger than balcony staterooms aboard Solstice Class ships, their bathrooms as much as 20% bigger. You'll rest your head on a eucalyptus-infused cashmere mattress and you'll do everything from turning on the lights, to closing the curtains and requesting service via touch screen controls and an app on your mobile.

Edge Single Staterooms with Infinite Balconies will appeal to a growing number of solo travellers and Celebrity Edge will also see the arrival of two new suite categories. Two Iconic Suites will each measure 1,880sq.ft. plus outdoor space, making them the largest suites in the Celebrity Cruises fleet. Located above the bridge, the two suites will boast the best views at sea, even better than those enjoyed by the Captain.

Also set to debut is the Edge Villa, a twostorey luxury abode, complete with plunge pool and floor-to-ceiling windows designed to bring the outside in. Six of the villas will be available on board, each accommodating four people and spanning 950sq.ft.

Celebrity Edge will offer 174 different connecting stateroom options, revolutionising the way families and groups travel together. Even better, when Suite Class accommodation is connected with non-Suite Class accommodation, both cabins will receive access to Suite Class amenities and services, including The Retreat. With a full-size pool, floating 'cocoon' cabanas, hot tub and Retreat Pool Bar – complete with 'Pool Butlers' on hand to provide cocktails, hot towels and gourmet treats – The Retreat is set to be one of the most sophisticated spaces at sea.

The Retreat Lounge will open 24/7 and will become the new Michael's Club, an exclusive space in which to eat, drink, relax, listen to live entertainment or access concierge services. The Retreat's exclusive eatery, Luminae, may be a signature Celebrity Cruises feature across the fleet but it has been reimagined entirely with Kelly Hoppen's golden touch. Like her design counterparts, architect Tom Wright and design ambassador Nate Berkus, Hoppen was selected for her lack of experience in designing cruise ships. The three are world-renowned and award-winning, designing luxury hotels and abodes around the globe, but none have ever created interiors for a cruise ship. They were chosen by Celebrity Cruises to bring an entirely new approach



and a "departure from traditional thinking about cruising". This isn't just another ship.

The traditional pool deck becomes the Resort Deck aboard Celebrity Edge, more akin to a luxury floating resort than any other ship at sea. At 23 metres long, the largest pool in the Celebrity Cruises fleet will please those who love to get their laps in before breakfast. Two-storey 'Martini glass' Jacuzzis are the first of their kind at sea, while the Pool Deck cabanas go above and beyond the norm – literally – their 165sq.ft. mood-lit spaces suspended 18ft above the deck.

The Rooftop Garden takes Celebrity Cruises' much-loved Lawn Club to the next level. Musicians play from elevated treetop structures. Live jazz bands perform in immaculately landscaped garden spaces, BBQ's in the sun are the order of the day at the Rooftop Garden Grill and Celebrity's exclusive 'A Taste of Film' experience fuses food and film in a setting that only adds to the sense of occasion. All with an awesome ocean view.

And then there is the pièce de résistance. The Magic Carpet defies gravity and expectation. The world's first cantilevered floating platform will soar 13 storeys above sea level, transforming into a new venue depending on where it is positioned. At the very top, it will become a venue in the sky, hosting a brand new fine dining experience unlike anything you have seen on land or at sea. On deck 14 it becomes an extension of the Pool Deck and on deck 15 it transforms to become an appendage to a still-to-be-confirmed dining venue. On deck 2, it becomes the most exciting way of disembarking a ship you have likely ever known, whisking guests to state-of-the-art tender boats.

Captain Konstantinos Nestoroudis will lead the cruising revolution aboard Celebrity Edge from December 2018; will you be joining him?







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Southampton, Madeira (Funchal), Tenerife, Gran Canaria Lanzarote, Vigo, Southampton

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BALCONY	£1,699	
CONCIERGE	£1,849	
AQUACLASS®	£2,279	
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ADD FLIGHTS FROM MANCHESTER FROM £400PP



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AQUACLASS [®]	£2,279	
SUITE	£3,089	
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Queen Victoria's refit. Her suites and staterooms reach majestic new standards.

On 5 May, Queen Victoria will head into dry dock in Palermo, emerging 30 days later more elegant than ever. Cunard are making improvements right across this much-loved ship, improvements that they hope will be exciting news for every one of their guests.



et's start with her accommodation. Cunard are updating the soft furnishings in each suite and stateroom and replacing all carpets, taking inspiration from their heritage with bold colour palettes. You'll also find upgraded high definition wall-mounted televisions in all accommodation, as well as tea and coffee making facilities – with illy coffee machines in Grill suites.

Grand Suites, Q1.

Cunard are giving these unique suites a distinctive fresh look, with their very own colour scheme and luxurious hand tufted carpets. The clever layout and furniture configuration will enhance the incredible feeling of space, with plenty of thoughtful details. For example, the beds now look out to sea and the TV in the bedroom lowers from the ceiling so as not to interrupt the view.







Cunard have also incorporated extra storage space, as well as increased flexibility. Two luxurious full bathrooms, for instance, can be reconfigured with a door to create a separate guest bathroom. The dining area has a new layout too, to include a snug and a butler service area that's perfect for preparing drinks at cocktail parties in your suite.

Aft Penthouse Suites, Q4.

You may choose to stay in the luxurious comfort of the refurbished Q5 and Q6 Grill suites aft on Deck 8 that Cunard are upgrading to Q4 Penthouse Suites. Features include the first floor-to-ceiling windows to grace the ships' accommodation, designed to allow in plenty of natural light. Bathtubs will also offer views out to sea. Other flourishes include upgraded soft furnishings with bold statement cushions on the beds, recessed TVs and wardrobes with a dressing area.





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Queen Victoria's refit. Welcoming new spaces invite you to unwind in style.

The bars and lounges are the sociable hearts of Cunard ships, places to mingle with old friends and to meet new ones. Cunard has placed special importance on these areas during Queen Victoria's refit. Here is an overview of how Cunard will enhance these much-loved venues and even create new favourites, including the Britannia Club restaurant with elegant balcony staterooms to match.

Britannia Club.

Cunard are introducing the popular Britannia Club dining concept aboard Queen Victoria, regrading 43 existing Britannia staterooms. To complement these new staterooms, which feature premium balconies and a nine-pillow concierge menu, a brand new Britannia Club restaurant next to the main Britannia restaurant on Deck 2 will offer a choice of dining between 6:30-9:00pm. The venue, in the current location of the Chart Room, has been totally redesigned and will include plenty of those sought-after tables for two. In case you're wondering, there are details of the new Chart Room opposite.





Chart Room.

One of the most-loved venues on board is moving to Café Carinthia's present location on Deck 2. It will have a warm new identity, combining modern elements with all the hallmarks of a timeless cocktail bar,



CHART ROOM

such as rich wood tones and Art Deco detailing.

During the day, it will be an elegant spot to sip teas and illy coffees and enjoy light breakfast and lunch dishes. During the evening, when the lighting creates a cosier ambience, you may be more tempted by classic bar drinks and stellar cocktails inspired by the celestial charts from which ships used to navigate - as well as snacks, nibbles and indulgent Godiva chocolates.

Gin & Fizz at the Midships Lounge.

Here on Deck 3, the Gin & Fizz menu will become a sparkling destination for wines by the glass, especially your favourite Prosecco, Cava or Champagne. Alongside the bubbly, premium gins will take centre stage here, including those served from a replica spirit tap. You may order your choice exquisitely garnished with one of many tonics on offer, or as part of an impressive martini range. Cocktails will be in keeping with the theme, so expect a Fizz, a Flip and a Collins or two on the menu!

Winter Garden.

Within this comfortable and relaxing Deck 9 venue, Cunard will enhance the feeling of blending inside and outside. The floor-to-ceiling windows create a wonderful, light setting and promise sweeping views out to sea or over the port. A statement floor, the glorious glass canopy and elegant lounge furniture will all add an impressive dash of refinement. This will be the place to savour an informal atmosphere from the morning until late into the evening.



Yacht Club.

Formerly Hemispheres, the Yacht Club will become a destination to entice you right throughout the day. With new furniture and a statement carpet, it will host Insights speakers, Q&A sessions, sports screenings and live music.



During the evenings, there will be a variety of entertainment from jazz ensembles to a DJ and party band for dancing into the small hours.

Aft sun deck.

Cunard will extend Queen Victoria's aft sun deck on Deck 9 to provide more outdoor seating and loungers, including an extended shaded area. It promises al fresco dining in the sunshine with food throughout the day, and the Lido Bar will stay open even after the sun goes down.



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Sail beyond your expectations.

Complimentary on board spending money.

In the summer of 2017 Queen Victoria visits the beautiful Mediterranean, offering fly-cruises that sail from Rome, Venice, Athens and Barcelona. Joining the ship at any of these iconic cities means that you can explore all the history and culture the region has to offer.

In early 2018, you can discover South America over the course of 75 nights. Queen Victoria will touch the shore in 15 countries, with calls at vibrant cities including Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, a cruise by of Cape Horn and a transit of the Panama Canal.

Book a 2017 or 2018 voyage aboard the newly refitted Queen Victoria by 30 June 2017 to receive complimentary on board spending money in addition to your Cunard Fare benefits. On board spending money can be used for a variety of activities on board, including our famous Champagne Afternoon Tea, a private theatre box or a sumptuous spa treatment. Ashore, you can take advantage of bespoke excursions which enable you to discover just some of the delights these destinations have to offer.



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FALL FOR CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND

ome September, the change of season sees almost every cruise line send a ship across the Atlantic and north along the coastlines of North America. Choosing between them isn't easy, but whoever you choose to cruise New England and Canada with, you'll find that everyone is there for the same reason; the fall foliage and a chance to see the world on a perfect autumn day.



FALL FOR CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND



THE FALL FOLIAGE

he Canada and New England fall owes its fame to the weather. Come September, the first cold snaps of autumn kill chlorophyll production, stimulating the creation of the anthocyanins and carotenoids that colour the leaves scarlet, amber and gold. It's a transformation which stipples the landscape in colour.

Variety is key when it comes to fall foliage. New England has hickory, beech, oak and aspen trees in their tens of thousands, plus acre upon acre of broadleaved maple trees. Over the course of six weeks between early September and mid-October, each leaf is transformed by the magic of Mother Nature, drawing leaf peepers from near and far. The great thing about experiencing a Canada and New England fall on a cruise is that you bypass the crowds and the clambering for accommodation that tends to accompany it.

Fall foliage and the leaf peeping that



comes with it isn't by any means limited to the National Parks scattered along the coast. Valleys, suburbs, towns and villages are blanketed in swathes of colour. Tourism boards employ the services of foliage spotters, whilst foliage forecast websites and mobile apps are called upon to predict when peak colour conditions are likely to hit. A cruise takes the guess work out of leaf peeping, with itineraries during fall dates carefully planned to coincide with the time when colours are at their most vivid.

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THE SEASON

hey say fall, we say autumn. Whichever term you choose, there's no better time of year to visit Canada and New England.

America's East Coast and Canada come into their own in fall, when the air is crisp and clean, making walks to the summit of Cadillac Mountain or along the craggy coast of

Peggy's Cove even more appealing. Cool mornings cast a mist over the lakes and rivers of New England's National Parks. By mid-morning, the fog has lifted and the fiery fall foliage is reflected in glassy waters. Warm lunchtimes are spent eating juicy lobster rolls at picnic tables, the sun on your back hinting at summer's final swansong. And then there are the afternoons, balmy enough to warrant creamy hand-churned ice creams and the sun still strong enough to cast its golden

hour glow across the forests.

Autumn on the Atlantic means colder evenings, sure, but there's something about getting back on board your ship and cosying up in chunky knits, hot chocolate in hand.

Autumn here is long walks through piles of rustling leaves and time spent lost in a maize maze, dwarfed beneath corn stalks. It is pumpkin patches and pumpkins on brownstone stoops. Pumpkin in everything, in fact; pumpkin pie, pumpkin spice lattes, pumpkin ale and gingerpumpkin soup. Pumpkin jack-o-lanterns light porches and doorsteps. This side of the world goes hard on Halloween, with the broomsticks and black cats in situ before October has even begun.

Autumn in Canada and New England is country fairs and farmer's markets. It's coffees in cosy cafes and cold, crisp Riesling sipped on a Rhode Island vineyard, accompanied by a cheese platter and a coastal breeze. Orchards are heavy with apples ready for harvest, the branches bowed with the weight of fruit ripe for the picking. As is only fair, you'll have ample opportunity to sample the produce, drinking New England apple cider and devouring warm, cinnamon-coated apple cider doughnuts.

Autumn brings the brightest cobalt skies, contrasted against caramel leaves and white clapboard houses to recreate the port pictures you see in the brochures. Fall in Canada and New England is a beautiful cliché.





FALL FOR CANADA

THE WILDLIFE

he appeal of Canada and New England's wildlife is second only to its fall foliage. Peel your peepers away from the leaves for a while and you'll find one of the best whale watching destinations in the world, the nutrient-rich, krill-filled waters around Massachusetts famously known to attract humpback, finback and endangered right whales on their migratory path along the New England coast. Nothing beats the thrill of a gargantuan humpback breeching beside your boat, its entire weight launched from the water with little effort.

Whale watching in Boston or Bar Harbor is a must, with almost every cruise line offering excursions both here and in the Quebec port of Saguenay, where four whale species occupy the scenic Saguenay Fjord. In Newfoundland, you needn't even embark on an excursion, with whales often visible from the Bay of Islands' craggy shoreline.

For those who prefer to go it alone, there are plenty of whale watching tours available for booking online or even upon arrival in port, though you always run the risk of missing out if tours are fully-booked for the day. Boston's New England Aquarium has teamed up with Boston Harbor Cruises to offer whale watching excursions accompanied by on board naturalists. The Bar Harbor Whale Watch Company operate high-speed catamarans to get you straight to the heart of the action in the Gulf of Maine. So abundant are whales in this part of the world, many operators even guarantee sightings, promising a free future trip or even your money back if you don't spot at least one.

Great animal encounters in Canada and New England don't stop at whale watching. The forests of Gaspé's Forillon National Park and Saguenay Fjord National Park are home to a healthy population of black bears and grizzlies, plus countless red fox, coyote, American mink and lynx. Enormous moose weighing up to a ton feed in the shallows and loiter on the trails of the Bay of Fundy National Park, with sightings also regular in Sydney's Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

Sydney is something of a dream come true for twitchers too. Narrated boat tours take nature lovers to Bird Islands, in the Bras d'Or Channel, where over 300 Atlantic puffins, bald eagles and endangered seabird colonies live in relative harmony. Bonaventure Island in Gaspé is another birdwatching hotspot, home to more than 300,000 sea birds and one of the largest gannet colonies in the world. Thousands of the yellow-headed birds nest in nooks and crannies in the cliffs, while the rocks below are taken up by grey seals basking in the sun.

Humpback whale





Think of your Canada and New England cruise as a seafood sojourn. There'll be creamy clam chowder in Boston and lobster rolls eaten outside seafood shacks in Portland. Hulking great slabs of halibut will be devoured in classic dining rooms in Gaspé and you'll slurp Moonstone oysters in the raw bars of Providence.

he combination of potato, onion, clams and bacon makes for a bowl of beige, but New England's signature clam chowder tastes better than it looks. Legal Sea Food in Boston's Seaport District is close enough to your ship for you to go back for seconds if you so desire, which we predict you will; the clam chowder here is widely considered to be the best in Boston, if not all of New England, so much so that it has been served at every presidential inauguration since President Ronald Reagan's first in 1981.

If you've a love for lobster, you'll be right at home here. The coral crustacean is found in various forms around New England and Canada, but it never tastes better than it does when crammed in a buttery split-top bun and eaten with a sea view. Many seafood shacks around these parts are family run, with mothers and daughters manning the restaurants, whilst brothers and sons delve into the deepest ports on the Eastern seaboard for the biggest, juiciest lobster. James Hook & Co takes the title of Boston's best lobster roll, according to many, with Dave's Lobster scooping the top spot with its Charlottetown and Halifax restaurants. Look for the red and white sign just steps away from where your ship docks in both ports. The menu has just two options - lobster roll or grilled cheese - but the lobster roll is where it's at. Piles of lobster are tossed with creamy mayo and herbs, heaped into a warm bun and served with potato chips (or crisps this side of the pond) and a kosher dill. Snare a seat under a red umbrella on the waterfront and tuck in.

Not a seafood fan? Your Canadian ports of call have plenty to tickle your taste buds. Montreal is famous for its gluttonous poutine, a deliciously indulgent mix of French fries, gravy and cheese curds. In Quebec, traditional restaurants dish up a delicious double-crusted meat pie that is perfect for warming up after an afternoon stroll in Forillon National Park. Québécois speciality tourtiere consists of pork, beef, veal or game, cooked with onions, herbs, carrots and nutmeg. Aux Anciens Canadiens is a cosy Quebec institution specialising in Québécois cuisine, including Lac St-Jean, their rabbit version of the traditional tourtiere.

And for desert? You just can't beat a Bar Harbor blueberry pie.

FALL FOR CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND



anada and New England's National Parks are their most valuable assets. They're a mixed bag of wild islands, deep fjords, mountain ranges, towering cliffs, vast forests and classic coastlines, a mixture that means no two excursions are ever the same.

Despite being little more than a tiny fishing town, Bar Harbor's proximity to Acadia National Park makes it one of the most eagerly anticipated ports on any itinerary. The park's 47,000 acres cover half of Mount Desert Island, its mountains, lakes, woodland and wildlife once surrounding the palatial holiday homes of the Astors and Rockefellers during the Gilded Age. John D. Rockefeller Jr. was so taken by Acadia that he donated huge swathes of the land which would eventually become the National Park. Rockefeller Jr. also laid 47 miles of rocky

carriage roads that remain today, the birch, aspen, spruce and firs that border them ablaze with colour during fall.

Cadillac Mountain is a highlight of excursions to Acadia National Park. The highest point in the North Atlantic at 1,530ft, it is the first place in the US to see sunrise between the months of October and March. Don't worry if your arrival into port doesn't coincide with sunrise; the view from the summit is special at any time of day, especially when there's a ship in port.

There's no shortage of Natural Parks in Canada and New England's other ports of call, too.

Visit the Bay of Fundy in Saint John, New Brunswick, where the highest tidal range in the world sees you walk on the seabed below the Hopewell Rocks at low tide, then kayak level with the same clifftops you were peering up at just hours before when the high tide washes in. This tidal anomaly is even fierce enough to reverse the flow of the St John River, causing waves and whirlpools in a section of the waterway now known as the Reversing Rapids.

Elsewhere, the Cabot Trail in Sydney's Cape Breton Highlands National Park is one of the most scenic routes in the world, deemed by both National Geographic and Lonely Planet to offer the drive of a lifetime. Road tours snake beneath canopies of fall foliage, cavernous river canyons and rust-red cliffs, climbing to the summit of Kelly's Mountain and finally St Ann's Lookoff, where you'll have time to take in views across the bay and the Cape Breton Highlands. The peaceful solitude of rural Ingonish Beach is your final stop, all frothy white waves and rugged headlands.

THE CITIES

he beauty of a cruise to these parts is that incomparable natural beauty sits shoulder-to-shoulder with cosmopolitan cities. New York City, Boston, Québec and Montreal are all walkable urban sprawls that punctuate New England and Canada cruise itineraries, meaning it isn't all whitewashed lighthouses and crab shacks.

Many itineraries depart from New York and the city has obvious appeal. Life moves at a million miles an hour here, something which becomes more apparent once vou start to sink into a noticeably more leisurely pace further up the coast.

You cannot cruise New England without visiting Boston, the city of America's founding fathers and home of the Freedom Trail; the most historic two-anda-half miles in America. All sixteen sites along the Freedom Trail played their own role in the American Revolution. What's more, 13 of the trail's must-see attractions offer free entry. The city is as hip as it is historic, dubbed America's culture capital, lined with chic boutiques and trendy fusion restaurants, and home to four-time NFL Superbowl-winning giants, the New **England Patriots.**

With its cobblestone streets and grand hotel Châteaux Frontenac, Québec City could guite easily be mistaken for a European capital. The city's Old Town is idyllic, its 18th-century houses and historic market squares encapsulating those of Old Europe. Further afield, Montmorency Falls hint at more natural wonders and are actually higher than the better-known Niagara Falls.

Like Québec, Montreal has an air of Paris about it, but there are far more international influences at play in this open-minded city. The sidewalk bistros and largely French-speaking population belie the fact that Montreal is a major North American metropolis, however the city's thriving commercial district and the blocky Habitat 67 housing complex reinstates the equilibrium and leaves little doubt that this is one of Canada's most forward-thinking, cutting-edge destinations. Like any port deemed worthy of a place on a Canada and New England cruise itinerary, nature is never far away in Montreal. The vivid fall foliage of Mount Royal creeps to the very edge of the city, the perfect contrast to the sleek skyscrapers of downtown.

Tobin Bridge in Boston







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SINGAPORE SLING

Singapore is gilded temples stood shoulder-to-shoulder with skyscrapers. It is steaming bowls of assam laksa and soft, squidgy dim sum that will never look as good as it tastes. Singapore is paint box Penang shophouses and the ethnic alleyways of Little India. It is scarlet-sailed bumboats against a neon sky and it is clouds illuminated above billion-dollar gardens. When Singapore comes calling, you answer.

Gardens by the Bay





SINGAPORE SLING



All the humidity in the world couldn't stop Senior Sales Consultant Francesca Hurst from joining Holland America Line for a ship visit in Singapore.

s I sat with a glass of champagne and a tub of Singapore Slingflavoured ice cream, I knew my trip to Singapore wasn't going to disappoint.

We had been upgraded at check-in and fast-tracked through security. Now I was making the most of the Singapore Airlines' SilverKris lounge at London Heathrow Airport, relaxing in style before my 13-hour flight.

We arrived to 30-degree heat at 7.00am on a Thursday morning and were whisked away to the Oasia Downtown Hotel, which was to be our base for the next four days. The hotel was beautiful. Our every need was catered for and with a stunning rooftop pool with views out to the cruise terminal, it was ideally located for us to make the most of our time in Singapore.

My first trip out saw me venture into the Colonial District, where Sir Stamford Raffles landed in 1819 and founded modern Singapore. The beautiful white buildings stand proud against the river and frame the monument of the city's founding father. Lunch today was at the Empress found at the Asian Civilisation Museum. We tucked into the best dim sum I have ever tasted, followed by peanut butter ice cream with steamed molten custard buns. A real taste sensation!

After a short rest, we were all excited and eager to see what else Singapore had to offer.

I certainly wasn't disappointed as I explored the streets of Chinatown. The brightly coloured lanterns and the painted buildings were a sight to behold, and we later had the chance to explore the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum. It was quite humbling to wander around and take in all the sights and sounds of a place littered with dazzling golden Buddhas and fresh flower garlands.

Later that night, we headed over to the Marina Bay Cruise Centre for our tour of Holland America Line's ms Amsterdam. The mid-sized ship, which carries just 1380 passengers, was part way through a world cruise. With an overnight stay in the city, most guests were off the ship and enjoying everything Singapore has to offer.

I have seen plenty of cruise ships over the years but never a Holland America ship. This one certainly didn't disappoint. The Planeto Astrolabium, a commissioned







signature sculpture, soars skyward in the three-storey atrium and invites you into the ship. As you sail, it tracks constellations, the planets, world time and ship time. You are never short of artwork to admire throughout the ship, with an Art Deco theme running throughout. The usual array of bars and lounges can be found dotted around ms Amsterdam, with plenty of staff on hand to help. A highlight of the night was being able to listen to a pianist, who was playing out on the lido deck, whilst admiring the skyline of Singapore. We dined that evening in the Pinnacle Grill, one of Holland America Line's speciality restaurants serving dishes inspired by America's Pacific Northwest, I opted for the steak, followed by the baked Alaska, and can honestly say that it was the best meal I have ever eaten at sea.

Our second day in Singapore was spent wandering through the awe-inspiring Gardens by the Bay, an attraction which should not be missed if you are in the city. My favourite part of the experience was the Cloud Forest. As you walk through the doors, you are faced with a huge waterfall and a backdrop of the lushest greenery. As you make your way around, the 'mist' starts to rise and you truly get a sense of what it would be like in the tropical highlands 2000 metres above sea level, where the types of plants and shrubbery contained here naturally thrive. We also went back in the evening to watch the Garden Rhapsody light show, which was a real spectacle.

Lunch that day was served in Little India at the Banana Leaf Apollo, a real favourite with the locals. We were served an array of local specialities, including the Singaporean favourite, fish head curry. I would love to say that I was brave enough to try this, but the fish staring straight at me from across the table saw the dish destined to become the only one I declined. I am told that it is very good and that the bones in the head of the fish give the curry all its flavour, so maybe this is one for next time! Later, as I walked through the streets of Little India with its pungent smells and brightly coloured stalls, I couldn't help but fall for Singapore.

We spent the rest of the afternoon in Kampong Glam, in the trendy Arab Quarter. With rows of boutique style shops and trendy cafes and bars, it is a real mecca if you're hunting out something a little bit different. We had the pleasure of sitting in on a perfume masterclass at Sifr

SINGAPORE SLING

Aromatics, before heading over to Selfie Coffee. This peculiar coffee shop does exactly what it says in the tin, so to speak. The little cafe has plenty of props with which to take your 'selfie', before having it printed on your coffee. Kampong Glam offered lots of quirky things like this and I could have gladly spent hours exploring there. Unfortunately, our tight schedule meant we drank our coffee and were on our way.

That night we took a relaxing bumboat tour down the Singapore River to Clarke Quay, where we dined at Red House, a Singaporean restaurant specialising in seafood. When you walk in you can't help but notice that everyone is wearing a bib. Now, I am ever so slightly OCD with messy food and I instantly knew that this wasn't the night for me! The restaurant's speciality is chilli crab, which arrived at the table in a huge bowl with only crab crackers to break the shell. It is safe to say that the bibs were most-definitely needed, however the crab was amazing. We finished our evening off in a much more civilised manner at a rooftop bar called Lantern. As we drank champagne mojitos and admired the dazzling Singapore skyline, there was nowhere else I would rather have been.

Saturday morning came and we visited the Singapore Cruise Centre for a quick tour, before heading across to Sentosa Island, a purpose-built island resort just a 15-minute gondola ride away from Singapore. Arriving into Sentosa reminded me of driving into Disneyland; everything was perfectly presented, magical even. We were lucky enough to have a tour of the island's aquarium and then spent some free time on the beach, before hitting the shops.

A real highlight of my trip was visiting Raffles Hotel, where we had a wonderful time with their resident mixologist learning how to make and shake the signature Singapore Sling. The landmark hotel, which is currently undergoing a staged refurbishment and is due to reopen fully next year, is a must-see for anyone travelling to Singapore. We had dinner that evening at Coriander Leaf, an Asian restaurant at Chijmes, which is a beautiful old monastery. The atmosphere was wonderful, with people sat around the terrace areas listening to live music. We finished off our evening at 1-Altitude, the highest al fresco bar in the world. The view of Singapore was out of this world and the bar is well worth a visit.

On my last day in Singapore we had a leisurely walk through the beautiful National Orchid Garden, where orchids dedicated to Lady Diana, Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge were among my favourites. In the afternoon, we visited the smallest museum in Singapore, The Intan. The Intan belongs to a gentleman called Alvin, who collects all things Peranakan. His house is crammed full of everything from beautiful china, to hundreds of pairs of wedding shoes.

I finished my time in Singapore indulging in some shopping on Orchard Road and reluctantly readied my case for the journey home. It had been some trip.









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CRUISING'S NEW MUSE

liver Muse has joined the ultraluxury Silversea fleet, christened in an extravagant ceremony in Monaco on 19th April 2017.

The ship becomes the ninth in the Silversea fleet, designed to showcase the cruise line's signature sleek design, bespoke Italian craftsmanship and unparalleled levels of service. The 596-passenger ship – the largest in the fleet and its new flagship – offers the highest number of large suites in the fleet and also the most interconnecting suites for families and groups.

Eight upscale eateries are found aboard the vessel, including the Relais

& Châteaux-partnered La Dame and Silversea's perennial passenger favourite, Hot Rocks. Two pan-Asian restaurants and a jazz club-cum-supper club also feature.

In the cruise line's own words, *Silver Muse* "redefines the ultra-luxury ocean travel experience, while maintaining the small-ship intimacy and spacious all-suite accommodations which are hallmarks of the Silversea experiences."

Calling at 34 countries and 130 ports in 2017 alone, *Silver Muse* will merge smallship intimacy with the spacious all-suite accommodations that are the hallmarks

of the Silversea experience.

CEO of Silversea, Roberto Martinoli, said: "The attention to detail throughout the ship is a reflection of our dedication, in conjunction with Fincantieri, to offer the ultimate luxury experience at sea."

Bolsover Cruise Club's Director, Julie Straw, and Sales Consultant, Lauren Straw, were lucky enough to be invited to join Silversea on the two-night taster cruise of a ship designed to "redefine the ultra-luxury ocean travel experience". Has the luxury cruise industry found its new muse? Read on to find out...



n invitation to join Silversea on a two-night taster cruise aboard *Silver Muse* was an opportunity we really couldn't afford to miss!!

As soon as we stepped on board the ambience of pure luxury hit us. We were escorted from the reception desk to our cabin by a crew member and met by our butler, who kindly introduced himself, brought us a drink and gave us an overview of the amenities within our fantastic Silver Suite. It was breathtakingly beautiful, spacious, with a huge bathroom, separate bedroom from the lounge area and a very large balcony with lovely reclined sun loungers. We were in awe of the décor, design and furnishings throughout the whole ship, from the most luxurious bed linen we had ever seen, to the stunning glass and chinaware in the restaurants and bars.



With limited time available to us, we tried to dine in a variety of the venues to get a feel for what was available to passengers and thoroughly enjoyed every meal. On our first evening we ate in Indochine, which offered a variety of Asian flavours in small portions, meaning we had room left for dessert! During the daytime we enjoyed a salad by the pool and visited the buffet area, which offered a vast variety of mainly Italian foods, served from a huge salad bar, cold meat counter and a pasta station. We dined on our final evening by the pool at a venue called Hot Rocks. Here we cooked our choice of meat or seafood on hot rocks, enjoying the sunset and wrapped up in blankets as the temperature dropped.

During our time on board we were given an escorted tour of the ship; this enabled us to see the passenger areas. It soon became clear, despite being a small



ship, *Silver Muse* offers a great range of facilities. We viewed the different grades of accommodation and even the starting category of Veranda stateroom was possibly the most elegant cabin we have seen, after our Silver Suite of course!

We found the crew on board *Silver Muse* simply couldn't do enough for you. From the bartender remembering our favourite drink in the bar, (from the previous evening!) to the waiting staff insisting on carrying our plates from the buffet to our table, the service was second to none – fantastic!!

This trip really did give us a taste of the luxury Silversea offers. Manfredi Lefebvre d'Ovidio, Chairman of Silversea, stated "she is quite simply the most beautiful ship ever to have graced the oceans" and he has certainly delivered on his promise.





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36 hours in the Big Apple passes by in a New York minute, but you can cram more into your seconds here than you can anywhere else in the world.



People watching takes on new meaning in Manhattan. You do it everywhere, your jaw slack at the movie scene you're suddenly an extra in. Watching the world go by is arguably the city's main attraction. In Central Park, the people watching shows you somersaulting street performers and musicians singing for their supper. The intricate tiles of Bethesda Terrace have been well-trodden by ballet shoes and tapping toes, the elaborate Minton Tile ceiling and trompe l'oeil niches acting as quite the backdrop. Perch on the edge of Bethesda Fountain and you may just witness a marriage proposal, or better still, a wedding. Later, head to the entrance of the Loeb Boathouse, equipped with \$15 and strong arms. Within minutes you'll find yourself rowing a wooden boat on Central Park Lake, the city rising above and the turtles swimming below.

Central Park lays Museum Mile and the Midtown marvels at your feet. Head west and you'll dip out of the park and into the land of dinosaurs, better known as the American Museum of Natural History. To the east is The Metropolitan Museum of Art, whose footprint covers more than two million square feet and where many of mankind's greatest artistic accomplishments are contained. A little further north, the white concrete curves of the iconic Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum lie just beyond the boundaries of the park's Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Reservoir.

Venture south and you'll find the shops. Fifth Avenue is frenetic, the storefronts enticing, the crowds undulating, the atmosphere electric. High street and high-end jostle for your attention and your holiday spends. If you've money to burn, Bergdorf Goodman, Saks and Lord & Taylor are the places to do it. For top end designer pieces without the price tags to match, it's got to be Century 21. This colossal department store is located in the Financial District, close to the One World Trade Center, 9/11 Museum and The Oculus, but do your sightseeing first while you have hands free of shopping bags.

Eventually, once you're all shopped out, you'll be faced with one of the hardest decisions of any New York visit: Empire State Building or Top of the Rock? Take our advice and do both. You see, the Empire State Building is the star of the Manhattan skyline and only from the Top of the Rock can you get those pinch-yourself views of it.

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Time your visit to coincide with sunset if you want the money shot. Later, when the skies are dark, the curtains have closed on your choice of Broadway show, you've stood on the red steps of a neon Times Square and you've eaten the finest steak New York has to offer, it's time to tick the Empire State Building off your bucket list. The Empire State Building Observatory is open until 2.00am all year round, and if you happen to be in town between Thursday and Saturday, a live saxophonist makes for pure movie magic if you time your visit between 9.00pm and 1.00am.

To visit New York and not venture away from Midtown is a rookie error, so set your second day aside for sloping off south. There's more to Lower Manhattan than the Brooklyn Bridge, but it's as good a place as any to start. Karl Pilkington of Idiot Abroad fame once said "I'd rather live in a cave with a view of a palace, than live in a palace with a view of a cave" and few quotes better describe Brooklyn. Whilst by no means comparable to a cave - in fact it's a hipster paradise with properties as expensive as those across the water - Brooklyn doesn't half have a great view of the 'palace' of

Manhattan. If money were no object in your quest to wake up to the New York skyline, it is in this chic Brooklyn waterfront neighbourhood that you would live. To make the most of those views, walk on the banks of the East River at Brooklyn Bridge Park, blowing \$2 on a ride aboard Jane's Carousel. Don't worry, there's no age limit.

Back on Manhattan soil, Washington Square Park feels like the centre of the universe. Gymnasts practice on the grass, tops off, muscles flexed as their bodies contort and stack skyward. Dogs cool off in the fountain spray, their masters slurping snow cones and watching the world pass by from behind their Ray-Bans. A guy in a mustard shirt rifles through a tin of chalks, looking for the perfect purple to bring the Prince mural taking shape on the sidewalk to life. The Crazy Piano Guy summons Beethoven's Für Elise from the keys of his baby grand. And all the while, life in Manhattan goes on around them at a million miles per hour. It's a show you'd pay to see, but it is one which plays out for free on these ten acres. If Central Park is considered the 'lungs of the city', then Washington Square Park is its beating heart.



New Yorkers do brunch like nobody else and nowhere does it better than Buvette. This West Village hideout serves seriously good French food with a side of celebrity spotting; locals Jake Gyllenhaal and Liv Tyler are fans, with Gwyneth Paltrow also said to favour Buvette for the cheat meals that get her through her strict detox diets. Famous faces aren't only lured by the privacy and leisurely ambience, but also by the promise of a killer waffle sandwich piled with bacon and cheese, dripping with maple syrup. And don't get us started on the gruyereoozing Croque Forestier.

In a city where sightseeing and shopping accounts for your much of your waking day, it goes without saying that you're likely to work up quite an appetite by lunch. Fortunately, of New York's 25,000-plus eateries, many are of the kind you can dip in and out of without wasting too much time, a good meal always guaranteed. Chelsea Market and Gansevoort Market offer endless eats, and are located in the midst of the city's must see neighborhoods. Elsewhere, Macbar Soho takes the American obsession with mac 'n' cheese up a notch and good God, it's good! We're talking mac 'n' cheese with roasted mushrooms, mascarpone and truffle essence, aka the 'mac'shroom', and our personal favourite the 'mac quack', layered with duck confit, fontina and caramelised onions. Praise be to the pasta gods.

New York is known for its steakhouses and while they may all look the same – all mahogany-clad walls, red leather seats and aloof, aproned waiters – they're worlds apart in terms of taste. Cash-only Peter Luger's requires a trip across the East River and into the hipster enclave of Williamsburg, but the dry-aged steaks at this New York stalwart are so good that even the Wall Street heavies are willing to make the trek into bohemia. If you don't fancy crossing the water, head to Wolfgang's in wealthy Tribeca. The experience here is an upmarket one and you're almost guaranteed to find yourself in the presence of Chanel-clad locals or a vocal venture capitalist, entertaining his clients with innuendo. Whether you opt for Wolfgang's or Peter Luger's, the procedure stays the same; keep your appetizers light, share a porterhouse for two, pile on the creamy mash potatoes and always leave room for apple strudel with homemade 'schlag'.

Finally, there's the dollar slice of pizza, a thing of New York legend. Let's start by clearing up the frequently asked questions: yes, you really can get a freshlybaked margherita slice for a dollar (that's approximately eighty pence, depending on how nicely the interest rate is playing). Yes, it will be the sweetest darn slice you ever did eat, and yes, it'll probably be one of the biggest you've ever eaten, too. The secret to eating a slice like a true New Yorker is 'The Fold Hold', so visit your pizzeria of choice, grab a napkin, go heavy on the parmesan and chilli flakes, fold your slice lengthways and NEVER resort to a knife and fork.









New York knows how to show you a good time, all you need to do is choose your poison.

When the temperatures are balmy and the city is busy, those in the know head up on the roof. This is the rooftop bar capital of the world and who can blame anyone who wants to make the most of those views. 230 FIFTH is touted as the best of the bunch, but we prefer the secret Provençal garden feel of Gallow Green in Chelsea. Wisteria grows high above the city on the rooftop of The McKittrick Hotel, home of the acclaimed Sleep No More experience. On any given evening, you can expect to find in-the-know locals hiding away from the hustle and bustle at rustic tables, lavender-infused cocktails and craft ales in hand.

It's hard to know how The Bitter End came to be known as such, but it's fair to say that many boozy nights have met their own bitter end at this All-American bar. NYC's oldest rock club was established in 1961 and has been welcoming rock 'n' roll royalty ever since. Stevie Wonder, Bob Dylan, Tracy Chapman, Van Morrison; the list of those who played The Bitter End on their rise to fame is endless. This Bleecker Street institution still hosts live bands every night of the week and many of them are set for stardom. Its neighbouring bars aren't half bad either, particularly gastropub Carroll Place. If you're looking for a true New York night out, this is the place to go.



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Our love affair with France and Spain began long ago and it refuses to fade. Whether you are chasing the sun or consumed by the culture, the continent and its coveted coastline has it all. Here are two ways to see for yourself in 2018.

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ruising was made for the Mediterranean. A different sun-bleached beach each day, fresh seafood in waterfront bistros and late nights in ports that sizzle when the sun sets; it's what holiday dreams are made of. France and Spain provide all of the above for sunseekers, plus ice-cold cocktails in abundance and just a hint of Old Town charm. A guest appearance from beautiful Italy is the icing on the cake.

WHEN IN ROME

When in Rome, you walk in the footsteps of gladiators at the Colosseum and marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece in the Sistine Chapel. You eat pizza and pasta in neighbourhood trattorias, and you drink local wine and people-watch in piazzas. Toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain (legend has it this is the way to guarantee your return to the city), spy St Peter's Basilica on the skyline and dip in and out of chic designer boutiques. And don't forget to finish the day with an Italian gelato, eaten quickly before it melts in the late afternoon heat.



THE ITALIAN RIVIERA

The five fishing villages of Cinque Terre are scattered in the Italian Riviera, clinging to rugged cliffs above blue seas below. Once upon a time, Cinque Terre could only be accessed by boat. Now it makes a gorgeous day-long excursion from Livorno. Laze on the beach of lemon-scented Monterosso, sampling the village's famous anchovies served fresh from the boat that morning. Vernazza is the most photogenic village of the famous five, all sea-facing pastel houses hugging the harbour front. There's a view at every turn as you negotiate the maze of narrow lanes that climb vertically from the seafront, a new point of perspective on perfection appearing around every corner.

EXPENSIVE TASTES

Monte Carlo puts the glam in glamorous, with its casinos, world-famous Grand Prix and the multi-million pound megayachts jostling in its harbour. This is the most exclusive address in Europe, but head a little further along the coast to the capital of the Côte d'Azur and you'll find life beside the sea slows to a slightly more leisurely pace in nearby Nice. It may not have the champagne sprays of St Tropez or Monte Carlo, but there's something uniquely atmospheric about the narrow streets of La Vieux Nice, the city's Old Town. Entire afternoons can be lost to the brand-new Promenade du Paillon too, a 30-acre park running from the city centre to the sea. And what a sea it is, sapphire blue and edged by more than 30 different stretches of sand along the coast.

BEACH PLEASE

Beaches and the Balearics go hand-inhand, with 56 found on the island of Ibiza alone, not to mention the unspoilt sands of neighbouring Formentera. Pack your swimwear and set out for Playa d'en Bossa on the southern tip of Ibiza. It's the longest sandy stretch on the island, lined with beach bars and with clear waters perfect for watersports. Make the most of those views on a walk from the watchtower at one end. to Ibiza's Old Town, Dalt Vila, at the other. There are two ways to spend an overnight stay in Ibiza; either join the party or hit the shops. The island's Hippie Market is world-famous for good reason and in Dalt Vila, street vendors selling handmade espadrilles and straw baskets display their wares along a softly-lit Patio de Armas.

COOL CATALUÑA

Vibrant Barcelona is one of only a few places worldwide where city and coast merge so seamlessly. One minute you can be soaking up the electric energy of Las Ramblas or lost in the maze of narrow alleys that make up Barri Gotic, the next you are sipping from a tumbler of ice-cold sangria on a beachfront glittering with the yachts of oligarchs. Port Vell is a hub of activity, complete with al fresco dining and bars, plus the largest aquarium in Europe. Hidden in the suburbs of the city, Camp Nou holds obvious appeal for football fans, many of whom consider it something of a sporting mecca. Hardcore sunseekers can head to Sitges, just 22 miles along the coast from Barcelona. The highlight is a gorgeous whitewashed Old Town, plus 17 beaches that tend to be far quieter than those in Barcelona.

Barcelona







CULTURE CRUISING AMAWATERWAYS - COLOURS OF PROVENCE 2018 (VARIOUS DATES)

iver cruising was made for the artists, historians, oenophiles and gastronomes, and nowhere are they made to feel more at home than in France and Spain. As the birthplace of Beaujolais, the land of lavender fields and the one-time home and inspiration of Vincent Van Gogh, there are culinary, cultural and historical treasures lining the banks of the Rhône.

LA BELLE ÉPOQUE

Your culture cruise starts in the City of Light. Paris is for lovers, of architecture and otherwise, and nowhere else has ever held such appeal for artists and architects. Inspiration has pulsed through the city for centuries, serving its artists well and creating a jigsaw of architectural styles. Roman, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Art Nouveau, Art Deco; the list is endless and all you need to do is look up. The Arc de Triomphe. Eiffel Tower. Notre Dame Cathedral and the Palace of Versailles are some of the most famous architectural highlights, but the truth is that the city is full to the brim with them, classic and contemporary, indoors and out. See some of the best on a river cruise along the Seine.

EPICUREAN CAPITAL

Time in Lyon inevitably takes on a gourmet slant, thanks to the city's reputation as the gastronomic capital of the world, a title gifted by the French themselves no less. Of the 1,500 or so restaurants in the city, dozens are sprinkled with Michelin stars. However, the best rustic French food is found at Lyon's signature bouchons. These restaurants, typified by their red and white checked tablecloths, are found nowhere else in the world and dish up meat-rich recipes like Maman used to make. Also on the agenda are visits to Fourvière Hill and its white Notre Dame Basilica, the extravagant Bartholdi's Fountain in Place des Terreaux and Place Bellecour, with its equestrian Louis XIV statue.

BURGUNDY AND BEAUJOLAIS

River cruises to Provence and Spain travel through the Rhône Valley, a legendary wine-growing region home to famous appellations such as Côtes du Rhône and Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Oenophiles will be right at home as you tour the Beaujolais wine region, whose champagne limestone hilltop estates have earned it the nickname Pays d'or, or 'land of the golden stones'. Partake in wine tastings and vineyard tours with local vintners, delving deep into the region's history of wine production whilst sampling its wares. Enjoy more of the same in Tournon, where a visit to Cornas will turn your attentions and taste buds towards the Northern Rhône valley wines.

Selected 'Colours of Provence' 2018 sailings are dedicated themed wine cruises, hosted by wine experts and incorporating exclusive experiences and excursions designed to appeal to those with a seasoned appreciation of the good stuff.



LAVENDER IN PROVENCE

Purple is the postcard hue of Provence and the lavender fields bloom from late June to late August in Avignon. Follow the 'Lavender Road' to the hilltop village of Grignan, where the Renaissance castle presides over hills heavy in deep purple lavender and sunflowers with heads as big as dinner plates.

Grignan is also one of the Europe's leading producers of the black truffle or 'black diamond'. Harvest season runs December to March, but you can visit a truffle farm and learn more about truffling at any time of year.

ART IN ARLES

Provence boasts 300 days of sun each year and one of those who headed here for a warmer, quieter way of life was Vincent Van Gogh. Despite spending just a year in Arles, it became the most creative period of the artist's life, producing over 300 paintings and drawings. Easels are set up around the city, each offering a depiction of Arles seen through Van Gogh's eyes. Starry Night Over The Rhône, The Yellow House, Café Terrace At Night and The Irises are a handful of the countless works inspired by his time here. A visit to both the Carrières de Lumières and the lavender-strewn Saint Paul de Mausole Asylum is a must for art enthusiasts.

GAUDÍ'S BARCELONA

Antoni Gaudí's whimsical ways characterise a whole city in Barcelona and there is no better way to spend a day in the Catalan capital than by getting lost amidst the works of his childlike imagination. Take a tour of his most famous architectural works, including Casa Milà, Casa Batlló, Parc Güell and work in progress, La Sagrada Familia, which has been under construction for over a century.

With three days to spend in the city as part of the Colours of Provence cruise and stay package, you'll have time to appreciate the work of other artists once inspired by Barcelona. Joan Miró was born in the city and you'll find several of his most famous artworks here, including the Pavement Mosaic on Las Ramblas. Elsewhere, in the atmospheric Gothic Quarter, the Museu Picasso is a must-see.



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HALFA WORLDAW

It might look and feel like something from a fairy tale, but parts of the New Forest are only a 20-minute drive from Southampton. If you're cruising from the city, England's most visited National Park guarantees a storybook start to your holiday.

he New Forest is one of those places that has you reaching for your mobile and logging onto the Rightmove website within minutes of arriving. There's something about the lifestyle here, all country pubs, local farm shops and wide open spaces shared with wild horses and grazing ponies, that makes a life spent in a thatched cottage in the middle of nowhere sound awfully appealing.

The ancient woods and rolling heathlands that make up the New Forest's 220 square

miles once spread across an even greater area of Southern England, but whilst its extent has diminished, its beauty hasn't. Bluebells bloom in spring and purple heather appears each autumn. More than 6,000 wild horses and ponies roam free in the forest, the result of a centuries-old law that dates from 1079 and remains in place today. You will happen across the ponies every few minutes, grazing on the gardens of grand Victorian mansion houses and drinking from babbling brooks, entirely undeterred by your presence. The unique appeal of the New Forest is that it remains largely untouched and nowhere more so than on the Northern Commons. The Foxbury, Rockford and Ibsley Commons are steeped in history, various Bronze Age burial grounds and military bunkers breaking up leisurely walks through wild heathland and ancient woodland.

Less remote than the commons, but no less charming, is the maritime village of Buckler's Hard. Sitting on the banks of the Beaulieu River, one of the few privately owned rivers in the world, this historic hamlet has a lengthy naval history. Oak from the surrounding woodland formed the backbone of Royal Navy ships during the shipbuilding yard's heyday, with fifty built here in the early 1800's and sent to fight in the Battle of Trafalgar. Visitors can find out more at the Buckler's Hard Maritime Museum, before strolling a



scenic couple of miles along Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour to the Beaulieu Estate. This sprawling stately home has built quite the history over its 800 years, having been a private royal hunting lodge of King John, to a Cistercian abbey and finally a family estate, purchased from Henry VIII for the princely sum of £1,340 in 1538.

Since the very first opening day of Beaulieu Estate to the public, it has become something of a tradition to display vintage cars in the grounds. Nowadays, this is done on a far larger scale at the National Motor Museum, where the tale of British motoring is told through a collection of 285 classic cars and endless memorabilia. The museum is a must for motor heads, with everything from the World Land Speed Recordbreaking Bluebird, to J.S Irving's Golden Arrow and the 'is that even roadworthy?' single-seater Peel P.50 displayed on any given day.

There are countless villages worth a visit in the New Forest, some of them beachy and bustling, others almost silent and home to more animals than humans. If you're looking for the former, the coastal town of Lymington is quaint British seaside at its best. Elsewhere, Burley is the epitome of a New Forest chocolate box village. It has remained largely untouched over time and days here tend to be spent planning which of the thatched cottages you'd buy with a lottery win, drinking local cider in 16thcentury pubs that once hid smugglers and highwaymen, and holding on tight in horse-drawn wagon rides through idyllic glades.

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review of The Pig in the Wall, Southampton's city centre country house hotel.

'Fabulous. An oasis in the middle of Southampton'. So said the last message in the guest book at The Pig in the Wall. Within five minutes of checking in, I couldn't have agreed more.

A sunny Sunday in Southampton will be a familiar way to spend a day for anyone who cruises from the city, home to the largest and busiest port in the UK. P&O Cruises' Ventura was docked when I arrived, loitering until 5.30pm, when the sound of a horn signalled the beginning of its voyage to the clement climes of Spain and Portugal. I'd have given anything to join the lucky so-and-sos headed away for a week in the sun, but looking around at my cosy, calm hideaway in the middle of a lively Southampton, I decided that The Pig in the Wall would do me just fine for now.

The fact that The Pig in the Wall feels just like a country house hotel, despite its city surroundings, is no coincidence. Every inch of it has been designed to replicate THE PIG in Brockenhurst, the first ever hotel in the still tiny group of five.

I have this thing with floors, as the Instagram hashtag goes, and the shabby-chic, mismatched tiles beneath the feet of my room's giant roll-top bath are the same as those beneath the tables in Brockenhurst's field-to-fork restaurant. The leather armchairs in each hotel are charmingly wellworn and the cushions on the velvet sofas depict the same country wildlife, all stags and pheasants and farm animals. The walls are the same shade of sage green and there's a shared appreciation of exposed brickwork. THE PIG in Brockenhurst is a country estate in every sense of the word. The Pig in the Wall is a country estate recreated within Southampton's medieval ramparts.

This compact and bijou boutique hotel sits within the city's historic walls, just across the road from the cruise terminal and is only a five-minute walk away from the busy West Quay. Investment is high in Southampton right now and West Quay has become a sign of the times, expanded to accommodate almost twenty new restaurants, all recently opened, just in time for summer.

Down the road, The Pig in the Wall's al fresco tables were as full as those outside the restaurant chains of West Quay. A mixture of visitors and hotel guests tucked into deli snacks and 'Piggy Bits', enjoying the first signs of spring at tables set with strawberry plants in terracotta pots. The Pig in the Wall recently introduced a 'Supper Menu' too, served between 6-8pm and apparently very popular. However, on this occasion, we were saving ourselves.

6pm rolled around and with it came a Land Rover, silver save for a golden pig on each door, and poised to take us on a private drive deep into the New Forest. Southampton is less than 20 minutes from England's most visited National Park and only a few more minutes from THE PIG, which is where your private transfer will whisk you for dinner as part of the perfect pre-cruise stay. Having been fortunate enough to experience it, I beg you to do the same.

"Okay, here we have the obligatory warm, fresh bread, along with creamy hand churned butter. However, may I also suggest you give this a go. It's our homemade herb-infused oil, full of bay, thyme, rosemary and garlic. So, so delicious with a sprinkle of our oak smoked sea salt."

The Pig was foodie heaven and we were only just getting started.

We had already crunched into Saddleback Pork Scratchings with a dollop of homemade apple sauce and sampled a 'sausage roll' whipped up with vegetables from the restaurant's Kitchen Garden.







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THE PIG's 25-mile menu means that anything which cannot be grown in the walled garden, or in the estate's vegetable or fruit beds, is sourced within a 25-mile radius. Turn over your menu and you'll find a map depicting exactly where the various ingredients in your meal came from, down to the nearest half a mile.

The fish in our Smoked Cornish Haddock Tart tasted so fresh, it could have swum straight to our plates. The creamy goats cheese in our Hampshire Lamb Neck & Rocket Salsa Verde main had travelled just 12 miles to make it to the kitchen and the cheeseboard was made up exclusively of Hampshire and Devonshire cheeses, served with an oozy chunk of local honeycomb and pig shaped crackers.

The private transfer to dinner is available to all guests staying at The Pig in the Wall, a Land Rover leaving at 6pm for a 9.15pm return, or 8.15pm for a 11.00pm pick-up. It's difficult to imagine a better start to your holiday than with dinner at THE PIG and a restful slumber in a four-poster bed at The Pig in the Wall.

Being able to stroll across the road and head for the sun the next day is the cherry on top of the cake.



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