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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ON BEHALF OF everyone here at Bolsover Cruise Club and The Cruise Holiday Shop, I'd like to wish our Cruise Club members all the best for the year ahead.

2018 is set to be an exciting year for cruising. Itineraries will go on sale for the latest addition to the P&O Cruises family, an as-yet-unnamed ship that will be the largest ever created for the British market when it launches in 2020. We are counting down the days until we can reveal details of her maiden voyages, so stay tuned! This year will also see the launch of Norwegian Bliss, plus the largest cruise ship ever built, Symphony of the Seas. Later, winter will bring with it the sophisticated Celebrity Edge and technologically ground-breaking MS Roald Amundsen.

As is tradition, the first Into The Blue of the year features The Hot List, our pick of the must-visit places for 2018. You'll also find inspiration for some summer sun in our main destination feature, which focuses on Greece, one of my favourite Mediterranean regions.

It's an edition of contrasts where we're talking travel with arguably the world's greatest living explorer, Sir Ranulph Fiennes, as well as showing you a Transatlantic Caribbean cruise through the eyes of 7-year-old William! There are still some great Caribbean cruise deals around for 2018, so give us a call if William's account has whet your appetite for a little island time.

Wherever cruising takes you in 2018, I hope it is a year of holidays to remember.

Yours sincerely

Michael Wilson
Managing Director

Santorini, Greece



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FLORENCE

What's not to love about Florence? If you aren't feasting on Tuscan cuisine in a family trattoria, you're feasting your eyes on Renaissance masterpieces by Botticelli, da Vinci, Michelangelo, et al. The home of high fashion and haute-couture, red-roofed and dominated by the Duomo, Florence is for the romantic, the artistic and the hungry.





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Having resolved to get more beauty sleep, hit the satin rather than the sack. This pure mulberry silk pillow case is a beauty editor favourite, thanks to claims that sleeping on it can prevent friction that causes wrinkles and bed head.



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Whether it involves sunset strolls on the Promenade Deck or hitting the hiking paths on shore, the Fitbit Blaze is a stylish reminder to get your steps in and work off some of those cruising calories.





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Marella Cruises



MSC PREZIOSA TO SAIL FROM SOUTHAMPTON IN 2019



MSC Cruises has announced that the 3,500-passenger MSC Preziosa will homeport in Southampton in 2019.

The announcement was made alongside news that four MSC ships would either homeport or call at UK ports this year. MSC Magnifica will be based in Southampton for much of the summer, while Meraviglia, Preziosa and Orchestra will all be calling at multiple UK ports in 2018.

In more news from MSC Cruises, the cruise line took delivery of its new flagship MSC Seaside in late November. The ship is the first in the new Seaside Class and will sail Caribbean itineraries from Miami following its launch this June.

HURTIGRUTEN EXPANDS ARCTIC OFFERING IN 2019

Hurtigruten has announced an expanded Arctic deployment for 2019, including new departures from Tromsø to Russia and the first transit of the Northwest Passage ever made by a hybrid ship.

Hurtigruten's 2019 itineraries will see five ships offering expedition cruising in Svalbard, plus new

expeditions calling at Murmansk and Frans Josef Land: The Arctic regions of Russia are some of the least visited places in the world. A 15-day expedition departure on the Spitsbergen will cross into Russian waters and Murmansk before sailing the Barents Sea to Franz Josef Land for five days of expedition landings.



CELEBRITY CRUISES ANNOUNCE NEW GALAPAGOS SHIP

Celebrity Cruises has revealed plans to build a new ship for the Galapagos Islands.

The 100-passenger Celebrity Flora will be one of the most energy-efficient ships of its size in the archipelago and will feature anchorless technology designed to protect the region's delicate ecosystem.

"Celebrity Flora marks another example of our revolutionary ship design by allowing the destination and its environment to influence every decision we've made," said Lisa Lutoff-Perlo, President and CEO, Celebrity Cruises. "From the luxurious all-suite accommodations to industry-first, eco-friendly innovations, we created a ship that

brings a new level of luxury, sustainability and natural exploration of the region. Guests will feel as though they're boarding a high-end yacht for a week of unparalleled adventures, and they are!"

Celebrity Flora will debut in May 2019 and will sail year-round from Baltra Island. Itineraries are on sale now.



PRINCESS CRUISES NAME NEW SHIP

Princess Cruises has announced that it will name its next ship Sky Princess.

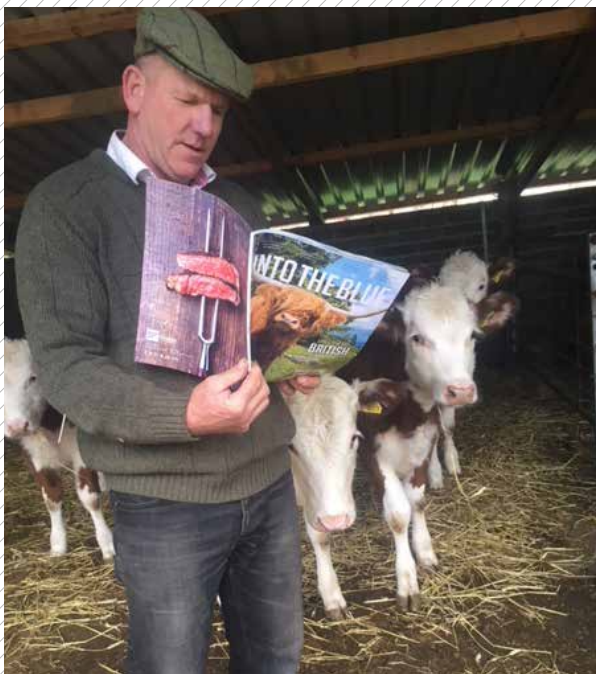
Set to launch in October 2019, the 3,660-passenger ship will be a sister vessel to Royal Princess, Regal Princess and Majestic Princess, and will feature many of the same signature elements including a three-deck atrium, outdoor cinema, and the adults-only Sanctuary.

Sky Princess will offer four weeks of Mediterranean sailings from Barcelona, Rome and Athens, before crossing the Atlantic from Barcelona to Fort Lauderdale on a 14-night cruise.

Voyages on the latest Princess Cruises vessel are available to book now.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MAISIE MOSLEY, THE WINNER OF A £150 CRUISE VOUCHER.



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Congratulations to Poppy Outram, who was crowned both the Cruise Agent Sales Rising Star and Overall Cruise Agent Rising Star at the 2017 Cruise Trade News Rising Star Awards back in November. Well done, Poppy!



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With priority check-in and disembarkation, you can rest assured that your Celebrity Cruises holiday will be one of incomparable modern luxury, from start to finish.



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For the spa enthusiast, Celebrity Cruises AquaClass® staterooms are located close to the stunning Canyon Ranch SpaClub®, Solarium, Persian Garden and, on Solstice Class® ships, Relaxation Room.

These soothing staterooms feature a beautiful balcony and many in-room extras to help guests relax, as well as exclusive access to speciality restaurant Blu. Featuring a choice of healthy dishes for breakfast or dinner, with a little inspiration and plenty of flavour, it's intimately elegant, yet fresh and modern.



CELEBRITY SUITE CLASS: PREMIUM. PRIVATE. EXCLUSIVE.

Suite Class is everything you as a discerning guest could want from seriously indulgent accommodation. With an extensive range of special privileges, including unlimited specialty restaurant dining, a luxurious VIP lounge, complimentary premium drinks, personal butler service, a round-the-clock concierge to take care of dining reservations, shore excursion bookings and much more, it is the ultimate address at sea.

Suite Class amenities and privileges vary by Suite category.

CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE® SAILING DIRECT FROM SOUTHAMPTON

Celebrity Cruises are thrilled to announce that Celebrity Silhouette® will be based in Southampton offering eight itineraries in 2018 - a first for this stunning Celebrity Solstice® Class ship. For sheer convenience and a stress free start to your holiday, these round-trip cruises from the UK simply can't be beaten.



SCANDINAVIA & RUSSIA

Celebrity Silhouette®
7 May 2018 - 12 Nights

Sail from Southampton, visit: Kristiansand, Copenhagen, Tallinn, St.Petersburg (overnight), Helsinki, Skagen, Southampton

FARES FROM PER PERSON

OCEAN VIEW	£1,575
BALCONY	£1,875
CONCIERGE	£1,988
AQUAClass®	£2,700
SUITE	£3,975



WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Celebrity Silhouette®
9 Sept 2018 - 14 Nights

Sail from Southampton, visit: Gibraltar, Provence (Toulon), Florence/Pisa (Livorno), Rome (Civitavecchia), Ajaccio, Barcelona, Lisbon, Southampton

FARES FROM PER PERSON

OCEAN VIEW	£2,175
BALCONY	£2,325
CONCIERGE	£2,475
AQUAClass®	£2,925
SUITE	£6,225



CANARIES & AZORES

Celebrity Silhouette®
7 Oct 2018 - 14 Nights

Sail from Southampton, visit: Ponta Delgada, Madeira (Funchal), Tenerife, Gran Canaria, Fuerteventura, Lanzarote, Lisbon, Southampton

FARES FROM PER PERSON

OCEAN VIEW	£1,988
BALCONY	£2,213
CONCIERGE	£2,400
AQUAClass®	£2,775
SUITE	£5,625

REST OF THE WORLD

Join Celebrity Cruises to experience all of what the rest of the world has to offer that can only be viewed by sea. From blue glaciers rising majestically beside you, to epic sunsets and some of the world's most desirable beaches. Unpack, pull up your sun lounge and claim your own personal piece of heaven.



ALASKA HUBBARD GLACIER

Celebrity Infinity®
21 Jul 2018 - 11 Nights

Sail from Vancouver, visit: Inside Passage (cruising), Sitka, Hubbard Glacier (cruising), Juneau, Ketchikan, Inside Passage (cruising), Vancouver

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	CRUISE ONLY	FLY CRUISE
OCEAN VIEW	£1,439	£3,175
BALCONY	£1,819	£3,555
CONCIERGE	£1,879	£3,615
AQUAClass®	£1,959	£3,695
SUITE	£3,109	£4,845

Flights based on London Heathrow.
Alternative airports at a supplement.



SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN

Celebrity Equinox®
23 Sept 2018 - 15 Nights

Sail from Miami, visit: Charlotte Amalie, St.Croix, St Johns, Bridgetown, Castries, Philipsburg, Miami

FARES FROM PER PERSON

	CRUISE ONLY	FLY CRUISE
OCEAN VIEW	£1,039	£2,245
BALCONY	£1,099	£2,305
CONCIERGE	£1,209	£2,415
AQUAClass®	£1,289	£2,495
SUITE	£2,424	£3,629

Flights based on London Heathrow.
Alternative airports at a supplement.



NEW ZEALAND

Celebrity Solstice®
6 Nov 2018 - 19 Nights

Sail from Sydney, visit: Melbourne, Milford Sound, Doubtful Sound (cruising), Dusky Sound (cruising), Dunedin, Akaroa, Wellington, Tauranga, Bay of Islands, Auckland

FARES FROM PER PERSON

	CRUISE ONLY	FLY CRUISE
OCEAN VIEW	£2,289	£4,139
BALCONY	£2,199	£4,049
CONCIERGE	£2,619	£4,469
AQUAClass®	£2,739	£4,589
SUITE	£5,139	£6,989

Flights based on London Heathrow.
Alternative airports at a supplement.

Celebrity EDGE™

MEDITERRANEAN
& CARIBBEAN

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MAGIC CARPET

The Magic Carpet is the highlight of Celebrity Cruises' outward facing vision. The size of a tennis court, and reaching heights of 13 storeys above sea level, it is the world's first cantilevered, floating platform that travels up the side of the ship. Offering some of the best views on board, this spectacular space extends several decks and transforms into a new venue depending on which deck it's positioned.

RESORT DECK

On Deck 14 you'll find endless ways to enjoy the outdoors and connect with the sea. Or as they call it, The Resort Deck. Internationally-acclaimed architect, Tom Wright, worked his magic on a wide variety of spaces here, which includes the main pool area, the new Rooftop Garden, the jogging track, and the adults-only Solarium.

EDEN

Celebrity Cruises' invite you to indulge every sense in a space that transforms from chillful mornings to playful afternoons to sinful evenings.

Situated over Decks 3, 4 and 5, and the same height as New York's colossal Apple Store, Eden is by far the grandest space Celebrity Cruises have ever designed. In fact, it has more outward facing glass than any other room at sea, making it a true window to the world.



All images of Celebrity Edge are artistic renderings based on current development concepts, which are subject to change without notice.



A REVOLUTION SETS SAIL 2018.

Celebrity Cruises are introducing Celebrity EdgeSM to the world with a choice of exclusive 7-night Caribbean itineraries throughout winter 2018/19. Closer to home, Celebrity EdgeSM will offer a range of 7, 10 and 11-night sailings out of Rome and Barcelona for 2019, including an exclusive **sailing direct from Southampton**.

From Valencia to Valletta and Monaco to Mykonos – with longer stays at every destination, you will uncover more of Europe in every direction – as well as two brand new ports of call; Nauplion on Greece's Argolis Peninsula and Santa Margherita, the gateway to Portofino on the Italian Riviera.

Eastern Caribbean

Celebrity EdgeSM - 23 Dec 2018 - 7 Nights

Sail from Fort Lauderdale & Visit: Philipsburg, Charlotte Amalie, Nassau, Fort Lauderdale

CRUISE ONLY		FLY CRUISE	
FARES FROM PER PERSON	£1,659	FARES FROM PER PERSON	£2,949

Western Caribbean

Celebrity EdgeSM - 20 Jan 2019 - 7 Nights

Sail from Fort Lauderdale & Visit: Key West, Puerto Costa Maya, Cozumel, George Town, Fort Lauderdale

CRUISE ONLY		FLY CRUISE	
FARES FROM PER PERSON	£1,079	FARES FROM PER PERSON	£2,249

Eastern Caribbean

Celebrity EdgeSM - 24 Feb 2019 - 7 Nights

Sail from Fort Lauderdale & Visit: San Juan, Tortola, Philipsburg, Fort Lauderdale

CRUISE ONLY		FLY CRUISE	
FARES FROM PER PERSON	£1,059	FARES FROM PER PERSON	£2,229

Amalfi Coast & Greek Isles

Celebrity EdgeSM - 25 May 2019 - 11 Nights

Sail from Rome (Civitavecchia) & Visit: Catania, Valletta, Santorini, Athens (Piraeus), Mykonos, Nauplion, Katakolon, Naples, Rome (Civitavecchia)

CRUISE ONLY		FLY CRUISE	
FARES FROM PER PERSON	£1,719	FARES FROM PER PERSON	£2,186

France & Italy

Celebrity EdgeSM - 20 July 2019 - 7 Nights

Sail from Barcelona & Visit: Valencia, Ibiza, Provence (Marseille), Nice (Villefranche), Florence/Pisa (La Spezia), Rome (Civitavecchia)

CRUISE ONLY		FLY CRUISE	
FARES FROM PER PERSON	£1,289	FARES FROM PER PERSON	£1,775

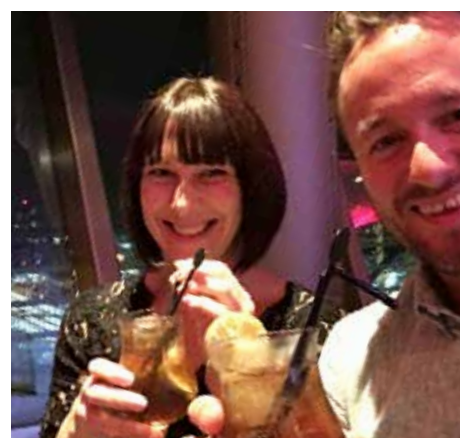
Western Mediterranean

Celebrity EdgeSM - 10 Aug 2019 - 9 Nights

Sail from Rome (Civitavecchia) & Visit: Naples, Palma De Mallorca, Barcelona, Monte Carlo, Santa Margherita, Florence/Pisa (La Spezia), Rome (Civitavecchia)

CRUISE ONLY		FLY CRUISE	
FARES FROM PER PERSON	£1,319	FARES FROM PER PERSON	£1,855

Fly cruise prices based on London departure. Alternative airports available at a supplement.



Family holidays are a great way to escape the busy lives we all lead and enjoying quality time with our children and together as a couple is more important than ever. Daniel Greening took his family on their first cruise holiday aboard P&O Cruises' Azura for a 14-night Transatlantic adventure to the Caribbean.

AS YOU KNOW, if you have ever had kids, holidays are regimentally planned out, the cases packed 90% for the kids with a small space next to the shoes for mum and dad. Normally the departing airport would be chaos; looking at screens and keeping the kids next to you is almost impossible. However, because we were departing from Southampton we had a complimentary coach to pick us up from Manchester Airport and take us down to the port. When we arrived at the airport, the P&O Cruises meet and greet stand stood out a mile, so we knew exactly where to go. They took our cases from us and the next time we saw them was outside our cabin on board. They made a fuss of the kids and guided us to the coach, and from this moment on we felt special. The kind and courteous treatment continued

throughout our holiday.

When choosing our cruise we received lots of help from the staff at Bolsover Cruise Club. We got advice on just about everything relating to our needs as a family, explaining important details like sleeping arrangements in the cabin and the food available on board.

Azura is known as one of the larger family-friendly ships in the P&O Cruises fleet, so it was a good choice for a first cruising experience.

Here's my seven-year-old son William's explanation of how he found his very first cruise experience and what the highlights were for him and his sister, Lucy (age 3), along with some notes from mum and dad to show our side of the story too.

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The kids ran to the ship, where we were met with smiles over a red carpet

William

Boarding / 21 Oct 2017



Mum and dad talked to the lady behind the desk, then she took a photo of us all with a little camera. The lady put a yellow band on our arms, she said it's so we don't get lost. We ran down a big corridor with windows that took us to the ship. Lots of ladies and men that looked like Captains smiled at us and talked to us. The carpet was red. When we first saw our cabin we could only see two beds, then the lady came and folded another two beds out of the roof for me and Lucy. We climbed straight up there to sort out our teddies.

Mum & Dad

WE HAD THE security checks and were given our cabin cards. It wasn't very busy and the staff were extremely helpful, which made the whole process go smoothly. Walking to the ship and seeing it up close made it so exciting for all of us. The kids ran to the ship, where we were met with smiles over a red carpet. The room was lovely and our steward, Larni, was extremely friendly and helpful.

Mum & Dad

THE NOVELTY OF being at sea was exciting for us all as we began our journey to Madeira. The cabin was comfortable and because we had a balcony we could use this for some family time with tea and cakes. We had the first of four formal nights this evening. It was a great experience to get dressed up and have the ship's crew on hand to take professional photos to remember the night by. As we had the Freedom Dining option we were able to use the restaurants at any time, so after dropping the children off at kids club we enjoyed a romantic meal at the Peninsular Restaurant, followed by a comedy show at the Play House Theatre.

William

At Sea / 22-24 Oct 2017

It was a bit rough at the beginning and I liked the feeling of moving around on the sea. It made me laugh to see everyone swaying about. We watched a film on the seascreen with some sweets from the shop and got all snuggled together under a big brown blanket. We went to kids club after tea and started to make some new friends.

Drawing on the balcony



William and sister Lucy ready for the restaurant



Mum & Dad

WHEN WE ARRIVED at Madeira the weather was lovely. As this was our first port we were slightly nervous about leaving the ship and how easy it would be to get around and get back to the ship in time. We needn't have worried as there were a number of taxi drivers offering tours and advice, and we were given a map so that we could make our own way around. We bought tickets for the Yellow Bus, which took us on an open-top bus tour around the island with a recorded tour through the headphones provided.

William

Madeira / 25 Oct 2017

We went on a bus around the town and we saw lots of banana plants. We went for a walk and found a play park and go karts, where we played while mum and dad had a drink. We stopped to get an ice cream and there were loads of lizards. We tried to catch them but they were too fast. I dropped some ice cream on the floor and they came and ate it, so I put some on my fingers and sat still and they licked it off my fingers!!! Lizards like lime and lemon flavour Calippos.



Feeding the local lizards



Classic car ride back to the ship

At Sea / 26 - 31 Oct 2017



Kids club was my favourite place on the ship because there were lots of people to play with. There was a soft play area, lots of colouring and things to make, PS4s to play computer games, and we watched TV and films. Lucy did lots of colouring every day and we played games and sang songs with the leaders who were really fun. I liked the big pool too and kept trying to touch the bottom. I made lots of friends at kids club and wanted to go there every day. I liked the food on the ship too, because it was different every day. My favourite was the chicken pie and there were loads of puddings. My daddy arranged a visit to the bridge to meet the Captain. I asked him lots of questions, like how long he had been sailing Azura and whether he had ever seen any sharks. I got to see the radar and sit in the Captain's seat and I got to look through some gigantic binoculars out to sea.



William and Lucy ready
for kids club

Mum & Dad

WITH SO MANY sea days between Madeira and the Caribbean, we were lucky to have fantastic weather. Most days, after the biggest breakfast ever, we would spend some family time at the pool. There were a number of different pools and we never struggled to get a sun bed. There was a very shallow pool which was brilliant for the kids as they could play together in there, and the bigger pool was great for us to all get in together so they could practice their swimming. Kids club was open most of the day, only closing for an hour or two at lunchtime and teatime, so we also got some relaxing time by the pool (and the bar) and even managed the odd afternoon nap. The food was amazing and you could have whatever you fancied, whenever you wanted it.



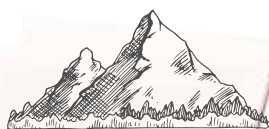
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William

St. Kitts / 1 Nov 2017

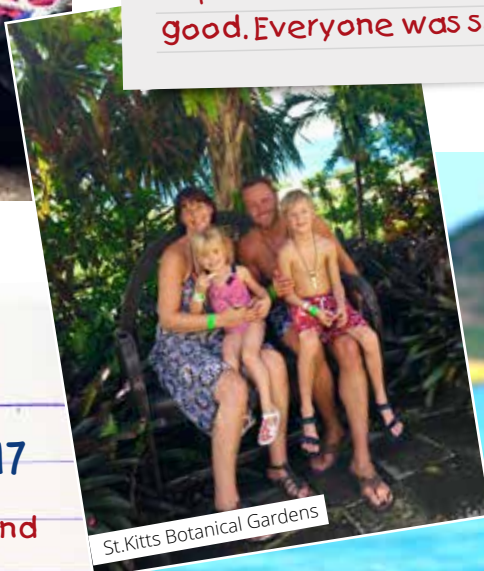
It was really hot when we got off the ship. There were lots of people selling necklaces and other things, and a man with a monkey wearing clothes. I held three monkeys, one on my head, one on my arm and one on my shoulder. We went on a jeep and went through a rainforest and went for a walk through some gardens where we saw a hummingbird. Then we went to the sea and went swimming. The sea was warmer than the swimming pool on the ship and I got to see fish when I went snorkelling with daddy. Lucy liked swimming in the sea too and we both liked collecting shells and stones to bring home. When we went back to the ship we had a sailaway party, which was really good. Everyone was singing and dancing.



William

St. Lucia / 2 Nov 2017

We went to the beach again and swam in the sea. I got to ride a jet ski and the man let me have a go. We went really fast and he said I was crazy. The sand was really nice and white and felt nice between my toes. We had another sailaway party when we got back to the ship and then we went to kids club where I told my friends about where we had been.



Bottom Bay,
Barbados



William

Barbados / 4 Nov 2017

We went for a walk to the beach in Barbados, instead of getting a taxi like we did everywhere else. It wasn't as sunny but we still played in the sea and drew pictures in the sand with a stick. We went to a bar for a drink and saw one of my friends from the ship. Then it was time to go back to the ship to get ready to go to the airport and go home. We had an amazing holiday and didn't want to get off the ship. We joked about finding somewhere to hide so we wouldn't have to leave.

Mum & Dad

THE BEACHES OF the Caribbean islands are fantastic for children, as the seas are shallow and warm. It was Lucy's first time in the sea and she took to it like a duck to water. The holiday was brilliant and relaxing, and the kids had a great time both on and off the ship. The journey home was stress free, as your suitcases are taken from your cabin the night before so we only had our hand luggage, and we were lucky to get a private cab transfer to the airport. We travelled home on a TUI Dreamliner, which was great for an overnight flight as each seat had a TV screen of its own to watch films, TV and even play games. This kept the children entertained until they fell asleep.

William

Antigua / 3 Nov 2017



When we got off the ship there were people playing music and dancing. We went to the beach again because it was our favourite thing to do. There were some men on the beach with coconuts and a big knife, so we went to buy one but the coconuts looked weird because they were big and green, not brown and furry like the ones in Asda. The man gave me the coconut and a straw and I drank the milk from inside. It tasted really nice but Lucy didn't like it. Daddy had rum poured into his.

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CLASH OF THE TITANS

Symphony of the Seas and Norwegian Bliss will be two of the largest ships at sea when they launch within weeks of each other this spring, but which of these new arrivals will emerge triumphant in the battle of the giants?

BIG THINGS ARE happening this spring, literally. When Royal Caribbean International's Symphony of the Seas launches in March, it will be the biggest cruise ship the world has ever seen. It will weigh more than 17,000 African elephants, display more works of art than the Louvre has paintings, and will have more neighbourhoods than New York has boroughs. But it isn't the only new ship set to bring a hefty dose of excitement to the seas; Norwegian Bliss, the newest and largest vessel in the Norwegian Cruise Line fleet, will arrive in Europe just weeks later. While they share a promise to deliver a dizzying array of entertainment and activities, there is plenty to set these two superships apart. As we countdown to their widely anticipated arrivals, we're comparing the two in a clash of the titans designed to help you decide which one should show you the world.

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Despite being the largest ship in the Norwegian Cruise Line fleet at 167,800 gross tons, a guest capacity of 4,000 means that Norwegian Bliss will carry 260 fewer passengers than its Breakaway Plus Class sister ship, Norwegian Escape. A crew of 1,730 will be on hand to take care of guest's wishes, wants and whims.

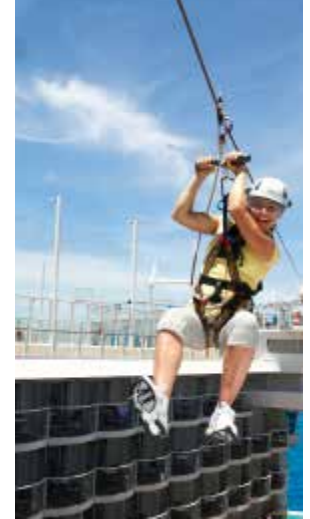


SYMPHONY OF THE SEAS



Royal Caribbean Lazer Tag

Royal Caribbean Zip Line



THE FUN FACTOR

Right, let's get down to the important stuff: fun. If there is one thing Symphony of the Seas and Norwegian Bliss share it is an emphasis on the fun factor and a focus on bringing all-new activities and facilities to the seas.

FIRST INTO THE ring is Symphony of the Seas and as you'd expect from a record-breaker, there's a lot to cram in when it comes to family fun. The neighbourhood concept of the Oasis-class provides seven unique neighbourhoods to be explored.

There's the Boardwalk, where the Ultimate Abyss spits out its brave riders and where high-diving, heart-stopping performances captivate audiences at the AquaTheater. Central Park has become a Royal Caribbean International favourite and is better than ever on Symphony of the Seas. The verdant open-air space is lined with 12,000 tropical plants and many of the ship's speciality restaurants including Jamie's Italian and 150 Central Park. The Bionic Bar and Rising Tide Bar form part of a bar crawl like no other on the Royal Promenade, and Entertainment Place lives up to its name with the largest casino at sea, a full-scale ice rink, glow-in-the-dark laser tag and The Attic, a comedy club and late-night hangout.

One for the thrill-seekers, the Pool & Sports Zone features the starting point for the Ultimate Abyss – the tallest slide at sea – plus The Perfect Storm trio of

waterslides, two FlowRider surf simulators, a mini-golf course, zip line and El Loco Fresh, a new Mexican dining venue. Young cruisers will inevitably gravitate towards the Youth Zone, where facilities include the Puzzle Break escape room challenge. Finally, the largest spa and fitness centre at sea promises plenty of rest and relaxation.

SO HOW DOES NORWEGIAN BLISS STACK UP AGAINST THE COMPETITION WHEN IT COMES TO FUN?



Norwegian Bliss Racetrack

The sixteenth Norwegian Cruise Line ship will combine favourite features from across the fleet with all-new, first-at-sea activities. Norwegian Bliss will feature the second race

track in the NCL fleet, with guests putting the pedal to the metal on a two-level electric track that is the longest at sea at 1,000 feet. Running at speeds of up to 30mph, electric cars will negotiate all those hairpin bends in silence so as to not disturb the peace and quiet we appreciate at sea, although the same can't be said for the cheers from the crowd. A spaced-themed open-air laser tag course and two multi-story waterslides in the Aqua Park – the high-speed Aqua Racer and Ocean Loops – will keep older kids entertained for hours, so mum and dad can chill out in the Mandara Spa's unique Snow Room. Befitting of its jaw-dropping destinations and designed as an attraction in itself, Norwegian Bliss is bringing back the Observation Lounge, or rather two. The 20,000sq.ft. lounges will perch high on deck 15, offering incredible 180-degree floor-to-ceiling views of Alaska's glacial landscape and fantastic wildlife.

Norwegian Bliss Waterslides



Royal Caribbean AquaTheater



THE ENTERTAINMENT

Hairspray was Royal Caribbean International's first-ever Broadway musical at sea and it will return aboard Symphony of the Seas, headlining in the Royal Theatre. Also debuting here will be new original production, Flight, a satirical tribute to air travel and the Wright brothers.



THE SHIP'S FULL-SIZE ice rink will host 1977, a throwback to the Queen's Silver Jubilee in London. The high-tech skating show will depict the heist of the century in which the Crown Jewels are stolen. Finally, HiRo will deliver heart-stopping high-diving in an acrobatic aqua show held in the open-air AquaTheater.

Norwegian Bliss will bring the dulcet tones of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons to the seas in the Tony Award-winning Jersey Boys. The Beatles will also be on hand to help get the party started, with one of the best Beatles cover bands around playing the Famous Four's Sixties swing in The Cavern Club. Happy Hour Prohibition – The Musical will take you back in time to 16 January 1919, the eve of the Prohibition Era. You'll sip five of your own Prohibition Era cocktails while Madam Lulu and her girls put on an unforgettable show set in a New Orleans speakeasy.





Los Lobos,
Norwegian Bliss



SYMPHONY OF THE Seas will introduce four new culinary experiences to the Royal Caribbean International fleet. There'll be New England style seafood in Hooked, a fiesta of flavours in El Loco Fresh, and burgers and beer in the Playmakers sports bar, plus sweet treats including homemade ice cream in Boardwalk-based Sugar Beach.

The diverse culinary line-up will also see the return of some old favourites, with Jamie's Italian, Wonderland, Izumi, and sophisticated 150 Central Park all brandishing new designs and refreshed menus. In total, Symphony of the Seas will feature more than 20 complimentary and speciality dining spots across its seven neighbourhoods.

Meat lovers may mourn the loss of Moderno Churrascaria on board Norwegian Bliss, but there will be plenty more to tantalise those taste buds in its absence. New Texas smokehouse 'Q' will debut authentic Texan barbecue food in sleek surroundings. The upscale à la carte eatery will be a fleet first, offering brisket, ribs, chicken and sausages smoked over hickory, oak and pecan woods.

The Waterfront will return to Norwegian Bliss, delivering al fresco dining at 13 restaurants and bars, including speciality dining venues Cagney's Steakhouse, premium Mexican, Los Lobos, seafood with a sea view at Ocean Blue and Tuscan cuisine in the sun at La Cucina. Complimentary dining will be enjoyed in three main dining rooms, plus the Garden Café buffet and your sweet tooth will be satisfied at Coco's chocolate shop on Ocean Place and with scoops of freshly-made ice-cream from Dolce Gelato.



Cagney's Steakhouse,
Norwegian Bliss



Izumi, Symphony of the seas



Symphony of the Seas



THE NIGHTLIFE

WHICHEVER SHIP YOU choose for your next holiday, you're guaranteed a good time with ten drinking establishments on Symphony of the Seas and 11 on Norwegian Bliss.

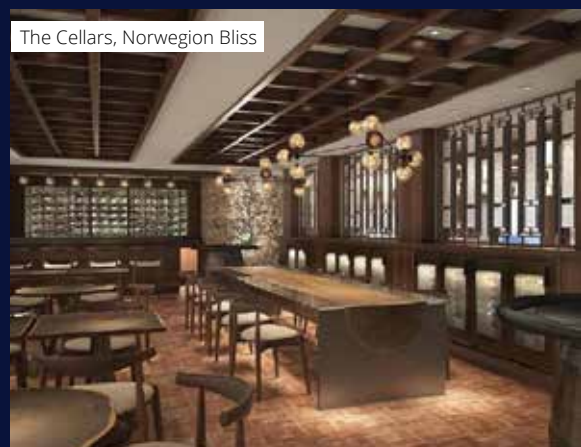
Symphony of the Seas offers everything from green juices to English boozers. The dark wood and lengthy beer list in the Ale & Anchor is a home from home, while Vintages Wine Bar will take you on a wine journey around the world. Pull up a chair at the Trellis Bar for leisurely evenings in Central Park or place your order with the mechanical mixologists at the popular Bionic Bar. There are plenty of options for teetotallers too, from smoothies at the Vitality Café to coffee at Park Café.

Norwegian Bliss stands up against the competition when it comes to nightlife. Top spots for a tippie include the new

A-List Bar. Named after Norwegian Cruise Line President and CEO, Andy Stuart, the cocktail bar is as chic as its name suggests. Elsewhere, the American dive bar vibes of fleet favourite, The District Brew House, return with live music, 24 beers on draft, 50 bottled beers and even a photo booth.

Wine connoisseurs can swirl and sip their favourite vintages at The Cellars, taking their wine knowledge up a notch at the Tasting Table. If your chosen tippie sways more towards a mojito, you can enjoy one freshly-muddled – day or night – at Sugarcane on The Waterfront. For those whose evenings are incomplete without a post-dinner whisky and cigar, the Maltings whisky bar and leather-clad Humidor cigar lounge are a match made in heaven.

The Cellars, Norwegian Bliss

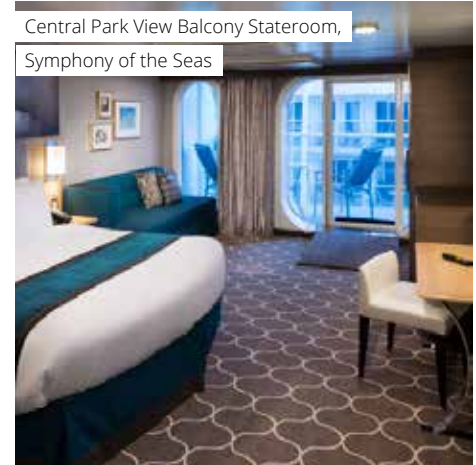


Bionic Bar, Symphony of the Seas





Ultimate Family Suite, Symphony of the Seas



Central Park View Balcony Stateroom,
Symphony of the Seas

THE SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

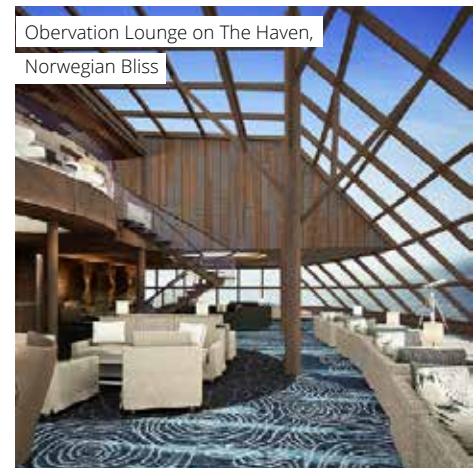
FA CHILD was to run wild with the design brief, one imagines that the result would look a lot like Symphony of the Seas' Ultimate Family Suite. A slide runs from the 'kids-only' bedroom to the living room below; floor-to-ceiling Lego covers an entire wall; there's a 3D-cinema TV room complete with popcorn machine and arcade games, and the 212sq.ft. wraparound balcony has the usual hot tub, but there's a bumper-sized pool table and climbing wall. The 1,346sq. ft. suite will sleep eight people across its two bedrooms and is the latest development in the cruise line's Royal Suite Class.

Balcony staterooms will offer three different views – Central Park, the Boardwalk and a traditional sea view – and Symphony of the Seas will become the latest in the fleet to feature virtual balconies. This revolutionary concept streams real-time ocean and port views onto floor-to-ceiling screens in interior staterooms. Finally, the ship will debut the largest stateroom in the cruise line's history; the Ultra Spacious Ocean View with Large Balcony has 25 square meters of inside space and an 8-metre-square balcony area.

Norwegian Bliss will incorporate The Haven, an exclusive 'ship within a ship' enclave hidden away on the very top three decks, with key-card access to the most luxurious accommodation on board. Guests of The Haven will also have exclusive access to a private sundeck, a private lounge and fine dining in The Haven Restaurant, plus the services of a 24-hour butler and concierge service.

Pampering is promised in Spa Staterooms, where soothing colour schemes and close proximity to the Spa & Fitness Centre encourage ultimate relaxation. Norwegian Bliss will also feature 82 Studio Staterooms aimed at solo travellers, featuring a full-size bed, virtual window and access to the private Studio Lounge. Most importantly, guests travelling in Studio Staterooms will pay no single supplement.

The rest of the accommodation aboard Norwegian Bliss is made up of Mini-Suites with large bathrooms, Balcony Staterooms and Ocean View Staterooms featuring large picture windows, plus well-designed Inside Staterooms.



Observation Lounge on The Haven,
Norwegian Bliss



The Haven Lounge, Norwegian Bliss



Mini Suite, Norwegian Bliss

THE DESTINATIONS

SYMPHONY OF THE Seas will spend summer in the Western Mediterranean sailing from Barcelona, before crossing the Atlantic in October to Royal Caribbean's new terminal at PortMiami. With itineraries in the Eastern and Western Caribbean, the ship will be a popular choice for winter sun and family fun combined.

Norwegian Bliss has been custom-built for two destinations that couldn't be more different if they tried. Between June and late September, views from the ship's revolutionary Observation Lounge will look out across The Last Frontier when Norwegian Bliss sails Alaska. The ship will then chase the sun to the Mexican Riviera, before homeporting at PortMiami for the winter, sailing Eastern Caribbean itineraries.

The clash of the family cruising titans is closely fought, but which ship will emerge victorious to welcome you on board in 2018/19? Call your Sales Consultant today on 01246 819819 to find out more about the two hottest new arrivals of the year.

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Greece reclines lazily beneath the baking-hot Mediterranean sun, its 6000 or so islands scattered in luminous Ionian and Aegean Seas. Of the thousands of isles, the 200 which are inhabited lure their visitors with the promise of diverse treasures, from the man-made wonders of Athens that build a window into the ancient past, to the likes of Santorini, Corfu and Mykonos, islands that are true natural beauties. Greece is set to be the word on everyone's lips this summer.



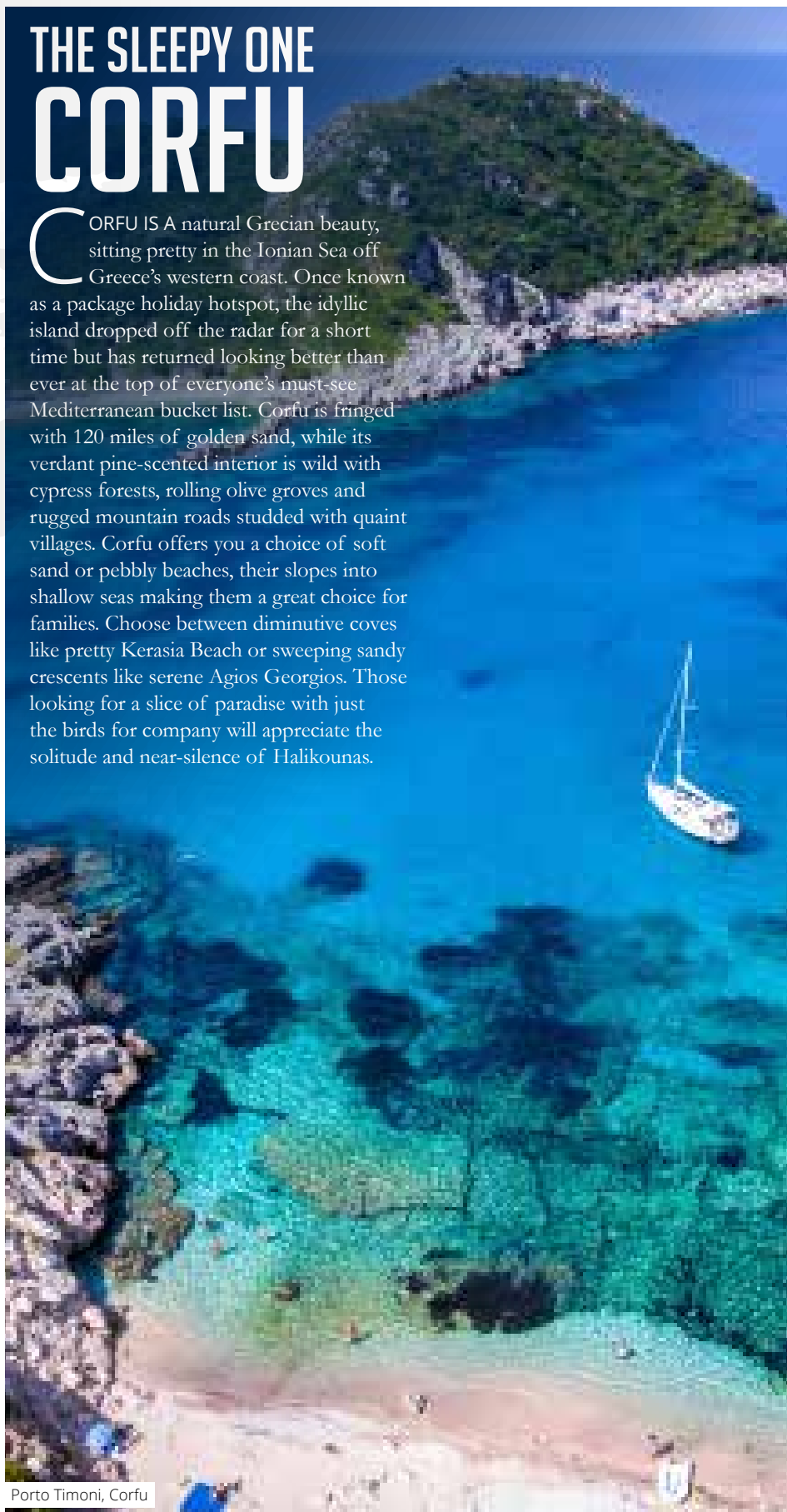
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THE SLEEPY ONE CORFU

CORFU IS A natural Grecian beauty, sitting pretty in the Ionian Sea off Greece's western coast. Once known as a package holiday hotspot, the idyllic island dropped off the radar for a short time but has returned looking better than ever at the top of everyone's must-see Mediterranean bucket list. Corfu is fringed with 120 miles of golden sand, while its verdant pine-scented interior is wild with cypress forests, rolling olive groves and rugged mountain roads studded with quaint villages. Corfu offers you a choice of soft sand or pebbly beaches, their slopes into shallow seas making them a great choice for families. Choose between diminutive coves like pretty Kerasia Beach or sweeping sandy crescents like serene Agios Georgios. Those looking for a slice of paradise with just the birds for company will appreciate the solitude and near-silence of Halikounas.



Porto Timoni, Corfu

Nafplio harbour



Nafplio city church



THE SECRET ONE NAFPLIO

THE LITTLE-KNOWN VENETIAN seaside village of Nafplio, or Nauplion, sits at the heart of the peaceful Argolis region. Having once served as the Greek capital, the underrated destination is a stone's throw from some of the most important UNESCO sites in the country, but its beauty isn't only manmade. A half-hour drive will take you to Kastraki or Tolon, two glorious stretches of the white sand and cobalt seas that attracted you to Greece in the first place. Less than an hour in the opposite direction brings you to the Nemea wine region. Sit back with a glass of red and take in the views of vineyards with a winemaking history spanning more than 3,500 years. In Nafplio itself, a charming old town of tangled alleyways, neoclassical mansions and Venetian castles will have you hooked.



THE PARTY ONE MYKONOS

MYKONOS IS THE most glamorous of the Cyclades but while the island isn't afraid to party, the vibe is far more cosmopolitan than crazed bar crawl. Best compared to the likes of chic St Tropez and Ibiza's achingly cool old town, Dalt Vila, Mykonos has attracted a well-heeled clientele ever since Jackie Onassis was first spotted here in the 1950s. The island has something for everyone; fashionistas shop for leather sandals in the bourgeois boutiques of Hora, the maze-like old town, while history buffs hop over to the intriguing isle of Delos. Legend has it that this was the birthplace of Artemis and Apollo, and a rule forbidding overnight stays and limiting visits by boat to four hours has enabled one of Greece's most notable archaeological sites to retain an air of mystery.



THE HIP ONE HYDRA

HYDRA HIT THE silver screen in the 1957 film *Boy on a Dolphin* starring Sophia Loren and the island still looks much the same as it did back then. New construction is all but banned on the golden isle, as are vehicles with the exception of a fire truck or two. Hydra is a hip hangout for Athenians who take the hydrofoil across for the weekend when temperatures in the city peak and the summer crowds roll in. Despite Hydra's obvious appeal, the construction restrictions have limited hotel developments and with only very small cruise ships able to dock directly on its coast, the little island has escaped overdevelopment and crowding to remain beautifully rustic. There is little to do here aside from eat, snooze and sunbathe: Perfect.



THE FAMOUS ONE ZAKYNTHOS

WHETHER YOU KNOW it as Zakynthos or Zante, this is one Greek island you are sure to have heard of. The MV Panayiotis unwittingly sent the island's popularity soaring when it washed up on the shores of Navagio Beach in 1980, lending the cove the moniker Shipwreck Beach. It remains one of Greece's most famous beaches, with boat trips taking you around the coast to the oft-photographed northwest shore of the island. Of course, there is more to Zakynthos than its most famous attraction. The island has a long history to which its Venetian castle ruins and Renaissance architecture are a testament, plus a varied coastline that switches effortlessly between secluded blue-water caves and coves, and rugged limestone cliffs.



THE MYTHICAL ONE KATAKOLON

THERE ISN'T MUCH to Katakolon, save for a charming fishing harbour and a small beach, but drive for 40 minutes and you will find yourself in Ancient Olympia. This is the birthplace of the Olympic Games, which were held here for more than 1000 years until their abolition in 393 AD. Stood beneath the scorching Mediterranean sun, surrounded by the ruins of once elaborate gymnasiums, temples and hippodromes, it is easy to visualize powerful Greek and Roman athletes going for glory every four years, watched by the likes of Alexander the Great and Aristotle. The victors were immortalised throughout Greece, their muscles recreated on marble statues and their olive-crowned heads depicted on pottery that is now displayed at Olympia's onsite Archaeological Museum.



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The wonders of Greece's ancient empires don't end at the Acropolis and historical treasures are spread across the country. From Katakolon, excursions race for Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games and home to temples dedicated to Greek gods Zeus and Hera.

The Venetian seafront town of Nafplio, a little-known gem now, once held great power as the capital of Greece. The destination – an exciting maiden call for Celebrity Cruises' eagerly-awaited new ship 'Celebrity Edge' in 2018 – is within touching distance of the ancient cities of Mycenae, site of the famous Lion Gate, and Epidauros; home to the best preserved classical Greek theatre in the world. The ancient Theatre of Epidauros is renowned for its natural acoustics, which are considered as close to perfect as you can get. A whisper spoken on stage is said to be audible on the very top row.

Odeon of Herodes Atticus, Athens



Whether you are indulging your inner gastronome in Athens or grabbing a bite to eat in a whitewashed hillside taverna overlooking the Santorini caldera, some dishes appear on the menu regardless. A Greek salad starts almost every meal here, a sizeable chunk of feta set atop a melee of cucumber, olives, onion and tomatoes. The gyro is also ubiquitous Greek fare and there is always one to be found nearby when a day of sightseeing has left you ravenous. Kostas at Plateia in Athens is an unassuming hole-in-the-wall joint but its gyro is the best in town; lamb or pork seasoned with sweet paprika and Greek oregano, cooked on a rotisserie, wrapped in a doughy pitta with creamy tzatziki, tomatoes and onion is the perfect medicine after one too many ouzos. Elsewhere in Katakolon, the inexpensive but impressive gyro at backstreet hideaway, Jimmy's Tavern, make it a favourite of cruise ship crews.

There is always room for dessert too, whether that may be syrup-drenched, custard-filled galaktoboureko or calorie-laden loukoumades, bite-sized doughnuts drenched in honey and dusted with cinnamon.

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Copenhagen ▶ **Oslo** ▶ Berlin (Warnemünde) ▶ Tallinn ▶ **2 day experience** St. Petersburg overnight onboard ▶ Helsinki ▶ Stockholm (Nynäshamn) ▶ Copenhagen



PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE PRICE
Interior	£1,469	£1,759
Balcony	£2,519	£2,797
Deluxe Balcony	£2,569	£2,847
Mini-suite	£2,619	£2,897
Suite	£4,089	£4,367

Package price based on London Gatwick flights. Best price available at time of going to print.

\$50 ONBOARD SPEND PER COUPLE*

Norwegian Fjords & Summer Solstice

SAPPHIRE PRINCESS
7 NIGHTS

Departure Date
16 Jun 2018

Southampton ▶ Stavanger ▶ Olden ▶ Hellesylt ▶ Geiranger ▶ Bergen ▶ Southampton

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY
Interior	£599
Oceanview	£799
Balcony	£999
Mini-suite	£1,499
Suite	£2,199

\$50 ONBOARD SPEND PER COUPLE*

Mediterranean

CROWN PRINCESS
7 NIGHTS

Departure Date
23 Jun 2018

Barcelona ▶ Gibraltar ▶ Marseille (for Provence) ▶ **Genoa** (for Milan & Portofino) ▶ Florence/Pisa (Livorno) ▶ Rome (Civitavecchia)

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE PRICE
Interior	£599	£1,029
Oceanview	£749	£1,179
Balcony	£999	£1,429
Mini-suite	£1,349	£1,779
Suite	£2,399	£2,829

Package price based on London Gatwick flights. Best price available at time of going to print.



MORE TIME ASHORE See the sights during the day and experience the nightlife after dark with late night (9pm or later), or overnight calls.



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STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Low 5%
deposit available*

\$60 ONBOARD SPEND PER COUPLE^

Mediterranean Adventurer

SAPPHIRE PRINCESS
14 NIGHTS

Departure Date
28 Jul 2018

Southampton ▶ ■ Barcelona ▶
Rome (Civitavecchia) ▶ Florence/
Pisa (Livorno) ▶ Genoa (for Milan &
Portofino) ▶ Marseille (for Provence) ▶
Gibraltar ▶ Southampton

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY
Interior	£1,199
Oceanview	£1,499
Balcony	£1,999
Mini-suite	£2,599
Suite	£3,599

\$60 ONBOARD SPEND PER COUPLE^

Western Mediterranean & Adriatic Medley

CROWN PRINCESS
14 NIGHTS

Departure Date
28 Jul 2018

Athens (Piraeus) ▶ Santorini ▶ Kotor ▶
Messina (for Mt. Etna & Taormina) ▶
Naples (for Capri & Pompeii) ▶
■ Barcelona ▶ Gibraltar ▶ Marseille
(for Provence) ▶ ■ Genoa (for Milan
& Portofino) ▶ Florence/Pisa
(Livorno) ▶ Rome (Civitavecchia)

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE PRICE
Interior	£1,529	£2,107
Oceanview	£1,779	£2,357
Balcony	£2,209	£2,787
Mini-suite	£2,549	£3,127
Suite	£4,589	£5,067

Package price based on London Gatwick flights. Best price available at time of going to print.

\$50 ONBOARD SPEND PER COUPLE^

Mediterranean & Aegean

CROWN PRINCESS
7 NIGHTS

Departure Date
11 Aug 2018

Rome (Civitavecchia) ▶ Salerno ▶
Kotor ▶ Corfu ▶ Crete (Chania) ▶
Mykonos ▶ Athens (Piraeus)

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY	PACKAGE PRICE
Interior	£699	£1,234
Oceanview	£849	£1,384
Balcony	£1,099	£1,634
Mini-suite	£1,349	£1,884
Suite	£2,199	£2,734

Package price based on London Gatwick flights. Best price available at time of going to print.

\$60 ONBOARD SPEND PER COUPLE^

Land Of The Midnight Sun

SAPPHIRE PRINCESS
14 NIGHTS

Departure Date
18 Aug 2018

Southampton ▶ Stavanger ▶ Flaam ▶
Hellesylt ▶ Geiranger ▶ Trondheim ▶
Honningsvåg (for North Cape) ▶
Tromsø ▶ Gravdal ▶ Ålesund ▶
Bergen ▶ Southampton

PRICES FROM PP	CRUISE ONLY
Interior	£1,699
Oceanview	£2,999
Balcony	£3,799
Mini-suite	£5,099
Suite	£6,099

Prices shown are subject to availability based upon 2 adults sharing the lowest available grade within the stateroom type specified and include Taxes, Fees and Port Expenses. Prices and availability are correct at time of publish, and may go up or down. *5% low deposit for all guests. 3rd/4th berth guests pricing will be from £99pp on 7 night departures. Offer is available from 22 Dec 2017-28 Feb 2018 and applies to sailings included in this campaign only. This will not be combinable with any other offers. *Bottle of wine and onboard spend is offered by Bolsover Cruise Club and is per couple based on 2 adults sharing stateroom.





Your travels to the hottest destinations of 2018 could see you stargazing in the Atacama Desert and upping your intake of bourbon and sugar-dusted beignets in the Big Easy. Make Attenborough-inspired endeavours to Antarctica, walk in the footsteps of giants in Belfast, or sip an Aperol Spritz as the sun slips into the sea off Ischia. What are you waiting for? Pick a place, pack a case and let's go!

Ischia, Italy

TALIAN HAVE BEEN holidaying here for years but it is ‘Ferrante fever’ that will put the focus firmly on Ischia in 2018. Writing under a pseudonym, Elena Ferrante has whipped her readers into a frenzy with the Neapolitan novels, four books chronicling the lives and loves of Elena Graco and Lila Cerullo in 1950s Campania. With a TV adaptation of the cult novels planned for 2018, all eyes are on Ischia, the garden island an hour’s ferry ride from Naples.

Ischia is one of those places you are reluctant to recommend for fear of giving the secret away and the Neapolitans have remained tight-lipped about their annual holiday hideaway, letting the crowds head for Capri and Sorrento instead. The island still evokes the spirit of the sultry summers depicted in the Ferrante novels, its trees groaning under the strain of bulbous lemons and unruly fuchsia bougainvillea contrasting against blue skies and white walls. Gozzo boats cruise the coastline now just as they did in the 1960s when Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor's smooches in the Tyrrhenian Sea outed the then little-known island. Fortunately, Ischia has retained every drop of its old Italian charm, the air thick with the smell of citrus and rosemary, the gold beaches occupied by locals catching the last of the day's rays after work.

This little island has plenty to offer, from rejuvenating hot springs to fabulous beaches; Maronti is the largest, Sant' Angelo the place to be seen, but there are plenty more besides. If you can tear yourself away from the beaches, there are views to behold atop Monte Epomeo and souvenir ceramics to shop on the Corso Vittoria Colonna that will bring some Italian sunshine to grey days back in Blighty. When the midday sun hits, the sunbaked Castello Aragonese offers shade within its sprawling 15th-century walls. Up in the hills, Ischian pastries and comforting wild rabbit stews punctuate the endless pizza and pasta rotations that have come to depict a typical Italian escape.

You can take a ferry from Ischia to Capri if you like but you really needn't bother; the Italy you are looking for is right here.

MARELLA
CRUISES

INSIDE FROM PP
£1,298



NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS WILL raise a bourbon toast to its 300th anniversary in 2018 and a host of events are lined up to celebrate the city's tricentennial. There will be beads, booze and beignets galore as Mardi Gras brings the party to the French Quarter in a blaze of purple, green and gold. Carnival shenanigans begin in January and culminate in an explosion of feathers and fun on 13 February 2018, or as it is known in the Big Easy, Fat Tuesday. Many of the city's other yearly festivals have also been boosted to celebrate the tricentennial, including the Tall Ships New Orleans 2018 event, planned to coincide with NOLA Navy Week in April, plus the world-famous New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival; two raucous weekends of big-name performers lighting up stages across the city.

Don't worry if your visit doesn't coincide with any of the major tricentennial events because New Orleans knows how to party hard at any time of year. The blues is loud, the jazz louder still, the cocktails are strong and Southern comfort food is consumed without a care in the world for calories. The state of Louisiana hosts over 600 festivals each year and the opportunities to let loose are endless whenever you happen to be in town. Tune your radio to 90.7fm for a rundown on the night's shows in a place that never presses pause on the music. The unofficial motto of

New Orleans is "Laissez les bons temps rouler!" – or "Let the good times roll" to non-Francophones, but if the truth be told, this is a city in which the good times never really stop rolling.

On a more serious note, visitors to New Orleans should plan a visit to the second-best museum in the world, as chosen by the Trip Advisor 2017 Travellers' Choice Awards. The National World War II Museum may have been pipped to the post by New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, but it beat stiff competition from esteemed establishments including the Louvre in Paris and St Petersburg's State Hermitage Museum and Winter Palace.

Importantly for cruisers, New Orleans will break records when it comes to cruising in 2018, with the city set to welcome two new ships. Norwegian Breakaway will be the largest ship ever to homeport in the city when it starts sailing from the Port of New Orleans in November 2018, carrying out week-long and extended itineraries to the Caribbean. Once it has relocated from

New York to New Orleans, the ship will visit ports of call including Cozumel and Costa Maya in Mexico; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; George Town, Grand Cayman; and Harvest Caye, Belize, Norwegian Cruise Line's privately-owned paradise island. Norwegian Breakaway will be joined in New Orleans by Vision of the Seas, as Royal Caribbean return to the city after a three-year hiatus. Following a period in dry dock during the spring, the ship will sail week-long cruises to The Bahamas and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula from December 2018.



New Orleans Mardi Gras



French Quarter, New Orleans

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JAMBALAYA & JAZZ PACKAGE

Dec 18 – Feb 19

A cruise and stay holiday combining a three-night 4* stay in New Orleans, plus optional three-night 4* Memphis and VIP Graceland pre-cruise stay. Includes 7-night full-board Western Caribbean cruise on Vision of the Seas.

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INSIDE FROM PP
£1,689

TAKE ME THERE

ANTARCTICA

MS Roald Amundsen

Nov, Dec 2018 19 nts

Pre-cruise stay in Santiago (Chile)

Fly from/to London, Santiago de Chile (overnight hotel stay), fly to Punta Arenas to embark MS Roald Amundsen, Cruise Beagle Channel, Cape Horn, Drake Passage, Antarctica (including; Deception Island, Half Moon Island, Brown Bluff, Cuverville Island and Neko Harbour), Port Stanley (Falkland Islands), Carcass Island, Magellan Strait, Punta Arenas, fly to Santiago de Chile



HURTIGRUTEN

OUTSIDE FROM PP

£10,272

Fare based on 24 Nov 2018

ANTARCTICA

ANTARCTICA HAS AROUSED the attention of adventurers for more than a hundred years, ever since Sir Ernest Shackleton advertised for a team of men to join him on a risky adventure that would eventually go down in history and inspire explorers in their droves to follow in his footsteps. Adventure tourism has never been so popular and expedition cruising in the most remote place on earth tops the list for those who crave a taste of the wilder life.

Almost 45,000 people visited the vast white continent last year according to the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), a drop in the ocean compared to the 20 million people who cruise each year, but the numbers are growing and there are exciting developments on the horizon for expedition cruising in 2018.

Named after the great Norwegian explorer, Hurtigruten's Roald Amundsen will debut the future of sustainable exploration travel when it enters Antarctica for the first time in October 2018. The first of two hybrid ships to join the Hurtigruten fleet in the coming years, Roald Amundsen will be cleaner, quieter and greener than those sailing Antarctic waters before it. Designed to run on electricity for up to 30 minutes at a time, it will offer guests the opportunity to experience Antarctica in all its eerie silence. The state-of-the-art 530-passenger ship will feature balconies on selected Expedition Suites and Arctic Superior Staterooms, plus private Jacuzzis in some instances, something previously unheard of in Antarctica. Your basecamp at sea will also feature an infinity pool with some seriously special views, plus three restaurants and a resident expedition team tasked with leading world-class excursions in the pristine wilderness.

Further indication of Antarctica's soaring popularity is Silversea's recent extensive refurbishment of Silver Cloud, a move that saw the ship become the most spacious ice class vessel in polar waters with the highest space to guest ratio in expedition cruising. With verandas featuring in 80% of her suites, the luxury ship promises front row seats to scenes of cavorting penguin colonies on icy planes.





CHILE

Lonely Planet deemed Chile its top country to visit in 2018 and it isn't hard to see why. For such a slender slither of land, Chile's appeal is colossal. After all, no other country delivers such a pick 'n' mix of bustling cities and world-class vineyards, plunging fjords and lunar-like plateaus, blissful beaches and scene-stealing mountains.

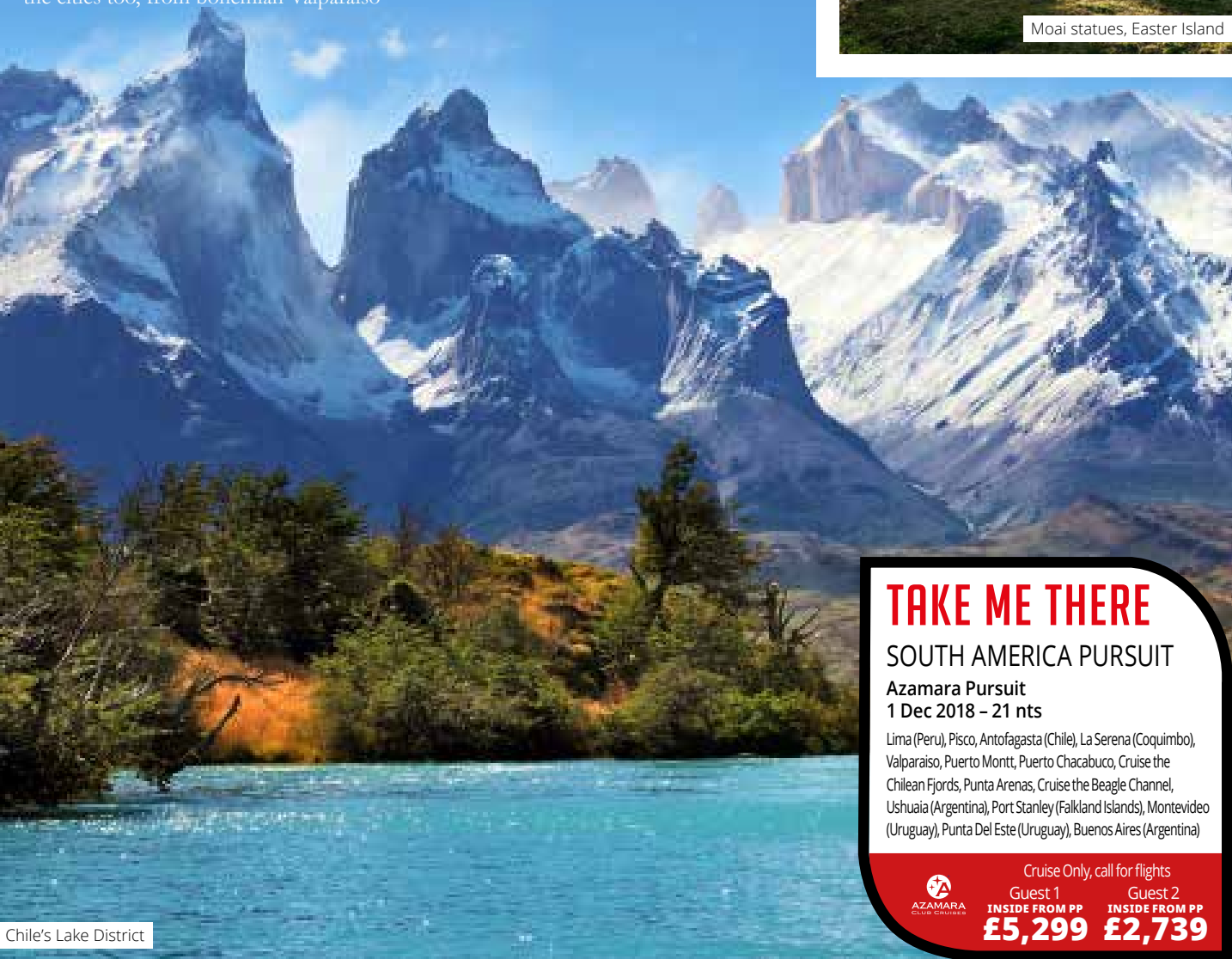
Chile is gearing up to celebrate 200 years of independence in 2018 but the country doesn't need festivals and finery to draw the crowds, depending instead on its wealth of natural wonders to attract and enchant visitors. They don't disappoint, with star-strewn skies over the Atacama Desert and the great granite spires of Chilean Patagonia. There is diversity in the cities too, from bohemian Valparaiso

to nearby Santiago, the Chilean capital sandwiched between the Andes and the Chilean Coastal Mountain range. A stone army of mysterious Moai statues have put Easter Island at the top of many-a bucket list and the port of Puerto Montt introduces you to Chile's Lake District, a giant outdoor playground for adventure enthusiasts with scenery that'll knock you off your feet. There's no better place to be at one with nature in 2018.

Even aside from the country's natural beauty, at times when you are walking within a warren of narrow streets stacked with abodes in red, yellow and blue, or tucking into ground beef and cheese empanadas, the unofficial national food, it quickly becomes clear that there's something special about Chile.



Moai statues, Easter Island



Chile's Lake District

TAKE ME THERE

SOUTH AMERICA PURSUIT

Azamara Pursuit
1 Dec 2018 – 21 nts

Lima (Peru), Pisco, Antofagasta (Chile), La Serena (Coquimbo), Valparaiso, Puerto Montt, Puerto Chacabuco, Cruise the Chilean Fjords, Punta Arenas, Cruise the Beagle Channel, Ushuaia (Argentina), Port Stanley (Falkland Islands), Montevideo (Uruguay), Punta Del Este (Uruguay), Buenos Aires (Argentina)



Guest 1
INSIDE FROM PP
£5,299

Guest 2
INSIDE FROM PP
£2,739

Cruise Only, call for flights



BELFAST

BELFAST AND THE Causeway Coast are another top pick in the prestigious Lonely Planet Best of 2018 List and we share their sentiment for a destination that has not just recovered from a turbulent past, but positively flourished. Belfast is back on the tourist scene and it has culture and cuisine capable of rivalling any European city break hotspot.

With the final season of *Game of Thrones* rumoured to reach our screens in late 2018, now is the perfect time for fans of the show to discover some of the 25 Northern Ireland filming locations featured in previous seasons. Much of the HBO hit is filmed at Belfast's Titanic Studios and the region's rugged coastline, countryside and castles are perhaps better known to many as Westeros. *Game of Thrones* tours from Belfast will show you key locations by bike, bus and boat, and there's even an option to embark on an archery lesson with Winterfell's Master-at-Arms, firing your arrows from the very same spot as Jon Snow himself. Finally, the Ulster Museum in Belfast's Botanic Gardens recently underwent a £17m makeover, a highlight of which was the debut of a 77-metre-long *Game of Thrones* tapestry. The Botanic Gardens are a 30-minute walk from the city's Cathedral Quarter, where an eclectic array of restaurants is helping to cement the city's reputation as a foodie destination, while a combination of lively Irish boozers and sophisticated cocktail bars deliver the great craic for which Ireland is well known.

Belfast's best attractions build upon its rich history, in which the sinking of the RMS Titanic was a monumental event. Titanic Belfast staved off competition from the Las Vegas Strip and Peru's Machu Picchu to be crowned 'World's Leading Tourist Attraction' in the World Travel Awards 2016, and it remains an unmissable attraction for keen cruisers. The state-of-the-art museum sits at the heart of the city's once-gritty docklands, now revived as the Titanic Quarter. Through nine interactive galleries, visitors to Titanic Belfast will uncover the truth of the ill-fated ship in the city where it all began.

TAKE ME THERE

BELFAST

Royal Princess
13 May 18 – 12 nts

Southampton, St Peter Port (Guernsey), Cobh,
Dublin (overnight), Belfast, Greenock (Glasgow),
Invergordon, Edinburgh,
Paris/Normandy (Le Havre), Southampton



INSIDE FROM PP
£1,599



VENICE SIMPLON-ORIENT-EXPRESS

INTRIGUE AROUND THE Orient Express is at an all-time high following the release of Kenneth Branagh's glamorous big-screen adaptation of Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*. Riding on the coattails of the movie's success, the swoon-worthy sleeper train recently announced the addition of three Grand Suites on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express. The trio of opulent abodes will debut in March 2018, named after three great cities frequented by the iconic locomotive: Istanbul, Paris and Venice. The Grand Suites will usher in a new decade of decadence for the Art Deco train, with Baroque-style silks, hand carved wood and Venetian glass befitting of a train that evokes the romance and luxury of transport in eras past.



Grand Suites aside, the opulence on board the 1920s train isn't exaggerated in Branagh's representation. White uniformed attendants welcome you on the red carpet, attentive as they lead you to the passenger carriages, all polished wood panelling and gleaming Lalique glass. With your overnight bag stowed safely in your cabin, you are cordially invited to make your way to the Champagne Bar, raising a Taittinger or Louis Roederer Cristal toast to the most glamorous train ride in the world.

When you aren't listening to ivories tinkled in the Piano Bar or taking in the Austrian Alps from banquette seating in your private cabin, you will be dining in sophisticated style. Evenings on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express are an opulent affair and the dress code will be



a hit with anyone who relishes formal nights when cruising. 'You can never be overdressed for the Orient Express' is the unofficial motto and it isn't unusual to see tuxedos and Art Deco-inspired gowns, feathers, beads, posh pashminas and all.

After two days, you'll arrive at your terminus having experienced one of travel's most iconic trips on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, albeit minus the presence of the moustached special detective Hercule Poirot. A pre or post-cruise journey on the timeless train is top of every discerning traveller's wish list for 2018.





FROM ONLY
£4,699^{PP}

SOUTHAMPTON TO ROME & VENICE SIMPLON-ORIENT-EXPRESS

QUEEN VICTORIA | 13 NIGHTS | 31 AUG 2018

BOARD CUNARD'S ELEGANT Queen Victoria in Southampton and take in a handful of the Mediterranean's highlights as you sail to Rome in style. Enjoy a two-night stay at a 5* hotel in the Italian capital, before transferring to Venice for an equally sumptuous two-night stay at a 5* hotel positioned alongside the Grand

Canal. After experiencing the romantic city, take an exclusive coach transfer to the Santa Lucia train station to embark the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express. This overnight rail journey to London in Art Deco carriages dating back to the decadent 1920s is one of the finest travel experiences in the world.

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

8-NIGHT FULL BOARD CRUISE
ON QUEEN VICTORIA

2-NIGHT STAY AT THE
5* BOSCOLO EXEDRA
ROMA, ROME B&B

2-NIGHT STAY AT THE
5* BAUER II PALAZZO VENICE
HOTEL B&B

1-NIGHT, VENICE SIMPLON
ORIENT-EXPRESS
(FULL BOARD)

TRANSFERS THROUGHOUT

VENICE SIMPLON- ORIENT-EXPRESS INCLUDES:

- Dedicated steward service
- Welcome glass of sparkling wine
- Delicious three-course lunch
- Afternoon tea, cakes and pastries
- Sumptuous four-course dinner, including cheeseboard, biscuits and chutney
- Coffee, tea and petit fours
- Continental breakfast served in your cabin
- Delightful three-course brunch
- Afternoon tea served with a glass of English sparkling wine aboard the Belmond British Pullman luxury train



PACKAGE FARES

Our exclusive Cruise & Stay packages are based on twin occupancy. Fares for singles, children and 3rd & 4th berths are available on request.

Date	Inside	Outside	Balcony	Princess Grill Suite pp
31 Aug 2018	£4,699	£4,829	£5,199	£6,179

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YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Board Cunard's Queen Victoria in Southampton

DAY 2 - 3

Day at Sea

DAY 4

Gibraltar

DAY 5

Cartagena, Spain

DAY 6

Valencia, Spain

DAY 7

Day at Sea

DAY 8

Rapello, Italy

DAY 9

Arrive in Rome (Civitavecchia), Exclusive group transfer to the 5* Boscolo Exedra in Rome for a two-night stay

DAY 10

Day at leisure in Rome

DAY 11

Exclusive group coach transfer from Rome to Venice. On arrival, check in at the 5* Bauer Il Palazzo, Venice for a two-night stay.

DAY 12

Day at leisure in Venice

DAY 13

Exclusive group transfer to Santa Lucia rail station and board the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express. Once you have settled in, it will soon be time to enjoy a three-course lunch in one of the restaurant cars. Spend the afternoon relaxing in the comfort of your cabin, gazing at the beautiful passing scenery. Afternoon tea is served in your cabin. Later, a leisurely four-course dinner is served, prepared on board by skilled French chefs. After dinner, retire to your cabin which has now been transformed into a cosy bedroom.

DAY 14

Breakfast is served in your cabin by your steward at a time to suit you. The train pulls into Paris Gare de l'Est and halts for 40 minutes; take this opportunity to stretch your legs along the platform. A delicious brunch is served in the restaurant cars as you travel on towards the French coast for the Channel crossing. Join the Belmond British Pullman train for the journey to London. A traditional afternoon tea accompanied by a glass of English sparkling wine is served before arriving in London

ANTIPODEAN ADVENTURE

CELEBRITY SOLSTICE | 18/19 NIGHTS | NOV 2018 - JAN 2019

ARRIVE 'DOWN UNDER' in Sydney, a destination instantly recognisable by the Sydney Opera House and the distinctive Sydney Harbour Bridge. Draped around a natural harbour, Sydney is a vibrant and vivacious city that always has a new restaurant to discover, a hip band to check out, a sports team to watch or a show to see. Explore Circular Quay with the Royal Botanical Gardens, Sydney Tower, Queen Victoria Building and various

shopping malls and museums. The Rocks district is crammed with narrow lanes, market boutique shops and pavement cafes. Venture west to the Blue Mountains region, where dramatic scenery includes steep cliffs, eucalyptus forests and waterfalls in complete contrast to the cityscape. After three nights in Sydney, you'll join Celebrity Solstice for a cruise that takes in Melbourne, before visiting Australasia's natural beauty, New Zealand.

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

RETURN FLIGHTS FROM
LONDON

3-NIGHT STAY AT A
4* HOTEL IN SYDNEY

BLUE MOUNTAINS TOUR
AND WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE
WITH LUNCH

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE TOUR

12 OR 13-NIGHT
FULL BOARD CRUISE ABOARD
CELEBRITY SOLSTICE

TRANSFERS INCLUDED

PACKAGE FARES

Date	Inside ^{pp}	Outside ^{pp}	Balcony ^{pp}	Concierge ^{pp}
03/11/2018#	£2,999	£3,729	£3,739	£4,069
30/12/2018 *	£3,629	£3,829	£3,859	£3,949
26/01/2019	£3,259	£3,589	£3,689	£3,869

Port order varies *19 Night Itinerary

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE ESSENTIAL TOUR

See the inside of one of the world's most instantly recognisable and famous buildings, the iconic Sydney Opera House. The Essential Tour will take you through the history and architecture of this magnificent feat of architecture and engineering, where some 1,500 performances are staged every year. See what goes on inside Australia's most famous building and get a brief overview of the Australian performing arts scene.



BLUE MOUNTAINS TOUR AND WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

Discover the Blue Mountains region, host to endless mountain views – including the Three Sisters rock formation - and showcase for Australia's unique flora and fauna. Get your photo taken with a koala at the Featherdale Wildlife Park and hop across to Scenic World, where you can ride the steepest railway on earth.

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18 NIGHT ITINERARY

DAY 1 - 2

Fly from London to Sydney

DAY 3

Arrive in Sydney. Private transfer to your 4* hotel. Overnight, Sydney

DAY 4

Blue Mountains Tour and Wildlife Experience. Overnight, Sydney

DAY 5

Sydney Opera House Tour. Overnight, Sydney

DAY 6

Private transfer to the port. Embark Celebrity Solstice, depart Sydney

DAY 7

At Sea

DAY 8

Melbourne, Australia

DAY 9-10

At Sea

DAY 11

Cruise by scenic landmarks

- Milford Sound, New Zealand
- Doubtful Sound, New Zealand
- Dusky Sound, New Zealand

DAY 12

Dunedin, New Zealand

DAY 13

Akaroa, New Zealand

DAY 14

Wellington, New Zealand

DAY 15

At Sea

DAY 16

Bay of Islands, New Zealand

DAY 17

Tauranga, New Zealand

DAY 18

Auckland. Private transfer to the airport for your overnight return flight to London

DAY 19

Arrive in London

19 NIGHT ITINERARY*

Newcastle, Hobart & Picton replace Melbourne & Bay of Islands

JAMBALAYA & JAZZ

VISION OF THE SEAS | 11 NIGHTS | DEC 2018 - FEB 2019

WELCOME TO THE 'Big Easy'. Located on the mighty Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico, New Orleans enjoys a subtropical climate with pleasant year-round temperatures. The city is well known for its round-the-clock nightlife, vibrant music scene and spicy cuisine that is reflective of its history as a literal melting pot of French, African and American cultures. A true 'Music City', New Orleans is the hometown of jazz. This, along with a wider variety of music, is crucial

to the city soundscape with it being played and practiced on every corner, in any bar, every day of the week. The city also has a rich history. Step outside of its heart and into the former plantation estates where sugarcane and cotton were grown and tended to by slaves before being exported globally. Oak Alley Plantation is perhaps the best-known of all. A true representation of the era's Antebellum architecture, it is considered the crown jewel of the River Road Plantations.

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

RETURN FLIGHTS FROM
LONDON

3-NIGHT STAY AT A 4* HOTEL
IN NEW ORLEANS

PLANTATION TOUR

7-NIGHT FULL BOARD CRUISE
ON VISION OF THE SEAS

TRANSFERS INCLUDED

PACKAGE FARES

Date	Itinerary	Inside	Outside	Balcony
12/12/2018	A	£1,689	£1,859	£1,979
19/12/2018	B	£1,889	£2,119	£2,379
26/12/2018	D	£1,899	£2,099	£2,369
02/01/2019	D	£1,749	£1,899	£1,979
09/01/2019	D	£1,729	£1,879	£1,979
16/01/2019	B	£1,699	£1,799	£1,999
23/01/2019*	D	£1,699	£1,849	£2,079
30/01/2019	D	£1,689	£1,829	£1,969
06/02/2019	C	£1,689	£1,839	£1,999
13/02/2019	B	£1,729	£1,869	£2,049
20/02/2019	D	£1,689	£1,829	£1,969
27/02/2019	D	£1,759	£1,899	SOLD OUT

*Cruise itinerary operates in reverse

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INTO THE BLUE

WITH SIR RANULPH FIENNES

At the time of writing, legendary explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes was cruising the Canaries on a Saga Cruise. But before setting sail, he spoke exclusively to travel writer Ben Gibson for Into The Blue.



HAVING RECENTLY UNVEILED their new company motto 'Keep Doing', Saga are championing the need for today's over 50s to keep active. And no one embodies that spirit more than famed explorer, and septuagenarian, Sir Ranulph Fiennes.

His Canary voyage is actually his second cruise with the cruise line, having previously joined a Saga ship in search of the Northern Lights in 2015. He says, 'Last time I cruised with Saga I joined in Bergen, Norway. I was on board to lecture and see them off before they sailed a little further to glimpse the Northern Lights.'



This time however, things should be a little warmer, as it's an ocean trip around the Canary Islands and Madeira. Are they islands he knows well?

'My family are half South African and half British, so when I was just a few months old I was aboard the Winchester Castle ship going down to Cape Town. Obviously I was too young to remember that one. But I do recall when I came back aged about 11 or 12 on another cruise ship, and we stopped off at Funchal. It's a stunning island.'

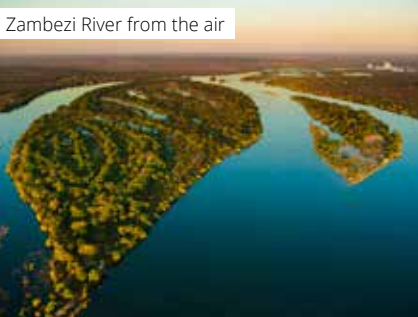


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Is he a fan of beach holidays then?

‘No! And if the family were to want one, I’d be aching to go back to work. We enjoy riding holidays, in Spain for instance. When my wife Louise was four-months pregnant we went to the Zambezi – the organisers called it an expedition. We travelled in dug-out canoes recreating the journey Livingstone did 150 years previously, and camping in the same places he did. That was a great holiday, but certainly not an ‘expedition’. Not in my book.’




Speaking of books, I ask about his other career, as an author. Does he have any more work planned?

‘Yes. I’m writing a new one at the moment. It’s about people from various times who were armed and dangerous, in different countries throughout history. It’s a lot of chapters.



‘I think for a time, I was armed and dangerous myself, in the British Army. I was sent, at a key time, to save Oman from the Communists. But of course you’ll need to wait for the book to read about that.’



A close-up photograph of Sir Ran Dirks. He is wearing a blue parka with a fur-lined hood and a blue headband. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the side. The background is a plain, light color.

Sir Ran is also famous for his charity work, and has some deeply personal reasons for his fundraising.

‘The most terrible time in my life was when my late wife died after 38 years of great marriage. It was a bad time, but the nurses from Marie Curie made it a lot less bad. So that started a personal motivation for me, and from then on all my expeditions have been to raise funds for charity. As of last year, we were up to 18.9 million pounds raised, £8.6 million of which was raised for Marie Cure. So now I have the goal of 20 million in my head. Currently, that’s my motivation.

Finally, when asked what he considers to be his greatest achievement in life, of all of his records and accomplishments, Sir Ran once again returns to his family. ‘Having two incredible wives, my first marriage to Ginny, and now Louise. I’ve been very lucky. So that’s it, not so much achievement, but amazing luck.’

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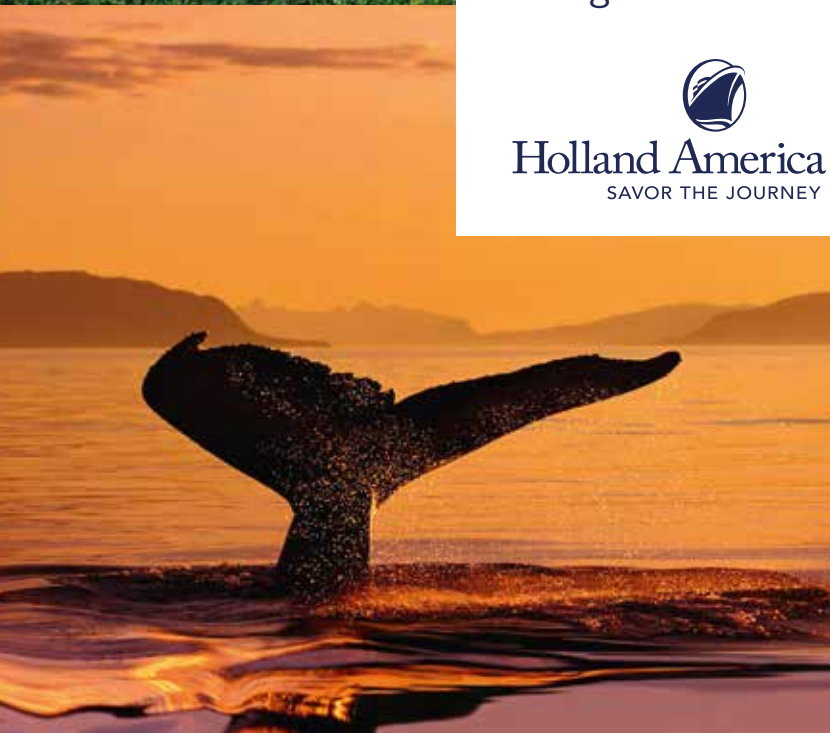


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START YOUR HOLIDAY on a high at the Burj Khalifa, an unearthly structure that pierces the skyline like a spacecraft. Take it to the top of the tallest building in the world in the fastest elevator in the world, climbing 124 storeys to the At The Top Observation Deck or holding out for level 148, home to the world's highest observation platform. The falcon's eye view from the top isn't for the faint-hearted, spanning 60 miles across the city, beaches and the Persian Gulf. Book online in advance to save considerably on the entrance fee.

Going to the top of the Burj Khalifa isn't the only way to see Dubai from above. Departing from helipads atop Atlantis The Palm or the Dubai Marina, helicopter tours fly a loop that takes in Palm Jumeirah and the sail-like Burj Al Arab, The World Islands, the Burj Khalifa, the Dubai Canal and the space-age skyscrapers of Business Bay. If the Dubai desert holds more appeal for you than the futuristic cityscape, Balloon Adventures Dubai (www.ballooning.ae) and the world's most experienced hot air balloon crew will give you chance to see it from half-a-mile above. Glide over the sand dunes and the Hajar Mountains, to see a peregrine falcon soaring above and camels, gazelles, and Arabian oryx scattering below. You'll land in the sand and embark on a safari to a Bedouin camp for a decadent breakfast of

smoked salmon, caviar and eggs benedict. The hot air balloon tours are available from September to May and cost from 1,195 AED (around £250) for adults.

When you aren't seeing the city from above, you can indulge your shopaholic tendencies at The Dubai Mall. The sheer scale of the largest shopping centre in the world is staggering, with 1200 retailers, 200 food and drink vendors, an aquarium home to the largest collection of tiger sharks on earth, an Olympic-size ice rink, an indoor theme park, a child-size city 'Kidzania', and the world's largest indoor gold market. Shoppers can blow the budget on almost anything imaginable – the only limit is your credit – while anyone who grows cold at the thought of a thousand shops can find hours of



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The Dubai Mall

MOST CRUISES DEPARTING from Dubai incorporate a call into Abu Dhabi. If yours doesn't, it is worth making the hour-and-a-half train journey just to visit the Louvre Abu Dhabi. The astounding architectural masterpiece on Saadiyat Island displays its world-class collections on bright-white walls beneath a honeycomb dome of aluminium. The £1billion Jean Nouvel creation is spectacular. Entry costs 60 AED (around £14) and the museum is closed on Mondays.



solace from the hot summer sun in this air-conditioned enclave without stepping foot in a single store. Shark diving while the wife shops? Now there's an idea.

Just outside the record-breaking supermall in Downtown Dubai is The Dubai Fountain. The fountains, set atop the Burj Lake, are the tallest in the world (are you sensing a theme here?) and deliver a light, music and water show that puts the Bellagio Fountains in Las Vegas to shame. With over 22,000 gallons of water in the air at any given moment, the fountains spray their way through a repertoire that concludes with a signature performance of Andrea Bocelli's 'Time to Say Goodbye'. The new Dubai Fountain Boardwalk puts you just 9 metres away from the fountains; so close you can

feel the spray on your skin.

Dubai's many aquariums, water parks and theme parks put it front and centre for families. The Emirate scorches at the height of summer and the world's biggest indoor theme park has to be the most exciting place on earth to cool off. Recently opened, the £758million IMG Worlds of Adventure accommodates four themed zones in a space the size of 28 football pitches. The Marvel Zone is as action-packed as it sounds, featuring the Hulk Epsilon 3D simulation ride and the Spider-Man Doc Ock's Revenge rollercoaster. Avid Ben-10 appreciators will be entranced by a 5D cinema experience in The Cartoon Network Zone, while 70 life-sized dinosaurs occupy the prehistoric Lost Valley. Weaving between dinosaurs

that took a total of five years to create is The Velociraptor, Dubai's tallest and fastest rollercoaster. Finally, there is the IMG Boulevard, home to a haunted house that comes with an over-15s age restriction reflecting the macabre sights inside.

Dubai isn't known for cheap thrills but one of the highlights of the city will cost you just one dirham. Crossing Dubai Creek on a wooden abra boat is an experience in itself, whilst the city's more soulful side awaits your arrival over the water. The traditional boats run back and forth from Bur Dubai to Deira from 5am to midnight, delivering you to the spice-scented souks of Old Dubai and offering an insight into how the city looked before pearl trading gave way to oil and tourism.

TUCK IN...

BRUNCH IS AN institution in Dubai, with Friday feasts kickstarting the weekend with free-flowing bubbly and copious amounts of food. DJs mixing their way through the morning is de rigueur, the lithe limbs of acrobats ahead are almost enough to see you shun the bread basket, and face painting at family feasts means you never know what creature you might run into at the cake counter. However you like your eggs in a morning, brunch here is a spectacle that mustn't be missed.

Unsurprisingly, Dubai's brunch options are endless and the choice can be overwhelming. If you're looking for gloriously OTT family fun, it has to be Bubblicious at The Westin Dubai Mina Seyahi, where you will find the aforementioned acrobats suspended in contorted shapes from the ceiling. There are circus performers too, plus live musicians to get your toes tapping as you choose between 450 different types of cheese, and magicians to keep you entertained as you wait for the bartender to prepare your cocktail-filled watermelon. With ten cooking stations

spanning three restaurants, you certainly won't leave hungry.

If a special occasion calls for sushi and sophistication, go east with a Japanese High Brunch at Nobu. Located at Atlantis The Palm, the Dubai outpost of Nobu Matsuhisa's celebrity hotspot dishes up brunch with a difference, from yellowtail, lobster and salmon sushi to a la carte mains including the eatery's signature Black Cod Yuzu Miso. Save room for a dessert of Matcha French Toast, before walking off your indulgences in The Lost Chambers Aquarium, home to 65,000 marine animals.

TOP TIP: ASK TO BE SEATED OUTSIDE IN NOBU'S ZEN GARDEN FOR SOME INCREDIBLE VIEWS OF THE DUBAI SKYLINE.

Japanese cuisine is on the menu at Zuma too, the Financial District restaurant many describe as the very best in Dubai. Kickstart your evening with pre-dinner drinks at Zuma's bar, named one of the ten best restaurant bars in the world for three years running in the prestigious Annual Spirited Awards. A recent menu shakeup has pushed this already impeccable eatery to an all-time high and bankers, businessmen and expats alike head here to entertain their guests, safe

in the knowledge that the food never fails to impress. Zuma's cuisine is so good, you'll want to sample everything on the menu. Fortunately, every dish is served to share, so you can indulge to your appetite's content.

Dining in a city like Dubai is often best described as an experience in itself and nowhere is this truer than at Ossiano, where the best seafood in the city is served as the 65,000 marine animals of The Lost Chambers Aquarium look on from the Ambassador's Lagoon. The restaurant is swish and by no means cheap, but eating there will be the standout experience of your holiday. If you're planning a proposal or celebrating a big anniversary, this is the place to do it. Booking in advance is a must, even more so since chef de cuisine, Grégoire Berger, was recognised as one of the ten best chefs in the world late last year.

Elsewhere, Dhow & Anchor at the Jumeirah Beach Hotel is gathering a loyal following for its award-winning modern take on British classics and incredible views of the Burj Al Arab. Alternatively, sample delicious Arabic and Middle Eastern cuisine at Al Hamidieh on Dubai Marina. Alcohol isn't served here, in keeping with Islamic law, but the food is good enough to make you forget about the lack of wine until later.





DRINK UP...

WHEN YOU'RE IN the city with some of the biggest, most impressive buildings in the world, it only makes sense to appreciate them from a rooftop spot with an artisanal cocktail in hand. Dubai has some of the most talented mixologists in the business behind its bars and swanky sundowners are the best way to take in the city's ever-changing skyline.

Dubai's visitors are spoilt for choice when it comes to seafront bars and sky lounges but 360° has earned and retained a reputation as one of the best of all. Perched at the end of a private pier at the heart of the Jumeirah Beach Hotel resort, the hip hangout is pretty hard to beat in terms of views, with glorious sunsets over the Arabian Ocean and a front-row seat to the Burj Al Arab light show. Arrive around 5pm to view the to-die-for vistas and take advantage of the 5pm-8pm Happy Hour, sticking around to feel the vibe switch up as the evening progresses.

Whilst 360° is the place to be seen, the lesser-known 101 Dining Lounge & Bar holds its own against the competition, thanks to sweeping scenes over the New Dubai skyline from its Palm Island vantage point. A secluded spot beside the marina of the palatial One & Only Royal Mirage lends an air of exclusivity to this local favourite. Reservations are a must.

For the ultimate in opulent evenings in Dubai, the night takes you from the seafront haunts to the 27th floor of the Burj Al Arab. With suites costing thousands of pounds a night, a stay at the world's most luxurious hotel – it claims to be the only seven-star hotel on earth – is beyond the reach of many. While cocktails at the Skyview Bar aren't cheap either, with a 350 AED (around £70) minimum spend per person in place, they are your ticket past security and inside the sail-shaped spectacle.

Knowing where and when you can drink in Dubai can cause some confusion. Put simply, tourists are perfectly fine to enjoy a tipple or two in licensed restaurants, hotels and hotel bars. It is unacceptable to drink in public places and being intoxicated in public is illegal too. Enjoy your cocktails in licensed bars and don't overdo it and you'll be just fine.



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Outside
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DURATION	DEPARTURE	CRUISE ONLY FARES FROM (PER GUEST)
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£360
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— WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS —

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1

COSTA RICA

Central America is teeming with wildlife and almost 5% of all plant and animal species in the world can be found in Costa Rica. A position between two oceans and two continents means an endless variety of flora and fauna in

landscapes that range from tropical rainforests to volcanic craters and mangrove swamps. Animal encounters in Costa Rica could see you eye-to-eye with Central America's largest crocodile colony on the Tarcoles River, catching sight of elusive jaguars in the Monteverde

Cloud Forest Reserve or stumbling across two-toed sloths and spider monkeys in Carara National Park. The Princess Cruises Andes & South America itinerary visits Puntarenas, from where excursions are available to all these intriguing animal kingdoms.



Red-eyed tree frog

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Spider monkey



Crocodile



Pair of nesting scarlet macaws





Polar bear

2

SVALBARD

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Arctic fox

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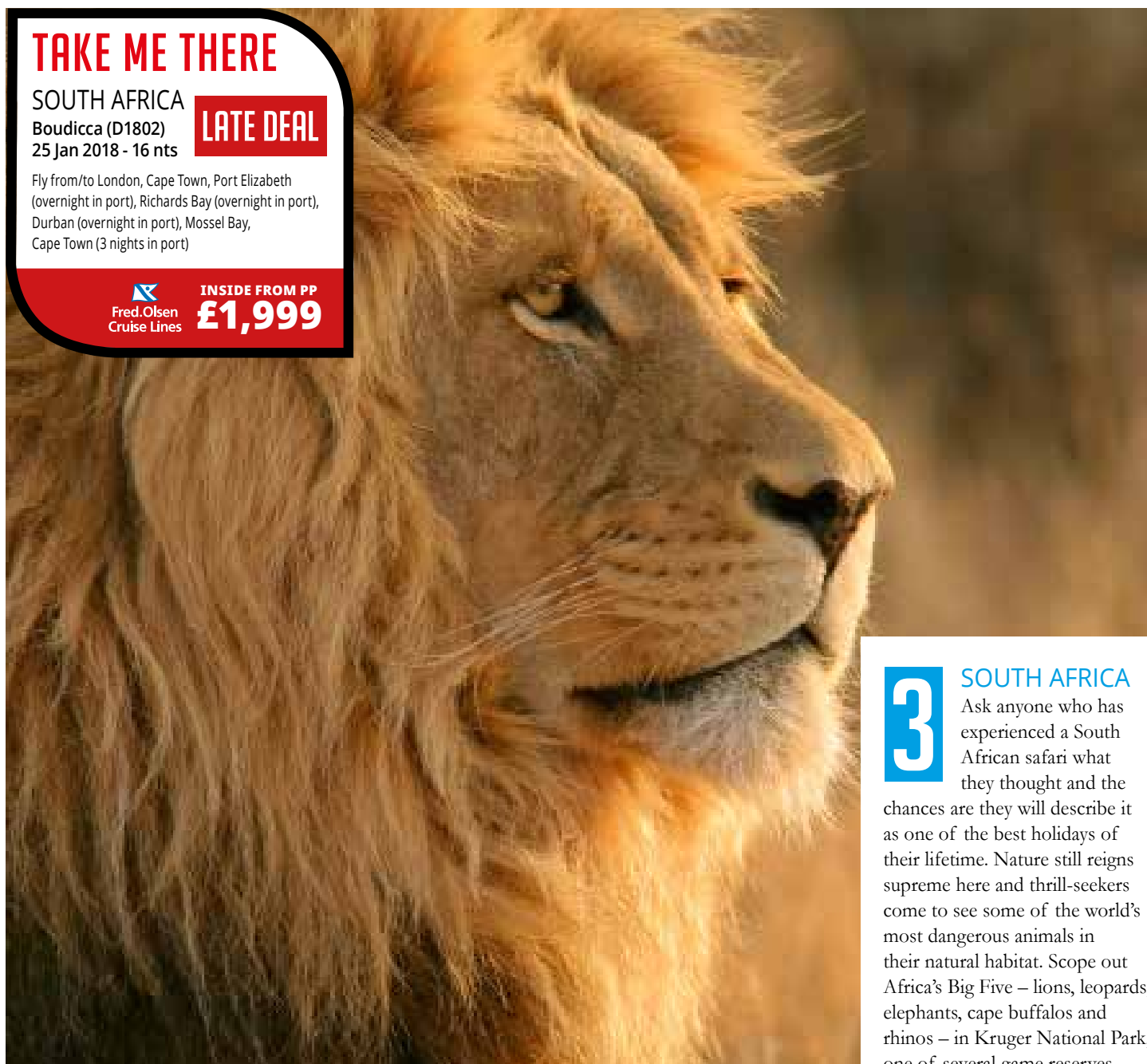
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SOUTH AFRICA

Ask anyone who has experienced a South African safari what they thought and the chances are they will describe it as one of the best holidays of their lifetime. Nature still reigns supreme here and thrill-seekers come to see some of the world's most dangerous animals in their natural habitat. Scope out Africa's Big Five – lions, leopards, elephants, cape buffalos and rhinos – in Kruger National Park, one of several game reserves within easy reach of Cape Town. Alternatively, embark on a safari experience in Addo Elephant Park, the only place in the world where you could see what has come to be known as the Big Seven; the aforementioned Big Five plus the southern right whale and the great white shark. Fred Olsen's Stunning South Africa sailings offer more overnights in port than almost any other cruise to the region and concludes with three days in Cape Town.



Kruger National Park

4

THE AMAZON

The Amazon is the world's largest rainforest, blanketing around 1% of the earth's surface and straddling nine countries. It is home to

millions of species, many of them still undescribed and with a new one discovered every other day. Excursions in the region put the focus on wildlife watching; keep your eyes peeled for rare pink dolphins as you cruise the Amazon River and

join locals to fish for piranhas in the espresso coloured waters of Santarem's Maica Lake. With 10% of all known species found in the Amazon rainforest, including endangered wildlife such as the red uakari monkey in the tree canopies, jaguars

prowling in the undergrowth and giant river otters basking on the river banks, it is Mother Nature's own zoo. Viking Ocean's From the Caribbean to the Amazon itinerary spends an incredible seven nights in the Amazon region.



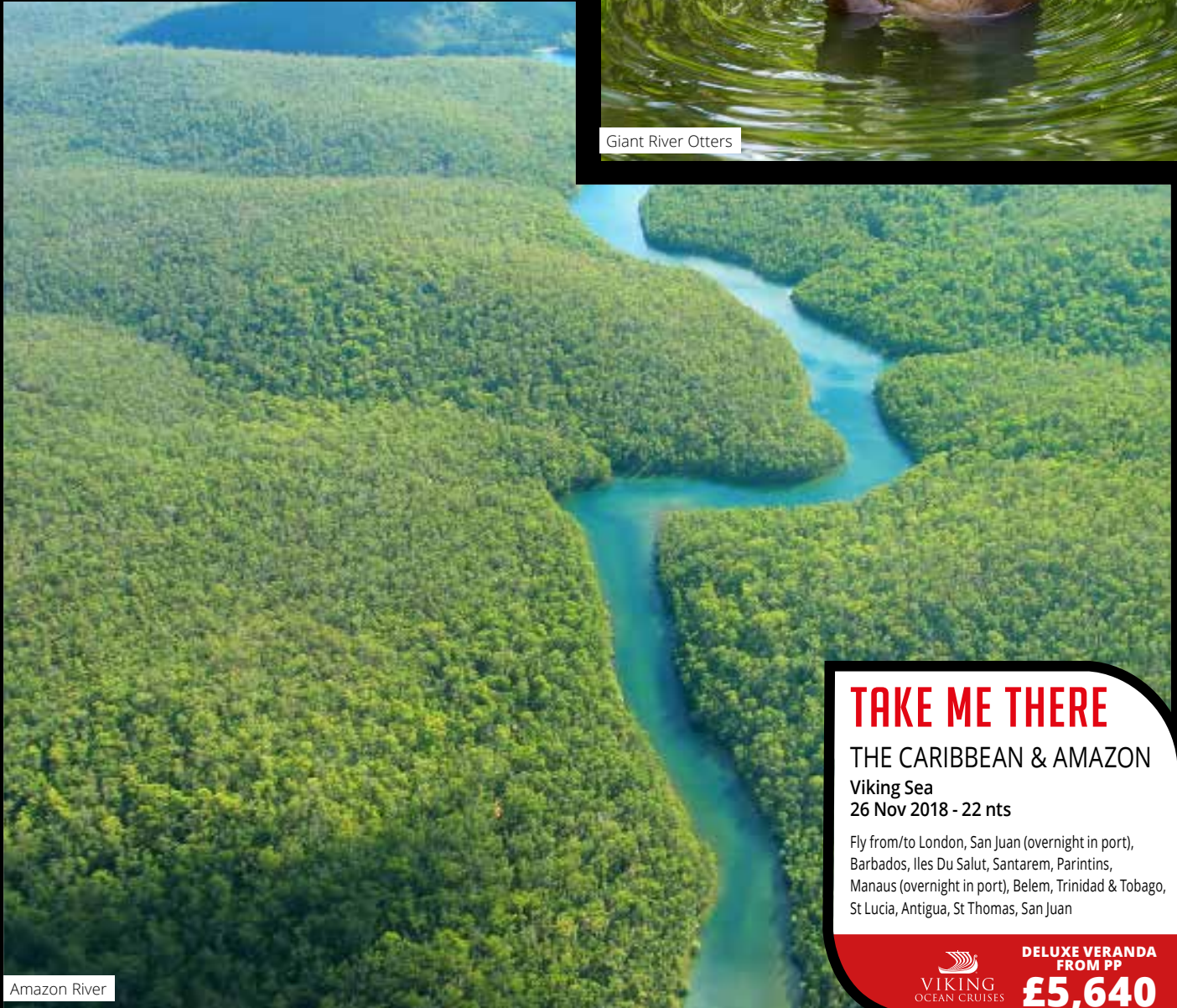
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DAY 3

Day two of the Calgary Stampede.

DAY 4

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DAY 5

Enjoy the 'Experience Banff Highlights' tour.

DAY 6

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DAY 8

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DAY 9

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DAY 10

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DAY 11

Juneau, Alaska

DAY 12

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DAY 13

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DAY 14

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DAY 15

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DAY 16

Arrive in Vancouver. Your exclusive group transfer will then take you to Vancouver airport for your return overnight flight to London.

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ROCKY MOUNTAINEER® FLUFFY WHOLE WHEAT & BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

TOPPED WITH WARM BERRY COMPOTE, STREUSEL AND CANDIED ORANGE PEEL

Serves 4

WHOLE WHEAT & BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

- 120g whole wheat flour
- 120g white flour, sifted
- 60g white sugar
- 10g baking powder
- 5g baking soda
- 1g salt
- 2 eggs
- 60ml milk
- 120ml buttermilk
- 60ml vegetable oil, for cooking

BERRY COMPOTE

- 60g blueberries
- 60g blackberries
- 60g strawberries
- 90g white sugar

STREUSEL

- 120g butter, salted
- 60g white sugar

CANDIED ORANGE PEELS

- 1 orange
- 30g white sugar
- Sprigs of fresh mint, for garnish

WHOLE WHEAT & BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

Combine all dry ingredients in a bowl. Add eggs and mix in milk and buttermilk. The batter should be thick but not too thick (if additional liquid is required, add a little water). Set aside and leave to rest for 1 hour.

Heat a small amount of oil in a frying pan. When hot, spoon pancake batter onto hot surface. Cook until the pancakes start to bubble on top and are slightly dry around the edges, about 2½ minutes. Flip over and cook until golden, about 1 minute. Repeat until all of the batter has been used. Keep warm until ready to serve.

BERRY COMPOTE

In a medium saucepan on low heat, cook all berries with sugar for 30 minutes. Cool down and set aside.

STREUSEL (FOR GARNISH)

Combine all ingredients together and crumble into lumps. Place on a baking sheet in a medium oven (180°C / 350°F) until roasted and hardened. Cool down.

CANDIED ORANGE PEELS (FOR GARNISH)

Grate orange peel using a zester. Add zests to the sugar and let it cure for a few hours at room temperature.



PLATING

Stack pancakes on top of each other. Place the candied orange peel on top of the pancakes and sprinkle with fresh streusel.

Spoon berry compote on the side. Garnish with a fresh mint sprig.

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