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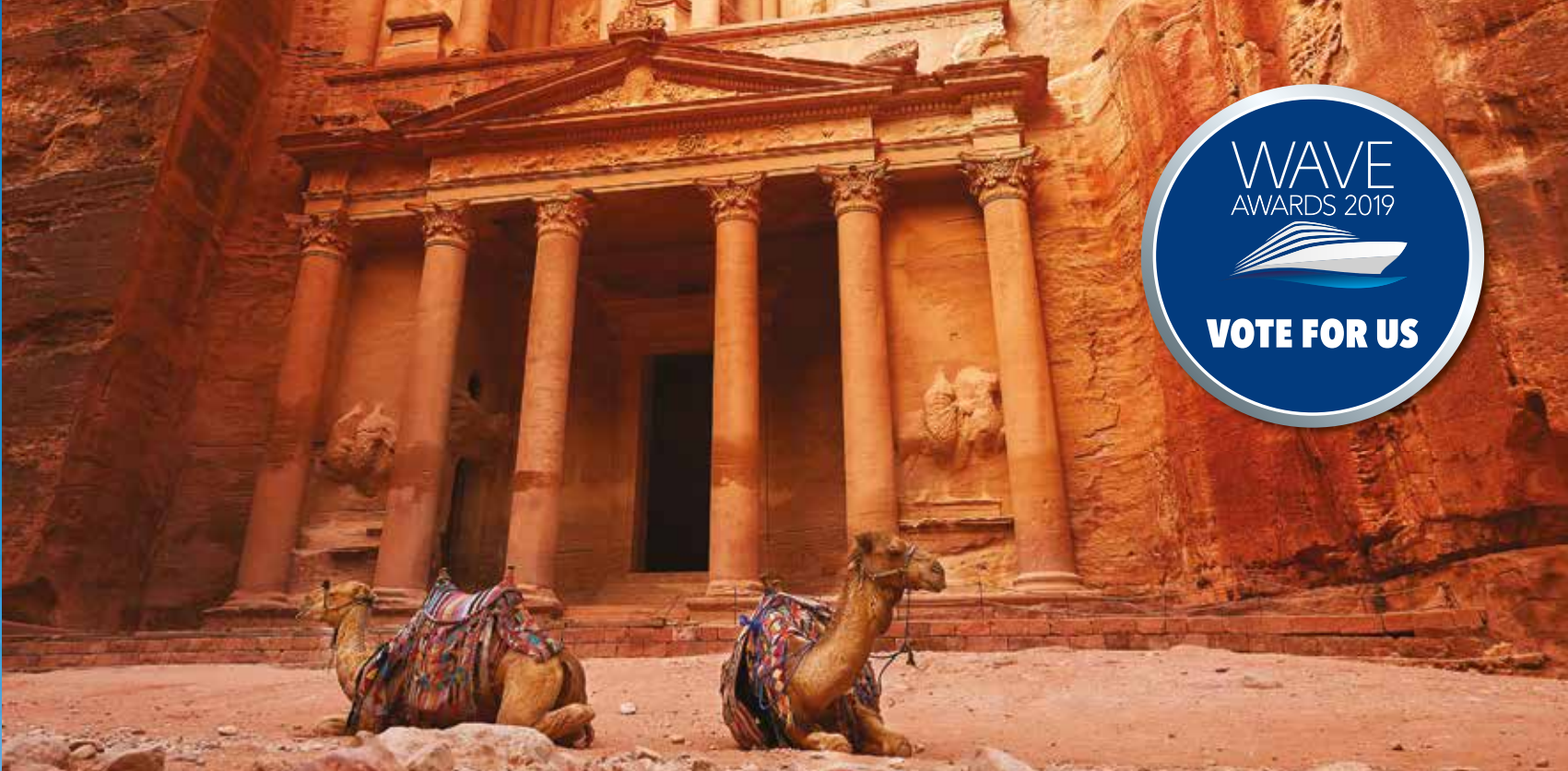
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Then, when you've found the ship of your dreams, turn to our user-friendly reference tables to see the destinations visited and what's included in each company's holiday packages.

You'll find all this in your December issue of World of Cruising, plus a round-up of the best new ships for 2019, the hottest destinations on the planet and the latest in onboard entertainment. And if you're thinking of a transatlantic trip to Canada or the US, you won't want to miss our Pacific Northwest special in conjunction with Barrhead Travel. Bon voyage!

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STOCKHOLM

Sprawling across 14 islands, linked by more than 50 bridges, Sweden's capital is often called the 'Beauty on Water.' Famous for Abba, meatballs and exemplary healthcare, this cosmopolitan city boasts some of the happiest residents in the world and is apparently the best place on earth to grow old. Destination highlights include the Old Town – *Gamla Stan* – which is one of the largest, best preserved (and most brightly painted) medieval city centres in Europe. While you're in the area, check out the Royal Palace, with its 600 palatial rooms. And to see a rather different ship from the one you arrived on, visit the Vasa Museum, which houses a unique and incredibly well preserved 17th century warship – an art treasure in itself.

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LANGKAWI

Dreaming of tropical beaches, sugar-white sands, swaying coconut palms and azure seas? An archipelago of 99 islands on Malaysia's west coast, Langkawi is definitely up there when it comes to picture-perfect destinations. Unsurprisingly, the landscape accounts for many of the key attractions, including miles of unspoiled coastline, marine parks, waterfalls and mangroves. If you can bear to leave the sun lounger behind, there's a chance to drink it all in from above via the cable car, which climbs Gunung Machinchang mountain to approximately 700 metres above sea level. And you can keep the vertigo-inducing vistas going on the 125-metre pedestrian Langkawi Sky Bridge (pictured), overlooking Telaga Tujuh waterfall. Alternatively, if ground-level gratification is more your style, head to Kuah Town for sensational shopping deals.

15-day 'Enchanting Far East 1' cruise aboard Marella Discovery, round-trip from Langkawi, Malaysia, via Penang, Port Klang (Kuala Lumpur), Singapore, Koh Samui, Laem Chabang (Bangkok), Sihanoukville, Phu My (Ho Chi Minh City) and Malacca, departing 3 January 2019, from £1,620, tui.co.uk

ON THE horizon

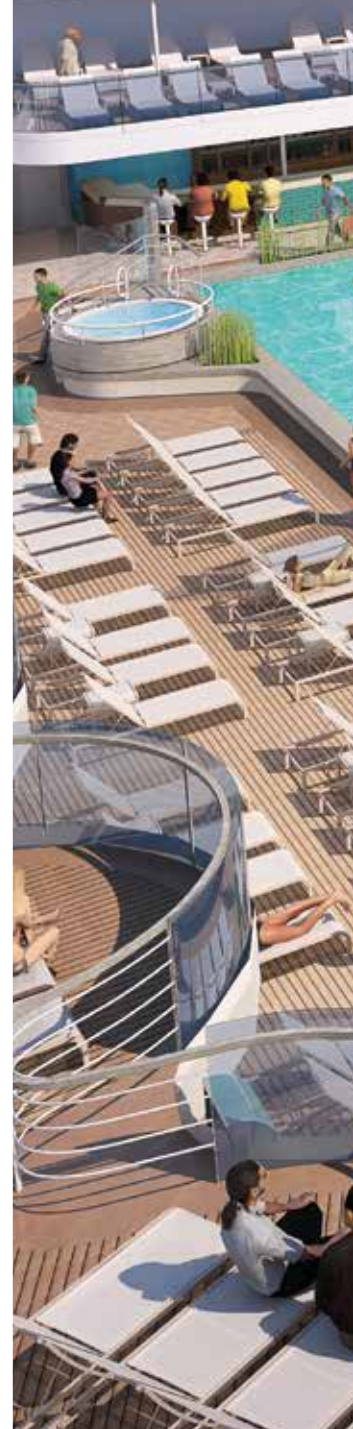
With some amazing new ships on the way, the future of cruising has never looked brighter. As 2018 draws to an end, **Josh Stephenson** runs the rule over some of 2019's most exciting debutantes

In the fast-moving, ever-changing world of the cruise industry, there's a whole lot of building going on. At the time of counting (and launch dates tend to be as fluid as the oceans themselves), we're expecting no fewer than 22 ships to make their maiden voyages in 2019.

Among that number will be something for everyone – from the floating cities of Norwegian Cruise Line and MSC, via Marella's first adults-only ship, to Saga Cruises' chic new Spirit of

Discovery and some truly exciting (and ultra-luxurious) expedition ships from the likes of Celebrity and Hapag-Lloyd Cruises.

Much as we'd love to, we simply can't include every single new ship that's arriving in 2019, so here is just a selection of the debutantes we're loving the look of. But make sure you keep checking World of Cruising over the coming year, because there will be plenty more where they came from!



SAGA CRUISES

SPIRIT OF DISCOVERY

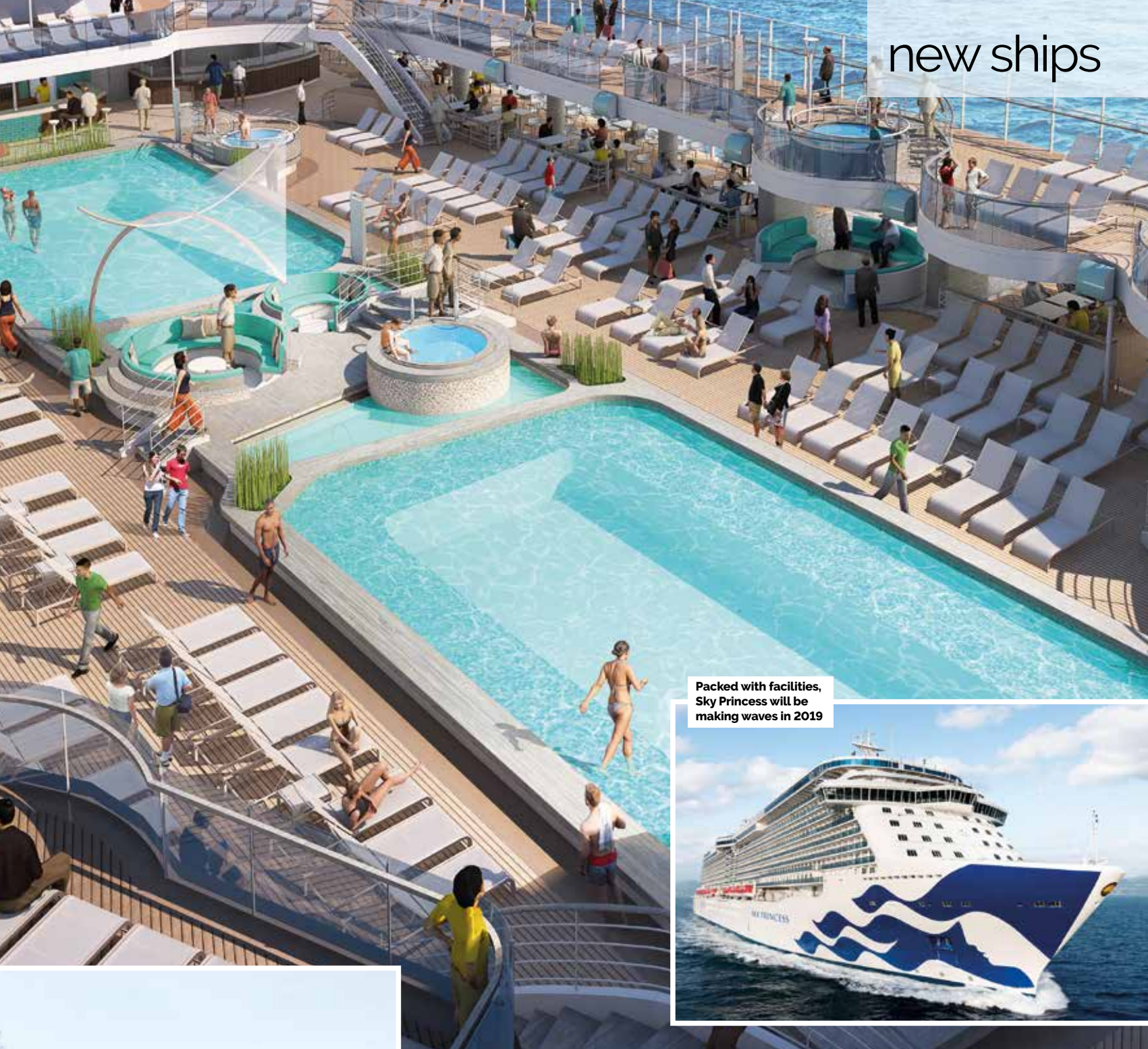
Saga Cruises' first new-build ship is coming along nicely and is set to deliver top-end boutique cruising for the adults-only market. With space for 999 passengers and the widest selection of restaurants on a Saga ship to date, Spirit of Discovery is the perfect mix of luxe touches and mainstream appeal. The headline feature has to be The Club by Jools, a collaboration with the pianist and TV star that sees the musician lending his name to a brand new dinner/live music venue. It'll be the perfect place to grab a bite to eat and shake a tailfeather – and you may even catch the man himself performing on a few cruises throughout the year. Spirit of Discovery will be sailing out of Dover, and she'll be christened in the shadow of the White Cliffs in July 2019.

QUICK FACTS

Passengers
999
Tonnage
58,250
Home port
Dover
Inaugural season
Med and Baltic

Saga's first new-build offers upscale cruising for grown-ups only





Packed with facilities, Sky Princess will be making waves in 2019



PRINCESS CRUISES

SKY PRINCESS

The launch of a new Princess Cruises ship is always something to be excited about, and the fourth in its Regal class is no different. Sky Princess retains all the features that made her sister ship Regal Princess such a success – Movies Under The Stars, The Voice of the Ocean (a seagoing spin on the TV show), anytime dining – and adds a few new tricks of her own.

The major innovation comes at the top of the ship, where new Sky Suites offer 270-degree views and the largest balconies in the fleet (a spacious 700sq ft). There's more than enough room for entertaining your new cruise chums – which might be useful, as these suites have the perfect view to catch a movie under the stars. And just think – you might end up in a new season of ITV's *The Cruise*. ➤

QUICK FACTS

- Passengers**
3,560
- Tonnage**
141,000
- Home port**
Fort Lauderdale
- Inaugural season**
Caribbean

Heading this way:
MSC Bellissima will be
christened in the UK



MSC CRUISES

MSC BELLISSIMA

The city of Southampton is buzzing in anticipation of MSC Cruises' newest ship, the largest ever to be christened in the UK. The second in the line's Meraviglia class, this 4,500-passenger megaship is packed to the gunnels with stuff to see and do. MSC are continuing their partnership with Cirque du Soleil – so get ready for some spectacular shows – and the ship also features two full-sized bowling alleys and a kids' club in association with LEGO, all put together

with a dash of Italian flair.

But it's the christening we're most excited about. MSC is famous for putting on a show, and we expect godmother and film legend Sophia Loren to be present at the big occasion on 2 March 2019, as well as a host of big names in UK entertainment. World of Cruising will be there too, to bring you all the glitz and glamour.

QUICK FACTS

Passengers

4,500

Tonnage

171,598

Home ports

Genoa, Barcelona
and Marseille

Inaugural season

Western

Mediterranean



MARELLA CRUISES

MARELLA EXPLORER 2

This year saw the launch of Marella Explorer – an event we absolutely loved, thanks to a performance from pop sensation Craig David – and in 2019 we'll be welcoming sister ship Marella Explorer 2.

What's new? Not too much – this is a sister ship, after all – but as well as bringing Champneys Spa back to the ocean waves for the second time, there's

going to be a slightly different menu for popular tapas restaurant The Mediterranean and, most importantly, a much bigger adults-only Veranda space. There's a good reason for that, because Marella Explorer 2 will be the line's first ever adults-only ship. Perfect for those sneaky holidays when you want to escape the kids for a bit.

QUICK FACTS

Passengers

1,814

Tonnage

71,545

Home port

Naples

Inaugural season

Mediterranean



CELEBRITY CRUISES CELEBRITY FLORA

This little beauty is something quite special. Partly because it's rare for a major cruise line to launch a specialist ship to serve one location only, but mainly because Celebrity Flora just looks amazing.

Designed to take just 100 guests around the Galapagos Islands, she aims to offer the ultimate small-ship experience, connecting her guests with nature in this incredible environment. Enrichment is provided by presentations and lectures held in the Discovery Lounge, and by the onboard team of naturalists whose job is to explain all about these islands' fascinating ecology.

You'll no doubt retain a few choice facts to drop into conversation at dinner parties, but life aboard Flora won't be all about learning. With 50 all-balcony cabins to luxuriate in, cocktails to be sipped under the stars and two restaurants to enjoy, this may very well be the perfect Galapagos Islands cruise experience.

QUICK FACTS

Passengers
100
Tonnage
5,739
Home port
Baltra Island
Inaugural season
Galapagos



Celebrity Flora (right) offers luxurious balcony cabins for all 100 guests

RIVER CRUISE UPDATE

We can't let ocean ships have all the fun, can we? River cruising continues its march towards global domination, with an abundance of new ships almost ready to roll.

The big builders are Viking River Cruises, with no fewer than seven ships to be delivered in 2019, sailing the Rhine, Main, Danube and Douro. And speaking of the Douro, AmaWaterways and CroisiEurope are both launching new vessels on this increasingly popular Portuguese river in 2019.

Looking to try something a little bit different? Emerald Waterways is set to launch a sister for its 36-guest Adriatic Princess, the exclusive motor yacht that sails around the gorgeous Croatian coast, while Russian line Vodohod also has an exciting new vessel lined up for the Volga river between Moscow and St Petersburg.

Finally, we're excited to see the transformation of Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection's River Royale into the SS Bon Voyage, as the line's 'Super Ship' refurbishment programme continues into 2019.



Play it again: Norwegian Encore takes a bow



NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE

NORWEGIAN ENCORE

After the runaway success of Norwegian Bliss - NCL are calling it their most successful launch ever - it is no surprise to see the line preparing for an encore in 2019. Few details have emerged on this latest - and final - addition to the Breakaway Plus class of megaships, but we expect to see many of the features that made Bliss such a hit (get ready for more high-octane racing on the top-deck karting track, more hit musicals, and the all-inclusive package that Norwegian are becoming famous for).

One thing we can be sure of is that Encore will sail around the Caribbean for her inaugural season, home-porting in Miami before repositioning to New York for her second season to Bermuda. ➤

QUICK FACTS

Passengers
4,000
Tonnage
167,800
Home port
Miami
Inaugural season
The Caribbean

new ships



Hapag-Lloyd will bring luxury and fine dining to expedition cruising

HAPAG-LLOYD CRUISES

HANSEATIC INSPIRATION

It would be no mean feat for Hapag-Lloyd Cruises to top their most recent launch, the brilliant Europa 2, which is many people's nomination as the finest luxury cruise ship on the planet. But their upcoming expedition vessel, Hanseatic Inspiration, is a serious contender.

Launching in April 2019 and aimed at the international market (unlike her German-speaking sister ship Hanseatic Nature, due later in the year), Hanseatic Inspiration can go pretty

much anywhere, thanks to the highest ice-classification available to a passenger ship.

So what's to be enjoyed on board? Well, daily enrichment activities in the HanseAtrium and the Ocean Academy (complete with interactive media wall) provide you with a greater understanding of the incredible locations you'll be visiting. Or you could simply take advantage of Hapag-Lloyd Cruises' legendary service and hospitality, and enjoy a drink or two at the onboard ice bar.

QUICK FACTS

Passengers

230

Tonnage

15,650

Home port

Ushuaia

Inaugural season

Antarctica

THE NEXT WAVE: SHIPS TO WATCH OUT FOR IN 2020

While 2019 is already shaping up to be another incredible year for cruise fans, with more new ships joining the world's fleets than ever before, it's the upcoming debut of two completely new lines that will steal many of the headlines.

New to cruising, that is. Neither Virgin Voyages nor the Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection should need much introduction,

except to say that both will be launching their first ships in 2020.

Virgin Voyages is sure to make a splash with the 2,700-guest Scarlet Lady. The company has already announced that she'll be free of single-use plastics, offered a glimpse of her wellness facilities and, most intriguingly, revealed the first ever tattoo studio at sea. Virgin is certainly aiming for a younger market, and we can't wait to see what else Mr Branson pulls out of the bag.

Ritz-Carlton is doing things a little bit differently. Its new ships – still unnamed – will be a throwback to the classic cruise vessels of old, offering a high-end experience for just 300 passengers, with moorings in the heart of the world's most desirable ports and the luxury service that this illustrious hotel brand is famous for. ⚓



Ritz-Carlton (this picture) and Virgin offer different visions of cruising's future



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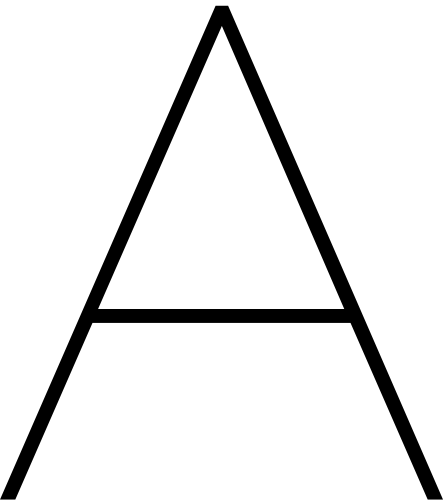
From the great cities of Seattle and Vancouver to the dazzling scenery of the Rocky Mountains, this amazing region of the US and Canada offers the complete holiday package – read on to find out more...



Seattle is packed with attractions – including its sky-scraping Space Needle



Lake Moraine is just one of the region's natural wonders



merica. It may be bewilderingly vast, but we Brits think we have a handle on it.

The East Coast? Skyscrapers and steamy sidewalks. The South? Cajun music and Clark Gable not giving a damn. The West Coast? Beach Boys, beach babes and Sunset Boulevard. But when it comes to the Pacific Northwest, most of us are left scratching our heads.

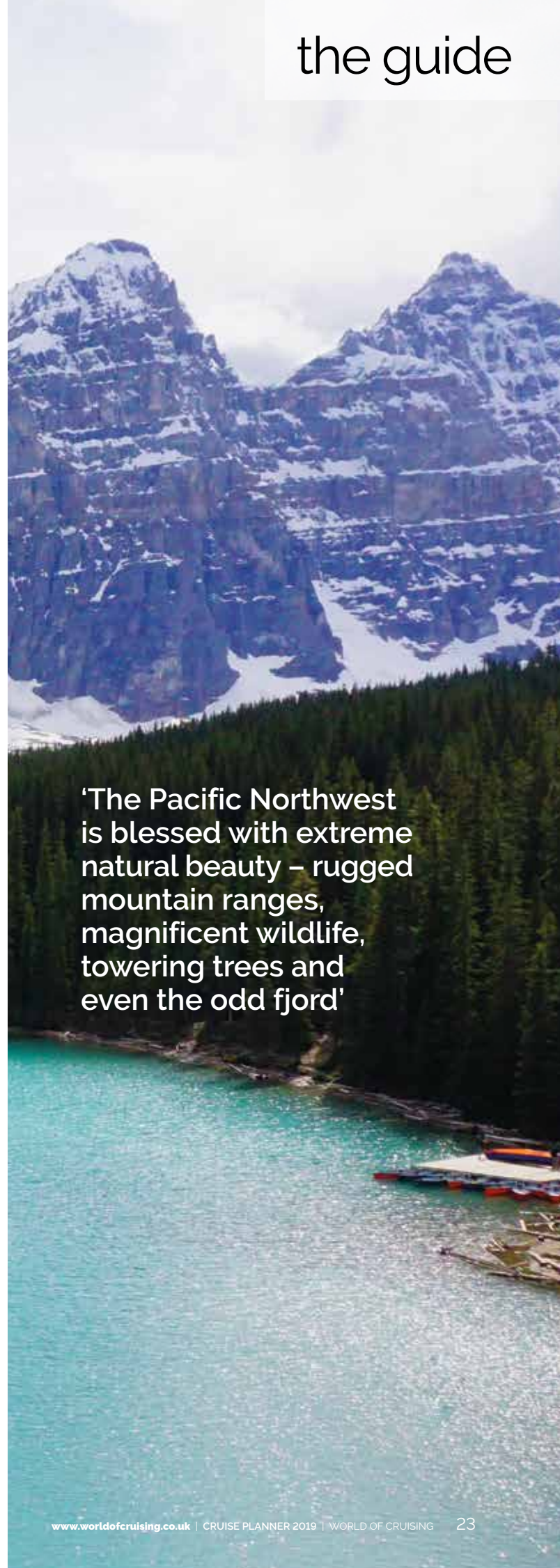
Even Americans don't seem exactly sure what and where this region is (though to be fair, most of it isn't American at all). Its boundaries depend on who you ask, but most agree that the Pacific Northwest covers the states of Oregon and Washington in the United States, and the Canadian province of British Columbia. The US state of Idaho sometimes gets lumped in as well, thanks to its location at the base of the Rocky Mountains.

Yet this is a region that is truly worth getting to know. Blessed with extreme natural beauty – rugged mountain ranges, magnificent wildlife, towering trees and even the odd fjord – it also contains some of America's finest and most welcoming cities, from caffeine-addicted Seattle to the cultural hotspot of Vancouver, via the hipster haven of Portland.

There's plenty here to feed the mind as well as catch the eye, and if you want to see it for yourself, the good news is that more and more cruise lines are visiting this incredible part of the world. Vancouver and Seattle have traditionally been the starting points for cruising to Alaska, but don't just fly in and sail north. There are now some fantastic itineraries that encompass the entire region at a fairly reasonable price. There's even the opportunity to combine your cruise with a ride on the legendary Rocky Mountaineer train, through spectacular landscapes where bears and moose roam free – so make sure to ask your travel agent what packages are available.

When to visit? The Pacific Northwest is generally mild but there's plenty of rain, so the summer months of June to September are probably best (you can also expect a little snow as the year rolls on).

Read our guide to discover just a few of the Pacific Northwest's can't-miss highlights... ➤



'The Pacific Northwest is blessed with extreme natural beauty – rugged mountain ranges, magnificent wildlife, towering trees and even the odd fjord'



The famous Space Needle now has a revolving glass floor

MoPOP Museum celebrates the city's music heritage

The jewel of the Pacific Northwest

Fancy a dash of hipster cool with your Alaska cruise? **Rebecca Barnes** savours the buzz in Seattle, with a 48-hour tour of the Emerald City's eye-opening attractions (no caffeine imbibed)

INNOVATIVE, foodie and blessed with breathtaking landscapes, Seattle has much to offer. But when it comes to the city's most famous export, I can't get too excited. While many people refuse to start the day without one, I've never been a coffee drinker – which puts me in the minority among caffeine-loving Seattleites, whose city gave birth to the original Starbucks in 1971.

A hop, skip and jump from 'The Last Frontier' – aka Alaska – Seattle makes an excellent base for a cruise-and-stay holiday. Not surprisingly, it sees more cruise passengers than any other port on the US west coast, with 11 different ships offering itineraries in the Pacific Northwest and all points further north.

Whichever line you choose, you'll embark at one of two centrally located cruise piers, Bell Street at Pier 66, and Smith Cove at Pier 91 – the

latter one of the world's few facilities where ships can connect to the city's power grid, greatly reducing pollution emissions.

The city's compact downtown core is easy to navigate on foot, and everywhere is accessible from your ship (there's so much to see that you'll want at least a couple of days to do it justice). Certain parts of the city are hilly, which can be a challenge for people with mobility issues – but if you need transport, the Seattle Streetcar runs from downtown to South Lake Union and from Pioneer Square to Capitol Hill, via the International District. Then there is the Monorail, which travels between Westlake Center in downtown and Seattle Center at the base of Queen Anne Hill. Or you can simply grab an Uber.

I spent a couple of days in Seattle en route to Victoria, British Columbia, aboard Norwegian

Espresso to go: Seattle is a city in love with coffee

Pike Place Market has been a foodie mecca since 1907



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THE WORLD'S FIRST STARBUCKS OPENED IN SEATTLE IN 1971 – AND IT'S STILL SERVING LATTES TODAY

TOP SEATTLE ATTRACTIONS

THE SPACE NEEDLE

Built in 1962 (and later immortalised in the *Frasier* titles), the 605ft Space Needle is a modern-day Seattle icon, recently updated in a multi-level \$100million renovation project that included the addition of the world's only revolving glass floor. A 43-second elevator ride takes you to the observation deck for fabulous (if vertigo-inducing) views from the top, out across Elliott Bay and over to the snow-capped Cascade mountains. If you need to steady your nerves, head to the glass-floored Atmos Wine Bar for a taste of highly rated Washington State cabernet sauvignon.

PIKE PLACE MARKET

One of Seattle's biggest draws and open daily, Pike Place Market is a must-see for its rows of colourful flower displays, farm-fresh produce and the 30-year tradition of fish-throwing (yes this really happens and there is, apparently, a technique to a successful fling). You'll also find nine acres of farm and craft stalls, shops and eateries at the oldest continuously operating farmers' market in the country.

CHIHULY GARDEN AND GLASS

Another riot of colour, the amazing Chihuly Garden and Glass at the Seattle Center is home to the work of internationally acclaimed sculptor Dale Chihuly. Eight galleries and three Drawing Walls constitute the world's finest collection of his work – and don't forget to check out the garden, which is a backdrop for four monumental sculptures and other unique installations.

MOPOP MUSEUM

Learn about Seattle's music history at the MoPOP museum, an extraordinary building designed by Frank Gehry to mimic Seattle native Jimi Hendrix's exploding guitar. With interactive exhibits on Seattle luminaries including Nirvana, Hendrix, plus a special Marvel superheroes exhibition (until 3 March 2019), it's a fascinating trip through the world of contemporary pop culture.

WINGS OVER WASHINGTON

Warning – visiting this attraction when you're still suffering from jetlag is not advised, unless you have a stomach of steel. A state-of-the-art 'flying theatre', very handy for the cruise terminal, Wings over Washington transports you on an aerial adventure, using innovative laser projection, drone footage and a groundbreaking sound system to create a completely convincing illusion of flight. You really will believe you're soaring over one of the most beautiful states in the Union. ➤

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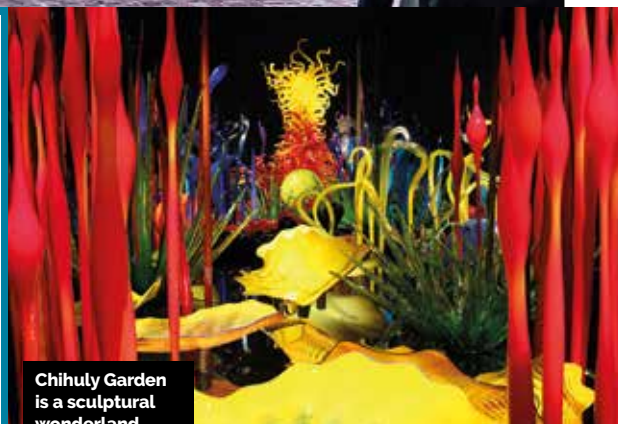
7-night 'Alaska with Glacier Bay' cruise with Holland America, round-trip from Seattle via Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and Victoria (British Columbia), departing 12 May 2019, from £992, barrheadtravel.co.uk

WHERE TO STAY

The Seattle Marriott Waterfront occupies a prime location close to the cruise terminal and downtown attractions including Pike Place Market.

Rooms feature premium bedding, minibars, desks and wi-fi, and many have balconies with views of the mountains and Elliott Bay.

Hotel facilities include an indoor/outdoor pool and gym, while gastropub cuisine and brilliant breakfasts (the waffles are especially good) can be enjoyed in the on-site restaurants.



Chihuly Garden is a sculptural wonderland

Bliss earlier this year, and I instantly fell in love with its blend of urban cool, natural vistas and excellent, ocean-fresh seafood.

If you like your lattes, the original Starbucks branch can be found at Pike Place Market – a foodie haven for more than a century – while the famous Starbucks Reserve Roastery & Tasting Room on Pike Street is a must-visit if you care to sniff out the rare, small-lot coffees they roast on site (think of it as a Willy Wonka caffeine factory).

But even if you're not a coffee-lover, don't worry – there's so much to see and do here that Seattle will still give you a buzz.

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Day 2: Sit back and relax on your coach tour as you explore Seattle's neighbourhoods and attractions. Highlights on this tour include Pike Place Market, the waterfront, historic Pioneer Square, Chinatown and International District, Lake Washington, I-90 Floating Bridge, Fremont neighbourhood & Troll, Fishermen's Terminal, Discovery Park and the Space Needle. Bring your camera along as there is a great city skyline photo opportunity. Overnight in Seattle.

Day 3: Day at leisure to relax or explore more of this beautiful city. Overnight in Seattle.

Day 4: Today you will become a market insider on a behind the scenes adventure of Pike Place Market. Experience the sights, sounds, and flavours of this historic landmark. Meet the markets lively characters and hear their memorable stories whilst sampling a selection of the local food and wine. Watch the famous fish throwing Pike Place Fish Boys! Hear some entertaining stories of the markets rich history.

Day 5: Transfer (not included) to the port and board ms Eurodam for a 7 night Alaska Cruise. Alaska's Inside Passage is home to some of the most breathtaking scenery on the face of the earth, and is one of the few sea-lanes where deep-draft vessels can sail close to steep mountain walls.

Day 6: Day at Sea – time to relax and enjoy time onboard

Day 7: Scenic Cruising Stephens Passage, Juneau, Alaska - The Stephens Passage is one of the best whale-watching areas, so keep watch for humpback whales. Juneau - accessible only by water or air, is shrouded with a sense of mystery and is surprisingly full of small town charm. Once you arrive, Alaska's capital city will delight you with its bounty of water, forests, and mountains.

Day 8: Glacier Bay, a World Heritage Site – a place of hope, a place of inspiration, a land of dynamic change. Experience it first hand while learning all about it from your onboard guide.

Day 9: Sitka, a walk around the city's downtown brings you closer to its history or visit the Fortress of the Bear and the Alaska Raptor Centre to get an up-close look at orphaned brown bear cubs, injured bald eagles, and learn about the commitment to serving Alaska's wildlife.

Day 10: Ketchikan, fondly nicknamed "The Salmon Capital of the World", clutches the shores of the Tongass Narrows, with many shops and houses built right out over the water. Its climate means it is home to incredible lush rainforest.

Day 11: Victoria is the provincial capital of British Columbia and has the ability to charm all visitors.

Explore the vast Parliament Buildings and enjoy high tea at the grand Fairmont Empress Hotel. A trip to Victoria would be incomplete without a visit the world-famous Butchart Gardens.

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The Rocky Mountaineer winds through Canada's most stunning landscapes

The greatest rail journey

Make tracks on your Pacific Northwest voyage with a pre or post-cruise ride on the legendary Rocky Mountaineer, says **Dave Monk**

IF TRAINS could dream, they'd all want to be the Rocky Mountaineer. This is one of the world's most scenic rail journeys, travelling from the pioneer towns of western Canada across precipitous peaks to the ports of Vancouver and Seattle.

The lines of carriages snake along beside cascading rivers, through dense forests and into spiralling tunnels cut into rock. Combined with a road tour taking in some of the beautiful turquoise lakes in the region, a trip on the Rocky Mountaineer enhances even the splendour of a cruise to Alaska.

There are four routes to choose from, all via Vancouver. The most popular is the two-day

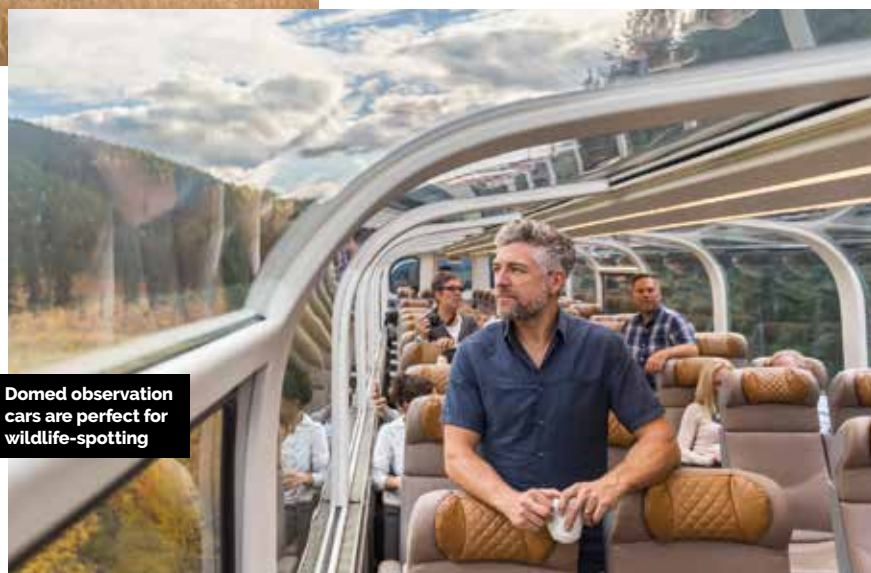
First Passage to the West, which retraces the historic Canadian Pacific Railway for 600 miles from the coast to the Rockies, reaching the highest point of the network and crossing the continental divide before the final stretch downhill into Banff. Or you can opt for Journey Through the Clouds, which follows the same route out of Vancouver before turning northeast to Jasper for views of Mount Robson, the highest peak in the range, and the spectacular Pyramid Falls.

Alternatively there's the Rainforest to Gold Rush route, which runs from Vancouver north through Whistler and Quesnel to Jasper – a three-day ride through 720 miles of rarely visited wilderness. Finally, the Coastal Passage follows the Pacific shoreline across the US/Canadian border between Seattle and Vancouver before joining one of the other routes.

Whichever itinerary you choose, you won't be disappointed, especially if you choose a two-deck GoldLeaf carriage with its domed observation deck and separate dining area underneath.

As well as the stunning landscapes you can view from your comfortable electrically-operated chair, there's always the opportunity to walk down to the observation platform at the end of the carriage to feel the wind in your hair, hear the clanging of the level-crossing bells as they fade into the distance, and take dozens of photos with an unobstructed view.

At breakfast and lunch, half the passengers are called down to the dining tables and given



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Journey through the Clouds

Outdoor Adventures 10 hotel nights with 2 days aboard the Rocky Mountaineer from Vancouver to Jasper plus guided hiking, canoeing, rafting, helicopter flight, icefields tour and Zodiac trip or cycling tour of Vancouver, from £3,109pp (SilverLeaf)

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Do look down: the glass-floored Glacier Skywalk

a choice of delicious courses, while the remainder are offered snacks and drinks while they wait their turn.

In SilverLeaf service, which is hardly less luxurious, you are served at your chair as you enjoy the view from large picture windows.

Travelling on the Rocky Mountaineer means following in the footsteps of pioneers, prospectors and fur-trappers. No wonder the place names are so evocative: Hell's Gate, Skuzzy Creek, Avalanche Alley, Jaws of Death Gorge, Kicking Horse River.

And you can't take your eyes off the landscape, not just because it's spectacular – although it is – but because at any moment you might see bears, moose and bald eagles. The train crew give an alert if they spot something of interest first (as they usually do), and they also tell you the history of the area, such as the 'great train robbery' of May 1906, which netted a grand total of fifteen dollars and a handful of liver pills. Not

surprisingly, Bill Miner and his gang of master-criminals were caught shortly afterwards.

Then there were the Overlanders, a group of pioneers who crossed the Rockies on the way to the Cariboo gold fields in the mid-1800s. This party of 32 men, a pregnant woman and her three children took a month to navigate the Yellowhead Pass. A day after reaching Fort Kamloops, the valiant Mrs Catherine Schubert gave birth to her fourth child.

The size of the Rocky Mountaineer trains, both in height and length, is awe-inspiring, especially when seen at their own depot in Vancouver. The diesel locos can pull up to 1,300 passengers in 41 carriages – each weighing up to 86 tons – at a stately average speed of 30mph. And even though this giant must give way to mile-long freight trains, it also has the freedom to slow to a crawl at picturesque points en route, unlike normal rail services.

After a feast of scenery and food, the journey doesn't have to end in Jasper or Banff. Rocky Mountaineer offers its own add-on packages, such as a motor-boat cruise across tranquil Lake Minnewanka, a raft trip on the Bow River, or a guided hike. And new for the 2019 season, running from mid-April to mid-October, are excursions such as heli-hiking tours, self-drive packages and visits to Nordic spas.

If you stay in Banff, you can relax in a thermal pool or dare yourself to step out on the glass-floored Glacier Skywalk. Between the town and Jasper, 171 miles away, you have the option to visit Lakes Louise, Peyto and Maligne, or there's the Columbia Icefield, where you can trundle on to a glacier in an oversized Tonka truck.

Whether you begin or end a cruise with the Rocky Mountaineer, you'll soon understand why the service has carried more than 2 million passengers over 5 million miles since 1990.

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Banff offers boutique shopping – especially if you like outdoor gear

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Day 3: Transfer to the port (included) and board Celebrity Eclipse® for a 7 night Alaska Cruise along the world famous Inside Passage enroute to Alaska.

Day 4: At Sea – time to relax and enjoy time onboard. Discover all that Celebrity Eclipse® has to offer. Why not make a spa appointment, sign up for a tour or just gaze at the beautiful British Columbia coastline.

Day 5: Icy Straight Point – here you will find more brown bears than humans! Enjoy the Hoonah, Alaska's largest native Tlingit Village.

Day 6: Hubbard Glacier – this glacier routinely calves off icebergs the size of a ten storey building. Learn that and more as you spend part of the day in Disenchantment Bay in front of the Hubbard Glacier.

Day 7: Juneau – Alaska's capital where you can spend the day out and about, or tour the Mendenhall Glacier and go whale and wildlife watching.

Day 8: Ketchikan – tour the area by foot, kayak or bike - seeing the sights in Ketchikan is easy!

Day 9: Inside Passage cruising – get your camera ready as you now have a second chance to catch what you missed the first time.

Day 10: Vancouver, British Columbia, disembark your cruise ship and transfer (included) to your overnight hotel. Overnight in Vancouver.

Day 11: Today is all about adventure, as you take in the natural wonders surrounding Vancouver. At Capilano Suspension Bridge Park, stand above an old growth cedar forest and the Capilano River. Experience the awe of natural surroundings, view First Nations Artwork, and feel the rush of adrenaline at the Cliffwalk attraction. The Treetops Adventure walk showcases the beauty and diversity of the Capilano coastal rainforest. Continue to the Capilano River Hatchery, a project dedicated to several species of BC salmon and trout. Spectacular Grouse Mountain is next, offering up ever changing views as the Skyride ascends to the peak. Explore the wildlife refuge, awesome chainsaw carvings and learn about the local wildlife at the Theatre in the Sky. Overnight in Vancouver

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If you plan to spend a night in Vancouver before or after your cruise, consider booking a room at the Granville Island Hotel (granvilleislandhotel.com). Situated in the popular shopping district and hipster haven that is Granville Island, it's right in the heart of the city and not too far from the cruise terminal. Perfect!

It may have been on the map for little more than a century, but in its short life Vancouver has made quite an impression. Starting off as a humble logging station, it grew fast around its huge natural harbour with a stunning mountain backdrop, and today it is a high-rise, richly multicultural city of some two-and-a-half million souls that's regularly named among the top five in the world for quality of life.

Many North American cruises start (or finish) here, so before you shoot off to explore the delights of Alaska, Seattle or the Rocky Mountains, stick around for a day or so to explore this Canadian treasure.

Vancouver's cruise terminal is ideally situated, right in the centre of town, meaning it's just a short walk to many of the city's best attractions and you won't need to worry about

expensive port transfers. Whether you choose to explore the huge expanse of Stanley Park (larger than Central Park in New York and simply begging to be cycled around) or head for the quaint streets and cafés of historic Gastown, there are plenty of highlights close at hand. But venture a little further afield and it gets even better. Magnificent Grouse Mountain, with its dizzying 4,000ft cable car, is just a short bus ride from the centre of town, as is the equally vertiginous Capilano Suspension Bridge (see opposite for details of both).

Factor in a world-class museum or two, a busy film industry, a thriving cultural life, a vibrant food, wine and craft-beer scene and a pleasantly mild climate (spring and autumn are lovely, but summer is driest), and you won't just be glad you made time to explore – you'll be wishing you could stay.

Vancouver has one of the world's great natural harbours



Hold on tight: the vertigo-inducing Capilano Bridge

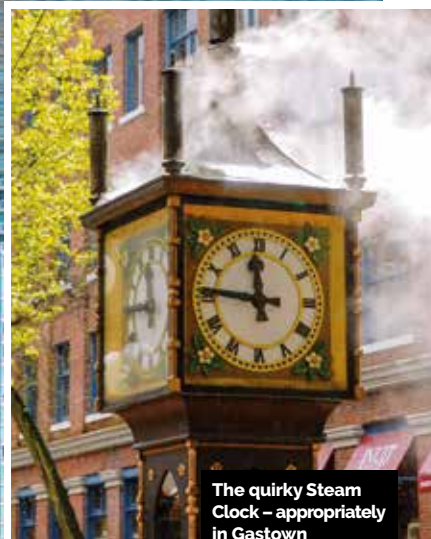
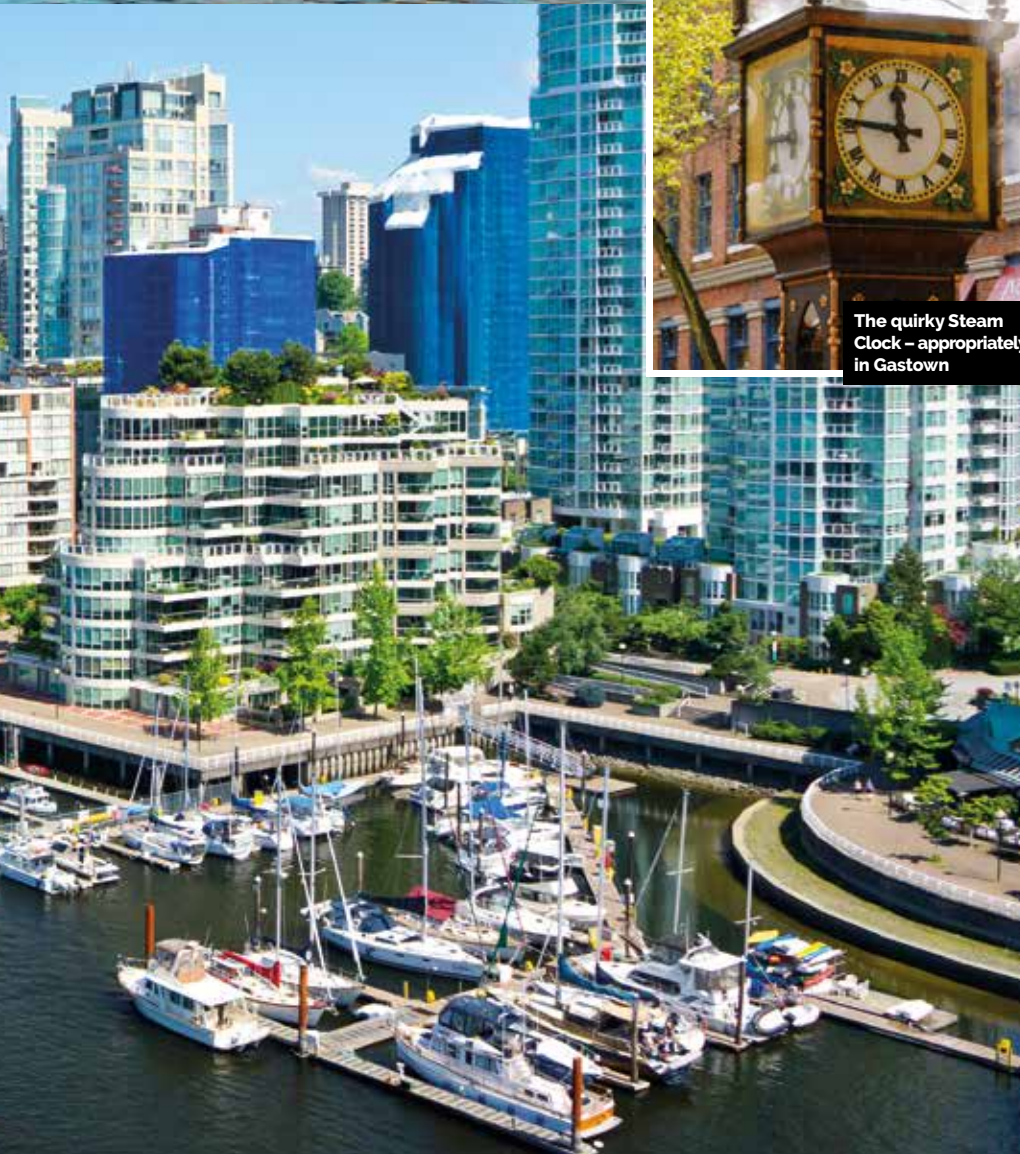
DID YOU KNOW?

SO MANY MOVIES ARE MADE IN VANCOUVER THAT IT'S NOW KNOWN AS NORTH HOLLYWOOD





Grouse Mountain is just a short bus ride from the city centre



The quirky Steam Clock – appropriately in Gastown

TOP ATTRACTIONS

STANLEY PARK

More than a thousand acres of green oasis, almost entirely surrounded by water, the 1,000-acre Stanley Park is perfect for a day's exploring. Catch a ride on the Stanley Park train, visit the aquarium or hire a bike and ride along the Seawall, which runs for five-and-a-half miles, presenting majestic views of English Bay and Vancouver Harbour. A tranquil paradise in the middle of a major city, it's no wonder this was named by TripAdvisor as the best park in the entire world.

GASTOWN

Don't be put off – it may sound like the location of a steampunk novel, but Gastown is the historic part of Vancouver, and a great place to get accustomed to the local way of life. With pretty cobbled streets – a rarity in North America – as well as plenty of trendy cafes and bars, and Vancouver's version of Manhattan's Flatiron Building, it makes for a great day out. Most charming detail? The delightful and historic Steam Clock, which lets out a little puff of vapour on the quarter hour.

GROUSE MOUNTAIN

Take the cable car to the 4,100ft peak of Grouse Mountain at any time of the year and you'll be treated to an incredible view of the city beneath – whether it's green and blue and twinkling in the spring sunshine, or a snowy winter wonderland. Sharing the mountaintop with you is the 'Eye of the Wind' – a giant turbine with a built-in observation deck that grants 360-degree views from its even higher vantage point.

MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Vancouver has no shortage of interesting galleries and museums, but it's the Museum of Anthropology that is most worthy of your time. It brings together one of the finest collections of First Nation art (indigenous Americans to you and me) to be found anywhere, as well as a wonderful display of European ceramics that's unique in North America. What's more, its location overlooking the mountains and the sea is simply superb.

CAPILANO SUSPENSION BRIDGE

You'd better have a head for heights if you want to tackle this narrow walkway, strung across a 140-metre forested gorge with the Capilano river surging along some 70 metres beneath your feet. The Capilano Suspension Bridge has been attracting brave tourists since 1889 (don't worry, it has been rebuilt a few times since then). Scary? A little, but the views more than make up for it. And, yes, it can get quite a good sway on if the wind is up. You've been warned!

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- Day 9:** Disembark Vancouver, overnight
- Day 10:** Overnight in Vancouver
- Day 11:** Overnight in Vancouver
- Day 12:** Rocky Mountaineer rail journey from Vancouver to Whistler, overnight
- Day 13:** Rocky Mountaineer rail journey from Whistler to Quesnel, overnight
- Day 14:** Final day of your Rocky Mountaineer Rail journey Quesnel to Jasper
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Whale of a time: You may see orcas off the Alaskan coast

REAL-LIFE CRUISERS

‘Look towards the water’

Media and communications director **Wendy Morley** believes the region offers unforgettable experiences combined with spectacular scenery

To some, the cool waters off the coast of the Pacific Northwest might seem an unusual cruising choice, but this region offers a number of extraordinary experiences. Wine-tasting in Napa Valley, touring the famous Alcatraz prison, hiking through the giant redwood forests or walking tours in cities like San Francisco and Vancouver – there truly is an excursion for every personality.

But for me, the spectacular scenery is the draw. As the ship makes its way north to an ever more rugged and remote coastline on the

way to Alaska, the views become still more breathtaking. Yet while the magnificent coastline holds passengers in awe, it’s also worth looking towards the water. Biologically rich and diverse, the region is home to innumerable bird and marine species. It’s common to see pods of dolphins or orcas playing, with breaching humpbacks or enormous fin whales added into the mix as the ship travels north. And then Alaska offers its own unique excursions, such as salmon fishing or panning for gold. An unforgettable journey.

‘There’s so much on offer’

Karen Robertson Cree, business development manager at Barrhead Travel, cherry-picks her Vancouver and Seattle highlights

In choosing either Vancouver or Seattle as your embarkation ports, you will not be disappointed. I have been lucky enough to visit both cities and there is so much on offer.

In Vancouver, highlights include Stanley Park’s Seawall (a great cycle ride), and taking a 20-minute trip from downtown to Grouse Mountain Refuge to catch sight of endangered wildlife. Then there’s Capilano Suspension Bridge, which takes you high above temperate rainforest, and the many interesting urban neighbourhoods including historic Gastown, Chinatown and trendy Yaletown. You are also close to the beach.

In Seattle you can take the Monorail to the famous Space Needle – the iconic observation tower with fantastic views. There’s MoPOP – a pop-culture wonderland – and the beautiful Chihuly Garden, which showcases the glass-blowing skills of artist Dale Chihuly. And don’t



Art of glass: Chihuly Garden is packed with amazing sculptures

forget to head over to the famous Pike Place Market and book a Savor Seattle food tour – for foodies, both cities offer a fantastic seafood scene, with so many amazing restaurants and local wines to discover. ⚓

IN THE KNOW

WHEN TO GO

As mentioned, it’s best to visit the Pacific Northwest between June and September, as the rainfall will be lower. But Canada (Vancouver in particular) can be simply gorgeous during winter. It’s a matter of preference – just make sure you can handle the cold!

MONEY

Both countries use dollars but they are two completely separate currencies (hint: the Canadian notes have the Queen on them).

VISAS

Neither the USA nor Canada requires a full visa for a short break but you will need an ETA (Canada) and an ESTA (USA). These are issued online via the relevant government websites. Approval is usually instant but it’s wise to apply at least a month in advance. Prices are \$7 CAD and \$14 USD respectively.

HEALTH & INSURANCE

No special vaccinations are needed to visit the USA or Canada, but make sure your travel insurance is up to the job (even in Canada, which has a system similar to the NHS, you will be charged if you need hospital treatment).

FLIGHTS

Most cruises to America or Canada will include a fly/cruise option, but if you plan to go it alone it’s best to book months in advance. Last-minute offers to the States are rare, though keep an eye on Norwegian Air, which often has flights to US cities for under £300.

TOP TIP

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THAT'S entertainment

Onboard nightlife has never looked so good – so let's raise the curtain on some of the sensational shows sailing our way in 2019, says **Josh Stephenson**



Blues in the night: The Stardust Supper Club on Crystal Serenity



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They make us laugh. They make us cry. They have us humming all the way back to our cabins. They are the shows, singers and entertainers that inject the glamour into our cruising experience.

For a little while now, the finest cruise ship entertainment has equalled anything you'll see on land – with the extra attraction that it's usually included in your fare.

The problem with reaching new heights, however, is that you then have to surpass them. But thanks to new collaborations with big-name entertainers, continuing partnerships with some of the hottest Broadway and West End shows, and celebrity guest speakers you won't believe you can actually meet, there's every chance that 2019 will be the cruise industry's finest yet.

Where can you see this world-class entertainment? We're glad you asked – because we've rounded up some of the finest new shows, best-loved returning acts and most exciting celebrity guests sailing the seven seas next year.

OF ALL THE GIN JOINTS AT SEA...

Worried you'll need to book an early dinner and take your theatre seat before you've had time to see the pudding menu? There's no need, now that more and more cruise lines are launching late night club and lounge experiences with some of the biggest names in showbusiness.

When you think of live music, it doesn't get much bigger than Jools Holland. The band leader and *Later with... presenter* has launched many a career through his live music show in the UK, and now he brings his name to an exclusive club/restaurant on Saga Cruises' upcoming ship *Spirit of Discovery*. The Club by Jools brings together two of Mr H's greatest passions – food and live music – so you can listen to some hot new talent while tucking into a juicy steak. What could be better than that?

Well, a close call is Holland America Line's latest addition to its 'Music Walk' area, *The Rolling Stone Rock Room*. Paying homage to some of the music greats who've featured in *Rolling Stone* magazine over the years, each night a live band will rock out

to the songs of Nirvana, Led Zeppelin and many more. Sound a bit too loud for you? Don't worry. The Music Walk area has separate clubs dedicated to chart-toppers, classical music and the blues stylings of BB King.

Crystal Cruises is also getting in on the lounge act, and *Crystal Serenity* introduced the Stardust Supper Club at the end of 2018 – a dining venue that captures the vibe of Sinatra and Dean Martin, where you can enjoy a four-course meal while the resident Crystal Band plays through a collection of old favourites and timeless show tunes.

GIVE 'EM THE OLD RAZZLE DAZZLE

Gone are the days of cringeworthy variety shows that you could charitably compare with your kids' Nativity play. Nowadays, some of the finest productions to grace the West End are not just re-created on board ship, but staged with every bit as much pizzazz as you'd find on land. Take MSC Cruises, whose partnership with Cirque du Soleil has led to two exclusive shows aboard *MSC Meraviglia*, with two more in development for its upcoming ships *Bellissima* and *Grandiosa*. There's nothing quite like Cirque du Soleil, and the venue on board has been purpose-built to showcase their pyrotechnics without compromise.

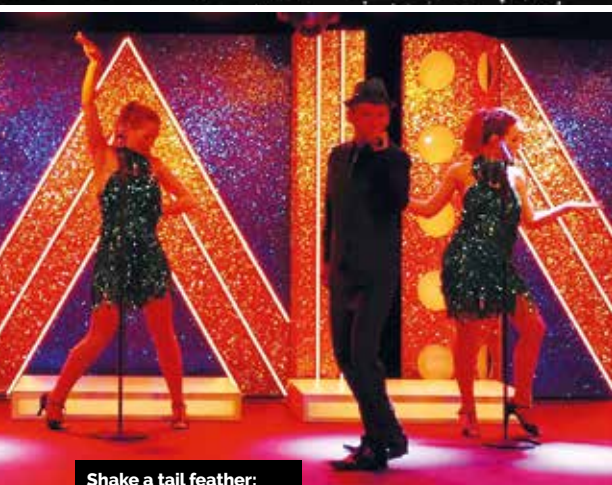
Prefer some classic Broadway entertainment? The cruise lines are queuing up to oblige, and you can catch *Hairspray* on Royal Caribbean's *Symphony of the Seas*, or sing along to the hits of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons on NCL's *Norwegian Bliss* (there's a new Norwegian ship in 2019 and we can't wait to see which show they'll be taking to sea).

If you find new innovations more exciting than old favourites, get yourself on a P&O Cruises ship to catch Stephen Mulhern and Jonathan Wilkes' latest show, *Astonishing*. It's a heady mix of illusion, music and magic that's already winning rave reviews.

Silversea, too, is introducing fresh new musicals to its ships throughout 2019. Guests across the fleet will be able to catch *Grande Amore* – a rousing mix of new compositions and opera classics with orchestral accompaniment – while other shows based on blues, soul, Motown and Elvis will debut



Higher and higher:
Cirque du Soleil aboard
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on selected ships (check the billings before you make a booking).

But maybe you'd rather be the star of your very own show. In that case, get aboard Princess Cruises' new ship Sky Princess and take part in its 'Voice of the Ocean' competition,

inspired by the hit TV show *The Voice*. And, yes, it comes complete with those spinning red chairs!

AN EVENING WITH...

Of course, not all entertainment needs to be of the song-and-dance variety – sometimes you just want to sit down and relax with a drink in hand and listen to someone interesting talk about a subject they know well. And that's why more and more cruise lines are bringing VIPs on board to sing – or rather speak – for their supper.

If you're looking for enrichment with an academic slant, Voyages to Antiquity can offer experts from some of the world's leading universities, each chosen for their deep knowledge of the area you're visiting.

Want a dash of celebrity with your culture? Seabourn recently announced its line-up of guest lecturers for 2019, and it includes some pretty impressive names such as Steve Wozniak – the co-founder of Apple – who will have plenty of interesting stories to tell of iPods and Steve Jobs.

Meanwhile Cunard is launching its first Literature Festival at Sea, taking place on Queen Mary 2 in

November, and it has attracted a truly star-studded literary line-up, including Sebastian Faulks, Louis de Bernières, Robert Harris and Victoria Hislop.

And rock fans will be thrilled to hear that Norwegian Jade and Norwegian Pearl will both host Bon Jovi's 'Runaway to Paradise' cruise next year, including a chance to meet the heavy metal hero himself (those who'd prefer something more sedate can join Claire Sweeney on her 'Legends of the Musicals' trip with Cruise and Maritime Voyages).

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...

Away from the theatres and show lounges, seagoing entertainment comes in many other forms – and the cruise lines keep inventing new (or at least bigger) ones, whether it be waterslides, go-kart tracks or climbing walls.

The coming year offers plenty of opportunity to play around with the latest innovations, and one of the most exciting is to be found aboard Celebrity Cruises' new Celebrity Edge. Here, the Magic Carpet restaurant has something of a party trick. In a first for cruising, this 110ft long, glass-walled cube glides up and down the side of the ship, opening its doors at various decks along the way and creating a different dining ambience at each stop.

And if the Magic Carpet gives you a taste for flight, Viking Cruises can take you to infinity and beyond with its onboard planetarium. Situated at the top of Viking Orion (it may spread across the fleet if it proves popular), this is only the second planetarium at sea and promises heavenly views that are as good as anything you'll see on land – or even in space. ⚓

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So where to start?

ATHENS (PIRAEUS)

Greece is proud of Piraeus, the largest passenger port in Europe. With 11 berths, this huge harbour can accommodate even the latest megaships with ease. But then they know a thing or two about shipping here. Just seven miles from the heart of Athens, Piraeus can trace its origins back to the 5th century BC, when it was the most important trading centre of the entire known world.

Today it is the hub of the Greek cruising experience, with easy access to the great attractions of the capital (hop on the Metro, a short walk from the cruise terminal, and you'll be at the Acropolis in just 30 minutes).

There are more sights in Athens than you could see in a week – or a month – but if you don't have that long to spare, make sure you visit the new Acropolis Museum, a stunning piece of architecture in itself, and the Panathenaic Stadium, which is almost 2,000 years old and built entirely of marble. If you can, visit the picturesque neighbourhoods of Plaka

and Monastiraki. No time even for these? It hardly matters, because almost everywhere you turn in Athens you'll find galleries and museums, charming cafes, enticing restaurants and designer shops.

HERAKLION

The largest of the islands, Crete is one of the most popular holiday destinations in all of Greece. Its capital, Heraklion, is a seaside city whose harbour is guarded by the massive 16th century Koules fortress – but this is a modern metropolis, brimming with culture and entertainment, fabulous restaurants and luxurious places to stay.

Take a stroll from the harbour to the city centre, with its lovely walkways lined with Venetian-style buildings and shops. If you love history you'll head straight for the Archaeological Museum, where you'll discover the world's best collection of relics from the great Minoan civilisation that flourished here in the second millennium BC. Then take an excursion or hop on a bus (about 15 minutes) to the Palace of Knossos, an ancient complex that is often called Europe's oldest city.

Alternatively, there is the delightful restored village of Archanes nearby,



a beautiful reconstruction of life in Greece before the modern age. This is also a wine-growing district – and you can taste local vintages at the Sinadinakis Winery.

RHODES

Built by the Crusader knights, Rhodes Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage site, celebrated as one of the best preserved medieval settlements in the world. Behind its imposing fortified walls you'll discover a maze of fine buildings

Mykonos is famed for its restaurants – and its shops



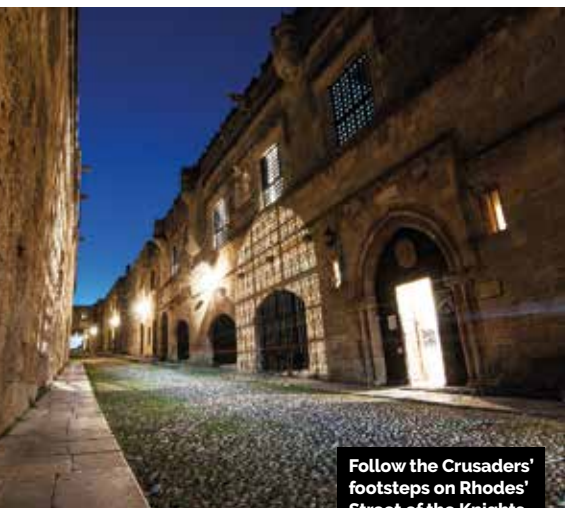


Tiny and tranquil Patmos feels like a spiritual retreat

Picture-perfect Santorini clings to volcanic cliffs

and narrow lanes. Stroll down the Street of the Knights, visit the Palace of the Grand Master – a storybook medieval castle – and linger in the cafes and restaurants of lively Hippocrates Square.

Then take a ride to the Mandraki district, which is outside the ancient walls but no less impressive, thanks to buildings such as the Venetian-style Government House and – something of a contrast – the National Theatre, a masterpiece of 1930s modernism.



Follow the Crusaders' footsteps on Rhodes' Street of the Knights

PATMOS

The tiny island of Patmos is a great destination for nature lovers, thanks to its wild coastline and fertile volcanic soil. But this is a deeply spiritual place, too – here you can see the Cave of the Apocalypse, where St John the Divine received the visions that he recorded in the Book of Revelation. You can also visit the Monastery of St John the Theologian, where a 900-year monastic tradition continues unbroken on its lofty hilltop.

Then you can enjoy more earthly delights in Hora, the island's capital, with its elegant shops, cafes and restaurants.

SANTORINI

As your ship enters the great caldera of Santorini – all that remains of a once mighty volcano – you'll take in one of the most impressive sights on earth: towering rocks, villages so high they seem to brush the clouds, and whitewashed churches teetering on the cliff edge.

You'll disembark at the foot of the cliffs below Fira, the island's capital and home to its major institutions, including the Archaeological Museum. Take a walk down the famous Gold Street, named for its many jewellery shops, stroll through the galleries, visit clothing stores and charming cafes. And as

evening approaches, don't forget to visit beautiful Oia, the most cosmopolitan village in Santorini, which is world-famous for its amazing sunset views.

MYKONOS

Glamorous Mykonos is an island for those who like to party – and those who love to shop. Stroll its lovely cobbled streets, meet the much-photographed town pelican (something of a celebrity in his own right) and spoil yourself with designer clothing and jewellery on sophisticated Matoyianni Street. Then give your tastebuds a treat at some of the world's most exclusive restaurants.

If you feel in need of a little spiritual nourishment too, you'll find it at the monastery of Panagia Tourliani in Ano Mera, with its beautiful marble campanile and striking red dome.

KATAKOLO

On the Peloponnese peninsula, the small port of Katakolo is a must-stop on any cruise itinerary because it offers easy access to Olympia, one of the truly great sites (and sights) of the ancient world.

The archaeological museum here is one of the largest in Greece – which is saying something – with world-class collections from every period of classical antiquity. And you'll want to make sure your Instagram feed is up and running,



because this is the home of the original Olympic Stadium – the birthplace of the Olympic Games, first held in honour of the god Zeus in 776 BC.

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Falling back in love with the



Beautiful Anglesey is a must-stop on any round-Britain cruise

BRITISH ISLES

Sometimes, what you're looking for is close to home – as **Lesley Bellew** discovers on a magical round-Britain cruise with Voyages to Antiquity

As the rain poured down at Dublin's Garden of Remembrance, Mary Lavery could barely hold back her tears. It was here in 2011 that Queen Elizabeth II made her historic visit to the city – the first by a British monarch to an independent Ireland – and it was a day that Mary will never forget.

'I am from Belfast and I grew up during the Troubles,' she explained. 'But the thing is, they were not really "troubles". We were at war.

'My grandmother would cry when she sent me to school because she was never sure whether she would see me again. Even now, when a car exhaust backfires or if there's a window banging, I still jump because I think it's a bomb.

'I've moved to County Wicklow in the Republic, and when I'm in Dublin I love to come to this memorial garden, to say thank you for the peace.'

Mary, who works part-time as a tour guide, is convinced that Her Majesty's visit was a major event in the peace process. 'The Queen did a great thing for us. For a long time it was unthinkable that she would come here – but she did. She was so brave. She showed us respect and I am no longer afraid.'

Sailing aboard Aegean Odyssey with Voyages to Antiquity, our cruise round the British Isles turned out to be a voyage through history, both ancient and modern. Our departure from London's Tower Bridge set the tone for the rest of the trip, taking us past the Tower of London and Canary Wharf, the Cutty Sark and the Millennium Dome, the Brits on board proudly

showing off our national heritage to fellow passengers from the US, Canada and Australia.

Our route would take us down to the Channel Islands, along the Cornish coast to the Scilly Isles, up to North Wales, across to Dublin, then round the top of Scotland, via the Western Isles, to Edinburgh. An excellent programme of lectures dovetailed with every destination but there was plenty of fun, too (in Dublin we took advantage of an overnight mooring to enjoy the city's legendary hospitality, one of our party arriving back by tuk-tuk taxi at 4am).

TALKS, TEA AND TRESKO ABBEY

Another pleasure of life aboard Aegean Odyssey was that all tours, except a few specialist themed excursions, were included in the cruise price. But that still allowed for plenty of independent exploring, and at our first port of call – pretty St Peter Port – I took a private excursion with Mark Renouf of Guernsey Phototours.

Meeting me at the harbour, Mark drove me out to Jerbourg Point where we soon spotted a pod of dolphins. Stopping at various scenic spots along the way, Mark passed on some handy professional tips for composing pictures of cliffs, the sea and sky. My 'eye' quickly improved and I snapped some arty shots of a disused boat shed and a World War II bunker.

Then, back in St Peter Port, I swapped nature study for retail therapy in the flower-filled lanes, where the boutiques were brimming with pearls, handbags, kaftans and shoes. A seafood lunch in the sunshine completed a delightful morning ashore.

Next stop was Falmouth, where Captain Panagiotis Giakoumatos sailed Aegean Odyssey and her 270 passengers into the harbour amid news stories of blue sharks being sighted off the Cornish coast.

Sadly it was not our day, and the sharks were long gone. But I headed to the Tregothnan Estate, on the banks of the River Fal, to see another UK rarity – Britain's first tea plantation. It turns out that *Camellia sinensis* does so well here that its leaves are used to make a special blend for Liberty of London, as well as a very exotic smoked manuka Earl Grey for Michelin-starred chef Raymond Blanc.

Setting sail again, we hugged the Cornish coast before passing Land's End and heading into the open Atlantic, bound for the Isles of Scilly.

Here, on the famous island of Tresco, we saw red squirrels scampering in their predator-free playground at the Abbey Gardens, where Aegean Odyssey's guests from across the globe were amazed to see familiar plants from home, flourishing in this ►

Endearing puffins are a regular sight on Britain's wilder coasts



GET ON BOARD

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The craggy Edinburgh townscape that inspired JK Rowling



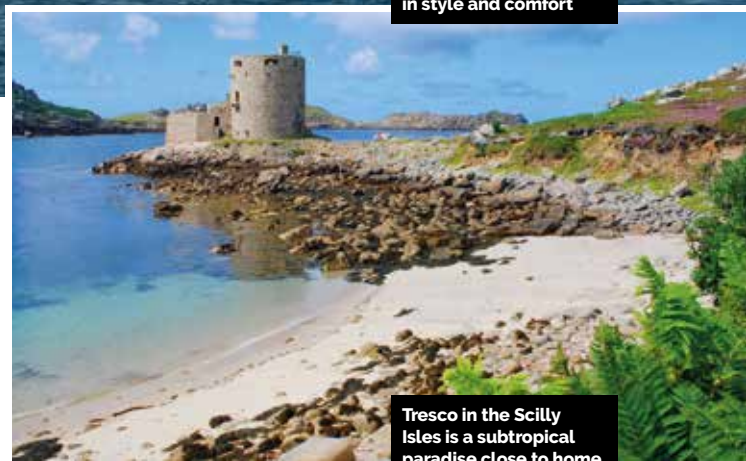
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subtropical microclimate. Keen walkers later took off to explore, while others tucked into fish-and-chips at the New Inn or hopped on boats to other islands. Me? I wandered across pristine sands, lapped by a bright blue sea, and took the chance to sunbathe.

WILDLIFE AND WIZARDS

As we left the Scillies behind and turned back towards the mainland, naturalist Andy Bunten was out on deck, helping us to identify the countless seabirds that wheeled in our wake. In fact, he was with us throughout the cruise, giving lectures, answering questions and accompanying tours (the list of wildlife sightings in the ship's library grew ever longer as he inspired more passengers to get out on deck with their binoculars).

Alongside Andy, we also had the benefit of Chelsea Flower Show judge John Hughes to give talks and accompany garden visits – which included Bodnant in Wales, Malahide Castle in Dublin and the famous Royal Botanic in Edinburgh. My personal favourite was probably the National Botanic Gardens of Ireland, a 50-acre green oasis on the outskirts of Dublin, where glorious Victorian glasshouses are filled with exotic



Tresco in the Scilly Isles is a subtropical paradise close to home

plants. Passengers and crew were also thrilled to find a tea room gloriously stocked with cream cakes.

After Dublin – and that memorable encounter with tour-guide Mary – we set sail for Holyhead in North Wales, where I'd chosen another private excursion. My companion this time was Ken Croft, known as the Birdman of Anglesey, and his enthusiasm was contagious as he showed me hundreds of puffins and guillemots beneath the cliffs by South Stack lighthouse. I watched in awe through a telescope as these distinctive birds dived for sand eels to feed their young.

Ken also took me to see giant precambrian rocks that are thought to be some of the oldest on Earth, and I was still trying to get my head round that when I was distracted by three choughs – rare birds, distinguished by their curved red bills – who put on an aerobatic display, outwitting a hungry peregrine falcon.

It was a far cry from the scene in Edinburgh (my final port of call, though the ship sailed back to Tilbury), where the city was buzzing with visitors attending the famous Festival Fringe. JK Rowling lives here too, and when passengers glimpsed the grandiose Fettes College – its style somewhere between Scottish Baronial and French chateau – it left them in no doubt that this ornate building was the inspiration for Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Which was appropriate, really, because this holiday had been a little bit of magic that reminded us all how enchanting the British Isles can be. ⚓

TREATED LIKE ROYALTY

Observing the coastline from the deck was a daily part of life on Aegean Odyssey, standing with binoculars in my balcony suite or – even better – eating al fresco at the Terrace Café.

This huge outside area where passengers can enjoy informal dining – from pizza and mezze to full three-course meals served with complimentary house wines – was a favourite spot on this cruise, especially as we were blessed with warm sunshine nearly every day. But whether in the dining room or the Terrace Café, every passenger was treated like royalty by the ship's hospitality crew, who were charming, efficient and quickly got to know our names and favourite drinks. And in the Charleston Lounge, pre-dinner drinks were accompanied by classical music from the Odyssey Trio, or easy listening from the Excelsior Duo, creating a relaxing atmosphere after busy days ashore, where everyone could meet to swap stories of exploring our green and pleasant land.



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- Free Drinks Package
- \$100 Onboard Spending Money per person
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Departs: **27th April 2019**

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Saga's new Spirit of Discovery will offer balconies in all cabins



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A new era has dawned at Saga. Fresh, innovative approaches and a fabulous new ship will make 2019 a fantastic year to take a cruise

THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

You may be familiar with the concept of boutique hotels. Next year, Saga is taking it to a new level by applying it to cruising. That's what you can look forward to when you step aboard Saga Sapphire and the new flagship, Spirit of Discovery - all the service, personality and character you'd expect from a stylish boutique hotel, but with an array of enchanting destinations and ever-changing views.

A YEAR OF MAGICAL OPPORTUNITIES

Whenever you sail with Saga, there are opportunities to try something different. During winter, their stargazing cruises around the Canary Islands are proving just as popular as their traditional voyages in the sun. And whether it's the Canadian Rockies in spring, the great Baltic cities in those white midsummer nights, or the autumnal fruits and flavours of Iberia, each season is packed with tempting delights.

A NEW WAY TO EXPLORE

In April 2019, Saga will launch an innovative way to discover your destinations. Explore Ashore is a concierge service, led by a team of onboard experts. Whether you'd like help to choose from a programme of tailor-made, small-group excursions, plan your own independent tour or just want to book a taxi and go freestyle, they can make it happen. Looking for the town's top restaurant or insider info on a local festival? Talk to Saga's Explore Ashore team, who can arrange private transport and even make reservations.

Of course, there will still be a wealth of organised shore excursions to enjoy,



A Saga cruise means fine food in tasteful surroundings



Elegant inside and out, Spirit of Discovery will also boast a 400-seat theatre



luxury at sea

covering popular interests such as local history, nature, food and walking – plus some more unusual options including small-group tours to castles normally closed to the public, private music recitals, and live cooking demonstrations with local chefs.

HOW'S THAT FOR VALUE?

In 2019 Saga will be offering their best-ever value for money, as Saga Sapphire goes all-inclusive. That means you can enjoy unlimited selected drinks at the bar, sip indulgent cocktails and relax with a nightcap at no extra charge. It's the perfect complement to Saga's other generous inclusions, such as a return chauffeur service to the port (up to 250 miles each way), speciality dining, on-board gratuities, complementary wi-fi and 24-hour room service.

THE BEST POSSIBLE TASTE

Superb cuisine is an important aspect of all Saga's cruises, often inspired by the places you visit as well as the season. You can select from mouth-watering menus in a choice of restaurants, accompanied by wine with lunch and dinner at no extra charge – even in the

speciality restaurants aboard Saga Sapphire and new ship Spirit of Discovery.

SAGA'S FLAGSHIP TAKES A BOW

When Spirit of Discovery launches next July, she'll bring new standards of boutique luxury to this enterprising cruise line. Sleek and sophisticated, she'll combine a gloriously open, airy feel with a very special feature: every cabin will have a balcony.

Spirit of Discovery will be luxurious throughout, from her sumptuous spa to her choice of free-to-dine speciality restaurants and full wraparound promenade deck. One highlight will be The Playhouse, a state-of-the-art tiered theatre, seating over 400 guests. Another will be The Club by Jools, an elegant and lively steakhouse restaurant created in partnership with music legend Jools Holland, who will even perform on selected cruises in 2019.

The stylish cabins will take their design cues from some of London's top boutique hotels, and with an average floor plan of 215sq ft they will be as spacious as they are luxurious. There will also be more than 100 cabins reserved exclusively for solo guests – an industry first.

AND THERE'S MORE...

Spirit of Adventure, sister ship to Spirit of Discovery, will take to the oceans in summer 2020. Sharing the same high levels of boutique luxury, but with her own distinct character, she will introduce a second wave of luxury cruising to Saga's distinctive new portfolio.

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THE WORLD'S BEST destinations

Need a little inspiration for your next cruise?
From blissful beaches to cultural hotspots,
here's where to find the holiday of your dreams

Words by **Heidi Fuller-Love**



Arriving in Venice by
ship is one of life's
great experiences



VENICE

Breathtaking palazzos, gondola-crowded canals and a centuries-old carnival tradition have made Venice a bucket-list destination since Shakespeare was in town. There's no more exciting way to arrive in the Jewel of the Adriatic than by cruise ship, and

you'll step ashore into a magical labyrinth of waterways and alleys. Nurse a cappuccino in one of the legendary cafes that surround the historic Piazza San Marco, and watch the actors in this ever-changing water pageant pass by.

GET ON BOARD

6-night 'Venice, the Lagoon Islands and the Po Delta' river cruise, round-trip from Venice via Burano, Murano, Chioggia, Taglio di Po and Polesella, departing 21 September 2019, from £989, croisieurope.co.uk

SAN FRANCISCO

Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair when you head to this colourful city, whose Golden Gate Bridge and hilly streets have featured in countless films. The city where hippies hung out in the swinging Sixties also boasts top-notch designer shopping around Pier 39 (home of the city's celebrated seals) and a lively food scene that you can experience in cafes along Fisherman's Wharf. Don't forget to hop on a ferry to the notorious jail island of Alcatraz, and take the chance to ride the historic cable cars that are known locally as 'moving landmarks'.

GET ON BOARD

10-night 'Inside Passage' cruise aboard Grand Princess, round-trip from San Francisco via Ketchikan, Juneau & Tracy Arm fjord (Alaska), and Victoria (British Columbia), departing 5 July 2019, from £1,329, princess.com



Hong Kong is a dazzling fusion of ancient and modern

HONG KONG

The name means 'fragrant harbour', and although the island's wild incense trees are now a rarity, Hong Kong still offers sensory overload. Whether you shop for designer labels in the alleys around Causeway Bay MRT Station, take a cable car to the Peak for world-

class dining with panoramic views, or pay a visit to the only Disneyland in the world built according to the rules of Feng Shui, you'll discover a heady blend of East and West, framed by a glittering modern skyline and one of the world's most stunning natural harbours. ➤

GET ON BOARD

9-night 'Exotic Asia' cruise aboard Spectrum of the Seas, from Singapore to Shanghai via Ho Chi Minh City & Nha Trang (Vietnam) and Hong Kong, departing 25 May 2019, from £1,469, royalcaribbean.co.uk

CAPE TOWN

With its historical heritage and unique location – between flat-topped Table Mountain and the African and Indian Oceans, Cape town is a city with something for everyone. According to taste, you can hit the shops and restaurants along Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, wander among exotic plants in the world-renowned Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, head out to sea on a thrilling shark-dive excursion or visit infamous Robben Island, where

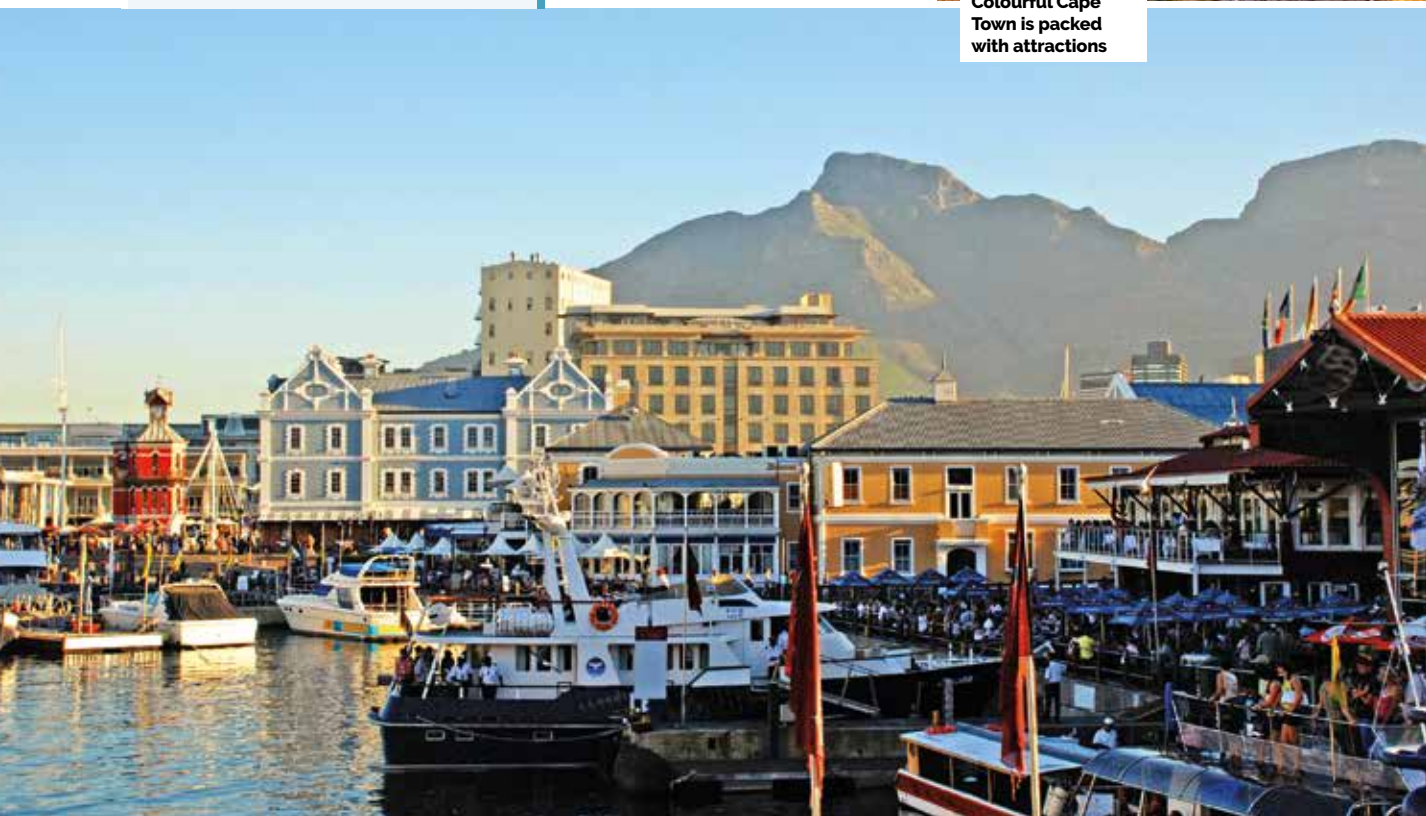
Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 18 years. And just a short drive out of town there is Simon's Town's large penguin colony, plus some of South Africa's finest wineries.

GET ON BOARD

17-night 'Cape Town to Southampton' cruise aboard Queen Mary 2, via Walvis Bay, Tenerife and Madeira, departing 1 April 2020, from £1,849, cunard.co.uk



Colourful Cape Town is packed with attractions



BARCELONA

Framed by the lofty Pyrenees and the twinkling Med, Barcelona is one of the globe's most popular cruise ports – and there is plenty to keep visitors enthralled, from Antoni Gaudi's inspired architecture to the mysterious narrow streets of the Gothic Quarter. Spain's second largest city is also a paradise for foodies, who can marvel at the pigs' trotters, sea barnacles and other delicacies at bustling Boqueria Market – then sample them with a cool *cerveza* in one of the tapas bars along La Barceloneta Beach, before heading out to enjoy the city's buzzing nightlife.

GET ON BOARD

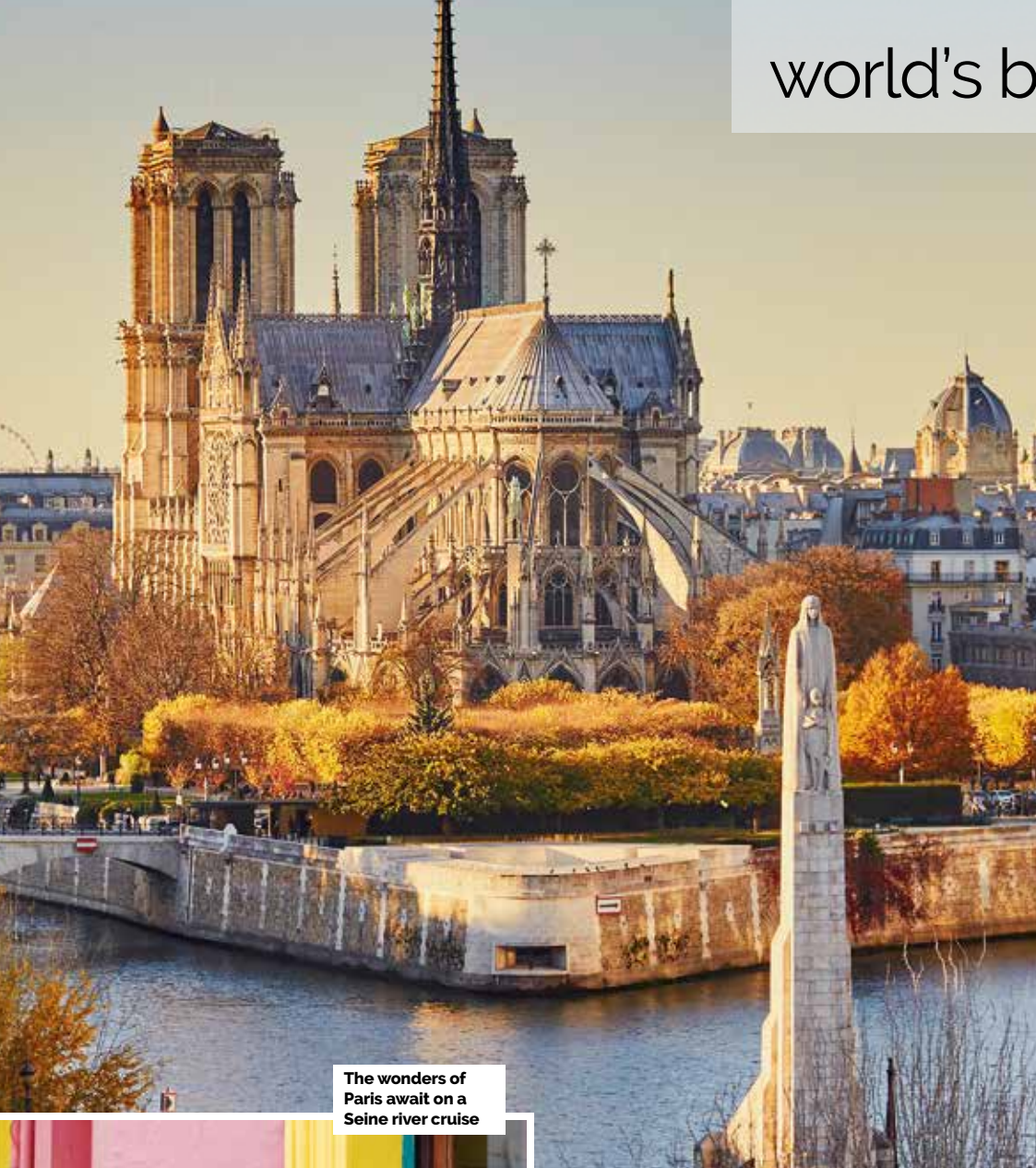
7-night 'Heroes of the Mediterranean' cruise aboard Marella Discovery, from Malaga to Naples via Cartagena, Palma, Barcelona, La Spezia and Civitavecchia, departing 8 November 2019, from £891, tui.co.uk

COZUMEL

This island off the Yucatan peninsula is a tequila-shot of everything Mexico does best – so it's hardly surprising that it's the most popular cruise port in the western Caribbean. But there's more to Cozumel than powder-white sands and crystal-clear waters: you can also enjoy shopping for souvenirs in charming seafront plazas, sampling local delicacies in gourmet restaurants or lapping up some culture in the island's half dozen museums. The icing on the cake? Cozumel is also home to the world's second largest barrier reef.

GET ON BOARD

7-night 'Western Caribbean' cruise aboard Norwegian Escape, round-trip from Miami via Roatan, Bay Islands, Harvest Caye, Costa Maya and Cozumel, departing 14 December 2019, from £959, ncl.com



The wonders of Paris await on a Seine river cruise

PARIS

Hunchback of Notre Dame writer Victor Hugo called Paris the 'city of cities', and every street of the French capital – which has been home to countless renowned writers, artists and philosophers – breathes romance. In this city where Chanel created, Robespierre proclaimed and Edith Piaf sang, you can climb to the top of the Eiffel Tower, come face-to-face with enigmatic Mona Lisa in the Louvre, shop till you drop along the legendary Champs-Élysées, enjoy world-class gastronomy on almost every street corner or just chill in the bohemian cafes of Montmartre. No wonder so many cruise passengers fall in love with the City of Light.

GET ON BOARD

7-night 'The Seine, Paris & Normandy' river cruise, round-trip from Paris via Les Andelys, Rouen, Bayeux, Arromanches, Honfleur, Giverny and Vernon, departing 8 June 2019, from £1,699, rivieratravel.co.uk



Buenos Aires is a city in thrall to the tango

BUENOS AIRES

Latin passion meets age-old European style in this cosmopolitan city where informal tango sessions, Maradona's football team Boca Juniors and gigantic slabs of prime beef served at *Parrilla* steakhouses are all an essential part of daily life. The Argentine capital is packed with great museums and cultural sights, including the fabulously decorated theatre-turned-bookshop El Ateneo and the ornate Cementerio de la Recoleta – burial place of Argentina's most famous first lady, Eva Peron. But the city's true charm resides in its gloriously traditional neighbourhoods, where French and Italian architecture sits side-by-side with humble but brightly painted shacks.

GET ON BOARD

10-night 'South America' cruise aboard Silver Shadow, from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro via Montevideo, Punta del Este, Itajai, Paraty and Buzios, departing 26 February 2020, from £4,320, silversea.com

ST PETERSBURG

Imagine pastel-coloured palaces, onion-domed churches and world-renowned cultural treasures, and you'll understand why a visit to the city of Tchaikovsky and Dostoyevsky is the highlight of any Baltic cruise. At the mouth of the mighty Neva River and laced with Venetian-style canals, Russia's former capital is renowned for its White Night festival in summer when the sun barely sets. You can also enjoy designer shopping along Nevsky Prospekt, the incredible art collection of the Hermitage museum, and enchanting performances at the Mariinsky Opera and Ballet Theatre (formerly the Kirov), where Nureyev and Baryshnikov both performed.

GET ON BOARD

10-night 'Russian Adventure' river cruise from St Petersburg to Moscow via Mandrogui, Kizhi, Goritsy, Yaroslavl and Uglich, departing 3 August 2019, from £2,217, bestussiancruises.com

SYDNEY

From the glittering white 'sails' of its world-famous opera house to the dazzling half-loop of its great harbour bridge, Sydney is home to many of Australia's most iconic sights – and if that's not enough to make the country's gateway city worth visiting, it is also built around one of world's most beautiful harbours, framed by endless golden sands. But Sydney is more than bronzed babes on Bondi beach: you can also expect top-notch international art galleries and a string of fascinating museums illuminating the city's colourful history.

GET ON BOARD

14-night 'Tasman Sea Traveler' cruise from Auckland to Sydney via Rotorua, Gisborne, Wellington, Akaroa, Tasmania, Melbourne and Eden, departing 20 January 2020, from £5,749, oceaniacruises.com

Bangkok's Grand Palace is a gilded masterpiece

BANGKOK

Chaotic but unforgettable, the Thai capital offers its best sightseeing on the east side of the Chao Phraya river – and the easiest way to get around is to hop on one of the taxi boats that travel up and down this crowded waterway. Highlights here, apart from the succulent street food, include visiting Bangkok's old royal precinct (home to the Grand Palace, the Wat Pho temple complex and the National Museum), bargain-hunting in the big-brand shops around Siam Square, or admiring the colourful tropical blooms on sale at Pak Khlong Talat flower market.

GET ON BOARD

14-night 'Southeast Asia' cruise aboard Celebrity Millennium from Hong Kong to Singapore via Hanoi, Hue, Ho Chi Minh City and Bangkok, departing 15 February 2020, from £1,165, celebritycruises.co.uk

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CUBA

Although it is barely a hundred miles from the coast of the United States, a visit to Cuba is like stepping back in time. Expect streets lined with crumbling colonial Spanish facades, classic 1950s cars, and bars that hum to the salsa beat. Other highlights of this entrancing country – only recently opened up to cruise traffic – include a visit to a traditional cigar factory or rum distillery, and a trip out to the city of Santiago de Cuba, renowned for having some of the country's oldest palaces and finest museums.

GET ON BOARD

9-night cruise aboard SeaDream II from Cienfuegos (Cuba) to Marigot (St Martin) via Santiago de Cuba, British Virgin Islands, Sandy Ground (Anguilla) and Gustavia (St Barts), departing 1 April 2019, from £4,307, seadream.com

VALETTA

The Maltese capital is a treasure trove for history buffs, and the best way to get an overview – quite literally – is by climbing to the Upper Barrakka Gardens. Here, at the highest point on the UNESCO-listed city's 16th century walls, you can admire the magnificent panorama of Grand Harbour spread out beneath you. Built by the Knights of St John after the Great Siege of 1565, this exceptional fortified city offers highlights including the Grandmaster's Palace and Caravaggio's masterpiece *The Beheading of St John*, housed in St John's Cathedral.

GET ON BOARD

11-night cruise aboard MSC Sinfonia, round-trip from Genoa via Marseille, Barcelona, Valletta, Corfu, Katakolon, Heraklion, Piraeus (Athens) and Civitavecchia (Rome), departing 4 April 2019, from £849, msccruises.co.uk

DUBAI

'Build it and they will come,' Dubai's ruling family are famously quoted as saying about their miraculous city, which first sprang from the desert sands in 1833. Massively developed since then, Dubai now has the world's tallest building, its largest mall and its only seven-star hotel. Most cruise passengers flock here for the shopping – whether in air-conditioned designer boutiques or medieval-style souks. But you can also head off into the desert – by camel or 4x4 – or have fun in one of the country's countless theme parks.

GET ON BOARD

14-night 'Dubai & Arabian Gulf' cruise aboard Oceana, from Malta to Dubai via Heraklion, the Suez Canal, Salalah and Muscat, departing 17 October 2019, from £1,199 including flights, pocruises.com

HAMBURG

The city where Johannes Brahms and Felix Mendelssohn were born is now home to a stunning modern concert hall, the glass-and-brick Elbphilharmonie. What's more, The Beatles started their career here, and Hamburg was also the home of Europe's first public opera house. Added to first-class museums and the multicultural flair of a great port city, this musical heritage makes Germany's 'gateway to the world' a fascinating place to visit on a North European cruise. If you can get here for Germany's famous Christmas markets, even better.

GET ON BOARD

4-night 'German Christmas Markets & Amsterdam' cruise aboard Columbus, round-trip from London Tilbury via Amsterdam and Hamburg, departing 5 December 2019, from £294, cruiseandmaritime.com

BERGEN

Surrounded by mountains, Norway's picturesque and historic second city is also gateway to the country's breathtaking fjords. Urban life revolves around the UNESCO-listed Bryggen area, a warren of narrow alleys that's packed with restaurants, pubs and craft shops. International artworks are also on show in a row of galleries lining the picturesque Lille Lungegardsvannet lake, while the former home of composer Edvard Grieg, Norway's most famous musical son, is just a shuttle bus ride away.

GET ON BOARD

7-night 'Viking Shores & Fjords' cruise aboard Viking Jupiter, from Bergen to Amsterdam via Flam, Stavanger, Kristiansand, Oslo, and Skagen, departing 2 June 2019, from £3,390, vikingcruises.co.uk

SANTORINI

Sailing into the crater of the world's only inhabited volcano is a fixture on many people's bucket lists – and with good reason. Once ashore on this most spectacular of Greek islands, crowds flock to the pictureque clifftop village of Oia to enjoy its famous sunsets, although views from neighbouring Firostefani and Imerovigli are just as incredible. Santorini is also known for the unique Minoan archaeological site of Akrotiri, as well as for its black sand beaches and prize-winning wines, whose unique flavour is derived from the island's volcanic soil.



Santorini is the picture-perfect Greek island

GET ON BOARD

7-night 'Eclectic Aegean' cruise aboard Celestyal Crystal, round-trip from Piraeus (Athens) via Istanbul, Çanakkale, Volos, Heraklion, Santorini and Mykonos, departing 21 October 2019, from £929, celestyalcruises.uk



The Seychelles offer world-class scuba diving

THE SEYCHELLES

As spectacular as you've ever imagined, the Jewel of the Indian Ocean is an idyllic cluster of more than 100 islands off Africa's East coast. The most visited are Mahé, whose capital Victoria is noted for its craft shops and colonial buildings; jungle-clad Praslin, famed for its giant coco-de-mer nuts; and peaceful La Digue, where everyone gets around on bicycles. But all islands

GET ON BOARD

7-night 'Seychelles Yachting Serenade' cruise aboard Crystal Esprit, round-trip from Mahé via St Anne, Cousin, Praslin, Laraie Bay and Aride, departing 25 January 2020, from £4,628, crystalcruises.co.uk

offer perfect white-sand beaches fringed by turquoise waters, with top-notch scuba and snorkelling, and it's well worth choosing a longer cruise that will visit the remote UNESCO-listed Aldabra Atoll.

ANTARCTICA

It may be the least hospitable environment on earth, but the White Continent is a magnet for adventurous cruise passengers. Traversing the notorious Drake Passage aboard a fully equipped expedition ship, the crossing from Argentina's Tierra del Fuego archipelago to the Antarctic Peninsula is one of world travel's more memorable experiences – while getting up close to magnificent icebergs, breaching whales and penguin colonies, as well as sea elephants and orcas, will give you long-term bragging rights over your cruising chums.

GET ON BOARD

10-night 'Spirit of Antarctica' round trip expedition cruise from Ushuaia via Drake Passage and Antarctic Peninsula, departing 9 November 2019, from £7,599pp, auroraexpeditions.com.au

QUEBEC CITY

Steeped in history and renowned for its winter carnival – the world's biggest – this city on the banks of the mighty St Lawrence River is a UNESCO world heritage site. Visitors can expect to wander in an atmospheric labyrinth of narrow cobbled paths, lined with 17th century architecture, stylish art galleries and cosy bistros, while other highlights include the family-friendly Musée de la Civilisation. One of North America's very few fortified towns, Quebec City also includes Battlefields Park, which is dotted with Martello towers and ancient weaponry. ⚓

GET ON BOARD

7-night 'Canada & New England Discovery' cruise aboard Zaandam from Montreal to Boston via Quebec City, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, and Bar Harbor, departing 13 July 2019, from £1,209, hollandamerica.com

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Embrace the Inspired life

In partnership with financial services company Legal & General, Inspired owns and operates six retirement communities: Gifford Lea in Cheshire; Bramshott Place in Hampshire; Great Alne Park and Austin Heath, in Warwickshire; Millbrook Village in Devon; and Durrants Village in West Sussex.

As well as offering a collection of luxurious and spacious one, two and three-bedroom properties that are tailor-made for later life, each village



Restaurant at Great Alne Park, Warwickshire.



Pool at Great Alne Park, Warwickshire.

has its own facilities and is situated within attractive grounds.

At Gifford Lea, for example, the second phase of the development will see the opening of its exciting new wellness spa in the spring, including a swimming pool, sauna, steam room, treatment suite and relaxation spaces.

Meanwhile, at Millbrook Village and Great Alne Park the restaurant chefs prepare locally-sourced fresh food daily.

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At Durrants Village, for instance, residents are spoiled for choice thanks to group activities such as walking and hiking, while clubs

range from crafting and reading, to gardening and choir singing!

Staff who go the extra mile

Joyce Howes – of Inspired's Millbrook Village in Exeter, Devon – is well aware of the benefits of living in a later living community, especially when she goes on holiday.

'I try to go away a lot and it's great that I can do this while knowing my property is safe,' says Joyce. 'With the village staff keeping an eye on things, I never have to worry. I can even ask them to put the heating on for my return. It's lovely to arrive back to a warm home.'

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**Based on the annual service charge at Gifford Lea, in Cheshire, when the village is complete, currently only £3,225 per year.

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DIRECTORY

From boutique vessels and luxury liners to family-focused megaships, our guide to ocean cruise lines will help you choose your perfect voyage
Words by **Dave Monk**





Welcome to World of Cruising's annual ocean ships directory. This year we have made the guide even more comprehensive and informative, providing figures

on restaurants and suites, and highlighting the best choices for families and solo travellers.

We have divided the listings into three sections – cruise lines with fewer than ten ships, those with more than ten, and a new category devoted to the growing expedition market. Each section is arranged alphabetically, but to help you find a cruise line quickly we have also added an index (right).

The main directory, excluding expedition-only lines, carries the following icons to sum up the character of each cruise company:

- Luxury
- Premium
- Budget
- Expedition
- Adventure
- All-inclusive
- Cultural
- Good for families
- Good for solo travellers
- Spa

Luxury is above **Premium**, denoting the highest level of service and accommodation. **Adventure** means active itineraries in exotic locations, while **Expedition** includes polar routes. **All-inclusive** signifies that drinks, tips and other features are covered by the fare (there may be exceptions for premium brands, etc). **Cultural** shows that the cruise line specialises in educational lectures and excursions.

In the main write-up, descriptions such as 'British' usually refer to the onboard experience or clientele, rather than ownership – though where a cruise line is exclusively based in one country, we have generally said so.

The table below each entry gives the **launch year** of every ship, and the year it **joined the fleet** where that is later (in cases where the ship was bought from another operator). Ship **size** is given as 'small' (up to 1,000 passengers), 'medium' (1,000 to 2,000) and 'large' (more than 2,000). **Market** describes the type of ship – 'resort', 'expedition', 'liner' and so on. **Pax** is the number of passengers the ship can carry, based on a maximum of two per cabin, and **crew** is the number of staff on board.

A new column, **restaurants**, gives the number of sit-down eating venues, excluding coffee shops, ice-cream stands and room service.

To describe the onboard accommodation, we have used **% suites**, to show what proportion of cabins are suites, and **space ratio**, which is the ship's tonnage divided by the number of passengers (the higher the figure, the more spacious the ship will appear). **Passenger/crew** gives the ratio of guests to staff (the lower this figure, the more attentive the service should be). ➤

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AT A GLANCE

Boutique, country-house line, focused on destinations



IT HAS taken 11 years, but this summer Azamara finally got its third ship, after running with just the two sisters, Azamara Journey and Azamara Quest, since its foundation in 2007. Azamara Pursuit is the former P&O Cruises Adonia, fresh from a refit in Belfast, and her arrival means the number of destinations Azamara can offer has increased by 40 per cent. In 2019, the three-ship fleet will visit 90 countries

and call at 302 ports, offering 268 late-night stays and 155 overnights.

Although Azamara is proud of its three ships and its 'white night' parties, its real focus is on offering authentic experiences of local culture and cuisine in port, with signature 'AzAmazing evenings' on every cruise over seven days, excluding transatlantic crossings. The line also offers 'country intensive' cruises, calling at several ports within the same region.

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger/crew
Azamara Journey	2000	2007	Small/Premium	690	408	5	13	43.88	1.69
Azamara Pursuit	2001	2018	Small/Premium	702	400	5	13	43.13	1.76
Azamara Quest	2000	2007	Small/Premium	690	408	5	13	43.88	1.69

CELESTYAL CRUISES

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AT A GLANCE

Budget cruising in the Aegean and the Mediterranean



CELESTYAL may be back to a two-ship fleet after losing Nefeli, which was on charter, but that hasn't hampered its move towards year-round cruising in the Aegean. In 2019 the line is launching a seven-day 'Three Continents' itinerary, and the first of five cruises will leave Piraeus (Athens) on 2 December, calling at Alexandria and Port Said in Egypt; Ashdod in Israel; Kusadasi in Turkey; Limassol in Cyprus, and finally Rhodes.

The line is also returning to Istanbul for the first time since 2016, with sailings that include excursions to Troy and Gallipoli, plus a departure from Mykonos at 2am so passengers can enjoy the nightlife to the full.

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger/crew
Celestyal Crystal	1980	2007	Medium/Budget	1,200	400	4	59	21.34	3.00
Celestyal Olympia	1982	2004	Medium/Budget	1,664	540	4	30	22.70	3.08

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AT A GLANCE
Small French-owned coastal ship

LA BELLE de l'Adriatique is the only oceangoing ship in the fleet of French river-cruise specialist CroisiEurope.

Built in 2007 and renovated last year, she sails along the Mediterranean and Adriatic coasts, visiting Croatia, Montenegro, the Greek islands, Malta and Sicily.

The 198-passenger vessel also visits the Holy Land, with excursions to Jerusalem and Bethlehem and a guided tour of Nazareth.



Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
MS La Belle de l'Adriatique	2007	Small/Coastal	198	48	1	0	17.68	4.12

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CELEBRATING its tenth birthday in 2019, CMV is a distinctively British brand, based in Essex and carrying mainly UK passengers out of 11 home ports on its five vintage ships.

The fleet will be augmented in 2019 by Vasco da Gama, the former Pacific Eden, which will be deployed in the German and Australasian cruise markets, beginning her

46-night maiden voyage from Singapore on 24 April. Meanwhile, Magellan will make a brief visit to Mexico, heading back from Acapulco on 31 March.

New itineraries for CMV include Poland, Greenland and the Scottish lochs, while themes for the sailings include everything from cricket to Carry On films.

AT A GLANCE
Traditional British brand offering value for money



Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Astor	1986	2014	Small/Classic	600	278	4	11	34.34	2.16
Astoria	1946	2016	Small/Classic	550	248	3	19	29.35	2.22
Columbus	1989	2017	Medium/Resort	1,400	630	5	8	45.56	2.22
Magellan	1985	2015	Medium/Resort	1,250	660	4	2	36.84	1.89
Marco Polo	1966	2009	Small/Classic	800	356	3	28	27.60	2.25
ON ORDER									
Vasco da Gama	1993	2019	Medium/Resort	1,220		7	5	45.80	

CRYSTAL CRUISES

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ATA GLANCE
Top-level luxury in classic small ships

FOUNDED in 1988, Crystal Cruises continues to expand on river, sea and even in the air. Its oceangoing ships Crystal Symphony and Crystal Serenity have been joined by the 62-passenger Crystal Esprit, and in 2018 the keel was laid for Crystal Endeavor – claimed to be the world's most luxurious polar expedition yacht, with two helicopters and a submarine – which will enter service in 2020. And if that's not enough to lure 007 on board, he might be tempted by Crystal's own Boeing 777 aircraft or its 12-passenger private jet.

Both Symphony and Serenity have been overhauled in order to maintain the highest standards of luxury, with more butler-serviced penthouses, while next year Esprit will kick off its European summer with voyages exploring Spain, France, Monaco and Italy, before continuing to the Greek islands.

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Crystal Esprit	1991	2015	Small/Luxury yacht	62	90	3	100	54.35	0.69
Crystal Serenity	2003		Small/Ultra luxury	980	655	9	35.5	70.28	1.50
Crystal Symphony	1995		Small/Ultra luxury	848	566	9	24.8	60.19	1.50
ON ORDER									
Crystal Endeavor	2020		Luxury/Expedition	200	200	6	100	125.00	1.00
Crystal Endeavor Class	2021		Luxury/Expedition	200	200	6	100	125.00	1.00
Crystal Endeavor Class	2022		Luxury/Expedition	200	200	6	100	125.00	1.00
Crystal Diamond Class	2022		Small/Ultra luxury	800	800			81.25	1.00
Crystal Diamond Class			Small/Ultra luxury	800	800			81.25	1.00
Crystal Diamond Class			Small/Ultra luxury	800	800			81.25	1.00

CUNARD LINE

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ATA GLANCE
Grand, traditional and very British

HONOURING a great seafaring tradition, Cunard operates the unique transatlantic liner QM2, as well as Queens Victoria and Elizabeth. Formal nights are still very much a part of life on board, and passengers are allocated main restaurants based on their room category. The food is superb, but with guest speakers – and even a planetarium on QM2 – the experience is about culture as well as cuisine.

Queen Elizabeth will make her debut Alaskan voyage in 2019 – the first time Cunard has visited the region in more than 20 years – and the ship will also offer the fleet's first Northern Lights trip, with extended calls to Narvik and Tromso in Norway. During the year, the three ships will cover more than 167,000 nautical miles, calling at 78 destinations in 25 countries. A new 3,000-guest ship will join them in 2022.

Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Queen Elizabeth	2010	Large/Resort	2,172	1,005	8	12.01	41.85	2.16
Queen Mary 2	2004	Large/Ocean liner	3,175	1,254	10	12.65	47.69	2.53
Queen Victoria	2007	Large/Resort	2,172	1,001	6	12.2	41.44	2.17
ON ORDER								
New ship	2022	Large/Resort	3,000				37.67	

DISNEY CRUISE LINE

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AT A GLANCE
American, child-friendly and fun

AS YOU might expect, Disney is the king and queen of themed cruising for children. Combined with stays at Disney World, its sailings from Florida offer fun activities on board, plus calls at its Castaway Cay private island (some cruises even visit the resort twice).

Disney is also expanding in Europe, offering its first round-trip cruise from Rome, plus maiden visits to ports in Sweden, France, Spain, Denmark and Northern Ireland (Belfast is included on a seven-night British Isles cruise, leaving Dover on 8 September 2019). Meanwhile Disney Wonder will return to Alaska for the summer.

Starting in 2021, the line will be introducing three new ships, each carrying 2,500 guests.

Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Disney Dream	2011	Large/Family resort	4,000	1,458	6	1.68	32.50	2.74
Disney Fantasy	2012	Large/Family resort	4,000	1,458	6	1.68	32.50	2.74
Disney Magic	1998	Large/Family resort	2,713	950	5	2.67	30.96	2.86
Disney Wonder	1999	Large/Family resort	2,713	950	5	2.67	30.96	2.86
ON ORDER								
New ship	2021	Large/Family resort	2,500				56.00	
New ship	2022	Large/Family resort	2,500				56.00	
New ship	2023	Large/Family resort	2,500				56.00	

FRED. OLSEN CRUISE LINES

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TRADITION means a lot to a company that celebrated its 170th birthday in 2018 and is still managed by a member of the founding family.

Fred. Olsen operates four small ships that it bought from other lines and renovated, though the present chairman, Fred Olsen junior, has ambitious plans to build a series of 600-guest 'exploratory' ships. In 2019/20, the current fleet will visit 219 destinations in 75 countries, covering 79 areas of scenic cruising. As well as the UK departure ports of Dover, Southampton, Liverpool, Newcastle and Edinburgh, there is an expanded programme of fly-cruises. Fred. Olsen will also offer more fjord itineraries, global exploration voyages and five-night tasters, as well as three mystery cruises.

After its 'Captains in Cadiz' gathering of all four ships in 2018, the line is planning its next reunion – 'Four Freds in Funchal' – in Madeira on 4 April 2020.



AT A GLANCE
Well-loved, itinerary led line with ex-UK departures

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Balmoral	1988	2008	Medium/Classic	1,350	510	6	13	32.25	2.65
Black Watch	1972	1996	Small/Classic	804	320	5	13	35.59	2.51
Boudicca	1973	2006	Small/Classic	880	329	5	13	32.26	2.67
Braemar	1993	2001	Small/Classic	929	371	4	7	26.20	2.50

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ATA GLANCE
High-end line focused on luxury and expedition cruising

*Spa not on all ships

ALREADY the proud owner of Europa 2, one of the most luxurious ships afloat, this high-end German line is moving into expedition cruising in a big way. Coming in 2019 are Hanseatic Nature and Hanseatic Inspiration, two 230-guest ships of the highest possible

ice class, with sister ship Hanseatic Spirit to follow in 2021. The three expedition vessels will travel to the Arctic and Antarctic, as well as warmer destinations such as the Amazon (note that Nature will be a German-speaking ship, while Spirit will be adults-only).



Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Bremen*	1990	Small/Expedition	155	100	2	1.64	43.56	1.55
Europa	1999	Small/Ultra luxury	400	285	4	100	72.23	1.40
Europa2	2013	Small/Ultra luxury	500	370	7	100	85.66	1.35
ON ORDER								
Hanseatic Nature	2019	Small/Expedition	230	175	3	21.6	68.04	1.31
Hanseatic Inspiration	2019	Small/Expedition	230	175	3	21.6	68.04	1.31
Hanseatic Spirit	2021	Small/Expedition	230	175	3	21.6	68.04	1.31

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ATA GLANCE
Luxurious Scottish small-ship experience

THE SMALL SHIP Hebridean Princess is excellent for single travellers, with a third of her 30 cabins reserved for solo guests. Senior officers, such as the captain, chief engineer and chief purser, also host larger tables in the restaurant for passengers sailing alone, so they are all seated together.

Though originally built in 1964, Hebridean Princess has an annual refit to keep her up to date, and by 2019 all her cabins will be newly refurbished. With 38 crew and a reputation for fine service, food and wine, this is a ship that always offers a warm welcome.

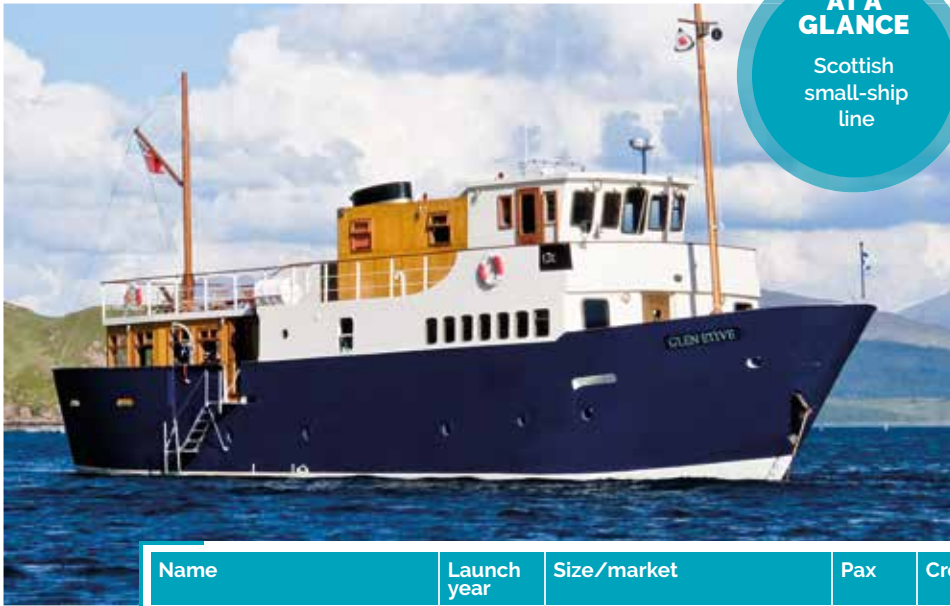
In 2019 Hebridean Princess will make her first visit to the Isle of Carna in Loch Sunart, as well as returning to the northern isles of Orkney and Shetland. Themed itineraries include – not surprisingly – whisky, as well as gardens, wildlife, classical music and art.



Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Hebridean Princess	1964	1989	Country-house luxury	50	38	1	3	42.24	1.32

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AT A GLANCE
Scottish small-ship line

THIS SMALL Scottish cruise line is expanding its fleet to four in 2019, its 15th year of operation. New 12-passenger Glen Shiel, now under construction on the Isle of Bute, will be similar to sister ship Glen Etive, featuring brass and hardwood fittings to resemble a 1930s gentleman's yacht, though with an improved observation saloon and more powerful engines. She will undertake 10-night cruises, sailing to the west coast of the Outer Hebrides, St Kilda and Wester Ross, with accommodation including two single cabins and five double/twin rooms.

Majestic guests can sample the line's own-brand spirit – Bilgewater Gin – and all ships offer a delightfully midge-free way to explore the Western Isles, as the notorious biting insects don't like to travel across water.

Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Glen Etive	2016	Very small/Coastal	12	4	1	0	90.00	3.00
Glen Massan	2004	Very small/Coastal	11	4	1	0	90.91	2.75
Glen Tarsan	2007	Very small/Coastal	11	4	1	0	90.91	2.75
ON ORDER								
Glen Shiel	2019	Very small/Coastal	12	4	1	0		3.00

MARELLA CRUISES

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FRESH FROM launching Marella Explorer in 2018, the former Thomson Cruises is preparing to introduce Explorer 2 in May 2019.

Prompted by the popularity of this year's adults-only sailings, Explorer 2 will be child-free and designed for couples and groups of friends travelling together. When she enters service the whole Marella fleet will also go all-inclusive as standard – a move that the line believes will appeal particularly to new and younger cruisers.

The new ship, currently sailing as SkySea Golden Era, will home-port in Naples, carrying 1,814 passengers in 907 cabins – nearly 40 per cent of which will have balconies. Like Explorer, she will also have a Champneys spa on board.

This has been a year of welcomes for Marella, but there was one sad goodbye in 2018, when the fleet said farewell to Marella Spirit after 15 years, marking the occasion with a captain's speech and celebratory cake.



AT A GLANCE
Value-for-money line, catering for families

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Marella Celebration	1984	2005	Medium/Classic	1,264	520	5	3	26.84	2.43
Marella Discovery	1996	2016	Medium/Resort	1,830	761	7	2	38.25	2.40
Marella Discovery 2	1995	2017	Medium/Resort	1,836	760	7	10	37.84	2.42
Marella Dream	1986	2010	Medium/Resort	1,533	600	6	10	35.72	2.56
Marella Explorer	1996	2018	Medium/Resort	1,924	830	10	5	40.02	2.32
ON ORDER									
Marella Explorer 2	1997	2019	Medium/Resort	1,814	830	8	7	39.44	2.19

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IF THE ABSENCE of organised entertainment, fancy dress, deck games or any of the usual big-ship razzamatazz is your idea of cruising heaven, this line's three sister ships offer a warm welcome – together with opportunities to learn about nature, culture and ancient civilisations from guest speakers, and to enjoy a little music in the lounge or bar after dinner. Despite their small size, the ships are all-suite, though dress on board is casual and relaxed with no black-tie evenings.

Itineraries during 2019 include Christmas and New Year in New Zealand on Caledonian Sky; Patagonia and the Chilean fjords on Hebridean Sky; and Fiji to Tahiti on Island Sky. All prices include gratuities, shore excursions and drinks with meals on board.

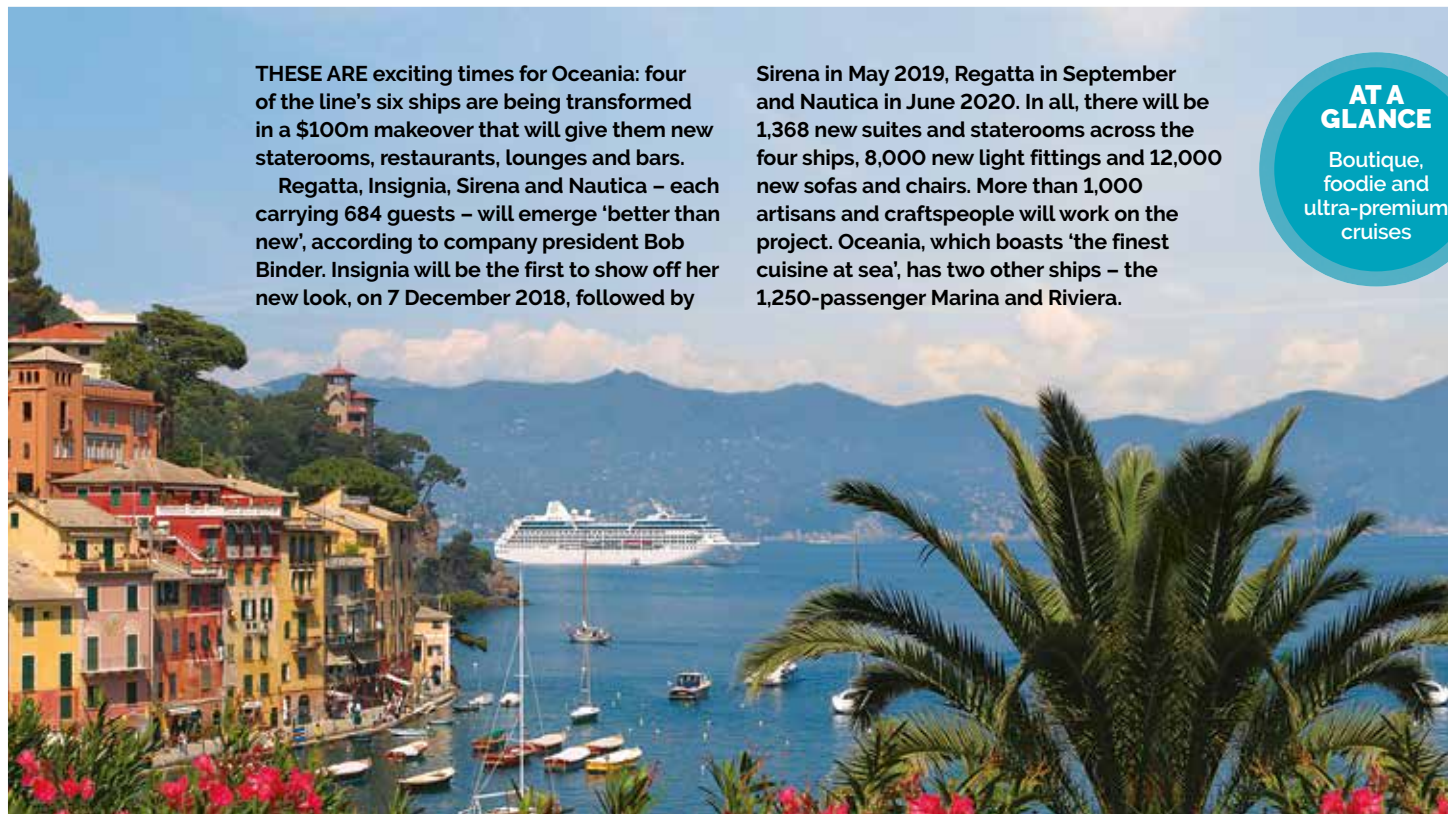
AT A GLANCE

All-suite small ships with bucket-list itineraries

Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Caledonian Sky	1991	Small/Expedition	114	75	2	100	36.84	1.52
Hebridean Sky	1991	Small/Expedition	118	75	2	100	35.59	1.57
Island Sky	1991	Small/Expedition	118	75	2	100	35.59	1.57

OCEANIA CRUISES

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THESE ARE exciting times for Oceania: four of the line's six ships are being transformed in a \$100m makeover that will give them new staterooms, restaurants, lounges and bars.

Regatta, Insignia, Sirena and Nautica – each carrying 684 guests – will emerge 'better than new', according to company president Bob Binder. Insignia will be the first to show off her new look, on 7 December 2018, followed by

Sirena in May 2019, Regatta in September and Nautica in June 2020. In all, there will be 1,368 new suites and staterooms across the four ships, 8,000 new light fittings and 12,000 new sofas and chairs. More than 1,000 artisans and craftspeople will work on the project. Oceania, which boasts 'the finest cuisine at sea', has two other ships – the 1,250-passenger Marina and Riviera.

AT A GLANCE

Boutique, foodie and ultra-premium cruises

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Insignia	1998	2014	Small/Upper premium	684	400	6	18.12	44.26	1.71
Marina	2011		Medium/Upper premium	1,250	800	10	61.21	52.87	1.56
Nautica	2000	2005	Small/Upper premium	684	400	6	18.12	44.26	1.71
Regatta	1998	2003	Small/Upper premium	684	400	6	18.12	44.26	1.71
Riviera	2012		Medium/Upper premium	1,250	800	10	61.21	52.87	1.56
Sirena	1999	2016	Small/Upper premium	684	400	6	18.12	44.26	1.71

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THIS TRADITIONAL British line, which can trace its roots all the way back to 1837, is gearing up for the launch of 5,200-passenger Iona in 2020. The new ship, which will be easily the biggest in the fleet, sails first to Norway, on a mission to 'connect with the sea'. A second ship, due in 2022 and designed to appeal to millennials, will 'follow the sun'.

P&O Cruises has already taken a major step towards attracting new-to-cruisers by removing the £7pp a day automatic gratuity earlier this year. Other innovations have included a new magic and illusion show, *Astonishing*, produced by Bafta-winning presenter and entertainer Stephen Mulhern and performer Jonathan Wilkes, which was premiered on Britannia, Azura and Ventura.

In 2019, the 1,874-passenger Aurora will join Arcadia and Oriana as an adults-only ship, while Oceana will spend a season in the Middle East.



AT A GLANCE

Traditional, value-for-money family line

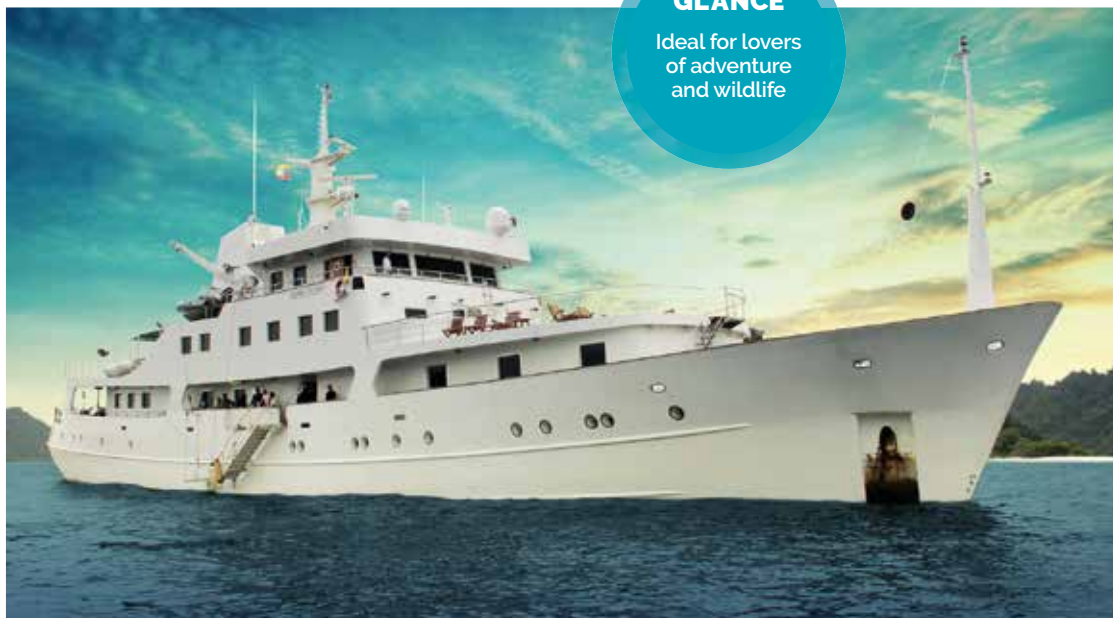
Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Arcadia	2005		Large/Resort	2,094	886	4	3.33	39.97	2.36
Aurora	2000		Medium/Resort	1,874	850	6	1.28	40.64	2.20
Azura	2010		Large/Resort	3,100	1,250	9	1.68	37.11	2.48
Britannia	2015		Large/Resort	3,647	1,350	10	2.29	39.21	2.70
Oceana	2000	2002	Large/Resort	2,016	890	5	0.6	38.44	2.27
Oriana	1995		Medium/Resort	1,880	760	6	0.86	37.15	2.47
Ventura	2008		Large/Resort	3,078	1,205	9	1.68	37.69	2.55
ON ORDER									
Iona	2020		Large/Resort	5,200		13	0.1	34.62	
Iona class 2	2022		Large/Resort	5,200				34.62	

PANDAW

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KNOWN FOR its river cruises, Pandaw has one seagoing vessel, the restored 1960s motor yacht Andaman Explorer, which from February 2020 will sail ten-night expeditions across the Andaman Sea in the Indian Ocean. The ship's 20 guests will be able to explore both the Mergui Archipelago in Myanmar and India's Andaman Islands, which until recently were closed by their respective governments. As well as swimming off white sandy beaches and snorkelling in coral reefs, passengers will be able to head into the interior to see the rainforest and hike along jungle trails.



AT A GLANCE

Ideal for lovers of adventure and wildlife

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Andaman Explorer	1963	2017	Small/Expedition	20	12	1	100	57.50	1.67

PAUL GAUGUIN CRUISES

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TAKE A TRIP to paradise on this cruise line's only ship, the 332-guest Paul Gauguin. Named after the artist who made French Polynesia his home, the Paul Gauguin regularly calls at Tahiti and the Society Islands, and in 2019 will return to Fiji with 12 and 13-night itineraries, sailing across the International Date Line and making a rare visit to the kingdom of Tonga.

On all sailings, guests receive complimentary access to the line's two exclusive retreats. Off the coast of Taha'a lies the islet of Motu Mahana, where passengers can enjoy a day of water sports, Polynesian activities, a barbecue feast and cocktails from floating bars. In Bora Bora, they can relax on a private, white-sand beach and enjoy refreshments, a game of volleyball, and snorkelling and paddle-boarding in crystal-clear waters.



AT A GLANCE
 Luxury small-ship cruising in the exotic South Seas

Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger/crew
Paul Gauguin	1998	Small/Luxury	332	217	3	4.82	57.83	1.53

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AT A GLANCE
 Luxury and expedition cruising for an international market

AGED 30, this French company is in the middle of a growth spurt. In 2018 it launched expedition ships Le Laperouse and Le Champlain, to be followed in 2019 by Le Bougainville and Le Dumont d'Urville. Two more sister ships are on order for 2020, followed by a 270-passenger polar icebreaker, Le Commandant Charcot, bringing the fleet up to 12 by 2021.

Starting in 2019, Ponant is joining forces with America's National Geographic to offer cruises to Oceania, Latin America and the Caribbean – and if you really want a white Christmas, the line can help you celebrate while visiting Antarctica.

Ponant has not forgotten its roots, however, and traditional Gallic style is still evident in the food and drink, the atmosphere and design, though all crew members also speak English. And despite the impressive new tech in the latest ships, the fleet still includes the line's original three-masted yacht, Le Ponant.

Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger/crew
L'Austral	2011	Modern luxury yacht	264	140	2	9.84	41.45	1.89
Le Boreal	2010	Modern luxury yacht	264	140	2	9.84	41.45	1.89
Le Champlain	2018	Expedition yacht	184	110	2	4.35	54.35	1.67
Le Laperouse	2018	Expedition yacht	184	110	2	4.35	54.35	1.67
Le Lyrial	2015	Modern luxury yacht	244	140	2	10.65	45.05	1.74
Le Ponant*	1991	Sailing yacht	64	32	1	0	18.58	2.00
Le Soleal	2013	Modern luxury yacht	264	140	2	9.84	41.64	1.89
ON ORDER								
Le Bougainville	2019	Expedition yacht	184	110	2	4.35	54.35	1.67
Le Dumont d'Urville	2019	Expedition yacht	184	110	2	4.35	54.35	1.67
Le Bellot	2020	Expedition yacht	184	110	2	4.35	54.35	1.67
Le Surville	2020	Expedition yacht	184	110	2	4.35	54.35	1.67
Le Commandant Charcot	2021	Luxury icebreaker	270	180			111.11	1.50

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AT A GLANCE

Ultra-luxury line, priding itself on fine dining and opulence



FOLLOWING the 2016 launch of Regent Seven Seas Explorer – billed as the world’s most luxurious ship – Regent is now building a sister, Seven Seas Splendor, to launch in 2020. And to keep the whole fleet up to the same opulent standards, the line has spent \$125million refurbishing its other three ships, finishing with Seven Seas Mariner in 2018.

Guests will be able to admire the new-look Mariner at length in 2021, when the 700-passenger ship sets off on a world cruise from Miami to Barcelona, visiting 30 countries and 61 ports across South America, French Polynesia, Australia, Asia and the Mediterranean.

Yes, fares are high, but with everything from flights to fine wines included, Regent argues that its prices compare well with suites on more mainstream lines.

Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Seven Seas Explorer	2016	Small/Ultra luxury	750	542	7	100	74.67	1.38
Seven Seas Mariner	2001	Small/Ultra luxury	700	445	6	100	68.68	1.57
Seven Seas Navigator	1999	Small/Ultra luxury	490	345	5	100	58.78	1.42
Seven Seas Voyager	2003	Small/Ultra luxury	700	447	6	100	60.52	1.57
ON ORDER								
Seven Seas Splendor	2020	Small/Ultra luxury	750		7	100	0.00	

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AT A GLANCE

Boutique-style cruising for a loyal clientele

IT'S OUT with the old and in with the new for this over-50s brand. Saga is pensioning off its two 37-year-old ships and replacing them with its first new-builds. Saga Pearl II leaves in 2019, making way for the 999-passenger Spirit of Discovery, and sister ship Spirit of Adventure replaces Saga Sapphire in 2020.

The Kent-based company, which already offers chauffeur-driven transfers to and from departure ports, has announced that both new ships are going all-inclusive – Discovery in January 2020 and Adventure when it joins the fleet in August of that year. Guests will be able to enjoy complimentary house spirits, wine, beer and soft drinks as well as free onboard wi-fi, and Saga even guarantees that first-timers who do not enjoy their ships will be offered early flights home and a refund of their cruise fare.

Sapphire begins her final cruise on 11 April 2020 – expect a few tears as she leaves Dover on a round trip to Norway.



Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Saga Pearl II	1981	2009	Small/Classic	449	252	3	7	41.41	1.78
Saga Sapphire	1981	2011	Small/Classic	720	415	4	3	51.81	1.73
ON ORDER									
Spirit of Discovery	2019		Small/Modern classic	999	530		9	55.96	1.88
Spirit of Adventure	2020		Small/Modern classic	999	530			55.96	1.88

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PART OF the giant US Carnival Corporation, this 30-year-old line has always been known for its sleek small ships, matched with exciting excursions on its Ventures by Seabourn programme.

Having welcomed Ovation to the fleet in 2018, Seabourn is entering the expedition market in style with two 264-passenger ships, launching in 2021 and 2022, each carrying two submarines, a complement of

kayaks and 24 Zodiac inflatable boats. Meanwhile improvements are being rolled out across the fleet, including a new venue for candlelit dining called Earth & Ocean at The Patio, with an à la carte menu by consulting chef Anton Egger.

Itineraries are also developing, with the line's maiden visit to Cuba scheduled for 2019, and a 146-day world cruise for Seabourn Sojourn in 2020.

AT A GLANCE

Small, exclusive ships combining luxury and adventure



Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Seabourn Encore	2016	Small/Luxury	600		5	100	67.25	
Seabourn Odyssey	2009	Small/Luxury	450	330	4	100	71.11	1.36
Seabourn Ovation	2018	Small/Luxury	600		5	100	67.25	
Seabourn Quest	2011	Small/Luxury	450	330	4	100	71.11	1.36
Seabourn Sojourn	2010	Small/Luxury	450	330	4	100	71.11	1.36
ON ORDER								
Expedition ship	2021	Small/Expedition	264				87.12	
Expedition ship	2022	Small/Expedition	264				87.12	

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ATA GLANCE
Romantic tall ships, offering a taste of life under sail

THE TRUE romance of the sea is captured by this Hamburg-based company's two splendid sailing ships. Launched in 1931, Sea Cloud is a windjammer with four masts and 29 sails, while Sea Cloud II is a modern interpretation of the classic tall ship, built in 2001.

Life on board is relaxed – though the expert crew work hard to sail these elegant vessels in the traditional fashion – and port calls are made at less-frequented spots in Europe and the Caribbean. In June 2019, Sea Cloud II will take her 94 passengers on a 16-night British Isles itinerary from Portsmouth to Edinburgh, calling at Dartmouth, the Scilly Isles, the Isle of Man, the Orkneys and Invergordon. Sea Cloud will sail a four-night itinerary around the Canary Islands in November, with the chance for guests to see whales, dolphins and turtles.

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Sea Cloud*	1931	1994	Fully rigged sailing ship	64	60	1	2	39.56	1.07
Sea Cloud II	2001		Fully rigged sailing ship	94	65	1	18	40.95	1.45

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ATA GLANCE
Luxury small ships with impeccable service

WITH ONLY 112 guests and 95 crew on each of its two ships, SeaDream bills its voyages as 'yachting, not cruising'. And it's hard to argue: sleeping on deck in luxury beds and being served champagne in the surf are just two signature experiences.

Offering itineraries of seven to 15 days, the ships are small enough to squeeze into many harbours that most cruise ships can't access. In April 2019, SeaDream I will sail a 13-night 'Hygge' trip from Puerto Rico to Malaga, involving a live Cluedo experience. The cruise line is also visiting Cuba from January until April.

Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
SeaDream I	2001	Small/Ultra luxury	112	95	1	17.8	38.39	1.18
SeaDream II	2001	Small/Ultra luxury	112	95	1	17.8	38.39	1.18

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ATA GLANCE
Butler service and all-suite accommodation



ENJOYING a new dawn in many ways, Silversea became part of the Royal Caribbean family in 2018 and has ordered a third Muse-class ship – Silver Dawn – to follow Silver Muse, launched last year, and Silver Moon, due in 2020. The company has also announced 'Project Invictus', a fleet-wide enhancement that includes major overhauls for Silver Whisper, Silver Wind and Silver Shadow. And there's more: a new 100-passenger expedition vessel, Silver Origin, is lined up to sail the Galapagos Islands from 2020, and two Evolution-class ships are due to debut from 2022.

In 2020, Silver Whisper will become the first ship to visit all seven continents, including Antarctica, on a world cruise. The 140-day, 62-port, 32-country voyage will leave Fort Lauderdale on 6 January and conclude in Amsterdam on 25 May. Suites will cost from \$62,000 to \$250,000.

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Silver Cloud	1994		Premium expedition	254	223	4	100	66.14	1.14
Silver Discoverer	1989	2014	Premium expedition	116	100	2	100	44.98	1.16
Silver Explorer	1989	2008	Premium expedition	144	118	2	100	42.17	1.22
Silver Galapagos	1990	2013	Premium expedition	100	75	2	100	40.77	1.33
Silver Muse	2017		Small/Luxury	596	411	8	100	68.29	1.45
Silver Shadow	2000		Small/Luxury	382	302	4	100	73.97	1.26
Silver Spirit	2009		Small/Luxury	608	412	8	100	65.00	1.48
Silver Whisper	2001		Small/Luxury	382	302	4	100	73.97	1.26
Silver Wind	1995		Small/Luxury	296	222	4	100	58.78	1.33
ON ORDER									
Silver Moon	2020		Small/Luxury	596	411	8	100	68.29	1.45
Silver Origin	2020		Small/Expedition	100					
Silver Dawn	2021		Small/Luxury	596	411	8	100	68.29	1.45
Evolution class	2022		Small/Luxury						
Evolution class 2	TBA		Small/Luxury						

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WITH SAILS billowing in the wind, ropes coiled on deck and water splashing over the cabin portholes, Star Clippers provides an authentic experience that is, in all ways, close to the ocean. And with just one restaurant and one bar, which extends on to the deck, passengers soon strike up conversations and friendships.

Sailing around the Greek islands – one 2019 itinerary includes Skiathos and Skopelos, where *Mamma Mia* was filmed – offers a vivid insight into how the ancient seafarers felt as they set off to explore new lands. Other featured destinations include Borneo, the Caribbean and the Panama Canal, as well as themed health, fitness, food and wine sailings. New-build ship Flying Clipper, with room for 300 guests, is due to join the fleet at the end of 2018.



ATA GLANCE
Grand sailing ships in the true maritime tradition

Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Flying Clipper	2018	Fully rigged sailing ship	300		2	22.67	29.23	
Royal Clipper	2000	Fully rigged sailing ship	227	106	1	14.54	19.49	2.14
Star Clipper	1992	Fully rigged sailing ship	170	74	1	1.18	13.52	2.30
Star Flyer	1991	Fully rigged sailing ship	170	74	1	1.18	13.52	2.30

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AT A GLANCE
Relaxed premium cruising in Scandi-chic surroundings



VIKING BELIEVES it has hit on a winning formula, having launched five near-identical sisters since 2015, with another 11 on the way. Each of the 930-passenger ocean ships is furnished in chic but laid-back Scandinavian style, reflecting the company's Norwegian roots. Viking's chairman, Torstein Hagen, has also ordered two 'innovative' vessels – believed to be expedition ships – for delivery

in 2021 and 2022, which the company has yet to comment on.

The line's big event for 2019 – apart from the launch of Viking Jupiter – is what it calls the Ultimate World Cruise, spanning 245 days, six continents, 59 countries and 113 ports, with a full circumnavigation of the globe. Prices for the voyage by Viking Sun, leaving London on 31 August, start at £66,990.

Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger/crew
Viking Orion	2018	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
Viking Star	2015	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
Viking Sea	2016	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
Viking Sky	2017	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
Viking Sun	2017	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
ON ORDER								
Viking Jupiter	2019	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
Unnamed	2021	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
New ship	2021	Small/Expedition						
New ship	2022	Small/Expedition						
Unnamed	2022	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
Unnamed	2022	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
Unnamed	2023	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
Unnamed	2024	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
Unnamed	2025	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
Unnamed	2026	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
Unnamed	2027	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
Unnamed	TBA	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50
Unnamed	TBA	Small/Premium	930	620	8	10	51.40	1.50

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ATA GLANCE
Small-ship cruising that's big on enrichment

THE OXFORD-based cruise line's single ship, Aegean Odyssey, may be small but she has big ambitions. On 9 December 2018 she begins her longest ever cruise – a 129-day voyage to more than 40 ports in 22 countries. Destinations will include India, Sri Lanka, Burma, Thailand, Singapore, the Seychelles, the Maldives and Reunion Island. The voyage ends on 13 April 2019 in Malaga, but guests have the option of returning to Athens, making 140 days of continuous travel. Passengers can book for sections of the voyage but many are staying on for the whole 'grand odyssey', even at a starting price of £21,150 per person.

Aegean Odyssey herself is fresh from a comprehensive makeover that added two more cabins for solo travellers, new furnishings and a fully refurbished pool. Total bookings for the cruise line, which features expert lecturers and destination-rich itineraries, are at a record high for 2019.

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger/crew
Aegean Odyssey	1973	2009	Small/Classic	386	180	2	3	29.96	2.14

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WITH ITS six small ships – the largest takes just 310 guests – Windstar can sail its guests into the heart of great destinations such as Venice, Bordeaux and Ho Chi Minh City, as well as cruising year-round in Tahiti. And there's plenty of time to explore, as nearly half of all itineraries offer late-night departures, overnight or even two-night stays in port.

Back on board, a partnership with the James Beard Foundation, named after the US food writer, offers locally inspired menus, interactive cooking demonstrations and opportunities to go shopping ashore in local markets with chefs. On every cruise, a deck barbecue is held against the backdrop of a picturesque port, with dishes such as lobster, paella and slow-roasted pork, followed by entertainment from the crew. Special Destination Discovery Events on select itineraries include such treats as dinner in the illuminated courtyard of the ancient library in Ephesus, Turkey, with the sound of the Aegean Chamber Orchestra echoing through the night.



ATA GLANCE
All-suite motor vessels and traditional tall ships

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger/crew
Star Breeze	1986	2015	Small/Premium	212	140	2	100	47.05	1.51
Star Legend	1992	2015	Small/Premium	212	140	2	100	47.05	1.51
Star Pride	1990	2014	Small/Premium	212	140	2	100	47.05	1.51
Wind Spirit	1998		Fully rigged sailing ship	148	90	2	1.35	38.51	1.64
Wind Star	1996		Fully rigged sailing ship	148	90	2	1.35	38.51	1.64
Wind Surf	1998		Fully rigged sailing ship	310	191	3	21.2	47.42	1.62

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AT A GLANCE
Lively ships with fun facilities



IF THERE'S one word that runs through Carnival it is 'fun', often in capital letters. If you've missed it in the company's brochures or website while booking your cruise, you're likely to see the word emblazoned around the ship. Britons may initially be a little reserved about joining in the dance-offs at sailaway, but they normally get into the mood once they reach the lively nightclubs.

The latest in the Carnival family is Horizon, a Vista-class ship launched in 2018, which will be followed by sister Panorama in 2019. A pair of 180,000GRT megaships are also on the order books.

In other news, Carnival Triumph is becoming Carnival Sunrise, and Carnival Splendor will be making a 24-night trans-Pacific crossing in 2019 – the longest single voyage in the line's history. The 3,012-passenger ship will leave Long Beach, California, on 5 October, reaching Singapore 25 days later via Hawaii, Guam, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Carnival Breeze	2012	Large/Resort	3,690	1,386	10	2.91	34.69	2.66
Carnival Conquest	2002	Large/Resort	2,974	1,150	9	3.87	37.07	2.59
Carnival Dream	2009	Large/Resort	3,646	1,367	9	3.84	35.11	2.67
Carnival Ecstasy	1991	Large/Resort	2,056	920	6	5.26	34.23	2.23
Carnival Elation	1998	Large/Resort	2,052	920	6	5.26	34.29	2.23
Carnival Fantasy	1990	Large/Resort	2,056	920	6	5.26	34.23	2.23
Carnival Fascination	1994	Large/Resort	2,056	920	6	5.26	34.23	2.23
Carnival Freedom	2007	Large/Resort	2,974	1,180	9	3.87	36.99	2.52
Carnival Glory	2003	Large/Resort	2,974	1,160	8	3.87	36.99	2.56
Carnival Horizon	2018	Large/Resort	3,974	1,450	13	3.76	33.59	2.74
Carnival Imagination	1995	Large/Resort	2,056	920	6	5.26	34.23	2.23
Carnival Inspiration	1996	Large/Resort	2,056	920	6	5.26	34.23	2.23
Carnival Legend	2002	Large/Resort	2,124	1,030	7	4.71	41.67	2.06
Carnival Liberty	2005	Large/Resort	2,974	1,160	9	3.87	36.99	2.56
Carnival Magic	2011	Large/Resort	3,646	1,367	10	2.91	35.11	2.67
Carnival Miracle	2004	Large/Resort	2,124	961	6	4.71	41.67	2.21
Carnival Paradise	1994	Large/Resort	2,052	920	6	5.26	34.29	2.23
Carnival Pride	2002	Large/Resort	2,680	930	7	4.71	32.05	2.88
Carnival Sensation	1993	Large/Resort	2,634	920	6	5.26	26.77	2.86
Carnival Splendor	2008	Large/Resort	3,783	1,160	8	3.26	29.95	2.62
Carnival Sunshine	1996	Large/Resort	3,754	1,040	9	3.63	27.40	3.61
Carnival Triumph/Sunrise	2000	Large/Resort	3,390	1,100	10	3.62	29.94	3.08
Carnival Valor	2007	Large/Resort	3,700	1,180	9	3.87	29.80	3.14
Carnival Victory	1999	Large/Resort	3,473	1,100	7	3.62	29.23	3.16
Carnival Vista	2016	Large/Resort	3,936	1,450	11	3.76	33.92	2.71
ON ORDER								
Carnival Panorama	2019	Large/Resort	3,974	1,450			33.59	2.74
New ship	2020	Large/Resort						
New ship	2022	Large/Resort						

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CELEBRITY is cementing its British links by naming its next ship at Southampton in April 2020. Celebrity Apex, the sister to ground-breaking Celebrity Edge (launching in December 2018) will also sail her first few cruises from the south-coast port. Before then, Edge is calling into Southampton in May 2019, while Celebrity Silhouette is also sailing from the port during the summer.

Kelly Hoppen, the former *Dragons' Den* star who helped design Edge, is also involved

in a \$500million transformation of the whole Celebrity fleet, which aims to bring every ship up to the standard of the newest additions.

The name Apex was something of a surprise, as the ship was going to be called Beyond, but Celebrity has not ruled that out as a name for one of the two further Edge-class ships now on order (there are whispers that a third might be on the books too). On the expedition front, 100-passenger Celebrity Flora is launching in the Galapagos in 2019.

AT A GLANCE

Spacious premium ships and small expedition vessels



Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger/crew
Celebrity Constellation	2002	Large/Premium resort	2,184	1,022	8	5	41.67	2.14
Celebrity Eclipse	2010	Large/Premium resort	2,850	1,286	11	5	42.81	2.22
Celebrity Edge	2018	Large/Premium resort	2,918	1,320	18	13	44.38	2.21
Celebrity Equinox	2009	Large/Premium resort	2,850	1,290	11	5	42.81	2.21
Celebrity Infinity	2001	Large/Premium resort	2,170	1,024	9	5	41.91	2.12
Celebrity Millennium	2000	Large/Premium resort	2,158	1,024	9	5	42.14	2.11
Celebrity Reflection	2012	Large/Premium resort	3,030	1,293	12	8	41.58	2.34
Celebrity Silhouette	2011	Large/Premium resort	2,886	1,285	13	4	42.27	2.25
Celebrity Solstice	2008	Large/Premium resort	2,850	1,284	11	5	42.81	2.22
Celebrity Summit	2001	Large/Premium resort	2,158	1,027	9	5	42.14	2.10
Celebrity Xpedition*	2001	Premium expedition	100	64	2	26	28.42	1.56
Celebrity Xperience*	2004	Premium expedition	48	35	2	0	33.54	1.37
Celebrity Xploration*	2017	Premium expedition	16	12	2	8	19.97	1.33
ON ORDER								
Celebrity Flora	2019	Premium expedition	100		2	100	57.39	
Celebrity Apex	2020	Large/Premium resort	2,900	1,320	18	13	44.66	2.20
Celebrity Edge 3	2021	Large/Premium resort	2,900	1,320	18	13	44.66	2.20
Celebrity Edge 4	2022	Large/Premium resort	2,900	1,320	18	13	44.66	2.20

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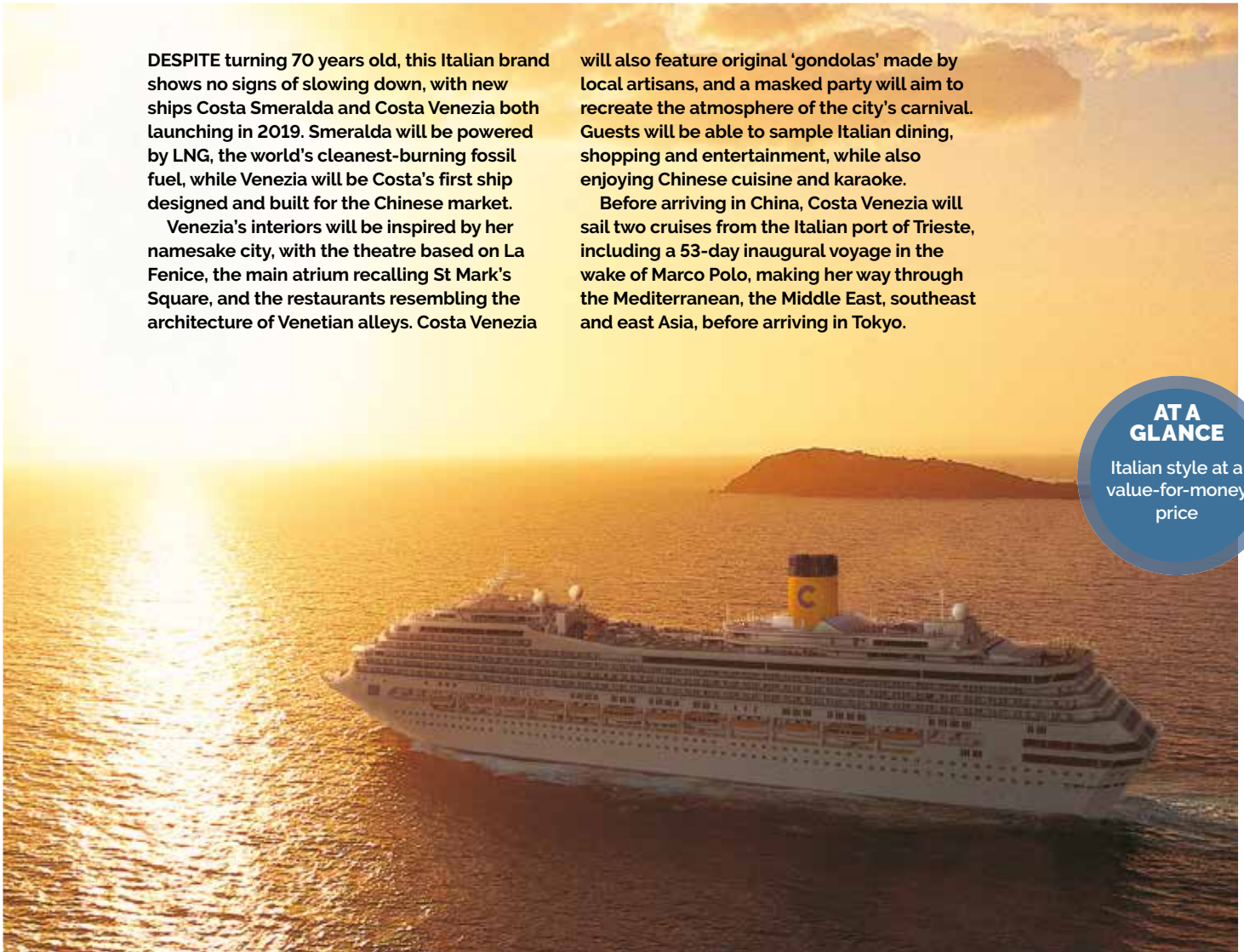


DESPITE turning 70 years old, this Italian brand shows no signs of slowing down, with new ships Costa Smeralda and Costa Venezia both launching in 2019. Smeralda will be powered by LNG, the world's cleanest-burning fossil fuel, while Venezia will be Costa's first ship designed and built for the Chinese market.

Venezia's interiors will be inspired by her namesake city, with the theatre based on La Fenice, the main atrium recalling St Mark's Square, and the restaurants resembling the architecture of Venetian alleys. Costa Venezia

will also feature original 'gondolas' made by local artisans, and a masked party will aim to recreate the atmosphere of the city's carnival. Guests will be able to sample Italian dining, shopping and entertainment, while also enjoying Chinese cuisine and karaoke.

Before arriving in China, Costa Venezia will sail two cruises from the Italian port of Trieste, including a 53-day inaugural voyage in the wake of Marco Polo, making her way through the Mediterranean, the Middle East, southeast and east Asia, before arriving in Tokyo.



AT A GLANCE
Italian style at a value-for-money price

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Costa Atlantica	2000		Large/Resort	2,680	897	5	5.5	31.95	2.99
Costa Deliziosa	2010		Large/Resort	2,826	934	5	9.7	32.81	3.03
Costa Diadema	2014		Large/Resort	4,947	1,253	8	4	26.89	3.95
Costa Fascinosa	2012		Large/Resort	3,800	1,110	6	4.64	29.82	3.42
Costa Favolosa	2011		Large/Resort	3,800	1,110	6	4.64	29.79	3.42
Costa Fortuna	2003		Large/Resort	3,470	1,027	4	4.2	29.56	3.38
Costa Luminosa	2009		Large/Resort	2,826	1,050	5	9.7	32.81	2.69
Costa Magica	2004		Large/Resort	3,470	1,027	5	4.2	29.56	3.38
Costa Mediterranea	2003		Large/Resort	2,680	897	4	5.5	31.95	2.99
Costa neoClassica	1992		Large/Resort	1,680	574			31.56	2.93
Costa neoRiviera	1999	2013	Large/Resort	1,727	500	4	15	27.91	3.45
Costa neoRomantica	2012		Large/Resort	1,800	622	6	3.8	31.54	2.89
Costa Pacifica	2009		Large/Resort	3,780	1,110	6	4.4	30.27	3.41
Costa Serena	2007		Large/Resort	3,780	1,110	5	4.66	30.20	3.41
Costa Victoria	1996		Large/Resort	2,394	790	6	1.6	31.40	3.03
ON ORDER									
Costa Smeralda	2019		Large/Resort	6,518	1,678	11	1.07	28.03	3.88
Costa Venezia	2019		Large/Resort	4,200		15		32.26	
New ship	2020		Large/Resort	4,200		15		32.26	
New ship	2021		Large/Resort	6,518	1,678	11	1.07	28.03	3.88

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 Premium ships that sail to more than 400 ports



THERE IS still a Dutch heritage to this 145-year-old cruise line, now part of the giant Carnival Corporation, most evidently in the name of its ships, which all end in 'dam'.

In 2019 the smallest of the fleet, the 835-passenger Prinsendam, will be leaving, a few months after 2,666-passenger newcomer Nieuw Statendam has joined. Prinsendam's itineraries will be covered by Rotterdam, Volendam and Veendam. Nieuw Statendam,

launching in December 2018, is a sister ship to Koningsdam, though with eight more staterooms.

Next on the order books is a third Pinnacle-class ship, due in 2021, and the line is spending \$300million on improvements across its fleet of 14 ships, which sail to more than 400 ports in 98 countries. Partnerships include link-ups with O, The Oprah Magazine; Explorations Café, powered by The New York Times; and Digital Workshops in association with Windows.

Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Amsterdam	2000	Medium/Resort	1,380	600	5	24.9	45.43	2.30
Eurodam	2008	Large/Resort	2,104	876	8	10.8	41.02	2.40
Koningsdam	2016	Large/Resort	2,650	1,036	10	12.32	37.55	2.56
Maasdam	1993	Medium/Resort	1,623	569	4	23.7	34.24	2.85
Nieuw Amsterdam	2010	Large/Resort	2,106	929	8	10.8	41.17	2.27
Nieuw Statendam	2018	Large/Resort	2,666	1,036	10	13	37.32	2.57
Noordam	2006	Medium/Resort	1,924	820	6	16.5	42.78	2.35
Oosterdam	2003	Medium/Resort	1,918	800	6	16.5	42.91	2.40
Prinsendam	1988	Small/Classic	835	443	5	39.6	45.63	1.88
Rotterdam	1997	Medium/Resort	1,404	600	5	27.4	42.66	2.34
Veendam	1996	Medium/Resort	1,348	560	5	26.9	42.36	2.41
Volendam	1999	Medium/Resort	1,440	560	5	27.5	42.50	2.57
Westerdam	2004	Medium/Resort	1,916	815	5	16.5	42.95	2.35
Zaandam	2000	Medium/Resort	1,440	560	4	27.5	42.57	2.57
Zuiderdam	2002	Medium/Resort	1,848	800	6	16.5	44.53	2.31
ON ORDER								
New ship	2021	Large/Resort	2,650	1,025			37.55	2.59

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AT A GLANCE
Long-established expedition line sailing to 30 countries

MANY cruise lines are new to the exploration and expedition market but Hurtigruten has been doing it for 125 years, ever since founder Richard With began a regular service for locals and tourists along the coast of Norway on the steamer DS Vesteraalen.

The company now takes guests to more than 200 destinations in 30 countries around the world, while still operating a year-round ferry service between 34 ports in its northern homeland. And Hurtigruten is confident

enough to offer a Northern Lights promise – if the Aurora Borealis fails to appear during a 12-day Classic or Astronomy voyage, guests get a free six or seven-day cruise.

Keen to take a lead in environmental matters, Hurtigruten has already banned all single-use plastics from its fleet. In 2019 it will launch a hybrid expedition vessel, Roald Amundsen, to be followed in 2020 by sister ship Fridtjof Nansen, with a third vessel on order for 2021.



Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Finnmarken	2002	Small/Passenger & cargo	919		2	5.76	17.07	
Fram	2007	Small/Expedition	318		1	15.75	36.63	
Kong Harald	1993	Small/Passenger & cargo	590		3	0.92	18.99	
Lofoten*	1964	Small/Passenger & cargo	400		1	0	6.55	
Midnatsol	2003	Small/Passenger & cargo	970		2	6.64	16.65	
Nordkapp	1996	Small/Passenger & cargo	590		3	4.11	19.30	
Nordlys	1994	Small/Passenger & cargo	590		2	5.65	18.99	
Nordnorge	1997	Small/Passenger & cargo	590		3	4.97	19.29	
Nordstjemen*	1956	Small/Expedition	149		1	0	14.70	
Polarlys	1996	Small/Passenger & cargo	619		3	2.53	18.32	
Richard With	1993	Small/Passenger & cargo	590		2	8.26	18.99	
Spitsbergen	2009	Small/Expedition	243		1	8.91	30.22	
Trollfjord	2002	Small/Passenger & cargo	822		2	6.58	19.64	
Vesterålen*	1983	Small/Passenger & cargo	490		1	0	12.78	
ON ORDER								
Roald Amundsen	2019	Small/Expedition	530		3	20	39.41	
Fridtjof Nansen	2020	Small/Expedition	530		3	20	39.41	
New ship	2021	Small/Expedition	530		3	20	39.31	

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ALREADY the world's biggest privately owned cruise line, MSC is expanding at a rate of knots. In 2018 it launched Seaview, floated out Bellissima and cut the steel for Virtuosa, and there is at least one new ship lined up for every year until 2026.

To demonstrate its commitment to the UK, MSC has chosen Southampton for the christening of Bellissima in March 2019. More than 2,000

people will be invited, and the ship will be the largest ever named in Britain. Then, after three days hosting travel agents and the press, she will begin her inaugural voyage to Genoa.

MSC is also entering the ultra-luxury market, recently announcing an order for four small 1,000-passenger ships, to be introduced one a year from spring 2023.

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International and multi-generational with Italian flair



Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
MSC Armonia	2001	2004	Large/Resort	2,579	721	4	10	25.40	3.58
MSC Divina	2012		Large/Resort	3,502	1,388	8	6	39.72	2.52
MSC Fantasia	2008		Large/Resort	3,274	1,325	6	6	42.12	2.47
MSC Lirica	2003		Medium/Resort	1,984	721	6	13	33.06	2.75
MSC Magnifica	2010		Large/Resort	2,518	1,038	4	4	37.77	2.43
MSC Meraviglia	2017		Large/Resort	4,490	1,536	11	5	38.22	2.92
MSC Musica	2006		Large/Resort	2,550	1,014	4	1	36.24	2.51
MSC Opera	2004		Large/Resort	2,150	721	4	3	30.51	2.98
MSC Orchestra	2007		Large/Resort	2,550	1,054	4	1	36.31	2.42
MSC Poesia	2008		Large/Resort	2,550	1,039	4	1	36.31	2.45
MSC Preziosa	2013		Large/Resort	3,502	1,390	8	6	39.72	2.52
MSC Seaside	2017		Large/Resort	4,130	1,413	10	11	37.29	2.92
MSC Seaview	2018		Large/Resort	4,130	1,413	10	11	37.29	2.92
MSC Sinfonia	2005		Medium/Resort	1,960	721	4	13	33.47	2.72
MSC Splendida	2009		Large/Resort	3,274	1,313	5	7	42.12	2.49
ON ORDER									
MSC Bellissima	2019		Large/Resort	4,490	1,536	11	5	38.17	2.92
MSC Grandiosa	2019		Large/Resort	4,888	1,704	12	6	36.21	2.87
MSC Virtuosa	2020		Large/Resort	4,888	1,704	12	6	36.21	2.87
MSC Seaside EVO	2021		Large/Resort	4,560				37.14	
MSC World Class 1	2022		Large/Resort	5,520				36.23	
MSC Meraviglia-Plus ship	2023		Large/Resort	4,888				36.21	
MSC Seaside EVO 2	2023		Large/Resort	4,560				37.14	
New ship	2023		Small/Ultra-luxury	1,000				64	
MSC World Class 2	2024		Large/Resort	5,520				36.23	
New ship	2024		Small/Ultra-luxury	1,000				64	
MSC World Class 3	2025		Large/Resort	5,520				36.23	
New ship	2025		Small/Ultra-luxury	1,000				64	
MSC World Class 4	2026		Large/Resort	5,520				36.23	
New ship	2026		Small/Ultra-luxury	1,000				64	

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AT A GLANCE
Informal and fun, with plenty of dining choices

NORWEGIAN Bliss was one of the most exciting newcomers of 2018, taking her rooftop go-kart track and open-air laser tag to Alaska in the summer. Bliss was such a success that she will be joined by sister ship Norwegian Joy in 2019, after a \$50million refit following a year in China.

There's good news in Europe, too, as NCL bases its sixth cruise ship here. Norwegian Pearl will sail from Amsterdam, Spirit from Southampton, Epic will be in Barcelona and Rome, Jade also in Rome, Star in Venice,

and Getaway in Copenhagen. When Spirit repositions to Rome, her destinations will include the Holy Land, ahead of a refit in 2020 before spending the summer in Shanghai. The order book is healthy, too, including a fleet of Leonardo-class ships, compact enough to visit smaller ports.

NCL is particularly proud of its premium all-inclusive fares, which include drinks and gratuities. Many of its ships also have studio cabins for single travellers with an exclusive lounge to meet and make plans for the day.

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Norwegian Bliss	2018		Large/Resort	4,004	1,716	16	18	41.91	2.33
Norwegian Breakaway	2013		Large/Resort	3,929	1,651	16	18	37.08	2.38
Norwegian Dawn	2002		Large/Resort	2,476	1,033	14	10	37.04	2.40
Norwegian Epic	2010		Large/Resort	4,200	1,738	16	16	37.12	2.42
Norwegian Escape	2015		Large/Resort	4,260	1,665	17	16	38.78	2.56
Norwegian Gem	2007		Large/Resort	2,394	1,076	16	16	39.06	2.22
Norwegian Getaway	2014		Large/Resort	3,929	1,640	16	14	37.08	2.40
Norwegian Jade	2006		Large/Resort	2,466	1,078	13	12	37.96	2.29
Norwegian Jewel	2005		Large/Resort	2,376	1,067	15	12	39.14	2.23
Norwegian Joy	2017		Large/Resort	3,883	1,821	14	18	43.19	2.13
Norwegian Pearl	2006		Large/Resort	2,394	1,074	14	13	39.06	2.23
Norwegian Sky	1999		Large/Resort	2,002	896	7	1	38.51	2.23
Norwegian Spirit	1998	2004	Large/Resort	2,018	913	13	1	37.31	2.21
Norwegian Star	2001		Large/Resort	2,348	1,032	13	14	39.07	2.28
Norwegian Sun	2001		Medium/Resort	1,936	940	14	4	40.44	2.06
Pride of America	2005		Large/Resort	2,186	917	13	4	36.80	2.38
ON ORDER									
Norwegian Encore	2019		Large/Resort	4,000				41.95	
Leonardo Class 1	2022		Large/Resort	3,300				42.42	
Leonardo Class 2	2023		Large/Resort	3,300				42.42	
Leonardo Class 3	2024		Large/Resort	3,300				42.42	
Leonardo Class 4	2025		Large/Resort	3,300				42.42	
Leonardo Class 5	2026		Large/Resort	3,300				42.42	
Leonardo Class 6	2027		Large/Resort	3,300				42.42	

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AT A GLANCE
Much-loved large-ship premium line

THIS IS a busy time for Princess, with five new ships to launch by 2025. After Sky Princess in 2019 and Enchanted Princess in 2020 – the latter to be christened in the UK – there will be a sixth Royal-class sister arriving in 2022. Then come the real whoppers – two next-generation LNG-powered ships in 2023 and 2025, which will become the biggest in the fleet, carrying 4,300 guests each.

Earlier this year, the new Majestic Princess sailed to Australia where she began a sixth-

month season to meet growing demand. The number of Brits heading Down Under with Princess nearly doubled in 2018, and more could be on the way after Majestic Princess's entry into Sydney Harbour – guided by a 'runway' of red and white flares – was filmed for the sixth series of ITV's *The Cruise*, due to air in early 2019. Princess has also improved its 40-acre Princess Cays in the Bahamas, adding a new marina, water sports area, wi-fi coverage and refitted bungalows.



Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Caribbean Princess	2004	Large/Resort	3,140	1,200	8	2.1	35.95	2.62
Coral Princess	2003	Medium/Resort	1,974	895	7	1.62	46.42	2.21
Crown Princess	2006	Large/Resort	3,080	1,200	8	1.94	36.87	2.57
Diamond Princess	2004	Large/Resort	2,670	1,100	9	2.24	43.40	2.43
Emerald Princess	2007	Large/Resort	3,080	1,200	7	1.81	36.87	2.57
Golden Princess	2001	Large/Resort	2,600	1,100	7	3.18	41.87	2.36
Grand Princess	1998	Large/Resort	2,600	1,150	8	2.69	41.35	2.26
Island Princess	2003	Large/Resort	2,200	900	7	3.14	42.19	2.44
Majestic Princess	2017	Large/Resort	3,560	1,358	8	2	40.51	2.62
Pacific Princess	2003	Small/Resort	670	375	4	2.95	45.19	1.79
Regal Princess	2014	Large/Resort	3,560	1,346	8	2.5	40.17	2.64
Royal Princess	2013	Large/Resort	3,560	1,346	8	2.5	40.17	2.64
Ruby Princess	2008	Large/Resort	3,080	1,200	8	1.81	36.47	2.60
Sapphire Princess	2004	Large/Resort	2,678	1,100	9	2.24	43.27	2.43
Sea Princess	1998	Large/Resort	2,016	910	5	0.79	38.44	2.22
Star Princess	2002	Large/Resort	2,600	1,100	7	1.92	41.91	2.36
Sun Princess	1995	Large/Resort	2,022	924	6	1.18	38.30	2.19
ON ORDER								
Sky Princess	2019	Large/Resort	3,660	1,358			39.26	2.69
Enchanted Princess	2020	Large/Resort	3,660	1,358			39.26	2.69
Royal Class 6	2022	Large/Resort	3,660	1,358			39.26	2.69
New ship	2023	Large/Resort	4,300				40.70	
New ship	2025	Large/Resort	4,300				40.70	

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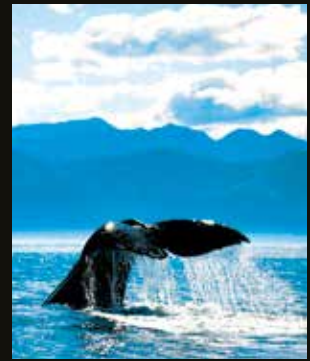
IT'S A RARE year when Royal Caribbean doesn't launch another record-breaking ship. In 2018 it was the turn of Symphony of the Seas to claim the title of the world's biggest cruise vessel, previously held by her predecessors Oasis, Allure and Harmony. Among the new ship's standout features is the Ultimate Family Suite, with a slide from the bedroom to the living room, while new restaurants include a seafood brasserie, a Mexican venue and Playmakers Sports Bar.

Meanwhile in Britain, Independence of the Seas – which shared the biggest ship crown with her Freedom-class sisters at her launch in 2008 – showed off a £70million makeover for her latest season out of Southampton, with additions including VR bungee trampolining, a puzzle room set in a time machine, and glow-in-the-dark laser tag.

Royal Caribbean has also announced a \$200million makeover of its private island in the Bahamas, CocoCay, featuring a water tower with 13 slides – including the tallest in North America – a 1,600ft zipline and a 450ft helium balloon ride. Other island resorts will be opened in Asia, Australia and the Caribbean.

Name	Launch year	Size/market	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Adventure of the Seas	2001	Large/Resort	3,114	1,185	7	7.64	44.08	2.63
Allure of the Seas	2010	Large/Resort	5,484	2,100	15	6.35	41.08	2.61
Anthem of the Seas	2015	Large/Resort	4,180	1,500	17	6.17	40.35	2.79
Brilliance of the Seas	2002	Large/Resort	2,142	848	8	6.07	42.06	2.53
Empress of the Seas	1990	Medium/Resort	1,602	668	3	8.68	30.31	2.40
Enchantment of the Seas	1997	Large/Resort	2,252	852	5	8.23	36.82	2.64
Explorer of the Seas	2000	Large/Resort	3,286	1,185	9	7.24	41.79	2.77
Freedom of the Seas	2006	Large/Resort	3,782	1,360	8	6.35	40.83	2.78
Grandeur of the Seas	1996	Medium/Resort	1,992	760	7	9.44	37.06	2.62
Harmony of the Seas	2016	Large/Resort	5,479	2,193	17	6.88	41.42	2.50
Independence of the Seas	2008	Large/Resort	3,634	1,360	10	6.22	42.49	2.67
Jewel of the Seas	2004	Large/Resort	2,191	852	6	5.47	41.12	2.57
Liberty of the Seas	2007	Large/Resort	3,798	1,360	8	6.32	40.65	2.79
Majesty of the Seas	1992	Large/Resort	2,356	912	5	5.11	31.44	2.58
Mariner of the Seas	2003	Large/Resort	3,114	1,185	9	7.23	44.41	2.63
Navigator of the Seas	2002	Large/Resort	3,686	1,213	9	6.24	37.51	3.04
Oasis of the Seas	2009	Large/Resort	5,484	2,100	17	6.35	41.08	2.61
Ovation of the Seas	2016	Large/Resort	4,180	1,500	18	6.17	40.35	2.79
Quantum of the Seas	2014	Large/Resort	4,180	1,500	17	7.51	40.35	2.79
Radiance of the Seas	2001	Large/Resort	2,500	894	8	6.07	36.04	2.80
Rhapsody of the Seas	1997	Medium/Resort	1,998	765	8	9.5	39.28	2.61
Serenade of the Seas	2003	Large/Resort	2,146	884	9	5.56	41.99	2.43
Symphony of the Seas	2018	Large/Resort	5,518	2,100	17	6.85	41.68	2.63
Vision of the Seas	1998	Large/Resort	2,050	742	8	9.47	38.21	2.76
Voyager of the Seas	1999	Large/Resort	3,286	1,176	7	7.24	41.78	2.79
ON ORDER								
Spectrum of the Seas*	2019	Large/Resort	4,200				40.19	
Harmony3 (Oasis5)	2021	Large/Resort	5,518				41.68	
Icon Class	2022	Large/Resort	5,000				40.00	
Icon Class 2	2024	Large/Resort	5,000				40.00	

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In 2019 the company will acquire a third vessel – Magellan Explorer – which is said to be the world's first expedition ship designed for air-cruise operations. Although capable of taking 100 passengers, her capacity will be limited to 69, including some single cabins, plus 14 expedition staff (the same as fleet-mate Hebridean Sky, and two more than Ocean Nova). With so few passengers, disembarkation from all three ships is fast, so travellers can spend more time exploring.

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Zodiacs	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Hebridean Sky	1991	2015	71	85	2	100	10	60.55	0.84
Ocean Nova	1992	2010	67	46	1	0	10	31.61	1.46
ON ORDER									
Magellan Explorer	2019		69	60	2	31	10	71.01	1.15

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AT A GLANCE
New ship offers a choice of remote destinations



THE LAUNCH of the futuristic Greg Mortimer in October 2019 will allow Australian-based Aurora to expand its reach beyond the Arctic and Antarctic. Designed for adventure, the new vessel (pictured left) will visit remote destinations such as the Robinson Crusoe islands in Chile, the Corn Islands in Nicaragua, Bay Islands in Honduras and Cuba's Guanahacabibes Peninsula.

Like Polar Pioneer, which it will replace, Greg Mortimer is Class 1A ice-strengthened, but 80 per cent of the new ship's cabins have private balconies. On polar voyages it will take a maximum of 120 guests, rising to 160 on its Latin America/Caribbean repositioning cruises. The ship's 15 Zodiacs will make two or three landings a day where possible.

Name	Launch year	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Zodiacs	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Polar Pioneer	1982	54	35	1			32.46	1.54
ON ORDER								
Greg Mortimer	2019	160	104	1	8.8	15	61.67	1.54

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THIS CHILEAN-owned company specialises in exploring the waterways of Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego at the bottom end of South America. In 2018 its ship Stella Australis was joined by sister Ventus Australis – the name means Southern Wind – to sail three, four and seven-night itineraries between September and April each year.

The ships travel between Punta Arenas in Chile and Ushuaia in Argentina along the Strait of Magellan, the Beagle Channel and the remote islands of Tierra del Fuego, visiting many places where few other cruise ships can venture. In 25 years of operation, Australis has introduced more than 100,000 travellers to the glaciers, fjords, sub-polar forests and marine and terrestrial wildlife of Patagonia.

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Experts in exploratory voyages

Name	Launch year	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Zodiacs	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Stella Australis	2010	210	60	1	4.0	8	21.47	3.50
Ventus Australis	2018	210	60	1	4.0	8	21.47	3.50

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Australian line serving the Pacific

AUSSIE LINE Coral is welcoming a new ship in 2019 – Coral Adventurer, which is designed for ocean cruising to remote tropical areas. Drawing on the company's 34 years of building and operating expedition ships, Adventurer will carry 120 guests in 60 cabins, all outside-facing and more than half with balconies. Indoor and outdoor bars will allow guests to see the world go by over a glass of Australian wine.

The ship will join Coral's fleet exploring the Kimberley region, Cape York and Arnhem Land on Australia's north coast, as well as Papua New Guinea, the Spice Islands, Indonesia and the South Pacific.

Name	Launch year	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Zodiacs	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Coral Discoverer	2005	72	23	1	0	3	24.71	3.13
Coral Expeditions I	1988	46	12	1	0	1	15.87	3.83
Coral Expeditions II	1996	42	12	1	0	1	18.33	3.50
ON ORDER								
Coral Adventurer	2019	120	38	1	3.3	6	46.13	3.16

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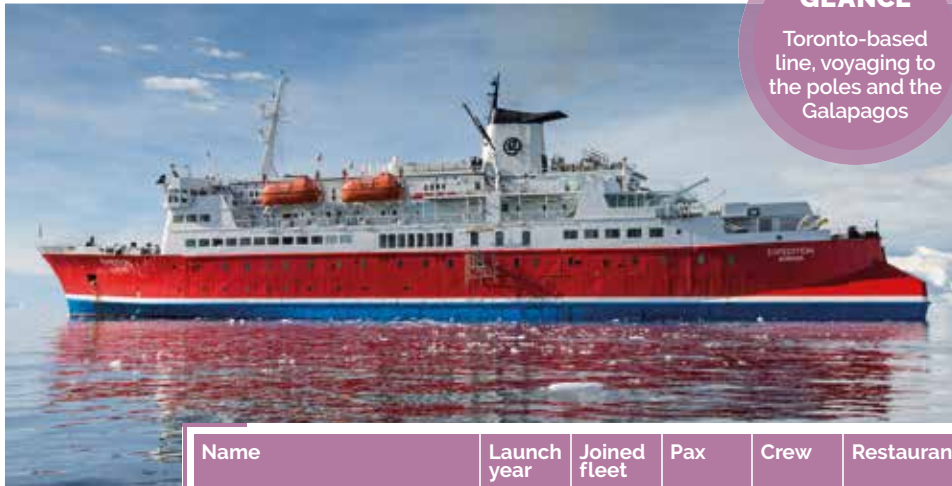
gadventures.co.uk
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AT A GLANCE

Toronto-based line, voyaging to the poles and the Galapagos

KNOWN FOR its adventurous river cruises, this Canadian line also operates the oceangoing 134-guest G Expedition, as well as a fleet of chartered vessels in the Galapagos. Sailing Antarctic itineraries, its flagship has onboard facilities including the Penguin Library, Polar Bear pub and Albatross dining room, plus a fitness centre and sauna. G Adventures is also proud of its onboard experts, with a ratio of one for every ten guests.

In 2019, the line will add the 16-passenger Eden to its Galapagos fleet. The new yacht will sail six itineraries around the islands, with crew including an expert chef and a naturalist.



Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Zodiacs	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
G Expedition	1972	2008	134	69	1	6	13	47.27	1.94
Estrella del Mar	1979	2015	16	8	1	0	0	9.38	2.00
Monserrat	1978	2015	20	13	1	0	0	8.40	1.54
Yolita	2008	2017	16	8	1	0	0	15.69	2.00
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Eden	2002	2019	16	9	1	0	0	11.44	1.78

LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS

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AT A GLANCE

Expanding fleet in partnership with National Geographic

WITH 50 years of Antarctic experience behind it, Lindblad operates a fleet of small expedition ships in conjunction with National Geographic. Now run by Sven-Olof Lindblad, son of the founder, the line offers destinations including the Galapagos, the High Arctic, Baja California, Costa Rica and Alaska – as well as Greece and Turkey, Vietnam and Cambodia, west Africa and New Zealand. Plenty of kayaks allow water-level encounters with wildlife and wilderness, while explorers, photographers, writers, scientists and other experts give onboard lectures.

In 2020 the line will introduce polar ship National Geographic Endurance, boasting infinity hot tubs, saunas with outside views and a glass-walled yoga studio. There will be a second new polar vessel in 2021.

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Zodiacs	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Nat Geo Endeavour II	2005	2017	96	63	1	7.7	8	28.29	1.52
Nat Geo Explorer	1982	2008	148	68	2	7.4	13	43.72	2.18
Nat Geo Islander	1995	2004	48	32	1	0	4	22.19	1.50
Nat Geo Orion	2003	2014	102	47	2	58.5	13	39.06	2.17
Nat Geo Quest	2017		100	44	1	16	8	29.20	2.27
Nat Geo Sea Bird	1981	1990	62	24	1	0	5	10.16	2.58
Nat Geo Sea Lion	1981	1989	62	24	1	0	5	10.16	2.58
Nat Geo Venture	2018		100	44	1	16	8	29.20	2.27
ON ORDER									
Nat Geo Endurance	2020		126		3	79.7	14		
New polar ship	2021								

ONE OCEAN EXPEDITIONS

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THIS CANADIAN company's fleet of polar vessels was joined in 2018 by RCGS Resolute, a 146-passenger ship that will visit South and Central America and the islands of the North Atlantic. The newcomer has bar and lounge areas with 180-degree views, two dining rooms, a gym, wellness centre, sauna, steam room and saltwater pool.

One of the ship's more unusual itineraries is an eight-day Irish and Scottish golf expedition leaving Dublin on 5 June 2019, stopping at courses including Royal County Down in Ireland, Askernish on South Uist and either Royal Dornoch or Castle Stuart near Inverness.

ATA GLANCE

Canadian line with unusual itineraries



Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Zodiacs	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
Akademik Ioffe	1989	2009	100	96	1	10.0	10	62.30	1.04
Akademik Sergey Vavilov	1988	2012	100	92	1	10.0	10	62.30	1.09
RCGS Resolute	1993	2018	146	119	2	10.0	14	57.38	1.23

POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS

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ATA GLANCE

Hardcore expeditions to Earth's frozen extremes

FOUNDED in 1999, this company runs icebreaker cruises to the Arctic and Antarctic. Its fleet includes the Russian nuclear-powered vessel 50 Years of Victory, which can cut through 8ft-thick ice, and the Kapitan Dranitsyn, which is equipped with its own onboard hospital. These have been joined by the expedition ship Sea Spirit, which is able to send all its 114 passengers ashore at the same time in Antarctica or the Arctic, where visitor numbers are strictly limited.

Taken ashore by Zodiac landing craft or helicopter, passengers are accompanied on land by expedition guides and lecturers to see the wildlife and landscapes up close.

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Zodiacs	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
50 Years of Victory	1993	2008	124	128	1	18.0	6	189.03	0.97
Sea Spirit*	1991	2015	114	94	1	54.0	12	36.84	1.21
Kapitan Dranitsyn	1980	2003	100	60	1	6.0	10	129.20	1.67

QUARK EXPEDITIONS

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 @QuarkExpedition



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AT A GLANCE

North Pole and Arctic experts

ADVENTURERS can reach the ends of the Earth on Quark's fleet of icebreakers and polar-class ships. In summer 2019 the line is offering expeditions spanning the Arctic's five main regions – Spitsbergen, Greenland, Canada's High Arctic, the Northwest Passage and the North Pole. Sea kayaking with beluga whales, polar bear-spotting and fishing for Arctic char are among the excursions on offer – but it's reaching 90 degrees north (aka the North Pole) on a Russian nuclear icebreaker that remains the bucket-list dream for many.

Some cruises include onboard workshops with Cindy Miller Hopkins and Sue Flood, professional photographers who have worked for the BBC and National Geographic.



Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Zodiacs	Space ratio	Passenger /crew
50 Years of Victory*	1993	2008	124	128	1	18	6	189.03	0.97
Kapitan Khlebnikov*	1981	1992	110	70	1	7	8	111.71	1.57
Ocean Diamond*	1986	2012	189	144	2	20	18	43.92	1.31
Ocean Endeavour	1981	2015	199	124	1	13	19	64.82	1.60
Ocean Nova*	1992	2006	78	38	1	0	7	28.21	2.05
Ocean Adventurer*	1975	2008	132	87	1	6	14	34.95	1.52

SCENIC CRUISES

scenic.co.uk
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AT A GLANCE

Newcomer that would be at home in a James Bond movie

KNOWN FOR its river operation, Scenic is set to give expedition cruising a shake-up with the debut of 'the world's first discovery yacht' in January 2019. The maiden voyage of Scenic Eclipse, delayed from August 2018, will be a 16-day cruise from Buenos Aires to the Antarctic Peninsula, with a chance to show off some of the stunning features on board, including two helicopters and a seven-seat submarine.

The all-inclusive, all-suite ship, able to carry 228 passengers, will be limited to 200 guests on voyages to the poles, when she will carry extra crew. But Eclipse will also cruise in warmer climes, including the Caribbean and the Med, where her small size means she can dock in the centre of cities such as Seville in Spain. Sister ship Eclipse 2 will join the fleet in 2020.

Name	Launch year	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Zodiacs	Space ratio	Passenger / crew
Scenic Eclipse 1	2019	228	176	9	100	12	75	1.30
Scenic Eclipse 2	2020	228	176	9	100	12	75	1.30

UNCRUISE ADVENTURES

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AT A GLANCE

Active and adventurous itineraries worldwide

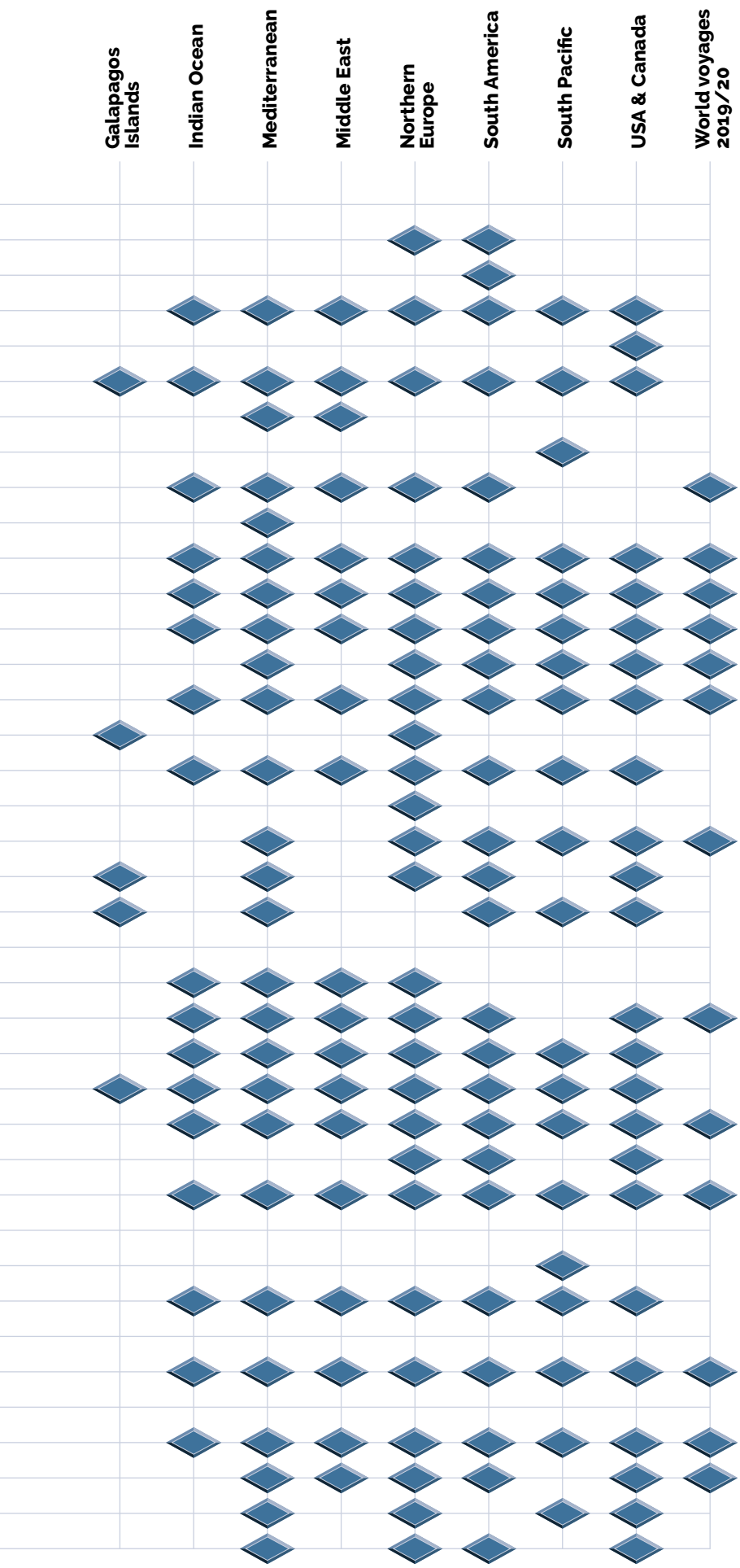
SEATTLE-based UnCruise promises big adventures in small ships, under the slogan 'unrushed, uncrowded, unbelievable'. The line's boutique yachts and small ships carry between 22 and 90 guests to a wide range of destinations including Alaska, Hawaii and the Galapagos. Among the activities offered are skiff excursions, hiking, bushwhacking, biking, snorkelling and rafting.

For 2019, UnCruise is planning 10 and 12-night cruises in Costa Rica and Panama, as well as a week-long wine-themed voyage from Portland, Oregon, along the Columbia and Snake rivers via vineyards, a brewery and a cider maker. UnCruise's first trip to Alaska in 2019 will be on 6 April – the earliest in the company's history.

Name	Launch year	Joined fleet	Pax	Crew	Restaurants	% Suites	Zodiacs	Space ratio	Passenger / crew
La Pinta	2008	2017	48	27	1	0	4	29.96	1.78
Legacy	1983	2011	90	35	1	2.3	4	1.07	2.57
Safari Endeavour	1983	2011	84	36	1	9.5	4	1.18	2.33
Safari Explorer	1998	2008	36	15	1	5.5	2	2.69	2.40
Safari Quest	1992	1998	22	10	1	0	2	4.41	2.20
Safari Voyager	1982	2013	62	31	1	15.6	4	19.27	2.00
Wilderness Adventurer	1984	2009	60	25	1	0	4	1.48	2.40
Wilderness Discoverer	1992	2009	76	27	1	0	4	1.30	2.81
Wilderness Explorer	2012	2011	74	26	1	0	4	1.27	2.85

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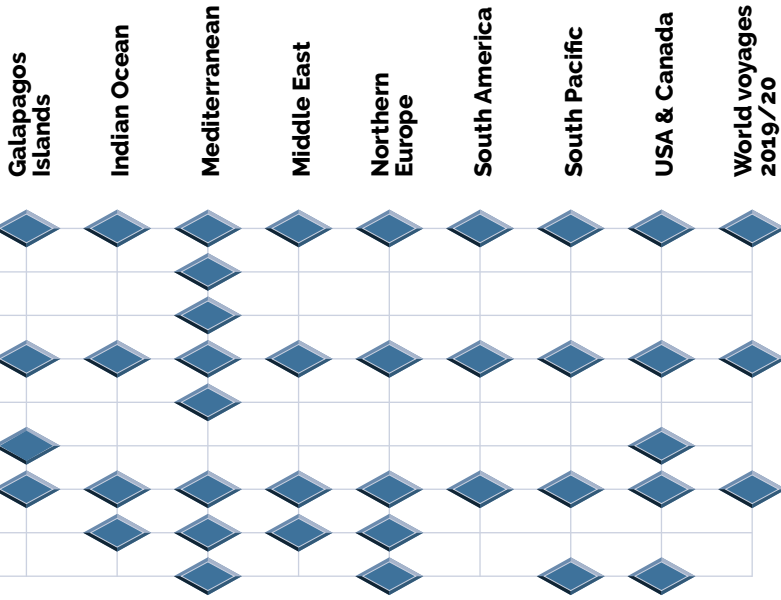
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













































































































































































































































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SEA CLOUD CRUISES	seacloud.com						◆		
SEADREAM YACHT CLUB	seadream.com						◆		
SILVERSEA CRUISES	silversea.com	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
STAR CLIPPERS	starclippers.co.uk		◆				◆		◆
UNCRUISE ADVENTURES	uncruise.com						◆		
VIKING OCEAN CRUISES	vikingcruises.co.uk	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
VOYAGES TO ANTIQUITY	voyagestoantiquity.com	◆		◆		◆		◆	◆
WINDSTAR CRUISES	windstarcruises.com					◆	◆	◆	◆

WHO INCLUDES WHAT?

		Flights/Fly-cruise	UK transfers	Overseas transfers	Speciality dining	Alcoholic drinks	Soft drinks	Bottled water	Wine (or beer)/soft drinks with meals	Gratuities	Shore excursions	Wi-fi
ANTARCTICA21	antarctica21.com	✈️		🚌				🍷	🍷		🚢	
AURORA EXPEDITIONS	auroraexpeditions.co.uk			🚌				🍷	🍷		🚢	
AUSTRALIS	australis.com	✈️	🚗	🚌		🍷	🥤	🍷	🍷		🚢	
AZAMARA CLUB CRUISES	azamaraclubcruises.co.uk					🍷	🥤	🍷	🍷	💰	🚢	
CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE	carnival.co.uk	✈️📄		🚌📄		🍷	🥤	🍷	🍷	💰	🚢	
CELEBRITY CRUISES	celebritycruises.co.uk	✈️		🚌				🍷	🍷	💰		
CELESTYAL CRUISES	celestyalcruises.uk					🍷	🥤	🍷	🍷	💰	🚢	
CORAL EXPEDITIONS	coralexpeditions.com							🍷	🍷	💰	🚢	
COSTA CRUISES	costacruises.co.uk	✈️📄		🚌📄				🍷	🍷			
CROISIEUROPE	croisieurope.co.uk					🍷	🥤	🍷	🍷		🚢	📶
CRUISE & MARITIME VOYAGES	cruiseandmaritime.com											
CRYSTAL CRUISES	crystalcruises.co.uk	✈️		🚌📄		🍷	🥤	🍷		💰	🚢	📶
CUNARD LINE	cunard.co.uk	✈️		🚌								
DISNEY CRUISE LINE	disneycruise.disney.go.com	✈️					🥤					
FRED. OLSEN CRUISE LINES	fredolsencruises.com	✈️		🚌								
G ADVENTURES	gadventures.co.uk			🚌📄							🚢	
HAPAG-LLOYD CRUISES	hl-cruises.com			🚌	🐟					💰	🚢	📶
HEBRIDEAN ISLAND CRUISES	hebridean.co.uk			🚌		🍷	🥤	🍷	🍷	💰	🚢	📶
HOLLAND AMERICA LINE	hollandamerica.com	✈️		🚌								
HURTIGRUTEN	hurtigruten.co.uk	✈️📄		🚌📄								
LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS	expeditions.com			🚌	🐟	🍷📄	🥤	🍷	🍷	💰	🚢	
MAJESTIC LINE	themajesticline.co.uk						🥤	🍷	🍷			📶
MARELLA CRUISES	tui.co.uk/cruise	✈️		🚌		🍷	🥤	🍷	🍷	💰		
MSC CRUISES	msscruises.co.uk	✈️		🚌		🍷📄	🥤	🍷	🍷	💰		📶



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NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE	ncl.co.uk											
NOBLE CALEDONIA	noble-caledonia.co.uk											
OCEANIA CRUISES	oceaniacruises.com											
ONE OCEAN EXPEDITIONS	oneoceanexpeditions.com											
P&O CRUISES	pocruises.com											
PANDAW	pandaw.com											
PAUL GAUGUIN	pgcruises.com											
PONANT	en.ponant.com											
POSEIDON EXPEDITIONS	poseidonexpeditions.com											
PRINCESS CRUISES	princess.com											
QUARK EXPEDITIONS	quarkexpeditions.com											
REGENT SEVEN SEAS CRUISES	rssc.com											
ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL	royalcaribbean.co.uk											
SAGA CRUISES	travel.saga.co.uk/cruises											
SCENIC CRUISES	scenic.co.uk											
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The art of *River Cruising* in 2019



Explore Europe in style and comfort aboard our award-winning Amadeus ships in 2019. From Amsterdam to the Danube Delta and the Black Sea, to the north and south of France and the beautiful scenery of the Rhine and Danube rivers, our cruises are designed to showcase our European heritage. Free from transfers and hassles, full of personal choice and freedom, the possibilities are endless with an Amadeus River Cruise.

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Included in your fare:

Return flights • Non-UK transfers • Accommodation on board your river cruise ship • Gourmet dining with wine, beer and soft drinks at lunch and dinner • 24-hour tea and coffee station • Complimentary Wi-Fi
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River DIRECTORY



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As a nation, we're falling in love with river cruising. UK bookings rose by 21 per cent last year alone, as river lines opened up new routes and new markets,

attracting ocean cruisers, solo travellers and multi-generational families.

So why do we love it so much? Well, river cruising can take us to the heart of Europe's great cities, sailing overnight to maximise time ashore. And nowadays it can transport us to exotic destinations in Africa, India and the Far East, where natural wonders lie round every bend and

traditional lifestyles remain untouched by time. Today's river ships – and many more will launch in 2019 – are spacious, luxurious and chic. Typically carrying no more than 200 guests, they offer a level of service that only the most exclusive ocean lines can match, with food created by expert chefs who source their ingredients from the towns and villages en route.

From the classic Rhine and Danube itineraries to adventurous journeys along the Chindwin and the Chobe, there's a cruise that's perfect for you. So are you ready to roll down the river? ➤

AMADEUS RIVER CRUISES

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@CruiseAmadeus



SAILS Europe

FOUNDED more than 40 years ago, family-owned Amadeus River Cruises is one of the longest-established lines in Europe. The Austrian company offers a wide range of English-speaking cruises, including themed itineraries and visits to the

less-explored Lower Danube Delta. Its 16-strong fleet includes Amadeus Queen, with an indoor pool, and 2019 will see the launch of the 164-passenger Amadeus Star, with drop-down panoramic windows on all the middle and upper-deck cabins.

AT A GLANCE

Flexible à la carte dining, and walk-in wardrobes on new ships



AMAWATERWAYS

amawaterways.co.uk
@AmaWaterways



SAILS Europe, Asia and Africa

NOTED FOR its cuisine, AmaWaterways operates 19 vessels, the latest of them with staterooms offering both french and walk-out balconies. In 2019 the line will be adding three new ships to its 17-strong European fleet: AmaMora on the Rhine,

AmaDouro on the Douro, and the revolutionary AmaMagna on the Danube. With a choice of restaurants, a wellness studio and watersports platform, this 196-passenger ship will be nearly double the width of other Danube cruisers.

AT A GLANCE


Member of the famed gastro society *La Chaine des Rotisseurs*



SAILS USA



AMERICAN CRUISE LINES


 THE LARGEST US company specialising in small-ship river and coastal cruising, American Cruise Lines operates a fleet of 11 ships, a mix of newly built Victorian-style paddlewheelers and the first modern riverboats in the US – American Song (launched in 2018) and American Harmony (pictured above, due in 2019). All vessels carry fewer than 190 passengers and have spacious cabins, nearly all with private furnished balconies. Itineraries include nine Mississippi cruises, ranging from four to 21 nights.

americancruiselines.com @American_Cruise

SAILS USA



AMERICAN QUEEN STEAMBOAT COMPANY


 THE AMERICAN Queen Steamboat Company operates three vessels, all modern interpretations of the classic paddlewheel, with opulent Victorian-style interiors. Sailing the Mississippi are the 426-guest American Queen herself (above), said to be the largest steamboat ever built, and the 166-passenger American Duchess, which was the first all-suite paddlewheel in the US. American Empress sails on the Snake and Columbia rivers, and the line is acquiring a fourth ship, with a launch date yet to be announced.

aqsc.com @CruiseAQSC

SAILS Europe and Asia



APT


 AUSTRALIAN-owned APT provides two styles of cruise via its partner AmaWaterways. Some vessels are exclusively chartered for APT's Luxury European programme of all-inclusive cruises, featuring butler service and an open bar, while others offer value-for-money Essential cruises (previously known as Premium itineraries) that include daily excursions and drinks with meals. APT also offers a land-cruise programme of longer itineraries including a 22-night holiday in Vietnam and Cambodia.

aptouring.co.uk @APTouring

SAILS Asia and South America



AQUA EXPEDITIONS

 FOUNDED in 2007, this boutique line was the first to sail on the Peruvian section of the Amazon, where its recently refurbished 32-passenger Aria Amazon offers three, four and seven-night sailings. It also operates the 40-passenger Aqua Mekong on cruises of the same length in Vietnam and Cambodia. The line has a partnership with famous conservationist Jean-Michel Cousteau, who joins guests on selected sailings, and there are limited-edition sailings with the line's founder Francesco Galli Zugaro, as well as chef-hosted cruises.

aquaexpeditions.com @AquaExpeditions

A-ROSA

arosa.de/en
@arosacruses

SAILS Europe



ATA GLANCE

Free child fares;
optional
excursions,
spa facilities

GERMAN-owned A-Rosa is the only river line offering free cruises for children under 15 on every departure. It has 11 vessels on the Rhine, Moselle, Main, Danube, Rhone, Saone, Seine and – new for 2019 – the Douro. There are dedicated English-speaking 'international' cruises on six ships, although UK passengers are welcome on all sailings. A-Rosa offers flexible buffet-style dining, all-inclusive drinks throughout the day and optional excursions. Ships have excellent gyms, large spas, swimming pools or whirlpools and even saunas.

AVALON WATERWAYS

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SAILS Europe, Asia and South America

A HOME pick-up service is among the inclusions on Avalon Waterways, which is part of the Cosmos group. Avalon was one of the first lines to introduce 'active' excursions and an always-available healthy-eating menu. Active Discovery cruises are offered on the Rhine and

Danube, and include kayaking, hiking, cycling and running tours. Staterooms in Avalon's Suite-class vessels have panoramic sliding doors that create the effect of an interior balcony, and last year the line launched its 21st ship, Avalon Saigon, on the Mekong.

AT A GLANCE

Fully inclusive, 'active' cruises; good for vegetarians




SAILS Europe and Asia



SAILS America



BELMOND

 HIGH-END holiday company Belmond operates seven luxury hotel barges under the name Afloat in France. Carrying four to 12 passengers, the vessels sail through regions including Burgundy and Provence. Excursions can be tailored to individual requirements, and some barges can be booked per cabin while others are available for private charter only (larger parties can book two or more barges and travel in tandem). Belmond also has the 86-passenger Belmond Road to Mandalay sailing on the Ayeyarwady.

belmond.com @belmond

COSMOS TOURS

 Offering good-value holidays and escorted tours since 1961, this family-owned company has more recently expanded into river cruising. Part of the Globus group, Cosmos offers a selection of sailings on Europe's most popular rivers, from three-night taster cruises – ideal for first-timers – to 11-night itineraries in Russia. Cosmos uses ships from its sister company, Avalon Waterways, in addition to chartering vessels from other value-for-money lines including A-Rosa, CroisiEurope and Vodohod.

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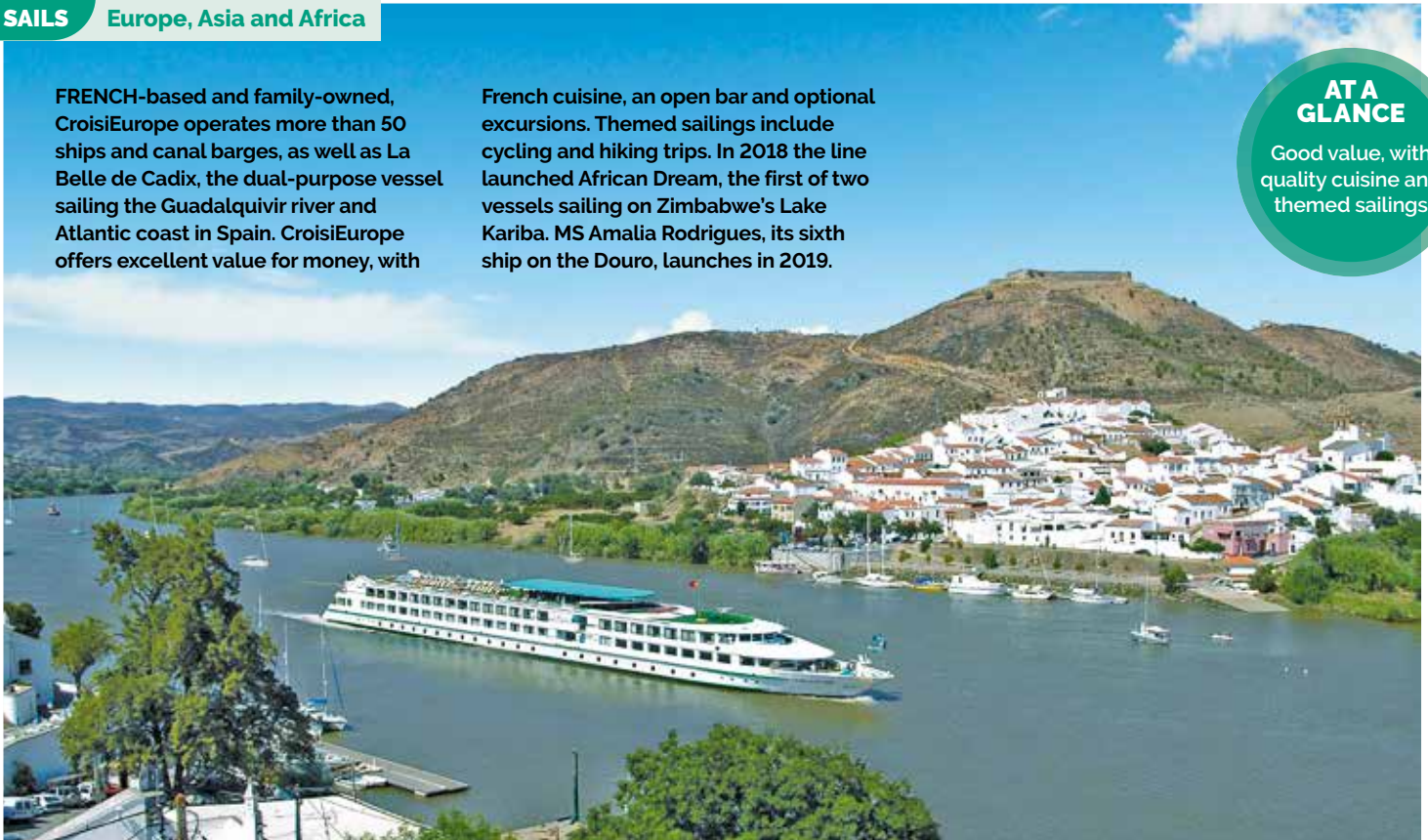
SAILS Europe, Asia and Africa

FRENCH-based and family-owned, CroisiEurope operates more than 50 ships and canal barges, as well as La Belle de Cadix, the dual-purpose vessel sailing the Guadalquivir river and Atlantic coast in Spain. CroisiEurope offers excellent value for money, with

French cuisine, an open bar and optional excursions. Themed sailings include cycling and hiking trips. In 2018 the line launched African Dream, the first of two vessels sailing on Zimbabwe's Lake Kariba. MS Amalia Rodrigues, its sixth ship on the Douro, launches in 2019.

AT A GLANCE

Good value, with quality cuisine and themed sailings



CRYSTAL RIVER CRUISES

crystalcruises.co.uk
@crystalcruises



SAILS Europe

AT A GLANCE

All-inclusive luxury cruising with a high crew-to-passenger ratio



LUXURY ocean line Crystal first entered the river-cruise market in 2016 and continues to expand. Its first ship, Crystal Mozart, is currently the largest cruise vessel sailing on the Danube but carries just 154 passengers, looked after by a crew of 92. The fully refurbished ship, which has its own speedboat for private tours, has since been joined by four brand new vessels: the 106-passenger Crystal Mahler and Crystal Bach, both launched in 2017, and sister ships Crystal Debussy and Crystal Ravel, which debuted in 2018.

EMERALD WATERWAYS

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 @EmeraldWaterway



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LAUNCHED five years ago as a lower-priced sister company to all-inclusive Scenic, Emerald now operates 11 ships in Europe and further afield. Aimed at younger and more active cruisers, its 'Star-Ships' have swimming pools that turn into cinemas, and special guest cruises are accompanied by the likes

of Mary Berry and *Strictly's* Vincent and Flavia. The line recently launched its EmeraldEXPLORER loyalty scheme, and in 2019 it will extend its shore excursion programme with more immersive experiences and active options such as biking and hiking. Emerald has also introduced three new itineraries in Asia.

AT A GLANCE


Active excursions and celebrity guest cruises



SAILS Europe



EUROPEAN WATERWAYS


 WITH 17 vessels, European Waterways is the main hotel barge company based in the UK. Most vessels have been converted from working barges to carry travellers in style and luxury, with comfortable cabins, spacious lounges and sun decks with hot tubs. Catering for six to 20 passengers, each has a crew, hostesses, a guide and chef. The newest addition is the 12-passenger Spirit of Scotland, which cruises on the Caledonian Canal through the heart of the Scottish Highlands. Individual cabins can be booked, or the barges can be chartered exclusively.

europeanwaterways.com @europewaterways

SAILS India



FAR HORIZON

 SINCE 1992, Far Horizon has specialised in providing authentic, eco-friendly holidays to India, with off-the-beaten track excursions and wildlife-spotting opportunities. These include cruises along the Brahmaputra river aboard the 46-passenger Mahabaahu (above), with options to book land extensions in destinations such as Kolkata, Bhutan and the Golden Triangle. Life on board includes yoga sessions and Ayurvedic spa treatments, and travellers can also experience the tranquil Kerala backwaters on the company's two traditional houseboats. Holidays are sold through Fred. River Cruises.

farhorizonindia.com @farhorizonindia

FRED. OLSEN CRUISE LINES

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SAILS Europe



AT A GLANCE

Traditional, British-style river-cruising experience

WITH THE 150-passenger Brabant, Fred. Olsen brings to Europe's rivers the same intimate, home-from-home ambience that its oceangoing passengers know and love. Built in 2006, the ship is reserved exclusively for Fred. Olsen passengers and provides a comfortable, British-style cruising experience that includes daily afternoon tea. On-board facilities include a panoramic lounge bar and restaurant, as well as a gym, massage room and hair salon. Sailing on the Danube, Moselle, Main and Rhine, Brabant will offer 33 itineraries in 2019.

SAILS Europe, Asia and South America



G ADVENTURES



OFFERING sustainable, authentic and affordable small-ship cruising, G Adventures charters ships on the Amazon, Mekong, and the waterways of Burgundy in France. No vessel carries more than 22 passengers, and each cruise is accompanied by a G Adventures 'Chief Experience Officer', chosen for their in-depth knowledge of local sights and culture. The Canadian-owned company keeps prices competitive by working with local suppliers and hotels rather than corporates, and solo travellers happy to share a cabin pay no single supplement.

gadventures.co.uk @gadventures

SAILS Europe



HEBRIDEAN ISLAND CRUISES



AKIN TO the Orient Express afloat – complete with its own-blend whisky – Royal Crown (above) is one of the most atmospheric ships on the Rhine and Danube. The 70-passenger all-inclusive vessel recreates the grandeur of the golden age of travel with high levels of personal service. Maiden calls in 2019 include Golubac and Lepenski Vir in Serbia; Nijmegen and Rotterdam in Holland; and Kitzingen in Germany. Cruises have low single supplements and each itinerary features a unique Hebridean Exclusive Gem experience.

hebridean.co.uk @Hebcruises

SAILS Worldwide



JULES VERNE




Specialising in small- group travel, VJV offers a wide range of river cruises, many delivered through partnerships with lines such as CroisiEurope and Pandaw, and some featuring exclusive Jules Verne charters. This is a good line for solo travellers, who can opt for itineraries without a single supplement or join one of the new Solo Group cruises, offered on the Seine, Ayeyarwady and Nile. Other routes range from European favourites such as the Loire, Rhine, Danube and Douro to exotic rivers such as India's Hooghly, the Mekong and the Amazon.

vjv.com @VJulesVerne

SAILS Asia



PANDAW


 THE PIONEER of small-ship cruising in Asia, Pandaw is still the only line offering sailings in remote areas such as the Upper Chindwin. The line is run by historian and trailblazer Paul Strachan, whose 16 river vessels replicate the traditional brass and teak ships of the old Irrawaddy Flotilla Company. In 2019 Pandaw will position three ships in India for the first time – having previously offered Brahmaputra sailings on a partner's vessel – and introduce new Upper and Lower Ganges itineraries. All vessels in the fleet can be exclusively chartered.

pandaw.com @PandawCruises1

RIVIERA TRAVEL

rivieratravel.co.uk
 @RivieraTravelUK

SAILS Europe, Middle East and Asia

 THE UK'S largest provider of European river cruises with its fleet of 12 modern vessels, Riviera also charts ships further afield. In 2019 the European fleet will be boosted by the addition of the 167-passenger William Wordsworth and the boutique

132-passenger George Eliot. With kettles in all cabins and other British touches, Riviera has built up a loyal following. Singles get a great deal, with supplement-free cabins on most cruises, and there are singles-only cruises with new sailings added for 2019.

AT A GLANCE


Affordable cruising with supplement-free single cabins



SAGA

travel.saga.co.uk
 @SagaHolidaysUK

SAILS Europe

 PROVIDING adult-only holidays for the over-50s, Saga operates six exclusively chartered ships – Rex Rheni, Filia Rheni, MS Carmen, Amadeus Royal, Douro Queen and Johannes Brahms – plus three additional vessels on selected dates. The cruise programme includes

the Rhine and Danube, plus smaller rivers throughout Europe as well as further afield in Russia and Ukraine. New itineraries include a 'Sounds of the 60s' cruise on the Rhine, and a sailing on the Danube and Sava combined with a tour of the Croatian coastline.

AT A GLANCE

Well-known adults-only brand sailing exclusively chartered ships



SAILS Middle East and Asia



SANCTUARY RETREATS

LUXURY TOUR operator Sanctuary Retreats has a fleet of six individually designed ships that explore some of the world's greatest rivers including the Nile, Ayeyarwady and Yangtze. Vessels are continually updated, and Egypt-based Sanctuary Sun Boat IV is the latest to undergo refurbishment, with a complete refresh for the cabins, lounge, restaurant and sun deck. Passenger numbers are kept low to create an intimate and personal experience, while carefully designed itineraries in each location include secluded and memorable docking spots.

sanctuaryretreats.com @SanctuaryRet

SCENIC

scenic.co.uk
@Scenic_UK

SAILS Europe and Asia



**ATA
GLANCE**

All-inclusive
cruising; butler
service; exclusive
excursions

RECENTLY celebrating its 10th anniversary, Scenic is the luxury sister of Emerald Waterways, offering fully inclusive cruising with butler service in every cabin. Its 14 European 'Space-Ships' feature design innovations such as internal sun-lounge balconies that can be closed off

from the living area. Daily programmes feature several excursions, plus special Scenic Enrich events including a private cocktail reception and classical concert in an Austrian palace. There's a new Seine cruise for 2019, and Scenic also charts ships outside Europe.

SAILS Europe



SHEARINGS

THE UK'S largest escorted tour operator, Shearings is renowned for its good-value coach holidays with regional pick-up points. The company also has a dedicated river-cruise collection, using exclusively chartered ships plus a range of partner lines including A-Rosa and CroisiEurope. In line with its land-based tours, Shearings' river cruises are affordable and offer the option to join the ship by air, rail or coach transport. Most cruises include one or two excursions daily, with the chance to pay for additional trips.

shearings.com @Shearings

SAILS Europe



TAUCK


THIS ALL-INCLUSIVE, US-based line offers the highest standard of facilities and service aboard its eight river ships. All vessels carry fewer passengers than rivals of a similar size – between 98 and 130 – and in 2018 Esprit and Treasures were renovated to provide fewer but larger cabins. Tauck pioneered family cruises and in 2019 is introducing three new itineraries: a family Christmas-market cruise on the Danube, a Rhine sailing coinciding with Munich's famous Oktoberfest, and a Seine cruise visiting Normandy's D-Day beaches.

tauck.co.uk @tauck

SAILS Europe



THE RIVER CRUISE LINE

 A FAVOURITE with British travellers, especially retirees, the River Cruise Line offers low-cost cruising on its fleet of chartered vessels. The oldest riverboat on the Rhine, the Lady Anne now has 12 dedicated cabins for single occupancy, while MS Serenity offers cruising on the Danube to the Black Sea. Special cruises for 2019 include a garden-themed sailing accompanied by Charlie Dimmock, and the line is also offering an increased choice of travel options, by rail, air or coach from local pick-up points.

rivercruiseline.co.uk @river_cruising

TITAN TRAVEL



SAILS Europe

ESCORTED touring company Titan brings its hassle-free holiday experience to Europe's rivers, with perks including a home pick-up service and a choice of travel options. As well as offering a range of cruises on various river lines, from budget to luxury, for 2019 it will expand its own cruise programme by adding a second full season charter of the 180-passenger Bellejour, in addition to sailings on Serenade I. Bellejour will offer cruises along the Danube while Serenade I sails on the Rhine.

AT A GLANCE

Dedicated Titan ships with home pick-up and flexible travel


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@titantraveluk



SAILS Europe



U BY UNIWORLD

 LAUNCHED in 2018, this offshoot of luxe line Uniworld offers affordable Rhine and Danube itineraries for millennials and the young at heart. Two former Uniworld ships have been painted in striking black, renamed The A and The B and fitted out with cool interiors, including a silent disco. Cabins sleep up to three, with the option to camp on deck, and fares include two meals a day, rather than the usual full board. Ships moor overnight in cities such as Amsterdam so passengers can experience the nightlife.

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SAILS Europe, Middle East and Asia

UPMARKET and all-inclusive, Uniworld operates 19 boutique vessels, each individually and ornately furnished with original artwork, antiques and hand-finished details. Uniworld is part of the Travel Corporation, owner of the deluxe Red Carnation Hotels, and the hotel vibe

is reflected on board with four-poster beds and white-gloved butlers. Following next year's refurbishment of River Royale – which will be renamed Bon Voyage – the fleet will include six 'Super Ships', offering the highest levels of luxury.



AT A GLANCE

Boutique, all-inclusive cruising with opulent interiors

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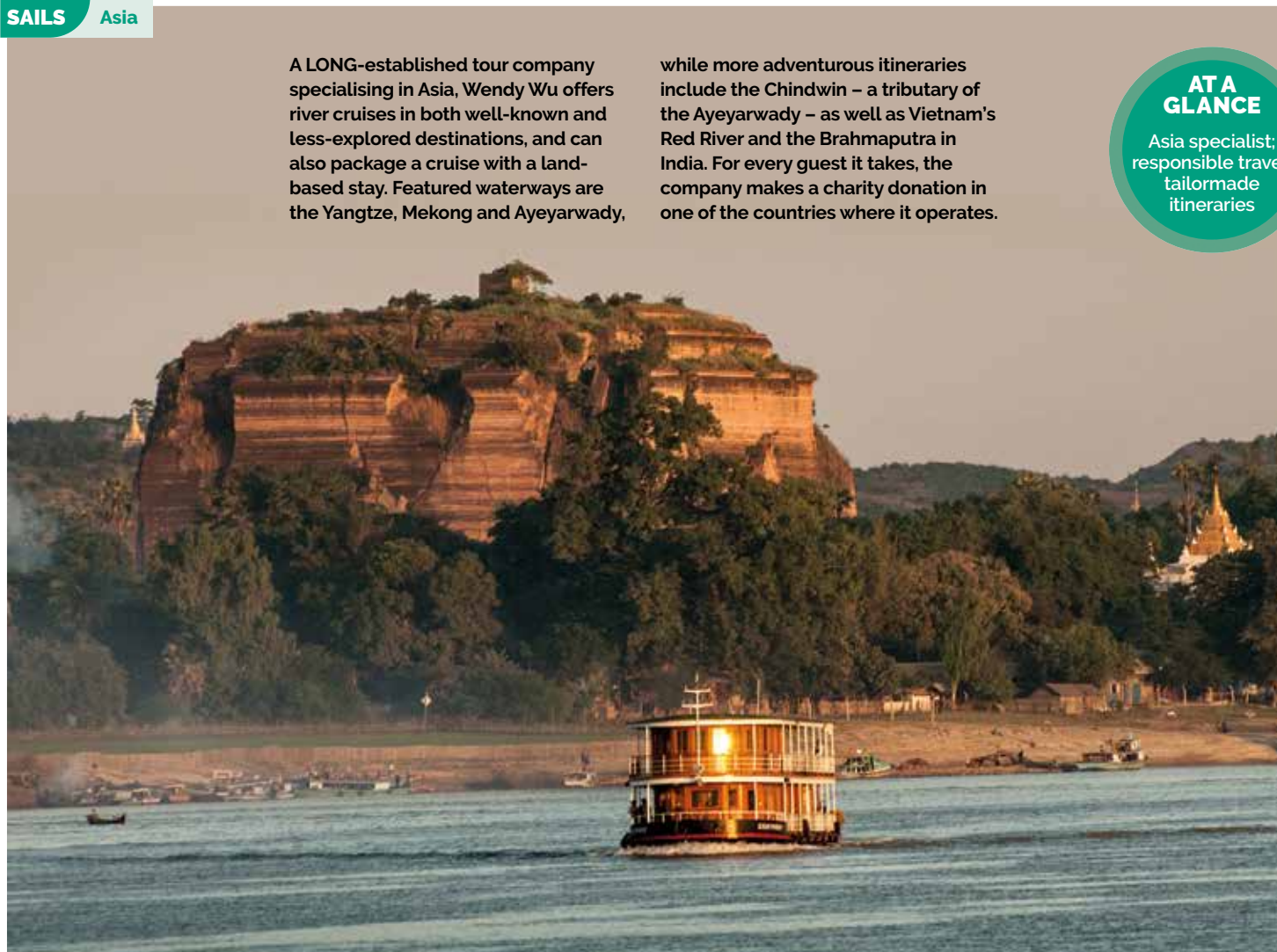
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A **LONG**-established tour company specialising in Asia, Wendy Wu offers river cruises in both well-known and less-explored destinations, and can also package a cruise with a land-based stay. Featured waterways are the Yangtze, Mekong and Ayeyarwady,

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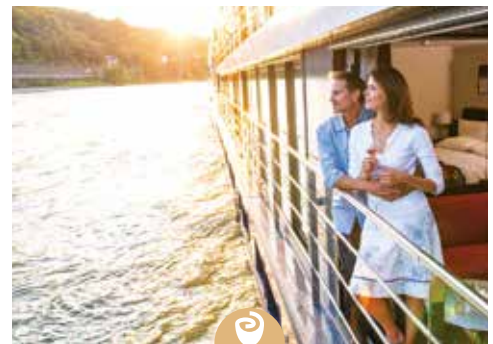
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THE WORLD'S **best rivers**

Where will your next river cruise take you? From the dazzling Douro to the amazing
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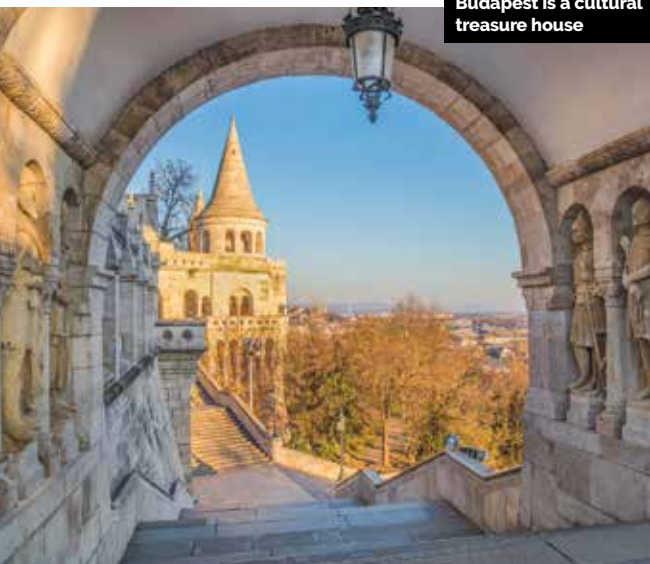
Wide and handsome,
Germany's Rhine is the
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Ayeyarwady, prepare to explore new horizons...





Divided by the Danube, Budapest is a cultural treasure house



DELIGHTFUL DANUBE

Hot on the heels of the Rhine in the popularity stakes comes the Danube. Big on sights, it flows through four capital cities – Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest and Belgrade – and also boasts the gorgeous UNESCO-listed Wachau Valley.

Seven-night sailings between Budapest and Passau, or round-trips from Passau, are an ideal introduction to Europe's second longest river. And if you've already explored the upper stretches through Germany, Austria, Hungary and Slovakia, you'll enjoy discovering the lesser known and wildlife-rich Lower Danube, flowing through Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania to its mouth at the Black Sea.

GET ON BOARD DANUBE

Riviera Travel 7-night 'Blue Danube' cruise, round-trip from Budapest, from £1,099 (01283 880 272; rivieratravel.co.uk)

Amadeus River Cruises 15-night 'Danube Delta' cruise, round-trip from Passau, from £1,929 (0800 035 6411; amadeus-rivercruises.co.uk)





DAZZLING DOURO

Christened the 'River of Gold' by the Romans, Portugal's greatest waterway is less well known than some of its European counterparts, but its popularity is rising fast, and UK visitor numbers rose by 85 per cent last year.

Rising in Spain and winding for 125 miles through lush landscapes to the Atlantic at Porto, this once fast-flowing river has been tamed by dams, including the 180ft Carrapatelo, where boats pass through the deepest lock in Europe. All cruises are seven-night round trips from Porto to the Spanish border, with the chance to visit the 'golden city' of Salamanca.

GET ON BOARD DOURO

Scenic 7-night 'Delightful Douro' cruise, round-trip from Porto, from £1,895 (0808 256 8859; scenic.co.uk)

Viking River Cruises 9-night 'Portugal's River of Gold' cruise, round-trip from Porto, from £2,195 (0800 319 6660; vikingrivercruises.co.uk)



Portugal's Douro winds its way through stunning scenery



Pretty towns and villages line the banks of the Rhine

ROMANTIC RHINE

Lined with fairytale castles, vine-clad slopes and picturesque villages, the Rhine is the world's favourite river for cruising.

The classic itinerary - ideal for first-timers - is a seven-night sailing between Basel and Amsterdam via the UNESCO-listed Middle Rhine Valley, the landmark Lorelei Rock, and charming wine-making towns such as Rudesheim, where you can take a cable car over the vineyards to the imposing Niederwald Monument.

'Rhine in Flames' is a spectacular summer festival to mark the wine harvest, and several lines offer themed cruises to coincide with it.

GET ON BOARD RHINE

APT 7-night 'Rhine Treasures' cruise, from Amsterdam to Basel, from £1,995 (0800 012 6683; aptouring.co.uk)

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Medieval Cochem is a scenic highlight on the Moselle



MAGICAL MOSELLE

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Highlights include the 19th century Ehrenbreitstein fortress – the second largest in Europe – and the UNESCO-listed Roman town of Trier. One of the prettiest spots is the town of Cochem, with its fairytale castle on a 300ft promontory, its delightful half-timbered medieval houses and its quirky attractions such as the Historic Mustard Mill, dating back to 1810 and still in production today.

GET ON BOARD MOSELLE

Shearings 7-night 'Discover the Moselle' cruise, round-trip from Cologne, from £1,184 including coach travel from the UK (01942 415 820; shearings.com)

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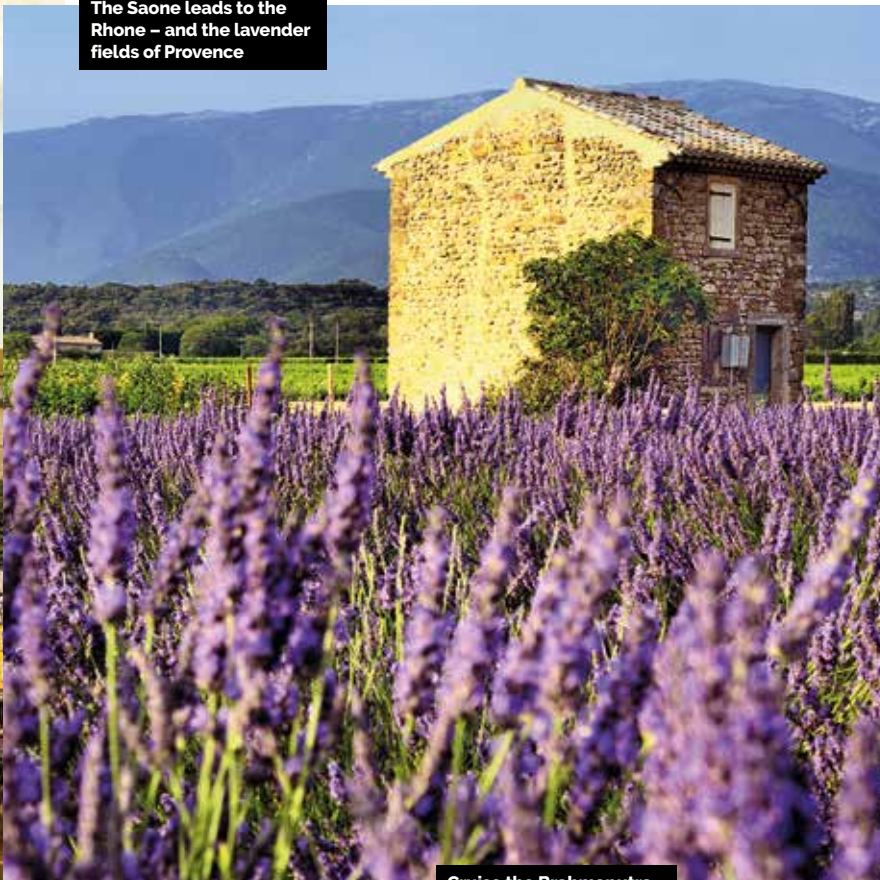
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The Saone leads to the Rhone – and the lavender fields of Provence



GET ON BOARD SAONE

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Uniworld 7-night 'Burgundy and Provence' cruise from Avignon to Lyon via Beaune, from £2,399 (0808 273 3967; uniworld.com)

Cruise the Brahmaputra and you'll see rhinos in Kaziranga National Park



GET ON BOARD BRAHMAPUTRA

Far Horizon 14-night 'Bhutan – The Land of the Thunder Dragon' cruise, from Jorhat to Guwahati, from £3,999 (0808 301 7250; fredrivercruises.co.uk)
Pandaw 7-night 'The Brahmaputra' cruise, from Guwahati to Jorhat, from £2,175 (020 8396 7320; pandaw.com)

SENSATIONAL SAONE

A tributary of the Rhone, which it joins at Lyon, the Saone offers a gastronomic journey through the Burgundy wine region and on into the heart of southern France. Most itineraries begin or end in Chalon-sur-Saone and include plenty of time in Lyon – France's foodie capital – before continuing down the Rhone towards the Mediterranean.

Among the shore excursions will be Beaune, surrounded by the legendary vineyards of the Cote d'Or, while natural highlights include the Ardeche Gorge with its towering limestone cliffs. Further south lies Provence, famous for its lavender fields and white Camargue horses.

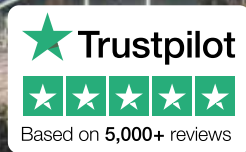
BRILLIANT BRAHMAPUTRA

India is an up-and-coming hotspot for river cruising, and the winding Brahmaputra provides a wonderful insight into this entrancing country.

Rising in the Himalayas, the river flows through the lush Assam valley in northeast India – a land filled with palaces, temples, monasteries and, of course, tea. Itineraries include safari trips to Kaziranga National Park where you'll spot rhinos, elephants and (if you're very lucky) tigers, as well as a multitude of jewel-coloured birdlife. Back on board, Brahmaputra cruise ships provide authentic local experiences including yoga classes and Ayurvedic spa treatments.

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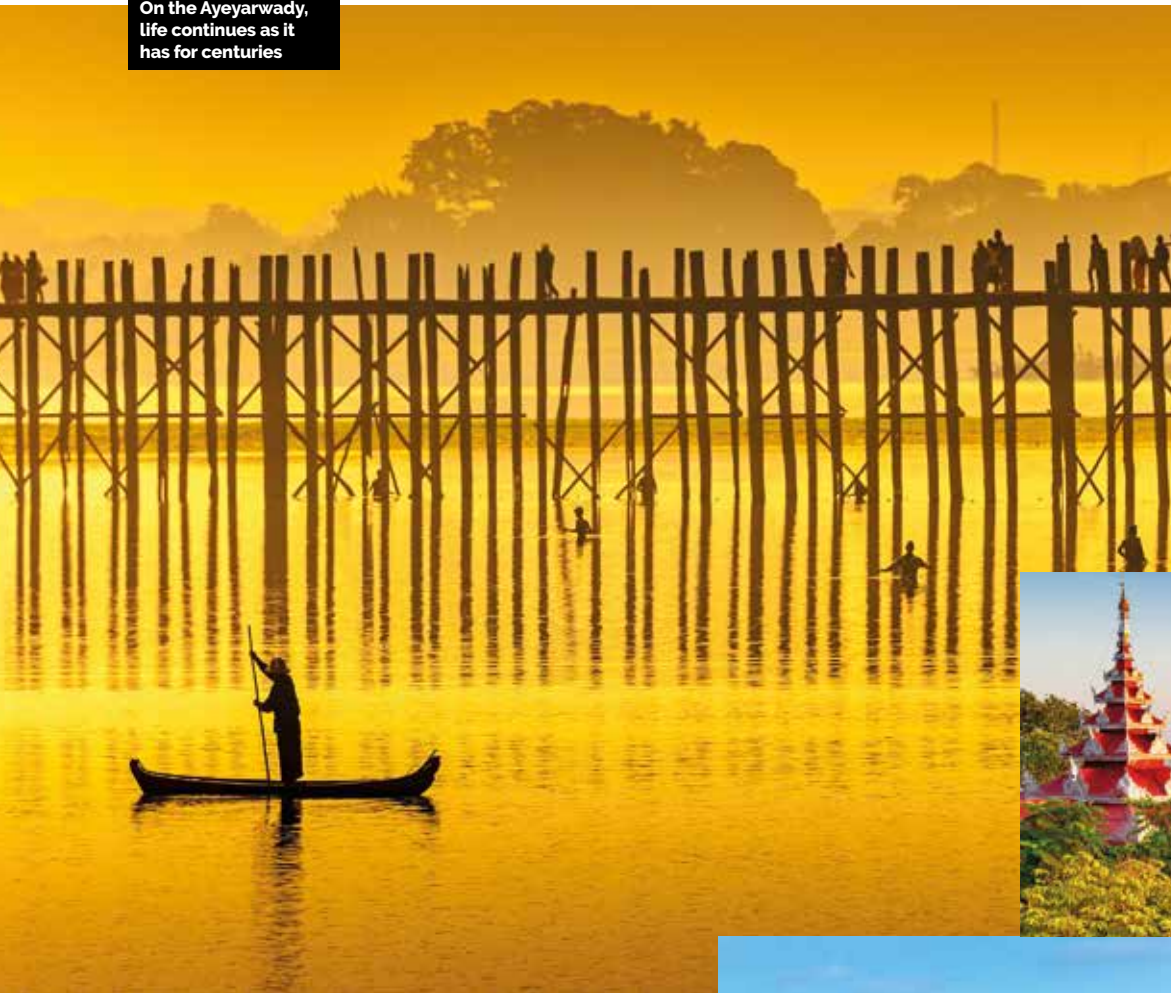


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Belmond Two-night 'Ayeyarwady Experience' cruise, from Bagan to Mandalay, from £937 (0845 077 2222; belmond.com)

A land of dazzling temples, Myanmar is enjoying a tourism boom



AMAZING AYEYARWADY

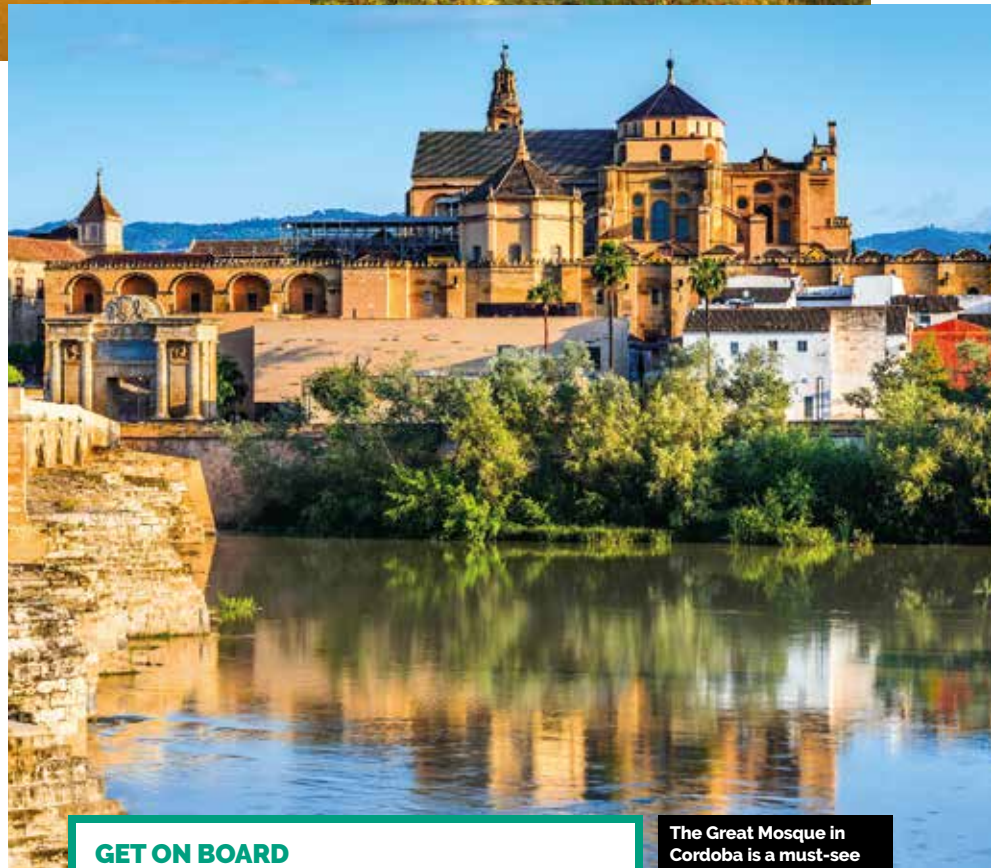
The number of UK passengers sailing on Myanmar's Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy) has more than quadrupled over the past two years. Typically starting from the former Burmese capital Yangon, most itineraries run from the temple-filled town of Bagan to Mandalay.

Sailing aboard atmospheric colonial-style ships with brass fittings and teak decks, an Ayeyarwady cruise offers the opportunity for 'unscripted' walks through remote villages where life has continued unchanged for centuries. For the more adventurous, some sailings include the Chindwin, a tributary that flows through the rarely visited northwest of Myanmar, near the Indian border.

GORGEOUS GUADALQUIVIR

Spain is not well known for river holidays, but its Guadalquivir and Guadiana can be combined in a unique itinerary that's part city break, part river cruise and part ocean voyage.

The Guadalquivir, which rises in the Cazorla Mountains, is Spain's second longest waterway, and the section downstream from Seville is the country's only navigable river. One-week itineraries spend time in the Andalusian capital before sailing down the Guadalquivir to Cadiz, then hugging the Atlantic coastline before taking in a stretch of the Guadiana, the narrow river that separates Spain and Portugal. Just one dual-purpose river and ocean ship, MS Belle de Cadix, offers this unusual sailing.



GET ON BOARD GUADALQUIVIR

CroisiEurope 7-night 'Andalusia: Tradition, Gastronomy and Flamenco' cruise, round-trip from Seville, from £1,111 (020 8328 1281; croisieurope.co.uk)

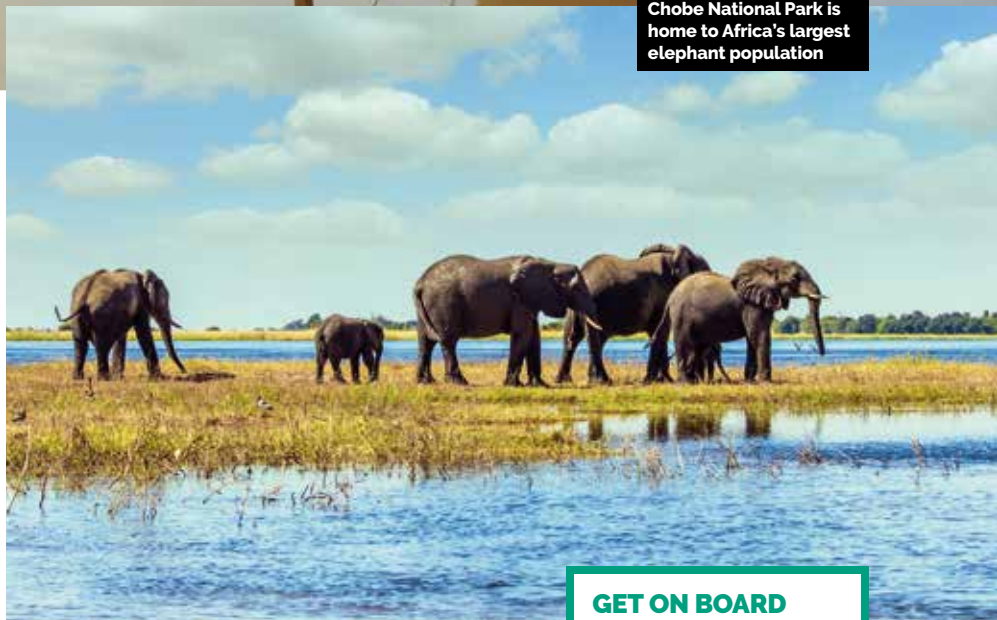
Saga 7-night 'Gems of Andalusia' cruise, round-trip from Seville, from £1,699 (0808 274 7769; travel.saga.co.uk)

The Great Mosque in Cordoba is a must-see excursion from Seville

River cruising in little-known Laos offers a true taste of southeast Asia



Chobe National Park is home to Africa's largest elephant population



MAJESTIC MEKONG

Surrounded by its larger neighbours, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar and China, landlocked Laos is southeast Asia's smallest and least known country. This makes it a fascinating off-the-beaten track choice for a voyage along the twisting and fast-flowing Upper Mekong – a very different proposition from the Lower Mekong that flows through Vietnam and Cambodia.

Bookended by the charming UNESCO-listed French colonial city of Luang Prabang and the buzzing Laotian capital Vientiane, cruises showcase ancient and modern attractions, from the Pak Ou caves set in sheer limestone cliffs and filled with thousands of Buddha statues, to the vast Xayaburi hydro-electric dam.

GET ON BOARD UPPER MEKONG

G Adventures 7-night 'Mekong River Experience' cruise, from Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap, from £1,215 (0344 272 2060; gadventures.co.uk)

Fred. River Cruises 6-night 'Highlights of Northern Laos' cruise, round-trip from Luang Prabang, from £855 (0808 231 6483; fredrivercruises.co.uk)

CHARISMATIC CHOBE

Embark on a thrilling African adventure with a trip along the Chobe River. Itineraries of various lengths allow land stays in safari lodges and cities such as Cape Town, combined with a cruise and a visit to Victoria Falls.

Among the must-do excursions is a full-day 4x4 safari in Chobe National Park, known as 'the land of the giants', which is home to Africa's largest elephant population. Some cruises also offer a trip to Matusadona National Park, another preserved area where guests can see elephants, hippos, crocodiles, buffalos and thousands of birds, including the legendary African sea eagle. ⚓

GET ON BOARD CHOBE

Amawaterways 9-night 'Discover Africa' land-stay and Chobe River cruise, from £7,531 (0800 320 2335; amawaterways.co.uk)

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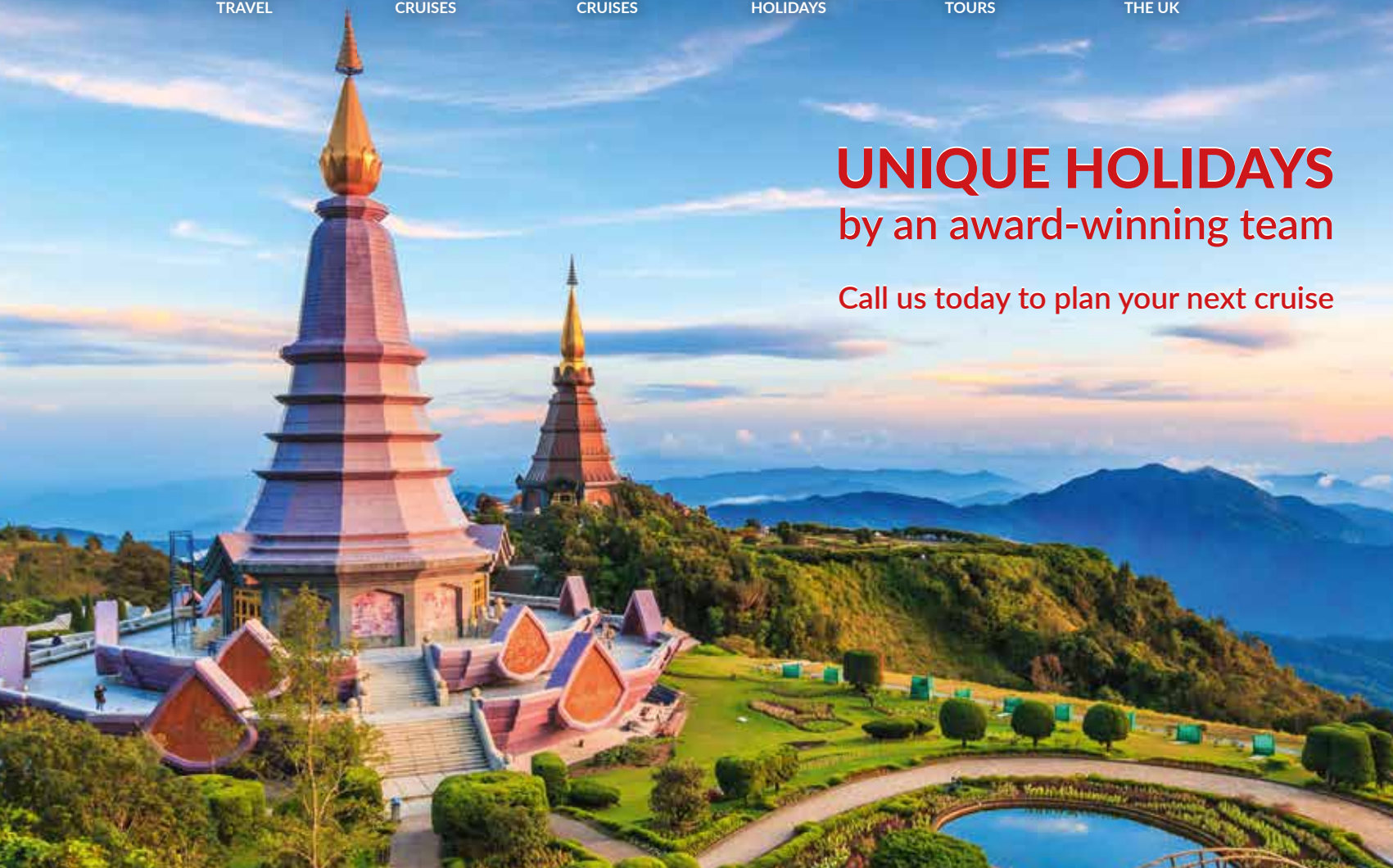
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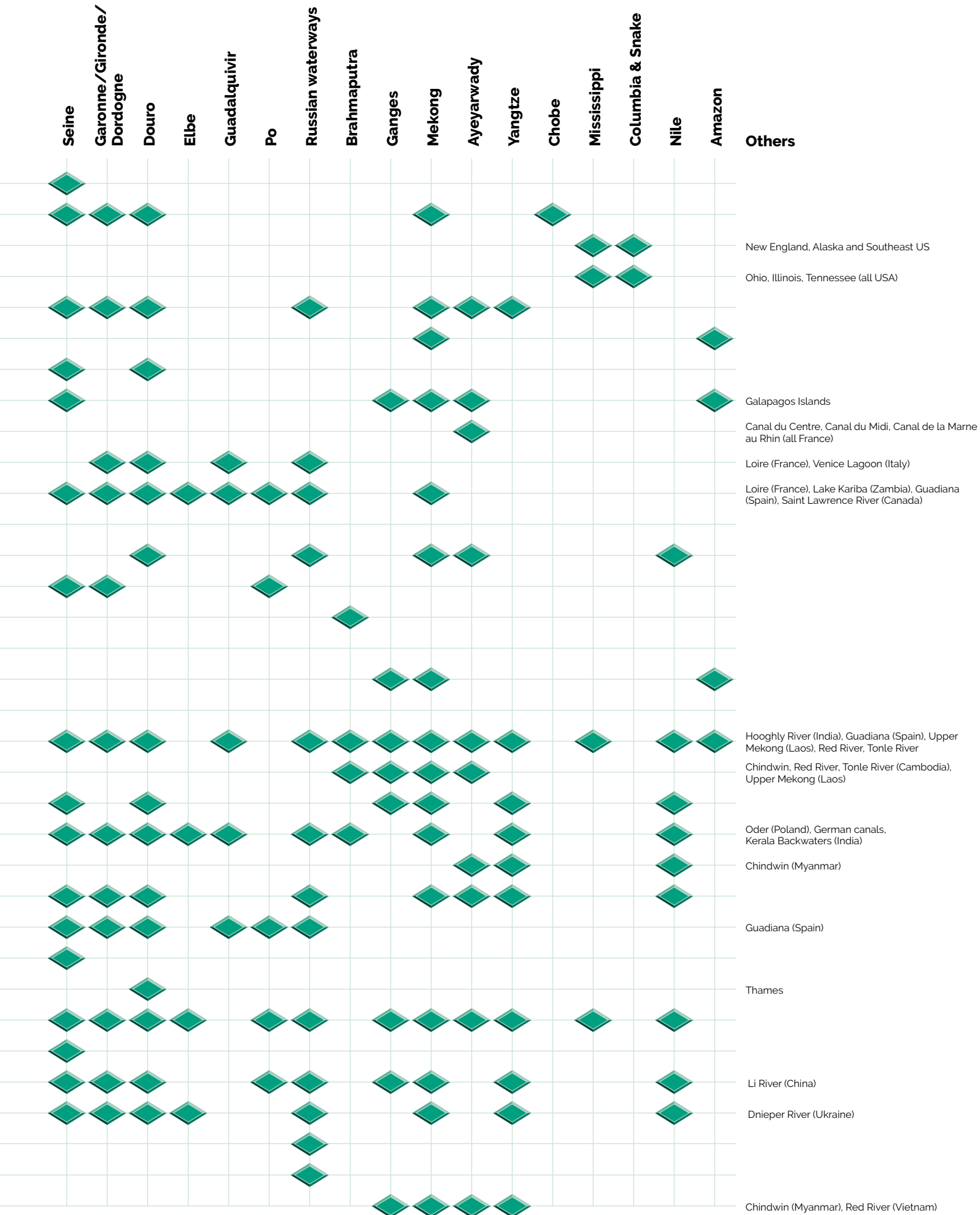
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