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WORDS: Tricia Welsh



CRUISE THE WORLD

Welcome to *WORLD'S* cruise special edition. It's designed for travel lovers looking for new inspiration or hoping to discover their next voyage destination. It's also an ideal introduction to cruising for those who haven't yet caught the cruise bug and want to find out what a cruise adventure might be like from the comfort of their own home.

I get it, many people think that a cruise isn't for them.

I once met a man who was so sure he wasn't a cruising kind of person he almost refused to board a ship in Alaska, a cruise his wife had surreptitiously booked for them without telling him until they arrived in the port of Vancouver. He loved it of course and the last time I saw them they were doing at least two cruises a year. He told me his only regret was he hadn't started cruising a lot earlier.

As I've said before, taking a cruise doesn't mean you have to miss out on other travel experiences you know and love. Personally, I'm as at home on a walking adventure in Africa or a cycling trip in France as I am on an ultra-luxury cruise ship in the Med.

So mix it up by all means but don't do yourself the disservice of thinking cruising isn't for you.

We've had two years with little or no international travel

so let's not waste anymore time. Have a look at the articles by Tricia Welsh and peruse the top 14 cruises we've suggested... of course there are many more options if none of those pique your imagination. The range of the cruise industry today is huge. There's no doubt there will be an option that will suit you down to a T.

There are adventures and expeditions that will satisfy the most ardent adventurer, there are ultra-luxury discoveries that will over deliver for even the most discerning foodie, there are ships with thousands of fellow guests and some with only a handful. We even have self-drive boats throughout the world's rivers and canals so you and your family and friends can travel in your own bubble.

While the travel void has played out over the last two years the industry has not been idle. New cruise companies have formed, older ships have been retired and new ships have been built. After 28 years in the business I've never seen more diverse styles or a better range of itineraries than there is right now.

While we have been sheltering in New Zealand literally billions of dollars have been spent to enhance whatever cruise experience you end up choosing.

Experience an Infinity Suite on Celebrity's Edge class ships, discover the underwater world inside the Seabourn expedition fleet's state of the art submarines, marvel at the



level of access behind the velvet rope with Tauck Rivers special events, enjoy the seclusion of NCL's Haven, get up close and personal with wildlife, be entranced by the Northern Lights, experience iconic cities and feel the awe of witnessing places that few people have seen throughout human history. And yes, all this and much more while travelling by ship!

It's an invigorating time for the cruise industry and an exciting time to be travelling and like so many other people I can't wait to get going again. There's no business I would rather be in.

All these options mean you will need help to research what is available and what is most suitable for you. My advice is always shop local. Support your local cruise agent. Most importantly get great advice.

Enjoy reading and looking at this celebration of cruise travel. I hope that it inspires you to break out of the pandemic shackles and puts you on the path to some life enhancing travel experiences in the near future.

It's been a long two years; we've all got some catching up to do.

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CRUISING WITH CUNARD

After 180 years of sailing, few cruise companies have moved with the times as successfully as Cunard Line. The announcement of the naming of their new ship, Queen Anne, is the next step in this grand history.

The pioneer of luxury sea travel will launch its fourth regal ship in early 2024, bringing its fleet of 'queens' to four. When Queen Anne joins the other three queens – QM2, Queen Elizabeth, and Queen Victoria – at sea, it will be the first time Cunard will have four ships in service simultaneously since 1999.

One of Cunard's greatest accomplishments over the years has been servicing the needs of modern travellers while maintaining its unique tradition and heritage.

With 3,000 passengers, the new 'queen' is certain to offer Cunard's celebrated White Star Service on its sailings to its, as yet, undisclosed destinations. While design details are being held close to the company's chest, the company suggests its new arrival will "merge modern luxury with signature statement features that guests have come to know and love from Cunard."

Internationally acclaimed designer Adam D. Tihany who has worked on resorts, hotels, ships and restaurants around the world – including the outstanding Belmond Hotel Cipriani and The Beverly Hills Hotel – will oversee the interior design on board.

Cunard pioneered regular transatlantic passenger services in 1840. Week-long transatlantic crossings between Southampton and New York remain one of the company's iconic services still offered today on QM2.

TO INNOVATION AND NEW EXPERIENCES.

Over nearly two centuries of sailing, Cunard has introduced many 'firsts' at sea from the system of signal lights still used on all ships today, to pianos, bathrooms, electricity, indoor swimming pools, a gym and health centre, libraries, en suites, the introduction of wireless to the ocean and even undertaking the very first world cruise 100 years ago, in 1922.

Still leading the way, Cunard has come up with some exciting, themed cruises for the 2023 summer season on the Queen Elizabeth while she is in southern waters.

The inaugural five-day Great Australian Culinary Voyage will offer guests the opportunity to indulge in top regional food and premium wines as they sail from Sydney, via Melbourne to Burnie, Tasmania. Celebrated Sydney chef Matt Moran will head the gourmet program where guests will be able to enjoy specially created dishes on board,

join curated events, dinners and demonstrations as well as discover top food scenes on bespoke excursions in these three cities.

Immediately following, garden lovers can hone their horticulture and gardening skills from an impressive line-up of horticulturalists headed by celebrity TV gardeners Graham Ross and Jamie Durie on the week-long inaugural Australian Gardening Journey as they sail from Adelaide to Hobart and Port Arthur.

Cruise World's Joe O'Sullivan says his earliest travel on ships was with Cunard, in particular, the iconic QE2. "What an amazing experience QE2 was," he recalls. "Everyone should do at least one voyage on a Cunard ship. It's one they are not likely to forget."

GOUPMET AT SEA

Oceania Cruises, has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as the world's leading culinary and destination-focused cruise line.

As if to reaffirm the title, the cruise line will launch its much-anticipated 1200-passenger *Vista* in 2023, with a total of 12 dining options, four of them brand new.

While the cruise line has always boasted The Grand Dining Room with cuisine by Executive Culinary Director, Master Chef Jacques Pépin as its marquee restaurant, *Vista*'s new signature restaurant, Ember, will feature innovative American cuisine such as Maryland crab cakes or braised short ribs.

Also new to *Vista*, is the wellness-inspired Aquamar Kitchen offering 'an abundance of indulgence with none of the guilt,' with superfood smoothies, organic power bowls and savoury wraps for breakfast to yellowfin tacos with white cabbage slaw and slow-roasted organic salmon for lunch.

In The Culinary Center where guests can participate in hands-on cooking classes, they can now also dine in the new ocean view Culinary Center Dining Room with private group dinners, food and wine pairings on regional dishes inspired by the local cuisine.

Onboard *Marina* and *Riviera*, a culinary highlight is the Dom Pérignon experience at La Reserve restaurant where a six-course degustation dinner including perhaps Brittany blue lobster and sashimi-style seared Wagyu beef is paired with special vintages of the celebrated champagne.

To enable guests to become a little more immersed in local culture, chef-led Culinary Discovery Tours are offered in select ports such as a market visit with tapas class in Malaga, visit to a traditional Italian restaurant in Ravello and a chocolate demonstration in Kefalonia in Greece.

So popular are Oceania's Around the World in 180 Days voyages, that their 2024 voyage aboard *Insignia* sold out within a record 30 minutes of opening for sale in March this year. The voyage will depart Los Angeles for New York on January 14, 2024, calling in to 96 destinations in 34 countries, visiting 100 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, crossing three oceans and 15 seas en route from the South Pacific to the coasts of Europe.

Oceania has also launched four new 72- to 82-day Grand Voyages in the Asia-Pacific region aboard *Regatta*, *Nautica*, and *Riviera* which have also met with record sales.





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CELEBRITY STYLE

When *Celebrity Edge* launched a few years ago, it marked a turning point in ship design, so much so that it was named one of the World's Greatest Places of 2019 by *TIME* magazine.

From the Magic Carpet to the private plunge pools in the Edge Villas, Celebrity Cruises have created the most refined ship at sea, taking luxury, culinary experiences and service to a whole new level.

The unique Magic Carpet concept is a cantilevered balcony that can glide up and down the outside of the ship with multiple purposes at different levels. At level 2, it is a passenger thoroughfare to board tenders. At level 5, it transforms into a sushi bar for up to 100 guests, while

becoming a sophisticated bar at level 14 and a restaurant for exclusive dinners and high tea at level 16.

Among other cool features on *Celebrity Edge* are the innovative Infinite Balcony cabins where bifold glass doors open outwards to incorporate the balcony as an extension of the cabin.

New Zealanders and Australians will have the chance to sample *Celebrity Edge* when she comes south to cruise our southern waters in the summer of 2023/24. With destinations that include Milford Sound, Dusky Sound, Doubtful Sound and Sydney Harbour, it is the perfect way for a group of friends or extended family to spend some quality time together.



OLSEN ALTERNATIVE

Family-owned and run Fred Olsen Cruises eschews the trend for bigger, busier resort-style ships favouring rather smaller vessels where cabins are called cabins and ships look like ships.

With five-generations of seafaring behind them, this UK-based company believes in keeping the experience on board 'uncrowded, warm and civilised.' Their four smaller ships offer an intimate environment aboard and an opportunity to experience small, more niche ports," according to Cruise World's Joe O'Sullivan.

"They exude more the comfort of a typical English pub," he says. "It's the style of cruising where Kiwis

feel very much at home."

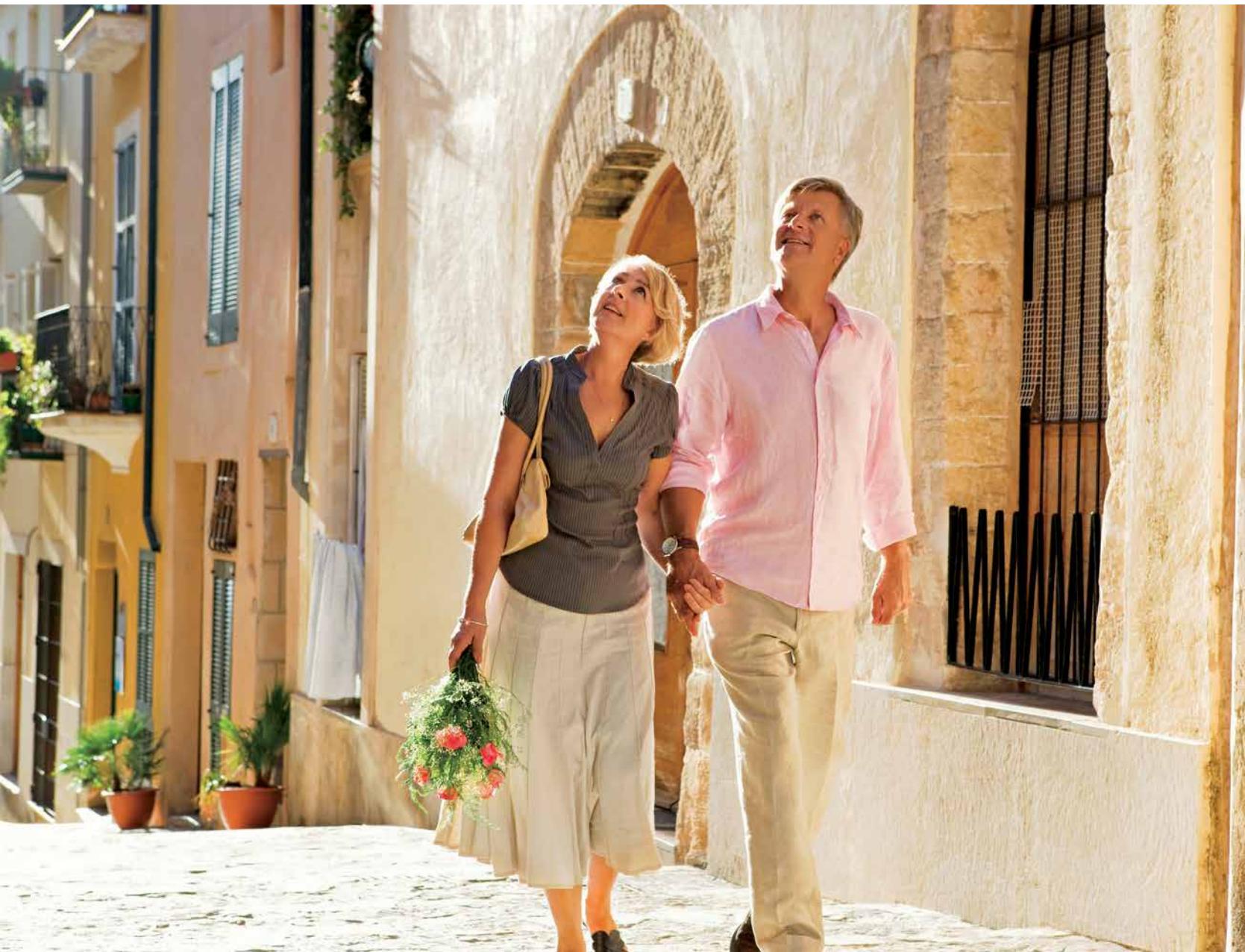
Cruises depart from regional UK ports including Edinburgh, Newcastle, Liverpool, Dover, Southampton, Portsmouth, Tilbury and Belfast en route perhaps to Iceland, Svalbard (think Northern Lights and polar bears), Norway, the Adriatic, the Mediterranean, the Canary Islands and of course in-depth exploration of the British Isles.

Their team of specialist itinerary planners takes great pride in handcrafting individual journeys ensuring guests are treated to hidden gems along the way as well as the natural stand-out attractions. Their efforts have won the Cruise Critic award for Best Itineraries since 2015.

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TRADEWIND VOYAGES

One of the brightest cruise stars to shine through the recent travel void is the world's largest square-rigged sailing ship ever launched, by a new cruise company, Tradewind Voyages.

Launched last year, the design of the new square-rigged luxury mega-yacht *SV Golden Horizon* was based on *France II*, a celebrated five-mast French cargo windjammer built in 1911.

Using all 6,347sq m of its 42 sails, the clipper is able to use natural wind power for some 70 per cent when underway, even gauging activities on the winds and currents present. Clippers date from the mid-19th century – primarily



to transport exotic goods such as silk, spices and tea quickly, with tea from China losing its flavour in the holds of regular ships. Built for speed, these long, slim, elegant ships were said to "clip off the miles" – hence their name.

At 162-metres long with an 18.5-metre beam, *Golden Horizon* is a magnificent sight in full sail, having cut her teeth around the south coast of England in 2021 she will now sail in the Mediterranean and Caribbean for 2022/23.

With 140 cabins over four decks to accommodate a maximum of 272 passengers, *Golden Horizon* boasts a main restaurant over two levels, function room, three bars, wellness centre with spa, gym and beauty salon, library, shop, bar lounge, sun deck with pool bar, dive

view or balcony. By day, guests can go kayaking, stand-up paddle-boarding, snorkelling or swimming from the watersports marina and learn the ropes of SCUBA diving in the 4.35m-deep Dive Pool. At night, guests can dine under the stars and sails at the Horizon Bar & Grill restaurant and even watch a movie under the stars to really absorb the magic of being under sail.

Not only is the ship powered by nature, but Tradewind Voyages pride themselves on creating their own culture of sustainability among crew members and on-land employees.

CEO Alan McGrory confirms: "We take our environmental responsibilities very seriously and are committed to reducing our environmental impact."

"We are constantly reviewing how we operate both onboard our ship and for the ports of call, countries, and islands we visit, from significantly reducing single-use plastics to cleaner and more efficient energy systems, from lessening food waste to smarter use of our water and much more."

Golden Horizon's graceful lines seem made for island-hopping around the Mediterranean including the Greek and Balearic Islands, the appealing coastlines along Croatia and Slovenia, the French and Italian Rivieras, and historic Malta, Crete and Sardinia.

"The secret to the magic of Tradewind Voyages is the combination of sailing through the Mediterranean in this majestic vessel while discovering the more unique towns and cities of the region," says Cruise World's Joe O'Sullivan.

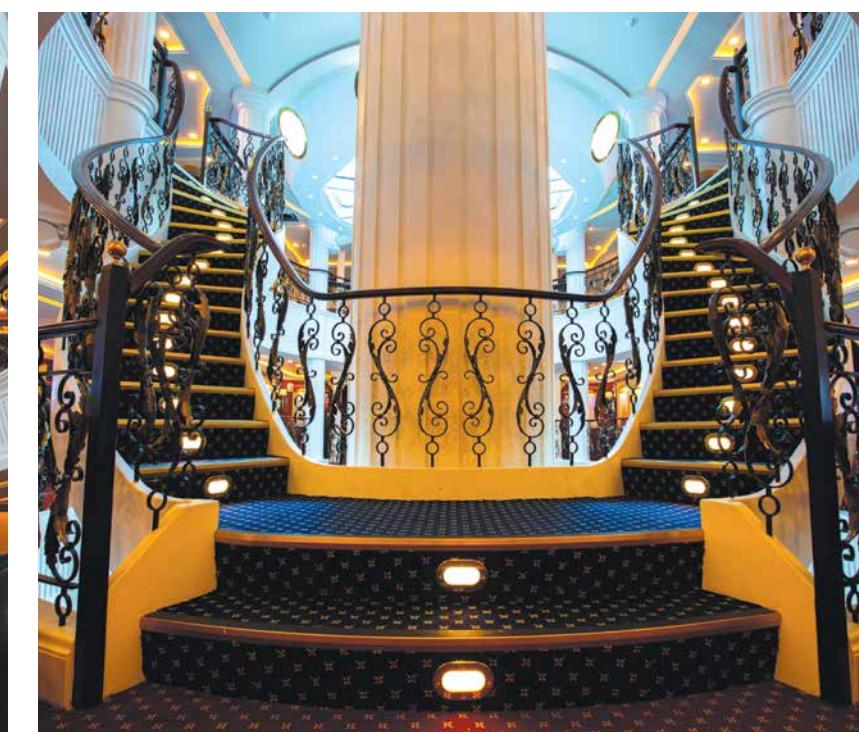
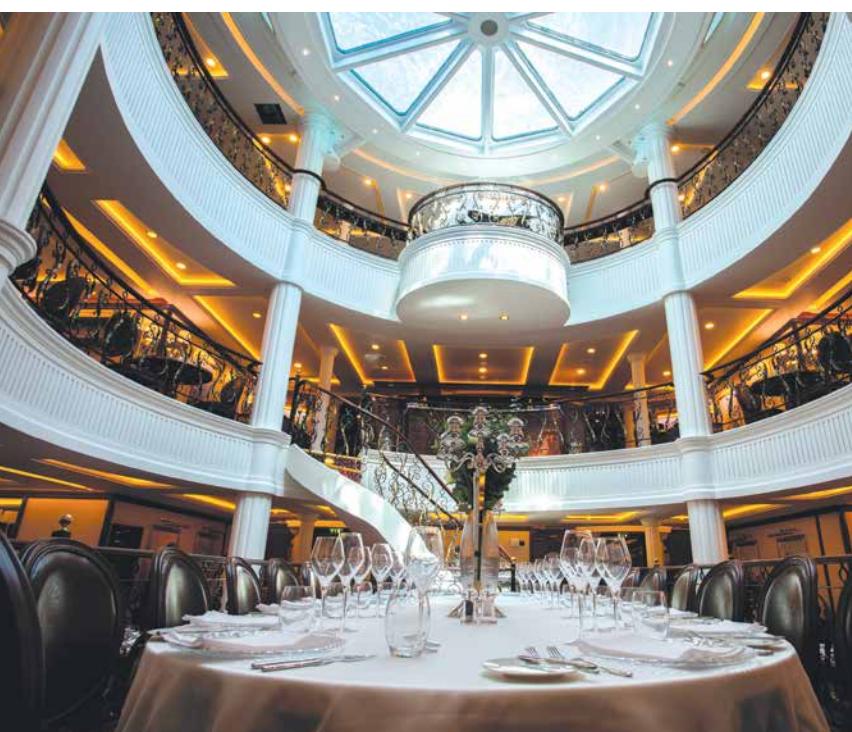
"New Zealanders have a love of sailing and where better to do it than in the wonderful waterways of the Mediterranean and the Caribbean," he adds.

NEW ZEALANDERS HAVE A LOVE OF SAILING AND WHERE BETTER TO DO IT THAN IN THE WONDERFUL WATERWAYS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE CARIBBEAN

pool and two swimming pools – fore and aft. Classic fare using local produce is served with an 'eat well and be well' philosophy.

Because of its smaller size compared to large cruise ships, the schooner is able to enter into small inlets and undiscovered beaches while guests can enjoy local cuisine from the able onboard team. Shore excursion programs encourage immersion into local customs and traditions and passengers are also invited to take hold of the ship's wheel to get an idea of steering such a ship under full sail.

Traditional, yet contemporary, *Golden Horizon* has wide open decks with all cabins enjoying either an ocean





VARIETY CRUISES

Variety Cruises is indeed aptly named as its fleet comprises an ever-growing range of small luxury mega-yachts and are continually adding more exciting destinations to their portfolio of itineraries.

Think Cuba, the Seychelles, Costa Rica and Panama, West Africa, the Adriatic, Western Mediterranean and far-flung Cape Verde. Always popular are the luxurious sailings around the lush tropical islands of the Seychelles archipelago. These cruises take in the best and most remote islands such as Cousin Island, with its hundreds of nesting birds and sea turtles, and Praslin, one of the best stop-off points for watersports with secluded beaches.

Being Greek-owned, the small ships are very much at home as they cruise from Athens around and through the

Cyclades; Santorini with its white-washed houses and blue-domed churches; archaeological Delos; fashionable Mykonos with its iconic sailed windmills and maze of galleries, boutiques and tavernas. But the real surprise of these itineraries is the lesser-known unspoilt islands.

If you are looking for something closer to home, Variety also offer year-round cruises from Papeete around the spell-binding Tahitian and Society Islands. On sailing ship *Panorama II* you'll be one of only 49 guests on board as you discover the magic of French Polynesia.

Just released is a special itinerary for Kiwis. Variety's 50-guest *Harmony V* will undertake an historic ANZAC Itinerary in 2023. Beginning in Athens on 21 April spending three days at Canakkale including the Dawn Service at Anzac Cove and a full day on the Gallipoli Peninsula hosted by historians and local expert guides. There are only 25 cabins so be quick to book your spot. **W**

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LIFE ON THE OCEAN WAVES WAS ONCE ALL ABOUT CHAMPAGNE AND CAVIAR AND COCKTAILS BY THE POOL. TODAY'S LUXURY EXPEDITION SHIPS OFFER A HOST OF ADVENTUROUS OPTIONS FOR GUESTS TO ENJOY.

With the advent of luxury expedition ships, the new 'luxury' is all about what guests can see and do, on and off the water. Guests are not so worried about the thread-count of sheets, they take it for granted that their suite is going to be fabulous and that the food will be gourmet but what they are really there for is to discover and experience.

They want to venture out in Zodiacs and kayaks, whether playing with Hector's dolphins in our own Akaroa, whales and penguins in Antarctica or polar bear and walrus as they voyage through the famed Northwest Passage.

"The secret to modern expeditions is retaining the connection to the wildlife and destination while enveloping yourself in comfort when back on board," says Cruise World's Joe O'Sullivan.

SEABOURN SETS THE STANDARD

Seabourn, with its five ultra-luxury intimate ships and their two state-of-the-art expedition vessels about to be launched, is a perfect illustration of a company catering to guests' expectations for a more intimate and adventurous cruise experience.

"Seabourn's levels and style of service are second to none," says O'Sullivan. "Their modern design with beautiful, but functional spaces and comfortable suites, is coupled with intimate ships filled with wonderful like-minded travellers and stunning interactive itineraries. It's the kind of travel that very much appeals to the NZ travel psyche."

Starting with full Antarctic expeditions back in 2013, Seabourn now has the most modern ultra luxury fleet afloat. Purpose built and ice strengthened, *Seabourn Venture* and *Seabourn Pursuit* can take you to all the most iconic adventure destinations.

The length Seabourn goes to engage you with the environment is emphasised by the two custom-built submarines on both *Seabourn Venture* and *Seabourn Pursuit*. These state-of-the-art submarines enable six guests at a time to marvel at below-surface wonders underneath the Antarctic ice and to plunge 300m below clear tropical waters teeming with sea-life.

If you prefer the more mainstream destinations on Seabourn's other five ultra-luxury ships but you still want to get up close and personal with local flora and fauna, then the Seabourn Ventures program is perfect for you. The ships carry Zodiacs, kayaks, scientists, naturalists and historians so guests can become more involved with their natural surroundings.

If you have always wanted to experience the great wide lands of Antarctica or the Arctic, sail thousands of kilometres up the Amazon, immerse yourself in the culture of Norway, Iceland and Greenland, then look no further.





POLAR EXPERTS

When French luxury cruise ship operator Ponant launched its first, new generation hybrid-electric luxury polar exploration vessel, *Le Commandant Charcot*, last year, it was a world first for the cruise industry and, after 30 years of cruising polar regions, confirmed the company as the undisputed world leader in polar expeditions.

Built with exploration and sustainability at the heart of its design, it is the world's first luxury polar vessel powered by Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) and electricity. Plus, it boasts the highest polar class rating of any vessel created for leisure use, PC2, only surpassed by workhorse ships with scant creature comforts.

With her totally independent energy supply, *Le Commandant Charcot* is able to sail where no such vessel has been able to venture before. She can reach the geographic North Pole at 90 degrees latitude North, cross the Arctic Ocean and discover the extreme northeast of Greenland. In Antarctica, passengers are able to explore the seldom visited Weddell and Ross Seas.

Ponant New Zealand Business Development Manager, Bianca Bratton, says: "Le Commandant Charcot has surpassed all expectations of guests travelling in the first six months since her inauguration. Our guests enjoy signature dishes from famed chef Alain Ducasse, relax with a massage or sauna, swim in the heated outdoor 'Blue Lagoon' and enjoy complimentary house Veuve

Clicquot champagne – all while experiencing the awe-inspiring landscapes and wildlife of the polar regions."

Featuring patio doors and private balconies, the variety of 123 palatial luxury accommodation on board, includes 68 spacious suites, including brand new 94sq m split level duplex suites. The ship offers its hallmark French way of life and warm, personalised service, with a panoramic restaurant, dedicated Grill, and a spa and wellness facility. It also carries 16 expedition Zodiacs and is serviced by 213 crew.

An onboard laboratory is available to French and international scientists offering real logistical support to the scientific community for research or operational

oceanographic missions. Guests are also invited to join Ponant's newly launched participative Citizen Science program, where they can support onboard research projects by partaking in certain activities alongside the team of scientists working on board *Le Commandant Charcot*.

If the North Pole is not your thing, how about a closer to home adventure. The Kimberley region of northwest Australia is one of the greatest wilderness destinations in the world, just a stone's throw away. Ponant's purpose-built expedition ships *Le Lapérouse* and *Le Soleal* sail Australia's Kimberley region between Darwin and Broome from April through September.



GALÁPAGOS UNCOVERED

There's no doubt the islands of the Galápagos National Park, 1,000km off the west coast of Ecuador in South America, are a fascinating, albeit far-flung, part of the world. Often referred to as a natural laboratory of evolution, its species are unique – not only in the world, but to specific islands in the archipelago. In such a fragile water wilderness, smaller vessels are recommended.

Premium cruise operator Celebrity may not be top of mind when it comes to the Galápagos, but think again. Having successfully run Galápagos adventures for many years, they have now added state-of-the-art mega-yacht, *Celebrity Flora*, designed specifically for the Galápagos, so guests can comfortably look for sea lions on Mosquera Island; Galapagos tortoises and large iguana on Isabela Island; red-footed boobies and frigate birds on Genovesa

Island; waved albatross on Espanola Island; and flightless cormorants and marine iguana on Fernandina Island.

Guests can also extend their Ecuador itineraries with 10- to 16-night holiday packages to take in the country's historically-rich capital, Quito, or continue high into the Peruvian Andes to visit the charming historic seaside capital, Lima, the archaeological Inca gem that is Cuzco, the Sacred Valley and the wonders of Machu Picchu.

IDYLIC ALASKA

According to O'Sullivan: "There are two ways of doing Alaska: scenic on a big ship or getting up close and personal with the wildlife of Alaska and writing your own documentary on a smaller ship."

There are a number of alternatives that allow you to really

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experience this great wilderness that is Alaska. Uncruise, Seabourn, Silversea and Ponant all offer various levels of immersion. One of the newest ships to cruise in the region is American Queen Voyages (AQV) expedition vessel *Ocean Victory*. Distinctive in her revolutionary X Bow design, she will be joined next year by a twin new deluxe 186-guest exploration ship, the *Ocean Discoverer*.

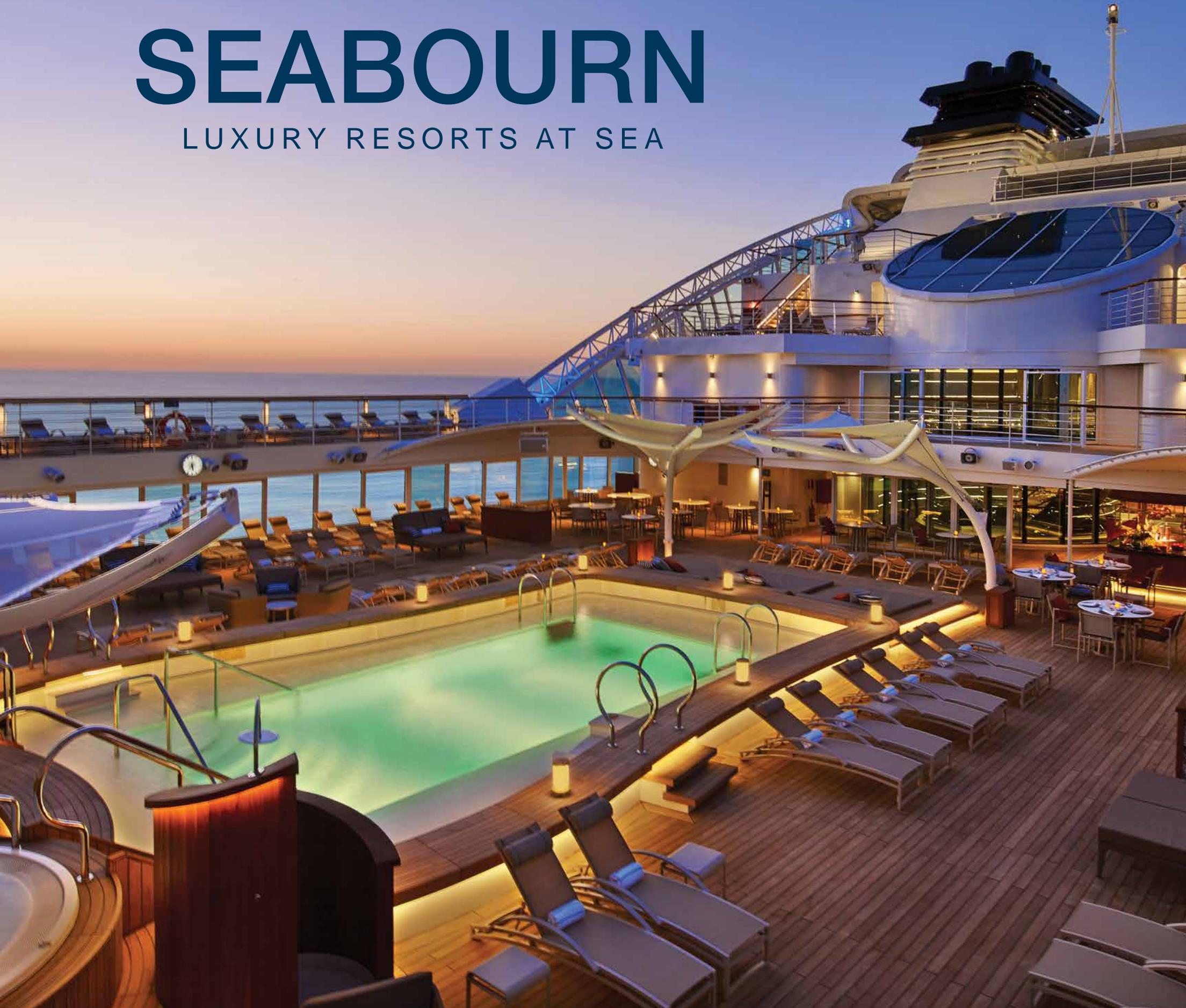
These new hi-tech clean-fuel ships are purpose-built for

low impact and high-comfort exploration in remote areas. Each offers an infinity pool, jacuzzi, two restaurants, library, fitness centre, piano bar, 93 luxury ocean-view staterooms – most with private balconies, and a panoramic observation lounge to take in the spectacular passing scenery. But the real hero is the Alaskan wildlife and wilderness.

AQV offers a series of 26 well-priced all-inclusive nature-focused expeditions to lesser-known destinations in the region: to seek brown bear, humpback whales and bald eagles in Frederick Sound; learn about the native Tlingit culture of Kake; appreciate the pristine wilderness of 'Little Norway' at Petersburg; visit the harbour village of Wrangell, the towering sea cliffs and waterfalls of Misty Fjords and spectacular glaciers at Endicott and Tracy Arms. These state-of-the-art ships deliver a truly immersive Alaskan experience. ■

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ULTRA LUXURY

ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING CRUISE CATEGORIES IS ULTRA-LUXURY SHIPS.





Few land-based luxury operators can match the service and style of their ship-based counterparts. Characterised by smaller guest numbers, high staff to guest ratios and ships able to explore both the iconic and niche destinations of the globe.

Huge investment in ultra luxury ship building means a greater choice of fabulous itineraries and state-of-the-art ships. Here are just a few of the choices.

STYLISH SEABOURN

Perhaps more than any other ultra luxury line, Seabourn with its intimate 'finest resort at sea' style, attracts both cruise-loving guests and those who have not considered a cruise previously.

Certainly, Seabourn's style and level of service is superb;

their modern design is elegant, yet functional; and, combined with amazing itineraries, offer a first-class ultra-luxury experience on all counts. Plus, their fleet is the youngest in the market with five ultra-luxury small ships and two state-of-the-art expedition vessels about to be launched.

Dining on any ultra luxury ship is highly anticipated and Seabourn's ace dining card is The Grill by Thomas Keller – a unique culinary concept exclusive to Seabourn featuring updated versions of classic American restaurant fare from the 1950s and 60s where diners are treated to perfectly grilled steaks, chops, poultry and timeless favourites such as lobster thermidor. The food and the dining experience are outstanding, but far from being formal, a night at The Grill with friends is simply great fun.

Savvy Seabourn recognised passengers were eager to experience more adventurous itineraries but still with the

luxuries they had come to expect, so they came up with Ventures by Seabourn. This novel concept was created to enhance guests' experiences by bringing on board a team of scientists, naturalists and historians. The program offers kayak and Zodiac tours as well as hiking and fishing expeditions. All Seabourn's five classic ships are equipped with kayaks and Zodiacs to offer guests that extra sense of adventure.

EUROPA 2

Relatively unknown to the New Zealand and Australian market, Hapag Lloyd's *Europa 2*, is, according to the revered *Berlitz Cruise Guide*, the highest rated luxury ship in the world scoring a coveted 5-stars-plus rating.

It made its maiden world voyage just five years ago calling in to Auckland and Sydney en route where local

cruise-lovers were able to get possibly their first glance of this most stunning ship.

Accommodating just 516 guests in some of the best designed and most beautiful suites at sea, *Europa 2* is still considered a small ship, boasting 'all the promises of a yacht and the serenity of a small resort.'

It offers a uniquely European experience with European style, crew and cuisine. With seven stunning restaurants serving incredible food with impeccable service, it is quite simply a beautiful ship of the highest standard.

Like the ship itself, the itineraries have been well thought out and include cruises around the Mediterranean, as well as longer cruises around Europe and Africa – perhaps the Canary Islands, Madeira and the Azores, or Athens through the Suez Canal to the Seychelles, Sri Lanka to Cyprus or the Maldives to Mumbai.

SUITES & CHANDELIERS

While most Ultra luxury lines are very inclusive with open bars, minibars and gratuities, Regent Seven Seas Cruises take inclusiveness that little step further including unlimited shore excursions.

Depending where your accommodation is on the ship, other thoughtful little extras might include an in-room illy espresso maker, binoculars, cashmere blankets, a personal butler, daily canapés and garment pressing.

With excellent service, superb cuisine and spacious suites, Regent Seven Seas ships make the ideal choice for elegance at sea.

Launched in 2020, Regent Seven Seas *Splendour* has some of the largest premium suites at sea with four two-bedroom master suites that would be at home on Park Avenue, their aft location affording unobstructed views.

Public spaces are grand with sweeping staircases, luxuriant lighting and magnificent artwork to add to your enjoyment. If you love chandeliers and opulence, then Regent is right up your street.

STERLING SILVERSEA

Although in recent years, Silversea was bought by the Royal Caribbean group of cruise lines, it has not slowed down its ambitious program of refurbishing and new-builds.

Silversea has just launched its third Muse class ship, *Silver Dawn*, bringing its fleet of luxury cruise ships to 10 – with two more currently under construction.

Launched in 2019, *Silver Origin* specifically designed for the Galápagos, offers ultra-luxury discovery of this unique destination.

Silversea's all-suites classic ships have been pampering discerning guests since 1994. As part of their comprehensive all-inclusive offering, all suites feature



ABOVE: Regent Seven Seas *Splendour*. BELOW: Silversea's *Silver Dawn*.

butler service, complimentary in-suite dining around the clock, personally stocked minibar and unlimited WiFi.

The newest, *Silver Dawn*, incorporates the best features of her sister ships, *Silver Muse* and *Silver Moon*, but has evolved to be in a class of her own with eight dining rooms including the innovative Sea and Land Taste (S.A.L.T.) program and the brand new 'hedonistic' Otium spa and wellness experiences offered in all suites.

When the 364-cabin *Silver Nova* launches, it will offer even more spacious suites previously unseen in Silversea's fleet.

HEAVENLY HAVEN

Discerning cruise lovers might wonder why a contemporary ship that accommodates thousands of passengers has found its way into the Ultra Luxury category of this guide.

Well, NCL's unique *The Haven* – a ship-within-a-ship – is something special. Almost like travelling first class in



TRUE LUXURY AWAITS YOU

Hidden away at the top of the ship is The Haven by Norwegian®, an exclusive enclave accessible by private keycard with Norwegian Cruise Line's most luxurious and well-appointed accommodation. Bask in tranquillity in The Haven Courtyard with a private pool and sundeck. Indulge in the unparalleled personal service of a certified butler and concierge. Experience true luxury at sea on a holiday you'll never forget.



a plane, this exclusive enclave is for just a few hundred select passengers to enjoy the cruise line's most luxurious and spacious accommodations. Designed by Piero Lissoni, they boast panoramic views from private balconies and relaxing personal hot tubs.

It's the perfect solution for multi-generational families travelling together where parents or grandparents can book themselves into a beautiful suite in *The Haven*, while teenagers or younger members of the family can enjoy all the fun of a more happening environment elsewhere on the ship.

This key-protected area is accessed by private elevators, with a personal concierge and 24-hour butler service. Guests can also enjoy cocktails with a view at their

own Haven Lounge & Bar, dine at the indoor or outdoor restaurant, cool off in the infinity pool and relax in the outdoor sauna and cold room – all exclusively for *The Haven*'s guests' use. But when families might want to come together, guests of *The Haven* also have the run of the rest of the ship – enjoying the best of both worlds.

The Haven has become such a successful and integral part of NCL's ongoing ships' builds, and NCL's newest ship due to launch in August will showcase the latest in *The Haven* design and amenities.

NCL has *Norwegian Spirit* exploring the waterways around New Zealand and Australia next summer which will give Kiwis a chance to experience the Norwegian style close to home. An opportunity not to be missed. ▀

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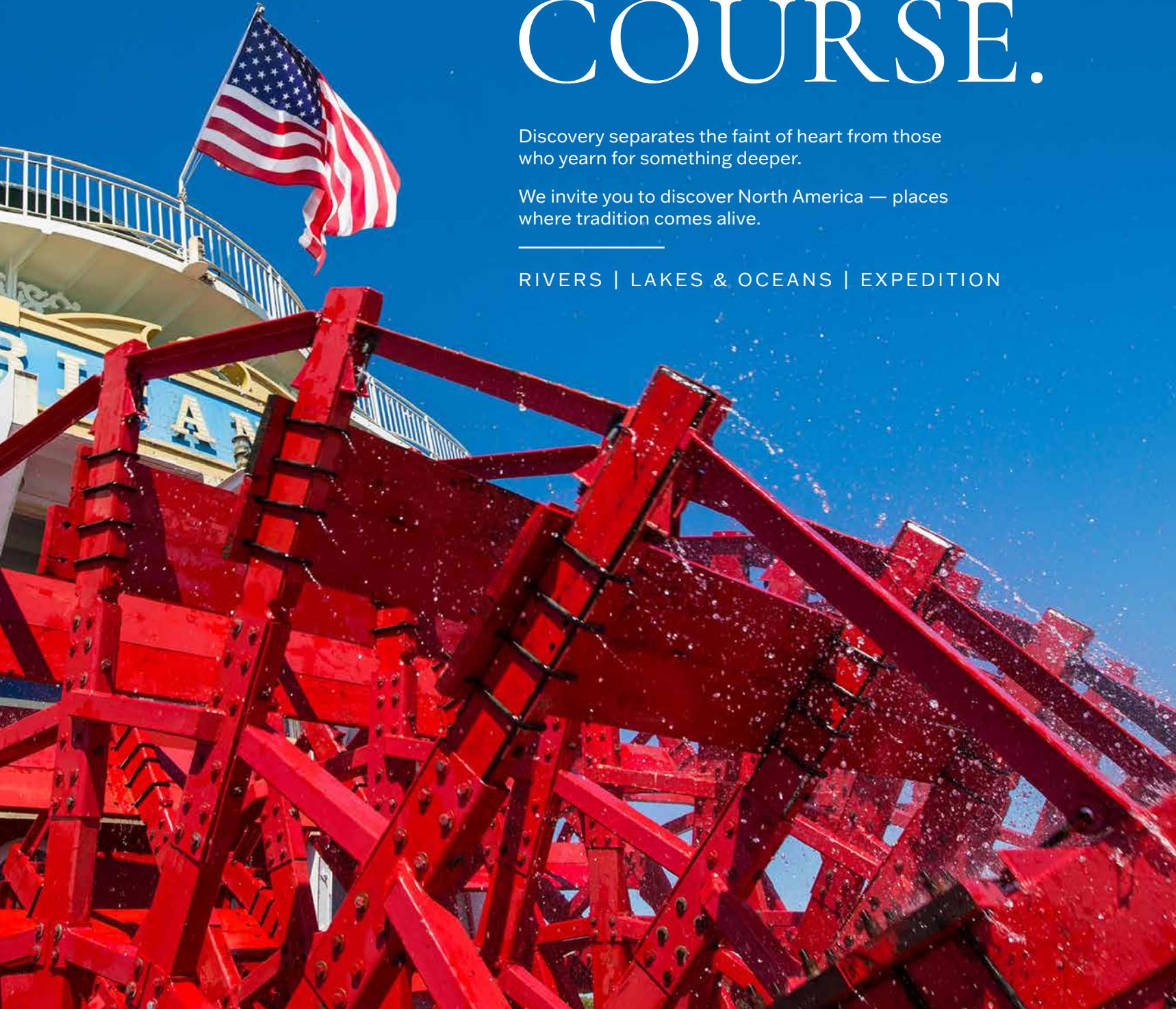


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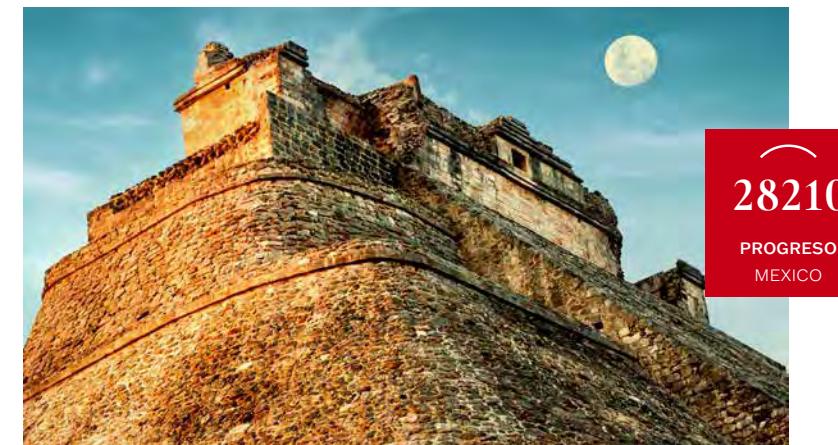
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The Atlantic seaboard is resplendent with charming seaside hamlets, while West Coast ports are a paradise for nature lovers. Our 202-guest *Ocean Voyager* and *Ocean Navigator* are small enough to call at quaint coves and exclusive islands.

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RIVER CRUISES

TRICIA WELSH
WITH HER PICK
OF SOME OF
THE WORLD'S
BEST RIVER
CRUISE LINES.





TICK TAUCK

Think river cruising and one immediately pictures long, slow boats meandering the main waterways of Europe such as the Rhine, the Danube, the Rhone and the Seine. These sleek elegant vessels have become a significant part of many New Zealanders' travel plans in Europe, offering a relaxed way of discovering a region without the usual inconveniences of travel.

Tauck has been recognised by *Travel & Leisure* magazine as the "World's Best" river cruise line for 22 consecutive years, since launching their first European river cruise in 1992.

Founded in 1925 by former salesman Arthur Tauck Sr, when he took a small group of paying guests on one of his sales trips through New England and southeast Canada, Tauck is still family-owned and operated today offering land journeys, safaris, small ship ocean cruises and their outstanding river cruises. Their all-inclusive river cruises are indeed a stand-out: accommodating fewer guests than most (130 instead of 190), with much larger cabins, three tour directors on board instead of one, while the Moët flows freely. Having extra tour directors means you don't have to go with the crowd if there is something else you might prefer to see or do. Bicycles are also available if you want to take off on your own.

Their fleet of nine river boats cover all the major European rivers including the Douro through Portugal, sometimes with themed cruises to take in dedicated art and music programs and the magic of the Christmas Markets each year.

Because Tauck's mantra of 'How you see the world matters' is behind the unique curation of all their river cruise itineraries, expect the unexpected: perhaps an after-hours visit inside the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel without the crowds, dining in a private Viennese palace or with a Principessa at her palazzo in Palermo.

Tauck doesn't settle for second best and doesn't see why their guests should either.

EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE

Having fallen in love with this easy-to-take way of seeing Europe, keen travellers now seek new river cruise destinations and different cultural experiences. Nicko Cruises is the answer. This German line has been serving European travellers well for 30 years, and now Kiwis can benefit from their expertise and knowledge of little-known regions.

It operates 26 river and ocean ships mostly in Europe, through such diverse regions as the Douro in Portugal, through Provence, the Camargue and Burgundy in France, along the Elbe, Vltava and Havel rivers in the Czech Republic, the Oder and the Baltic Sea and even the Irrawaddy, in Myanmar.

Nicko gives travellers the opportunity to experience the most beautiful and more provincial waterways of Europe while enjoying a genuine European experience on board and ashore. They fully cater for English-speaking guests and showcase the destination – their backyard, with the



pride and flair that only a local can.

Add to all of that, Nicko Cruises offer some very favourable pricing options to suit the most discerning traveller.

MISSISSIPPI MAGIC

Nothing captures the essence of the Mississippi River and New Orleans quite like the traditional paddle steamers that have plied the mighty waters of the American South for more than 200 years.

Today, you can slip back to a bygone era while absorbing the culture of the Mississippi delta on a river cruise with American Queen Voyages.

Recognised by their 'big red paddlewheel', these luxury iconic vessels ooze with the style and grandeur of the past, offering old world comforts that have become a tradition of this type of travel.

Considered the most elegant and opulent paddlewheel riverboats, the *American Queen*, the *American Empress*, the *American Duchess* and the *American Countess* are guaranteed to make you channel your inner Mark Twain as you journey through America's mighty rivers and historic port towns all the while taking in local music, culture and cuisine. You can cruise between Memphis and New Orleans, Louisville and Pittsburgh, Nashville and Louisville, Minneapolis and New Orleans, or even Chicago and St Louis.

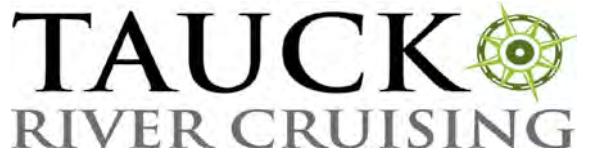
A highlight for food-lovers and connoisseurs of whiskey is the opportunity to dine on the traditional southern Cajun and Creole cuisines of the region and the chance to learn more about the area's famous Kentucky bourbon.

The newly-branded American Queen Voyages (AQV) offers the most comprehensive portfolio of great American rivers as well as lakes, ocean and expedition experiences.

AQV is an amalgamation of the 10-year-old American Queen Steamboat Company that specialised in exploring the mighty Mississippi, and the Columbia and Snake Rivers in Oregon, and Victory Cruises that championed the Great Lakes of North America and the Alaskan wilderness.

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THE RHINE

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THE BUCKET LIST

OUR TOP 14 ITINERARIES TO SATISFY
YOUR CRUISING CRAVINGS.



1. SEABOURN – SEABOURN VENTURE

Voyage: The Great White Continent – Antarctica – 11 nights

Departures: November 24 & December 5, 2022, January 15, February 6, 2023.

Itinerary: Ushuaia to Antarctica, return flights from Buenos Aires included.

2. PONANT – LE LAPEROUSE

Voyage: Australia's Iconic Kimberley – 10 nights

Departures: Regularly between April and October, 2022 and 2023, between Broome and Darwin.

Itinerary: Broome, Lapepede Islands, Hunter River, Vansittart Bay, King George River, Wyndham, Indonesia to Darwin and return.

3. TAUCK RIVER CRUISES – MS ANDORINHA

Voyage: Villages & Vintages, Cruising the Douro River Valley – 8 days

Departures: Regularly between April–October.

Itinerary: Porto, Pinhão, Côa Valley, Peso da Régua, Guimarães.

4. FRED OLSEN LINE – BOLETTE

Voyage: Exploring the Arctic – 23 nights

Departure: June 1, 2023 from Newcastle. Itinerary: Iceland, Svalbard and Norway.

5. CELEBRITY – CELEBRITY EDGE

Voyage: Australia Sailings – 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 nights

Departures: Between December 9, 2023 and April 5, 2024.

Itinerary: Between Auckland, New Zealand and Sydney, Australia, with variations.

6. AMERICAN QUEEN VOYAGES – OCEAN VICTORY

Voyage: Rockies and Alaska – 16 days

Departures: August and September, 2022, plus Rocky Mountaineer rail journey from Banff to Vancouver.

Itinerary: Vancouver, Canadian Inside Passage, Fjordland, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Misty Fjords, Wrangell, Waterfall Coast, Tracy Arm, Kake and Frederick to Sitka.

7. VARIETY CRUISES – PANORAMA II

Voyage: Tahiti & Pearls of French Polynesia – 8 days

Departures: August 2022 – December 2023.

Itinerary: Papeete island-hopping back to Papeete taking in Bora Bora, Taha'a, Moorea, Huahine and Raiatea.

8. OCEANIA – REGATTA

Voyage: Grand Pacific Expedition – 77 days

Departure: Los Angeles to Sydney on October 4 – December 21, 2023.

Itinerary: Oregon, Canada, Alaska, Japan, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia.

9. TRADEWINDS VOYAGES – GOLDEN HORIZON

Voyage: Grand Voyage – Greece, Turkey and Croatia – 18 nights

Departure: August 5, 2023.

Itinerary: Departs Split for Athens via Albania, Montenegro, the Greek Islands and Turkey.

10. NICKO CRUISES – MS BIJOU DU RHÔNE AND VASCO DA GAMA

Voyage: Ocean and Rivers of Europe – 20 nights

Departure: April 30, 2023.

Itinerary: This double cruise and stay combo starts with three nights in Paris, flight to Lyon for 7-night river cruise on the Saône and Rhône through Burgundy and Provence, a three-night stay in Marseille, then 7-day sea voyage along the French and Italian Rivieras and flight back to Paris.

11. CUNARD – QUEEN MARY 2

Voyage: Transatlantic Crossing – 7 nights

Departures: All year-round from April 2022 to December 2023.

Itinerary: Between New York and Southampton.

12. NCL – NORWEGIAN PRIMA

Voyage: Northern Europe: Oslo & Bergen to London – 10 nights

Departure: Copenhagen on September 13, 2022.

Itinerary: Copenhagen, Oslo, Bergen, Geiranger, Alesund, Amsterdam, Brussels to Southampton.

13. EUROPEAN WATERWAYS – ROSA

Voyage: Bordeaux and Gascony – 6 nights

Departures: Every Sunday between July and October, 2022 and 2023 on eight-passenger hotel barge.

Itinerary: Along the Canal de Garonne between Boé and Castets-en-Dorthe or in reverse.

14. ROYAL CARIBBEAN LINE – WONDER OF THE SEAS

Voyage: Western Mediterranean – 7 nights

Departures: from May to October 2022.

Itinerary: Barcelona return including Palma de Mallorca, Marseilles, La Spezia (Florence, Pisa), Civitavecchia (Rome), Naples (Capri).

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