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# Seabourn Conversations & Authors at Sea 2026



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# All-Inclusive, Ultra-Luxury Cruising. Refined to its purest form

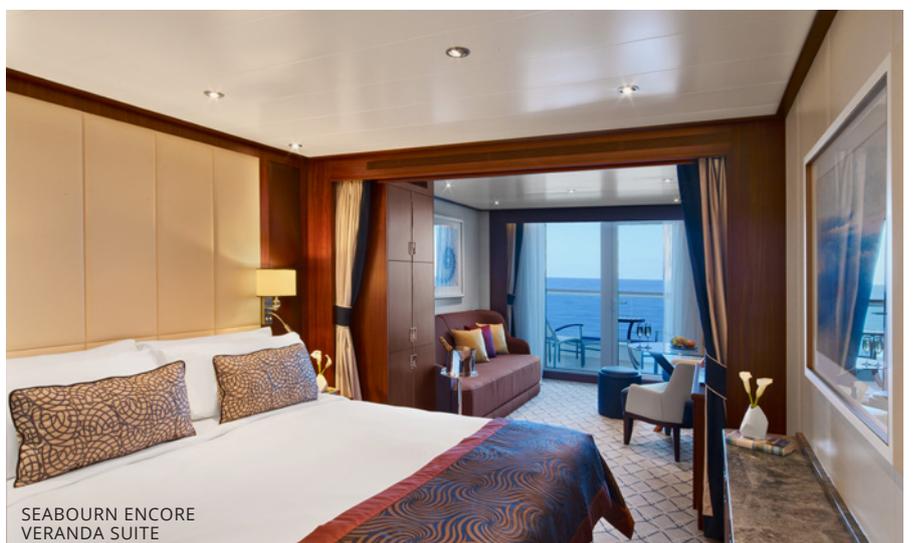
The Seabourn experience is unlike any other form of travel. It is luxurious, yet relaxed... elegant, yet casual... sumptuous, yet understated. Designed to accommodate just 264 to 600 guests, the Seabourn fleet offers the perfect blend of glamorous elegance, impeccable service, all-suite accommodation, exquisite cuisine and highly personalised destination experiences.

These beautiful all-veranda suite ships embody the evolution of small-ship cruising, delivering a wealth of innovative concepts and a host of illuminating ideas to delight the world's most discerning travellers.

The art of conversation has always been central to the Seabourn experience... our voyages attract interesting, interested travellers — people who enjoy talking together, sharing their interests, their adventures and discoveries, and their life stories with long time and newfound friends. Their enthusiasms and curiosity are far-ranging, and these are what spark their desire to travel the world.

To enhance this satisfying aspect of sailing, Seabourn invites special guests onboard to bring fascinating insights, expert opinions and delightfully entertaining diversions to the conversation.

Within this brochure we've highlighted just a few of our very special guests and the experiences they will bring during select 2026 voyages.



SEABOURN ENCORE  
VERANDA SUITE



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bar stocked with your  
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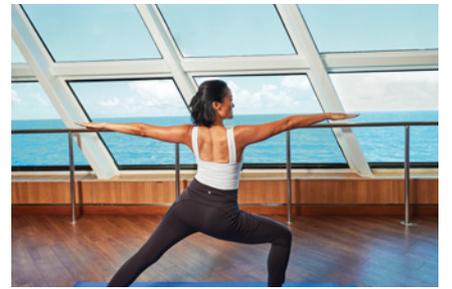
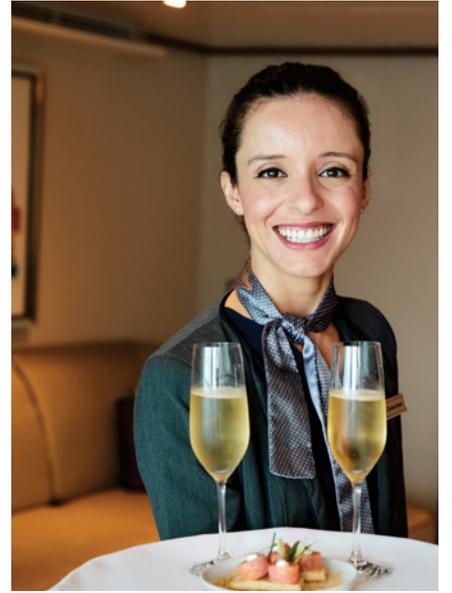
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Complimentary  
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SEABOURN VENTURE  
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## Authors at Sea

Select 2026 sailings will feature best-selling authors, historians and biographers, along with live events and hands-on workshops for aspiring authors. Guest writers will also engage with guests, sharing meals, adventures ashore and casual chats throughout the voyage.



**Ann Cleaves OBE**  
SEABOURN OVATION  
30 MAY 2026

**Onboard: Dover to Reykjavik**

**Calling all fans of 'Vera'...** 'Vera' and 'Shetland' author Ann Cleaves OBE has based her latest book in the Orkneys... a new mystery for detective DI Jimmy Perez!

Ann, a mystery crime writer, author of 37 critically acclaimed novels and an international bestseller (translated into over 20 languages) was in 2017 awarded the CWA Diamond Dagger, the highest accolade in crime writing.

In Summer 2026, Ann will again sail with Seabourn on a voyage that includes Kirkwall in the Orkneys. As well as offering fascinating insights into her books and characters, she will host two hands-on workshops:

- **Crime Writing Workshops** - helping budding authors write their own mystery.
- **The Glass Room Murder Mystery** – a classic mystery during a live event. As the story plays out before them, the audience must discover who the culprit is and bring them to justice.

### 7-Day Scotland & Ireland's North Coast

**Dover to Reykjavik**

SEABOURN OVATION | 30 MAY 2026

Dover; Kirkwall (Orkneys); Vopnafjordur (Iceland); Akureyri; Isafjordur; Reykjavik.

### 14-Day Scottish Isles & Iceland Intrigue

**Roundtrip Dover**

SEABOURN OVATION | 30 MAY 2026

Dover; Kirkwall (Orkneys); Vopnafjordur (Iceland); Akureyri; Isafjordur; Reykjavik; Heimaey (Westman Islands); Djupivogur (Iceland); Lerwick (Shetlands); Invergordon (Scotland); Dover.



**Joanne Harris OBE**  
SEABOURN VENTURE  
11 JUNE 2026

**Onboard: Barcelona to Gijon**

Joanne is the author of over twenty novels, including 'Chocolat', which was adapted to

the screen in 2000, starring Juliette Binoche

and Johnny Depp. She holds honorary doctorates from the Universities of Sheffield and Huddersfield, is an honorary Fellow of

St Catharine's College, Cambridge, and a Fellow

of the Royal Society of Literature. Her books are published in over 50 countries and have won many British and international awards.



**Chantal Coady OBE**  
SEABOURN VENTURE  
16 JUNE 2026

**Onboard: Seville to Greenwich**

A sustainable chocolate expert, founder of Rococo Chocolates and lifelong chocolate activist, Chantal wanted to change the way that fine chocolate was perceived by selling British-made dark chocolate grown at a single

estate in Granada. Chantal will be talking about her extraordinary adventures in chocolate, especially her love of Arabia, and her new venture, Chocolate Detective.

### 13-Day Spanish Nights & Storied Coasts

**Barcelona to Greenwich**

SEABOURN VENTURE | 11 JUNE 2026

Barcelona; Malaga (Spain); Seville (2 nights); Gijon; St Malo (Le Mont St Michel, France); Poole; Dunkirk; Greenwich.





**Louise Penny**  
SEABOURN ENCORE  
1 FEBRUARY 2026  
**Onboard: Singapore to Ho Chi Minh City**

Former Broadcaster and a New York Times best-selling author of the Inspector Gamache series of books, set in idyllic French Canada. As well as setting up intriguing plots, Penny offers

vivid descriptions of characters, beautiful scenery, Gallic culture and cuisine in these gentle yet well-paced mysteries...

Louise has also co-written a very successful political thriller with former US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called 'State of Terror'.



**Mellissa Fung**  
SEABOURN ENCORE  
9 FEBRUARY 2026  
**Onboard: Ho Chi Minh City to Hong Kong**

A veteran journalist, best-selling author, and award-winning filmmaker, Mellissa's latest book, *Between Good and Evil: The Stolen Girls of Boko Haram*, debuted on the Canadian non-fiction best-seller list in 2023, and her first feature documentary, *Captive*, won several major awards. Fung has produced original documentaries for Al-Jazeera International, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), and TV Ontario, has covered the Afghan war as a field correspondent for CBC, leading to her best-selling first book, *Under an Afghan Sky*, which chronicled her 2008 experience as a hostage.

## 14-Day Thailand, Cambodia & Vietnam

**Singapore to Hong Kong**  
SEABOURN ENCORE  
1 FEBRUARY 2026

Singapore; Laem Chabang (Bangkok); Ko Kood<sup>^</sup> (Thailand); Sihanoukville (Cambodia); Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon, overnight); Da Nang (Hue, Vietnam); Halong Bay; Hong Kong.



**Clare Balding CBE**  
SEABOURN ENCORE  
16 MARCH 2026  
**Onboard: Tokyo to Yokohama**

Clare Balding is an award-winning broadcaster and author, having worked on every Olympic Games since 1996 and on every Paralympics since 2000. Clare won BAFTA's Special Award for her work on London 2012 and

continues to present major sporting events, documentaries, and Royal events, including commentary of the King's Coronation for BBC1. A passionate campaigner for equality and women's sport, Clare is also a best-selling author of numerous books and children's novels. Clare was awarded a CBE for her services to Sport and Charity at Buckingham Palace in December 2022.



**Hugo Bernand**  
SEABOURN ENCORE  
15 FEBRUARY 2026  
**Onboard: Hong Kong to Singapore**

A world-renowned portrait photographer and author, who is famous for capturing society weddings and star-studded parties, Now the first ever official photographer for the Royal

Family, Bernand has portrayed Queen Elizabeth II, Bill Clinton, Victoria Beckham, Michael Jackson and many others.

## 14-Day Japan's Crafts and Cherry Blossoms

**Onboard: Tokyo to Yokohama**  
SEABOURN ENCORE | 16 MARCH 2026



Tokyo; Kobe; Kagoshima; Nagasaki (overnight); Busan (Pusan, South Korea); Shimonoseki (Japan); cruising Kanmon Strait; Hiroshima; Beppu; Kochi; Shimizu; Yokohama.

## 14-Day Thailand, Cambodia & Vietnam

**Onboard: Hong Kong to Singapore**  
SEABOURN ENCORE | 15 FEBRUARY 2026

Hong Kong; Halong Bay (Vietnam); Da Nang (Hue); Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon, overnight); Sihanoukville (Cambodia); Ko Kood<sup>^</sup> (Thailand); Laem Chabang (Bangkok); Singapore.



# Seabourn Conversations

Daring explorers, heralded chefs, learned scholars, celebrated performers and renowned experts from every arena of the arts, sciences, politics and the humanities will bring skilled presentations of their expertise for guests to enjoy. But just as importantly, they participate in the daily social scene, sharing meals, adventures ashore and casual chats throughout the voyage. On some ships, they lecture. On Seabourn, they join the conversation.



## Richard Stone Royal Portrait Painter

SEABOURN OVATION

27 JUNE 2026

Dover to Greenock

Seabourn is delighted to welcome back portrait painter Richard Stone. In 1973, aged 22, he secured the commission

to paint her Majesty the Queen Mother by cold-calling Clarence

House! Richard has completed commissioned portraits for members of the Royal Family including Queen Elizabeth II, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and King Charles III.

He also painted the official portrait of Margaret Thatcher, who upon inspecting his work, requested that he add her

handbag to the portrait. Stone's 1992 portrait of Queen Elizabeth II was used by the BBC during the announcement of her death and in obituary broadcasts.



## Will Lyons - Wine Writer, Author & Broadcaster

SEABOURN OVATION

4 JULY 2026

Greenock to Dover

Back on Seabourn by popular demand, for nearly two decades Will has published a weekly column on drinks,

formerly in The Wall Street Journal and now The Sunday Times. His humorous, informed, down-to-earth writing has been recognised in both the Glenfiddich and Roederer wine writing Awards and in 2022 his podcast Wine Times was named Podcast of the Year at the British Media Awards.

As well as delivering 'Seabourn Conversations' centred on the world of wine, Will will also escort a Whisky tasting tour in Oban on 6th July 2026 which features the Oban Distillery, one of the smallest in Scotland, where guests may learn about the stages of production of one of the country's favourite whiskies. Of course, no distillery tour is complete without the opportunity to taste the final product!



## 14-Day Scotland & Ireland's North Coast Roundtrip Dover

SEABOURN OVATION | 27 JUNE 2026

Dover; Portland; Cobh (Cork, Ireland); Fishguard (Wales); Douglas (Isle of Man); Rothesay (Isle of Bute); Greenock (Scotland); Belfast; Oban; Ullapool; Leith (Edinburgh); Dover.



## Lady Sandra Howard

SEABOURN QUEST

10 NOVEMBER 2026

Onboard: Lisbon to Miami

Lady Sandra Howard was a top international model in the 1960s and the only model to appear on the cover of American Vogue for two consecutive months. She is now a novelist and freelance journalist, and her novels

often draw from her extraordinary experiences, including encounters with Frank Sinatra and the Kennedys. Her latest novel is set during WWII in Cairo and East Africa.

## 12-Day Atlantic Crossing



Lisbon to Miami

SEABOURN QUEST

10 NOVEMBER  
2026

Lisbon; Funchal  
(Madeira); Miami.

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