

Seabourn Conversations & Authors at Sea 2026-7



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Sir Ian Rankin OBE



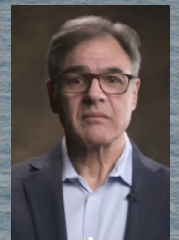
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All-Inclusive, Ultra-Luxury Cruising. Refined to its purest form



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 2026-7 voyages.





THE SEABOURN ALL-INCLUSIVE DIFFERENCE

All luxuriously appointed
veranda suites

Intuitive, personalised
service provided by staff
passionate about exceeding
guests expectations

Welcome Champagne and
complimentary in-suite
bar stocked with your
preferences

Complimentary premium
spirits and fine wines

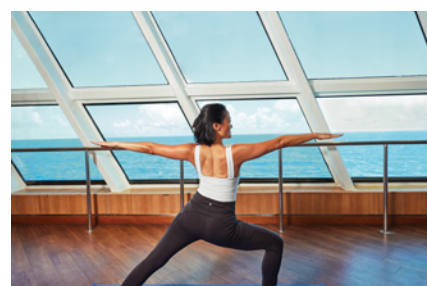
Tipping neither required, nor
expected

Complimentary WI-FI
packages with unlimited
minutes powered by
SpaceX's Starlink

Gourmet dining experiences
rivalling the finest
restaurants anywhere

All dining venues
complimentary, dine where,
when and with whom you
wish

Complimentary
entertainment experiences,
offering a variety of shows
and live music.



SEABOURN OVATION
VERANDA SUITE



Daring explorers, heralded chefs, learned scholars, celebrated performers and renowned experts from every arena of the arts, sciences, politics and the humanities share these journeys on Seabourn's intimate ships. They each 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...

Select 2026-7 sailings will also feature best-selling authors, historians and biographers, along with live events and hands-on workshops for aspiring authors. Guest authors will also engage with guests, sharing meals, adventures ashore and casual chats throughout the voyage.

Europe 2027

Ann Cleeves OBE



**Mystery
Crime Writer
& A New
York Times
best-selling
Author**

**SEABOURN
OVATION**

8-18 Apr 2027

10-Day Seville, Granada, Murcia & French Riviera

Lisbon to Genoa

SEABOURN OVATION | 8 APR 2027

Lisbon, Cadiz (Seville); Ceuta (Spanish Morocco); Motril (Granada); Cartagena (Murcia); Sete (France); La Joliette (Marseille); Ajaccio (Corsica); Genoa.



'Vera' and 'Shetland' author Ann Cleeves OBE has based her most recent book in the Orkneys, featuring 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.

Following her voyage to the Orkneys in 2026, Ann will sail with Seabourn in the Mediterranean, where 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.

Grant Harrold



**The Royal
Butler &
Etiquette
Expert**

**SEABOURN
QUEST**

**3-17 July
2027**

14-Day Jewels of the British Isles

Roundtrip Dover

SEABOURN QUEST | 3 JUL 2027

Dover; Cowes (Isle of Wight); Fowey; Bantry (Ireland); Kinsale; Holyhead (Wales); Belfast (N Ireland); Oban (Scotland); Stornoway (Lewis); Kirkwall (Orkneys); Dundee; Leith (Edinburgh); Dover.



Grant Harrold The Royal Butler is a British former royal butler and the UK's foremost etiquette expert. During his career in the Royal Household, he served Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla, as well as the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince Harry, primarily at Highgrove House. He also occasionally served the late Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. Grant's 2025 "The Royal Butler" is an unforgettable memoir and portrait of a royal household, which tells the full story of how a boy who grew up obsessed with the royals ended up at the heart of their household.



Sir Ian Rankin OBE



**Mystery
Crime Writer
& A New York
Times best-
selling Author**

**SEABOURN
QUEST**

**17-31 July
2027**

14-Day Midsummer in the Land of the Midnight Sun

Roundtrip Dover

SEABOURN QUEST | 17 JUL 2027

Dover; Trondheim (Norway); Bronnoysund; Svolvær (Lofoten); Tromsø; Honningsvåg (Nordcapp); cruising North Cape; Løen (Olden); cruising Nordfjord; Bergen; Amsterdam; Dover



Sir Ian Rankin OBE is the recipient of four Crime Writers' Association Dagger Awards including the prestigious Diamond Dagger. Ian previously won America's celebrated Edgar Award for Resurrection Men. He has also been shortlisted for the Edgar and Anthony Awards in the USA, and won Denmark's Palle Rosenkrantz prize, the French Grand Prix du Roman Noir and Germany's Deutscher Krimipreis. His Inspector Rebus novels have sold over 35 million copies.

Trans-Atlantic 2026-7

Lady Sandra Howard



American
'Vogue' cover
fashion
Model, Author
and Journalist
**SEABOURN
QUEST**
10-22 Nov
2026

12-Day Atlantic Crossing

Lisbon to Miami

SEABOURN QUEST | 10 NOV 2026
Lisbon; Funchal (Madeira); 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

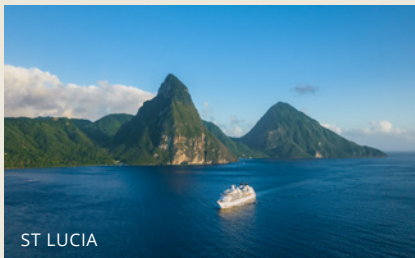
draw from her extraordinary experiences, including encounters with Frank Sinatra and the Kennedys. Her latest novel is set during WWII in Cairo and East Africa.



12-Day Caribbean & Atlantic Passage

Barbados to Lisbon | SEABOURN OVATION | 27 MAR 2027

Barbados; Castries (St Lucia); Funchal (Madeira); Portimao (Portugal); Lisbon



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Santa Montefiore



International
bestselling
Author
**SEABOURN
OVATION**
27 March
- 8 April 2027

No 1 international bestselling author of thirty-four titles, Santa's books are translated into twenty-five languages, and she has sold over 8 million copies worldwide. She also co-wrote the children's series 'The Royal Rabbits of London' with her husband, historian Simon Sebag-Montefiore. Activities onboard will include:

- **Creative Writing Workshop** - Join Santa for an inspiring, hands on workshop exploring character, setting, and storytelling craft.
- **Q&A and Book Signing** - Engage directly with Santa on her writing life, creative process, and bestselling novels, followed by a book signing.

Joanne Harris OBE

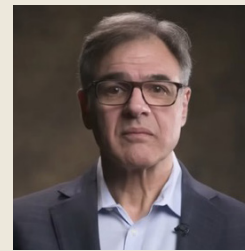


New York
Times
bestselling
Author
**SEABOURN
OVATION**
27 March
- 8 April 2027

Joanne Harris OBE 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. During the cruise Joanne will host:

- **Creative Writing Workshop** - Join Joanne for an inspiring, hands on workshop exploring character, setting, and storytelling craft.
- **Q&A and Book Signing** - Engage directly with Joanne on her writing life, creative process, and bestselling novels, followed by a book signing.

John Kiriakou



New York
Times
bestselling
Author
**SEABOURN
OVATION**
27 March
- 8 April 2027

An author, journalist, former CIA counterterrorism officer, former senior investigator for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, former counterterrorism consultant for ABC News, and the son of two public elementary school teachers, John was responsible for the capture in Pakistan in 2002 of Abu Zubaydah, then believed to be the third-ranking official in al-Qaeda. In 2007, Kiriakou blew the whistle on the CIA's torture programme, telling ABC News that the CIA tortured prisoners, that torture was official U.S. government policy, and that the policy had been approved by then-President George W. Bush. He became the sixth whistleblower indicted by the Obama administration under the Espionage Act and served 23 months in prison.

Lord Digby Jones



Businessman
& Politician
**SEABOURN
QUEST**
30 May -
11 Jun 2027

12-Day Atlantic Crossing

Miami to Lisbon

SEABOURN QUEST | 30 MAY 2027
Miami; Funchal (Madeira); Lisbon

Lord Digby Jones was born over his parents' corner store within a stone's throw of the Austin car factory in Birmingham, UK. In this shop he learned the rudiments of small business helping his parents. He has

come a long way since, from serving as director general of the Confederation of British Industry to being knighted in 2005 & elevated to the Peerage in 2007. Lord Jones has written two books: "Fixing Britain" and "Fixing Business," while commenting regularly on politics and business affairs all over the world. He chairs or advises several corporations & is involved in many charities.

The Caribbean 2026-7



Robert King Wittman



Former FBI Special Agent and
a New York Times best-selling
Author

SEABOURN QUEST
22 Nov-6 Dec 2026

14-Day Leeward Island Jewels

Roundtrip Miami | SEABOURN QUEST | 22 NOV 2026

Miami, San Juan (Puerto Rico); Road Bay (Tortola); Carambola Beach^ (St Kitts & Nevis); Roseau (Dominica); Trois Ilets (Martinique); Terre-de-Haut (Iles des Saintes); Little Bay (Montserrat); Virgin Gorda; Great Harbour (Jost van Dyke); Miami.



JOST VAN DYKE

Robert K. Wittman served in the FBI as a Special Agent specialising in art, antiques, jewellery and gem identification, and, during his 20-year career recovered more than \$300 million worth of stolen art and cultural property which resulted in numerous prosecutions and convictions. In 2010, he penned his New York Times bestselling memoir "PRICELESS: How I Went Undercover to Rescue the World's Stolen Treasures." His 2nd book, "THE DEVIL'S DIARY: Alfred Rosenberg and the Stolen Secrets of the Third Reich" is a worldwide best seller published in 29 languages in more than 30 countries.

Clare Balding CBE



International Broadcaster,
Presenter & Author

SEABOURN OVATION
13-27 Feb 2027

14-Day Exotic Caribbean in Depth

Roundtrip Barbados | SEABOURN OVATION | 13 FEB 2027

Barbados; Castries (St Lucia); Little Bay (Montserrat); St John's Antigua; Carambola Beach (St Kitts & Nevis^); Great Harbour Philipsburg (St Maarten); Soper's Hole (Frenchman's Cay); Carambola Beach^; (Martinique); Port Elizabeth (Bequia); St Georges (Grenada); Barbados



BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

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.

Canada & Beyond

Louise Penny



Mystery
Crime Writer
& A New
York Times
best-selling
Author

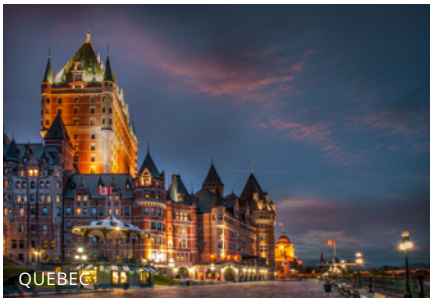
**SEABOURN
QUEST**
25 Sept-
7 Oct 2027

12-Day Newfoundland & Gulf of St Lawrence Reverie

Roundtrip Montreal

SEABOURN QUEST | 25 SEPT 2027

Montreal; St Lawrence River Cruising; Havre Saint Pierre (Quebec); L'Anse aux Meadows (Newfoundland); St John's (Newfoundland, overnight); Saint Pierre & Miquelon; Cap-aux-Meules (Iles de la Madeleine); Saguenay (Quebec); Quebec City; Montreal.



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', and recently published bestseller 'The Last Mandarin' with fellow author Mellisa Fung.

Hugo Burnand



Official
Royal
Photographer

**SEABOURN
QUEST**
9-22 Feb
2027

12-Day South Pacific Explorer

Papeete to Auckland

SEABOURN QUEST | 9 FEB 2027

Papeete; Moorea (French Polynesia); Bora Bora; Aitutaki (Cook Islands); Cross International Dateline; Nuku Alofa (Tonga); Whangarei (New Zealand); Auckland



A world-renowned portrait photographer, who captures iconic figures, society weddings and star-studded parties on camera. A long-standing contributor to Condé Nast, particularly Tatler & House & Garden Magazine, Burnand has portrayed luminaries such as Queen Elizabeth II, Bill Clinton, Victoria Beckham and Michael Jackson. Holding a Royal Warrant from Prince Charles since 2010, Burnand's royal commissions include the weddings of Charles to Camilla, William to Catherine, and the digitally recorded coronation. Following receipt of a Royal Warrant from King Charles III, Burnand is now the first ever official royal portrait photographer for the Royal Family.

Dr Mireya Mayor



Anthropologist
&
Primatologist

**SEABOURN
QUEST**
22-30 May
2027

19-Day Panama Canal Crossing

Long Beach to Miami

SEABOURN QUEST | 11 MAY 2027

Long Beach (California); Puerto Vallarta (Mexico); Huatulco; Puerto Chiapas; Puerto Quetzal (Guatemala); Puntarenas (Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica); Daylight Panama Canal transit; Cartagena (Colombia); Miami



A former NFL cheerleader, daughter of Cuban immigrants, Dr. Mireya Mayor followed her unlikely dreams to explore the world in the name of science, becoming a respected primatologist, audacious explorer, National Science Foundation Fellow, Fulbright Scholar, and an Emmy Award-nominated wildlife correspondent for National Geographic Channel. Dr. Mireya Mayor has earned the nickname "the female Indiana Jones," but the fashion-loving anthropologist always packs an accessory Harrison Ford's character never would: a black dress — "should an unforeseen occasion arise".



Art at Sea

Join Seabourn for a special creative experience with artist Chris Tatam, who will again be leading a series of immersive art workshops inspired by the spirit of travel. Through guided sessions exploring watercolours, monochromatic palettes, movement, and the influence of travel and architecture, guests are invited to slow down, observe, and express the world around them in new ways.

These workshops are designed for all experience levels, offering a thoughtful, hands-on way to connect creativity with the journey itself.

Chris Tatam



Artist at Sea

SEABOURN OVATION

6-14 Nov 2027

8-Day Spanish Morocco, Spanish Riviera & Portugal

Barcelona to Lisbon

SEABOURN OVATION | 6 NOV 2027

Barcelona, Valencia, Cartagena, Motril (Granada); Melilla (Spanish Morocco); Cadiz (Seville); Leixoes (Porto, Portugal); Lisbon.

Chris Tatam is a renowned artist, craftsman and art tutor from the Isle of Anglesey, North Wales, educated at the University of Wales, Bangor.

He has a wide range of experience and knowledge in the painting of landscapes and seascapes, using the mediums of watercolour, acrylics and mixed medium including the use of gold leaf.

To date Chris has received many awards and accreditations for his work including a 1st at the National Eisteddfod of Wales and a highly commended at the Crafters Guild of Great Britain. He has successfully held many exhibitions of his work nationwide and been commended on Sky Arts.

Chris is passionate about creating art and loves to inspire and teach. His style of tutoring is to create a fun and relaxed adventure into the joy of painting using a variety of techniques and subjects



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