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I hope you enjoy our bumper issue of Travel Talk which covers the latest and greatest from around the globe. Who can believe we're already half way through the year already. If you're like me, you may have spent some time dreaming of your next trip away! There's still time to travel in 2018 or get plans in place for 2019, with international airfares the lowest I have ever seen and with so many great deals from some of the best ocean and river cruises on water, your next holiday is closer than you think - and certainly very affordable.

Over the past 12 months we've seen so many new cruise ships launching, both ocean and river, new airlines flying into Adelaide and new aircrafts being released. Fiji Airways and China Southern both commenced flights here and we saw Air New Zealand's new Dreamliner arrive at Adelaide Airport. Emirates introduced their new 777 and Qantas' new Dreamliner commenced nonstop flights from Perth to London. Certainly, a game changer in aviation, and exciting times for the future when we may finally see direct flights from Adelaide to the USA.

Looking at travel trends, Japan sits at the top of the list of emerging destinations for the coming year, as well as Iceland, Norway, Portugal, Sri Lanka and India, while Croatia is still a popular bucket list destination. Fiji, with the new direct flights from Adelaide is certainly on the family hot list. Most popular cruise destinations are still the Mediterranean, Baltic, Alaska and New Zealand, while Europe River Cruising continues to grow at record levels – particularly in the youth market with the introduction of U by Uniworld. Our adventurous travellers have Antarctica, Artic, North West Passage, Galapagos and Cuba on their wish list.

I get so excited about the future of our industry. Travel has certainly enriched my life in every way, as I hope it has and will, yours.

May this inspire your travels for 2018 and beyond.



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 Phil Hoffmann AM,
Founder and Managing Director



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THE POWER OF TRAVEL

Right: Lions framed against Kalahari dunes; beaches lapped by two oceans; star-studded skies and lush mountains - our travellers immersing themselves in South Africa's astounding diversity.

Below: Social Solo Club members at Beach Bum restaurant, enjoying a mix of Hawaiian-meets-Mexican-meets-Japanese food.

Below right: PHT staff enjoying the annual Cruiseco conference a fantastic event where industry members can find out about the most exciting and upcoming cruise-related activity within the industry.





SPECIAL MOMENTS

Above: Our own Michelle Ashcroft, PHT General Manager, was one of a few incredible women selected as special guest speakers at Inspiring Greatness, an International Women’s Day event held in Sydney recently. The event hosted by Jito Connected focused on Inspiring Greatness Stories & Business Intelligence. She did us proud, presenting on ‘The Power to be Great’.

Right: Long-time PHT client and self-confessed ‘Cunard and cruise tragic’, Gavin Harper recently married his wife, Eleonor on their favourite ship, the grand Queen Mary 2. Eleonor was escorted to the boardroom by her friend and a Bellboy, resplendent in his red Cunard uniform, where she was married to Gavin by the ship’s Captain. Here they are pictured on their very special day.



Right: Earlier in the year, Phil Hoffmann Travel invited past travellers on our fully escorted journeys and hosted cruises to catch up at our annual Groups reunion. Attendees caught up with friends and travel companions, old and new, at a sunny rooftop get together with a BBQ, drinks and entertainment. Stories were told and memories revisited of past travel adventures, while for many plans were set in place for future travels.



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ABU DHABI LOUVRE

exotic

Opened in November 2017, the Louvre Abu Dhabi was born out of a cultural collaboration formed between France and the United Arab Emirates in 2007. The first universal museum in the Arab world, the museum brings the Louvre name to Abu Dhabi and presents both ancient and contemporary works of historic, cultural and sociological interest from around the world.

While it includes art from its own collection alongside many masterpieces on loan from French institutions, it's by no means a carbon copy of its Parisian counterpart. The museum's galleries tell the story of humanity in

twelve inspiring chapters with works on show ranging from prehistoric artefacts to contemporary artworks.

The physical building of the Louvre Abu Dhabi is a remarkable work of art in itself. Inspired by the architecture and traditions of the United Arab Emirates, architect Jean Nouvel designed an architectural feat that is also a powerful symbol of the nation's vision and achievements. It has been designed as a micro-city – an archipelago in the sea - made up of 55 detached buildings, 23 of which are devoted to galleries.

The centerpiece is a huge silvery dome that seemingly floats above the entire

complex. Despite giving the illusion of being weightless, the dome weighs nearly 7,500 tonnes – the same weight as Paris's Eiffel Tower. The dome is a complex, geometric structure of 7,850 stars, repeated at varying sizes and angles in different layers. To give perspective, the largest star is 13 metres in diameter and weighs 1.3 tonnes. The diameter of the dome's base is 180 metres. As light filters through the gaps in the dome, a 'rain of light' effect is created, dappling sunlight throughout the space. Not just for beauty, the dome also serves a function, acting as a shading canopy to protect the buildings and visitors from the heat of the sun.



COTSWOLDS ENGLAND

With a quintessential English charm found nowhere else in the world, the picturesque Cotswolds is a delightful rural area in south central England. It appears time has stood still for centuries in the enchanting unspoiled countryside. Comprising of rolling green hills and sweeping meadows, quaint towns and bucolic villages, and charming honey-coloured stone buildings surrounded by pretty cottage gardens - wandering the streets or driving through the countryside transports you immediately into the pages of a Beatrix Potter storybook. Discover the highlights of the Cotswolds on a 10 day Highlights of Britain small group tour with Back-Road Touring Co from \$3,999pp.



iconic

CUNARD FROM ADELAIDE

With the launch of Cunard's 2019/20 program, South Australian's with the dream of cruising on this iconic cruise line will be thrilled to see there are many of cruises into and out Adelaide featured.

In addition to short breaks and week-long getaways, the season will commence with a fantastic 22-night cruise from Cape Town to Adelaide aboard the grand Queen Elizabeth, departing in November 2019 from \$3,999 pp twin share. Also available will be itineraries roundtrip from Adelaide to New Zealand in January 2020 from \$5,319 or Tasmania in December 2019 from \$2,039.

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There are few places in this world with such a rare and primeval beauty, that to witness them takes your breath away. With its stunning and unique landscapes, the Arctic is one such place.

At the heart of these faraway lands, when the ice floes break up, when the sun no longer sets below the horizon and the snow-covered peaks shed their white mantle for a brief Summer, you'll discover a polar desert of ice and water - a world where time stands still.

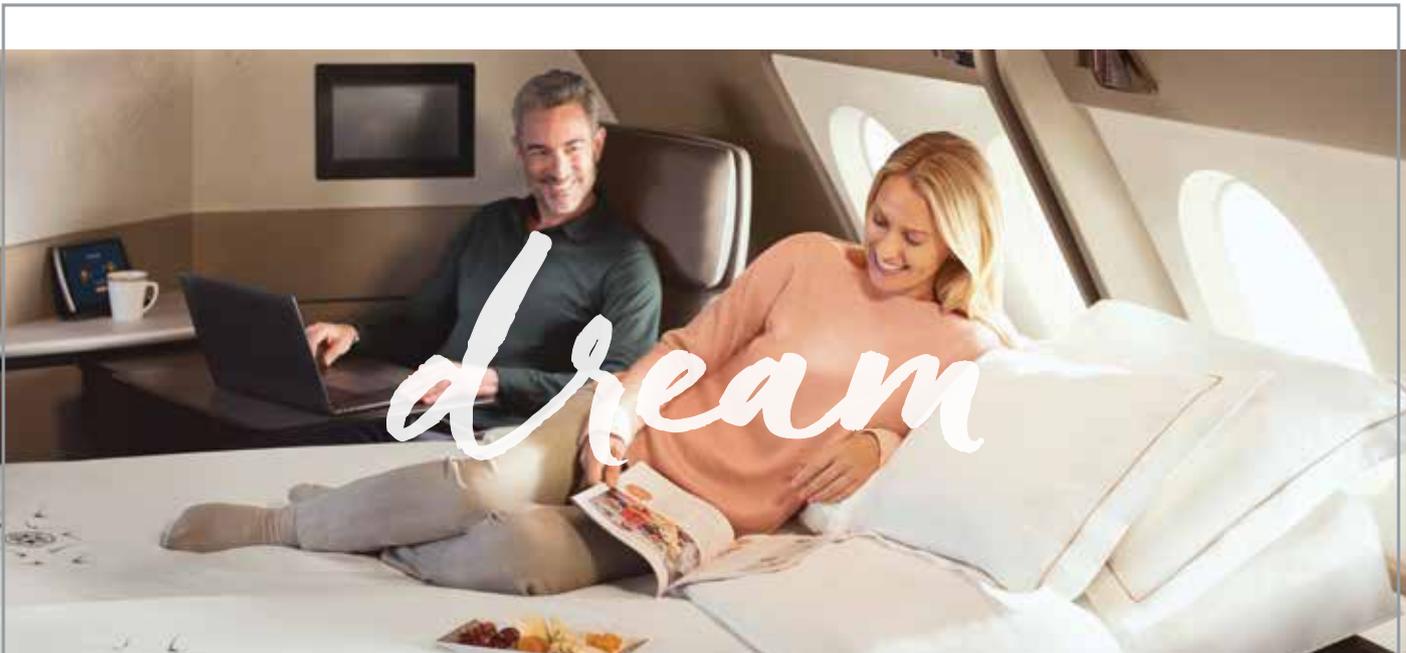
Far from the usual cruise itineraries, we invite you to cruise in the wake of the great Explorers who dreamt of one day conquering this remote region.

On board the superb mega yacht L'Austral, embark on a luxurious 23-day expedition from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Nome, Alaska across the "roof of the world" and the only possible shipping route between the Atlantic and the Pacific. Cruise from one port of call to the next as you discover the imposing Arctic landscapes aboard the Zodiac® dinghies or during one of the shore visits - always in the company of experienced Naturalist-Guides. Meet the Inuit people, living to the rhythm of

the changing seasons and preserving their ancestral culture and way of life, or discover the local wildlife, lazing in the ice floe or playing in the wake of your ship.

On board, you'll stay in one of 123 luxuriously appointed cabins and suites while enjoying a chic and elegant yacht-like ambiance, refined and personalised service, and mouth-watering gastronomic cuisine.

Departing on 24 August 2019, this unique cruise will sell out. Last cabins available in Australia from \$35,999* per person twin share in a Prestige Stateroom with Private Balcony. Don't hesitate - book today to be a part of this legendary expedition.



SINGAPORE AIRLINES NEW FIRST CLASS SUITES

Singapore Airlines recently unveiled a new cabin for its A380 planes which features the stunning new first-class suites. Taking flying to the next level of comfort and luxury, these suites take full advantage of the size of the A380's. Each new plane will include six of the suites, offering a private space that is all yours. The spaciousness of the individual cabins allows for a standalone bed – or double if travelling with a partner - a 35-inch-wide leather recliner, 32-inch television, a full-size wardrobe and a sliding door and window blinds for privacy.



discover

THE MYSTERIOUS...

Standing off the coast of Chile, Easter Island is an island of volcanic rock and one of the few remaining mysteries the modern world has yet to solve. Its famous stone statues of elongated faces, likely built by the Rapa Nui people, have attracted the intrigue of researchers and tourists alike since they were first seen by Europeans upon their arrival in 1722. Dotted all over the isolated island, some of the statues are said to be 1,000 years old.

group
tour

THE FINEST OF FINE CHINA

The Phil Hoffmann Travel Escorted Journeys Collection features tours to all corners of the globe, fully escorted from Adelaide, here is our latest tour release.

Tapping into a rich seam of culture and history, ponder the legendary Forbidden City, travel on a rickshaw, wander along the gargantuan Great Wall, dine on Peking duck and discover the Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an. Cruising from Chongqing to Wuhan on the River Yangtze witness the spectacle of the Three Gorges

and become acquainted with the pandas at Chongqing. Discover the curious karst limestone scenery around Guilin and explore delightfully rural Yangshuo. Once a playground for adventurers, socialites and opium traders – Shanghai is ripe for exploration and a little retail therapy on bustling Nanjing Road.

17 day 'Fine China' solo club tour

Fully Escorted from Adelaide by Anne Sheehan. Departing 10 September 2018.

Prices start from \$6,899* solo occupancy

PHT ENCOUNTERS

PHT staff have been travelling the world to share their new found knowledge with our clients. Read about some of our recent journeys.



CHRISTA KINEAR
GALÁPAGOS

For 50 years Lindblad have been helping travellers discover all the magic and beauty of the Galápagos Islands on their expeditions, so it was an honour to be invited to participate on a journey to experience this “prehistoric” land for myself, and learn about how Lindblad Expeditions is contributing to its preservation for generations to come. Sailing on the beautiful National Geographic Endeavour II, I witnessed a land of volcanoes, huge tortoises, an abundance of seals basking in the sun, hundreds of Iguanas and blue- and red-footed boobies – all un-phased by our presence. Snorkelling amongst seals and iguanas was a highlight in what was a truly amazing experience discovering this unique part of our world.

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RIZ CALLISTO
INDIA

I recently travelled with APT on their 8 day Hidden Treasures of Gujarat Journey on one of India’s most luxurious trains, the Deccan Odyssey. This itinerary departs from Mumbai and takes you through the medieval capital of Vadodara, the holy city of Nashik, the pilgrim spots of Palitana, the salt desert of Little Rann of Kutch and Modhera – home to an incredible sandstone temple complex dedicated to the Sun God. The train was very comfortable and the service outstanding, while the highlight was the fantastic Indian and Western cuisine onboard. You could even get a massage onboard before dinner! If you’re travelling to India and want to venture outside the Golden Triangle, this trip offers a truly unique and memorable experience.

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DARIAN FOOT
SOUTH AMERICA

After visiting South America with Trafalgar late last year, I can safely say that South America continues to be one of my favourite destinations. Our trip began in the sophisticated European-inspired city of Buenos Aires. From lively tango, to history and amazing food, it has something for everyone. Next stop was the spectacular Iguassu Falls. The scenery and sheer magnitude of the water is awe-inspiring and needs to be experienced to fully comprehend. Our trip concluded in Rio De Janeiro - one of the most captivating and beautiful cities I’ve ever visited - where I felt totally safe and secure. The highlight of our action-packed days in Rio was a swim in the stunning Ipanema Beach.

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Q&A

WITH GLEN WILLIAMS
BUSINESS TRAVEL MANAGER

BUSINESS NEWS

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING IN THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY?

I have held numerous positions within the industry since 1988. Prior to joining Phil Hoffmann Travel in 2014, I spent 17 years working with Qantas Airways as part of the Commercial Sales team. This experience has enabled me to source the best possible travel expense management solutions for our clients and pass this information onto my Business Travel team at PHT.

WHY SHOULD BUSINESS TRAVELLERS USE PHT?

The Phil Hoffmann Business Travel team comprises of highly experienced and professional staff that understand the importance of efficiently managing expenditure, negotiating competitive rates and preparing seamless travel itineraries for our clients. To this end, we take pride in delivering the highest standard of award-winning service. This includes an Online Booking Engine and an After-hours Emergency Assistance service to give you and your travellers that extra peace of mind when travelling. Highly awarded, we have won “Australia’s Best Travel Agency of the Year” an unprecedented 11 times in our short history.

WHAT’S YOUR BEST TRAVEL TIP FOR A CORPORATE TRAVELLER?

Be aware of your loyalty memberships (car, hotel, airlines) and always try to stay loyal to these memberships. Have you ever wondered why someone gets upgraded over you? It’s all about loyalty! We commonly see this with airline frequent flyer programs - upgrade opportunities exist to clients with more status/loyalty credits more so than frequent flyer points that can be earned via a credit card. The more you fly, the more benefits you will receive.

YOUR FAVOURITE DESTINATION?

I would say New York was my favourite destination, however with a young family I have found Disney Cruising and Disney Parks in Florida are a very close second.

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EDINBURGH

city stay guide



SEE & DO

Looming large over Scotland's compact and hilly capital is **Edinburgh Castle**, home to Scotland's Crown Jewels and the Stone of Destiny used in the coronation of Scottish rulers. The city boasts a medieval Old Town and elegant Georgian New Town with gardens and neoclassical buildings. Meanwhile, **Arthur's Seat** is an imposing peak in Holyrood Park with sweeping views, and **Calton Hill** topped with monuments and memorials is a Mecca for vultures of culture.



STAY & PLAY

From budget to opulent hostleries, Edinburgh caters to all pockets. Top of the tree is **The Balmoral** - an Edinburgh landmark for more than a century. Luxurious bedrooms, a Michelin-starred restaurant, and lavish afternoon teas in the Palm Court add up to a sophisticated grand hotel. **23 Mayfield** is about 20 minutes walk from Edinburgh centre. Guest bedrooms are like stage sets - Tudor mahogany panelling, rich furnishings and jewel-like colours. Breakfast is as lavish as the decor: full on Scots with cloutie dumpling and tattle scones, smoked haddock or kippers, steamed porridge with whisky.



EAT & DRINK

Scottish cuisine is more than just haggis and shortbread. Head to busy Leith Walk for casual dining and the bakeries and cafes on vibrant Broughton Street, and New Town for fine dining. **Origano Pizzeria** serves the best gourmet pizzas made with hand-stretched dough in a rustic-chic cafe-style restaurant. **TailEnd Restaurant & Fish Bar** serves golden fish and chips in friendly surrounds. Opulent to the extreme, **The Dome** is housed in an impressive former bank, and serves cocktails, afternoon tea, lunch and dinner in the magnificent and memorable surrounds.



SHOP

The definition of luxury shopping in Edinburgh is **Multrees Walk**. Home of Scotland's only Harvey Nichols, Louis Vuitton and other exclusive premier brands, the most discerning fashionistas will be happy here. There's a wide range of gifts and oddities in the **Grassmarket**. And along at the West End, **William Street** is a chic enclave of upmarket indie boutiques, gift shops and delis. **George Street** is a chic fashion hub with on trend brands including All Saints, Kooples, LK Bennett and Jigsaw.



new hotels

NOBU HOTEL SHOREDITCH, LONDON

Instinctive and informal, Nobu Hotel Shoreditch delivers a captivating and unique escape with the perfect balance of luxury, fun, craft and theatre.

Benefitting not only from charming local attractions, the hotel is also in a prime location for visiting London's iconic landmarks. Offering 148 thoughtfully designed guestrooms and suites and unveiling London's newest Nobu Restaurant, the design blends the raw creative energy of East London with the understated luxury of Nobu. Positioned both physically and emotionally between the energy of East London's cultural district and the economic centre of the City, guests will find a fresh and vibrant property, using Asian-inspired and London-infused sights, sounds, scents and experiences to engage and delight from the moment they arrive. The rooms feature a contemporary design and simple elegance which evokes a sense of contemporary Japanese tranquillity, seamlessly designed with a modern finish.

The popular Nobu restaurant seats 240 guests, including a sushi counter, lounge and bar area, and an outdoor courtyard, alternatively guests can order Nobu cuisine in the comfort of their room. Balance and mindfulness are at the soul of the Nobu Hotel Shoreditch wellbeing area, offering a range of relaxation, fitness, wellness and beauty services that rejuvenate, revitalise

and re-energise. They also offer a comprehensive range of results focused facials, massages and body treatments which can be adjusted to suit your needs.

SOFITEL SYDNEY DARLING HARBOUR

Enjoy a fabulous stay in the vibrant Darling Harbour precinct, facing the city's centre at the Sofitel Sydney Darling Harbour.

Step into a world of sophistication blending French Art de Vivre and local culture. Enjoy a breathtaking view on the Harbour and skyline, laze the day away by our infinity pool or indulge yourself at the Champagne Bar. Give your Sydney journey a sophisticated setting by choosing a beautiful harbour-side haven from 590 luxurious rooms, including 35 lavish suites. Spread over 35 floors in Darling Harbour's tallest building, enjoy the latest technology and contemporary décor with chic French touches. Sofitel Sydney Darling Harbour is located next to the dynamic new International Convention Centre and steps from the shopping area. Sydney's Central Business District is a short walk across historic Pyrmont Bridge. Indulge your senses with a unique dining experience overlooking Darling Harbour. Discover a French inspired grill combining flavours of the South of France with locally sourced produce at Atelier by Sofitel or



Indulge yourself in an exquisite glass of Champagne at the Champagne Bar. Discover an oasis of calm and relaxation in the heart of buzzing Sydney as you plunge into the infinity pool with breathtaking views of the city, enjoy a cocktail at Le Rivage pool bar or exercise in the brand-new gym.

WESTIN NANEA OCEAN VILLAS, KA'ANAPALI

Nanea (na-neh-ah) is a Hawaiian word that means to be in a state of relaxation, leisure, tranquillity, and to be at ease and having a good time.

The Westin Nanea Ocean Villas takes a unique approach to representing the culture of Hawai'i by sharing the history of the island through various architectural designs, décor and experiences. Authentic Hawaiian art and artefacts are displayed throughout the resort to help share the stories of the people and the island. Situated on 16 pristine acres of Ka'anapali Beach, The Westin Nanea Ocean Villas, Ka'anapali features 390 luxurious villas and a variety of world-class resort amenities, including an expansive lagoon-style pool, full-service restaurant, beach bar, children's beach pool and play area, oceanfront cabanas and a WestinWORKOUT® fitness studio.

Living up to its name, it offers a peaceful haven from which to experience the rhythms and charms of beautiful Maui. The prime position on Ka'anapali Beach ensures you'll enjoy no shortage of recreational activities, including snorkelling, paddle boarding and scuba diving. Unwind with a rejuvenating treatment at Spa Helani and savour authentic Hawaiian cuisine at Mauka Makai. After a busy day exploring Maui, retreat to your luxury villa, which showcases thoughtful details like a fully furnished kitchen, a Westin Heavenly® Bed and a private veranda to soak in the views.

Images opposite page from left:

The Nobu Hotel's stunning entrance and outstanding architecture, iconic 'Nobu Style' cuisine created by Chef Nobu Matsuhisa and the deluxe guest room.

Images this page from left:

Sofitel Sydney Darling Harbour luxury corner room with views from the bathroom and the Champagne Bar where you can savour the world's finest champagne.

Westin Nanea Ocean Villas poolside fire pit, lagoon and coast - close to many activities such as snorkelling, stand up paddle boarding, and more.



A destination on the bucket list of many avid travellers, in the past only a privileged few have been lucky enough to experience the untamed and desolate beauty of this vast, untouched area of icy plains, jagged mountains and pristine wilderness. Thanks to a growth in the number of cruise lines visiting the region, there are now more opportunities to experience the wonder of Antarctica for yourself.

Once part of Gondwana, the super-continent that separated millions of years ago to form the five continents on earth today, Antarctica is the world's driest continent with an annual snowfall equivalent to 200 millimetres of water. The coolest temperature ever recorded on earth occurred there in July 1983 at a teeth-chattering -89.6°C . It's no surprise then, that less than 2% of Antarctica is ice-free. The total volume of the Antarctic ice sheet is approximately 36 million square kilometres – this represents about 70% of the world's freshwater. The average thickness of an ice sheet is a staggering 2.4 kilometres. The closest landmass to Antarctica is South America which is nearly 1,000 kilometres away.

The ships that travel through Antarctic waters can vary greatly in

size and standard - from casual, soft adventure style cruising to luxury. The cruise season is limited, running from December to February when visitors can enjoy up to 20 hours of daylight. The temperature in summer ranges between -5 and 5°C . Expedition ships enable you to stay in comfort on board the ship and enjoy zodiac rides for shore landings and exploration of the icebergs and wilderness. Some even permit camping overnight on the ice, kayaking through the icy waters, scuba diving and snorkelling.

A few major cruise lines now incorporate Antarctica into their South American itineraries. The ships venture across Drake Passage and along the coastline of the Antarctic Sound, offering passengers a stunning, scenic cruise experience. Drake Passage is where the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean's meet between South America's Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands on Antarctica. It's a wonderful way to get a glimpse of icy plains, jagged mountains and the wildlife that inhabits this remote area.

Uninhabited except for several important scientific research stations, wildlife-rich Antarctica abounds with pristine and natural beauty. Enjoy expert-led Antarctic adventures, marvel at the sight of whales, penguins, seals and seabirds as they accompany the journey along the Antarctic coastline and experience landing on the continent itself - one of life's memorable moments.



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Join 5AA superstar, South Australia's foremost horticultural expert and PHT Tour Escort, Michael Keelan, as you discover the best of the Antarctic Peninsula in unparalleled luxury aboard Ponant's Le Lyrial. Enjoy sumptuous dining, elegantly appointed staterooms and some of the most magnificent scenery on the planet!

Experience some of the most unique wildlife viewing in the world as you're taken to visit penguin rookeries and seal colonies. These chilly waters are often frequented by hunting orca and the breaching forms of humpback and minke whales, so be sure to keep an eye out. Head to the shores of Deception Island, an active volcano surrounded by distinctive black sand. Once an old whaling station, you will see giant barrels and bleached

whale bones here as well as impressive elephant seals lounging along the shore. You may even get the chance to stop at Port Lockroy, a scientific base currently studying Gentoo penguins. Here, you can send a postcard with a rare Antarctic stamp. Learn more about this amazing part of the world during lectures and on board presentations as you continue your luxury cruise.

GO NOW / SUGGESTED JOURNEY

Departing 29 January 2019, prices start from \$16,490pp with APT. To find out more, contact your nearest Phil Hoffmann Travel branch.



2019

TRAVEL TRENDS

Much like the fashion industry, the travel industry is strongly influenced by trends. We've pulled together a list of twelve travel destinations that are set to be the places to visit in 2019. While some have already started to emerge, others are just around the corner.



ICELAND

Iceland's popularity has been bubbling away for a couple years and is set to explode in 2019! An unusual country of striking contrast – a place where rivers flow through deserts and fire erupts from ice, where the sun stays up all night in summer and the day sees little light in winter, in Iceland you will find such rare and unique natural beauty, it will quickly become one of your favourite destinations. From smouldering volcanoes to cascading waterfalls, steaming hot springs to sprawling lava fields, desert plateaus and glistening iceberg-filled lagoons. Visit between October and April and you'll be treated to the colourful dancing kaleidoscope in the sky that is the Northern Lights. What Iceland lacks in flora and land animals, it makes up for with an abundance of marine life and a rich variety of birdlife. Stunning National Parks feature spectacular glacier fields, awe-inspiring fjords and spurting geysers.

MOROCCO

An exotic blend of influences, Morocco combines traditional Berber culture with a healthy dose of eastern Arabic influence, representations of former French and Spanish ruling mixed in with the gentle introduction of the modern west. The result is intoxicating and beguiling. A destination that offers something for everyone with beautifully ornate palaces and mosques, mystical desert landscapes, majestic snow-covered mountains and medieval cities with their manic souqs and medinas. Casablanca is the European-style economic heart of the country with white-washed art deco buildings and spectacular mosque. The pulsating heart of Morocco is undoubtedly Marrakech with its always rambunctious Djemaa el-Fna, buzzing with snake charmers, music, performers and smoke-billowing food stalls. Explore the arty seaside town of Essaouira and soak up its laidback vibe, sleep under a million twinkling stars in the Sahara Desert and discover the enchanting Old Town of Fes with its maze of winding alleyways, hidden souqs and iconic tanneries.



CUBA

Cuba is one of the hottest destinations in the world right now, and for good reason. One of the last bastions of communism, fascinating Cuba has an antiquated charm thanks to its relative isolation from the modern world. A charismatic blend of Spanish, Caribbean, African and native Indian cultures combine to create a way of life that is exciting, passionate, colourful and lively. Cuba is bursting at the seams with astonishing sights. Beyond cigars and cars, mojitos and murals, revolutionaries and notoriety – you'll discover a photographer's delight, a population of outgoing, passionate and hospitable locals and an intriguing country on the cusp of something huge. You'll be enchanted by the colourful city of Havana, enthralled with the magical atmosphere of Trinidad - where bicycles and horse-drawn carriages travel down cobblestone streets charmed by the colourful vintage American cars trawling the streets, and seduced by the rhythmic beat of music that fills the air.

CROATIA

Blessed with barren mountains, dense forests, medieval towns, crystal clear waters and a warm Mediterranean climate – it's hardly surprising Croatia is enjoying a surge in popularity. D deservedly known as "The Pearl of the Adriatic", Dubrovnik is a stunning medieval old town surrounded protectively by an imposing city wall. Perched at the edge of the Adriatic, within the walls lie marbled streets, charming buildings, boutiques and restaurants. The best way to appreciate Dubrovnik, is with a walk around the city wall with views across the ocean towards many of Croatia's islands. Explore stunning islands like Korčula, Hvar, Rab and Brač in more depth – each with their own unique character yet retaining a similar feel with their red roofed, stone houses and narrow winding streets. Plitvice National Park is a highlight with its 19 hectares of wooded hills and 16 impossibly clear, turquoise coloured lakes, all connected by cascades and waterfalls.

PORTUGAL

Often overshadowed by Spain, Portugal is a country of old-fashioned charm with plenty of redeeming features to make it a tourist destination in its own right. Portugal offers diverse landscapes, mouth-watering fresh seafood, a fascinating history, and a sunny Mediterranean climate. Lisbon offers a charming mix of traditional architecture and contemporary culture. Built on the banks of the River Tagus, a boat trip offers a fabulous viewpoint of the city. The spectacular Douro Valley is Portugal's predominant wine region. Beginning in the romantic city of Porto, Portugal's second largest city and home to Port Wine, the River Douro winds through breathtaking landscapes of mountainous scenery and passes by quaint towns and rambling vineyards. Magical Sintra is considered Portugal's crowning jewel with fairy-tale castles, enchanting gardens and spectacular mountain vistas while the stunning Algarve is famed for beautiful beaches and lively nightlife.



JAPAN

Japan is a country that has mastered the art of blending traditional with ultra-modern. An archipelago made up of over 6,800 islands - it's the four main ones that are generally visited by tourists. Honshu is the largest and most populated. In Japan, you'll discover a country with a proud and meticulous people, where ancient gods and goddesses are revered and customs held sacred. A place where even in the depths of a city full of skyscrapers, you're never too far from nature. Find yourself whisked around the countryside in record time on a Shinkansen or bullet train or admire the surrounding scenery as you soak in an outdoor onsen. Attempt to view the notoriously shy snow-capped cone of Mount Fuji and look for the equally elusive and mysterious Geisha girls in Kyoto. Try your hand at traditional Japanese crafts, witness the beauty of cherry blossoms or going skiing in Japan's wilderness area.

NORWAY

A ruggedly beautiful country of high mountains, deep fjords and icy blue glaciers, Norway stretches for 2,000 kilometres from beach towns in the south to barren arctic tundra in the north. Norway offers year-round skiing, spectacular wilderness hiking and some of the most picturesque train, ferry and bus journeys in the world including the well-known Flåm train journey. With nearly a third of the country lying in the Arctic Circle, "The Land of the Midnight Sun" experiences at least one full day a year where the sun never sets, and one where it never rises. Norway's mountains, capped with some of the largest glaciers in Europe, cover more than half of the country's land mass and its coastline is cut deeply by scenic fjords. In its cities, you can delight in exploring unspoiled fishing villages and rich historical sites that include magnificent medieval stave churches and Viking ships.

SRI LANKA

If golden beaches, abundant wildlife, lush mist-covered mountains and charming villages aren't enough to lure you, then surely the promise of delicious cuisine and divine Ayurvedic spa treatments offering physical and spiritual healing - certainly will. Sitting at the southernmost tip of India, Sri Lanka is a rugged land of diverse scenery with a history dating back more than 3,000 years. Sri Lanka offers travellers spectacular ruins from ancient kingdoms, timeless temples, dazzling white beaches, dense rainforests, verdant tea plantations and National Parks teeming with wildlife. Its capital, Colombo, is a port city where centuries ago seafarers would trade exotic spices, pearls and precious stones. Climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress for dramatic views and explore the ancient cities of Anuradhapura and Digamadulla. Sri Lanka's picturesque city of Kandy is home to tea plantations and the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic with a golden casket housing a tooth of Buddha.



ANTARCTICA

Cold is so hot right now and Antarctica couldn't be hotter! Once part of Gondwana, Antarctica is a virtually uninhabited, ice-covered landmass and, surprisingly, the world's driest continent. Unlike anywhere else in the world, intrepid travellers are heading to the most isolated land on earth for the unique sights and experiences it offers. Containing 90 percent of the world's ice, this vast white wilderness is abundant with wildlife, majestic landscapes and a surreal remoteness that makes you realise you really are at the end of the world. Ride a Zodiac amongst mountains of snow-covered rock and large icebergs piercing through the water and reaching for the sky. Witness the spectacle of calving ice and the playful of penguins and seals rolling about in the water and on ice.



MALDIVES

Home to some of the most picture-perfect beaches in the world, the Maldives offers everything you'd expect from a tropical island escape. Located in the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, the Maldives is an archipelago of 1,190 islands grouped into a collection of 26 tiny atolls. With deep blue seas, lush tropical vegetation, beaches fringed with swaying palm trees and crystal clear waters, the Maldives are renowned for their remarkable corals and colourful marine life. Snorkel or dive anywhere in the Maldives, and you'll share the water with giant turtles and rainbow-hued tropical fish swimming amongst vivid coral. When you're truly ready to escape, head out to one of the many luxury islands resorts, each with their own distinct feel and character. Experience absolute calm and tranquillity as you unwind from the chaotic modern world and enjoy year-round sunshine in your private patch of paradise.

BOTSWANA



One of the best wildlife destinations in Africa, Botswana has the continent's greatest concentration of elephants, notoriously large lions, abundant birdlife and everything in between. Thanks to wealth derived from cattle, diamonds and tourism, it's relatively well-off by African standards and enjoys a good level of infrastructure. A predominantly flat country, Botswana is home to rolling grasslands and large salt-pans. Chobe National Park is home to Botswana's largest variety of wildlife, supported by the Chobe River thriving with crocodiles, hippos and countless water birds. In the north, where rainfall is high, woodlands dominate and the popular wetland habitats that the country is famous for, support the many animal species in the area. The Okavango Delta is one such wetland that attracts tourists as one of Africa's most iconic landscapes. Studded with islands, the largest inland delta in the world is famous for its tremendous variety of birdlife and wildlife.

FIJI

Long stretches of golden sand beaches, breathtaking sunsets, azure blue waters, world-class surf spots and some of the friendliest people you'll find anywhere in the world – there's good reason Fiji is seeing a return in popularity, made more convenient with the commencement of direct flights from Adelaide with Fiji Airways in June 2017. Fiji is a destination where you can while away the hours in a hammock – swinging lazily in the warm sea breeze, splash about in the pool with the kids or sip cocktails from the pool bar. Pop the little ones in the Kids Club for the day while you enjoy a round of golf or a pampering day of relaxation at the day spa. Take a day trip out to one of the islands or visit a village and meet some locals. You can be assured, whatever you decide to do, you'll return from a holiday in Fiji rested and recharged.





magnificent
MOROCCO

It is still possible in this modern day of technology, consumerism and fast-paced living, to find a country where you will feel like you're stepping back in time. Where simplified living, family and traditions are highly regarded and the plague of the Western world has yet to fully infiltrate and take hold. Morocco is a such country - where the discerning traveller has the option of bountiful luxury, all the while, the fact that it is in parts still a third world country is at times, contrastingly apparent.

Morocco is a fascinating and exotic blend of influences. Combining traditional Berber culture with a healthy dose of eastern Arabic influence, while representations of former

French and Spanish ruling remain mixed in with the gentle introduction of the modern west. The result is intoxicating and beguiling. A destination offering something for everyone – with beautifully ornate palaces and mosques, mystical desert landscapes, majestic snow-capped mountains and medieval cities bustling with manic souqs and medinas.

Without a doubt, the heart of Morocco is Marrakech and its always rambunctious Djemaa el-Fna. It's everything you imagine it would be with snake charmers, jugglers, henna tattooists, performers and row upon row of food stalls billowing with plumes of smoke. By day it's busy and fascinating, by



night it surges to life, transforming into an enchanting real-life street theatre with something to entrance in every direction. Find a restaurant balcony overlooking the square at dusk and you'll be treated to a million captivating sounds - the crowds, the musicians and the haunting call to prayer.

The maze-like medinas suck you into their depths and spit you out somewhat broker and miles from where you started, feeling slightly disoriented and weighed down with purchases. A word of advice, treat bartering as friendly game. It's part of the culture so enjoy the experience but don't ever accept the first offer!

The economic heart of Morocco is the European-style city of Casablanca with its wide boulevards, parks, white washed art deco buildings after which the city was named. Perhaps best known for the movie bearing the same name, the highlight of the city is without a doubt the massive Mosque of Hassan II. Appearing to rise out of the Atlantic Ocean, the incredibly ornate mosque is the second largest in the world, where 25,000 worshippers can pray on a glass floor with the sea swirling underneath. The art deco Villa des Arts is a gorgeous gallery dating back to the 1930s and displays exhibitions of international art and contemporary Moroccan.

A favourite on the traveller trail is the arty, picturesque sea-side town of Essaouira. It's worth spending a few nights in this laid-back location where you can while away the hours, feasting on fresh seafood and people watching on the beachfront. Back in the day it was a popular hippy haven where musicians like Jimi Hendrix were rumoured to have spent time. Decades later, the easy-going atmosphere remains – even the local sellers are more relaxed here.

The enchanting city of Fez, and more specifically Old Fez, can at first overwhelm the senses. The medina is the best preserved, largest, inhabited medieval Islamic city in the world - an incredible maze of more

than 9,000 winding alleys, hidden souqs and blind corners. The iconic tanneries are at times overpoweringly pungent, but are a fascinating highlight nonetheless.

For the adventurous, there's the opportunity of hiking and mountain biking high in the Atlas Mountains. The drive through the mountains into Marrakech is as spectacular as it is terrifying, as you wind your way down through steep hills and valleys. Passing through picturesque Todra Gorge is a highlight with its earth red villages and lush green palmeriaes.

Take the opportunity to spend a night in the Sahara Desert where you'll be treated to meals and entertainment by Berber nomads. Using their camels to transport you, enjoy the changing colours of the sand during sunset and sunrise, sleeping in eerie silence under a million twinkling stars.

It would be remiss to not mention the food! Feast on a multitude of fresh and flavoursome tajines, olives, cheeses and mouth-watering bastille. Sitting down for a chat and a piping hot glass of tea is a hallmark of Moroccan hospitality - it's almost an offence to leave the country without a mint tea passing ones' lips.

Morocco can be confronting, noisy and at times offensive, but it's also colourful and beautiful with rich tradition, spectacular scenery and mostly very warm and friendly inhabitants. If you embrace it all and go along for the ride, it will win your heart.

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The colourful Northern Lights were the armour of the Valkyrie warrior virgins, according to the ancient Vikings. How appropriate then, that Viking Cruises will take you to the far-northern latitudes on their 13-day In Search of the Northern Lights itinerary between January and March 2019.

This cruise between London and Bergen which Viking offers in both directions, includes overnight stays in Bergen and Alta. Choose, if you will, to set sail from bustling London, then spend a day cruising the North Sea and getting acquainted with all the onboard treats. Relax on board with tea in the Wintergarden or find your inner calm with yoga on the Sports Deck. Or perhaps you wish to learn more about this body of water during an enriching lecture.

From the heart of Stavanger, where your ship berths, explore the Old Town which has Europe's highest concentration of wooden buildings from the 17th and 18th centuries. Or consider a cruise along the Lysefjord to see the famous Preikestolen, or Pulpit Rock, jutting out nearly 2,000 feet above. It is one of Norway's most famous natural attractions.

Bodø lies just north of the Arctic Circle, and was rebuilt to what you see today after its destruction in World War II. On an included tour, you will see the Customs House, Norwegian Aviation Museum and Gothic Bodø Cathedral with its ten glorious tapestries from Nordlund and detached steeple. Its melodious church bells ring out over the town every hour.

Admire Tromsø's blend of wooden structures and neoclassical buildings. You'll see the stunning Arctic

Cathedral with its striking triangular shape, the city's most recognisable symbol. The spectacular surroundings can be explored by sled, pulled by reindeer or dogs. You can learn about this long-held wintertime tradition at the Tromsø Wilderness Centre, home to more than 100 huskies.

Alta's frequent clear skies make it an ideal place from which to view the northern lights. Fascinating rock carvings tell stories of primitive cultures. You may view them, as well as fascinating exhibits on salmon fishing and the northern lights, at the excellent Alta Museum. Or you may opt to visit the nearby Sami community of Máze for an authentic lunch of local dishes and an exciting ride in a reindeer-drawn sleigh.

Home to a former Viking settlement, Narvik is situated on the innermost shores of the Ofotfjorden. At the Polar Park, you can view some of the residents of the far north, including Arctic wolves. You might also enjoy the wilderness during a sleigh ride or meet the native Sami people.

With your ship berthed overnight next to Bryggen wharf, a UNESCO Site, easily stroll along its waterfront. See the beautiful 18th-century wooden houses, and visit the Hanseatic Museum on your included tour. Perhaps take an excursion to Troidhaugen, the home of Edvard Grieg, Norway's famous composer.

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Most of the world's most popular cruise lines offer their own version of a world voyage, generally ranging from 90 nights to an epic 180 nights at sea. Imagine visiting 36 ports in 28 countries as you escape the daily grind for 15 weeks at sea, unpacking once and relaxing while your every want and need is taken care of.

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While the ports of call and sheer number of countries you visit on a world voyage are of great appeal, it's worth considering the lengthy run of sea days that will inevitably be encountered. Nearly a third of the total cruise can often be spent at sea which, for die-hard cruise fans, is

part of the allure. For months on end there's no cooking or cleaning to do. Your biggest concern is which onboard restaurant you are going to dine in, what you are going to do at port and whether you'll have a quiet night in your cabin or head out to enjoy the onboard entertainment.

Traditionally, world voyages begin in January though more cruise lines are introducing alternatives to this. A world voyage is often made up of two sectors - sometimes using different ships from the same cruise line. For those with a little less time, there's the option to take a sector of a world voyage, or a grand voyage which works in with your timeframe. A grand voyage is a lengthy cruise of around 70 days, that focuses on a continent or hemisphere.

If you've done a lot of cruising, it's worth considering a smaller ship for a world voyage, simply because they can access lesser-visited ports that the bigger ships can't. While bigger ships offer more entertainment options they often need to dock outside of a city centre. With smaller ships come fewer passengers - you'll need to consider how you feel spending months at sea with a smaller number of the same people. These are all important considerations when you're going to be spending months at sea.

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Once a niche market, the popularity of expedition cruising is on the rise as holidaymakers discover there is no better way to experience some of the world's most remote and unspoilt destinations.

Usually involving boutique-sized ships and adventurous itineraries, expedition ships can visit the off-the-beaten-track ports that larger ships just can't access. Offering guests a truly unique holiday experience, passenger numbers onboard vary somewhere between a few dozen to a couple hundred. The expedition experience is about getting off the ship and close to nature with short hikes, treks, kayaking and wildlife viewing. While you won't find waterslides or Broadway-style shows onboard, what you will enjoy is zodiac excursions to marine wildlife sanctuaries and icebergs, and educational and fascinating lectures by naturalists, scientists and local experts.

More about the destination than the ship, an expedition cruise will take you on an intimate, immersive experience that captures the landscape, culture and habitat of your destination - transporting you to some of the world's most pristine locations including Antarctica, South Georgia, Greenland, Iceland, Spitsbergen, Papua New Guinea, the Arctic Circle and South America.





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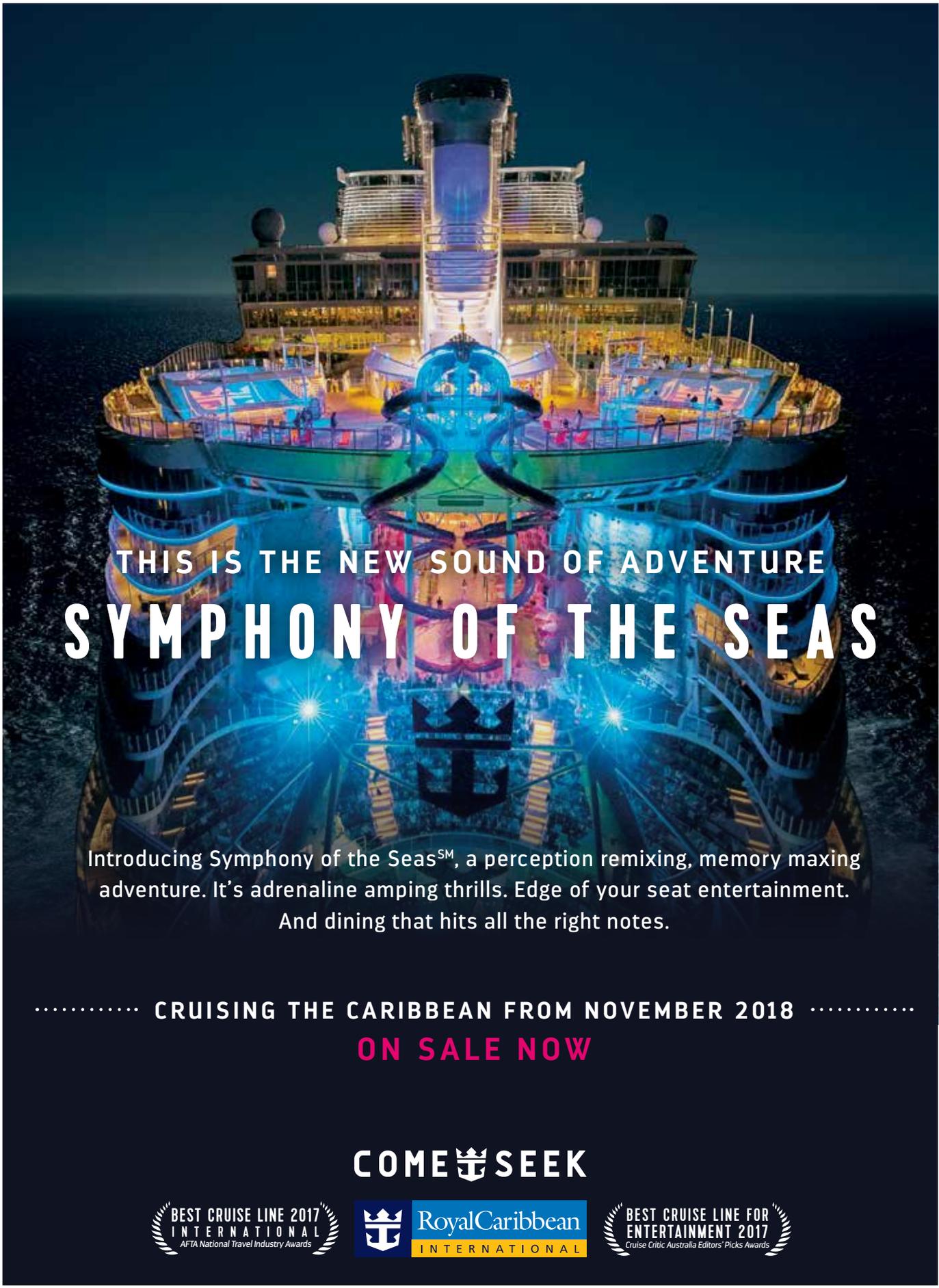
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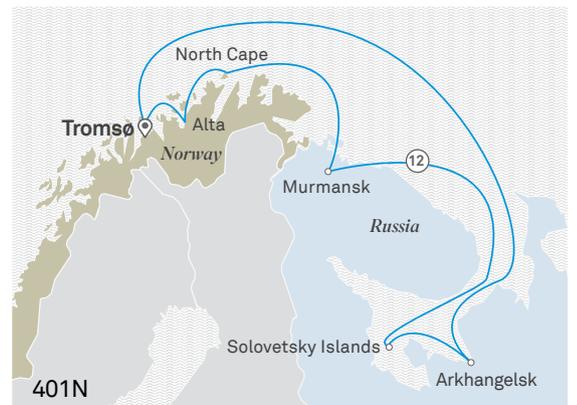
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The largest luxury train operator in the world, Rocky Mountaineer travels through the stunning scenery that has made Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest famous. Beyond the snow-capped peaks, meandering rivers and fleeting wildlife including moose, elk, bears and eagles, the service and knowledge of staff onboard is outstanding - engaging guests with rich historic tales of the areas outside the window.

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With more than 65 holiday packages to choose from, you can create a journey to suit: from scenery to unique excursions, there is no limit to creating the perfect experience through the Canadian Rockies. There are four Rocky Mountaineer routes, each with its own distinctive highlights and charm – the Coastal Passage from Seattle to Vancouver to the Canadian Rockies. The Rainforest to Gold Rush takes you from Vancouver to Whistler to Quesnel to Jasper. The Journey through the Clouds travels from Vancouver to Jasper via Kamloops while the First Passage to the West travels from Vancouver to Kamloops, Lake Louise to Banff. Rocky Mountaineer travels by daylight, ensuring guests can see the passing scenery by day, then stay in a selection of high-quality hotels in the evenings, with a bit of time in each destination for exploration. From Vancouver and Seattle, to the mountain towns of Whistler, Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper, the train rolls through a mix of cosmopolitan cities, small towns, and vast landscapes.

One of the most popular packages is the Canadian Rockies Getaway, a nine day, eight-night journey where you'll discover every iconic Western Canadian stop along the way. Beginning and ending in Vancouver, this circle trip includes four nights in the Canadian Rockies, two in Banff, one at the Chateau Lake Louise and one night in Jasper National Park. It also includes four days

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The First Passage to the West Highlights package combines the rush of Vancouver and the wild appeal of Banff in the six-night journey. With two days aboard Rocky Mountaineer and ample time to explore everything both Lake Louise and Banff have on offer, this package weaves together the perfect week-long itinerary. Prices start from \$3,860 per person twin share.

The Canadian Rockies are a popular bucket list destination for many Australian's, and beyond Banff, Jasper offers the same idyllic Canadian scenery and up-close views of nature and wildlife, with a little more rustic charm. The Journey Through the Clouds Explorer package gives guests two days aboard Rocky Mountaineer between Vancouver and Jasper, plus a trip to the Columbia Icefields - one of the most scenic drives in the world, and a helicopter tour through the soaring peaks of the Rockies. Prices start from \$4,240 per person twin share.

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HEAD OF TRAVEL EXPERIENCES Q&A WITH CLAIRE HANNEY

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF.

Well-travelled and no baggage to speak of, I travel for work and play! I grew up in Brisbane and loved travelling in Australia. I left Australia at 25 and became a Contiki Tour Manager in Europe – mostly so I could travel every single day for work. I was surprised to find the best part of my job was helping people have the holiday of a lifetime. I worked my way up the ranks, through Contiki and then Trafalgar. Now based in London, I'm fortunate to have the best job in the world – the Head of Travel Experiences for Insight Vacations and Luxury Gold. Now I design travel experiences that delight even more people.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE THAT'S OFFERED ON YOUR ESCORTED JOURNEYS?

That's like picking your favourite child! My favourite experiences are ones that you can't do travelling any other way than on a trip with us. For example - meeting Trine, champion husky racer and breeder, at her kennel in Alta, Norway. A guest always tries to smuggle a puppy on the coach with them – they are just so cute!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE DESTINATION IN THE WORLD AND WHY?

I still call Australia home so I do like coming back regularly. Close second would be Scotland. I travel there regularly for work and play, and love everything about it. I love the incredible vibe of the place during the Tattoo each August and enjoy getting away from it all on long walks beside achingly beautiful Lochs. Most importantly though are the people in Scotland – what their climate lacks in warmth, it more than makes up for with heart.

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WHAT WAS THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON ONE OF YOUR TRIPS?

For me, it's the moments when we've done something that makes "magic" happen for guests. I remember standing on the rim of the Grand Canyon, just metres from our hotel right in the National Park, when Canyon Dave came out to tell us about its formation as the sun started setting. He's an inspirational speaker, so much so that a small boy of 9 skyped his best mate so that his best mate could listen into the talk. Just before sunset, the Travel Director presented a tray of sparkling wine and we toasted a spectacular day and the wonderful locals we had the chance to meet. Anyone can go to the Grand Canyon, but when you travel with Insight, we make you feel special.

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