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# Welcome to cruising.

Winter Issue 2021

## Times like no other

Well it's been quite a while since I've been given the opportunity to sit down and write an introduction for our Cruise Newspaper and I can't tell you how thrilled I am to be back here again! It has certainly been unprecedented times for the cruise industry that obviously no one could have foreseen.

It's wonderful news for the industry, that the strength of the 2022 booking pattern is pushing cruise lines to open bookings for 2023 and beyond.

Many cruise lines have reported that its cumulative 2022 booking position is ahead of 'a very strong 2019'. I believe demand will exceed supply, partly because supply will be limited initially, with many cruise lines commenting that when they open reservations for the new season, clients are booking immediately.

Many World Cruises for brands like Regent Seven Seas, Silversea, Oceania, and Viking have sold out on the opening day of their booking season. This uptake pays testament to the strong pent-up demand we are seeing in the marketplace.

This pattern is also seen in the European River Cruise market with great offers being made by the major brands, especially with super earlybird offers and flexible booking policies.

These flexible booking conditions introduced by most cruise lines allows for changes and cancellations with cruise credits and refunds available. This provides consumers with peace of mind should they need to make changes for their holidays. Cruise lines are aware of the uncertainty in the market, and are balancing this with demand, and the need to make up for lost time, by offering policies that protect customer choice, supported further by Phil Hoffmann Travel's exclusive Peace of Mind Cover - designed to offer both health and financial security.

The 2022 cruise year will see many new cruise ships from both ocean and river lines that will be available to our clients, including new expedition ships, carrying no more than 250 passengers.

Around the globe, many cruise lines are already upping anchor and setting sail, travelling with vaccinated passengers and crew, and strict health protocols adhered to onboard.

It's time to reignite this wonderful part of tourism. Here's to us all cruising again in the very near future.

**Phil Hoffmann AM**



## New to cruising: Emerald Yacht Cruises

Emerald Azzurra is the first custom-built ocean super yacht launched by Emerald Cruises, sister company to Evergreen Tours and Scenic Luxury Cruises and Tours.

The new 100 guest super yacht features generous inclusions and lavish amenities across six beautifully appointed decks, including a stunning infinity-style pool. With her custom-design she allows unique access to fascinating ports and harbours only small yachts can reach. Experience the rich history of the East & West Mediterranean, exciting ports of the Adriatic Coast and the abundance of natural wonders of the Red Sea.

Each suite and stateroom has been uniquely designed as a private haven, with everything you could wish for at your fingertips. Relax and unwind with luxurious amenities including the finest Egyptian cotton linen and complimentary bathrobes and slippers.

Enjoy a la carte fine dining and sumptuous breakfast and lunch buffets in the serene Reflections Restaurant. With fresh local sourced dinners crafted by expert chefs, paired with complimentary wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner. In the evenings appreciate the ocean breeze from the al fresco terrace, before enjoying a nightcap at the plush Horizon Bar & Lounge.

Unwind from your day of sightseeing with a visit to the Wellness Centre, where you will find a selection of indulgent spa treatments. Want to keep up with your fitness regime? The well-equipped gym will help keep you on schedule, with a variety of classes available.

Explore the beautiful surrounds and swim amongst marine life from the special Marina Platform off the back of the yacht. In select ports enjoy several marine toys including foam flotation island, paddleboards and snorkeling equipment.

**8-day Ionian Sea Adventure cruise, 8 March 2023  
aboard the Emerald Azzurra from \$4,839\* pp twin share**



# Circumnavigate Australia

Without a doubt, the hottest thing in cruising right now is circumnavigating Australia - an epic voyage that was first sailed back in 1801 by English navigator Matthew Flinders. Flinders chartered previously unknown coastline and was the first person to depict the shape of Australia as we know it.

With Australia's major cities dotted along the coastline which measures some 35,876km, a cruise around the continent is a natural and convenient way to explore our country, and what makes a circumnavigation cruise so popular.

Cruises typically depart from Sydney and include stops in Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, and Darwin, with some also visiting the Apple Isle of Tasmania and even Bali when travel restrictions permit. A circumnavigation of Australia can take anywhere between 28 and 60 days depending on the number of ports visited and will usually include 10 to 17 sea days per voyage – perfect for those that love the leisurely and relaxed days at sea. It's your choice when it comes to how far you would like to sail; you can choose to do the entire circumnavigation or there are several options to cruise partial sectors.

Circumnavigation cruises generally operate during the Australian cruise season from September to April, usually in February/March and October/November when the weather is warm and are offered by a handful of different cruise lines.

Princess Cruises was the first cruise line to offer circumnavigations, beginning in 2005. They have three 28-day Round Australia cruises scheduled for 2022 & 2023 and they're all already sold out, however

please ask us about waitlisting options. With 12 sea days and 14 ports, you'll visit popular ports including Broome, Darwin, Cairns, Brisbane and Hobart while unique ports include Kuri Bay, scenic cruising on the Kimberley Coast, Willis Island, Kangaroo Island and Margaret River.

Departing 12 November 2022, Holland America Line's Noordam sets sail from Sydney on a 35-day journey that includes 17 ports, late night departures, an overnight stay in Perth & Melbourne and a memorable Great Barrier Reef experience. Enjoy scenic cruising in the Torres Strait and visits to Dili, East Timor, and Komodo Island in Indonesia. Visit ports including Airlie Beach, Townsville and Cairns, a number of ports in Western Australia including Broome, Exmouth & Geraldton before calling in at Port Lincoln, Penneshaw, Burnie and Hobart. A cruise line that is made for explorers, foodies, and music lovers of all ages, this cruise is sold out but Phil Hoffmann Travel are holding some of the last cabins available - get in quick!

Other cruise lines that operate these circumnavigations include Coral Expeditions, Cunard and Oceania.

As government and health restrictions lift for cruise lines to travel to Australia, more circumnavigation cruises will be released for the years ahead.

**Sure to sell out quickly, keep an eye on our website at [pht.com.au](https://pht.com.au) for the latest cruises as they are released.**

# Top 6 river cruising journeys

## THE DANUBE, MAIN AND RHINE

Running through ten European countries, this stunning trio of rivers collectively are the most popular rivers to cruise for first timers with the favourite journey being from Amsterdam to Budapest or vice versa.

## THE RHINE AND MOSELLE

Showcasing the spectacular landscapes of Germany's Rhine Valley - famed for its vineyards and quaint villages, and the Moselle Valley for its incredible scenery and medieval castles.

## THE SEINE, RHÔNE AND SAÔNE

Exploring some of the most picturesque countryside in France, enjoy a rich concoction of quaint villages, grand cathedrals, fields of lavender, rolling vine-covered hills, historic châteaux and palate pleasing produce when cruising these lovely waters.

## THE MEKONG

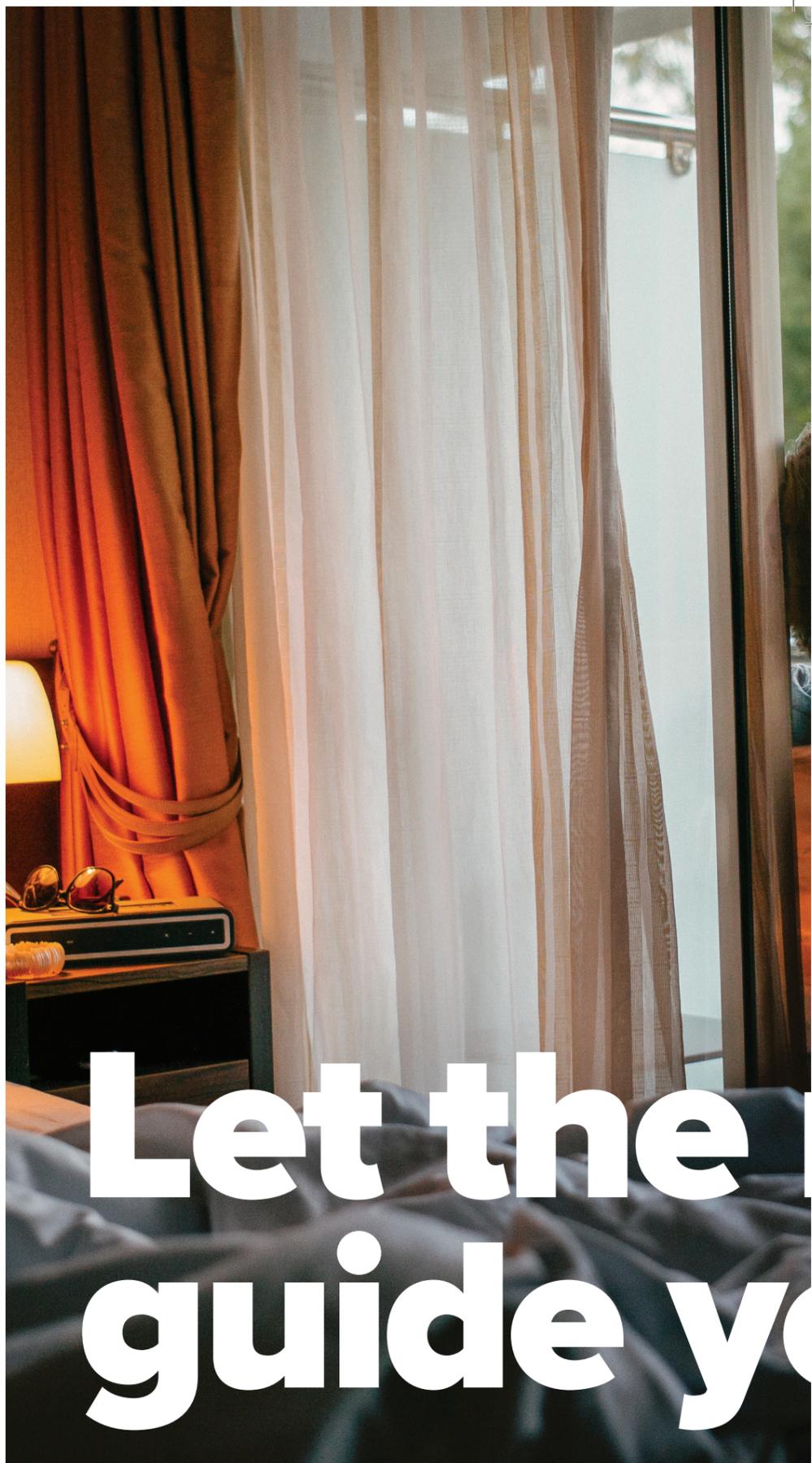
A luxurious and relaxed way to explore Vietnam and Cambodia, a cruise along the Mekong is a charming way to observe the locals' river life. Marvel at awe-inspiring temples, visit colourful markets and enjoy the friendly smiles as you pass through local villages.

## THE IRRAWADDY

Now that Myanmar is open to the world, curious tourists are eager to explore the stunning pagodas, temples, villages, and dramatic landscape of this mysterious land. With limited infrastructure on the ground, a river cruise is a favourable way to experience this still-developing country.

## THE DOURO

Flowing through sun-drenched valleys, dramatic gorges, and wine country, this is the hot new destination for river cruise fans wanting somewhere different to experience. Explore medieval hilltop villages and visit the cellars of world-famous port wine houses.



# Let the guide you

**For a truly intimate and immersive holiday that enables you to easily access lively cities, quaint towns, and charming villages, look no further than a river cruise.**

The current travel climate may have pushed pause on overseas travel for now, but travel experts are preparing for a surge in demand for river cruising in 2022 and beyond. With operators increasing their already large fleets, there are now more options than ever for travellers who have embraced the ease and pleasure of doing a river cruise.

An attractive alternative to traditional ocean cruising, river cruising is a laid back way to travel between countries and cities in Europe and Asia. Because river ships are smaller vessels, they can usually get right into the heart of a destination and occasionally offer overnight stops – affording guests more time in a location. River cruising allows the opportunity for travellers to visit new destinations, enjoy high-quality meals onboard and experience fully inclusive touring daily.

Meander along picturesque waterways lined with delightful towns or villages and scenic countryside on either side as you relax and watch the world go by. Forget about having to contend with traffic jams or moving from hotel to hotel. No need to waste time looking for somewhere



# Popular river cruise companies

## APT

**Standard:** Luxury

**Demographic:** 50+ years old, mainly Australians and New Zealanders

**Inclusions:** All meals, tipping, gratuities, portage, return local transfers, complimentary beverages onboard, (some electric) bicycles, Wi-Fi, Freedom of Choice sightseeing.

**Points of Difference:** Their European ships are members of the prestigious international association of gastronomy, Confrerie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs. Concerto Class ships feature all weather Twin Balcony suites, butler service in selected categories and Erlebnis Chef's Table Restaurant with degustation-style dining. Selection of Royal Signature Experiences feature exclusive access and once-in-a-lifetime moments.

## SCENIC

**Standard:** Luxury

**Demographic:** 55+ years old, retirees, mainly Australians and New Zealanders.

**Inclusions:** All meals, gratuities, portage, return local transfers, unlimited beverages onboard, private butler service, electronically assisted bicycles, Wi-Fi, Scenic Enrich events, Scenic FreeChoice sightseeing.

**Points of Difference:** Luxurious Scenic 'Space-Ships' include exclusive full-size, outdoor private balconies that convert to 'Sun-lounges'. Degustation menu at Table La Rive. Shop with A Chef – guided excursions to local markets with ship's Chef. Self-paced and self-guided touring with GPS guided Scenic Tailormade tours.

## TAUCK

**Standard:** Luxury

**Demographic:** Affluent 50+ years old, solos, couples, and groups from all over world.

**Inclusions:** All-inclusive with no options sold, all meals, tipping, gratuities, local transfers, unlimited beverages onboard, Wi-Fi, shore excursions.

**Points of Difference:** Custom-designed riverboats with intimate, club-like atmosphere. Flexible dining times. Exclusive access to behind-the-scenes, cultural experiences. Three Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director on every cruise.

## AVALON

**Standard:** Deluxe

**Demographic:** 60+ years old but shifting to younger demographic within Australian market.

**Inclusions:** All meals whilst cruising, regional wine and beer with dinner, sparkling wine with breakfast, some gratuities, Wi-Fi, local guided sightseeing.



**Points of Difference:** One of the youngest fleets on European waterways. Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors, French balconies, and luxurious suites generally larger than industry standard.

## VIKING

**Standard:** Deluxe

**Demographic:** Active baby boomers interested in history and culture.

**Inclusions:** All onboard meals, gratuities, port charges, complimentary beverages, Wi-Fi, shore excursions.

**Points of Difference:** Onboard cultural enrichment programs. World's largest and newest fleet of deluxe vessels built specifically for river travel in Europe, Russia, and China.

## UNIWORLD

**Standard:** Boutique

**Demographic:** 45+ years old, couples, solos, avid travellers.

**Inclusions:** All meals and unlimited beverages onboard, gratuities, scheduled airport transfers, shore excursions, Wi-Fi, bicycles.

**Points of Difference:** Luxurious, five-star boutique hotel-style suites. L'Occitane products in suite. Highest staff-to-guest ratio in industry. Handcrafted beds by Savoir® of England.

## TRAVELMARVEL

**Standard:** Premium

**Demographic:** 45+ years old, mainly Australians and New Zealanders

**Inclusions:** All meals, tipping, port charges, airport transfers, complimentary beer and wine with lunch and dinner, bicycles, Wi-Fi.

**Points of Difference:** Great value-for-money cruising. Ample free time or option to pay for Select Experience activities. Unique Insider Experiences.

## EMERALD CRUISES

**Standard:** Deluxe

**Demographic:** 45+ years old, travellers all over the world, popular with Brits.

**Inclusions:** All meals, gratuities, portage, wine, beer and soft drink with lunch and dinner, onboard bicycles, Wi-Fi, optional DiscoverMORE and complimentary shore excursions in each port.

**Points of Difference:** Modern and innovative Star-Ships. Exceptional value for money. Daytime pool that transforms to a cinema at night on some vessels.

decent to eat and no struggling with timetables or maps. Just unpack your bags, put your feet up and leave the rest to the crew while you enjoy waking up each day to explore new and exciting destinations.

Just because you're staying on a ship doesn't mean you'll miss out on cultural experiences. Many of the cruise lines invite local musicians, performers, artisans, and historians onboard, providing insight into the country's customs, tradition, and culture. There's also the opportunity to do excursions or take part in activities that are unique to the destination.

### AT A GLANCE

- Unpack once
- Most river cruises include shore excursions, Wi-Fi, transfers, meals, and some drinks
- Carrying less than 180 passengers, get to know your fellow passengers
- No motion sickness
- Easily walk into town from most ports, with many ships also providing bicycles
- Food is often bought fresh from local markets along the way
- Dress code is generally more casual than ocean cruises

\*Conditions apply. Fares are per person twin share cruise only, based on lead in cabins, inclusive of all taxes and govt fees. Subject to change and availability at time of booking. Further conditions apply, see instore for full details.

# Unmatched Antarctica

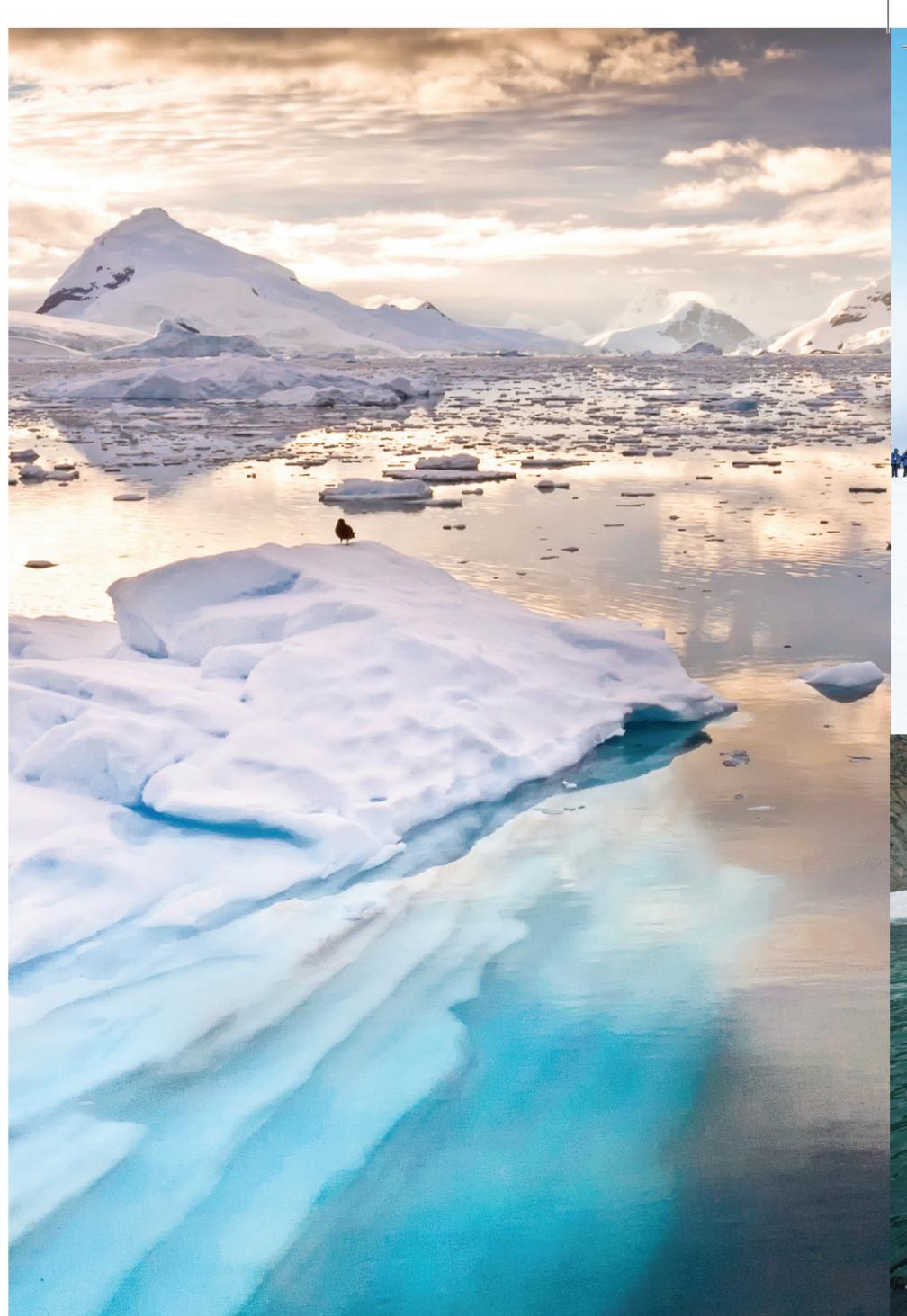
At the southernmost point of our planet lies the world's driest, coldest, and windiest continent – Antarctica. Uninhabited except for around 70 scientific research stations, this rugged continent abounds with unique and untouched scenery. Dramatic mountains, glaciers and icebergs act as a stunning backdrop to the lives of the wildlife that has adapted to living there.

With around 98% of the continent covered in ice, the ultimate way to witness this vast wilderness in comfort, style and safety is on a cruise. With cruises operating during the summer months of November to March, January and February are considered the best months to visit with warmer temperatures (an average of 1 degree Celsius in the peak of summer!) and long days with up to 20 hours of sunlight. It's also when you can experience an astounding abundance of wildlife occupying the headlands and beaches. Witness penguins, seals, and a huge variety of bird species with whale watching a bonus towards the end of summer in February to early March.

Antarctic cruises voyage on expedition ships dedicated to the experience that don't tend to offer a lot of the extras found on the usual ocean liners like stage shows, casinos and multiple dining options. What they do offer in return, however, are onboard experts with a specialised knowledge of the region that lead shore excursions and give fascinating lectures, plus experiences that highlight the uniqueness of this region.

With less than 60,000 people setting foot on Antarctica every year, cruises can sell out years in advance so booking ahead is key. If you want to be able to step foot on land, opt for a cruise that carries around 200 passengers. Any more than that and it's unlikely you'll be able to go ashore. It's also worth considering the cruise line you opt for based on the experiences you want to have on your Antarctica cruise.

With several cruise lines dedicated to helping their passengers experience the trip-of-a-lifetime, here's a selection of ships you can unleash your inner explorer on.



## APT'S MV OCEAN VICTORY

189 guests, 100 crew

Cross the Drake Passage in style aboard brand-new expedition ship, the Ocean Victory. Wake up each morning to idyllic sea views as icebergs glide slowly by, spending days cruising the Antarctic Peninsula in search of penguins, seal colonies and whales. Purpose-built for cruising glacial waters, with a combination of elegance and manoeuvrability, the Ocean Victory takes you to the Antarctic Peninsula in speed and comfort. Setting sail in November 2021, Ocean Victory will be one of the most luxurious, modern small ships to cruise the Antarctic Peninsula. All 93 staterooms will enjoy ocean views, with the majority featuring private balconies to enjoy the pristine Antarctic views. Get close to the action on small group Zodiac excursions, then dine in the ship's gourmet restaurants, designed to satisfy the highest of expectations. All cruises are led by the ship's expedition team including geologists, marine biologists, naturalists, historians and more.

**14-day Antarctic Voyage departing in 2022, Buenos Aires return.**



## SCENIC ECLIPSE

200 passengers, 176 crew

Discover Antarctica in ultra-luxury aboard the 6-star Scenic Eclipse. The World's First Discovery Yacht™, Scenic Eclipse isn't like any other cruise ship in the world. Essentially a mega-yacht, she is one of the most technologically advanced vessels, perfectly designed for safe navigation through all waters and sensitive marine environments. Every one of the 114 spacious and beautifully designed suites features a private verandah, a separate lounge area and Butler Service. Take a state-of-the-art helicopter ride above and beyond the horizon, enjoy an underwater experience like no other as you journey to the depths of the ocean on board Scenic Neptune, Scenic Eclipse's customised submarine or excursion by Zodiac, kayak, snorkelling, snowshoe, or e-bikes. Onboard enjoy engaging lectures and education programs by the Specialist Polar Discovery Team. Everything is taken care of with all-inclusive dining and beverages, Senses Spa, gym, yoga and Pilate's studio and indoor and outdoor swimming and plunge pools. **13-day Antarctica in Depth departing in 2022 & 23, Ushuaia return.**

## PONANT'S LE COMMANDANT CHARCOT

270 guests, 235 crew

The latest addition to the Ponant fleet, onboard Le Commandant Charcot follow in the footsteps of the great polar explorers in surroundings complete with the kind of luxury services never before offered in destinations so remote. Featuring an indoor swimming pool, a conservatory, a panoramic restaurant, the Blue Lagoon outdoor restaurant, both a Main Lounge and Observation Lounge, each area has been designed to allow the light to penetrate and open everything up the extraordinary polar landscapes and scenery. This very first hybrid-electric polar exploration ship has been designed with the greatest attention to detail in terms of safety and respect for the environment. Each of the 135 suites and staterooms have a private balcony or terrace, individually controlled air-conditioning, mini-bar, and Wi-Fi.

**16-day Expedition to Charcot & Peter I Islands departing in 2022 from Santiago return.**

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDURANCE

126 guests, 112 crew

Launched in 2020 and named in honour of polar explorer Ernest Shackleton's ship, the National Geographic Endurance is designed to navigate polar passages year-round. All 69 spacious cabins face outside and have large windows or balconies, individual climate control Wi-Fi and an expedition command centre with tablets. The ship carries a fleet of Zodiac motorized landing craft, kayaks, snowshoes, and cross-country skis, and sophisticated equipment that allows their undersea specialist unique access and ability to share the underwater world. Public areas include a lounge with bar, a gym, a yoga studio, infinity-style outdoor hot tubs, saunas with ocean views, a library, state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations, a photo workshop area, and two restaurants featuring local, sustainable cuisine, plus a Chef's table for intimate, small group dining. Services include a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler plus more.

**14-day Journey to Antarctica departing in 2022 and 2023 from Buenos Aires return.**

## HURTIGRUTEN'S MS FRIDTJOF NANSEN

500 passengers, 150 crew

Built in 2020 featuring Hurtigruten's revolutionary battery hybrid powered propulsion system, MS Fridtjof Nansen is near identical twin to her sister ship MS Roald Amundsen. Combining state of the art technology and custom-built expedition equipment including kayaks, Expedition Boats and Blueye underwater drones, learn from the knowledgeable Expedition team who will guide you as you explore the stunning scenery. With a rich and comfortable design, all cabins are outside, 50% have private balconies while aft suites feature private outdoor hot tubs with spectacular views. The core of the onboard experience is the Nansen Science Centre, an edutainment venue for guests and crew meet to create a deeper understanding of the area. After a day of exploring, relax and rejuvenate in the elegant Explorer Lounge, one of 3 restaurants, or enjoy the scenery and sunsets on the massive in- and outdoor Observation Decks with the aft infinity pool and hot tubs.

**21-day Antarctica & Falklands - Southern Hemisphere Adventure departing in 2022 and 2023 from Buenos Aires return.**



# Timeless Japan

**With 18 different ports on offer, sailing Japan with Cunard is the ultimate way to experience all the diversity of this ancient island nation.**

Japan offers so much within a relatively compact footprint – whether it’s the magnificence of the Spring cherry blossoms in Hokkaido or the vibrance of global mega city Tokyo, the gorgeous islands off Okinawa, the world class powder snow to the north or the hot springs and jaw-dropping gardens and World Heritage-listed temples and shrines right across the country.

In the nation’s capital Tokyo, explore the fascinating neon-emblazoned shopping districts of Shibuya and Shinjuku, wander the fashion and cosplay streets of Harajuku, the sophisticated Roppongi Hills and Ginza, visit Tokyo Disneyland or see it all from Tokyo Tower. You could spend weeks in the city and not see it all.

Southwest of Tokyo, the Kansai region could be considered the spiritual centre of Japan - it certainly helps that magnificent Kyoto, and its 1600 temples are located there. The whole region is filled with Zen Gardens, castles, shrines, and countless temples.

The northernmost region, Hokkaido, is a haven for skiers and wilderness lovers from around the

world. This gorgeous island is characterised by its mountains, lakes, and rivers. Southwest of the city, Niseko and its famous powder snow is the premier skiing area in Japan and during the summer, hiking, rafting, and golf are popular warm weather activities.

An area filled with historical riches, Tohoku comprises six rural Prefectures. The area was hit hardest by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami, but it remains an important and must-see region for any visitor to Japan. Its four major festivals and attractions are reasons alone to visit: the Fujiwara Autumn Festival, Yokote Snow Festival, Omagari Fireworks Festival, and the Kakunodate Weeping Cherry Trees.

With so much to explore, by experiencing Japan with Cunard you will have numerous options at each point to join carefully curated experiences to make the most of your time sailing through this amazing destination.

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Viking Guide

# Discover the Viking difference

All cruise lines are not created equal, nor should they be. Viking has been created for discerning travellers who believe travel is more than just a trip but a chance to explore, learn and understand the destinations they visit.

Known as 'the thinking person's cruise', Viking are committed to providing a cruise experience that focuses on cultural insight and personal enrichment. From the moment you book, to your time on board and all onshore excursions; they ensure their culturally curious guests are constantly uncovering and connecting with their destination.

Viking pride themselves on their onboard enrichment program which includes world-

class guest lecturers ranging from authors and archaeologists to former diplomats and news correspondents, and a resident historian offering high-level historic, iconic lectures specific to your journey to help you understand each destination on a whole different level.

As the world's leading small ship cruise line, they take you closer to the heart of the places you visit, docking where the larger ships cannot and providing you more time in port to explore. The size of their ocean ships, with just 930 guests, means they can dock in Greenwich London, Yacht Club in Monaco, or the Norwegian Fjords to name a few. The destination focused itineraries are designed to allow you to fully immerse yourself in each destination. With more overnight stays than any other cruise line and fewer sea days, there is ample time to discover the nuances of the ports you visit. Once you step on board a Viking ship, you'll notice the thoughtful Scandinavian design, reminiscent of a boutique hotel. Every room is beautiful, functional, and filled with natural light and features an abundance of light timbers and natural fabrics. Onboard service doesn't just come with a smile.

Their highly trained staff go out of their way to make you feel comfortable and create an easy-going, relaxed ambience where nothing is too much trouble. They are one of the main reasons people choose to travel with Viking over other cruise lines again and again.

Plus, the Viking Inclusive Value means that your cruise fare includes everything you need. From a complimentary shore excursion in every port of call to free Wi-Fi, access to the LivNordic Spa facilities and 24-hour room service on the ocean ships, beer, wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, and no charge for specialty dining, Viking give you everything you need to enjoy yourself at no extra charge.

They strive to create a memorable and uniquely Viking experience for all who step on board their ships, and the guests agree. The multi-award-winning ocean fleet has been voted World's Best five years in a row by Travel & Leisure readers, plus they have been voted World's Best River Cruise Line in the 2020 Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Choice awards. While a Viking cruise is not for everyone, it may just be for you.

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- Access to LivNordic Spa facilities including sauna, hydrotherapy pool and Snow Grotto
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- Industry-leading Health & Safety Program

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MedallionClass makes it easier than ever to familiarise yourself with the ship and find your way as it provides turn-by-turn directions to anywhere you want to go on board. You can also locate your friends and family onboard and message them with ease. Create your own personalised itinerary with an interactive timeline where you can select from all scheduled activities during your voyage.

Spend your days as you please and enjoy great service whilst keeping your distance. OceanNow®, allows you to order food, drinks, and retail items directly to your location. Using OceanNow, you can also request assistance via chat which will be routed to a crew member. If you love shopping on holidays, this one's for you - MedallionPay is TrulyTouchless™ and can be used when purchasing anything on the ship. The OceanMedallion technology confirms your identity matching your photo, and location, no tapping or swiping required, it's touch-free.

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Scenic is excited to launch new voyages for the 2022/23 Scenic Eclipse season to the Arctic and Fjords, Japan and the Russian Far East. You can journey through these exceptional regions in truly all-inclusive, 6-star ultra-luxury. Scenic Eclipse was purpose-built for the Arctic regions with a Polar Class 6 rating and state-of-the-art technology including GPS

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The wilderness of the Arctic region provides a rare opportunity to escape into an immense and vast region of the world – from the majestic fjords of Norway and the Svalbard Archipelago to Greenland's glaciers and the geology of Iceland.

In the European continent, you will be guided by the up to 20-member expert Discovery Team as you explore fishing villages, glacier-carved valleys and spot polar bears. The North American continent includes Canada's historic Northwest Passage, with towering seabird cliffs and pods of ghostly beluga whales. Explore the Asian continent and discover the Russian Far East, including the volcanic Kuril Islands stretching from Japan to Kamchatka, with incredible sea stacks, millions of seabirds and pods of orca whales. Across the top of the Asian continent is the legendary Northeast Passage where Scenic Eclipse will traverse the Arctic Ocean, and you can set foot in places few have visited such as the Novosibirskie Islands, Severnaya and Novaya Zemlyas and Franz Joseph Land. These wild regions are inhabited by polar bears, walrus and tufted puffins.

No matter which continent you are drawn to explore, when travelling on board the 6-star ultra-luxury of Scenic Eclipse you will venture beyond the horizon. Whether it's soaring above in one of the two on board helicopters^ and flying over fjords, icebergs and glaciers; or discovering the wonders of the deep oceans from inside Scenic Neptune^, a submarine able to dive to depths of up to 300 metres. A fleet of world-class Zodiacs can take you into uncharted territory on the surface of the water, guided by the expertise of the highly knowledgeable Discovery Team.

Catering for only up to 200 guests on its Arctic voyages, Scenic Eclipse features an impressive array of indoor and outdoor spaces for an intimate cruising experience. Guests can chat with new friends while relaxing in one of 10 different on board dining experiences offering exceptional world-class cuisine, or sipping fine wine, champagne or a selection of more than 100 whiskey at one of its nine bars and lounges.

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- Immersive Scenic Discovery Excursions
- Indulgent 550m<sup>2</sup> Senses Spa\*\*
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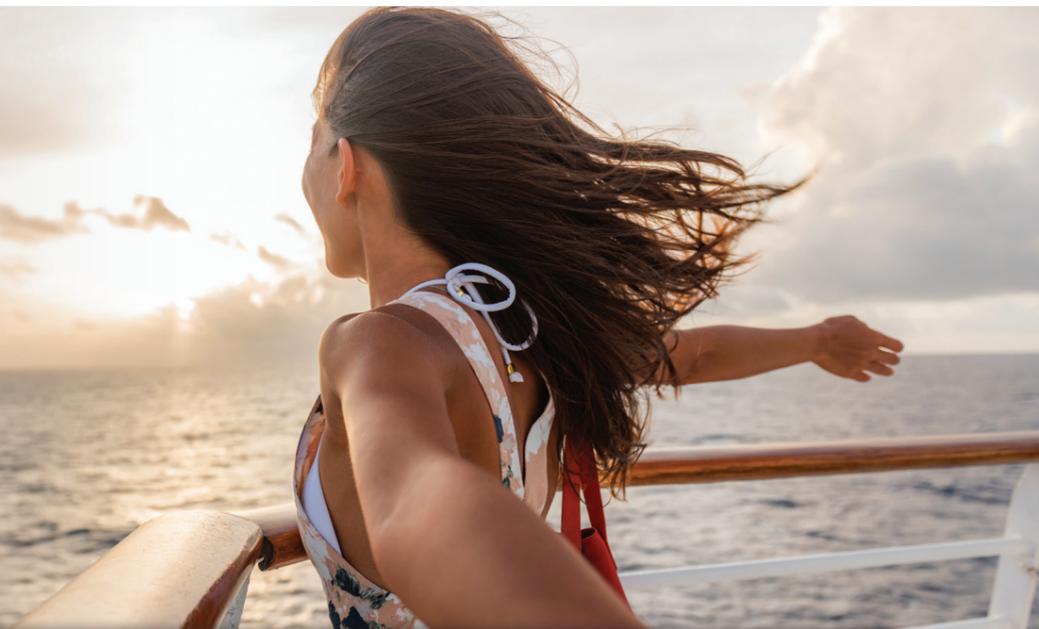
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