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most anticipated ships

Incredible new ships are due to hit the seas in 2023/2024. The anticipation has never been higher.

unique destinations

We take a look at some of the unique cruise destinations to add to your bucket list in 2024.



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Explore Australia's diverse landscapes aboard Scenic Eclipse



Welcome to cruising.

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On board for a whole new world of cruising

Dear Traveller,

With another year comes new cruise ships, about 1.6 million gross tons of them!

2023 & 2024 will bring some 19 new vessels. The crop of new ships will collectively add capacity for 38,000 passengers, with some of these cruise ships being the first of their class or first for new cruise lines. Some of these new vessels, which will be discussed throughout this paper, include: Explora Journeys' Explora I & II, Regent Seven Seas' Seven Seas Grandeur, Silversea Cruises' Silver Ray & Silver Nova, Virgin Voyages' Brilliant Lady, Emerald's Emerald Sakara, Cunard's Queen Anne, Princess Cruises' Sun Princess and MSC World America by MSC Cruises.

TOP TRENDS FOR 2023

1. Luxury cruising is proving to be the top pick for many as the appetite for luxury travel continues to grow.
2. Expedition cruising is booming with many more cruise lines launching expedition vessels with many wonderful itineraries available.
3. Europe still is the cruising hotspot – both Ocean and River cruising.
4. Cruises are taking longer voyages and are already booking for 2024/2025 with world cruises selling out very fast.

RIVER CRUISING

River cruising has come of age – now catering for all ages, cruising to more destinations than ever before, and offering such good value. The other exciting benefit is that you can unpack once and be transported to some of the world's most fascinating towns with great historic connections and easy access on & off the ship when moored at the dock. We have seen an explosion with new offerings from so many of our cruise lines. Let us show you how to cruise the "Rivers of the World".

With cruising firmly back in 2023, I hope that our "Cruise Magazine" will give you an inspiration to book your next cruise holiday.

Happy reading and happy sailing in the future.

Until next time.

Phil Hoffmann AM



Have you ticked off the 7th continent?

BY PHT MANAGING DIRECTOR & CEO - PETER WILLIAMS

My journey to Antarctica onboard Silversea's Silver Endeavour was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Few words can really capture the indescribable feeling of venturing to the seventh continent, but overall, the experience was mind-blowing, emotional, and at times overwhelming. Silver Endeavour itself was all class thanks to the extremely knowledgeable expedition team and exploration technology seamlessly integrated onto its world-class zodiacs that allowed us to kayak amongst packs of ice and incredibly white landscapes while encountering Antarctica's spectacular wildlife from Petrels, Albatross and Skuas, to penguins, whales, fur seals and sealions. From waking up to calm, sunny, silver mornings to experiencing luminous, golden sunsets in the afternoon, while taking in the seclusion and near absence of sound, every day delivered well beyond expectations.

Silver Endeavour encapsulates Silversea's standard of luxury across the fleet, with ocean-view suites and private verandas allowing you to breathe in the fresh sea air and take in the incandescent views. With six world-class dining restaurants onboard, ranging from glacier views from The Grill, authentic Italian of Il Terrazzino, through to French cuisine of the famous La Dame, we were never short of exceptional dining experiences, with authentic and signature meals cooked to perfection. Accommodating for approximately 200 guests and sustaining a crew-to-guest ratio of 1:1, personal in-suite butlers and the highest zodiac-to-guest ratio in expedition cruising, an expedition to Antarctica with Silversea onboard Silver Endeavour is an incredible privilege that few get to experience which will undoubtedly take your breath away as it did mine, and have you raving about it to friends and family for years to come.



Unique cruise destinations to add to your bucket list in 2024

ARCTIC CRUISES / NORTH POLE EXPEDITIONS / GREENLAND

A cruise to the Arctic region is an incredible opportunity to experience the rugged beauty of one of the world's most extreme environments, allowing you to explore uncharted territory and ice-covered landscapes that have encapsulated the imagination of explorers for centuries. Led by world-class expedition teams, a cruise to the Arctic will allow you to connect with wilderness in its truest form on immersive polar experiences that includes kayaking amongst the incandescent icebergs of the Antarctic Peninsula, getting up close and personal with lively penguin colonies, and taking in some of East Greenland's stunning deep fjords and ancient geology.

JAPAN

Cruising in Japan is a fascinating way to explore the Land of the Rising Sun. From the bustling cities of Tokyo and Kyoto to the tranquil beauty of the Japanese countryside, a cruise through Japan offers a unique perspective on this fascinating country. A top destination showcasing contemporary art and architecture, pop culture, shopping, drinking, cuisine and endless entertainment, Japan is constantly pushing the boundaries of everlasting possibilities. As you sail along the coast, you'll have the opportunity to experience Japan's natural wonders, including hot springs, stunning mountains, and idyllic islands. From the bright lights of Tokyo to the traditional Onsens of Kyoto, a cruise through Japan is the perfect way to discover the rich diversity and enchanting beauty of this remarkable country.

CANADA & NEW ENGLAND

A cruise to Canada & New England is a unique travel option for those looking to experience the beauty and charm of the north-eastern region of North America. From the rugged coastline of Maine to the picturesque towns of Nova Scotia and Quebec, there is no shortage of scenic vistas and cultural landmarks to explore. Cruise itineraries vary by length and route, with each destination offering a taste of colonial history, rugged coastlines, weathered seaside villages and magnificent mansions and incredible opportunities to pedal, paddle and hike throughout national parks, coastal roads and vibrant forests.

GALÁPAGOS

Known for their famously fierce wildlife, volcanic formations and colourful beaches, the Galápagos Islands consist of 13 major islands, 6 smaller islands and dozens of islets and rocks that cover over 17,000 square miles. The Galápagos Islands are a naturalist's dream, filled with exotic flora and fauna that inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. With strict conservation efforts in place, a Galápagos cruise is a responsible and sustainable way to explore this extraordinary ecosystem. Offering a rare opportunity to experience the constellations of both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres at the same time due to its unique position on both sides of the equator, a Galápagos cruise promises to delight all types of travellers. Join Phil on a luxury Galapagos adventure with Silversea departing 5 Sep 2024. Visit pht.com.au for more information.

EGYPT NILE CRUISES

An Egypt Nile Cruise is the perfect way to uncover the unparalleled beauty of the Egyptian land, lifestyle and culture while taking in the stunning scenery as you cruise along the Nile River & five thousand years of ancient history. From the bustling city of Cairo to the serene temples of Luxor and Aswan, a Nile River Cruise will allow you to marvel at the iconic Pyramids of Giza, explore the Valley of the Kings, witness intricate carvings and hieroglyphics of ancient temples, float in the dead sea and hear tales of gods, pharaohs and queens. A Nile Cruise is a truly remarkable experience that combines relaxation, adventure and cultural immersion.

'FIRE & ICE' CRUISES (HAWAII AND ALASKA)

Discover the wonders and captivating cultures of fire & ice on an incredible ocean journey between Hawaii and Alaska. A place of breathtaking beauty, stunning scenery and rich culture, cruising in Alaska allows you to experience its rugged wilderness and the thrill of eagle, bear, and bird spotting in the county's epic forests, while Hawaii will set your soul alight with picture perfect beaches, dense tropical rainforests and rich, locally sourced cuisine.



Most anticipated ships of 2023/2024

EMERALD SAKARA

EXPLORA I & II

Explora Journeys' brand new state-of-the-art luxury cruise line, Explora I, has been eloquently designed to provide its guests with unparalleled comfort, luxury and adventure as they embark on some of the world's most beautiful and remote locations. Fully equipped with a fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks, Explora I gives guests easy access to the natural wonders of the world.

From elegantly designed homes at sea equipped with contemporary décor, plush bedding and meticulous amenities, as well as gourmet cuisine using fresh, locally sourced ingredients, to daring excursions and commitment to sustainability, a journey onboard Explora I is sure to leave guests with a lasting impression and ultimately set a new standard for luxury ocean travel.

Explora I Debuting in July 2023

Explora II Debuting in August 2024

SEVEN SEAS GRANDEUR

Regent Seven Seas have been delivering unrivalled experiences across the globe for nearly thirty years. Inspired by past ships and eloquently designed for the future, Seven Seas Grandeur has exemplified their heritage of perfection with unrivalled space, unparalleled service, exceptional cuisine and transformative experiences that deliver beyond the realms of the imagination.

Time spent onboard the Seven Sea Grandeur will be just as rewarding as those spent ashore. The Seven Seas Grandeur is an incredibly remarkable ship offering guests a luxurious and unforgettable travel experience amongst opulent accommodation featuring elegant design and luxurious finishes, culinary excellence in the form of cooking demonstrations and wine tastings, and a commitment to providing tantalising relaxation and wellness.

Debuting in November 2023

SILVER RAY

Setting sail in the summer of 2024, Silversea Cruises second Nova Class ship, Silver Ray, allures seamless connections between the guests and the destination. Mirroring every aspect of the Silver Nova, and encompassing a pioneering, asymmetrical design and extraordinary use of glass in public areas as well as in suite for uninterrupted views wherever you are, Silver Ray introduces a brand-new selection of superbly spacious suites, offering 270° views from sea to sky.

With an unprecedented choice of bars including the Dusk Bar and the Arts Café, as well as eight restaurants onboard, including The Marquee offering guests their trademark 'hot rocks' culinary concept and the best pizza at sea, Silversea Cruises Silver Ray is sure to tickle the tastebuds of all who embark.

Debuting in Summer 2024



BRILLIANT LADY

Virgin Voyages, continuously aim to incorporate an exciting and radiant experience for its sailors, has designed its latest addition to its fleet, Brilliant Lady, with sustainability and innovation in mind, equipped with a state-of-the-art propulsion system enabling it to significantly reduce its carbon footprint and subsequently making it one of the most environmentally friendly ships in the industry.

With a capacity of 2,700 passengers amongst 1,400 cabins, each incorporated with innovative design elements prioritising comfort and relaxation, Virgin Voyages Brilliant Lady will attract travellers from across the globe and all walks of life. It's cruising for the young at heart. With a huge array of fun entertainment that's uniquely Virgin Voyages style, Virgin Voyages continue to push the boundaries of the cruise industry.

Debuting in December 2023

SUN PRINCESS

Accommodating over 4,000 guests, Princess Cruises latest next generation ship, the Sun Princess, boasts an incredible collection of luxurious accommodation with picture-perfect views, expansive venues, innovative entertainment venues, and multi-story dining rooms whilst staying true to smooth clean lines and design aesthetics of Princess cruise ships that came before her.

Infused with light and inspired by the vibrant squares of Europe, the Sun Princess' next generation Piazza encompasses dynamic views and innovative experiences, whilst The Dome, inspired by the terraces of Santorini, is a multi-level covered deck and the very first glass-enclosed dome to be constructed on a cruise ship. By day, the Dome features an indoor/outdoor pool, and by night, the pool transforms into a stage incorporating state-of-the-art lighting effects and unforgettable entertainment.

Debuting in February 2024

QUEEN ANNE

For over 180 years, Cunard have been setting the bar and raising it, constantly refining the definitive experience of ocean travel. Inspired by their past and built for the future, Queen Anne extends the Cunard Line for future generations as their 249th ship.

From incredible staterooms to sparkling restaurants, breath-taking new venues and iconic and much-loved favourites, Queen Anne will accommodate up to 3,000 passengers and share her sisters' iconic livery and red funnels along with the introduction of an elegant new font inspired by grand ocean liners who came before her. A brand-new wellness and beauty concept, Mareel Wellness & Beauty, will also be introduced, featuring a new top-deck wellness studio and private spa suite, plus fitness, beauty, thermal and spa facilities.

Debuting in May 2024

EMERALD SAKARA

Following in the footsteps of Emerald Azzurra, the 'Best New Luxury Cruise Ship' in the Cruise Critic Editors' Pick awards in 2022, Emerald Yacht Cruises Emerald Sakara embarked on her maiden voyage in March this year. Set to make waves in luxury yacht cruising, Emerald Sakara encompasses all of the features and amenities that gifted Emerald Azzurra its award-winning excellence.

Custom built to access ports only small vessels can reach and with a maximum of 100 guests onboard, the suites and staterooms onboard Emerald Sakara are elegantly designed with contemporary décor and luxurious amenities to ensure a blissful break onboard. From elegant accommodation to gourmet cuisine, adventurous excursions and its commitment to sustainability, Emerald Sakara is designed to ultimately offer guests a unique, intimate and immersive travel experience as they indulge in the beauty of the world's most awe-inspiring destinations.

Debuting in March 2023

MSC WORLD AMERICA

A new world of cruising – where sustainability meets technology, innovation meets beauty, local cuisine meets global tastes, and excitement meets laughter.

Designed for immersive and enriching experiences at sea, MSC World America will carry just under 6,700 guests, and offer 13 dining venues, as well as 6 specialty restaurants, including the classic American-style steakhouse Butcher's Cut and the Asian-inspired Kaito Teppanyaki Grill and Sushi Bar. MSC World America also boasts an incredible variety of accommodation options available to suit every need, from luxurious suites in the MSC Yacht Club through to cabins overlooking the atmosphere of the World Promenade.

Set to be MSC's largest cruise ship in the United States, measuring 22 decks tall and 150 feet wide, MSC World America will become MSC Cruises' second World Class Ship to join the fleet.

Debuting in Summer 2025

To find out how you can be one of the first on these incredible new ships, speak to your Phil Hoffmann Travel Consultant or visit pht.com.au

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A new standard of river cruising

TRAVELMARVEL ●
Travel More

Travelmarvel's newest contemporary river ships, the Polaris, Capella, and Vega are redefining European River Cruising after recently being launched in 2022. Paving the way with contemporary design features tailored to the guest experience, Travelmarvel's newest ships are equivalent to premium hotels on iconic Europe waterways.

The state-of-the-art and spacious ships will travel the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers in 2023-24 to encompass Europe's most alluring and historically rich destinations, while allowing guests one of the most relaxing travel styles on offer.

PREMIUM SUITES

Suites and staterooms are available across three decks on each contemporary river ship. All feature ensuite bathroom, hotel quality beds, personal climate control, plush linen, plenty of hanging space, ample storage for large suitcases, TV, safe and mini-fridge. Owner's Suites and French Balcony Suites also include electric slide-down windows that open to a French balcony. Abundant space and greater access to fresh air enable guests to enjoy the scenery in comfort.

FINE DINING

To provide a truly European gastronomic experience, guests can sample a range of culinary delights from gourmet to classic pub fare – however there is one onboard restaurant not to be missed. From décor to menu, the Constellations Restaurant is designed to delight.

Delivering dining experiences that rivals those found at Europe's finest restaurants, the Constellations Restaurant also offers beautiful riverside views through floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows. A modern, clean design reflects the relaxed and elegant setting where guests can easily lose an evening conversing over a glass of wine and a delicious meal, before retiring to their cabin mere meters away.

STUNNING VIEWS

From all angles, whether it be from the suites, the sky deck, or the restaurants, this cruising style incorporates Europe's magnificent scenery into every moment.

An advantage over standard hotels, guests can wake up to a new view every morning and watch the ever-changing scenery pass by as the contemporary ships traverse the rivers past charming towns, rolling hills and picturesque mountain backdrops.

TRAVELMARVEL INCLUSIONS

Guests get the most out of their holiday experience thanks to the expert knowledge of Travelmarvel's tour directors and local guides. All tipping is included, plus transfers, selected drinks, and many meals. With all these inclusions, guests can sit back, relax and enjoy their holiday, leaving all the details to Travelmarvel.

ONBOARD ENTERTAINMENT

There's no shortage of things to do onboard with a range of entertainment and activities on offer, from fantastic local live entertainers to parties, games, and dancing. Local musicians will join guests onboard for live, authentic music to the regions they travel through.

STYLISH SOCIAL SPACES

At the heart of each ship are the many social areas; whether indoors or in the ship's alfresco lounge, they provide the perfect place where guests can relax and enjoy the stunning views. The sky deck is accessible throughout the entirety of the cruise, along with options of the putting green, whirlpool, and Skydeck bar to retreat to between touring.

Guests can experience the new Travelmarvel contemporary ships on Travelmarvel's range of ever-popular European Gems river cruises. Including the 15 day Amsterdam to Budapest journey along the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers, as well as an extended 21 day journey which includes city stays at the start in Paris and following the cruise, in Prague.

New to Travelmarvel's expanding portfolio of cruises is the 15 day Springtime in the Netherlands & Belgium cruise which departs and returns from Amsterdam. This cruise is set to depart in April 2024, in the heart of tulip season. Cruise aboard one of Travelmarvel's new river ships through stunning countryside certain to capture the Netherlands and Belgium at their most colourful.

Travelmarvel has also extended its range of tours into Eastern Europe, with a new itinerary exploring the Balkans. Spend seven nights cruising the beautiful Danube River on the 11-day Balkan Adventure with Transylvania from Budapest to Bucharest. As well as a stay in Bucharest, the tour goes into the heart of culturally rich Transylvania, spending two nights in the beautiful city of Brasov which is ringed by the Carpathian Mountains.

All cruises are inclusive of accommodation on Travelmarvel's brand new river ships, sightseeing, airport transfers, tipping, meals, tea and coffee, soft drink, beer and local wine during lunch and dinner while on the cruise.

The popular 15 day European Gems itinerary starts from \$3995 pp twin share



the wonder of the northern lights

Scandinavia by land, sea and rail? Say hello to Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Express' best-selling Follow the Lights tour.

Hurtigruten's coveted Follow the Lights tour will have you exploring Norway on a small group adventure of up to 24 like-minded travellers. You'll be escorted on your search for the Northern Lights by local expert guides who were born and raised on the very coast that you'll discover.

Available as north or southbound itineraries, the former will have you departing from Norway's capital Oslo where a grand city tour awaits. Your sea and land voyage incorporates a ride on the famed Flåm Railway, a ferry through magnificent fjords, and the signature Hurtigruten coastal cruise dubbed as 'The World's Most Beautiful Voyage', beloved for 130 years by Norwegians and tourists alike.

Exploring the region like a local, you'll visit charming hamlets, picturesque fjords, cross the Arctic Circle and witness the magnificent Northern Lights. Along the way you'll ride husky sleighs, spend the night in unique accommodation - such as the Snowhotel - and explore the Medieval town of Tallin in Estonia before wrapping up the tour in Helsinki.

The Original 'Northern Lights Promise'

If the Northern Lights don't appear during your aurora season cruise with Hurtigruten, you will receive a 6 or 7-day classic voyage for free*. All thanks to their Northern Lights Promise.

Norway's Coastal Kitchen

Food and community go hand in hand with Hurtigruten, which is why they have cultivated strong partnerships with local producers and suppliers along the coast. Over 80% of the ingredients in their onboard restaurants come from more than

50 local Norwegian suppliers. This means that your onboard cuisine will be created from the freshest local ingredients, from fjord to fork. From fresh Arctic char, king crab, smoked sausages, award-winning cheese, local brews and spirits. You won't just see the coast, you'll taste it too.

Sustainable Green Fleet

Our world is as fragile as it is beautiful, and Hurtigruten is a steward when it comes to ensuring it will stay this way for future generations. The company has the strictest eco-credentials at sea, from its ground-breaking ships to its passion for inspiring guests such as yourself to become environmental ambassadors.

In 2018, Hurtigruten became one of the first major companies to ban single-use plastic throughout their fleet. They have also initiated one of Europe's largest environmental ship upgrades. In 2022, they introduced their first environmentally upgraded battery-hybrid powered ship, MS Richard With (after the world-first hybrid-battery powered ship was launched by sister company Hurtigruten Expeditions in 2019), and have recently launched their second hybrid powered ship, MS Kong Harald, as part of the Hurtigruten Norway Coastal Express fleet upgrade.

Seven ships will feature state-of-the-art technology that significantly reduces both CO2 and nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions. This marks significant progress in the Travel Sustainability space, and the group will continue to strive for innovation in the area. In collaboration with its research and maritime partners, Hurtigruten is committed to its Sea Zero research project, which aims to build its first zero-emission passenger ship by 2030.



FOLLOW THE LIGHTS



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Ride the Flåm Railway then join The Hurtigruten Coastal Express northbound voyage. Visit charming hamlets, sail through picturesque fjords in search of the Northern Lights*, enjoy husky and reindeer safaris, night sky gazing inside a glass igloo, Rovaniemi and Santa Claus village, medieval Tallinn, Siida Museum and more.

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Luxury yacht cruising with just 100 guests
Emerald Cruises' brand new luxury yachts, with only 50 staterooms, are designed to access the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Caribbean ports that only small vessels can reach.

Awarded "Best New Luxury Ship" by Cruise Critic in 2022, you'll enjoy the infinity-style pool, and Sky Bar with spa pool offering 360 degree views. La Cucina restaurant serves delicious buffet breakfasts and

lunches, and superb à la carte dining in the evening, with an emphasis on locally inspired menus. Enjoy the alfresco dining terrace, or light bites in the Aqua Café, which also offer stunning vistas and sunset views.

You'll find designer touches throughout, like Missoni towels and robes, and ESPA beauty products in all suites and staterooms. GoCycle ebikes are also available for guests to use on shore. When at anchor, the marina platform with SeaBobs, kayaks, paddleboards, and a sea trampoline offers guests an exciting watersports playground.

Cruises range from 8 to over 15 days, with a number of shore excursions, EmeraldPLUS cultural experiences, and the EmeraldACTIVE program included on each itinerary.

With just 100 guests on board, availability is limited for 2023, and 2024 is selling quickly so we invite you to book with Phil Hoffmann Travel now to secure your dream cruise.

River cruising
Emerald Cruises offers award-winning river cruising on the Rhine, Danube, Rhône and Douro Rivers in Europe, and on the Mekong River in southeast Asia.

Providing exceptional value small ship cruising, stylish and luxurious river cruise Star-Ships range

from only 84 to 180 guests. Enjoy delicious meals in Reflections Restaurant, and meet new friends for drinks at the Horizon Bar & Lounge to swap stories of your daily adventures.

The onboard pool innovatively turns into a cinema at night, plus there's a walking track and mini golf on the sun deck. Bikes are also available to use on most cruises.

Blending luxury with exceptional value, the Emerald Cruises river cruise experience includes inspiring daily shore excursions, EmeraldACTIVE experiences like hikes, bike tours, canoeing and yoga, and the popular EmeraldPLUS cultural program.

Exceptional value inclusions
In addition to the above, all meals with complimentary wine and beer with lunch and dinner, tipping, Wifi, airport transfers - and much more - are included.

From dazzling coastal landscapes to castle-lined river valleys, simply unpack once and enjoy the seamless Emerald Cruises experience. Start planning your river or yacht cruise of a lifetime and pick up a Super Earlybird or Earlybird offer with **Phil Hoffmann Travel today. Visit pht.com.au**

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Explore the kimberley in ultra-luxury

Verdant oases, thundering waterfalls, sky-high gorges, and ancient Indigenous rock art. Where the desert meets the sea, enjoy the captivating coastal scenery from rugged cliffs to serene bays, all the more enticing in the ultra-luxury of Scenic Eclipse II.

Combining innovative design and state-of-the-art technology, Scenic Eclipse II will take ultra-luxury and discovery to an unsurpassed level when she arrives in Australian waters for the first time in 2024. It's the newest way to experience the world's oldest culture in a vast and rugged land described as the last wilderness frontier, the Kimberley.

Sparsely populated with about 40,000 people, the Kimberley region is the size of Spain, Germany and Norway combined. It's one of the planet's most remote destinations, with some places only accessible by water. With her world-class design and catering to only up to 228 guests, Scenic Eclipse II takes you where others are unable to reach.

Each journey includes an abundance of Scenic Discovery activities that will unlock the exceptional natural wonders of this unique region. Enjoy the diverse Australian landscapes through an unrivalled discovery lens, with experiences to delight the most varied interests, at every pace. Experience the famous phenomenon of the Horizontal Falls — up close by a fleet of Zodiacs or by adding an unrivalled aerial view on board a Scenic helicopter[^] flight. Witness the marvel of Montgomery Reef, which appears to rise from the sea when the tide drops rapidly. Hike along bush tracks past wildflowers and spot wildlife with your Discovery Team and expert local guides.

Imagine seamlessly sailing alongside a gorge as tall as a New York skyscraper towards a waterfall raining down from hundreds of metres above, its spray tingling on your face. Picture the sweeping views from the Sun Deck or from a Vitality Pool as you cruise along the rugged coast, mesmerised by the surreal colours of paprika cliffs, turquoise waters, snow-white sand and deep green mangroves.

Dining on board Scenic Eclipse promises to be a truly all-inclusive culinary journey. Savour the fine creations of the culinary team at up to 10 dining experiences, ranging from casual to fine dining.

With an unrivalled range of dining experiences, immerse in a multicultural culinary adventure. From contemporary French fine dining at Lumière restaurant and Champagne Bar, to your favourite fillet of steak at elegant Elements main restaurant, relaxed settings such as the Yacht Club or authentic dishes at Night Market @Koko's. What remains constant throughout is the unrivalled quality of the all-inclusive meals and premium beverages.

The impressive selection of cuisines and dining venues offer you a variety of choices that will satisfy everyone's palate. Open galleys invite you to see first-hand the passion and expertise that goes into preparing every meal. Each dining venue features a special of the day and menu choices will be refreshed throughout your cruise.

You'll feel the "Kimberley magic" transcends a feeling of wellbeing, which you can take further in the indulgent wellness facilities of your 6-star Discovery Yacht. Enhance your inner peace with movement in Yoga and Pilates classes and with holistic therapy sessions, including aerial yoga, TRX, mindfulness, meditation and Tibetan sound bowl healing.

Rejuvenate in the expansive 550sqm Senses Spa with enhanced saunas, colour and cold therapy, vitality spa and relaxation lounges. The spa also features an expanded steam room with aromatherapy, an ice fountain, experiential showers, and a new KLAFS custom salt therapy lounge. Guests can also relax on the heated infrared chairs — designed to relieve back pain and encourage muscle relaxation — while marvelling at the impressive landscape.

Sailing the magnificent Kimberley region on board Scenic Eclipse II means that each day is an opportunity to create stories for life.

Join Phil on an unforgettable discovery of the Kimberley coastline aboard Scenic Eclipse II on 29 June 2024. Visit pht.com.au for details.





DISCOVER THE EXTRAORDINARY WONDERS OF THE WORLD

With two world-class Discovery Yachts, Scenic Eclipse I & II will take you further than ever before across 500 ports and over 148 departures through 63 countries on all seven continents, from the iconic Kimberley, as mentioned, to the alluring Pacific Islands and awe-inspiring seventh continent, Antarctica.

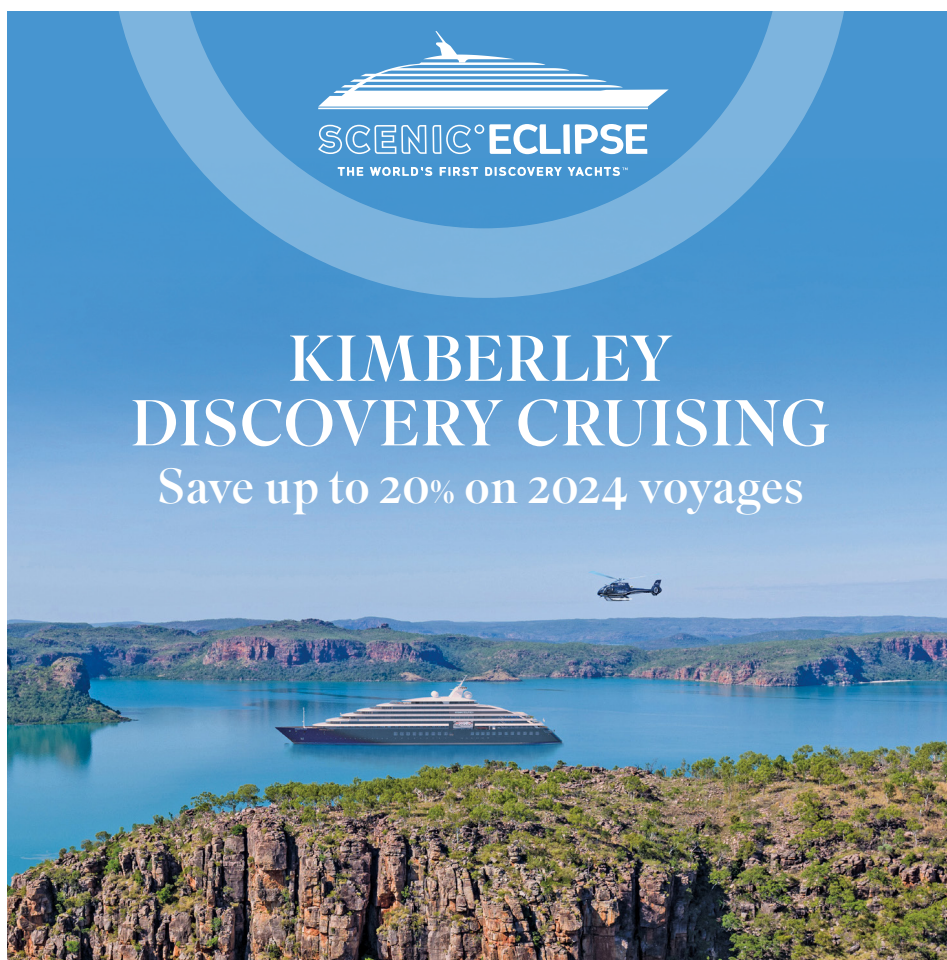
Discover the extraordinary wonders of the Pacific Islands with this intimate and exceptional experience in 6-star ultra-luxury, taking you to remote villages and well-known ports, connecting you with the sea, tropical landscapes and local communities. Explore the unique traditions and diverse natural beauty of Polynesia and the Pacific Islands, from the volcanic landscape of Vanuatu and Tonga's Hunga Island to Isle of Pines' signature trees that line the white sand beaches. After spending time at leisure in soft sandy beaches and sparkling lagoons, your indulgent experience continues on board your Discovery Yacht with your luxuriously appointed verandah suite, the expansive 550sqm Senses Spa and the truly all-inclusive nine bars and lounges and up to 10 exceptional dining experiences. On board or onshore, each moment of your journey exploring these alluring archipelagos is sensational in the truly all-inclusive, 6-star ultra-luxury of Scenic Eclipse II.

Venture further and experience the voyage of a lifetime in Antarctica - a world of exquisite natural beauty, where wildlife is abundant and brings

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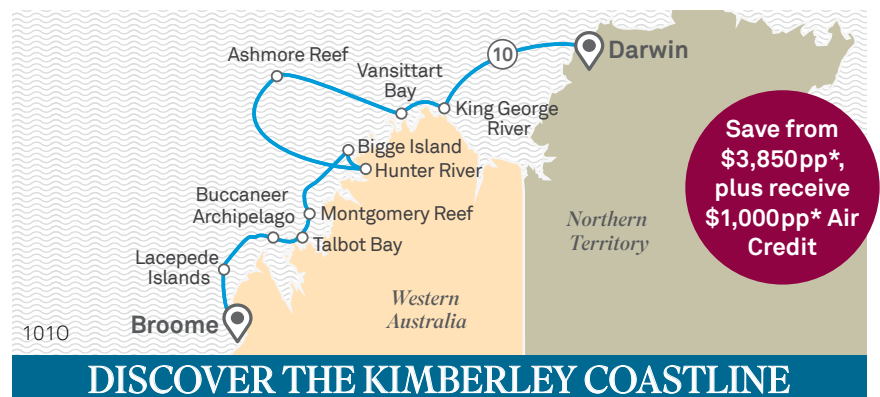
In other voyage options, you can explore the Antarctic Peninsula's highlights departing from Buenos Aires. Discover iconic sites such as Deception Island and Paradise Bay to witness penguins, seals and whales. Maximise your polar expedition with additional destinations and more days cruising in ultra-luxury into South Georgia and the Falkland Islands. Go further beyond the Antarctic Circle for the ultimate expedition voyage, or experience Antarctica during Christmas or the New Year, making it the most memorable time of it all.

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Riz Callisto

I was fortunate enough to embark on luxurious Silversea Muse from Fremantle to Adelaide in December, and from the moment I stepped on board, I knew this ship was going to offer great service and incredible dining options. Our extra spacious verandah stateroom was so well appointed with its elegant teak verandah, spacious bathroom and continuously stocked mini bar. The ship itself offers eight dining options, incredible onboard entertainment and divine spaces to relax and unwind including beauty salons and luxurious shopping experiences. What more could one ask for? It was pure luxury. I would highly recommend Silversea to those looking for an all-inclusive, luxurious cruise experience.



CHRISTA KINNENAR



GEORGIA JOHNSON

Christa Kinnear

In March this year I was lucky enough to sample the luxurious Emerald Azzurra. At only 110 metres long and carrying only 100 passengers, this is more like a floating boutique hotel. Departing from Athens in late March, it was a beautiful time to rediscover Europe without the crowds. Our itinerary took us to lesser-known ports which were absolutely delightful. Our private yacht was beautiful – my balcony suite cabin was spacious and included a king size bed, with Egyptian cotton linen, a beautiful deluxe bathroom and a state-of-the-art coffee machine. The inclusions make it all worth-while with airport transfers, complimentary wine, beer and soft drink accompanying lunch and dinner, complimentary water stocked daily, included excursions, self-serve laundries and

a gym. I have completely fallen in love with this style of cruising and the Emerald lifestyle.

Georgia Johnson

Our visit to the 7th continent was made all the more special thanks to Scenic & their wonderful discovery yacht, Scenic Eclipse, that delivered excellence well beyond our expectations. We were provided with variety and style and definitely spoiled for choice with incredible restaurants such as Lumière, which offers exceptional French cuisine and premium beverages direct from its Champagne Bar. Our expedition had an incredible Discovery team consisting of glaciologists, marine biologists, historians and geologists who were extremely knowledgeable and generous with their time.



We were even treated to dinner with the submarine pilot and the ships' navigator! If you're an explorer looking for a high-quality adventure with 6-star luxury service, this expedition is for you.

Jackie Pool

I have just returned from an incredible and memorable experience onboard the new Travelmarvel Capella, where I travelled in an Upper Deck French Balcony cabin, which was luxurious and spacious. Waking up in the morning with an open window and discovering what new town we had awoken in was gratifying and being able to unpack once while experiencing all that the Danube and Rhine River had to offer, made for an incredible getaway. With plenty of delicious and alternating dining options onboard,



including McGreary's Bar (an old English pub-style restaurant), and the Constellations Restaurant, we were always left satisfied, before retiring to the True North Lounge, where we'd end our evenings with entertaining quiz nights & Australian tunes.

Bianca Hoffmann

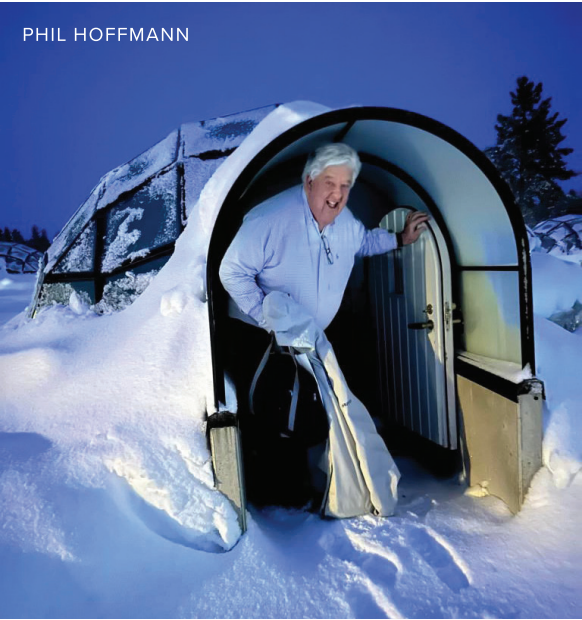
Seabourn Odyssey was all I dreamed about and more, as an intimate small ship with a private club atmosphere. We were blown away upon checking into our cabin with a bottle of French Champagne chilled and waiting for us and our mini bar stocked with our favourite drinks. Our cabin was luxurious and spacious, with an incredible walk-in wardrobe and a beautiful balcony allowing us to wake up to stunning ocean views. With nearly one staff member to each guest, we were truly spoilt with



world-class dining experiences & personable service. My favourite meal was at the Grill by Chef Thomas Keller, where I had the best steak I have ever had! Some of my favourite Seabourn moments included the white party on deck and the lavish Champagne and Caviar tasting celebrations at sea. I would highly recommend Seabourn Odyssey to those looking for an all-inclusive luxury experience filled with magical moments.

Phil Hoffmann

Searching for a new adventure? Go in search of the Northern Lights! Ali and I have just returned from Finland, Lapland, and Norway where we not only experienced several sightings of the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) but also a reindeer safari, an exhilarating dog-sled ride, drove a snow-



mobile through magical snow-covered forest and had the chance to visit the home of Santa Claus. Our wonderful Collette Tour gave us the opportunity to stay in beautiful hotels, unique Finish log cabins and an unforgettable private-glass igloo. Our group met in Helsinki and enjoyed all transfers, flights to Lapland with knowledgeable guided tours, and most meals. We followed this unforgettable journey with a Viking Cruise of Norway from Bergen to London where we witnessed more Northern Lights and the wonder of the Norwegian Fjords and Inside Passage.

Mike Clark

From the moment I stepped onboard Oceania Cruises MS Marina, I was greeted by friendly and attentive staff who go above and beyond to ensure comfort and satisfaction of all guests. The service onboard MS Marina was outstanding. The staff were attentive, friendly, and always accommodating. The butler service provided in the Junior Penthouse & Penthouse Suite was exceptional, and the waitstaff in the restaurants were incredibly knowledgeable. The ship offers a wide range of activities and entertainment options for passengers of all ages. My experience onboard MS Marina was nothing short of exceptional and I would highly recommend this ship to anyone looking for a luxurious and unforgettable cruise vacation.



Princess® Cruises

new 2024/2025 season

Princess Cruises has recently released their 2024/2025 Summer Cruising program from Australia and New Zealand, featuring the eagerly anticipated 2025 Round World Cruise. This new deployment features three iconic Princess ships that will call Australia home for the Summer season from October 2024 through to March of 2025.

Diamond Princess and Crown Princess will offer a variety of sailings to and from Adelaide with a new exotic 29-night sailing on Diamond Princess from Yokohama (Tokyo) to Adelaide to kick start the season. Across the summer season, Diamond Princess will offer three New

Zealand round trip sailings from Adelaide ranging from 19 to 21 nights in length, plus two Southern Australian Explorers from Adelaide to Melbourne for 5 nights and from Adelaide to Brisbane for 8 nights respectively.

South Australians also have the option to join the renowned Round Australia cruise and complete a 22-night partial circumnavigation of Australia from Adelaide back to Sydney on Crown Princess, sailing 1 November 2024 and 25 March 2025. For those looking for a shorter escape, guests can sail from Sydney into Adelaide on one of two 6-night Southern Australia voyages, departing 26 Oct 2024 and 19 March 2025.

Other highlights across the program is the return of Royal Princess to Sydney for the summer season, with a Grand 36-night Trans-Pacific sailing from Vancouver to Sydney, with options to join in Los Angeles, Honolulu or Auckland. Royal Princess will offer sailings to New Zealand, the South Pacific, Tasmania and the Queensland Islands before returning to North America in April 2025.

Crown Princess will become the largest ship to be based in Australia year-round and for a Princess first, she will operate the iconic 113 day World Cruise. The sailing departs in June 2025 and will sail to Southeast Asia, across the Indian Ocean, through the Suez Canal to the Mediterranean and Northern Europe, with visits to Iceland and Greenland, transiting the Panama Canal, and crossing the South Pacific back to Australia with memorable scenes at Easter Island and Pitcairn Island along the way.

There is time to explore many destinations into the evening with eight late-nights including Barcelona, Haifa, Reykjavik, and Tahiti. With overnights in New York and Lima, see the Empire State Building light up at night or travel to the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu high atop the Andes Mountains on an optional overland tour.

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