

November 2016 – October 2017



# SWAN HELLENIC

## Classic Cultural Cruising

Small ship discovery cruising with exceptional inclusive value  
Cruise fares include meals, gratuities, Guest Speaker programme and shore excursions







It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Swan Hellenic's latest brochure and introduce you to our superb collection of cruises for 2016 and 2017.

During this season Minerva will explore the beautiful waters of the Mediterranean, sailing through spectacular scenery to cosmopolitan cities, tranquil towns and off-the-beaten-track ports of call. Itineraries have been expertly planned to ensure you will uncover the heart and soul of each destination, featuring plenty of time ashore, many overnight stays in port and an extensive shore excursion programme. Departing in the European winter, you can uncover rich history and diverse cultures away from the hustle and bustle of the hot summer months, as less extreme temperatures and fewer crowds allow you to fully appreciate the ambience and authenticity of the captivating sights you visit.

On these wonderful cruises you will discover a host of classic sights, lesser-known gems and picturesque scenery, with highlights including a maiden call at Tarragona on the north eastern coast of Spain. Often described as 'mini Rome', this UNESCO-listed port is home to Roman ruins and a fascinating ancient amphitheatre. We also include the chance to celebrate New Year in the sophisticated city of Barcelona, where you can experience the traditions and customs enjoyed by the people of Catalonia for centuries. Then later in the season, Minerva will venture south to admire the contrasting archipelagos of the Canary and Cape Verde Islands.

As we set sail from Portsmouth in the early spring, our programme of cruises includes a journey along Norway's stunning coastline to Alta, for a chance to glimpse the mystical Aurora Borealis. On our voyage around the Gulf of Bothnia we will discover the natural beauty of this, the northernmost tip of the Baltic Sea, along with the history and culture of this remote region of Scandinavia.

Then, as the season continues, we head west to admire the glorious scenery and rugged landscape of the Emerald Isle. As our ship Minerva journeys around Ireland's spectacular coastline, we'll admire wonderful gardens and uncover the remarkable history of imposing castles and picturesque ports.

Later in the summer, Minerva navigates the waters of the Mediterranean and the Aegean, exploring the islands of Italy as she cruises the Tyrrhenian Sea en route to the Adriatic. Admire the fabulous architecture, art and scenery of the region before ending the season with a breath-taking transit of the narrow, steep-sided Corinth Canal. Impassable by larger vessels, this is a truly unforgettable experience.

With Swan Hellenic, you'll experience a unique style of discovery cruising. Minerva is a small, elegant and stylish ship and her friendly crew are always on hand to deliver impeccable standards of personal service. Eminent Guest Speakers also accompany all of our cruises. Carefully selected for their knowledge and enthusiasm, their engaging and informative talks will enrich your cruise experience and are included in every fare.

A cruise with Swan Hellenic offers exceptional, inclusive value. Every itinerary includes a tailor-made programme of shore excursions and a variety of onboard activities, such as art workshops, classical concerts and themed entertainment evenings. Each itinerary is meticulously planned and as you would expect, your fare includes meals and all gratuities both on board and ashore on tours.

I do hope that this brochure will inspire you to cruise with Swan Hellenic, we look forward to welcoming you on board very soon.

Kind regards

*Ian Smith*







# The Swan Hellenic distinction

"There is no one memory from this wonderful cruise... where do I begin... the flat calm sea and perfect blue sky throughout, the people we met, the enthralling shore trips, the fascinating lecturers, the entertainment."  
Pat Wood

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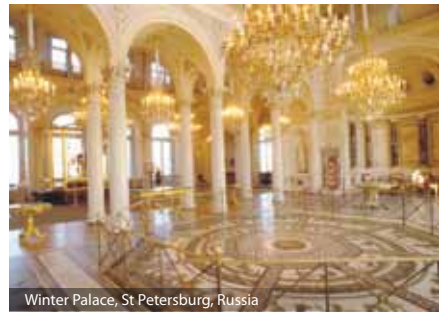
**G**uests have been enchanted by Swan Hellenic's unique, multi-award-winning cruise experience for over 60 years. Boasting all the refinements of an intimate country house hotel, Minerva will take you in comfort and style to an array of diverse ports of call, from the dramatic landscapes of Norway to the natural beauty of the Ionian Islands. Departing from November 2016 to October 2017, these itineraries take in a host of destinations throughout Europe and the Mediterranean.

Joining you on your voyage will be a maximum of 350 like-minded passengers who share your thirst for knowledge, along with carefully selected, renowned Guest Speakers. Engaging, approachable and passionate, they deliver informative talks that bring to life the intriguing history and remarkable stories that lie at the heart of each destination.

Setting us even further apart is our bespoke shore excursion programme – worth up to \$1,400 per person and included in your fare.

Minerva's accommodations are elegant and understated with spacious lounges and comfortable bars. Friendly staff cater to your every need and ensure your cruise meets or surpasses every expectation. All our cruises offer unrivalled, inclusive value which means that, aside from bar expenses, selected visas, optional tours and any pre- or post-cruise extensions you choose to add, there are no other costs.

Join us and discover a cruise experience that has set Swan Hellenic apart for more than 60 years, and that continues to set the benchmark for those with a mind to travel.



Winter Palace, St Petersburg, Russia



St Mark's Square, Venice, Italy



The Forum, Rome, Italy



St George Island, Kotor Bay, Montenegro



Alhambra Palace, Granada, Spain

**LOYALTY DISCOUNT**

For all returning passengers, a 5% loyalty discount will apply to Standard Fares on future bookings with Swan Hellenic.







# Exceptional, inclusive value

“What a cornucopia of delights Swan Hellenic provided! From the ambience, the food, the outstanding lectures and the very excellent service to the new friends we made on board, it added up to a special holiday. Indeed I have bored people rigid singing the praises of Swan Hellenic.”  
Christina Hodson

“Each port visited was a delight and all the excursions were well-planned and executed.”  
Ronald Edmonds



Relax in comfortable and elegant surroundings aboard Minerva  
With the ambience of a country house hotel, Minerva will take you around the world in style. Guests make this charming ship, with its spacious lounges, welcoming bars and well-appointed cabins, a home from home, enjoying a warm welcome and professional service from our friendly staff.  
**Engaging onboard activities**  
Browse the extensive library, take a refreshing dip in the pool, enjoy the fresh air on deck or relax in a quiet corner. Perhaps learn a new skill such as bridge, painting or yoga in one of our workshops. When the sun goes down, enjoy our varied programme of evening entertainment, from classical concerts, sparkling revues and visiting local artistes to light-hearted quizzes and film screenings, along with chances to immerse yourself in the local culture during themed entertainment evenings.



Enjoy the congenial company of your distinguished Guest Speakers  
Your expert Guest Speakers are great characters whose expertise of both the iconic sights and lesser-known gems make our cruise experience so enriching. Their passion and enthusiasm for their chosen subject – from archaeology, art history and classics to geology, horticulture and wildlife – really comes through during their lively talks.  
Professors, doctors and former high-ranking military personnel, these leaders in their field are as approachable as they are knowledgeable and happy to chat over dinner and accompany you on selected shore excursions.



Delicious meals complemented by relaxed open-seated dining  
Dining on board Minerva is a relaxing experience with our open-seated dining. Our attentive yet unobtrusive staff will ensure service is at the perfect pace.  
From leisurely breakfasts to delicious lunches and sumptuous dinners, exceptional cuisine from our highly skilled chefs is always on the menu. Imaginative dishes showcase their creativity and expert palate as you enjoy beautifully presented meals in your choice of two restaurants.  
**Captain’s gala nights**  
We also include cocktail parties and two gala nights per 14-day cruise, including 5-course dinner and complimentary house wine when you can enjoy the company of the captain and ship’s officers.



We’ll help you make the most of your time ashore so you can discover more  
On every cruise we include an extensive tailor-made shore excursion programme – worth up to \$1,400 per person – which features something for everyone. You will visit cities of music, culture and art, sites of ancient civilisations, remote villages, iconic coastlines and inspirational landscapes. Our well-travelled team have researched every port of call in detail and have carefully selected excursions to make the most of your time ashore.











Reach the smaller ports that larger ships can only pass by  
Minerva continues to lead the way to new and exciting destinations around the globe. Her small-but-perfectly-formed size enables her to head straight into the heart of a destination, and she regularly calls at smaller, off-the-beaten-track ports that are inaccessible to mega liners. As a result, we are able to create a unique range of itineraries, which are meticulously planned to include more time in port, so you can make even more discoveries.



So much included in your cruise fare  
Enjoy exceptional value for money with so much included, such as the portage of your luggage at the port, all meals on board, an excellent Guest Speaker programme and port taxes. Gratuities are also included, which means no further tipping of waiters, stewardesses, hairdressers, porters, drivers and guides is expected or required. Passengers booking selected cabins (category A-C) also receive complimentary chauffeur service within 75 miles of Portsmouth for cruises departing or returning to Portsmouth.

## ALL THIS IS INCLUDED

-  Shore excursions to the value of up to \$1,400
-  All meals with open-seated dining
-  Engaging talks by expert Guest Speakers
-  All gratuities
-  Portage of luggage at the port
-  All port taxes
-  Complimentary chauffeur service (Categories A-C only)
-  Selection of onboard activities and entertainment





Frederiksborg Palace, Hillerød, Denmark



Blarney Castle, Ireland



Standing stones, Stennes, Orkney Islands



Mount Etna, Sicily



Fountain of Diana, Ortigia, Sicily



Humpback Whale, Husavik, Iceland

## 2017 CRUISE DESTINATIONS

# Itineraries to inspire and delight

Set sail on one of our inspiring 2016/17 cruises and delve into the culture, history and natural beauty of a host of diverse ports of call. During this exciting season, Minerva returns to her roots as she explores the shores of the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Aegean Seas, from historical France to beautiful Croatia and culturally rich Turkey, before cruising south to the volcanic Canary Islands and Cape Verde, where natural wonders and architectural gems are yours to discover.

Heading into the European Spring cruises focus on the glorious sights around the shores of the Baltic, Norway, Iceland, and Ireland, before Minerva heads back to the ever-popular and totally enchanting Mediterranean. Minerva visits many ports for the first time, with five maiden calls in Sweden and Finland alone.

New for this season Minerva will set her sights on an array of islands including picturesque Corsica and captivating Sardinia, rather than heading to ports on the mainland, and every voyage is overflowing with highlights. There is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to search for the mysterious Aurora Borealis, extended stays in the sublime city of St Petersburg and glamorous Monte Carlo and a transit of the remarkable Corinth Canal.

These itineraries are further enhanced by our extensive selection of inclusive shore excursions, helping you to make the very most of your time ashore. Our programme of fascinating Guest Speaker talks also add a new dimension to each and every cruise.





## DAYS OF DISCOVERY AND RELAXATION

# A memorable experience on board Minerva

Being a relatively small ship, Minerva soon becomes a familiar home from home. Your cabin is easily reached from all the main lounges and restaurants, and fellow travellers quickly become acquaintances and friends. The ship never feels crowded - there is always a comfortable chair in a quiet corner in which to read, or a sun lounger where you can enjoy the fresh air and a cooling drink.

You may choose to join one of our wellness classes, which include yoga and tai-chi - the ideal way to unwind after a busy day ashore. Alternatively, you can catch up with those at home in the Internet Lounge, or browse the extensive collection of books available in the library.

During time at sea, broaden your mind as you listen to a fascinating Guest Speaker talk in the Darwin Lounge, or develop a new skill at one of our activity sessions. These include the chance to join our opera singers for an entertaining vocal workshop, or attend one of our extremely popular art and craft workshops, hosted by experts in the serenity of the Orpheus Lounge.

Afternoon tea can be enjoyed in the Veranda restaurant, or you may choose to indulge in a glass of Champagne in the Swan Restaurant during an 'Elegant Afternoon Tea' event, with the chance to enjoy an extensive selection of cakes, sandwiches and petit fours as you are serenaded by our resident string musicians.

If you enjoy a hand of bridge, our experienced Bridge Hosts organise sessions on selected departures in our well-appointed card room, and will ensure that you receive a warm welcome.



## Art ashore

On selected cruises we are offering the opportunity to enjoy art classes during your time ashore - a wonderful and relaxing way to appreciate your surroundings while developing your artistic skills.







MEMORIES MADE IN PERFECT COMPANY

## Evenings of sophisticated dining and entertainment

As the sun sets on another perfect day, a background violin and the buzz of animated conversation set the tone for an evening of fine dining in congenial surroundings.

Open dining in the Swan Restaurant always allows you to dine at the table of your choice and in the company of your friends at any time during opening hours.

A varied and beautifully presented menu of international dishes tempts you, as does the carefully selected wine list. Efficient but never obtrusive restaurant staff, under the expert guidance of our Maitre d', ensure that dinner each evening is served at the perfect pace, and as you share your wonderful experiences of the cruise so far, you will begin to really appreciate the special atmosphere that is truly unique to Swan Hellenic.

After dinner, head to the Darwin Lounge to enjoy our stylish evening entertainment programme, which may include operatic selections featuring our professional musicians, musical theatre from stars of the stage, classical recitals from visiting artistes and our resident string duo, or evenings of drama and light-hearted after-dinner talks from a renowned Guest Speaker.

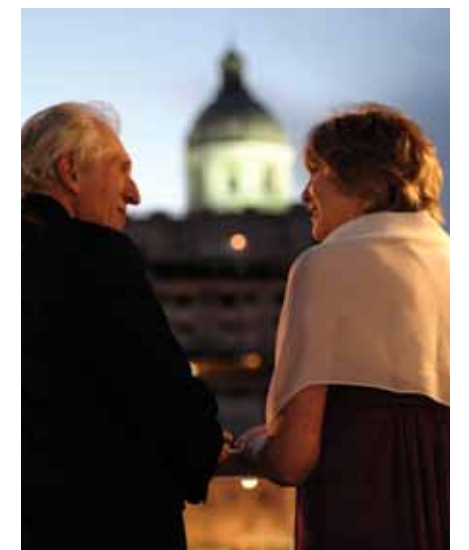


Marvel in the virtuosity of our talented vocalists, immerse yourself in a dramatic production delivered by our visiting strolling players, or take in the beautiful evening vistas as you enjoy the easy listening music of Cygnature Sounds in the Orpheus Lounge.

Alternatively, you may choose to gather with your travelling companions to take part in a light-hearted quiz, enjoy a film screening or experience the inviting ambience of the Shackleton Bar. Perhaps enjoy a drink and some amusing conversation backed by the delightful tones of our resident pianist and violinist. You could play a few hands of bridge, or why not simply sit back and relax with a good book from our extensive library.

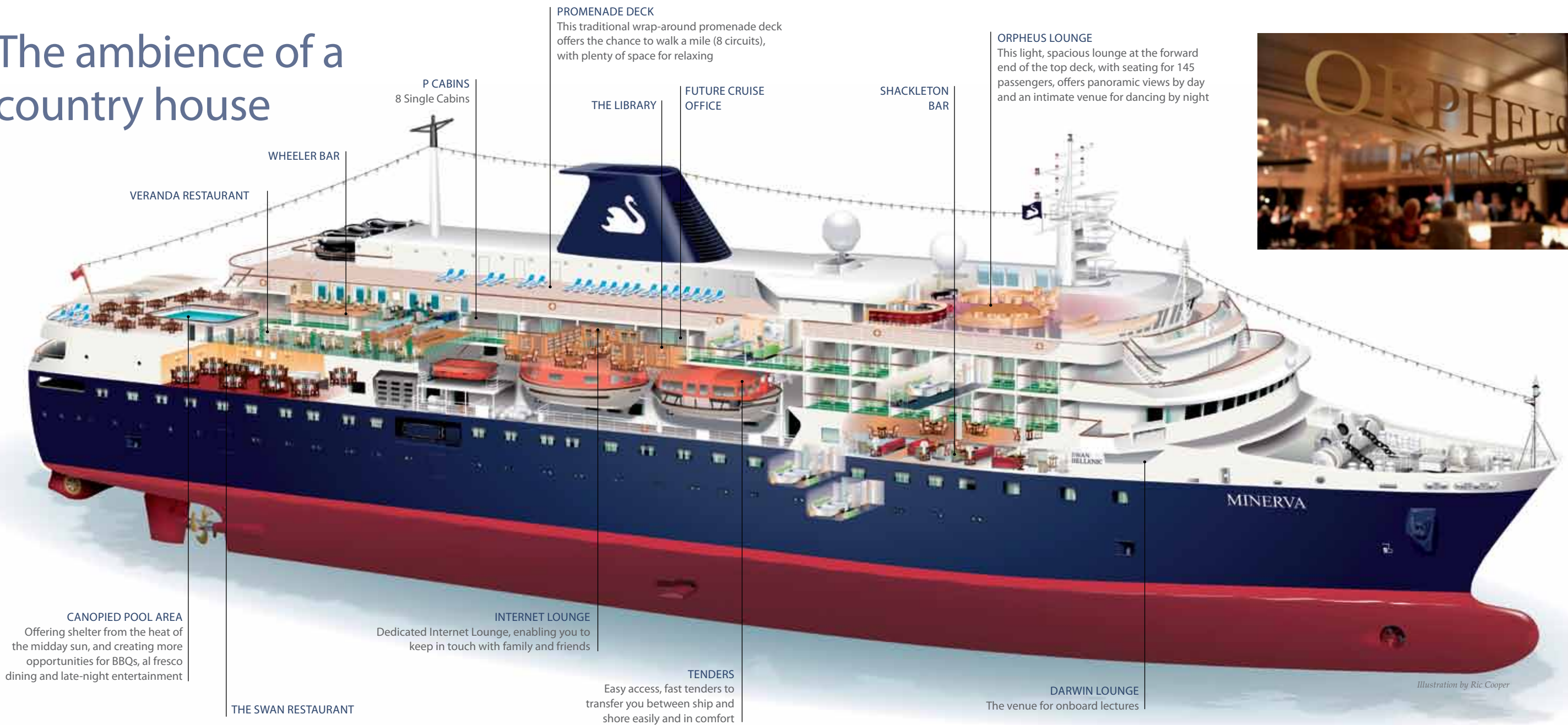
As the night progresses you may have the opportunity to dance to the music of our excellent resident band by the pool, or enjoy the ever-changing sounds and styles of our visiting local artistes who conjure up an authentic flavour of your ports of call.

Before turning in for the evening, what could be better than a stroll around the Promenade Deck, taking in the air under the stars.





# The ambience of a country house



**CANOPIED POOL AREA**  
Offering shelter from the heat of the midday sun, and creating more opportunities for BBQs, al fresco dining and late-night entertainment

**THE SWAN RESTAURANT**

**INTERNET LOUNGE**  
Dedicated Internet Lounge, enabling you to keep in touch with family and friends

**TENDERS**  
Easy access, fast tenders to transfer you between ship and shore easily and in comfort

**DARWIN LOUNGE**  
The venue for onboard lectures

**ORPHEUS LOUNGE**  
This light, spacious lounge at the forward end of the top deck, with seating for 145 passengers, offers panoramic views by day and an intimate venue for dancing by night



*Illustration by Ric Cooper*



**SHACKLETON BAR**  
A spacious horseshoe-shaped bar with large picture windows. Relax and enjoy a pre- or post-dinner drink, while listening to a varied programme of piano music selected by our cocktail pianist.



**WHEELER BAR**  
The elegant and comfortable Wheeler Bar is the perfect location for a drink during the day and late into the evening, with our classical musicians.



**THE LIBRARY**  
Minerva's well-stocked library is one of the finest afloat, featuring approximately 5,000 volumes of fiction, non-fiction and reference books relevant to our cruising destinations - many written by our eminent Guest Speakers.



**THE SWAN RESTAURANT**  
The Swan Restaurant is elegantly and comfortably furnished with white tablecloths, sparkling glasses and polished cutlery. Arrive at any time within advertised opening hours and you will be shown to a table by our Maître d'. Full waiter service will ensure that you enjoy your meal.





## THE SWAN HELLENIC TEAM

# Friendly and professional service

Taking such good care of our passengers is second nature to Swan Hellenic. For over 60 years we have offered the service and genuine welcome that makes both new and returning passengers feel immediately at home.

Taking equally good care of Minerva, our officers and deck staff maintain the smooth running of all ship's services and itineraries. Whilst you relax and enjoy delicious food in the restaurants or gentle conversation in the bars, our hotel staff work tirelessly to ensure that no detail is overlooked.

From the first meeting with our representative at the airport, to the welcoming line of stewards and stewardesses at the top of the ship's gangway, you can relax in the knowledge that all our staff are on hand to make your cruise as easy and comfortable as it can be.

Your cruise fare includes all gratuities; therefore no further tipping is expected or required. Service is always provided with a smile and with a genuine desire to please.







Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland

## RHS Garden Holidays

We continue to enjoy a very successful partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society, a leading charity involved in a wide range of activities to promote and benefit gardening for the public. We have a shared passion for horticulture, so we are delighted to offer a wonderful new cruise in partnership with RHS Garden Holidays for 2016/2017. Our 'VOLCANIC ISLANDS and VISTAS' cruise includes a 3 day stay in Funchal, Madeira and takes in the lush valleys and diverse landscapes of the Canary Islands or our 'SUMMER GARDENS and CASTLES of BRITAIN and FRANCE' RHS cruise includes visits to the Lost Gardens of Heligan, the RHS Flower Show Tatton Park, the National Botanic Garden of Wales and the Caen & Peace Rose Garden.



Guest Speaker, Caroline Holmes



Tatton Park, England

## PARTNERSHIPS

# Working in harmony

Our charitable partnerships and affiliations are based on mutual interests in a range of areas from gardens to historic places and fine arts. We're delighted to offer an exciting selection of itineraries designed in partnership with some fantastic charities, accompanied by specialist speakers who, through their extensive knowledge and enthusiasm, will bring our shared interests to life.

### National Trust

We're incredibly proud of our partnership with the National Trust. A percentage of every booking made by supporters of the charity goes towards supporting its valuable work – looking after hundreds of historic and architecturally important places, as well as hectares of countryside and more than 710 miles of coastline. Through our partnership we are able to offer specialist National Trust speakers and workshops based on relevant topics such as restoration. National Trust cruise for 2017 is 'A PORTRAIT of the EMERALD ISLE'.



Gardens at Mount Stewart House, County Down



Powerscourt House, Dublin

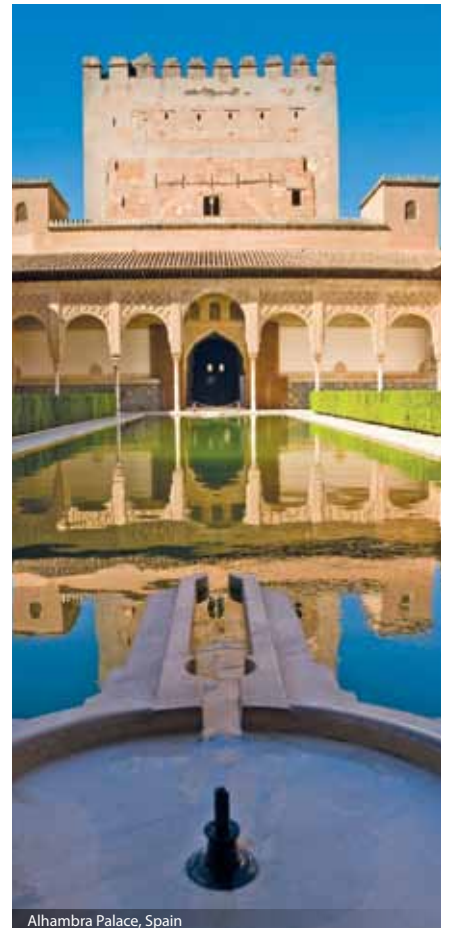
### NADFAS



Our mutual interests in culture, arts and heritage have led to a long-standing and very happy affiliation with the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies. This leading arts charity is justly renowned for the quality of its speakers, and for 2016/2017 we have NADFAS Accredited Lecturers joining us on several exciting cruises, including 'AEGEAN CLASSICS', 'FIESTAS de NAVIDAD' and 'GATEWAY to ATLANTIC ISLES', 'BALTIC CONTRASTS', 'SUMMER GARDENS and CASTLES of BRITAIN and FRANCE' and 'ANDALUCIA and the COTE D'AZUR', and 'ADRIATIC SEAS' and 'SPARKLING AEGEAN'.



Tallin, Estonia



Alhambra Palace, Spain





Gibraltar

## INCLUSIVE SHORE EXCURSION PROGRAMME

# Time ashore to discover more

From Finland to France, Northern Ireland to Greece, Minerva will be visiting an array of fascinating countries in 2016 and 2017.

Wherever in the world you choose to travel with us, you will enjoy the benefits of our extensive shore excursion programme, which is included in your fare.

All our itineraries are designed to include more time in port, while our carefully-crafted shore excursions showcase the very best of each destination. Tours taking in ancient treasures, such as the Acropolis in Athens, and natural wonders, including Croatia's breathtaking Skradinski Buk falls, feature alongside chances to experience Norway's Constitution Day celebrations, visit the RHS Flower Show Tatton Park and bathe in Iceland's geothermal waters.



Trevi Fountain, Rome



### KUSADASI, TURKEY

In Kusadasi, we include an excursion to the beautifully preserved ancient city of Ephesus. Discover captivating structures including Hadrian's Temple, the impressive Library of Celsus and an assortment of houses, which give a fascinating insight into life in Roman times. This port is also your gateway to the isolated ancient site of Aphrodisias and the renowned academic centre of Nysa, or you may choose to visit the great Ionian city of Miletus and Didyma, the site of the Sanctuary of Apollo.

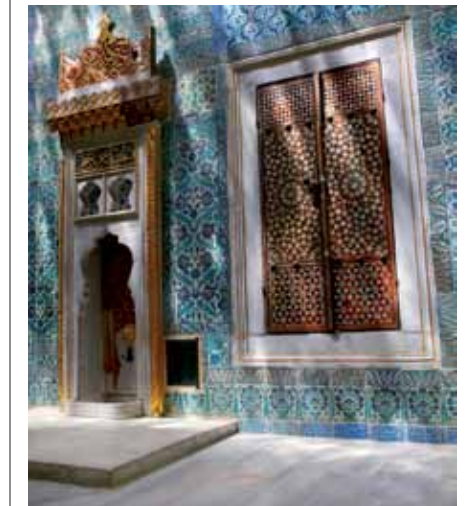
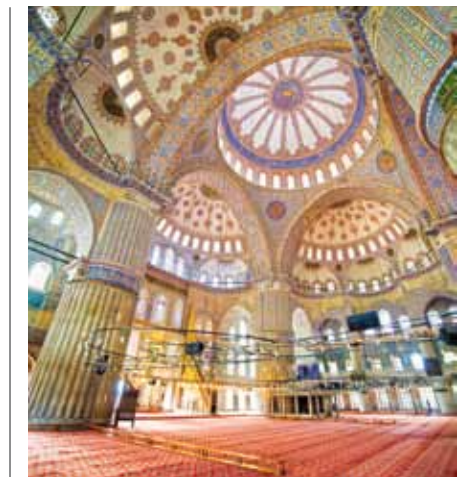
Discover these highlights on our 'AEGEAN CLASSICS' cruise – see page 34, and 'TAPESTRY of BYZANTINE and OTTOMAN EMPIRES' cruise – see page 34.



### DIKILI, TURKEY

From Dikili, you may choose to journey through the countryside to Bergama, where the intriguing ruins of Pergamon await discovery. Overlooking the Caicus River Valley, this ancient centre of learning and arts had great strategic value, reaching the height of its influence during the Hellenistic Age. It was home to one of the greatest libraries of antiquity, second only to Alexandria's in terms of the number of volumes and the repute of its scholars.

Discover these highlights on our 'AEGEAN CLASSICS' cruise – see page 34.



### ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Choose from a wonderful selection of shore excursions during a two-night stay in Istanbul. We include a guided tour of Old Istanbul, taking in the spectacular Blue Mosque, the Underground Cistern and Hagia Sophia – a former Christian basilica which later became a mosque and finally a museum. Discover Topkapi Palace, the Mosaic Museum and the Egyptian Spice Bazaar, where aromatic spices, sweet Turkish delight and tourist souvenirs are sold side by side.

Discover these highlights on our 'TAPESTRY of BYZANTINE and OTTOMAN EMPIRES' cruise – see page 34.



### VOLOS, GREECE

From Volos, a panoramic drive along the Pelion Peninsula takes you to the charming village of Portaria, home to magnificent mansions that reflect its former glory, and Makrinitsa, where you can discover incredible views of the gulf below. We also offer a visit to the Meteora Monasteries. Meteora translates as 'suspended in the air' – a fitting name for these monasteries, which perch dramatically on soaring sandstone peaks.

Discover these highlights on our 'TAPESTRY of BYZANTINE and OTTOMAN EMPIRES' cruise – see page 34.





#### DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

An overnight stay in Dubrovnik offers plenty of time to explore, and your selection of included excursions will ensure you experience the very best of the area. Why not enjoy a tour of the city on foot, taking in the limestone-paved street of Stradun, the Franciscan Monastery, the Dominican Monastery and the cathedral, and visit the atelier of a local artist. We also offer a scenic drive along the Riviera to the pretty seaside resort of Cavtat.

Discover these highlights on our 'ADRIATIC COASTS to VENICE' cruise – see page 35.



#### LIVORNO, ITALY

Livorno is your gateway to a host of Tuscan treasures. During two days in port you can choose to discover the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa, or head to Lucca to admire an impressive Romanesque cathedral encircled by imposing Renaissance walls. A full day in Florence introduces you to the richly decorated Duomo and the historical Piazza della Signoria, or you may choose to spend your second day exploring Siena's beautifully preserved medieval streets.

Discover these highlights on our 'ITALIAN OVERTURE' cruise – see page 35.



#### NAPLES, ITALY

A full day in port at Naples allows plenty of time to explore this artistic city, and from here you can also join an included excursion to Pompeii. Buried under ash during the devastating eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD, these captivating ruins offer a fascinating glimpse into life in a prosperous Roman city. Alternatively, you may choose to discover one of Italy's most spectacular coastlines as you journey along the Amalfi Coast to the quaint streets of Sorrento.

Discover these highlights on our 'ITALIAN OVERTURE' cruise – see page 35.



#### MARSEILLE, FRANCE

Make the most of your overnight stay at Marseille by joining an included city tour. It begins with a drive past Le Vieux Port and along the Corniche John F. Kennedy, taking in spectacular views of the offshore islands. On arrival in the centre of the city, you can discover the magnificent Basilica of Nôtre Dame de la Garde, which houses an impressive marble statue in its crypt. You may choose to join a walking tour of sophisticated Aix-en-Provence, famed for its art, culture and architecture, or a memorable trip to Avignon, home to the Palace of the Popes.



Discover these highlights on our 'FIESTAS de NAVIDAD' cruise – see page 36, and 'GATEWAY to ATLANTIC ISLES' cruise – see page 36.



#### MOTRIL, SPAIN

Minerva spends a full day in port at Motril, giving you plenty of time to make discoveries. Join an excursion to the Alhambra Palace, one of Spain's finest examples of Moorish architecture, and the beautiful Generalife Gardens, where avenues are lined with stately cypress trees, exotic flowers, box hedges and ornate fountains. We also offer an excursion to Granada to explore its maze of old streets and admire stunning architecture, from the elaborate Royal Chapel to the ornate Renaissance cathedral.

Discover these highlights on our 'GATEWAY to ATLANTIC ISLES' cruise – see page 36.



#### BARCELONA, SPAIN

You are sure to experience an unforgettable New Year's Eve with a two-night stay in Barcelona. Take in the atmospheric Gothic Quarter on a walking tour, with highlights including the remains of imposing Roman walls, a stunning 15th century cathedral and the Palau de la Generalitat – a medieval palace that still functions as a seat of government. You also have the opportunity to visit the Montserrat Monastery, a stunning structure set amongst spectacular mountain scenery.

Discover these highlights on our 'FIESTAS de NAVIDAD' cruise – see page 36.



#### VALENCIA, SPAIN

Join a selection of exciting shore excursions to make the most of your overnight stay at Valencia. A sightseeing drive through the city offers wonderful photo opportunities, including a stop at the stunning City of Arts and Sciences cultural complex. Explore the Old Quarter where a beautiful cathedral showcases Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque and Renaissance styles, or enjoy a full-day visit to Albufera National Park.

Discover these highlights on our 'FIESTAS de NAVIDAD' cruise – see page 36.



#### FUNCHAL, MADEIRA

Funchal is your gateway to Madeira's beautiful landscapes. From here you can visit Cabo Girao, the highest sea cliff in Europe, or enjoy scenic journeys into the surrounding countryside, where peaceful villages and hamlets are set amidst green slopes, banana plantations, vineyards and soaring mountain peaks. You may choose to join a trip to the Botanical Gardens, set in the grounds of a former private house and offering a profusion of plants and flowers from all around the world.

Discover these highlights on our 'GATEWAY to ATLANTIC ISLES' cruise – see page 36, and 'VOLCANIC ISLANDS and VISTAS' cruise – see page 37.



#### SEVILLE, SPAIN

In Seville, you may choose to join a guided walk to discover the city's highlights. These range from a magnificent Gothic cathedral to the Royal Alcázar, a splendid palace originally developed by Moorish Muslim Kings. Explore the beautiful gardens, which are decorated with fountains and pools, and step inside to admire beautifully sculptured walls. One of Spain's oldest cities, Cordoba is your destination for another excursion, with attractions including the fascinating Jewish Quarter, a medieval alcázar and the famous Mezquita mosque, whose beauty has to be seen to be believed.

Discover these highlights on our 'A MARITIME HISTORY of IBERIA' cruise – see page 37.





Alta, Norway

**ALTA, NORWAY**

Known as the 'town of the Northern Lights', Alta offers the best chance of seeing this magical natural phenomenon. On our excursion we will choose our viewing location based on the latest meteorological forecasts, and head to a secluded spot far away from light pollution in the hope of glimpsing this mesmerising display of dancing lights. We also offer a visit to the Cathedral of the Northern Lights – Alta's newest landmark and a stunning example of modern architecture.

Discover these highlights on our 'IN SEARCH of the AURORA BOREALIS' cruise – see page 42.



Main State Hermitage, St. Petersburg, Russia



Winter Palace, St. Petersburg, Russia

**ST PETERSBURG, RUSSIA**

A guided visit of the prestigious State Hermitage Museum, which houses more than three million works of art, is amongst the shore excursions offered during an overnight stay in Russia's imperial capital. Walk through the staterooms of the Winter Palace – formerly the official residence of the Romanov Tsars – to the ornate Pavilion Hall in the Small Hermitage. Admire the Old Hermitage's collection of Italian Renaissance art and view works by masters such as Rembrandt, El Greco and Goya in the New Hermitage.

Discover these highlights on our 'BALTIC CONTRASTS' cruise – see page 42.



St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

**BORDEAUX, FRANCE**

From Bordeaux, choose to discover the attractive regions of Pomerol and St Emilion, which produce prestigious wines primarily from Merlot grapes. The quality of the wine you will taste during a tour of a local château is matched by the calibre of monuments to be found in the medieval walled town of St Emilion. Amongst the sights to be admired are its Romanesque Collegiate Church with beautiful cloister and Europe's largest underground monolithic church. Discover these highlights on our 'REFLECTIONS of FRANCE' cruise – see page 43.



Oslo, Norway

**OSLO, NORWAY**

A colourful children's parade, which is greeted in Oslo by the Royal Family from the balcony of the palace, and an abundance of flags are key features of Norway's Constitution Day. This national event on May 17th commemorates the signing of the constitution on that date in 1814 and you can spend the day in the capital enjoying the celebrations. Many spectators dress up in traditional costume to participate in the festivities, which usually include further parades, live music, food and drink.

Discover these highlights on our 'CELEBRATION of NORWAY' cruise – see page 43.



Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Tallinn, Estonia

**TALLINN, ESTONIA**

In Tallinn, Estonia's delightful capital, we include a sightseeing tour which takes in a host of historic gems. The Upper Town, Toompea, is home to the magnificent Lutheran 'Dome Church' and the impressive Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, which we will step inside. Take advantage of the superb vistas on offer from one of its viewing points before walking down to the lower town, still partially surrounded by the original walls, to enjoy a short concert of medieval music at St Nicholas Church.

Discover these highlights on our 'BALTIC CAPITALS and ST PETERSBURG' cruise – see page 44.



Church, Kemi, Finland

**KEMI, FINLAND**

The chance to visit three towns in two countries – Kemi and Tornio in Finland and Haparanda in Sweden – is offered on one of our excursions. Known as the 'Gateway to Lapland', the seaside town of Kemi is first to be discovered. Our journey will also acquaint us with two significant rivers – the Kemi, the longest in Finland, and the Tornio, Northern Europe's longest free-flowing river. A short panoramic drive will introduce you to the border towns of Tornio and Haparanda, which make up an international twin city.

Discover these highlights on our 'GULF of BOTHNIA and BALTIC DISCOVERY' cruise – see page 44.



Mývatn Nature Baths, Husavik, Iceland

**HUSAVIK, ICELAND**

A visit to Mývatn Nature Baths is offered from Husavik. Lake Mývatn and its surroundings are one of Europe's greatest natural treasures and the baths are the newest addition to the region's attractions. Your experience begins with a relaxing dip in clouds of steam rising from a fissure deep in the earth's surface and ends with a swim in a geothermal pool. Containing a unique blend of minerals, silicates and geothermal micro-organisms, the warm, soothing waters are said to benefit both skin and spirit alike.

Discover these highlights on our 'MYTHS and MAGIC of ICELAND' cruise – see page 45.



Biarritz, France

**ST JEAN DE LUZ, FRANCE**

From St Jean De Luz, you can join our guided tour of Biarritz, known as the 'Queen of Resorts and the Resort of Kings'. Take in sights including the 19th century white-washed lighthouse and the golden sands of La Grande Plage, which is overlooked by the Hôtel du Palais, built by Napoleon III in 1885 for Empress Eugénie. The Rock of the Virgin, connected to the mainland by a bridge constructed by Gustave Eiffel, is not to be missed.

Discover these highlights on our 'ESCAPE to the MEDITERRANEAN' cruise – see page 47.



Sete, France

**SETE, FRANCE**

An excursion to UNESCO-listed Carcassonne is offered from Sete. Perched on a hilltop, this massive medieval citadel overlooks the 'modern city' which grew around it and on a guided tour you will uncover its fascinating history. There are more than 50 imposing towers and two miles of double, concentric walls encircling this unique fortification. Inside you can wander a maze of winding cobbled streets and view sights including the castle and basilica.

Discover these highlights on our 'ANDALUCIA and the COTE D'AZUR' cruise – see page 47.



Tatton Park, Knutsford

**LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND**

Set in magnificent parklands in Cheshire, the colourful RHS Flower Show Tatton Park is a celebration of the best in gardening and an included excursion here is sure to be memorable. First held in 1999, it retains many popular original features such as the RHS National Flower Bed Competition, Show Gardens and Floral Marquee. Over the years, different categories and events have been introduced, making Tatton Park a show bursting with fresh ideas and innovation.

Discover these highlights on our 'SUMMER GARDENS and CASTLES of BRITAIN and FRANCE' cruise – see page 46.





Peace Bridge, Londonderry, Northern Ireland



Lucca, Italy

**LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND**

Choose from a wonderful selection of shore excursions in Londonderry including the chance to discover the history, heritage and culture of Northern Ireland's second largest city. Its most notable feature is the 17th century walls, which are approximately 1.5km in circumference and amongst the best-preserved fortifications in the Western world. Your tour also includes a visit to the award-winning Tower Museum, which tells the story of Londonderry from prehistory to the present and boasts an open-air view facility.

Discover these highlights on our 'A PORTRAIT of the EMERALD ISLE' cruise – see page 46.

**MARINA DI CARRARA, ITALY**

From Marina di Carrara, a maiden call for Minerva, you can choose to explore Lucca or Pisa. Located at the foot of the Apuan Alps, Lucca is a charming medieval town surrounded by impressive walls. Pisa is home to one of Italy's most recognisable sights, the famous Leaning Tower. Residing in the Field of Miracles, this 180ft campanile took 176 years to build and began to lean shortly after construction. Thankfully the structure has been secured yet it still retains its famous lean.

Discover these highlights on our 'TREASURES of the TYRRHENIAN and ADRIATIC SEAS' cruise – see page 48.



Krka National Park, Croatia

**SIBENIK, CROATIA**

Picturesque Sibenik is your gateway to Krka National Park, a true masterpiece of nature. Our unforgettable excursion here includes the chance to admire the beautiful waterfalls, including the breathtaking Skradinski Buk, and discover a wide variety of flora and fauna. Back in Sibenik your tour continues with a visit to the UNESCO-listed Gothic-Renaissance cathedral, one of the finest in the Adriatic. Dedicated to St James the Greater, it also a unique monument of European sacral architecture.

Discover these highlights on our 'HIDDEN BEAUTIES of the ADRIATIC' cruise – see page 48.



Parthenon, Acropolis, Greece

**PIRAEUS, GREECE**

Your choice of shore excursions from Piraeus includes a visit to the mighty Acropolis, which towers over Athens from a rocky outcrop. A drive through the heart of the city will take you to this magnificent ancient citadel. Within its walls lie a host of ancient treasures of immense architectural and historical significance, including the world-renowned Parthenon, dedicated to the goddess Athena, which was completed in 438 BC. You can then view findings from the site at The New Acropolis Museum.

Discover these highlights on our 'SPARKLING AEGEAN' cruise – see page 48.

**CEPHALONIA, GREECE**

Make the most of your time on Cephalonia with a visit to the Robola Co-operative Winery. Located just below the slopes of Mount Ainos and behind the Monastery of Saint Gerassimo, it is the island's largest winemaking concern and vinifies about 70% of the total Robola white grapes grown annually. During this excursion you will also view a rare geographical phenomenon at Katavothres. Here the sea water pours through craters in rocks near the shoreline and disappears underground. A particularly impressive sight is Melissani Lake – a lake within a cave.

Discover these highlights on our 'INSPIRING ISLANDS and the CORINTH CANAL' cruise – see page 49.



Melissani Lake, Katavothres, Greece



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### JOHN SHERLOCK MA OXON



John Sherlock advises the owners of Britain's finest houses and landscapes on how to make these places more visitor-friendly. This includes explaining the fascinating story of European architecture – from classical origins to the present day. He has completed in-depth projects for the National Trust,

The Crown Estate and member houses of The Historic Houses Association. While managing 'The Royal Landscape' project, John was selected to make a presentation of Windsor Great Park's renewal programme to Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh at Windsor Castle.

### THE RT REVD TIM STEVENS



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### SIR MICHAEL BURTON



Sir Michael Burton, a retired British ambassador, is a speaker on world affairs and historical subjects. He joined the Foreign Office in 1960 after doing his National Service as a rifle platoon commander in the Malayan Emergency, fighting the communist insurgency. During his diplomatic career he had a number of Middle East postings, culminating in being Director for the region in the FCO. He was in Paris when the French veto on Britain joining the EEC was lifted, British Minister and Deputy Commandant in Berlin at the time of the fall of the wall, and ambassador in Prague during the transition from communism.

### REVD DR ANDERS BERGQUIST



The Revd Dr Anders Bergquist is Vicar of St John's Wood in London. He first studied archaeology at Cambridge, and did his doctoral research on the prehistory of Transylvania. After then studying theology at Oxford, he has held various pastoral and teaching appointments in the church.

He is a member of the Church of England's Liturgical Commission, and the current Co-Chairman of the London Society of Jews and Christians.

### CANON TREVOR PITT



Revd Canon Trevor Pitt is Canon Emeritus, Newcastle Cathedral and Associate Priest and Methodist Presbyterian, Hamsterley LEP, County Durham. He is an Anglican priest and Methodist minister, theologian and adult educator. Trevor now serves various local churches in the Durham Dales. His special

interests include Liturgical Theology and the possible futures of Christianity.

### PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER ANDREW



Professor Christopher Andrew is Emeritus Professor of Modern and Contemporary History at Cambridge University, Honorary Professor at Queen's University Belfast, former Visiting Professor at Harvard, Toronto and Canberra, former MI5 Official Historian and Honorary Air Commodore. His books include

best-sellers in a number of languages on the role and influence of secret intelligence.

### ANDRÉS HERNÁNDEZ-SALAZAR



Andrés Hernández-Salazar began his musical studies in his native Venezuela and was awarded a British Council scholarship to study at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. He specialised in Early Music before continuing postgraduate studies at Trinity College of Music. He has since performed

extensively in the UK, continental Europe, South America and the Middle East. Andrés also lectures in music history and runs courses on music from the countries of the Mediterranean and on the history of Italian opera.

### PROFESSOR STEFAN BUCZACKI



Media gardening personality, scientist, naturalist and biographer Professor Stefan Buczacki has published more than 60 books on gardening and natural history. He appeared on BBC Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time as panellist and chairman for 12 years, in an unbroken run of

over 600 broadcasts. He has presented over 1,000 radio and 1,000 television programmes, and received honorary degrees and awards for his research, writing, broadcasting and photography.

### PROFESSOR WILLIAM VAUGHAN



Professor William Vaughan is Professor Emeritus at Birkbeck College, University of London. He has been a Curator at Tate Britain, and organized many exhibitions including Samuel Palmer (British Museum, 2005). He has published several books on Romanticism and British and German art, including

Romanticism and Art and German Romantic Painting.

### ROBIN KEALY



After studying Classics at Oxford, Robin Kealy served in the Diplomatic Service from 1967 to 2004. He qualified in Arabic at the FCO School in Shemlan, Lebanon and spent most of his career in the Arab World. His early postings included Libya, Kuwait and Iraq. From 1997 to 2001, he was British Consul-

General in Jerusalem (effectively Britain's representative to the Palestinian Authority) and from 2002 to 2004 he was British Ambassador to Tunisia.

### PROFESSOR ANDREW HOPKINS FSA



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as well as with Italian publishers Electa and Laterza. Thames & Hudson in London published his introduction to Italian Architecture from Michelangelo to Borromini (2002). The Society of Architectural Historians of Great Britain awarded him their essay medal in 1996.

### SARAH SEARIGHT



Widely travelled, Sarah Searight has lectured on many cruises on topics ranging from The British in the Middle East, Steaming East between Europe and India, and Yemen: Land and People. Her most recent book is on the mystery and origins of lapis lazuli, a sacred semi-precious stone from north-east Afghanistan prized for

its intense blue colour. She also lectures widely to NADFAS audiences on the general theme of Islamic art.

### PROFESSOR CHRIS STILLMAN



Professor Chris Stillman spent 40 years at Trinity College Dublin studying geology and volcanology across the world, including Iceland, the Canaries, and southern Italian volcanoes. His interests have extended into environmental issues related to climate change and the degradation of the natural world.

### DR PETER CATTERMOLE



Dr Peter Cattermole is a former university lecturer in planetary geology and volcanology and worked as a Principal Investigator with NASA on the volcanoes of Mars. Now a freelance writer and lecturer, he continues to travel widely. With a life-long interest in astronomy, he appeared regularly on BBC

TV's Sky at Night programme.

### REAR ADMIRAL JOHN LIPPIETT CB MBE



Rear Admiral John Lippiett CB MBE had a 36-year career in the Royal Navy culminating in three jobs as Rear Admiral: Flag Officer Sea Training, Chief of Staff to NATO Forces and Senior British Officer in the Southern Region, and Commandant of the Joint Services Command and Staff College. His book, War and Peas;

Intimate Letters from the Falklands War, was broadcast on BBC radio to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the war. He became Chief Executive of the Mary Rose Trust in 2003.







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Commodore. His books include best-sellers in a number of languages on the role and influence of secret intelligence.

### PROFESSOR IAN BECKETT



Professor Ian Beckett retired as Professor of Military History at the University of Kent in 2015. He remains an Honorary Professor at Kent, and is also a Professorial Research Fellow in the Humanities Research Institute of the University of Buckingham. Previously, he has held chairs in both the US and

the UK, and was Chairman of the Council of the Army Records Society from 2000 to 2014. A Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, he has been Secretary of the Buckinghamshire Military Museum since 1985. He is internationally known for his work on the First World War, and the history of the British Army.

### DR TOM BIRKETT



Dr Tom Birkett is a graduate of the University of Oxford, where he taught for several years before moving to Ireland to lecture on Old English and Old Norse literature. He publishes regularly on subjects ranging from Norse mythology to the fiction of J. R. R. Tolkien, and is currently

working on a book about the runes and Icelandic literary culture. In addition to his academic research, Tom has also led community-engagement projects investigating the impact of the Vikings in his local area and the modern reception of medieval literature.

### DR ANDREW BURNETT



Dr Andrew Burnett CBE FBA was, until recently, Deputy Director of the British Museum, having spent his earlier career in the museum's Department of Coins and Medals, being Keeper from 1992 – 2003. His books include *Coinage in the Roman World* and the first two volumes

of *Roman Provincial Coinage*. Dr Burnett was appointed a CBE in the 2012 New Year Honours List for services to The British Museum and Numismatics. He is currently a Trustee of the Royal Armouries and an Honorary Professor of University College London.

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Formerly a lecturer in planetary geology and volcanology at the Universities of Wales and Sheffield, Peter Cattermole worked for many years as a Principal Investigator with NASA on the volcanoes of Mars, and has researched several of the world's volcanic regions. Now a freelance writer and lecturer

he continues to travel widely, explaining modern geological ideas. With a life-long interest in astronomy, he appeared regularly on BBC TV's *The Sky at Night* programme.

### SIR RICHARD DALES



Sir Richard Dales KCVO CMG is a former Ambassador to Norway and High Commissioner in Zimbabwe. He retired in 2002 after 38 years in the Diplomatic Service where most of his postings were to either Africa or Scandinavia. Since retirement, he has been Chairman of the Anglo-Norse Society and a

member of the Governing Council of the University of East Anglia and was Chairman of International Alert from 2006 to 2010.

### CANON ANDREW EVANS



Canon Andrew Evans is an honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral and currently the Team Rector of Bridport in Dorset. He is also a Chaplain for the Royal British Legion and the Royal Naval Association. Before becoming a parish priest Andrew taught for 17 years, finishing his career as a

Deputy Head Teacher of an inner city comprehensive. A contemporary historian by training, Andrew has led groups to Israel, Spain, Greece, Italy and Turkey tracing the history of the early church and the missionary journeys of St. Paul.

### DR PETER HARBISON



Dr. Peter Harbison, is an archaeologist and art historian who studied in Ireland and Germany, and toured once-around the Mediterranean on a Travelling Scholarship in the mid-1960s. He worked for many years as archaeologist for the Irish Tourist Board, and is currently Honorary

Academic Editor of the Royal Irish Academy in Dublin. His speciality is Irish art and archaeology, on which he has written some 35 books published on both sides of the Atlantic, including one which scooped the British Archaeological Book Award in 1988. He is best known for the *Guide to the National and Historic Monuments of Ireland* which first appeared in 1970 and remained in print for forty years. He is an Honorary Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, Member and Professor of Archaeology at the Royal Hibernian Academy, and an honorary member of the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland.



### MR ANDRES HERNANDEZ-SALAZAR



Andrés Hernández-Salazar is a Venezuelan opera singer. He began his musical studies and his professional life in his hometown of Caracas, and was then awarded a British Council scholarship to study at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. He specialised in Early Music,

his teachers including Dame Emma Kirkby, before continuing postgraduate studies at Trinity College of Music. He has since performed extensively in both the UK and continental Europe, as well as in South America and the Middle East. Andrés is also much in demand as a lecturer in music history and runs regular courses on subjects as diverse as Hildegard von Bingen, contemporary opera and the Baroque Music of the New World.

### CAROLINE HOLMES



Caroline Holmes is an international garden historian, lecturer, designer and author fascinated by how people and plants have historically shaped landscapes and what we can learn from them. Caroline lectures for the Royal Horticultural Society, NADFAS, museums and galleries as well as a part-time tutor for the University of Cambridge's ICE. She devised and designed the Humanist

Renaissance gardens around Notre Dame de Calais.

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### RT REVD GRAHAM JAMES



The Rt Revd Graham James is the Bishop of Norwich. After reading history at the University of Lancaster, he completed his theological training in Oxford. He was ordained in Peterborough and served in parishes and at Church House, Westminster before becoming Chaplain to the

Archbishop of Canterbury (then Robert Runcie). He is the lead bishop on media issues and a regular contributor to Radio 4's *Thought for the Day*. He has served in the House of Lords since 2004.

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### NIGEL MCGILCHRIST



was a scholar at Winchester College and has lived and worked in the Mediterranean – Italy, Greece and Turkey – for 35 years. He is author of the twenty-volume series of art-historical guides to the Greek Islands, McGilchrist's Greek Islands, and of the *Blue Guide to The Aegean Islands*. He

lectures widely in art and archaeology at museums and institutions in Europe and the USA.

### CANON BRIAN MOUNTFORD



Brian Mountford is Fellow of St Hilda's College, Oxford and, until May 2016, Vicar of the University Church. He has written several books on Christianity, lectured on subjects ranging from modern theology to leadership, and in four years as a cruise lecturer spoken such topics as 'Nirvana

in Vietnam', and 'First World War Poetry'.

### THE RT REVD STEPHEN OLIVER



Rt Revd Stephen Oliver was born in Manchester and ordained in Southwell, Nottinghamshire in 1971. Served as Curate in Nottingham and was involved in local broadcasting before his full time appointment as a Producer at the BBC in 1984. He became Chief Producer of Religious Programmes and broadcast

from many places around the world including Dresden before the fall of the Berlin wall and Gaza City during a major bombardment. He was appointed Rector of Leeds in Yorkshire in 1991 and became Precentor of St Paul's Cathedral in London in 1997. He was appointed Bishop of Stepney in the East End of London in 2003. He is a writer and continues to lecture and broadcast from around the world.

### JAMES PARRY



James is a writer and consultant specialising in history, wildlife and the environment. After training as a conservation officer with English Heritage, he joined the British Council, working in East Africa and the Middle East before returning to the UK to do a Master's degree and then working for the National

Trust as its academic editor. He now leads wildlife and heritage tours and writes on natural history for various newspapers and magazines, including BBC Wildlife, Country Life and BirdWatching. He has also written several books, including *Global Safari* (2007), *Rainforest Safari* (2008) and *The Mating Lives of Birds* (2012). He is currently working on a book about Emma Turner, a pioneering early 20th-century bird photographer.

### JEREMY PATERSON



Jeremy Paterson taught ancient history for nearly 40 years at Newcastle University, where he was also Dean of Arts. He studied in Oxford and at the British School at Rome. Although primarily a social and economic historian, his research and publications range widely and include the

ancient wine trade, the archaeology of the Roman Empire, early Christianity, and Cicero. He also chairs the *Minimus* project to introduce Latin in primary schools. He has lectured and travelled extensively in the Mediterranean region.

### PROFESSOR GARY SHEFFIELD



Professor Gary Sheffield is Chair of War Studies at the University of Wolverhampton. A military historian with particular expertise in the two world wars, he has published many books including, most recently, *A Short History of the First World War* (2014). He regularly broadcasts on radio

and television, writes for the national press, and leads tours to historic battlefields.

### DR MICHAEL SQUIRE



DR MICHAEL SQUIRE is Reader in Classics and Art History at King's College London, with a special interest in Graeco-Roman art and its reception. In addition to a guidebook to Rome (2004), his books include *Panorama of the Classical World* (2nd ed. 2008), *Image and Text in Graeco-*

*Roman Antiquity* (2009), *The Iliad in a Nutshell: Visualizing Epic on the Tabulae Iliacae* (2011), *The Art of the Body: Antiquity and its Legacy* (2011) and *Sight and the Ancient Senses* (2015).

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### PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER STILLMAN



Professor Christopher Stillman spent 9 years working in Africa followed by 40 years at Trinity College Dublin, studying geology and volcanology, ancient and modern, in many parts of the world, including the coasts of the Americas, and especially the Atlantic islands - the Canaries, Cape

Verdes, Azores, Madeira and Iceland. He also worked extensively in western Norway, and in the Mediterranean on the Italian volcanoes Vesuvius, the Aeolian Islands and Etna, and further east on Santorini and Cyprus. Since retirement his interests have extended into environmental issues related to climate change and the degradation of the natural world caused by the inexorable growth of the world's population.

### DR CHRISTOPHER WHITTON



Dr Christopher Whitton is a Senior Lecturer in Classics at Cambridge University, where he teaches Greek and Latin language and literature. His research focuses on the literature, history and culture of the Roman Empire, but his interests extend across the ancient Mediterranean world.

He is also Director of Music at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

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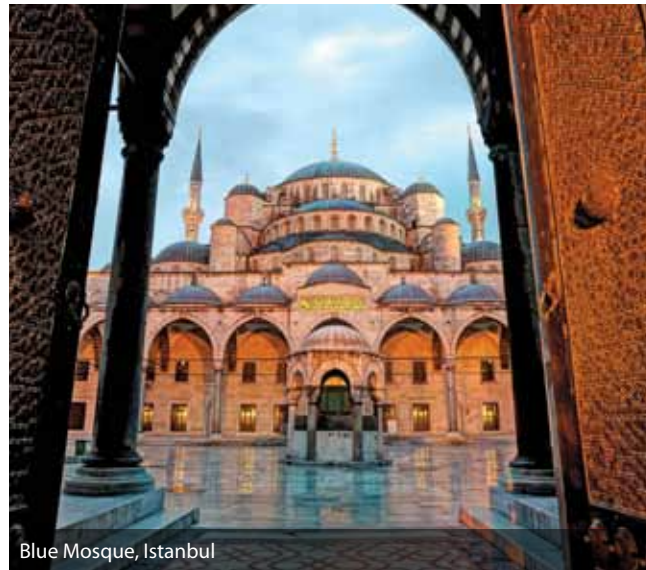
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- During an extended stay in Piraeus, visit Ancient Corinth where St Paul preached and lived for two years

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- Wander the ancient cobbled streets of Kotor, dramatically situated at the head of Southern Europe's deepest fjord
- Uncover the fascinating treasures of Pompeii and Herculaneum from Naples
- Enjoy an overnight stay in Livorno, gateway to Florence and Pisa

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- Join Minerva on a maiden call in Tarragona and discover its fascinating medieval quarter
- Celebrate the New Year in Barcelona, a vibrant city filled with the spectacular works of Antoni Gaudi

GUEST SPEAKERS  
Professor Andrew Hopkins



Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$11,140
Outside Cabins from	\$5,880
Inside Cabins from	\$4,310



Alhambra Palace, Spain

GATEWAY to ATLANTIC ISLES

3 – 17 January 2017  
15-day cruise from \$4,070 per person twin share

FRANCE • SPAIN • GIBRALTAR • PORTUGAL  
MADEIRA • CANARY ISLANDS  
Marseille to Tenerife

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Soak up the atmosphere in the medieval citadel of Carcassonne
- Spend a day marvelling at the Moorish Alhambra Palace in Granada
- Explore Cádiz, which was founded by the Phoenicians in around 1100 BC and boasts a rich maritime history
- Visit Portimao, a small, colourful city with a thriving fishing port and an old centre dotted with manicured parks and plazas
- Overnight stay in Funchal, with plenty of time to appreciate its gardens and vistas

GUEST SPEAKERS  
Robin Kealy  
Sarah Searight



Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$10,630
Outside Cabins from	\$5,580
Inside Cabins from	\$4,070



Mindelo, Cape Verde

ATLANTIC ARCHIPELAGOS

17 – 30 January 2017  
14-day cruise from \$3,970 per person twin share

CANARY ISLANDS • CAPE VERDE ISLANDS  
Tenerife round trip

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll through the lava fields of Mount Teide on the volcanic island of Tenerife
- Discover the 'green island' of the canaries, UNESCO-listed La Palma
- Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of multi-cultural Mindelo
- Admire the old colonial buildings that line the streets of Praia on the island of Santiago
- Wander the UNESCO-listed district of Vegueta, the city of Las Palmas' Old Town

GUEST SPEAKERS  
Professor Christopher Stillman  
Andy Bunten



Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$10,530
Outside Cabins from	\$5,480
Inside Cabins from	\$3,970



Mount Teide, Tenerife

VOLCANIC ISLANDS AND VISTAS

30 January – 12 February 2017  
14-day cruise from \$3,570 per person twin share

CANARY ISLANDS • MADEIRA  
Tenerife round trip

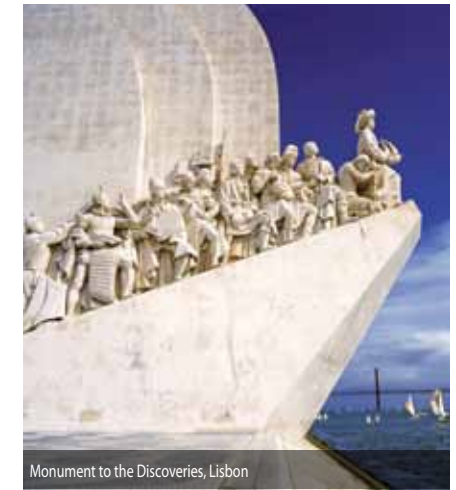
CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll through the lava fields of Mount Teide on the volcanic island of Tenerife
- Explore the beautiful Botanical Gardens of Funchal
- The UNESCO-listed Garajonay National Park offers beautiful panoramic views and lush green landscapes of La Gomera
- Join Minerva on an inaugural sailing to the smallest of the Canary Islands, El Hierro
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GUEST SPEAKERS  
Dr Peter Cattermole  
Rear Admiral John Lippiett



Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$9,530
Outside Cabins from	\$4,940
Inside Cabins from	\$3,570



Monument to the Discoveries, Lisbon

A MARITIME HISTORY OF IBERIA

12 – 25 February 2017  
14-day cruise from \$3,270 per person twin share

CANARY ISLANDS • GIBRALTAR • SPAIN • PORTUGAL  
Tenerife to Portsmouth

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Gibraltar, which boasts a fascinating history dating back to the 11th century
- Visit Jerez, renowned throughout the world for its sherry and Moorish Alcazar
- An overnight stay in Seville immerses you in this vibrant city of flamenco and fiesta
- Admire the Jeronimos Monastery, Lisbon's lavish Manueline masterpiece
- Follow the pilgrims' route to Santiago de Compostela, where you will find the tomb of St James the apostle

GUEST SPEAKERS  
Professor Stefan Buczacki  
Rear Admiral John Lippiett



Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$8,480
Outside Cabins from	\$4,470
Inside Cabins from	\$3,270



Colonial houses, La Palma



## GRAND AEGEAN & ADRIATIC EXPLORER

15 November – 9 December 2016 25-day cruise

GREECE • TURKEY • MONTENEGRO • CROATIA • SLOVENIA • ITALY  
Piraeus to Venice



Minerva departs from Piraeus, spending a day at sea en route to Volos, from where the Meteora Monasteries can be reached. Calls to Thessaloniki and Kavala, on the slopes of Mount Symvolos, are followed by an extended visit to Istanbul and an overnight stay in Kusadasi, a stone's throw from Ephesus. Explore Athens from Piraeus, then sail to beautiful Kotor, culturally rich Dubrovnik and historical Split. Visit Sibenik's impressive cathedral and Rijeka, gateway to the Opatija Riviera, before experiencing the charming Slovenian town of Koper. Finally Minerva reaches the iconic floating city of Venice, where an overnight stay allows ample time for exploration.



MIN161115A

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$18,355
Outside Cabins from	\$9,655
Inside Cabins from	\$7,050

## GRAND ATLANTIC ISLES FROM MEDITERRANEAN SHORES

3 – 30 January 2017 28-day cruise

FRANCE • SPAIN • GIBRALTAR • PORTUGAL • MADEIRA • CANARY ISLANDS • CAPE VERDE  
Marseille to Tenerife



Minerva begins her journey in Marseille, setting sail for Sète – the 'Venice of Languedoc'. Explore the naval port of Cartagena and the dynamic town of Motril, followed by a call at Gibraltar. Continue to Cádiz, Europe's oldest inhabited city, and cosmopolitan Portimao in the western Algarve before a relaxing day at sea brings you to Funchal, Madeira's capital. Minerva begins her exploration of the Canary Islands with visits to Tenerife and La Palma, where diverse landscapes await. Next stop is Cape Verde, with an overnight stay in Sao Vicente and time to explore Santiago and Boa Vista. Enjoy the facilities on board during your days at sea before finally reaching picturesque Gran Canaria.



MIN170103A

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$20,105
Outside Cabins from	\$10,510
Inside Cabins from	\$7,640



## GRAND ADRIATIC & ITALIAN ADVENTURE

27 November – 21 December 2016 25-day cruise

GREECE • MONTENEGRO • CROATIA • SLOVENIA • ITALY  
Piraeus to Civitavecchia



Minerva begins her voyage in Piraeus, gateway to Athens, and transits the Corinth Canal on the way to beautiful Kotor. Next she sets her sights on Croatia, calling at captivating Dubrovnik and historical Split before reaching Sibenik – a stone's throw from Krka National Park – and Rijeka, gateway to the Opatija Riviera. Next you can discover the Slovenian town of Koper and iconic Venice, where we include a two-night stay. A visit to Ravenna is followed by a relaxing day at sea en route to the walled city of Kotor and Brindisi, from where you can admire Alberobello's Trulli houses. Step ashore in Naples and access Tuscany's treasures from Livorno before finally arriving in Civitavecchia, gateway to ancient Rome.



MIN161127A

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$17,910
Outside Cabins from	\$9,435
Inside Cabins from	\$6,900

## GRAND VOLCANIC VISTAS & IBERIAN COASTS

30 January – 25 February 2017 27-day cruise

CANARY ISLANDS • MADEIRA • GIBRALTAR • SPAIN • PORTUGAL • ENGLAND  
Tenerife to Portsmouth



Minerva's journey begins at the volcanic island of Tenerife, with Gran Canaria next to be explored. Step ashore in Fuerteventura followed by Lanzarote, home to the Timanfaya National Park, and explore Madeira during a two-night stay in Funchal. Discover La Palma and La Gomera before Minerva makes her maiden call to El Hierro, a UNESCO-listed biosphere reserve, and returns to Tenerife for an overnight stay. Listen to enthralling Guest Speaker talks during two days at sea, prior to calls at the Rock of Gibraltar and historical Cadiz. An extended stay in Seville precedes visits to Portugal's capital, Lisbon, and La Coruña, from where you can follow the pilgrims' route to Santiago de Compostela.



MIN110130A

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$17,110
Outside Cabins from	\$8,940
Inside Cabins from	\$6,500





# Sensational summer discoveries

## Cruises March – October 2017

Searching for the spectacular Northern Lights makes for a magical start to Minerva's summer programme. Join her as she departs historic Portsmouth to take in UNESCO-listed treasures, fascinating archaeological sites and unspoilt landscapes around the shores of the Baltic, Norway, Iceland, the British Isles and France. She will make several maiden calls along the way before leaving northern waters to escape to the Mediterranean, where stunning destinations in Spain, Portugal, Italy, Croatia and more await discovery. Minerva will be doing things a little differently this season, concentrating on Mediterranean islands such as Corsica and Sardinia rather than mainland destinations. A cruise taking in Malta and Greece, both overflowing with outstanding sights such as the Valletta's Grand Harbour and Athens' mighty Acropolis, makes for a fitting finale.



Alesund, Norway





Aurora Borealis, Norway

IN SEARCH of the AURORA BOREALIS

23 March – 8 April 2017  
 17-day cruise from \$4,960 per person twin share  
 NORWAY  
 Portsmouth round trip

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the dramatic beauty of the Norwegian fjords from Stavanger
- Enjoy panoramic views of the ocean and look out for wildlife on a journey along the Atlantic Road from Kristiansund
- Search for the mystical Aurora Borealis during an overnight stay in Alta
- Take in the mountain scenery amidst the remote Lofoten Islands archipelago
- Discover the Hanseatic heritage of the colourful Bryggen waterfront in Bergen



GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr Peter Cattermole  
 Sir Richard Dales  
 Rt Revd Stephen Oliver



MIN170323

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$12,350
Outside Cabins from	\$6,660
Inside Cabins from	\$4,960



Tallinn, Estonia

BALTIC CONTRASTS

8 – 23 April 2017  
 16-day cruise from \$5,580 per person twin share  
 SWEDEN • FINLAND • RUSSIA • ESTONIA • LITHUANIA • DENMARK  
 Portsmouth round trip

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a daylight transit of the Kiel Canal, a 60-mile stretch of water linking the North and Baltic Seas
- Explore the naval town of Karlskrona, whose rich heritage has earned it UNESCO status
- Discover the treasures of the Russian Empire during an extended stay in St Petersburg
- Delve into the immense history of Tallinn, Estonia's fascinating capital
- Discover Copenhagen's magnificent royal palaces and its rich Viking heritage

GUEST SPEAKERS

Professor Andrew Hopkins  
 Professor Gary Sheffield  
 Canon Brian Mountford



MIN170408

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$15,160
Outside Cabins from	\$8,180
Inside Cabins from	\$5,580



Mont St Michel, St Malo

REFLECTIONS of FRANCE

23 April – 6 May 2017  
 14-day cruise from \$5,320 per person twin share  
 FRANCE • CHANNEL ISLANDS  
 Portsmouth round trip

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the UNESCO-listed island commune of Mont St Michel in St Malo
- Sail the Garonne River before enjoying an overnight stay in delightful Bordeaux
- Admire the beautiful landscapes and scenery of the picturesque Cognac region
- Explore the tranquil island of Belle Ile
- Enjoy picturesque scenery on a cruise down the River Seine on the approach to Rouen
- Wander amongst the colourful plants and flowers at Claude Monet's famous garden in Giverny

GUEST SPEAKERS

The Rt Revd Tim Stevens



MIN170423

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$13,230
Outside Cabins from	\$7,130
Inside Cabins from	\$5,320



Constitution Day celebrations, Oslo

CELEBRATION of NORWAY

6 – 20 May 2017  
 15-day cruise from \$4,830 per person twin share  
 NORWAY  
 Portsmouth round trip

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Join the Constitution Day celebrations in Oslo
- Discover the UNESCO-listed wooden waterfront in Bergen and discover its bustling fish market
- Explore Alesund with its striking Art Nouveau architecture and myriad towers and turrets
- Visit the Nidaros Cathedral, Norway's national sanctuary, in Trondheim
- During an overnight in port discover Oslo's Viking past

GUEST SPEAKERS

Sir Richard Dales  
 Professor Christopher Stillman



MIN170506

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$12,040
Outside Cabins from	\$6,490
Inside Cabins from	\$4,830





Peterhof Palace, St Petersburg

### BALTIC CAPITALS and ST PETERSBURG

20 May – 4 June 2017

16-day cruise from \$6,040 per person twin share

GERMANY • POLAND • LITHUANIA • LATVIA • ESTONIA • RUSSIA • FINLAND • SWEDEN  
Portsmouth to Stockholm

#### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Warnemunde, gateway to Berlin and medieval Rostock
- Explore the outstanding UNESCO-listed historic centre of Riga
- Uncover the Soviet past of Tallinn, Estonia's capital city
- Spend three days in port to discover the treasures of St Petersburg
- Take in splendid views from on deck as Minerva approaches Stockholm through its picturesque archipelago

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

Professor Christopher Andrew  
Andres Hernandez-Salazar  
Mr James Parry  
Canon Andrew Evans



MIN170520

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$15,330
Outside Cabins from	\$8,180
Inside Cabins from	\$6,040



Vigeland park, Oslo

### GULF of BOTHNIA and BALTIC DISCOVERY

4 – 18 June 2017

15-day cruise from \$6,200 per person twin share

SWEDEN • FINLAND • DENMARK • NORWAY  
Stockholm to Portsmouth

#### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Minerva sails to five new ports of call as she explores the Gulf of Bothnia
- Learn about the unique Sami culture whilst in Umea
- Explore Turku, Finland's oldest city, located at the mouth of the Aura River
- Marvel at the beautiful city of Copenhagen and admire the world-famous statue of the Little Mermaid
- Uncover Oslo's Viking past amongst some of the world's best-preserved ships and tomb treasures

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr Peter Cattermole  
Rear Admiral John Lippiett



MIN170604

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$15,750
Outside Cabins from	\$8,390
Inside Cabins from	\$6,200



Lerwick, Shetland Isles

### SECRET ISLANDS of the BRITISH ISLES

18 June – 1 July 2017

14-day cruise from \$5,410 per person twin share

BRITISH ISLES  
Portsmouth round trip

#### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the early history of the Shetland Islands at the fascinating archaeological site of Jarlshof
- Marvel at prehistoric Skara Brae on the Island of Orkney
- Circumnavigate the remotest part of the British Isles, the archipelago of St Kilda
- Visit Duart Castle, the ancestral home of Clan Maclean, dating back to the 13th century
- Step ashore on remote Lundy Island to discover a host of flora and fauna

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

Rear Admiral John Lippiett  
The Rt Revd Tim Steven



MIN170618

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$13,080
Outside Cabins from	\$7,140
Inside Cabins from	\$5,410



Reykjavik, Iceland

### MYTHS and MAGIC of ICELAND

1 – 15 JULY 2017

15-day cruise from \$5,620 per person twin share

IRELAND • ICELAND • FAROE ISLANDS • ORKNEY ISLES  
Portsmouth round trip

#### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- From Cork visit Blarney Castle, home to the famous Blarney Stone
- Explore volcanic Heimaey, in the remote Westmann archipelago of Iceland
- Step ashore in Reykjavik, the world's most northerly capital
- Visit picturesque Husavik, Iceland's whale-watching capital
- Discover the remote Faroe Islands, where grass-roofed houses nestle amongst rugged scenery

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr Tom Birkett  
Professor Christopher Stillman



MIN170701

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$13,570
Outside Cabins from	\$7,410
Inside Cabins from	\$5,620





Honfleur, France

SUMMER GARDENS and CASTLES  
of BRITAIN and FRANCE

15 – 26 July 2017  
12-day cruise from \$4,800 per person twin share

ENGLAND • FRANCE • IRELAND  
Portsmouth round trip

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- This cruise has been designed in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society and features a choice of handpicked garden excursions
- Explore the UNESCO-listed island commune of Mont St Michel in the bay of St Malo
- Discover the maritime heritage of Cornwall's Falmouth
- Included entrance to the colourful RHS Flower Show Tatton Park
- Gain an insight into the diverse culture of the Isle of Man
- Stroll amongst the picturesque gardens of painter Claude Monet in Giverny

GUEST SPEAKERS  
Ms Caroline Holmes  
Professor Gary Sheffield



MIN170715

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$11,960
Outside Cabins from	\$6,450
Inside Cabins from	\$4,800



Giant's Causeway

A PORTRAIT of  
the EMERALD ISLE

26 July – 9 August 2017  
15-day cruise from \$4,830 per person twin share

CHANNEL ISLANDS • IRELAND  
Portsmouth round trip

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover St Peter Port, Guernsey's capital
- Step ashore in picturesque Waterford, famed for its exquisite hand-cut crystal
- Join Minerva on maiden calls in Foynes and Londonderry
- Marvel at the legendary Giant's Causeway – one of nature's finest works of art
- Admire Dublin's Georgian architecture
- Visit historic houses and beautiful gardens cared for by the National Trust

GUEST SPEAKERS  
Dr Peter Harbison  
Professor Christopher Andrew



MIN170726

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$12,040
Outside Cabins from	\$6,490
Inside Cabins from	\$4,830



Seville, Spain

ESCAPE to the  
MEDITERRANEAN

9 – 22 August 2017  
14-day cruise from \$4,400 per person twin share

CHANNEL ISLANDS • FRANCE • SPAIN • PORTUGAL  
Portsmouth to Malaga

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- A full day in St Helier to enjoy the natural beauty that abounds in Jersey
- La Pallice is your gateway to the historic city of La Rochelle
- Join Minerva on an inaugural sailing to St Jean de Luz in northern Basque Country
- Visit Guimarães, one of the most historic cities in Portugal
- Sail the river Guadalquivir to reach the Andalusian city of Seville, for two full days in port

GUEST SPEAKERS  
The Rt Revd Graham James



MIN170809

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$12,280
Outside Cabins from	\$6,550
Inside Cabins from	\$4,400



Monte Carlo, Monaco

ANDALUCIA  
and the COTE D'AZUR

22 August – 3 September 2017  
13-day cruise from \$5,120 per person twin share

SPAIN • FRANCE • ITALY  
Malaga to Genoa

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- From Motril discover Granada's Moorish past and the breathtaking Alhambra Palace, a UNESCO-listed treasure
- Uncover the medieval quarter of Tarragona
- Join Minerva on her maiden call in Port Vendres
- From Sete, discover the medieval, UNESCO listed town of Carcassonne
- Overnight in Monte Carlo to fully experience this glamorous principality

GUEST SPEAKERS  
Dr Andrew Burnett  
Professor Ian Beckett



MIN170822

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$13,430
Outside Cabins from	\$7,030
Inside Cabins from	\$5,120





Venice, Italy

TREASURES of the TYRRHENIAN and ADRIATIC SEAS

3 – 17 September 2017  
15-day cruise from \$4,410 per person twin share

ITALY • CORSICA • SARDINIA  
Genoa to Trieste

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Marina di Carrara, Bastia and Olbia – three new ports of call for Minerva
- Take a full day to explore the eternal city of Rome during an optional excursion
- Delve into the wealth of ancient history offered in Cagliari, the Sardinian capital
- Dramatically situated at the head of Southern Europe's deepest fjord, visit Kotor and wander its ancient cobbled streets
- Sail into Venice, one of the world's most remarkable cities, and visit the magnificent Doge's Palace

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr Christopher Whitton  
Dr Michael Squire  
Mr Andres Hendandez-Salazar  
Mr James Parry



MIN170903

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$11,620
Outside Cabins from	\$6,070
Inside Cabins from	\$4,410



Dubrovnik, Croatia

HIDDEN BEAUTIES of the ADRIATIC

17 September – 1 October 2017  
15-day cruise from \$6,370 per person twin share

ITALY • CROATIA • MONTENEGRO • GREECE  
Trieste to Piraeus

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire glittering Byzantine mosaics in Ravenna's San Vitale Basilica
- Take time to visit the Church of our Lady, Croatia's oldest sanctuary, perched high on a hill above Rijeka
- Discover the remarkable ruins of the Roman Palace of Diocletian in Split, Croatia's second city
- Discover the ancient site of Delphi, a religious sanctuary sacred to the god Apollo
- Minerva transits the narrow Corinth Canal, a remarkable feat of engineering

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mr Jeremy Paterson  
Professor Andrew Hopkins



MIN170917

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$15,960
Outside Cabins from	\$8,530
Inside Cabins from	\$6,370



Meteora Monasteries, Greece

SPARKLING AEGEAN

1 – 14 October 2017  
14-day cruise from \$5,880 per person twin share

GREECE • TURKEY  
Piraeus round trip

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- An extended stay in Piraeus allows ample time to explore ancient Athens
- Picturesque Nauplia is your gateway to legendary Mycenae
- Discover the well-preserved ruined city of Ephesus with its magnificent library and theatre
- Overnight in Rhodes to explore this historic island and visit Lindos, the unspoilt village where St Paul is said to have been shipwrecked
- Chance to see the awe-inspiring Meteora Monasteries perched high on towering rock peaks

GUEST SPEAKERS

Professor Ian Beckett  
Mr Jeremy Paterson



MIN171001

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$14,790
Outside Cabins from	\$7,890
Inside Cabins from	\$5,880



Minerva, Corinth Canal transit

INSPIRING ISLANDS and the CORINTH CANAL

14 – 27 October 2017  
14-day cruise from \$4,440 per person twin share

GREECE • ALBANIA • SICILY • MALTA  
Piraeus round trip

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

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GUEST SPEAKERS

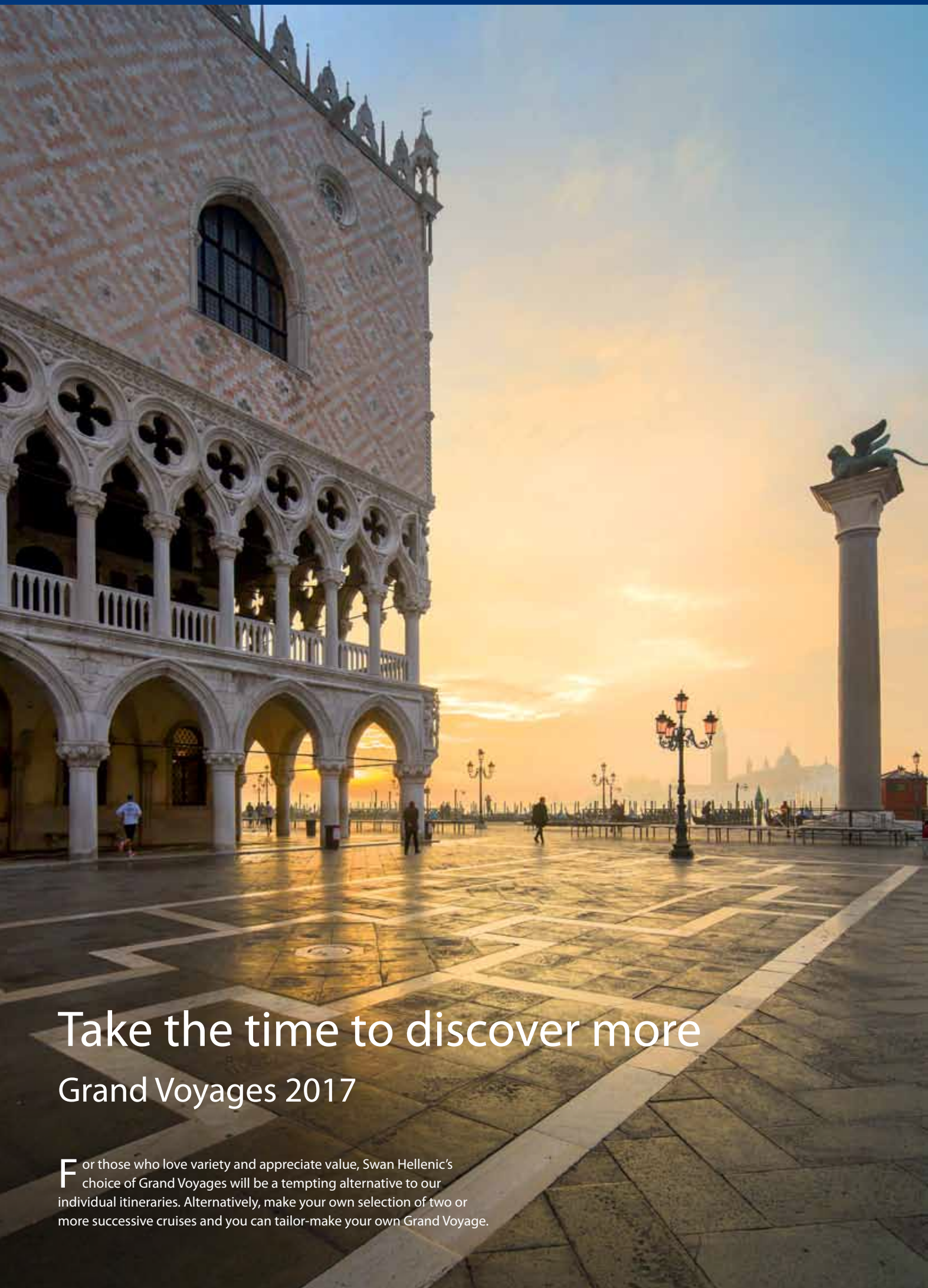
Mr Nigel McGilchrist



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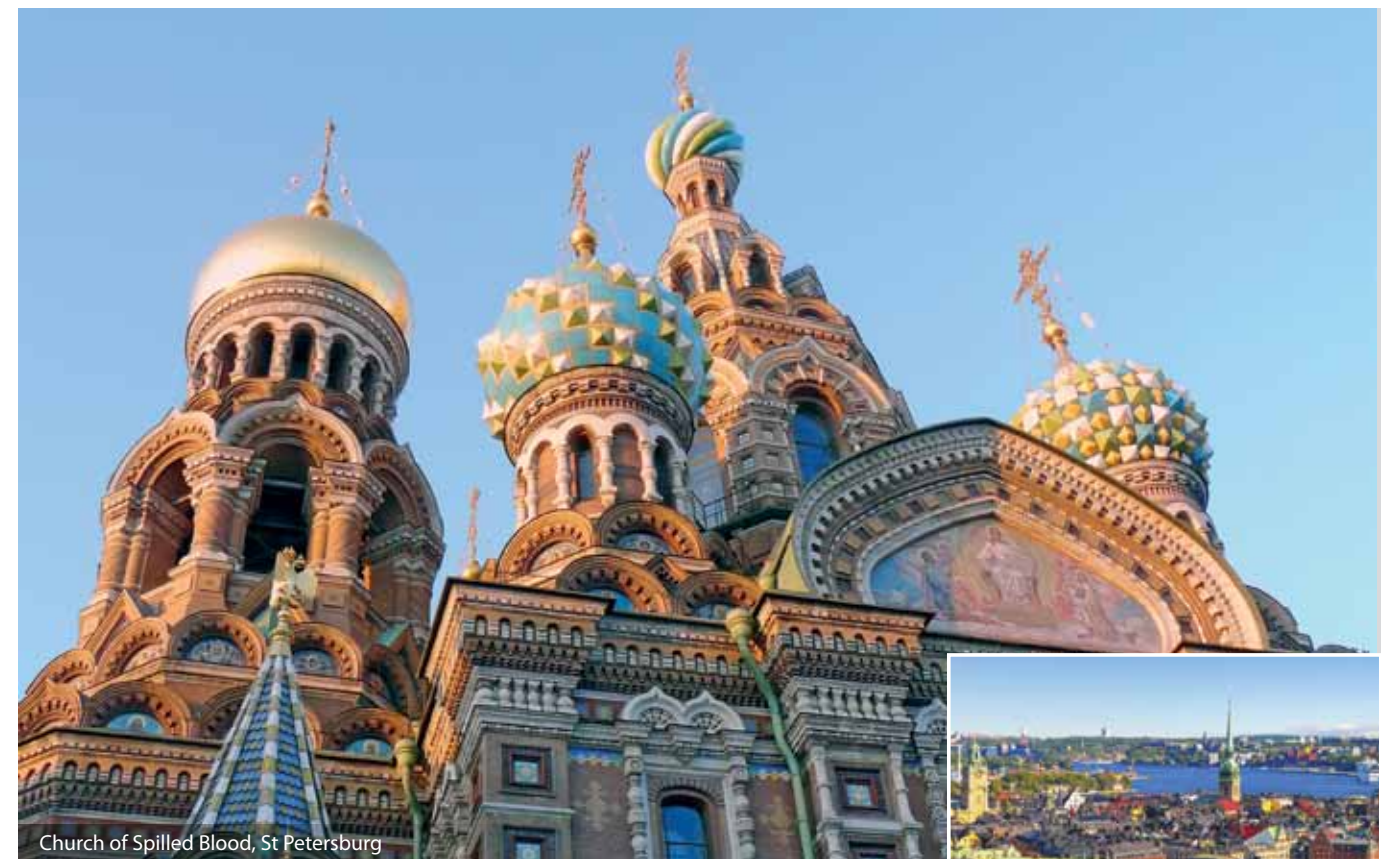
Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$11,670
Outside Cabins from	\$6,110
Inside Cabins from	\$4,440





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Grand Voyages 2017

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Church of Spilled Blood, St Petersburg



Stockholm, Sweden

## GRAND BALTIC ADVENTURE

20 May – 18 June 2017

30-day cruise from \$11,630 per person twin share

GERMANY • POLAND • LITHUANIA • LATVIA • ESTONIA • RUSSIA • SWEDEN • DENMARK • NORWAY  
Portsmouth round trip

### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Uncover the Soviet past of Tallinn, Estonia's capital city
- Spend three days in port to discover the treasures of St Petersburg
- Take in splendid views from on deck as Minerva approaches Stockholm through its picturesque archipelago
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- Learn about the unique Sami culture whilst in Umea
- Explore Turku, Finland's oldest city, located at the mouth of the Aura River
- Uncover Oslo's Viking past amongst some of the world's best-preserved ships and tomb treasures



MIN170520A

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$29,530
Outside Cabins from	\$15,745
Inside Cabins from	\$11,630





Alhambra Palace, Motril

GRAND IBERIA and  
CÔTE D'AZUR ADVENTURE

9 August – 3 September 2017

26-day cruise from \$9,045 per person twin share

CHANNEL ISLANDS • FRANCE • SPAIN • PORTUGAL • ITALY  
Portsmouth to Genoa



Bastia, Corsica

GRAND MEDITERRANEAN  
ESCAPE

9 August – 17 September 2017

40-day cruise from \$13,235 per person twin share

CHANNEL ISLANDS • FRANCE • SPAIN • PORTUGAL ITALY • CORSICA • SARDINIA  
SICILY • MONTENEGRO  
Portsmouth to Trieste



Venice, Italy

GRAND ITALY  
and ADRIATIC SEA

3 September – 1 October 2017

29-day cruise from \$10,245 per person twin share

ITALY • CORSICA • SARDINIA • SICILY MONTENEGRO • CROATIA • GREECE  
Genoa to Piraeus



Symi, Greece

GRAND CORINTH CANAL  
and INSPIRING ISLES

1 – 27 October 2017

27-day cruise from \$9,805 per person twin share

GREECE • TURKEY • ALBANIA • SICILY • MALTA  
Piraeus round trip

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- La Pallice is your gateway to the historic city of La Rochelle
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- Discover the ancient site of Delphi, a religious sanctuary sacred to the god Apollo

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Picturesque Nauplia is your gateway to legendary Mycenae
- Discover the well-preserved ruined city of Ephesus with its magnificent library and theatre
- Overnight in Rhodes to explore this historic island and visit Lindos, the unspoiled village where St Paul is said to have been shipwrecked
- Chance to see the awe-inspiring Meteora Monasteries perched high on towering rock peaks
- Minerva transits the Corinth Canal, a remarkable feat of engineering
- An overnight stay in Valletta gives plenty of time to marvel at its magnificent Grand Harbour and discover the island of Malta



MIN170809A

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$24,425
Outside Cabins from	\$12,905
Inside Cabins from	\$9,045



MIN170809B

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$35,465
Outside Cabins from	\$18,670
Inside Cabins from	\$13,235



MIN170903A

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$26,205
Outside Cabins from	\$13,870
Inside Cabins from	\$10,245



MIN171001A

Cabin Type	Standard fare per person twin share
Balcony Suites from	\$25,140
Outside Cabins from	\$13,300
Inside Cabins from	\$9,805





#### OWNER'S SUITE, Category A – Discovery or Explorer Suites – a choice of 2 unique suites

These premier suites are 34.30m<sup>2</sup> in total, incorporating a private balcony measuring 7.5m<sup>2</sup> with floor-to-ceiling patio doors, and a separate sitting area with sofa, chair, table, flat-screen TV, refrigerator and tea/coffee-making facilities. The Owner's Suite on the starboard side has en suite shower facilities while the Owner's Suite on the port side has en suite bath facilities.

With our compliments: Champagne on embarkation: replenished free of charge on request. Bottled mineral water: replenished free of charge on request. Mini Bar: replenished as per consumption. Fruit Basket: replenished on daily basis. Canapés: served on daily basis. Complimentary return chauffeur service within 75 miles of Portsmouth for cruises departing from and returning to Portsmouth.



#### SUPERIOR BALCONY SUITE, Category C – a choice of 10

These Superior Balcony Suites, feature a balcony with floor-to-ceiling patio doors. Overall cabin area of 30.70m<sup>2</sup> includes the balcony (which measures 7.5m<sup>2</sup>). Featuring a separate sitting area with sofa, chair, table, flat-screen TV, refrigerator and tea/coffee-making facilities, all Superior Balcony Suites on the starboard side have en suite shower facilities, while all those on the port side have en suites with baths.

With our compliments: A welcome bottle of Champagne and bottled mineral water on embarkation. Mini Bar: first set up is complimentary. Fruit Basket: replenished on a daily basis. Complimentary return chauffeur service within 75 miles of Portsmouth for cruises departing from and returning to Portsmouth.



## A WIDE CHOICE OF CABINS

# Stylish and well-appointed balcony suites

#### DELUXE BALCONY SUITE, Category B – a choice of 12

These Deluxe Balcony Suites feature a deep teak deck balcony with floor-to-ceiling patio doors and are 31.13m<sup>2</sup> including balcony (which measures 9.38m<sup>2</sup>). Featuring a separate sitting area with sofa, chair, table, flat-screen TV, refrigerator and tea/coffee-making facilities, all Deluxe Balcony Suites on the starboard side have en suite shower facilities while all those on the port side have en suites with baths.

With our compliments: A welcome bottle of Champagne and mineral water on embarkation. Mini Bar: first set up is complimentary. Fruit Basket: replenished on a daily basis. Complimentary return chauffeur service within 75 miles of Portsmouth for cruises departing from and returning to Portsmouth.



**M**inerva now offers 44 balcony suites – some of the most spacious and comfortable balcony suites afloat – as well as a choice of eight other categories of outside and inside cabins.

All cabins are twin-bedded and if requested at the time of booking can be made into a single queen bed.

#### BALCONY SUITE, Category D – a choice of 20

These Balcony Suites, feature an expansive teak deck balcony with floor-to-ceiling patio doors bringing the total size inclusive of balcony to 28m<sup>2</sup> (balcony measures 7.10m<sup>2</sup>). Featuring a separate sitting area with sofa, chair, table, flat-screen TV and refrigerator, all Balcony Suites on the starboard side have en suite shower facilities, while all those on the port side have en suites with baths.

With our compliments: Bottled mineral water: first set up is complimentary. Mini Bar: charged as consumed.



#### AEGEAN DECK CABIN OUTSIDE, Category F & G – a choice of 56

These outside cabins on Aegean Deck range from 12.1m<sup>2</sup> to 13m<sup>2</sup> in size and feature large picture windows. All Aegean Deck cabins (including inside cabins, Categories K & L) feature en suites with showers.

Outside cabins on Baltic Deck, Categories H & I, are similar but have two portholes instead of picture windows. All cabins on Baltic Deck (including inside cabins, Categories M & N) feature en suites with showers.

With our compliments: A welcome bottle of mineral water on embarkation.



#### SINGLE CABINS, SUN DECK, Category P – a choice of 8

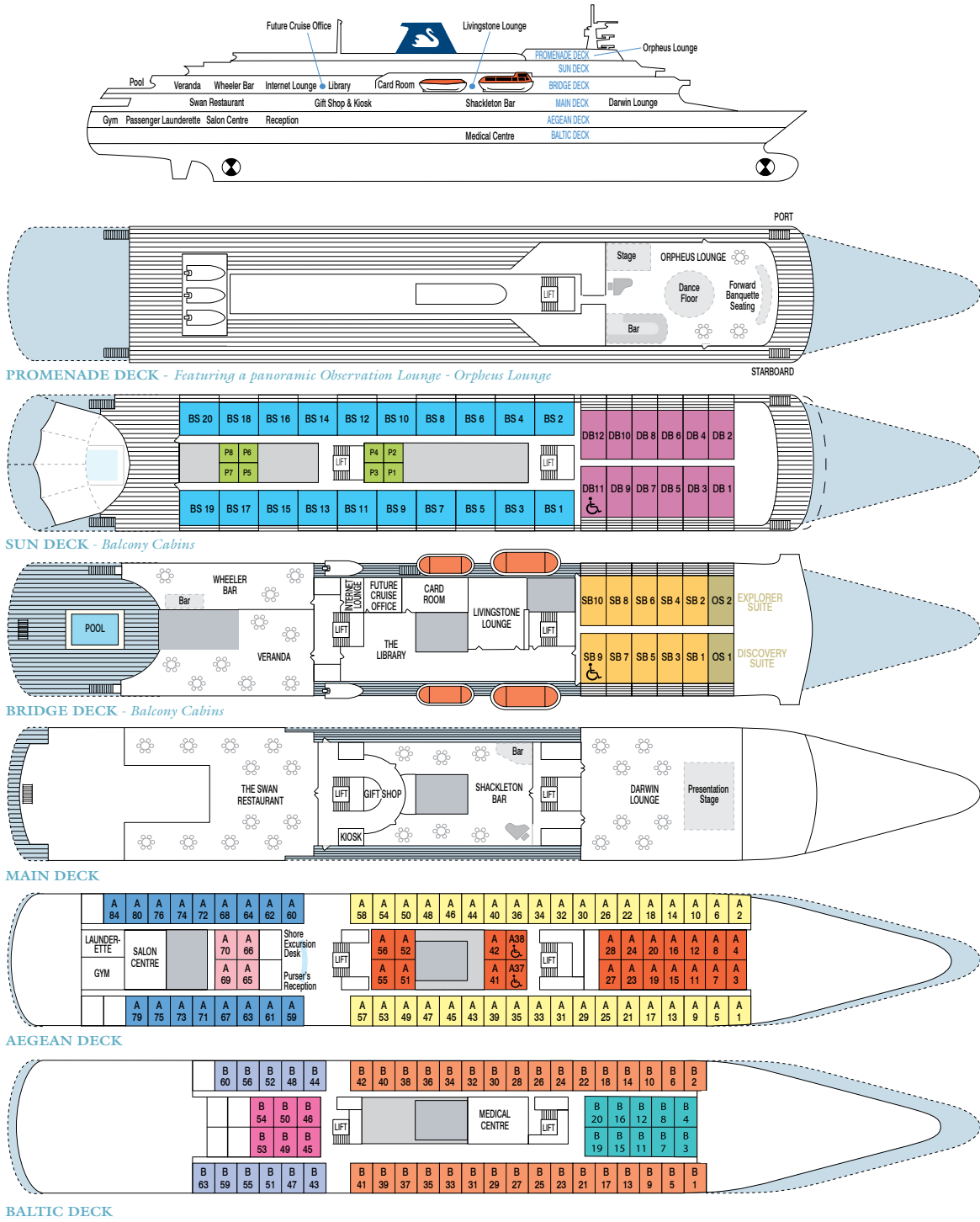
These cabins on Sun Deck are 8.4m<sup>2</sup> in size and are specially designed for the single traveller with a traditional, custom-made Captain's Bunk. All feature an en suite with shower.

With our compliments: A welcome bottle of mineral water on embarkation.





# MINERVA



**MINERVA'S PROFILE**

• Gross Tonnage	12,892
• Length	437 ft
• Beam	66 ft
• Draft	19 ft
• Cruising Speed	13 knots
• Passenger Decks	6
• Stabilisers	retractable fin
• Registration	Bahamas



- FACILITIES INCLUDE**
- 44 Balcony cabins\*
  - 100 Outside cabins
  - (73% outside cabins including 23% balcony cabins)
  - 8 single cabins
  - Choice of two Restaurants
  - Orpheus Lounge
  - Internet Lounge
  - Livingstone Lounge
  - Darwin Lounge
  - Shackleton & Wheeler Bars
  - Card Room - max 10 tables
  - Library
  - Swimming Pool
  - Gift Shop and Kiosk
  - Gymnasium
  - Complimentary Launderette with Washers and Dryers
  - Salon Centre
  - Medical Centre
  - Future Cruise sales office
  - Telephone, Fax and E-mail Facilities
  - Flatscreen TV, Hairdryer and Personal Safe in every Cabin
  - \*Starboard Side = Showers  
Port Side = Baths



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Passengers who have never cruised before, or who have not cruised with Swan Hellenic, will no doubt have many questions to ask about the ship, our operation and many other matters. This section has been written to give you some general information about cruising with us, and we feel sure during your voyage. Please note that instructions contained in this section form part of our Booking Conditions. Our aim is your complete enjoyment of the cruise and our staff, together with the ship's crew, will do all that they can to ensure this. The information given here is correct at the time of printing (April 2016), but is subject to change without notice.

Full booking conditions can be found online at [au.swanhellenic.com](http://au.swanhellenic.com)

### BEFORE YOU GO

**RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS**  
A deposit of AU\$750 per person or 15% of your total holiday cost whichever is greater (or full payment for bookings taken within 119 days of departure) and a completed booking form are required to secure your reservation and must be received within 7 days of booking. The balance is due from your travel agent no later than 119 days prior to your sailing.

**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED**  
Flights; meals other than onboard your cruise (aboard Minerva); beverages (beer, wine, spirits, sodas) travel insurance; optional shore excursions; items of a personal nature; passport costs or visa fees; vaccinations (if required); transfers; pre- and/or post cruise hotel accommodation and portage.

### BOOKINGS

Bookings in Australia and New Zealand may be made through your preferred travel agent.

### PASSPORTS & VISAS

Swan Hellenic requires a valid passport with spare pages, valid for at least six months after the date of return for all Australian/New Zealand citizens. We also recommend that you take with you photocopies of these personal details in your passport. Depending on your cruise itinerary and countries visited, you may need to purchase and obtain required visas prior to departure from your home country. Full information on visas for your cruise for Australia/New Zealand passport holders will be sent to you approximately 16 weeks before departure. In some countries group visas may also be obtained by Swan Hellenic, however, Swan Hellenic may not always be able to obtain group visas for non UK passport holders. In some countries

group visas are restricted to allow passengers to participate in shore excursions organised by Swan Hellenic only. If you wish to explore independently in these countries it will be necessary for you to obtain and purchase an individual visa prior to the cruise departure. This information is subject to change and it may be necessary for other visas to be obtained and purchased. Other nationalities should consult their travel agent/ embassy regarding visa/entry requirements. Please check with your travel agent, applicable consulate or embassy, or Swan Hellenic before travelling to make sure your documentation is in order. Some countries place restrictions on certain nationalities obtaining group or individual visas. In such ports you will not be permitted to disembark. All the information stated is correct at the time of printing, April 2016, and is subject to change. Swan Hellenic will endeavour to inform passengers of any mandatory requirements and changes in the pre cruise documentation which is sent approximately 8 weeks prior to the cruise departure. Please note that it is the responsibility of each passenger to check with the various embassies or consulates involved in their particular cruise, to ensure that they have the necessary visas and correct documentation to enter all the countries visited. Any passengers arriving at the departure port/ airport without a passport, correct visas (if required) or correct documentation will be refused permission to board the ship/aircraft. Failure in this respect is not covered by insurance and no refund can be made.

### CHILDREN

There are no recreational facilities for children aboard Minerva and reservations for children are not advised.



## TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking your cruise that you have fully comprehensive travel insurance valid from the date of deposit being made. We will require you to give us details of your travel insurance company including the policy number. You must ensure that, as a minimum, it covers cancellation for the total value of the cruise, delay or curtailment, medical charges, evacuation (from the vessel) and repatriation costs. We suggest you discuss the various policies that are available with your travel agent.

## PASSENGERS WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Swan Hellenic will always try to accommodate passengers with special requirements. If you or any person travelling with you suffers from any medical condition, disability or limited mobility you must contact our office for advice before any booking is confirmed. Please read clause 10 of the Booking Conditions – FITNESS TO TRAVEL ON THE CRUISE SHIP, PREGNANCY, BEHAVIOUR, DISABILITY OR REDUCED MOBILITY, MEDICAL AND MOBILITY EQUIPMENT.

## HOTELS & LAND TOURS

Pre- and/or post-cruise hotel and land packages are available with selected cruises. For all the available options, please contact us for all the latest information. The company reserves the right to assign your hotel based on pre-reserved space at hotels contracted. Hotel rooms are not usually available until approximately 3.00pm on the day of arrival. Certain land packages and excursions will not operate if minimum numbers are not met and others may have a maximum capacity. The sequence of escorted land tours may vary from the brochure. If, for any reason, a hotel or entertainment feature is cancelled or otherwise unavailable, the company reserves the right to cancel, make substitutions or omissions and is under no obligation, except that in the event of cancellation you will receive a full refund of any payments received for that service. Please note that the terms for cancellation by the passenger of any pre-booked land stays and excursions are as per our general cancellation terms, as detailed in our Booking Conditions.

## SHORE EXCURSIONS

Shore excursions are included in your cruise fare in every port of call, where available. Please note that the company reserves the right to amend, cancel or substitute an included shore excursion and in these circumstances is under no obligation to make a refund. Additional optional excursions, including some as mentioned in the brochure, may be available at supplementary cost. The excursions programme outlined in the brochure may be subject to change. The full Shore Excursion programme and Booking Form will be sent approximately 12 weeks prior to departure. All excursions should be pre-booked although it is possible to book on board (subject to availability). Please note it is not possible to credit the non-use of an included shore excursion in any way. The value of shore excursions, up to £700 (GBP) per person or approximately AUD \$1,400 per person, is based on a typical 14-day cruise with a combination of full and half day excursions in the major ports visited including entrance fees and guides.

## ONLINE SERVICES – ALREADY BOOKED

Our website [au.swanhellenic.com](http://au.swanhellenic.com) features an Already Booked section. Here you will be able to find useful information such as Frequently Asked Questions, Your Cruise Book (available 12 weeks prior to departure) and Partner Services. You can also update your Mandatory Passenger Information online.

## JOINING YOUR CRUISE

### Portsmouth

For cruises departing from and/or returning to Portsmouth there will be complimentary return coach transfers from London Victoria coach station. Pre-booking is required to participate in these transfer services. Embarkation will generally begin three hours before the ship is due to sail.

## INDEPENDENT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The Company will have no responsibility, financial or otherwise, in regard to air, hotel, transport or any other arrangements made by passengers with third parties. Passengers should ensure that any such arrangements are transferable and refundable and covered by their travel insurance, in the event of delay, amendment or cancellation of any of these independent arrangements, or of your cruise. Information regarding embarkation and disembarkation times as well as access to the port will be given in your Pre Cruise documentation. Passengers on a cruise only package must make their own arrangements to join the ship and vice versa. This is also applicable to passengers booked on a pre or post tour whereby passengers must make their own arrangements to transfer from the hotel to the airport and vice versa.

## CANCELLATION BY A PASSENGER

A Passenger may cancel a booking at any time.

Cancellation will take effect when the Company has received written notice of cancellation signed by the Lead Passenger. Cancellation charges payable to the Company are:

Period before departure within which the Company receives notice	Cancellation charge per Passenger
After payment of deposit	Loss of deposit
119- to 60 days before departure	60% of holiday charge*
59 to 29 days before departure	90% of holiday charge*
28 days or less before departure to departure date	100% of holiday charge*

Cancellation and/or amendment fees charged by your travel agent and/or associated supplier are not included and may be additional to Swan Hellenic's fees as outlined above.

The Company may incur costs from the time a Passenger's booking is confirmed and may be unable to resell a cruise holiday. Therefore, the above cancellation charges will be payable depending on when notification of cancellation is received from the Lead Passenger. Charges for optional services including, but not limited to insurance premiums, credit card charges, pre-booked optional excursions and amendment fees are not refundable in the event of cancellation.

If the Passenger has paid an additional charge to secure specific tailor made services such as a change of airline or date of travel or to secure a special airfare or upgrade, this cost is non-refundable in the event of cancellation as 100% cancellation fee may apply as soon as the booking is made and the ticket is issued. Passengers should ask for full details of cancellation charges at the time of booking but the scale of charges shown will be calculated on a % of the cost of all other arrangements and the non-refundable charges will be added to that cancellation charge to give the total charge.

A Passenger will not have a right to exclusive occupancy of a cabin with two or more berths unless any applicable single occupancy premium has been paid. In the event of a Passenger becoming a single occupant of such a cabin due to a cancellation, he/ she will become liable to pay any applicable single occupancy premium.

## ON BOARD

### CURRENCY AND PAYMENTS

On board Minerva all prices are in £ Sterling. As there are limited foreign exchange facilities on board, we would recommend that you purchase any currency requirements you expect to need before you travel. There is little opportunity to visit banks whilst on excursions. For purchases ashore, many shops accept most Travellers' Cheques and major Credit Cards. A cashless system operates on board with passengers settling accounts at the end of the cruise. Payment methods – Visa, Mastercard and American Express credit cards (2%-3.5% surcharge dependent on card used), Visa debit cards only, Travellers Cheques and cash are accepted for payment of shipboard accounts. Personal cheques and Mastercard debit cards are not accepted.

### ON BOARD BAR CREDIT

Where on board credit has been allocated, please note that this is for the use of non alcoholic or alcoholic drinks only purchased in the Minerva bars and restaurants. On board bar credit is non-transferable, non-refundable and cannot be exchanged for cash.

### HEALTH, VACCINATIONS & MEDICAL INFORMATION

As health regulations are ever changing, we recommend that you consult your GP or a travel clinic at least 16 weeks before your intended departure to check the latest requirements for the countries you will be visiting and take a copy of your itinerary and personal travel plans for review with your practitioner. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are fully protected with the appropriate vaccination certificate(s) for your cruise. Vaccination requirements are subject to change without notice. Any passenger arriving at the airport/port without the correct vaccination or exemption certificate (s) will be refused permission to board the ship. No passenger refund is applicable. Depending on the itinerary, passengers should consult their GP regarding the possibility of taking a course of anti-malarial tablets prior to their departure. Conditions of entry to each port vary according to the conditions set by each country and port authority and may differ to the advice given by the World Health Organisation and doctors. We have to abide by the latest information given to us by the port authorities that allow the ship entry to the port of call. In certain countries, Yellow Fever inoculations are mandatory for each passenger whether or not you intend to proceed ashore. You will be required to obtain and carry an original Yellow Fever certificate stamped by an authorised Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre. The certificate itself is valid from 10 days after vaccination for a period of ten years. If you are excused on medical grounds you will be required to obtain and carry an original Yellow Fever (charges apply) Exemption Certificate stamped by an authorised Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre. Certificates will be inspected upon embarkation. You will not be able to travel or embark the ship without a valid certificate as stated. Regulations requiring mandatory Yellow Fever Vaccinations and certificates are laid down by the local Port and Health Authorities, and the vessel will be unable to obtain entrance to certain ports if the correct paperwork, as stated above, is not available. This requirement may differ from the advice given by the World Health Organisation and your local doctor. Other countries recommend that precautions are taken against Malaria and other diseases. You should seek advice with regard to your personal itinerary, including pre/post voyage travel, as Malaria advice and/or prophylaxis may be recommended. Health advice varies from time to time depending on the situation of the country you are visiting. Seasonal influenza vaccination is recommended for all passengers. If you do not normally enjoy good health, you should consult your doctor regarding the advisability of taking a cruise and being away from the usual medical and hospital facilities. Your insurance company must be advised of any pre-existing conditions at the time of booking and of any conditions arising subsequently prior to

departure, otherwise your insurance may be invalid and you will be responsible for any costs arising from medical treatment or repatriation. We ask you to advise us at the time of booking of any disability or illness so that we can advise our onboard medical team.

### MEDICAL ATTENTION

We hope you will find it unnecessary to use the ship's medical facilities during your voyage. If, however, the occasion does arise, it is comforting to know that we do carry a fully qualified doctor and nurses. The doctor or nurse will make a charge for their services as well as requiring payment for any medicines or drugs needed. Such charges are normally reclaimable under your travel insurance, less any excess, however, you should check your travel insurance product inclusions and exclusions. In the unlikely event that you require urgent medical attention ashore, we will assist by contacting your insurer who will make the necessary arrangements for your treatment and repatriation.

### BARS & ALCOHOL

Please note that bars may have to be closed for the sale of alcohol and cigarettes in certain waters. Only alcohol purchased in the ship's bars and restaurants may be consumed on Minerva

### DINING ARRANGEMENTS

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are arranged on an open sitting basis and may be taken in the Swan Restaurant or the Veranda. Opening times will vary according to the daily programme.

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Our onboard telecommunications systems mean that you are never more than a telephone call away from your home or office. All cabins feature direct-dial telephones, whilst fax facilities are available at Reception. The Internet Lounge, situated on Bridge Deck, allows you to access your email account (please note certain types of access, including Skype and other VOIP protocols are blocked due to bandwidth restrictions). This also applies to Apple and MS programmes, such as iCloud.com which, because of band width restrictions, are also unavailable on board. Internet cards are available for purchase on board. WiFi is available for use on personal laptops in certain areas. Satellite coverage cannot be guaranteed. Kindle users; please note that you will not be able to access the mailbox, on your device, via the onboard WiFi system. Please use the terminals in the Internet Lounge.

### ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Cabins and suites feature 220 volt current. The use of hair dryers, electric rollers, curling irons, electric shavers and other small appliances should be checked with Reception, but, for safety reasons, the use of travel irons and any personal tea/coffee making equipment is strictly prohibited. Each cabin is equipped with a hairdryer.

### LAUNDRY & PRESSING

Valet service is available for laundry and pressing. A laundry bag and order form are provided in your cabin wardrobe. Some passengers may wish to make use of the self-service launderette on Aegean Deck – washing powder is provided. Dry cleaning is not available on board.

### WHAT TO WEAR

As a general rule, for days on board and ashore, summer clothing/casual wear is the order of the day. It should be light, comfortable and easy to care for. A sweater and jacket for cooler evenings and a light raincoat are also advisable. On cruises to northern latitudes, warmer, layered, windproof clothing will be necessary. On more southerly cruises the weather will usually be suitable for sunbathing, so don't forget your wrap, bathing suit, sunglasses, sunhat and sunscreen. For trips ashore and for getting into and out of the ship's tenders, comfortable, sturdy walking shoes are a must. You may also want to bring with you a camera, extra binoculars, an umbrella, sunscreen and insect

repellent. In certain countries, shorts, short skirts, bare arms and shoulders will not be appreciated locally and you may be prohibited entry to certain sites. Please refer to the notes section in the Cruise Book for each excursion. During the day, the general atmosphere on board is informal and casual clothing, including shorts, is perfectly acceptable. However, just as at a land based resort, we ask you to cover swimwear when entering the ship from the open decks. In the evening, the dress code varies according to your chosen restaurant. The Veranda is smart casual; for ladies that means dresses or blouses with skirts or trousers and, for gentlemen, long trousers and shirts with collars. In the Swan Restaurant gentlemen are required to wear a jacket and tie. As a courtesy to other passengers, the dress code will be observed; please ensure you are correctly dressed to avoid any embarrassment on entering the Swan Restaurant for dinner in the evening. On formal nights (approximately two in a 14 day cruise), gentlemen are invited to wear black tie or dark suits and ladies to wear evening gowns or cocktail dresses.

### SMOKING

Smoking is only permitted in designated areas on the open decks. Smoking outside these areas, including in cabins and on excursion coaches, is strictly prohibited.

### EMERGENCY MUSTER DRILL

After embarkation and prior to Minerva setting sail there will be a full emergency muster station drill. This exercise is to give all passengers precise information on the correct route from their cabins to the places where they should muster in an emergency, together with instructions about life jackets and emergency procedures. This Muster Drill is a requirement of law and all passengers must attend.

### NOISE

There are all kinds of noise associated with a working vessel when the ship is in motion. We recognise that tolerance levels vary so please contact the Reservations Department if you require further information before you book

### PORTHOLES

In rough weather or for operational and security reasons, port hole covers (known as deadlights) may need to be closed. Cabins with port holes are located on Baltic Deck. On cruises where the vessel sails through the Red and Arabian Seas, the vessel is subject to the requirements of the International Maritime Organisation for anti-piracy. The requirements are designed to protect the ship from the potential risk of attack, which includes the rigging of razor-wire and the closing of the cabin deadlights. The captain is required to comply with these requirements, which vary day to day dependent upon the reported level of risk.

## GENERAL

### SPECIAL REQUESTS

We are unable to accept 'conditional bookings'. Please advise any special requests clearly at the time of booking and we will do our best to comply with your wishes. We must point out that failure to fulfil a special request cannot be considered a breach of Contract on the part of the company.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

We particularly ask you to tell us in writing of any alterations to your address before departure, and in any communication, please state the cruise on which you are travelling

### DATA PROTECTION

Please be assured that we have methods in place to protect the personal booking information held by us. This information will be passed on to the principal and to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. The information may also be provided to public authorities such as customs or

immigration if required by them, or as required by law. Certain information may also be passed on to security or credit checking companies. If you travel outside the EU, controls on data protection may not be as strong as the legal requirements in your country of residence. We will only pass your information on to persons responsible for your travel arrangements. This applies to any sensitive information that you give to us such as details of any disabilities or dietary/religious requirements. (If we cannot pass this information to the relevant suppliers, whether in the EU or not, we will be unable to accept your booking). In making your booking you consent to this information being passed on to the relevant persons. Full details of our data protection policy are available upon request.

### CHANGES TO YOUR CRUISE & ITINERARY

The information in this brochure outlines details of our carefully planned programme. Should any subsequent events cause us to change our plans or affect the published itinerary in any way, we will let passengers know as soon as possible. Disembarkation at anchorage ports are subject to local weather and sea state conditions. However, in the event of war or threat of war, political unrest, terrorist activity, piracy, natural or nuclear disaster, we maintain the unreserved right to cancel, postpone or alter without prior consultation, any itinerary in whole or in part, in order to safeguard passengers, the ship and employees. See Booking Conditions at [au.swanhellenic.com](http://au.swanhellenic.com).

### GUEST SPEAKERS/SPECIALIST ENTERTAINMENT

If any of our confirmed Guest Speakers or specialist entertainers are unable to travel on their allotted cruise, Swan Hellenic reserves the right to engage alternative Guest Speakers, specialist entertainers or to alter the advertised programme.

### OVERSEAS STANDARDS

It is a fact of life that when we travel to different countries, we often find that the customs, traditions and general pace at which things are done can be very different from what we are used to in Australia/New Zealand. In so far as standards of safety are concerned, the suppliers of services must comply with the rules and regulations of their own country and these are not always as strict as they are in Australia/New Zealand. Every care is taken to contract the best available transport. However, standards can vary and not all vehicles will have air conditioning or seat belts.

### DANGEROUS GOODS

We direct your attention to the fact that it is an offence to carry on board an aircraft or a ship any goods of a dangerous or damaging nature. Remember that petrol and other lighter fluids, including fluids for hair curlers, come under the terms of the Explosives Act; their inclusion in baggage is strictly prohibited.

### BROCHURE ACCURACY

The information contained in this brochure is checked for accuracy by our UK staff, our overseas staff and our agents. Nevertheless, we would ask you to bear in mind that things can change and often these things can happen without our prior knowledge. However, should we become aware of any long term or permanent change which is considered to have a permanent effect upon your enjoyment of the cruise we will do our utmost to advise you.





## CRUISES NOVEMBER 2016 – FEBRUARY 2017

Departs	Cruise	No.Days	From/To	Cruise reference	Pages
NOV 2, 2016	AEGEAN CLASSICS	14	LARNACA, Cyprus / PIRAEUS, Greece	MIN161102	34
NOV 15, 2016	TAPESTRY OF BYZANTINE & OTTOMAN EMPIRES	13	PIRAEUS, Greece / PIRAEUS, Greece	MIN161115	34
NOV 27, 2016	ADRIATIC COASTS TO VENICE	13	PIRAEUS, Greece / VENICE, Italy	MIN161127	35
DEC 09, 2016	ITALIAN OVERTURE	13	VENICE, Italy / CIVITAVECCHIA, Italy	MIN161209	35
DEC 21, 2016	FIESTAS DE NAVIDAD	14	CIVITAVECCHIA, Italy / MARSEILLE, France	MIN161221	36
JAN 03, 2017	GATEWAY TO ATLANTIC ISLES	15	MARSEILLE, France / TENERIFE, Canary Islands	MIN170103	36
JAN 17, 2017	ATLANTIC ARCHIPELAGOS	14	TENERIFE, Canary Islands / TENERIFE, Canary Islands	MIN170117	37
JAN 30, 2017	VOLCANIC ISLANDS & VISTAS	14	TENERIFE, Canary Islands / TENERIFE, Canary Islands	MIN170130	37
FEB 12, 2017	A MARITIME HISTORY OF IBERIA	14	TENERIFE, Canary Islands / PORTSMOUTH, England	MIN170212	37

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## CRUISES MARCH – OCTOBER 2017

Departs	Cruise	No.Days	From/To	Cruise reference	Pages
MAR 23, 2017	IN SEARCH OF AURORA BOREALIS	17	PORTSMOUTH, England / PORTSMOUTH, England	MIN170323	42
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MAY 20, 2017	BALTIC CAPITALS AND ST PETERSBURG	16	PORTSMOUTH, England / STOCKHOLM, Sweden	MIN170520	44
JUN 4, 2017	GULF OF BOTHNIA AND BALTIC DISCOVERY	15	STOCKHOLM, Sweden / PORTSMOUTH, England	MIN170604	44
JUN 18, 2017	SECRET ISLANDS OF THE BRITISH ISLES	14	PORTSMOUTH, England / PORTSMOUTH, England	MIN170618	45
JUL 1, 2017	MYTHS AND MAGIC OF ICELAND	15	PORTSMOUTH, England / PORTSMOUTH, England	MIN170701	45
JUL 15, 2017	SUMMER GARDENS & CASTLES OF BRITAIN AND FRANCE	12	PORTSMOUTH, England / PORTSMOUTH, England	MIN170715	46
JUL 26, 2017	A PORTRAIT OF THE EMERALD ISLE	15	PORTSMOUTH, England / PORTSMOUTH, England	MIN170726	46
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