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# VOYAGES OF DISCOVERY



- THE MIDDLE EAST
- INDIA & THE INDIAN OCEAN
- SOUTH AFRICA
- THE MEDITERRANEAN
- NORTHERN EUROPE

A world away from ordinary cruising

Voyages  
of Discovery

# DISCOVER *the* WORLD'S ICONIC SITES *and* HIDDEN GEMS

**E**very day is an adventure on a Voyages of Discovery cruise. Explore some of the world's most fascinating destinations and enjoy truly unforgettable experiences along the way. You'll be accompanied by renowned experts, whose knowledge in a wide variety of fields will add an extra dimension to your journey.

*Voyager* is the perfect base from which to discover the world. Small and elegant, she carries no more than 540 passengers, so you can easily meet like-minded people to share experiences with, and enjoy a more personal service from our attentive crew. Following an extensive upgrade, *Voyager* offers comfortable cabins, a range of public rooms, a choice of two wonderful restaurants, a swimming pool and a comprehensive library.

On a Voyage of Discovery, we provide you with the flexibility to tailor your cruise to suit you. Our cruises visit off-the-beaten-track destinations – fascinating places that others may pass by – as well as more established holiday spots viewed from a fresh perspective. You can choose which shore excursions you wish to join, and which guest speakers' enlightening talks best appeal to your interests.

These are just some of the reasons we are proud to have won the British Travel Awards Best Niche Cruise Line award for the past four years.

We look forward to welcoming you on board.



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# AWARD-WINNING VALUE

*with so much choice*

**Y**our Voyages of Discovery cruise fare represents exceptional value for money.

**Discover a range of diverse destinations**

Voyager is small enough to access even the most off-the-beaten-track destinations, and we stay in port for longer to give you a real flavour of the destination.

**All the benefits of a small ship**

With no more than 540 passengers on each cruise, you're guaranteed great personal service from our attentive crew. Our open-seating dining adds to the relaxed atmosphere on board.

**Shore excursions**

We offer an exciting shore excursion programme for those who want to add even more to their cruise experience. These are optional extras so you can choose to join whichever excursions you wish, giving you the flexibility to tailor your cruise to suit you.

**Guest Speaker and port lecture programs**

Enjoy our renowned lecture programme, covering a wide range of fascinating topics. This is sure to add an extra dimension to your cruise experience.

**Onboard meals and entertainment**

All your meals are included during your time on board, with two comfortable restaurants to choose from. A diverse selection of activities is also included with something to suit everyone, ranging from fitness classes to art classes and passenger choirs.

**Comfortable accommodation**

You can choose your preferred cabin category, and you can even let us know your preferred choice of cabin location or cabin number.

**Gratuities, service charges and airport taxes**

We take care of all of your onboard gratuities and service charges, as well as all port and pre-paid airport taxes.

**Tailor your cruise**

With an extensive pre- and post-cruise extension programme, you can tailor your cruise to suit you perfectly. You can even combine several cruises to create the Grand Voyage of your dreams.

**YOUR STANDARD FARE INCLUDES:**

All meals, accommodation and entertainment on board	✓
All onboard gratuities	✓
All onboard service charges	✓
All port and pre-paid airport taxes	✓
All talks by our Guest Speakers and port lecturers	✓
Your choice of cabin category	✓
Your choice of cabin location and number	✓

**ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

**Group bookings**

If you travel with 15 or more adults, whether it's your family, friends or members of a social club, you can take advantage of our excellent range of benefits for groups. To find out more, call us today.

**BOOK NOW AND SAVE**

Call us for details on how you can SAVE with our Best Fare of Day!

**DISCOVERYCLUB**

Customers who have travelled with us previously automatically join the Discovery Club and are entitled to a 5% discount on future voyages.



# A WORLD of INTRIGUING DESTINATIONS

*Voyager* sails to some of the world's most spectacular places – and with an incredible breadth of destinations, there really is a voyage to suit every taste. Discover the diversity of India, where elaborate temples, idyllic scenery and tranquil backwaters contrast with busy spice bazaars. Egypt offers an incredible wealth of history and culture, while South Africa promises vast savannahs and beautiful natural wonders. Perhaps you'll head to the Mediterranean to immerse yourself in the rich cultures, fascinating architecture and picturesque beauty of Greece or Croatia. Or for something completely different, visit Norway, where the incredible sights of yawning fjords and stunning coastlines will take your breath away.



Dubrovnik, Croatia



Kerala backwaters, India





Reunion Island



Wadi Rum, Jordan



Namibian Desert, Africa



Santorini, Greece



Nærøysfjord, Norway





Monet's Garden, France



African safari



Catamaran excursion, Seychelles



Hermitage, St Petersburg



Sete Cidades Crater, The Azores



# UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES ASHORE



Solovetsky Monastery, Solovetsky Islands

**A**t the heart of each Voyage of Discovery is our renowned shore excursion programme. Taking in the ‘must-see’ sights and hidden gems that you might not expect, our excursions are meticulously planned to ensure that your time ashore is as enjoyable as your time on board.

Perhaps you’ll tick off the Big Five on an exciting safari in the African Savannah, or visit St Petersburg’s world-renowned Hermitage Museum for an evening recital. You could take the chance to admire the iconic water lilies in Monet’s Garden, or discover the unique volcanic landscape of the Azores. Or you’ll find yourself relaxing on the deck of a catamaran in the Seychelles, gazing at the idyllic blue sky.

Our shore excursions give you the chance to experience the essence of a destination, adding a truly memorable dimension to your cruise – and they’re optional, so you can tailor your time ashore to suit you perfectly.

We also offer exciting pre- and post-cruise extensions, including escorted tours with guided sightseeing and a number of city stays – the perfect way to explore before you embark or after you disembark *Voyager*.

*There are so many benefits to our organised shore excursions...*

- Expert advice from the ship’s shore excursion staff and port lecturers on board
- Excellent local operators – many of whom we’ve worked with for a number of years
- Professional and helpful local, English-speaking guides
- Maximise your time ashore – go straight to the highlights without waiting, negotiating fares or having the bother of currency exchange
- Our tour timings are planned to make the most of the ship’s schedule enabling you to take multiple tours
- In the unlikely event that your tour returns late and the ship has had to sail, we will arrange at our expense for you to rejoin *Voyager* in the next port of call
- All of our local operators comply with a minimum of £10m public liability insurance
- You can make a saving on the price of your excursions by booking ahead of your cruise

## BOOK IN ADVANCE FOR PEACE OF MIND...

Our shore excursions are pre-bookable so you can arrive at the ship with your time ashore already organised. Full details of the excursions available are published online and feature in the printed guide you’ll receive approximately 18 weeks prior to departure. We’ll also send details of the available pre- and post-cruise excursions ahead of your cruise.

# ENGAGING GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAMMES

**W**ith so many fascinating places to discover, we aim to ensure you gain the best possible understanding of each destination's culture, history and wildlife. To achieve this, we carefully handpick our Guest Speakers, choosing experts whose depth of knowledge and passion for their subject will truly bring each destination to life.

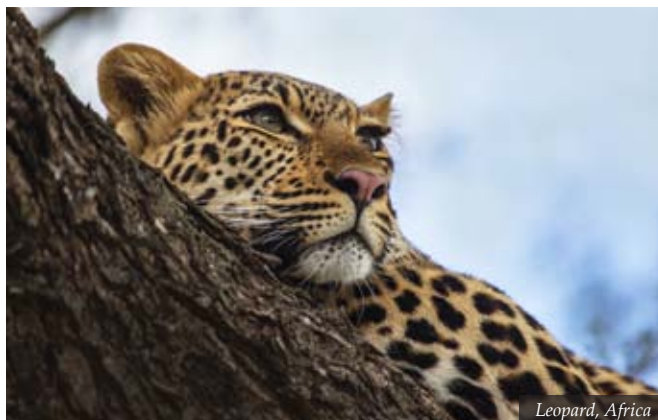
Our renowned lecture programme is recognised as one of the best at sea – and better still, it is included in the cost of your cruise. All our Guest Speakers are noted authorities on their subjects, and they will share their unique insight with you through fascinating and well-presented talks. You can attend each one in person or, if you'd prefer, watch them on your cabin TV.

Our speakers are drawn from diverse sources including academia, the military, the diplomatic service and the arts. They cover a wide variety of subjects including architecture, naval history, photography, music, gardens and genealogy, so there's sure to be something to suit your interests.

*For Guest Speakers' biographies, see pages 76-79.*



*Dr Helen Doe speaking about Maritime History*



*Leopard, Africa*



*Meteora, Greece*



# CONNECT with EXPERTS

## *Special interest and Partnership cruises*

A number of our cruise itineraries have been carefully planned to appeal to lovers of the arts, culture and the great outdoors. On selected cruises you can attend talks by a NADFAS Accredited Lecturer. We also feature partnership cruises with the National Trust and the Royal Horticultural Society, taking in fascinating historic buildings and glorious horticulture. Look out for those cruises that include a special programme of tours and onboard activities to complement each particular theme.

### National Trust

Voyages of Discovery is once more teaming up with the National Trust, the UK's leading conservation charity, to offer a partnership cruise around the interesting and diverse UK coastline. Along the way, take in some of the fascinating houses, beautiful gardens and unique places that are in the care of the National Trust.

Our *Heritage of the British Isles* cruise features a truly memorable selection of National Trust shore excursions, including the incredible Giant's Causeway, the beautiful Holy Island of Lindisfarne and Cornwall's magnificent Lanhydrock House. With such an exciting range of attractions to take in, this cruise really does offer something for everyone.

*Heritage of the British Isles* (pages 46-47)



The National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies is a leading arts charity which promotes and improves accessibility to the world of the arts.

We always offer a comprehensive programme of informative talks by Guest Speakers on board, and we are proud to include NADFAS

Accredited Lecturers amongst them. These eminent lecturers will be joining us on a number of our cruises, sharing their fascinating knowledge and valuable experience with you along the way.

Simply look out for the Tour NADFAS logo alongside the Guest Speaker information on each cruise if you wish to find out more.

*Treasures of the Indian Ocean* (pages 32-33)

*A Baltic Showcase* (pages 52-53)

*Gems of the Aegean and Adriatic Seas* (pages 64-65)



Topkapi Palace, Istanbul

### RHS Garden Holidays

We are delighted to be offering a number of partnership cruises with the Royal Horticultural Society, the UK's leading gardening charity dedicated to advancing horticulture and promoting good gardening. These cruises have been carefully designed in conjunction with the RHS to offer a selection of shore excursions to some of the world's finest gardens, while allowing you time to enjoy the coastlines of some magnificent countries.

Spring is a wonderful time to discover some of the world's most spectacular flora. Our *Madeira and the Azores in Spring* cruise illuminates the horticultural beauty of Guernsey, Spain, the Azores, Madeira and Portugal. Known as the 'Floating Garden of the Atlantic', a visit to Madeira is sure to be one of many highlights on this exciting cruise.

Setting sail in May, *A Baltic Showcase* takes in the picturesque gardens of Denmark, Sweden, Russia, Germany and the Netherlands. Floral delights abound throughout this cruise, with Amsterdam promising numerous spectacular gardens, parks and even a Tulip Museum.

*Madeira and the Azores in Spring* (pages 44-45)

*A Baltic Showcase* (pages 52-53)

#### RHS MEMBERSHIP

For all bookings on our RHS partnership cruises, we're offering one year's complimentary membership to the RHS. If you're already a member, the RHS will renew your existing membership on a complimentary basis. Membership of the RHS has many benefits. As well as supporting the RHS's work as the UK's leading gardening charity, you will receive:

- Free entry to RHS Gardens as well as to 80 other gardens around the UK all year and a further 60 at selected periods
- Priority booking and discounted tickets to RHS Shows, including the RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- The Garden Magazine
- Free personalised gardening advice



## SERVICE *with a SMILE* *from Voyager's attentive crew*

**O**ur exceptional crew members, many of whom have been with us for years, are a vital ingredient of what makes a Voyage of Discovery so memorable and enjoyable.

From our discreet and helpful restaurant staff, to those serving your drinks as you relax in one of our stylish bars; our stewards ensuring your cabin is always well maintained, to the professional and experienced Captain and crew – everyone on board *Voyager* is there to ensure your cruise is relaxed, happy and trouble-free. The ship's intimate size means that the crew will soon know you by name, and will always be there to greet you with a smile and be ready to look after you each day, wherever in the world you may be.

For the last four years, Voyages of Discovery has won the British Travel Award for Best Niche Cruise Line. This accolade is voted for by the public, and our continued success is very much down to the warm relationship between our passengers and staff. Many people return to us time and time again to enjoy the unique experience of a Voyage of Discovery with our special atmosphere and loyal crew.

### MEET YOUR CAPTAINS

Captains Tomasz and Oleksander Tkachuk will be known to many loyal Voyages of Discovery passengers as they have both spent many years on board *Discovery*, sister ship to *Voyager*.



Captain Tomasz  
Marek Kaminski

Captain Kaminski began his career at sea in 1998 aboard tankers with British Petroleum. In 2000 he joined passenger ship fleets where he has had a varied career including numerous trips to the Antarctic.



Captain  
Oleksander Tkachuk

Captain Tkachuk was born some 650 miles from the coast but has enjoyed a varied career, which included a Black Sea cargo fleet. Since 1995 he has served on many passenger vessels for a number of well-known cruise lines.

Both captains look forward to welcoming you on board *Voyager* for your next Voyage of Discovery.









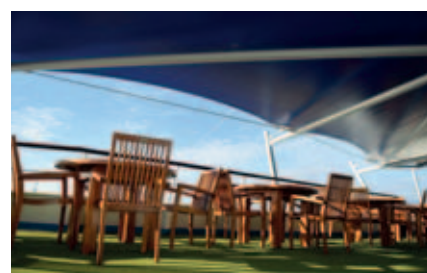
## VOYAGER - *a closer look*

**S**tep aboard *Voyager* and enjoy a spacious and stylish ship with just 540 passengers, ideal for experiencing our unique brand of small ship cruising. Following an extensive upgrade, *Voyager's* facilities include a choice of bars, restaurants and lounges.

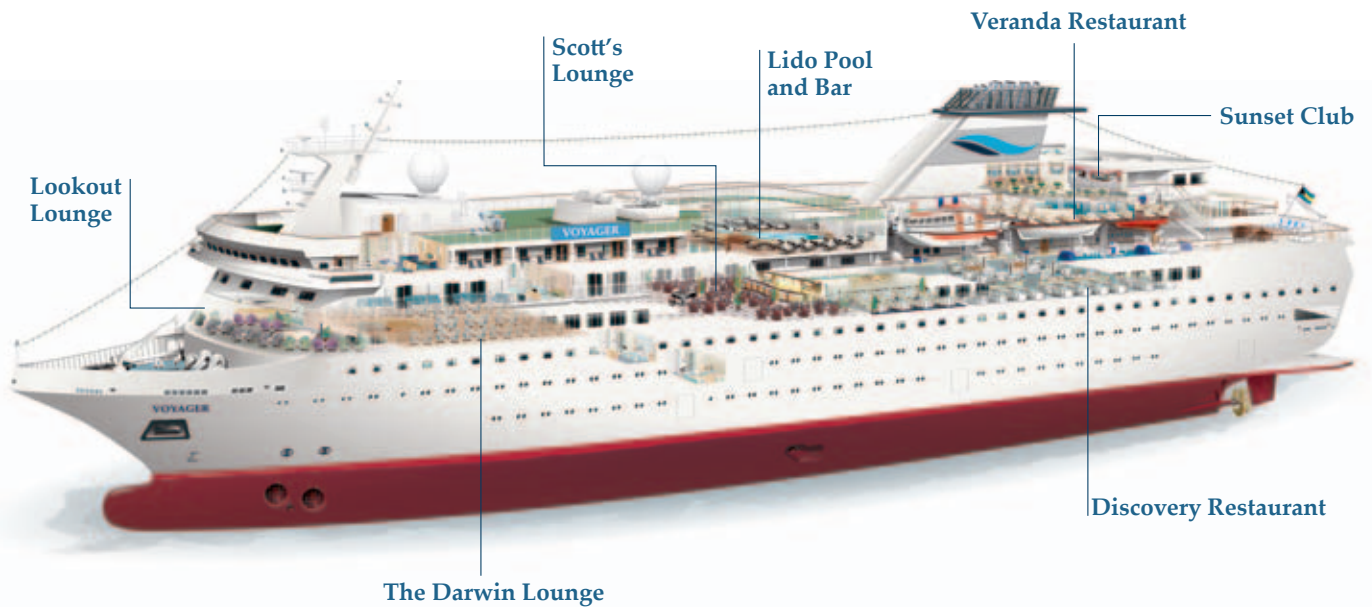
The ship offers a selection of 270 comfortable cabins, 87% of which are outside, as well as 35 suites, 30 of which have balconies. With a choice of restaurants, you can enjoy a delicious four-course meal in the Discovery Restaurant or dine al fresco watching the sunset from the Veranda Restaurant. Days at sea can be spent listening to a fascinating lecture, admiring the panoramic views from the Lookout Lounge, reading a book while relaxing in the Library, playing a game of bridge or visiting the spa or fitness centre. If you prefer, you can bask in the open air with a stroll around the spacious deck, relax on a sun lounger or take a dip in the pool. As another wonderful day draws to a close, order a cocktail in Scott's Lounge or visit the Darwin Lounge for our exciting programme of live music and entertainment.

*Voyager's facilities include:*

- 2 Restaurants
- 3 Lounges
- 4 Bars
- Library
- Health & Fitness Centre
- Beauty Salon
- Card/Function Room
- Medical Centre
- Internet Centre
- Lido Pool and Bar with 2 Hot Tubs







### Lookout Lounge

A quiet retreat for relaxation and card games, or simply taking in the magnificent views



### Scott's Lounge

An elegant and spacious lounge ideal for coffee and conversation through the day, and for cocktails and piano music in the evening



### The Darwin Lounge

A comfortable theatre at sea for taking in Guest Speaker talks and evening shows



### Discovery Restaurant

Enjoy attentive yet unobtrusive service and varied menus throughout your cruise



### Veranda Restaurant

Dine indoors or al fresco from an extensive hot and cold buffet, and enjoy the panoramic views



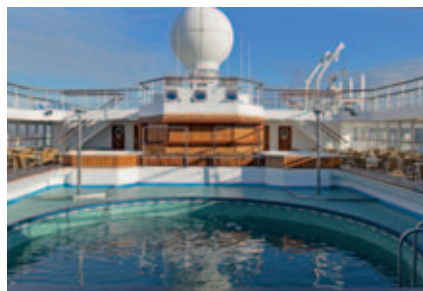
### Sunset Club

By day a comfortable lounge which hosts various activities, by night a venue for dancing and other entertainment.



### Library

Relax with a book on one of the comfortable leather sofas in the Library



### Lido Pool and Bar

Soak up the sun, enjoy a drink and maybe take a dip in the pool or in one of the two hot tubs



### Health & Fitness Centre

If you feel you've over-indulged or you simply want to keep fit, why not work out independently or join a gentle exercise class in the gym



# FOOD *for* THOUGHT

*Fine dining indoors or  
al fresco*

**E**xperience fine cuisine with a laid-back yet sophisticated atmosphere in one of our excellent restaurants. Menus are imaginative and diverse, with something to suit every taste – from simple breakfasts to elaborate six-course Gala Dinners. And with our relaxed open-seating dining, you are free to dine at the time you choose, with whoever you like.

## Veranda Restaurant

In the Veranda Restaurant, you can dine indoors or al fresco – the choice is yours. Choose your meal from an extensive hot and cold buffet, and while you dine, take in beautiful panoramic views as you watch the sun set on another wonderful day.

## Discovery Restaurant

In the Discovery Restaurant, experience one of our sumptuous four-course meals while enjoying attentive yet unobtrusive service. The menus vary throughout your cruise, giving you a wide variety of tasty dishes to choose from.







Evening entertainment



Choir practice



# EXPERIENCE MORE *on BOARD*

## *Activities and workshops*

**V**oyages of Discovery offers a series of onboard workshops and activities to enhance your days at sea. You can choose to join as many as you like based on your own personal interests, and with a diverse variety of activities to choose from available to beginners and regulars alike, there's bound to be something to suit you perfectly.

If you're a budding Turner, maybe you'll choose to join a watercolour painting class – soon you'll be able to paint your own mementos of the beautiful destinations we visit. Maybe you're more of a musical type, in which case our enjoyable passenger choirs will be perfect for you. You could even learn the arts of jewellery-making, needlework or embroidery, or join an energetic zumba class – the possibilities are endless.

### *Onboard activities include:*

- Stylish evening entertainment
- Classical recitals
- Ballroom dance classes and events
- Onboard demonstrations featuring cookery, napkin folding, vegetable carving, massage and beauty
- Deck parties under the stars
- Regional cultural entertainment groups visiting and performing on board
- Fitness classes
- Bridge classes
- Comprehensive library

# GRAND VOYAGES

*Build your own cruise  
and save*

The ultimate way to travel aboard *Voyager*, a Grand Voyage promises comfort, convenience, adventure, variety and value! If several cruises in this brochure tempt you, then why not combine them into a longer cruise.

The page opposite features the marvellous Grand Indian Ocean Voyager, designed to give you an idea of the possibilities that exist when you combine two or more consecutive cruises from our exciting itineraries. We are giving everyone the chance to create their own ‘Perfect Grand Voyage’, opening up some amazing cruising opportunities.

A Grand Voyage also offers substantial discounts, saving you money as you travel further and see more of the world. You’ll even receive a special 5% Grand Voyage Discount on top of this, giving you exceptional value for money. Simply choose which cruise itineraries you wish to combine, call your travel agent or our reservations team to reserve the cabin of your choice.

Travel as far and as long as you like. Who wouldn’t want to miss the opportunity of a marvellous Grand Voyage through the Mediterranean or the mysterious East? Fly to Marseille and embark *Voyager* for a cruise to exotic Istanbul stepping ashore in such gems as Malta, Athens, Santorini and fascinating cities around the Black Sea. Equally tempting would be to stay onboard for the next cruise and further your discovery of the Aegean as *Voyager* explores the coasts of Greece and Turkey, visiting a myriad of historic sites in expert company.

We would be delighted to help you create exactly the holiday that you want and remember, in doing so you’ll be saving money at the same time!



Istanbul

## A guide to creating your perfect Grand Voyage:



Valletta Grand Harbour, Malta



Changing of the Guard, Athens



# GRAND INDIAN OCEAN VOYAGER

19th NOVEMBER–18th DECEMBER 2014 30 days from \$4,925 per person twin share

Just the name Indian Ocean conjures images of an exotic, enticing ocean littered with idyllic coral and sand islands. Islands of perfect beauty are a wonderful part of this Grand Voyage but you'll also discover so much more.

First the Middle East with some of the world's highest and most ambitious buildings, stunning desert landscapes and precipitous cliffs plunging dramatically into the sea. India's

dynamic history – the rise and fall of a succession of great empires, regional states and colonial powers, created a diverse culture, colourful heritage and incredible architectural legacy.

Though tiny compared to neighbouring India, Sri Lanka promises beautiful landscapes, vibrant cities, intriguing traditions and extraordinary wildlife. Myriad tiny islands and atolls scattered in perfect turquoise waters, the Maldives

is the first of the island nations of the Indian Ocean. Clustered around the main island Mahe, the Seychelles are home to some of the world's most picturesque and pristine beaches. Each individual island has its own character, geography and history. Mixing sugar cane fields, jungle-covered mountains, waterfalls and wonderful white sand beaches, Mauritius is quite simply an island beauty.



Fody birds, Seychelles



Sri Lanka



Fishing net, Cochin

For more information on the ports featured in this Grand Voyage see pages 30-33.



# A JOURNEY THROUGH DIVERSE LANDS

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2014 SUMMER CRUISES

Beginning amid the medieval and rococo gems of Copenhagen and ending in Benthraling Sharm el Sheikh, our autumn cruises take in a host of unique treasures scattered across the Adriatic, Aegean, the Black and the Red seas. Along the way, discover diverse cultures, ancient tales of conflict and remarkable landscapes.

Uncover the secrets of Ancient Greece (pages 20-21), explore the diverse cities that surround the Black Sea (pages 22-23) or discover the thousands of years of history around the Eastern Mediterranean and Red Sea (pages 24-25).







# ADRIATIC, IONIAN *and* AEGEAN ODYSSEY

24th SEPTEMBER – 8th OCTOBER 2014 15 days from \$3,220 per person twin share

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- UNESCO-listed Campiello in Corfu Town
- Awe inspiring Meteora Monasteries
- Athens and the marvellous 'New Acropolis Museum'
- Cruising the beautiful Kotor Bay
- UNESCO-listed Butrint in lesser-visited Albania
- Rhodes Town – a remarkable legacy of the Crusaders
- Beautiful yet contrasting islands of Santorini & Mykonos



4th century AD mosaic, Butrint, Albania



Meteora, Greece

**M**editerranean – literally 'centre of the world', is the crossroads of Western Humanity. Around its shores discover a splendid tapestry woven from the threads of many cultures. Step ashore in Balkan cities reborn after recent conflict, towns nurturing Roman and Venetian legacies, islands misted by Greek mythology and unlock the secrets of the ancient world.

## PORTS of CALL

### DUBROVNIK (Croatia)

As the Byzantine, Venetian and Ottoman empires all rose and fell, the capital of the Republic of Ragusa preserved its wealth and independence. Sitting proudly on the calm, blue waters of the Adriatic, Dubrovnik's medieval walled Old Town cuts a magnificent silhouette! Clustered within walls that survived a serious earthquake and siege is a warren of baroque churches, charming stone houses with terracotta roof tiles, columned porticoes and loggias that rim marble-paved Renaissance squares.

### KOTOR (Montenegro)

Butted up against a steep cliff and watched over by an imposing network of fortifications whose curtain walls climb quite implausibly up surrounding mountainsides, Kotor, once a city of traders and sailors, has many stories to tell. Step back in time around Stari Grad, its labyrinth of cobbled alleys linking small squares, ancient churches and former aristocratic mansions, or discover Montenegro's old Venetian coastal towns.

### SARANDË (Albania)

On a beautiful horseshoe bay between the mountains and the Ionian Sea, Sarandë's terraced landscape gives the illusion of a town sitting in its own amphitheatre. Sarandë is a springboard to ancient Butrint. An amalgam of monuments representing a span of over two thousand years, Butrint is a microcosm of Mediterranean history.

### CORFU TOWN (Corfu, Greece)

Corinthian, Roman, Byzantine, Russian and French footprints fell on one of the most colonised islands in the Mediterranean. Yet the Venetians were most influential and the graceful architecture of the capital's Campiello reflects this rich heritage. Stroll around Corfu Town and discover vaulted stairways, pink-roofed buildings and little courtyards among the narrow shaded streets, or explore the greenest of the Greek islands, its interior carpeted with thousands of olive trees.

### ARGOSTOLI (Cephalonia, Greece)

Cephalonia's beauty bewitched both Edward Lear and Lord Byron, and was then immortalised in 'Captain Corelli's Mandolin'. Argostoli, the capital, is your gateway to this magical island. Vast tracks of forest cloak Cephalonia's rugged limestone landscape and 'Katavothres' swallows seawater that disappears into endless subterranean tunnels emerging in underground Lake Melissani – shimmering blue in shafts of sunlight.

### CHANIA (Crete, Greece)

A web of ancient atmospheric streets tumbling onto a magnificent harbour, Chania's beautiful Venetian Quarter is why one of the oldest cities in Crete is also one of the most picturesque on the island. Venture further and discover a landscape of impressive gorges, holy caves, Minoan ruins, crumbling Roman fortresses and lush, green plains blanketed with citrus groves.

### RHODES TOWN (Rhodes, Greece)

According to mythology Helios fell in love with the nymph Rhodes. Shining his light on her she turned into an island. Ancient Greeks honoured their 'sun god' by building a statue, the 'Colossos of Rhodes' – one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, and just the first chapter in Rhodes' illustrious history. Explore Rhodes Town's medieval cobblestone streets worn smooth by footsteps of the Crusaders, or visit the picturesque white town of Lindos.





### SANTORINI (Greece)

Rich in history and steeped in myth, Santorini is something out of the ordinary. Around 1500 BC the island of Kalista – the 'fair one', erupted spectacularly and the caldera where *Voyager* drops anchor is probably one of the most dramatic settings. Its capital Thera – a maze of narrow, cobbled streets and white washed buildings, clings to the rim of the volcano and is reached by 587 steps, donkey, or easy funicular ride.

### MYKONOS (Greece)

Built to confuse pirates, Mykonos Town is a maze of winding streets and hidden alleys. Churches and houses are dazzling white with doors and balconies adding splashes of blue, and quaint, straw-capped, whitewashed windmills are a quintessential feature of the townscape. Explore picturesque Little Venice where homes of rich, 18th century merchants appear to be floating on water, or spiritual Delos, a pilgrimage site for believers, who came to worship the 'birthplace of light'.

### KAVALA (Greece)

Rising like an amphitheatre from its beautiful harbour up to a huge Byzantine fortress, Kavala is built on the ancient city of Neapolis where Paul first set foot in Europe from Troy. Explore the ruins of Phillipi where he preached – the Roman colony becoming the first European city to accept Christianity. Exhibits from Neapolis, Phillipi, Amphipolis and Abdera propelled Kavala Museum to its position as the finest archaeology museum in Eastern Macedonia.

### THESSALONIKI (Greece)

Merchants, migrants and scholars gathered in this commercial and cultural crossroads on the land route between Europe and Asia, which, conquered by Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires, was for centuries a strategic prize. Visit Pella, birthplace of Alexander the Great, or discover the spiritual side of Central Macedonia.

### VOLOS (Greece)

Legend says that the first anchorite to reach the summit of the Great Meteoron did so on the back of an eagle! Perched on towering rock pinnacles the cloud-encircled Meteora Monasteries are a highlight from Volos. A dynamic city, Volos sits at the foot of the wooded slopes of soaring Mount Pelion. Discover this beautiful landscape where Greek tradition meets with modern life and mythology and reality merge.

### PIRAEUS (Greece)

Athens was long held up to mankind as the crown of all that was most brilliant in the ancient world – its citizens foremost in art and philosophy, military and literary glory. Yet the earliest history of Athens is inextricably interwoven with mythology. In the 5th century BC Piraeus was selected to serve as the port city of classical Athens, today it is your gateway to the extraordinary Greek capital.

## YOUR ITINERARY

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DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
24 Sep	DUBROVNIK, Croatia		Overnight
25 Sep	DUBROVNIK, Croatia		10.30pm
26 Sep	KOTOR, Montenegro	7.30am	1.30pm
27 Sep	SARANDË, Albania	7.00am	2.30pm
27 Sep	CORFU TOWN, Greece	6.30pm	Overnight
28 Sep	CORFU TOWN, Greece		6.00pm
29 Sep	ARGOSTOLI, Greece	7.30am	2.00pm
30 Sep	CHANIA, Greece	8.30am	5.00pm
01 Oct	RHODES TOWN, Greece	9.00am	5.00pm
02 Oct	SANTORINI, Greece	8.00am	10.30pm
03 Oct	MYKONOS, Greece	7.30am	2.30pm
04 Oct	KAVALA, Greece	8.00am	5.00pm
05 Oct	THESSALONIKI, Greece	8.00am	5.00pm
06 Oct	VOLOS, Greece	7.30am	5.00pm
07 Oct	PIRAEUS, Greece	8.30am	Overnight
08 Oct	PIRAEUS, Greece		

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



### PROFESSOR SANDY PRIMROSE MBE BSc PhD

From the earliest crops to latest developments in plant technology, our focus is on wide ranging plant use and Sandy will be exploring many aspects of this throughout the cruise.



### BRIGADIER MIKE SHAW

Our cruise will take us through the islands which were once part of Venice's great trading empire and then the battleground where Christendom defied the Ottoman challenge. During our cruise we will explore the parts played by Corfu, Rhodes and many of our ports of call in the turbulent history of the region.



## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

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### AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$3,220
2 Bed Outside	\$3,330
Balcony Cabin	SOLD OUT
Single Fares Available	
Discovery Club members receive an additional 5% discount Prices for all categories can be found on page 91.	

# A BLACK SEA ADVENTURE

8th – 22nd OCTOBER 2014 15 days from \$3,420 per person twin share



From top: Canakkale Martyrs memorial, Gallipoli; Sumela Monastery, Turkey

## WHY CHOOSE *this CRUISE?*

- A poignant reminder of the First World War at the Gallipoli Battlefields
- Istanbul – a showcase of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires
- Athens and the marvellous 'New Acropolis Museum'
- UNESCO-listed Sudak Fortress
- Memorable performance at the iconic Odessa Opera House
- Krasnaya Polyana - host of the 2014 Winter Olympics



Odessa Opera House, Ukraine

The birthplace of civilisation, Athens – with its marbled legacy of temples and agoras, is at the forefront of this voyage of exciting discoveries. Tales from Greek mythology, poignant reminders of the doomed Gallipoli campaign and a journey through Georgia's fascinating past all feature. Step ashore in cities around the Black Sea that for seventy years were hidden behind the Iron Curtain. Finally Istanbul where Europe meets Asia and East blends with West!

## PORTS of CALL

### PIRAEUS (Greece)

A symbol of Athens' ancient heritage, the Parthenon on the Acropolis epitomises the history and beauty of a city where antiquity meets contemporary. Explore the Greek capital where remarkable monuments and rich museums showcase Classical Greek culture at its zenith, or venture further and discover how five thousand years of history have left their mark on the Greek landscape.

### CANAKKALE (Turkey)

Some 3,000 years of history exist in the pages between two important chapters that can be explored from Canakkale on the Asian side of the Dardanelles. Visit the legendary city of Troy that fell to the ruse of the Trojan horse. Across the strait lie poignant reminders of the tragic Gallipoli Campaign, one of the bloodiest battles in the First World War.

### SINOP (Turkey)

According to legend the beautiful nymph Sinope, who coveted by the ill-intentioned Zeus, was granted anything she desired. She chose eternal virginity and having skilfully thwarted Zeus' lustful advances settled on the promontory where Sinop stands today. Alaadin Mosque is the town's architectural masterpiece, and the Archaeological Museum turns the pages on its history where ancient Greece, the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires all played their part.

### TRABZON (Turkey)

Battle, invasion, natural disaster and internal upheaval, this city ruled in turn by the Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Goths and Ottomans has seen it all! Its enigmatic past is unveiled as you wander through hectic bazaars and Byzantine backstreets. Discover the face of modern Turkey at the Atatürk Pavilion and marvel the Sumela Monastery, which is chiselled into the cliffs in the stunning Altındere National Park.





Blue Mosque, Istanbul

### BATUMI (Georgia)

The 'Jewel of the Georgian Riviera', Batumi boasts a stunning backdrop of verdant forested hills and takes pride in its traditions and heritage. From here discover Gonio Fortress, entwined with innumerable legends and myths, and one-time protector of the entrances to the Chorokhi and Acharistskali Gorges, which connected the south-western interior to the Black Sea. Embark on a journey through Georgia's history at the Adjara State Museum, where a treasure trove of art resides.

### SOCHI (Russia)

For decades the Soviet Union's centre for relaxation and rejuvenation, Sochi was the finest seaside resort behind the Iron Curtain! Grandiose Stalinist architecture and Zelenaya Roscha, the former residence of Josef Stalin, testify to Sochi's popularity with the 'all nation's leader'. More recently Vladimir Putin has favoured the coastal city and its alpine neighbour Krasnaya Polyana. See how under the Kremlin's master plan, the two are morphing into one of the 21st centuries most glamorous hot – and cold – spots.

### NOVOROSIYSK (Russia)

Overlooking beautiful Tsemes Bay, with the foothills of the Caucasus Mountains a scenic backdrop, Novorossiysk is a 'Hero City'. Turn the pages on the city's fascinating story and the heroic role a small unit of Soviet sailors played in the 'Great Patriotic War'. Pop the cork on sparkling champagne at Abrau-Durso winery.

### ODESSA (Ukraine)

Ancient Greek travellers, menacing Ottoman armies and the modern day geopolitical rivalry among great powers have all played their role in Odessa's history, weaving a mosaic of ethnicity and nationality into a single cultural fabric. The cosmopolitan melting pot, founded as the southern jewel of Catherine the Great's empire, is simply enchanting with splendid architecture from the 18th and 19th centuries and a multifaceted, irrepressible spirit. Admire the legendary Odessa Opera House – undoubtedly the jewel in the city's architectural crown.

### NESEBUR (Bulgaria)

The spirit of the ages lives on in Nesebur Old Town. Peel back layer upon layer of a millennium of uninterrupted human occupation as you wander narrow, cobblestone streets lined with charming houses in Bulgarian national revival style. The town reached its zenith in the 14th century under Tsar Ivan Alexander before being absorbed into the clutches of the Ottoman Empire. Picturesque medieval churches remain in this living museum of Bulgarian history.

### ISTANBUL (Turkey)

The seductive age-old allure of Asia and the vibrant modernity of Europe, Istanbul seamlessly combines the two. With its Byzantine ruins, splendid Ottoman palaces, ancient mosques, beautiful churches and exotic bazaars, this beguiling city literally glistens beside the inky, black waters of the Bosphorus! Step ashore and explore the vibrant city where the incessant fanfare of horns from cars and ferries alike is in harmony with the muezzin's prayer.

## YOUR ITINERARY

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DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
08 Oct	PIRAEUS, Greece		Overnight
09 Oct	PIRAEUS, Greece		5.00pm
10 Oct	ÇANAKKALE, Turkey	12.00pm	7.00pm
11 Oct	AT SEA		
12 Oct	SINOP, Turkey	8.00am	2.00pm
13 Oct	TRABZON, Turkey	8.00am	7.00pm
14 Oct	BATUMI, Georgia	7.00am	5.00pm
15 Oct	SOCHI, Russia	8.00am	7.00pm
16 Oct	NOVOROSIYSK, Russia	8.00am	5.00pm
17 Oct	AT SEA		
18 Oct	ODESSA, Ukraine	8.00am	Overnight
19 Oct	ODESSA, Ukraine		12.00pm
20 Oct	NESEBUR, Bulgaria	9.00am	5.00pm
21 Oct	ISTANBUL, Turkey	7.30am	Overnight
22 Oct	ISTANBUL, Turkey		

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



### AIR COMMODORE PHIL WILKINSON

With international – including British – intervention in the region between 1917 and 1920, and with the 2008 Russia-Georgia war still a potent memory, the Caucasus seems to be a permanent victim of tension. Phil Wilkinson will be examining these upheavals in the context of post-Olympics Russia.



### BRIGADIER IAN GARDINER

The answer to "The Eastern Question" was something which British politicians pursued over the centuries. The question took a number of different forms and Ian Gardiner will describe two attempts to answer it with his talks on Gallipoli 1915 and the Crimean War of 1853-55.

## EXTEND YOUR CRUISE

Enjoy a post-cruise 2-night tour to Cappadocia from Istanbul (see page 71).

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

## AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$3,420
2 Bed Outside	\$3,870
Balcony Cabin	\$6,250
Single Fares Available	
Discovery Club members receive an additional 5% discount Prices for all categories can be found on page 91. Turkey visa required before departure.	

# EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN *and* RED SEA

22nd OCTOBER – 3rd NOVEMBER 2014 13 days from \$2,140 per person twin share



Petra, Jordan

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- Istanbul – the only city to straddle two continents
- Magnificent archaeological sites of Pergamum & Ephesus
- Perge & Aspendos – windows on ancient Pamphylia
- The 'Lost City' of Petra – a legacy of the Nabataeans
- St Catherine's Monastery – a great centre of religious pilgrimage



Blue Mosque, Istanbul

From Biblical sites to Bedouin camps, Roman remains to Crusader Castles, priceless Egyptian artefacts to opulent Ottoman palaces, this Voyage of Discovery turns the pages on thousands of years of history around the Eastern Mediterranean and Red Sea. Battles, epic journeys and the rise and fall of great civilisations and religions are all played out against a stunning backdrop of mountains, desert and sea.

## PORTS of CALL

### ISTANBUL (Turkey)

Byzantium, Constantinople, Istanbul – by any name the city is glorious, with an architectural inheritance second to none. The Ottomans left opulent footprints in Süleymaniye and Sultanahmet mosques – works of architect Sinan, who was a master of perfection. Hagia Sophia, the Monastery of Chora and Yerebatan Sarayı preserve the legacy of Istanbul's Byzantine past.

### DIKILI (Turkey)

A 10,000-seat theatre spectacularly sited on the steepest of hillsides, the second largest library in the ancient world, the great Altar of Zeus and the propylaeum of the Temple of Athena speak volumes about one of the most influential cities in the Roman Empire, which according to the Book of Revelation was 'the dwelling place of Satan'. The magnificent ruins of the ancient Graeco-Roman city of Pergamum and healing sanctuary Asclepium are highlights from the picturesque resort town of Dikili.

### KUSADASI (Turkey)

Picturesque Kusadasi – from its simple origins as a sleepy fishing village, the town has evolved into a vibrant, cosmopolitan resort. On its doorstep – ancient Ephesus where every temple, gate, fountain and time worn stone holds a clue to the ancient Graeco-Roman city's glorious past.

### ANTALYA (Turkey)

Legend has it that 2,000 years ago King Attalos II of Pergamon sent his men to locate 'Heaven on Earth'. He founded Attalaia between the Taurus Mountains and Mediterranean Sea. On these ancient foundations Antalya is a montage of old Roman Harbour, a palm-lined boulevard, ancient castle and picturesque historic quarter all set within a modern city. The archaeological sites of Perge and Aspendos are fascinating windows on the past.





### LIMASSOL (Cyprus)

Bartered over for 9,000 years, occupied and colonised, and a gift from Antony to Cleopatra, Cyprus was the stage over which real-life actors strutted from one continent to another, changing world history in the process. Richard the Lionheart used Limassol as a base in the Third Crusade! Kolossi Castle, ancient Curium, Troodos Mountains carpeted with fragrant cedar and pine – explore and you'll discover mythology, fact and history.

### PORT SAID (Egypt)

Your 'Gateway to Cairo'! Egypt's pulsating capital promises treasures in the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, footprints of Pharaohs in desert sands around the timeless pyramids and enigmatic sphinx, and at its heart – the Nile – river of life revered in Egypt since ancient times.

### SUEZ CANAL TRANSIT

One of the world's most significant waterways the 163-kilometre long Suez Canal starts at Point Said in the Mediterranean Sea flows through Ismailia in Egypt and ends at Suez on the Gulf of Suez.

### AQABA (Jordan)

The 'rose-red city half as old as time', Petra promises to be a highlight of this overnight stay in Aqaba – the only sea access to the almost entirely landlocked Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan created in the early 20th century. Alternatively venture into Wadi Rum, the world of Lawrence of Arabia, or visit the lowest spot on earth – the remarkable Dead Sea.

### SHARM EL SHEIKH (Egypt)

The jewel of the Sinai with history going back thousands of years! With an overnight stay before your flight you can take a unique caravan adventure into Sinai's desolate landscape atop the 'ship of the desert', visit St Catherine's Monastery – one of the world's great centres of religious pilgrimage for over fifteen centuries, or relax in Naama Bay, Sharm's resort area and capital of the 'Egyptian Riviera'.

## YOUR ITINERARY

VOY141022

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
22 Oct	ISTANBUL, Turkey		Overnight
23 Oct	ISTANBUL, Turkey		5.00pm
24 Oct	DIKILI, Turkey	12.00pm	7.00pm
25 Oct	KUSADASI, Turkey	7.00am	11.30pm
26 Oct	AT SEA		
27 Oct	ANTALYA, Turkey	7.30am	5.00pm
28 Oct	LIMASSOL, Cyprus	7.30am	2.00pm
29 Oct	PORT SAID, Egypt	5.00am	10.00pm
30 Oct	SUEZ CANAL TRANSIT		
31 Oct	AQABA, Jordan	2.00pm	Overnight
01 Nov	AQABA, Jordan		8.00pm
02 Nov	SHARM EL SHEIKH, Egypt	6.00am	Overnight
03 Nov	SHARM EL SHEIKH, Egypt		

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



### SIR MICHAEL BURTON KCVO CMG

Sir Michael is a retired diplomat and Arabist much of whose career was concerned with the Middle East. He will explore the background to some of the current problems in the region including the conflict in Syria. He will also talk about the Victorian Explorers in Arabia and the Secrets of Petra.



### MAJOR GENERAL STEPHEN CARR-SMITH

As a military man, Stephen Carr-Smith will be looking at Gallipoli - the biggest British military disaster of WW1; Crusades and Crusaders; and the enigmatic Lawrence of Arabia. He will also be telling the story of the Building of the Suez Canal.



Theatre at Ephesus, Turkey

## EXTEND YOUR CRUISE

Enjoy a pre-cruise 2-night tour to Cappadocia from Istanbul (see page 71).

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

## AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$2,140
2 Bed Outside	\$2,720
Balcony Cabin	\$4,180
Single Fares Available	
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# CONTRASTS *of the* HEMISPHERES

NOVEMBER 2014 – FEBRUARY 2015 WINTER CRUISES

**F**rom the ancient history of Egypt to the unique charms of Spain, *Voyager's* winter cruises take in a captivating array of sites and experiences. Discover the infectious atmosphere of the African continent and head to the Indian Ocean – one of the most diverse cruising destinations.

Embrace the fascinating cultures that occupy the Red Sea shores (*pages 28-29*), experience the contrast of India's vibrant spice bazaars and tranquil backwaters (*pages 30-31*) and soak up the relaxed pace of life in the Seychelles (*pages 32-33*). South Africa offers chances to see the Big Five (*pages 34-35 and 36-37*) and the Canary Islands are a patchwork of dramatic landscapes and fascinating architecture (*pages 38-39*).



Lion, African Savannah  
*The Magic of South Africa*  
14 days departing 17th January 2015, pages 36 - 37



# GEMS of the RED and ARABIAN SEAS

3rd – 19th NOVEMBER 2014 17 days from \$1,880 per person twin share



*Clockwise from left: Lake Assai, Djibouti; Karnak Temple, Egypt; Grand Mosque, Muscat*

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- St Catherine's Monastery – a centre of religious pilgrimage
- Wonders of antiquity – Karnak Temple & the Valley of the Kings
- Authentic lifestyle in Djibouti – East Africa
- The remarkable Lost City of Ubar
- Muscat's magnificent Grand Mosque
- Vibrant, cosmopolitan Dubai



*Dubai*

Since ancient times smugglers, merchants, pirates and pilgrims crossed the northern end of the Great Rift Valley – a vast crack in the earth where Africa and Asia are slowly drifting apart! Follow in their wake seeing how throughout the centuries events have shaped the identity of different cultures along the Red Sea shores. Set foot in the land of the ancient Egyptians, a former French colony on the Horn of East Africa, and Oman – a country whose history goes back to the dawn of civilisation. Though both are rich in tradition, contrasting Fujairah and Dubai illustrate how each of the seven emirates is unique.

## PORTS of CALL

### SHARM EL SHEIKH (Egypt)

A bridge between Africa and Asia – the Sinai Peninsula, whilst a part of Egypt, exists in a world of its own! Sharm el Sheikh is your gateway to a land cut off from its motherland by the Suez Canal, an inhospitable desert landscape that is the ancestral home of half a million Bedouin. Visit the Holy Monastery of St Catherine, guardian of a spiritual and cultural presence for over seventeen centuries.

### SAFAGA (Egypt)

Discover the enigmatic World of the Pharaohs! Luxor is unique among the world's cities mixing the past and the present with a wealth of history and culture spanning thousands of years. Less visited but equally fascinating is the historic temples at Abydos and Dendera. A glimpse into the nomadic lifestyle of the Bedouin and relaxing in sun-kissed Hurghada compliment the historic sites.

### DJIBOUTI CITY (Djibouti)

The Republic of Djibouti is just a tiny speck by the standards of its African neighbours and its capital – Djibouti City, is, like the nation, relatively new. Yet Djibouti's history and culture is intricately woven into its geographical location on the Horn of Africa at the time when ancient kingdoms and dynasties ruled. Visit Lake Assal – a spectacular saline crater lake at the lowest point of the African continent. Alternatively enjoy Djibouti City's kaleidoscope of day-to-day images – vendors pushing wheelbarrows laden with fruits, and women in brightly coloured chadors and African dresses, against a backdrop of splendidly crumbling, colonial charm.





### SALALAH (Oman)

A fragrance of frankincense carried in the breeze announces the 'Perfume Capital of Arabia'. Explore Oman's second city whose palm-lined boulevards, lit by black and gold filigree lamps, are lined with elegant, low, traditional Islamic-style buildings with elaborate latticework balconies and curved windows. Admire Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque resplendent in shades of green, pale jade, gold and cream. Away from the city discover the natural diversity of Dhofar where coast blends with mountains and desert in wonderful harmony.

### MUSCAT (Oman)

Backed by the striking Hajar Mountains and strewn along a rocky coastline overlooking the startling blue waters of the Arabian Sea, Muscat – the Gulf's most exotic city, is one of historic character yet contemporary spirit. Step ashore and you'll discover an atmospheric souk, ancient fortifications, a generous Corniche and traditional Arabesque buildings. Stealing the limelight Muscat's Grand Mosque is a stunning example of modern Islamic architecture. Wahiba Sands promises exhilarating desert scenery rooted in an astonishingly rich history.

### FUJAIRAH (UAE)

Unlike its six desert sisters, the emirate frequently referred to as the 'Bride of the Emirates', is almost entirely mountainous. It is also the only emirate on the Gulf of Oman. Though once just a small fishing and pearling port, Fujairah has historically stood at the crossroads of major trade routes and its coastline is studded with castles, watchtowers and forts. Visit Fujairah Fort, which played a pivotal role in the nation's history, or take a 4 x 4 adventure into the rugged Hajar mountain range and barren desert landscape.

### DUBAI (UAE)

From humble beginnings as a pearl-diving centre, Dubai embraced trade and then discovered oil. It then embarked on a meteoric rise striding from the 20th to the 21st century as one of the fastest growing cities on earth. The legacy of trade is in Dubai's traditional souks and markets. The legacy of oil is its wealth of ambitious, staggering, record-breaking architecture. A truly dynamic city, Dubai simply begs exploration.

### YOUR ITINERARY

VOY141103

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
03 Nov	SHARM EL SHEIKH, Egypt		Overnight
04 Nov	SHARM EL SHEIKH, Egypt		10.00pm
05 Nov	SAFAGA, Egypt	6.00am	Overnight
06 Nov	SAFAGA, Egypt		5.00pm
07-08 Nov	AT SEA		
09 Nov	DJIBOUTI CITY, Djibouti	8.00pm	Overnight
10 Nov	DJIBOUTI CITY, Djibouti		5.00pm
11-12 Nov	AT SEA		
13 Nov	SALALAH, Oman	7.00am	5.00pm
14 Nov	AT SEA		
15 Nov	MUSCAT, Oman	1.00pm	Overnight
16 Nov	MUSCAT, Oman		6.00pm
17 Nov	FUJAIRAH, UAE	9.00am	5.00pm
18 Nov	DUBAI, UAE	9.00am	Overnight
19 Nov	DUBAI, UAE		

### YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



#### REAR ADMIRAL DAVID SNELSON CB FNI

As a professional sailor David will be looking at modern sea trade across this region together with the impact of piracy worldwide. He will also share with us the challenges of being Captain of HMS Ark Royal.



#### MICHAEL CURTIS

Having lived and worked in the Middle East Michael will help us understand the history of the Arabian Peninsula, the development of what we now know as the United Arab Emirates and the importance of the Sheikdoms in this region.



#### PROFESSOR SANDY PRIMROSE MBE BSc PhD

Frankincense and myrrh, two of the important products from this region, are just one part of Sandy's talks on this itinerary, as he leads us through many aspects of plants, their huge importance to us for food, medicine and research.

Your Guest Speakers also include Louise Bonner. See pages 76-79 for more details.

### EXTEND YOUR CRUISE

Enjoy a post-cruise 2-night stay in Dubai (see page 72).

### BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

### AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$1,880
2 Bed Outside	\$1,910
Balcony Cabin	\$3,080
Single Fares Available	
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# CONTRASTS of INDIA and ARABIA

19th NOVEMBER – 3rd DECEMBER 2014 15 days from \$2,480 per person twin share



Kerala backwaters



Shiva carving at Elephanta caves

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- Porbandar – the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi
- Two contrasting but equally beautiful works of nature – Musandam Peninsula and Kerala Backwaters
- UNESCO-listed Elephanta Caves in Mumbai
- Up close experience with the elephants at Pinnewala
- The Middle East's most vibrant, cosmopolitan city – Dubai
- Old Goa – a UNESCO world heritage site



Desert tree, Musandam peninsula

Dubai – a Middle East metropolis retaining its Arabic heritage and culture, and Musandam – an isolated enclave of Oman with legendary beauty, are at the forefront of this voyage of contrasting discoveries. Elaborate temples, tranquil backwaters and grand vestiges of the British Raj, sacrosanct sites, sun-washed beaches and swarming spice bazaars! An exotic blend and you've the essence of India. Finally Sri Lanka – a teardrop in the emerald-green waters of the Indian Ocean.

## PORTS of CALL

### DUBAI (UAE)

Where East meets West, Dubai is a place of striking contrasts where modern sophistication meets timeless tradition in a fascinating blend of old and new. Look beyond the city's futuristic skyline and you'll discover traditional souks and merchants' houses, mosques and wooden dhows. Marvel at the finesse of Mother Nature on an exciting adventure in the Dubai desert.

### KHASAB (Oman)

Separated from the rest of Oman by a tribal decision in the mid 20th century, Musandam is a peninsula that juts north from the Arabian mainland, its steep rocky cliffs rising sheer from the sea. The stunning scenery of deep fjord-like channels carved into the rock is best explored by traditional wooden dhow. Alternatively explore Khasab, which gazes out to the Gulf from behind a modest 17th century fort built by the Portuguese.

### PORBANDAR (India)

Experience authentic India in a town that, under the Mughals, Marathas and the British, had been a prosperous trading centre establishing links with Arabia, Africa and Persia. Follow in the footsteps of the 'Father of the Nation' and explore Porbandar where on October 2nd 1869 Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born. The ancestral home and Kirti Mandir give insight into the epic life of the famous leader, whose name – meaning 'great soul', was given by the Indian people when they discovered they had a Mahatma in their midst.

### MUMBAI (India)

A world unto itself – Mumbai, a vast and teeming metropolis, whose ever-increasing population from diverse ethnic backgrounds speak in over a dozen tongues. India at its most contradictory, Mumbai is aggressively modern, yet in parts almost medieval, glamorous, yet rough-edged, dazzlingly cosmopolitan, yet quintessentially Indian. Explore and discover the myriad religions and cultures adding colour, flavour and texture to the great Mumbai melting pot!





### MARMAGAO (India)

An important link on the Indian Ocean trade routes, 'Golden Goa' was for 500 years Portugal's solitary outpost in India. Across the bay UNESCO-listed Old Goa's Hindu and Catholic heritage co-exists amidst exquisite, crumbling colonial legacies. Languishing in this rich amalgam of Portuguese and Indian influences, the melancholy sound of Fado wafts in bougainvillea-scented breeze.

### COCHIN (India)

Historically and culturally rich, Cochin's spice markets, Jewish synagogue, European church, Chinese fishing nets, Portuguese palace and 17th-century Dutch homes stand testimony to the irresistible pull that's drawn traders and wanderers for thousands of years. There's an old-world charm to the city, whose extraordinary wealth of architecture illustrates a multi-layered colonial history. A boat trip on the shimmering lagoons and canals of Kerala's incredibly beautiful backwaters, reveal an extraordinary river culture in a breathtaking pageant of life.

### TUTICORIN (India)

One of the oldest cities in India, Tuticorin traces its history back to the 6th century BC. During the reign of the Pandyas, some of the finest pearls in the ancient world passed through this important port, and today Tuticorin is adorned with the sobriquet 'Pearl City'. The city is a portal on Tamil Nadu's vibrant Indian culture. The sagas of India's great freedom fighters' struggle against the British are just one more feather in Tuticorin's glorious historical heritage hat.

### COLOMBO (Sri Lanka)

Sri Lanka is a quilted landscape of textured tea plantations, swathes of glorious, golden sand, lush green velvet hilltops and verdant jungles entwined around mystical ancient monuments. Colombo, once an important staging post on the Indian Ocean's maritime routes, is your gateway. A fascinating contrast of colonial and modern, the city is a vibrant crucible of contemporary Sri Lankan life. Explore the absorbing bazaar district of Pettah, or relax on the oceanfront esplanade Galle Face Green. Venture further and meet the orphaned elephants of Pinnewala.



Fishing net, Cochin

### YOUR ITINERARY

VOY141119

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
19 Nov	DUBAI, UAE		Overnight
20 Nov	DUBAI, UAE		9.00pm
21 Nov	KHASAB, Oman	7.00am	12.30pm
22-23 Nov	AT SEA		
24 Nov	PORBANDAR, India	8.00am	2.00pm
25 Nov	MUMBAI, India	9.00am	Overnight
26 Nov	MUMBAI, India		4.30pm
27 Nov	MARMAGAO (GOA), India	9.00am	5.30pm
28 Nov	AT SEA		
29 Nov	COCHIN, India	8.00am	Overnight
30 Nov	COCHIN, India		2.30pm
01 Dec	TUTICORIN, India	9.00am	5.30pm
02 Dec	COLOMBO, Sri Lanka	8.00am	Overnight
03 Dec	COLOMBO, Sri Lanka		

### YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



#### BRIGADIER MIKE SHAW

In 1498 Vasco de Gama landed on the coast of India and claimed it for the King of Portugal only to find a highly developed society under Mogul dominance. Our voyage follows the same ancient sea routes and Mike Shaw will explore how the European association with India developed from trade to the British Raj.



#### DR ANTONY WALTHAM

Geologist and traveller Tony Waltham will describe mountains of limestone and salt within the Arabian region, and will then present personal views on some mountain landscapes, sacred rivers and gemstone mines in the Indian sub-continent.

Your Guest Speakers also include Louise Bonner. See pages 76-79 for more details.

### EXTEND YOUR CRUISE

Enjoy a pre-cruise 2-night city stay in Dubai or a post-cruise 4-night overland tour to explore Sri Lanka's World Heritage (see pages 72 and 74).

### BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

### AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$2,480
2 Bed Outside	\$2,830
Balcony Cabin	\$4,990
Single Fares Available	
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India & Sri Lanka visa required before departure.	

# TREASURES *of the* INDIAN OCEAN

3rd – 18th DECEMBER 2014 16 days from \$3,110 per person twin share



*Clockwise from left: The Seychelles; Fishermen, Galle; Pinnawala Elephant Sanctuary*

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- UNESCO-listed Galle Old Town, Sri Lanka
- Marvellous Pinnawala Elephant Sanctuary
- The island capital of the Maldives Male
- Amazing birdlife in Bundala National Park
- Beauty of the Seychelles and the relaxed lifestyle of the islanders



*Fody Birds, Seychelles*

A touch of the exotic, touch of the idyllic and perhaps even a touch of the unknown lie ahead on this Voyage of Discovery. Mist-shrouded mountains, wildlife-rich jungle and rolling tea plantations, pearl-shaped Sri Lanka promises geographic diversity. A spectacular skyline of candy-coloured skyscrapers, Male manages to be both a city and an island, whilst sublime Gan Island is the quintessential Maldives. The gentle ebb and flow of crystal, clear waters against pristine white sands perfectly mirrors the relaxed pace of life on the Seychelles where Praslin is a timeless nature reserve. Colonial trails lead to Mauritius – the perfect end to the perfect voyage.

## PORTS *of* CALL

### COLOMBO (Sri Lanka)

With its unmistakable Sri Lankan character, Colombo is rich in tradition, yet has embraced the modern world. Take tea on the balcony of the famous Galle Face Hotel, wander streets past gracious old buildings from the Dutch, Portuguese and British colonial eras, or turn the pages on 2,500 years of history at the Sri Lanka Museum. Delve deeper and you'll discover exquisitely carved stone friezes, serene statues and dazzlingly decorated temples – glorious reminders of the country's resplendent past.

### HAMBANTOTA (Sri Lanka)

On the tip of a rocky headland a Martello Tower built by British Captain Goper at the turn of the 19th century stands a silent witness to an unimaginable catastrophe. The Indian Ocean Tsunami all but devastated the tranquil town, which historically received regular visits by Chinese, Malayan and Arab trading vessels on the 'Silk Road of the Sea'. In the wake of the disaster plans to make Hambantota a 'second city' in Sri Lanka were fast-forwarded and a brand new city is emerging. Explore the surrounding wetlands home to myriad species of bird, precious and diverse wildlife. An important place of pilgrimage, sacred Kataragama fosters ethnic and religious harmony.



## MALE (Maldives)

Natural coral islands, fringed by virgin sand and studded in stunning turquoise waters, the Maldives are the ultimate idyll. Male is in complete contrast to the other islands in the archipelago. Water laps at walls encircling the island capital where the Sultan's Palace, Islamic centre and Hukuru Miskiy Mosque are monuments to a proud history and rich culture. Explore the city, dive into an exotic underwater world, or soar above the 'Pearls of the Indian Ocean'.

## GAN ISLAND (Maldives)

Cloaked in a veil of lush greenery, beaches of powder-white sand and surrounded by the crystal clear waters of the vast Indian Ocean, Gan Island is a peaceful retreat. Coconut palms, wetlands and lakes punctuate the landscape, while a beautiful world of corals lives in the warm, tropical waters. Once home to an important military base owned by the Royal Navy, the island is now the perfect place to relax and enjoy a taste of paradise.

## PORT VICTORIA (Seychelles)

Soak up the atmosphere of the Seychelles' delightful capital, which by day is a showcase of the island's lively Creole culture and colourful history. Mahe is renowned for having the greatest contrast of scenery within the Seychelles archipelago. Explore the grandiose landscape at the heart of this pristine island. Discover tea and spice plantations, visit the Botanical Gardens, or join a reef safari to glimpse the magical underwater world.

## PRASLIN (Seychelles)

Legend has it that Vallee de Mai is the 'Garden of Eden' where Adam and Eve lived at the beginning of time. At the heart of the island, this magical forest thick with wild, tropical vegetation, many species of rare, endemic plants and the Coco de Mer nut, is a nature reserve and UNESCO world heritage site.

## LA DIGUE (Seychelles)

Pulses slow to a perfect tropical pace around La Passe on tiny La Digue. Visit old plantation houses for a glimpse of life in bygone days. Like Praslin, La Digue boasts some of the Seychelles' finest beaches – white-sand escapes framed by granite boulders polished by years of ebb and flow. Relaxation is key and there is no better way than a catamaran cruise around this scattering of island gems.

## PORT LOUIS (Mauritius)

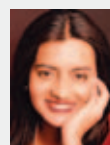
Port Louis' architecture exemplifies the indigenous Indian, Chinese and European cultures, whose heritage has shaped Mauritius into this world-in-one island of today. Discover the traditional tea plantations and sugar plantations upon which Mauritius was built. Pamplemousses Botanical Gardens showcase indigenous flora and fauna and ancient Tamil temples give insight into Mauritian Tamil religion.

## YOUR ITINERARY

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DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
03 Dec	COLOMBO, Sri Lanka		Overnight
04 Dec	COLOMBO, Sri Lanka		5.30pm
05 Dec	HAMBANTOTA, Sri Lanka	8.00am	6.00pm
06 Dec	AT SEA		
07 Dec	MALÉ, Maldives	8.00am	4.00pm
08 Dec	GAN ISLAND, Maldives	2.00pm	8.00pm
09-11 Dec	AT SEA		
12 Dec	PORT VICTORIA, Seychelles	12.00pm	Overnight
13 Dec	PORT VICTORIA, Seychelles		10.30am
13 Dec	PRASLIN, Seychelles	2.00pm	Overnight
14 Dec	PRASLIN, Seychelles		6.30am
14 Dec	LA DIGUE, Seychelles	8.00am	2.00pm
15-16 Dec	AT SEA		
17 Dec	PORT LOUIS, Mauritius	9.00am	Overnight
18 Dec	PORT LOUIS, Mauritius		

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



### JASLEEN KANDHARI

As an art historian and expert of South Asian art, Jasleen's lectures shall focus on Sri

Lankan and Indian art and textiles to reflect the South Asian artistic heritage of the culturally diverse islands of the Indian Ocean.



### DOCTOR ROBIN CATCHPOLE

Robin's lectures will take us on a cruise to the edge of the observable universe, starting amongst the planets in our solar system, seeing how stars are born, how they die and how galaxies grow black holes at their centres. Finally, we will consider whether we are alone.

At night on deck, we will see how to find our way by the stars and enjoy the beauty of the night sky.

Your Guest Speakers also include Gloria Barnett & Professor James Floyd. See pages 76-79 for more details.

## EXTEND YOUR CRUISE

Enjoy a pre-cruise 4-night overland tour to explore Sri Lanka's World Heritage or a post-cruise 3-night resort stay in Mauritius (see pages 74-75).

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

## AUS\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	SOLD OUT
2 Bed Outside	\$3,110
Balcony Cabin	\$5,495
Single Fares Available	
Discovery Club members receive an additional 5% discount Prices for all categories can be found on page 91. Sri Lanka visa required before departure.	



# SPLENDOURS *of the* INDIAN OCEAN

3rd – 17th JANUARY 2015 15 days from \$2,640 per person twin share



Sani Pass, South Africa



Piton de la Fournaise, Réunion Island

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- The idyllic island of Mauritius
- Dramatic scenery of Réunion Island and the active Piton de la Fournaise
- Wildlife encounters and the chance to spot the Big 5 on safari in the African Savannah
- Culture and traditional lifestyle of the proud Zulus
- Amazing scenery from the 'road to the roof of Africa' – the Sani Pass to Lesotha
- Beautiful Cape Town and the Cape of Good Hope

Mauritius is one of the world's most idyllic islands, Réunion has one of the world's most dramatic landscapes, and Madagascar is home to some of the world's most diverse flora and fauna – all are a thrilling prelude to the exciting world of South Africa. Discover Zulu ways and game reserves that are home to the 'Big 5'. Follow in the footsteps of celebrated revolutionaries and learn of a nation's struggle for freedom. Myths and traditions are all part of an authentic African experience that takes you to spectacular Cape Town – a city whose outstanding beauty is legendary.

## PORTS of CALL

### PORT LOUIS (Mauritius)

Between the Indian Ocean and a curve of picturesque mountains, Port Louis morphed from tumbledown Indian backwater to cosmopolitan capital, home to a colourful, multicultural society created by a rich mix of people of African, Chinese, Indian, Arab and European descent. Explore the city that blends Mauritian modernity with island tradition, or visit the internationally acclaimed Pamplemousses Botanical Gardens.

### POINTE DES GALETS (Réunion Island)

One of the world's youngest islands, Réunion first broke the surface of the Indian Ocean less than three million years ago. Since then the combined forces of ocean, air and movements of the earth's crust have created an island of simply astonishing scenery. Pointe des Galets is a springboard to an extraordinary landscape of collapsed calderas, cold lava flows, rugged canyons, clear blue lagoons and huge natural amphitheatres cloaked in lush, untamed forests. The French island's 'pièce de résistance' is Piton de la Fournaise where, depending upon Mother Nature's whims, you may even witness fiery-red molten lava.

### PORT D'EHOLIA (Madagascar)

In the extreme south east of Madagascar, Port d'Eholia is a modern gateway to Fort Dauphin. Known locally as Taolanaro meaning 'Place of Dreams', the town sits against a backdrop of high, forest-clad mountains on a peninsula jutting into the bright azure waters of the Indian Ocean surrounded by crescent-shaped beaches. Amidst this idyllic setting you'll discover a crumbling French colonial town with undeniable charm. You might choose to visit Saiadi Botanic Gardens, home to Madagascar's superb flora, lemurs, crocodiles and countless numbers of birds.







Cheetah, South Africa

**RICHARDS BAY (South Africa)**

Rooted in the legacy of the great Zulu nation remains a pulsating culture of rich traditions and rituals – Zululand is the heartbeat of Africa. Richards Bay is your gateway to this once forgotten corner of the African continent. Discover this noble culture, its history, the traditional lifestyle and energy of tribal dancing. Credited with bringing the white rhino back from extinction, Hluhluwe-Umfolozi is one of the most prestigious game parks in South Africa. A vast and surprisingly diverse landscape, it is your chance to spot the Big 5.

**DURBAN (South Africa)**

Durban is a sophisticated, cosmopolitan city, beneath which the pulse of South Africa beats. Step ashore and discover busy Victoria Street Market fragrant with the aroma of herbs and spices and Zulus resplendent in colourful regalia steering bright rickshaws along the palm-shaded 'Golden Mile'! Durban Botanical Garden, an oasis of colour, traces its origins back to colonial times. Take a wildlife safari at the intimate Tala Private Game Reserve, visit ShakaLand Zulu Village, or venture through the infamous Sani Pass into the Kingdom of Lesotho and the 'Roof of Africa'.

**PORT ELIZABETH (South Africa)**

Follow in the footsteps of 1820's settlers and discover Port Elizabeth's wealth of manicured parks, landscaped gardens, architectural delights and historical sites. The city, home to South Africa's oldest bowling green and the world-famous Port Elizabeth Cricket Club, featured prominently in South Africa's recent history as a hotbed of political and social resistance to apartheid. Visit the black township of Missionvale and see the harsh reality of South Africa's past, and the successes and challenges of the present. Addo Elephant Park gives the chance to spot the extremely rare Addo elephant.

**CAPE TOWN (South Africa)**

Indonesian, French, Dutch, British and German settlers stamped their mark upon the foundations of Cape Town, where today's harmonious blend of architectural styles reflects the tastes of dictators past. Meticulously preserved Edwardian and Victorian buildings, outstanding examples of Cape Dutch architecture and brightly coloured houses of Bo Kaap – Cape Town is a cultural gem. From Table Mountain vistas tease the eye towards the Cape of Good Hope and beyond.

**YOUR ITINERARY** VOY150103

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
03 Jan	PORT LOUIS, Mauritius		Overnight
04 Jan	PORT LOUIS, Mauritius		5.30pm
05 Jan	POINTE DES GALETS, Réunion Island	7.30am	6.00pm
06 Jan	AT SEA		
07 Jan	PORT D'HOALA, Madagascar	8.00am	6.00pm
08-09 Jan	AT SEA		
10 Jan	RICHARDS BAY, South Africa	7.00am	Overnight
11 Jan	RICHARDS BAY, South Africa		10.00pm
12 Jan	DURBAN, South Africa	6.00am	11.00pm
13 Jan	AT SEA		
14 Jan	PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa	7.00am	7.00pm
15 Jan	AT SEA		
16 Jan	CAPE TOWN, South Africa	7.00am	Overnight
17 Jan	CAPE TOWN, South Africa		

**YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**



**BRIGADIER HUGH WILLING CBE**

From the tales of Sinbad and the Birkenhead Disaster, to the Siege of Mafeking and the buried treasure of Olivier de Vasseur, Hugh Willing, who was born and brought up in Kenya, will enjoy sharing his interests in the battles and shipwrecks, pirates and myths of the Indian Ocean Islands and Southern Africa.



**ALAN SPARROW**

A native of Zimbabwe, Alan has spent his working life involved in forestry and wildlife. His series of lectures focus on management of the national parks and wildlife reserves he knows so well, together with conservation and the protection of endangered species such as the Black Rhino. Your Guest Speakers will also include Sir Richard Gozney and Philip Lawson & Janet Edwards. See pages 76-79 for more details.

**EXTEND YOUR CRUISE**

Enjoy a pre-cruise 3-night resort stay in Mauritius or a post-cruise 2-night stay in Cape Town, 3-nights exploring South Africa's Garden Route or a 3-night Kruger National Park visit (see pages 68-70 & 75).

**BOOK NOW AND SAVE**

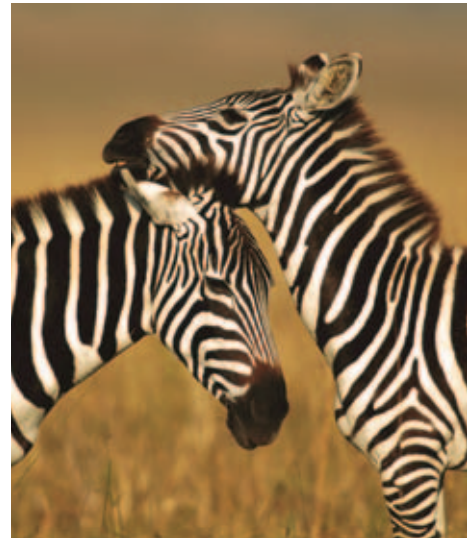
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**AU\$ FARES** (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$2,640
2 Bed Outside	\$3,050
Balcony Cabin	\$5,610
Single Fares Available	
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# THE MAGIC of SOUTH AFRICA

17th – 30th JANUARY 2015 14 days from \$2,540 per person twin share



Clockwise from left: Table mountain, Cape Town; Zebras in the African Savannah; Zulu Masks

## WHY CHOOSE *this CRUISE?*

- Culture and traditional lifestyle of the proud Zulus
- Amazing scenery from the 'road to the roof of Africa' – the Sani Pass to Lesotho
- Wildlife encounters and the chance to spot the Big 5 on a safari in the African savannah
- Cape Town – an incredibly beautiful city on one of the world's most beautiful capes
- Authentic African lifestyle in the fascinating capital of Mozambique

**E**ast London – the Buffalo City, Port Elizabeth – the Friendly City, Cape Town – the Mother City, multi-cultural Durban and vibrant Richards Bay – South Africa's very own 'Big 5! The 'Rainbow Nation' promises cosmopolitan coastal cities, vast rolling savannah safaris, beautiful natural wonders and historic tribal lands. Dovetailed in the mix, Maputo melds Africa with Mozambique's rich Portuguese heritage.

## PORTS of CALL

### CAPE TOWN (South Africa)

A backdrop of flat-topped Table Mountain juxtaposed by the sweep of the Atlantic Ocean, Cape Town is one of the World's most beautiful cities. Discover Cape Point that Francis Drake called the 'fairest cape in all the World', celebrated Winelands where whitewashed gabled farmhouses nestle amid bright, green vineyards and Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden – a magnificent showcase of South Africa's floral heritage. The pinnacle of such outstanding beauty is one of the World's most spectacular routes, Chapman's Peak scenic drive.

### EAST LONDON (South Africa)

When the Xhosa and white settlers met for the first time, a century-long battle ensued. Today the Xhosa are most welcoming and an invitation to Khaya La Bantu – an authentic Xhosa village where tradition is a part of everyday life, promises a unique and memorable experience. Explore East London and its townships, or enjoy a wildlife safari at Inkwenkwezi Game Reserve.





### MAPUTO (Mozambique)

Five hundred years of Portuguese rule left its mark on Mozambique's capital, though much was lost during almost thirty years of civil war. Since the 1992 peace treaty, Maputo has come a long way in recreating some of its former glory. Discover the beautiful train station, Roman Catholic cathedral, neo-classical City Hall and grand Polana Hotel. Maputo's bustling market stalls piled high with heaps of cashew nuts and chillies, and delicious spicy peri-peri platters are served in street cafes.

### RICHARDS BAY (South Africa)

South Africa's second largest port started life as a makeshift harbour set up during the Anglo-Boer War. Meet the Zulus whose stick fighting, spear-throwing, rhythmic dancing and drumming reflects a proud culture. At Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve herds of impala, zebra and giraffe roam a landscape of soft, undulating hills, typical of the indigenous African Savannah. Spot the Big 5, or cruise St Lucian wetlands where residents – along with myriad birdlife, include crocodile and hippo.

### DURBAN (South Africa)

A city whose greatest attraction is its 'Golden Mile', Durban – its Zulu name Thekweni meaning 'where the earth and ocean meet', is your gateway to KwaZulu Natal. Explore the 19th century Zulu way of life at Shakaland Zulu Cultural Village. Your window on wildlife is Tala Game Reserve. Breathtaking views of alpine landscapes are all part of an exciting ascent to the Kingdom of Lesotho on the Sani Pass – the 'road to the roof of Africa'.

### PORT ELIZABETH (South Africa)

Set on the sweeping shores of Algoa Bay, Port Elizabeth bears the architectural stamp of its British settlers, yet the city's townships are harsh reminders of apartheid in its recent past. A unique mix of peoples, languages and cultures created a rich cultural heritage in the city currently re-inventing itself under the name Nelson Mandela Bay. Deep within the shadows of the dense valley bushveld of the Sundays River region, Addo Elephant Park promises the ultimate wildlife experience.



Lioness, Africa

## YOUR ITINERARY

VOY150117

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
17 Jan	CAPE TOWN, South Africa		Overnight
18 Jan	CAPE TOWN, South Africa		6.00pm
19 Jan	AT SEA		
20 Jan	EAST LONDON, South Africa	9.00am	5.00pm
21 Jan	AT SEA		
22 Jan	MAPUTO, Mozambique	8.00am	5.00pm
23 Jan	RICHARDS BAY, South Africa	12.00pm	Overnight
24 Jan	RICHARDS BAY, South Africa		10.00pm
25 Jan	DURBAN, South Africa	8.00am	Overnight
26 Jan	DURBAN, South Africa		11.00pm
27 Jan	AT SEA		
28 Jan	PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa	7.00am	7.00pm
29 Jan	AT SEA		
30 Jan	CAPE TOWN, South Africa	7.00am	

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



### MAJOR GENERAL STEPHEN CARR-SMITH

As a military man, Stephen Carr-Smith will be looking at two military campaigns in South Africa. The Zulu War saw the failure at Isandlwana by senior officers - and they were saved by the exploits of their juniors at Rorke's Drift the next day. Twenty years later, the British were at it again - this time against the Boers.



### ANDREW SCHOFIELD

As an ecologist turned film-maker, Andrew has huge knowledge of the plants and animals of South Africa. Having been involved in the re-introduction of white lions and cheetahs he will share his experiences and discuss the conservation issues surrounding many of the species under pressure in the region.

Your Guest Speakers also include Peter Hawthorn. See pages 76-79 for more details.

## EXTEND YOUR CRUISE

Enjoy a post-cruise 2-night city stay in Cape Town, 3-nights exploring South Africa's Garden Route or three-nights in Kruger National Park (see pages 68-70).

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

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## AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$2,540
2 Bed Outside	\$2,930
Balcony Cabin	\$5,430
Single Fares Available	
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# ATLANTIC VOYAGER

20th FEBRUARY – 1st MARCH 2015 10 days from \$1,650 per person twin share



Clockwise from left: Lisbon, Portugal; Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, La Coruña; Mount Teide, Tenerife

Approaching the 'Gods', Mount Teide's soaring snow-dusted crater raises the curtain on this voyage of exciting discoveries. Second act is fiery Santa Cruz de la Palma and then Madeira – the floating garden of the Atlantic. Lisbon is Portugal's own 'City of Discoveries', the atmospheric Alfama district evoking a subtle melancholy charm. All roads in Spain once led to the tomb of St James. The great city of Santiago de Compostela is the final act before *Voyager* sails from Spain's Crystal City to British shores where the final curtain comes down.

## WHY CHOOSE this CRUISE?

- UNESCO-listed Mount Teide National Park
- The pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela
- Portugal's exciting capital Lisbon
- Stunning landscapes of Madeira – the floating garden of the Atlantic
- Santa Cruz de la Palma – the Canary Islands secret gem

## PORTS of CALL

### SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (Tenerife, Canary Islands)

Santa Cruz de Tenerife has been likened to Rio de Janeiro in miniature. With its roots steeped in history and its outlook resolutely on the 21st century, the city is a wonderful showcase of 17th – 21st century architecture covering a multitude of styles including traditional Canarian, Renaissance, Baroque and Victorian. When Columbus stopped by in 1498 Mount Teide was erupting and though dormant today, the volcano still dominates the landscape – Tenerife's signature silhouette!

### SANTA CRUZ DE LA PALMA (La Palma, Canary Islands)

Stretching from north to south a mass of volcanoes, including the still-active Teneguía are the precipitous backbone of La Palma. Step ashore in Santa Cruz de la Palma, at one time an important stepping-stone on the trade routes between Europe and the Americas. The splendid past of the city, which rose to become the third maritime port in the Spanish Empire, is a treasure trove where palaces, churches and colonial houses with elaborate balconies are all part of its valuable legacy.

### FUNCHAL (Madeira)

A dormant peak of volcanic origin, Pico Ruivo is at the heart of the 'Floating Garden of the Atlantic'. Verdant foliage swathes spectacular landscapes where deep ravines plunge down towards cliffs towering above the mighty ocean. Cradled at the heart of a natural amphitheatre, Funchal is a tangle of whitewashed houses with red tiled roofs tumbling down the hillside. A thrilling wicker toboggan ride and the island's beautiful dramatic scenery together give a taste of Madeira.





Madeira coastline

LISBON (Portugal)

The Monument to the Discoveries celebrating the achievements of Portugal's seafaring pioneers, Belem Tower and Jerónimos Monastery are all part of a rich maritime heritage. This golden age in Portuguese history was Lisbon's 'age of prosperity'. Then in 1755, it all came tumbling down. Alfama – a maze of narrow streets, alleys and steep steps, was spared in the earthquake and today seduces with a melancholy charm. Venture further to the cosmopolitan Portuguese Riviera, or Sintra – Lord Byron's 'Glorious Eden'.

LA CORUÑA (Spain)

'Galerias' – unique glass-fronted balconies, are the dazzling façade of Galicia's 'Crystal City'. On an elevated headland the world's oldest working lighthouse 'Torre de Hercules' is witness to La Coruña's fascinating maritime past. Footprints of Christian pilgrims lead to the third most important place in Christendom. The illustrious shrine of Santiago de Compostela, dedicated to St James, is one of the great cathedrals, and undoubtedly the jewel in Galicia's historic and medieval crown.



YOUR ITINERARY VOY150220

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
20 Feb	SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, Canary Islands		Overnight
21 Feb	SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, Canary Islands		8.00pm
22 Feb	SANTA CRUZ DE LA PALMA, Canary Islands	7.00am	1.00pm
23 Feb	FUNCHAL, Madeira	8.00am	5.00pm
24 Feb	AT SEA		
25 Feb	LISBON, Portugal	8.00am	5.00pm
26 Feb	AT SEA		
27 Feb	LA CORUÑA, Spain	8.00am	5.00pm
28 Feb	AT SEA		
01 Mar	PORTSMOUTH, England	9.00am	

YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



DOCTOR HELEN DOE

Dr Helen Doe will describe the ships and the people that have sailed the Atlantic coast across the centuries. You will hear the words of ordinary seamen on board at the battle of Trafalgar, discover the world of mediaval piracy off the coast of Spain and learn about the smugglers in the English Channel.



DOCTOR SUSAN GUBBAY

Our cruise follows the route of historic 19th century voyages of ocean exploration. Dr Gubbay will describe the challenges faced by these pioneers as they laid the foundations of modern oceanography, as well as more recent discoveries and efforts to conserve the marine life in the region. Cold water coral reefs, pilot whales, the vampire squid and the black scabbard fish are all part of the story.



Santa Cruz de Tenerife

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2 Bed Inside	\$1,650
2 Bed Outside	\$1,830
Balcony Cabin	\$2,710
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# BEAUTY *and* HISTORY, CLOSER *to* HOME


MARCH – JUNE 2015 SUMMER CRUISES

Sail from Portsmouth and Harwich to explore a range of unforgettable destinations in the spring and summer months. From the diverse charms of the Baltic region (*pages 50-55*) to the fascinating gems closer to home, there's so much you can discover – all without setting foot on an aeroplane.

Seek out the incredible Northern Lights and the unique landscape of Norway (*pages 42-43, 50-51 and 54-55*), admire the spectacular beauty of the Azores (*pages 44-45*) or uncover the rich heritage of the British Isles (*pages 48-49*). Witness *Voyager's* return to the White Sea after three years (*pages 54-55*), or you could choose to enjoy a shorter, four-day cruise to St Peter Port and Honfleur, where you can visit Monet's Garden (*pages 48-49*).







Northern Lights  
*In Search of the Northern Lights*  
16 days departing 1st March 2015, pages 42 - 43



# IN SEARCH *of the* NORTHERN LIGHTS

1st – 16th MARCH 2015 16 days from \$2,990 per person twin share



*Northern Lights, Norway*

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- Chance to witness the magical spectacle of the Northern Lights
- Kirstiansund and the spectacular Atlantic Road
- Sami culture, food and activities
- Stunning landscape of the Vesterålen Islands & Lofoten Islands
- Husky dog sledding & the Ice Hotel
- The magic of the North Cape



*Husky dog sledding*

Mother Nature was generous when she created Norway's spectacular landscape! Cruising amongst the islands, inlets and yawning fjords of the stunning coastline is a magical experience and one that becomes all the more bewitching when the Nordic beauty shimmers with snow. A host of winter experiences await you on this Voyage of Discovery venturing high above the Arctic Circle. Here the inky night sky serves as nature's own theatre, and if lucky the 'Dance of the Spirits' will take centre stage.

## PORTS *of* CALL

### KRISTIANSUND (Norway)

Separated by sounds and linked by bridges, attractive Kristiansund literally is an intricate patchwork of islands! On the edge of the Atlantic Ocean it is the start of one of the world's most beautiful drives. The eight-kilometre long 'Atlantic Road' is one of Norway's greatest 20th century engineering feats. Eight vast bridges stretch across islands, islets and skerries connected by daring stretches of road anchored to rock against the wintry elements.

### BRØNNØYSUND (Norway)

An archipelago of some 13,000 islands, islets and reefs lead the way to the attractive coastal town of Brønnøysund at the heart of Helgeland. Experience the mystical mountain Torghatten and puzzle over the hole right through the middle supposedly caused by a troublesome troll. Explore Helgeland's coastal heritage in Nevernes Havn with its idyllic location overlooking Velfjorden.

### SORTLAND (Norway)

Steep snow-covered mountains reflected on the ocean surface, the spectacular Vesterålen islands boast a sensational landscape. Your gateway to this beautiful island kingdom is Sortland, a city painted blue! Stroll through the streets and discover how integrating art into architecture created a better environment and enjoy the thought-provoking literary decoration of the city's blue walls. Meet the reindeer as you visit the Sami. Experience how they live close to nature, and learn of their culture and traditions.

### ALTA (Norway)

At the innermost part of Altafjord on the banks of Norway's best-known salmon river, Alta is the 'City of the Northern Lights'. Framed by fantastic blue light and the contrasts, which are so distinctive of North Norway in winter, it's your chance to try a host of exciting wintry experiences. Explore the windswept plain by snowmobile or with your own team of dogs. Visit the Sami for a dash of culture. Take a drink in the ice bar of the Igloo Hotel or spend the night in this fairytale made of ice and snow.





### HONNINGSVÅG (Norway)

Welcome to the northernmost 'city' in Europe! Tiny Honningsvåg on Magerøya – a vast, barren island dotted with the occasional herd of reindeer, is gateway to the North Cape. The dramatic headland is the perfect vantage point to look out over a vast expanse of Arctic Ocean with only the Svalbard archipelago separating you from the North Pole.

### TROMSØ (Norway)

Old wooden houses co-exist harmoniously with contemporary architecture in the capital of North Norway. Norwegian culture, faith and nature inspired the daring lines of Tromsø's Arctic Cathedral. Uncover tales of daring adventurers and Arctic explorers in the city's fascinating museums. Meet the huskies and experience the thrill of a sled ride through the glowing white landscape, or take an exhilarating cable car ride to the summit of Mount Storsteinen.

### LEKNES (Lofoten Islands, Norway)

Rising out of the sea, the seemingly wild, inhospitable 'Lofoten Wall' of mountains is actually a chain of some eighty islands linked by tunnels and bridges. Leknes is your portal to this land of stark beauty and contrasts where jagged mountains frame silver beaches and rocky headlands stretch out into surging sea. A legacy of Viking warriors, vast seabird colonies and charming fishing villages with traditional red 'rorbuer' cabins are yours to explore.

### BERGEN (Norway)

Seven imposing mountains surround Bergen on three sides, forming a dramatic backdrop to the rainbow-painted houses clinging all the way down to the waterfront. Tørgat – Bergen's colourful, lively waterfront market is the hub of the city today. Bergen's Hanseatic legacy lies in the characteristic wooden, step-gabled houses lining the wharf. Narrow, cobbled streets wind their way up between the quaint houses of this picturesque old quarter. Explore the city and take the funicular to the summit of Mount Fløyen, or delight in the scenery of Hardangerfjord that inspired Edvard Grieg.

## YOUR ITINERARY

VOY150301

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
01 Mar	PORTSMOUTH, England		4.00pm
02-03 Mar	AT SEA		
04 Mar	KRISTIANSUND, Norway	9.00am	5.00pm
05 Mar	BRØNNØYSUND, Norway	8.00am	2.30pm
06 Mar	SORTLAND, Norway	9.00am	5.00pm
07 Mar	ALTA, Norway	4.30pm	Overnight
08 Mar	ALTA, Norway		6.00pm
09 Mar	HONNINGSVÅG, Norway	9.00am	5.00pm
10 Mar	TROMSØ, Norway	9.00am	5.00pm
11 Mar	LEKNES, Norway	8.00am	5.30pm
12 Mar	AT SEA		
13 Mar	BERGEN, Norway	8.00am	5.00pm
14-15 Mar	AT SEA		
16 Mar	PORTSMOUTH, England	7.00am	

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



### PROFESSOR IAN MORISON BA MSc PHD FRAS - Gresham Professor of Astronomy

Recent holder of the oldest chair of astronomy in the world, Ian will give a series of talks covering some of the most interesting topics in astronomy, for example, "The search for life beyond the Earth". They will include, of course, a talk about the "Northern Lights" and how best to observe them.



### FENELLA BAZIN

Through the exquisite and inventive craftsmanship of the metalworkers and sculptors of the Viking Age, Fenella Bazin offers a glimpse into this adventurous period, when courageous men and women established settlements in far-flung and often hostile countries.

Your Guest Speakers also include Jane Anne Davey and Philip Lawson & Janet Edwards. See pages 76-79 for more details.



Lofoten Islands

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

### AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$2,990
2 Bed Outside	\$3,290
Balcony Cabin	\$5,220
Single Fares Available	
Discovery Club members receive an additional 5% discount Prices for all categories can be found on page 91.	

# MADEIRA *and the* AZORES in SPRING

16th APRIL – 1st MAY 2015 16 days from \$2,730 per person twin share



Furnas Valley, Azores

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- UNESCO-listed Santiago de Compostela
- Discover the British and French influences of Guernsey
- The Volcanic Archipelago of the Azores
- Explore the exotic flora & fauna of Madeira
- Historic Lisbon – Portugal's attractive capital



Madeira

The charm of St Peter Port is a wonderful opening chapter to this springtime cruise before *Voyager* heads to the Azores – nine volcanic islands sprouting from the Atlantic Ocean, fertile lands with abundant green pastures and an obligatory stop for migrating birds. Experience the true essence of Spain in timeless Santiago de Compostela and the resplendent vistas of the 'Floating Garden of the Atlantic'.

## PORTS of CALL

### ST PETER PORT (Guernsey)

A tapestry of architectural styles tells a story of the changing fortunes of this town once graced by the wealth of ship builders, merchant adventurers and privateers. Step ashore and you'll discover stories of smuggling, legalised piracy, the lucrative entrepôt port and wine trade woven around the cobbled streets and ancient castles, its history inextricably linked to the sea. Venture further to tiny Herm Island for unspoilt beaches and grassy expanses where, pre-history, woolly mammoth roamed, or to Sark, not strictly a sovereign state, but with a unique status as reputedly the last feudal constitution in the western world.

### LA CORUÑA (Spain)

For two thousand years the Tower of Hercules stood sentinel, a witness to Philip II's 'Invincible Armada', Sir Francis Drake's reprisal, the guns of Major General Sir John Moore and Emperor Napoleon's armies – all part of La Coruña's fascinating past. Stroll around magnificent squares, through the medieval quarter or along the 'Crystal City's' attractive promenade. All roads in Spain once led to the Tomb of St James. Today the road from La Coruña still leads to the great city of Santiago de Compostela. The traditional town of Betanzos will also appeal – its grand churches and medieval districts exuding Galician charm.



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### PRAIA DA VITORIA (The Azores)

Founded around 1456 as Vila da Praia, Praia da Vitoria's present name was bestowed by Queen Maria II in 1837 in grateful remembrance of the first victory of the Liberals over the Royalists. Serving as Terceira's capital until it was superseded by Angra do Heroísmo, a recent modernisation of its harbour has seen it stealing Angra's limelight as the island's most important seaport. Angra's historic centre features one of Portugal's best public libraries and retains some important private art collections.

### HORTA (The Azores)

Technically speaking Horta is the westernmost point of Europe. Of the Azores' nine volcanic siblings, it is the most westerly of those sitting on the European tectonic plate. Its capital Faial has featured on navigational charts for centuries - Portuguese and Spanish explorers and New England whaling ships all stopping by. Caldeira - a stronghold of the natural flora of the archipelago - lies at the heart of this beautiful island, and the opportunity to spot whales and dolphins in the surrounding waters will equally enthrall.

### PONTA DELGADA (The Azores)

According to legend a beautiful princess fell in love with a shepherd but her father forbade them from marrying. At their final meeting her tears ran blue and his tears ran green forming two lakes in the bottom of Sete Cidades Crater. The ancient volcanic crater, spectacular Fire Lake and remarkable hot springs of Furnas Valley are part of São Miguel's stunning landscape - a must to explore from the island's capital, Ponta Delgada.

### FUNCHAL (Madeira)

The 'Floating Garden of the Atlantic' has at its heart the dormant peak of Pico Ruivo and boasts a spectacular landscape abundant with verdant foliage and dramatic ravines. Cradled at the heart of a natural amphitheatre, Funchal showcases a tangle of red-roofed, whitewashed houses which tumble down to the mighty ocean. Perched on a plateau, enveloped in woodland, rural Camacha's levada pathways invite exploration. Take in Madeira's beautiful views courtesy of a cable car, during a thrilling wicker toboggan ride or among the specimens carpeting the island's Botanical Gardens.

### LISBON (Portugal)

The Monument to the Discoveries celebrating the achievements of Portugal's seafaring pioneers, the city's icon the Belem Tower and Jerónimos Monastery, the resting place of Vasco da Gama, are all part of Lisbon's rich maritime heritage. Venture further to medieval Obidos, one of Portugal's picturesque gems, the coastal town of Cascais for a stroll among its elegant streets, or Sintra - Lord Byron's 'Glorious Eden'.



Santiago de Compostela

## YOUR ITINERARY

VOY150416

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
16 Apr	PORTSMOUTH, England		5.00pm
17 Apr	ST PETER PORT, Guernsey	8.30am	5.00pm
18 Apr	AT SEA		
19 Apr	LA CORUÑA, Spain	8.00am	5.00pm
20-21 Apr	AT SEA		
22 Apr	PRAIA DA VITORIA, Azores	9.00am	6.00pm
23 Apr	HORTA, Azores	9.00am	6.00pm
24 Apr	PONTA DELGADA, Azores	8.30am	5.00pm
25 Apr	AT SEA		
26 Apr	FUNCHAL, Madeira	8.30am	5.00pm
27 Apr	AT SEA		
28 Apr	LISBON, Portugal	8.00am	4.00pm
29-30 Apr	AT SEA		
01 May	PORTSMOUTH, England	8.30am	

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



### PROFESSOR JAMES FLOYD BSc, MSc, PhD, CGeol, FSA (Scot), FGS

The Azores and Madeira archipelagos include some of the most interesting and spectacular volcanic islands in the western hemisphere where intermittent activity still continues. James' lectures will describe and illustrate the fascinating geological history of the region in relation to the very successful Plate Tectonics model.



### PAUL & LUCY KAY

With many years of underwater photography and marine conservation they will share their experiences and take us into their underwater world.

Your Guest Speakers also include Dr Paul Brown. See pages 76-79 for more details.



Monument to the Discoveries, Lisbon

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

### AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$2,730
2 Bed Outside	\$3,395
Balcony Cabin	\$5,060
Single Fares Available	
Discovery Club members receive an additional 5% discount Prices for all categories can be found on page 91.	

# HERITAGE *of the* BRITISH ISLES

1st – 12th MAY 2015 12 days from \$2,960 per person twin share



*Clockwise from left: Giant's Causeway; Lindisfarne Castle; Eden Project*

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- The 'Holy Island' of Lindisfarne
- Visit the Royal City of Edinburgh & its castle
- Stunning Scenery of the Snowdonia National Park
- Extraordinary Giant's Causeway
- Tranquil haven of the Isles of Scilly
- A full selection of National Trust shore excursion opportunities



*Urquhart Castle, Scotland*

Castles, cathedrals, stately homes, palaces and historic landscapes – all part of the rich heritage of an island nation whose intoxicating history covers thousands of years! This Voyage of Discovery explores the earliest chapters through enigmatic stone circles, takes you to the northern frontier of the mighty Roman Empire, uncovers the complex story of Britain and its place in world history, traces the power of the church, and reveals the secrets hidden in the rocks beneath your feet.

## PORTS *of* CALL

### PORT OF TYNE (England)

A crossroads for trade since Roman times, it was in the 17th century when 'carrying coals to Newcastle' that this port city reigned supreme! Follow in Roman footsteps along Hadrian's Wall. Explore Durham whose famous cathedral is an architectural masterpiece inspired by Norman craftsmanship. National Trust highlights include Cragside, Wallington and the 'Holy Island of Lindisfarne'.

### ROSYTH (Scotland)

Enjoy a day out in Royal Edinburgh – Scotland's vibrant capital. The iconic Royal Mile links historic landmarks, and both the Palace of Holyroodhouse and Edinburgh Castle have a captivating story to tell. Take a unique ride on a masterpiece of engineering, the Falkirk Wheel, delight in the views from the ramparts of Stirling Castle or visit Bannockburn – the battlefield site where the fate of Scotland as a nation would turn.

### INVERGORDON (Scotland)

Stunning scenery, a colourful history, myths, legends and one of the finest malt whiskies north of the border! Invergordon is your gateway to a host of Highland highlights. At the Glenmorangie Distillery experience the art of whisky-making and indulge in a wee dram. Venture to Cawdor Castle and Culloden – names that conjure images of daring and gallantry, great battles and tartan clad clans – or set off in search of the mythical monster on a Loch Ness cruise. Perched on its banks, subject to repeated attacks in the 15th and 16th centuries, Urquhart Castle commands spectacular views.

### BELFAST (Northern Ireland)

Belfast is perhaps the best-known name, but probably the least known city, of any major capital! Murals around Shankill and Falls Road are poignant reminders of the recent 'Troubles' – yet uphold Belfast's belief in its future. From the city with Celtic roots you can visit Mount Stewart House and Garden, explore the delightful coasts and glens of County Antrim, or uncover the myths and legends of a UNESCO World Heritage Site – the extraordinary Giant's Causeway. The story of the ill-fated Titanic, conceived in the city in the early 1900s, is told in an amazing visitor attraction.





### HOLYHEAD (Wales)

A crossing point between Britain and Ireland for over 4,000 years, Holyhead lists the Romans, the Vikings and Benjamin Franklin's Pirate Fleet as part of an eclectic maritime past. Unlock the secrets within mighty medieval walls at Beaumaris and Caernarfon. Beyond King Edward I's formidable 'iron ring' of castles discover Plas Newydd House and Bodnant Garden. Step aboard the Ffestiniog Railway for a nostalgic steam train ride through the spectacular and diverse scenery of Snowdonia National Park.

### ST MARY'S (Isles of Scilly)

A medley of woodland, heath, marshland and sand dunes create a kaleidoscope of beautiful landscapes on this cluster of islands where contrasts continue through the lush and sheltered, to the wild and barren of sometimes storm-lashed shores. Studded in the Atlantic, the Isles of Scilly are one of Britain's best-kept secrets with sub-tropical Tresco Abbey Gardens a must to explore.

### FALMOUTH (England)

Famous for its castles, infamous for its smugglers and pirates, Falmouth has protected the deep-water anchorage of Carrick Roads since Tudor times. Explore this charming town with its nautical and notorious past. Visit the perfect country house and estate of Lanhydrock, the renowned Eden Project, or make your own discoveries among the Lost Gardens of Heligan. Shrouded in myth, legend and a thousand years of history, there's a beguiling beauty to the castle-topped island that rises from the sea in Mount's Bay.

### ST PETER PORT (Guernsey)

Sleepy lanes, private gardens, nature reserves and migrating birds are some of the treasures you can expect on an island awash with colour in spring. Victorian Candie Gardens look out over the harbour at St Peter Port, a town where old-world ambience prevails. Venture to neighbouring Sark where La Seigneurie Gardens in the grounds of a 17th century manor are considered among the Channel Islands' finest, or to Herm, a small but perfectly formed wild bird haven. Re-live bygone rural life at the National Folk Museum, or focus on the more recent history of the island's German occupation during the Second World War – its coastline punctuated by fortifications and bunkers bearing testament to this time.

### YOUR ITINERARY

VOY150501

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
01 May	PORTSMOUTH, England		5.00pm
02 May	AT SEA		
03 May	PORT OF TYNE, England	8.00am	9.00pm
04 May	ROSYTH, Scotland	8.00am	6.00pm
05 May	INVERGORDON, Scotland	10.30am	7.00pm
06 May	AT SEA		
07 May	BELFAST, Northern Ireland	8.30am	7.00pm
08 May	HOLYHEAD, Wales	8.00am	5.00pm
09 May	ST MARY'S, Isles of Scilly	10.00am	6.30pm
10 May	FALMOUTH, England	7.30am	6.30pm
11 May	ST PETER PORT, Guernsey	8.00am	5.30pm
12 May	PORTSMOUTH, England	7.00am	

### YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



#### STEVE RAGNALL

Steve's love of the sea and its history has been the driving force in his research and ability to enthral with his lectures. He will remind us of our maritime heritage and history and much that has occurred in the vicinity of our shores and beyond.



#### CATHERINE LEONARD

Having worked extensively with National Trusts all over the world, Catherine will be exploring the origins of this international conservation movement and sharing some recent experiences, with particular emphasis on the National Trusts of the British Isles.



Isles of Scilly

### BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

### AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$2,960
2 Bed Outside	\$3,675
Balcony Cabin	\$5,480
Single Fares Available	
Discovery Club members receive an additional 5% discount Prices for all categories can be found on page 91.	

# A FLAVOUR of VOYAGER and FRANCE

12th – 15th MAY 2015 4 days from \$525 per person twin share



Monet's Garden

## WHY CHOOSE this CRUISE?

- Sample the *Voyager* experience with a short four-day cruise
- Discover stunning scenery and over 5,000 years of Guernsey heritage
- Lesser-visited Channel Islands – Herm and Sark
- Visit Honfleur, Normandy's seaside town of painters and Impressionism
- Giverny – the delightful house and garden of Claude Monet



Sark

Admire elegant Guernsey, bathed in history and awash with a delightful combination of British and French cultures. Step ashore in the lesser-visited Channel Islands of Herm and Sark. Bask in the dancing light that illuminates Honfleur. Breathe in the beauty of Giverny – Monet's greatest inspiration.

## PORTS of CALL

### ST PETER PORT (Guernsey)

Guernsey's capital is a captivating blend of styles, framed by a tumble of terraces and tiered gardens, and criss-crossed by worn steps and alleys. A castle stands proudly atop a promontory, making St Peter Port's history apparent the moment she rises on the horizon. Ashore discover intriguing tales of smuggling and piracy along with stories of German occupation in the Second World War. Herm is awash with award-winning gardens. Sandy coves, where woolly mammoth roamed, are lapped by clear waters. In neighbouring Sark, La Seigneurie Gardens are considered among the finest in the Channel Islands.

### HONFLEUR (France)

Honfleur features in countless impressionist paintings owing to its intrinsic appeal to artists throughout the centuries, including Monet, Boudin and Courbet. Monet planted and painted at nearby Giverny from 1883 until his death in 1926, immortalising the flower garden 'Clos Normand' and his Japanese-style garden in oil and canvas. Calvados, which dates back as far as the 1500s, has been the home of apple brandy. Deauville is a luxurious resort with impressive hotels, a casino and exquisite boutiques, and was once the stomping ground to stars of the silver screen.





## SAMPLE the VOYAGER EXPERIENCE

Taste the charms of *Voyager*, revel in her convivial atmosphere and become acquainted with a tempting way of life as you cruise to the idyllic Channel Islands and delightful Honfleur. Just four days long, this cruise is ideal for those wishing to sample life on board *Voyager* or those with just a few days to spare and hoping to fit another relaxing break into the year.

During your time on board, you'll enjoy the wonderful *Voyager* experience you'd expect on one of our longer cruises, including our renowned Guest Speaker programme. Settle in to your seat in the Darwin Lounge, where you can enjoy a fascinating talk by one of our most popular Guest Speakers or take in the relaxed ambience of an evening show.

You can enjoy any of our great onboard facilities during your cruise. Relax with a cup of coffee in the elegant Scott's Lounge or watch from the Lookout Lounge as each unique destination comes into view. Perhaps spend time curled up with a book in the library or meet some of your fellow passengers by the pool. You can even join a gentle exercise class in the Health & Fitness Centre – the choice is yours.

You'll also enjoy the usual high standard of cuisine available in the Discovery and Veranda restaurants, enhanced by the attentive service of our onboard staff. The Captain's Gala Dinner is sure to be a real highlight of your short cruise.

This event gives you the perfect opportunity to don formal dress if you wish, before enjoying a wonderful evening of cocktails, a delicious meal and excellent company.

When you bid your fellow passengers and the friendly crew farewell, you are sure to leave with wonderful memories and a desire to begin planning your next Voyage of Discovery.



*Voyager*



*Scott's Lounge*

### YOUR ITINERARY

VOY150512

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
12 May	PORTSMOUTH, England		8.00pm
13 May	ST PETER PORT, Guernsey	8.00am	5.00pm
14 May	HONFLEUR, France	8.00am	4.30pm
15 May	HARWICH, England	9.00am	

### YOUR GUEST SPEAKER INCLUDE:



#### STEVE RAGNALL

One of the busiest waterways in the world and close proximity to France has given us a unique maritime experience. Steve will be exploring the stories of the men, the ships and the music which make up this rich history.



*Honfleur harbour*



*Herm, Channel Islands*

### STAY ON BOARD

To extend your cruise, why not stay on board for Oslo & the Timeless Fjords (see page 50).

### BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

### AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$525
2 Bed Outside	\$685
Balcony Cabin	\$980
Single Fares Available	
Discovery Club members receive an additional 5% discount Prices for all categories can be found on page 91.	

# OSLO *and the* TIMELESS FJORDS

15th – 25th MAY 2015 11 days from \$2,975 per person twin share



*Clockwise from left: Flåm Railway; Nærøysfjord; Art Nouveau Ålesund*

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- The charming 'Gateway to the Fjords' Bergen
- Get up-close to the Briksdal Glacier
- Art Nouveau Ålesund
- Experience the world famous 'Flåm Railway'
- Cruise Nærøysfjord – the narrowest fjord in the world
- Norway's capital, the Viking City of Oslo



*Atlantic Puffin nesting, Norway*

**L**andscapes once the stage of Viking sagas! Scenery straight from the Norse mythological world! Scripted legends of heroes, trolls and princesses! Oslo is an irresistibly fascinating stop on this unique cruise. Take in Norway's most charming coastal towns, and picturesque villages dotted in majestic fjords. On cue Flåm Railway, Hardangerfjord and the musical masterpieces of Edvard Grieg take their place centre stage – each stealing its share of the limelight!

## PORTS of CALL

### **BERGEN (Norway)**

Bergen – charming, a natural beauty, and bursting with historical intrigue. Quaint alleyways and steep cobbled lanes lead in medieval fashion down to the tall, gabled, wooden buildings painting Bergen's Hanseatic waterfront a rainbow of deep red, ochre, burnt orange and browns. From the 'gateway of the fjords' explore Hardangerfjord, the third largest fjord in the world. Discover Fantoft Stave Church, a unique reconstructed stave church, and Troidhaugen, home of composer Edvard Grieg.

### **OLDEN (Norway)**

Olden, a delightful fjord village beyond which lies Oldedalen. Steep, cragged mountains, a turbulent river and an intense green glacial fed lake, it is one of the most enchanting valleys in Norway. Olden is gateway to Jostedal National Park where Jostedalsglacier is Europe's largest glacier. Not to be missed is a hike to Briksdal Glacier, one of Jostedalsglacier's wildest offshoots. The strikingly blue, pitted tentacle of ice plunges from a height of 1,200 metres down to the lush, narrow Briksdalen valley. Enjoy an abundance of spectacular scenery, from the soaring heights of Tystigen Mountain to the awe-inspiring Loen Valley and the impressive Kjenndal Glacier.





### ÅLESUND (Norway)

Myriad turrets, spires and beautiful ornamentation give Ålesund its distinctive character. Equally magical is the harmonious way the town intermingles with islands, mountains, fjords and sea. Stroll through atmospheric streets under the watchful gaze of its gargoyles. Sunmøre Open Air Folk Museum and the town's Art Nouveau Museum turn back the pages of time. Discover the beauty of Romsdal – district of fairytales and trolls – and the charming islands of Giske and Godøy.

### FLÅM (Norway)

Meaning 'little place between steep mountains', Flåm could not be more aptly named! Nestled deep in a tributary of Norway's longest and deepest fjord, the charming village promises 'Norway in a Nutshell'. It is also the start of the amazing Flåm Railway. Deep ravines, towering mountains, fast flowing rivers and cascading waterfalls are the breathtaking vistas during an exciting ascent through the wild Flåm Valley.

### OSLO (Norway)

Poised between the mountains and the sea, Oslo boasts an eclectic mix of architecture from old medieval to cutting-edge new. A kaleidoscope of rocky outcrops and lush islets makes for a wonderful journey to the head of Oslofjord where Scandinavia's oldest capital sits poised between mirror-calm waters studded with small, picturesque islands and an amphitheatre of forested hills. Sea is the soul of this city that's grown from Viking Capital of Norway to sophisticated metropolis. The Vigeland Park is the world's largest sculpture park made by a single artist.

### KRISTIANSAND (Norway)

Steeped in tradition, maritime history and once home to one of the world's largest fleets of sailing ships, Kristiansand boasts one of Norway's most attractive coastal sceneries within its city limits! A kaleidoscope of tiny rocky islands and picturesque white-painted houses in sheltered inlets tease the eye towards the charming coastal town of Lillesand – the jewel of Sørlandet.

## YOUR ITINERARY

VOY150515

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
15 May	HARWICH, England		4.30pm
16 May	AT SEA		
17 May	BERGEN, Norway	9.00am	6.30pm
18 May	OLDEN, Norway	12.00pm	6.00pm
19 May	ÅLESUND, Norway	7.30am	5.00pm
20 May	FLÅM, Norway	9.00am	5.00pm
20 May	SCENIC CRUISE NÆRØYFJORD		
21 May	AT SEA		
22 May	OSLO, Norway	8.30am	5.30pm
23 May	KRISTIANSAND, Norway	8.30am	5.00pm
24 May	AT SEA		
25 May	HARWICH, England	7.30am	

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



### JANE ANN DAVEY

Jane's talks centre around Norway's enormously varied southern landscapes, both coastal and inland, that have a rich and colourful history stretching far beyond the fjords and Viking raiders.



### MICHAEL SCOTT BSC OBE

The spectacular scenery of the fjords provides a home for all sorts of interesting wildlife, and some colourful wild flowers can

be seen around several of our ports of call. Michael's talks will focus on the wild side of the fjords and the vegetation that enriches the scenery.

Your Guest Speakers also include John Brinkley. See pages 76-79 for more details.

## EXTEND YOUR CRUISE

Why not enjoy *A Flavour of Voyager and France* before your cruise to Norway (see page 48).

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

## AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$2,975
2 Bed Outside	\$3,695
Balcony Cabin	\$5,515
Single Fares Available	
Discovery Club members receive an additional 5% discount Prices for all categories can be found on page 91.	

# A BALTIC SHOWCASE

25th MAY – 8th JUNE 2015 15 days from \$3,150 per person twin share



Old Town, Tallinn

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- Scandinavia's exciting and cosmopolitan cities – Copenhagen and Stockholm
- Extended stay in beautiful St Petersburg
- Enchanting Tallinn
- Hanseatic port town of Wismar
- Opportunity to visit Moscow
- Discover the cultural melting pot that is Amsterdam
- Transit of the Kiel Canal



Little Mermaid Statue, Copenhagen

**E**laborate cathedrals, impressive palaces and historic castles – all reminders of the great empires of the Baltic Sea region. Step ashore in fabled cities where ancient and modern cultures contrast, yet merge. St Petersburg is Russia's 'cultural capital' where art, architecture and a fascinating history work together to create a unique city. Fascinating relics of a colourful medieval past abound in Hanseatic cities Lübeck, Tallinn and Wismar – the gateway to unforgettable Berlin.

## PORTS of CALL

### COPENHAGEN (Denmark)

Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid – an icon in this warm, welcoming city where history is very much alive. Christiansborg Palace on the islet of Slotsholmen is the house of Denmark's three supreme powers. Tivoli Gardens will delight, with a contrast of beautiful landscapes and thrilling rides. Medieval and rococo gems jostle for attention around cobbled squares and narrow streets intersected by a labyrinth of canals – from the water admire gabled houses and a skyline dominated by spires.

### STOCKHOLM (Sweden)

A stately 750-year-old Scandinavian stronghold, Stockholm is beautiful, unique and unforgettable. The heart of the city, medieval Gamla Stan is a latticework of centuries-old alleyways overshadowed by historic houses with the Royal Palace its crown. Visit the ancient capital of Sigtuna, where church ruins and runic stones are steeped in history. In contrast the unique 'Sky View' takes you atop the contemporary Ericsson Globe Arena. The world-renowned Vasa Museum is a fascinating porthole on Sweden's illustrious seafaring past.

### HELSINKI (Finland)

Europe's only capital with no medieval past, Helsinki still boasts 450 years of fascinating history. Lording high over the city, the brilliant white Lutheran Cathedral and Russian Orthodox Uspenski Cathedral grace the glorious neo-classical Senate Square. Cultural influences from the East and the West are reflected in this pocket-sized metropolis, which blends seamlessly with the beauty of its surroundings. Enjoy a unique vintage tram ride and admire buildings from Gothic through Art Deco, to cutting-edge contemporary – testament to the creativity of 19th and 20th century architects.

### ST PETERSBURG (Russia)

The glitter of Imperial Russia is omnipresent, imposing and incredibly powerful in St Petersburg, the city that evolved from a swamp into a chic European metropolis. The world-renowned Hermitage, Catherine's Palace at Pushkin and magnificent Peterhof reflect the ambience and lifestyle enjoyed by Russian Tsars. Visit the Cathedral of the Spilled Blood whose cheerful multi-coloured onion domes mask a morbid history, or Yusupov Palace where the 'mad monk' Rasputin met his demise.



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St Isaac's Cathedral, St Petersburg

### TALLINN (Estonia)

Robust walls punctuated by imposing towers around an amazing patchwork of soaring spires and red-roofed houses. From the moment you catch a glimpse of Tallinn's medieval Old Town, you'll be enchanted. Wander through the wonderful web of winding streets where every time-worn cobblestone holds clues to a rich history. Distractions include artists' studios and workshops where talented hands fashion ceramics, knitwear, jewellery and more.

### WISMAR (Germany)

Germany's capital, Berlin, has changed immensely since the fall of its famous wall. Discover a fascinating fusion of modern architecture and historic structures that serve as reminders of the city's former division. Hanseatic Lübeck harks back to its medieval past, with an abundance of 'Brick Gothic' architecture and narrow streets. At the heart of historic Wismar lies the vast marketplace amongst a potpourri of architectural styles.

### KIEL CANAL TRANSIT

The world's busiest artificial waterway stretches 98 kilometres from Brunsbüttel through Schleswig-Holstein to Kiel Holtenau. During its construction time naval strategies were paramount. Today it is the basis for trade between the countries of the Baltic area and the rest of the world.

### AMSTERDAM (The Netherlands)

Amsterdam, the 'City of Golden Age Art'! Seductive with seemingly endless rows of elegant gabled houses, quaint canals crossed by ancient bridges and subdued ochre tones of old buildings. Discover narrow cobblestone streets thronged with bicycles, and vibrant rainbow shades of the floating market. A veritable painter's palette, the Dutch capital promises treasures in the Rijksmuseum – masterpieces from the brushes of Rembrandt, Van Gogh and Vermeer.

### YOUR ITINERARY

VOY 150525

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
25 May	HARWICH, England		4.00pm
26 May	AT SEA		
27 May	COPENHAGEN, Denmark	1.00pm	11.00pm
28 May	AT SEA		
29 May	STOCKHOLM, Sweden	9.00am	5.00pm
30 May	HELSINKI, Finland	12.30pm	7.00pm
31 May	ST PETERSBURG, Russia	11.00am	Overnight
01 Jun	ST PETERSBURG, Russia		Overnight
02 Jun	ST PETERSBURG, Russia		6.00pm
03 Jun	TALLINN, Estonia	8.30am	2.30pm
04 Jun	AT SEA		
05 Jun	WISMAR, Germany	7.30am	10.00pm
06 Jun	KIEL CANAL TRANSIT		
07 Jun	AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands	9.00am	5.00pm
08 Jun	HARWICH, England	8.00am	

### YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



#### KEITH MURAS

Living and working as a Diplomat in the former Soviet Union during the 'Cold War' was a time of great challenge for British diplomats. Keith Muras reveals episodes and events that highlight the unique experience of engaging directly with Soviet officialdom and examines the structure and activities of the KGB. Keith also looks at more recent challenges from drug running, money laundering and financial crime.



#### SIR JAMES HODGE KVO CMG

The Nordic countries have fascinating histories. Sir James Hodge, who has studied and worked in the region, will illuminate their stories over a 1,000-year period, from the Age of the Vikings to a time when the British, with Nelson and Wellington involved, bombarded Copenhagen.



#### JOHN SHERLOCK

John, an established NADFAS speaker brings together his knowledge, understanding and huge enthusiasm for the built environment, and will help you appreciate the architecture of the great sites which are a major highlight of this cruise.

### BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

### AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$3,150
2 Bed Outside	\$3,920
Balcony Cabin	\$5,830
Single Fares Available	
Discovery Club members receive an additional 5% discount Prices for all categories can be found on page 91.	

# SPECTACULAR NORWAY *and the* ENIGMATIC WHITE SEA

8th – 27th JUNE 2015 20 days from \$4,900 per person twin share



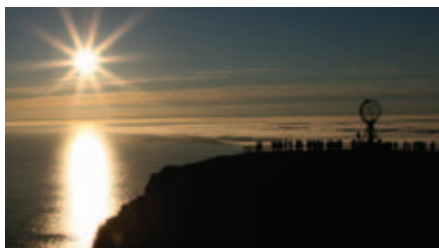
Fishing Village, Lofoten Island



Solovetsky Monastery

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- Remote Solovetsky Islands
- Memories of the Arctic Convoys in Archangel and Murmansk
- Charming Bergen with its UNESCO-listed waterfront
- Spectacular scenery and landscapes of the Lofoten Islands
- The midnight sun at the North Cape
- Experience the remarkable Atlantic Road – a 20th century feat of engineering
- Visit the lively and beautiful ‘capital of the Arctic’ Tromsø



Midnight Sun at the North Cape, Norway



Bergen's Hanseatic Waterfront

Echoes of Norse myths, the seafaring spirit of the Vikings, tales of pioneers to the Arctic Circle, whispers in the wind of Hanseatic and Pomor traders! Cruise amongst the islands, inlets and yawning fjords of Norway's stunning coastline and experience the 'White Nights' of summer solstice as you round the North Cape. Two World Wars brought Allied convoys to the frigid White Sea. Amidst the austere beauty of the seascape, the isolated Solovetsky Archipelago is blessed with natural beauty, spiritual significance and a wealth of history.

## PORTS of CALL

### BERGEN (Norway)

Ancient medieval streets and characteristic wooden gabled houses paint a vivid picture of when Bergen was one of the pivotal centres in the expansive Hanseatic trading empire. Venture further and you'll discover breathtaking scenery, the inspiration for Norway's most famous son – composer Edvard Grieg. A charming city with many faces, Bergen is your gateway to the spectacular fjords.

### LEKNES (Lofoten Islands, Norway)

For their sheer grandeur the landscapes of Norway are breathtaking and those of the Lofoten are no exception. Anchored above the Arctic Circle this wonderful archipelago of islands linked by impressive bridges and tunnels appear as a single chain of mountains. Look closer and you'll see the stark mountains are separated by fertile green farmlands, majestic fjords and deep ravines. Look out for soaring seabirds and step ashore to discover the charming and remote fishing village of Henningsvaer, Viking legacies unearthed and reconstructed at Borg, and rambling along a foreshore squeezed tight between mountains and surging sea a delightful village called Å.

### HONNINGSVÅG (Norway)

Continental Europe's northernmost tip, the North Cape is the final frontier to the Arctic Ocean. The dramatic headland is the perfect vantage point to experience the mystical midnight sun. Ornithologists will love the opportunity to cruise around the nature reserve Gjesvaerstappan. Both are possible from tiny Honningsvåg – a dot on the vast wilderness of Magerøya Island.

### KIRKENES (Norway)

Dramatic mountains, epic fjords and verdant forest carpeting the Pasvil Valley – among the glorious sights to behold in Kirkenes, not to mention the spectacle of the Northern Lights during winter months and summers beneath the endless midnight sun. Second World War memories are recounted at the Borderland Museum, close to the Storskog border crossing that links Norway to Russia.

### ARCHANGEL (Russia)

Revolution, war and communism all left their indelible marks on Archangel. Look beyond the modern architecture of Lenin Square and you'll discover four centuries of fascinating history reflected in monuments, museums, churches and small enclaves of old wooden houses. Peel back the layers and myriad pointers speak volumes of ancient Russian culture, and the oldest traditions and spiritual life of the Pomors.





### SOLOVETSKY ISLANDS (Russia)

In the 14th century two hermit monks sailed in search of solitude to the Solovetsky Islands where a vision propelled them to build a small monastery. Against a high Arctic backdrop stunning Solovetsky Monastery illustrates the faith, tenacity and enterprise of the late medieval communities. The mighty fortress walls hold echoes of the infamous Gulag and speak of darker times. Bequeathed with nature's generosity the islands on UNESCO's World Heritage List have a rare and haunting beauty.

### MURMANSK (Russia)

Relatively young, yet Murmansk played a significant role in 20th century history. Occupied by Allied forces in defiance of the Bolsheviks during the Russian Civil War, this 'Hero City' was terminus for the 'Murmansk Run' – most perilous of the Allied convoy lifelines in the Second World War. Uncover the wartime memories of Murmansk where 'Lenin', the world's first nuclear-powered icebreaker, is a reminder that the city known as 'Arctic Gate' is home to the world's largest atomic fleet.

### TROMSØ (Norway)

350 kilometres above the Arctic Circle and a mere 2,000 kilometres from the North Pole, Tromsø, the capital of North Norway, has since the 1900s been the starting point of a host of Arctic expeditions. Marvellous museums chronicle epic journeys of adventurers who set off from this 'Gateway to the Arctic'. The cable car to the summit of Mount Storsteinen promises an exhilarating ride. Don't miss the elegant geometric beauty of the city's Arctic Cathedral.

### KRISTIANSUND (Norway)

A patchwork of vibrant islands, sparkling fjords and rugged mountain ranges – Kristiansund offers an abundance of delights. Its enviable position on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean gives visitors the opportunity to experience one of the world's most beautiful drives – the 8km long 'Atlantic Road', a feat of engineering zigzagging its way across low bridges jutting out to sea. For an insight into the region's ancient history, step inside Kvernes Stave Church.

## YOUR ITINERARY

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DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
08 Jun	HARWICH, England		4.30pm
09 Jun	AT SEA		
10 Jun	BERGEN, Norway	9.00am	5.00pm
11 Jun	AT SEA		
12 Jun	LEKNES, Norway	8.30am	5.00pm
13 Jun	HONNINGSVÅG, Norway	6.00pm	11.00pm
14 Jun	KIRKENES, Norway	12.00pm	6.30pm
15 Jun	AT SEA		
16 Jun	ARCHANGEL, Russia	8.00am	6.30pm
17 Jun	SOLOVETSKY, Russia	8.00am	Overnight
18 Jun	SOLOVETSKY, Russia		5.00pm
19 Jun	AT SEA		
20 Jun	MURMANSK, Russia	7.00am	7.00pm
21 Jun	AT SEA		
22 Jun	TROMSØ, Norway	8.00am	2.30pm
23 Jun	AT SEA		
24 Jun	KRISTIANSUND, Norway	8.00am	5.00pm
25-26 Jun	AT SEA		
27 Jun	HARWICH, England	6.00am	

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



### PROFESSOR DAVID DREWRY

David's lectures will explore the stunning scenery of Arctic Norway and the White Sea, the evidence for significant changes in ice cover and climate, and the consequential opening of new commercial sea routes to Asia via Siberian waters. He will recount the exploits of Fridtjof Nansen, Norway's greatest polar hero, attempts to reach the North Pole by balloon and early aeroplanes and ask finally "Who owns the Arctic?"



### AIR COMMODORE PHIL WILKINSON

What were Allied Forces doing in Northern Russia between 1917 and 1919? Phil Wilkinson discusses this Intervention and describes subsequent British air action in the region in World War II. He will also look at post-war Russia and our relationship with this huge, complex and highly cultural country.

Your Guest Speakers also include Peter Mawby and Stuart Usher. See pages 76-79 for more details.

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

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### AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

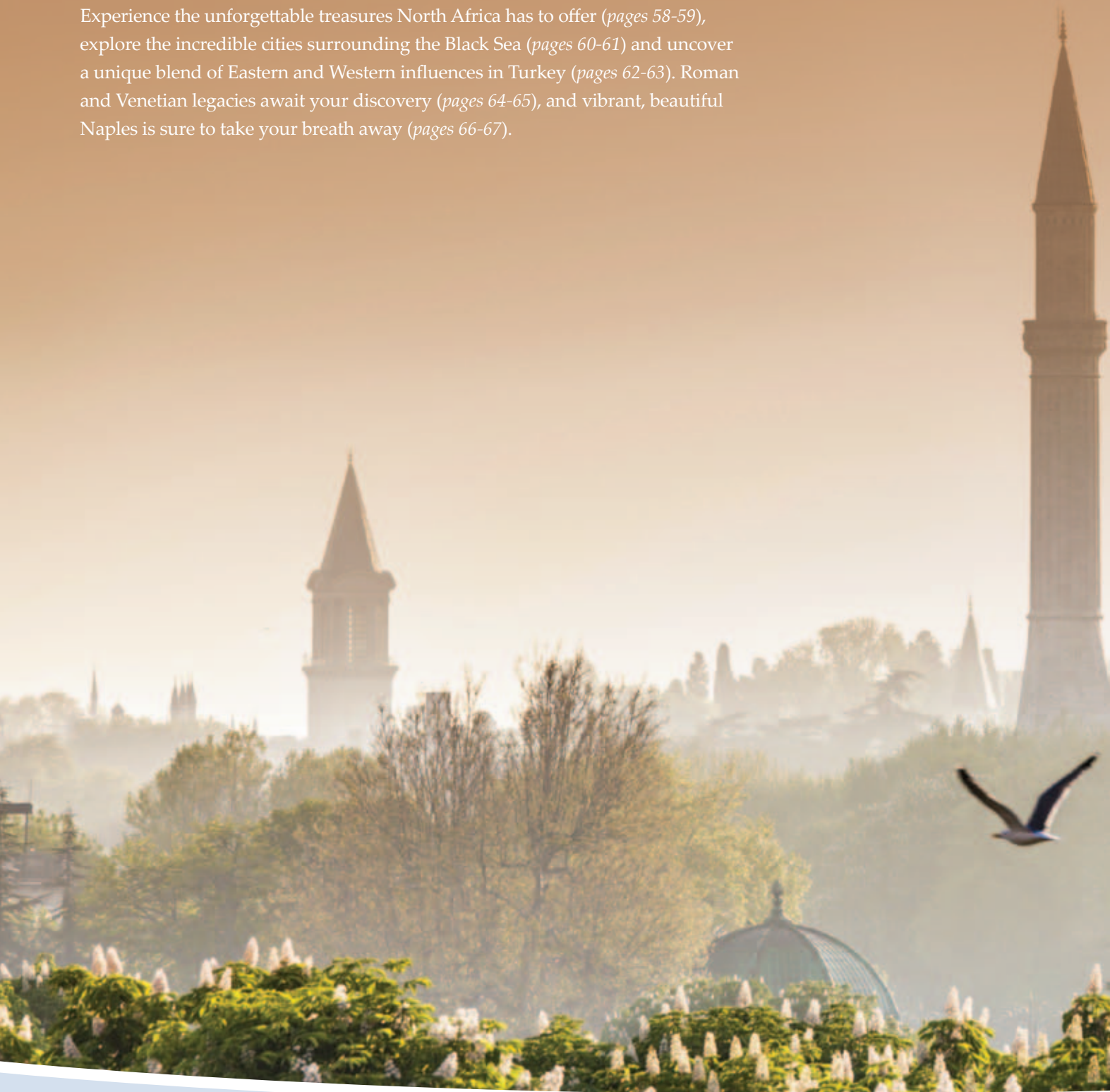
CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$4,900
2 Bed Outside	\$6,090
Balcony Cabin	\$9,065
Single Fares Available	
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# SOUTH *to the* SUMMER SUN

## AUGUST—OCTOBER 2015 SUMMER CRUISES

**D**iscover the origins of western civilisation, magnificent ancient ruins and cities torn apart by epic battles. Admire spectacular landscapes and a vast array of fascinating architecture reflecting diverse periods throughout history.

Experience the unforgettable treasures North Africa has to offer (*pages 58-59*), explore the incredible cities surrounding the Black Sea (*pages 60-61*) and uncover a unique blend of Eastern and Western influences in Turkey (*pages 62-63*). Roman and Venetian legacies await your discovery (*pages 64-65*), and vibrant, beautiful Naples is sure to take your breath away (*pages 66-67*).



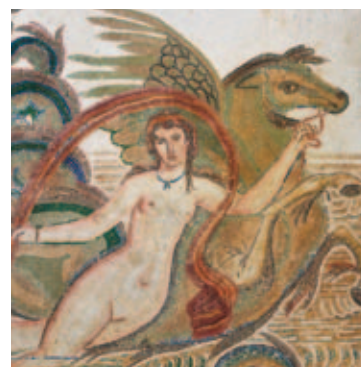


Blue Mosque, Istanbul  
*The Best of the Black Sea*  
15 days departing 9th September 2015, pages 60 - 61



# COLOURS of the MEDITERRANEAN

29th AUGUST – 9th SEPTEMBER 2015 12 days from \$2,800 per person twin share



From top: Santorini; Bardo Museum, Tunis

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- Historic yet cosmopolitan Cagliari
- Sicily's best-kept secret Syracuse
- Discover the incredible landscapes and culture of Tunisia
- Valletta & its magnificent UNESCO-listed Grand Harbour
- Beautiful Grecian islands of Crete and Santorini
- Extended stay in Piraeus to explore Athens - birthplace of a Civilisation



Fountain in Archimede Square, Syracuse

**R**ich in history, art, myths and culture, this fascinating Voyage of Discovery uncovers the origins and genius of western civilisation and follows in the footsteps of passionate Crusaders. Exotic North Africa promises amazing archaeological treasures, dazzling Roman mosaics and magnificent ruins, while Athens reveals all that was most impressive about the ancient world – a fitting finale to an unforgettable journey.

## PORTS of CALL

### MARSEILLE (France)

Marseille's medieval quarter, Le Panier, is a labyrinth of alleyways and steep cobbled steps awash with years of fascinating history. Today the city is a cosmopolitan mix of Gallic chic, Arabic cool and ancient grandeur.

### CAGLIARI (Sardinia)

Cagliari is an ancient city with a colourful history, relics of which can be found amongst its four historic quarters. Fascinating architecture tells the story of medieval mystery which blends with the city's modern urbanity. Ancient Nora is believed to be the first town founded in Sardinia, its unique past inextricably tangled with myths and legend. Explore the beautiful Botanical Garden and its Centre of Conservation of Biodiversity.

### LA GOULETTE (Tunisia)

For over 3,000 years Tunis witnessed the passage of Phoenicians, Romans, Vandals, Byzantines, Turks, Spanish and French. They came as fugitives and adventurers, to conquer and claim, and as warriors and missionaries. Each left their story in stone, mosaic and on the hills of Carthage at the threshold of the Sahara. Carthage – the city that dared brave the might of Rome. Ruins of both great empires are scattered amongst modern Tunis where the Bardo Museum houses the world's finest mosaic collection.

### SOUSSE (Tunisia)

Sousse – a charming town which bore witness to the very first centuries of Islam. Once part of an important coastal defence system, the city is one of the best examples of seaward-facing fortifications built by the Arabs. Step ashore and explore the bustling alleyways of the city's Medina, witness the unique architecture of the Great Mosque and discover incredible exhibits including a fascinating collection of mosaics in the archaeological museum.





Valletta, Malta

### VALLETTA (Malta)

Capital of Malta, Valletta boasts a rich culture and impressive architecture. As you enter the Grand Harbour, admire Valletta's impressive stone fortifications – a legacy of the Crusaders. The Blue Grotto, fascinating sea caverns where the sunlight reflects against the glistening waters, is a unique spectacle, mirroring the phosphorescent colours of the underwater flora. Discover the charming villages of Tarxien and Marsaxlokk and the 'silent city' of Mdina, a fascinating medieval walled town.

### SYRACUSA (Sicily)

In 413 Syracuse was the Sicilian city that defeated the might of Athens. Home of Pindar, Aeschylus and the inimitable Archimedes, it was according to Cicero 'the greatest Greek city and the most beautiful of them all'. The city's ancient Greek past, both historical and mythological, is ubiquitous in the modern city of today. Stroll around the old quarter Ortigia where ancient structures entwine with medieval treasures. Every time-worn stone tells a fascinating story in the Neapolis Archaeological Park on Teminite Hill, and Mount Etna, one of the world's most explosive volcanoes, is a towering spectacle.

### CHANIA, CRETE (Greece)

With its narrow alleys and charming buildings leading down to a crumbling Venetian harbour, Chania's old town is surely one of Crete's most beautiful sights. Minoan ruins, ancient Roman fortresses and magnificent gorges are further highlights of this incredible island. Don't miss a visit to Knossos – the capital of Minoan Crete shrouded in thrilling legends around a Labyrinth and mythical Minotaur.

### SANTORINI (Greece)

In Santorini, discover a rich history steeped in myth. Built atop a hill, Pyrgos was the island's capital until the 1800s. At the heart of the village, a Venetian castle nestles amongst traditional houses and charming narrow streets. The coastal village of Oia is another memorable sight, with an assortment of strikingly white-coloured houses tumbling down the hillside. Explore Akrotiri, a unique Minoan Bronze Age settlement, and several fascinating museums in pretty Fira.

### PIRAEUS (Greece)

Art, philosophy, military and literary glory – Athens represents all that was great in the ancient world. Piraeus is your gateway to the Greek capital. Towering over the city from its rocky outcrop, the Acropolis is a sight never to be forgotten, while the magnificent New Acropolis Museum provides some fascinating insight into this ancient landmark.

### YOUR ITINERARY

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DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
29 Aug	MARSEILLE, France		10.00pm
30 Aug	AT SEA		
31 Aug	CAGLIARI, Italy	8.00am	5.00pm
01 Sep	LA GOULETTE, Tunisia	8.30am	5.30pm
02 Sep	SOUSSE, Tunisia	8.30am	4.30pm
03 Sep	VALLETTA, Malta	9.00am	11.00pm
04 Sep	SYRACUSA, Sicily	8.30am	6.00pm
05 Sep	AT SEA		
06 Sep	CHANIA, Greece	8.00am	11.00pm
07 Sep	SANTORINI, Greece	8.00am	5.00pm
08 Sep	PIRAEUS, Greece	8.30am	Overnight
09 Sep	PIRAEUS, Greece		

### YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



#### ANNE MARIE HARRISON

Anne-Marie Harrison, French anthropologist, has been lecturing on ships for many years and always enjoys bringing

back to life some of the ancient and not so ancient civilisations that have helped shape the Mediterranean: Phoenicians, Greeks, Etruscans, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans and Venetians have all left their stamp in the various places covered on this exciting itinerary.



#### BRIGADIER HUGH WILLING CBE

Hugh Willing, who served in Gibraltar, Italy and Cyprus with the British Army is a fund of knowledge on the British military history of the Mediterranean and its Islands. From Nelson's land battles against the French on Corsica, to the loss of Minorca, and the capture of the German commander on Crete in 1944, to the amazing story of the only survivor of a lost submarine, he will share his knowledge and interest in these tales of bravery, bravado and bluff through the ages.

### EXTEND YOUR CRUISE

Enjoy a pre-cruise 2-night city stay to Nice & the French Riviera (see page 73).

### BOOK NOW AND SAVE

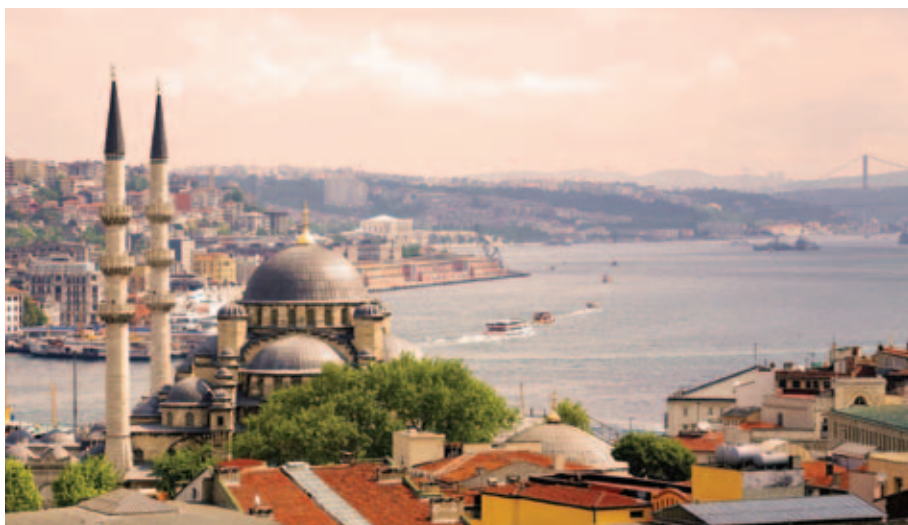
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### AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$2,800
2 Bed Outside	\$3,555
Balcony Cabin	\$5,425
Single Fares Available	
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# THE BEST *of the* BLACK SEA

9th – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2015 15 days from \$3,675 per person twin share



Bosphorus Strait, Istanbul



Sumela Monastery, Turkey

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- Athens, the oldest yet most cosmopolitan city in Europe
- Odessa and its Opera House, the architectural jewel in the city's crown
- Sevastopol's Crimean War history and its Panorama Museum
- 2014 Winter Olympic Host, pearl of the 'Russian Riviera' Sochi
- Georgian hospitality in Batumi
- Istanbul – a showcase of Byzantine and Ottoman Empires



Krasnaya Polyana mountains



Nesebur Old Town

Tales from Greek mythology, magnificent palaces of the Russian aristocracy, epic battles throughout history and the more recent Cold War. Step ashore in cities around the Black Sea that for seventy years were hidden behind the Iron Curtain. As you trace the coastline admire Georgia's rich, original culture and discover Bulgaria's epic history. Finally, immerse yourself in intoxicating Istanbul – Turkey's most tantalising city, which spans two continents.

## PORTS *of* CALL

### PIRAEUS (Greece)

According to mythology when the Greek goddess Athena won a duel against Poseidon, Athens was her prize. Today the soul of the Greek capital is embedded in its ancient monuments. The Acropolis, the Parthenon and the Temples of Zeus and Hephaesus speak volumes of a rich and glorious past. Explore the winding, cobbled lanes of Plaka, the city's enticing old quarter, or the amazing National Archaeological Museum. For ancient Greeks Delphi was the centre of the known world - visit the atmospheric ruins where heaven and earth met.

### BURGAS (Bulgaria)

Lively, dynamic and awash with cultural landmarks, Burgas meanders along the Black Sea coast and plays host to four lakes which in turn lend shelter to a plethora of bird species. Nearby Sozopol is shrouded in a kaleidoscope of fascinating history spanning as far back as the Bronze Age, while the town's symbol of an anchor alludes to the significance of its maritime trade. The spirit of the ages lives on in Nesebur Old Town. Peel back layer upon layer of a millennium of uninterrupted human occupation as you wander narrow, cobblestone streets lined with charming houses in Bulgarian national revival style.

### ODESSA (Ukraine)

'The Pearl of the Black Sea' - stately 19th century classical architecture set on orderly planned streets surrounded by green space, the city Catherine the Great envisaged as the St Petersburg of the south would today have exceeded even her high expectations. Admire the splendid Orthodox Uspensky Cathedral and iconic Potemkin Steps. Fine historical buildings housing superb museums speak volumes about Odessa's cultural heritage, while an evening performance within the iconic Odessa Opera House, which echoes with concerts conducted by Tchaikovsky, is a truly special event.

### SEVASTOPOL (Ukraine)

Balaklava Valley, Sapouné Ridge and Raglan's Viewpoint – names that paint a vivid picture of the fateful war fought on the Crimean Peninsula and the vainglorious battle immortalised in Tennyson's 'Charge of the Light Brigade'. Explore this fascinating period in Sevastopol's history or open a more recent chapter pertaining to the Cold War. Stroll among Bakhchisaray's winding medieval streets or marvel at the remarkable Uspensky Cave Monastery, hewn out of steep limestone cliffs and said by legend to date back to the 8th century.



Your cruise fare excludes Turkey visa. If you are flying in or out of Turkey and if you choose the pre cruise add-on you will need a visa before travel.



### YALTA (Ukraine)

A favourite of Catherine the Great, who conquered the Crimea for her Empire and home of famous Russian dramatist Anton Chekhov, Yalta – looking across the Black Sea towards the Orient – will forever be associated with the 1945 conference between Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt, which redrew the map of Europe. Turn the pages on Yalta's fascinating history as you explore elegant palaces of Russia's ruling elite and splendid gardens – a rich residue of the region's Tsarist past.

### SOCHI (Russia)

From Russian Tsars to travellers and merchants on the famed Silk Road, Sochi has welcomed visitors for thousands of years. Yet it was the unlikely combination of sun, sand, sea and Stalin that propelled it into the limelight as capital of 'Russia's Riviera'. The former residence Zelenaya Roscha and grandiose Stalinist architecture throughout the city are a legacy of the 'all nations leader'. Sochi's stint as 2014 Winter Olympics host pushed Krasnaya Polyana into the limelight – but this picturesque and mountainous town's charms remain in focus year-round.

### BATUMI (Georgia)

Surrounded by a backdrop of forested hills the 'Jewel of the Georgian Riviera' is at the heart of a region whose ancient and rich, original culture evolved like a colourful mosaic for centuries into a society fiercely proud of its traditions, heritage and the Georgian language. Batumi lies close to the 121-kilometre long border Georgia shares with Turkey. Venture to

the Gonio Fortress, one-time protector of the entrances to the Chorokhi and Acharistskali Gorges, which connected the south-western interior to the Black Sea. In a classical late 19th century former Treasury building, the Adjara State Museum houses a treasure trove of artefacts on the life of the Adjara.

### TRABZON (Turkey)

Ruled in turn by Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Goths and Ottomans, Trabzon weathered the storms of battle, invasion, natural disaster and internal upheaval. Uncover the city's enigmatic past as you wander bazaars and Byzantine backstreets. Visit Atatürk Pavilion for an insight into modern Turkey. Venture into the stunning Altındere National Park, where amazing Sumela Monastery perches on a cliff façade almost higher than the clouds!

### ISTANBUL (Turkey)

Istanbul – where Europe meets Asia and East blends with West. Discover a fusion of cultures and intricate layer of faiths. The Ottomans left opulent footprints in Suleymaniye and Sultanahmet mosques. Hagia Sophia, the Monastery of Chora and Yerebatan Sarayı preserve the legacy of Istanbul's Byzantine past. Immerse yourself in culture as you explore the Blue Mosque, the Ottomans' glittering jewel! For views of the minaret-studded skyline cruise the inky waters of the Bosphorus or lose yourself in the labyrinth of Istanbul's intoxicating Grand Bazaar.

## YOUR ITINERARY

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DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
09 Sep	PIRAEUS, Greece		Overnight
10 Sep	PIRAEUS, Greece		5.00pm
11 Sep	AT SEA		
12 Sep	BURGAS, Bulgaria	8.30am	5.00pm
13 Sep	ODESSA, Ukraine	4.30pm	Overnight
14 Sep	ODESSA, Ukraine		5.30pm
15 Sep	SEVASTOPOL, Ukraine	8.30am	11.00pm
16 Sep	YALTA, Ukraine	7.30am	5.00pm
17 Sep	SOCHI, Russia	12.30pm	Overnight
18 Sep	SOCHI, Russia		6.00pm
19 Sep	BATUMI, Georgia	9.00am	8.00pm
20 Sep	TRABZON, Turkey	8.00am	2.30pm
21 Sep	AT SEA		
22 Sep	ISTANBUL, Turkey	8.00am	Overnight
23 Sep	ISTANBUL, Turkey		

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



### SIR TONY BRENTON KCMG

The Black Sea has seen the clash of great empires, notably the Russians and the Ottomans. Sir Tony Brenton, former British

Ambassador to Russia, will talk about some of these high historic moments; the rise and rule of Catherine the Great who (in the midst of other diversions) conquered the Crimea for Russia, the Crimean War - that first great clash between Russia and the West, and the epic Yalta conference which set the shape for post World War II Europe.



### BRIGADIER PHILIP SANDERS OBE

The Balkans, Turkey, the Ukraine and Russia and the seas around them have been fought over for thousands of years. Brigadier Philip Sanders will

talk about some of the military campaigns and key battles of more recent times: the Crimean War, the First World War at Gallipoli and the Dardanelles, the Turkish War of Independence and the military backdrop to the Yalta Conference of 1945. He will also provide a perspective on the rise of Kemal Atatürk, the father of modern Turkey, and the pressures on his legacy today.

## EXTEND YOUR CRUISE

Enjoy a post-cruise 2-night tour to Cappadocia from Istanbul (see page 71).

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

## AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$3,675
2 Bed Outside	\$4,655
Balcony Cabin	\$7,105

### Single Fares Available

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Prices for all categories can be found on page 91.  
Turkey visa required before departure.

# MEDITERRANEAN REFLECTIONS

23rd SEPTEMBER – 6th OCTOBER 2015 14 days from \$2,975 per person twin share



From top: St John Monastery, Patmos; Acropolis, Greece

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- Istanbul – the only city to straddle two continents
- Explore the legendary city of Troy
- Magnificent archaeological sites of Pergamum and Ephesus
- The UNESCO-listed Meteora Monasteries
- Visit Pella, the birthplace of Alexander the Great
- Explore ancient Athens and the Acropolis
- Selection of shore excursions following in the footsteps of St Paul



Inscription in Asklepion, Turkey

Where East meets West, the city that straddles the Bosphorus is the ideal starting point on this voyage of discovery. Visit sacred destinations, as you tread a path worn by the tireless Apostle St Paul, witness marvellous ruins of cities lined with the early history of Christianity and admire ancient palaces, monuments, mosques and monasteries – none more astounding than Meteroa – towering spectacles seemingly suspended in mid-air.

## PORTS of CALL

### ISTANBUL (Turkey)

A curious mix of old and new, traditional and modern, the oriental and the occidental, Istanbul is like an intricately woven carpet! For centuries powerful empires coveted this bustling and cosmopolitan crossroads. Around every street corner Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman palaces, monuments, mosques, monasteries and churches are part of an extraordinary legacy. Explore the 'City on the Seven Hills' and discover among the exotic spoils of Old Constantinople the cascading domes of the Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace's opulence.

### CANAKKALE (Turkey)

Discover the mythological city of Troy, for centuries known only in the pages of Homer's lyric. Footprints of St Paul still lead from Alexandria Troas to idyllic Assos – a famous teaching centre of Antiquity. Canakkale is also your gateway to Gallipoli where poignant memories of the First World War linger in the now silent battlefields.

### DIKILI (Turkey)

The Acropolis with its Temple of Athena, the remnants of the great library, the Altar of Zeus, a spectacular hillside theatre and the Agora – myriad pointers speak volumes about Pergamum's pedigree! One of the greatest cities in Hellenic history, Asklepion – the world's first medical centre, and one of the seven churches of Asia Minor mentioned by St John in the Book of Revelation are marvellous windows on the past from the picturesque Aegean resort of Dikili.

### ANTALYA (Turkey)

Romans, Byzantines, Seljuks and Ottomans all left behind magnificent traces of their cultures in Antalya. Fine exhibits from each of the different phases propelled Antalya Museum to its position as one of the most notable archaeology museums in the world. Perge and Aspendos are remarkable portals on the past, while the ruins at Pisidian Antioch feature prominently in ancient and early Christian history.





Ephesus, Turkey

### KUSADASI (Turkey)

The bustling resort town of Kusadasi presents a veritable array of sites – legacies of some of the world's greatest ancient civilisations. Walk through the streets of Ephesus for an unparalleled glimpse of life in a Greco-Roman city and see the magnificent classical theatre where St Paul preached to the pagans in Acts. The once-great maritime port of Miletus reveals the remains of a sacred way. It originally stretched all the way to Didyma, where the Temple of Artemis was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

### PATMOS (Greece)

During exile from the Roman Empire St John wrote his divinely inspired Revelation on Patmos – considered the 'Holy Island' for the Christian faith. Deserted for centuries because of constant raids by pirates and the Turks, Patmos was first settled in 1088 when the monk Christodoulos Latrinos was gifted the island to establish a monastery in honour of the Apostle. Revered by Roman Catholics as well as the Orthodox Christian Church, the Monastery of St John, and the Cave and Monastery of the Apocalypse are highlights of this serene island.

### KAVALA (Greece)

Neapolis, Christoupolis, Kavala – the charming port city has under each of its names been a crossroad of culture and important stop for army leaders and great travellers. Paul the Apostle passed through Neapolis on his way to Philippi. Today incredible archaeological ruins reveal the importance and wealth of the ancient Macedonian city where St Paul was imprisoned. Alternatively, visit historic Xanthi – the 'City of a Thousand Colours' encircled by a trio of monasteries and sat in the shadow of a Byzantine castle.

### THESSALONIKI (Greece)

Two thousand, three hundred years of history is tightly woven into the fabric of everyday life around Thessaloniki, first established by the ancient Macedonian dynasty. The triumphal Arch of Galerius, numerous churches and majestic fortress walls attest to the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires that conquered the city – its strategic location making it a coveted prize. Visit St Demetrios Church with its valuable frescoes and mosaics as you explore this early centre of Christianity where the Apostle Paul preached. Alternatively, visit Pella, the ancient capital of Macedonia and one-time seat of Alexander the Great, and Vergina, where the remarkable Royal Tombs reside.

### VOLOS (Greece)

Perched precariously on towering rock pinnacles, Meteora Monasteries are a highlight from Volos, the charming city that stands at the foot of Mount Pelion, the summer resort of the Gods of Olympus. Venture into the land of the legendary Centaurs where traditional villages built with grey stone scattered over the mountain slopes embellish the area's stunning natural beauty.

### PIRAEUS (Greece)

Athens – birthplace of civilisation, democracy and many of the wise men of ancient times. One of the most glorious histories of the world lives on in some of the world's most formidable edifices. Follow in St Paul's footsteps to the Areopagus lying under the shadow of Athens' Acropolis, or visit ancient Corinth where the Apostle preached and lived for two years.

## YOUR ITINERARY

VOY150923

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
23 Sep	ISTANBUL, Turkey		Overnight
24 Sep	ISTANBUL, Turkey		5.00pm
25 Sep	CANAKKALE, Turkey	8.00am	5.00pm
26 Sep	DIKILI, Turkey	7.30am	4.00pm
27 Sep	AT SEA		
28 Sep	ANTALYA, Turkey	6.00am	11.00pm
29 Sep	AT SEA		
30 Sep	KUSADASI, Turkey	7.30am	11.00pm
01 Oct	PATMOS, Greece	8.00am	2.00pm
02 Oct	KAVALA, Greece	8.30am	5.30pm
03 Oct	THESSALONIKI, Greece	8.30am	5.00pm
04 Oct	VOLOS, Greece	7.30am	5.00pm
05 Oct	PIRAEUS, Greece	8.00am	Overnight
06 Oct	PIRAEUS, Greece		

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



### CANON DR ANNE DAVISON

Without Paul of Tarsus, Christianity would not be the worldwide Faith it is today and without the structure of the Roman Empire of the First

Century, the Faith would not have spread as quickly and easily as it did.

As our journey takes us to places visited by Paul, Anne will reflect upon his life and times.



### MAJOR GENERAL STEPHEN CARR-SMITH

The Trojan War included the intervention of the Greek gods, on both sides. Alexander the

Great, who believed he was descended from the gods, went on to conquer the known world. The Crusades saw both sides fighting for control of Jerusalem. At Gallipoli, the Turks fought for their very lives - and inflicted on the British the worst defeat in the whole of WW1. As a military man, Stephen Carr-Smith will tell the story of these four events in history.

## EXTEND YOUR CRUISE

Enjoy a pre-cruise 2-night tour to Cappadocia from Istanbul (see page 71).

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

Call for details

## AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$2,975
2 Bed Outside	\$3,780
Balcony Cabin	\$5,810

### Single Fares Available

Discovery Club members receive an additional 5% discount  
Prices for all categories can be found on page 91.  
Turkey visa required before departure.

# GEMS of the AEGEAN and ADRIATIC SEAS

6th – 17th OCTOBER 2015 12 days from \$2,505 per person twin share



Clockwise from left: Olympia, Greece; Venice, Italy; Church in Kotor Bay, Montenegro

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- Athens, the oldest yet most cosmopolitan city in Europe
- Ancient Olympia
- UNESCO-listed ancient city of Butrint in Albania
- Cruising the beautiful Kotor Bay
- Venice – a city of magnificent art and architecture
- Dubrovnik Old Town inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage list



Walled city, Dubrovnik

Roman and Venetian legacies, ancient legends and mythology embedded within the very fibres of history, unique landscapes harbouring architectural gems and natural wonders. Attractive Croatian cities emerging from recent Balkan history, and Albania's fascinating monuments are beautifully complemented by the stunning scenery of Montenegro's Kotor Bay. Venice – the 'Queen of the Adriatic' is centrepiece on this delightful cruise.

## PORTS of CALL

### PIRAEUS (Greece)

No other place contributed so much to Western civilisation than Athens when it was the spiritual centre of the then known world. It was here that democracy was born and flourished, philosophical and political meditation were developed, and literature, fine arts and sciences reached an unparalleled acme. Immerse yourself in this incredible ancient world at the Acropolis and the magnificent New Acropolis Museum, and discover the crumbling ruins of ancient Corinth.

### SANTORINI (Greece)

The volcanic island of Santorini boasts a truly dramatic setting and a fascinating, rich history. At Akrotiri, a fascinating Minoan Bronze Age settlement awaits discovery. The capital Thera is a kaleidoscope of whitewashed buildings and winding cobbled streets, lying on the rim of the towering volcano, and it also hosts an intriguing museum. Charming Pyrgos gazes upon the surrounding landscape from its hilltop location while Oia's beauty is unsurpassed, as are views from the village over the endless blue of the Aegean.

### KATAKOLON (Greece)

Every four years for more than a millennium ancient Greeks flocked to Olympia to celebrate the sacred games dedicated to Zeus. Katakolon is your gateway to one of the most important sanctuaries of ancient Greece. A visit to Mercouri Estate and Vineyard with wine tasting is a relaxing alternative.

### SARANDË (Albania)

Sarandë is a charming city set in an idyllic location between the mountains and the Ionian Sea. It is also your gateway to Butrint – an incredible archaeological site nestled amongst the picturesque scenery of the Butrint National Park. A fascinating array of monuments tells tales spanning over two thousand years – a kaleidoscope of Mediterranean history.

### KOTOR (Montenegro)

Dramatic sheer mountains plunging into the Adriatic, a backdrop to villages studded like pearls along shores lapped by incredibly blue waters – the approach to Kotor, nestled in one of the world's most beautiful bays, is breathtaking. Kotor itself is a gorgeous medieval walled city with world heritage status. Stroll through a maze of tiny alleys that meet unexpectedly to form squares anything but square. Every timeworn stone, fresco painting and hidden alley holds clues to a fascinating past.





### HVAR (Croatia)

Late medieval, renaissance and baroque houses crowd around the deep bay of this Croatian stronghold. Step ashore on the Fabrika, Hvar's honeycomb-patterned stone quay, and explore the charming town where chapels and palaces are embellished with intricately carved Venetian architecture. Venture further and discover the island, a harmonious symbiosis of old villages and towns with ancient olive trees, vineyards and vast fields of lavender.

### VENICE (Italy)

La Serenissima – the 'Divine Republic', Venice is an epic, unique and unforgettable city. The jewel in Italy's crown appears to be floating on water with the Campanile rising above its skyline like a giant exclamation mark, while other islands punctuating the Venetian Lagoon hold further delights. Venice's collage of canals and bridges criss-crossed by a labyrinth of narrow, winding streets begs exploration. Glide picturesque waterways in a traditional gondola, visit the imposing Doge's Palace and discover Verona's incredible artistic heritage.



Mosaic, St Mark's Cathedral, Venice

### PULA (Croatia)

Discover the immense beauty of the Istrian Riviera from Pula, home also to more than its fair share of impressive Roman architecture. The star of the show, and positioned right in the heart of the city, is the wonderfully preserved Roman amphitheatre. The Triumphal Arch of the Sergi, Gate of Hercules and Temple of Augustus will also enthral as you stroll through 3,000 years of history in the city formerly called Colonia Pietas Lulia Pola.

### SPLIT (Croatia)

One of the world's most impressive Roman monuments, discover Split's two-millennia-old Roman Palace and the many treasures that lie within its ancient walls. A sunken Roman Plaza, the Cathedral of St Domnius and the Cetina countryside backed by dramatic coastal mountains and the Adriatic's turquoise waters are further gems.

### DUBROVNIK (Croatia)

Once an unknown jewel, Dubrovnik is today the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. Imposing 13th century walls envelop a timeless Old Town. The shiny, marble-paved main street 'Stradun', Onofrio's Fountain, 14th century Franciscan church and monastery, Sponza Palace, and Dubrovnik's baroque cathedral are among the host of treasures you'll discover as you soak up the age old atmosphere permeating its winding streets. Nearby Mostar houses the famous Ottoman-style 'Old Bridge' – lovingly rebuilt after its destruction during the Croat-Bosniak War.

## YOUR ITINERARY

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DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
6 Oct	PIRAEUS, Greece		Overnight
7 Oct	PIRAEUS, Greece		5.00pm
8 Oct	SANTORINI, Greece	7.30am	1.30pm
9 Oct	KATAKOLON, Greece	9.00am	5.30pm
10 Oct	SARANDË, Albania	8.00am	5.00pm
11 Oct	KOTOR, Montenegro	12.00pm	6.30pm
12 Oct	HVAR, Croatia	7.30am	2.00pm
13 Oct	VENICE, Italy	8.30am	11.30pm
14 Oct	PULA, Croatia	11.30am	7.00pm
15 Oct	SPLIT, Croatia	8.00am	4.30pm
16 Oct	DUBROVNIK, Croatia	8.00am	Overnight
17 Oct	DUBROVNIK, Croatia		

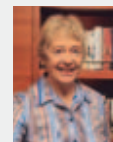
## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



### SIR MICHAEL BURTON KCVO CMG

Sir Michael, a former diplomat who specialises in current affairs and historical subjects, will talk on the Greeks' and Serbs' struggle

for independence from the Ottomans and Venice's Maritime Empire.



### DR ANN BIRCHALL

Dr. Ann Birchall, classical archaeologist formerly at the British Museum, will

talk about the controversial history of

the Parthenon, the original Olympic Games and the prehistoric context of the volcanic island of Santorini (Thera).



Church tower, Santorini

## BOOK NOW AND SAVE

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### AU\$ FARES (per person twin share from)

CABIN TYPE	STANDARD FARE
2 Bed Inside	\$2,505
2 Bed Outside	\$3,185
Balcony Cabin	\$4,885
Single Fares Available	
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# MEDITERRANEAN ICONS

17th – 28th OCTOBER 2015 12 days from \$2,190 per person twin share



Park Güell, Barcelona

## WHY CHOOSE *this* CRUISE?

- Dubrovnik Old Town inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List
- The beautiful Bay of Naples
- UNESCO-listed Butrint in lesser-visited Albania
- Florence and Rome – Italian icons
- Walled city of Carcassonne
- Cosmopolitan Barcelona with its rich architecture



Pompeii

**B**rindisi – gateway to the quirky Alberobello houses, Livorno – springboard to diverse Florence, Medieval Siena and Pisa's leaning tower. From Civitavecchia, discover the ancient remains of the glorious Roman Empire, in Barcelona, an intriguing blend of architectural styles, from the Medieval Gothic to the Modernist. This voyage introduces this plethora of gems which sparkle alongside the natural beauty of the Amalfi Coastline and the spectacular Cinque Riviera.

## PORTS of CALL

### DUBROVNIK (Croatia)

Robust walls punctuated by imposing fortresses around a vibrant patchwork of burnt umber and honey-coloured roofs, baroque and renaissance era spires piercing the skyline! From first glimpse this incredible city is beguiling. Take in the honeycomb splendour of the Old City's cobbled and marble streets where grand renaissance and gothic buildings, the baroque Cathedral, 14th century Franciscan Monastery and handsome palaces of retired aristocracy all have a tale to tell. Mostar begs exploration, with its Ottoman-style 'Old Bridge' spanning the glorious Neretva river in the historic heart of the city.

### BRINDISI (Italy)

A fixture on the Silk Road, the 'Gate to the East' was always a trade route. The world's first paved road, the great 'Via Appia' led straight to Brindisi from Rome! Look beyond the modern façade of the city and myriad pointers speak volumes of its fascinating history. Visit beautiful Lecce – Apulia's 'Baroque Pearl', UNESCO-listed Alberobello bursting with the remarkable whitewashed, conical-roofed houses characteristic of Puglia, and charming Ostuni, where lush green scenery provides an idyllic backdrop to striking whitewashed houses.

### SARANDË (Albania)

A picturesque city enveloped in historical intrigue, Sarandë is a springboard to UNESCO-listed Butrint – a treasure trove of unique archaeology. Resting in the heart of Butrint National Park is a host of fascinating monuments reflecting over two thousand years of Mediterranean history.





### NAPLES (Italy)

14th century churches nestled between modern apartments, frenetic streets and piazzas, a striking 13th century fortress a mere arrow's flight from neoclassical facades! This city of contrasts sits on the Bay of Naples watched over by brooding Mount Vesuvius. Enjoy Italy's stunning Amalfi coastline, visit chic Capri and charming Sorrento, or brush up on classical history immortalised around the streets of Pompeii.

### CIVITAVECCHIA (Italy)

For 500 years Rome was 'Caput Mundi' as hub of the mighty Roman Empire. Today Italy's capital is one of Europe's greatest living cities where ancient and modern, past and present intertwine. Civitavecchia is your coastal gateway from where you can follow the road to antiquity and discover the Eternal City in all its gilt and glory.

### LIVORNO (Italy)

Between the blue-green Apennines and the turquoise Tyrrhenian Sea, the rolling hills, vineyards, olive groves and cypress trees of the Tuscan countryside with hilltop villages bathed in soft, amber light, is reminiscent of the landscapes of Renaissance masterpieces. Against this beautiful canvas discover Florence – the 'jewel of the Renaissance', medieval Siena and its wealth of Gothic architecture, Pisa – the famous leaning tower one of the wonders of Miracle Square, and the rugged beauty of the Cinque Terre.

### SÈTE (France)

Laced by canals and lying between Etang de Thau and the Mediterranean, water is omnipresent in Sète, the 'Little Venice of Languedoc'. Stroll past colourful houses overlooking a bustling harbour where fishing boats vie for space with sleek yachts. Venture further and discover enchanting Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer and the turreted, medieval walled Cité de Carcassonne, one of few sights in the world genuinely justifying the epithet 'breathtaking'.

### BARCELONA (Spain)

Balancing the intimacy of its medieval Gothic Quarter with the wide graceful boulevards of its 19th century Eixample district studded with jewels of Modernist architecture, Barcelona is perhaps best known as the city where Gaudi spun his own art-nouveau architectural idiom. Explore the city that is sophisticated, elegant, cosmopolitan yet quirky, or venture further to the splendid Montserrat Monastery.

## YOUR ITINERARY

VOY151017

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
17 Oct	DUBROVNIK, Croatia		Overnight
18 Oct	DUBROVNIK, Croatia		5.00pm
19 Oct	BRINDISI, Italy	8.00am	4.30pm
20 Oct	SARANDË, Albania	7.00am	5.00pm
21 Oct	AT SEA		
22 Oct	NAPLES, Italy	7.30am	5.00pm
23 Oct	CIVITAVECCHIA, Italy	8.00am	6.30pm
24 Oct	LIVORNO, Italy	8.00am	7.30pm
25 Oct	AT SEA		
26 Oct	SÈTE, France	7.30am	5.00pm
27 Oct	BARCELONA, Spain	8.30am	Overnight
28 Oct	BARCELONA, Spain		

## YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



### MAJOR GENERAL PATRICK CORDINGLEY DSO DSC FRGS

A continuing holiday magnet, the Mediterranean offers magnificent sites and cities which tell of civilisations, trade and conflict. Patrick will be looking at the way in which conquest has been of such importance to the development of the countries along our route.



### DR LOUISE BONNER

The Mediterranean is deceptively vast and has always both challenged and fascinated. Louise will be exploring many of these aspects from earthquakes and ecology to current environmental issues.



Carcassonne, France

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Balcony Cabin	\$4,270
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# ADD EVEN MORE *to your* VOYAGE *of* DISCOVERY

## Overland Tours and Extensions

Spend longer ashore, venture further from the coast and delve deeper into a destination with our pre- or post-cruise extensions. Featuring escorted tours with guided sightseeing and a number of city stays, they're the perfect way to explore before you embark or after you disembark *Voyager*, enhancing what already promises to be a wonderful cruising experience.



Ostrich Farm, South Africa

## SOUTH AFRICA'S GARDEN ROUTE

### 3-NIGHT OVERLAND TOUR

*for passengers embarking or disembarking in Cape Town - see pages 34 - 37*

Follow one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline in the world –South Africa’s majestic Garden Route is a truly amazing journey. Discover a series of charming, small towns studded amongst a wealth of outstanding natural beauty. Along the way you’ll enjoy a host of incredible South African experiences. The privately owned Featherbed Nature Reserve on the western head of Knysna Lagoon promises an authentic eco-experience. The stunning Wilderness Lakes Area is simply breathtaking. In the ‘Feather Capital of the World’ you have the unique opportunity to sit on an ostrich and watch a race featuring the world’s biggest bird at Safari Ostrich Farm. Look out for the abundant birdlife and wealth of animals at the Garden Route Game Lodge. You’ll spend the night at this family-owned game reserve, which is set against the majestic Langeberg mountain range. Late afternoon and early morning game drives promise a memorable safari experience and your chance to look out for the Big 5.



Garden Route, South Africa



### EXTENSION DETAILS

#### Price per person

**Twin: \$1,810 Single: \$2,060**

#### Price includes:

- 1 night’s accommodation in standard lodge rooms/ chalets at Garden Route Game Lodge with dinner & breakfast
- 1 night’s twin/double bedded accommodation at the Protea Hotel Knysna Quays with breakfast
- 1 night’s twin-bedded accommodation at The Beach Hotel in Port Elizabeth with dinner & breakfast
- Lunch on days 2-4 (pre-cruise), or days 1-3 (post cruise)
- All entrance fees
- Transport in private vehicle with air-conditioning\*
- Sightseeing with registered local English-speaking guide

*\*Airport transfers are not included*

*Prices subject to change*

**Pre-cruise:** operates Port Elizabeth to Cape Town

**Post-cruise:** operates Cape Town to Port Elizabeth





# KRUGER NATIONAL PARK LUKIMBI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

## 3-NIGHT PRE OR POST CRUISE SAFARI

for passengers embarking or disembarking in Cape Town - see pages 34 - 37

## EXTENSION DETAILS

Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Buffalo and Rhinoceros – the renowned Big Five all call the Kruger National Park home. With more species than any other African Game Reserve, it is the land of baobabs, fever trees, knob thorns, marula and mopane trees underneath which lurk the Little Five – buffalo weaver, elephant shrew, leopard tortoise, ant lion and rhino beetle. Unrivalled in its diversity of life form, Kruger is the flagship of South Africa’s national parks.

In the easily accessible southern area of the vast Kruger National Park, which is bounded by the Crocodile River in the south and the Sabie River in the north, the luxury Lukimbi Safari Lodge is a delight. The main buildings are linked together with open wooden decks, making the most of the view as the lodge meanders alongside the River Lwakahle. Raised walkways lead to modern African décor suites with stunning river views. The private decks by the river are the ideal place to relax and take in a truly African spectacle, whilst the game drives promise an unrivalled safari experience.

### Price per person

**Twin: \$3,870 Single: \$4,420**

### Price includes:

- Domestic flights between Cape Town and Kruger Mpumalanga Airport
- 3 nights at the Lukimbi Private Game Reserve on a full board basis including two local beverages
- 2 game drives per day with bush rangers and an optional bush walk
- Transfers between Kruger Mpumalanga Airport & Lukimbi in luxury, air-conditioned vehicles\*
- Coach transfer between Cape Town Airport / ship\*

*\*Airport transfer in Johannesburg is not included*

*Prices subject to change*

**Pre-cruise:** operates Johannesburg to Cape Town

**Post-cruise:** operates Cape Town to Johannesburg



*Hunting saddle billed stork*





*Victoria & Albert Waterfront*

## CAPE TOWN

### 2-NIGHT PRE OR POST CRUISE STAY

*for passengers embarking or disembarking in Cape Town - see pages 34 - 37*

Spend some extra time in cosmopolitan Cape Town, and discover intoxicating architecture, spectacular scenery and mouth-watering cuisine. Witness the Mother City's glorious beaches and a backdrop like no other. Sample some of the many eateries in the City Bowl District, head out to the beautiful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, or visit haunting Robben Island.

Included sightseeing features a guided city tour. Why not join an exciting cable car ride up the iconic Table Mountain, with unforgettable views taking in the city and numerous natural gems, including Lion's Head and Signal Hill.

Situated within easy walking distance of the world-renowned Victoria & Albert Waterfront, the stylishly grand Cullinan Hotel complements the rich, cultural heritage of Cape Town. It is both a wonderful place to relax and an ideal base from which you can explore this fantastic city further.

### EXTENSION DETAILS

#### Price per person

**Twin: \$760 Single: \$990**

#### Price includes:

- 2 nights' accommodation at the Cullinan Hotel (or similar) with breakfast
- Coach transportation between the hotel / ship
- Half day sightseeing tour of Cape Town (cable car ride is weather permitting)
- Services of a tour director throughout your stay (subject to minimum numbers)

*Prices subject to change*



*Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens*



*Penguins, Cape Town*





Cappadocia

## CAPPADOCIA

### 2-NIGHT OVERLAND TOUR

*for passengers embarking or disembarking in Istanbul - see pages 22 - 25 & 60 - 63*

About three million years ago violent volcanic eruptions covered Cappadocia with a soft form of lava. Over the eons the natural effects of wind, rain and rivers eroded the tufa in amazing ways creating one of the world's most spectacular and surrealistic landscapes! Endless fields of bizarre castles, capped pinnacles, cones, spires, towers and crags dotted with mysterious apertures are amongst the extraordinary geological formations. Beneath this fantastic landscape early settlers lived in dwellings dug into the rock and carved far-flung cities 10 storeys deep. Visit Zelve Open Air Museum, an amazing cave town honeycombed with dwellings, religious and secular chambers, and Göreme Open Air Museum, a vast monastic complex composed of scores of refectory monasteries placed side by side. See the magnificent Üçsıkar Castle where many rooms hollowed out of the rock are connected to each other with stairs, tunnels and passages. You will also visit either Kaymaklı – the largest underground city, or Derinkuyu – the deepest underground city in Cappadocia.



Apple Church, Cappadocia



Cappadocia vista

### EXTENSION DETAILS

#### Price per person

**Double: \$1,575 Single: \$1,750**

#### Price includes:

- Return economy air travel Istanbul/ Kayseri Airport
- 2 nights' accommodation in the Hotel Perissia, Cappadocia, on a half board basis (dinner and breakfast)
- 2 x lunches in local restaurants in Cappadocia
- Return coach transfers between Kayseri Airport and Hotel Perissia in Cappadocia
- Coach transfer in Istanbul between Atatürk Airport and the ship (pre cruise), or the ship and Atatürk Airport (post cruise)
- Sightseeing as described with local guide
- Turkey visa required before departure

*Prices subject to change*





Downtown Dubai

# DUBAI

2-NIGHT PRE OR POST CRUISE STAY  
*for passengers embarking or disembarking in Dubai - see pages 28 – 31*

The city of One Thousand and One Arabian Nights! A two-night stay in glittering Dubai is a wonderful way to extend your holiday at the start or end of your cruise. Your 5-star hotel – the Habtoor Grand Beach Resort & Spa at Jumeirah Beach, is perfectly located adjacent to the magnificent Dubai Marina and close to ‘The Walk’ with its 1.75-kilometre long beachfront boulevard housing 350 retail outlets and 45 restaurants. An included sightseeing tour featuring Burj Al Arab, Jumeirah Mosque, Dubai Museum, Al Bastakya – the old part of Dubai, a traditional Abra ride across Dubai Creek, and visits to the spice souk and famous gold souk, is all part of your Dubai experience.

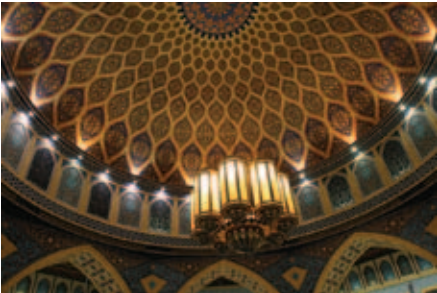
## EXTENSION DETAILS

- Price per person**  
**Double: \$906 Single: \$1,200**
- Price includes:**
- 2 nights’ accommodation at the 5-star Habtoor Grand Beach Resort & Spa Jumeirah Beach (or similar) with breakfast
  - Coach transportation between the hotel / ship
  - Half-day city tour

*Prices subject to change*



Dubai Creek



Dubai Mall





Monaco Rock

## NICE & THE FRENCH RIVIERA

### 2-NIGHT CITY STAY

for passengers embarking in Marseille - see page 58

Nice – a stylish city with a delightful seafront promenade, world-class restaurants and upmarket boutiques. Ethnically diverse, it is a unique and fascinating city that offers something for everyone. Nestled in the heart of the city, Hotel Ellington – an original 1920s Maison Nioise, is the perfect place from which to explore but also to relax at the end of each day.

The chic principality of Monaco is a tiny sovereign state ruled by the Grimaldi family for more than seven centuries, while Monte Carlo is the playground of the rich and famous, renowned for its grandiose casino, exotic gardens, opulent shops and exclusive restaurants. An included sightseeing tour takes in both of these popular locations. From the top of Monaco Rock, witness spectacular views of the Mediterranean Sea and take in the Oceanographic Museum, the magnificent cathedral and the glorious Prince's palace. Monte Carlo boasts the well-known Grand Casino, and a myriad of enticing attractions around the Place du Casino.

The scenery of the French Riviera during your drive to Marseille is a fitting end to your trip.

### EXTENSION DETAILS

#### Price per person

**Twin: \$570 Single: \$835**

#### Price includes:

- 2 nights' accommodation in the four-star Ellington Hotel in Nice with breakfast
- Coach transfer between hotel / ship
- Excursion to Monaco & Monte Carlo
- Scenic drive along the French Riviera en route to Voyager

*Prices subject to change*



Grand Casino, Monte Carlo



Nice harbour





Sigiriya

# SRI LANKA’S WORLD HERITAGE

## 4-NIGHT OVERLAND TOUR

for passengers embarking or disembarking in Colombo - see pages 30 - 33

Sri Lanka is one of Asia’s richest treasure troves with seven UNESCO-listed World Heritage Sites. The extraordinary site of Sigiriya, the ‘Lion Mountain’, is considered by some to be the eighth wonder of the world. The neighbouring plateau boasts an ancient castle used by King Kasyapa as a hideout in the 5th century – the site is both a palace and a fortress.

An ancient city sacred to the Buddhist world, Anuradhapura is the first historical capital of Sri Lanka. Established in the 5th century BC, it was considered the greatest monastic city of the ancient world. At its peak it had dozens of monasteries housing thousands of monks. Polonnaruwa was the second capital of Sri Lanka. The ruins of one of history’s most astonishing urban creations are testimony to the greatness of the Kingdom’s first rulers.

Dambulla Rock Temple and the Dambulla Caves – the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. Many impressive statues carved in living rock and paintings relating to Lord Buddha and his life enrich what is one of the oldest Buddhist shrines in Sri Lanka.

## EXTENSION DETAILS

### Price per person

Double: \$1,320 Single: \$1,650

### Price includes:

- 1 night’s accommodation in a first class hotel in Colombo with breakfast and dinner
- 3 nights’ accommodation at the first class Hotel Sigiriya with breakfast and dinner
- Lunch in local restaurants
- Coach transfer between hotel / ship
- Sightseeing as described with local guide
- Services of a tour director throughout your visit (subject to minimum numbers)

Prices subject to change



Reclining Buddha, Dambulla Cave



Polonnaruwa ruins





*Mauritius beach*

## MAURITIUS RESORT STAY

### 3-NIGHT PRE OR POST CRUISE STAY

*for passengers embarking or disembarking in Mauritius - see pages 32 - 35*

Before or after your wonderful cruise, why not enhance your holiday even further by taking advantage of a three-night extension on the beautiful island of Mauritius. Boasting a vibrant and diverse mix of cultures, with a rich and colourful history, the island is a truly unique and luxurious retreat.

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## Gloria Barnett

*Treasures of the Indian Ocean (p32)*

Scientist, author and presenter, Gloria started out as a biologist with a special interest in Oceanography. From teaching 11-18 year old students for 15 years Gloria moved moving on to life as an Education Consultant and Examiner involved in school improvement projects with inner city schools.

Gloria has been taking time away from mainstream science educational issues and giving oceanography and science talks on cruise liners and she enjoys sharing her understanding of science and the sea. She enjoys sailing, scuba diving and underwater videography and has dived in a variety of areas around the world studying the underwater creatures she talks about on cruise ships. Her talks are illustrated with fascinating clips of underwater footage from many of the world's oceans.

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## Fenella Bazin

*In Search of the Northern Lights (p42)*

For many years Fenella Bazin's lectures and enthusiasm for Norway has enhanced the experience of passengers to northern waters, introducing them to aspects as varied as the everyday life of Vikings, wartime Norway, and the natural wonders of this spectacular journey. Recently retired from her role as Director of Postgraduate Studies in the Centre for Marx Studies, she has worked closely with archaeologists on Viking sites in the Isle of Man and has lectured for the Universities of Birmingham and Liverpool since 1971.

Since her retirement, Fenella has continued her professional interest in researching the music of the Isle of Man, as well as continuing to lecture on Italian and English Renaissance music in their social and political contexts. Fenella is an accredited NADFAS lecturer.

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## Dr Ann Birchall (NADFAS)

*Gems of the Aegean and Adriatic Seas (p64)*

Dr Ann Birchall holds BA. Hons, Classics (London University Masom Scholar), Ph.D., Archaeology (London University Institute of Archaeology). A Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, she is an archaeologist of international repute specialising in the history, art and archaeology of the Mediterranean. The first woman archaeologist appointed to the British Museum, Anne - as Assistant Keeper, Greek and Roman Antiquities, had special responsibility for ceramic collections and played a major part in the reorganisation of the galleries.

An author and broadcaster on both radio and TV, Anne presented an award winning two-part BBC TV documentary on her excavations of one of Nelson's ships, HMS Colossus. She has been a NADFAS speaker for many years.

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## Sir Tony Brenton KCMG

*The Best of the Black Sea (p60)*

Tony Brenton worked for over 30 years for the British Foreign Office. After learning Arabic he spent three years in the British Embassy in Cairo working on the Middle East Dispute. From 1980-1989 he dealt with European matters both in London and in Brussels, working in particular on environmental issues.

After a period in London on UN matters (including in particular the establishment of the International Criminal Court) he was posted in 2001 to Washington and found himself handling the consequences of 9/11, the Afghanistan War and (as Charge d'Affaires) the Iraq War.

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## John Brinkley

*Oslo and the Timeless Fjords (p50)*

John Brinkley recently retired as a senior manager and head of department in a Midland High School where he taught geology and geography. Whilst teaching, he was also involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, where he was an Award Officer for South Staffordshire, and also led a successful World Challenge Expedition to the Middle East. On retirement he was invited to be Host Photographer for the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, England, and also works as a part-time volunteer at a local retirement village where he teaches computer skills.

Much of John's leisure time is taken up with photographic assignments, and he has travelled widely both in the UK and around the World, amassing a huge photo library. He cruised on the educational cruise ship "Uganda" before her demise - an experience he says he would not have missed for the world, and as they say, the rest is history.

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## Dr Louise Bonner

*Gems of the Red and Arabian Seas (p28)*

*Contrasts of India and Arabia (p30)*

*Mediterranean Icons (p66)*

Louise studied geography at Liverpool University, gained a postgraduate scholarship to study ecology and forest management at Harvard in the USA and returned to do her doctorate at Liverpool University, focusing on environmental management. For 35 years, her professional career was spent as a university geography lecturer, specialising in biogeography, wildlife ecology, environmental management, historical geography, tourism and sustainable development.

She has led field trips to Kenya, Goa, Spain, Malta and various UK destinations. Whilst at Staffordshire University, she helped forge partnerships with universities in China, India, Thailand, Singapore and Mauritius. She led an innovative Masters programme with partner universities in India, the Indian Ocean States and many other countries. This resulted in her



supervising research on topics ranging from tropical rainforest management to coral reef conservation in different parts of India, Africa, South America, China and Japan.

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## Dr Paul Brown

*Madeira and the Azores in Spring (p44)*

Dr Paul Brown is a maritime history author and speaker, whose publications include 'Britain's Historic Ships' (Conway), 'Historic Sail' (History Press), 'Historic Ships':

'The Survivors' (Amberley) and 'Maritime Portsmouth' (History Press), as well as articles in leading maritime magazines. He is a consultant to National Historic Ships, the UK's authority on the preservation of historic ships and boats, and a maritime photographer. A member of the Society for Nautical Research, he was until recently a university lecturer and senior university manager, and has also lectured at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

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## Sir Michael Burton KCVO CMG

*Eastern Mediterranean and Red Sea (p24)*

*Gems of the Aegean and Adriatic Seas (p64)*

Michael Burton was educated at Bedford School and at Magdalen College, Oxford.

Commissioned into The Rifle Brigade, he saw active service in Malaysia. He joined the Diplomatic Service in 1960 and took retirement in 1997. During his diplomatic career he saw service in the Middle East (Lebanon, Jordan and Kuwait) and Europe (in Paris, and as British Minister, Berlin, 1985-1992 and as Her Majesty's Ambassador in Prague, from 1995-1997).

Since retirement, Sir Michael has been a Consultant on the Middle East and Central Europe, is President of the European Atlantic Group and Chairman of the British Czech and Slovak Society. He is a Member of the Council of The Royal Society of Asian Affairs, with whom he has toured Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Tibet and Iran, and is an active member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) and the Middle East Association. He is a member of the main committee of The Hurlingham Club.

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## Major General Stephen Carr-Smith

*Eastern Mediterranean and Red Sea (p24)*

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*Mediterranean Reflections (p62)*

Stephen Carr-Smith went into the Army straight from school, retiring as a Major General after 33 years service. His last appointment was as the Deputy Director General of the NATO Communications and Information Systems Agency in Brussels. On leaving the Army in 1995 - he worked for a company providing security and mine clearance services in remote and hostile countries; was the Senior Military Advisor to an operational analysis company owned by British Aerospace; and was the Chairman of a company



developing opportunities to marry-up Russian technology with western finance and production.

In 1999, he became the Ombudsman for Estate Agents, a national appointment he held until the end of 2006. During this time, the voluntary Ombudsman Scheme tripled in size, brought him regular media exposure, and ensured that he received a deal of abuse from all quarters - so he must have been doing something right.

He is now a non-executive Director on the Board of Land Data.

## Dr Robin Catchpole

*Treasures of the Indian Ocean (p32)*

Dr Catchpole currently works at the Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge University. He retired as Senior Astronomer at the Royal Observatory Greenwich in September 2003, having joined the Royal Greenwich Observatory (RGO) in 1962. After obtaining a BSc at University College London, he was posted to the Royal Observatory at the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa and spent the next 24 years, working first in Pretoria and then in Cape Town. In1991 he returned to the RGO in Cambridge, until it closed in 1998, when he moved to Greenwich as Senior Astronomer.

He has written many research papers and articles and used a number of telescopes around the world including the Hubble Space Telescope. His research interests include the composition of stars, exploding stars, the structure of our Galaxy and galaxies with black holes at their centres.

## Major General Patrick Cordingley DSO DSc FRGS

*Mediterranean Icons (p66)*

Patrick Cordingley commanded the 7th Armoured Brigade - the Desert Rats - during the 1991 Gulf War. His huge tank formation led the British and American attack, which breached the Iraqi defences. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his bravery and leadership.

In 1996 he was appointed Military Advisor to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos of Oman. Patrick retired from the Army in 2000 and was Chairman of a high-tech telecommunications company for 7 years.

He is Chairman of the Defence and Security Forum and Chairman and Vice-chairman of two schools. Since 2009 Patrick has been appeal Chairman of the National Memorial Arboretum and he has also been Warden of the Court of the Ironmongers. He is also a successful motivational speaker.

He is an author and a visiting scholar at the University of Hull, where he is a Doctor of Science.

## Michael Curtis

*Gems of the Red and Arabian Seas (p28)*

Michael served in the regular army for 13 years from 1959 to 1972. Commissioned into the Royal Hampshire Regiment, he saw service in the West Indies, Germany, Cyprus and Northern Ireland and some of his military experience was in the Middle East, on secondment with the Trucial Oman Scouts. After leaving the army he built a successful career in the Middle East, based in turn in Beirut, Amman, Dubai and Muscat, and travelling extensively throughout the Arab world.

He returned to England in 1995 and lives near Winchester, busying himself in local affairs. Since retirement, he has written two books: "A Pilgrimage of Remembrance", published 2004, which is about his uncle who was killed in Italy in WW2, serving with the Scots Guards; and "Arabian Days", co-authored with Antony Cawston and published in 2010, with a second edition in 2011.

He has lectured on his books in the Hampshire Military Museums; Exeter University; Abu Dhabi National Centre for Documentation & Research; the British Embassy, Abu Dhabi; the British Consulate General, Dubai; the Dubai Literary Festival 2012.

## Jane Anne Davey

*In Search of the Northern Lights (p42)*  
*Oslo and the Timeless Fjords (p50)*

Jane Ann Davey is a professional linguist who was educated in Singapore and England. She gained her Post Graduate Diplomas for Linguists, specialising in French, German and Norwegian.

She has had a varied career in business, ending up as Marketing Manager for a technical building products

company. Seeking a change in career, she left the business world in 1993 and found a position with a mountain health farm in Norway. She stayed in that position for a year before moving to Oslo, where she took a job translating technical articles from Norwegian to English, and English to Norwegian, for the legal department of a major international Shipping Insurance Company.

During her seven years of Norwegian residence, she travelled extensively in the country studying their folklore, history, geography and language.

Her lecture topics include Norwegian History, the Vikings, the geography of Fjordland, Norwegian Folklore, an in-depth study of Oslo, and the Hanseatic League.

## Canon Dr Anne Davison

*Mediterranean Reflections (p62)*

Anne has had a life-long interest in history and the religions of the world. This led to studying both topics for her first Degree and later for her Doctorate.

For many years she was Adviser in Inter Religious Relations with the Church of England. She was also Vice Moderator of the World Council of Churches in Geneva and has sat on numerous advisory bodies for Inter Religious Relations.

For several years she co-organised a Youth Exchange Programme for young Jews, Christians and Muslims between Jerusalem and East London and in recognition of her work in inter-religious relations was made a Lay Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral.

She is a Visiting Lecturer at various universities and regularly lectures throughout the UK and on cruise ships. She is also an accredited lecturer with the National Association of Fine Arts Societies.

Anne is author of several books including From the Medes to the Mullahs: a history of Iran and The Holy Roman Empire: power politics and papacy.

## Doctor Helen Doe

*Atlantic Voyager (p38)*

Dr Helen Doe is an academic historian and an entertaining and popular speaker. She has featured on both radio and TV. In 2013 she was a consultant on David Dimbleby's Britain and the Sea (BBC1) and appeared with Sir Tony Robinson on Channel 4. She is a Teaching Fellow at the University of Exeter. Her research interests are varied; from medieval trading companies, 19th century sailing ships and people to WW2 pilots. She has published widely and her most recent publications span the 19th and 20th centuries, Enterprising Women in Shipping in the Nineteenth Century and From Coastal Sail to Global Shipping, 1909 to 2009. She co-edited with Professor Richard Harding, Naval Leadership and Management, 1650-1950. She is a Trustee of the British Commission for Maritime History, a Trustee of the SS Great Britain, and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

## Professor David Drewry

*Spectacular Norway and the Enigmatic White Sea (p54)*

David Drewry is Honorary Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, a Trustee of the Natural History Museum, London and Vice-President of the European University Association. He was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hull between 1999 and 2009. He holds a Doctorate in Geophysics from Cambridge University and has research interests in the environmental sciences and climate change having published three books and more than 100 research papers (including in Nature and Science). He has led scientific expeditions to Southern Africa and both polar regions. He was President of the International Arctic Science Committee and served on the UN's Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change.

His previous positions include Director of the British Antarctic Survey, Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge and Director-General of The British Council. He is Visiting Professor in the Universities of London, Xiamen (China) and Krakow Academy (Poland). He holds Honorary Degrees from several British Universities, is recipient of the Polar Medal, the United States Antarctic Service Medal, Prix de la Belgique of the Royal Academy of Belgium and the Patron's Gold Medal of the Royal Geographical Society. He has a mountain and a glacier named after him in Antarctica.

## Dr Janet Edwards & Dr Philip Lawson

*Splendours of the Indian Ocean (p34)*  
*In Search of the Northern Lights (p42)*

Philip and Janet are both award-winning photographers with a wealth of travel and natural history experience. They have exhibited widely, in the UK and internationally, and both are respected Fellows of the Royal Photographic Society. In 2002 Janet won the BBC Wildlife Award for Creative Nature photography and in 2004 Philip was the Times Travel Photographer Of The Year. Both have had their photographs published in a number of collections including the prestigious Journey One (TPOTY) and the Visions of Wanderlust.

## Professor James D Floyd BSc, MSc, PhD, CGeol, FSA (Scot), FGS

*Treasures of the Indian Ocean (p32)*  
*Madeira and the Azores in Spring (p44)*

Professor James Floyd recently retired as District Geologist after 36 years with the British Geological Survey (NERC) in Edinburgh, has wide experience of the geology of many areas including the UK, Ireland, Australia, USA, Canada, Caribbean, Central America, Greenland, Norway, Faroes, Iceland, Russia, Denmark, France, Malta, Greece, Spain and the Canary Isles. In 2007 he was awarded an honorary professorship in the School of the Built Environment at Heriot-Watt University for his research on architectural heraldry. Professor Floyd has also studied building conservation in Europe. He was awarded the Joseph Black Medal in Geology from the University of Glasgow and the prestigious Zibby Garnett Fellowship for his building conservation work in Valletta with Heritage Malta.

## Brigadier Ian Gardiner

*A Black Sea Adventure (p22)*

Ian Gardiner was educated at Fettes and commissioned into the Royal Marines in 1968. He fought in the Dhofar War in Oman from 1973 to 1975, where he was decorated with the Omani Distinguished Service Medal for Gallantry. He also commanded a rifle company in 45 Commando Royal Marines in the Falklands War in 1982. From 1994 to1996 he commanded 40 Commando Royal Marines, which included his fourth operational tour in Northern Ireland. He has also been the Royal Marines Equerry to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. His final appointment was Secretary to the Military Committee at NATO Headquarters where he was involved in the political and strategic direction of the Kosovo conflict. He left the Royal Marines in 2001 in the rank of brigadier. He is now a keynote speaker on leadership, and a published author of three military history books. Ian was Chief Executive of the Scottish SPCA from 2001 to 2004. In 2006, he was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Royal Marines Reserve in Scotland and, in 2007, he was elected to the Council of the Royal Scottish Society of Arts.

## Sir Richard Gozney KCMG CVO KStJ

*Splendours of the Indian Ocean (p34)*

Sir Richard was educated at Magdalen College School, Oxford, and St Edmund Hall, Oxford. He took a BA (Hons) degree in Geology in 1973.

Before becoming Governor of Bermuda in 2007, Sir Richard Gozney was a British diplomat for 34 years, specialising in Indonesia, Africa, the Spanish speaking world, and NATO issues, working for some twenty years abroad at British Embassies and High Commissions. For ten of those twenty years he was an Ambassador or High Commissioner including to the Southern African Kingdom of Swaziland in the 1990s and to the Republic of Nigeria from 2004.

Sir Richard is a bird watcher and occasional sailor.

## Dr Susan Gubbay

*Atlantic Voyager (p38)*

A marine ecologist, diver and conservationist for over 20 years, Dr Gubbay is a freelance marine consultant working on projects for the public, private and non-governmental sectors on marine ecology, marine conservation and coastal management. Her specialist interest is Marine Protected Areas and the developing field of Marine Spatial Planning.

She had acted as a specialist advisor to the UK House

of Commons Environment Select Committee and has held various appointments including President of the European Coastal Association of Science and Technology, the Buckland Professor (for Marine Protected Areas and Fisheries), and a member of the Council of English Nature.

She was a senior conservation officer with the Marine Conservation Society, and has taught marine ecology to university students as well as introducing members of the public to the underwater world through lectures and field visits.

## Anne-Marie Harrison

### *Colours of the Mediterranean (p58)*

Anne-Marie Harrison was born and brought up in Paris but has subsequently lived in many different countries. Originally a linguist, she adapted to the many changes brought by various relocations due to her British husband's job. She spent 16 years in Southeast Asia (Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia) during which time she became involved with the local culture and languages through work in national Museums which led to lecturing and a Master's in anthropology (EHES, Sorbonne) when back in France in 1995. The move to Southeast Asia also enabled her to experience many different fields of activity: she worked in Museums, ran a charity in the slum area of Bangkok, coordinated the teaching of English to Vietnamese refugees in Singapore and created a guiding programme in the Philippines.

Back in France she became president of a local historical society, and she is deputy Mayor of her village in the Dordogne. She has developed a wide range of lectures on Asia and Europe.

## Peter Hawthorn

### *The Magic of South Africa (p36)*

Peter Hawthorne, a veteran journalist, foreign correspondent and author, was born in England but has been in Africa for most of his working career. His experience stretches into most countries of Africa over more than 40 years, during which he has been witness to many of the momentous events of Africa's dramatic winds of change including the trail of Nelson Mandela and, 30 years later, his inauguration as the country's first black president.

He has been a correspondent for various international media organizations in press, radio and television, including the British Broadcasting Corporation, the New York Times and several British national newspapers. For 10 years up to his retirement he was bureau chief in southern Africa for Time magazine. He is an award winner from the English Academy of Southern Africa and is author of The Transplanted Heart, a best-seller about the world's first human heart transplant in Cape Town and The King's Eye and John Vorster's Elbow – reporting the Mandela years.

He is working on another novel and is a consultant for various press, public relations and communications concerns.

## Sir James Hodge KCVO CMG

### *A Baltic Showcase (p52)*

Sir James Hodge retired after a 37-year career in the British Diplomatic Service. Before joining the Foreign Office he studied Old Norse language and literature in Iceland and later served as a diplomat in Denmark. Sir James has been knighted by HM Queen Elizabeth II and by HM The King of Thailand. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society for Arts and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Linguists. Sir James has also been awarded honorary Doctorates by the Universities of Ulster (DLitt: Literature) and Liverpool (LID: Laws) in recognition of his achievements in the fields of learning and diplomacy. He comments on Asian affairs for the BBC, Sky and other television and radio stations.

## Jasleen Kandhari (NADFAS)

### *Treasures of the Indian Ocean (p32)*

Lecturer of Indian & Asian art and textiles for Oxford University's Department of Continuing Education, the Ashmolean Museum of Art at Oxford University, Morley College and NADFAS - the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies. Formerly, Curator of Asian Collections at University of British Columbia Jasleen has also worked for the British Museum and the British Library and specialises in the artistic

heritage and material culture of the Sikhs and Punjab. Extensive lecturing experience at Museums, Universities and Art Societies including the British Museum, British Library, Victoria & Albert Museum, Asia House, Fashion and Textiles Museum, SOAS, University of British Columbia, National Museums Liverpool and National Textiles Museum of Malaysia, she has published several articles on her academic specialisms.

## Paul & Lucy Kay

### *Madeira and the Azores in Spring (p44)*

Paul's scientific photography, working in the marine environment and Lucy's work in underwater excavation leading to various aspects of marine conservation has created a formidable scientific team.

Paul's expertise and knowledge of the marine environment have resulted in the publication of a number of books including his latest "Ireland's Hidden Depths" and "Marine Fishes of Wales". He has dived extensively around the world and his images and articles have featured in diving, natural history, photography and other magazines. He currently works part of the time for the UK's Marine Conservation Society.

Lucy learned to dive in 1980, worked on the underwater excavation of Henry VIII's warship the Mary Rose and went on went on, via two university degrees to concentrate on coastal management, marine conservation and a number of fisheries projects. Much travelled, she is also an accomplished photographer and is now a Senior Marine Conservation Officer for Natural Resources Wales where she looks after the Pen Llyn a'r Sarnau marine Special Area of Conservation.

## Catherine Leonard

### *Heritage of the British Isles (p46)*

Catherine Leonard joined the National Trust in 1999, when she was responsible for the Trust's work with overseas heritage conservation groups, running the European Exchange Programme and managing the European Network of National Heritage Organisations. Over the years, Catherine has been involved with National Trusts all over the world (from Australia, Bermuda and China to Slovakia, USA and Zimbabwe!) and now heads the Secretariat of the International National Trusts Organisation (INTO). Catherine studied Russian and German at university and has spent time travelling in both countries. Prior to joining the National Trust, Catherine worked for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

## Peter Mawby

### *Spectacular Norway and the Enigmatic White Sea (p54)*

Peter Mawby graduated in Natural Sciences from Cambridge University where his passionate interest for ornithology was recognised by the award of a grant to study birds in Arctic Lapland. He has organised and led expeditions specialising in the ringing of seabirds on remote islands of the North Atlantic. His current research work investigates the effects of changing patterns of agriculture on birds in Cumbria.

The author of two books and several articles, his recent retirement after 18 years as the Headmaster of Lancaster Royal Grammar School has made possible a wide range of other activities including participation in the £1,000,000 restoration of the historic Mawson garden at Rydal Hall, regular lectures to wildlife groups including the RSPB, and playing the cello at every opportunity.

## Professor Ian Morison BA, MSC, PHD, FRAS

### *In Search of the Northern Lights (p42)*

Having studied Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy at Hertford College, Oxford he became a research student at the University of Manchester's Jodrell Bank Observatory. In 1971 he was appointed to the staff of the Observatory and taught astronomy at the University of Manchester.

In 1999 he became president of the Society for Popular Astronomy, the UK's largest astronomical society and remains on the Society's Council holding the post of instrument advisor.

In 2003 the Minor Planets Committee of the International Astronomical Union named minor planet

15,727 in his honour citing his work with MERLIN, the world's largest linked array of radio telescopes.

In 2007 he was appointed Professor of Astronomy at Gresham College, London. This is the oldest chair of astronomy in the world, dating from 1597, and was once held by Christopher Wren.

He lectures widely on astronomy, has co-authored books for amateur astronomers and writes regularly for the UK astronomy magazines Astronomy Now and Sky at Night. He also writes a monthly sky guide for the Observatory's web site and produces an audio version as part of the Jodrell Bank Podcast. He has contributed to many television programmes and is a regular astronomy commentator on local and national radio.

## Keith Muras

### *A Baltic Showcase (p52)*

In a distinguished British Diplomatic Service career Keith focused on the security and intelligence dimensions of international political issues. He served in South Africa, the Former Soviet Union, Jamaica, (with responsibilities throughout the Western Caribbean), Zimbabwe, and Uganda. In the United Kingdom Keith worked to counter domestic and international terrorist threats, and to support objectives of foreign policy.

Keith joined the Service in 1976, carried out assignments in the Republic of South Africa at the heights of apartheid government, moved to Moscow in 1981, working in the Former Soviet Union at the depths of the 'Cold War'.

On returning to UK he moved to work on the emerging threats from terrorism, extremism, and international crime. The following years saw him working closely with police and security agencies, nationally and internationally, in countering these challenges.

Keith retired from the Service in 1999 and for the following ten years he worked in corporate security working with multi-national businesses in their mission to protect staff, assets, and reputations from crime, terror and civil disorder.

## Prof. Sandy Primrose MBE BSc PhD

### *Adriatic, Ionian and Aegean Odyssey (p20)*

### *Gems of the Red and Arabian Seas (p28)*

Sandy Primrose is a microbiologist with degrees from the Universities of Strathclyde and California. After undertaking research in Australia he became an academic at the universities of Edinburgh and Warwick.

In 1981 he moved into the pharmaceutical industry where he had responsibility for developing the new generation of biotechnology-based drugs, followed by running a number of businesses in radioactive chemicals, food safety and environmental toxicology.

More recently Sandy has been running a technology consultancy, acting as an advisor to various government agencies, serving on the Board of the Health Protection Agency and is Chairman of a number of early-stage companies. He also has written a number of very popular scientific textbooks. However, his real passion is gardening. Over the years he has shown many groups round his garden in High Wycombe.

## Steve Ragnall

### *Heritage of the British Isles (p46)*

### *A Flavour of Voyager and France (p48)*

Steve has a lifetime's love of the sea and its history. An Old Boy of his Grammar School, James King (1750-1784) had sailed as a lieutenant with Captain Cook on his fatal third Pacific voyage, leading Steve to immerse himself in tales of Pacific exploration and adventure. He has lectured extensively on maritime history around the world.

A member of the Society for Nautical Research and the Captain Cook Society and a regular contributor to its Quarterly Journal, Steve is continuing research, with members of the society and various museums, into Cook's world and the characters associated with Britain's greatest navigator. He has worked in Hawaii on the site of Cook's 1779 shorebase.

His recent book "Better Conceiv'd than Describ'd: The Life & Times of Captain James King" is something of a culmination of that research and has been well received.



Steve has worked extensively in local and regional radio as musician, writer and presenter. RYA Yatchmaster certified, he has extensive sailing experience, including passages on tall ships. He is proud to be an honorary member of the Merchant Navy Association.

He is currently working with the National Register of Historic Ships to pursue an ambassadorial role.

### Brigadier Philip Sanders OBE

*The Best of the Black Sea (p60)*

After training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Philip served 30 years in the British Army retiring in the rank of brigadier. He had commanded the 4th Royal Tank Regiment, the British Army of the Rhine's reconnaissance forces, the tri-national Berlin Relief Force and was a Director of Operations at Joint Force Headquarters during the 1st Gulf War. He attended and instructed at the Army Staff College also attended the Royal College of Defence Studies. He was awarded the CBE in 1986. Also in 1986 he was a Defence Fellow at Kings College London.

On retiring from the army he joined the NHS and was Chief Executive of an NHS Community and Mental Health Trust for 7 years. He is now a consultant in healthcare management, periodically reviews health policy and practice for the Department of Health, Ministry of Defence and the Northern Ireland Executive and is an acute hospital turn-around specialist.

As a life-long student of military history, he specialises in 20th Century campaigns and focuses on the operational and logistic management of war.

### Andrew Schofield

*The Magic of South Africa (p36)*

Andrew is an ecologist turned film maker who has a great knowledge on the wildlife and plant kingdoms of Southern Africa. His specialties are lions and birds of prey, but he has knowledge of the plant types and Fynbos of the Western Cape, and birds of the Southern African sub-region are one of his passions.

He was Team Leader on the re-introduction of the white lions back into the wild. He made a film on the project and has also written about this challenge. These were the first white lions to be released back into the wild. This project not only reintroduced the lions but went on to create a game reserve from overgrazed sheep and cattle farms. Andrew was also in charge of the re-introduction of cheetah back into those areas where they had been wiped out. It has resulted in a free roaming big five wildlife reserve in an area that had not seen big game for over 250 years.

### Michael Scott BSC OBE

*Oslo and the Timeless Fjords (p50)*

Michael is a writer, broadcaster and regular cruise ship speaker with a wide interest in the natural world. His books include Scottish Wild Flowers, The Young Oxford Book of Ecology and Walk & Eat: Cape Town (written jointly with his wife, Sue) and he is currently working on a book on Mountain Flowers for the British Wildlife Collection. He regularly contributes to publications including How It Works and British Wildlife. He has travelled as a speaker with Voyages of Discovery to ports ranging from the Amazon to Arabia, and from Svalbard to Cape Horn, and likes nothing better than being on deck helping passengers to spot seabirds, whales and dolphins. He is a former Deputy Chairman of Scottish Natural Heritage, the government conservation agency, and was awarded an O.B.E. in 2005 "for services to biodiversity conservation in Scotland".

### Brigadier Mike Shaw

*Adriatic, Ionian and Aegean Odyssey (p20)*  
*Contrasts of India and Arabia (p30)*

Mike Shaw was a regular soldier for 30 years rising to command a field force brigade after prior experience in Arctic operations and technical intelligence. Following tours as a director in the MoD's Central Staffs, he retired early to concentrate on his principal interests of history and travel.

Aside from a keen understanding of military and naval matters, as an ocean yachtsman he has a practical understanding of early navigational techniques and how trading links developed across the world's oceans in the Age of Sail.

When not travelling independently or leading battlefield themed series of courses for mature

audiences within the Adult Recreational Colleges' network and on the cruise circuit where all his lectures are tailored to provide historical background for the cruise in progress.

### John Sherlock (NADFAS)

*A Baltic Showcase (p52)*

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 HM the Queen and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh at Windsor Castle. An unbridled enthusiast for his subject, John was educated at Winchester (where he first caught the architecture bug from the legendary cruise lecturer Colin Badcock) and Oxford, where he read Engineering Science and developed an understanding of building structures.

### Rear Admiral David Snelson CB FNI

*Gems of the Red and Arabian Seas (p28)*

David Snelson served in the Royal Navy from 1969 to 2006; commanding 3 ships, including the aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal. He was the naval commander for the invasion of Iraq and left the Navy in 2006 having achieved the rank of Rear Admiral.

From 2006 to 2011 he was on the Board of the Port of London Authority as the Chief Harbour Master; responsible for shipping operations and safety in the UK's second largest Port. During the same period, he was also a specialist adviser to the House of Commons Defence Committee and briefly to the Foreign Affairs Committee.

David is currently a Non-Executive Director of the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency and the Port of Milford Haven in South Wales. David is also a Trustee of the Marine Society and Sea Cadets, and Chairman of Appeal Patrons for 'Sea Change'; a young person's sail training charity using Thames barges.

He is an Elder Brother of Trinity House, a member of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners and a Fellow of the Nautical Institute.

David was made a Companion of the Bath in the 2004 New Year's honours list and was awarded the Legion of Merit by the US government in 2005.

### Alan Sparrow

*Splendours of the Indian Ocean (p34)*

Alan Sparrow grew up on Lone Star Ranch in Zimbabwe. The Sparrows were one of the first private sector ranching families to see the value of wildlife management as a viable land use. Alan's first job was with the ranch wildlife operation.

He joined the Department of National Parks before becoming a District Officer working with rural communities. A bursary saw him travel to South Africa to study forestry.

On his return to Zimbabwe, Alan joined the Forestry Commission and became the forester in charge of indigenous teak woodlands in north-western Zimbabwe. He was also part of the Forestry Commission team that set up the wildlife operations in the forests there.

Recently, Alan has been involved in establishing new wildlife management areas within the transfrontier park movement and has also worked on the development of the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area.

### Stuart Usher

*Spectacular Norway and the Enigmatic White Sea (p54)*

Stuart enjoyed an early career in the photographic branch of the Royal Air Force, living variously in Cyprus, Singapore and Australia. He later travelled extensively in the Middle East in a commercial capacity, working in the areas of vocational training and applied science, and finally retired from the UK Ministry of Defence in 2005.

During the 1970s he was involved in a number of significant expeditions to Norway, the first to recover for the RAF Museum, the then only surviving example of a

WW2 Halifax bomber from the bottom of a lake in Central Norway. This led on to his involvement in the search for HMS X5, one of three Royal Navy midget submarines which penetrated the German fleet anchorage at Kaafjord in Arctic Norway in September 1943, in an attack on the German battleship "Tirpitz".

In March 2004 he participated with the BBC in the making of a documentary about this raid: BBC Timewatch - 'The Lost Heroes'. He has also on the production of a further documentary on the subject of HMS X5.

Stuart's talks cover these expeditions, and also some of the lesser-known personalities and operations of World War II in the South-East Asian, Scandinavian and Mediterranean theatres of the war.

### Doctor Antony Waltham

*Contrasts of India and Arabia (p30)*

Dr Tony Waltham is a geologist who graduated from Imperial College, London, and studied in the mines of Norway for his PhD. He was then a university lecturer for many years in Nottingham, where he taught mining and civil engineers, and pursued research into ground stability and geohazards.

Travel to faraway places has always taken all his free time, and the geological interest has taken him all over the world, notably to almost every country in Asia. In his younger days, cave exploration was a major delight, taking him on expeditions to caves in many countries, to the Himalayas of both Nepal and Tibet, and then to the great limestone lands of China.

Author of more than a dozen academic books and innumerable scientific papers, he now enjoys taking his own photographs for books, articles and lectures for a wider audience. He has taken geology tours to Jordan, Alaska, Kamchatka and elsewhere, has made films for television, still manages his Geophotos picture library and is on the Editorial Board of Geology Today.

### Air Commodore Phil Wilkinson

*A Black Sea Adventure (p22)*  
*Spectacular Norway and the Enigmatic White Sea (p54)*

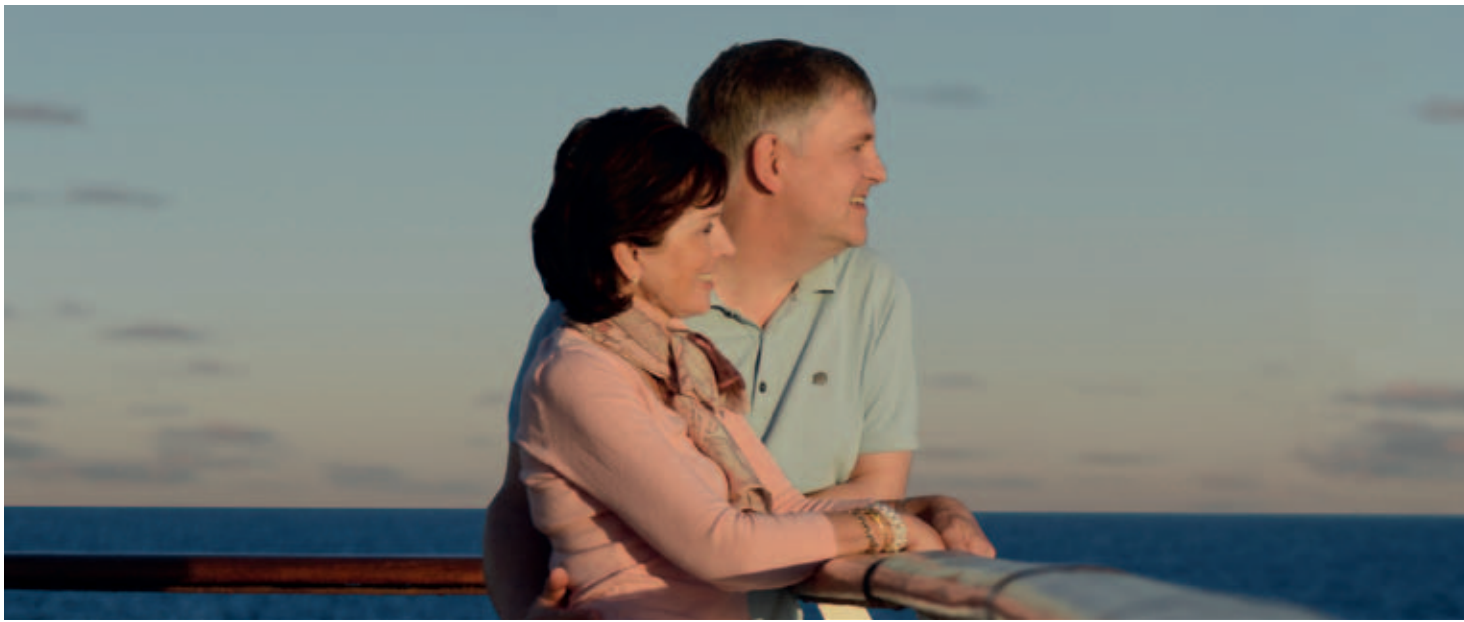
Phil Wilkinson's time in the Royal Air Force started with National Service, continued with the University Air Squadron at Oxford (where he was reading Modern Languages – when time in the air allowed) and then went on to total 40 years in light blue uniform. This called for thousands of hours in the air – an activity he still tries to engage in as often as possible. His time on the ground was equally challenging, including exchange appointments with both the French and United States Air Forces, and assignment as commander of the RAF station in Berlin at the time of the Fall of the Wall. His final period of duty was based in Moscow, as Defence and Air Attaché, during the turbulence of Russia's emergence from the Soviet era. He spent a lot of time travelling across the former Soviet Union, including journeys to Murmansk and Archangel, where he accompanied RAF and other British veterans as they re-visited the scenes of their operations in World War 2. He talks and writes regularly on these topics, reflecting on the transition from Cold War warrior to military diplomat at a time of great change.

### Brigadier Hugh Willing CBE

*Splendours of the Indian Ocean (p34)*  
*Colours of the Mediterranean (p58)*

Born and raised in Mombasa and educated in both Kenya and the UK, Hugh Willing spent his early childhood in East Africa, the Seychelles and West Africa before joining the British Army in 1971. He served for nearly 37 years with The Royal Green Jackets and 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles before retiring in 2007. During this time his more exotic overseas postings included Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Cyprus and Oman the latter as Defence Attaché for 4 years. As an instructor at both the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and the Army Staff College Camberley he was able to indulge his interests in military and social history combined with current affairs. During his final posting in Oman he researched the battlefields of the Jebel Akhdar and Dhofar and guided groups of expatriates and serving and retired military visitors to these remote regions. A Swahili, Arabic and Gurkhal speaker he has travelled widely in Africa, Arabia, Mediterranean and the Far East.

# GENERAL INFORMATION



Passengers who have never cruised before, or who have not cruised with Voyages of Discovery, 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 2014), but is subject to change without notice.

## BEFORE YOU GO

### RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of AU\$1000 per person or 10% 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 in your Cruise**

**Fare:** Flights; meals other than onboard your cruise (aboard Voyager); beverages (beer, wine, spirits, sodas); travel insurance; shore excursions; driver and tour guide gratuities; 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 AND VISAS

Voyages of Discovery requires a full 10 year Australian passport or full 5 year New Zealand passport with spare pages, **valid for at least six months after the date of return** for all AU/NZ citizens. We also recommend that you take photocopies of the personal details page of your passport with you (i.e. the page with your photograph) as this is sometimes required by local immigration authorities.

Any passenger with an Israeli visa or entry permit in their passport (whether valid or not) may not be permitted to disembark in some Arab countries. The relevant Embassies can provide further guidance in this respect.

In some ports, group visas are available and we will take care of these for you. Group visas will allow passengers on our shore excursions to go ashore. In some ports it may be necessary for passengers to obtain individual visas and you may be required to obtain these prior to travel. Australian and New Zealand passport holders joining our organised tours in Russia do not at the present time require individual visas. If however the situation changes, it will be the responsibility of the passenger to

obtain and purchase their own visa.

Currently passengers who wish to go ashore independently at any time in Russia will require a visa purchased and issued before arrival. Advice regarding all aspects of visa requirements and payments will be included in your pre-cruise information.

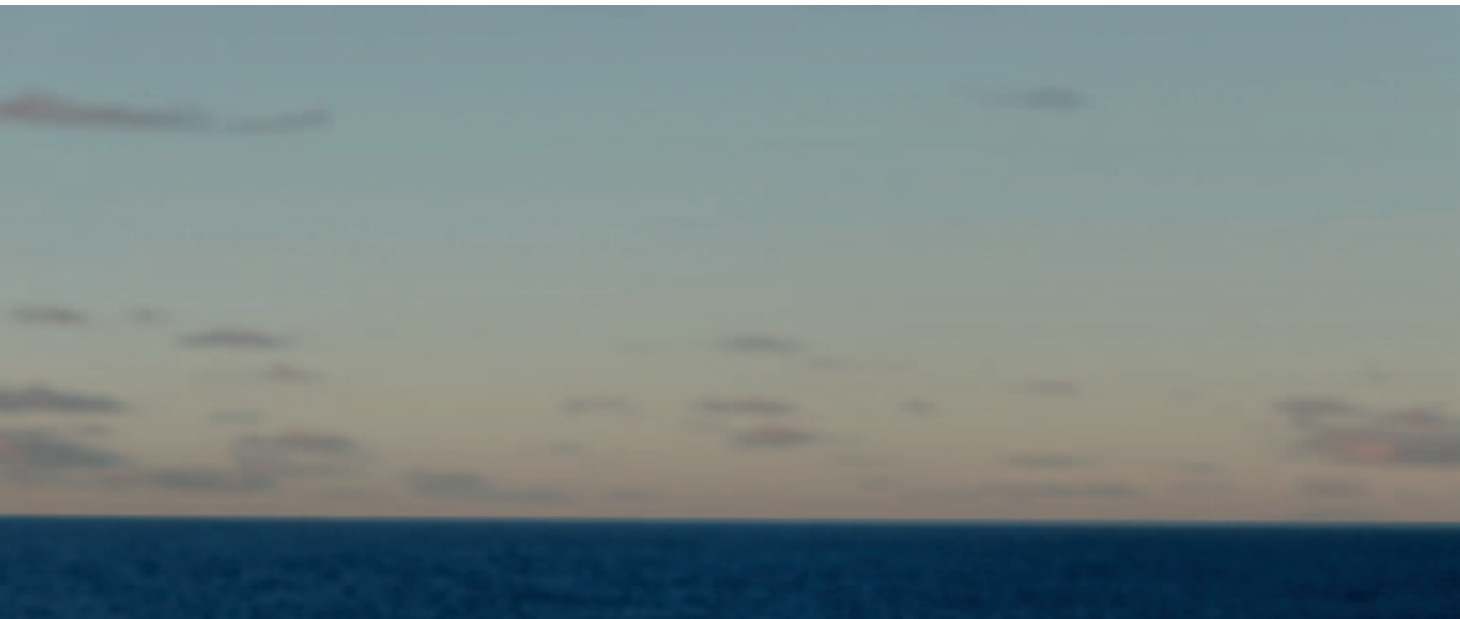
**Please note that it is the responsibility of each passenger to check with the various embassies or consulates of those countries to be visited on their particular cruise to ensure that they have the necessary visas/documentation to enter all countries to be visited. Any passengers arriving at the departure port/airport without a passport or correct visas (if required) will be refused permission to board the ship/aircraft. Failure in this respect is not covered by insurance and no refund can be made. The ship's purser deals with all immigration formalities on board.**

### MEDICAL INFORMATION

**Any passenger arriving at the port or departure airport without the correct vaccination or exemption certificate(s) will be refused permission to board the ship. No passenger refund would be applicable under such circumstances.**

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, especially when arrival is by sea. We





must comply with the local authorities of each country in order to proceed with our itinerary as planned.

We recommend that all passengers seek advice from their doctor or travel clinic at least 12 weeks prior to departure and take a copy of their itinerary and personal travel plans for review with their practitioner. 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 condition at the time of booking and of any condition arising subsequently prior to departure, otherwise your insurance may be invalid. You must also advise us at time of booking or if your personal situation changes of any disability, illness or special needs so that we can advise our on board medical team or request that you complete a medical questionnaire.

## 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. 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.

## PASSENGERS WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Voyages of Discovery 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 your 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.

## 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.

## CHILDREN

There are no recreational facilities for children on Voyager and reservations for those under the age of 11 are not advised.

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Voyages of Discovery is committed to protecting the environment at all times and especially by the proper disposal of waste matter generated on board. This is achieved by adhering to stringent regulations and procedures on board and complying with various applicable legislation.

## OPTIONAL SHORE EXCURSIONS

Shore excursions are not included in the price of your cruise. At the time of going to print the exact content and costs for the shore excursions programme have not been finalised. All excursions can be pre-booked although it is also possible (subject to availability and at a higher on board price) to book your tours on board. Full excursion details will be sent approximately 16 weeks before departure, they can be pre-booked on the telephone or via a booking form.

**If you or any other person travelling with you have special requirements please check the suitability of the excursion with our Service Centre before you book.**

## PROXIMITY TO PLACES OF INTEREST

Fares for local shuttle buses at ports visited are not included in the cost of your cruise. We choose our ports of call for their proximity to places of interest. In all our ports of call we aim to dock the ship as closely as we can to the destination. Often we will be in walking distance or a

short bus or taxi ride away from the city centre. A shuttle bus may be provided either by Voyages of Discovery or the local port authority for which a charge will usually be made. It is sometimes the case that the port is further away and it may be necessary to book a tour to visit the main destination or make use of local transport.

## INDEPENDENT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The Company will have no responsibility, financial or otherwise, in regards to air, hotel, transport or any other arrangements made by passengers with third parties. Passengers should ensure any such arrangements are transferable or refundable, or covered by their travel insurance, in the event of delay, amendment or cancellation of any of these independent arrangements, or of your cruise.

## ON BOARD

### GRATUITIES AND SERVICE CHARGES

Unlike many other cruise operators, gratuities and service charges are included within the fares shown for Australian and New Zealand passengers on Voyager, however, you may wish to recognise special service at your discretion.

### CURRENCY & PAYMENTS

On board Voyager all prices are in British Pounds.

Foreign exchange facilities on board are very limited, so we would recommend that you purchase any currency requirements before you travel. There is little opportunity to visit banks whilst on holiday, although guides will normally help exchange small amounts if necessary. 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.

Visa, MasterCard and American Express (2% surcharge applies to Amex) credit cards, cash and Travellers' Cheques are accepted for payment of shipboard accounts.. Personal cheques are not accepted.

### BARS & ALCOHOL

Only alcohol purchased in the ship's bars and restaurants may be consumed on Voyager. The serving of alcohol may be restricted in certain countries.

## PHONES & WIFI

Our on board telecommunications systems mean that you are never more than a phone call away from your home or office. All cabins feature direct-dial telephones, whilst fax facilities are available at the Purser's Desk and computer facilities in the Internet Centre. Wi-Fi connections are also available in certain locations on board (charges apply for internet connectivity), however connection difficulties can occur in some areas of the world. Mobile phones usually get a signal but only via satellite.

## ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Cabins are fitted with both UK standard three pin plugs (220 Volt) and European two pin (110 Volt). Any questions regarding the use of electric rollers, curling irons, electric shavers and other small appliances should be directed to reception. For safety reasons the use of travel irons and any tea/coffee making equipment is definitely not allowed. Each cabin is equipped with a hair dryer.

## LAUNDRY

A service is available for laundry and pressing. Laundry bags and order forms are provided in your cabin. For passengers taking two or more consecutive cruises, there is a 50% discount for laundry and pressing.

## WHAT TO WEAR

As a general rule, for days on board and ashore, summer clothing/sports wear is the order of the day. It should be light, casual and easy to care for. A sweater and jacket for cooler evenings and a light raincoat are also advisable.

In certain countries, shorts, short skirts, bare arms and shoulders will not be appreciated locally and you may be prohibited entry to certain sites. Advice will be given on board.

For trips ashore and for getting into and out of the ship's tenders, comfortable, sturdy footwear is recommended. You may also want to bring with you a camera, binoculars, umbrella, sun hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.

In the evening, there is a recommended dress code. Passengers may wish to dress in 'black tie' and evening dresses for formal nights such as the Captain's Welcome Cocktail Party and Dinner, however, a lounge suit or blazer and tie would be fine – the choice is yours. On other evenings the dress code will be smart/casual. Details will be given in the

daily programme on board. Gentlemen are not permitted to wear shorts at evening dinner, only long trousers are acceptable. The Veranda Restaurant offers a less formal dining environment and casual clothing including jeans are perfectly acceptable to wear.

## SMOKING

Passengers are not permitted to smoke inside Voyager or where food is being served. Passengers are requested to smoke only in designated areas on open decks, subject to national government laws when in port. Smoking is not permitted on excursion coaches.

## EMERGENCY DRILL

Before the ship sails or early in the cruise, there will be a full muster stations 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.

**ALL passengers must attend.**

## NOISE

As you might imagine, there is all kinds of noise when the ship is in motion. We recognise that tolerance levels vary so please contact us to discuss this in more detail before you book.

## PORT HOLES

In rough weather or for operational or security port hole covers (known as dead lights) may need to be closed. 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.

## ONBOARD GIFTS

Approximately 16 weeks before departure you will receive details of our onboard gift selection, a variety of packages to help make your cruise even more special. These range from Champagne and fruit baskets to canapés and birthday cakes.





# GENERAL

## DINING ARRANGEMENTS

Breakfast and lunch are arranged on an open sitting basis and may be taken in the Discovery Restaurant on the Discovery Deck, inside the Veranda Restaurant on the Bridge Deck or 'alfresco' by the Veranda Restaurant. Continental breakfast is also available in your cabin.

In the evening, there are two restaurants to choose from. The Discovery Restaurant on the Discovery Deck and the Veranda Restaurant on the Bridge Deck both offer open seating, with the Veranda being less formal.

A limited room service menu is available most days from 7.00am to 10.00pm.

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

**We are unable to accept 'conditional bookings'.** Please note any special requests clearly on your pre-cruise Passenger Information Form or advise our consultant at 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 ask you to notify us in writing immediately of any alterations to your address before departure. In all communication, please state the cruise on which you are travelling and your booking reference.

## 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 this country. 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

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 shall let passengers know. Please read the section entitled 'Cancellation or alteration by the Company' in our Booking Conditions carefully before you make a booking.

## 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 those at home. So as 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 the Australia or New Zealand. Please read the 'Shore Excursions' section of our Booking Conditions.

## DANGEROUS GOODS

It is an offence to carry on board ship any goods of a dangerous nature. Please read Section 10.22 & 10.23 of our Booking Conditions.

## 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, often without our prior knowledge. Should we become aware of anything that we consider will have a permanent impact on your enjoyment of the cruise, we will do our utmost to advise you before you sail.

## SHIP REGISTRY

MV Voyager is registered in the Bahamas.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The information in this brochure is subject to change without notice. If cost factors dictate the need for the fare, tax or surcharge increases, the company may do so prior to departure and without notice.

# BOOKING CONDITIONS

## TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

### 1. THE CONTRACT

- 1.1. The contract is between All Leisure Holidays Limited trading as "Voyages of Discovery" ("The Company") and each person booking with the Company (including the parents or guardian of any person under 18 years of age) ("the Passengers"). Please note that information contained in the section headed "General Information" in our brochure or in these or any other comparable sections, and any other relevant information on our website also form part of your contract with the Company.
- 1.2. The Lead Passenger warrants as a fundamental term of the contract that he/she has read and agrees these terms and conditions and has the authority by each Passenger named on the confirmation invoice to be bound by them. Furthermore that he/she is authorised by each passenger named on the confirmation invoice (and, where such passenger is under 18, by his/her parents or guardian) to enter into a contract with the Company on their behalf. Unless otherwise indicated, the Lead Passenger warrants that the Passenger information given may be used by the Company or its partners for future marketing purposes.
- 1.3. A binding contract comes in to place when you pay the full deposit (or where appropriate the full price) and a confirmation invoice is issued even if the Company is unable to confirm all holiday details (e.g. flights) at the time of booking. A confirmation invoice will be sent to the Lead Passenger. If you pay by credit card, a fee will be charged to your tour price. Fees differ by card type. Please contact us to obtain the applicable surcharge fee for your card type.
- 1.4. All details on the confirmation invoice (and on any additional documents produced by the Company) will be deemed to have been accepted unless the Company receives notification to the contrary in writing from the Lead Passenger immediately that the confirmation invoice is received. If you have not received your confirmation invoice within 7 days of booking your cruise please contact us immediately. If any errors are not immediately identified and reported, any cost of rectifying the same at a subsequent date must be met by the Passenger. Please note that Passengers not following these instructions will be fully liable for any costs that may subsequently be incurred in rectifying errors at a later date. In the case of e-tickets and vouchers these must be checked by Passengers and the Company must be notified of any errors immediately.
- 1.5. It is expressly agreed that all Passengers and their luggage are carried subject to the Conditions of Carriage of the airlines and shipping company used, some of which limit or exclude liability. Any compensation payable by the Company for non-performance or improper performance of land, sea and air carriage services shall be limited in accordance with the international conventions which govern such services by the carrier. See paragraphs 12 and 13.
- 1.6. For bookings made through an approved Travel Agent, the Agent holds any monies paid for the Company on behalf of the customer.
- 1.7. The Company reserves the right to cancel bookings and levy cancellation charges on the scale in section 8 below if balance payments are not received in full 16 weeks before departure or by return post/credit or debit card for bookings taken less than 17 weeks before departure. Travel insurance (where purchased through us or directly with a third party) does not form part of your contract with the Company or of any "package".
- 1.8. The contract and all other proceedings arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by English law and the jurisdiction of the English courts. If and in so far as a claim against the Company is governed EU Regulation 392/2009 relating to the liability of carriers of passengers by sea in the event of accidents (or the Passenger Liability Regulation (EU 392/2009) or in respect of non-international carriage by the Athens Convention 1974 or 2002 and or in the case of river cruises. The Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims 1996 (LLMC 96) as amended by SI 1998/1258 in the Court competent to hear such claims.

### 2. THE BOOKING PROCESS

- 2.1. A non-refundable deposit of AU\$1,000 or 10% of the total fare due, whichever is highest (or full payment for bookings taken within 119 days of departure) is due upon booking. A higher Deposit amount may be payable if any supplier(s) require additional payments for a service prior to the balance due date. Payment of a Deposit means acceptance of these Booking Terms

& Conditions. The Company takes no responsibility for credit card or foreign currency transaction processing fees levied by issuing banks.

- 2.2. If the Deposit and/or balance are not paid on time, the Company reserves the right to cancel the contract and apply any cancellation charges set out in section 8.
- 2.3. Passengers must be fit to travel. Any passengers with reduced mobility or with other physical or mental disabilities or conditions which may require special treatment or assistance (including Passengers who may require the use of a wheelchair) must advise the Company prior to booking. They may be required to complete a questionnaire and upon receipt of which they may be asked to accept additional Booking Conditions before a confirmation invoice is issued and a contract entered into. See paragraph 10.
- 2.4. The Company may (at its discretion) offer Passengers at the time of booking a guaranteed cabin booking (a "Guarantee Cabin"). Under such offers a Passenger is guaranteed to receive a cabin of a specified type although the precise location of the cabin is at the Company's discretion. The Company may (at its discretion) upgrade a Guarantee Cabin to a higher category cabin at no additional cost to the Passenger. The Company may allocate specific cabins under guarantee offers at any time up until the Passenger arrives on the vessel at the port of embarkation. Once Guarantee Cabins have been allocated, the Company is unable to accept Passenger change requests. If Passengers book one or more back-to-back cruises and one or more cruise includes Guarantee Cabins, it is possible that Passengers may be allocated different cabins on each cruise and may need to move between cabins on changeover day(s).

### 3. PRICES AND SURCHARGES

- 3.1. The Company reserves the right to alter the published prices of any of the cruise holidays. Passengers will be advised of the current price of the holiday that they wish to book before any contract is confirmed.
- 3.2. The price of the travel arrangements was calculated using exchange rates quoted in the appropriate brochure. Changes in transportation costs (including the cost of fuel, port costs, taxes or other fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation/disembarkation fees at ports) and exchange rates mean that the price of travel arrangements may change after booking. The Company undertakes, however, that no changes to the price will be made within 30 days of departure.
- 3.3. The Company will absorb and the Passenger will not be charged for, any increase equivalent to up to 2% of the total holiday cost (excluding insurance premiums and/or any amendment charges). The Company may, at its discretion, and subject to the approval of the relevant authority (ies), charge the Passenger any increase above 2% in respect of (i) transportation costs, including the cost of fuel, (ii) dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports, or (iii) the exchange rates applied to the package. If the increase is more than 10% of the price of their travel arrangements, Passengers will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid, except for any insurance premiums and amendment charges. If the Company is able to offer another holiday and this alternative holiday is of equivalent or higher price to the original holiday booked, then the Passenger will not have to pay more. If the alternative holiday is a lower price, the Passenger will be refunded the difference. Should Passengers decide to cancel their holiday under these circumstances, they must do so within 14 days of the date of the invoice for the additional charge or such other period as may be specified.
- 3.4. Should the total cost to the Company of a Passenger's holiday fall by more than 2% due to any of the changes mentioned above then the Company will pass on to Passengers any refund due. Passengers should note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some changes in local currency costs may have no impact on the price of Passengers' travel due to contractual and other protection in place.
- 3.5. All outstanding balances on on-board accounts must be settled in full before the Passenger disembarks the vessel. If any Passenger fails to settle their on-board account then the Company shall be entitled to take whatever steps may be necessary to recover the monies

due and shall be entitled to pass on any costs incurred in doing so.

- 3.6. Passengers must be aware that the holiday price quoted may include different points of departure and return from/to the UK. In such cases there may be additional costs associated with transfer between the two places not included in the holiday price that will be passed on to the customer.
- 3.7. We may decide, at any time, to advertise Saver Fares on selected cruises or cabin grades. These are subject to availability and your cabin number will not be allocated at the time of booking.

### 4. OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND SHORE EXCURSIONS

- 4.1. Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret that the Company cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our contractual obligations is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage or loss as a result of Force Majeure. In this Contract, "Force Majeure" includes any event which the Company or any supplier of the service(s) in question could not even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events may include (whether actual or threatened) war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, technical problems with transport, closure of airports, ports or airspace, changes of schedules by airlines, adverse weather conditions, epidemics, health risks and pandemics, fire, closed or congested airports or ports and all similar events outside the control of the Company and our suppliers.
- 4.2. The Company is not responsible for any improper or non-performance of any services of the package holiday which are wholly attributable to the fault of the Passenger, the unforeseeable or unavoidable act or omission of a third party unconnected with the provision of any of the services to be provided under the Contract; unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of the Company and/or the relevant supplier, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised including (but not limited to) an event of Force Majeure; or any event which the Company and / or relevant suppliers could not even with all due care have foreseen or forestalled. In the event that the Company is responsible for any death, injury or illness caused by the negligent acts and / or omissions of its suppliers of services which form part of the Package then the Company limits its liability, where applicable, by the International Conventions.
- 4.3. Where death and or personal injury and or loss of or damage to property occurs during carriage by air or by sea then the liability and the extent of damages recoverable will be dealt with by their conditions of carriage and the International Conventions set out in paragraphs 12 and 13 and not otherwise.
- 4.4. Where there is any loss of or damage to property including luggage which is not covered by any International Convention and where liability is not limited by reference to any enactment, terms or conditions, then any legal liability that the Company may have for any such losses or damage will not exceed £500 per Passenger.
- 4.5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this Contract, the Company shall not in any circumstances be liable to the Passenger for any loss or anticipated loss of profit, loss of revenue, loss of use, loss of contract or other opportunity nor for any other consequential or indirect loss or damage of a similar nature.

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- 4.6. Where the Company provides or sells a shore excursion to the Passenger the Passenger shall be bound by the terms and conditions of the supplier of the shore excursion supplier.
- 4.7. The Company does not perform shore excursions which it sells to Passengers. These are performed by local operators, who may themselves engage the services of third party suppliers. The Company will at all times endeavour to appoint reputable and competent operators who comply with all prevailing local rules, regulations and standards. It should be noted that, outside the UK, standards of hygiene, accommodation and transport might differ from comparable standards in the UK.
- 4.8. Local laws and regulations of the relevant country will be



- applied to assess the performance of suppliers and the Company. The Company's legal obligations will have been performed if the supplier has complied with local laws and regulations even if the laws of England have not been met.
- 4.9 Passengers should be aware that they may also be subject to terms and conditions imposed by local excursion operators.
- 4.10 In the event of an excursion being cancelled, the Company will take all reasonable steps to ensure that Passengers are offered a choice of an alternative excursion and/or a full refund in the case of optional excursions.
- 4.11 Passengers cancelling optional excursions prior to departure will be refunded in accordance with the schedule set out in clause 8.1. Passengers cancelling optional excursions after departure will not be entitled to a refund. If in such cases the cancellation is due to ill health a supporting letter from the ship's Doctor (charges may apply) may enable Passengers to make a claim on their Travel Insurance Policy. Any Passenger that fails to attend an excursion for whatever reason will be deemed to have cancelled.
- 4.12 Passengers wishing to change optional excursion details will be allowed to do so on presentation of the appropriate ticket(s) at the shore excursion desk during the advertised opening hours and at least 72 hours prior to the ship's arrival in the excursion port. Any amended booking will be treated as a new booking and the price charged (if applicable) will be set at the prevailing on board price which may be higher than the original brochure price for the same excursion. New booking balances due will be credited with any payment from the original booking less a £5 per Passenger administration charge. Any discounts applied to the original booking will only be transferred to the new booking at the Company's discretion. If the cost of the new booking is less than the original booking then no refund of the surplus balance will be made.
- 4.13 Any changes to optional excursion arrangements requested by Passengers less than 72 hours prior to the ship's arrival in the excursion port will only be allowed subject to availability and the terms and conditions of the excursion operator. All other conditions are as ((4.7) above.
- 4.14 The Company is not responsible for the performance of and has no liability for shore excursions which are not sold by the Company. Passengers are advised to take great care in purchasing shore excursions from third parties in the ports to ensure they are safe and are covered by insurance.

5. INSURANCE

- 5.1 Where Passengers purchase insurance through the Company, the Company is acting as an agent for the named insurance provider and that the purchase will be subject to that insurance provider's terms and conditions which will be sent to them with their policy documents or provided in advance of purchase upon request.
- 5.2 It is a condition of booking that each Passenger has adequate travel insurance in force for the entire duration of the holiday. If Passengers do not purchase the insurance offered by the Company, then details of the alternative insurance policy (which must as a minimum cover medical charges, cancellation, curtailment, evacuation (from the vessel) and repatriation costs for not less than £5 million) must be provided at the time of booking if possible, but no later than six months prior to the scheduled date of departure or at the time of booking if bookings are made within six months of the date of departure.
- 5.3 The Company is not responsible for checking that Passengers have the correct level of insurance and will not be liable for any costs, howsoever arising, in excess of any travel insurance cover purchased. In particular Passengers should check that their insurance arrangements cover all likely scenarios should they have to cancel their cruise.

6. PASSPORTS & VISAS

- 6.1 It is the responsibility of all Passengers to check and fulfil the passport, visa, and immigration requirements applicable to their itinerary. Passengers must check passport and visa requirements for their own specific circumstances with the relevant Embassies or Consulates as applicable.
- 6.2 Passengers must understand that passport, visa and immigration requirements do change. Passengers are responsible for checking the up to date position in good time before departure.
- 6.3 The Company requires a full 10 year Australian passport or a full 5 year New Zealand passport with spare pages, valid for at least six months after the date of return.

- Passengers must check passport and visa requirements with the Embassy or Consulate of the country (ies) to or through which they intend to travel.
- 6.4 All Passengers must ensure that they have the correct travel documents in their possession before departure. Passengers may incur fines if they fail to comply with documentation or visa requirements. The Company will re-charge to the Passenger any such fines that have been paid by the Company on the Passenger's behalf.
- 6.5 The Company does not accept any responsibility for Passengers who are denied disembarkation or are unable to travel, or who incur any other loss because they fail to comply with any passport, visa, or immigration requirements. Cancellation of any part of the holiday that arises due to problems with passport/visa, or immigration requirements will be subject to cancellation charges set out in section 8.

7. CHANGES TO BOOKING DETAILS BY PASSENGERS

- 7.1 The Company will do its utmost to ensure that amendments requested by Passengers are accommodated, but the Company makes no guarantee that these requests will be met. Any change request must be made by the Lead Passenger and the Company reserves the right to pass on the costs of making any such changes. Passengers must be aware that charges associated with amendments are likely to increase nearer to the date of departure.
- 7.2 Additional passengers or cruises may be added to a booking at any time subject to availability. In each case a deposit (or full payment, as relevant) per additional Passenger will be required by the Company and all other booking conditions must be met before the new contract exists.
- 7.3 Requests for significant amendments to booking details (e.g. change of sail date) received before the balance due date will be treated as a new booking. At the Company's sole discretion, the original booking will either be deemed cancelled (and be subject to the cancellation charges set out in section 8), or will be deemed amended (and be subject to an Amendment fee of AU\$200 per Passenger). A maximum of one change of sail date per booking will be considered for an Amendment fee of AU\$200 per Passenger as long as the change to the sail date is requested at least 119 days before the booked departure date. Any deposit paid, discount applied or promotion applicable to a booking that is cancelled or amended will only be transferred to a new booking at the Company's discretion. Any offers currently available on the cruise that the Passenger wishes to transfer their booking to will also only be applied at the Company's discretion.
- 7.4 For amendments to booking details received before the balance due date (e.g. passenger name changes) an administration charge of AU\$100 per Passenger affected will be charged. If name changes are required to scheduled flight details, the charge may be significantly more than AU\$100 per Passenger and will be quoted on request. Passengers should also be aware that airlines may not allow transfer of Passenger names and in such cases a flight booking might need to be cancelled and rebooked, subject to availability, and at the Passenger's expense.
- 7.5 After an amendment is applied a new confirmation invoice will be issued at which point the contract will be deemed to be amended accordingly.

8. CANCELLATION BY A PASSENGER

- 8.1 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
112 to 80 days before departure	Loss of deposit or 60% of the total holiday cost (whichever is greater)
59 to 29 days before departure	90% of the total holiday cost
28 days or less before departure	100% of the total holiday cost

- Cancellation and/or amendment fees charged by your travel agent and/or associated supplier are not included and may be additional to Voyages of Discovery's fees as outlined above.
- 8.2 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. Passengers are advised that certain reasons for cancellation are covered by their travel insurance.

9. CANCELLATION OR ALTERATION BY THE COMPANY

- 9.1 The Company reserves the right at its sole and absolute discretion at any time to cancel, postpone or alter without prior notice or consultation any cruise in whole or in part in order to safeguard its Passengers, its crew, its employees or the vessel in the event of war or threat of war, political unrest, terrorist activity or threat of terrorist activity, nuclear or natural disaster, riots, civil strife, adverse weather conditions or other similar events as previously defined ("Force Majeure") or for any other valid operational reason. If the majority of ports that the Company aims to visit during any one cruise have to be changed on UK Foreign Office advice before the cruise commences, the Company undertakes to offer Passengers an alternative cruise or refund of the cost of their cruise in full, less any insurance premiums paid.
- 9.2 If under clause 9.1 the Company cancels a cruise before the scheduled departure date it will offer, when possible, a subsequent alternative departure of similar standard (which must be accepted in writing within 14 days of the offer being made), or the choice of a full refund of all monies paid, less any insurance premiums paid.
- 9.3 If under clause 9.1 the Company cancels a cruise after the scheduled departure date, it will return all Passengers as soon as practicable to the UK and make a proportional refund for any unused services, less any insurance premiums paid and any non-recoverable expenses incurred.
- 9.4 If under clause 9.1 the Company alters the planned itinerary only, refunds will be limited to any balances outstanding on shore excursions.
- 9.5 In any of the circumstances mentioned above the Company shall not be liable to pay any compensation, nor shall Passengers have any further claim against the Company.
- 9.6 The Company and the Captain of the ship are unable to guarantee that the ship will call at every advertised port or follow every part of the advertised route. They will at all times endeavour to maintain the advertised programme but reserve the right at their sole discretion to make any alternations they deem necessary.
- 9.7 The company also reserves the right to cancel any cruise by giving written notice at least eight weeks before departure if sales of that departure have not reached 70% of capacity. Under such circumstances clause 9.2 will apply and the Company shall not be liable to pay compensation, nor shall Passengers have any further claim against the Company.
- 9.8 The Company reserves the right at its sole and absolute discretion to use a substitute ship of similar standard to the original ship should it prove necessary to do so.
- 9.9 In addition to the rights of the Company, Aircraft and Ship's Captains always have the right at their absolute discretion to vary any planned routing without prior notice or consultation if they deem it necessary to do so in the interests of safety.
- 9.10 Any flight details contained in the Company's brochures and on confirmation invoices are provisional. Final flight details (including timings and routings) will be issued near to departure and may differ significantly from any provisional information previously provided.
- 9.11 If for any reason details of a cruise have to be altered before departure (and subject to Clause 9.1) the Company will notify the Lead Passenger as soon as possible.
- 9.12 The Company will not be held responsible for, nor have liability in respect of, delays caused by third parties during passage through sea areas controlled by vessel traffic schemes, canals, rivers or any other navigable waterways.
- 9.13 In respect of cruise travel where the port of embarkation is in the EU and the Company reasonably expects the departure of a cruise to be delayed for more than 90 minutes beyond its scheduled departure time, Passengers departing from port terminal shall be offered free of charge snacks, meals or refreshments as are appropriate given the waiting time, provided they are available and can reasonably be supplied. If the delay in departure necessitates a stay of one or more nights or a stay additional to that intended by the passenger where and when physically possible the Company shall, subject to the Package Travel Regulations 1992, offer Passengers departing from port terminals free of charge adequate accommodation on board or ashore, and transport to and from the port terminal and place of accommodation in addition to the snacks, meals and refreshments previously referred to. The maximum

amount that the company will pay for accommodation ashore and transport to and from the port terminal shall be equivalent to 80 Euros per person per night for a maximum of three nights. The company will not have an obligation to provide such accommodation ashore where the delay is caused by weather conditions endangering the operation of the ship.

#### 10. FITNESS TO TRAVEL ON THE CRUISE SHIP, PREGNANCY, BEHAVIOUR, DISABILITY OR REDUCED MOBILITY, MEDICAL AND MOBILITY EQUIPMENT

- 10.1. The Company's priority is the comfort and safety of its Passengers who are asked to provide prior to booking as much information as possible regarding any special assistance that may be required in the port, during embarkation and on board the vessel. This information is required in order to ensure that the carrier is able to carry Passengers safely and in accordance with applicable safety requirements established by international, EU or national law or in order to meet safety requirements established by competent authorities including flag state.
- 10.2. Every Passenger warrants that he/she is fit to travel by sea and that his/her condition or condition will not impair the safety of the cruise ship or inconvenience the other Passengers. The Company and the carrier reserve the right to require any Passenger to produce medical evidence of fitness to travel in order to assess whether that Passenger can be carried safely in accordance with applicable international, EU or national law. Disabled Passengers or those with Reduced Mobility who need assistance and/or have special requests or need special facilities or equipment with regard to accommodation, seating or services required or their need to bring medical equipment must notify the Company at the time of booking and complete a medical questionnaire. This is to ensure that the Passenger can be carried safely and in accordance with all applicable safety requirements. In order to ensure that the Carrier can provide the necessary assistance and there are no issues relating to the design of the passenger ship or port infrastructure and equipment including port terminals which may make it impossible to carry out the embarkation, disembarkation or carriage of the Passenger in a safe or operationally feasible manner. The Carrier is not obliged to provide any assistance or meet special requests unless the Carrier has agreed to do so in writing. If the Passenger cannot be carried safely and in accordance with applicable safety requirements then the Company and or the carrier can refuse to accept a Passenger or embarkation of a Disabled Person or Person with Reduced Mobility on the grounds of safety. In the event of refusal of carriage, the passenger will be informed in writing five working days after receipt of the medical questionnaire.
- 10.3. For the purposes of EU 1177/2010 Disabled Person' or 'Person with Reduced Mobility includes any person whose mobility when using transport is reduced as a result of any physical disability (sensory or locomotor, permanent or temporary) intellectual or psychosocial disability or impairment, or any other cause of disability, as a result of age, and whose situation needs appropriate attention and adaption to his particular needs for the service made available to all passengers. Passengers with Reduced Mobility and or Disabilities must advise at the time of booking of their specific needs with regard to accommodation, seating or services required from the carrier or terminal operator, or their need to bring medical equipment, or to bring a recognised assistance dog on board the vessel or of any other known disabilities or who in the Carrier's and or Master's opinion is unfit or unable to travel or anyone whose condition may constitute a danger to themselves or others on board on the grounds of safety.
- 10.4. The requirement to notify the Company at the time of booking of any medical equipment required on board is to ensure that the medical equipment can be lawfully carried and/or carried safely. It is the passenger's responsibility to ensure that all medical equipment is in good working order and for arranging enough equipment and supplies to last the entire voyage. The ship does not carry any replacement and access to shore side care and equipment may be difficult and expensive. Passengers must be able to operate all equipment.
- 10.5. If it appears to the Company or the carrier, the Master or the Cruise Ship's doctor that a Passenger is for any reason unfit to travel, likely to endanger safety, or likely to be refused permission to land at any port, or likely to render the Carrier liable for Passenger maintenance, support or repatriation, then the Carrier or the Master shall have the right to take any of the following courses: (i) Refuse to embark the Passenger at any port; (ii) Disembark the Passenger at any port; (iii) Transfer the Passenger to another berth or cabin; (iv) If the Cruise Ship doctor considers it advisable, to place or confine

- him/her in the Cruise Ship's Hospital or to transfer the Passenger to a health facility at any port, at the Passenger's expense (v) to administer first aid and administer any drug, medicine or other substance or to admit and/or confine the Passenger to a hospital or other similar institution at any port provided that the ship's doctor and/or Master considers that any such steps are necessary. Where a Passenger is refused embarkation as a result of safety and/or fitness to travel, neither the Company nor the carrier shall be liable for any loss or expense occasioned to the passenger, nor shall the passenger be entitled to any compensation from the carrier.
- 10.6. The vessels have a limited number of cabins equipped for Disabled Persons or Persons with Reduced Mobility. Not all areas or equipment on the vessels are suitable for access to Disabled Persons or Persons with Reduced Mobility. Passengers must check with the Company at the time of booking to enable the Company to assess your needs with the performing carrier.
  - 10.7. Those passengers confined to wheelchairs must furnish their own standard size wheelchairs and must be accompanied by a travelling companion fit and able to assist them. The ship's wheelchairs are available for emergency use only. Passengers must not use mobility scooters on board. They must be gel or dry cell battery only with a width of no more than 78cm to enable access to the cabin. Each part should weigh no more than 23kg. Any passenger taking a mobility scooter aboard the Vessel must reside in a disabled cabin.
  - 10.8. Not all ports of call will be accessible by wheelchair and some may be by tender. The decision will be made by the Master of the vessel; it will be based on safety and will be binding. Passengers must check at the time of booking in order to avoid disappointment.
  - 10.9. If there are any particular conditions, which require personal care or supervision then such personal care or supervision must be organised by the Passenger and at the passenger's expense. The vessel is unable to provide respite services, one to one personal care or supervision or any other form of carer for physical, psychiatric or other conditions.
  - 10.10. In accordance with EU 1177/2010 where it is strictly necessary for the safety of the Passenger, the Company and or the carrier can require a Disabled passenger or Person with Reduced Mobility before it accepts the booking that a Passenger is assisted by an accompanying person who is fit and able to provide the assistance required.
  - 10.11. Assistance dogs are subject to national and EU Regulations regarding travel. It is the passenger's responsibility to check the position prior to the cruise and to be satisfied that the assistance dog can be carried to the ports of embarkation and disembarkation and that the dog is not prohibited from going ashore at the various ports of call. Assistance dogs must have all necessary papers and comply with national Regulations regarding health, vaccinations, training and travel.
  - 10.12. Where any mobility or other equipment is lost or damaged by the fault or neglect of the Company then it is the Company's or carriers absolute decision as to whether to repair or replace such equipment. Unless the Company and or the Carrier agree otherwise and in writing Passengers are limited to bringing 2 items of such mobility or medical equipment on board per cabin with a total value not exceeding £2200. All equipment must be capable of being carried safely and must be declared before the cruise. The Carrier may decline to carry such equipment where it is not safe to do so or where it has not been notified in time to enable a risk assessment to be carried out.
  - 10.13. Where a Passenger is refused embarkation as a result of safety and/or fitness to travel and or failure to give notice under EU 1177/2010 or otherwise, neither the Company nor the carrier shall be liable for any loss or expense occasioned to the passenger thereby, nor shall the passenger be entitled to any compensation from the carrier.
  - 10.14. Any Passenger who embarks, or allows any other Passenger for whom he or she is responsible to embark, when he or she or such other Passenger is suffering from any sickness, disease, injury or infirmity bodily or mental or to his/her knowledge has been exposed to any infection or contagious disease, or for any other reason is likely to impair the safety or reasonable comfort of other persons on board or for any reason is refused permission to land at his/her or her port of destination shall be responsible for any loss or expense incurred by the Company, carrier or the Master directly or indirectly in consequence of such sickness, disease, injury, infirmity, exposure or refusal or permission to land unless in the case of sickness, disease, injury, infirmity or exposure the same has been declared in writing to the Carrier or the Master before embarkation and consent in writing of the Carrier or the Master to

such embarkation has been obtained.

- 10.15. Pregnant women are highly recommended to seek medical advice prior to travel at any stage of their pregnancy. Women who are up to 23 weeks pregnant at the end of the cruise are required to produce a medical certificate of fitness to travel. Ships cannot, for safety reasons, carry pregnant Passengers of 23 weeks or more by the end of the cruise. The Company and the Carrier reserve the right to request a medical certificate at any stage of pregnancy and to refuse passage if the Company and/or the Master are not satisfied that the Passenger will be safe during the passage.
- 10.16. The ship's doctor is not qualified to deliver babies on board or to offer pre or post natal treatment and no responsibility is accepted by the Company in respect of the ability to provide such services or equipment. The cruise ship's doctor is not a specialist and the ship's medical centre is not required to be and is not equipped to the same standards as a land-based hospital. The Vessel carries medical supplies and equipment as required by its flag state. Neither the Company nor the doctor shall be liable to the Passenger as a result of any inability to treat any medical condition as a result.
- 10.17. The Company and the carrier are entitled to administer a health questionnaire prior to boarding. All Passengers must follow the vessels instructions and procedures relating to all matters including health, safety, hygiene and security. Any Passenger boarding a ship at initial embarkation who has not filled in the required pre-boarding health declaration must inform the Company of any sickness and/or diarrhoea experienced less than 72 hours prior to embarkation. In the interest of Passenger's safety the Company reserves the right at its discretion, to refuse boarding. In such circumstances the Company shall not be liable to pay any compensation, nor shall Passengers have any further claim against the Company. The Company and the carrier are entitled to request Passengers to remain in their cabins in the event of illness which is or may be infectious.
- 10.18. In the event of illness or accident, Passengers may have to be landed ashore by the Company and/or Master for medical treatment. The Company makes no representations regarding the quality of medical treatment at any port of call or at the place at which the Passenger is landed. Medical facilities and standards vary from port to port and the Company makes no representations or warranties in relation to such standards.
- 10.19. The Company does not accept any responsibility for Passengers unable to travel, or who incur any other loss because they fail to comply with any health formalities. The Company takes no responsibility for Passengers denied embarkation and/or disembarkation on medical grounds. Cancellation of any part of the holiday that arises due to health requirements will be subject to cancellation charges as set out in Section 8.
- 10.20. Any cost or expense reasonably incurred by the Company for or on behalf of the Passenger in respect of any form of medical, dental or similar treatment, hotel, transportation, repatriation, damages to fixtures and fittings (including the soiling of soft furnishings i.e. mattresses) or any other expense shall be repayable by the Passenger to the Company irrespective of whether the sum is covered by the Passenger's travel insurance arrangements.
- 10.21. If a Passenger is refused entry to board an aircraft because, in the opinion of the Captain or airline staff, the Passenger is unfit to travel or represents a threat to the safety of the aircraft or its Passengers or crew or is abusive or disruptive, the Company will not be liable to complete the Passengers holiday arrangements and will not be liable to pay any refund or compensation.
- 10.22. Unless approved by the Company in writing prior to departure, Passengers may not bring on board any controlled substances.
- 10.23. Passengers may not bring on board any prohibited substances, any animals or any goods of a flammable or dangerous nature. Doing so will render the Passenger strictly liable to the Company for any injury, loss, damage or expense suffered by the Company as a result. The Passenger will also be personally liable for any statutory penalties.
- 10.24. Passengers are required at all times to follow the instructions of employees and crew regarding the use of ship's equipment (including hand sanitizers) and general behaviour whilst on board. The Company will not be responsible for any consequential injury, illness, financial or other loss incurred by Passengers if they fail to comply with the instructions they are given.
- 10.25. The Captain (or any employee or member of the crew authorised by the Master) will be entitled to search the cabin and/or personal luggage of any Passenger suspected of being in breach of these clauses. In



addition, any employee or crew member will be entitled to enter a Passenger's cabin in order to carry out an inspection, or to undertake cleaning, maintenance or repair work.

- 10.26. The Company expects all Passengers to have consideration for other Passengers when travelling on our cruises and to treat all staff and fellow Passengers with respect. If in the Company's opinion, or the reasonable opinion of someone either in authority or from one of our suppliers (such as an airline), any Passenger acts in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger, breach of safety and or upset or distress to any of our staff, fellow Passengers or a third party or your behaviour impacts the smooth and or safe running of the cruise we are entitled to disembark the Passenger and terminate the cruise holiday. In such circumstances neither the Company or the relevant carrier will have any further liability and the Passenger will not be entitled to any refund for any part of the cost of their unused cruise package including any return travel arrangements, transfers or alternative accommodation etc.
- 10.27. Should any Passenger have the misfortune to suffer illness, injury or death during the period of the cruise arising out of an activity that does not form part of the arrangement made by the Company, the Company will, where appropriate, provide any assistance it can to the affected Passenger, such assistance being limited to a maximum cost incurred by the Company of £5,000 per booking.
- 10.28. The Company may invite various affinity groups of people with shared interests who choose to travel together onto a cruise. The Company does not envisage that this will materially affect the normal day to day operation of the ship but Passengers must accept that there may be occasions when certain facilities are unavailable whilst these groups are on board.

## 11. COMPLAINTS

- 11.1. Any Passenger who encounters a problem during a cruise must immediately report it to the reception desk on the ship and ensure that the issue is recorded in the ship's log together with any action taken to resolve it. If the matter cannot be resolved during the cruise, and the Passenger wishes to pursue a complaint, the Passenger must write to the Company within 28 days of final disembarkation to allow the complaint to be investigated properly. If the Passenger does not give the Company the opportunity to resolve the issue locally during the cruise by reporting it to a member of the ship's crew at the reception desk and having the issue recorded in the ship's log, then the Company may not be able to deal positively with any complaint on your return.
- 11.2. Passengers are asked to make any complaints relating to EU Regulation 1177/2010 whilst on board the vessel. If the complaint is not resolved at this time you must make a formal complaint to the Company within 2 months from the date of the circumstances giving rise to the complaint. Within 1 month of receipt of the complaint the Company will respond informing the Passenger whether the complaint has been substantiated, rejected or is still being considered. The Company will provide a final response to the Passenger no later than 2 months after receipt of the complaint.

## 12. CARRIAGE BY SEA OR INLAND WATERWAYS AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. Carriage by sea is subject to the Carriers' Conditions of Carriage which are contractually incorporated into the contract with the Company. Copies of the conditions of carriage will be sent to Passengers with their travel documentation but they can be provided in advance upon request. They are also available on board the ship and on the Company's website. It is important that you read these documents as they set out your rights and obligations. They also contain limitations of liability.
- 12.2. The liability of the Company and the carrier to Passengers for carriage by sea in respect of death, personal injury and or loss of or damage to luggage is governed since 1 January 2013 to International Carriage by EU Regulation 392/2009 relating to the Liability of carriers of passengers by sea in the event of accidents by the provisions of the Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea 1974 as amended in 1976 ("The Athens Convention") for Domestic Carriage For the purposes of EU 392/2009, the Athens 1974 and 2002 The Company is a contracting carrier. EU Regulation 392/2009 may be viewed at: <http://eurlex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:131:0024:0046:EN:PDF> The Athens Convention 1974 may be viewed at: <http://www.admiraltylawguide.com/conven/passengers1974.html>. The Athens

Convention 2002 which comes into force on 23 April 2014 may be viewed at [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/261628/Misc.6.2013\\_Prot\\_2002\\_Athens\\_8760.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/261628/Misc.6.2013_Prot_2002_Athens_8760.pdf) or are available from The Company on request. EU Regulation 392/2009 and where applicable The Athens Convention 1974 or 2002 are contractually incorporated and applicable to the Contract, The Company shall be entitled to the benefit of all limitations, rights and immunities conferred by EU Regulation 392/2009 and where applicable the Athens Convention 1974 or 2002 in respect of any ship on which the cruise is performed.

- 12.3. EU Regulation 392/2009 and where applicable The Athens Convention 1974 (from April 23 2014 the Athens Convention 2002) limit The Company's and the Carriers' liability for loss or damage to luggage and make special provision for valuables. It is presumed that luggage has been delivered undamaged unless written notice is given to the Company and/or the performing Carrier. a) in the case of apparent damage, before or at the time of disembarkation or redelivery; or b) in the case of damage which is not apparent or of loss, within 15 days from the date of disembarkation or redelivery or from the time when such redelivery should have taken place. Damages for cabin luggage payable by the Carrier are limited up to 2250 SDRs approx. £2,111.41 if EU Regulation 392/2009 and or Athens Convention 2002 applies or where applicable the Athens Convention 1974 limit of 833 SDRs approx. £781.80.
- 12.4. Limits shall be reduced in proportion to any contributory negligence by the Passenger and by the maximum deductible specified in Article 8 by the passenger in accordance with Article 8 (4) of the Athens Conventions or EU Regulation 392/2009. All Claims must be brought in accordance with EU Regulation 392/2009 or where applicable the Athens Convention 1974 or 2002 within 2 years of the date of disembarkation from the ship.
- 12.5. In respect of domestic carriage in the UK, The Athens Convention will apply and the limits for death/personal injury are 46,666 Special Drawing Rights (SDR) approx. £43,794.67 these limits may also apply to domestic cruises in the EU. Where the carrier has a principal place of business in the UK the limits of liability per passenger may be 300,000 SDR approx. £281,541.21 per carriage.
- 12.6. In respect of international carriage EU Regulation 392/2009 applies the limits for death/personal injury caused by a shipping incident, with the exception of circumstances beyond the Carrier's control (ie act of war, natural disaster, act of a third party) to no more than 250,000 SDRs approx. £234,587.82 per passenger per carriage. Except for cases involving war and terrorism damages up to a further 150,000 SDRs approx. £140,752.69 may be payable in respect of a shipping incident unless the Company or the carrier proves that the death or personal injury occurred without the carrier's fault or neglect. Where death/personal injury is caused by a non- shipping incident it is for the passenger to prove that the death or personal injury was caused by the fault or neglect of the carrier. The maximum sum payable to any passenger under EU Regulation 392/2009 is limited to 400,000 per passenger per carriage which is approx. £375,340.52. The maximum sum payable in cases involving war and terrorism where the carrier is liable is 250 000 SDRs per passenger per carriage or 340,000,000 SDRs per ship per carriage.
- 12.7. The Company and the carrier are not liable for valuables, monies or other securities including jewellery and watches. If they have been deposited with the reception desk on the ship for safe keeping and a receipt issued then in those limited circumstances the Company's and the carriers liability will be as set out in EU Regulation 392/2009 or where applicable the Athens Convention 1974 or 2002. The use of safes on board a Vessel is not a deposit with the ship or with the Company under the EU Regulation 392/2009 or where applicable the Athens Convention 1974 or 2002 or otherwise. The limits are 3,375 SDRs approx. £3,166.45 pursuant to EU Regulation 392/2009 and the Athens Convention 2002 or 1200 SDRs approx. £1,125.81 pursuant to the Athens Convention 1974.
- 12.8. An SDR is an international monetary unit. The exact value of an SDR fluctuates with the daily exchange rate. The daily exchange rate can be viewed at the international monetary Fund website [http://www.imf.org/external/np/fin/data/rms\\_sdrv.aspx](http://www.imf.org/external/np/fin/data/rms_sdrv.aspx) and an SDR converter is available at [http://coimill.com/GBP\\_SDR.html#SDR=46666](http://coimill.com/GBP_SDR.html#SDR=46666). The values in the booking conditions are those of 26 March 2014 and may fluctuate upwards or downwards.
- 12.9. In so far as the Company and its servants and/or agents and suppliers may be liable to a Passenger in respect

of claims arising out of carriage by sea, the Company shall be entitled to all the rights, defences, immunities and limitations available, respectively, to the actual carrier and under the relevant Conventions, and nothing in this Contract shall be deemed as a surrender thereof. The Company's liability will not at any time exceed that of the carrier under its Conditions of Carriage and/or applicable or incorporated conventions or other legislation.

- 12.10. Where carriage is performed on Inland waterways and the vessel does not go to sea the liability provisions relating to sea going vessels do not apply to the cruise. In those cases the liability of the Company and the carrier to Passengers shall be determined in accordance with English law and The Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims 1996 (LLMC 96) as amended by SI 1998/1258. The Company's liability pursuant to SI 1998/1258 a copy of which will be provided by on request or can be found at (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/1998/1258/article/4/made>). The limits for non-sea going passenger vessels is SDR 175,000 per passenger limit (approx. \$270,500.04 or £164,185.05). Liability for property claims will be at least SDR 1,000,000 under SI 1998/1258 (4(b)(i)).
- 12.11. The Strasbourg Convention on the Limitation of Liability of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels referred to as the "Strasbourg Convention" with protocols and amendments. applies to vessels sailing on waterways located in the territory of a state party subject to (i) the "Revised Convention relating to the Navigation of the Rhine of 17 October 1868" and (ii) the "Convention of 27 October 1956 concerning the canalization of the Moselle" (Article 15(1) of the Strasbourg Convention: <http://www.ivr.nl/downloads/forms/B2.pdf>). If the Strasbourg Convention applies the limits for passenger claims are SDR 60,000 per passenger subject to a minimum of SDR 6,000,000 (see Article 7). A copy of the Strasbourg Convention can be found at [http://www.ccr-zkr.org/files/conventions/clni\\_2012\\_en.pdf](http://www.ccr-zkr.org/files/conventions/clni_2012_en.pdf). The Company's and the carrier's for death, injury, illness, damage, delay or other loss to person or property of any kind suffered by Passengers shall, in the first instance, be governed by the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims 1996 (LLMC 96) as amended by SI 1998/1258 or where applicable the Strasbourg Convention. The Company's liability therefore shall not exceed those limitations provided by the said LLMC 1996 and SI 1998/1258 or where applicable Strasbourg Convention or in any further revisions, protocols and/or amendments thereto as shall become applicable. Where the LLMC 1996 or If applicable Strasbourg Convention permits us to apply a deductible, we may apply that deductible.

## 13. CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE BY AIR AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 13.1. Travel on board aircraft used in travelling to and from the ship is subject to the airline's standard ticket conditions, some of which limit or exclude liability in accordance with international conventions. For complete details contact the individual airline(s) directly.
- 13.2. If your air journey involves a destination or stop in a country other than the one from which you depart, the Warsaw Convention may govern the liability of all airlines involved in your journey, including any portion thereof in a single country. This Convention limits the liability of airlines involved in your journey, including any portion thereof in a single country. This Convention limits the liability of airlines for death or bodily injury and for baggage loss, delay or damage. For many air carriers, the Warsaw Convention limits for bodily injury or death and the defence that they have taken all necessary measures to avoid the damage for the first 100,000 Special Drawing Rights of any such claim do not apply. In addition, in cases of death or bodily injury, many air carriers will make advance payments to the person entitled to compensation, if required to meet immediate economic needs, in proportion to the hardship suffered. European Community carriers provide a minimum advance equal to not less than 15,000 Special Drawing Rights in the event of death. Other air carriers may apply alternate provisions.

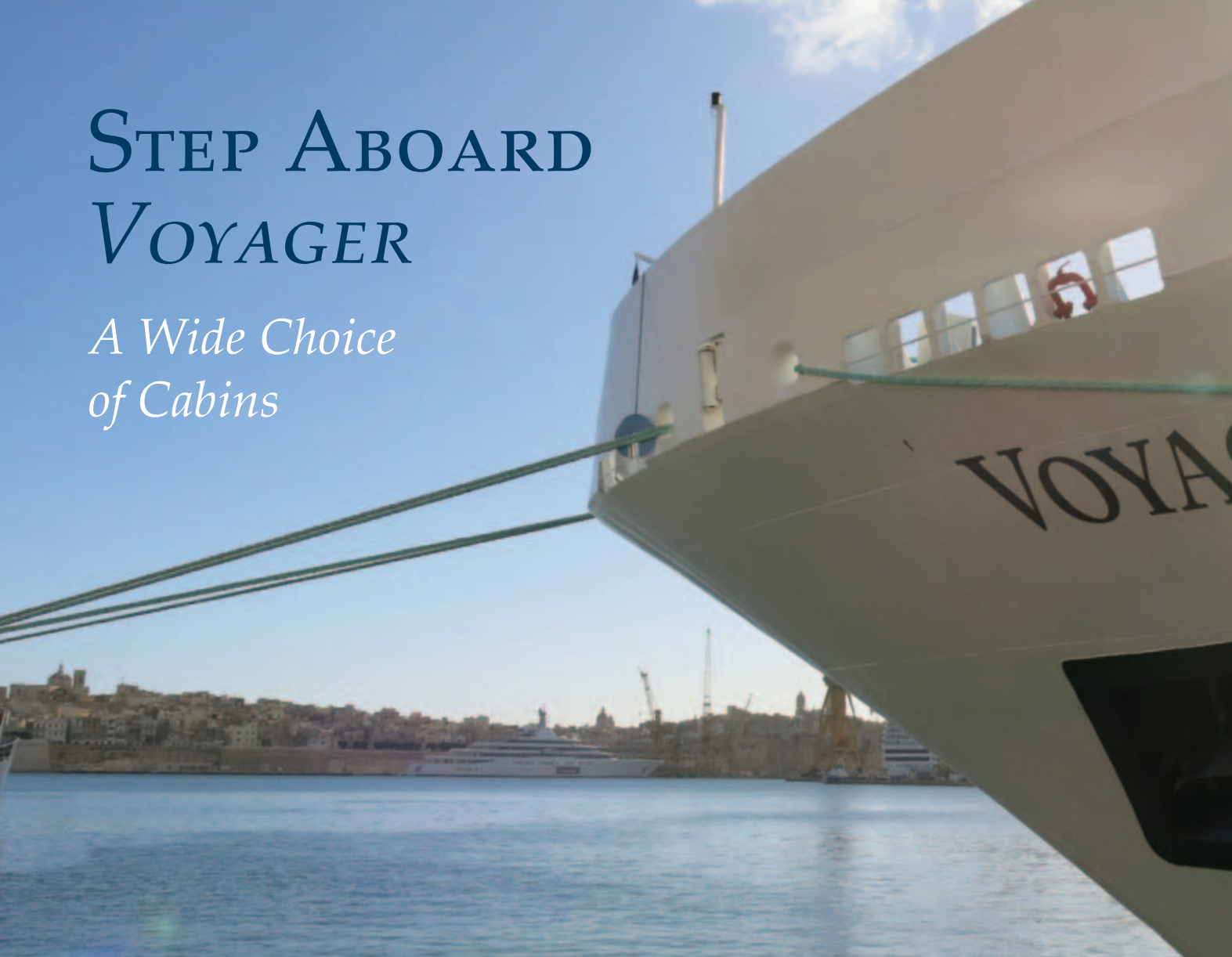
## 14. GUIDES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

- 14.1. Independent contractors retained by the Company, including but not limited to Guest Speakers, guides, guest personalities and entertainers are subject to change and/or cancellation without notice. The Company also retains the right to change any member of ship's crew previously advertised or disclosed (e.g. the ship's Captain) without notice.



# STEP ABOARD VOYAGER

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### EACH CABIN FEATURES:

- ✓ Private facilities
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**V**oyager offers a selection of 270 comfortable cabins, 87% of which are outside. The ship also has the added attraction of 35 suites, 30 of which have balconies from which you can take in the splendid views as you sail to each new destination.

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All cabins have two lower beds arranged parallel to each other or

a double bed. Some cabins also have one upper berth or a sofa-bed allowing for a third or fourth person to share the cabin (when only one or two passengers are occupying a cabin the upper berth neatly folds away).

On board *Voyager* there are four cabins which have been adapted for use by passengers with disabilities.

Cabins and suites on Promenade and Bridge decks include extra touches such as bathrobes, slippers, a basket of fruit and a bottle of Champagne.





**OWNER'S SUITE**  
*Bridge Deck, Category OS*



**BALCONY SUITE WITH  
SPA BATH**  
*Bridge Deck, Category SU*



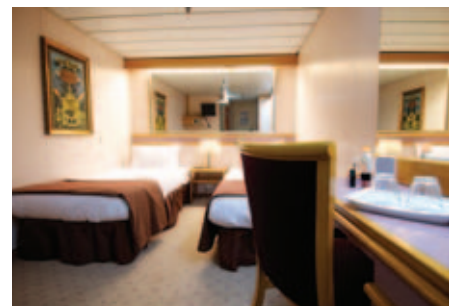
**JUNIOR SUITE**  
*Promenade Deck, Categories JS & SC*



**2-BED OUTSIDE DELUXE CABIN**  
*Promenade Deck, Categories OO & OD*



**2-BED OUTSIDE CABIN**  
*Columbus Deck, Categories BB & BA*



**2-BED INSIDE CABIN**  
*Columbus Deck, Categories CB & CA*

# VOYAGER DECK PLANS



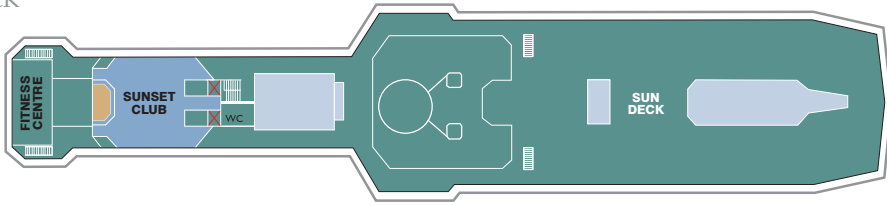
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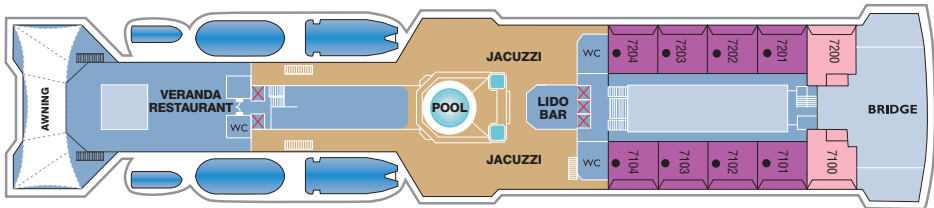
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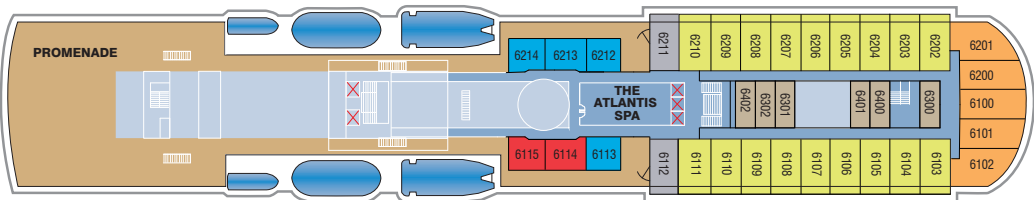
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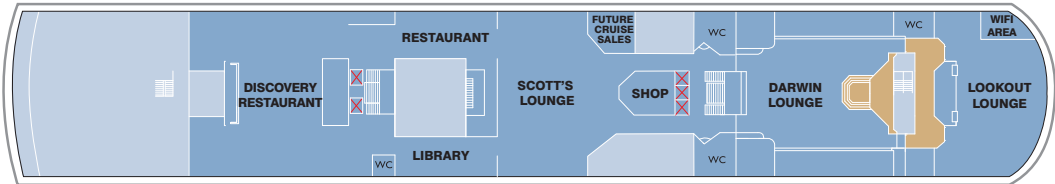
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DECK 6 - PROMENADE DECK



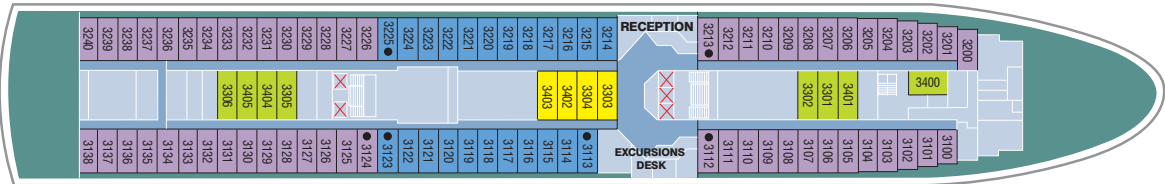
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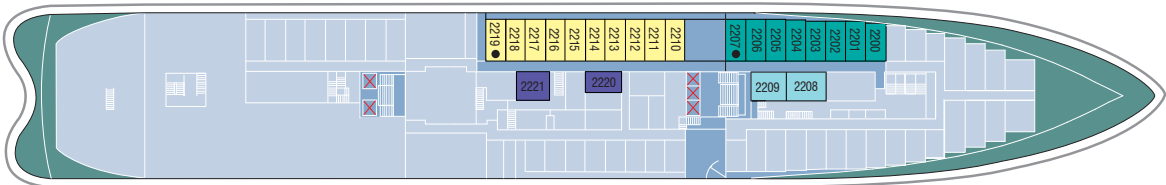
DECK 4 - COLUMBUS DECK



DECK 3 - LIVINGSTONE DECK



DECK 2 - RALEIGH DECK





**VOYAGES OF DISCOVERY SUMMER 2014 FARES *per person***
**24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

CRUISE NAME:		ADRIATIC, IONIAN AND AEGEAN ODYSSEY	A BLACK SEA ADVENTURE	EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND RED SEA
Departure Date:		24/09/14	08/10/14	22/10/14
Cat.	Deck	No. of Days	15	13
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY		Description		
GB	RALEIGH	2 Bed Inside	SOLD OUT	\$2,140
GA	RALEIGH	2 Bed Inside	SOLD OUT	\$2,170
EB	LIVINGSTONE	2 Bed Inside	\$3,420	\$2,440
EA	LIVINGSTONE	2 Bed Inside	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
CB	COLUMBUS	2 Bed Inside	\$3,220	\$2,680
CA	COLUMBUS	2 Bed Inside	\$3,295	\$2,740
AA	PROMENADE	2 Bed Inside Superior	\$3,490	\$2,920
FB	RALEIGH	2 Bed Outside	SOLD OUT	\$2,720
FA	RALEIGH	2 Bed Outside	\$3,330	\$2,770
DB	LIVINGSTONE	2 Bed Outside	\$3,580	\$2,980
DA	LIVINGSTONE	2 Bed Outside	\$3,630	\$3,040
BB	COLUMBUS	2 Bed Outside	\$3,880	\$3,250
BA	COLUMBUS	2 Bed Outside	SOLD OUT	\$3,320
OO	PROMENADE	2 Bed Outside Deluxe*	SOLD OUT	\$3,460
OD	PROMENADE	2 Bed Outside Deluxe	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
JS	PROMENADE	Junior Suite	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
SC	PROMENADE	Junior Suite + Balcony	SOLD OUT	\$4,180
SB	PROMENADE	Balcony Suite	\$6,250	\$4,540
SU	BRIDGE	Balcony Suite with Spa Bath	SOLD OUT	\$5,260
OS	BRIDGE	Owners Suite	SOLD OUT	\$6,220

**VOYAGES OF DISCOVERY WINTER 2014-15 FARES *per person***
**3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 – 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

CRUISE NAME:		GEMS OF THE RED AND ARABIAN SEAS	CONTRASTS OF INDIA AND ARABIA	TREASURES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN	SPLENDOURS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN	THE MAGIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	ATLANTIC VOYAGER
Departure Date:		3/11/14	19/11/14	3/12/14	3/1/15	17/1/15	20/2/15
Deck	No. of Days	17	15	16	15	14	10
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY		Description					
GB	RALEIGH	2 Bed Inside	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
GA	RALEIGH	2 Bed Inside	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
EB	LIVINGSTONE	2 Bed Inside	\$2,480	SOLD OUT	\$2,640	\$2,540	\$1,650
EA	LIVINGSTONE	2 Bed Inside	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$1,690
CB	COLUMBUS	2 Bed Inside	\$1,880	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$2,870	\$1,795
CA	COLUMBUS	2 Bed Inside	\$1,930	\$2,860	\$3,090	\$2,960	\$1,840
AA	PROMENADE	2 Bed Inside Superior	SOLD OUT	\$3,050	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$1,930
FB	RALEIGH	2 Bed Outside	\$1,910	\$2,830	\$3,050	\$2,930	\$1,830
FA	RALEIGH	2 Bed Outside	\$1,960	\$2,890	\$3,110	\$3,120	\$1,860
DB	LIVINGSTONE	2 Bed Outside	\$2,120	\$3,140	\$3,410	\$3,420	\$1,980
DA	LIVINGSTONE	2 Bed Outside	\$2,170	\$3,195	\$3,470	\$3,500	\$2,010
BB	COLUMBUS	2 Bed Outside	\$2,330	\$3,460	\$3,760	\$3,800	\$2,140
BA	COLUMBUS	2 Bed Outside	\$2,390	\$3,530	\$3,860	\$3,900	\$2,190
OO	PROMENADE	2 Bed Outside Deluxe *	SOLD OUT	\$3,710	SOLD OUT	\$4,100	SOLD OUT
OD	PROMENADE	2 Bed Outside Deluxe	\$2,595	\$3,850	\$4,210	\$4,260	\$2,350
JS	PROMENADE	Junior Suite	\$2,710	\$3,995	SOLD OUT	\$4,440	\$2,410
SC	PROMENADE	Junior Suite	\$3,080	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$2,710
SB	PROMENADE	Balcony Suite	\$3,370	\$4,990	\$5,495	\$5,610	\$2,920
SU	BRIDGE	Balcony Suite with Spa Bath	\$3,950	\$5,840	\$6,470	\$6,630	\$3,360
OS	BRIDGE	Owners Suite	\$4,720	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	\$7,980	SOLD OUT

VOYAGES OF DISCOVERY SUMMER 2015 FARES *per person*1ST MARCH – 17TH OCTOBER 2015

			IN SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS	MADERA AND THE AZORES IN SPRING	HERITAGE OF THE BRITISH ISLES	A FLAVOUR OF VOYAGER AND FRANCE	OSLO AND THE TIMELESS FJORDS	A BALTIC SHOWCASE	SPECTACULAR NORWAY AND THE ENIGMATIC WHITE SEA	COLOURS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN	THE BEST OF THE BLACK SEA	MEDITERRANEAN REFLECTIONS	GEMS OF THE AEGEAN AND ADRIATIC SEAS	MEDITERRANEAN ICONS
Departure Date:			1/3/15	16/4/15	1/5/15	12/5/15	15/5/15	25/5/15	8/6/15	29/8/15	9/9/15	23/9/15	6/10/15	17/10/15
Cat.	Deck	No. of Days	16	16	12	4	11	15	20	12	15	14	12	12
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY			Description											
GB	RALEIGH	2 Bed Inside	SOLD OUT	\$2,730	\$2,960	\$525	\$2,975	\$3,150	\$4,900	\$2,800	\$3,675	\$2,975	\$2,505	\$2,190
GA	RALEIGH	2 Bed Inside	SOLD OUT	\$2,765	\$2,995	\$545	\$3,010	\$3,185	\$4,955	\$2,835	\$3,730	\$3,010	\$2,540	\$2,225
EB	LIVINGSTONE	2 Bed Inside		\$2,990	\$3,065	\$3,325	\$595	\$3,345	\$5,535	\$5,495	\$3,185	\$4,165	\$3,380	\$2,485
EA	LIVINGSTONE	2 Bed Inside		\$3,060	\$3,150	\$3,415	\$615	\$3,430	\$3,625	\$5,635	\$3,275	\$4,290	\$3,485	\$2,925
CB	COLUMBUS	2 Bed Inside		\$3,240	\$3,345	\$3,625	\$650	\$3,640	\$3,850	\$5,985	\$3,485	\$4,570	\$3,710	\$3,135
CA	COLUMBUS	2 Bed Inside		\$3,320	\$3,415	\$3,710	\$665	\$3,730	\$3,940	\$6,125	\$3,570	\$4,690	\$3,815	\$3,205
AA	PROMENADE	2 Bed Inside Superior		\$3,495	\$3,885	\$4,200	\$755	\$4,235	\$4,480	\$6,965	\$4,095	\$5,375	\$4,375	\$3,695
FB	RALEIGH	2 Bed Outside		\$3,290	\$3,395	\$3,675	\$685	\$3,695	\$3,920	\$6,090	\$3,555	\$4,655	\$3,780	\$3,185
FA	RALEIGH	2 Bed Outside		\$3,350	\$3,450	\$3,730	\$700	\$3,765	\$3,975	\$6,180	\$3,605	\$4,725	\$3,850	\$3,240
DB	LIVINGSTONE	2 Bed Outside		\$3,570	\$3,695	\$4,010	\$720	\$4,025	\$4,255	\$6,615	\$3,885	\$5,095	\$4,150	\$3,485
DA	LIVINGSTONE	2 Bed Outside		\$3,620	\$3,745	\$4,060	\$735	\$4,080	\$4,325	\$6,720	\$3,940	\$5,165	\$4,220	\$3,555
BB	COLUMBUS	2 Bed Outside		\$3,860	\$3,990	\$4,325	\$770	\$4,360	\$4,605	\$7,160	\$4,220	\$5,530	\$4,515	\$3,800
BA	COLUMBUS	2 Bed Outside		\$3,930	\$4,080	\$4,410	\$790	\$4,445	\$4,710	\$7,315	\$4,325	\$5,655	\$4,605	\$3,885
OO	PROMENADE	2 Bed Outside Deluxe*		\$4,080	\$4,235	\$4,585	\$825	\$4,620	\$4,885	\$7,595	\$4,500	\$5,900	\$4,815	\$4,045
OD	PROMENADE	2 Bed Outside Deluxe		\$4,195	\$4,375	\$4,745	\$840	\$4,760	\$5,040	\$7,840	\$4,655	\$6,090	\$4,970	\$4,185
JS	PROMENADE	Junior Suite	SOLD OUT	\$4,515	\$4,885	\$875	\$4,920	\$5,200	\$8,085	\$4,815	\$6,300	\$5,145	\$4,325	\$3,780
SC	PROMENADE	Junior Suite + Balcony	SOLD OUT	\$5,060	\$5,480	\$980	\$5,515	\$5,830	\$9,065	\$5,425	\$7,105	\$5,810	\$4,885	\$4,270
SB	PROMENADE	Balcony Suite		\$5,220	\$5,460	\$5,915	\$1,050	\$5,950	\$6,300	\$9,800	\$5,880	\$7,700	\$6,300	\$5,305
SU	BRIDGE	Balcony Suite with Spa Bath		\$5,990	\$6,285	\$6,810	\$1,210	\$6,845	\$7,245	\$11,270	\$6,810	\$8,910	\$7,300	\$6,145
OS	BRIDGE	Owners Suite		\$7,010	\$7,370	\$8,000	\$1,420	\$8,035	\$8,505	\$13,230	\$8,035	\$10,520	\$8,630	\$7,265

\*Cabins have an obstructed view. All prices are per person in AUD based on double occupancy. Single occupancy double cabins are subject to availability and rates will be quoted on request. Prices include port charges, government taxes, service fees and on board gratuities for your cabin steward, dining room waiter and his assistant. **All rates are subject to change. Prices shown are inclusive of fuel supplement where relevant. All prices are subject to change and are based on known costs for fuel and currency as of April 2014. See website for full terms and conditions.**





# VOYAGES OF DISCOVERY

## SEPTEMBER 2014 – OCTOBER 2015

DEPARTS	CRUISE NAME	NO. DAYS	FROM / TO	CRUISE REF.	PAGE
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OCT 8, 2014	A BLACK SEA ADVENTURE	15	PIRAEUS, Greece / ISTANBUL, Turkey	VOY141008	22
OCT 22, 2014	EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND RED SEA	13	ISTANBUL, Turkey / SHARM EL SHEIKH, Egypt	VOY141022	24
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FEB 20, 2015	ATLANTIC VOYAGER	10	TENERIFE, Canary Islands / PORTSMOUTH, England	VOY150220	38
MAR 1, 2015	IN SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS	16	PORTSMOUTH, England / PORTSMOUTH, England	VOY150301	42
MAR 16, 2015	NATURAL WONDERS AND TOTAL ECLIPSE	14	PORTSMOUTH, England / PORTSMOUTH, England	VOY150316	SOLD OUT
APR 16, 2015	MADEIRA & THE AZORES IN SPRING	16	PORTSMOUTH, England / PORTSMOUTH, England	VOY150416	44
MAY 1, 2015	HERITAGE OF THE BRITISH ISLES	12	PORTSMOUTH, England / PORTSMOUTH, England	VOY150501	46
MAY 12, 2015	A FLAVOUR OF VOYAGER AND FRANCE	4	PORTSMOUTH, England / HARWICH, England	VOY150512	48
MAY 15, 2015	OSLO AND THE TIMELESS FJORDS	11	HARWICH, England / HARWICH, England	VOY150515	50
MAY 25, 2015	A BALTIC SHOWCASE	15	HARWICH, England / HARWICH, England	VOY150525	52
JUN 8, 2015	SPECTACULAR NORWAY & THE ENIGMATIC WHITE SEA	20	HARWICH, England / HARWICH, England	VOY150608	54
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SEP 9, 2015	THE BEST OF THE BLACK SEA	15	PIRAEUS, Greece / ISTANBUL, Turkey	VOY150909	60
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