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An Epic Spring

Cruise News is issued every two months, which gives me the opportunity to check in with myself regularly, look back at what I thought was going to happen, and forward to understand what comes next. I suppose writing a journal is a similar process, and over the longer term enables us to review what has history taught us? When I wrote the introduction for our March issue in February, I made a passing reference to global upheaval, but had no idea what would happen next. The launch of Epic Fury (I know, if you were just quickly scanning this you might think I was referring to a new ship...) took us back to another fateful March, in 2020, when we were trying to second guess what would happen next with Covid, whilst dealing with the fallout of cancellations, rebookings and reroutings. This time round, we are still uncertain as to what the future might hold, but our robust clients are staying positive and continuing to make holiday plans.

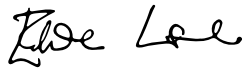
It is interesting to watch the markets and try to make sense of the cruise line share prices. Quite separate from the market response specifically to the current geopolitical situation, we have been particularly intrigued as NCLH has responded to the concerns of an activist shareholder Elliott Investment Management, and the huge changes that have been made to this giant of a company over the last few weeks, with a restructuring of the board under new President and CEO (and longterm board member) John W. Chidsey, in order to improve the company's financial performance. Here at Mundy we are very aware of the onboard delivery achieved by the NCLH luxury brands RSSC and Oceania, but know less about the NCL product although I hear the just launched Norwegian Luna is something quite special. Chidsey says, 'There are significant opportunities to deliver stronger

performance and sustainable value for our shareholders.' So watch this space!

CLIA (the Cruise Lines International Association) has been attempting to address the question of sustainable and balanced tourism development in Europe, as key destinations continue to express concerns about overtourism. CLIA highlights the broad geographical distribution of their economic input, with many communities highly dependent on the contribution, particularly in supporting off-season travel. Overall, it claimed at its European summit in February, cruise tourism contributed 64.1 billion Euros to Europe's economy in 2024.

More excitement from the Competition and Markets Authority which require prices to be 'clear, complete and accurate' and for 'traders to provide their total prices upfront'. So far, so reasonable...In addition travel providers need to include on their invoices sums that are mandatory, but that they will not actually collect, for example local taxes collected by the hotel on site. It's not unreasonable – but it's complicated! And in the case of the cruise industry, is likely to be a tiny proportion of the overall cost of the holiday.

We know you will enjoy this issue of Cruise News with lots of fascinating ship reports from our intrepid cruise consultants. If you are thinking about an Antarctica trip don't miss the very informative article on pages 24/25 which will help you take a good look at all the options to maximise your investment, and with the increase in hotel brands launching cruise ships, we take a look at how they compare on page 8.



Edwina Lonsdale, Managing Director



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Four Seasons afloat



When Isadore Sharp, Founder and Chairman of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts, built and opened the first Four Seasons, a 125-room motor hotel in Toronto, Canada, in 1961, he had not yet developed the vision which would make his company outstanding. But now, as he says, ‘The reason for our success is no secret. It comes down to one single principle that transcends time and geography, religion and culture. It’s the Golden Rule – the simple idea that if you treat people well, the way you would like to be treated, they will do the same.’

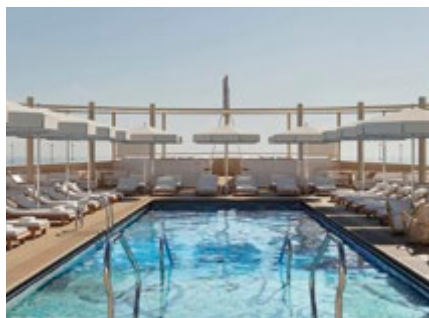
Innovation is key to the Four Seasons brand, hence the arrival of the jet in 2015, and now in 2026, the first yacht, Four Seasons I, which will operate in the Mediterranean during the summer, and in the Caribbean in winter.

The inaugural Captain is the renowned Kate McCue, whose charm and friendliness sit alongside her talent to make her a great and respected leader, very much in the Four Seasons mold. She made her name at Celebrity as a female highflyer, and in 2015 became the first female captain to take the helm of a mega-ship, having achieved so much more than her initial ambition to become a cruise director.

Four Seasons I is a curious sight, as those who have been following the socials will know. Inspired by Aristotle Onassis’s superyacht Christina O she has a rather strange spoon-like aft area, with a range of residential accommodations including the extensive four-storey Funnel Suite designed to look like a villa at sea.

As well as the range of huge residence style signature suites, some of the vessel’s 95 suites are smaller accommodations

starting at a more modest (but still very spacious by cruise ship standards) 473 square feet plus extensive terraces ranging from 64 to 140 square feet, elegantly fitted out in creams and tans with pale wood and a beautiful spa style bathroom, not to mention floor to ceiling panoramic views ensuring the space is flooded with light. Suites can be connected vertically and horizontally to create multizone areas for multigenerational families.



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Food is of course key, with lots of dining options (eleven in short). Dining is not included in the fare – Four Seasons say ‘plan for dining costs of approximately \$250 per person per day’ – but of course many guests will choose to spend time enjoying meals ashore, making the most of shore time in the exclusive ports and harbours of a yacht itinerary.

Access to the ocean is given by way of a transverse marina, with sea-level lounging on either side of the ship, and stairs up to a central social area, unlike anything we have seen before. The company says this is for ‘leisure, lounging and late-night revelry’.

An intimate theatre will be used to host guest speakers, creative workshops and live music, with the style and content changing from cruise to cruise.

The spa, wellness and fitness areas are of course very important, as well as the retro style pool with adjacent social area. Other indoor/outdoor beach club venues complete the public areas of the vessel but I am imagining for many guests this will be a very private experience for the majority of the time.

The one-to-one staff to guest ratio is exactly what you would expect from the Four Seasons brand for which service is key, and this will extend on to the arrangement of private shoreside concierge-style activities.

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

The Rivas featuring Capri & Viareggio

Four Seasons I (222 Guests)
13th September 2026 – 7 nights

FROM **£12,589pp** FLY-CRUISE

Valletta, Taormina, Capri, Beaulieu-sur-Mer, Nice (C), Viareggio, Monte Carlo
Price based on a Seaview Suite including breakfast, non-alcoholic drinks, gratuities, taxes, flights, and overseas transfers.

Personal Enrichment

On luxury small ship cruises, entertainment is curated on a more intimate scale, allowing for a more personal touch. Whether it's a captivating close performance, a refined culinary journey, or a thought-provoking conversation, every moment is designed to elevate your cruise into something truly exceptional.



Often, these experiences offer insight from a range of notable guests, with access that would be almost impossible to gain alone. Here we look at those recently announced to be joining some of our favourite cruise lines.

Jannik Sinner – Explora Journeys

Grand Slam champion and Global Brand Ambassador Jannik Sinner will be joining a special segment of Explora III's Prelude Journey this July. His presence builds on Explora Journeys' relationship with the Italian tennis star and the development of In Balance: A Jannik Sinner Ocean Wellness Programme, which just debuted on board Explora I and is available on Explora II from 18th May for guests to book. The programme reimagines high performance through a holistic lens, with one-to-one workouts adapting elite performance principles for a range of fitness levels, guided breathwork practice, restorative treatments, and a revitalizing wellness circuit in the thermal area of the spa. Jannik (and his team) will join Explora III's Mediterranean Prelude Journey, departing Genoa on 24th July, calling at Marseille, Saint-Tropez, Villefranche-sur-Mer, and Livorno, before arriving in Civitavecchia (Rome) on 29th July for the first two days, participating in an intimate Q&A session, gala dinner, and private coaching and wellness sessions for a limited number of guests.

Alajmo Brothers – Crystal Cruises

Three-Michelin-Starred culinary visionaries, the Alajmo brothers, responsible for the reimagined menus in Osteria d'Ovidio, are joining the Crystal

Serenity cruise from Venice to Athens on 8th September this year. Their partnership with Crystal is part of the cruise line's commitment to delivering Michelin-calibre dining on board and complements the longtime collaboration with Nobu Matsuhisa and newer partnership with Riccardo Giraudi, who brought Beefbar exclusively to Crystal in 2024. Throughout the cruise, you can enjoy a Q&A session and book signing, a guided wine tasting from their acclaimed cellars led by a wine expert, and the next generation of the Alajmo family, Giovanni Alajmo. In addition, exclusively hosted dinners at Osteria d'Ovidio and 14-guest The Vintage Room, personally led by Massimiliano and Raffaele, will be available for purchase.

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Seabourn Conversationalist

Seabourn doesn't do lectures; they have conversations. Esteemed guests join your journey, participating in the daily social scene, sharing meals, adventures ashore, and casual chats throughout the voyage.

The distinguished lineup of notable experts joining the 2027 world cruise has recently been released, bringing together individuals who have shaped industries, scaled summits, and deepened our understanding of the world. Guest speakers include a former RAF fighter pilot and

author, renowned mountaineer Sir Peter Hillary, adventurers, dancers, and a primatologist hailed by the New York Times as “The Female Indiana Jones”.

Micaela Erlanger – Cunard

Cunard has just announced an exclusive collaboration with celebrity fashion stylist Micaela Erlanger. Known for her refined aesthetic, Micaela has helped craft red carpet looks for some of the world's most recognisable figures. Grill Suite guests will gain access to a digital style guide curated by Micaela with suggestions for warm- and cold-weather destinations, gala nights, days at sea, and more. If you want a little more guidance, for an additional fee, you can book a virtual styling session – ideal for pre-voyage planning, or even an in-person consultation at Micaela's studio in New York City, perfect for those about to embark on a transatlantic journey back to the UK.

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

Adriatic Gems with the Alajmo Brothers

Crystal Serenity
(740 Guests)

7th September 2026 – 8 nights

FROM £4,685pp FLY-CRUISE

Venice (Fusina), Trieste, Dubrovnik, Corfu, Kefalonia, Monemvasia, Athens (Piraeus)

Price based on a Double Guest Room with Ocean View including all meals, drinks, gratuities, taxes, WiFi, flights, 10% fare savings & a FREE 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Venice when you book by 31 May 2026.



TRIP REPORT

Hayley sailed on Emerald Kaia in April

EMERALD KAIA

A JEWEL OF THE SEA

Designed for warm water exploration and accommodating just 128 guests, Emerald Kaia is one of Emerald Yacht Cruises' next generation of super yachts, following from the success of their intimate flagship yacht that launched in 2022, closely followed by sister-yacht Emerald Sakara in 2023.



joined for the first 'shakedown' voyage from Athens, offering an exclusive first look before guests arrived for the inaugural sailing, and my first experience of Emerald Yacht Cruises.

Emerald Kaia is 10 metres longer than Azzurra and Sakara with 10% larger suites and redesigned public areas. The focus on wellness is apparent with a 50% larger Elements Spa complete with sauna, salt room, infrared sauna, hydrotherapy tub, multiple treatment rooms and a well-appointed salon, all contained in its designated area midship on Deck 3. The most impressive element on this deck is the Marina Platform. Situated at the aft, just off the well-equipped gym that's flooded with natural light and has its own private veranda to rest after a long run on the treadmill, the Marina comes complete with a lounge to enjoy the views of the wash or prepare for the use of kayaks, seabobs, and paddleboards, the epic 4-deck inflatable waterslide and the chance to relax on the large buoyant platform – an area to either unwind or release your inner big-kid.

Whilst the word Kaia means sea, it's also associated with a light, natural, and coastal vibe, which is very much in-keeping with the design and feel onboard this superyacht. Her looks can be deceiving though, as the space she provides onboard is incredible – high ceilings right from entry

level, four small pools, three dining venues and two lounges.

I stayed in Balcony Suite 510 which has large twin beds which come together to make a queen, a shallow yet wide veranda complete with table and chairs, lovely comfortable in-suite seating in a minimalist setting and a great sized bathroom comprising of a wet-room shower cubicle; even the Oceanview Suites provide an abundance of natural light due to the high ceilings and two large, long, oval windows.

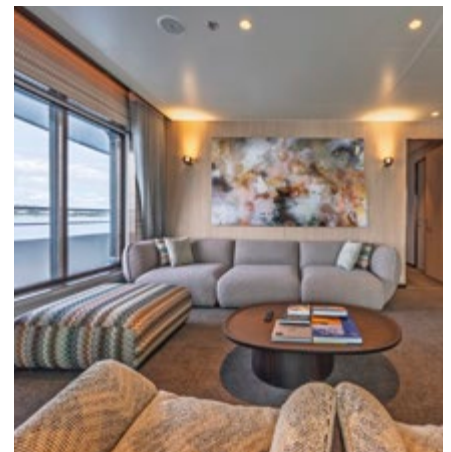
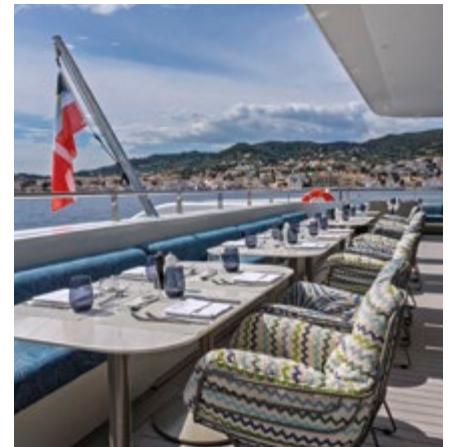
The Yacht Suites at the aft of Deck 4 allow you to walk around the suite in a loop, through the wardrobe, into the bathroom, then out onto the generously deep balcony. If you like separation between the bedroom and lounge, you'll need to opt for a Deluxe Balcony Suite on Deck 6, and if more space and serenity is your preference, the Owners Suites at the forward of Deck 6 won't fail to disappoint you, especially with your very own hot tub and loungers on the veranda.

As opposed to Azzurra and Sakara, Emerald Kaia has made use of her lengthy bow as an Observation Sun Deck. This sees a variety of seating and loungers surround a spa pool and makes it the perfect spot for sail away or to view a transit through the Corinth Canal. The same can be said for the Sky Bar and spa pool on Deck 7 at the very top of the yacht. Here you can

chill out in one of eight private cabanas or sunbathe on the ample day beds, whilst listening to the yacht's very tasteful background music.

The infinity Aqua Pool on Deck 6 sits proudly at the aft of the yacht with a seating area situated in the middle of it and surrounded by the Solea Bar and Bistro which offers surf and turf style dining for lunch and dinner in a quirky, desert style setting.

New to the Emerald fleet is the Night Market Grill, an intimate Asian-style private dining experience limited to eight guests at a cost of \$75 per person. This speciality venue offers curated cuisine around an open grill with live cooking and an interactive culinary experience shared with the Head Chef.



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The signature dining venue aboard Emerald Kaia is La Cucina which offers buffet breakfast and lunch, and a-la-carte dinner either indoors or alfresco. Its open kitchen allows you to watch the chefs prepare your meals which are based on fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Choose from tables for two up to six, as desired.

The Amici Bar and Lounge is the social hub of the yacht in the middle of Deck 3, just off the reception. This stylish, yet comfortable venue is the place to gather for pre-dinner drinks, live music from the in-house singers and musicians, briefings and presentations for port information, or your daily casual hot beverage with freshly baked (and yummy) cookies from the self-service section.

Another popular self-service station is the laundry room on Deck 4, which even offers a steamer to iron out those creases if you didn't roll your clothing in your cases (you'll thank me for that tip)!

Whilst this shakedown voyage was short and sweet, we experienced Emerald's shore excursion programme on the quaint island of Spetses, where we could opt to explore the car free historic centre on an elegant horse and cart or take a guided walking tour, as we did, to discover the port of Dapia, learning about the seafaring history and maritime legends.

With a lower than usual average guest age and a predominantly Australian, British, Canadian, and American clientele, Emerald Yacht Cruises are a luxury line for like-minded travellers who like to actively explore the destinations they visit (either on one of the included excursions, making use of the complimentary e-bikes, or independent exploration) on itineraries with lots of late nights and overnights in port.

With two brand-new sister yachts, Emerald Raiya and Xara, joining the fleet from December 2026 and April 2027, Emerald Yacht Cruises are certainly broadening the options for guests who like to discover more in subtle elegance, aboard fun yet exclusive feeling superyachts.

MUNDY VALUE

Adriatic Discovery: Venice, Istria & the Croatian archipelago

Emerald Kaia (128 Guests)

25th July 2026 – 7 nights

FROM **£5,895pp** FLY-CRUISE

Venice, Piran, Mali Lošinj, Senj, Krk,
Opatija, Rovinj, Venice (📍)

Price based on a Balcony Suite including all meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes, flights, overseas transfers and 25% fare savings.

Hotel Yacht or Classic small cruise ship? How to choose...



The Four Seasons has become the second of four hotel brands to take to the seas, following Ritz-Carlton in 2022, and soon to be joined by Accor's Orient Express, whilst Aman will launch in Spring 2027.

The marketing position taken by all four companies is that they are doing something that has never been done before, largely ignoring the existence of a range of ultra-luxury ships operated by Silversea, Seabourn, Regent Seven Seas, Crystal, Explora and more.

So, is the experience on one of these companies significantly different from what we know of as 'luxury cruising', and if so, in what way?

The stand-out difference comes down to that strange figure, the Passenger Space Ratio, which is basically the enclosed space or volume (effectively the Gross Tonnage of the ship) divided by the number of guests on board. Looking at the PSR for those ships in the ultra-luxury cruise space, we are talking about figures from 75 to 95, whilst the luxury hotel yachts range from 103 on Ritz-Carlton's Luminara, to an amazing 244 on Aman's Amangati.

So the key difference is space and let's look at how that translates into a benefit for the guest.

Accommodation

With suite sizes ranging from 350 – 420 square feet, the classic ships offer plenty of comfortable lower category accommodation with verandah and sweeping ocean views, as well as some top-grade accommodation, normally in the region of 1,500 square feet. Having said that, the hotel ships offer a much higher number of prestigious and very spacious

suite accommodation with extensive indoor and outdoor space, which means that your on-board experience will be far more akin to a private yacht.

Dining

The hotel yachts offer a range of Michelin style dining options alongside more casual venues, with an expectation that guests will also choose to dine ashore regularly (with some charging for on board dining). Classic ships also offer a range of dining options, included in the fare or occasionally at a reasonable premium, alongside some excellent culinary experiences.

Public areas

With more emphasis on public space, the classic cruise ships tend to have more, with spacious lounges, with entertainment every evening and plenty going on during the day, whilst the hotel ships have a range of intimate bars and nightclubs for more private socialising. The hotel yachts also boast easy access to the water with marinas, watersports and more.

Service

Everyone will claim their service is the best – but to be honest, the cruise lines have been doing this for longer, and may often have the edge. Running a 'tight ship' as they say, whilst keeping your crew members enthusiastic, friendly and positive, can be challenging, especially in poor weather, or when time ashore is limited. Offering great

service when you have regular time off in your own home, is not the same skill as keeping yourself motivated and friendly as you reach the end of a six-month contract.

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Guest Profile and Social Style

Although this is not universally the case, classic ocean cruising tends to be extremely sociable. Friendships are forged at the bridge table, on a tour or over dinner, and developed over the course of what can often be a lengthy cruise. Guests will often be retired or semi-retired, and welcome the opportunity to socialise in congenial company with like-minded individuals. Hotel cruise guests, often slightly younger and travelling in family groups, will be more inclined to socialise in private spaces and amongst themselves.

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

A Taste of the Mediterranean

Evrina (298 Guests)

8th September 2026 – 4 nights

FROM **£5,765pp** FLY-CRUISE

Barcelona, Monte Carlo, Portofino, Rome (Civitavecchia)

Price based on a Terrace Suite including all meals, drinks, gratuities, taxes, flights, and **FREE** overseas transfers.

Hebridean Princess – walking in the rain



TRIP REPORT

Anjalina sailed on Hebridean Princess in March.

I will admit I felt a touch of apprehension at the outset. I had heard about the Hebridean Princess for years but had never quite understood what all the fuss was about. After five nights aboard the Footloose on the Clyde cruise, I get it completely.

My husband and I travelled from Euston to Glasgow by train in mid-March for this walking cruise around the Firth of Clyde. We were greeted by our guide Malcolm, dressed in traditional Scottish attire, who declared himself the best guide in the Hebrides with a cheeky, confident smile. The coach journey to Greenock was breathtaking, and upon arrival Captain Chris Sedgwick and Cruise Manager James Fraser welcomed us aboard, where staff were waiting with refreshments and Champagne.

Our cabin, Duart Castle on the Waterfront Deck, was traditional and elegant with a beautiful marble bathroom. The ship has no cabin keys. Doors lock from the inside only, setting a tone of trust you simply do not find elsewhere.

The Footloose walking programme offers two groups each day: Strollers and Hikers. You choose each morning based on how you feel. On our first day off the Isle of Bute, I opted for the 5k hike up to Canada Hill. The rain was relentless and the winds unforgiving, but our spirits remained high. We paused at the summit before descending

back to the ship, windswept and rosy-cheeked. We were welcomed aboard with hot chocolate laced with whisky, the perfect antidote to the blustery morning.

Over five days, we visited Crarae Gardens, a beautiful woodland garden showing early spring colour, and Inveraray Jail, where we stepped back in time to experience a Victorian prison. There was a certain thrill in being locked up, though I am pleased we were all released. At Strachur we visited the private gardens at Strachur House and Ardinglas House. At Holy Loch, options included Benmore Botanical Gardens or a walk to Puck's Glen. Our final morning brought a visit to Ardgowan House near Greenock, where the estate drive was stunning.

“ We paused at the summit before descending back to the ship, windswept and rosy-cheeked.

Dining is one of the biggest highlights. The Columba Restaurant is elegant and cosy, with huge windows overlooking the scenery. They pride themselves on the food and the well-curated meals attest to this. Most tables are for two, but larger tables for up to 10 are often hosted by the Chief Engineer and Captain. All drinks are included. I did not sign a single bill during the entire 5 nights. This is one of the most genuinely all-inclusive cruise experiences available.

The atmosphere on board is warm and friendly. Most guests have sailed on the Hebridean Princess before. I chatted to one couple who have been sailing on this ship for 35 years. They claim it is their second home. Around 65% were returning guests. The Tیره Lounge, with its cosy fireplace and country house feel, is where the social life happens: pre-dinner drinks, walking briefings and most of the conversation that makes this cruise so enjoyable.

This small, intimate vessel suits solo travellers and couples alike. It never feels overwhelming. Instead, it offers a relaxed, welcoming haven. If you are drawn to dramatic coastlines, remote islands and quaint towns, the Hebrides will more than deliver. Hebridean Princess offers thoughtfully curated itineraries that showcase the very best of the region.

MUNDY VALUE

Footloose through the Inner Sound

Hebridean Princess
(48 Guests)

6th April 2027 – 7 nights

FROM £4,805pp EX-UK

Oban, Rum, Gairloch, Lock Ewe, Ullapool, Raasay, Eigg, Muck, Tiree, Oban

Price based on a Category H Cabin including all meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes, a programme of activities and excursions, and return transfers from Glasgow Airport or Railway Station.

Ocean Cruise, River Views

The advantage of a small ship cruise is reaching ports that larger ships simply cannot, and there are several highlights that reveal themselves slowly, allowing you to watch the hustle and bustle of life unfold as you gently approach, sailing impossibly close to the comings and goings of the locals as you journey further away from the open sea into the heart of a destination.

1 London

A common inclusion on many an itinerary, cruise lines often employ a rather creative interpretation of British geography. Dover, Portsmouth, Southampton, and Tilbury are all frequently referred to as 'London' for the benefit of our friends over the pond, but smaller ships are able to sail up the Thames to Greenwich. Edging through the Thames Barrier, you can see beautiful Greenwich Park and the Old Royal Naval College, its most handsome aspect revealed to those on the water.

Surrounded by the normality of people going about their everyday lives, with tourists and commuters on Boris Bikes, runners along the Thames Path, and diners enjoying the sunshine, Windstar travels further with Tower Bridge opening to allow passage to moor against HMS Belfast. Sailings from the heart of the City include a number of short 3- and 4-night voyages plus an 11-night journey to Norway in May 2027.

2 Seville

Seville's charm is boundless. The city's diverse architecture, from Roman ruins to grand Baroque edifices with Moorish flourishes, combines to make this call extra special. Here you can enjoy delicious tapas in bustling bars where seating spills onto the street, and the smell of orange blossom and the heart-tugging sounds of flamenco are carried on the warm evening breeze. Sailing the narrow Guadalquivir River into the heart of the city is only possible for the smallest of ships, our favourite of which is the 112-guest SeaDream I, which sets sail from the city on 9th October 2027, offering the perfect opportunity for an extended stay before the voyage to Barcelona.

3 Montréal and the Great Lakes

Set on an island in the Saint Lawrence River, Montréal has a distinctive blend of old-style European charm and bold modernity. The French-infused city's architectural highlights include the

beautiful Basilique Notre-Dame-de-Montréal, and a huge botanical garden hosts the most outlandish floral displays. An excellent start or finish point to view the fall colours, Montréal is a regular port of call for many of our favourite ships, but it's possible to travel beyond the city and into America's Great Lakes, with both Hapag-Lloyd and Ponant Explorations



“ sail into the city, passing French-style architecture, modern skyscrapers, and hectic, wire-strewn streets

transiting the St. Lawrence Seaway, a series of locks, canals, and channels, to reach cities of Toronto and Milwaukee as well as charming lakeside towns rich in history. Departures are available in Summer 2026 and 2027.

4 Bangkok

Thailand's sprawling capital is an invigorating blend of tradition and modernity. Soaring skyscrapers and air-conditioned shopping malls combine

with shimmering golden temples, ancient palaces, floating markets, and, at times, gridlocked rush hour traffic. The city straddles the Chao Phraya River - used by commuters, traditional long-tail boats, and luxury dinner cruises. The smallest cruise ships can navigate the river to the Klong Toey Port in the heart of the city, rather than docking at Laem Chabang, a little outside, putting you closer to Bangkok's

multitude of attractions. Star Seeker, Windstar's recently launched new build, makes the call several times during her Asian seasons in winter 2026/27 and 2027/28.

5 Ho Chi Minh City

Another South East Asian delight, Ho Chi Minh City, still often referred to by its old name, Saigon, is a vibrant and energetic delight, where mopeds swarm the streets and even crossing the road is an adventure. Set on the Saigon River, it is a highlight of many cruises to the region, but only Windstar can sail into the city, passing French-style architecture, modern skyscrapers, and hectic, wire-strewn streets, rather than

use the Phu My Port, an industrial port roughly 1.5 to 2 hours away.

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

Endless Days in Norway

Star Pride (312 Guests)
22nd May 2027 – 11 nights

FROM £4,745pp FLY-CRUISE

London Tower Bridge, Stavanger, Molde (☺), Åndalsnes, Trondheim, Froya, Olden, Bergen, Copenhagen

Price based on a Star Porthole Suite including all meals, soft drinks, taxes, disembarkation airport transfer, inbound flight from Copenhagen to London and a FREE All-Inclusive Upgrade including WiFi, gratuities and drinks.

A family **GALÁPAGOS** ADVENTURE



TRIP REPORT

Alex sailed on National Geographic Endeavour II in February

Great weather year-round. Wildlife you will not see anywhere else. Exciting activities above and below the water. The Galápagos was the best family holiday I have ever had, and my kids agree.



“ There must have been a hundred or more bottlenose dolphins passing right next to the ship, jumping and playing as they did so

I travelled with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions during the February half-term with my wife and daughters, aged eight and six. Our trip was all about discovery. The huge array of endemic wildlife, otherworldly landscapes, and fascinating history is like nowhere else on earth. Sitting on the equator and enjoying warm weather year-round, these islands, with their plentiful array of soft sand beaches, are a paradise for families who want an active holiday like no other.

The Galápagos are at the convergence of three ocean currents, which is responsible for the rich marine ecosystem and make it utterly unique. So I was told by my daughter, who had been speaking to one of our guides to complete part of her National Geographic Explorers in Training workbook, earning points for naming each current. This mix of education and excitement was a theme for all of us throughout the cruise. The kids were encouraged to discover the islands

through a well-crafted kids programme, while we adults were enthralled by the amazing guides who helped us make sense of the extraordinary animals, plants and landscapes we were seeing.

Our first morning set the tone of an extremely active trip where memorable moments came thick and fast. It started before breakfast when I spotted dolphins out of my cabin window. Heading out on deck, my daughters and I were joined by other guests and an excited expedition team (always a good sign), who had announced their approach over the ship's PA. There must have been a hundred or more bottlenose dolphins passing right next to the ship, jumping and playing as they did so. It was incredible.

In the Galápagos, the wildlife is really on display. You do not need to go searching for it. Just turn up, and it is there. Before we even got on board National Geographic Endeavour II we were taking pictures of sea lions, sharks, pelicans and more.



Daily excursions were operated by the ship's fleet of Zodiacs, small rubber boats that zip you ashore, either directly onto the beach or to a rocky outcrop with a small landing zone. When ashore, we were guided by one of the ship's eight naturalists who highlighted the astonishing wildlife and answered questions from my curious kids and equally curious adults. Each island we visited, and even each landing site, had a different highlight, with the wildlife that famously differs between islands taking centre stage.

A hike around Cerro Dragón (Dragon Hill) on Santa Cruz gave us a chance to look for land iguanas and the surprise delight of seeing flamingos in a mirror-still lake on the way. On Española, we spotted a juvenile albatross almost ready to strike out on their own, a complete surprise as at this time of year the birds have left the island to feed out at sea. In the highlands of Santa Cruz, we lost count of how many tortoises we spotted.

Almost every day gave an opportunity for deep water snorkelling, diving straight off the ship's Zodiacs. We saw dolphins, sea lions, penguins, blacktip reef and hammerhead sharks, eagle rays, diamond stingrays, tropical fish of all shapes and sizes and in such numbers that you could dive through huge schools, watching them part and gather again as you passed. I have dived and snorkelled across the world, but never have I seen such varied marine life, and in such numbers, as I did in the Galápagos.

On my cruise, there was a superb family friendly atmosphere with nine other children travelling on board. The National Geographic Explorers in Training Programme was a huge hit. On top of the



National Geographic Global Explorer field notebook, which encouraged kids to record their observations and learn about the destination, daily tasks were set within the daily programme. There were Zodiac driving lessons, glass-bottom boat trips (as an alternative to snorkelling), and our itinerary included a trip to Post Office Bay, for which a second kids' get-together had them making postcards to leave in the post office barrel there. Ours arrived surprisingly quickly thanks to a combination of a helpful UK holidaymaker and Royal Mail. To our surprise and delight, one evening the kids were welcomed into the restaurant early to make pizzas for a kids-only movie night, which gave the added bonus of providing my wife, me, and the other parents a kid-free evening!

The kids were also catered for with children's wetsuits, snorkels, masks, and snorkel vests, making the snorkelling trips accessible for even my non-swimming daughter. When we were in the highlands looking for tortoises, kids were supplied with wellies. At mealtimes, there was always the option of a pasta dish for the kids, or a plain version of a main course with chips for fussy eaters.

Perhaps most importantly, the team on board was fantastic. The kids were welcomed onto the bridge (which was open to all guests), and the first officer helped answer lots of questions, the answers of many diligently written into their field notebooks. During snorkelling trips when the kids had had enough, they were scooped up by our waiting Zodiac, but rather than just be expected to sit and wait for the rest of the group to finish, the Zodiac drivers positioned themselves so the kids could see the wildlife along the shoreline and were happy for some of the kids to jump in and out, making

what could have been a dull wait into an interesting and enjoyable activity in its own right.

When we visited the highlands in Santa Cruz the sugar cane plantation owner was brilliant with the kids, having them push the mill, throwing a cacao pod around with them, even grabbing some home-grown bananas and adding his farm-produced chocolate powder, warmed over a fire, as a little treat.

Throughout the trip the children were made to feel equal to the adult guests, a moment highlighted during the captain's farewell address on the final evening. All the kids were called up to receive their National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions Explorers in Training certificate and Zodiac driving licence to a huge round of applause from all the other guests in attendance. The captain announcing that "This certificate entitles the holder to pilot expedition landing craft on future expeditions with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions, so long as they remain in good standing with the captain, obey their parents and ask nicely." A superb end to an amazing cruise.



MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

Exploring Galápagos

**National Geographic
Endeavour II (96 Guests)**

14th August 2026 – 10 nights

FROM £10,525pp FLY-CRUISE

Baltra, 6 days exploring the Galápagos
Islands, San Cristóbal

Price based on a Category 2 Cabin including all meals,
drinks, taxes, programme of landings and activities,
overnight pre- and post-cruise hotel stays in Quito, all
flights, and overseas transfers.

Crystal Grace Emerges

The excitement is growing as we learn more about Crystal Grace. At 61,800GRT she will carry 650 guests, making her one of the most spacious cruise ships in the world, with a Guest to Space Ratio at an amazing 95.

The ship will be built at Fincantieri in Italy, and Crystal is working with Studio Ibsen Architect Adriana Granato, as well as Mortola Father and Son at GEM, who were also instrumental in the speedy and efficient refurbishment of Crystal Serenity and Crystal Symphony after they were acquired by A&K from the defunct former Crystal Cruises.

Due to be launched in May 2028, we are gradually learning more about what promises to be a very special ultra-luxury ship.

All suite accommodation ranges from 444 square feet (including verandah) for an entry level Verandah Suite, to Penthouse Suites at 1232 square feet plus verandah, and the one-of-a-kind Owner's Suite at 1950 square feet which will span the aft of the ship and offer a vast outdoor space.

We are excited to see all the very special dining options which distinguish Crystal and set it apart from the competition: the celebrated Umi Uma by Nobu Matsuhisa, the only Nobu Restaurant at sea, menus designed by Italy's Michelin-star Alajmo brothers at Osteria d'Ovidio, and the only Beefbar at sea, all included in the fare.

Umi Uma will be located on Deck 5, with 84 covers and an understated style and elegance. As on the other ships, a more informal sushi bar will be available on a drop-in basis, while the main dining room will feature the classic much loved Japanese

Peruvian fusion cuisine inspired by the traditions of the Orient and the distinctive style of Chef Nobu, with tables available by reservation. A dramatic full-height glass wall with unobstructed ocean views will make this a very special venue.

Osteria d'Ovidio and The Beefbar will be located adjacently on deck 10, both offering a relaxed style of indoor/outdoor dining, a perfect option for those who like to dine al fresco. Crystal's celebrated collaboration with acclaimed three-Michelin-starred Italian chef Massimiliano Alajmo and restaurateur Raffaele Alajmo will come into its own in the contemporary Italian restaurant Osteria d'Ovidio, accommodating 68 guests indoors and an additional 20 seats on a spacious outdoor

terrace. The menu celebrates the finest flavours of Italy across three distinct sections - Italia, Le Calandre and Venezia - offering Italian classics, signature dishes from the Alajmo family's Michelin-starred flagship and refined Venetian-inspired plates.

Riccardo Giraudi's Beefbar celebrates the modern steakhouse, combining exceptional cuts of meat with a refined and relaxed atmosphere, featuring Beefbar's signature Beef Reef Leaf concept. The restaurant will feature 56 seats indoors, and an expansive outdoor dining area with 58 seats set across a large, covered terrace.

These refreshed dining options from a cruise line acclaimed for its outstanding cuisine are going to be extremely appealing

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to the sophisticated Crystal guest. Other Crystal signatures will include the wraparound promenade deck which is so appreciated for strolling, running and sports activities, not to mention the amazing crew to guest ratio and exceptional service style which rightly commands such loyalty from Crystal aficionados.

Steel cutting is scheduled for May 2026, and a second ship is to follow.

Crystal Grace is on sale now

Call us on 020 7399 7670 to book

First Look at Uniworld's Newest Super Ship



TRIP REPORT

Heather sailed on S.S. Emilie in March.

I spent three days aboard the S.S. Emilie in Amsterdam, just ahead of the ship's official maiden voyage in late March. Uniworld's newest addition to the Super Ship fleet is inspired by Viennese painter Gustav Klimt and named after his muse, Emilie Flöge. The ship carries 154 guests with 57 crew members and sails the Danube, Rhine and Main rivers.

Arriving at Passenger Terminal Amsterdam near the city centre, I found the ship docked and ready. A crew member took my bag at the gangway and delivered it to my cabin while I headed to the Belvedere Lounge for Champagne and introductions. The Art Nouveau design is evident from the first step aboard. Dramatic colours, gold accents and Klimt's signature style shape every space. This is not subtle decoration. It is committed, room by room, to a specific aesthetic.

I stayed in a French Balcony Suite on Deck 2. The bed was exceptionally comfortable. Storage space was generous, with enough room to unpack completely. The French balcony window slides down halfway, letting in air and sound from the river. A comfortable chair sits by the window, along with a dressing table, flat screen TV, coffee maker, kettle and fridge.

The marble bathroom features Asprey bath and body products, plush towels and a backlit magnifying mirror.

The S.S. Emilie offers 6 stateroom categories. The Grand Suite can be combined with an adjoining Deluxe French Balcony room to create a 2-bedroom suite with butler service.

Gustavs Restaurant is the main dining space. Breakfast offered French toast with a poached egg and a ginger shot. Evening meals were perfectly cooked, escalopes and salmon as main courses, both beautifully presented. The crew were exceptional, attentive without hovering.

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The Brocade Bar sits at the back of the ship with river views, ideal for a quieter evening drink. The Belvedere Lounge serves coffee and pastries throughout the day before transforming into the evening entertainment venue.

I enjoyed a guided city walk with Cruise Manager Piet and a canal cruise through Amsterdam on the final day. Both were well organised and delivered the kind of local insight you expect from Uniworld's included excursions. One evening featured live entertainment that had everyone up

dancing. The atmosphere was relaxed, social and genuinely enjoyable rather than forced or staged.

The S.S. Emilie is best for those who value design, service and an all-inclusive approach. If you want a floating hotel that delivers top comfort and access to the heart of the place you visit, this ship is great. It is not for people who want modern minimalism or a subdued colour palette. The Klimt-inspired décor is bold, layered and unmistakably Art Nouveau. The ship also suits travellers who want to avoid constantly calculating costs. Everything is included, drinks, gratuities, excursions and airport transfers. You pay once and then stop thinking about your wallet.

The delicious food, outstanding service and exceptional experience made this a wonderfully memorable trip.

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

European Gems

S.S. Emilie (154 Guests)
2nd May 2027 – 14 nights

FROM £5,995pp FLY-CRUISE

Amsterdam (🇳🇱), Düsseldorf, Rüdeshheim, Miltenberg, Würzburg, Volkach, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Dürnstein, Vienna (🇦🇹)

Price based on a Classic Stateroom including all meals, drinks, gratuities, taxes, flights, overseas transfers, and a 10% Early Booking Saving when you book by 30 June 2026.

This quintessentially elegant Italian escape perfectly blends iconic city culture with a sun-drenched Mediterranean cruise. Begin in la dolce vita mode with three nights in the heart of Rome at the beautifully restored Baglioni Hotel Regina. Tucked on Via Veneto, this Art Deco gem balances old-world grandeur with modern comforts and places you steps from Villa Borghese, the Spanish Steps, and Rome's vibrant café culture.

An Italian & Adriatic Escape

After indulging in espresso-soaked mornings and leisurely evenings savouring Italian classics, it's time to trade cobblestones for crystal seas. You'll embark on an unforgettable Crystal Cruises voyage aboard the elegant Crystal Symphony, sailing from Civitavecchia through Amalfi's cliff-side charms, Dubrovnik's storied walls, and Montenegro's dramatic bays before overnighing in Malta's baroque jewel, Valletta. With outstanding service and world-class dining, this is Mediterranean cruising at its most refined – a holiday that lingers long after disembarkation.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a late evening in Dubrovnik to linger in a city that begs to be explored.
- Discover Rome in May, when the days are warm, but the crowds are thin.
- Cruise into Kotor, one of the prettiest arrivals in the Mediterranean.

MUNDY OPINION

Discover the perfect May escape, combining three nights of Roman elegance with a sun-soaked Mediterranean cruise visiting some of the best ports the area has to offer.

Crystal Symphony (606 Guests)
Rome to Valletta
17th – 27th May 2027 – 10 nights

From £3,795 per person fly-cruise



Your Itinerary

17th - 20th May

Arrive in Rome and transfer to the Baglioni Hotel Regina, a member of The Leading Hotels of the World. Situated on the top part of the famed Via Veneto, the hotel is within walking distance of the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, and Villa Borghese gardens. Built in 1892, this magnificent property offers a blend of modern & 19th century design and is the ideal base for a 3-night stay. Enjoy a few days to discover Rome, wandering the streets and indulging in some of the exquisite restaurants, before embarking Crystal Symphony at the port of Civitavecchia.

21st May

Enjoy a long day in the picturesque little town of Amalfi, which was once a major Mediterranean naval power, but a devastating earthquake in 1343 cut the city down in its prime and destroyed most of its historic buildings. These days, of course, Amalfi is best known for the eponymous stretch of stunning coastline on which it sits.

22nd May

Enjoy a relaxing day on board Crystal Symphony as you cruise the Mediterranean. Relax by the pool, head to the gym, indulge at the spa, or linger over a late breakfast or long lunch.

23rd May

We never fail to be moved when we see the terracotta roofs and honey-golden walls of Dubrovnik, and a stroll around the perfectly preserved old town is a highlight of any visit to the Dalmatian coast. A late stay, until 11pm, allows plenty of time to walk around the walls and soak up the marvellous sea views as the sun sets.

24th May

This morning, arrive early, sailing into the stunning bay of Kotor as the sun slowly climbs. Kotor sits at the head of a beautiful, fjord-like bay, hemmed in by glowering mountains. The compact, walled old town is Montenegro's star attraction, a warren of little alleyways and shady squares that is often described as a 'mini Dubrovnik'.

25th May

Discover Corfu, known as Kerkyra in Greek, a beautiful island of verdant hills and rocky coves, and away from the more crowded resorts, it remains a sleepy and idyllic place. Don't miss the picturesque Venetian architecture of Corfu Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

26th May

Arriving in Valletta at 1pm offers a relaxed morning to enjoy all the facilities onboard the fabulous Crystal Symphony, yet with an overnight stay in port, you'll also have time to explore Malta's tiny capital, established by the Knights of St John, and a city that packs in an awful lot of history considering its diminutive size. The atmospheric old streets, bathed in Mediterranean sunshine, are full of attractive honey-golden buildings, along with an impressive selection of bars and restaurants.

27th May

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your early afternoon flight back to the UK.

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

Double Guest Room with Ocean View
from £3,795 per person

Double Guest Room with Veranda
from £4,995 per person

Aquamarine Veranda Suite
from £5,225 per person

Sapphire Veranda Suite
from £6,395 per person

Price includes:

- 7 nights on board, including all meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes
- 3-night pre-cruise stay at Baglioni Hotel Regina - The Leading Hotels of the World in a Superior Room, including breakfast
- All overseas transfers
- Return international flights with British Airways



NB. Fares are subject to availability and change.

Top 5 rail and sail combinations

Rail and cruise journeys share a natural harmony – an unhurried, deeply rewarding way to explore the world. Together, they revive the spirit of travel’s golden age, where the journey itself is as enriching as the destinations along the way.

By pairing some of the world’s most scenic and luxurious routes with exceptional small-ship cruises, these experiences offer a seamless blend of comfort, discovery, and elegance. Here are some of our favourite journeys.

1 The Rocky Mountaineer and Alaska

A bucket-list Alaska cruise can only be enhanced by a magical trip across the Rockies, the perfect panoramic experience in a bi-level glass-dome coach, with gourmet meals and accommodation at the best hotels.

Regent Seven Seas Cruises has just released their 2027 Rocky Mountaineer programme, where 6-night pre-cruise trips are packaged for several Alaska cruises. Trips begin in Calgary, where guests board the Rocky Mountaineer. Enjoy two days of GoldLeaf service as you take in British Columbia and Alberta’s lakeside views, mountain passes and historic tunnels alongside stays in luxury hotels, before you embark the ship in Vancouver for a luxury Alaska voyage ending in Anchorage.

2 Eastern & Oriental Express and South East Asia

Visiting the vibrant cities and rural villages of South East Asia is Belmond’s Eastern & Oriental Express, offering weekly 3-night round-trip departures from Singapore exploring the Malay Peninsula’s national parks, tea plantations, and white-sand beaches, with traditional village visits,

Peranakan cooking classes, walking tours and more. The journeys fit with several sailings including a Ponant departure on 21st April 2027 aboard Le Jacques Cartier - on an unusual itinerary exploring the Philippines, Brunei, and Malaysia before ending in Singapore to join the Wild Malaysia departure.

3 Venice Simplon-Orient-Express and Europe

Perhaps the most iconic train of all, this perfectly refurbished piece of history transports you straight to the 1920s, with its polished wood, sumptuous upholstery and antique fixtures. Itineraries vary in length between Europe’s most iconic cities including Paris, Rome, and, of course, Venice, but also Istanbul, Budapest, Vienna, Lyon, and Prague, to name a few. You’re then perfectly placed to embark on any number of cruise options with many of our favourite oceangoing cruise lines departing from Venice, or join a luxury river cruise operator travelling Europe’s historic highways between great capital cities.

4 La Dolce Vita Orient Express & Italy Orient Express’s La Dolce Vita began service last year and has been receiving outstanding reviews. The train is a partnership between Accor Hotels and luxury hospitality group Arsenale S.P.A. (and not to be confused with Belmond’s Venice Simplon-Orient-Express).

Itineraries from 1 night to 4 include plenty of Rome roundtrips showcasing much-loved Italian destinations, including Venice, Portofino, Siena, Sicily, UNESCO-listed Matera and the foodie haven of Piedmont. There are also several point-to-point journeys between Venice, Palermo and Istanbul to Rome, or vice versa. Expect sumptuous décor and luxurious ensuite cabins, alongside an eclectic dining room offering gourmet Italian cuisine. Itineraries operate year-round, so plenty of sailings combine in Rome.

“ a journey as much about the experience as the destination

5 The Ghan

Evoking the romance of slow travel, The Ghan offers a journey as much about the experience as the destination. Crossing nearly 3,000 kilometres from Adelaide to Darwin, it threads through Australia’s vast and shifting landscapes and ochre deserts. The journey unfolds over three days, allowing time to absorb the sheer scale of the Australian interior. Travel north from Adelaide through the wine regions of South Australia, into the dramatic landscapes of the Red Centre, continuing to Darwin, where you can combine it with another remote gem of Australia, the Kimberley.

This is just a taster of the rail and sail combinations we can offer - if there’s a journey you’ve always dreamed of making, then give us a call, and we will help you put together that trip of a lifetime.

MUNDY VALUE

Wild Frontier Adventure with Rocky Mountaineer

Seven Seas Explorer
(746 Guests)

20th May 2027 – 14 nights

FROM £9,175pp FLY-CRUISE

Vancouver, Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway,
Hoonah, cruising Hubbard Glacier,
Whittier

Price based on a Veranda Suite H including all meals, drinks, gratuities, taxes, WiFi, up to 49 included shore excursions, flights, overseas transfers and a 6-night pre-cruise land programme featuring two days’ aboard the Rocky Mountaineer.



Pacific Paradise

Regular cruiser Sharron Jordan sailed the South Pacific for a big birthday and anniversary and explains why this is such a special destination.

Stunning sunsets of vivid pinks, rich oranges and flaming reds, with light blues turning into deeper purples. Clear waters in every imaginable shade of turquoise and green. Forest-clad islands where volcanic calderas rise steeply towards the sky. I've always wanted to visit the idyllic South Pacific, and the scenery exceeded all my expectations.

I visited in February with my husband to mark a double milestone: a big birthday for me and our Golden Wedding anniversary. I've long wanted to travel to this part of the world – remote paradise islands that felt suitably special for the occasion, and a region that would offer a truly memorable holiday, standing out from past trips to the Caribbean, South America and South Africa.

The cruise was exceptional, and the scenery even better than I had imagined. Bora Bora was a highlight: arriving at sunrise, we sailed into the lagoon under an ever-brightening sky that illuminated the tropical slopes and iridescent waters. Having passed the reef break, the water was calm and we enjoyed watching the island approach, becoming ever more dramatic as we neared. Discovering the island itself was a joy. We travelled around its perimeter on a tour, stopping at various viewpoints, with a fascinating guide explaining the island's history. Venturing into the interior, the steep peaks towered above us, giving the landscape an almost mythical feel.

We enjoyed an overnight in port, which allowed us to experience a fabulous sunset and spend more time ashore. The following day, we decided to strike out on our own, hopping in a taxi to a local beach where we enjoyed a slow stroll at our own pace. Here we wandered past a small group of local fishermen cleaning their catch, which had attracted several rays to the shallows. As we watched, we struck up an easy conversation, asking what fish they had caught and where they were going to sell them. It was just one example of how friendly and welcoming the islands were. Everyone seemed pleased to see us, happy to chat, and genuinely keen for us to enjoy our time on each island we visited.

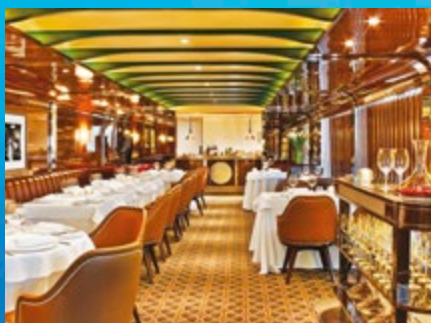
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In Moorea, we joined a small-group tour of the island in a 4x4-style vehicle, discovering its Maohi heritage and stopping at viewpoints high enough to see across the entire island. Throughout the trip, many guests tried snorkelling or other watersports, but we were content to spend some time just relaxing in the shade by the pool, grateful for the tip from our cruise consultant at Mundy to head to the smaller

pool at the back of the ship – a more secluded spot.

Our days quickly fell into a similar pattern: a morning exploring, lunch back on board, an afternoon by the pool, and a delicious evening meal. We travelled with Seabourn and loved the experience. The ship felt intimate, and it often seemed as though we were part of a much smaller group than the 600 or so guests on board. The staff knew our names and made us feel immediately at ease. We particularly enjoyed dining outside at The Colonnade when the themed menus took our fancy, and by the pool at Earth & Ocean. The Mediterranean restaurant Solis served excellent lamb chops in a chic, intimate setting, and on a couple of evenings we dined in our Veranda Suite, which offered plenty of space to do so.

The joy of cruising in the South Pacific is that you can relax completely without worrying about the final bill. Once on board Seabourn Quest, we felt both at ease and well looked after. Having spent two nights prior to the cruise at the InterContinental Papeete – a lovely hotel, though one where a cola cost \$8 (as my husband remarked, \$2 for the drink and \$6 for the view) – Seabourn offered the comfort of visiting multiple islands with a team who quickly understood our preferences, without any sense of being upsold to. For anyone tempted to visit, I would simply say: do it. It will be even better than you imagine.



*UN*DISCOVERED ADRIATIC

CROATIA'S HIDDEN GEMS

Lavender hillsides dropping into turquoise coves. Venetian bell towers above harbours barely wide enough for a fishing boat. From the rooftops of Dubrovnik to the pine forests of Vis, Croatia's Adriatic coast runs from the Venetian lagoon to the mountains of Montenegro, where walled towns sit at the water's edge on a coastline that feels both ancient and wildly alive.

With over 1,200 islands lining the Croatian coast it is best explored by small ship. One that can get closer to the coast, closer to the towns and closer to the water. Here are our favourite small ship luxury lines that explore there.

1 SeaDream Yacht Club

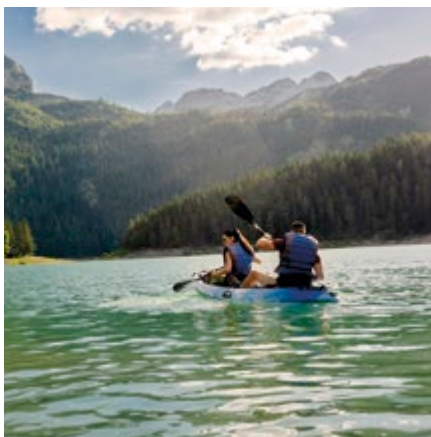
SeaDream's motto "It's yachting, not cruising" sums up exactly what they offer on their Croatia itineraries. With just 112 guests aboard SeaDream I and a crew of 95, the ratio is close to 1:1. The atmosphere is barefoot, casual and inclusive. No formal nights, no fixed dining times. A retractable marina platform at the stern opens up jet skis, kayaks, personal sailboats, SUP boards and a water slide, all included. Mountain bikes are carried aboard for use in port.

This year the standout sailing is Dalmatian Coast Discovery, a 7-night Venice to Dubrovnik voyage calling at Piran, Rovinj, Opatija, Zadar and the maiden port of Primosten before an overnight in Dubrovnik. The 2027 programme extends to a 10-night Venice to Athens routing that takes in Rovinj, Hvar, Vis, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Corfu, Fiskardo and a transit of the Corinth Canal.

2 Windstar Cruises

Windstar's atmosphere is upscale but relaxed, perfectly fitting for a laid-back cruise to the quiet terracotta roofed towns of Croatia. This year the five-masted Wind Surf (342 guests) operates a handful of Adriatic sailings including the 9-night Adriatic Icons and Venetian Treasures roundtrip from Venice, calling at Rovinj, Zadar, Hvar, Dubrovnik, Kotor and Piran. For 2027, the smaller 4-masted Wind Spirit (148 guests) takes over with a much broader programme. The highlight is the 11-day Iconic and Hidden Croatia, reaching Korcula, Opatija, Piran, Venice and Rovinj alongside lesser-known stops. In 2027 look out for the four-day Quick Getaways: Croatia Calling itinerary from Venice to Dubrovnik, perfect for pairing with a land stay or a longer sailing.





3 Ponant Ponant's Croatia programme is the broadest of any line here: 14 different itineraries across 2026 and 2027, several with multiple departure dates. The scheduling is clever too. Many sailings visit two ports in a single day, arriving at the first early morning then sailing over lunch to a second port for the afternoon. Sibenik before the crowds, then Split after lunch.

The cultural sailings stand apart. A 2026 Artistic Adriatic voyage includes a private dinner in the Palazzo Grassi atrium and tours led by Pinault Collection curators. The 2027 Smithsonian Journeys departure puts two resident experts aboard and includes a Moreska sword dance performance in Korcula's open-air theatre. Ponant also reaches ports many competitors skip: Bol, Rab, Brijuni Islands and Primosten.

4 The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection Ritz-Carlton brought its land-based hotel DNA to the water in 2022 and the result is deliberately the anti-cruise. No buffet, no casino, no theatre, no cruise director, no public announcements. What you get instead is 298 guests aboard Evrima (or 448 on the larger Ilma, launched 2024) in all-suite, all-balcony accommodation with a personal Suite Ambassador acting as butler.

The Marina Terrace on Deck 3 opens directly onto the water for kayaking, paddleboarding and Zodiac excursions.

Late-night departures from Croatian ports are a feature, giving guests time to walk Dubrovnik's walls at sunset or linger over dinner ashore in Hvar.

The Adriatic programme offers Venice to Rome, Venice to Athens and Venice roundtrip configurations across 7 to 9-night sailings. Curated shore experiences include Adriatic oyster feasts in Mali Ston Bay and Croatian wine tastings.

5 Seabourn Seabourn is country-club elegance without the stuffiness. One of the original ultra-luxury lines, it stands out for using Dubrovnik as a home port, making it an appealing option for guests who want to extend their Croatian adventure with a land stay before or after sailing. Itineraries run seven to fourteen nights, typically heading south towards Athens or combining with wider Mediterranean segments. Key Croatian ports include Korcula, Hvar, Sibenik, Vis and Rovinj.

6 Sea Cloud Cruises Sea Cloud II is cruising at its most romantic. A 3-masted barque carrying 23 hand-set sails and just 94 guests, this is a ship where the crew physically climb the rigging to unfurl canvas 57 metres above deck. The interiors feel like a country house: crown moulding, polished brass, oil paintings, lacquered walnut furniture and marble bathrooms.

Limited Adriatic choices focus on Venice and Dubrovnik routings of 7 to 10 nights. Typical itineraries visit Vis, Hvar, Trogir, Sibenik, Korcula and Rovinj with a full day under sail built into every voyage. Overnight stays in Hvar and Dubrovnik are common and several sailings include an accompanying maritime historian or guest lecturer.



7 Emerald Yacht Cruises Emerald runs the most Croatia-concentrated programme of any line here. The brand-new Emerald Kaia (launched April 2026, 128 guests) operates an extensive schedule of 7 to 14-night itineraries between May and October, almost all focused on the Croatian coast.

The ship itself is a contemporary superyacht with an infinity pool at the stern, a spa pool with cabanas on the observation deck, a marina platform for kayaking and swimming directly from the ship, and electric bikes carried aboard. It operates two distinct 7-night itineraries covering different halves of Croatia. The southern route runs Venice to Dubrovnik via Rovinj, Sibenik, Trogir, Vis, Hvar and Korcula. The northern route explores Istria and the Kvarner Bay, visiting Piran, Mali Losinj, Krk, Senj, Opatija and Rovinj. Combine both for a complete 14-night picture. Emerald

also reaches islands almost no competitor touches, including Mali Losinj, Krk and Pasman. Overnight stays in Dubrovnik, Venice, Split and Hvar are standard on the longer sailings, and the ship's shallow draft makes light work of Croatia's tight island channels.

“Late-night departures from Croatian ports are a feature, giving guests time to walk Dubrovnik's walls at sunset or linger over dinner ashore in Hvar”

MUNDY VALUE

Discover the Best of the Croatian Coast

Emerald Kaia (128 Guests)

12th June 2027 – 14 nights

FROM **£11,175pp** FLY-CRUISE

Venice, Rovinj, Šibenik, Trogir, Vis, Hvar, Korcula, Dubrovnik (☺), Split, Zadar, Opatija, Piran, Venice (☺)

Price based on an Oceanview Stateroom including all meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes, flights, overseas transfers and 20% fare savings.

More than ‘just’ a cruise

A recent piece of industry research highlighted the increasing popularity of extending a cruise holiday with a land stay

We’ve long extolled the virtues of adding stays to a cruise itinerary that often starts or ends in a port you might not want to miss. Increasingly, the cruise lines themselves are getting in on the act, with more and more land extensions available, offering a seamless experience from start to finish. Here, we take a look at some of our favourites.

Windstar and Bora Bora

Windstar offer over 80 cruise and tour options, from Lake Como extensions to Angkor Wat tours to Kyoto stays. One that has caught our eye is a two-night stay in iconic Bora Bora, to pair with their year-round French Polynesian cruise programme from Tahiti. On arrival in Papeete, spend one night on the island before a short flight to Bora Bora, where you’ll stay in an overwater villa. Snorkel in the lagoon, soak in the island’s lush colours, and connect with Polynesian culture. The stay is at the Conrad Bora Bora Nui on a bed and breakfast basis.

Regent and GHA DISCOVERY

Regent have partnered with the Global Hotel Alliance, which allows GHA DISCOVERY members to earn points on Regent bookings that are redeemable across their worldwide portfolio of hotels. Their recently launched 2027–2028 Concierge Collection sees collaboration with 11 GHA

properties to offer three-night pre-cruise stays in Asia, the Pacific and Europe, with hotels including Bellstar Tokyo, a Pan Pacific Hotel; the Pan Pacific Orchard in Singapore; the Capella in Sydney; Rome’s Anantara Palazzo Naiadi; and Istanbul’s Çırağan Palace Kempinski. With transfers, tours and a dedicated Regent host, you’ll be well looked after before any of the 31 sailings included in the collection.

Seabourn and Denali National Park

Seabourn’s Alaska experience is more adventurous than a standard cruise, with the Ventures by Seabourn programme bringing an Expedition Team of naturalists, scientists, photographers and other experts on board, and utilising the ships’ kayaks and Zodiacs. It’s fitting, then, that Seabourn have launched “The Denali Experience” for 2027 and 2028. The seven-night land programme takes guests deep into the heart of Denali National Park and Preserve, showcasing Alaska’s remarkable wildlife and landscapes. The pre-cruise programme from Anchorage offers guided experiences that highlight the region’s natural beauty and cultural heritage, plus a flightseeing experience, with every aspect looked after by Seabourn.

River cruise city stays

Few trips lend themselves so easily to a few extra days as a European river cruise. Itineraries of seven nights, starting in

key cities of interest, beg to be extended, and the vast majority of our river cruise partners ensure there are a plethora of options - some more unusual than you might expect. We love Ama Waterways’ post-cruise Douro extensions to Santiago de Compostela, where three nights allow time to explore the city, world-renowned as the final destination of the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route. Ama Waterways have also recently announced a new range of ‘City Escape’ itineraries on the Seine, Rhine and Danube that offer extended time in key cities, with 24 hours or more in destinations including Paris, Amsterdam, Vienna, Strasbourg and Budapest, as well as additional overnight stays, so the ship acts as your floating city hotel.

Emerald Yacht Cruises and safari

Emerald’s superb yacht programme has gone from strength to strength in recent years, with the fleet having just increased to three ships and two more on the way. Emerald’s yacht-style touring means plenty of time ashore and, as a company that has its roots in land tours, it is perhaps not surprising that they offer a range of extensions to their cruise programme, from one-night stays at start and end points across Europe to three-night pre-cruise packages in the Caribbean. Most excitingly, they offer safari combinations with their Seychelles programme: an eight-night adventure discovering the Samburu Game Reserve, Lake Nakuru National Park and the Masai Mara Game Reserve, on a full-board basis with game drives included, and the option of a hot air balloon safari also available.

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MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

Alaska Fjords & Canadian Inside Passage with Denali Experience

Seabourn Encore (600 Guests)

28th May 2027 – 15 nights

FROM **£10,495pp** FLY-CRUISE

Juneau, Tracy Arm or Endicott Arm, Wrangell, cruising Misty Fjords, Prince Rupert, Alert Bay, Vancouver

Price based on a Veranda Suite including all meals, drinks, gratuities, taxes, 7-night pre-cruise Denali Experience land programme, flights, and overseas transfers.

The Best Christmas Cruises for 2026

With the ever-brightening evenings and hope of summer in the wind, it might seem strange to think about Christmas getaways, but now is exactly the time to start planning.

Whether you want to enjoy an escape to warmer climes during our long dark winter months, getaway from the hassle of hosting (or being hosted), or even if you're looking for a break to embrace all things festive, there are plenty of luxury Christmas cruise options for 2026 that would make the perfect present to yourself.

1 Christmas Market Cruises through Europe

Even the most Scrooge-like among us can't fail to find the Christmas spirit on a Christmas markets cruise taking in some of Europe's most enchanting cities. Cobble squares twinkle with fairy lights, the scent of mulled wine fills the air, and stalls bustle with merriment. A Christmas market cruise is a magical way to enjoy the season, and river cruises let you sail effortlessly between romantic cities illuminated for the holidays. Typically open until just before Christmas, voyages in early December are perfect for capturing the yuletide magic. Scenic offers a range of sailings between eight and fifteen days, plus an Amsterdam to Budapest departure over Christmas and New Year, with the holidays celebrated on board in true luxury style.

2 Summertime Christmas in Australia and New Zealand

If you're looking for more of an escape, how about a sun-soaked celebration Down Under? Oceania's Riviera begins an extraordinary 40-night voyage on 15th December, traveling from Sydney on a journey that circles Australia and then

explores New Zealand's North Island, finishing in Auckland. Highlights include the Whitsunday Islands, Bali, Lombok and Komodo, Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne – plus plenty of time at sea to relax and reflect on the year past. As with many of Oceania's longer voyages, it offers incredible value, with all speciality dining, gratuities, WiFi (to stay in touch if you want to!) included, plus a choice of complimentary alcoholic drinks package or US\$1,800 shore excursion credit per room.

3 Crystal in the Caribbean

The barefoot bliss of the Caribbean is a perfect warm winter escape, and there are an abundance of sailings to choose from. Our favourite yachts, SeaDream I and II, spend Christmas Day drifting between pristine beaches and turquoise bays. Seabourn Quest enjoys a fortnight island hopping around the Caribbean Sea, but the 10-night Crystal Symphony sailing from Fort Lauderdale balances the convenience of easy flights, excellent value, and an enchanting itinerary including Antigua, Virgin Gorda, and the Dominican Republic.

4 South East Asia Exploration

Perhaps the culture, cuisine, and beautiful landscapes of South East Asia can tempt you. Seabourn's 600-guest Seabourn Encore departs vibrant Singapore for Hong Kong on 21st December 2026 for a classic Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia exploration, including buzzing Bangkok, historic Ho Chi Minh City and idyllic Ha Long Bay, with Christmas Day in Ko Kut,

one of Thailand's prettiest islands, with powder-soft sands, crystal clear waters and beautiful waterfalls.

5 Ponant's Le Commandant Charcot in the Arctic

For something particularly unusual, Ponant's winter season itineraries for their pioneering polar explorer Le Commandant Charcot see her sail the Baltic. A 22nd December 2026 Christmas voyage visits the Stockholm Archipelago and the snow-covered landscapes of Swedish and Finnish Lapland during the Polar Night, Kaamos, for a truly magical festive getaway with the likes of snowshoeing and reindeer farm visits, and (at an additional cost) snowmobiling and husky sledding, returning each day to the cocooning luxuries of this quite remarkable ship.

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

Corals & Kiwi Coasts

Oceania Riviera (1250 Guests)
12th December 2026 – 44 nights

FROM **£15,735pp** FLY-CRUISE

Sydney, Brisbane, Airlie Beach, Cairns, Cooktown, Darwin (C), Komodo Island, Bali (Benoa) (C), Lombok, Waingapu, Kupang, Perth (Fremantle), Busselton, Albany, Esperance, Adelaide, Melbourne, Picton, Wellington, Napier, Gisborne, Tauranga, Auckland

Price based on a Deluxe Ocean View Stateroom including all meals, soft drinks, gratuities, taxes, flights, overseas transfers, a FREE 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Sydney and either complimentary wine & beer OR US\$1,800 per stateroom shore excursion credit.

SILVERSEA ANTARCTICA

CHOOSING THE RIGHT ITINERARY



Peter Shanks, former Silversea Managing Director of UK & EMEA and friend of Mundy, shares his firsthand experience comparing all three Silversea Antarctica itinerary types to help you decide which is right for you...

Antarctica is one of the few places on earth that is today as it has always been. It's up to you how you choose how to experience it. Silversea offers three main itinerary types, a fly-cruise option that skips the Drake Passage entirely, a classic Peninsula cruise that sails across the Drake both ways and an extended voyage that adds South Georgia and the Falklands. Each delivers a different experience, different wildlife encounters and a different investment of time and money.

I've been lucky enough to do both ends of the spectrum. I've travelled on Silver Endeavour's fly-cruise in 2022 and recently returned from the longer journey on Silver Cloud. My advice is clear, if you can afford the time and investment, the fuller 18-night itinerary is absolutely the way to go. But shorter options still deliver a magical Antarctic experience, and the choice depends on what matters most to you...

Antarctica fly-cruise: skip the Drake Passage

Rather than two days in each direction sailing across the Drake Passage, you take a 3-hour flight directly into the military airfield on King George Island in the Peninsula where your ship is waiting. You then spend six days sailing the Peninsula.

The upside is avoiding what can be a bumpy Drake Passage for two days in each direction. However, this option requires an extra night's hotel in each direction in Punta Arenas or Puerto Williams. This allows the operators to mitigate possible weather risks with the flights to King George Island. It is possible that you may experience some delay, but the extra hotel stay should ensure that in the event of a delay you still experience the full six days in the Peninsula.

Taking account of all international flights and hotel stays, you would be away from home for a total of thirteen nights with six nights spent onboard.

Who this suits: Travellers concerned about seasickness, those with limited time, or anyone who views the Drake crossing as an obstacle rather than an experience. If you have only a week available or if rough seas are a serious worry, this is the practical choice.

Antarctica Peninsula cruise: the classic Drake Passage crossing

This is the most popular way to experience Antarctica. Typically, you spend two days in each direction sailing across the Drake Passage and then six days in the Peninsula.

Your time and experience in the Peninsula for those six days will broadly be the same as with the fly-cruise. The upside is that you get the full experience of the Drake Passage, and that can be the Drake Shake or the Drake Lake.

Taking account of all international flights and hotel stays in Santiago or Buenos Aires, you would be away from home for a total of sixteen nights with 10 nights spent onboard.

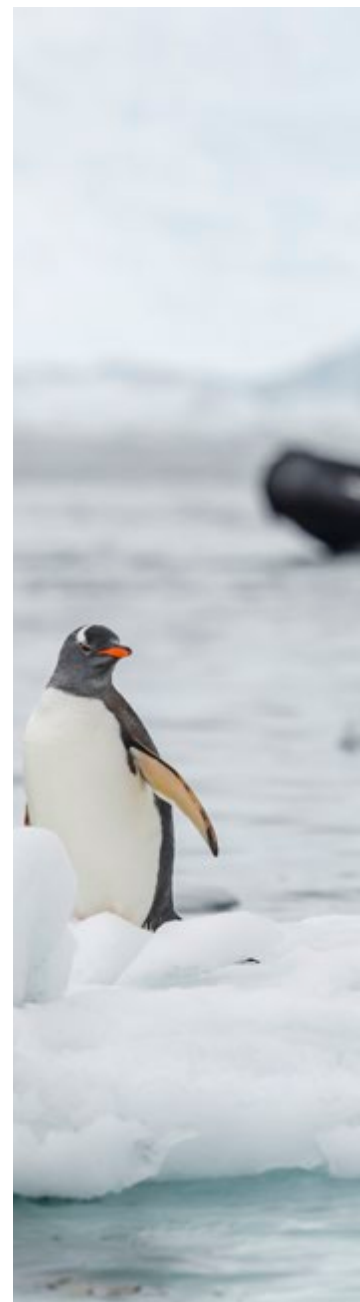
Who this suits: Travellers who want the full Antarctic journey, including the crossing that has defined polar exploration for centuries. Many guests find the Drake Passage experience rewarding, not something to avoid.

Peninsula, South Georgia and Falklands: the full Antarctic experience

This is the longest option. Typically, you will spend four nights in the Peninsula, one in Elephant Island, three in South Georgia, two in the Falklands and eight sea days for a total of eighteen nights onboard.

The upside is a much greater diversity of experience, including the Shackleton history, whilst given the distance you will have eight sea days including the Drake Passage. Taking account of all international flights and hotel stays in Santiago or Buenos Aires, you would be away from home for a total of twenty two nights with eighteen nights spent onboard.

Who this suits: Anyone who can afford the time and wants the most comprehensive Antarctic journey. If you can do this, do this. The range of diverse experiences and being able to follow in the footsteps of Shackleton creates a magical journey.





The verdict

No question in my mind, if you can afford the time and investment, the fuller 18-night itinerary taking in South Georgia and the Falklands is absolutely the way to go. Here is why.

Diversity - Whilst you will enjoy the penguins in the Peninsula, the wildlife in South Georgia is stunning. From seeing and hearing the orchestral sounds of 250,000 King Penguins at Salisbury Plain to standing amongst thousands of penguins, fur seals and elephant seals on the beach, this is one of the most diverse and plentiful wildlife locations on earth.

Scenery - It is very hard to describe the beauty of South Georgia. Wherever you look, you are surrounded by magnificent mountain peaks. When the sun comes out into a blue sky, I have never seen a more beautiful landscape.

Shackleton - On the longer journey you experience giant icebergs in the Weddell Sea where his ship Endurance was consumed by the ice. You will make the 800 mile and 2-day journey between Elephant Island and South Georgia, where yes, we did experience big seas, but on an ultra-luxury 514ft long ship rather than Shackleton's 14-day journey on the 22ft James Caird. In South Georgia you will walk in his footsteps and raise a toast with a glass of Irish whisky at his grave on the outskirts of Grytviken. This was one of the most interesting and emotional parts of the Antarctica trip.

“ Many guests find the Drake Passage experience rewarding, not something to avoid.

The Falklands - Another historic place given the 1982 conflict. I was so surprised by the Falklands. Even though I was there for a day, I took away a real sense of community and hiking up Mount Tumbledown, scene of the Scots Guards battle, was moving given the loss of life on both sides during the conflict. I walked along Thatcher Drive to the pub where we finished the day with a pint of Iron Lady. Perfect.

One thing to bear in mind is that travelling to Antarctica is reassuringly expensive. These are trips of a lifetime, are very inclusive and involve a lot of travel. Irrespective of how much you invest, you will cherish every memory and recognise the terrific value for money.



MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

Falkland Islands, South Georgia & Antarctica

Silver Wind (274 Guests)

5th November 2026 – 22 nights

FROM **£18,999pp** FLY-CRUISE

Puerto Williams, 3 days exploring the Falkland Islands, 3 days exploring South Georgia, Elephant Island, Antarctic Sound, Antarctic Peninsula (C), South Shetland Islands, Puerto Williams (C)

Price based on a Vista Suite including all meals, drinks, gratuities, taxes, flights, overseas transfers, an overnight pre-cruise and **FREE** overnight post-cruise hotel stay in Santiago and **£5,500** per suite savings when you book by 2 June 2026.

Meet the Expert

Aqua Expeditions Founder Francesco Galli Zugaro

From the Amazon to the Galápagos, Aqua Expeditions founder Francesco Galli Zugaro's pioneering cruise line operates river voyages and yacht journeys in some of the most remote destinations on Earth. With small ships carrying no more than forty guests – each one personally designed by Francesco – the brand has carved out a distinctive niche. Now, with the launch of Aqua Lares, a new vessel built for both the tropical islands of the Seychelles and the stark landscapes of the Arctic, we meet the man behind Aqua Expeditions...



What most excites you about the launch of Aqua Lares?

What excites me most – and what gets me out of bed every morning – is that we're taking guests to biodiversity hotspots that are entirely new for Aqua Expeditions, from the Arctic to the Indian Ocean and as far as Aldabra. To be doing this in the comfort of a 77-metre ultra-luxury yacht is something quite unique, and not something that has been available to traditionally travellers until now.

What's the key advantage of travelling on a ship with 40 guests or fewer?

The main advantage is the level of personalisation we can offer. The ship design and overall experience allow us to tailor each journey to guests' individual interests. When you have just four or five couples per guide, there's real flexibility – whether guests want to dive, snorkel, hike or explore in other ways.

It also creates a genuine sense of community on board. By the end of the voyage, everyone has had the chance to dine together and share excursions, which

creates a really sociable atmosphere. We often see guests forming friendships that continue well beyond the trip itself.

Which activities will Aqua Lares offer in the Seychelles and the Arctic?

In East Africa and the Seychelles, there's a strong focus on water-based activities, from diving to snorkelling, with the chance to experience extraordinary marine life in what is both a blue zone and a biodiversity hotspot. Guests can also visit giant tortoises on Aldabra, explore the UNESCO-listed Stone Town in Zanzibar, and discover the region's unique flora.

In contrast, the Arctic offers a dramatically different environment – a frozen landscape rich in wildlife. Guests may encounter polar bears, walrus, reindeer, Arctic foxes, whales and orcas, in a part of the world that remains remarkably remote and difficult to access.

Are there other exciting developments at Aqua Expeditions?

There's a great deal happening at Aqua. I'm particularly excited about our enriched

sailings with the Explorers Club, bringing experts from around the world on curated departures across East Africa, Indonesia, the Mekong and the Amazon. All of this is delivered while maintaining an onboard experience that feels akin to travelling on your own private yacht.

What are your ambitions for Aqua Expeditions?

Our vision is to consistently deliver world-class experiences. There is growing interest in small-ship expeditions, although "small" can mean very different things across the industry. We remain committed to our niche – vessels carrying no more than forty guests – which allows us to offer a far more intimate and considered experience.

What's your favourite destination within the Aqua portfolio?

All of them have a place in my heart, but when I visited the Galápagos I truly fell in love with it. Peru and the Amazon were the first destinations we launched, so they will always mean a great deal to me. That said, I'm most excited about bringing the first explorer yacht to East Africa – that feels particularly special.

MUNDY VALUE

Aldabra & The Coralline Seychelles

Aqua Lares (30 Guests)
23rd January 2027 – 9 nights

FROM **£12,925pp** CRUISE-ONLY

Mahé, African Banks, Remire, Aldabra Atoll (C), Cosmoledo Atoll, Astove Islands, Farquhar Island, Ile Alphonse, Poivre, Desroches, Mahé

Price based on a Category V Cabin including all meals, non-alcoholic drinks, wine and beer, WiFi and excursions. Contact us for flight options and pre- or post-cruise arrangements.

SILVERSEA



Italian Escapade

Nice to Valletta

Silver Shadow (392 Guests)
18th August 2026 | 6 nights

Nice, Livorno (C), Porto Santo Stefano, Rome (Civitavecchia), Valletta

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£2,345** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 6 nights in a Vista Suite
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers



Caribbean Dreaming

Barbados round-trip

Silver Spirit (608 Guests)
11th March 2028 | 8 nights

Barbados, St. Lucia, Îles des Saintes, St. Maarten, Jost Van Dyke, St. Kitts, Dominica, Barbados

MUNDY VALUE

From **£3,395** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in a Panorama Suite
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers

Includes £2,200 per suite savings – book by 2 June 2026

SEABOURN



Greece & Dalmatian Delights

Athens to Dubrovnik

Seabourn Quest (458 Guests)
14th August 2026 | 11 nights

Explore the treasures of Greece from the iconic island of Santorini, where whitewashed villages cling to dramatic cliffs, to the legendary sanctuary of Delphi, once considered the centre of the ancient world. Historic charm awaits in the medieval fortress town of Monemvasia and a day in Albania's coastal town of Sarandë offers stunning beaches and a lively promenade. Your journey is bookended with hotel stays in Athens and Dubrovnik to allow for deeper exploration of these historic cities.

Your Itinerary:

14 – 16 August

Fly to Athens and transfer to the Grand Hyatt for a two-night stay. Explore the historic Greek capital at your leisure, from the magnificent Acropolis of Athens and its world-renowned museum to the charming streets of the Plaka district. Following your stay, transfer to the pier to join Seabourn Quest and begin your voyage.

16 – 23 August

Cruise Itinerary:

Athens (Piraeus), Santorini, Monemvasia, Itea, Lefkada, Sarandë, Dubrovnik

23 – 25 August

Disembark your cruise in Dubrovnik and transfer to the Hotel Excelsior for a two-night stay. Spend time exploring this beautiful UNESCO-listed city, from the medieval city walls and well-preserved churches in the Old Town, to panoramic views from nearby Mount Srđ, and of course sampling the local cuisine. Following your stay, transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.



MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£4,225** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in an Ocean View Suite
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes
- 2-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Athens
- 2-night post-cruise hotel stay in Dubrovnik
- Overseas transfers

FREE flights

REGENT SEVEN SEAS CRUISES

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SEVEN SEAS CRUISES

Bold Sunsets & Lush Reserves

Port Louis to Cape Town

Seven Seas Mariner (700 Guests)

11th April 2028 | 18 nights

Embark on a captivating journey across the Indian Ocean in all-inclusive luxury on board Seven Seas Mariner, which underwent a multi-million-dollar refurbishment at the end of last year. Discover the lush volcanic landscapes of Réunion and Madagascar's exotic wildlife from Nosy Be, before exploring the scenic landscapes of southern Africa. An overnight in Port Elizabeth offers the chance to visit some of the region's game reserves and witness incredible wildlife. Your journey ends with a spectacular arrival and overnight stay in cosmopolitan Cape Town, framed by the iconic Table Mountain.

Your Itinerary:

11 – 14 April

Fly to Mauritius where you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel for a two-night stay. During your time on this idyllic island, unwind on pristine beaches, explore the vibrant capital of Port Louis, or discover the natural beauty of Black River Gorges National Park. Following your stay, transfer to the pier to join Seven Seas Mariner and begin your voyage.

14 – 28 April

Cruise Itinerary:

Port Louis, Réunion, Nosy Be, Durban, Port Elizabeth (🇺🇸), Mossel Bay, Cape Town (🇺🇸)

28 – 29 April

Disembark your cruise in Cape Town and transfer to the airport for your overnight flight back to the UK.



MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£9,185** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 14 nights in a Veranda Suite H
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes
- Up to 39 FREE shore excursions
- Return flights and overseas transfers
- 2-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Mauritius

Exclusive fare savings
FREE US\$400 OBC per suite

EXPLORA JOURNEYS


Explora
JOURNEYS

A Journey of Emerald Waters & Living Heritage

Singapore to Hong Kong

Explora III (926 Guests)

6th January 2028 | 13 nights

Explora Journeys' anticipated third ship, Explora III, joins the fleet this year and will offer the luxury line's first journeys in Asia. Sail from the Garden City of Singapore and discover the vibrant contrasts of Vietnam, from the historical sites and blend of architecture in Ho Chi Minh City, where you will spend an overnight call, to the UNESCO-listed limestone islets of Ha Long Bay. Your enriching journey is bookended by hotel stays in Singapore and Hong Kong, giving time to explore these wonderfully diverse cities.

Your Itinerary:

6 – 9 January

Fly to Singapore where you will be met at the airport and transferred to The Ritz-Carlton Millenia Singapore for a two-night stay. Located in the heart of Marina Bay, the hotel houses one of the largest contemporary art collections in Southeast Asia and offers dining in a range of venues. Following your stay, transfer to the pier to join Explora III and begin your voyage.

9 – 16 January

Cruise Itinerary:

Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City (Phú Mỹ) (🇺🇸), Da Nang, Ha Long Bay, Hong Kong

16 – 19 January

Disembark your cruise in Hong Kong and transfer to the InterContinental Grand Stanford for a two-night stay. Take advantage of the hotel's location in the heart of the shopping, business and entertainment district of East Tsim Sha Tsui, and enjoy fantastic views of Victoria Harbour. Following your time here, transfer to the airport for your overnight flight back to the UK.



MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£6,975** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in an Ocean Terrace Suite
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers
- 2-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Singapore

FREE 2-night post-cruise hotel stay in Hong Kong

CRYSTAL CRUISES

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Caribbean Compass: Island Escape

Fort Lauderdale round-trip
Crystal Symphony (606 Guests)
3rd December 2026 | 18 nights

Fort Lauderdale, Tortola, St. Barths, Guadeloupe, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Martinique, St. Kitts, San Juan, Jost Van Dyke, St. Martin, Antigua, St Thomas, Fort Lauderdale

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£5,995** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 17 nights in a Double Guest Room with Ocean View
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes
- Overseas transfers

20% fare savings and FREE flights – book by 31 May 2026



Riviera Escapade

Barcelona to Rome
Crystal Symphony (606 Guests)
21st September 2027 | 10 nights

Barcelona, Palamós, Cannes, Monte Carlo, La Spezia, Livorno (🇮🇹), Calvi, Rome (Civitavecchia)

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£4,320** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 9 nights in a Double Guest Room with Ocean View
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers
- Pay in full discount

15% fare savings and FREE 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay at Hotel Arts Barcelona – book by 31 May 2026

SEADREAM YACHT CLUB



The Glorious Grenadines

Barbados round-trip
SeaDream I (112 Guests)
2nd December 2027 | 11 nights

Sail on board the intimate yacht, SeaDream I, and embrace the barefoot lifestyle of the laidback Caribbean islands. Begin your journey with three nights to relax in Barbados before boarding your yacht and exploring the region's best-kept secrets, from St. Lucia's sheltered Rodney and Soufriere Bays to the tiny unspoiled islands of the Grenadines. Make use of the onboard marina for swimming and water sports straight from the yacht, watch spectacular Caribbean sunsets from the lively Top of the Yacht Bar, and enjoy SeaDream's signature 'Champagne and Caviar Splash' during this unforgettable luxury adventure.

Your Itinerary:

2 – 5 December

Fly to Barbados where you will be met at the airport and transferred to Colony Club, a Luxury Collection Resort, for a three-night stay. The hotel occupies a prime beachfront position on the Platinum West Coast, perfect for relaxing or enjoying some water sports. Following your time here, transfer to the pier in Bridgetown to join SeaDream I and begin your voyage.

5 – 12 December

Cruise Itinerary:

Barbados, Martinique, Rodney Bay, Soufriere Bay, Bequia (🇬🇩), Tobago Cays, Canouan, Mayreau, Barbados

12 – 13 December

Disembark your cruise in Barbados and transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.



MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£5,875** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in a Yacht Club Stateroom Deck 2
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers
- 3-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Barbados

FREE VIP airport fast-track service on arrival

THE RITZ-CARLTON YACHT COLLECTION



Indonesian Treasures

Bali round-trip

Luminara (452 Guests)
12th January 2027 | 12 nights

This enchanting escape combines a short voyage on board The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection's newest yacht, Luminara, with luxurious land stays. Begin with a stay at The Ritz-Carlton, Bali before embarking on a captivating cruise that reveals Indonesia's treasures. Visit the island of Flores and the serene beauty of Ta'aktana, explore the otherworldly landscapes of Komodo Island, and experience Lombok's cultural charms. Returning to Bali, your journey concludes with a tranquil retreat at Mandapa, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, providing the perfect finale to an unforgettable getaway.

Your Itinerary:

12 – 16 January

Fly to Bali where you will be met at the airport and transferred to The Ritz-Carlton Bali for a three-night stay. Enjoy the resort's beachside setting in Nusa Dua, featuring stunning ocean views together with five dining venues and a rejuvenating spa. Following your time here, transfer to the pier to join Luminara and begin your voyage.

16 – 21 January

Cruise Itinerary:
Bali, Ta'aktana, Komodo, Lombok, Bali

21 – 24 January

Disembark your cruise in Bali and

transfer to Mandapa, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve for a two-night stay. This exclusive property is nestled in the lush jungle of Ubud and combines traditional Balinese design with refined modern comfort. Overlooking the Ayung River and surrounded by rice terraces and tropical forest, the resort offers holistic wellness experiences, four unique dining concepts, and personalised butler service, creating a serene sanctuary that feels deeply connected to nature and local culture. Following your time here, transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.



MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£9,720** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 5 nights in a Terrace Suite
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes
- Return flights
- 3-night pre-cruise hotel stay at The Ritz-Carlton Bali
- 2-night post-cruise hotel stay at Mandapa, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve

FREE overseas transfers

HAPAG-LLOYD CRUISES



Californian Lifestyle Meets Canadian Charm

San Francisco round-trip

MS Europa (400 Guests)
17th March 2027 | 18 nights

San Francisco (C), Astoria, Victoria (C), Nanaimo, Vancouver (C), Seattle (C), Eureka, San Francisco (C)

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£8,385** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 16 nights in a Suite with Panorama Window
- All onboard meals and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers

FREE 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay in San Francisco



Pura Vida: Costa Rica Up Close

Panama City round-trip

MS Europa 2 (500 Guests)
7th January 2028 | 13 nights

Panama City (C), Quepos, Marina Flamingo, Puerto Quetzal, Acajutla, Puntarenas, Isla Tortuga, Puerto Jimenez, Panama City

MUNDY VALUE

From **£8,350** per person cruise-only

Your fare includes:

- 13 nights in a Veranda Suite
- All onboard meals and taxes

PONANT



Pearls of the Caribbean

St. Lucia round-trip

Le Bougainville (184 Guests)
23rd February 2027 | 9 nights

St. Lucia (Vieux Fort), Bequia, Mayreau, Tobago Cays, Pigeon Island, Soufrière, Îles des Saintes, Dominica, St. Lucia (Vieux Fort)

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£4,775** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in a Deluxe Stateroom Deck 3
- All onboard meals, drinks & taxes
- A choice of included shore excursions
- Return flights
- 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay in St. Lucia

Scandinavian Cities & Norwegian Fjords

Copenhagen to Bergen

Le Champlain (184 Guests)
25th June 2027 | 10 nights

Copenhagen, Skagen, Fredrikstad, Oslo, Arendal, Egersund, Lysefjorden scenic cruising, Skudeneshavn, Nordfjordeid, Geiranger, Hellesylt, Ålesund, Bergen

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£8,965** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 10 nights in a Deluxe Stateroom Deck 3
- All onboard meals, drinks and taxes
- A choice of included shore excursions
- Return flights

25% fare savings
FREE overseas transfers

20% fare savings
FREE overseas transfers

WINDSTAR CRUISES



East Asian Legends

Ha Long Bay to Osaka

Star Seeker (224 Guests)
1st March 2027 | 10 nights

Ha Long Bay, Hong Kong (☺), Taipei (Keelung), Ishigaki Island, Naha, Amami Island, Osaka

MUNDY VALUE

From **£5,760** per person cruise-only

Your fare includes:

- 10 nights in an Oceanview Suite
- All onboard meals, soft drinks and taxes

Maritime Capitals of Northern Europe

London Tower Bridge round-trip

Star Pride (312 Guests)
10th May 2027 | 8 nights

London Tower Bridge, Bruges, Harlingen, Amsterdam, Antwerp (☺), Honfleur, London Tower Bridge (☺)

MUNDY VALUE

From **£2,445** per person ex-UK

Your fare includes:

- 8 nights in a Star Porthole Suite
- All onboard meals, soft drinks and taxes

FREE All-Inclusive Upgrade

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OCEANIA CRUISES

OCEANIA
CRUISES®Indochina to
Bali Seafarer

Singapore to Bali

Oceania Nautica (670 Guests)
21 November 2026 | 17 nightsSingapore, Phuket, Langkawi,
Penang, Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang) (🇨🇵),
Jakarta, Semarang (🇮🇩), Surabaya,
Bali (Celukan Bawang), Lombok,
Bali (Benoa)

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£3,950** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 14 nights in an Ocean View Stateroom
- All onboard meals, soft drinks, gratuities, and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers
- 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Singapore

Choose either complimentary wine & beer OR
US\$800 per stateroom shore excursion credit

Northern Exposure

Southampton round-trip

Oceania Marina (1250 Guests)
8th June 2027 | 14 nightsSouthampton, Skagen, Copenhagen,
Stockholm, Helsinki, Tallinn, Riga,
Visby, Warnemünde, Aarhus,
Southampton

MUNDY VALUE

From **£4,779** per person ex-UK

Your fare includes:

- 14 nights in a Deluxe Ocean View Stateroom
- All onboard meals, soft drinks, gratuities, and taxes

Choose either complimentary wine & beer OR
US\$800 per stateroom shore excursion credit

EMERALD CRUISES

EMERALD®
CRUISESRiviera Rendezvous
with Michael Bonacini

Rome round-trip

Emerald Sakara (100 Guests)
22nd August 2026 | 7 nightsNice, Marseille, Cannes, Bonifacio,
Porto Cervo, Rome (Civitavecchia),
Bastia, Nice

MUNDY VALUE

From **£5,750** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in a Balcony Suite
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities, selected shore excursions, and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers

Includes 15% fare savings

Vibes of the
Virgin Islands

St. Thomas round-trip

Emerald Sakara (100 Guests)
26th December 2026 | 9 nightsSt. Thomas, St. John, Virgin Gorda,
Norman Island, Anguilla, St. Maarten,
St. Barths, St. Thomas

MUNDY VALUE

From **£4,145** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in an Oceanview Stateroom
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities, selected shore excursions, and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers

Includes 20% fare savings

HEBRIDEAN ISLAND CRUISES



Golf in Argyll & Ayrshire

Oban round-trip

Hebridean Princess (48 Guests)
15th September 2026 | 7 nights

Oban, Port Ellen (Islay),
Campbeltown, Troon, Lamlash,
Port Ryan (Loch Ryan), Gigha Island,
Oban

MUNDY VALUE

From **£5,465** per person ex-UK

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in a Category H Cabin
- All meals, drinks, gratuities, shore excursions and taxes
- Return transfers from Glasgow Airport/Railway Station



Flavours of the Hebrides

Oban round-trip

Hebridean Princess (48 Guests)
20th October 2026 | 7 nights

Oban, Port Ellen (Islay), Colonsay,
Inverie, Armadale, Loch Dunvegan,
Glenmore Bay, Tobermory, Eriska,
Craignure, Oban

MUNDY VALUE

From **£6,945** per person ex-UK

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in a Category H Cabin
- All meals, drinks, gratuities, shore excursions and taxes
- Return transfers from Glasgow Airport/Railway Station

Guest Speaker: Colin Montgomerie

SCENIC



LUXURY CRUISES & TOURS

Christmas & New Year with Prague

Amsterdam to Budapest

Scenic Jade (163 Guests)
23rd December 2026 | 17 nights

End the year in style with this extended voyage taking in the historic cities and festive towns along the Rhine and Main Rivers. Spend a relaxed Christmas Day taking in the spectacular scenery as you sail through the Rhine Gorge, enjoying the festivities on board, and ring in the New Year in charming Regensburg. Throughout your river cruise enjoy a choice of guided activities, from city walking tours to bicycle excursions, as well as time to explore independently. Conclude your journey with a land stay in beautiful Prague, offering the chance to explore its UNESCO-listed historic centre.

Your Itinerary:

23 December

Fly to Amsterdam where you will be met at the airport and transferred to Scenic Jade. In the evening, enjoy a welcome reception on board with your fellow travellers.

23 December – 6 January

Cruise Itinerary:

Amsterdam (🇳🇱), Rudesheim, Miltenberg, Wertheim, Würzburg, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Melk, Dürnstein, Vienna (🇦🇹), Budapest (🇮🇪)

6 – 9 January

Disembark your river cruise in Budapest and travel by road to Prague where you will enjoy a three-night hotel stay. Enjoy a half-day guided tour of this magnificent city before time at leisure to explore independently. The following day, choose between a walking tour with beer tasting, a sobering visit to Terezin, a former military fortress and location of the Theresienstadt Ghetto, or a tour of Prague Castle. Following your time here, transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.



MUNDY VALUE

From **£5,930** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 14 nights in a Standard Suite
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities, a choice of shore excursions, and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers
- 3-night post-cruise hotel stay in Prague, including breakfast and sightseeing

Includes £1,900 per suite savings – book by 30 June 2026

TAUCK

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Roam by Tauck: Porto & the Douro Valley

Porto round-trip

ms Andorinha (84 Guests)
4th June 2027 | 7 nights

This enriching voyage is part of the 'Roam by Tauck' series – a curated collection of journeys with a focus on immersive, active and unique small group experiences – perfect for families with adult children or more adventurous travellers. During this itinerary you will discover the delights of the Douro Valley, including of course the local wines, as well as enjoy the opportunity to embark on more unusual activities including kayaking along the Sabor River, a private night visit to view prehistoric rock art at the UNESCO-listed Penascosa in the Cõa Valley, or a surfing lesson in the Atlantic Ocean.

Your Itinerary:

4 June

Fly to Porto where you will be met by a Tauck representative and transferred to your home for the next seven nights, the ms Andorinha, a purpose-built vessel designed to sail Portugal's Douro River. Tonight, enjoy welcome cocktails and dinner with your fellow travellers.

4 – 11 June

Cruise Itinerary:

Porto (☺), Régua, Pinhão, Pocinho, Régua, Porto

11 June

Enjoy a final breakfast on board before departing the riverboat in Porto and transferring to the airport for your return flight to the UK.



MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From £7,995 per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in a Category 1 Stateroom on ms Andorinha
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities, a choice of shore excursions, and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers

RIVERSIDE LUXURY CRUISES



Danube Serenade

Vienna to Budapest

Riverside Mozart (162 Guests)
30th August 2026 | 3 nightsVienna (☺), Esztergom, Visegrad,
Budapest (☺)

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From £2,280 per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 3 nights in a Harmony Suite
- All meals, drinks, excursions and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers



French Salut

Avignon to Lyon

Riverside Ravel (110 Guests)
2nd September 2026 | 7 nightsAvignon, Viviers, Tain L'Hermitage,
Lyon (☺), Mâcon, Tournus, Chalonsur-Saône, Lyon

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From £5,995 per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in a Symphony Suite
- All meals, drinks, excursions and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers

AMAWATERWAYS



Romantic Danube

Vilshofen to Budapest

AmaVerde (160 Guests)
27th July 2026 | 7 nights

Vilshofen, Passau, Linz,
Weissenkirchen, Vienna, Bratislava,
Budapest (☾)

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£1,899** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in a Fixed Window Stateroom
- All onboard meals, drinks with meals, a choice of excursions, and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers

Exclusive fare savings



Enchanting Rhine

Basel to Amsterdam

AmaSiena (156 Guests)
6th August 2026 | 7 nights

Basel, Breisach, Strasbourg,
Heidelberg, Rudesheim, Monheim,
Amsterdam (☾)

MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£1,899** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in a Fixed Window Stateroom
- All onboard meals, drinks with meals, a choice of excursions, and taxes
- Return flights and overseas transfers

Exclusive fare savings

UNIWORLD



Wine Roads of France & Portugal

Bordeaux to Lisbon

S.S. Bon Voyage (124 Guests) & S.S. São Gabriel (98 Guests)
4th July 2027 | 17 nights

Pair two of Europe's most stunning wine regions in a single journey with this ultimate itinerary for wine enthusiasts. Begin with Uniworld's 'Brilliant Bordeaux' itinerary, exploring the legendary Médoc wine route, the historic vineyards of Saint-Émilion, and of course sampling the wines of Bordeaux. Then, fly to Porto where you will board the S.S. São Gabriel for an enriching river cruise exploring the Douro Valley, the world's oldest demarcated wine region and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before rounding out your journey with a land stay in Lisbon.

Your Itinerary:

4 – 11 July

Cruise Itinerary:

Bordeaux, Cadillac, Cussac-Fort-Médoc, Blaye, Bourg sur Gironde,
Saint-Émilion (Libourne), Bordeaux (☾)

11 – 18 July

Cruise Itinerary:

Porto (☾), Entre-os-Rios, Régua, Pocinho, Vega de Terrón, Salamanca,
Barca d'Alva, Pinhão, Guimarães, Porto

18 – 21 July

Disembark in Porto and transfer by road to Lisbon where you will enjoy a three-night stay at the Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Hotel. During your time here, enjoy a half-day city tour and time at leisure to explore the city as you wish. Following your stay, transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.



MUNDY VALUE

From **£6,279** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 7 nights in a Classic Stateroom on board S.S. Bon Voyage
- 7 nights in a Classic Stateroom on board S.S. São Gabriel
- All onboard meals, drinks, excursions, gratuities and taxes
- All flights and overseas transfers
- 3-night hotel stay in Lisbon at the Tivoli Avenida Liberdade (or similar)

Includes 20% Early Booking Savings – book by 30 June 2026

SILVERSEA EXPEDITIONS



Arctic Explorer

Longyearbyen to Tromsø
Silver Endeavour (220 Guests)
19th June 2026 | 10 nights

Embark on an extraordinary Arctic expedition where dramatic polar landscapes and rare wildlife encounters await, exploring from the comfort of the luxurious Silver Endeavour. Beginning in Longyearbyen, your journey takes you into the remote wilderness of Svalbard during six days of exploration, navigating through serene fjords and icy channels. Continue to the isolated outpost of Bear Island before calling at Skarsvåg, known as the world's northernmost fishing village, and cruising past the dramatic cliffs of the North Cape. Your journey concludes in vibrant Tromsø, a gateway to the Arctic known for its striking scenery and rich polar heritage.

Your Itinerary:

19 – 20 June:

Fly from the UK to Oslo where you will enjoy an overnight hotel stay. The following day, join a charter flight to Longyearbyen where you will join Silver Endeavour and begin your expedition.

20 – 29 June

Cruise Itinerary:

Longyearbyen, 6 days exploring Svalbard, Bear Island, Skarsvåg, cruising the North Cape, Tromsø

29 June

Disembark your expedition in Tromsø and transfer to the airport for your charter flight to Oslo, where you will connect with your onward flight back to the UK.



MUNDY VALUE

From **£6,455** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 9 nights in a Classic Veranda Suite
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes
- Programme of included Zodiac tours and landings
- 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Oslo
- All flights and overseas transfers

SEABOURN



Scotia Arc: Antarctica, Falklands & South Georgia

Ushuaia to Rio de Janeiro
Seabourn Pursuit (264 Guests)
24th March 2028 | 28 nights

Enjoy an immersive adventure on board Seabourn's purpose-built expedition ship, Seabourn Pursuit, with six days of exploration in Antarctica. Step foot on the White Continent and get up close to towering icebergs and sparkling glaciers during excursions and landings with the expert expedition team. Journey onwards to the remote islands of South Georgia, their rugged landscapes home to a vast colony of king penguins and other magnificent wildlife. Then, three days await in the intriguing Falkland Islands, offering the opportunity to get to know the islands' abundant wildlife and fascinating history. Your journey ends with a day to discover Uruguay's capital and enjoy a tango show before sailing into iconic Rio de Janeiro.

Your Itinerary:

24 – 26 March:

Fly overnight to Buenos Aires and transfer to the glamorous Alvear Palace Hotel for an overnight stay, giving you some time to relax and recharge after your flight. The following day, join a charter flight to Ushuaia at the southern tip of Tierra del Fuego to embark Seabourn Pursuit and begin your expedition.

26 March – 20 April

Cruise Itinerary:

Ushuaia, 5 days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula, 4 days exploring South Georgia, 3 days exploring the Falkland Islands, Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro

20 – 21 April

Disembark in Rio de Janeiro and transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.



MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£20,495** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 25 nights in a Veranda Suite
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes
- Programme of included Zodiac tours and landings
- 1-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Buenos Aires
- Overseas transfers

FREE flights

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LUXURY CRUISES & TOURS

Antarctica in Depth

Ushuaia round-trip

Scenic Eclipse (228 Guests)
5th February 2027 | 14 nights

Sail in the wake of great explorers with this awe-inspiring adventure to pristine Antarctica. You'll immerse yourself in spectacular landscapes with Zodiac cruises, kayak and stand-up paddleboard tours, and guided hikes with your expert expedition team among snow-covered mountains, jagged icebergs and extraordinary wildlife. After active and exhilarating days exploring the vast White Continent, return to the stylish Scenic Eclipse to enjoy the changing views from your private balcony, indulge with up to ten culinary experiences, chat with your fellow passengers in sleek and sociable lounges, and decompress in the impressive spa, for a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Your Itinerary:

5 – 7 February

Fly to Buenos Aires where you will enjoy a one-night stay. The following day, join a charter flight to Ushuaia to join Scenic Eclipse and begin your expedition.

7 – 18 February

Cruise Itinerary:

Ushuaia, 6 days exploring Antarctica, Ushuaia

18 – 19 February

Disembark in Ushuaia and transfer to the airport for your charter flight to Buenos Aires where you will connect with your onward flight back to the UK.



MUNDY VALUE

From **£17,355** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 11 nights in a Verandah Suite
- All onboard meals, drinks, gratuities and taxes
- Programme of included Zodiac tours and landings
- 1-night pre-cruise Buenos Aires hotel stay
- Charter flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia
- International return flights and overseas transfers

Includes 15% fare savings
FREE 30-minute helicopter flight

PONANT

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EXPLORATIONS

Wild Lands of Indonesia

Bali round-trip

Le Soléal (264 Guests)
21st November 2026 | 14 nights

Expedition cruises are not only limited to cold-weather destinations, this adventure with Ponant Explorations immerses you in the Indonesian archipelago where vibrant culture and tropical beauty set the tone for your journey. Natural treasures abound, from the crystal-clear waters of 17 Islands National Park off the coast of Flores to the eponymous dragons of Komodo Island. Wonder at the sight of gentle whale sharks in the serene waters of Saleh Bay and learn about local traditions on the island of Sumbawa with a village visit. A team of naturalist guides will enrich your journey as you explore off the beaten track during Zodiac excursions, and certified divers also have the chance to undertake dives with an instructor.

Your Itinerary:

21 – 24 November:

Fly to Bali where you will be met at the airport and transferred to the Sofitel Bali Nusa Dua Beach Resort for a two-night stay. The resort occupies a beautiful beachfront location within the exclusive enclave of Nusa Dua and boasts lush tropical gardens and three restaurants. Following your time here, transfer to the pier in Benoa where you will join Le Soléal and begin your expedition.

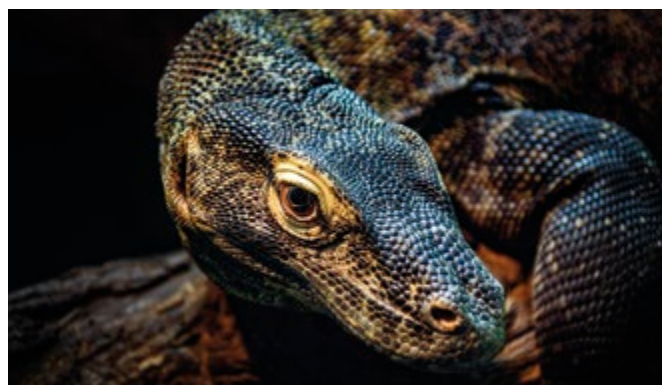
24 November – 4 December

Cruise Itinerary

Bali (Benoa) (☺), Sumba, Dili, Maumere, 17 Islands Marine Park, Komodo National Park, Satonda, Badas, Saleh Bay, Bali (Benoa)

4 – 5 December

Disembark your voyage in Bali and transfer to the airport for your overnight flight back to the UK.



MUNDY EXCLUSIVE

From **£6,345** per person fly-cruise

Your fare includes:

- 10 nights in a Superior Stateroom
- All onboard meals, drinks, and taxes
- Zodiac tours and landings
- Return flights and overseas transfers

FREE 2-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Bali

Meet the Team

Louise Harmer



In this series, we introduce the Mundy team to you, so you can get to know us a little better – beyond the trip reports and ship reviews. Next up is our Marketing Executive, Louise Harmer.

How long have you worked at Mundy?

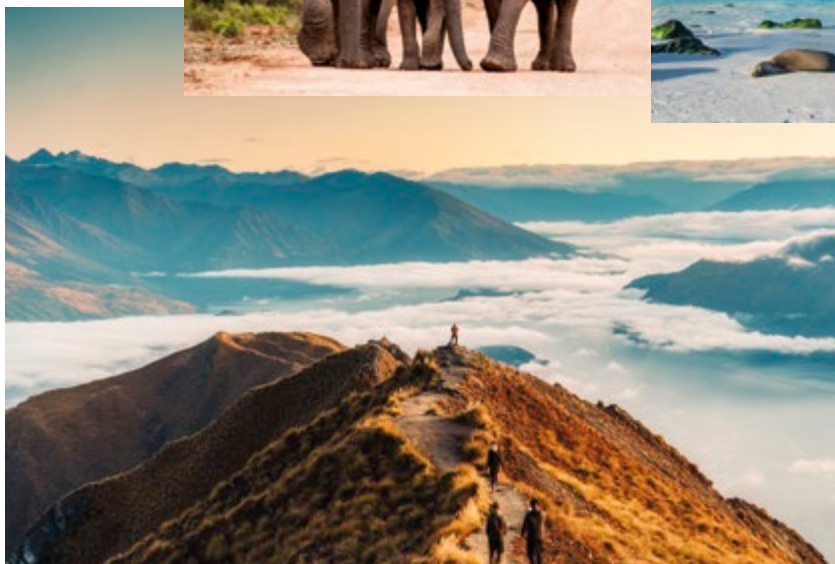
I have worked in my current role for three years, but prior to this I actually began my career with Mundy Cruising back in 2012, working as part of the Cruise Portfolio - the general sales agent for Crystal and several other cruise lines for many years.

What's been the biggest change?

When I first joined in 2012, I was straight out of university and my role really opened my eyes to the world of luxury cruising, having no prior knowledge of it at all. Some guests who were booking Crystal cruises with us spoke about having sailed with Crystal Harmony in 1990 – the year I was born! Just in the last decade there has been numerous new ships and even brand-new cruise lines emerging, and the rise of expedition cruising has been fascinating too. In 2012 Mundy introduced Mundy Adventures as the expedition arm of the business, and I remember Sharon speaking in our company meeting about her first expedition with UnCruise Adventures in Alaska that year – it seems incredible that so many of the team have now ticked an expedition cruise off their bucket list!

What's been your best highlight?

It's so difficult to pick a favourite moment, but I recently visited the Galápagos Islands with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions, and the experience really was unlike anything else I have done. Seeing wildlife that you just can't see anywhere else is mind-blowing and it was a true feast for all the senses. I loved the different activities from snorkelling to hikes and every day brought a new and exciting adventure. During my time at the Cruise Portfolio I sailed on Crystal several times which were



real pinch-me moments, too. My favourite Crystal cruise was a Mauritius to Cape Town voyage which took me to Réunion, home to breathtaking volcanic landscapes, and South Africa where I saw zebra, rhinos, giraffes, and elephants during a drive in one of the wildlife reserves. Plus, the cruise was just before Christmas so I got to enjoy Crystal Symphony adorned in all her festive décor.

If you had to pick a favourite cruise line, who would it be?

I will always have a soft-spot for Crystal but a couple of years ago I sailed on board Explora I in the Caribbean. I had never visited the Caribbean nor sailed on a brand-new ocean ship and the Explora Journeys' experience really blew me away. The style on board was sleek and contemporary, I loved the different culinary options, the

suites were stylish and all have a balcony, and the large whirlpools facing out to sea were a revelation!

When you're not working, what do you enjoy doing?

We are approaching the season of one of my favourite activities which

is enjoying a barbecue in the garden with my family, but when I'm not inviting myself over for that I also enjoy wildlife photography, reading thriller novels, and exploring London.

Finally, tell us an interesting fact about yourself?

I lived in New Zealand for three years. I actually moved out there with my partner in January 2020 so our experience was a little unexpected with closed borders and the like. But mostly we could travel domestically so we managed to explore so many of New Zealand's diverse treasures including vineyard hopping in Hawke's Bay, skiing in Queenstown, city-living in Wellington and Auckland, Milford Sound's otherworldly landscapes, and of course hiking and wildlife-spotting in some of the beautiful national parks across the country.

THE HIDDEN TREASURES *of the* PHILIPPINES & BORNEO

LE JACQUES CARTIER (184 GUESTS)
19TH APRIL 2027 | 15 NIGHTS

Ponant Explorations invites you to discover the cultural and natural treasures of the Philippines, Brunei, and Malaysia's Sarawak region during this enriching journey - their first exploring this captivating region. The sleek yacht, Le Jacques Cartier, will be your home for this voyage of discovery, during which you will have the opportunity to visit Vigan, one of the best-preserved Spanish colonial towns in Asia, the magnificent natural wonders of Coron Island and Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, and the traditions and ancestral heritage of the Sarawak region in northwestern Borneo.

Cruise Itinerary:

Keelung (Taipei), Currimao, Corregidor Island, Manila, Coron, Palawan, Balabac Islands, Muara, Bintulu, Kuching, Singapore

- 12 nights in a Deluxe Stateroom Deck 3
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