Cruise Experiences
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Welcome to Voyage - a carefully curated selection of ocean, river and expedition cruises to help you plan your next holiday on the water.

Filled with inspiring voyages to tempting destinations, inside you’ll find journeys ideal for everyone from first-time cruisers to cruise veterans.

From a slow-paced river cruise through the charming, winemaking regions of Portugal, to an ocean cruise through the tropical waters of the South Pacific, and an exciting expedition cruise to see the wild wonders of the remote north, there’s a cruise option to suit all tastes and budgets.

Cruising has come a long way in the past decade, with modern fleets offering tailored experiences, innovative services and boutique amenities. Intimate shore excursions to out-of-the-way places, sophisticated menus devised by top chefs, luxurious rooms decked out with mod-cons found in five-star hotel rooms and informative lecture programs delivered by world-leading experts in the fields of botany, history and beyond - cruising has been elevated to another level.

With so many different types of ship, thousands of destinations and different journeys to choose from, we know it can be daunting to choose a favourite - that’s why we’re here to help you design the perfect cruise to suit your needs. At Travel Counsellors we’re all about creating memories, so leave the hard work to us while you enjoy the journey of a lifetime, whether it’s a family-friendly adventure or a culinary-themed river cruise.

I hope you enjoy this magazine and find something that inspires you to book your next trip. With exciting itineraries, fantastic value for money and convenient departures from the world’s biggest cities and cruise hubs, there’s never been a better time to set sail.
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Travel Counsellors?

Your money is completely safe
Nobody protects your money like Travel Counsellors – our unique financial protection is the very best in travel. Everything that you book with your Travel Counsellor is completely protected, so all you will need to worry about is what you are going to pack.

Tailored itineraries crafted for you
Luxury hotel stays? Exciting excursions? Specialist itineraries? From pre-cruise hotel stays to post-cruise adventures, your Travel Counsellor will work with you to craft your perfect voyage. As Travel Counsellors is an independent company, we have personal relationships with the world’s best cruise lines so we can tailor-make whatever you desire.

Complete peace of mind
At Travel Counsellors, our unique service extends well beyond simply booking your cruise holiday. Your Travel Counsellor will be on hand 24-hours a day from the moment you get in touch with your travel plans to your arrival back home, post-cruise. There’s always someone to help, so you can relax and enjoy your holiday.

We are independent
Travel Counsellors are not tied in to any specific airlines, hotels, cruise lines or attractions providers, so you can be confident that the holiday we recommend has been built to suit your exact needs and budget.

Expert advice
Whether you are new to cruising or you are a seasoned voyager, your Travel Counsellor will take the time to understand what you like and what you don’t. From the types of cabins and staterooms available to the different cruise lines, we can discuss your needs and craft a holiday that fits you perfectly.
Cruising for Beginners

If you’ve never set sail on a cruise ship before, you might be surprised by what you’ll find. Imagining tiny rooms? Lukewarm dinner? Nothing to do? Instead, picture immaculate staterooms with balconies so you can feel the sea breeze. Fine-dining to rival on-shore restaurants. And thrilling entertainment from Broadway shows to language lessons to rock climbing.

There is no ‘standard’ cruise experience - every cruise is different, and can be enjoyed across a vast range of cruise companies, all of whom offer different itineraries, amenities and dining options. Be it large ship cruising around the South Pacific; sailing into exclusive, secluded ports on an ultra-luxury vessel; spotting whales and penguins while exploring Antarctica; or a leisurely river cruise along the Danube, there really is a cruise for everyone.

Explore several exciting destinations while only unpacking once...
Nothing beats that feeling of stepping aboard a large ocean cruise liner, then casting off from the dock to the cheers and waves of onlookers, signalling the start of a carefree holiday. Ocean cruising is a relaxing way to travel without having to worry about a thing while you’re away.

With meals, accommodation, activities, transport and entertainment all taken care of, the biggest problem guests have while aboard an ocean cruise is deciding what to do from all the tantalising options available.

From scaling rock climbing walls, to playing mini-golf, sweating it out in the gym and having fun on waterslides, there are many energetic activities to get stuck into while ocean cruising. Alternatively, guests are free to adopt a slower pace by watching a Broadway show, booking into the spa for a massage or lazing on deck by the pool with a good book.

Ocean cruise restaurants are known for offering some of the best food options available at sea. Seafood buffets, casual breakfast spots, burger joints and pizza parlours, traditional pub fare, fresh sushi, coffee bars, poolside grills, frozen yoghurt stands and intimate fine dining options for adults – you’ll never go hungry on an ocean cruise.

From the Caribbean to the South Pacific and beyond, ocean cruising unlocks some of the world’s most sought-after destinations while spoiling guests with onboard experiences and facilities that out-do many hotels and resorts on land.
From rugged glacier-carved landscapes to vast national parks teeming with wildlife and towns rich in gold rush history, Alaska’s wild terrain and frontier towns have thrilled travellers for more than a century.

Considered one of the greatest cruising routes in the world, Alaska’s Inside Passage is a true highlight for any visitor to America’s 49th state. Seeing humpback whales gracefully swimming by the ship, witnessing groups of brown bears on the shore and watching caribou grazing in the tundra – wildlife sightings are plentiful in this special corner of Alaska.

Taking guests to the region for an astounding 72 years, Holland America Line’s elegant mid-sized ships, luxurious amenities and legendary service complement thoughtful itineraries designed to ensure an enthralling journey.

Carefully crafted experiences reflect the best of Alaska. Combining must-see highlights with seldom seen wonders, guests are free to choose their own path when travelling with Holland America Line. From heading underground to explore historic gold mines, to splashing out on a thrilling helicopter ride to a remote glacier, guests can choose to customise their trip to experience Alaska exactly how they wish to.

Instead of tossing up between a cruise or an overland adventure, why not enjoy the best of both worlds on a Land+Sea Journey with Holland America Line? You may end up at the foot of the mighty Denali or in the unspoiled reaches of the Yukon, yet regardless of what itinerary you choose, a Land+Sea Journey guarantees a combination of elegance and adventure in Alaska and the Yukon.

Experience

8 Day Alaska Inside Passage with Holland America Line

From $1,895* per person

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Celebrity Cruises® has always offered an incredible experience. The newest ship in the fleet – Celebrity Edge® – takes the concept of modern luxury and enhances it in every way. The result is a truly stunning ship that, when she launches, will showcase the future of contemporary five-star cruising.

Celebrity Cruises® has teamed up with some of the world’s best interior designers when looking at accommodation onboard, to create beautifully-appointed staterooms and suites. Edge Staterooms have an Infinite Balcony – at the touch of a button, your entire living space becomes your balcony as you walk right out to the water’s edge.

The suites have been re-thought too, with two new classes. The Iconic Suites are the most luxurious available across the entire Celebrity Cruises® fleet, while the Edge Villas offer breathtaking indoor and outdoor accommodations split across two storeys.

The Resort Deck includes the main pool area, with a true resort-style atmosphere. It also includes private cabanas and a pool bar, as well as a traditional lap pool and two 2-storey hot tubs. It’s the ideal place to unwind with your favourite cocktail.

This deck also features the Rooftop Garden, with its own garden grill and movie spot. It’s also where you’ll find live bands, letting you dance the night away under the stars in a stylish space inspired by childhood playgrounds.
The Magic Carpet is a real wonder of the ocean. A floating platform on the side of the ship, and the size of a tennis court, it has its own full bar and space for live music along with ample comfortable seating. It can dip as low as the water’s edge, or as high as 13 storeys above the ocean, transforming into a new venue depending on where it’s positioned.

Exclusively for suite guests, The Retreat is a private space offering the most opulent experience onboard. Take it easy on the sun deck with full sized pool and dedicated butlers, or find some shade in The Retreat Lounge, an idyllic escape to watch the world sail by. And when it’s time to eat, then try Luminae, the Suite Class restaurant offering delicious menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Then there’s Eden, offering a complete sensory experience where nature and art are intertwined. Fully encased in glass, this venue offers its own café and restaurant, a Library of Plants and more - the perfect place to dine, dance and relax amongst a host of natural scents and delicious aromas.

Celebrity Edge® is the first of a new Edge-class of ships, and the first of a new wave of magnificent modern luxury for the fleet. Nowhere else offers contemporary style and comfort quite like this amazing new ship. Launches November 2018.

Experience

12 Day Amalfi Coast and Greek Isles Cruise with Celebrity Edge®

Prices from $3,459* per person

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Gliding through shimmering Norwegian fjords, exploring forward-thinking cities like Copenhagen, Helsinki and Stockholm, witnessing the magnificent natural beauty of Scotland’s remote, windswept islands - a cruise through Northern Europe reveals a truly magical corner of the world.

Cruising is less about seeing things from your cabin, and more about getting out there and enjoying it. Whether you end up sea kayaking in coastal waters, visiting a centuries-old brewery, hiking in alpine meadows, heading out in a small boat to catch king crab with local fishermen, or enjoying a scenic helicopter flight high above the fjords, a Northern Europe cruise is a choose-your-own-adventure journey.

From tracing the footsteps of the Vikings, to following modern trading routes, the islands, ports and cities of this region have a long heritage of movement, industry and trade. Apart from admiring islands covered in patchwork farmland and visiting port towns dotted with multi-coloured buildings, a cruise in this part of the world offers many opportunities to delve into the past. One part living history book and another part adventure story, the legends and sagas of Northern Europe are brought to life while cruising with Viking.

Known as the small ship ocean cruise experts, Viking caters for culturally curious explorers who want to travel in complete comfort. Destination-focused itineraries give guests more time in port than any other line, while Viking’s Culture Curriculum ensures complete immersion in the destination through lectures, talks, concerts and intimate shore excursions.

Viking believes you shouldn’t have to pull out your wallet every time you want something extra. That’s why every stateroom on Viking’s ocean ships has a spacious veranda, and why eight dining options, wine and beer with lunch and dinner, a shore excursion in every port, unlimited Wi-Fi and access to a Nordic-inspired spa are all included.

For a cruise experience that balances luxury with a dash of adventure, see Northern Europe with Viking.

Experience

15 Day Into the Midnight Sun with Viking

Prices from $9,595* per person

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For a cruise experience that balances luxury with a dash of adventure, see Northern Europe with Viking.
For a fun and effortless adventure around the South Pacific, a P&O Cruise is the perfect choice for a family holiday.
A longtime favourite with Australian holidaymakers, cruising to the tropical islands and white-sand beaches of the South Pacific represents a golden opportunity to get away from it all.

Paradise awaits on a 10-day cruise to the welcoming island nations of Vanuatu and New Caledonia. Casting off from Sydney, cruisers can choose to slip into relaxation mode or stay as active as they like - whatever pace you choose to cruise is up to you!

Stops at Noumea, Port Vila, Lifou, and the Isle of Pines offer fun shore activities for cruisers of all ages. From horse riding to jetboating, abseiling and Zorbing, there are plenty of ways to explore and enjoy the port stops.

Exhilarating shore excursions are matched by exciting onboard experiences. Four kids' clubs as well as several adults-only areas ensure grown-ups can have some time of their own. Activities such as lawn bowls, waterslides, ziplines and more, means active cruisers are never bored. Shows from a rotating line up of musicians and comedians provide laughs and entertainment, day and night.

Indulging in good food is a crucial part of any holiday and on a P&O cruise you’re never far from a delicious meal. From Asian fusion to Italian, modern Australian and celebrity dining at Luke Mangan’s Salt Grill, taste buds are satisfied with new flavours every single day of the cruise.

A getaway where your transport, meals, activities, accommodation and entertainment are all taken care of for you, visiting the South Pacific with P&O Cruises is an effortless way to holiday.

**Experience**

10 Day Discover Vanuatu Cruise with P&O Cruises

Prices from $1,299* per person, quad share

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Where adventure begins

You’re sure to love the memories you make not only in your destinations but onboard your magnificent ship as well. This is where adventure begins.
Royal Caribbean ships are well-known for being packed with incredible features and activities. Boredom on your cruise is impossible, as there’s always something new to experience. And with the new ship Symphony of the Seas®, the cruise line continues to innovate and bring even more fun onboard.

The fourth in the Oasis-class megaships, Symphony has too many classic facilities to list. Be assured that the choice of dining venues is beyond extensive, the accommodation spacious and comfortable, and the entertainment astounding. Then there are the brand-new features which help to create the definitive fun family cruise experience.

There’s new suite categories including the Ultimate Family Suite, designed purely with families in mind and appointed to both delight younger guests and evoke wonderful childhood memories within the older generations.

Brand new restaurants offer amazing cuisine, with Hooked serving the freshest seafood around. There’s also a range of Mexican favourites like burritos, tacos and salsas at El Loco Fresh. Added to the existing venues, you’ll be spoiled for choice when it comes to dining.

And when it’s time to burn off those calories, how about a white-knuckle ride on the tallest slide at sea? Ultimate Abyss includes a 100ft drop and is sure to get the adrenaline pumping. If you want to make more of a splash then there’s always the Perfect Storm waterslides.

Whether you sail on Symphony of the Seas® or indeed any ship in the Royal Caribbean fleet, you’re sure to love the memories you make not only in your destinations but onboard your magnificent ship as well.

**Experience**

8 Day Eastern Caribbean Cruise with **Royal Caribbean®**

*Prices from $5,976*  
*per family*

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Discover the peaceful world of river cruising with leisurely journeys along the world’s great rivers. The beauty of a luxurious river cruise is the constantly-changing landscape. Enjoy calm waterways as you sail smoothly past towns, villages and picturesque countryside.

River cruise ships are usually far smaller than their ocean-faring counterparts, making for a warm and intimate atmosphere on board. You’re unlikely to travel with more than 150 fellow guests. Cabins almost exclusively come with a view, thanks to the narrow design of river ships. Many also boast balconies where you can unwind as you watch the world go by.

Ideal if you love plenty of onshore exploring, river cruises tend to dock in a new town every day. Cultural sightseeing excursions are organised for each new destination, with some cruises theming their travels around interests like wine tasting, gastronomy or classical music. Hop off to enjoy local restaurants in the evening or keep things simple and dine in the onboard restaurants.

Beautiful European rivers, such as the Seine and the Danube, top the list when it comes to popular cruises, although more exotic destinations are becoming sought after. How about a relaxed cruise along Egypt’s mighty Nile? A fascinating insight into Chinese culture along the Yangtze? Or a feast of historic architecture along the Russian waterways.
Home to world-famous cuisine, cultured cities filled with architectural triumphs, and rural regions dotted with rustic farmhouses and vineyards, France is a compelling river cruise destination for both well-travelled cruisers and people new to cruising.

Setting sail on the Seine with Avalon Waterways is one of the finest ways to enjoy the delights of modern Paris. From visiting classic landmarks like Notre Dame Cathedral, to lingering in charming bistros and walking around the medieval-era streets of the Île de la Cité, Paris is always a highlight regardless of how many times you’ve visited.

In Northern France, the countryside, gardens, and chateaux of Normandy provide postcard-worthy vistas, but there’s more to Normandy than beautiful landscapes. Whether you choose to see where World War Two unfolded at the D-Day landing beaches, learn about Joan of Arc on a walking tour in Rouen or see the magnificent Château de Bizy, Normandy is packed with historical and cultural treasures.

Perfecting the craft of river cruising for 14 years, Avalon Waterways allows you to see the world the way you want to. With plenty of freedom to explore independently or enjoy tailored excursions, you can see the sights at your own pace, then retire to a laidback yet luxurious vessel where quality cuisine, fine wine, and exceptional service awaits.

**Experience**

8 Day Paris to Paris cruise with **Avalon Waterways**

*Prices from* $4,143* per person

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The Wonders of the Rhine, Rhône & Danube...

APT’s well-curated selection of all-inclusive activities are handpicked by in-the-know travel experts.
Traversing three rivers and five different countries, this classic, all-inclusive, luxury river cruise is the perfect introduction to the culture, gastronomy, architecture, history and landscapes that make Europe such an enduring favourite with travellers of all ages.

From the canals of Amsterdam to the elegant architecture of Budapest, this voyage bookended by two of Europe’s most interesting cities is filled with signature experiences and personalised sightseeing excursions. From delighting in a private concert at Vienna’s City Palace to enjoying an imperial rail journey fit for royalty between Passau and Linz, APT’s well-curated, APT’s well-curated selection of included activities are handpicked by in-the-know travel experts.

Cologne, Nuremberg, Vienna and more, many of Europe’s most loved cities are on the agenda. As each new destination reveals itself, guests have the freedom to spend their time as they wish. Choose to explore a city independently or join sightseeing activities such as scenic bike rides, vineyard visits or city walking tours.

Regardless of how you choose to spend your time, returning to an APT river ship is always a highlight. A luxurious floating hotel custom-built for comfort without sacrificing practicality, all suites offer river views. Taking onboard dining to the next level, APT’s chefs use age-old culinary traditions and cooking methods to make the most of local produce.

As industry leaders, APT is not only a brand of choice for luxury river cruising but also expedition and small ship cruising, and 4WD adventures. Whether you’re interested in crossing oceans, exploring fjords, floating down a river or going on an off-road adventure, APT has a journey to recommend.

Experience

15 Day Magnificent Europe cruise with APT

Prices from $6,995* per person

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Many rivers to cross...

River cruising allows you to experience the joys of cruising while staying in close touch with the cities, towns and villages of the destination you’re visiting. From seeing a new day dawn in a cosmopolitan city to counting stars at night while docked in a quiet, rural township, a river cruise enables you to see a place in a whole new light. From Asia to North America, Africa and beyond, here are five must-see rivers to add to your cruise list:

**Ganges, India**

It’s hard to comprehend just how important the Ganges is to the people of India until you’ve seen it for yourself. Snaking its way through big cities, small towns and tiny villages, the holy river hosts religious ceremonies, allows crops to grow, transports people from place-to-place and provides space for people to bathe, wash clothes and contemplate life. A cruise along the sacred Ganges gives you a chance to immerse yourself in all the conflicting elements that make up modern-day India. Day trips and shore excursions reveal artisans carrying on centuries-old traditions in small villages, beautiful Hindu temples, labyrinthine bazaars and faded palaces once home to maharajahs of years gone by. Spend time on the Ganges and you’ll gain a whole new perspective on life.

**Amazon, Peru**

Whether you’re a keen photographer, animal lover, adventure enthusiast or wellness fan, a cruise along the Peruvian Amazon is an experience you won’t soon forget. Choose to join a luxury cruise if yoga on deck and pisco sour making classes are your thing, or sign up for an expedition cruise if hiking jungle trails and kayaking tributaries are up your alley. Regardless of how you tackle the Peruvian Amazon, the incredible diversity of wildlife that call this corner of the world home remains a major drawcard. If seeing tapirs, sloths, jaguars, hummingbirds, toucans and macaws in the wild sounds exciting, then this is the cruise for you!

**Nile, Egypt**

No matter how far your travel budget stretches, a Nile cruise is an unforgettable way to witness the majesty of Egypt. Whether you’re exploring the Nile aboard a traditional felucca or luxury liner filled with state-of-the-art mod cons, a cruise along the river that gave birth to one of the oldest civilisations in the world is a multisensory experience not to be missed.

**Mississippi, USA**

Step back in time and mosey on down the mighty Mississippi River aboard a paddle steamer. Leaving from Memphis or New Orleans, you’ll pass rolling farmland, Antebellum-era mansions, cute towns and sprawling plantations while being treated to good old fashioned Southern hospitality and hearty comfort food along the way.

**Yangtze, China**

Stretching from Shanghai right through to inland China, a leisurely cruise along the Yangtze River completes a China adventure. After you’ve explored the vibrant cities and seen the Great Wall, enjoy a change of pace on a Yangtze River cruise. Peaceful pagodas, small villages, dramatic canyons and limestone peaks offer a look at another side of China that seems a world away from the buzz of the big cities.
Russia’s network of waterways provide the perfect path to discover the region’s rich historical, architectural and cultural gems. After all, seeing colourful domed churches, ornate palaces, long-standing monasteries and iconic museums packed with priceless treasures is what a journey through Russia is all about.

An intimate river cruise sets a slow pace so that you can fully immerse in your destination and truly savour the journey. Whether it’s heading off on a shore excursion to explore a food market in Yaroslavl, sitting down to a ballet performance in St Petersburg or staying aboard to participate in the art of matryoshka doll making, your choice of activities is in your hands.

A modern fleet, considered itineraries and a ‘service guarantee’ have resulted in Viking becoming the world’s most awarded cruise line. Viking’s exclusive onboard program brings local history to life with regional wine tasting, restaurant menus inspired by local cuisine, informative talks and lectures, and enriching destination performances including folkloric shows and traditional musical performances.

Committed to delivering the very best experience that money can buy, seeing Russia with Viking promises to be a memorable journey.

Experience

13 Day Waterways of the Tsars with Viking

Prices from
$7,395* per person

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When it comes to cruising in Southeast Asia, the Mekong River is at the top of the list. While the river traverses many countries, the biodiverse stretch between Cambodia and Vietnam remains a firm favourite with cruisers who love the culture, food and balmy weather that Southeast Asia is known for.

A Mekong cruise is a great way to see the big sights as well as the ordinary, everyday experiences that unfold on the river. From learning about the Khmer Empire at the Angkor Archaeological Park, to seeing the Cu Chi Tunnels in Ho Chi Minh City - all of this region’s must-see sights are included on the itinerary.

Beyond the big drawcards, there is plenty to take in while on the journey. Watching fisherman haul in their catch, savouring an Angkor beer up on the sundeck, waving to kids playing on the banks of the river and taking part in cooking classes aboard the boat - the simple pleasures of a Mekong River cruise are many.

Aboard the RV La Marguerite, guests are treated to deluxe French Colonial-style suites, sumptuous meals created by an executive chef and attentive service thanks to a generous guest-to-staff ratio. A sundeck, swimming pool, spa and air-conditioned lounges makes the RV La Marguerite a vessel of choice when cruising the mighty Mekong.

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**Experience**

12 Day Essential Vietnam and Cambodia with *Travelmarvel*

*Prices from $4,595* per person

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Immerse yourself in local tradition

With so many cruise lines now offering included airfares in the package price, getting to your point of departure has never been easier. To find out more about cruises that include flights, speak to your Travel Counsellor.
Russia
Discover the rich history of this vast country with a choice of memorable cruises. Whether you cruise the Russian waterways or explore the Baltic Sea, this fascinating destination offers unforgettable scenery and plenty of culture. You could journey along the River Volga to see the colourful spires and grand palaces of Russia's great imperial cities, sail the Black Sea to the sunny Olympic city of Sochi or head north on an expedition cruise to the remote towns of Siberia and the Arctic Circle.

Alaska
Soak up some of the world's most incredible scenery with an adventure cruise to the most northerly US state. This spectacular Arctic wilderness has everything from dramatic mountains, glaciers and fjords to historic frontier towns where you can hear tales of the Great Gold Rush. Spot wildlife including whales, otters, bears and eagles, and when night falls keep your eyes cast to the heavens for a glimpse of the shimmering Northern Lights.

Myanmar
An emerging cruise destination growing in popularity, cruising Myanmar's Irrawaddy River is a value-for-money journey perfect for cruisers interested in South East Asian culture, cuisine, spirituality and history. Home to ancient stupas, temples and pagodas, mixed in with British Colonial architecture and humble markets and street food stalls, Myanmar is an intoxicating destination to explore from a river boat and one that will soon be a favourite with Australian cruisers.

Chile
An underrated cruise destination on the rise, a cruise through the beautiful fjords of Chile is all about the awe-inspiring landscapes. Snow-capped mountains, dramatic waterfalls, and remote islands filled with rare birdlife make the upper deck a popular place to be on a cruise through Chile's channels. A destination for nature enthusiasts, bird-lovers and anyone who with a deep appreciation of Mother Nature, Chile is a pristine cruise destination not yet embraced by the mainstream.

The Kimberley
Words can't do justice to the immense beauty and wonder of Western Australia's Kimberley region. Popular with luxury and expedition cruisers, intimate voyages ensure impacts to this special pocket of Australia are minimised. From ancient Indigenous rock art sites, to crystalline waterfalls, dramatic ochre cliffs and tiny islands along the coast, the landscapes of the Kimberley are quintessentially Australian. Whether you're spotting tawny frogmouth owls in trees or finding dugongs on the Kimberley coast, the wildlife found in this region is as much a drawcard for cruisers as the photogenic landscapes.
The perfect choice for guests who enjoy cruising at a relaxed pace, the Douro River is a European river cruise destination ideal for wine lovers, history buffs, and culture connoisseurs.

A truly timeless place, Portugal’s Douro River winds its way through towns that have managed to preserve their distinctive culture and way of life, even as the world all around them has succumbed to change. From elegant Lamego, to Regua and Vega de Terron, locals still ply their traditional trades throughout the historic Douro Valley.

From wine tasting in restored manor houses, to strolling through quaint towns, admiring picturesque gardens and enjoying private musical performances from talented local musicians, intimate experiences are what makes cruising this pocket of Portugal so special.

Cruising the sun-drenched waterways of the Douro River aboard the Scenic Azure is an out-of-the-ordinary experience. Expert tour directors, butler service, luxuriously appointed suites and world-class dining options ensure the onboard experience is elevated to all new levels of comfort.

**Experience**

11 Day Porto to Porto River Cruise with **Scenic**

*Prices from $7,045* per person

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Fancy heading off the beaten track for an adventure? Expedition cruises journey to some of the world’s most spectacular and un-spoilt destinations. Whether you dream of watching the Northern Lights dance across the sky or feeling the heat of the Amazonian jungle, expedition cruising can create some truly exhilarating memories.

With the emphasis placed firmly on destination, most expedition cruise ships are modest when compared with large contemporary ships. A few cruise providers blend luxury with adventure but overall, expect down-to-earth cabins and facilities. Vessels are usually on the smaller side, allowing them to reach remote environments far away from the crowds.

Exploring your surroundings onshore is a huge part of the expedition cruise experience. Excursions often require a reasonable degree of fitness and agility, so do bear that in mind when choosing a cruise. Hiking, wildlife-spotting, nature photography and rafting give just a taste of the onshore activities on offer. Expedition teams have a wealth of specialist knowledge to share, with some cruises offering engaging evening lectures about your destination.

A growing number of companies now offer expedition cruises. Popular destinations include the frozen wilderness of Alaska and the Arctic Circle, the unique habitat of the Galapagos Islands, and iconic rivers like the Amazon or Yangtze. For the ultimate adventure, it has to be far-flung Antarctica…
Undoubtedly one of the most unique travel destinations on the planet, every day in Antarctica is a gift. Drawing in ambitious explorers, curious scientists and adventurous travellers for centuries, Antarctica rewards visitors with sights not able to be seen anywhere else in the world.

An area rich in history, wildlife and folklore, a voyage to Antarctica enables travellers to walk in the footsteps of some of the world’s most renowned explorers. As the old stomping ground of Shackleton, Amundsen and Mawson, the White Continent has a long history of challenging humanity while allowing the animal kingdom to flourish.

The domain of rare and unusual animals, shore excursions reveal a glimpse into the lives of Antarctica’s only permanent residents. From watching leopard seals resting on ice floes, to seeing Gentoo penguins while on a nature hike, and witnessing majestic whales breach near the boat, Antarctica is pure paradise for animal lovers.

Gigantic glaciers and star-filled night skies are another drawcard, yet apart from the wonders of the Antarctic Peninsula, the Falkland Islands and South Georgia Islands also have their charms. Home to rare seabird colonies, old whaling stations and interesting oddities such as quaint little churches and ramshackle huts, these two remote territories are popular with polar cruisers.

An Antarctic cruise is a genuine once-in-a-lifetime experience, so why not experience it with professionals? With polar expedition experts like Ponant, you’ll experience sophisticated cuisine, intuitive service from an experienced team, and all the creature comforts you’d expect from the world’s youngest luxury expedition fleet.

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Exploring the world’s richest and pristine eco-systems is a dream only few travellers are lucky to experience. From giant tortoises to blue-footed boobies, lava lizards to Sally Lightfoot crabs, you will be awe-struck by the diverse wildlife that inhabits the Galapagos Islands – and how unaffected they are by human encounters. Comprising 97% of the land mass of the islands, the Galapagos National Park requires tour groups with approved itinerary and a licensed Naturalist Guides for every 16-people visiting to ensure sustainable exploration. For that reason, the best way to see the natural wonders of this fascinating archipelago in Ecuador is by an expedition cruise.

Ecoventura and their latest ship, the MV Origin, takes luxury cruising in the Galapagos Islands to the next level. Sleek, stylish and modern, the MV Origin makes you feel like you are on board a luxury boutique hotel. And every element of the yacht has been designed for comfort, safety and sustainability.

**Experience**

8 Day Southern & Central Route

*Prices from*

$11,020* per person

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Offering destination immersion and many of the creature comforts of conventional ships, Star Clippers is a fleet of extraordinary, unique Clipper Ships that sail around Asia, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean. Small enough to visit the seldom-seen islets and atolls, but big enough to offer superb service, inviting public spaces, fabulous cuisine and accommodations of the finest modern yachts, these authentic ships sail the world will transport you back to a bygone era of cruising.

In the Mediterranean cruises span the entire Middle Sea including the Adriatic, Croatia, Montenegro, Venice, Greece, Italy and France. Closer to home, Star Clippers offer year-round tropical discoveries encompassing tropical Thailand, Malaysia and the fascinating, rarely visited islands of the Indonesia archipelago, and new for 2019, journey to wild Borneo. Or perhaps channel your inner Jack Sparrow aboard Star Clippers in the quintessential Caribbean.

Showcasing the fleet is the Royal Clipper, the largest square rigger in the world today and 2019 will welcome the brand new Flying Clipper to the fleet. Using a combination of motor and sail, guests on board enjoy expansive open decks to indulge in warm weather and tropical cruising and can even lend a hand raising the sails or climbing high to crow’s nest, or simply watch the skilled crew...

**Experience**

10 Night Eastbound Borneo cruise with Star Clippers

*Prices from $3,485 per person*

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Follow the Northern Lights

For a true once-in-a-lifetime adventure, cruise around the Scandinavian coasts and witness the Aurora Borealis exploding in the night sky...
Few sights in the world can rival the marvel of the Northern Lights as they dance across the skies. Travel with Bentours to experience the lights for yourself aboard a Hurtigruten cruise.

A voyage with Hurtigruten doesn’t feel like a typical cruise. The ships are smaller than those of most other cruise lines, and the atmosphere tends to be more laid back. Dining, whether seated or at the buffet, is a very informal affair, and there’s no big glitzy shows every evening. Instead, your entertainment is outside - the incredible beauty of the planet that surrounds you.

To reflect that, there’s no dress code onboard your ship. A sturdy pair of walking boots and a reliable camera are much more important than bow ties and cocktail dresses here. Your ship is more than comfortable, but the memories made in the great outdoors will last a lifetime.

You don’t even need to worry about missing out due to bad weather, as Hurtigruten offers a Northern Lights Promise. If you don’t see the lights at least once on your 12-day voyage, you’ll be able to enjoy a 6 or 7-day voyage for free the following year!

Set sail on a real adventure with Bentours and take in the awe-inspiring sights of the Northern Lights. It’s one of those true wonders that everyone should experience at least once in their lifetime!

**Experience**

12 Day Northern Lights Astronomy Voyage with **Bentours**

*Prices from: $2,615* per person

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Top Tips for new cruisers

Think about the scenery
Always ask your Travel Counsellor about the best room to be in on your cruise. You might want to face as much scenery as possible instead of open water or not be near any common areas, so it’s important to know which side of the vessel your cabin should be on.

Travel adaptors
Always take a travel adaptor with you. Don’t assume that your ship will have Australian style plug sockets just because you boarded in Sydney.

Buying onboard
Save room in your luggage for the things you are going to buy on your cruise.

Keep in touch
If you are travelling with children, think about taking a walkie-talkie onboard so you can always contact them, and them you.

Fly cruises
If you’re flying to meet your cruise, always leave enough time to allow for any flight delays.

Keep essentials close
Your luggage can take a while to reach your cabin, so don’t forget to take a carry-on containing necessities like toiletries, medication or a camera.

Cruise “off peak”
Holidays and summer time cruises are naturally popular with families, so look for a departure outside of these times if you’re after a sailing with fewer kids onboard...

Don’t over plan
Try not to over-research or plan every day of your cruise. If you’re a first-time cruiser, just enjoy the uncertainty of it all!
**A friendly space to socialise**

It’s unlikely that you’ll be the only one going solo on a cruise, as so many ships offer single cabins. Staff are always on hand to offer advice and keep you up to date with what’s happening on your ship, so life onboard is an easy space to meet like-minded, fellow passengers.

**You’re well looked after on-board**

Many cruise lines offer special singles lounges or singles activities to help you meet other passengers. P&O Cruises and Cunard arrange coffee mornings for solo travellers, and all APT river cruises host a welcome party, so you can’t to know people from day one.

**Tailored activity programmes**

In addition to special singles events and coffee mornings, there’s a whole programme of activities and events to choose from. On some smaller cruise ships, you’ll find it easy to get chatting with other guests over dinner, during themed activities or at evenings with guest speakers.

**Dining companions**

Some ships organise dinner seating plans so that you are seated with other single travellers of a similar age. On other cruises where dining is a more casual affair, you are free to take your pick of the multiple dining options available, depending how sociable you’re feeling. You’ll also find that some cruise lines, such as Uniworld boutique river cruises, encourage their guests to get to know one another with open seating.

**Safety in numbers**

A cruise gives you a lot of flexibility in terms of what excursions you take part in. If you’re feeling confident, you can head off on your own. In less familiar surroundings – or when you fancy a bit of company – join the ship’s shore excursions for a relaxing sightseeing experience, knowing you are in safe hands and making new friends.

**Single cabins and staterooms, without single supplements**

 Plenty of cruise lines now offer single berth cabins and spacious staterooms without the hefty single supplement. P&O Cruises’ single cabins feature a vanity/writing desk and tea and coffee making facilities and Cunard’s beautiful Queen Mary 2 features new, luxurious single. And if you can travel anytime, ask your Travel Counsellor about cruises that are on sale for further savings.
Small ship cruising

If you love the idea of a relaxed onboard atmosphere and ships with plenty of character, you might want to explore the comfortable world of traditional cruising.

Traditional cruise ships are smaller than their contemporary cousins, allowing them to dock in a wide choice of ports. If you love to head ashore to explore, traditional cruise itineraries are likely to appeal. Destinations can include the quaint villages and remote coastlines that just aren’t a possibility for modern ships with thousands of passengers.

For many guests, a favourite aspect of a traditional cruise is the classic ambience of the ship itself. While some small ships are newly-built with luxurious contemporary facilities, the majority are full of historic seafaring charm. From grand ballrooms to cosy libraries, traditional ships have an air of timeless elegance. Cabins are regularly refurbished over the years to keep them looking their best and balconies are often generously sized.

Dining on a traditional cruise tends to happen around set mealtimes, with guests seated at the same table each evening. Meals become a special event, giving you the time to really get to know your fellow guests over the course of your holiday. There’s an intimate feel on board a traditional cruise that suits those who love the social side of cruising down to the ground.
The small size of the Fiji Princess is just one of the things that make a cruise with Blue Lagoon Cruises so special. Offering three itineraries, each taking you on a journey into Fiji’s spectacular Mamanuca and Yasawa Islands, expect to encounter uninhabited tropical islands, anchor in private lagoons, spend countless hours lazing on golden beaches and swim, snorkel or dive in clear blue waters.

Accommodating a maximum of 68 passengers and measuring only 179 feet (55 metres) in length, access bays and islands that would be impossible to reach in a large ship. And no matter which beach or island you visit, you won’t be overwhelmed by crowds. Most of the time, guests are the only people on the beach...

**Experience**

4 Night Wanderer Cruise with Blue Lagoon Cruises

Prices from

$1,593* per person

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There is no better way to explore Croatia than from the water. Small ship cruising along the island-studded, turquoise waters of the Dalmatian Coast offers you the perfect way to experience one of the hottest destinations in Europe.

Undoubtedly, one of the bonuses of cruising is having the ability to move between islands without using your precious holiday time on packing, unpacking and moving between hotels. On a small ship cruise in the Adriatic, each new city, town or island comes to you!

Tempo’s fleet of small ships may have a luxurious feel but the mood on board is relaxed. No formal dress code means guests can relax in comfort.

But it’s not all about the ship. Included experiences and on shore excursions make sure you get the most out of your adventure. One day you might be sampling local wine in Brac, and the next, joining a village party on the Peljesac Peninsula. Spend the day relaxing on the beach or take a guided walk through a picturesque town, either way our team are thrilled to share their favourite places with you.

Specialising in tailor-made journeys perfect for groups, small ship cruising with Tempo merges luxury with practicality to create voyages like no other. Whether you choose a round trip from Split or a one-way journey from Split to Dubrovnik, on a Tempo cruise you’re guaranteed to experience the magic of Croatia.

Experience

10 Day Dubrovnik to Split tailor-made cruise with Tempo Holidays

Prices from $2,100* based on 10 guests

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Taking you closer to your destination and offering a more intimate experience, small ships are the vessel of choice for discerning cruisers who want to fully immerse in the journey.
Everyone deserves to treat themselves on holiday. The discerning world of ultimate luxury and premium cruising is the place to do just that. With amazing service, fine dining and five-star interiors, this is high-end travel with style. Packages are often all-inclusive, so all you have to do is relax and soak up the scenery with a glass of champagne in hand.

Premium cruises are essentially a luxurious version of contemporary cruises. Ships are designed to have a spacious feel with generous suites and elegant restaurants and bars. Many cabins boast ocean views and even balconies. While similar in size to contemporary cruise ships, premium ships tend to have a smaller passenger list to enhance the comfort and relaxation of their guests.

Ultra-luxury cruises take things a step further to offer the ultimate in indulgence. Guests are treated to the most attentive and personalised service around. Expect top chefs creating gastronomic dining experience, lavish cabin suites and, onboard the smaller ships, the intimate feel of a private yacht. Memorable onshore excursions can be tailored to your personal interests.

Luxurious cruises sail to hundreds of worldwide destinations. Whether you’re looking for a special romantic trip or you simply enjoy the finer things in life, there’s a luxury cruise with your name on it.
Seabourn Ovation offers a range of exciting European itineraries in 2019. Explore the delights of the Mediterranean to the cultural wonders of the Baltics, with overnight port calls giving you more time to delve into some of the continent’s hidden gems.

The newest ship in the ultra-luxury Seabourn fleet, Seabourn Ovation will offer spectacular refinement and relaxation throughout its exquisite public areas and spacious, elegant suites.

Each of the 300 suites onboard has its own private veranda and marble bathroom with luxury Molton Brown toiletries, while a Personal Suite Stewardess will attend to your every need. This will include arranging your welcome Champagne and canapés, drawing a scented bath on request, and a host of little surprises in your nightly turndown service.

Opt for one of the premium Owner’s, Signature or Wintergarden Suites, and you’ll be spoiled by a wealth of added benefits too, ranging from private chauffeur transfers on embarkation and disembarkation day, to complimentary internet access and fresh tropical fruit in your suite.

Beyond your accommodation, every aspect of the ship is thoughtfully designed and furnished in sophisticated style. Expert care resonates throughout the ship – gourmet menus have been created by Michelin-starred chef Thomas Keller, renowned mixologist Brian Van Flandern has trained staff in refined cocktail making, while holistic spa treatments are modelled around the ground-breaking research of industry expert Dr. Andrew Weil.

Experience

18 Day Iberian Spring from Athens to Lisbon with Seabourn

Prices from $18,456* per person

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The next generation of ships

Discovering the world has never been possible in such outstanding comfort.
Leading the way in luxury river cruising for a number of years, Scenic is has launched into ocean cruising with the spectacular Scenic Eclipse - the world’s first “Discovery Yacht”, offering six-star opulence on voyages to incredible destinations.

Every single suite onboard Scenic Eclipse has been designed for true contemporary comfort. They all have a lounge area and private veranda, meaning you’ll be able to unwind and enjoy stunning views in every incredible port of call.

Expect the food on Scenic Eclipse to rival, if not better, the amazing cuisine prepared by leading chefs on the line’s river cruise vessels. Plus, the 550 square metre Spa Sanctuary offers an indulgent escape when you need to take it easy after a long day exploring.

No matter where in the world you visit, the ship’s own Discovery Team is on hand to provide you with an unrivalled experience. You’ll be able to take your pick from some awe-inspiring adventures, each one planned to make the most of the incredible landscapes and cultural history of your destination.

Those locations vary from the majestic natural wonders of the Arctic and Antarctic, and the wonderous Chilean Fjords, to the rich heritage of Northern Europe as you follow in the footsteps of the Vikings. Discovering the world has never been possible in such outstanding comfort. Take up your own adventure with Scenic Eclipse.

Experience

19 Day Chilean Fjords & Cape Horn with Scenic

Prices from $16,295* per person

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Discover the treasures of the north while admiring astonishing landscapes, encountering incredible wildlife and enjoying wholesome cuisine on this luxurious 14 Day expedition cruise from the heart of London to Iceland’s hip capital, Reykjavik.

Apart from taking in Neolithic UNESCO World Heritage sites, centuries-old gardens, ancient monasteries and cosmopolitan cities, the wonders of nature are front-and-centre on this journey to some of the world’s most remote islands and ports. From observing Atlantic puffins on Iceland’s Vigur Island, to watching sheep roam on Faroe Islands farmland, and spotting seals and porpoises in the waters off Skomer Island, many animals thrive in the isolated, windswept terrain of the north.

The most luxurious ship within the expedition cruising circuit, Silver Cloud offers guests the boutique distinctions of a classic Silversea ship, including four different dining venues, a swimming pool, and spacious, beautifully-appointed suites, many with their own private veranda, and all with butler service. Her intimate size means that she can access ports not accessible by larger ships, allowing guests more time on shore to unlock new travel experiences and to go deeper into the destination.

Throughout the voyage, guests have the opportunity to learn about local history, geology, wildlife and botany courtesy of lectures, workshops, Zodiac® boat and kayak trips, and guided nature walks. This approach enables guests to walk away from the cruise armed with more knowledge and a deeper understanding of the region’s history, culture, environment and wildlife.

A premium experience designed to enlighten, enthrall and engage guests, expedition cruising with Silversea promises to be a journey of a lifetime.

Experience

14 Day Northern Europe & British Isles voyage from London to Reykjavik with Silversea

Prices from $12,240* per person

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For a truly epic holiday, look no further than a Grand Voyage with Cunard in 2019. Capturing the magic of traditional cruise adventures, each epic voyage takes you half way across the world in premium comfort, letting you really enjoy the onboard cruise experience.

You could indulge yourself on a 43-night Grand Voyage from Sydney with Queen Victoria, crossing the beautiful Indian Ocean islands and taking in Vietnam, Sri Lanka and South Africa. On Queen Elizabeth, set sail on an exciting 27-night tour from Japan to explore Alaska’s beautifully remote landscapes and its thriving wildlife before this epic cruise arrives in Vancouver. And for a truly iconic journey, board Queen Mary 2 for an unforgettable Transatlantic crossing from Southampton to New York.

Aboard Cunard, every stateroom and suite is delicately appointed, while the cuisine onboard is prepared to the highest standards. Elegant formal evenings hark back to the traditions of cruising, without being stuffy or intimidating, while the world-class entertainment ensures you’ll never be bored as you wait for your next port of call.

**Experience**

7 Night Westbound Transatlantic Crossing with Cunard

*Prices from $2,139* per person

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