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Dartmouth

BAIE-COMEAU, QUEBEC

Quaint Baie-Comeau is one of the mellower destinations you will visit on your cruise, offering a chance to experience small-town life on the north shore of Canada's St. Lawrence River. Founded around a mill that supplied paper to the *Chicago Tribune* in the 1930s, the town maintains an unpretentious, working-class feel that invites you to slow down and savour the little things that make life sweet, like a pretty park or a magnificent view. You will have easy access to natural beauty, as the entire region is part of UNESCO's Manicouagan-Uapishka Biosphere Reserve, and Le Boisé de la Pointe-Saint-Gilles nature reserve is in the heart of town.

CIUTADELLA DE MENORCA, SPAIN

In contrast to the more hopping Balearic Islands driven by the thumping bass of lively nightclubs, you will immediately notice that the rhythm of life on Menorca is reflected in gentle waves lapping at powdery sands. Embrace the slow pace of this island's song and you may leave dancing to the beat of a new drummer. As you explore Ciutadella's cathedrals, castles and prehistoric villages that tell the story of many occupiers over the years, you will understand why so many armies fought to call this place home. But Menorca's exquisite beaches, dunes, caves and wetlands truly set the island apart – and earned it a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve designation.

DARTMOUTH, UK

While Agatha Christie summered in Dartmouth, you will find nothing in this lovely town to suggest that it inspired the sinister plots of her books. What you will find is a picturesque setting that provided the perfect escape from the toils of being the world's best-selling novelist. Visit ancient castles or art deco estates awash in wildflowers and framed by lush green pastures. Explore the pristine coves of the River Dart estuary, lined with quaint cottages and bobbing sailboats. The waterfront is so picturesque that you may wonder if any Pilgrims were tempted to unload here when the *Mayflower* pulled in for repairs en route to the New World.



Cork, available from Glengarriff

GLENGARRIFF, IRELAND

Far away from Ireland's cosmopolitan urban centres, nestled deep in Bantry Bay, Glengarriff offers all the joys of the Irish countryside, from the dramatic beauty of its coastline to quirky cultural distinctions like a nature walk through the private gardens of a local family. Set out on a "seafari" in search of seal colonies and white-tailed sea eagles, or experience rural life on a visit to a family-owned farm. For a more conventional Irish experience, travel through the verdant Irish hills to popular tourist destinations like Blarney Castle, the Jameson Distillery and Ireland's second city, Cork.

LÜBECK (TRAVEMÜNDE), GERMANY

Rarely will you find mention of Lübeck without reference to brick Gothic architecture, and you will understand why the moment you pass through the round towers of the city's huge brick gate punctuated by soaring conical spires.

Lübeck is the birthplace of the Hanseatic League, a powerful alliance of merchants founded in the 12th century that left great cultural and architectural heritage in its wake. Learn about its history at the European Hansemuseum and its cultural impact in the cathedrals and historic houses that tell the story of a city that was home to three Nobel laureates – Thomas Mann, Günter Grass and statesman Willy Brandt.

MARINA DI CARRARA, ITALY

As you sail into Marina di Carrara, the gorgeous snow spilling down from the mountains onto the green pine forests above the nearby town of Carrara will take your breath away – until you remember it is summer. What you are seeing is the exposed veins of the world's most sought-after white marble. The Tuscan seaside resort of Marina di Carrara lies just outside the Marble City and invites you to enjoy some quality beach time or journey farther afield to explore the magic of Tuscany. Take

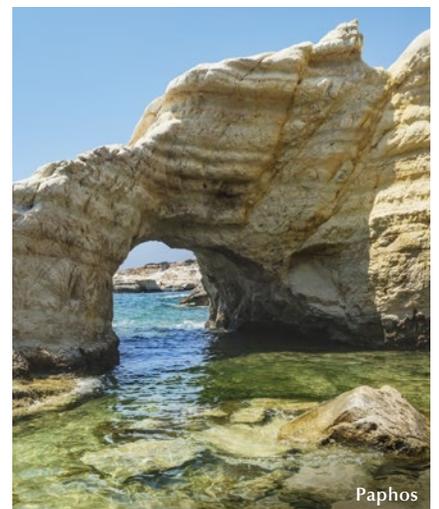
a short drive down the coast and you can try to prop up the famous tower in Pisa, and the Renaissance wonders of Florence are less than two hours away.

NANAIMO, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Nanaimo is the second largest city on Vancouver Island, but it feels more like a large town. There are several strollable areas where you can take your pick of all sorts of restaurants, from casual cafés to elegant bistros, and great shopping too. Because Nanaimo is part of gorgeous British Columbia, you will likely want to spend at least some of your time outdoors, whether on one of the beautiful golf courses, on a boat touring the stunning coastline or on an easy hike on Newcastle Island off the coast. Here you can walk a relaxed three- or six-mile loop on Bates Trail, where you may see blue herons, otters and even whales offshore.

PAPHOS, CYPRUS

Paphos is not just sunny, it is really sunny – with an average of 13 hours a day in the summer and five hours during what are normally dreary months. It's easy to fall in love with this beautiful land of rocky coastline and clear blue waters, which is why it was the perfect setting for the legendary birthplace of Aphrodite, goddess of beauty and love. UNESCO World Heritage sites reveal the area's historic devotion to the deity. The Kato Paphos part of town has extensive remains of Aphrodite's Sacred City, while the nearby village of Kouklia has the ruins of a temple erected in her honour as well as the site of Old Paphos, where she was revered.



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