

# TAUCK



SMALL SHIP CRUISING



2019 CULTURAL JOURNEYS & EXPEDITIONS  
EUROPE | NORTH AMERICA | ANTARCTICA | LATIN AMERICA | ASIA

# 21 Small Ship Cruise Itineraries Explore





# the World's Most Enriching Destinations



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## SMALL SHIP CRUISING

### Uncommon Access

Enjoy exclusive, personal experiences that help you discover the true essence of your destination.

### Travel In Good Company

Travel with Tauck Directors who take every moment of your holiday personally.

### Sophisticated, Intimate Ambiance

Venture out with like-minded travellers, in a comfortable atmosphere that makes you feel at home anywhere you roam.

### All Inclusive

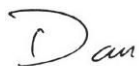
Travel effortlessly, knowing that every aspect of your trip is already paid for – and taken care of – from shore excursions to gratuities, with no options sold.

## 2019 is a big year for small ship cruising



Ever since we launched our first small ship cruise in our Treasures collection more than 25 years ago, our guests have clamoured to come aboard. They set sail with us to experience the inherent freedom of travelling by sea, the excitement of anchoring in a hidden harbour where larger cruise ships and crowds were few and far between, the ease of sailing from place to place to explore someplace new, the spontaneous surprises, and the delights of friendships made and stories shared during sunset cocktails on an open deck, where they happily tossed their cares to the wind.

The more cruises we introduced to the world's most inviting ports, the faster they sold out. To meet our guests' growing demand, we continue to grow. For 2019, we've expanded our fleet with new ships and launched 5 new itineraries. We increased capacity on our guests' favourite cruises and added a wide array of shore excursion choices on our voyages to meet a variety of interests. Today, we offer a great mix of cultural journeys and expeditionary cruises to showcase the world in ways you couldn't imagine. Whether you want to discover the gems of *Venice & the Dalmatian Coast*, the rugged beauty of *Norwegian Fjords & Coastal Treasures*, or any of our 19 other inclusive small ship cruises, look forward to experiencing the best of land by sea.



Daniel W. Mahar, CEO





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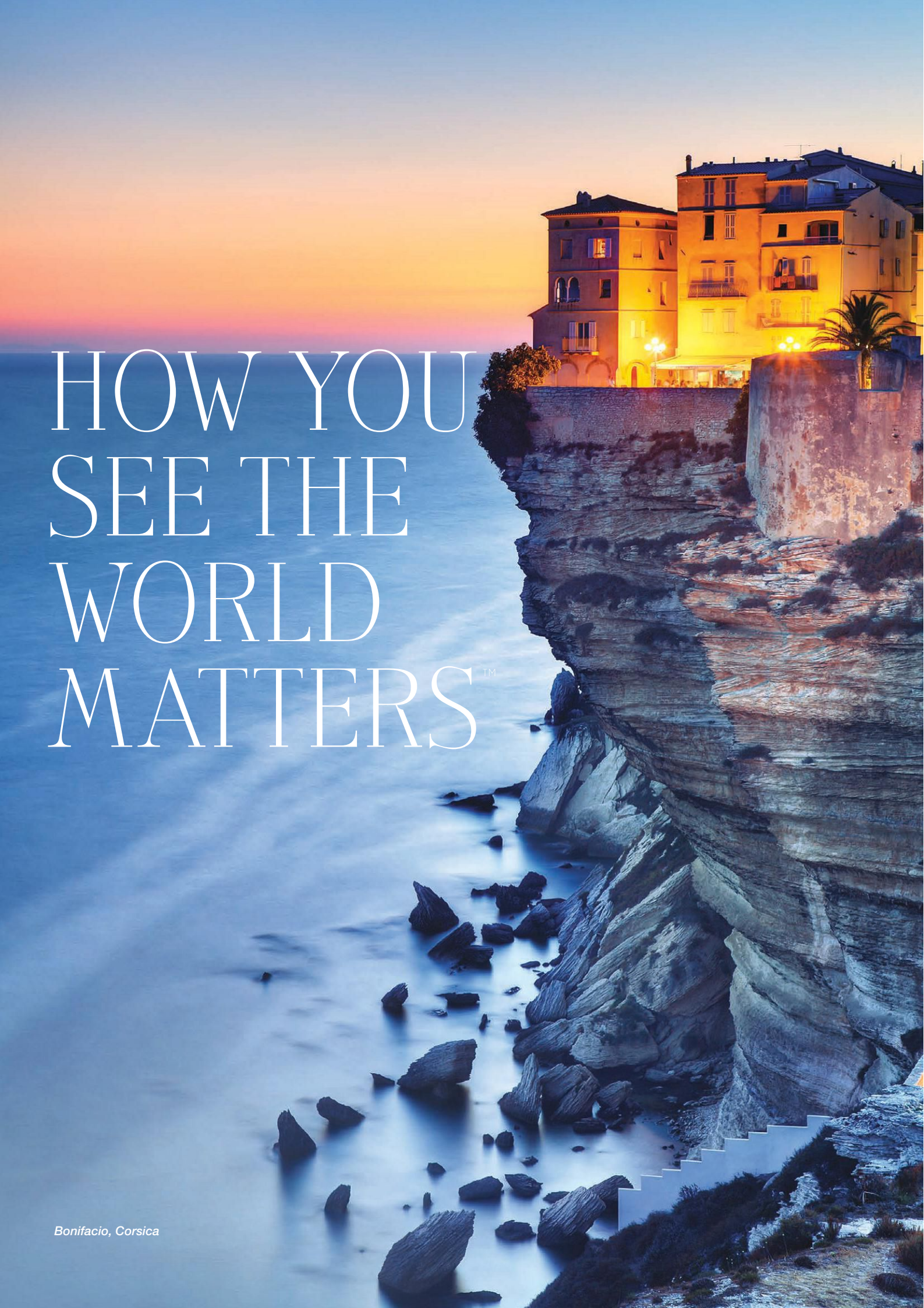
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# HOW YOU SEE THE WORLD MATTERS™

*Bonifacio, Corsica*





## A collection of treasures

Sailors at heart, there's nothing like charting a course for adventure on the open seas to bring our family together. We grew up on the water, spending weekends and summer holidays aboard small boats that promised a new discovery every time we hoisted the mainsail. We treasure the moments we shared onboard and ashore and were thrilled to invite travellers of every age and interest to join us back in 1993 when we launched our first small ship cruise, *Treasures of the Mediterranean*. Then, as now, we crafted itineraries designed to delight our guests with the best of land by sea... and sailed on ships handpicked for the destination.

Today you'll find us sailing to some of the world's most beautiful ports of call, seeking out hidden harbours and island hideaways where big ships don't go, on a collection of small ship cruises intimately sized for personally meaningful, always treasured memories. Come aboard and explore the places you've always wanted to see on a choice of included shore excursions that promise the extraordinary... and experience those spontaneous moments onboard and off that make small ship cruising more magical still.

Navigate the world like never before. And discover the best of land by sea.

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If you are searching for a trip  
that combines the pleasure of  
camaraderie and the joy of a  
cultural experience,  
look no further.

– TAUCK TRAVELLER REVIEW, [TAUCK.CO.UK](http://TAUCK.CO.UK)

## Smaller ships mean bigger experiences.

Our small ships are big on individualised service, special touches and comfort, making you feel like a welcomed guest the moment you come aboard. Intimate spaces invite conversation or quiet contemplation as you like. Whether you're inside your cabin or out on deck, ocean views beckon with adventures yet to come.

Because of the size of our ships, we're not restricted to commercial routes or large ports. We're free to follow the fish, not the fleets. We dock in places where you can get lost in the moment and not in a crowd. We delight in sharing spontaneous moments, up-close discoveries, personal connections and unforgettable treasures, making each moment memorable and uniquely yours. At Tauck, small is big... and the best way to make your cruise so much more than you ever expected.

*Bonifacio, Corsica*



# Small is Big...

onboard and ashore







# BEST IN THEIR CLASS



As a family-owned company with a passion for making travel dreams come true, guest satisfaction is a top priority. Everything about our small ship cruises, from our handpicked fleet to our inclusive itineraries, has been carefully crafted to deliver exceptional experiences onboard and ashore. Wherever we travel by sea, we cruise aboard ships designed for the region, partnering with maritime leaders who are best in their class. Like the hotels we stay in, our partner ships and crews embody the quality and service levels we demand at Tauck.



Ponant has anchored our fleet since we first sailed into the Mediterranean Sea 25 years ago, setting a standard for service and hospitality that raised the bar in small ship cruising. Together we continue to introduce new destinations, include more shore excursion choices and expand our capacity to meet our guests' growing interest in cruise travel. Today you'll find us cruising aboard their classic sailing vessels, their state-of-the-art motor yachts and their innovative new Explorer ships featuring sophisticated onboard technologies and environmentally friendly equipment, including a multisensory lounge that immerses you in a truly unique at-sea experience!



Our partnership with award-winning Windstar Cruises goes back decades and mirrors our personalised approach to destination inspired cruises. In the Galápagos, we enjoy our long-time relationship with Metropolitan Touring, as well as our new partnership with Silversea.



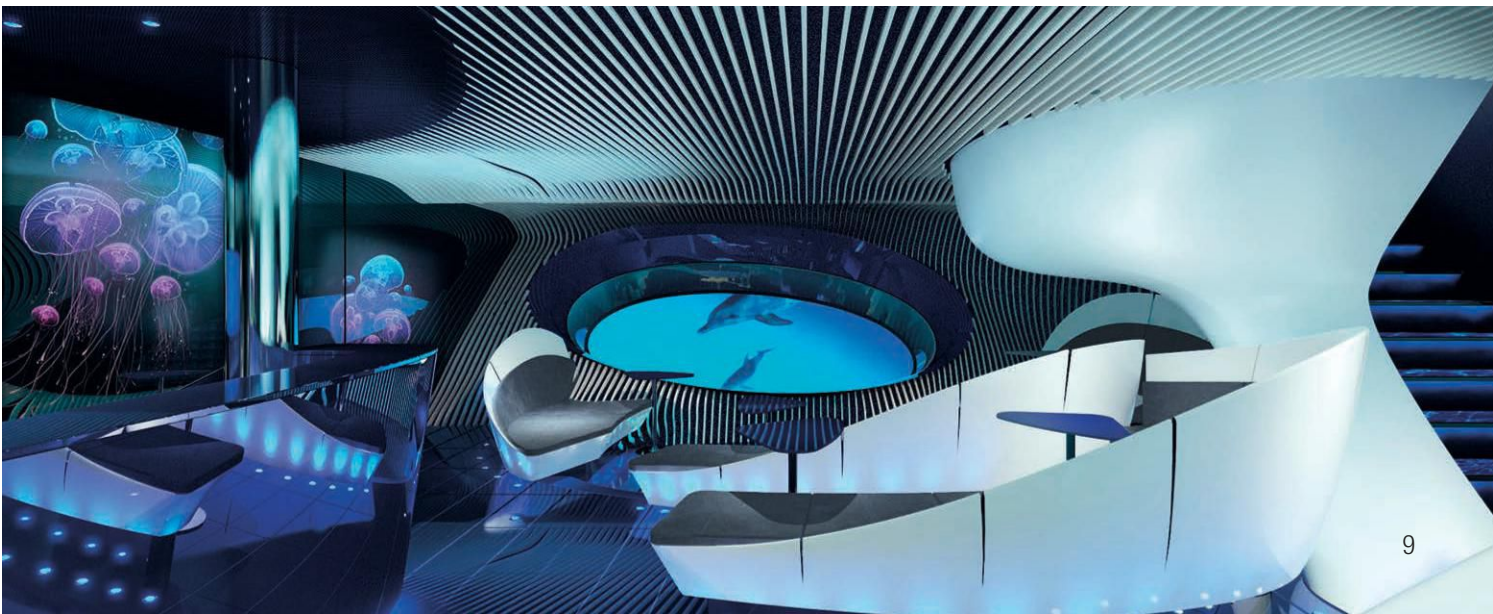
# Tauck's Family of Small Ship Partners



*Jean-Emmanuel Sauvée*  
*CEO of Ponant*

We admire people who have a vision, who move mountains, overcome obstacles and strive to make their goals a reality. Their journey to success is often an inspiring one. Our longtime small ship cruising partner, Jean-Emmanuel Sauvée, experienced such a journey when he founded Ponant in 1988, with little money, one ship and a big dream. Today, 30 years after Jean-Emmanuel launched his first ship, the company, since 2015 part of the Artemis Group of iconic luxury brands owned by the Pinault family, captains a fleet of yachts we are proud to sail on. Since we first partnered with Ponant in 1993, Tauck has represented the largest percentage of their annual passengers. Our companies share a singular commitment and passion for delivering personalised experiences to our guests on exceptional itinerary-driven voyages in some of the most beautiful places in the world.

Come aboard and enjoy the rewards of an amazing longtime partnership!





# UNCOMMON ACCESS

## With Tauck, You See the Best of Land and Sea

On our small ship cruises, a new day promises a new place to discover. Imagination, creativity and ingenuity first inspired Tauck's combination of small ship cruising with cultural land exploration. Every cruise detail is carefully crafted and handled for you. Because it's not only what you see, but how you see it. And that's what makes a Tauck small ship cruise unique.

You enjoy exclusive experiences ashore that take you to the heart and soul of the world's most amazing destinations. Experiences that are well timed, at the best time of day to avoid crowds. Experiences that help you connect on a deep, meaningful level with a place, its people, and its way of life. Once-in-a-lifetime experiences that come around just once and that you won't want to miss.

### GO BEYOND THE ORDINARY & DO SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY

Linger longer in the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel – after hours, without crowds

Enjoy a sensory symphony at Barcelona's Palace of Catalan Music on an early opening visit

Discover the secret world of the geisha in Osaka during a private dinner and performance

Explore Antarctica with BBC Earth filmmakers and naturalists at home on glacial shores

Take a bucket-list daylight transit through the Panama Canal with insights by an expert

Sip champagne and savour a private ballet, performed for you in a St. Petersburg palace

Sample sherry and tapas at a manor house where Andalucian horses show off just for you

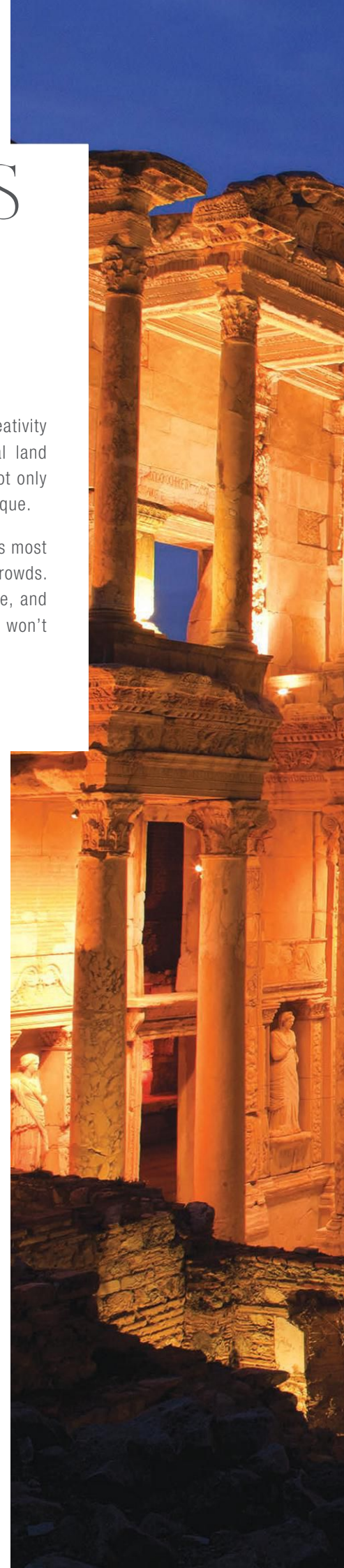
Tour Tresco Abbey Gardens on the Isles of Scilly with a gardener who tends to the plantings

Dine under the stars in ancient Ephesus, with live music in a storied setting that stirs the soul

Take a guided walk across the Arctic Circle in Grímsey, Iceland

Go inside Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh on a private early visit before it's open to anyone else

Meet wildlife found nowhere else as you explore remote Galápagos Islands with a naturalist



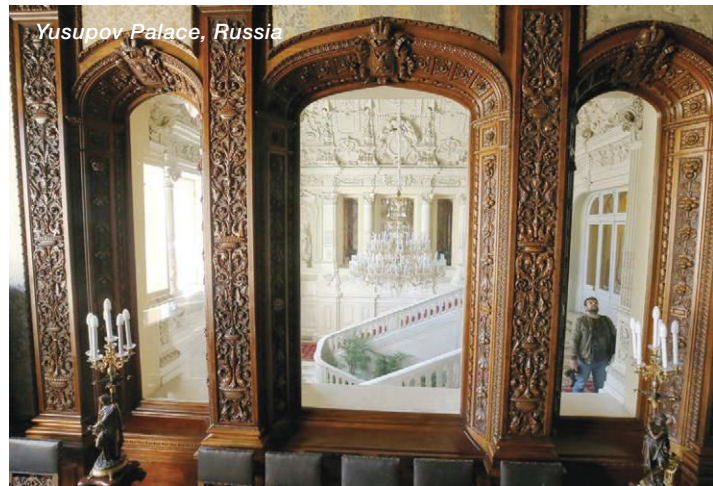




Ephesus



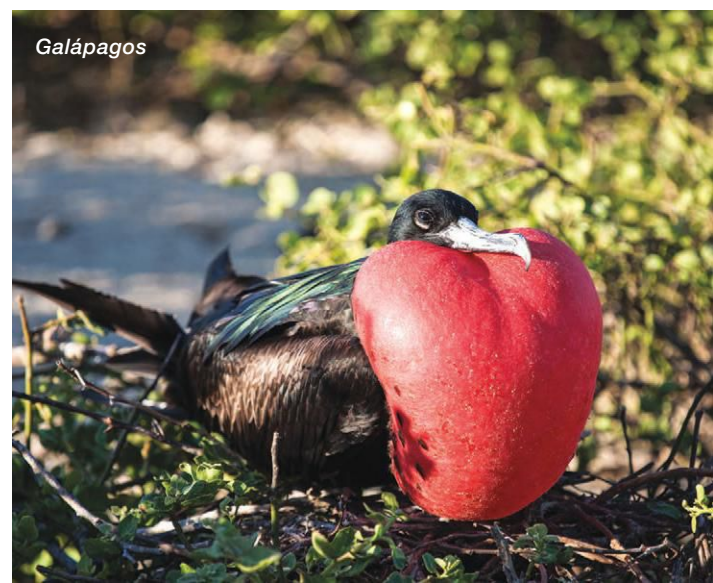
Sistine Chapel



Yusupov Palace, Russia



Tresco Abbey Gardens



Galápagos





Barri Gòtic, Barcelona







# THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

## SHORE EXCURSION CHOICES

Whether you are returning to one of your favourite destinations or visiting for the first time, we are committed to maximising your experience. Keeping true to our roots, we have carefully choreographed itineraries that take you everywhere from the heart of cities to the hidden gems tucked away for your eyes only. Along the way, on many days, there will be opportunities for you to personalise your journey with shore excursions that appeal to your unique interests. You may choose to spend an afternoon on a guided bicycle tour or explore a royal palace. Learn about a town's architecture from a local guide or stretch your legs on a scenic hike. In many destinations, choice is an important part of small ship cruising – because choice brings with it possibilities. And those possibilities are what travel is all about. Choices are yours, and they're all included, no additional charges!

While some shore excursion choices can be made onboard your cruise, there are certain excursions where advanced sign-up is requested. Tauck will contact you 90 days prior to your departure date with the information you need to make your selection. So get excited... the adventure is just getting started!











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We wanted to give a big shout out to our Tauck Director. He was fabulous, knowledgeable, fun, kind and fair and really helped to enrich our tour. Our naturalists were also top notch. In short, we felt we got the 'A' team. Thanks to Tauck for getting the very best.

– Sam & Cathi Duncan

## TRAVEL IN GOOD COMPANY

Tauck takes your  
holiday personally.

Everything about Tauck is personal. Your cruise is fully guided by expert Tauck Directors who average over 10 years of service with us and are renowned as the world's best travel companions. By your side both onboard and ashore, they will be more than just your guide. They're your planning expert. Your helping hand. Your fellow globetrotter. They're the difference between a trip, and the trip of a lifetime... and they're on hand to personally show you the world in ways you couldn't experience on your own.







Windstar

# Discover A Fleet That's Born To Explore.

It's a big world. And sometimes it takes a small ship to see it clearly. To find its heart, hidden away in unexpected coves, distant islands and Old World villages. So step onboard, and discover the joy of travelling small on ships handpicked to take advantage of everything your destination has to offer. Whenever possible, you'll dock directly at your port of call. No long lines, no hassle, no waiting to disembark. Because we believe in making every moment count.

When you cruise with Tauck, it's a journey of cultural exploration on land and sea, born of inspiration, designed with imagination. We've partnered with the world's finest shipbuilders and sailors to launch a fleet that takes you places the big ships can't. And we've creatively crafted our cruise itineraries so you'll experience the best of land from the sea, with Tauck's signature comforts, camaraderie and choices that make all the difference in an extraordinarily inclusive cruise.

Depending on the destination, you may sail on Ponant's new Explorer Series yachts, incomparably built for multi-sensory "green" cruising, their elegant *Le Boréal* or her sister ships, or their iconic three-masted schooner, *Le Ponant*. In the Galápagos, classic expeditionary yachts, *Isabela II* and *Silver Galapagos*, await. And a Windstar Motor Yacht is home in the Greek Isles.





# Sophisticated, Intimate Ambiance

Whichever ship you sail on, and whoever joins you along the way, you'll always enjoy Tauck's flawless planning, impeccable service and award-winning onshore expertise. Not to mention exclusive onboard events and activities for Tauck guests like you. You'll feel the difference the moment you come aboard. A warm welcome, an intimate ambiance, a kinship shared among fellow explorers. Venture out on a small ship handpicked for your journey, joined by no more than 40 to 300 guests. Make yourself at home, settling into a stateroom with a spectacular view, dining inside or al fresco, or stealing away to the top deck for an evening under the stars. Meet new friends in the inviting lounge, where conversation flows easily, like the voyage you're on – and the joy of travel comes to life in memorable moments and memories that last forever.





# ALL INCLUSIVE

## Exceptional Travel, Made Effortless.

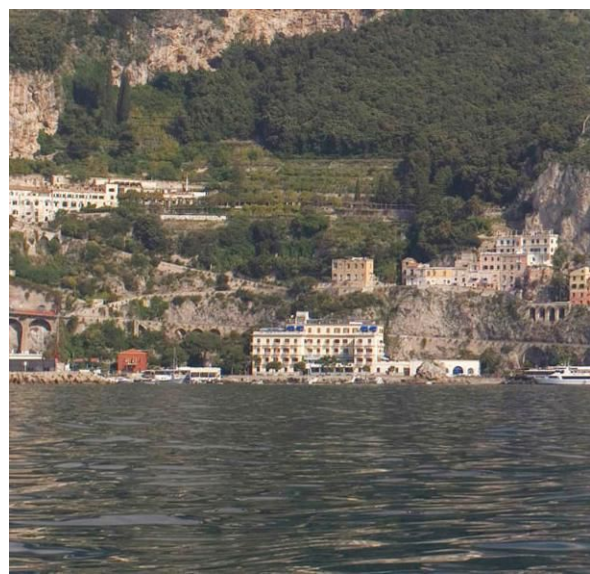
With Tauck, your fare is your passport. Everything you need to experience the best of land and sea with Tauck is included. For one upfront price, you'll enjoy world-class hotels, exquisite meals and drinks, jaw-dropping excursions, and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Travel effortlessly. This is a truly seamless journey, where all the details seem to magically fall into place. This is all-inclusive, for those who refuse to settle.

When you travel with us, you'll never wonder whose turn it is to pick up the bill at dinner, how much to tip, or whether you booked the right hotel. There are no options sold, no hidden costs and no compromises on quality. Just pure exploration, with nothing to take you out of the moment.



## What's Included?

- All shore excursions, private to Tauck
- Premier hotels, ideally located
- Fine dining, onboard and onshore
- All gratuities, handled for you
- All accommodations, on land and at sea
- Airport transfers, on arrival & departure
- All taxes, port charges and fees
- No options sold, no hidden costs







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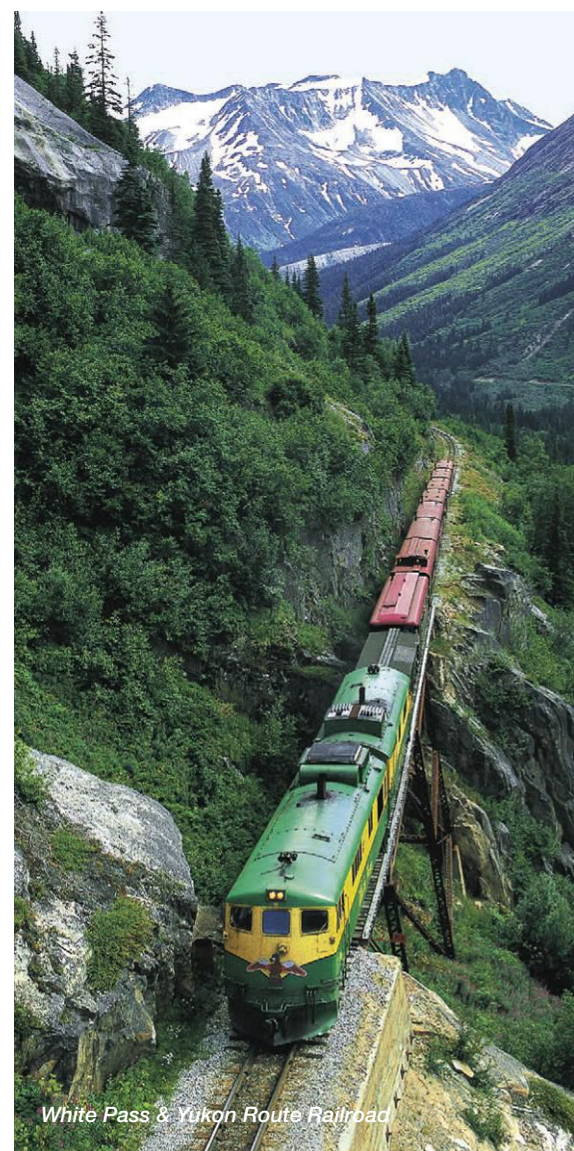


Antarctica



Amalfi Coast

Caption



White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad



# CULTURAL JOURNEYS

Our culturally inspired cruises fuel the imagination with uniquely authentic experiences that not only capture the true essence of the places you are visiting, but indulge your passion for discovery with a choice of included shore excursions in storied places. Cruise with us to European harbours, Japanese islands, America's Great Lakes and the Land Down Under... and make each magical moment your own.



Scotland







NEW!

# CRUISING THE GREAT LAKES: CHICAGO TO TORONTO

Chicago

THE MIGHTY GREAT LAKES have played a vital role in the cultural fabric of North America for centuries... and now our new 12-day small ship cruise – featuring a 7-night voyage between Chicago and Toronto aboard the new *Le Champlain*, plus two-night stays at your choice of Fairmont or Four Seasons hotels in these great anchor cities – invites you to explore the shores of Lakes Ontario, Erie, Huron and Michigan. Check out a re-emerging Detroit; celebrate American ingenuity at the awe-inspiring Henry Ford Museum; have lunch at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel; ride a dune buggy on the Lake Michigan shore; tour Chicago's legendary Wrigley Field and much more!

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *LE CHAMPLAIN*



### Chicago to Toronto (Eastbound)

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Chicago FAIRMONT CHICAGO, MILLENNIUM PARK OR FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CHICAGO
2	Chicago
■ 3	Chicago architecture cruise Embark <i>Le Champlain</i>
■ 4	Muskegon / Holland
■ 5	Traverse City / Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
■ 6	Mackinac Island
■ 7	Cruising Lake Huron
■ 8	Detroit / Dearborn / Henry Ford
■ 9	Lake Erie / Welland Canal
10	Toronto / Disembark <i>Le Champlain</i> / Niagara Falls FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK OR FOUR SEASONS HOTEL TORONTO
11	Toronto
12	Depart Toronto

### Toronto to Chicago (Westbound)

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Toronto FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK OR FOUR SEASONS HOTEL TORONTO
2	Toronto / Niagara Falls
■ 3	Toronto Embark <i>Le Champlain</i>
■ 4	Welland Canal / Lake Erie
■ 5	Detroit / Dearborn / Henry Ford
■ 6	Cruising Lake Huron
■ 7	Mackinac Island
■ 8	Traverse City / Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
■ 9	Muskegon / Holland
10	Chicago / Disembark <i>Le Champlain</i> / Cruise FAIRMONT CHICAGO, MILLENNIUM PARK OR FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CHICAGO
11	Chicago
12	Depart Chicago



## 1. ARRIVE CHICAGO

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park or Four Seasons Hotel Chicago.** A transfer is included from Chicago O'Hare Airport or Union Station to your choice of luxury hotels: Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park or Four Seasons Hotel Chicago (additional cost, see page 24). Settle in and join us this evening for a welcome reception followed by dinner at the hotel. **Meals D**

## 2. CHICAGO - ART & BASEBALL

You have a choice of guided sightseeing today. Visit the Chicago Art Institute, a Beaux Arts-style building housing more than 300,000 works of art and an influential architecture school. Or take a tour of iconic Wrigley Field, home to the Chicago Cubs since 1914, which retains many vintage features including a hand-operated scoreboard and ivy-covered outfield walls. Spend the rest of the day exploring Chicago on your own. **Meals B**

## 3. ARCHITECTURAL CRUISE / ■ EMBARK SHIP

Get an informative look at the legacy of architects like Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Sullivan, and Mies van der Rohe today on an architectural cruise along the Chicago River, with a docent from the Chicago Architecture Foundation. Learn about Chicago's role in the development of skyscrapers like the Tribune Tower, Willis Tower and Wrigley Building, and the architects who built them. Get a taste of Chicago's famous stuffed, deep-dish pizza at Giordano's Pizzeria. Then go inside the Loop for a guided walking tour of Millennium Park, built to welcome the 21st century. Embark *Le Champlain* and begin your 7-night cruise as you sail for Muskegon, Michigan on Lake Michigan's eastern shore. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ DUTCH TREATS & MORE IN MICHIGAN

Head out from Muskegon with your choice of activities. Discover Holland, an enclave of Dutch culture and architecture, settled by Dutch immigrants in the 19th century. Visit Windmill Island Gardens and its working 250-year-old windmill brought from the Netherlands, the historic district, and the lovely campus of Hope College, established in 1851 by Dutch Calvinists. Or travel to nearby Saugatuck to experience the giant sand dunes – some as high as 60 metres – lining the shores of Lake Michigan; ride through the scenic, wind-carved landscape in a modified Jeep vehicle with an experienced guide. Return to the ship and sail for Traverse City on the shore of Great Traverse Bay. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ MUSIC & WINE IN TRAVERSE CITY

In Traverse City, drive to the Music House Museum, a treasurehouse of antique automated music machines including calliopes, nickelodeons, player pianos, organs, a reproducing piano used by Rachmaninoff and Gershwin, and recreations of a saloon, theatre and general store. Head to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, where

sand dunes tower 120 m. above Lake Michigan. After lunch onboard, visit Brengman Brothers' Vineyards, set within one of Michigan's primary wine-producing regions; tour the cellars, sample their award-winning wines, and learn about their sustainable, organic methods of viticulture. Tonight, sail for Mackinac Island. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ TIMELESS MACKINAC ISLAND

Vehicle-free Mackinac Island has been a popular retreat since 19th-century industrialists built imposing summer "cottages" here, and remains serenely lost in time. The only way to get around is by foot, bicycle, or horse-drawn carriage. Choose a carriage ride or a bicycle tour around the island, past impeccable Victorian mansions and out to the fringes of forest, marshes, beaches and Fort Mackinac. Lunch is at the palatial Grand Hotel, with the longest porch in the world; since 1887, it's hosted many presidents and notables including Mark Twain and Thomas Edison (who first demonstrated his phonograph on the porch). If you have a sweet tooth, make sure that you don't leave before sampling the scrumptious Mackinac Fudge! **Meals BLD**

## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £2,060
- All gratuities to Tauck Director(s), ship staff aboard *Le Champlain*, and local guides
- 7 nights aboard Ponant's Explorer Series yacht *Le Champlain*, cruising Chicago to Toronto
- Two-night stays at your choice of Fairmont or Four Seasons hotels in Chicago and Toronto
- Architecture cruise & Wrigley Field visit in Chicago; off-road adventure at Lake Michigan dunes; carriage or bike tour on Mackinac Island
- Choice of Detroit landmarks or The Henry Ford; choice of museums in Toronto; Niagara Falls boat cruise; private reception & dinner at Casa Loma
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available throughout the day aboard ship, including house wines and spirits; premium wines and spirits available at extra cost
- 28 meals, airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage





## 7. ■ A DAY ON LAKE HURON

Enjoy your ship's amenities as you spend the day sailing on Lake Huron along Michigan's scenic eastern shore, the "Sunrise Coast," toward Detroit – a long parade of beaches, sand dunes, inlets, small towns, some 30,000 islands, and as many as 30 lighthouses. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ DETROIT SIGHTS & THE HENRY FORD

Arrive in Detroit today for your choice of morning activities. One is a docent-guided insider's tour of "The Henry Ford" in Dearborn, revealing incredible exhibits dedicated to innovation – from the bus on which Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat, to the Wright Brothers' bicycle shop and Thomas Edison's laboratory – plus Greenfield Village, a living museum of Americana. Or take a guided tour of Detroit landmarks including the Ford plant that produced the first Model T; and the Motown Historical Museum. Return to the ship for lunch, then spend the rest of the day and night sailing the length of Lake Erie. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ SAILING ON THE WELLAND CANAL

*Le Champlain* arrives in Port Colborn and enters the 43-km. Welland Canal, linking Lake Erie to Lake Ontario. The passage through the canal's eight locks takes about 11 hours; expert Howard Shuster offers insights on the canal and its history. Sail to Toronto tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 10. DISEMBARK IN TORONTO / NIAGARA FALLS

Disembark in Toronto and drive to Niagara Falls, where you'll see the awesome power of the falls up close aboard a private boat (raingear provided), an experience you'll never forget. A tour, tasting, and lunch await you in Niagara on the Lake at the Chateau des Charmes winery. Return to Toronto and check in to your choice of Fairmont Royal York or the Four Seasons Hotel Toronto. Spend the evening as you please. **Meals BL**

## 11. A DAY WELL SPENT IN TORONTO

A choice of guided museum visits includes the Royal Ontario Museum, offering a collection of 6 million artefacts of art, culture, and natural history; or the Ontario Art Gallery, housing 90,000 works of art from the first century to the present. Following a free afternoon, join us tonight for a farewell reception followed by dinner at Casa Loma, a Gothic castle with five acres of gardens. **Meals BD**

## 12. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Toronto.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Fairmont Royal York or Four Seasons Hotel Toronto to Toronto Pearson International Airport or Union Station. You should allow three hours for airport check-in. **Meals B**

# 12 DAYS FROM £5,490\*

(11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

## BEGINS CHICAGO OR TORONTO

**Eastbound** – Chicago to Toronto

**20 Sep** / = **Sold Out!**

**Westbound** – Toronto to Chicago

**27 Sep**

Go to **tauck.co.uk** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

## LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

### ■ Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3

Double £5490	Single £7712	Triple N/A
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### ■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4

Double £5990	Single £8392	Triple N/A
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### ■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5

Double £6190	Single £8675	Triple N/A
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### ■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6

Double £6340	Single £8873	Triple N/A
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### ■ Deluxe Suite – Deck 3, 4, 5, 6

Double £7240	Single £10,123	Triple N/A
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### ■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5

Double £8590	Single N/A	Triple £6148
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### ■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6

Double £8960	Single N/A	Triple £6379
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### ■ Privilege Suite – Deck 5, 6

Double £9290	Single N/A	Triple £6614
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### ■ Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 5, 6

Double £9990	Single N/A	Triple N/A
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### ■ Owner's Suite – Deck 6

Double £10,340	Single N/A	Triple N/A
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**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything outlined in General Information as well as private Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges; alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available throughout the day aboard ship, including house wines and spirits (premium wines and spirits available at extra cost); and gratuities to Tauck Directors and ship staff.

**\*Airfare is additional.** Please ask when booking about additional hotel nights before or after your tour. For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. **Note:** Cruise operates east or west; go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for details of westbound itinerary.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**



Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for activity and pace level details.

## FOUR SEASONS HOTELS, CHICAGO AND TORONTO

Hotel accommodations are Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park and Fairmont Royal York (Toronto); if you wish, accommodations at Four Seasons hotels in Chicago and Toronto are also available (additional cost per person below, subject to availability). Please ask for details at time of booking; go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for hotel descriptions.

Double – £240	Single – £480	Triple – £220
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# CRUISING THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN



Miyajima-Itsukushima Shrine

A SHOWCASE OF TIMELESS TRADITIONS, REVERED SETTINGS, MODERN MEMORIES, this emotionally powerful journey takes you beyond the Japan you think you know. Discover cultural and natural riches with five days in Osaka and Tokyo and eight days aboard your yacht exploring coastal villages, countryside, and Busan, South Korea... glide through the idyllic Seto Inland Sea and around the tip of Kyushu... with onshore visits to renowned temples, outstanding museums, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki. Go inside the worlds of a pearl farmer, a geisha, sumo wrestlers, samurai, monks...

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 8 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *LE SOLÉAL*



### Osaka to Tokyo

Day	Destination
1	Osaka ST. REGIS OSAKA THE RITZ-CARLTON, OSAKA CONRAD OSAKA
2	Osaka / Kyoto
3	Osaka / Nara
4	Osaka / Embark Osaka
5	Uno Ko
6	Hiroshima
7	Uwajima
8	Kagoshima
9	Nagasaki
10	1/2 Day at Sea – Busan, South Korea
11	Sakaiminato
12	Disembark Maizuru MANDARIN TOKYO SHANGRI-LA HOTEL TOKYO PALACE HOTEL TOKYO
13	Tokyo
14	Depart Tokyo

### Osaka to Tokyo

Day	Destination
1	Osaka ST. REGIS OSAKA THE RITZ-CARLTON, OSAKA CONRAD OSAKA
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5	Sakaiminato
6	1/2 Day at Sea – Busan, South Korea
7	Nagasaki
8	Kagoshima
9	Uwajima
10	Hiroshima
11	Uno Ko
12	Disembark Osaka MANDARIN TOKYO SHANGRI-LA HOTEL TOKYO PALACE HOTEL TOKYO
13	Tokyo
14	Depart Tokyo



## 1. ARRIVE OSAKA

**Northbound tour begins: 5:30 PM, The St. Regis Osaka, The Ritz-Carlton, Osaka or The Conrad Osaka.** A transfer is included from Kansai International Airport or Itami Airport to The St. Regis Osaka, The Ritz-Carlton, Osaka or The Conrad Osaka. From your premier city-centre hotel, depart for our welcome reception this evening, followed by a Tauck Exclusive Geiko / Geisha cultural lecture, performance, and dinner. **Meals D**

## 2. TEMPLES AND TRADITIONS OF KYOTO

Immerse yourself in the treasures of classic Kyoto, a lovely city traditional wooden houses, gardens, and some 2,000 temples and shrines. Guided sightseeing today includes the Zen Golden Pavilion, bathed in gold leaf and capped by a golden phoenix, set in a landscape that has been meticulously preserved as designed in the 1400s. Visit Sanjusagen-do, a Buddhist temple in the Higashiyama District called Rengeo-in ("Hall of the Lotus King"). Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before attending a traditional Japanese *taiko* drumming experience. Return to Osaka in late afternoon where dinner is at your leisure at the hotel. (Note: Sightseeing on days 2 and 3 may be interchanged as scheduling permits.) **Meals BLD**

## 3. EXPLORING HISTORIC NARA

Drive to Nara this morning to visit Todai-ji (Eastern Great Temple), a Buddhist temple complex that was once one of the city's powerful Seven Great Temples and is today designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its Great Buddha Hall houses the world's largest bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. After lunch at

### TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £2,930
- All gratuities to Tauck Director, ship staff, local guides and drivers
- 8-night cruise aboard the yacht *Le Soléal*; 3 nights in Osaka and 2 nights in Tokyo at premier city-centre hotels
- Special Tauck experiences featuring local cultural entertainment include a sumo wrestling demonstration, geisha and taiko performances
- Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost
- 36 meals on land and at sea, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes, and portorage



a local restaurant, visit Nara Park at the foot of Mount Wakakusa; established in the 14th century, it is one of the oldest public parks in Japan and is considered a national treasure; the park is home to over 1,200 sika deer. Return to Osaka for an evening at leisure. **Meals BL**

## 4. OSAKA DISCOVERIES / ■ EMBARK SHIP

Your day in Osaka begins with guided city sightseeing, including walking tours and local market visits. After lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy a walking tour of the Dotumburi entertainment district, filled with illuminated billboards, mechanized signs, and video screens, followed by free time to explore as you wish. Drive to the port of Osaka where your ship awaits. Embark, settle in, and begin your cruise along the southwestern coast of Honshu, the largest island in the Japanese archipelago, bound for Uno Ko and Naoshima. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ ART, BICYCLING & BEER IN UNO KO

Arrive in Tamano (Uno Ko) and travel to the old merchant town of Kurashiki for a walking tour of its historic quarter and a visit to the Ohara Museum of Art. Additionally, a choice of shore excursions includes a ferry ride to the unique island of Naoshima to see its art installations and the work of the world-class architect Tadao Ando; a guided bicycle ride in Uno Ko; or a visit to the Kirin Yokohama Beer Village, for a tour and tasting. Enjoy your captain's welcome reception followed by dinner this evening as you sail for Hiroshima. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ HIROSHIMA AND THE PEACE MEMORIAL

Visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial and sites associated with the WWII atomic bomb blast of 1945. On your choice of excursions, visit Miyajima-Itsukushima Shrine that seems to float on water (a photographer's dream), or tour the Mazda factory. Sail for Uwajima. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ EVERYDAY LIFE IN UWAJIMA

Sightseeing today includes a choice of visits to a pearl farm and a tour of the Flying Squirrel Temple with a monk; a stroll through Nanrakuen Garden followed by a calligraphy demonstration and a traditional tea ceremony; or a visit to a terraced farm and a walk along a mountain path to a waterfall in Yakushidani Canyon. **Meals BLD**



## 8. ■ KAGOSHIMA

Dock in Kagoshima at the southwestern tip of Kyushu for your choice of sightseeing. Ferry across the bay to see the simmering volcano Sakurajima up close or visit the Sengan-en Garden, a traditional Japanese garden and stately home in Kagoshima owned by the same family for more than 350 years. Another choice is a visit to the Chiran Peace Museum for Kamikaze Pilots. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ A DAY IN NAGASAKI

Arrive in Nagasaki for a visit to the Nagasaki Peace Park and the Atomic Bomb Museum. Later you can visit the Glover Gardens and the Dejima Museum or take the Nagasaki Ropeway aerial tramway to the summit of Mount Inasa for spectacular views. **Meals BLD**

## 10. ■ BUSTLING BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA

Disembark in Busan, South Korea, this morning. City sightseeing includes the United Nations Memorial Cemetery honouring the troops from many nations who fell during the Korean War. Visit the port city's Jagalchi Fish Market, known for its mind-boggling array of fruits of the sea, and the strong personalities of the sturdy *ajummas* (married or middle-aged women) who reign there. Sail on to Sakaiminato this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

## 11. ■ SAKAIMINATO & MATSUE'S BLACK CASTLE

Dock in the fishing centre of Sakaiminato for a visit to the Adachi Museum of Art to see its Japanese garden and modern nature paintings. After lunch onboard ship, you can explore Sakaiminato on your own or come with us to the water city of Matsue for a visit to the majestic Black Castle. Tonight say goodbye to your ship's captain and crew at the captain's farewell dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 12. BULLET TRAIN TO TOKYO – AND GINZA

Disembark ship in Maizuru for a drive back to Kyoto and a speedy ride aboard the renowned bullet train to Tokyo. After checking into your premier city-centre hotel, join our local guide on a walking tour of the luxury shopping district of Ginza. Spend the evening enjoying the sights of this remarkable city and dining on your own. Your Tauck Director can recommend a wide selection of restaurants that are near your hotel. **Meals BL**

## 13. FROM A SHRINE TO SUMO IN TOKYO

Plunge into an eclectic day in one of the most dynamic metropolises in the world, beginning with a visit to the Meiji Shrine, honouring Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. A guided tour of the Edo-Tokyo Museum introduces you to the history of Tokyo, from its early days as a farming and fishing village. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Finish the day – and your journey – in style with our farewell reception and dinner at Happon-en garden and restaurant, an evening including traditional

music and what's sure to be a highlight of your adventure in Japan – a sumo wrestling demonstration that has to be seen to be believed. **Meals BLD**

## 14. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Tokyo.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Mandarin Tokyo, the Shangri-La Hotel Tokyo or Palace Hotel Tokyo to Narita International Airport or Haneda Airport. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

# 14 DAYS FROM £8,590\*

(13 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches & 11 Dinners)

### BEGINS OSAKA

**Northbound** – Osaka to Tokyo  
20 Apr 06 May

**Southbound** – Osaka to Tokyo  
12, 28 Apr

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### ■ Superior Cabin – Deck 3

Double £8590      Single £11,088      Triple £5954

#### ■ Deluxe Cabin – Deck 3

Double £9090      Single £11,571      Triple N/A

#### ■ Prestige Cabin – Deck 4

Double £9290      Single £12,219      Triple N/A

#### ■ Prestige Cabin – Deck 5

Double £9650      Single £12,564      Triple N/A

#### ■ Prestige Cabin – Deck 6

Double £9940      Single £12,842      Triple N/A

#### ■ Deluxe Suite – Deck 6

Double £10,680      Single £16,757      Triple N/A

#### ■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5

Double £12,060      Single N/A      Triple £8253

#### ■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6

Double £13,090      Single N/A      Triple £8944

#### ■ Owner's Suite – Deck 6

Double £15,490      Single N/A      Triple N/A

**\*International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability).

**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything described in General Information as well as Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost. Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 guests. **Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £2,930.**

**Travel North or South:** Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for southbound itinerary or ask at booking; ask about additional hotel nights.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. **Note:** For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided.

See page 106 for ship deck plans and specifications.

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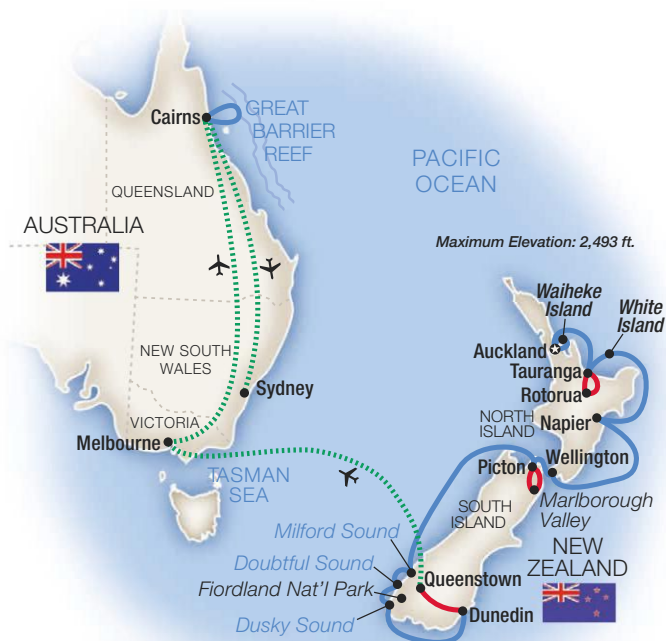


Sydney

# CRUISING DOWN UNDER

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 9 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *LE LAPÉROUSE*



### Auckland to Sydney

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Auckland / <b>HILTON AUCKLAND</b>
2	Sightsee Auckland
■ 3	Waiheke Island / Embark <i>Le Lapérouse</i>
■ 4	Tauranga / Rotorua
■ 5	White Island
■ 6	Napier
■ 7	Wellington
■ 8	Picton / Marlborough Valley
■ 9	Day at Sea
■ 10	Day at Sea / Milford Sound
■ 11	Day at Sea / Dusky Sound
12	Dunedin / Disembark / Queenstown <b>HILTON QUEENSTOWN RESORT &amp; SPA</b>
13	Queenstown
14/15	Melbourne / Sightseeing <b>SOFITEL MELBOURNE ON COLLINS / PARK HYATT MELBOURNE</b>
16/17	Cairns / Sightseeing <b>HILTON CAIRNS / SHANGRI-LA HOTEL CAIRNS</b>
18/19	Sydney / Sightseeing <b>SHANGRI-LA HOTEL SYDNEY / INTERCONTINENTAL SYDNEY</b>
20	Depart Sydney

### Melbourne to Auckland

Day	Destination
1/2	Arrive Melbourne <b>SOFITEL MELBOURNE ON COLLINS / PARK HYATT MELBOURNE</b>
3/4	Cairns / Sightseeing <b>HILTON CAIRNS / SHANGRI-LA HOTEL CAIRNS</b>
5/6	Sydney / Sightseeing <b>SHANGRI-LA HOTEL SYDNEY / INTERCONTINENTAL SYDNEY</b>
7/8	Queenstown <b>HILTON QUEENSTOWN RESORT &amp; SPA</b>
■ 9	Dunedin / Embark <i>Le Lapérouse</i>
■ 10	Day at Sea / Dusky Sound
■ 11	Day at Sea / Milford Sound
■ 12	Day at Sea
■ 13	Picton / Marlborough Valley
■ 14	Wellington
■ 15	Napier
■ 16	White Island
■ 17	Tauranga / Rotorua
18	Disembark / Auckland <b>HILTON AUCKLAND</b>
19	Waiheke Island
20	Depart Auckland





ABORIGINAL LEGEND HAS IT THAT AUSTRALIA WAS CREATED IN DREAMTIME... and Maori gods are credited with making New Zealand into a two-island paradise of stunning natural beauty... and our new South Pacific dream voyage aboard one of Ponant's newest limited-capacity yachts, *Le Lapérouse*, brings you the best of both countries by sea and ashore.

## 1. ARRIVE AUCKLAND

**Tour begins 6:00 PM.** Transfer is included from Auckland Airport to Hilton Auckland, perched at the end of Princes Wharf with sweeping views of Hauraki Gulf and Rangitoto Island. A welcome reception at the hotel is followed by dinner and a performance by Maori dancers. **Meals D**

## 2. EXPLORE AUCKLAND

Drive along the rugged coastline of beaches, inlets, and dramatic cliffs to Bastion Point Lookout, where Savage Memorial offers stunning views of Waitemata Harbour. Sightseeing in Auckland includes views of Mission Bay, West Haven Marina, Queen Street, the Sky Tower and the Auckland War Memorial; visit the Auckland Maritime Museum, dedicated to New Zealand's sailing heritage from the first Polynesian watercraft to present-day yachts. The rest of the day is free to explore on your own. **Meals B**

## 3. PLEASURES OF WAIHEKE ISLAND / ■ EMBARK

Sail by ferry to Waiheke Island, a picturesque haven of vineyards, wineries, and olive orchards. New Zealand, with its moderate climate and diverse terroirs, is famous for its distinctive wines, and today you'll learn why at a visit to a winery for a tour and tasting. Next, visit

Rangihoua Estate to see how its award-winning olive oils are produced. Following lunch at a renowned winery, return to Auckland and embark on *Le Lapérouse*. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ MAORI ARTISANS, GEYSERS AND MORE

Sail to Tauranga; geothermal activity still rages under the earth in nearby Rotorua, steaming up from geysers and hot springs. Sightseeing choices include a visit to historic Elms Mission House as well as Whakarewarewa and Tamaki Maori Village where you'll explore cultural traditions. Or, visit Rainbow Springs' Kiwi Encounter, a kiwi hatchery and nursery; watch Maori artisans and carvers at work near Pohutu Geyser; and visit the Agrodome for demonstrations of sheep shearing and dog herding. **Meals BLD**

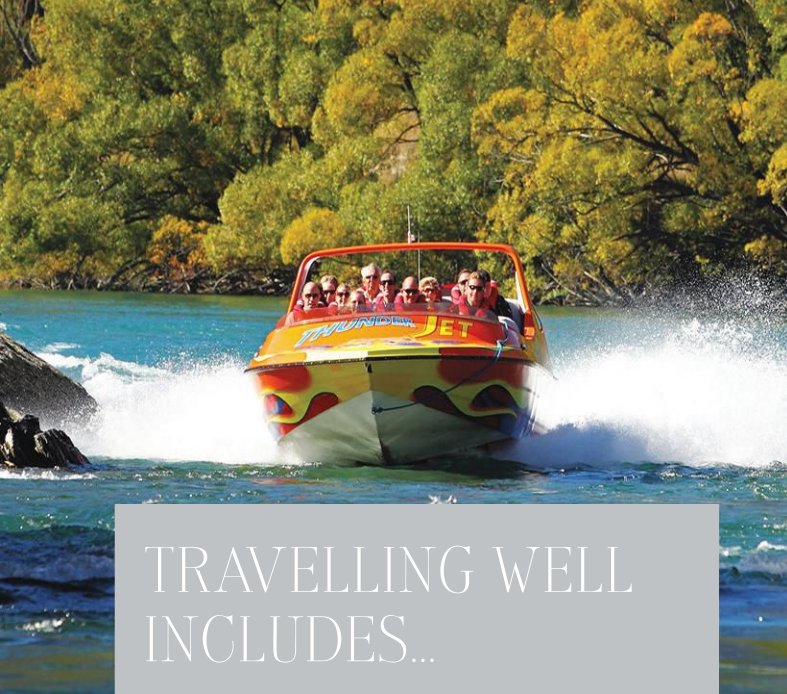
## 5. ■ WHITE ISLAND... LAVA BOMBS & FUMARoles

White Island is a live volcano 48 km off the mainland. Most of it is underwater, so the rim of the crater is near the waterline (visit is weather-dependent); land on the island by zodiac and explore the geothermic wonders. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ NAPIER AND THE WINERIES

Arrive in Napier, a coastal city on Hawke's Bay with a wealth of Art Deco architecture. Shore excursion choices include





## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £1,980; three on-tour flights
- 9-night cruise and 10 nights at premier hotels
- Shore excursion choices in New Zealand include wine tasting at wineries; a Maori village visit; a four-wheel drive "seal safari"; behind the scenes food tour in Wellington; kayaking and bicycling; jet boat ride and more
- In Australia, snorkelling at the Great Barrier Reef; rainforest gondola ride; Hartley's Wildlife Park and crocodile farm; private dinner cruise in Sydney Harbour; Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park
- Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost
- 46 meals on land and at sea, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes, and portage

a ride on Hawke's Bay Express; bicycling along the Water Trail, a dedicated cycling path following the coast; or a visit to Horsford Downs, a private country home, for a tour of the gardens and orchards. The area around Hawke's Bay is home to many wineries; get a tour and tasting at one with insights into pairing wine with food. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ ALL ABOUT WELLINGTON

Sightseeing choices include a cable car ride to Mt. Victoria Lookout for a stunning, panoramic view of the city; Wellington Botanic Gardens and the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa; a 4-wheel drive\* along the rugged coast to find seal colonies; or explore the local food

scene on a walking tour that includes the city's architecture and history. After lunch enjoy time on your own; downtown and the waterfront are a delight to explore. **Meals BLD**

### 8. ■ PICTON AND THE MARLBOROUGH VALLEY

Your choice of shore excursions includes a visit to Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, Sir Peter Jackson's personal collection of World War I aircraft and artefacts, as well as Makana Confections, a boutique chocolate factory, and Yealands Estate Winery; or, travel to a wine estate and visit Upton Oaks, a Victorian home; or go on a kayaking adventure\* on Queen Charlotte Sound. **Meals BLD**

### 9. ■ A MARVELLOUS DAY AT SEA

Spend a day at sea as *Le Lapérouse* sails from Picton up through the Marlborough Sounds, a network of submerged valleys, steep hills, and quiet bays, and down the western coastline of South Island. **Meals BLD**

### 10. ■ DAY AT SEA IN MILFORD SOUND

Cruise Milford Sound, a breathtaking fjord of rainforests, cliffs, black water and mountains at the edge of Fiordland National Park for a day of natural beauty. **Meals BLD**

### 11. ■ FJORDS... COLOUR AND MIST ON A DAY AT SEA

Sail into Dusky Sound, wildlife rich and inspiring with scenic settings, and discover Doubtful Sound, Fiordland's deepest fjord, wandering for 38 km inland with intensely green forests and mountains shrouded in mist. **Meals BLD**

### 12. DUNEDIN TO QUEENSTOWN

Dock in Dunedin; disembark ship and it's your choice of sightseeing – a guided tour of rugged Otago Peninsula\*; or a guided walking tour of Dunedin and a tour of Larnach Castle. After lunch, drive to Queenstown; your hotel is set on the stunning shores of Lake Wakatipu. **Meals BLD**

### 13. GONDOLA OVER QUEENSTOWN

Ride a gondola high above Queenstown to take in the views and spend time exploring as you wish. **Meals B**

### 14. A JET BOAT RIDE AND FLY TO AUSTRALIA

Experience a thrilling jet boat\* adventure through a river gorge before a flight to Melbourne. Stay in the heart of the city and dine at a choice of local restaurants. **Meals BD**

### 15. DISCOVER THE HEART OF MELBOURNE

Explore Melbourne on a walking tour and driving tour; view Fitzroy Gardens, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parliament House, and Olympic Drive, and visit the Shrine of



Remembrance, dedicated to sharing stories about war, peace, sacrifice, and lessons learned. This afternoon spend free time in Melbourne on your own. **Meals B**

## 16. CAIRNS, CROCODILES, AND A GONDOLA

Fly to Cairns, where your first visit is to the crocodiles of Hartley's Wildlife Park. Next, drive to Barron Falls where you'll ride an open-air gondola on a 6-km trip through the treetops of a rainforest. Enjoy dinner and a cultural performance at Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. **Meals BLD**

## 17. A GREAT DAY AT THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Cruise to the Great Barrier Reef, with a biology presentation and a snorkelling demonstration en route. On arrival at the Marine World Outer Reef you can snorkel or view the amazing sights through a glass-bottom vessel, or relax aboard an anchored pontoon platform. **Meals BL**

## 18. FLY TO SYDNEY AND DO SOME EXPLORING

Fly to Sydney, where sightseeing with a local guide includes The Rocks, the Royal Botanic Garden, the central business district, Hyde Park, St. Mary's Cathedral, and the neighbourhoods of Darling Point and Rose Bay. **Meals BL**

## 19. THE OPERA HOUSE AND MORE

Walk to the iconic Sydney Opera House for a tour with a local guide. Enjoy free time to explore the city this afternoon, then join us for a private cruise on Sydney Harbour including a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BD**

## 20. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Sydney, Australia.** Fly home anytime; transfers are included from Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney or InterContinental Sydney to Sydney International Airport. Allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



# 20 DAYS FROM £10,340\*

Includes On-Tour Air

(19 Breakfasts, 13 Lunches & 14 Dinners)

## BEGINS AUCKLAND OR MELBOURNE

Eastbound - 08, 21 Mar

Westbound - 12 Feb 18 Mar **/= Sold Out!**

Go to **tauck.co.uk** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

## PRICE PER PERSON

\*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

### Deluxe Stateroom - Deck 3

Double	£9200	+	£1140	=	£10,340
Single	£11,777	+	£1140	=	£12,917
Triple	N/A				

### Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4

Double	£9450	+	£1140	=	£10,590
Single	£12,522	+	£1140	=	£13,662
Triple	N/A				

### Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5

Double	£9600	+	£1140	=	£10,740
Single	£12,653	+	£1140	=	£13,793
Triple	N/A				

### Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6

Double	£9720	+	£1140	=	£10,860
Single	£12,791	+	£1140	=	£13,931
Triple	N/A				

### Deluxe Suite - Deck 3, 4, 5, 6

Double	£11,350	+	£1140	=	£12,490
Single	£15,377	+	£1140	=	£16,517
Triple	N/A				

### Prestige Suite - Deck 5

Double	£14,150	+	£1140	=	£15,290
Single	N/A				
Triple	£9352	+	£1140	=	£10,492

### Prestige Suite - Deck 6

Double	£14,400	+	£1140	=	£15,540
Single	N/A				
Triple	£9501	+	£1140	=	£10,641

### Privilege Suite - Deck 5, 6

Double	£14,700	+	£1140	=	£15,840
Single	N/A				
Triple	£9694	+	£1140	=	£10,834

**On-tour air included (3 flights)**

**\*International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability).

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**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

**Note:** For activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Please ask about hotel nights before or after your tour. Cruise operates east or west; go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for details. Go to page 104 for *Le Lapérouse* and sister ships' deck plan and specifications.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**



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NEW!

# LEGENDARY SCOTTISH ISLES, EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW



Eilean Donan Castle

THE ROMANTIC, FARFLUNG SCOTTISH ISLANDS of the Shetland and Orkney archipelagos and the Inner and Outer Hebrides beckon on this small ship odyssey where you'll discover timeless windswept landscapes, dramatic mountain ranges, seacliffs, and rolling hills dotted with farms, villages, castles, and ancient ruins. Climb the beehive Iron Age tower at Mousa Broch, explore medieval castles and a 17th century village restored as a living museum, visit the abbey on the Isle of Iona where the Book of Kells originated, hike the Black Cullin where eagles soar, and cruise on wildlife safaris along some of the most magnificent coastlines in Scotland, with time well spent in Scotland's major cities, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Inverness.

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *LE CHAMPLAIN*



### Edinburgh to Glasgow

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Edinburgh <b>SEE DAY 1 FOR HOTELS</b>
2	Sightsee Edinburgh
■ 3	Leith / Edinburgh Embark <i>Le Champlain</i>
■ 4	Inverness
■ 5	Shetland Islands
■ 6	Orkney Islands
■ 7	Isle of Lewis
■ 8	Isle of Skye
■ 9	Isle of Mull / Isle of Iona
10	Greenock / Disembark <i>Le Champlain</i> / Glasgow <b>SEE DAY 10 FOR HOTELS</b>
11	Depart Glasgow

### Glasgow to Edinburgh

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Glasgow <b>SEE DAY 1 FOR HOTELS</b>
■ 2	Sightsee Glasgow / Greenock Embark <i>Le Champlain</i>
■ 3	Isle of Iona / Isle of Mull
■ 4	Isle of Skye
■ 5	Isle of Lewis
■ 6	Orkney Islands
■ 7	Shetland Islands
■ 8	Inverness
9	Disembark <i>Le Champlain</i> / Edinburgh <b>SEE DAY 10 FOR HOTELS</b>
10	Sightsee Edinburgh
11	Depart Edinburgh





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## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £1,561
- All gratuities to Tauck Director(s), ship staff aboard *Le Champlain*, and local guides
- One- and two- night stays in Glasgow and Edinburgh at city-centre hotels, ideally located
- Early private visits to *Britannia*, the Queen's royal yacht, and Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh; lectures by local experts and music, dance and storytelling performances
- Sightseeing excursion choices include visits to antiquities, historic castles, abbeys, museums, nature reserves, a tour and tasting at Tomatin Whisky Distillery and more, along with active choices such as canoeing, and bicycle tours
- Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost
- 25 meals, airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage

### 1. ARRIVE EDINBURGH

**Tour begins 6:00 PM.** A transfer is included from Edinburgh Airport or the Edinburgh Waverley Train Station to your choice of hotels: The Principal Edinburgh Charlotte Square, The Balmoral Hotel, or The Principal Edinburgh George Street in the heart of the city. Settle in, and then join us this evening for a welcome reception which is followed by dinner at the hotel. **Meals D**

### 2. EDINBURGH SIGHTS

Under the watch of its lofty clifftop castle, Edinburgh rambles over rocky hills beside the sea, inviting you into its captivating maze of crooked medieval streets, cosy passages, avenues, shops, pubs, townhouses, and palaces. Begin the day with a visit to Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Scotland (Tauck has arranged a private early opening). Then take a ride through Holyrood Park, a patch of wild Highlands, formerly the royal hunting estate. A guided walking tour of Edinburgh includes medieval Old Town with its enticing nooks and crannies; stately New Town with its Georgian townhouses; the Royal Botanic Garden; Robert Louis Stevenson's birthplace; Charlotte Square; Princes Street; and Inverleith Terrace. The rest of the day and evening are free to explore on your own. **Meals B**

### 3. EDINBURGH CASTLE / ■ EMBARK SHIP

Get a private early visit aboard *Britannia*, the royal yacht of Queen Elizabeth II, now retired from service and berthed at Leith. Then return to Edinburgh's Old Town for a tour of Edinburgh Castle, towering on a crag of volcanic rock above the city skyline. Take a guided walk along the Royal Mile, the main street lined with shops, pubs, townhouses, and intriguing alleyways. Enjoy time to explore on your own, then drive to Leith and embark aboard *Le Champlain*. Enjoy cocktails followed by dinner this evening as you sail for Inverness. **Meals BD**

### 4. ■ CAIRNS AND CAWDOR CASTLE

At Inverness you have a choice of shore excursions. Drive to the Clava Cairns of Bulnuaran, grave monuments dating back to 2500 BC; then visit Cawdor Castle, famous for its association with Shakespeare's Macbeth. Alternatively, see Culloden Moor, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's uprising was defeated in 1746; then tour the grounds of Fort George at Moray Firth. Cruise the

Caledonian Canal to Loch Ness, and visit the ruins of Urquhart Castle. Explore legendary Loch Ness in a Canadian-style canoe\* or tour the Tomatin Whisky Distillery. Join us on ship this evening for the captain's welcome reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ SHETLAND TREASURES

The Shetland Islands are an archipelago of more than a hundred windswept islands, of which only 16 are inhabited. Arrive at Lerwick on the largest island, where you have a choice of shore excursions. Visit Mousa, site of a 2,000-year-old broch (round stone tower), explore its beehive-like chambers and climb to the top for panoramic views; explore Mousa Island, a breeding ground for storm petrels; visit Jarlshof to see a settlement dating from the Stone Age and ride to the top of Sumburgh Head for views of the sea, seabird colonies, and Shetland's first lighthouse; tour the Quendale Water Mill and the Croft House Museum; head west to



Scalloway and visit its 17th-century castle, the Scalloway Museum, and a Shetland Pony farm; or take a guided walking tour through Lerwick. Tonight, a local historian will lecture on the “Shetland Bus” a secret operation that smuggled people in and out of occupied Norway during World War II. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ ORKNEY: SEABIRDS AND MONUMENTS

Arrive in Kirkwall, once a medieval Norwegian port, on the Orkney Mainland, where you have a choice of excursions. Drive to Marwick Head Nature Reserve for a clifftop walk above a seabird city... discover the port town of Stromness, an inspiration for artists, writers, and musicians; take an informative walk along Scapa Flow, site of a British naval base during both world wars... visit the Orkney Brewery for a tour and tasting; enjoy lunch at the elegant Lynnhfield Hotel, and a tour of the Highland Whisky Distillery. Explore Neolithic monuments including the Standing Stones of Stenness, and the awe-inspiring settlement at Skara Brae. Or, take a walking tour of Kirkwall that includes its medieval cathedral, the bishop's palace, Scapa Flow, and the elaborately decorated Italian Chapel, built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. Enjoy music aboard ship, and a storyteller well-versed in local legends. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ LOCHS, BROCHS, AND STANDING STONES

The Isle of Lewis is a dreamlike landscape of windy hills, moors, and rugged shores – you'll dock in Stornoway for a choice of excursions. Embark on a sea safari\* to view marine-life and the magnificent coastline... take a kayak cruise\*... a walking tour on Scalpay introduces you to stunning vistas and Eilean Glas Lighthouse; or visit the Standing Stones of Callanish, and Gearranan Blackhouse Village, 17th-century thatched cottages restored as a living museum. Tonight, enjoy a performance of Scottish music and dance. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ SKYE CASTLES, STORYBOOK LANDSCAPES

Skye is a land of faerie glens, storybook mountains, and landscapes that seem to spring from Tolkien's Middle Earth. From Portree, sightseeing excursions include travel to Sligachan for a guided hike where the wildlife may include red deer and golden eagles... hiking the Storr Walk for breathtaking sea views and a visit to cliffside Dunvegan Castle... a visit to the Kyle of Lochalsh for a visit to Armadale Castle, home of the Clan Donald... afternoon tea at Kinloch Lodge, hosted by Lady MacDonald... a wildlife safari cruise on Raasay Sound... or a visit to iconic Eilean Donan Castle in Kintail. Aboard ship a photographer talks about his work in the Scottish Isles. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ ISLE OF EAGLES, ISLE OF MONKS

The Isle of Mull is also called Eagle Island, having the highest density of eagles in the UK. Take a guided boat tour or a guided hike along the coastal cliffs. Drive to Duart Castle, to explore its dungeons, halls and battlements. Sail to Iona, an island of peace and mystical beauty, where Saint Columba founded Iona Abbey in 563; the Book of Kells is believed to have originated here, and the churchyard is the resting place of Scottish, Norse, and Irish kings. If you wish, take a bicycle tour\* of the island, which is only 2 km wide and 6 km long. **Meals BLD**

## 10. GLASGOW SIGHTS

Disembark *Le Champlain* at Greenock and drive to Glasgow for a tour of city sights including a visit to the Glasgow Riverside Museum. Choose your hotel in the heart of the city: the Principal Blythswood Square Hotel, Glasgow, the Dakota Deluxe Glasgow Hotel, or the Principal Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow. Settle in, then join us this evening for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BD**

## 11. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends Glasgow, Scotland.** Fly home anytime. Transfer is included from the Principal Blythswood Square Hotel, Glasgow, the Dakota Deluxe Glasgow, or Principal Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow to Glasgow Airport or the Glasgow Central Train Station. Allow at least three hours for check-in. **Meals B**

# 11 DAYS FROM £5,290 PLUS AIRFARE

(10 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

### BEGINS EDINBURGH OR GLASGOW

**Eastbound** - Glasgow to Edinburgh

**05 May**

**Westbound** - Edinburgh to Glasgow

**11 May / = Sold Out!**

Go to **tauck.co.uk** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### ■ Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3

Double £5290	Single £7425	Triple N/A
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#### ■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4

Double £5790	Single £8098	Triple N/A
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#### ■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5

Double £5990	Single £8393	Triple N/A
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#### ■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6

Double £6140	Single £8583	Triple N/A
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#### ■ Deluxe Suite – Deck 3, 4, 5, 6

Double £7170	Single £10,032	Triple N/A
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#### ■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5

Double £8590	Single N/A	Triple £5923
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#### ■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6

Double £8960	Single N/A	Triple £6152
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#### ■ Privilege Suite – Deck 5, 6

Double £9090	Single N/A	Triple £6238
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#### ■ Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 5, 6

Double £10,140	Single N/A	Triple N/A
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#### ■ Owner's Suite – Deck 6

Double £10,840	Single N/A	Triple N/A
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**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability).

**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything described in Booking Conditions as well as private Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director(s) and ship staff. Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines available at extra cost. **Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. **Note:** Due to the popularity of this trip, you may be travelling with a group of up to 160 Tauck guests, with one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 Tauck guests. For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Cruise operates east or west; go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for details of eastbound itinerary. See page 104 for deck plans and specifications. **Bookings subject to our Booking Conditions.**



Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for activity and pace level details.



# TREASURES OF THE BRITISH/IRISH ISLES

Isle of Man

ENJOY ISLES OF DELIGHT... Discover Dublin's fair city through music and dancing, in a castle filled with history and a cathedral filled with song. Explore the Isle of Man from coastline to fairy legends. Choose from the Isles of Scilly, one lush with gardens, another regal with ramparts. Immerse in the Victorian charm of Guernsey, occupied during WWII – and beloved by artists always. Ramble in Cork, venture to Kinsale, or kiss the Blarney Stone. Receive early-morning access to the Tower of London, without crowds. Lunch at Hampton Court Palace. Experience *Titanic* sites in Belfast or dramatic vistas, plus Beatles in Liverpool or an ancient walled city called Chester.

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *L'AUSTRAL*



### Dublin to London

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Dublin CONRAD DUBLIN THE WESTBURY THE SHELBOURNE DUBLIN
2	Sightsee Dublin
■ 3	Dublin Embark <i>L'Austral</i>
■ 4	Belfast
■ 5	Isle of Man
■ 6	Liverpool
■ 7	Cobh / Cork / Kinsale
■ 8	Isles of Scilly
■ 9	Guernsey
10	Portsmouth / Disembark <i>L'Austral</i> / London HYATT REGENCY – THE CHURCHILL, LONDON THE LANGHAM, LONDON THE ROYAL HORSEGUARDS
11	London
12	Depart London

### London to Dublin

Day	Destination
1	Arrive London HYATT REGENCY – THE CHURCHILL, LONDON THE LANGHAM, LONDON THE ROYAL HORSEGUARDS
2	Sightsee London
■ 3	Portsmouth Embark <i>L'Austral</i>
■ 4	Guernsey
■ 5	Isles of Scilly
■ 6	Cobh / Cork / Kinsale
■ 7	Liverpool
■ 8	Isle of Man
■ 9	Belfast
10	Dublin / Disembark <i>L'Austral</i> CONRAD DUBLIN THE WESTBURY THE SHELBOURNE DUBLIN
11	Dublin
12	Depart Dublin





## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £2,559
- All gratuities to Tauck Director(s), ship staff aboard *L'Austral*, and local guides
- Two night stays in Dublin and London at premier city-centre hotels, ideally located
- A choice of included shore excursions in every port of call on this 7-night cruise
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Talk by a local historian on “The Troubles” in Belfast, plus a choice of *Titanic*-inspired tours or a scenic coastal drive
- Explore the Isle of Man by steam train, on a guided hike or a panoramic sightseeing tour
- Visit to Abbey Gardens on Tresco Island or St. Mary's Island in the Isles of Scilly
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available throughout the day aboard ship, including house wines and spirits; premium wines and spirits available at extra cost
- 29 meals, airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage

### 1. ARRIVE DUBLIN

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Dublin.** A transfer is included from Dublin Airport to your hotel, the Conrad Dublin, The Westbury or The Shelbourne Dublin, all ideally located near St. Stephen's Green, close to Dublin's iconic sites. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

### 2. DUBLIN CITY SIGHTS

Take in Dublin from St. Stephen's Green and Phoenix Park to O'Connell Street, Georgian Square, the Lord Mayor's Residence, and Christchurch Cathedral. A local guide leads a walk past Parliament to Grafton Street and on to Suffolk Street, home of the famed statue of Molly Malone, selling her cockles and mussels. Enjoy lunch at the Smock Alley Theatre followed by a performance

of Irish song and dance. The rest of your day is free to pursue what interests you most in Dublin. **Meals BL**

### 3. IRISH EMIGRANTS & A CASTLE / ■ EMBARK SHIP

Explore this small island's big impact on the world at EPIC, the Irish emigration museum. You'll discover 1,500 years of Irish history and relive some of the greatest achievements in music, literature, sport, politics, fashion, and science. Visit Dublin Castle to tour the state apartments with a local guide. Free time for lunch is followed by an unforgettable Tauck Exclusive children's choir performance in St. Patrick's Cathedral. This afternoon, embark your ship for the start of your 7-night cruise; settle in and enjoy cocktails on deck before dinner. This evening you sail for Belfast. **Meals BD**

### 4. ■ BELFAST & THE *TITANIC*

In Belfast one sightseeing possibility is a guided tour of landmarks, including the politically charged murals from the 30-year conflict known as the “The Troubles” along with the streets where those struggles divided neighbours. Take in the Harland & Wolff shipyard, birthplace of the *Titanic*, and the Parliament Building of Stormont. Another choice is to visit the *Titanic* Quarter, the headquarters of Harland & Wolff, the offices where the ship was designed, the dock, and the *Titanic Belfast* interactive museum experience, followed by a panoramic city drive. Other choices include a visit to Giant's Causeway, where 40,000 basalt columns march out to sea, or a drive along rural Ards Peninsula, stopping in Stormont, Greyabbey, and Donaghadee. Or drive along the Antrim Coast Road to Glenariff Forest Park for tea. Hear a talk by a local historian on “The Troubles.” **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ A DAY ON THE ISLE OF MAN

Arrive on the Isle of Man. One choice of activities is to follow the island's Celtic and Viking heritage trail through picturesque villages, passing plunging cliffs, sandy beaches, rugged glens, and wild moors, to Fairy Bridge. Keep a lookout for the island's famed tail-free Manx cats – and its legendary “little people” (a.k.a. fairies)! Another possibility is to board a steam train on a narrow gauge railway that passes through the countryside to Castletown, with free time to see its medieval castle. Or take the Victorian Manx Electric Railway through leafy glens and hollows to high cliffs with breathtaking views before transferring to Snaefell Mountain Railway for a ride to the highest point on the island. If you're game for active exploration, go on a guided hike from the thatched village of Cregneash to the Calf of Man to view the resident seals and birds. After lunch aboard ship, you'll have free time to explore the charming town of Douglas on your own. Return to your ship for a Manxian music and dance performance late this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ LIVERPOOL & “THE BRITISH INVASION”

Discover the sights of Liverpool your way – or head to the ancient Roman walled town of Chester, where the medieval black-and-white buildings are some of Britain's



most charming. If you decide to explore Liverpool, one choice is a panoramic tour of this architecturally rich city that takes in Pier Head and Town Hall along with visits inside the Anglican and Metropolitan cathedrals. Another possibility is to follow in the footsteps of the Beatles, seeing their birthplaces, homes, schools, and performance venues, along with touring *The Beatles Story*, an award-winning, interactive museum dedicated to the city's most famous favourite sons. Enjoy the amenities of the ship as you sail for Cork. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ CORK, BLARNEY OR KINSALE

Dock in Cobh or Cork for a choice of sightseeing. Explore the landmark sights of Cork on a guided tour; visit Blarney Castle for a chance to be blessed with the gift of gab; enjoy a drive through lush countryside to seaside Kinsale for free time in town; or walk the Titanic Trail in the colourful seaport village of Cobh, learning about Irish maritime and social history. **Meals BLD**

## 8. ■ THE ISLES OF SCILLY

Today you'll cast anchor between two of the Isles of Scilly. You can join a local historian for a walk along the ramparts of St. Mary's Island, which date back to the Iron Age, followed by free time in the village of Hugh Town. Or, if you prefer, join a gardener for a guided walking tour of the terraced Tresco Abbey Gardens on Tresco Island, home to thousands of exotic plants that flourish in its Mediterranean climate. Set sail this afternoon for the Isle of Guernsey. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ ISLE OF GUERNSEY, ENGLISH CHANNEL

Your day on Guernsey unfolds according to your interests. You can enjoy an overview of the island's highlights, culminating with a taste of traditional cream tea, on a guided sightseeing drive. Or history buffs might find a locally guided tour of WWII sites, including a visit to the German Occupation Museum and the underground military hospital, of great interest. Outdoor enthusiasts will delight in an opportunity to take a hike from the shore to a clifftop trail overlooking the ocean with scenic valley vistas that inspired Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Victor Hugo, ending at a Norman manor house for a gin tasting. Enjoy dinner onboard your ship tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 10. HAMPTON COURT PALACE / LONDON

Disembark in Portsmouth and drive to historic Hampton Court Palace for exploration and lunch. Then you're off to London, where your hotel accommodations may be at the Hyatt Regency – The Churchill; The Langham, London; or The Royal Horseguards. **Meals BL**

## 11. A DAY WELL SPENT IN LONDON

Enjoy a special visit to the Tower of London before it opens to the public. You'll see the Crown Jewels and tour this landmark, the site of so many turbulent historic events. A guided city tour follows, including the Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall,

Buckingham Palace, and more. Have lunch at a pub, before time at leisure. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner tonight at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

## 12. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: London.** Fly home anytime. Transfers are included to the train station, Heathrow Airport, or Gatwick Airport from the Hyatt Regency – The Churchill; The Langham, London; or The Royal Horseguards. You should allow at least three hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 12 DAYS FROM £5,940 PLUS AIRFARE

(11 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

### BEGINS DUBLIN OR LONDON

20 **Apr** 04 **May** – **Westbound** – London to Dublin

27 **Apr** – **Eastbound** – Dublin to London

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

<b>Superior Cabin – Deck 3</b>		
Double £5940	Single £8294	Triple £4353
<b>Deluxe Cabin – Deck 3</b>		
Double £6180	Single £8656	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Cabin – Deck 4</b>		
Double £6440	Single £9018	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Cabin – Deck 5</b>		
Double £6570	Single £9198	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Cabin – Deck 6</b>		
Double £6690	Single £9379	Triple N/A
<b>Deluxe Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £7840	Single N/A	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Suite – Deck 5</b>		
Double £8660	Single N/A	Triple £6174
<b>Prestige Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £8990	Single N/A	Triple £6411
<b>Owner's Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £9740	Single N/A	Triple £6878

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on int'l air for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability).

**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything described in Booking Conditions as well as private Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day aboard ship, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost. Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 Tauck guests.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

**Travel East or West:** Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for westbound itinerary. Ask about additional hotel nights.

Please go to page 106 for deck plans and ship specifications.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**

### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	<b>CONRAD DUBLIN / THE WESTBURY / THE SHELBOURNE DUBLIN</b>	Dublin, Ireland
Night 3-9	<b>ABOARD L'AUSTRAL</b>	Irish Sea / English Channel
Night 10,11	<b>HYATT REGENCY – THE CHURCHILL / THE LANGHAM, LONDON / THE ROYAL HORSEGUARDS</b>	London, England



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# VENICE & THE DALMATIAN COAST

Venice

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *LE LYRIAL*

Day	Destination
■ 1	Arrive Venice / Embark <i>Le Lyrial</i>
■ 2	Korcula
■ 3	Sibenik / Split
■ 4	Dubrovnik
■ 5	Kotor
■ 6	Hvar
■ 7	Pula / Rovinj
8	Disembark Venice / <b>HOTEL DANIELI / WESTIN EUROPA &amp; REGINA</b>
9	Venice
10	Depart Venice







EXPLORE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES, medieval cities, island playgrounds, vineyards and villages on a 7-night cruise from Venice to the jewels of the Adriatic Coast. Kayak in Korcula, hike in Hvar and swim in Krka National Park. Visit Diocletian's Palace in Split, a Roman amphitheatre in Pula and the Doge's Palace in Venice... Taste wine, olive oil, bread, truffles and home-cooked meals as you like in Croatia and Montenegro... take walking tours of walled towns and historic sites... explore by cable car, boat or bicycle... learn about flour making, weaving and glass blowing... the choices are yours and they're all included in this fascinating cruise from Venice to Croatia along the Dalmatian Coast.

## 1. ■ ARRIVE VENICE / EMBARK SHIP

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, *Le Lyrial*, Port of Venice.** A transfer from Marco Polo Airport or Santa Lucia Train Station to Tauck's small ship is included upon your arrival in Venice. Settle into your cabin and join your captain and crew for a welcome briefing, before having cocktails on deck as *Le Lyrial* sails away from Venice past Piazza San Marco into the Adriatic Sea. Dine at leisure. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ THE CROATIAN ISLAND OF KORCULA

Welcome to Korcula, where the explorer Marco Polo was born. You have a choice of ways to discover the island. One option is a guided walking tour of the walled town to see the Cathedral of St. Mark and the town's most famous house, on the site where Marco Polo's family home may have stood. Another choice is a visit to a wine-making estate in the country to enjoy a stroll and a taste of local delicacies. You also have an opportunity to go kayaking\* through the Korcula Archipelago with a local guide or, weather permitting, hiking up mountain trails amidst scenic wooded terrain. Gather for a private Moreska sword dance presentation depicting

a Moroccan folk story, before returning to the ship or staying ashore for time to explore on your own. Your captain invites you to join him aboard ship this evening for a welcome reception, followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ SIBENIK AND SPLIT

Dock in Sibenik, Croatia, for an exciting choice of sightseeing excursions. They include a guided walking tour of Sibenik, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and a visit to a picturesque Dalmatian village; exploration of the medieval town of Trogir, a UNESCO Heritage town boasting stone houses and a stunning 13th-century cathedral, with a stop in a typical country village; or a drive along the Adriatic to Krka National Park for walks and swimming. After lunch, your ship docks in Split for an afternoon of choices. Take a walking tour of historic Split, including a visit to the cellars of Diocletian's Palace, the Cathedral of St. Dujce, and the Temple of Jupiter. Or discover must-see sites like Diocletian's Palace in Split on a guided walk, visit the village of Omis and enjoy a riverboat cruise on the Cetina River. Alternatively, you can go on a guided





## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £1,651
- All gratuities to Tauck Director, ship staff and local experts and guides
- A choice of guided excursions in every port
- Visits to World Heritage Sites in Venice, Dubrovnik, Sibenik, Kotor, Stari Grad Plain, and Split; private Moreska folkloric entertainment; hiking, bicycling and sea kayaking adventures; opportunities for wine and olive oil tastings and a visit to Krka National Park in Croatia
- Two nights at a grand Venetian hotel
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost
- Airport and train station transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 23 meals on land and sea, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage

bicycle tour\* of Split with free time to explore Diocletian's Palace or head into the countryside for a chance to see a bread making demonstration in a charming village where old-time traditions reflect a taste of daily life. Walk through orchards, gardens and olive groves and enjoy an olive oil tasting with your freshly baked bread! Your last option today is an active one which takes you along coastal scenery as you paddle a kayak in the Adriatic Sea. Return to your riverboat for dinner at leisure. **Meals BLD**

### 4. ■ DUBROVNIK, "PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC"

Begin your day in Dubrovnik with an exclusive lecture by a Croatia expert before heading ashore to explore as you wish. Ride a cable car up Srd Hill for a panoramic city view followed by a guided walking tour of Old Town. Or, choose a guided walking tour of the city's medieval walls and a visit to the Maritime Museum. You can join us for a visit to a family-owned winery and a drive along the Croatian Riviera, before exploring Dubrovnik; journey into the countryside to visit two typical Croatian villages, with flour making and silk thread demonstrations; kayak along the city walls, past Lokrum Island to a hidden cave beach or experience local hospitality at a riverside restaurant and during a visit to the seaside resort of Cavtat. The rest of the day is free to experience Dubrovnik as you wish. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ KOTOR IN MONTENEGRO

Discover Kotor a variety of ways. Choose from a guided city walking tour with a village visit and a private boat trip that visits Our Lady of the Rocks Church; a journey to Lovcen Mountain for a culinary tasting; or a boat trip to 17th-century Prcanj. You may also sign up for a foodie tour of Kotor; an olive oil tasting in village of Tici; a visit to a private home to sample local cuisine and a market walk; or a boat ride to the Blue Cave and a beautiful beach for swimming and sunning. The rest of the day is free. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ THE ANCIENT ISLAND OF HVAR

Tender ashore to Hvar, exploring this natural playground as you wish. Your options include a walking tour of the island with visits to the Benedictine Abbey, the fortress and Stari Grad; a beach excursion to the Pakleni Islands for swimming and snorkelling; island hiking; sea kayaking; or an off-road adventure to villages and vistas off-the-beaten path and not frequented by crowds! **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ PULA AND ROVINJ

Guided sightseeing in Pula includes a walking tour of its Roman sites or a visit to its amphitheatre and an olive oil tasting in Vodnjan. Sail to romantic Rovinj for an afternoon of discoveries. Take a walking tour of Rovinj; visit the UNESCO town of Porec and enjoy a wine tasting in the village of Prsurici; tour the Labin National Museum and an artisan workshop in medieval Labin; experience the sparkling delights of Porec, from Roman monuments to Misal family wines; or drive to hilltop Motovun for a guided walk followed by truffle tasting in Livade village. Back on ship, join us for farewell cocktails and dinner. **Meals BLD**



## 8. DISEMBARK SHIP IN VENICE

Sail back to remarkable Venice today, where you'll disembark Le Lyrial and take a walking tour of Venice's San Rocco district. Then board a boat for an excursion that takes you among the picturesque islands of the Venetian Lagoon – part of the region's UNESCO World Heritage Site designation, along with the city of Venice. Pay a visit to the lovely island of Murano, famous for glass production since medieval times. See how artisans still craft their signature glass in the traditional way at a glassblowing demonstration at a Murano studio. Return to Venice for an evening spent as you please. **Meals B**

## 9. EXPLORE THE CANAL CITY

Guided exploration of Venice today reveals the opulence of days past. Your walking tour this morning includes a tour of the Doge's Palace; Piazza San Marco, still the centre of Venetian life; and St. Mark's Basilica, dressed in golden mosaics and treasure filled. Spend the afternoon exploring Venice as you wish. Hold on to your admissions ticket from the Doge's Palace, and use it to visit the Museo Correr, chronicling the history of the Venetian Republic in art and artefacts, on your own. Join us this evening for a festive farewell reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals BD**

## 10. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Venice.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Hotel Danieli / Westin Europa & Regina to Marco Polo Airport or Santa Lucia Train Station. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



Moreska dancers



# 10 DAYS FROM £5,490 PLUS AIRFARE

(9 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

## BEGINS VENICE

20, 27 May 03 Jun 26 Aug 02, 09 Sep

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## LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

<b>Superior Cabin – Deck 3</b>		
Double £5490	Single £7714	Triple £4078
<b>Deluxe Cabin – Deck 3</b>		
Double £5770	Single £8077	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Cabin – Deck 4</b>		
Double £6040	Single £8439	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Cabin – Deck 5</b>		
Double £6160	Single £8619	Triple N/A
<b>Deluxe Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £7440	Single N/A	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Suite – Deck 5</b>		
Double £8250	Single N/A	Triple £5898
<b>Privilege Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £8590	Single N/A	Triple £6132
<b>Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £9290	Single N/A	Triple N/A
<b>Grand Privilege Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £10,680	Single N/A	Triple £7526
<b>Owner's Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £11,040	Single N/A	Triple N/A

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability).

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See page 106 for *Le Lyrial* deck plans and specifications.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**

## FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1-7

Night 8,9

**ABOARD LE LYRIAL**

**HOTEL DANIELI /  
WESTIN EUROPA & REGINA**

Adriatic Sea

Venice, Italy



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for activity and  
pace level details.



# TREASURES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN



Bonifacio

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *LE PONANT*

### Malta to Nice

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Malta <b>HOTEL PHOENICIA MALTA</b>
■ 2	Embark Valletta
■ 3	Taormina, Sicily
■ 4	Lipari
■ 5	Amalfi
■ 6	Ponza
■ 7	Bonifacio
■ 8	Elba
9	Disembark Nice / Saint-Paul-de-Vence / Monte-Carlo <b>FAIRMONT MONTE CARLO</b>
10	Monte-Carlo
11	Depart Nice

### Nice to Malta

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Nice <b>FAIRMONT MONTE CARLO</b>
2	Monte-Carlo
■ 3	Nice / Saint-Paul-de-Vence / Embark Nice
■ 4	Elba
■ 5	Bonifacio
■ 6	Ponza
■ 7	Amalfi
■ 8	Lipari
■ 9	Taormina, Sicily
10	Disembark Valletta / Malta <b>HOTEL PHOENICIA MALTA</b>
11	Depart Malta







MEDITERRANEAN ISLANDS OF *AMORE* invite you ashore with promises of wine, seaside treasures, and daily pleasures. Succumb to the charms of Elba on a choice of visits to Napoleon's summer home and a family vineyard or his winter apartments... experience dramatic cliffs along the Amalfi Coast... go medieval in walled Bonifacio or ride a small ship to coastal shores... explore Ponza's pastel-covered waterfront... discover the wines or archaeological sites of Lipari, the soaring beauty of Taormina or the volcanic landscapes of Mt. Etna... find priceless artefacts hidden behind unassuming doors in Malta... and spend two nights indulging in the glamour of Monte-Carlo.

## 1. ARRIVE MALTA

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Hotel Phoenicia Malta.** A transfer is included from Malta International Airport to the grand Hotel Phoenicia Malta in the thriving port of Valletta. Join us for tonight's private welcome cocktail reception and dinner at an 18th-century palace whose lavish Baroque interiors are reminiscent of Versailles. **Meals D**

## 2. DISCOVER MALTA / ■ EMBARK SHIP

Learn about Malta's 7,000-year-old history at "the Malta Experience," before exploring the island's landmark sites. Take a walking tour of the walled city of Mdina and a coastal drive. In the UNESCO World Heritage city of Valletta, a guided tour includes a visit inside St. John's Co-Cathedral to see its silver and gold-leafed interior and rare art treasures – including the *Beheading of Saint John the Baptist* by Italian painter Caravaggio. Embark *Le Ponant* this afternoon and sail for Sicily. **Meals BD**

## 3. ■ TAORMINA TOWN OR MT. ETNA

Board a Zodiac boat for a ride into Giardini-Naxos, Sicily, where you'll have a choice of shore excursions. Visit the clifftop city of Taormina, perched high above the

sea, for a walking tour with stunning views that takes you up to the ancient Greek theatre and along Corso Umberto through Old Town, lined with piazzas, *palazzi*, duomos, and sidewalk cafés. Or, explore Mount Etna, passing through picturesque villages and navigating volcanic landscapes en route; the views from on high are spectacular! Enjoy your captain's welcome reception followed by dinner this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ HISTORIC SITES OR WINE ON LIPARI

Off the radar to most visitors, Lipari, the largest of the Aeolian Islands, covers just 13 square miles and is known for its capers, sleek black obsidian jewellery, pumice, and sweet Malvasia wine. Take a Zodiac ashore for guided exploration of the island. You may choose to join a local guide for a walking tour and a drive around the island, followed by a self-guided visit to the Archaeological Museum. Or, go for a guided walk in the village of Lipari, tour a bit of the island, and visit an organic winery where art, wine, and nature merge; see the wind tower and vineyards before a tasting on the rooftop terrace. Spend the afternoon at sea as your ship charts a course for the volcanic island of Stromboli. Weather permitting, a nighttime sail by the active volcano during dinner on the deck is magical. **Meals BLD**





## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £1,941
- All gratuities to Tauck Director, ship staff and local guides
- Only 60 guests aboard in 32 staterooms for an intimate cruise experience
- A choice of included shore excursions to Ravello or Positano; medieval Bonifacio or a coastal boat ride to island beaches; Taormina or volcanic Mt. Etna; archaeological sites on Lipari or a wine tasting at Quattropani Winery; and more
- Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost
- Airport transfer upon arrival; airport or train station transfer upon departure as noted
- 25 meals on land & sea, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage

### 5. ■ AMALFI & VISIT RAVELLO OR POSITANO

There's a good reason why the Amalfi Coast has been revered for its natural beauty since before the Middle Ages. Discover it your way after taking a tender to shore for your choice of sightseeing excursions. Both explore the town of Amalfi with a guided visit to its 9th-century cathedral, at the top of a grand staircase in the centre of the town. Then it's off for a drive to clifftop Ravello and historic Villa Rufolo, built in the late 13th century and enchanting with water views; or take a roadtrip to picturesque Positano and a chartered boat ride along the coast. *Le Ponant* departs for the island of Ponza this evening. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ PONZA & CRUISING THE MEDITERRANEAN

Ponza is fringed with dramatic coves and cliffs, its 18th-century harbour is lined with brightly coloured houses and fishing boats, and vineyards cover the hillsides. Go ashore this morning by Zodiac for a quintessential experience of daily life here. Enjoy time as you please before reboarding your ship for lunch and an afternoon at sea en route to Corsica. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ SMALL SHIP DELIGHTS AT CORSICA

Home to coastal towns, lovely beaches, and park-like landscapes, Corsica welcomes small ships only to her fjord-like harbour in Bonifacio; your entrance aboard *Le Ponant* is truly a special moment so be sure to have your camera handy! The port of Bonifacio is nearly hidden, with a deep, narrow harbour sitting at the base of sheer limestone cliffs. Depending on your interests, you can join us for a ride aboard *Le Petit Train* to the walled fortress of Old Town, high on the cliffs overlooking the harbour, followed by a walking tour through its maze of medieval lanes. Or, go for a cruise aboard a local boat to see the bird-rich marine caves in the island's limestone cliffs en route to a local beach. Set sail for the island of Elba later today. **Meals BLD**

### 8. ■ A TASTE OF NAPOLEON'S ELBA

Disembark ship on Elba for a day of exploration, your way. When Napoleon Bonaparte was exiled to this island, he was fortunate enough to summer at a hunting lodge called Villa San Martino, which his sister bought for him for a few pieces of silver and a string of pearls! A guided visit here is followed by time at leisure in Porto Azzurro and a wine tasting at a family-owned winery overlooking the sea. Another shore excursion choice today is a walking tour of harbourside Portoferraio with a visit to Napoleon's winter residence and the theatre he built for his sister, followed by a wine tasting on a piazza with views of the Gulf of Portoferraio. Say farewell to *Le Ponant* at a farewell reception and dinner this evening. **Meals BLD**



## 9. DISEMBARK NICE / SAINT-PAUL-DE-VENCE

Your cruise ends in Nice this morning and is followed by two nights in nearby Monte-Carlo. En route to your hotel, enjoy a guided walking tour in Nice and drive up into the hills to the medieval walled city of Saint-Paul-de-Vence. A stroll along its winding cobblestoned lanes brings you to the grave of the artist Marc Chagall, in a setting with panoramic views of the countryside. Enjoy free time before continuing to your waterfront hotel in the heart of glamorous Monte-Carlo, close to the famous Grand Casino. Spend the evening as you like. **Meals B**

## 10. EXPLORING MONACO-VILLE

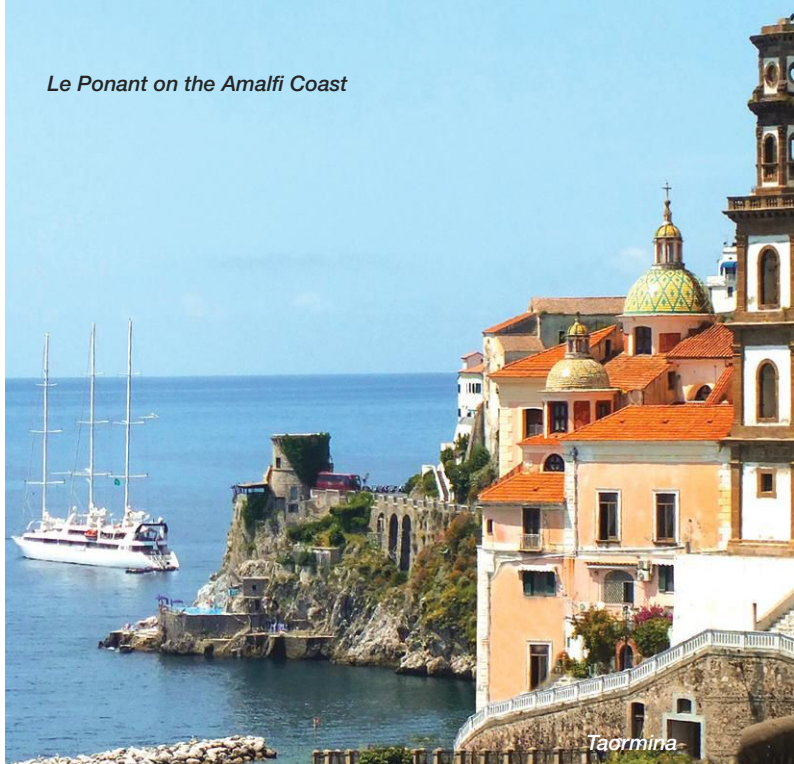
A world away from Monaco's super yachts and designer boutiques, Monaco-Ville reigns atop a rocky peninsula, Le Rocher; discover its old town charms on a sightseeing excursion today, including a visit to Grace Kelly's royal palace and gardens. Spend the afternoon as you wish. Join us this evening for our farewell cocktail reception and dinner overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. **Meals BD**

## 11. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Nice.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Fairmont Monte Carlo to the Côte d'Azur Airport in Nice, and the Nice-Ville, Nice-Riquier, and Monaco-Monte-Carlo train stations. Allow a minimum of 3 hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



## Le Ponant on the Amalfi Coast



## 11 DAYS FROM £5,740 PLUS AIRFARE

(10 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

### BEGINS MALTA

Northbound - Malta to Nice

08 May 05 Jun 21 Aug 1 Sep 09 Oct

/= Sold Out!

### BEGINS NICE

Southbound - Nice to Malta

14 May 11 Jun 13 Aug 03, 17 Sep

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

## LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

Category A	Double £5740	Single £7585	Triple £5484
Category B	Double £5880	Single £7743	Triple N/A

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability). Departure tax is additional.

**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything outlined in Booking Conditions as well as private Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides and ship staff. Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost. Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 Tauck guests.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. **Note:** For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided.

**Travel North or South:** This cruise operates northbound from Malta and southbound from Nice; visit [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for reverse itinerary. Please ask about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise. Go to page 108 for deck plans and ship specifications.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**

## FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1	<b>HOTEL PHOENICIA MALTA</b>	Valletta, Malta
Night 2-8	<b>ABOARD LE PONANT</b>	Mediterranean Sea
Night 9,10*	<b>FAIRMONT MONTE CARLO</b>	Monte-Carlo, Monaco

\*Tour of 05 Jun will stay at Monte Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort.



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# SICILY, THE AMALFI COAST & ROME

Amalfi

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *LE PONANT*

### Rome to Malta

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Rome / HOTEL MAJESTIC ROMA
2	Rome
■ 3	Herculaneum / Embark Naples
■ 4	Amalfi
■ 5	Lipari
■ 6	Trapani
■ 7	Palermo
■ 8	Giardini-Naxos
■ 9	Ortigia Island
10	Disembark Valletta PHOENICIA HOTEL MALTA
11	Depart Malta

### Malta to Rome

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Malta / PHOENICIA HOTEL MALTA
■ 2	Mdina / Embark Valletta
■ 3	Ortigia Island
■ 4	Giardini-Naxos
■ 5	Palermo
■ 6	Trapani
■ 7	Lipari
■ 8	Amalfi
9	Disembark Naples / Herculaneum HOTEL MAJESTIC ROMA
10	Rome
11	Depart Rome







**AT THE CROSSROADS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN...** Big on treasured sights from myriad civilisations, tiny Sicily promises intimate discoveries for every interest... Greek theatres and temples in Segesta, Taormina, Siracusa and Ortigia... Roman antiquities in Rome, Herculaneum, and Lipari... centuries-old villas and private palazzos in Ravello, Palermo and Valletta... co-cultural cathedrals in Monreale and Malta... vineyards cultivated by generations of winemakers in Quattropani and Marsala... nature's awe-inspiring wonders on Stromboli, stratovolcanic Mt. Etna, the medieval Salt Route in Spagnola... and anti-Mafia movements that redefine modern-day Sicily.

## 1. ARRIVE ROME

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Hotel Majestic Roma.** A transfer is included from Rome's Fiumicino and Ciampino airports or Rome's Central and Tiburtina train stations to your hotel, where check-in begins at 2:00 PM. Join us tonight for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner at your hotel, ideally located steps from the Trevi Fountain! **Meals D**

## 2. ROME AND THE VATICAN

Today's tour with our insider guide presents an overview of Rome's sights, including a visit to St. Peter's Basilica. You'll also enjoy your visit inside the Colosseum – and avoid the lines because we have pre-reserved tickets. As a Tauck Exclusive, join us this evening for an after-hours visit to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, experiencing their treasures without crowds. **Meals B**

## 3. HERCULANEUM / ■ EMBARK *LE PONANT*

Depart for Naples, located on the blue Bay of Naples, stopping en route for a traditional Neapolitan lunch and a visit to Herculaneum. Here you'll discover a town frozen in time in 79 AD by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. Studies of the town's ash-covered remains have enabled

archaeologists to piece together a picture of daily life here during the Roman Empire. Schedule permitting, tour Naples before embarking your yacht. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ AMALFI AND RAVELLO OR POSITANO

Ride a Zodiac ashore to the seaside town of Amalfi for a choice of excursions that both include a guided walk to visit the cathedral in the centre of town. One choice is to drive up the hillside along a winding road beside terraced vineyards with views of the sea to the clifftop town of Ravello to visit Villa Rufolo, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Another choice is to travel along the stunning coastal road to Positano, mecca for artists and the well-heeled, returning to Amalfi aboard a chartered motorboat after lunch. Join us onboard ship for your captain's welcome festivities as you sail for Lipari. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ EXPLORE LIPARI YOUR WAY

Lipari's archaeological remains have yielded clues to civilizations dating back to 1700 BC, including Neolithic stones and Greek and Roman ruins. If you wish, discover them on a walking tour with an opportunity to explore the renowned Archaeological Museum on your own.





## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £2,334
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – after-hours visit to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel
- Guided visit to Amalfi's Cathedral and an excursion to clifftop Ravello or seaside Positano
- Archaeological sites or wine tasting on Lipari; exploration of Taormina or volcanic Mt. Etna
- A visit to Monreale Cathedral and a wine tasting; or an anti-Mafia walking tour and a visit to a private palazzo in Palermo
- Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages are available all day aboard ship, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at an extra cost
- Airport or train station transfer upon arrival; airport transfer upon departure
- 26 meals, all gratuities to Tauck Director, ship staff and local guides, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage

If you prefer, drive across the island to the village of Quattropani for a tour of its organic winery and wind tower; enjoy a wine tasting on the rooftop terrace overlooking beautiful island vistas. Return to your ship for lunch and an afternoon at sea. Weather permitting, dine al fresco on the Sun Deck tonight as we sail by Stromboli, home to one of the world's virtually constantly active volcanoes! The view is unforgettable! **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ SEGESTA AND ERICE OR SPAGNOLA

Come ashore in Trapani on the island of Sicily to embark on the included excursion of your choice. Drive to Segesta to see the well-preserved remains of its Greek temple, followed by a locally guided visit and lunch in the medieval hill town of Erice, suspended high above the sea with breathtaking views; ride back down to Trapani by cable car. Or, head out to Spagnola on the famous "Salt Route," flanked by glittering ponds and salt mountains, for a tasting and a tour of a salt museum. Continue to a winery in Marsala to sample a selection of wines paired with local specialties, and enjoy coffee and home-made treats at the home of a baroness, an elegant 18th-century villa lush with gardens. Have dinner at leisure aboard ship this evening. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ MONREALE OR PALERMO

Wake up docked in Sicily's capital city of Palermo for your choice of guided shore excursions. One choice takes you to visit the domed Cathedral of Monreale, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the pearl of Arab-Norman art and architecture, followed by a visit to a family-owned vineyard for a tasting tour. If Mafia lore sounds intriguing instead, choose our walking tour of Palermo with an anti-Mafia Addiopizzo activist; you'll see places where merchants and residents are defying Mafia muscle. Your walk ends with an unforgettable visit to a city icon – the private Palazzo Gangi, one of the most beautiful 18th-century buildings in Palermo, still owned by the direct descendants of the Valguarnera family. Everyone joins up for an insider tour of the magnificent Palermo Opera House, which is the largest opera house in Italy. Return to the ship later this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

### 8. ■ TAORMINA OR MT. ETNA

Tender ashore in Giardini-Naxos. One excursion choice is ascending to clifftop Taormina, with beautiful views of the sea, for a guided walking tour of the ancient Teatro Greco, and a stroll along Corso Umberto, lined with medieval buildings, cafés, galleries, and shops. Return to ship for lunch or stay in Taormina exploring its picturesque lanes as you wish. Or, head to Mt. Etna to discover the villages and lava landscapes surrounding the volcano. A cable car and special off-road vehicle\* take you up the mountain and professional alpine guides show you the sights on high. Spend some time as you please ashore before returning to the ship; tonight, following dinner, sail for Siracusa. **Meals BLD**



## 9. ■ SIRACUSA OR NOTO

Dock on Ortigia Island for your choice of sightseeing. One excursion choice is discovering ancient Siracusa and the Parco Archeologico della Neapolis on a walking tour with a local guide; see the ancient Greek Theatre and the Latomia del Paradiso, a limestone quarry planted with gardens of orange and olive trees. Return to Ortigia for a walking tour of the duomo and the 6th-century Temple of Apollo. Your other choice this morning is to drive through the countryside to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Noto, an outdoor museum of palatial Baroque architecture. Sail for Malta late afternoon. Festivities onboard ship this evening include your captain's farewell reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 10. DISEMBARK SHIP / MALTA

Disembark in Valletta on the island of Malta. Sightseeing today includes a coastal drive, a walking tour of the walled town of Mdina, a visit to richly decorated St. John's Co-Cathedral, and a stop at "the Malta Experience," where an audio-visual presentation tells the story of the island's 7,000-year history. Enjoy some free time in Valletta, then arrive at your hotel. Join us for our farewell reception and dinner in the lavish ballroom of private Palazzo Parisio, once the hunting lodge of the Grand Master of the Order of the Knights of Malta. **Meals BD**

## 11. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Valletta.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included to Malta International Airport from the Phoenicia Hotel Malta. Allow a minimum of three hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



Palazzo Gangi



Spagnola

**11 DAYS FROM £6,190 PLUS AIRFARE**  
(10 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

### BEGINS MALTA OR ROME

**Northbound from Malta – 22 May 19 Jun 25 Sep**

**Southbound from Rome – 28 May 25 Jun 01 Oct / = Sold Out!**

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

Category A	Double £6190	Single £8112	Triple £5934
Category B	Double £6360	Single £8269	Triple N/A

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**Travel North or South –** Cruise operates northbound from Malta and southbound from Rome. Sightseeing is identical; northbound itinerary is available at [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) or upon request. Ask about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise. See page 108 for deck plans and ship specifications.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**

### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	<b>HOTEL MAJESTIC ROMA</b>	Rome, Italy
Night 3-9	<b>ABOARD LE PONANT</b>	Mediterranean Sea
Night 10	<b>PHOENICIA HOTEL MALTA</b>	Valletta, Malta



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for activity and  
pace level details.





Palma de Mallorca

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 8 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD WINDSTAR'S  
*WIND SURF*

### Barcelona to Lisbon

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Barcelona EL PALACE HOTEL
2	Barcelona
■ 3	Embark Barcelona
■ 4	Palma de Mallorca
■ 5	Cartagena
■ 6	Almería / Granada
■ 7	Málaga
■ 8	Gibraltar
■ 9	Cádiz / Seville
■ 10	Day at Sea
11	Disembark Lisbon / Sintra INTERCONTINENTAL LISBON
12	Lisbon
13	Depart Lisbon

### Lisbon to Barcelona

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Lisbon INTERCONTINENTAL LISBON
2	Lisbon
■ 3	Sintra / Embark Lisbon
■ 4	Day at Sea
■ 5	Cádiz / Seville
■ 6	Gibraltar
■ 7	Málaga
■ 8	Almería / Granada
■ 9	Cartagena
■ 10	Palma de Mallorca
11	Disembark Barcelona / EL PALACE HOTEL
12	Barcelona
13	Depart Barcelona







**TREASURED SIGHTS ABOUND...** as you cruise aboard your Windstar yacht to places honoured by history and the sea. Whimsy rules in Barcelona, in architecture, food and music, locally flavoured and fun. Pleasures reign in Palma de Mallorca and Cartagena. Moorish marvels astound in Granada. Modern-day Málaga tempts with sherry and dancing horses. Cast anchor in British-ruled Gibraltar and sensual Seville as you cruise to ports of call along the Iberian Peninsula. Visit a medieval palace in Sintra, colourful shore-lined Cascais and the Roman ruins at Cartagena. View monuments to seafarers past during two nights in Lisbon highlighted by an exclusive palace dinner.

## 1. ARRIVE BARCELONA

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Hotel El Palace Barcelona.** A transfer is included from Barcelona Airport or Barcelona Franco or Sants train stations to El Palace Barcelona in the centre of the city, near Las Ramblas. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. **Meals D**

## 2. BEST OF BARCELONA

Sightseeing today includes a guided tasting walk through trendy Gràcia, one of the city's liveliest neighbourhoods, and visits to Gaudí's unconventional and still unfinished cathedral, la Sagrada Família, and his whimsical Parc Güell, a UNESCO World Heritage Site of colourful buildings embellished with glass and ceramic mosaics, sculpted animals and creative furnishings. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city as you please. **Meals BL**

## 3. CATALONIA CULTURE / ■ EMBARK SHIP

Enjoy a private visit to the Palau de la Música Catalana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, that truly is a palace of music. Continue exploring the city on a choice of

excursions that includes a walking tour through medieval Barri Gòtic or a visit to Gaudí's modernist La Pedrera. Embark your Windstar yacht this afternoon. **Meals BD**

## 4. ■ PALMA DE MALLORCA

Disembark after breakfast for a guided walking tour of Palma. Visit the 14th-century Bellver Castle and the Gothic Cathedral, La Seu; its interior was remodelled by Antoni Gaudí and it's considered to be one of the most breathtaking buildings in all of Spain. Enjoy time to explore as you wish before returning to the ship for an afternoon sail away. Join your ship captain for a welcome reception, followed by dinner at leisure. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ ROMAN RUINS & JAMON IN CARTAGENA

Discover the "Pompeii of Spain" at the ancient Roman Forum of Cartagena after a leisurely morning cruise; see its 1st-century thermal baths, Atrium Building and Greco-Roman shrine. Roman, Byzantine, Moorish, Art Nouveau, and Modernist architecture mix in this fascinating city. A wine tasting and Spanish ham demonstration promise an authentic taste of daily life here. **Meals BLD**





*Alhambra Palace*



*Málaga*

## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £2,357
- All gratuities to Tauck Director, ship staff, local guides and drivers
- 8-night cruise aboard *Wind Surf*; two-night stays at premier hotels in Lisbon and Barcelona with guided city sightseeing
- Special Tauck Experiences: visit to a manor house in Málaga for a sherry tasting and a private Andalucían horse show; wine tasting in Cartagena; a private visit to the Palau de la Música Catalana in Barcelona and an exclusive farewell dinner at Lisbon's Palace of Queluz
- Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost
- Airport and train transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 30 meals on land and at sea, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes, and portage

### 6. ■ ALMERÍA / THE MOORISH ALHAMBRA

Arrive in Almería this morning for a scenic drive to the 13th-century Moorish Alhambra Palace and the Generalife gardens in Granada, designed as a Moorish vision of Paradise on Earth. After a guided tour and lunch, return to the ship and sail for Málaga. **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ A TASTE OF DAILY LIFE IN MÁLAGA

The land of dancing Andalucían horses and sherry welcomes you ashore in Málaga and invites you inside a typical manor for a private horse show, a sip of sherry and a tapas tasting. Enjoy a walking tour of Málaga, seeing Plaza Merced, the birthplace of Pablo Picasso and the ruins of 8th-century Alcazaba (Moorish castle). Those who wish may choose to view the impressive collection of works by Pablo Picasso at the Picasso Museum, honouring his artistic legacy. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the sights as you wish. **Meals BLD**

### 8. ■ THE BRITISH ROCK, GIBRALTAR

Just six-and-a-half square kilometres, the limestone Rock of Gibraltar rises out of the sea to a height of 426 metres and is often referred to as the gateway to the Mediterranean. Explore the British-ruled Rock today as you visit the sites of this legendary place, including streets steeped in British traditions, St. Michael's Cave and monkeys. Sail for Cadiz this evening. **Meals BLD**

### 9. ■ SIGHTS OF SEVILLE

Learn about Cádiz as you drive to Seville with a local guide who points out interesting sights along the way. In Seville, walk through the arcaded Neo-classical Plaza de España, followed by a choice of afternoon visits. Choose a tour of the Gothic Cathedral to see the tomb believed to be that of Christopher Columbus or take the opportunity to go inside Real Alcázar, Seville's Royal Palace, a stunning blend of Christian and Mudéjar architecture. The rest of the day is free. **Meals BLD**



## 10. ■ SPEND THE DAY AT SEA

Spend the entire day at sea enjoying the amenities aboard your Windstar yacht. A lecture by your Tauck Director shares insights about the regions you explore on this cruise; a spa visit pampers; and a chance to relax on deck with your favourite book is heavenly. Dine as you wish, enjoying your last night aboard ship your way. **Meals BLD**

## 11. DISEMBARK IN LISBON / SEE SINTRA

Disembark ship in Lisbon this morning and head to Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a visit to the 11th-century Royal Palace. A Moorish palace and a showcase of richly decorated glazed tiles, it is a highlight of any visit to Portugal. Continue to the seaside fishing village of Cascais, its bay dotted with brightly coloured boats, for lunch as you wish. Back in Lisbon, settle into your hotel for a two-night stay. Spend the rest of the day exploring the sights of Lisbon as you wish. **Meals B**

## 12. LISBON LANDMARKS

A vision of carefully planned, elegant streets steeped in history, Lisbon's city centre welcomes with an 18th-century ambiance that bears witness to its days of glory during the Discovery Age. A guided tour of the city this morning showcases Edward VII Park, the downtown Baixa area, and a visit to Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, built with "pepper money" profits from the spice trade. Visit the Maritime Museum, chronicling the history of Portugal's pioneering role in sea exploration, and enjoy a photo stop at the Monument to the Discoveries along the Tagus River. Your afternoon is free to explore Lisbon



as you please. We invite you to join us tonight for an exclusive farewell dinner in the Throne Room at the 18th-century Palacio Nacional de Queluz. **Meals BD**

## 13. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Lisbon.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included to Lisbon International Airport or Santa Apolonia Train Station from InterContinental Lisbon hotel. Allow three hours for check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 13 DAYS FROM £5,490 PLUS AIRFARE

(12 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 10 Dinners)

### BEGINS BARCELONA OR LISBON

**Westbound – Barcelona to Lisbon**

27 Jun 01 Sep 27 Oct

**Eastbound – Lisbon to Barcelona**

21 Apr 05 Jul 09 Sep **/= Sold Out!**

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### July

Category B	Double £5490	Single £7596	Triple N/A
Category BX Deluxe	Double £5650	Single £7734	Triple N/A
Category A	Double £5740	Single £7798	Triple N/A
Category AX Deluxe	Double £5860	Single £7941	Triple N/A
Suites	Double £6890	Single N/A	Triple £6633

#### April – June; September – October

Category B	Double £5940	Single £8013	Triple N/A
Category BX Deluxe	Double £6060	Single £8148	Triple N/A
Category A	Double £6140	Single £8217	Triple N/A
Category AX Deluxe	Double £6270	Single £8354	Triple N/A
Suites	Double £7290	Single N/A	Triple £7047

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability).

**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything described in General Information as well as private Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost. Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 Tauck guests.

**Travel East or West:** Cruise operates west from Barcelona and east from Lisbon. Sightseeing is identical; go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for eastbound itinerary or ask at booking.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Ask about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise.

See page 116 for Windstar's *Wind Surf* deck plans and specifications.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**

### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	EL PALACE HOTEL	Barcelona, Spain
Night 3-10	ABOARD WIND SURF	Mediterranean Sea
Night 11,12	INTERCONTINENTAL LISBON	Lisbon, Portugal



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# TREASURES OF THE AEGEAN



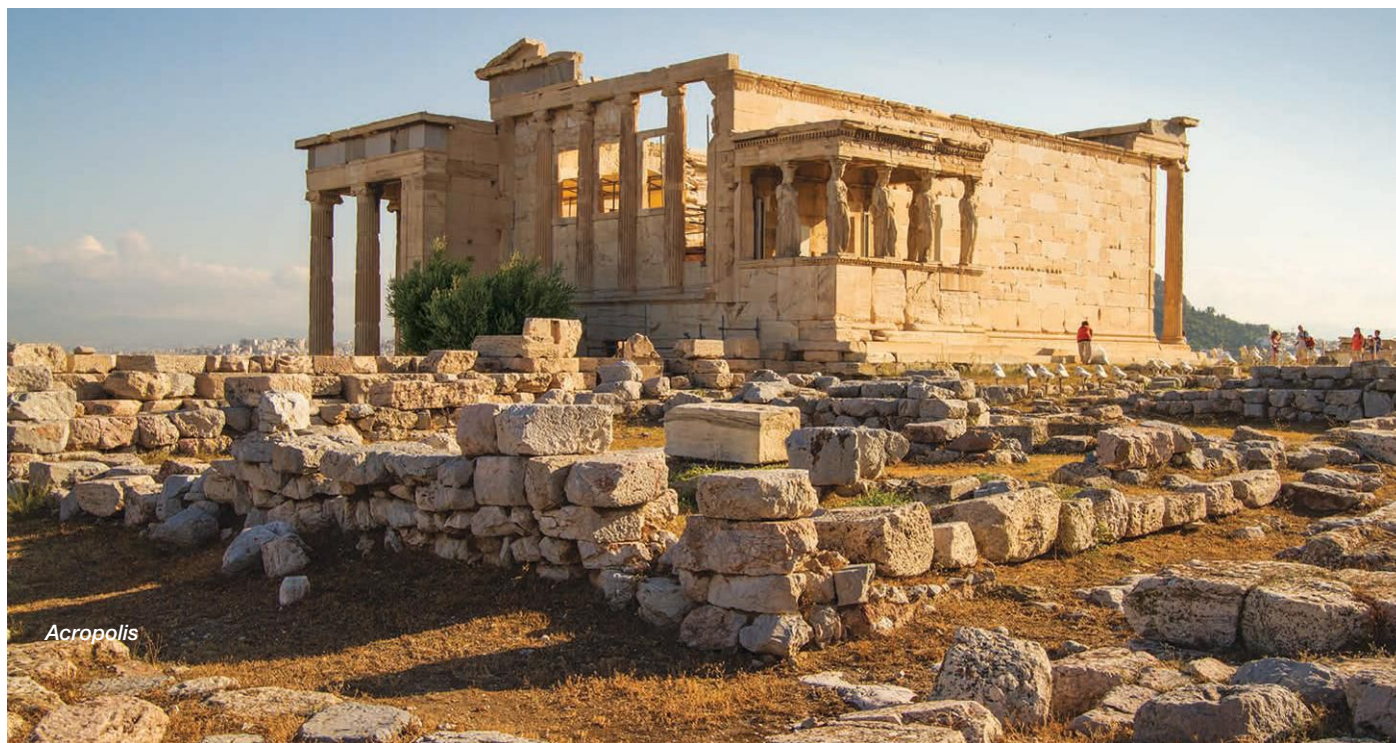
## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *WIND STAR*

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Athens / HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE
2	Athens
■ 3	Athens / Embark
■ 4	Nafplion / Mycenae
■ 5	Mykonos
■ 6	Kusadasi / Ephesus
■ 7	Patmos
■ 8	Santorini
■ 9	Aegean Sea / Monemvasia
10	Disembark Athens
	Depart Athens







Acropolis

**YOUR AEGEAN ODYSSEY**... aboard *Wind Star* blends ancient with modern in a kaleidoscope of discoveries... Go back in time in Greece, seeing antiquities in Athens, Epidaurus and Mycenae that reflect its glory at the height of its power... sail to islands steeped in legend, lore and sunshine... Mykonos, playground of the rich and famous... Delos, holiest of all Greek sanctuaries... Santorini, eye-candy perfect with its blue-domed buildings... Patmos, whose cultural treasures have attracted pilgrims for centuries... and Monemvasia, "the Gibraltar of the East"... plus the ancient Greco-Roman city of Ephesus in Turkey...

## 1. ARRIVE ATHENS

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Hotel Grande Bretagne.** A transfer is included from Eleftherios Venizelos, Athens' International Airport to Hotel Grande Bretagne. Located in the centre of Athens, across from the Greek Parliament buildings, your historic hotel has been a favourite of crowned heads and heads of state for more than 130 years. Please join us for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel this evening. **Meals D**

## 2. THE HEIGHT OF HISTORY AT THE ACROPOLIS

You can see it from your hotel... and in the quiet early morning, before the crowds, you'll visit the Acropolis of Athens, the rock on which four of the greatest masterpieces of classical Greek art and architecture sit: the Parthenon, the Propylaea, the Erechtheum, and the Temple of Athena Nike. Perhaps the best-known ruins in the world, the remains of Athens' central citadel reign over the city in ancient splendour. Today also includes a visit to the new Acropolis Museum, a towering modern work of concrete and glass with a direct view of the Parthenon. Spend the rest of the day as you wish in Athens, perhaps on the Grand Promenade, a pedestrian paradise built for the 2004 Olympics, not far from your hotel, lined with antiquities and modern cafés. **Meals B**

## 3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM / ■ EMBARK

Begin your day with a guided tour through the National Archaeological Museum of Athens; considered one of the top ten museums in the world, its collection of Greek artefacts is unrivalled. Then travel to Piraeus, where you'll embark your yacht, *Wind Star*, in time for lunch. Enjoy a cocktail hour, an evening briefing and dinner onboard at your leisure as you sail for Nafplion. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ NAFPLION, MYCENAE & EPIDAUROS

Nafplion (also known as Nauplion), on the Peloponnese Peninsula, is considered one of the most beautiful and romantic towns in Greece. Nestled by the sea with two mountains and a fortress overlooking the town, the unique architecture of Nafplion includes ancient walls, medieval castles, Ottoman fountains, Venetian and Neoclassical buildings. This historic city is the starting point for your choices of exploration today. One choice includes visits to three important sites around the Bay of Argolis – the architectural remnants of the tomb of Agamemnon, who led the Greeks during the Trojan War, in Mycenae, a fortified citadel that was first settled in 3000 BC; Palmydis Castle, set high above the town of Nafplion; and, after lunch, a guided walking tour of Nafplion, followed by some time to explore on your own.



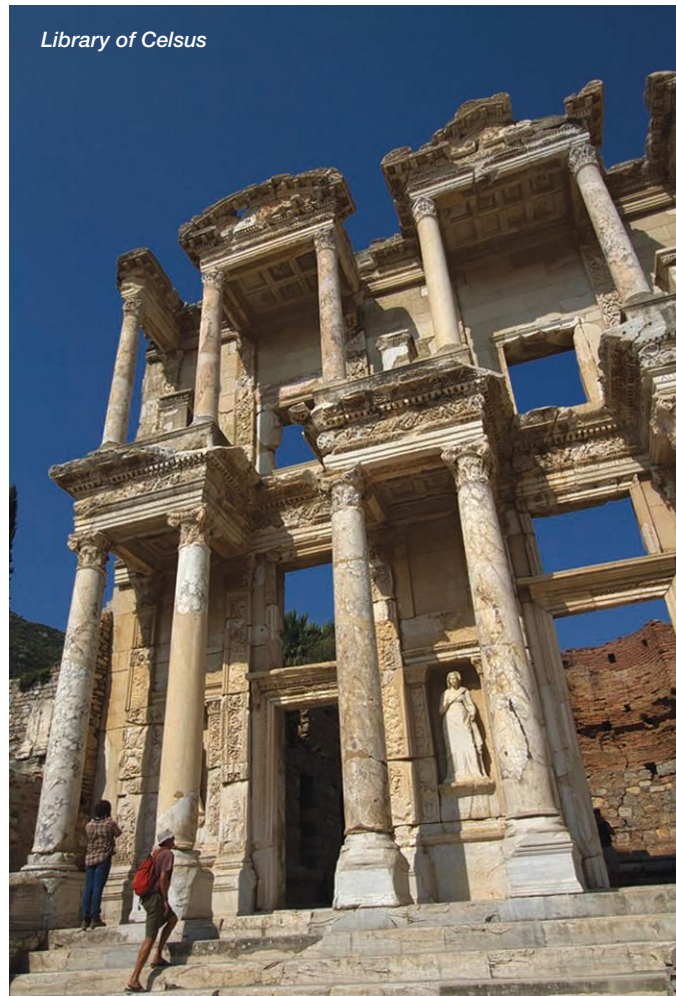
Or you can choose a different excursion that takes in Agamemnon's tomb at Mycenae, then visits the Ancient Theatre of Epidauros. This 4th-century amphitheatre is still used for performances today and is known for remarkable acoustics that allow the voice of a speaker on stage to reach the top row of spectators. Epidauros was also home to one of the most renowned healing centres in the classical world. Have lunch at a winery and spend some time in pretty Nafplion to do as you please. Return to the ship for cocktails and dinner as *Wind Star* sets sail for the island of Mykonos. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ EXPLORE MYKONOS & DELOS

Arrive at the island of Mykonos and take your pick of activities: a guided tour of this lively island, including a visit to the 16th-century church in the village of Ano Mera; or a boat ride to the archaeological site of Delos, where you'll find remnants of its reign as the holiest of all Greek sanctuaries. Ancient laws forbade anyone to be born or die on this island; even today, no one is allowed to stay the night! Return to *Wind Star* for lunch and spend the afternoon at leisure on Mykonos, exploring the labyrinthine town on your own. Dine onboard tonight as the ship continues on to Kusadasi in Turkey. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ KUSADASI & ANCIENT EPHESUS

Cast anchor in the port city of Kusadasi, Turkey, and join us for an excursion to Ephesus, one of the world's best-preserved classical cities revealing important vestiges of an ancient Roman civilisation; in its heyday, marble lined the streets, fountains flowed, and an eternal



Library of Celsus

# TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £2,181
- All gratuities to Tauck Director, ship staff aboard *Wind Star*, local guides and drivers
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – A dinner with music at the Library of Celsus in ancient Ephesus
- A 7-night cruise aboard the yacht *Wind Star* to Nafplion, the Greek Islands of Mykonos, Santorini, Patmos and Monemvasia
- Visit Kusadasi and explore Ephesus in Turkey
- 2 nights at the Hotel Grande Bretagne in Athens, with in-depth sightseeing of the Greek capital
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 24 meals on land and at sea, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes, and portage

flame burned upon a sacred altar. Take a walking tour of the ancient city, seeing the Odeon, Temple of Hadrian, Trajan's Fountain, the Arcadian Way and the two-tiered Library of Celsus. Back in Kusadasi, lunch at a local restaurant is made more colourful by a carpet demonstration. Tonight you'll return to the Library of Celsus for a special al fresco dinner with music by the Aegean Chamber Orchestra. *Wind Star* charts a course for the island of Patmos tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ CHOICES IN PATMOS

The island of Patmos is an important Christian pilgrimage site for its role in the writing of the Book of Revelations in the Christian Bible. You have three activity choices today in the old village of Chora, the island's capital. One includes a tour of the fortresslike 11th-century Monastery of St. John the Theologian and its museum and a visit to the Grotto of St. John – the Cave of the Apocalypse. Another choice features visits to the Monastery of St. John the Theologian, the Convent of Zoodochos Pigi, and a working studio where centuries-old Christian icons are restored. Or, hone your creative eye on a guided photography tour of Chora's labyrinth of winding cobbled streets and arched alleyways. Spend the afternoon exploring the historic port of Skala as you like, returning to the ship for an evening sail away. **Meals BLD**



## 8. ■ CRUISE TO SANTORINI ISLAND

*Wind Star* arrives early into the ancient volcanic caldera of Santorini; its multicoloured cliffs are most picturesque. Travel ashore by motor launch for an island tour that takes you to Athinios Port and then up to Fira, the island's capital city. Visit the Prehistoric Museum of Fira, and enjoy stunning views of the city's blue-domed buildings as well as the picture-perfect port. You'll have the opportunity to see these treasures by cable car, atop Santorini's famous donkeys, or on foot. The ship offers tender service to and from the port, giving you the opportunity to explore the island at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ CRUISING THE AEGEAN / MONEMVASIA

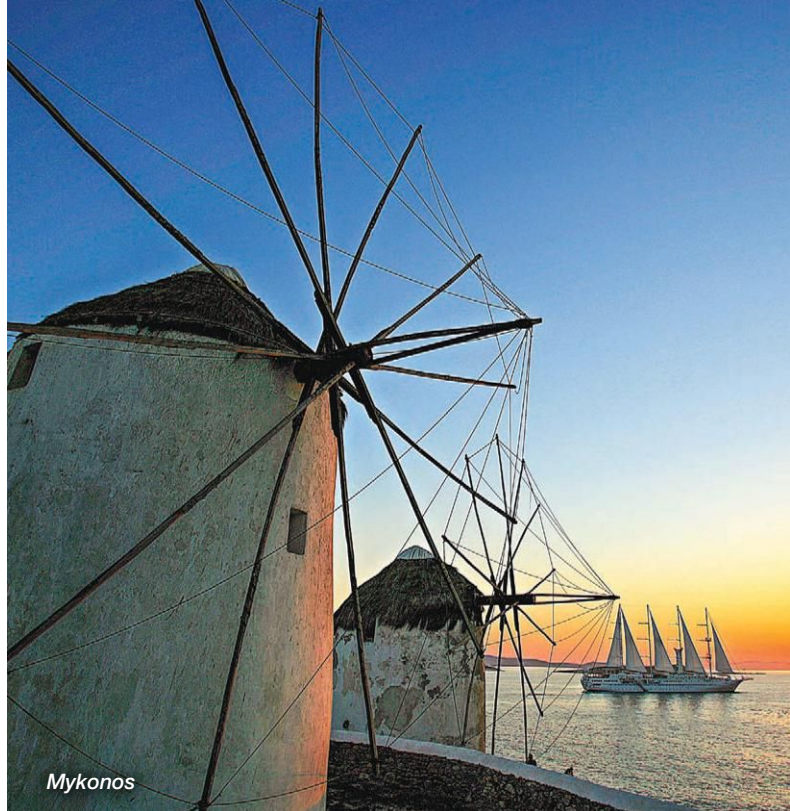
*Wind Star* arrives midday at the town of Monemvasia, set on a rock-like island off the Peloponnese's east coast that was separated from the mainland by an earthquake around 375 AD. Nicknamed "the Gibraltar of the East," Monemvasia had been ruled by the Byzantines, Venetians and Ottomans before becoming part of an independent Greece in the 19th century. Traces of its many occupiers over the centuries can be seen on a walking tour through its cobbled pathways exploring on your own. Join us tonight for a farewell cocktail reception followed by dinner as *Wind Star* returns to Athens via Piraeus. **Meals BLD**

## 10. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: 9:00 AM at Eleftherios Venizelos, Athens' International Airport.** Disembark *Wind Star* for an 8:15 AM transfer. Flights should depart after 12:00 PM due to disembarkation schedules which cannot be guaranteed. Allow a minimum of 3 hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**



Nafplion



Mykonos

### 10 DAYS FROM £5,490 PLUS AIRFARE

(9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

#### BEGINS & ENDS IN ATHENS

~~03, 30~~ May ~~06, 13, 20, 27~~ Jun 04, 11, 18, 25 Jul 01, 08, 15 Aug  
~~03, 12, 19, 26~~ Sep ~~03~~ Oct **/ = Sold Out!**

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

#### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

Category B	Double £5490	Single £7261	Triple N/A
Category BX - Deluxe	Double £5650	Single £7398	Triple £5456
Category A	Double £5740	Single £7468	Triple N/A
Category AX - Deluxe	Double £5860	Single £7613	Triple N/A

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability).

**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything described in General Information as well as private Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff; alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost. Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 Tauck guests. Ask about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise.

**Note:** Land portion of this cruise involves significant walking, as vehicle access is often limited. Sightseeing in Athens, the Greek Islands and Ephesus features ancient sites with many steps and uneven terrain, making walking more difficult.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

See page 114 for *Wind Star* deck plans and specifications.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**

#### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	<b>HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE</b>	Athens, Greece
Night 3-9	<b>ABOARD WIND STAR</b>	Aegean Sea



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# ST. PETERSBURG & THE BALTIC SEA



Tallinn

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *LE DUMONT D'URVILLE*



### Copenhagen to Stockholm

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Copenhagen <b>SCANDIC COPENHAGEN OR RADISSON BLU ROYAL HOTEL COPENHAGEN</b>
2	Sightsee Copenhagen
■ 3	Roskilde / Embark Copenhagen
■ 4	Cruising the Baltic Sea – <i>Day at Sea</i>
■ 5	Tallinn
■ 6	St. Petersburg
■ 7	St. Petersburg
■ 8	St. Petersburg
■ 9	Helsinki
10	Disembark Stockholm <b>RADISSON BLU WATERFRONT HOTEL OR SHERATON STOCKHOLM</b>
11	Sightsee Stockholm
12	Depart Stockholm

### Stockholm to Copenhagen

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Stockholm <b>RADISSON BLU WATERFRONT HOTEL OR SHERATON STOCKHOLM</b>
2	Sightsee Stockholm
■ 3	Embark Stockholm
■ 4	Helsinki
■ 5	St. Petersburg
■ 6	St. Petersburg
■ 7	St. Petersburg
■ 8	Tallinn
■ 9	Cruising the Baltic Sea – <i>Day at Sea</i>
10	Disembark Copenhagen <b>SCANDIC COPENHAGEN OR RADISSON BLU ROYAL HOTEL COPENHAGEN</b>
11	Roskilde / Copenhagen
12	Depart Copenhagen





A WARM WELCOME AWAITS... in colourful Copenhagen, in stylish Stockholm – hotbed of design and delights – and in opulent palaces long closed to outsiders in culturally rich St. Petersburg. Tauck takes you inside history... in Copenhagen's Amalienborg, home to the royal family... in the Viking capital of Roskilde... down cobblestone streets and winding lanes in Estonia's ancient Tallinn... at treasured museums, royal summer retreats and a palatial venue for ballet and opera in St. Petersburg... with guided visits to landmark sites and a Tauck Exclusive evening at a world-famous maritime museum... the fitting conclusion to your luxury cruise on the Baltic Sea.

## 1. ARRIVE COPENHAGEN

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Scandic Copenhagen or Radisson Blu Royal Hotel Copenhagen.** A transfer is included from Copenhagen Airport to the Scandic Copenhagen or Radisson Blu Royal Hotel Copenhagen. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner tonight. **Meals D**

## 2. THE SIGHTS OF COLOURFUL COPENHAGEN

Enjoy some of Copenhagen's most iconic sights today, including Amalienborg, home to the Danish royal family; the statue of *The Little Mermaid*; and a walk back in time to Old Copenhagen in colourful Nyhavn, the frequent home of Hans Christian Andersen. Spend the rest of the day exploring as you wish. You may want to stroll along fashionable Strøget, or visit historic Tivoli Gardens, opened in 1843 – Tauck includes admission. **Meals B**

## 3. ROSKILDE / ■ EMBARK LE DUMONT D'URVILLE

Nearly a millennium ago, Roskilde was Denmark's first capital. Travel to this ancient Viking town for a visit to the Viking Ship Museum; its collection of Nordic vessels includes full-size replicas of prehistoric boats and 11th-century Viking ships excavated from the sea. Return

to Copenhagen and embark your Explorer class yacht, *Le Dumont d'Urville*, for your 7-night cruise. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ CRUISING THE BALTIC SEA

Spend a full day cruising. Enjoy your ship's many amenities as you cruise the Baltic Sea to Estonia... like a workout in the window-walled fitness centre, a dip in the pool, or time to relax and watch underwater life in the multi-sensory Blue Eye lounge; bar and restaurant beverages are complimentary throughout the day for Tauck guests, including house wines and spirits. Join us for a welcome reception and a gala dinner this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ ANCIENT TALLINN, ESTONIA

Dock in walled Tallinn, one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe. Drive through its modern suburbs and take a walking tour along its cobblestone streets with your local guide. Meander through winding streets to Toompea Castle, the seat of the Parliament of the Republic of Estonia; and feel the energy of Market Square, in existence since the eleventh century. Visit restored St. Nicholas Church, today a museum specializing in works of religious art. After free time to





explore on your own, our shuttle will bring you back to the ship; set sail for Russia this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ PETERHOF PALACE OR CATHERINE'S PALACE

Arrive in St. Petersburg, where your ship docks for two nights. Disembark for a day of sightseeing in Peter the Great's "Window to the West." You have a choice today of a tour of the Peterhof Palace ("the Russian Versailles"), with its magnificent gardens and fountains; or a visit to Pushkin and Catherine's Palace, the Rococo-style summer

residence of the Romanovs, expanded by Empress Catherine the Great, with its lavish interiors and striking blue and white façade. Both excursions include lunch at a local restaurant with folkloric entertainment for a taste of regional fare before returning to the ship. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ ST. PETERSBURG, YOUR WAY

Sightseeing choices today invite you to explore the treasures of St. Petersburg as you like. Visit the Fabergé Museum in Shuvalov Palace, displaying works by the renowned Russian jeweller Carl Fabergé – including the famous group of nine Imperial Easter Eggs he created for Russia's last two czars. Following lunch at a local restaurant, drive to the Church of the Spilled Blood for a guided tour, beautiful inside and out. Or explore St. Isaac's Square and visit its cathedral, the fourth largest in the world, with a local guide who shares insights about the Russian czars that are buried there, including Peter the Great. After lunch, continue to the Peter and Paul Fortress and the Peter and Paul Cathedral where members of the Romanov dynasty have been laid to rest. Return to the ship for an early pre-theatre dinner that precedes a memorable night of cultural entertainment at Yusupov Palace featuring a tour, champagne reception, and private Russian ballet and music performances! **Meals BLD**

## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £2,542
- Gratuities to Tauck Director(s), ship staff aboard *Le Dumont d'Urville* and local guides
- Exclusive Tauck lecturer onboard ship
- Two nights in Copenhagen and in Stockholm; guided tours of Helsinki and Tallinn
- Special Russian cultural evening in St. Petersburg; exclusive private farewell reception and dinner at Stockholm's Vasa Museum
- Visit to The State Hermitage Museum; tour choices including Catherine Palace or Peterhof Palace; Fabergé or St. Isaac's Square
- Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost
- 27 meals, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage

## 8. ■ THE STATE HERMITAGE MUSEUM

Tauck's privately guided excursions take you inside St. Petersburg's most revered sights at the best times to see them to allow for more leisurely exploration. Today, head for Palace Square and a visit to The State Hermitage Museum. Its vast collections – including prehistoric artefacts, classical antiquities, Western European art, and golden treasures – reflect the development of art and culture throughout the ages, and rank among the world's finest. After lunch, enjoy time on your own. Dine aboard ship tonight as you cruise to Helsinki, Finland. **Meals BLD**

## 9. ■ HELSINKI, FINLAND'S "CITY BY THE SEA"

Surrounded on three sides by water, Helsinki awaits your discovery today. See neo-Classical Senate Square,



Helsinki Cathedral, the Sibelius Monument honouring the beloved Finnish composer, the city's colourful Market Square and underground TempPELLIAUKIO (Rock) Church, hewn from solid rock in the 1960s. Join us for the captain's farewell reception and dinner tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 10. STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN'S CAPITAL

Disembark in Stockholm, strategically positioned on 14 islands. Discover the islands on a boat cruise this morning along the city's canals. Then, join a local guide for a walking tour of Gamla Stan (Old Town). Visit City Hall and check into your hotel, ideally located in the heart of the city. The rest of the day is free to spend as you please and enjoy dinner on your own. **Meals B**

## 11. ROYAL STOCKHOLM & VASA MUSEUM

Your morning begins with a guided visit to Stockholm's historic Royal Swedish Opera building, opened at the turn of the 20th century, and continues with a stop at the city's Royal Palace to watch the changing of the guard. The rest of the day is yours to explore more of Sweden's capital city on your own. Tonight, join us for a Tauck Exclusive: a private farewell reception and dinner at the Vasa Museum, home to the world's only preserved 17th-century warship, which sank in Stockholm Harbor following its launch in 1628 and was salvaged from the bottom in 1961. **Meals BD**

## 12. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Stockholm.** Fly home anytime. A transfer from Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel or Sheraton Stockholm to Stockholm's Arlanda Airport or Central Train Station is included. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**



Vasa Museum

## 12 DAYS FROM £6,190 PLUS AIRFARE

(11 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

### BEGINS COPENHAGEN OR STOCKHOLM

07, 21 Jul – **Northbound** – Copenhagen to Stockholm

30 Jun 14 Jul – **Southbound** – Stockholm to Copenhagen

Go to **tauck.co.uk** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

<b>Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3</b>		
Double £6190	Single £8675	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4</b>		
Double £6680	Single £9351	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5</b>		
Double £6890	Single £9641	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6</b>		
Double £7040	Single £9834	Triple N/A
<b>Deluxe Suite – Deck 3, 4, 5, 6</b>		
Double £8060	Single £11,282	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Suite – Deck 5</b>		
Double £9490	Single N/A	Triple £6757
<b>Prestige Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £9860	Single N/A	Triple £6992
<b>Privilege Suite – Deck 5, 6</b>		
Double £9990	Single N/A	Triple £7081
<b>Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 5, 6</b>		
Double £11,040	Single N/A	Triple N/A
<b>Owner's Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £11,740	Single N/A	Triple N/A

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**Travel North or South:** Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for southbound itinerary.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Please ask about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise. See page 104 for *Le Dumont d'Urville* deck plans and ship specifications.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**

### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	<b>SCANDIC COPENHAGEN OR RADISSON BLU ROYAL HOTEL COPENHAGEN</b>	Copenhagen, Denmark
Night 3-9	<b>ABOARD LE DUMONT D'URVILLE</b>	Baltic Sea
Night 10,11	<b>SHERATON STOCKHOLM OR RADISSON BLU WATERFRONT HOTEL</b>	Stockholm, Sweden



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# NORWEGIAN FJORDS & COASTAL TREASURES

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

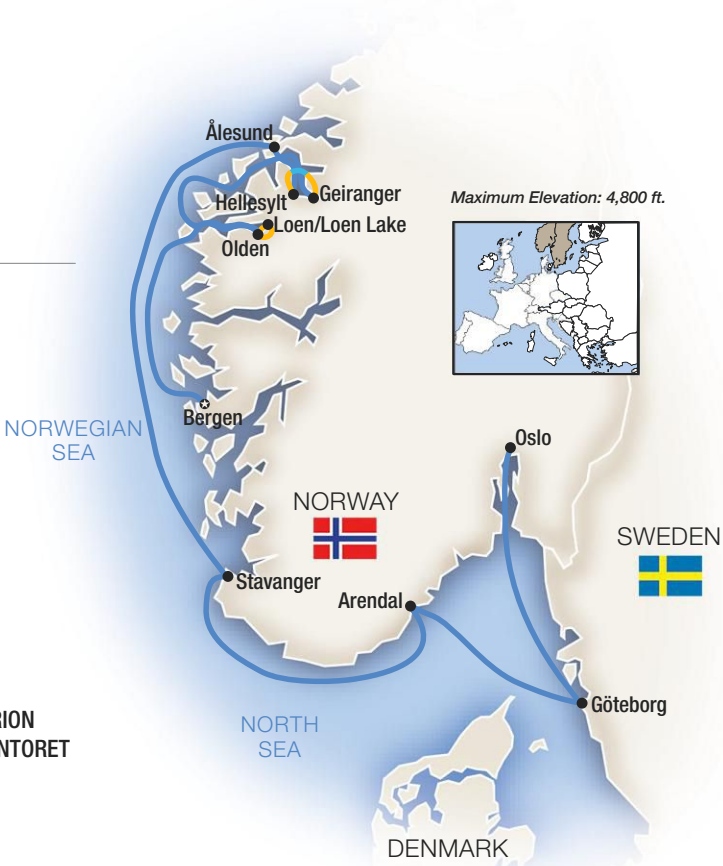
■ 7 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *LE DUMONT D'URVILLE*

### Bergen to Oslo

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Bergen RADISSON BLU ROYAL HOTEL, BERGEN / CLARION COLLECTION HAVNEKONTORET
■ 2	Bergen / Embark Bergen
■ 3	Olden / Mt. Hoven
■ 4	Hellesylt
■ 5	Ålesund
■ 6	Stavanger
■ 7	Arendal
■ 8	Göteborg
9	Disembark Oslo GRAND HOTEL OSLO HOTEL BRISTOL
10	Depart Oslo

### Oslo to Bergen

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Oslo GRAND HOTEL OSLO HOTEL BRISTOL
■ 2	Oslo / Embark Oslo
■ 3	Göteborg
■ 4	Arendal
■ 5	Stavanger
■ 6	Ålesund
■ 7	Hellesylt
■ 8	Olden / Mt. Hoven
9	Disembark Bergen RADISSON BLU ROYAL HOTEL, BERGEN / CLARION COLLECTION HAVNEKONTORET
10	Depart Bergen







**REVEL IN SPECTACULAR BLUE FJORDS AND MOUNTAINS...** glaciers, waterfalls, idyllic valleys dotted with villages... and culture past and present. Bookended by overnight stays at premier downtown hotels in Bergen and Oslo, your seven-night cruise is highlighted by insights from an onboard expert, along with a choice of included shore excursions from seashore to mountaintop. Discover glaciers up close by boat or troll car... explore villages on guided walks, by bicycle or while paddling a kayak, and ride a gondola to inspiring mountain vistas. Visit an Iron Age farm, Viking ships, a musician's home, a sculptor's park, the Volvo Museum in Sweden, and much more!

## 1. WELCOME TO BERGEN

**Tour begins: 5:15 PM, Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Bergen or Clarion Collection Havnekontoret.** A transfer is included upon arrival from Bergen Airport to your hotel in Bergen, steps from the wharf district. Join us tonight for a welcome dinner overlooking Bergen Harbour. **Meals D**

Nordfjord, for a gondola ride to the summit of Mt. Hoven followed by a choice of shore excursions. Drive into the scenic Loen Valley for a boat cruise and a guided walk that rewards you with views of Kjenndal Glacier. Or journey to Jostedalsbreen National Park for a troll car ride and a walk with scenic vistas to Briksdal Glacier, set between roaring waterfalls and high peaks. **Meals BLD**

## 2. ■ BRYGGEN AND EDVARD GRIEG

A local guide leads you on a walking tour of the historic Bryggen harbour area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in cosmopolitan Bergen, one of Northern Europe's oldest port cities, with free time to explore as you wish. Visit a traditional Norwegian stave church before heading to Trolldhaugen, the home of Edvard Grieg, Norway's greatest composer. After your guided tour, enjoy a reception and a private piano concert featuring Grieg's music. Embark your ship in time for dinner onboard and set off on your cruise this evening. **Meals BD**

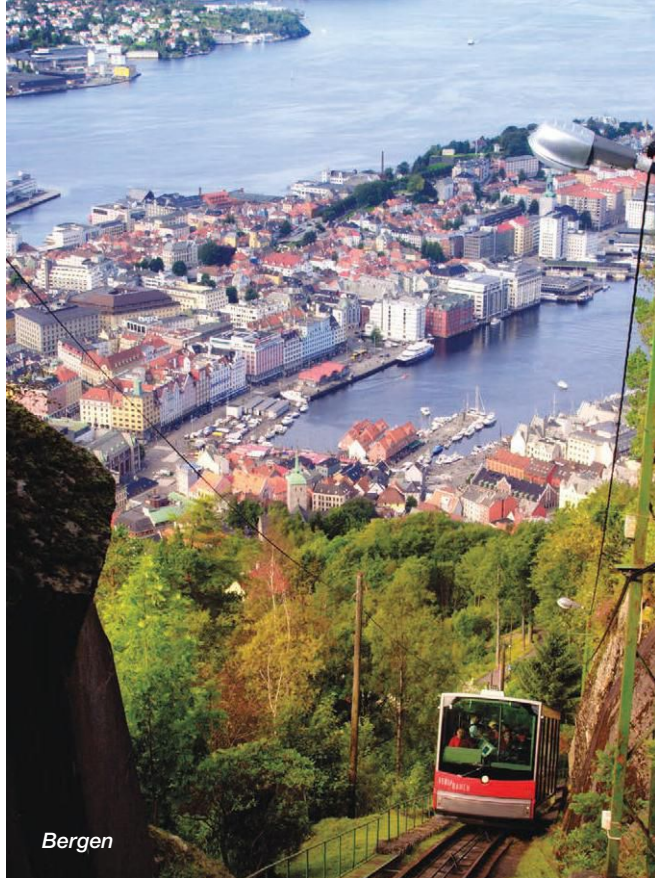
## 4. ■ GEIRANGERFJORD OR DALSNIBBA

Dock in Hellesylt this morning for a day of shore exploration that unfolds your way. You may choose to spend the day touring the Geirangerfjord, part of the West Norwegian Fjords UNESCO World Heritage Site, from the sea to the mountains with a local guide, including a gondola ride up to the Sunnmøre "Alps" and lunch at a local restaurant. Or, stay onboard as your ship cruises to the charming village of Geiranger, disembarking for time at leisure to explore on your own, followed by a drive up Dalsnibba to Europe's highest fjord lookout for breathtaking views from the nearly mile-high summit. Active outdoor enthusiasts may choose to explore the fjord up close on a guided kayaking\* trip that ends with free time in Geiranger. It's all aboard late afternoon as your ship charts a course for Ålesund. Dine at leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ KJENNDAL GLACIER OR BRIKSDAL GLACIER

During a morning at sea cruising to fjord country, our onboard lecturer gives a talk, sharing insights about the region. After lunch, disembark in Olden, a village on





Bergen

## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £2,148
- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – A lecturer onboard ship during the cruise to provide insider insights and presentations for Tauck guests
- 7-night cruise, with premier hotel stays and sightseeing in Oslo and Bergen
- An exclusive tour, reception and private concert at Edvard Grieg's historic home in Bergen
- A choice of fjord country sightseeing: a private guided cruise on Lake Loen and a walk to Kjenndal Glacier or a troll car ride and views of Briksdal Glacier; Geirangerfjord, with a gondola ride up to the Sunnmøre "Alps," Dalsnibba or kayaking that ends in Geiranger
- Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost
- 25 meals; all gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides and ship staff; airport and train transfers as noted; applicable fuel surcharges, service charges, portage and taxes

### 5. ■ DRIVE, WALK, BIKE OR KAYAK IN ÅLESUND

Picturesque Ålesund, the most important fishing harbour in Norway, spreads across seven islands on the Atlantic coast. You have a choice of sightseeing here today. One possibility is to join our local expert for a walking tour of the city's Art Nouveau (*Jugendstil*) architecture. Or join us for a panoramic sightseeing tour, driving from island to island through an intricate network of granite tunnels. If you enjoy active exploration, join a local guide for a bicycle tour of the city or discover the sights by water as you paddle a kayak with an expert guide. Return to your ship for lunch and spend the afternoon cruising south, listening to a talk by our onboard expert who shares insights about life in Norway and Sweden. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ STAVANGER, PAST AND PRESENT

Explore Stavanger, Norway's oil capital, today on a choice of included excursions. One possibility is to visit Swords in Rock, commemorating the Battle of Hafrsfjord in 872, when Norway's first king united the individual states of the region as one kingdom. Step back to prehistoric times at the interpretive Iron Age Farm, an archaeological site where ancient people shared long buildings with animals at one end and their owners at the other. End your sightseeing with a return to modern day during a visit to the Norwegian Petroleum Museum. As an alternative, join a local guide on a fascinating walking tour of Old Stavanger, a settlement of small white wooden houses from the 1800s on narrow streets paved by ballast blocks. This afternoon, your ship sails the Lysefjord with views of the steep, flat-topped cliff, Preikestolen, known as the "Pulpit Rock." **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ EXPERIENCE ARENDAL

Enjoy your ship's amenities and a presentation by our onboard expert during a morning of cruising. Arrive in the village of Arendal midday for a walking tour and free time to explore until you sail for Sweden this evening. **Meals BLD**

### 8. ■ A MORNING IN GÖTEBORG, SWEDEN

Welcome to Sweden's second largest city, Göteborg (Gothenburg), laced with canals, parks, flower gardens, and riverside pleasures. Take in the narrow canals of



Viking Ship Museum, Oslo





Långgatorna; the magnificent green landscapes of Kungsparken, a city-centre park completed in the 1850s that hugs a zigzagging canal; and the lovely views of Kungsportsavenyn, inspired by the Champs-Élysées and known to the locals simply as Avenyn or “the avenue.” You have a choice of visits today. One possibility is to tour the Volvo Museum, chronicling the history and development of the iconic Swedish cars; your other choice is a visit to the city’s Botanical Garden, one of the largest botanical gardens in Europe, which is spread out in a vast nature reserve; walk and wander along the pathways, through the rock garden, and beyond as you like. Return to your ship midday, and enjoy lunch as you sail up the west coast of Sweden toward Oslo. **Meals BLD**

## 9. VIKING SHIPS, POLAR EXPEDITIONS & ART

Disembark ship in Oslo after breakfast for a city tour – and an introduction to some of Norway’s heroes, from Arctic exploration to the arts. Visit the Viking Ship Museum where you’ll see two of the world’s best-preserved wooden Viking ships. Learn about Norway’s history of polar expeditions at the Fram Museum and step onboard the wooden polar ship *Fram* for a look around. Then discover Norway’s favourite sculptor, Gustav Vigeland, on a guided walk at palatial Frogner Sculpture Park, where his granite and bronze human figures fill the park with life and emotion, capturing the free-spirited sensibility of the Norwegians, their strong connection to nature, and their willingness to embrace the totality of human experience. The afternoon is free to spend as you please in Oslo – the city is renowned for its museums. Tonight, we invite you to join us for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 10. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Oslo.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included today to Oslo’s Gardermoen International Airport or Oslo Central Station (train) from the Grand Hotel Oslo or Hotel Bristol. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

## 10 DAYS FROM £5,740 PLUS AIRFARE

(9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

### BEGINS BERGEN OR OSLO

**Eastbound** – Bergen to Oslo

01, 15 Jun

**Westbound** – Oslo to Bergen

08 Jun

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

<b>Deluxe Cabin – Deck 3</b>		
Double £5740	Single £7999	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Cabin – Deck 4</b>		
Double £6190	Single £8682	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Cabin – Deck 5</b>		
Double £6390	Single £8964	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Cabin – Deck 6</b>		
Double £6540	Single £9163	Triple N/A
<b>Deluxe Suite – Deck 3, 4, 5, 6</b>		
Double £7580	Single £10,613	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Suite – Deck 5</b>		
Double £9070	Single N/A	Triple £6412
<b>Prestige Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £9370	Single N/A	Triple £6648
<b>Privilege Suite – Deck 5, 6</b>		
Double £9490	Single N/A	Triple £6738
<b>Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 5, 6</b>		
Double £10,540	Single N/A	Triple N/A
<b>Owner’s Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £11,240	Single N/A	Triple N/A

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability).

**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything described in Booking Conditions as well as private Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost. Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 Tauck guests.

**Travel East or West:** Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for westbound itinerary.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. **Note:** For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided.

Ask about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise. Go to page 104 for deck plans and ship specifications.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**

### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1	<b>RADISSON BLU ROYAL HOTEL, BERGEN / CLARION COLLECTION HAVNEKONTORET</b>	Bergen
Night 2-8	<b>ABOARD LE DUMONT D'URVILLE</b>	Norwegian & North seas
Night 9	<b>GRAND HOTEL OSLO / HOTEL BRISTOL</b>	Oslo



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# EXPEDITIONS

Designed for up-close exploration of wildlife-rich shores, our expeditionary cruises offer hands-on, eyes-open revelations of often unseen worlds. Cruise aboard ships comfortably at home in tropical waters or glacial seas, navigating exhilarating adventures on land and at sea. Our expeditionary cruises explore the treasures of North America, Latin America, the Polar Regions, and the Galápagos Islands... every cruise is unique, filled with extraordinary discoveries.









NEW!



# ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE

Tracy Arm Fjord

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *LE SOLÉAL*

### Vancouver to Juneau

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Vancouver</b> Embark Vancouver
■ 2	Day at Sea
■ 3	Ketchikan
■ 4	Sitka
■ 5	Tracy Arm Fjord – Day at Sea
■ 6	Haines
■ 7	Skagway
8	Disembark Juneau <b>Depart Juneau</b>

### Juneau to Vancouver

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Juneau</b> Embark Juneau
■ 2	Skagway
■ 3	Haines
■ 4	Tracy Arm Fjord – Day at Sea
■ 5	Sitka
■ 6	Ketchikan
■ 7	Day at Sea
8	Disembark Vancouver <b>Depart Vancouver</b>







CRUISE THROUGH ALASKA'S LEGENDARY INSIDE PASSAGE... surrounded by some of the most dramatic and wildlife-rich scenery on Earth; a perfect combination of natural and cultural history. Travel through awe-inspiring ice-capped waters; take a gentle float trip through an eagle preserve; enjoy wildlife and canoe safaris, wilderness kayaking, a sled dog experience, scenic rail journeys, opportunities to view orcas, seals... and just possibly, the ever-elusive bears. Days are diverse with sightseeing choices, including visits to a Gold Rush city, an ancient Indian village, a commercial fishing boat, and the historic fishing town of Sitka.

## 1. ■ ARRIVE JUNEAU

**Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Juneau.** You should arrive in Juneau by 2:00 PM; a transfer is included from Juneau International Airport to Centennial Hall, then on to embarkation aboard *Le Soléal*. Dine on the ship this evening as you get to know your fellow guests. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ SKAGWAY, WHITE PASS, AND MORE

Awaken in Skagway to a day steeped in Gold Rush lore, and a choice between six different sightseeing activities. First choice is an opportunity to explore the National Landmark District of Skagway and White Pass. Take an antique streetcar tour of the frontier city and a round-trip excursion by vintage train to White Pass Summit. Second choice is a rail journey to White Pass Summit, continuing on to Fraser, British Columbia, and the Yukon Suspension Bridge; catch the scenic South Klondike Highway for the return trip, with a stop for lunch at Jewell Gardens on the site of an historic pioneer farm. Third choice is an opportunity to board a vintage rail car to Fraser, British Columbia and a kayak excursion\*. Fourth choice is Glacier Point Wilderness Safari aboard a vessel designed for viewing marine life (possibly whales and sea lions) to a remote beach at Glacier Point, then paddling a canoe\* across an iceberg-studded lake to

the face of a glacier for a 1.6 km hike. Fifth choice is a drive to Canada's Yukon territory with visits to the native village of Carcross, the Wildlife Museum, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Heritage Centre in Saskatchewan, and the Dog Musher's Village, where mushers train their dogs for the Yukon Quest dogsled race. And your sixth choice is a drive from Skagway by way of a 4x4 truck and a customised summertime dog sled\* to a Dog Musher's Camp. All shore excursions return to Skagway; in the afternoon, explore the city as you please. As you sail for Haines tonight, join your captain for a welcome reception onboard ship. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ EAGLE REFUGE & ANCIENT KLUKWAN

Anchor in Haines for a day of choice that starts with a drive along Haines Highway past Fort Seward and up the Chilkat River to the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve. Within the preserve is the Tlingit village of Klukwan where you'll take in a tribal performance and gain insights into local culture and customs. Then board a float\* for a gentle ride through the preserve – the largest concentration of bald eagles in the world; the river is filled with salmon, one of their favourite snacks. Alternatively, you can take a narrated drive through Fort Seward and the Chilkoot Valley, home to brown bears, mountain goats, river otters, and bald eagles;





the area is a birdwatcher's paradise... or see downtown Haines and Fort Seward, then go kayaking\* on Chilkoot Lake (no experience necessary)... embark on a wildlife safari by canoe\*... hike with a naturalist guide along the Chilkat Inlet at Chilkat State Park... or drive along the spectacular Chilkat Peninsula to visit the oldest seafood cannery in Alaska, and the American Bald Eagle Raptor Centre. Spend an afternoon pursuing your own interests in Haines; you might want to poke around the shops or visit the Hammer Museum, "the world's first museum dedicated to man's first tool, the hammer." **Meals BLD**

#### 4. ■ CRUISING TRACY ARM FJORD

Hit the decks with your camera ready for one of the highlights of your cruise in the Inside Passage: a day sailing in the Tracy Arm Fjord. The drama of its sheer cliffs and towering waterfalls is rivalled only by the massive chunks of ice scattered across the water, like so many ice sculptures. Calved from the glacier at the head of the fjord, the ice comes in every shade of blue and white – some even seem fluorescent. Don't be surprised to find families of seals possibly sunning themselves on the ice and noting your arrival with interest. Also keep an eye open for orcas and, on the rugged cliffs that rise up from the water, mountain goats. You will take it all in while cruising aboard the yacht, and get an insider's view of this special corner of the wilderness from presentations by Tauck's onboard naturalist. **Meals BLD**

## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by natural history experts plus other select touches
- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £871
- All shore excursion choices are included, such as a vintage rail journey to White Pass Summit, wildlife safari at Chilkat Lake, visit to a sled-dog camp, visit to a Tlingit village, float trip at Alaska Chilkat Eagle Preserve, catamaran sail and crab fishing, visit to the Alaska Raptor Centre, visit to the Saxman Native Village in Ketchikan, kayaking, cruise aboard a commercial fishing boat and more
- Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost
- 20 meals, airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage

#### 5. ■ SITKA - BEARS, RAPTORS AND TALES

In Sitka today, Russian, Tlingit and American cultures merge in a choice of shore excursions. Drive through the historic district to view the sights; visit the Alaska Raptor Centre where injured birds of prey are rescued and rehabilitated; at Sitka National Historic Park, wander through the lush rainforest along paths where totems depict stories of the Tlingit people, or join your local guide on a short walk... alternatively, visit the Alaska Raptor Centre, the Fortress of the Bear and Sitka National Historic Park... or visit the Alaska Raptor Centre, the Russian Cathedral, and enjoy a guided nature walk... or go on an alpine adventure hike in the subalpine Harbour Mountain Recreation Area, overlooking Sitka Sound and neighbouring islands. **Meals BLD**







## 6. ■ TOTEM POLES & RAINFOREST SANCTUARY

Welcome to Ketchikan, where a choice of shore excursions awaits. Drive to Saxman Native Village, home of what may be the world's largest collection of standing Native American totem poles – each a story unto itself. Get to know more about tribal traditions – and maybe learn a few dance steps – in the clan house... other excursions include a short drive up the coast to rustic Herring Cove for a tour of the Alaska Rainforest Sanctuary by a local naturalist then on to the Herring Bay Lumber Company sawmill to meet a master totem carver, and see eagles and other birds of prey up close at the Alaska Raptor Centre... a Ketchikan cultural discovery tour that explores the town's interesting history and rich heritage... a drive up the coast for a catamaran cruise to explore a wilderness estuary in Tongass National Forest where you'll learn about estuary life such as the local crabs – and have an opportunity to pull crab pots and enjoy a Dungeness crab lunch... a kayak adventure\* through Tongass National Forest to the Eagle Islands... or an Inside Passage cruise aboard a commercial fishing boat, the *Aleutian Ballad* (featured on the series *Deadliest Catch*), to witness the lives of Bering Sea fishermen firsthand. Lunch on ship, then spend some free time in Ketchikan before sailing for Vancouver. **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ CRUISING THE COAST OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Spend a full day cruising. As you wend your way along the line of glacier-forged fjords at the foot of the mountains edging British Columbia, you'll pass the Great Bear Rainforest; kilometres of untouched wilderness; the 1918 ghost town of Buteedale (weather permitting); and perhaps spot some whales, dolphins, or sea lions. Enjoy the many amenities offered by your ship. **Meals BLD**

## 8. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Vancouver.** Disembark this morning in Vancouver. Transfers are included from *Le Soléal* to Vancouver Int'l Airport or to your post-stay hotel, Fairmont Pacific Rim. Flights should not be booked earlier than 1:30 PM. You should allow at least three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

## PRESENTATION BY AN AWARD-WINNING TV HOST



At a special presentation on all departures Chris Morgan – wildlife researcher and TV host – shares insights, observations and stories on Alaskan grizzly bears and conservation efforts.

## 8 DAYS FROM £4,840\*

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

### BEGINS JUNEAU OR VANCOUVER

**Northbound** – Vancouver to Juneau  
27 Jul

**Southbound** – Juneau to Vancouver  
20 Jul 03 Aug

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### ■ Superior Cabin – Deck 3

Double £4840	Single £6749	Triple £3654
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#### ■ Deluxe Cabin – Deck 3

Double £5080	Single £7112	Triple N/A
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#### ■ Prestige Cabin – Deck 4

Double £5340	Single £7473	Triple N/A
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#### ■ Prestige Cabin – Deck 5

Double £5470	Single £7654	Triple N/A
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#### ■ Prestige Cabin – Deck 6

Double £5590	Single £7835	Triple N/A
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#### ■ Deluxe Suite – Deck 6

Double £6740	Single N/A	Triple N/A
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#### ■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5

Double £7560	Single N/A	Triple £5486
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#### ■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6

Double £7890	Single N/A	Triple £5716
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#### ■ Owner's Suite – Deck 6

Double £8590	Single N/A	Triple £6192
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**\*International Airfare is additional.**

**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything described in General Information as well as Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost. Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 guests.

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**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

**Note:** For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided.

See page 106 for ship deck plans and specifications.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**



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NEW FOR 2019!



# THE PANAMA CANAL & COSTA RICA

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *LE DUMONT D'URVILLE*  
OR *LE CHAMPLAIN*



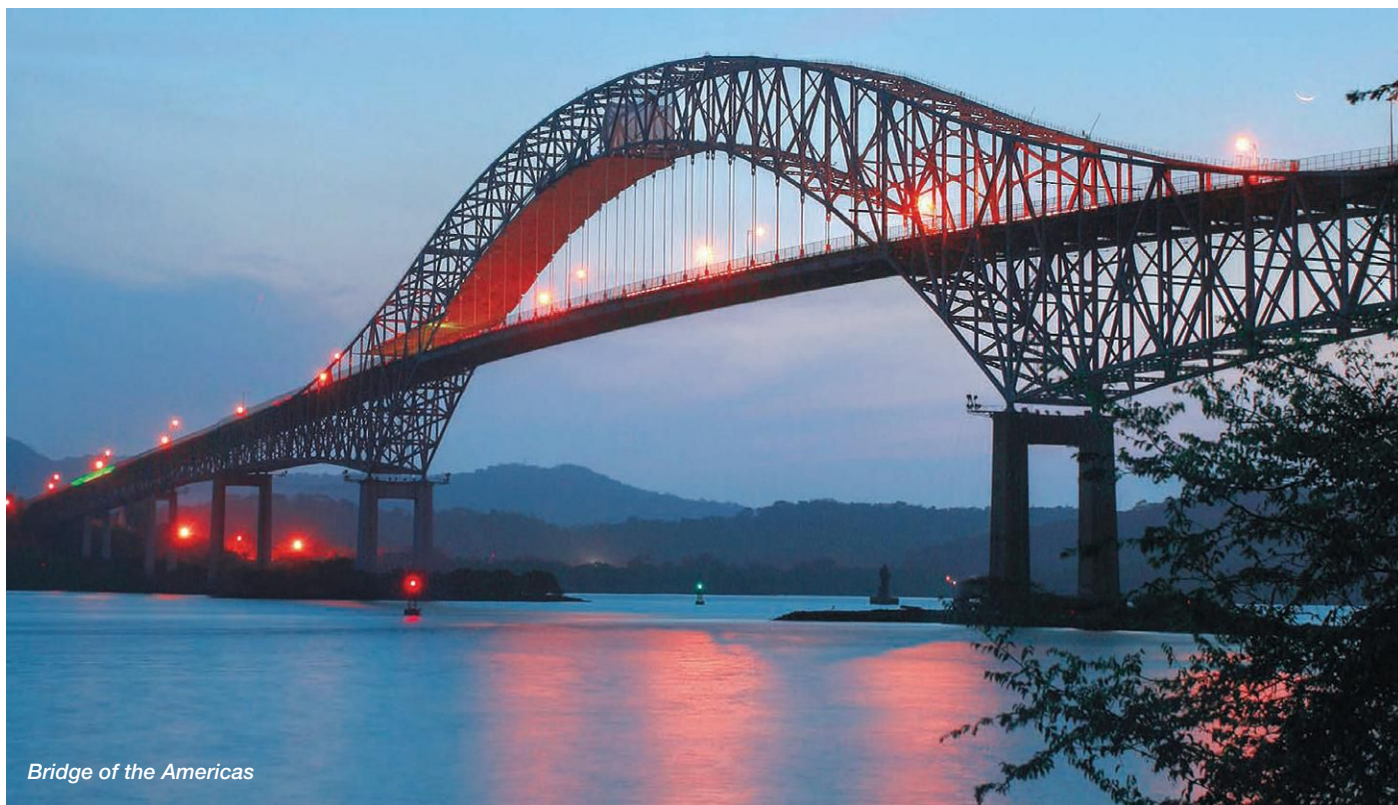
### San José to Panama City

Day	Destination
1	Arrive San José INTERCONTINENTAL COSTA RICA AT MULTIPLAZA MALL COSTA RICA MARRIOTT HOTEL SAN JOSÉ
2	San José, Sarchi
3	San José, La Paz Waterfall Gardens / Embark Puerto Caldera
4	Playa Herradura
5	Manuel Antonio National Park
6	Day at Sea
7	Playa de Muerto
8	Transit of the Panama Canal
9	San Blas Islands
10	Disembark Colón / Gamboa Rainforest Resort / Panama City HILTON PANAMA INTERCONTINENTAL MIRAMAR PANAMA
11	Panama City, Casco Viejo
12	Depart Panama City

### Panama City to San José

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Panama City HILTON PANAMA INTERCONTINENTAL MIRAMAR PANAMA
2	Panama City, Casco Viejo
3	Gamboa Rainforest Resort / Embark Colón
4	San Blas Islands
5	Transit of the Panama Canal
6	Playa de Muerto
7	Day at Sea
8	Manuel Antonio National Park
9	Playa Herradura
10	Disembark Puerto Caldera / Sarchi, San José INTERCONTINENTAL COSTA RICA AT MULTIPLAZA MALL COSTA RICA MARRIOTT HOTEL SAN JOSÉ
11	San José, La Paz Waterfall Gardens
12	Depart San José





Bridge of the Americas

**MARVELS OF ENGINEERING AND THE SEA...** The building of the Panama Canal was an engineering feat that revolutionised shipping patterns... and it is a source of fascination to this day. The tropical forests, secluded beaches, diverse wildlife, and clear waters of Costa Rica and Panama are just as fascinating – and many of these treasures remain undisturbed by development. Discover indigenous lifestyles that seem as remote from the forces of change as their locations, modern-day cities with Spanish colonial influences, a working coffee plantation, uniquely beautiful natural landscapes, and much more.

## 1. ARRIVE SAN JOSÉ

**Tour begins: 6:30 PM, InterContinental Costa Rica at Multiplaza Mall or Costa Rica Marriott Hotel San José.** A transfer is included from Juan Santamaria International Airport in San José to InterContinental Costa Rica at Multiplaza Mall or Costa Rica Marriott Hotel San José. Join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals D**

## 2. GOLD MUSEUM, NATIONAL THEATRE & SARCHI

Visit the ornate 19th-century National Theatre and the Gold Museum, filled with shining treasures. After lunch at a local restaurant, head to Sarchi, a hamlet where artisans craft traditional painted *carretas* (ox carts) in their workshops and other handmade items bearing the starburst designs that are a symbol of Costa Rica. Return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. **Meals BL**

## 3. COFFEE AND WILDLIFE / ■ EMBARK SHIP

Visit a coffee plantation and a rainforest park and wildlife refuge, home to toucans, butterflies, monkeys, sloths, and more. Embark your ship in Puerto Caldera. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ PLAYA HERRADURA

In Playa Herradura, your choices today include a walking tour in Carara National Park and a mangrove cruise or a walk through a forest across hanging bridges along with a visit to Pura Vida Gardens, filled with flowers and birds. Join your captain this evening for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner as you sail on. **Meals BLD**

## 5. ■ MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

Call on Quepos for an excursion to Manuel Antonio National Park, where you'll find white sand beaches and rainforest. Your choices include a walking tour in the park, a Savegre River float trip\*, or a horseback ride. Enjoy dinner at leisure onboard ship tonight as you sail from Quepos bound for the Pacific Ocean. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ A DAY ON THE PACIFIC OCEAN

Spend a relaxing day at sea enjoying the amenities onboard your yacht, including the fitness centre and lounging spots. Your Tauck Director circulates, sharing insights and keeping watch for marine wildlife. **Meals BLD**





La Paz Waterfall Gardens

## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £1,470
- On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by natural history experts plus other select touches
- All gratuities to Tauck Directors, local guides, and ship staff
- 7-night cruise aboard *Le Champlain* or *Le Dumont d'Urville*; two-night stays in both San José and Panama City
- Full small-ship transit of the Panama Canal with insights from a local canal guide; experiences ashore of jungle and wildlife
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available throughout the day aboard ship, including house wines and spirits; premium wine and spirits available at extra cost
- 30 meals, airport transfers, applicable fuel surcharges, service charges, and portage

### 7. ■ THE EMBERÁ PEOPLE OF THE DARIÉN

Take a Zodiac to Playa de Muerto in the remote Darién province of Panama – a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its biological diversity and the traditional cultures of its indigenous tribes. Meet the Emberá people who live much as their ancestors did; they will share some of their traditions. Sail for the Panama Canal. **Meals BLD**

### 8. ■ TRANSIT OF THE PANAMA CANAL

Transit the Panama Canal. The crossing takes about ten hours; pass under the Bridge of the Americas, through the Miraflores and Pedro Miguel locks, and into the narrow Culebra Cut and Gatún Lake, before clearing the Gatún Locks and reaching the Atlantic Ocean. Cross in daylight and hear insights from an expert guide. **Meals BLD**

### 9. ■ THE GUNA PEOPLE OF THE SAN BLAS

Drop anchor in the San Blas archipelago and enjoy snorkelling\*, a guided nature walk, and a visit with the local Guna people, who have preserved their customs and culture with few outside influences; they're known for their vibrant *mola* fabrics. As your ship sails, join your captain for a farewell dinner this evening. **Meals BLD**

### 10. RAINFOREST ADVENTURES

Disembark your ship in Colón, then start across the Isthmus of Panama; during a stop at the Gamboa Rainforest Resort, you'll choose between an aerial tram ride with a naturalist through the rainforest (aboard the only gondola of its kind in Panama), or a cruise along waterways leading to hidden islands. Arrive in Panama City. **Meals BL**

### 11. PANAMA CITY

Begin today's exploration of Panama City in its key historic district, Casco Viejo; a walking tour will show you this walled cobblestoned city, built in the 1670s to provide safety from attack. The area is a gem of Spanish colonial architecture in various stages of redevelopment, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site; you'll also have free time to explore on your own. After lunch at a local restaurant, tour the former Canal Zone. Drive through Ancon Hill; Albrook, a former US Air Force Base; and Clayton, once a US Army base. Then enjoy a visit to the exhibits and gardens of Biomuseo, the Panama City biodiversity museum designed by renowned architect Frank Gehry; it is devoted to Panama's natural and cultural history. Join us tonight at a farewell reception and dinner at your Panama City hotel. **Meals BLD**

### 12. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Panama City.** Fly home anytime. A transfer from Hilton Panama or InterContinental Miramar Panama to Panama City's Tocumen International Airport is included. Allow at least 3 hours for check-in. **Meals B**





## CRUISE WITH BBC EARTH'S TIM MARTIN

11 January Departure Only

The wildlife filmmaker shares insights about the local animals. Priced from £5,170 per person double; please visit [ta](http://tauck.co.uk) for complete prices or ask at booking.



**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything outlined in Booking Conditions as well as private Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges; alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available throughout the day aboard ship, including house wines and spirits (premium wine and spirits available at extra cost); and gratuities to Tauck Directors and ship staff.

**International Airfare is additional.** Tauck can book your international air for travel originating in the UK, subject to availability; ask at booking for any special airfares.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

**Note:** For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Please ask when booking about additional hotel nights before or after your tour. Cruise operates east or west; go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for details of westbound itinerary.



Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk)  
for activity and  
pace level details.

### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	INTERCONTINENTAL COSTA RICA AT MULTIPLAZA MALL / COSTA RICA MARRIOTT HOTEL SAN JOSÉ	San José
Night 3-9	ABOARD LE CHAMPLAIN / LE DUMONT D'URVILLE	Cruising
Night 10,11	HILTON PANAMA / INTERCONTINENTAL MIRAMAR PANAMA	Panama City

## 12 DAYS FROM £4,840 PLUS AIRFARE

(11 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

### BEGINS PANAMA CITY OR SAN JOSÉ

**Westbound** - Panama City to San José

11, 25 Jan 14 Dec

**Eastbound** - San José to Panama City

18 Jan 21 Dec

Date in **green** indicates a special departure accompanied by a BBC Earth wildlife filmmaker, priced from £5,170; see box at left.

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**

### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

#### 14 December

<b>Deluxe Stateroom - Deck 3</b>		
Double £4840	Single £6742	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4</b>		
Double £5290	Single £7422	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5</b>		
Double £5490	Single £7712	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6</b>		
Double £5650	Single £7912	Triple N/A
<b>Deluxe Suite - Deck 3, 4, 5, 6</b>		
Double £6540	Single £9162	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Suite - Deck 5</b>		
Double £7940	Single N/A	Triple £5727
<b>Prestige Suite - Deck 6</b>		
Double £8270	Single N/A	Triple £5957
<b>Privilege Suite - Deck 5, 6</b>		
Double £8590	Single N/A	Triple £6187
<b>Grand Deluxe Suite - Deck 5, 6</b>		
Double £9290	Single N/A	Triple N/A
<b>Owner's Suite - Deck 6</b>		
Double £9650	Single N/A	Triple N/A

#### 18, 25 January; 21 December

<b>Deluxe Stateroom - Deck 3</b>		
Double £5040	Single £7048	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4</b>		
Double £5490	Single £7718	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5</b>		
Double £5740	Single £8008	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6</b>		
Double £5860	Single £8198	Triple N/A
<b>Deluxe Suite - Deck 3, 4, 5, 6</b>		
Double £6750	Single £9458	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Suite - Deck 5</b>		
Double £8140	Single N/A	Triple £5867
<b>Prestige Suite - Deck 6</b>		
Double £8480	Single N/A	Triple £6097
<b>Privilege Suite - Deck 5, 6</b>		
Double £8840	Single N/A	Triple £6337
<b>Grand Deluxe Suite - Deck 5, 6</b>		
Double £9490	Single N/A	Triple N/A
<b>Owner's Suite - Deck 6</b>		
Double £9860	Single N/A	Triple N/A



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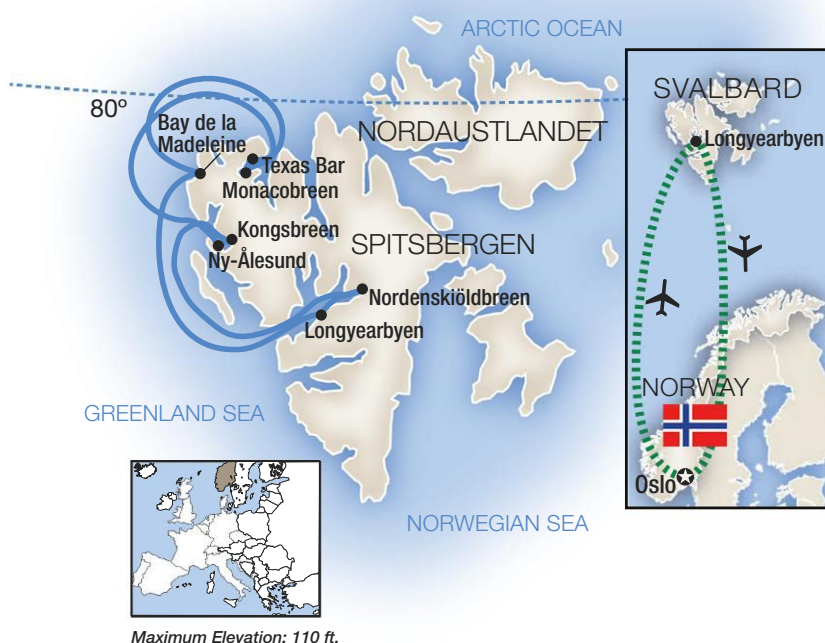


# ARCTIC ALLURE: SPITSBERGEN AND THE MIDNIGHT SUN

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD  
*LE BORÉAL*

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Oslo GRAND HOTEL OSLO HOTEL BRISTOL
■ 2	Longyearbyen / Embark
■ 3-8	Svalbard Archipelago
9	Disembark Longyearbyen / Fly to Oslo GRAND HOTEL OSLO HOTEL BRISTOL
10	Depart Oslo







Svalbard reindeer

**DISCOVER THE WILDLIFE CAPITAL OF THE ARCTIC...** islands of glaciers, breathtaking fjords, and towering ice sculpture, revered for their silent majesty. Your daily itinerary is flexible – go where the weather and movement of wildlife tell you to go, seeking tiny Svalbard reindeer, polar bears, walrus, whales, Arctic foxes, red-throated divers, pink-footed geese, and more. A wildlife filmmaker from BBC Earth and expedition naturalists accompany you throughout your voyage in the land of the Midnight Sun, where daylight never ends. Enjoy a camaraderie that only Arctic explorers can share. You'll be the closest you can get to the North Pole!

## 1. ARRIVE OSLO

**Tour begins: 5:30 PM, Grand Hotel Oslo.** A transfer is included upon arrival at Oslo Airport to Grand Hotel Oslo or Hotel Bristol, both located in the heart of the city. Meet your expedition companions at our welcome reception and dinner at Grand Hotel Oslo. **Meals D**

## 2. ■ FLY TO SPITSBERGEN & EMBARK SHIP

Take Tauck's charter flight to Longyearbyen, the world's northernmost city, on Spitsbergen, the largest island in the Svalbard archipelago in the Arctic Ocean. This is a tight-knit community unlike any other, where polar bears outnumber the 2,000 locals – and you might spot docile Arctic reindeer at any time. Look for rows of colourful houses, but you won't see trees; it's too far north for them to grow. Embark your ship in Longyearbyen and enjoy dinner onboard this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ ARCTIC OCEAN CRUISING BEGINS

For the next six days, you'll be able to join an expedition team leader for Zodiac excursions to a number of the Svalbard islands. Depending entirely on the weather

and where the wildlife can be spotted, your itinerary will be flexible. Each new day aboard your Arctic cruise brings a new adventure. Land on rocky beaches and icy or snowy terrain, with an incline, for walking and hiking from 30 minutes to two hours at a time. You'll explore otherworldly landscapes of jagged mountains, steep-sided valleys, sheer cliffs, and calving glaciers that crackle and groan. Keep your eyes peeled for walrus colonies along the shore; you might hear their nasal, hornlike snoring even before you spot them. Look for Arctic terns flying, hovering and plunging to catch prey, and whales breaching the water. At night, swap stories over cocktails with your fellow explorers. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ AN ABUNDANCE OF WILDLIFE

This dramatic glacier-carved landscape is home to the largest concentration of polar bears in the world – some 3,000. Keep your eyes peeled for them, along with bearded seals, blue and white whales, Arctic foxes, and Arctic moose as you explore this land of black mountains and fjords, where traces of centuries-old whaling outposts and mining camps remain – from Norwegian to American and Russian. Your expedition leader and naturalist guide will share insights with you. **Meals BLD**





Longyearbyen

Arctic fox

## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £2,192
- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – Cruise with a wildlife filmmaker; enjoy on-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by natural history experts plus other select touches
- Gratuities to Tauck Director(s), ship staff, naturalists and local guides
- Shore excursions guided by Arctic experts including naturalists, ornithologists, historians, oceanographers, and more
- Two nights in Oslo – one before your cruise and one after
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost
- 25 meals, airport transfers, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage

### 5. ■ SAILING IN THE ICE FLOE

Weather permitting, you'll have an opportunity to sail through the Arctic ice floe – frozen masses of flat, free-moving saltwater ice floating on the surface of the sea, a restless jigsaw puzzle of pieces constantly colliding and fracturing from the force of wind and ocean currents. Keep an eye out for the seabirds, seals, and polar bears who make their home in this wide-open, frozen landscape of immense beauty. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ ROYAL GLACIERS AND FJORDS

By your fourth day cruising in the Svalbard archipelago, you may have reached the spectacular fjords of Northern Spitsbergen and the massive, blue-tinted Monaco Glacier, named after the early 20th-century oceanographer and explorer Prince Albert I of Monaco. Be on the lookout for calving chunks of ice, the arched back of the minke whale, and bearded seals sunbathing on ice floes close to the glacier front. Monaco, a jagged, breathtaking wall, is the last glacier explorers reach before the latitude of 80° North! **Meals BLD**

### 7. ■ INTERNATIONAL STATIONS & EXPEDITIONS

Conditions permitting, you may arrive in Ny-Ålesund, the northernmost community of international polar research stations and a starting point for many historic North Pole expeditions, including that of Norway's Roald Amundsen. You might see barnacle and pink-footed geese, common eiders, Arctic terns, several species of wader, and the local reindeer, who are smaller than their relatives on the mainland. You may have a chance to cruise to the Kongsbreen (King's Glacier) with its three nunataks or rocky "glacial islands" – they're named Nora, Dana and Svea after Norway, Denmark, and Sweden. **Meals BLD**



## 8. ■ BIRDS, ARCTIC REINDEER & ARCTIC FOXES

With luck, by this time you'll have cruised to Alkhornet, large seabird cliffs on Spitsbergen where thousands of birds nest and breed. Below the cliff you might spot the Arctic foxes who den there, and look for reindeer grazing on the rich summer vegetation. You may also see Pyramiden, a former Russian coal mining settlement, now abandoned – an eerie ghost town. **Meals BLD**

## 9. DISEMBARK AND FLY TO OSLO

Disembark your ship today in Longyearbyen for your flight back to Oslo. You'll have time to explore and enjoy Oslo this evening as you please. Your hotel is located in the city centre near a wide variety of restaurants; your Tauck Director will have suggestions for you. **Meals BL**

## 10. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Oslo.** Fly home anytime. A transfer to Oslo Airport from Grand Hotel Oslo or Hotel Bristol is included. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**



## CRUISE WITH A BBC EARTH FILMMAKER

Travel with wildlife filmmaker Peter Bassett, who has worked with BBC Earth for 25 years on various projects. He'll share his observations, insights, and stories about life in the Arctic.

## 10 DAYS FROM £7,580\*

Includes On-Tour Air  
(9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

### BEGINS OSLO

24 Jun

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

\*LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

■ Superior Cabin – Deck 3	Double	£6960	+	£620	=	£7580
	Triple	£4826	+	£620	=	£5446
	Single	£9991	+	£620	=	£10,611
■ Deluxe Cabin – Deck 3	Double	£7220	+	£620	=	£7840
	Single	£10,353	+	£620	=	£10,973
■ Prestige Cabin – Deck 4	Double	£7470	+	£620	=	£8090
	Single	£10,715	+	£620	=	£11,335
■ Prestige Cabin – Deck 5	Double	£7600	+	£620	=	£8220
	Single	£10,896	+	£620	=	£11,516
■ Prestige Cabin – Deck 6	Double	£7740	+	£620	=	£8360
	Single	£11,077	+	£620	=	£11,697
■ Deluxe Suite – Deck 6	Double	£8870	+	£620	=	£9490
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double	£9720	+	£620	=	£10,340
	Triple	£6705	+	£620	=	£7325
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double	£10,040	+	£620	=	£10,660
	Triple	£6935	+	£620	=	£7555
■ Owner's Suite – Deck 6	Double	£10,750	+	£620	=	£11,370

### On-tour air included (2 flights)

\*International Airfare is additional.

**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything described in General Information as well as shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Directors and ship staff; alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines and spirits (premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost). A water-repellent, hooded parka is provided aboard ship by Tauck and yours to keep and boots will be provided for your use for the duration of the Arctic portion of the trip. Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approx. every 40 Tauck guests. Ask at booking about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**

### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1-9	GRAND HOTEL OSLO / HOTEL BRISTOL	Oslo, Norway
Night 2-8	ABOARD LE BORÉAL	Arctic Ocean



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# ICELAND: LAND OF FIRE & ICE

Snæfellsnes  
Peninsula

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD  
*LE CHAMPLAIN*

Day	Destination
■ 1	<b>Arrive Reykjavik</b> Embark Hafnarfjörður
■ 2	Grundarfjörður
■ 3	Grimsey Island
■ 4	Akureyri
■ 5	Ísafjörður
■ 6	Heimaey – Westman Islands
■ 7	Reykjavik – Hafnarfjörður
8	Disembark Hafnarfjörður <b>Depart Reykjavik</b>







Blue Lagoon

ICELAND IS SURREAL, not just for its lunar-like landscapes that defy comparison – glaciers, lava fields, volcanic islands, jagged mountain peaks, thermal lagoons and mountain-ringed fjords – but also for its residents... Arctic terns, the longest-distance migrating birds on the planet... comical puffins, who fly through the water using their wings as paddles... Icelandic horses, hardy enough to stay out in icy pastures year-round... Arctic foxes, Iceland's only native land mammal... and whales of all types – minke, pilot, sperm, fin, humpback, and breathtaking blues. Also surreal is the islanders' ability to harness the harshness of nature and transform it, like their Viking ancestors.

## 1. ARRIVE REYKJAVIK / ■ EMBARK SHIP

**Tour begins: 12:00 PM, Reykjavik.** A transfer is included upon arrival at Reykjavik's Keflavik International Airport to Hilton Reykjavik Nordica or Grand Hotel Reykjavik. Meet your fellow travellers during our welcome reception and lunch at Kolabrautin, the restaurant in the city's stunning concert hall, where you'll enjoy views of the waterfront. An orientation tour of landmark sights includes Old Town and a guided visit to the National Museum of Iceland. Embark *Le Champlain* in Hafnarfjörður this afternoon for the start of your exploration in "the land of fire and ice." Your outside-facing accommodations promise memorable views of Iceland's mystical landscapes. Enjoy dinner onboard this evening as you set sail. **Meals LD**

## 2. ■ FISHING VILLAGES AND GRUNDARFJÖRDUR

With ice caps, glaciers, geysers and thundering waterfalls, along with vast open spaces that are home to a pristine wilderness teeming with volcanoes, Iceland welcomes nature enthusiasts with open arms. Dock in Grundarfjörður, nestled on the banks of a fjord and ringed with mountains, for a choice of activities. One possibility is a scenic drive along the rugged coast of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, passing through fishing villages bustling with daily life. Stop for a walk in

Djúpalónssandur, where strange rock formations tower over the Atlantic; learn traditional stories about the country's early settlers' trials and tribulations, including how these rocks were used in strength competitions between local fishermen. Continue to Arnarstapi, a stopover for migrating birds, and to Budir, famed for lava landscapes and a golden-sand beach. Your other choice this morning is a "Lava and Viking Adventure" that takes you to sites immortalized in Icelandic sagas and includes a walk up the 73-metre slope of Mt. Helgafell, where, weather permitting, you'll have a glorious view. Join us this evening for a sail away and our welcome dinner aboard ship as you cruise to the Arctic Circle. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ EXPLORE GRÍMSEY ON THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

Remote and weather beaten, the tiny island of Grímsey measures just 3½ km by 2 km – and guards the Arctic Circle with huge colonies of seabirds and a scant population of hardy islanders said to consistently number about 100 residents. Learn about what life is like here and the fascination chess holds for residents. Step ashore for a walking tour to see the vast numbers of Arctic terns and whimsical puffins that live here, and walk across the Arctic Circle line – an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime experience. **Meals BLD**





Puffins



Geysir

## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES

- On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by natural history experts plus other select touches
- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at £1,560
- Gratuities to Tauck Director(s), ship staff and local guides
- Walk across the Arctic Circle line; "Golden Circle" tour of Iceland's major sights; an opportunity for a private visit to family-owned Vigur Island; and a chance to dip in the geothermally heated waters of the Blue Lagoon
- Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 20 meals, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage

### 4. ■ ATTRACTIONS AROUND AKUREYRI

Cruise the Eyjafjörður fjord to beautiful Akureyri, the second-largest city in the nation. Set amidst magnificent mountains, Akureyri is known as the "capital of North Iceland" and noted for its lively cultural life. First settled by Norse Vikings in the 9th century, the city was home to a Norwegian-British fighter squadron during World War II and today boasts the northernmost 18-hole golf course in the world. Your choices of activities include: mineral bathing at the Myvatn Nature Baths in the geologically intriguing area around Lake Myvatn; visiting the historic fishing village of Siglufjörður and learning about its ties to Iceland's 19th-century economy, with journeys "back in time" at the Folk Music Centre and the Herring Era Museum; or exploration of Akureyri and environs, including a visit to the spectacular Godafoss waterfall to discover why it's known as "the falls of the gods"; hear about the Kristni Saga recounting the arrival of Christianity in Iceland and the banishment of the pagan gods in 1000 AD. Enjoy dinner onboard ship this evening as you continue cruising to Ísafjörður. **Meals BD**

### 5. ■ ÍSAFJÖRDUR, SUDAVIK OR VIGUR ISLAND

Dock at the fishing town of Ísafjörður, which despite its isolation from the rest of Iceland is known for its rather urban atmosphere, flourishing cultural life and rich heritage of music and art. It also boasts some of the oldest houses in Iceland, dating from the 18th century. Your choices today include: a drive through Ísafjörður for a look at the local culture, including stops at the quaint church of the village of Bolungarvík, a restored Osvald fisherman's hut showcasing what life was like here for fishermen before the 20th century, and the Maritime Museum; a visit to the Arctic Fox Centre in Sudavík, focusing on the biology and natural history of Iceland's only native mammal; or a short ferry trip to Vigur Island, inhabited only by three generations of the same family whose home it has been since 1884... and what seems like millions of birds, especially the Arctic tern. See Iceland's only windmill and enjoy Icelandic cakes served by the family in the restored Viktoria House, built in 1862. Return to your ship this afternoon and sail to the strikingly picturesque Westman Islands. Enjoy dinner at your leisure aboard ship this evening. **Meals BD**

### 6. ■ HEIMAÆY, WESTMAN ISLANDS

Welcome to Westman Islands, the "islands of the western men," so named for a group of rebellious slaves whose daring, albeit short-lived, escape from captivity in ancient Iceland is still the stuff of legends on these volcanic shores. Come ashore on Heimaey, the only inhabited island, for a day of exploration that includes a visit to Sprangan cliff, where young islanders are taught the sport of rope-swinging and cliff-side egg-collecting, and a stop at Stórhöfði, home to the island's largest colony of puffins and a spot for breathtaking views of the island and the massive glaciers of the mainland (weather permitting). The volcanic eruption of Mt. Eldfell in 1973 spewed lava over the island, creating the youngest mountain in the world and the new "Pompeii" of the north. **Meals BLD**



## 7. ■ ICELAND'S "GOLDEN CIRCLE"

Tour the "Golden Circle" – the country's "Big Three" landmark sights. Visit Thingvellir National Park – named a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is Iceland's most important historic landmark, where the Vikings established the world's first democratic parliament, the Alþingi, in 930 AD. View magnificent Gullfoss waterfall, cascading 29 metres in two roaring falls, arched with rainbows. Continue on to the spouting hot springs of Geysir, where geysers erupt with clockwork precision. Schedule permitting, stop at a power plant to learn about Iceland's natural resources before enjoying your last night aboard ship with a farewell dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 8. BLUE LAGOON / JOURNEY HOME

After disembarking ship this morning, you have a choice. You can explore downtown Reykjavik as you please, or join us on a drive from the town of Hafnarfjörður, nestled atop a lava flow, to the geothermal fields of Krysuvik-Solfataras, the volcanic plateau of Reykjanes, and the incomparable Blue Lagoon. Schedule permitting, you'll be able to take a dip in the healing waters of the lagoon before everyone gathers for a farewell lunch at the Lava Restaurant. After lunch, visit the Viking Museum and the Viking ship, *Isleifur*, a fully seaworthy replica of an ancient 70-crew Viking vessel, en route to the airport. **Tour ends: 2:00 PM at Reykjavik's Keflavik International Airport.** You should allow at least three hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals BL**



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## 8 DAYS FROM £5,240 PLUS AIRFARE

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

### BEGINS REYKJAVIK

30 May 06, 13, 20, 27 Jun 04, 11, 18 Jul / = Sold Out!

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

<b>Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3</b>		
Double £5240	Single £7323	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4</b>		
Double £5740	Single £7999	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5</b>		
Double £5940	Single £8289	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6</b>		
Double £6060	Single £8482	Triple N/A
<b>Deluxe Suite – Deck 3, 4, 5, 6</b>		
Double £7090	Single £9932	Triple N/A
<b>Prestige Suite – Deck 5</b>		
Double £8540	Single N/A	Triple £6137
<b>Prestige Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £8890	Single N/A	Triple £6373
<b>Privilege Suite – Deck 5, 6</b>		
Double £9040	Single N/A	Triple £6466
<b>Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 5, 6</b>		
Double £10,060	Single N/A	Triple N/A
<b>Owner's Suite – Deck 6</b>		
Double £10,750	Single N/A	Triple N/A

**International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability).

**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything described in Booking Conditions as well as private Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director(s) and ship staff. Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits; premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost.

**Note:** Due to the popularity of this trip, you may be travelling with a group of up to 160 Tauck guests, with one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 Tauck guests. Day rooms will be reserved upon arrival at Hilton Reykjavik Nordica or Grand Hotel Reykjavik for all guests' flight arrivals into Reykjavik on day 1 of the trip only. Please ask about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise.

**Shore Excursion Selection:** Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

See page 104 for *Le Champlain* deck plans and specifications.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**

### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1-7 **ABOARD LE CHAMPLAIN** Atlantic Ocean







# ANTARCTICA

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 10 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *LE BORÉAL*, *LE SOLÉAL*, *L'AUSTRAL* OR *LE LYRIAL*

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Buenos Aires HILTON BUENOS AIRES ALVEAR ART HOTEL
2	Buenos Aires
■ 3	Fly to Ushuaia / Embark
■ 4,5	Drake Passage Crossing
■ 6-10	Antarctic Archipelago
■ 11,12	Drake Passage Crossing
13	Disembark Ushuaia / Fly to Buenos Aires Depart Buenos Aires







**BREATHTAKING FLOATING CASTLES OF ICE** glisten in the warmth of the austral sun... mountains of white glaciers rising from the sea framed against a radiant blue sky... a majestic blue iceberg on the horizon... and in an instant, a luminous bright sun illuminating as far as the eye can see. Explorers throughout the centuries have written about their captivation with the ice... Today, you are that Antarctic explorer. Whatever your reason for travelling to this “seventh continent,” you’ll find Antarctica a magical place forever beckoning you to return... and where you find yourself intrigued sunrise to sunset...

## 1. ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES

**Tour begins: 2:00 PM, Hilton Buenos Aires or Alvear Art Hotel.** A transfer is included upon arrival from Buenos Aires Ezeiza International Airport to Hilton Buenos Aires or Alvear Art Hotel. City sightseeing this afternoon includes Avenida 9 de Julio, where nine lanes of traffic in both directions are separated by beautifully gardened medians – an engineering coup and a pedestrian challenge! In the heart of downtown, you’ll see Plaza de Mayo, home to Catedral Metropolitana, a neoclassical building completed in 1863. And in Palermo, the largest residential area of Buenos Aires, you’ll find pretty neighbourhood gardens designed in 1800, following London’s Hyde Park and Paris’ Bois de Boulogne (order of sightseeing may vary). We invite you to join us tonight for a welcome reception and dinner that includes a performance of the fascinating *tango*. **Meals D**

## 2. BUENOS AIRES SIGHTSEEING

Your exploration of Buenos Aires continues with a visit to La Recoleta Cemetery, final resting place of Evita Peron. The remainder of your day is free; you might explore the neighbourhoods of San Telmo, thought to be the birthplace of the *tango*, and a popular area for music, or

perhaps take a stroll along fashionable boulevards that are renowned for their rich multicultural history. **Meals BL**

## 3. FLY TO USHUAIA / ■ EMBARK SHIP

Rise very early to fly to what is commonly considered the end of the world... Ushuaia and Tierra del Fuego. Isolated from the Argentine mainland by water and mountains, Ushuaia is surrounded by lakes, bays, forests and glaciers. You’ll get a taste of life in the city closest to Antarctica during sightseeing that takes you up and down its colourful streets and on a visit to Tierra del Fuego National Park for a look at its spectacular landscapes of lush forests, glaciers, waterfalls, and mountains. Then embark ship and join us for a briefing from the captain and crew – and dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 4 - 5. ■ CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

From the southern tip of South America to the Antarctic’s South Shetland Islands, the Drake Passage has been navigated throughout the centuries by explorers and whalers in search of the mythical land once known as Terra Australis Incognita. As you sail these same waters, our team of onboard naturalists



begins their presentations on Antarctica's wildlife, history and geography – helping you to spot seabirds and possibly other wildlife inhabiting the waters such as whales. Anticipation mounts as you approach the Antarctic Convergence, which is a continually moving zone that circles Antarctica – the Antarctic Convergence is where cold Antarctic waters from the south meet warmer currents from the north. **Meals BLD**

## 6 - 10. ■ ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION

Your first sighting of the Antarctic Archipelago, where ice, sea, land, and sky effortlessly blend together into a single portrait of spectacular beauty, will be a lifelong memory. While cruising, the Antarctic weather determines your daily schedule so that each departure's itinerary will differ slightly from the others, but all typically include a visit to one site in the morning and a second site in the afternoon. Landings ashore are preceded by a naturalist's briefing, providing insights into the discoveries you will make at each site. The landings themselves are guided by our naturalists and lecturers. You'll explore the world of the fascinating (and highly entertaining) penguin, walking among them on the beaches while observing their rookeries and trails and treks into the sea for food. You'll have an opportunity to spot numerous seals on ice floes and along the shore and soon learn to identify the many different species of birds at sea and on land. You may find a fur seal or two languidly sunning... their faces endearing with



## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by natural history experts plus other select touches
- Landings ashore led by expert naturalists, ornithologists, historians or oceanographers
- Two nights in Buenos Aires and sightseeing in Ushuaia & Tierra del Fuego National Park
- Buenos Aires sightseeing including famed La Recoleta Cemetery & a *tango* performance
- All gratuities to Tauck Directors, local guides, naturalists and ship staff included; cruise aboard *Le Soléal*, *Le Boréal*, *Le Lyrial* or *L'Austral* accompanied by onboard naturalists
- On-tour air (2 flights)
- 34 meals; airport transfers as noted; service charges; applicable fuel surcharges; taxes & portage; Antarctic parka (yours to keep); complimentary Antarctic rental boots are included



natural smiles, in large part because there are few native predators here. Southern elephant seals, so named for their massive size and the trunk-like nose of the male, prefer to hang out in beach parties; look for them on rocky island shores. By your fourth day cruising the Antarctic Archipelago, you may have passed by Penguin Island – blessed with diverse wildlife such as chinstrap and Adélie penguins, southern giant petrels, Antarctic terns, and skuas – and encountered Hannah Point, one of the best places to see gentoo and macaroni penguins, blue-eyed shags, and Wilson's storm petrels, with the occasional fur seal or elephant seal among them. Don't worry if their names sound confusing; you will soon become a pro at identifying the animals with some help



from your onboard naturalists. Conditions permitting, your captain will navigate the ship around the Lemaire Channel, which is a waterway that flows between spectacular snow-covered cliffs; here you'll be on the lookout to see humpback whales, always a breathtaking sight. The evening colours are spectacular as well. There is a continual dramatic parade of icebergs and unique ice formations in the waters, deep blue, light blue, green, clear, snow white... the formations materialise in an amazing variety of shapes and sizes, visible throughout the evening under a night sky illuminated by a sun that appears never to completely set. You can stroll on the deck late into the night and still enjoy an amazing glacial show. Evenings are a mix of lectures, chats with the expedition team, documentary films – or perhaps just relaxing in the ship's lounge or library after a day following in the footsteps of past explorers. **Meals BLD**

## 11. ■ DRAKE PASSAGE CROSSING

Your return trip through the Drake Passage affords quiet time for you to be able to enjoy an opportunity to reflect on the many experiences that you have shared with your fellow cruisers. Antarctica is a destination that is often the "seventh continent" on world travellers' must-do lists, and it is a place that few travellers ever set foot on – it is a destination that is truly at the "end of the Earth." During your passage, onboard lectures continue to enrich your Antarctica experience. Take the opportunity to enjoy the many amenities aboard your European-inspired state-of-the-art ship, such as a Fitness and Beauty Corner. Enjoy some time doing as you please. **Meals BLD**

## 12. ■ FINAL DAY ABOARD SHIP

Savour the last day of your Antarctica cruise as your ship continues the return journey to Ushuaia through the waters of the Drake Passage. Your last evening aboard ship is a perfect time to toast your expedition, and celebrate the friendships that you have made during this once-in-a-lifetime experience. **Meals BLD**



## CRUISE WITH A BBC EARTH FILMMAKER

07 January Departure Only

Travel with wildlife filmmaker Peter Bassett, who has worked

with BBC Earth for 25 years on various projects, enjoying expert revelations about life in Antarctica. Priced from £8,190 per person double (including on-tour air); visit [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for complete prices or ask at booking.

## 13. FLY TO BUENOS AIRES / JOURNEY HOME

Disembark ship and fly from Ushuaia Airport to Buenos Aires. **Tour ends: 5:30 PM at Buenos Aires Ezeiza International Airport** for your flight home. You should allow a minimum of three hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

# 13 DAYS FROM £8,060\*

Includes On-Tour Air

(12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 11 Dinners)

## BEGINS BUENOS AIRES

07/17 Jan 08/19, 20 Feb 07 Dec / = Sold Out!

Date in **green** indicates a special departure accompanied by a BBC Earth wildlife filmmaker, priced from £8,190 including on-tour air; see box at left.

Go to **tauck.co.uk** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

## LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

\*LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

■ Superior Cabin – Deck 3	Double	£7580	+	£480	=	£8060
	Triple	£5496	+	£480	=	£5976
	Single	£9441	+	£480	=	£9921
■ Deluxe Cabin – Deck 3	Double	£8060	+	£480	=	£8540
	Single	£9918	+	£480	=	£10,398
■ Prestige Cabin – Deck 4	Double	£8560	+	£480	=	£9040
	Single	£10,973	+	£480	=	£11,453
■ Prestige Cabin – Deck 5	Double	£8860	+	£480	=	£9340
	Single	£11,283	+	£480	=	£11,763
■ Prestige Cabin – Deck 6	Double	£9170	+	£480	=	£9650
	Single	£11,594	+	£480	=	£12,074
■ Deluxe Suite – Deck 6	Double	£10,890	+	£480	=	£11,370
	Triple	£12,610	+	£480	=	£13,090
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double	£8852	+	£480	=	£9332
	Triple	£13,170	+	£480	=	£13,650
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double	£9218	+	£480	=	£9698
	Triple					

### On-tour air included (2 flights)

\*International Airfare is additional.

**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything described in General Information as well as shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Directors and ship staff; aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines and spirits (premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost). A water-repellent, hooded parka is provided aboard ship by Tauck and yours to keep and boots will be provided for your use for the duration of the Antarctic portion of the trip. Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approx. every 40 Tauck guests. Ask at booking about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise.

**\*Note:** 07, 17 Jan and 05 Feb departures will sail aboard *L'Austral*; 19 Feb will sail aboard *Le Lyrial*; 20 Feb will sail aboard *Le Boréal*; and 07 Dec departure will sail aboard *Le Soléal*.

See deck plans and ship specifications on page 106.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**

## FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2 **HILTON BUENOS AIRES OR ALVEAR ART HOTEL** Buenos Aires, Argentina  
 Night 3-12 **ABOARD LE BOREAL / L'AUSTRAL LE SOLÉAL / LE LYRIAL** Cruising



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A DAY IN THE GALÁPAGOS BRINGS YOUR IMAGINATION TO LIFE as you view some of the world's rare wildlife – including marine iguanas, Sally Lightfoot Crabs, Galápagos fur seals, blue-footed boobies and more. *Peru & the Galápagos Islands*, one of our most popular trips, combines exploration of the ancient empire of the Incas in destinations such as Lima, the Sacred Valley, Cusco and the mysterious landscapes of Machu Picchu with a 6-night cruise in the timeless world of the Galápagos Archipelago, connecting with a natural world unlike any other.

## 1. ARRIVE LIMA

**Tour begins: Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel.** A transfer is included from Lima's Jorge Chávez Int'l Airport to the Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel, a sophisticated urban retreat overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

## 2. ECLECTIC CULTURE IN LIMA

Explore Lima's Barranco neighbourhood, dotted with brightly coloured houses. Visit MATE – Museo Mario Testino; housed in a 19th-century mansion, the museum is devoted to the culture and heritage of Peru, international art, and photography. Enjoy lunch at a private residence fashioned after Lima's presidential palace. A visit to a colonial home reveals how well-heeled residents of Lima once lived. Join us for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner at Museo Larco in an 18th-century palace, where you'll find a collection of gold and silver works created before Europeans arrived in the Americas. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ENTER THE SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCAS

Fly to Cusco and drive to the Sacred Valley for lunch and a demonstration of Peruvian Paso horses, a breed famous for its elegant gait and athletic dancing ability. Dinner at your hotel this evening is preceded by a private performance of Andean music and dance. **Meals BLD**

## 4. OLLANTAYTAMBO AND MACHU PICCHU

Discover the fortress of Ollantaytambo, where the stonework and a temple date to the 1400s. Board a train to Aguas Calientes, then a bus to your Machu Picchu lodge, next to the Inca citadel. With a guide, explore the spectacular "Lost City," 2,100 metres high in the clouds and isolated from the nearest village\*. **Meals BLD**

## 5. A FARM, WEAVERS & AN INCAN FORTRESS

Return to Aguas Calientes for a visit to the central market, and then board a train to Ollantaytambo. Drive to a llama and alpaca farm, and learn about the colourful art of Peruvian weaving. Visit the ruins of Sacsayhuamán, an ancient stone fortress built by the Killkes who preceded the Incas, with stunning views of Cusco. **Meals BD**

## 6. YOUR CHOICE IN CUSCO

One possibility today is to tour South Cusco, visit San Pedro Market, and take a scenic drive along the Andean Baroque Route to visit historic churches. Or, head to a high elevation to visit the village of Chinchero and the community of Misminay to learn about art, textiles, cooking, and rural life and visit the terraced Maras salt ponds, where salt has been harvested for thousands of years. The remainder of the day is at your leisure back in Cusco. **Meals B**





## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by natural history experts plus other select touches
- Scenic train journeys to and from the ancient lost city of Machu Picchu and an overnight stay adjacent to the citadel
- Exclusive 6-night Galápagos cruise aboard *Isabela II*, with no more than 40 Tauck guests onboard; daily shore excursions in the Galápagos Islands led by expert naturalists
- Sightseeing in Lima, the Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, and Cusco
- On-tour air (5 flights)
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 35 meals; gratuities to Tauck Directors, guides, naturalists and ship staff; admission fees, service charges, Galápagos National Park entry fee, portage

### 7. FLY TO GUAYAQUIL, GALÁPAGOS GATEWAY

Fly back to Lima and then continue on to Guayaquil, located on Ecuador's Pacific coast, arriving at your hotel in the heart of the business district, mid-afternoon. Enjoy dinner at leisure tonight at your hotel – tomorrow morning, your six-day Galápagos Islands cruise begins! **Meals BD**

### 8. ■ CRUISING BEGINS IN THE GALÁPAGOS

Fly to San Cristóbal and board *Isabela II*. Learn about your upcoming daily shore excursions\*, which include dry and wet landings on sandy or rocky beaches and wading ashore in shallow water. Head out by *panga* (a Zodiac-style raft) to explore Puerto Baquerizo Moreno; return to *Isabela II*, relax with a welcome cocktail and enjoy dinner aboard ship this evening. **Meals BLD**

### 9. ■ ISLA GENOVESA VIEWS

A *panga* ride alongside Genovesa Island brings you to Prince Philip's Steps for a 27-m. climb to flat land and a cross-island walk, if you wish. Go snorkelling or kayaking\* before lunch. Choose an easy stroll or a walk over lava stone to amazing views: the locals include Nazca boobies, great frigatebirds, storm petrels, lava herons, swallow-tailed gulls, and mockingbirds. **Meals BLD**

### 10. ■ SANTIAGO ISLAND

Climb aboard a *panga* this morning to explore Buccaneers' Cove on Santiago Island; back in the 17th and 18th centuries, the cove was known as favoured stashing grounds for pirated gold and other booty – today it is known for marine birds, anemones, barnacles and sea stars, marine iguanas and fur seals. This afternoon, make a wet landing at Puerto Egas, where a walk along the coastline lets you experience the porous texture of tuff stone and rocky lava flows. **Meals BLD**

### 11. ■ A ROYAL TIME ON FERNANDINA & ISABELA

Enjoy a guided walk along Fernandina's volcanic terrain and, conditions permitting, go snorkelling. On Isabela, hike from secluded Tagus Cove to Darwin Lake for excellent bird spotting – swimming, snorkelling or kayaking\* are all options this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

### 12. ■ EXPLORE ISLA ISABELA

Geological activity on Isla Isabela caused a mass of land to lift up some 5 m., leaving underwater life stranded ashore at Urbina Bay. Hike and explore the island by *panga*, observing the delicate reef formations and land iguanas basking in the warmth on sunlit paths. **Meals BLD**

### 13. ■ WILDLIFE ON RÁBIDA & SANTA CRUZ

Explore Rábida Island your way today. Take a stroll, go snorkelling or take a glass-bottom boat ride; enjoy views





of sea lions, yellow warblers, and Darwin's finches. On Santa Cruz Island, you might spot stilts, pintail ducks, sandpipers, and flycatchers on a guided walk. Enjoy farewell cocktails aboard ship this evening. **Meals BLD**

## 14. RETURN FLIGHT TO GUAYAQUIL

Disembark *Isabela II* in Baltra; after a stop at Santa Cruz to visit Los Gemelos (twin collapsed volcanic lava domes that resemble craters), and perhaps see giant tortoises in the highlands, fly back to Guayaquil for a final night at the Oro Verde Guayaquil. Spend some free time at your hotel or perhaps take a stroll along the waterfront promenade, El Malecon. Join us tonight at our farewell cocktail party and dinner. **Meals BD**

## 15. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Guayaquil.** A transfer is included from Oro Verde Guayaquil to Guayaquil Int'l Airport. You should allow a minimum of 3 hours for check-in. **Meals B**

## FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	<b>BELMOND MIRAFLORES PARK HOTEL</b>	Lima, Peru
Night 3	<b>BELMOND HOTEL RIO SAGRADO</b>	Sacred Valley, Peru
Night 4	<b>BELMOND SANCTUARY LODGE</b>	Machu Picchu, Peru
Night 5,6	<b>BELMOND HOTEL MONASTERIO</b>	Cusco, Peru
Night 7,14	<b>ORO VERDE GUAYAQUIL</b>	Guayaquil, Ecuador
Night 8-13	<b>ABOARD ISABELA II</b>	Cruising the Galápagos

## 15 DAYS FROM £7,240\*

Includes On-Tour Air  
(14 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 12 Dinners)

### BEGINS LIMA

05, 19 Mar 02, 16, 30 Apr 14, 28 May 11 Jun 20 Aug  
03, 17 Sep 01, 15, 29 Oct

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

\*LAND / CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

March – July					
Cat C	Double	£7050	+	£690	= £7740
	Single	£10,004	+	£690	= £10,694
Cat B	Double	£7170	+	£690	= £7860
	Single	£10,274	+	£690	= £10,964
Cat A	Double	£7300	+	£690	= £7990
	Single	£10,554	+	£690	= £11,244

August – October					
Cat C	Double	£6550	+	£690	= £7240
	Single	£9521	+	£690	= £10,211
Cat B	Double	£6680	+	£690	= £7370
	Single	£9791	+	£690	= £10,481
Cat A	Double	£6800	+	£690	= £7490
	Single	£10,071	+	£690	= £10,761

**Cat C (Limited):** Cabin Deck, double bed (11 sq. m.)

**Cat B:** Cabin Deck, twin or double bed (13 sq. m.)

**Cat A (Master Suite):** Main Deck, double bed (15 sq. m.)

### On-tour air included (5 flights)

**\*International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability).

**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything outlined in General Information, as well as Galápagos National Park entrance fee; cruise fare; port charges; applicable fuel surcharges; private Tauck shore excursions with naturalists; daily cocktail hour, all-day soft drinks, wine with dinner on *Isabela II*; airport transfers and departure tax; all gratuities to Tauck Director, naturalists and ship staff.

**Note: Trips are not available aboard ship.** This is an active journey requiring a fair amount of walking, often on uneven terrain; several days touring at elevations up to 3.7 km in hot and humid weather can be strenuous and challenging. Daily shore excursions will include wet and dry landings on diverse Galápagos islands.

Our Galápagos itinerary is subject to change due to wildlife encounters, atmospheric conditions and Galápagos National Park directives.

Please ask when booking about additional hotel nights before or after your tour. For activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required.

**See *Isabela II* deck plans and ship specifications on page 112.**



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## A large marine iguana with dark, scaly skin and a prominent dorsal spine of spines is the central focus. In the foreground, a vibrant red crab with white markings on its carapace is positioned on a dark, textured rock. The background is a clear blue sky. A circular inset in the bottom right corner shows the ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu, nestled in a valley with steep, forested mountains in the background. Two people wearing hats are visible in the foreground of the inset, looking towards the ruins.

The map illustrates the flight route from Lima, Peru, to the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. The route is marked with a green dotted line and airplane icons. Key stops include Lima, Machu Picchu, and Cusco. The map also shows the Equator, the Pacific Ocean, and the flags of Ecuador and Peru. An inset map provides a detailed view of the Galapagos Islands, including islands like Santa Cruz, San Cristobal, and Santa Fe, and locations like Darwin Station and El Edén.



# TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by natural history experts plus other select touches
- 7-night Galápagos cruise with onboard naturalists
- 8 nights in hotels in Lima, Machu Picchu, Cusco, Urubamba and Guayaquil with guided sightseeing
- On-tour air (5 flights)
- Aboard ship select wines, premium spirits and soft drinks are available throughout the day
- 38 meals, all gratuities, airport transfers as noted, private shore excursions, select meals ashore, service charges, taxes & portage

## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

### ■ 7 CRUISE DAYS

#### Lima to Guayaquil

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Lima / BELMOND MIRAFLORES PARK
2	Lima
3	Cusco / Urubamba / BELMOND HOTEL RIO SAGRADO
4	Aguas Calientes / Machu Picchu BELMOND SANCTUARY LODGE
5	Machu Picchu / Cusco / BELMOND HOTEL MONASTERIO
6	Cusco
7	Guayaquil / ORO VERDE HOTEL GUAYAQUIL
■ 8	Baltra Island / Embark <b>SILVER GALAPAGOS</b>
■ 9	Genovesa Island
■ 10	North Seymour Island / Santiago Island
■ 11	Rábida Island / El Eden / Isla Fernandina
■ 12	San Cristóbal Island
■ 13	Bahía Gardner / Española Island / Santa Cruz Island
■ 14	Puerto Ayora / South Plaza Island
15	Disembark Baltra / ORO VERDE HOTEL GUAYAQUIL
16	Depart Guayaquil

16 DAYS FROM £9,240\*

Includes On-Tour Air

(15 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches & 13 Dinners)

#### BEGINS LIMA

16, 30 Mar ~~13, 27~~ Apr ~~11, 25~~ May 08 Jun ~~28~~ Sep 12, 26 Oct  
/ = Sold Out!

#### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

\*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

■ Explorer Suite	Double £8550 + £690 = £9240
	Triple N/A
	Single £11,622 + £690 = £12,312
■ Veranda Suite	Double £10,050 + £690 = £10,740
	Triple N/A
	Single £13,773 + £690 = £14,463
■ Deluxe Veranda Suite	Double £10,280 + £690 = £10,970
	Triple N/A
	Single £14,137 + £690 = £14,827
■ Silver Suite	Double £11,850 + £690 = £12,540
	Triple N/A
	Single £16,384 + £690 = £17,074

#### On-tour air included (5 flights)

\*International Airfare is additional.

**Land / Cruise Price includes** Galápagos National Park entrance fee; cruise fare; port charges; applicable fuel surcharges; private Tauck shore excursions with naturalists; aboard ship select wines, premium spirits, and soft drinks are available throughout the day; airport transfers; all gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Internet included at 1 hour per day for Explorer Suite and included all day for higher category suites.

**Note: Triples are not available aboard ship.** This is an active journey requiring a fair amount of walking, often on uneven terrain; several days touring at elevations up to 3,718 m. in hot and humid weather can be strenuous and challenging. Daily shore excursions will include wet and dry landings on diverse Galápagos islands. Wet landings will be made by *panga* (Zodiac-style rafts) on sandy or rocky beaches and may require wading ashore in shallow water. We may not visit each of the islands in the order outlined, but we typically visit two different sites per day. Our Galápagos itinerary is subject to change due to wildlife encounters, atmospheric conditions and Galápagos National Park directives. For activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required. **Note:** Tour of 16 Mar will stay at Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Valle Sagrado night 3.

See **Silver Galapagos** deck plans and ship specifications at [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk).

Bookings are subject to our **Booking Conditions**.

#### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	BELMOND MIRAFLORES PARK HOTEL	Lima, Peru
Night 3	BELMOND HOTEL RIO SAGRADO	Urubamba, Peru
Night 4	BELMOND SANCTUARY LODGE	Machu Picchu, Peru
Night 5,6	BELMOND HOTEL MONASTERIO	Cusco, Peru
Night 7,15	HOTEL DEL PARQUE	Guayaquil, Ecuador
Night 8-14	ABOARD SILVER GALAPAGOS	Cruising the Galápagos



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# CRUISING THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS



## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 6 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *ISABELA II*

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Guayaquil <b>ORO VERDE GUAYAQUIL</b>
■ 2	San Cristóbal Island / Embark <i>Isabela II</i>
■ 3	Genovesa Island
■ 4	Santiago Island
■ 5	Isabela Island and Fernandina Island
■ 6	Urbina Bay on Isabela Island
■ 7	Rábida Island and Santa Cruz Island
8	Disembark Baltra / Guayaquil <b>ORO VERDE GUAYAQUIL</b>
9	Depart Guayaquil







**WILDLIFE FOUND NOWHERE ELSE ON EARTH...** Access remote islands time forgot for unforgettable shore excursions with our expert naturalists who travel with you throughout your expeditionary cruise. Explore rocky beaches teeming with wildlife and lavascapes etched with adventure... Discover a unique world of blue- and red-footed boobies, flightless cormorants, endemic penguins and fur seals. See frigate birds and storm petrels and walk among marine iguanas and sea lions who welcome you ashore. Ride from the ship to the shore aboard *pangas* as you seek out sights that have remained virtually unchanged for centuries.

## 1. ARRIVE GUAYAQUIL

**Tour begins: Oro Verde Guayaquil.** A transfer is included from Guayaquil's José Joaquín de Olmedo International Airport to Oro Verde Guayaquil, in the city's dynamic business district. Most flights arrive late in the day. Sleep well; your adventure begins in the morning!

## 2. FLY TO SAN CRISTÓBAL / ■ ISABELA II

Fly to San Cristóbal Island and embark *Isabela II*. Attend a briefing by the ship's captain and crew that includes information about your cruise\*, and transferring ashore by *panga* (Zodiac-style rafts). You will experience wet landings that may require wading in shallow water as well as dry landings on rocky surfaces. Take your first *panga* ride to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno where you will have the opportunity to visit Cerro Colorado, a reserve and breeding centre of giant Galápagos Tortoises. Sightings are not guaranteed but the insights shared here speak to the conservation efforts that are being taken on their behalf. Return to your ship for a briefing about your upcoming shore excursions to different Galápagos Islands, and join the captain this evening for a welcome cocktail reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 3. ■ THE VIEWS FROM GENOVESA ISLAND

Set sail for Genovesa Island, known as Bird Island for its feathered flocks, from frigate birds and Darwin's finches to colourfully clad boobies, mockingbirds and storm petrels. Ride a *panga* to Prince Philip's Steps; a steep path leads you up rock steps to flat land for a walk to see a colony of red-footed boobies. Conditions permitting, go snorkelling or kayaking\* in the waters off the island, and later, join our naturalist for a walk along Darwin Bay, a cliff-lined volcanic caldera renowned for its seabird colonies and dramatic views. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ RARE BIRDS & LAVA ON SANTIAGO ISLAND

By *panga*, explore Buccaneer Cove, once a hiding place for pirate booty on Santiago Island. The natural treasures you may see here include marine birds, fur seals, intertidal anemones, barnacles, sea urchins, and sea stars. On the western coast, lava pools and caves line the blackened beaches of Puerto Egas and provide the perfect habitat for marine iguanas, Sally Lightfoot crabs, and herons. Look for them on a coastal walk with a naturalist that takes you over surfaces of porous tuff-stone layers and rocky lava flows. **Meals BLD**



# ONLY IN THE GALÁPAGOS

*Learn about species found nowhere else on Earth from Tauck's naturalist guides. Undisturbed by human visitors, and unfazed, many of these locals are friendly and inquisitive.*



Sally Lightfoot Crabs are energetic, entertaining, and just about everywhere in the rocks above the sea spray, feeding on algae, or sampling plant matter. Quick moving and agile, they are hard to catch but are easily photographed!



Their brilliant blue feet are giveaways as you look for the boobies you may have read about. But you're not the only ones blue-footed boobies attract; the males put on an ostentatious courtship show with their feet in hopes of attracting a lady friend!



Hunted almost to extinction, the Giant Galápagos Tortoise is one of the most ancient of reptiles and among the rarest. They can live for more than a century as they plod along slowly munching cacti, grasses, lichens, and berries.



Pink flamingos live in the salt-water lagoons of lava fields. Gregarious and sociable, they can only eat with their head upside down and rest standing on one leg. They have good hearing, but little sense of smell – and define natural elegance.



Cute, curious, and unflappable, Galápagos fur seal pups fortunately have no constant predators. Protected from poachers by law since 1959, they spend most of the day on the rocky shores, sunning and “smiling” for visitors.

## 5. ■ ISLAS FERNANDINA AND ISABELA

Wake up early today, if you wish, and join us for a walk before breakfast along the exotic lava flows at Punta Espinoza on Fernandina Island as the “locals” – blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas, sea lions, Sally Lightfoot Crabs, penguins, and flightless cormorants – start their day. A guided shore excursion to the island after breakfast also offers the opportunity to go snorkelling. Kayaking off nearby Isabela Island is followed by an uphill hike to Darwin Lake and a *panga* ride along the cliffs of Tagus Cove. **Meals BLD**

## 6. ■ ISABELA'S URBINA BAY AND COASTLINE

Explore Urbina Bay, where part of the ocean floor was upended after an earthquake in 1954, on a guided hike with our onboard naturalist; wildlife on this island includes land iguanas, Galápagos penguins, Nazca boobies, Noddy Terns, and, in season, green sea turtles. Head to Punta Vicente Roca, at the “mouth” of Isabela’s west facing seahorse shape. Geological formations provide a scenic backdrop for nesting birds such as blue-footed boobies. Explore the coast by *panga*, or, conditions permitting, go snorkelling – possibly with penguins! **Meals BLD**

## 7. ■ RÁBIDA AND SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS

You may want to take advantage of an optional early wake up call this morning to see whales and dolphins in the waters off our ship. Go ashore on Rábida Island today, known for its dark red beach and friendly sea lions remarkably unafraid of visitors. Marine iguanas and yellow warblers share the shores too; after a stroll along the beach, enjoy snorkelling, kayaking or a glass-bottom boat ride. After lunch, hike along a wildlife-rich trail at Cerro Dragón on Santa Cruz Island, look for Darwin Finches and Galápagos land iguanas, miniature dragons that roam the island in search of their favourite cactus snack. You’ll also find lagoons that are home to stilts, pintail ducks and sandpipers. **Meals BLD**

## 8. DISEMBARK / FLY TO GUAYAQUIL

After breakfast, disembark *Isabela II* in Baltra on Santa Cruz for your flight back to Guayaquil. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals BD**

## 9. JOURNEY HOME

**Tour ends: Guayaquil.** Fly home anytime. A transfer from Oro Verde Guayaquil to José Joaquín de Olmedo International Airport is included. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



# TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by natural history experts plus other select touches
- Exclusive 6-night Galápagos cruise, with only 40 Tauck guests, aboard *Isabela II*
- Daily exploration ashore on the islands; hikes and walks led by expert naturalist guides
- Aboard ship – daily cocktail hour, all-day soft drinks and wine with dinner
- On-tour air (2 flights)
- 21 meals; airport transfers as noted; gratuities to Tauck Director, naturalists & ship staff; fees to Galápagos National Park, portage & more



## 9 DAYS FROM £4,840\*

Includes On-Tour Air

(8 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

### BEGINS GUAYAQUIL

14, 28 Jan 11, 25 Feb 01, 15, 29 Jul 02 Dec

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

### LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

\*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

January - February; December

Cat C	Double	£4730	+	£310	=	£5040
	Single	£7184	+	£310	=	£7494
Cat B	Double	£4780	+	£310	=	£5090
	Single	£7322	+	£310	=	£7632
Cat A	Double	£4930	+	£310	=	£5240
	Single	£7604	+	£310	=	£7914

July

Cat C	Double	£4530	+	£310	=	£4840
	Single	£6978	+	£310	=	£7288
Cat B	Double	£4580	+	£310	=	£4890
	Single	£7116	+	£310	=	£7426
Cat A	Double	£4730	+	£310	=	£5040
	Single	£7386	+	£310	=	£7696

Cat C (Limited): Cabin Deck, double bed (11 sq. m.)

Cat B: Cabin Deck, twin or double bed (13 sq. m.)

Cat A (Master Suite): Main Deck, double bed (15 sq. m.)

### On-tour air included (2 flights)

\*International Airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the UK (subject to availability).

**Land / Cruise Price includes** everything outlined in General Information, as well as Galápagos National Park entrance fee; cruise fare; port charges; applicable fuel surcharges; private Tauck shore excursions with naturalists; daily cocktail hour, all-day soft drinks, wine with dinner on *Isabela II*; airport transfers; all gratuities to Tauck Director, naturalists and ship staff.

**Note: Triples are not available aboard ship.** This is an active journey requiring a fair amount of walking, often on uneven terrain; touring in hot and humid weather can be strenuous and challenging. Daily shore excursions will include wet and dry landings on diverse Galápagos islands. Our Galápagos itinerary is subject to change due to wildlife encounters, atmospheric conditions and Galápagos National Park directives. Please ask when booking about additional hotel nights before or after your tour. For activities marked with an asterisk (\*), participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required.

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**

### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,8 **ORO VERDE GUAYAQUIL** Guayaquil, Ecuador  
 Night 2-7 **ABOARD ISABELA II** Cruising the Galápagos



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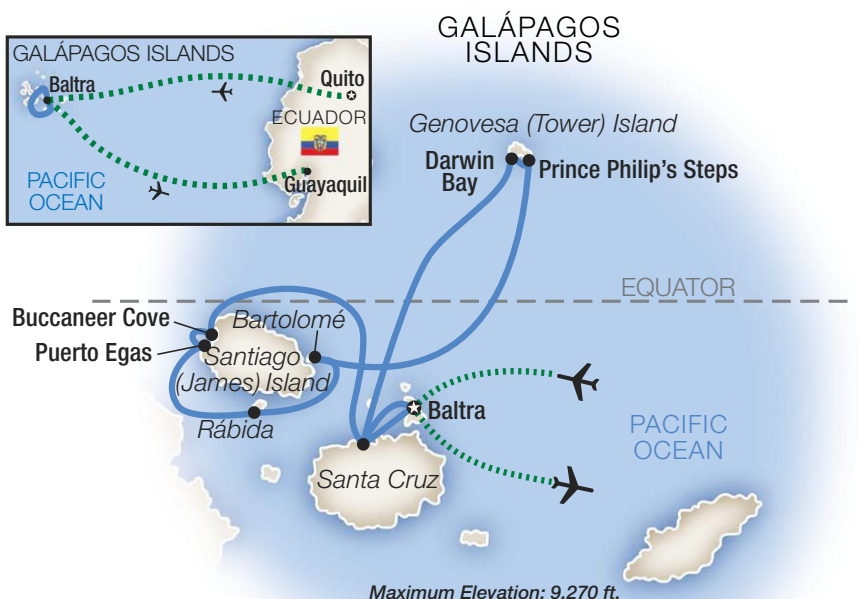


# GALÁPAGOS: WILDLIFE WONDERLAND

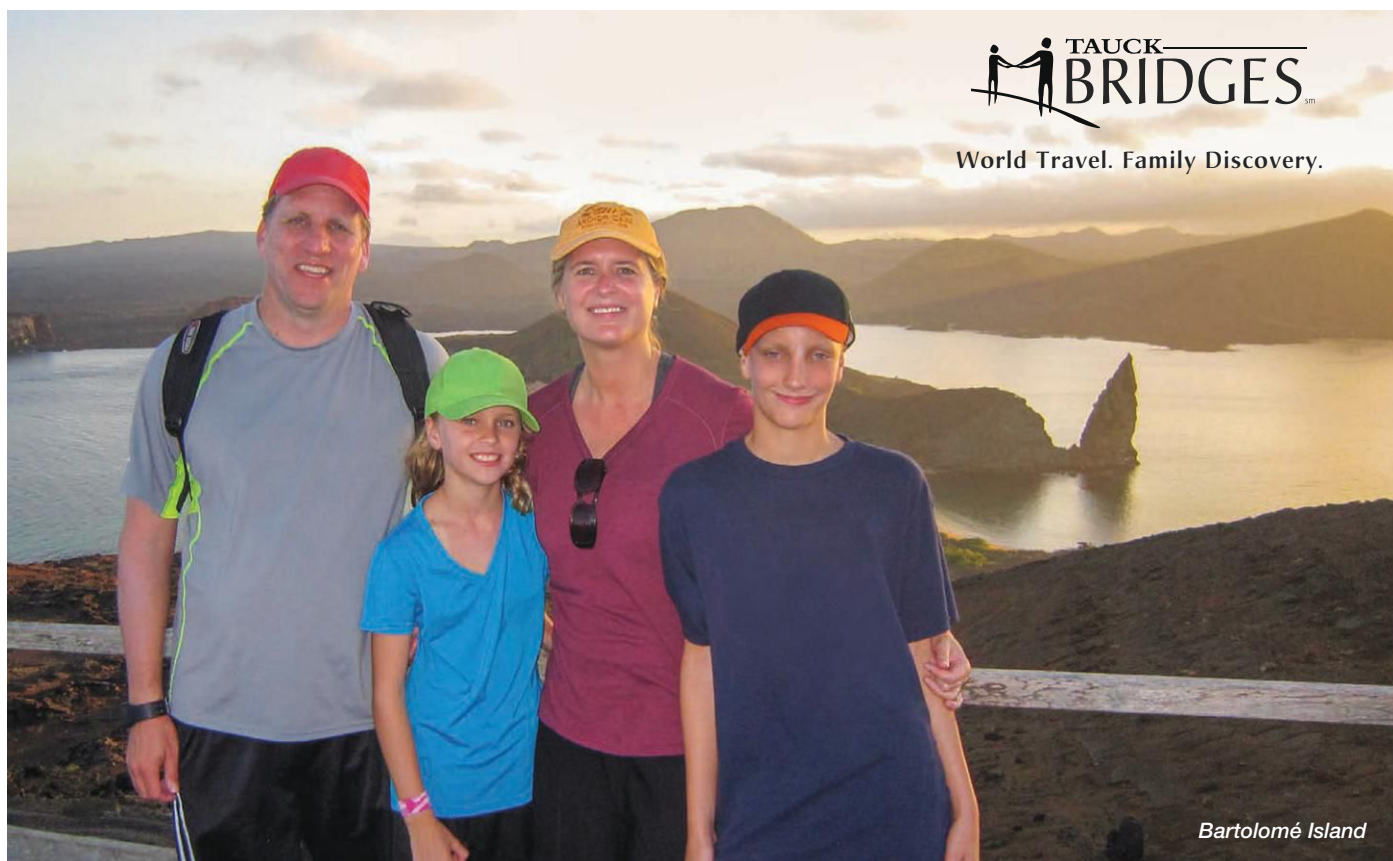
## VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 4 CRUISE DAYS ABOARD *SANTA CRUZ II*

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Quito / <b>SWISSÔTEL QUITO</b>
2	Quito
■ 3	Fly to Baltra / Embark <b><i>SANTA CRUZ II</i></b> / Santa Cruz Island
■ 4	Santiago (James) Island
■ 5	Rábida Island / Bartolomé Island
■ 6	Genovesa (Tower) Island
7	Disembark Santa Cruz Island / Baltra / Guayaquil <b>WYNDHAM GUAYAQUIL</b>
8	Depart Guayaquil







Bartolomé Island

**THE ULTIMATE GALÁPAGOS FAMILY TRAVEL ADVENTURE...** Nothing compares to the look of delight on your family's faces aboard our Galápagos expeditionary cruise. They learn about the islands time forgot from Galápagos naturalists who travel onboard your expeditionary ship with you... come face to face with fur seal pups, marine iguanas, flamingoes... explore lava landscapes and white coral beaches... snorkel, kayak, and travel by *panga*... and explore Ecuador's cultural traditions when you spend two nights in colonial Quito – including a visit to the Equator.

## 1. ARRIVE QUITO, ECUADOR

**Tour begins: Swissôtel Quito.** A transfer is included from Mariscal Sucre International Airport to Tauck's hotel, the Swissôtel Quito in Ecuador's capital, located more than 2,800 metres above "sea level." Get acclimated to the elevation and rest up for tomorrow's early morning start.

## 2. AT THE MIDDLE OF THE WORLD IN QUITO

Sightseeing begins at *la mitad del mundo* (the Equator) where you put one foot in the Northern Hemisphere and one in the Southern Hemisphere at the same time! Next, visit the Inti Ñan Museum and have lunch at a restaurant perched on the edge of Pululahua Volcano. Then set off with a guide in Quito's colonial quarter; this UNESCO World Heritage Site dates to Quito's founding in 1534. See Carondelet Palace (the president's palace); the cathedral; city hall; and the archbishop's palace. This evening's special fun-filled festivities begin with a toast and entertainment at a local historic mansion followed by a welcome reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

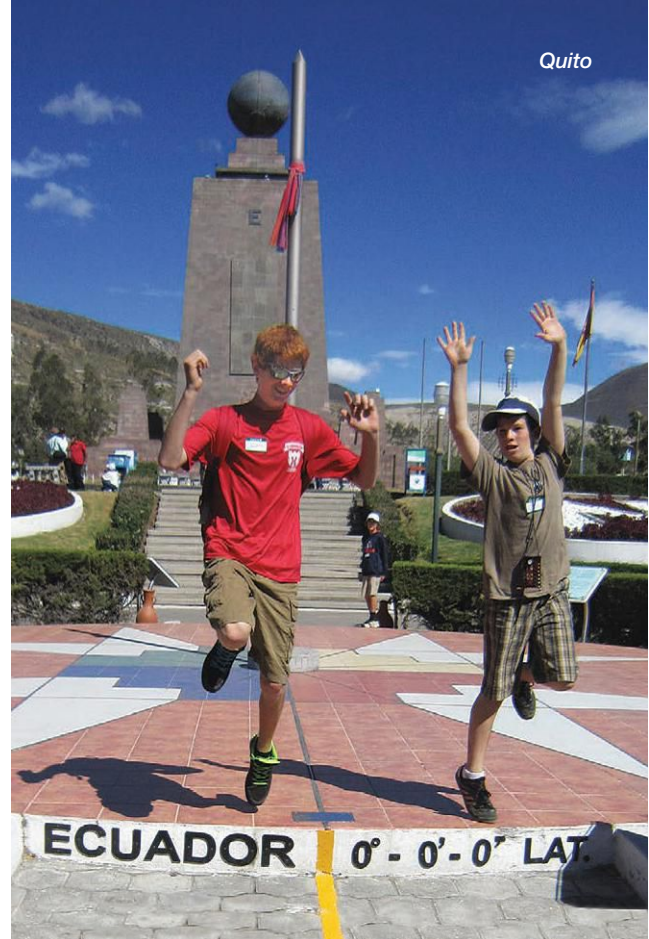
## 3. ■ FLY TO THE ISLANDS THAT TIME FORGOT

Hop on a plane for your flight to Baltra Island, the starting point of your Galápagos cruise\* aboard Tauck's expeditionary ship, *Santa Cruz II*. Your first cruise stop is a wet landing, which means stepping into knee-deep water and wading to shore on Santa Cruz Island's *Playa las Bachas*. This glorious white sand beach is a nesting area for the East Pacific green sea turtle, one of the rare species whose ancestors lived in the time of the dinosaurs. Explore areas around lagoons that attract pintail ducks and long-legged wading birds like flamingoes and stilts. Back on the ship, get a briefing on tomorrow's activities by onboard naturalists, then enjoy a welcome reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 4. ■ SANTIAGO ISLAND LOCALS

Today discover Santiago (James) Island, a favourite haunt of pirates and whalers of old. Take a *panga* ride along Buccaneer Cove and see how many different seabirds – frigates, pelicans, boobies – you can spot.





## TRAVELLING WELL INCLUDES...

- On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by natural history experts plus other select touches
- 4-night family Galápagos cruise aboard the 90-guest *Santa Cruz II*
- Entrance fee to Galápagos National Park
- Daily shore excursions with expert naturalists on different islands in the Galápagos
- Two nights in Quito with a city tour & brunch near the Equator
- Visit to the Tortoise Reserve centre on Santa Cruz Island for a chance to see giant tortoises
- Aboard ship – daily cocktail hour, all day soft drinks, wine and beer with dinner
- Airport transfers on arrival & departure as noted
- 18 meals; gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides, drivers, naturalists, and ship staff; service charges, most taxes, and portage

Snorkel off the *panga* if you like, where you may be joined by Galápagos sea lions who are happy to share the waters with you. A wet landing at Puerto Egas brings more opportunities to spot seabirds, fur seals and marine iguanas, that, unlike other lizards, forage for food underwater in the sea... You'll also have an opportunity at the beach for snorkelling and swimming. **Meals BLD**

### 5. ■ "NOISY" RÁBIDA & BARTOLOMÉ VIEWS

Get ready to get wet as we wade ashore onto the red-sand beach of Rábida Island, also known as Jervis Island. Wildlife is abundant here, with sea lions and marine iguanas often lazing on the beach and near the caves, nesting brown pelicans hidden in inland vegetation, and flocks of pink flamingoes balancing on stilted legs in insect-rich lagoons. And with lots of marine life in the waters around the shore, Rábida offers great snorkelling from the beach too – while you are here, you can also take a ride on a glass-bottom boat. This afternoon, cruise to Bartolomé Island for a hike up to the island's summit for views of Santiago (James) Island and Pinnacle Rock. You'll also have the opportunity to head out to Pinnacle Rock aboard a *panga* for a chance to see rare Galápagos penguins, the only penguins in the world that live north of the Equator in the wild. **Meals BLD**

### 6. ■ GENOVESA, BIRD SPOTTING & MORE

Ride aboard a *panga* along the dramatic lava cliffs of horseshoe-shaped Genovesa (Tower) Island, looking for a variety of sealife hidden in the crevices of the volcanic cliffs, and make a dry landing at Prince Philip's



Steps, named for Prince Philip who visited here in 1965 and 1981. Climb the steep stairway for a hike across the island. Follow a path that leads through a seabird colony of Nazca and red-footed boobies as you make your way inland. This afternoon, cruise to Darwin Bay, a submerged crater that today is a paradise for birds. A wet landing on white coral sands leads to more bird spotting – great frigatebirds are typically seen here – and a nature hike (if you wish). Join us this evening for the captain's farewell reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

## 7. DISEMBARK / FLY TO GUAYAQUIL

Disembark ship at the north shore of Santa Cruz Island for a visit to the tortoise reserve. Drive through highland landscapes carpeted with dense forests of daisies, orchids and bromeliads, and lots of birds, arriving at the island's Tortoise Reserve. Here on the windward slopes, two species of giant tortoises can often be seen lumbering through the native vegetation. Head to Baltra for a flight to Guayaquil; join us tonight for a farewell poolside dinner at your hotel. **Meals BD**

## 8. HOMEWARD BOUND

**Tour ends: Guayaquil.** Fly home anytime; a transfer is included from Wyndham Guayaquil to José Joaquín de Olmedo Int'l Airport; allow three hours for check-in. **Meals B**



### \*SPECIAL DECEMBER DEPARTURE!

Spend the holidays in the Galápagos with your family on our exclusive 8-day December cruise departure for Tauck Bridges families on 21/12/19, priced from £5,080 including on-tour air per person triple – same itinerary at a great time to travel!

# 8 DAYS FROM £4,040\*

Includes On-Tour Air

(7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 6 Dinners)

## BEGINS QUITO

16 Mar 13 Apr 08, 18, 22 Jun 02, 06, 16, 20 Jul 03, 17 Aug 21\* Dec

Go to [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

## PRICE PER PERSON

**March – 15 July**  
\*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

■ Explorer Double Cabin – Horizon Deck	Double	£4120	+	£270	=	£4390
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	£5225	+	£270	=	£5495
■ Explorer Triple Cabin – Horizon Deck	Double	N/A				
	Triple	£4020	+	£270	=	£4290
	Single	N/A				
■ Explorer Double Cabin – Expedition Deck	Double	£4220	+	£270	=	£4490
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	£5349	+	£270	=	£5619
■ Explorer Double Cabin – Panorama Deck	Double	£4320	+	£270	=	£4590
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	£5446	+	£270	=	£5716
■ Darwin Suite	Double	£4710	+	£270	=	£4980
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	£5867	+	£270	=	£6137

**16 July – August**  
\*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

■ Explorer Double Cabin – Horizon Deck	Double	£3870	+	£270	=	£4140
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	£4949	+	£270	=	£5219
■ Explorer Triple Cabin – Horizon Deck	Double	N/A				
	Triple	£3770	+	£270	=	£4040
	Single	N/A				
■ Explorer Double Cabin – Expedition Deck	Double	£3970	+	£270	=	£4240
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	£5073	+	£270	=	£5343
■ Explorer Double Cabin – Panorama Deck	Double	£4070	+	£270	=	£4340
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	£5172	+	£270	=	£5442
■ Darwin Suite	Double	£4420	+	£270	=	£4690
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	£5591	+	£270	=	£5861

### On-tour air included (2 flights)

#### £240 Child Savings: Children 11 and under

Children under 18 must be booked in a room with at least one adult. Triple accommodations are not available for more than two adults, age 18 or older, sharing a room.

#### Interconnecting cabins (subject to availability)

can be booked onboard *Santa Cruz II*. Quads will be accommodated in two double rooms. Aboard ship, triple cabins are two beds and a pull-out couch; they are limited to two adults (age 18 or older) sharing a room with one child under age 18. In hotels, triples are usually a two-bedded room plus one rollaway bed.

#### Gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides and ship staff included.

#### \*International Airfare is additional.

#### Recommended age: 8+

**Note:** For activities marked with an asterisk (\*) in day-by-day descriptions, participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Departures are hosted by one Tauck Director for approx. every 40 guests. We may not visit each of the islands in the order outlined, but we typically visit two different sites per day. Our Galápagos itinerary is subject to change due to wildlife encounters, atmospheric conditions and Galápagos National Park directives. Departures of 18 Jun, 02 and 16 Jul visit different islands than on this itinerary; please ask at booking – and please also ask about booking an additional hotel night before or after your journey.

See deck plans and ship specifications on page 113.

**\*December departure is priced from £5,080; visit [tauck.co.uk](http://tauck.co.uk) for complete prices.**

**Bookings are subject to our Booking Conditions.**



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Antarctica

# OUR FLEET: HANDPICKED

## Small Ships... Big Advantages

Topping the list of the many advantages of Tauck's small ship cruises is the feeling you get when you're welcomed aboard our private yachts or expeditionary ships for a cruise experience that's personally rewarding in every way. Make yourself at home in staterooms designed for comfort, style and waterside views. Dine on cuisine freshly prepared by your onboard chef. Sunbathe or stargaze atop decks perfectly positioned for outdoor delights. Relax in our ships' intimate lounges, where evenings onboard promise camaraderie, warm conversation and local entertainment.

We hope you'll join us aboard the three-masted *Le Ponant*, four-masted *Wind Star* or five-masted *Wind Surf*... the classic expeditionary ships *Isabela II* or *Santa Cruz II*... Silversea's spacious, stylish *Silver Galapagos*... Ponant's sister ships *Le Boréal*, *Le Soléal*, *Le Lyrial* or *L'Austral*... or their 92-stateroom Explorer Series yachts, the new sister ships *Le Lapérouse*, *Le Champlain* or *Le Dumont d'Urville*. Each of these purpose-built small ships – particularly suited for the destinations they'll sail to – charts a course for well-choreographed cruising adventures to hidden harbours and ports unlike any other.





# SMALL SHIPS

- Go where the larger ships don't go... like remote islands, hidden harbours and exclusive ports of call ideally suited for our well-chosen small ships
- Indulge in attentive service from our Tauck Directors and ship staff
- Enjoy flexible sailing experiences and spontaneous opportunities
- Get to know your fellow cruisers, including the captain and crew, during daily cocktail hours, onboard dining, discovery briefings and more
- Enjoy a choice of shore excursions with local guides and Tauck Directors
- Your ship may be exclusive to Tauck guests only or shared with international guests not travelling with Tauck
- Walk right off your ship into the heart of the destination, or tender ashore by Zodiac without waiting on crowded lines experienced with larger ships





Ponant's new Explorer Series yachts feature six passenger decks, a choice of two dining venues and all-included house wines and spirits, bar and restaurant beverages throughout the day aboard ship. Their environmentally-friendly equipment, elegant staterooms and suites, lounge areas that open onto the outside, and innovative Blue Eye lounge offer the perfect atmosphere for a unique cruising experience.

## SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

**Built:** 2018 - 2019

**Length:** 430 ft. / 131 m.

**Draft:** 15 ft. / 4.5 m.

**Beam:** 59 ft. / 18 m.

**Tonnage:** 9,900 gross tons

**Cruising Speed:** 12.5 knots

**Air Conditioned:** Yes

**Elevator:** Yes

**Number of Guests:** 184

**Number of Staterooms & Suites:** 92

**Crew Members:** 110

**Registry:** France

**Crew Nationality:** French / International

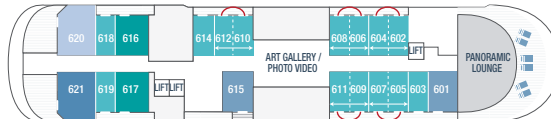
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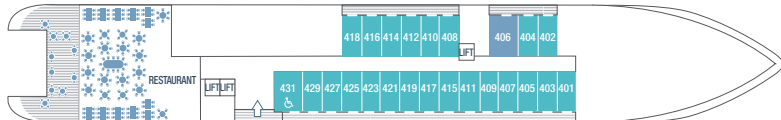
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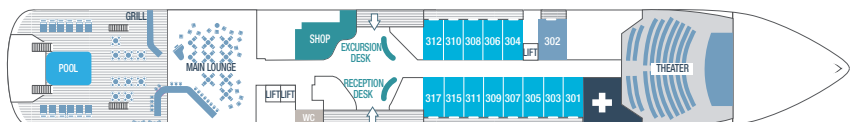
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DECK 4



DECK 3



DECK 2







# Le Lapérouse, Le Champlain & Le Dumont d'Urville

Sophisticated styling, innovative “green” technology, and attentive service distinguish Ponant’s new Explorer Series yachts *Le Lapérouse*, *Le Champlain* and *Le Dumont d’Urville*. Their six passenger decks include a panoramic main dining room on Deck 4; a casual restaurant, main lounge and 188-seat theatre, all on Deck 3; a panoramic lounge forward on Deck 6; a spa and fitness centre on the top deck; and Ponant’s groundbreaking Blue Eye underwater lounge, located beneath the water line, that allows guests to see, hear and virtually feel marine life in the deep sea. Elevators serve the passenger decks. Each ship’s 92 staterooms (205 sq. ft. or 19 sq. m.) and suites (296 – 484 sq. ft. or 27 – 45 sq. m.) offer individually controlled air conditioning, queen-size beds (or converted twin beds), DVD / CD player, flat-screen TV with satellite channels, safe and minibar; all have private balconies. Go to Tauck’s website for ship-specific deck plans and specifications. Please note that aboard these French-registered ships (with bilingual crews), our Tauck group may travel with guests from around the world who speak a variety of languages.





Ponant's six-deck sister ships *Le Boréal*, *L'Austral*, *Le Soléal* and *Le Lyrial* are ideally suited for visiting ports bigger ships can't reach, and provide a truly intimate cruise experience. Inviting staterooms and suites are designed with a sophisticated French touch and offer ocean views; elegant public spaces create the feel of an upscale hotel.

## SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

**Built:** 2010, 2011, 2013 & 2015

**Length:** 466 ft. / 142 m.

**Draft:** 15 ft. / 4.5 m.

**Beam:** 59 ft. / 18 m.

**Tonnage:** 10,700 gross tons

**Cruising Speed:** 14 knots

**Air Conditioned:** Yes

**Elevator:** Yes

**Number of Guests:** 224 - 264

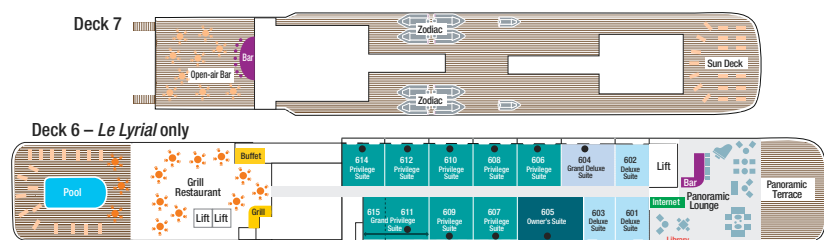
**Crew Members:** 140

**Registry:** France

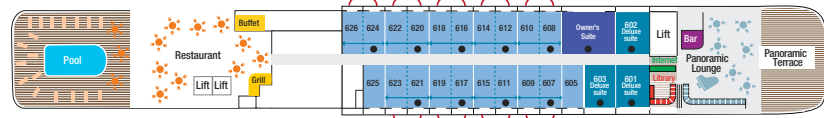
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French / International

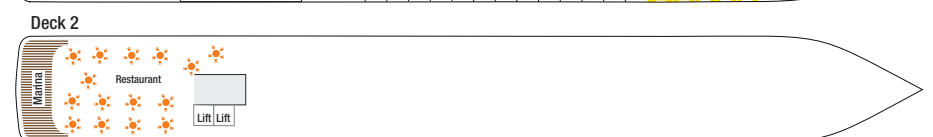
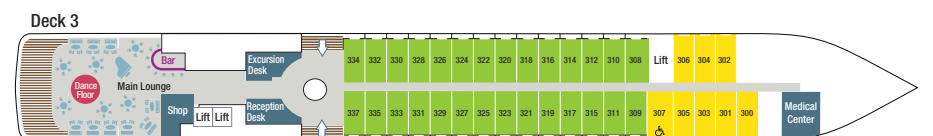
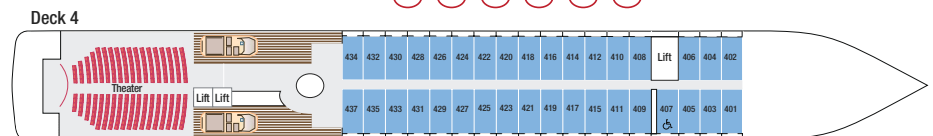
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Deck 6 – *Le Boréal* and *Le Soléal* have bathtubs where indicated, except Deluxe Suites on *Le Soléal* which have showers only; *L'Austral* has showers only in all Deck 6 staterooms except the Owner's Suite, which has a bathtub.



Deck 5 – *Le Boréal* and *Le Soléal* have bathtubs where indicated; *L'Austral* and *Le Lyrial* have showers only in all Deck 5 staterooms.



Superior Stateroom – Deck 3	Prestige Suite – Decks 5 & 6 (Two Prestige Staterooms combined)	Privilege Suite – Deck 6 – <i>Le Lyrial</i> only
Deluxe Suite – Deck 6	& Owner's Suite – Deck 6	Grand Privilege Suite – Deck 6 – <i>Le Lyrial</i> only
Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3	Prestige Stateroom – Decks 4, 5, 6	Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 6 – <i>Le Lyrial</i> only
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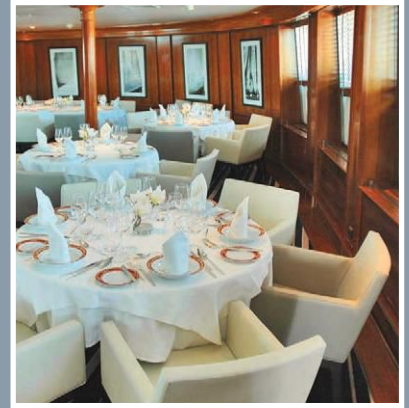




# Le Boréal, L'Austral, Le Soléal & Le Lyrial

These four Ponant sister ships offer a superb small ship experience whether on a polar expedition or cruising cultural destinations from the Mediterranean and Baltic seas to the Atlantic Ocean. Each 6-deck ship features a chic main dining room and a casual restaurant; three lounges with bars, access to open decks, and evening entertainment; a theatre, fitness and beauty corner, medical centre, observation areas, and elevators servicing decks 2 to 6. 132 staterooms (199 – 226 sq. ft. or 18 – 21 sq. m.) and suites (290 – 581 sq. ft. or 27 – 54 sq. m.) have ocean views; 95% have private balconies. Staterooms offer individually controlled air conditioning, twin beds that convert to a queen-size bed or a sofa that converts to a queen-size bed, video on demand, flat-screen TV with satellite channels, electronic safe, iPod dock and minibar. Go to Tauck's website for ship-specific deck plans and specifications. Please note that aboard these French-registered ships (with bilingual crews), our Tauck group may travel with guests from around the world who speak a variety of languages.





*With her compact size, shallow draft and an overall design that's open to the sea, Le Ponant offers Tauck guests the experience of sailing aboard a private yacht.*

## SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

**Built:** 1991

**Renovated:** 2013

**Length:** 290 ft. / 88.4 m.

**Draft:** 13 ft. / 3.9 m.

**Beam:** 39 ft. / 11.9 m.

**Tonnage:** 850 tons

**Cruising Speed:** 10 knots

**Air Conditioned:** Yes

**Elevator:** No

**Number of Guests:** 60

**Crew Members:** 30

**Registry:** France

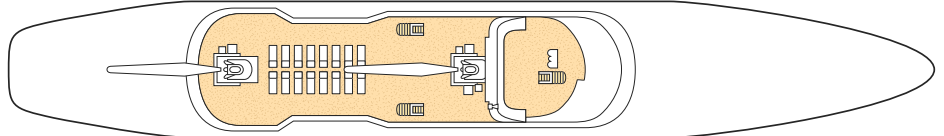
**Crew Nationality:** French / International

**Internet:** Service levels may vary

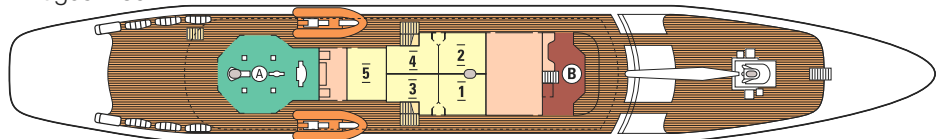
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Cabins on the Antigua Deck are not larger than cabins on the Marie Galante Deck.

Sun Deck

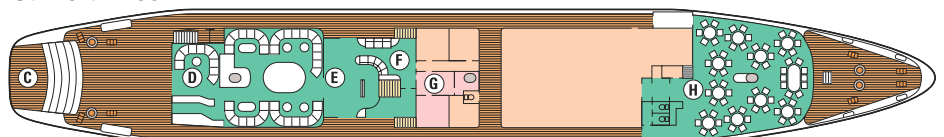


Antigua Deck



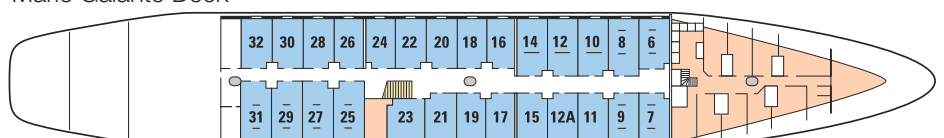
(A) Le Diamant Restaurant (B) Wheelhouse (C) Double bed cabins

St. Barth Deck



(C) Marina (D) Emeraude Lounge (E) Reception (F) Saphir Lounge (G) Infirmary (H) Karukéra Restaurant

Marie Galante Deck



00 Triple cabins with a fixed double bed 0 Double bed cabins

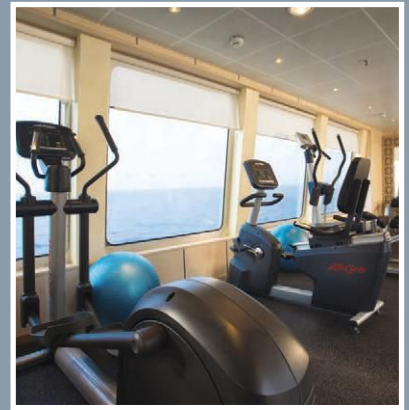




# Le Ponant - Exclusive to Tauck

This majestic three-masted schooner carries you to islands and exclusive ports in the Mediterranean where big ships often can't go. Stylish, with a relaxed onboard ambiance, *Le Ponant* invites camaraderie among her 60 guests, providing an experience similar to sailing on your own private yacht. Captain and crew are passionate about what they do, and in the tradition of private yachting, create an environment where guests easily interact with everyone. Enjoy complimentary onboard beverages from the ship's two lounges; relax and dine in congenial company in her two onboard restaurants, where the waiters come to know your name. The Sun Deck is perfect for enjoying water views and coastal scenery by day, and stargazing at night. The marina provides easy access to the sea for swimming. *Le Ponant's* dining venues include Le Diamant Panoramic Restaurant on the Antigua Deck, and the Karukéra Restaurant forward on the St. Barth Deck; the Emeraude and Saphir lounges are also located on the St. Barth Deck. At day's end, retire to your outside-facing stateroom (113 – 165 sq. ft. or 10 – 15 sq. m.), featuring a private bathroom with a shower, a music system, and individual climate control.



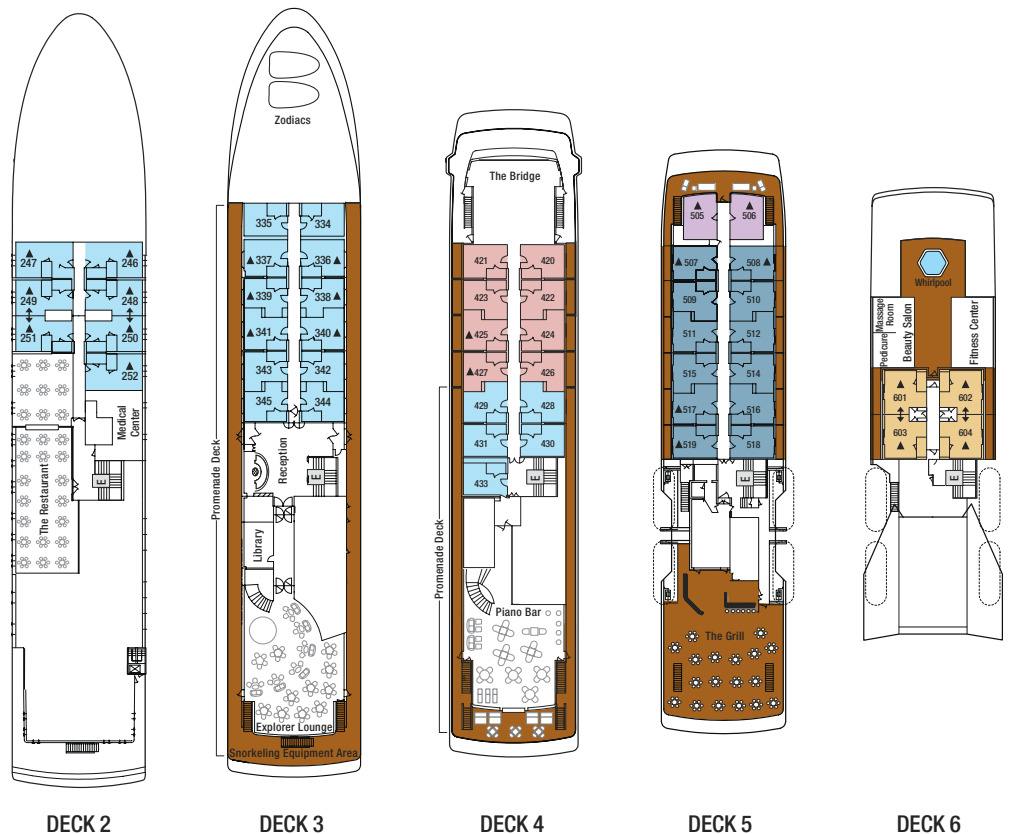


*Silver Galapagos features stylish public spaces including two restaurants, an outdoor bar and a piano bar lounge, a library, a Jacuzzi, a beauty salon, a massage room, and a fitness centre; all of her cabins are spacious suites with ocean views.*

## SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Refurbished: 2014  
 Length: 289.24 ft. / 88.16 m.  
 Draft: 12 ft.  
 Beam: 50.20 ft. / 15.3 m.  
 Tonnage: 4,077 tons  
 Speed: 10 - 17 knots  
 Air Conditioned: Yes  
 Elevator: Yes  
 Number of Guests: 100  
 Crew Members: 75  
 Registry: Ecuador  
 Crew Nationality: Ecuadorian  
 Internet: Service levels may vary

■ Silver Suite
 ■ Deluxe Veranda Suite
 ■ Veranda Suite
 ■ Explorer Suite







# Silver Galapagos

A Tauck Galápagos expedition cruise, enjoyed aboard Silversea's all-suite small ship *Silver Galapagos*, brings you to one of the most isolated places in the world – the Galápagos Islands, strung along the Equator in the middle of the Pacific Ocean – to encounter a treasure trove of unique wildlife species found nowhere else on Earth. Designed to access island ports, hidden coves and secluded harbours that larger ships can't, *Silver Galapagos* is ideal for exploring the remote volcanic islands of the Galápagos Archipelago in style; all of her guest cabins are spacious, well-appointed suites with ocean views. With a crew of 75 catering to the needs of just 100 guests aboard, *Silver Galapagos* offers intimacy and camaraderie, and enjoys an international reputation for exemplary personalised service from an experienced Ecuadorian crew. The ship's luxury amenities include two restaurants that serve regional specialties, an outdoor bar and a piano bar lounge, a library, a Jacuzzi, a beauty salon, a massage room, and a fitness centre.





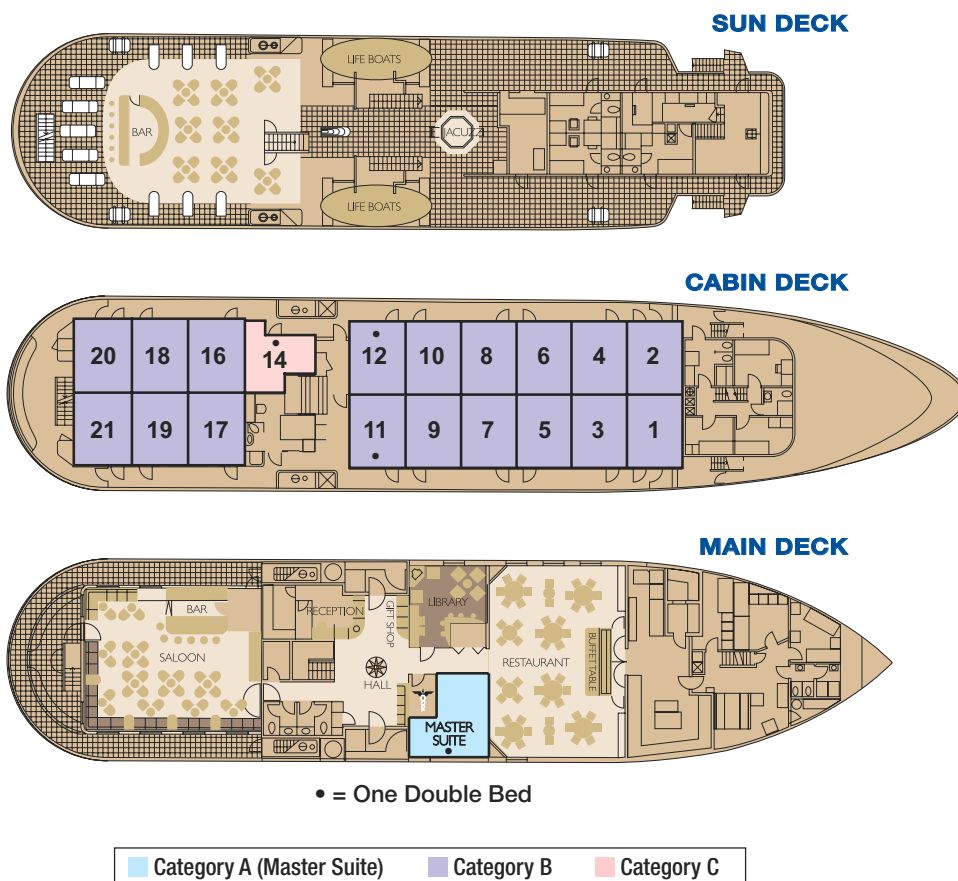
# Isabela II - Exclusive to Tauck

A classic expeditionary yacht designed for Galápagos cruising, *Isabela II* accommodates just 40 guests and operates in the islands exclusively for Tauck. Her three decks include a bar / lounge with outdoor seating, an observation deck, a Jacuzzi and solarium. All outside staterooms featuring en-suite bathrooms with showers, individual air conditioning, a music system and much more provide for relaxed and comfortable cruising.

*Isabela II* offers the following amenities: a library, a boutique, a bar / lounge, and a comfortable dining room.

## SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

**Built:** 1979  
**Refurbished:** 2012  
**Length:** 166 ft. / 50.6 m.  
**Draft:** 12 ft. / 3.6 m.  
**Beam:** 38 ft. / 11.5 m.  
**Tonnage:** 1,025 tons  
**Cruising Speed:** 10 knots  
**Air Conditioned:** Yes / **Elevator:** No  
**Number of Guests:** 40  
**Crew Members:** 24  
**Registry:** Ecuador  
**Crew Nationality:** Ecuadorian  
**Internet:** Service levels may vary







# Santa Cruz II

Boasting five spacious decks with modern interiors by renowned Swedish ship designer Richard Nilsson, *Santa Cruz II* sleeps 90 guests in 50 contemporary staterooms – many of which can be interconnected, offering flexibility for families and solo travellers. All staterooms are equipped with air conditioning, a large picture window, hair dryer, iPod / MP3 docking station and more.

*Santa Cruz II's casual atmosphere offers an ideal setting for conversation and camaraderie with fellow explorers.*

## SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

**Built:** 2002

**Refurbished:** 2015

**Decks:** 5

**Length:** 235 ft. / 71.8 m.

**Beam:** 44 ft. / 13.4 m.

**Gross Tonnage:** 2,664 tons

**Cruising Speed:** 10.5 knots

**Air Conditioned:** Yes

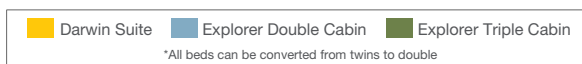
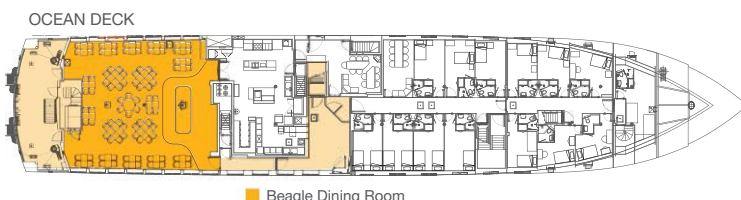
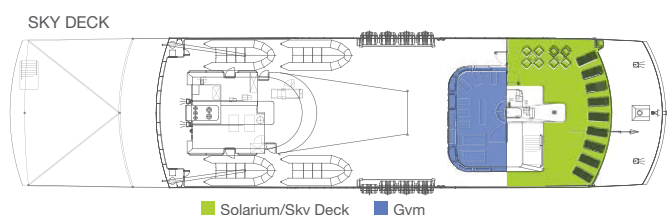
**Number of Guests:** 90

**Crew Members:** 50

**Registry:** Ecuador

**Crew Nationality:** Ecuadorian

**Internet:** Service levels may vary





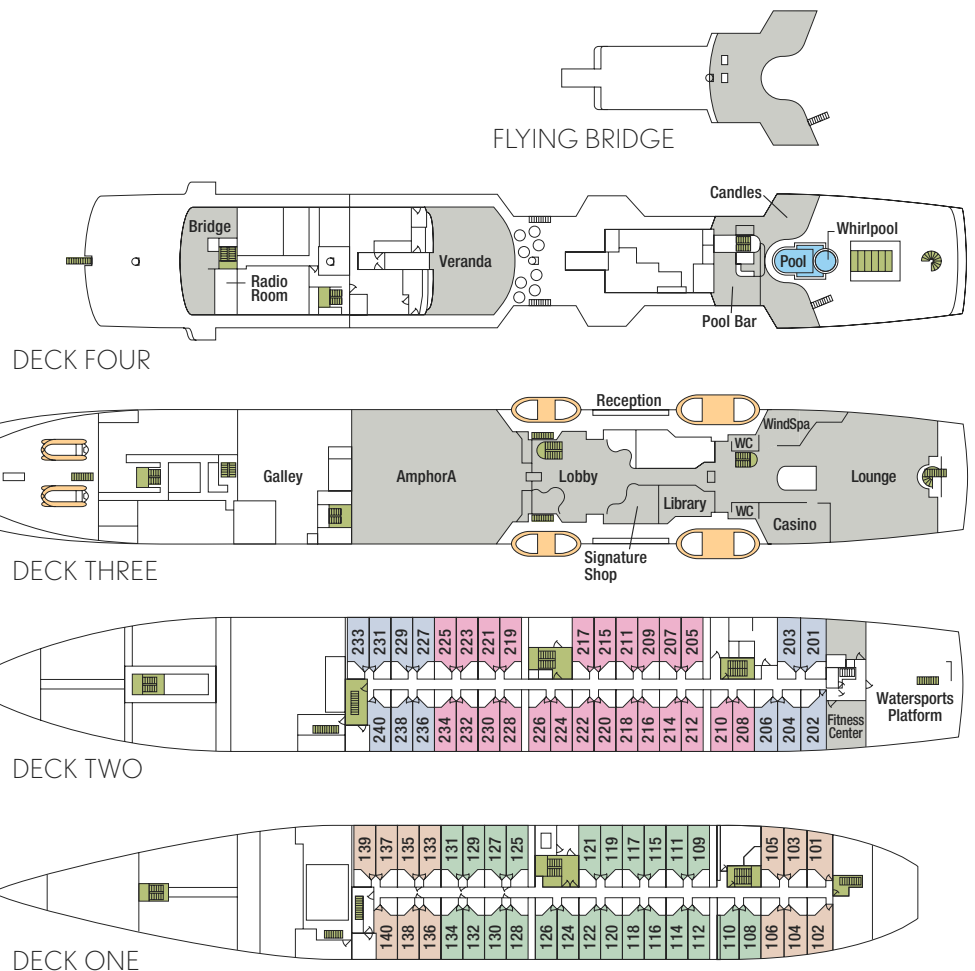


*Boasting beautiful teak decks, the four-masted yacht Wind Star invites you to enjoy tranquil staterooms featuring warm, contemporary colour palettes and indulgent linens... a stylish lounge... three dining venues that invite with gourmet fare and seaside views... and a redesigned pool bar with on-deck dining, by candlelight... for a truly delightful cruising experience!*

Category AX Deluxe	Category BX Deluxe
Category A	Category B

## SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

**Built:** 1986  
**Renovated:** 2016  
**Length:** 440 ft. / 134 m.  
**Draft:** 14 ft. / 4 m.  
**Beam:** 52 ft. / 16 m.  
**Tonnage:** 5,307 gross registered tons  
**Cruising Speed:** 10 knots  
**Air Conditioned:** Yes  
**Elevator:** No  
**Number of Guests:** 148  
**Crew Members:** 101  
**Registry:** Bahamas  
**Crew Nationality:** International  
**Internet:** Service levels may vary







# Wind Star

*Wind Star*, one of three sailing yachts in the Windstar Cruises fleet, provides Tauck guests with a luxury yachting experience that is as delightfully pampering as it is uniquely personal. A four-masted sailing ship completely renovated from stem to stern with wide open teak decks, *Wind Star* is intimate and lavishly stylish with public spaces that invite conversation and relaxation, and sumptuous staterooms that indulge with comfort and elegance. All staterooms – measuring 188 sq. ft. or 18 sq. m. (with one Owner's Suite of 220 sq. ft. or 20 sq. m.) – have ocean views, queen beds, flat-screen TV with DVD player, Bose SoundDock speakers for Apple iPods, safe, minibar / refrigerator, international direct-dial phone, bathroom with premier toiletries, hair dryer, US 110 and European 220 voltage, and waffle-weave robe and slippers. Guests have a choice of onboard dining venues including the gourmet AmphorA restaurant for evening meals, and the casual Veranda for breakfast and lunch. Dinner by candlelight under the stars is available at Candles Grill. Onboard amenities include the WindSpa, a casino and entertainment lounge, a watersports platform, a library, a swimming pool and hot tub, as well as cosy nooks and corners perfect for hiding away with a good book or enjoying warm conversations with friends.





Wind Surf's stylish public spaces include an inviting reception area; the elegant Amphora Restaurant and more casual Stella Bistro and Veranda Restaurant; Candles nightclub, Yacht Club Sandwich & Espresso Bar, the Compass Rose, the Lounge, the Terrace Bar, and the Casino; swimming pool, pool bar and two whirlpools; Watersports Platform (weather permitting); Fitness Centre and Nautilus Room; and the acclaimed WindSpa.

## SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

**Built:** 1990

**Renovated:** 2016

**Length:** 535 ft. / 162 m. (at waterline)

**Draft:** 16.5 ft. / 5 m.

**Beam:** 66 ft. / 20 m.

**Tonnage:** 14,745 gross registered tons

**Speed:** 10 - 12 knots

**Air Conditioned:** Yes

**Elevator:** No

**Number of Guests:** 310

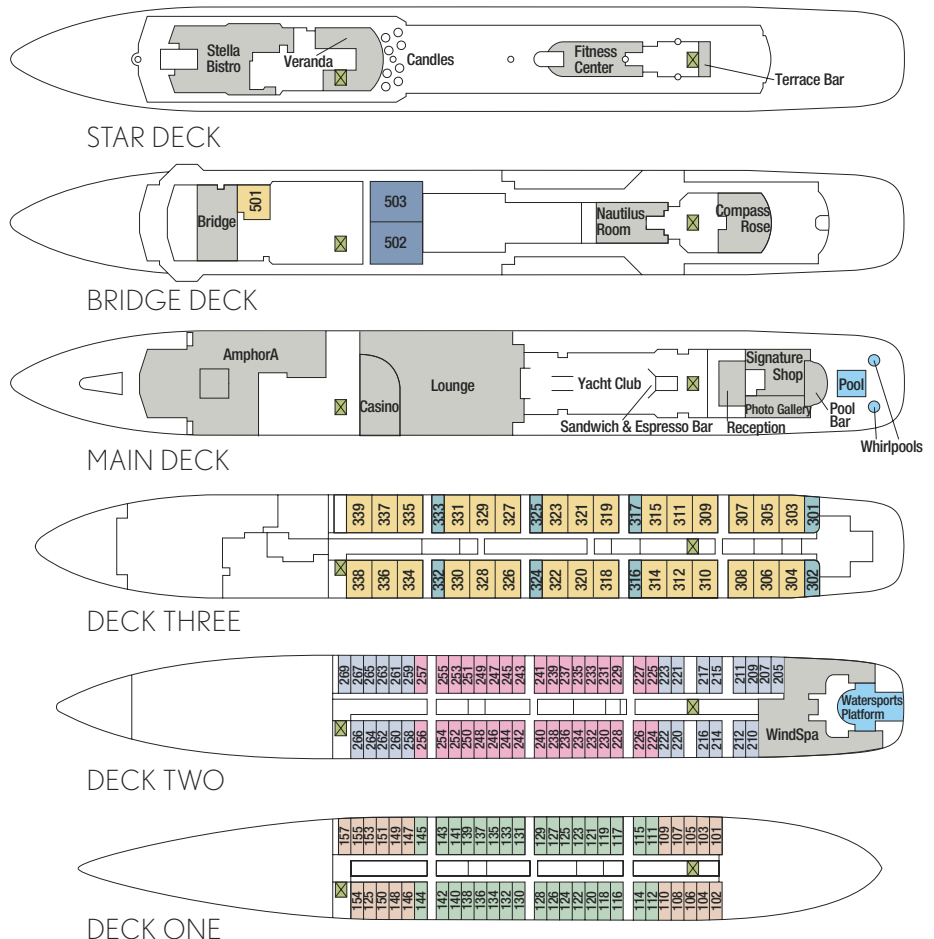
**Crew Members:** 201

**Registry:** Bahamas

**Crew Nationality:** International

**Internet:** Service levels may vary

Bridge Suites	Category AX Deluxe	Category BX Deluxe
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# Wind Surf

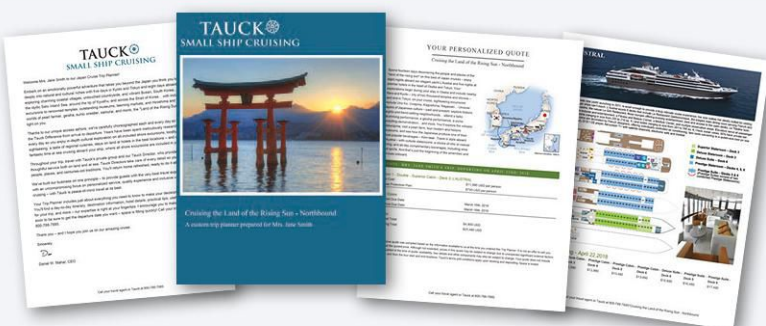
On any given day, Windstar's five-masted, 310-guest flagship sailing yacht, *Wind Surf*, draws admiring glances as she glides majestically into port with her tall sails billowing. And her beauty is far more than skin deep. The recently renovated *Wind Surf* now brings you some of the most beautiful public spaces at sea, to complement all-new finishes and furnishings in her spacious 188-sq.-ft. (18-sq.-m.) staterooms, or suites ranging from 376 to 495 sq. ft. (35 to 46 sq. m.). When you return to your accommodations during your voyage aboard *Wind Surf*, Windstar's signature bowls of flowers and fresh fruit will be waiting for you. Each stateroom or suite features a queen-size bed with rich tufted headboards and luxurious Egyptian cotton linens, soft seascape colours, beautiful new upholstery, waffle-weave robe and slippers, flat-screen TV with DVD player, fully-stocked minibar/refrigerator, safe, direct-dial phone, bathroom with granite countertop and shower, granite vanity, L'Occitane bath amenities and more... enveloping you in an oasis of relaxing indulgence. Wrap up in your luxurious bathrobe, have a snack from the fresh fruit bowl, or simply stretch out and smell the flowers. Everything about *Wind Surf* speaks of welcome.



# MORE TOOLS TO PLAN YOUR CRUISE

## ONLINE AND IN-DEPTH

Planning your Tauck small ship cruise is made easier when you make a visit to [tauck.co.uk/small-ship-cruises](http://tauck.co.uk/small-ship-cruises), designed to provide you with all the information you'll want to know about cruising with Tauck. Here you'll find useful tips on choosing which cruise is right for you, details about the ships and the amenities you'll find onboard, information about the travel experiences on our all-included shore excursions, a look at our itineraries and our videos, what's included with Tauck and more.



## FREE TRIP PLANNERS

On the itinerary pages of [tauck.co.uk/small-ship-cruises](http://tauck.co.uk/small-ship-cruises) you can order a customised trip planner that shows you when and where you'll go with Tauck, along with what you'll do every day of your cruise. Your trip planner includes a personalised price quote based on your dates of travel, what your price includes, a day-by-day itinerary, map, trip highlights, and hotel descriptions, if applicable, with photos.

## TRAVELLER REVIEWS

Tauck journeys feature Verified Traveller Reviews written by guests who have travelled with us. Candid and unsolicited, these reviews provide a personal overview of their Tauck experience along with highlights of their most memorable moments; you can find them online on the tour pages of the trip you may be considering. Our guests also share their travel experiences on our community Travel Forums and on our Tauck Facebook page. In addition to being informative, they're inspiring to read! Please visit [tauck.co.uk/small-ship-cruises](http://tauck.co.uk/small-ship-cruises) to find Tauck Traveller Reviews for small ship cruises.



## VIDEOS

Besides coming aboard in person, the best way to see what a Tauck small ship cruise is all about is to take a look at our videos at [tauck.co.uk/videos](http://tauck.co.uk/videos). Get inspired by the travel experiences you'll have ashore, hear our guests talk Tauck and let our Tauck Directors tell you in their own words what they do best.



# WAYS TO TRAVEL

There's a Tauck style of travelling for everyone... small ship cruising... river cruising... land journeys of one or two weeks in destinations across the globe... family travel adventures for all ages (land journeys, small ship cruises and river cruises)... small group trips... exclusive Tauck Events... and more. **Find the style of travel that's best for you!**



## SAVE WHEN YOU TRAVEL WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Book a group of 10 or more family and friends on the same cruise and the 11th person travels FREE. Book a Tauck Bridges family cruise for 8 or more and the 9th person travels FREE. Please enquire at time of booking for details.

## TRAVELLING SOLO?

We offer special savings for guests booking a single room on select departures of land journeys and river cruises. Look for dates marked in red. To learn more and connect with other guests travelling solo, visit [tauck.co.uk/solo](http://tauck.co.uk/solo).



### SMALL SHIP CRUISING

Small ship cultural journeys and expeditions are all inclusive and carefully choreographed to experience the best of land and sea; Tauck's uncommon access ashore provides exclusive destination experiences.



### TAUCK BRIDGES FAMILY HOLIDAYS

Our adventures are designed for doing, seeing, and learning as a family. Filled with interactive fun for all ages, trips are led by talented Tauck Directors who connect with both kids and adults.



### CULTURIOUS SMALL GROUPS

Small group cultural immersion, averaging 20 guests; smaller groups mean hands-on exploring off the beaten path with stays at boutique hotels and premier city-centre addresses.



### WORLD DISCOVERY

Travel on fully guided land tours in destinations the world over. Our 90+ years' experience means you enjoy exclusive travel experiences, premium accommodations, dining featuring local cuisines and more.



### RIVER CRUISING

All-included shore excursions feature exclusive and authentic cultural experiences thanks to longstanding local relationships; cruise aboard custom-designed riverboats and connect with daily life along Europe's rivers.



### TAUCK EVENTS

Once-in-a-lifetime travel experiences built around themes linked to one iconic location, sporting event, or cultural phenomenon; featuring multi-night stays at just one premier hotel.



# 2019 Small Ship Cruising Calendar



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## CULTURAL JOURNEYS

<b>NEW!</b> Cruising the Great Lakes: Chicago to Toronto	22	£5,490	12
Cruising the Land of the Rising Sun	25	£8,590	14
<b>NEW!</b> Cruising Down Under	28	£10,340	20
<b>NEW!</b> Legendary Scottish Isles, Edinburgh & Glasgow	32	£5,290	11
Treasures of the British / Irish Isles	35	£5,940	12
Venice & the Dalmatian Coast	38	£5,490	10
Treasures of the Mediterranean	42	£5,740	11
Sicily, the Amalfi Coast & Rome	46	£6,190	11
Treasures of Spain and Portugal	50	£5,490	13
Treasures of the Aegean	54	£5,490	10
St. Petersburg & the Baltic Sea	58	£6,190	12
Norwegian Fjords & Coastal Treasures	62	£5,740	10

## EXPEDITIONS

<b>NEW!</b> Alaska's Inside Passage	68	£4,840	8
The Panama Canal & Costa Rica	72	£4,840	12
<b>NEW!</b> Arctic Allure: Spitsbergen and the Midnight Sun	76	£7,580	10
Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice	80	£5,240	8
Antarctica	84	£8,060	13
Peru & the Galápagos Islands	88	£7,240	15
Hidden Galápagos & Peru	92	£9,240	16
Cruising the Galápagos Islands	94	£4,840	9
Galápagos: Wildlife Wonderland	98	£4,040	8





#### DEPARTURE MONTHS

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# BOOKING CONDITIONS

## LANDTOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS FOR TAUCK TOURS

These are the Booking Conditions of LANDTOURS LTD T/A TAUCK, (a company registered under number 00725478, with its registered office at Mutual House, 70 Conduit Street, London W1S 2GF, and whose trading address is at 301 Watling Street, Radlett WD7 7LA) ("We", "Us", "Our", "Landtours") for the sale of Tauck holidays.

### General Information

Please read these Booking Conditions carefully. They include important information you will need to know before you book a Tauck cruise holiday with Us, and contain information about the Tauck holiday you have booked and form part of the contract entered into between you and Landtours for your travel arrangements. These Booking Conditions are subject to change and the applicable terms will be confirmed to you at the time of booking. The entire Booking Conditions form the contract between you and Landtours for a Tauck holiday, as available from Landtours.

### Terms of the Contract

Tauck's inclusive tours are organised by Tauck Inc. (detailed below) and offered for sale in the United Kingdom by Landtours Ltd of 301 Watling Street, Radlett WD7 7LA ("Landtours"), who contracts with you for the sale of the Tauck holiday, upon these Booking Conditions and the information contained in the brochure. Although all of the information contained in the brochure and these Booking Conditions has been described in accordance with the latest information available at the time of printing, Landtours reserves the right to make changes, though any change will be notified to you before you conclude a contract with Landtours t/a Tauck.

Land arrangements and Carriage by Sea for your Tauck holiday purchased with Landtours are provided by Tauck Inc. of 10 Westport Road, Wilton, CT 06897. Your Contract for a Tauck holiday is with Landtours in the UK and your holiday is performed by Tauck Inc. (the supplier of your Tauck holiday), whose Conditions of Carriage are expressly incorporated into these Booking Conditions. The Contract with Landtours is concluded when Landtours issues a confirmation invoice to you for the Tauck holiday. Full payment of the balance shown on the confirmation invoice is required no later than 90 days prior to departure, in accordance with Clause 4 of these Booking Conditions. Failure to pay in full by this time may result in cancellation of your holiday and forfeit of your deposit.

### 2019 holiday prices are per person.

Prices include all accommodations, airport (excluding travel to/from your home to the airport) and train transfers, entertainment, special dinners, land and cruise transportation, sightseeing, shore excursions, luggage handling, and services of local guides, naturalists and Tauck representatives as detailed in the brochure. Meals are included as specified in the brochure. Complimentary basic Internet is included where available in hotel rooms; service levels are not guaranteed. All appropriate gratuities for bellmen, doormen, dining room servers, ship staff and local guides are included and no additional sums will be required to be paid by you for such services. Tauck representatives' and Cruise representatives' gratuities (where applicable) are included on all Cruises.

**Hotel & Ship Accommodations:** Tauck's price includes all hotel & ship accommodations. Two-bedded rooms are reserved in most hotels. Triples are usually two-bedded rooms plus a rollaway cot and are not recommended for comfort; aboard ship, triples may be accommodated with a sofa or upper berth.

**Cruise Pricing:** Doubles are priced for two people sharing a room or cabin; two-bedded rooms or cabins with a private bath are usually reserved for doubles. Triples are often a two-bedded room plus a rollaway bed and are not recommended for comfort.

Some travel arrangements (e.g. flight tickets purchased specifically from certain airlines) may not be refundable or transferable after your booking has been made and any alteration request may incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that particular part of the holiday arrangements. Please see page 123 for further details on cancellation charges that may apply to you.

### Luggage Handling and Restrictions

Luggage handling is included in the cruise cost. Due to space restrictions, we ask that you please limit your checked baggage to one suitcase per person weighing no more than 23 kg (50 pounds) and with overall dimensions (length + width + height) not exceeding 157 cm (62 inches). Most airlines require that checked luggage does not exceed the weight of 23 kg per piece. Luggage exceeding the maximum restrictions is subject to expensive overage fees or is at risk of being left behind. Many airlines are now charging fees for checked luggage, regardless of the number of bags. Airlines revise luggage policies frequently, and often without notice; therefore Tauck cannot be held liable for additional fees or inconveniences imposed by the airline. We urge you to check with your airline before travelling to verify current number, size and weight limits. Additionally, guests on tour should limit their hand luggage to a small carry-on piece and only those items needed during the day. Most modern sightseeing motor coaches offer limited space for numerous or large items. Space under seats or in overhead racks is typically small, and designed to accommodate items like coats, hats, handbags, small camera bags, etc. Items too large to fit underneath seats or in overhead racks must be stored in the luggage bays beneath the motor coach and may not allow for access during daytime travel.

### Itinerary Changes and Price Flexibility

Tauck makes every effort to operate all holidays as advertised. Tauck reserves the right to alter or curtail the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, ports, hotels, and/or conveyances as deemed necessary. Please refer to Clause 7 for further information.

### Hotel Rooms Before or After Holidays

To avoid jet lag, many guests prefer to make hotel arrangements before their cruise departs. As a service, Tauck will make hotel reservations before or after your trip, subject to availability, upon request. Hotel charges will be added to your trip cost. Airport transfers will be included for these bookings.

### Personal Expenses

Phone calls, hotel room service, laundry, airline excess luggage charges and other optional incidental extras are not included except as detailed on tour pages.

### Photography and Video on Tour

Occasionally, Tauck will use photographs and/or video taken by fellow guests or your Tauck Director on tour for print, Internet and other promotional purposes. If you prefer that your image not be used in any marketing activities, please notify your Tauck Director.



## Single Rooms

Since hotel rates are per room, the price for rooms occupied by one person is higher than those where two or more persons share the cost of a room.

### 1. Your Holiday Contract

**1.1 Booking Procedure and Deposit:** In order to make a booking, please contact your ABTA Travel Agency or Landtours directly. All monies you pay to the travel agent are held by him on behalf of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times. This is subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to Us for so long as we do not fail. If we fail, any money held at the time by the agent, or subsequently accepted from you by him, is and continues to be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to Us. The holiday arrangements shown in the brochure are flexible – if you wish to extend your stay pre- or post-cruise, upgrade your flights or make any other arrangements, please put full details in writing at the time of booking, to:

#### Landtours Ltd. t/a Tauck

301 Watling Street  
Radlett

Hertfordshire WD7 7LA United Kingdom

Tel: 0800 810 8020 Email: [tauckreservations@tauck.co.uk](mailto:tauckreservations@tauck.co.uk)

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Tour Only Arrangements:** If you book arrangements with the Company that do not include flights, your arrangements are protected by way of a bond with ABTA. This means that in the unlikely event of our insolvency, your tour can't be provided, you will receive your money back or, if your tour has started, arrangements will be made for you to be able to continue as planned (please see Clause 2 of these Booking Conditions for further details).

**Deposit Date:** To hold space up to time of "Final Payment," a deposit for each cruise booked must be received by the "Deposit Due Date" or space is automatically released. Some travel arrangements (for example, flight tickets purchased specifically with certain airlines) may not be refundable or transferable after a reservation has been made and any alteration request may incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that particular part of the holiday arrangements (as further detailed in Clause 6.2). Deposits are taken at the time of booking to reflect the costs incurred in getting your travel arrangements in place for you, which may include the total cost of your airfares, together with the following standard deposits for Tauck holidays:

• **£750 per person – Most Small Ship Cruises**

• **£1000 per person – Antarctica, Australia and Japan Cruises**

The amount of deposit payable in respect of your Tauck holiday will be confirmed to you at the time of your booking.

Final Payment is due as specified on the invoice. Bookings without full payment at this time may be subject to cancellation without notice. Final Documents are sent by express post at least 3 weeks prior to cruise departure. They include joining instructions, itinerary, luggage tags, and other pertinent information.

**\*Force Majeure:** means any unusual, unforeseeable or extraordinary circumstances beyond our (or Tauck Inc.'s) control, including (but not limited to) an act of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorism, riot, accident, natural or nuclear disaster, outbreak of disease, industrial dispute, fire, adverse or severe weather conditions or other event or circumstance beyond our (or Tauck Inc.'s) control that contributes to or results in cancellation rates above our historical cancellation rates in the absence of such event or occurrence. Landtours reserves the right to issue a credit to you for use against a future Tauck holiday in lieu of a refund to you as detailed in these Booking Conditions, however this does not affect your statutory right to a refund if requested.

**1.2 Cruise Cancellation Fees:** Cancellations result in costly charges from travel and hotel providers covering penalties and fees incurred by cancelling confirmed bookings. Therefore, the fees listed below will apply, as per Clause 6 below.

> 90 days (US cruises > 60 days) – Deposit amount  
90 – 46 days (US cruises 59 – 8 days) – 50% of tour cost  
< 45 days (US cruises < 7 days) – 100% of tour cost

Time of cancellation will be when notice from you is received in Landtours' offices as detailed above in accordance with Clause 6.1.

**1.3** When you make a booking for an air holiday package with Us where Landtours is your air holiday package provider, you guarantee that you have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party the terms of these Booking Conditions. Bookings are made either at our offices when you visit our offices, over the telephone or via email. A binding contract (on you and each member of your party) for an air holiday package with Landtours will exist between us as soon as we issue our confirmation invoice to you (in hard copy or by email if you have provided Us with your email address). This contract is made on the terms of these Booking Conditions, which are governed by English Law, and the jurisdiction of the English Courts. You may, however, choose the law and jurisdiction of Scotland or Northern Ireland if you wish to do so.

**1.4** All travel arrangements which we provide or which are sold through Us are not an offer by Us to sell any travel arrangements, but an invitation to you to make an offer to Us or to the suppliers of the arrangements. We are free to accept that offer on our own behalf when we are entering into the contract for the travel arrangements with you under Clause 1.3, or to reject it.

### 2. Your Financial Protection

**2.1 Customer Protection:** Landtours complies with the bonding requirements of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA Licence Number ATOL 9895). Landtours provides full financial protection for the package holidays that we sell. For flight-based holidays, this is through the Air Travel Organiser's Licence (detailed above). In the unlikely event of our insolvency, the CAA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to Us for an advance booking. For further information visit the ATOL website at [www.atol.org.uk](http://www.atol.org.uk).

When you buy a package holiday that doesn't include a flight, protection of your monies paid is provided by way of a bond held by Landtours as a member of ABTA (ABTA membership number Y2225). This gives you reassurance when booking with Landtours that the monies you pay to Landtours will be secure in the unlikely event of our insolvency.

We will provide you with the services you have bought (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where we aren't able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder (where a flight-inclusive package is sold to you), or an alternative provider where you have purchased a package holiday that doesn't include a flight, may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder (or alternative provider) will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder or provider. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder or provider, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable), or through our bond held for non-flight inclusive packages.

**2.2** When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from Us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative



ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against Us, the travel agent (or Your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

**2.3** If you book an air package holiday with Us under Clause 1.3, then we will provide you with financial protection in accordance with this Clause 2.3. The Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 ("Package Travel Regulations") require Us to provide security for the monies that you pay for the package holidays offered by Us directly as your tour operator and booked by you, and for your repatriation in the event of our insolvency. We provide this security by way of an ATOL (number 9895) administered by the Civil Aviation Authority and a bond held by ABTA.

The price of our air holiday packages includes the amount payable per person as part of the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in the prices for your air package holiday confirmed to you at your time of booking and will be shown separately on your confirmation invoice.

**2.4** In accordance with EU Regulation 2111/2005 we are required to advise you of the actual carrier operating your flight/connecting flight/transfer. We do this by listing carriers to be used or likely to be used and details of these will be supplied to you at the time of booking. You will be advised of the specific airline operating your flight and aircraft type with your flight ticket confirmation and flight schedules. Any changes to the actual airline after you have received your ticket confirmation will be notified to you as soon as possible and in all cases at check-in or at the boarding gate. A change of airline, aircraft type or alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours is deemed to be a minor change.

**2.5** If you book arrangements other than an air holiday package with us under Clause 2.1, the financial protection referred to above in Clause 2.3 does not apply. Any financial protection given in connection with your booking otherwise than in accordance with Clause 2.3 will be detailed in the relevant Supplier Terms.

### 3. ABTA

As mentioned above, we are a Member of ABTA. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. We can also offer you an arbitration scheme for the resolution of disputes arising out of this contract. The scheme is arranged by ABTA and administered independently. It is a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on you for costs. The upper limit on claims is £5,000 per person and £25,000 per booking form. The scheme doesn't apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. It can however deal with claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element.

Your request for arbitration must be received by ABTA within eighteen months of the date of return from the holiday. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA Mediation Procedure and we have the option to agree to mediation. Further information on the Code and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found on [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com).

### 4. Your Holiday Price

**4.1** We reserve the right to alter the prices of any of the holidays quoted by Us. You will be advised of the current price of the holiday that you wish to book before your contract is confirmed.

**4.2** When you make your booking with us for an air holiday package under Clause 1.3, you must pay a deposit in accordance with Clause 1.1. Full details to be advised at the time of booking. The balance of the price of your travel arrangements must be paid at least 10 weeks before your departure date, or earlier if required by our suppliers and notified to you at

the time of booking. If the deposit and/or balance are not paid in time, we reserve the right to cancel your travel arrangements. If the balance is not paid in time we shall retain your deposit.

When we are acting as agents for other principal(s) or supplier(s) if full payment is not received by the balance due date we will notify the principal(s) or supplier(s) who may cancel your booking and charge cancellation fees as per the Supplier Terms.

**4.3** The price of your travel arrangements is fully guaranteed and will not be subject to any surcharges.

We regret that no credit or refund is possible for any unused services provided in the cost of your holiday. If you decide to alter your travel arrangements whilst abroad, this is your own responsibility and we are not responsible for any extras or difficulties that may arise with onward travel and as a result of such alterations. No credit or refund is possible for any lost, mislaid, stolen or destroyed documents which could be the subject of a claim on your insurance.

The provisions of this Clause 4.3 do not apply when we are acting as agents for other supplier(s) or principal(s) and any terms relating to price changes in such circumstances will be set out in the relevant Supplier Terms.

When we are acting as agents for other supplier(s) or principal(s) then we shall be entitled to charge the fees set out in our Menu of Travel Services. We shall notify of your total costs at the time of booking. Please ask for further details.

### 5. If You Change Your Booking

**5.1** If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued to you for an air package holiday provided by Us, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, for example your chosen departure date or accommodation, we will do our utmost to make these changes but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be in writing from the person who made the booking. You will be asked to pay an administration charge of £25, and any further cost we incur in making this alteration. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact Us as soon as possible.

**Note:** Certain travel arrangements (e.g. Apex Tickets) may not be changeable after a reservation has been made and any alteration request could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

**5.2** The provisions of Clause 5.1 above do not apply when we are acting as agents for other supplier(s) or principal(s) and any terms relating to changes to a customers booking in such circumstances will be set out in the relevant Supplier Terms.

### 6. If You Cancel Your Holiday

**6.1** You, or any member of your party, may cancel your travel arrangements with Us for an air package holiday at any time by serving written notification from the person who made the booking or your travel agent on your behalf which must be received at our offices. Since we incur costs in cancelling your travel arrangements, you will have to pay the applicable cancellation charges up to the maximum shown in Clause 1.2 above.

**Note:** If the reason for your cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges.

**6.2** If you cancel or amend your booking for your holiday arrangements when you are booking under Supplier Terms, then the principal(s) or supplier(s) may charge the cancellation or amendment charge shown in their Supplier Terms (which may be 100% of the cost of the travel arrangements) and you must pay Us the cancellation or amendment charge set out in the Clause below in addition to any cancellation or amendment charges of the relevant supplier(s) or principal(s).

### 7. If We Change or Cancel Your Holiday

**7.1** When we are acting as principal for bookings made by you for air package holidays with Us, we may need to make changes to your travel arrangements, although this is unlikely. We do plan the arrangements many months in advance and occasionally, we may have to make changes and



we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most of these changes will be minor and we will advise you of them at the earliest possible date. We also reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your travel arrangements. For example, if the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached, we may have to cancel it. However, we will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 8 weeks before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure or failure by you to pay the final balance. If we are unable to provide the booked travel arrangements, you can either have a refund of all monies paid or accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from Us, if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). If it is necessary to cancel your travel arrangements, we will pay to you compensation as set out in this clause.

Any changes to the actual airline after you have received your tickets will be notified to you as soon as possible and in all cases at check-in or at the boarding gate. Such a change is deemed to be a minor change. Other examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard.

If we make a major change to your holiday, we will inform you as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before your departure. You will have the choice of either accepting the change of arrangements, accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from Us if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value), or cancelling your booked holiday and receiving a full refund of all monies paid. In all cases, except where the major change arises due to reasons of force majeure, we will pay compensation as detailed in the chart below.

The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so.

We will not pay you compensation if we have to cancel or change your travel arrangements in any way because of a Force Majeure event (as defined in Clause 1.1).

Period before departure	Where we make a major change, which is accepted	Where we cancel a Tauck holiday, or a major change is made which is not accepted
60+ days	Nil	Nil, deposit refund only
59-30 days	£15	£15 plus credit / refund under Clause 1.1
29-7 days	£20	£20 plus credit / refund under Clause 1.1
6 days – day of departure	£30	£30 plus credit / refund under Clause 1.1

**7.2** If you are notified by Us that your booking is cancelled when your booking is with a different principal(s) or supplier(s), then the principal(s) or supplier(s) will have their own terms relating to cancellation charges and these will be detailed in their Supplier Terms. Therefore, we would draw your attention to the cancellation provisions in the Supplier Terms as you must pay the cancellation charges set out therein.

## 8. If You Have A Complaint

**8.1** When you have booked an air package holiday with Us, we will deal with any complaints you may have in accordance with this Clause 8.1. If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform the Tauck representative immediately, who will endeavour to put things right. If your complaint is not resolved locally, please follow this up within 28 days of your return home by writing to our Customer Services Department at Landtours Limited t/a Tauck, 301 Watling Street, Radlett, Herts WD7 7LA, giving your booking reference and all other relevant information. Please keep your letter concise and to the point. This will assist Us to quickly identify your concerns and speed up our response to you.

It is strongly recommended that you communicate any complaint to your Tauck representative while on holiday.

If you fail to follow this simple procedure we will have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify your complaint whilst you were in resort and this may affect your rights under this contract.

**8.2** If you are not booking with Us for an air package holiday, then because the contract(s) for your travel arrangements is between you and the principal(s) or supplier(s) under the Supplier Terms, any queries or concerns relating to the travel arrangements should be addressed to them. If you have a problem whilst on holiday, this must be reported to the principal/supplier or their local supplier or agent immediately. If you fail to follow this procedure there will be less opportunity to investigate and rectify your complaint. The amount of compensation you may be entitled to may be reduced or you may not receive any at all depending upon the circumstances. If you wish to complain when you return home, write to the principal/supplier. You will see the name and address plus contact details in any confirmation documents we send you. We will of course assist you with this if required – please contact Customer Services. If the matter cannot be resolved and it involves Us or another ABTA Member then it can be referred to the arbitration scheme arranged by ABTA (please see more at [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com)).

## 9. Our Liability to You

**9.1** When you have booked an air package holiday with Us directly and if the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed by Us or our suppliers, we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected the enjoyment of your travel arrangements, as detailed further below. However we will not be liable where any failure in the performance of the contract is due to: you; or a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel arrangements and where the failure is unforeseeable or unavoidable; or unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall.

Our liability, except in cases involving death, injury or illness, shall be limited to a maximum of two times the cost of your travel arrangements. Our liability will also be limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to:

(a) The contractual terms of the companies that provide the transportation for your travel arrangements. These terms are incorporated into this contract; and

(b) Any relevant international convention, for example the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Berne Convention in respect of travel by rail and the Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation, which limit the amount of compensation that you can claim for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage. We are to be regarded as having all benefit of any limitation of compensation contained in these or any conventions.

Under EU law (Regulation 261/2004) you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details of these rights will be publicised at EU airports and will also be available from airlines. However reimbursement in such cases will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday cost from Us. Your right to a refund and/or compensation from Us is set out in Clause 6. If any payments to you are due from Us, any payment made to you by the airline will be deducted from this amount. In the unlikely event of your flight services being subjected to lengthy delay, arrangements for meals, overnight accommodation, etc., should be met by your airline. Conditions of carriage applicable to the relevant airline for your booking are available on request.

**9.2** Please note that the order of events on itineraries is subject to alteration due to local circumstances, unscheduled closures, etc. However, every effort will be made to include all elements of the programme during the tour dates or a suitable alternative which will be notified to you.



**9.3** The provisions of Clause 9.1 above do not apply when we are acting as agents for other supplier(s) or principal(s) and any terms relating to liability to customers booking in such circumstances will be set out in the relevant Supplier Terms.

**9.4 Our Responsibility and International Conventions:** Landtours accepts responsibility for ensuring that all elements of your holiday are as described in the brochure and are of a reasonable standard. Local laws and regulations of the relevant country will be relevant in assessing performance of the services included in the Tauck holiday. In the event of a complaint by a Guest, this Contract will be regarded as having been performed if local laws and regulations relating to those services have been satisfied, even if the laws of England and Wales have not been met. If you and/or any other person included in your booking suffers injury, death or loss of or damage to property as a result of the non performance or improper performance of any service which Landtours is contractually obliged to provide, then Landtours' liability, if any, to pay compensation shall be governed by the international conventions which govern such services. This limitation applies whether or not any particular international convention has been signed or ratified by the UK; or as any particular convention may be applicable by the operation of UK Law. Examples of applicable conventions are the Athens Convention adopted at Athens on 13th day of December 1974 and the Protocol thereto adopted as of November 1976 (herein after referred to as the 'Athens Convention') or where applicable from 1st January 2013 EU Regulation 392/2009, relating to the carriage of passengers and their luggage by sea and the Warsaw Convention 1929 (whether as amended by the Hague Protocol 1955 or the Montreal Protocol 1999 or otherwise) and the Montreal Convention 1999 relating to the international carriage of passengers and their luggage by air. The Montreal Convention may be found at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2002/263/contents/made>.

#### 10. Prompt assistance in resort

If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed as a result of failures attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services, or as a result of failures due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised, or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall, and you suffer an injury or other material loss, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.

#### 11. Passport, Visa and Immigration Requirements

We can provide general information about the passport and visa requirements for your holiday, but your specific passport and visa requirements, and other immigration requirements are your responsibility and you should confirm these with the relevant Embassies and/or Consulates. Any information supplied by Us on these or related matters (such as climate, when to travel, clothing, baggage, personal items, etc.) is given as general guidance and in good faith but we do not accept liability for any decisions made on the basis of the information supplied.

The passport, visa and health requirements at the time of booking can be viewed on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website ([www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)). It is your responsibility to ensure that you and all members of your party are in possession of all necessary travel and health documents, and in compliance with any other immigration requirements, before you travel. If you or any member of your party is not a British Citizen or holds a non-British Passport, you must check passport and visa requirements with the embassy or consulate of the country(ies) to or through. Neither we, nor the principal(s) or supplier(s), accept any responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements.

**Passports / Visas:** British passengers should carry a full British Passport, valid for at least 6 months after the end of your holiday. Other nationalities should also carry a full passport. Visas may be required for some ports of call. Please check with Landtours. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid and appropriate travel documentation including passports and visas for each person travelling with you for eligibility to travel to all destinations on your tour. In addition to immigration and customs requirements, the US Government and others place restrictions on the carriage of persons whose names appear on

Government watch lists or who are deemed legally ineligible to travel. It is your sole responsibility to ensure your legal eligibility to travel. You are advised to check with the appropriate Government authority to determine the necessary documents and travel eligibility requirements. If you or anyone travelling with you become ineligible to travel for any reason, or are travelling without proper documentation, then you will not be allowed to travel. Under no circumstances shall Landtours be liable for any costs, damages or expenses whatsoever incurred by you or anyone else as a result of such denial of boarding.

**International Cruise Regulations:** Travellers must provide their passport number and date of birth to Landtours at the time of booking for all cruises or you may be denied boarding.

#### 12. Excursions

Excursions or other tours that you may choose to book or pay for whilst you are on holiday are not part of your air package holiday provided by Us. For any excursion or other tour that you book, your contract will be with the operator of the excursion or tour and not with Us. We are not responsible for the provision of the excursion or tour or for anything that happens during the course of its provision by the operator.

#### 13. Your Information

Once you have confirmed your details (and those of your party) with Us, we will proceed to confirm the booking with Us (or if acting as an agent, we will book your travel arrangements with the relevant principal(s) or supplier(s)). Please check that all names, dates and timings are correct on receipt of all documents and advise Us of any errors immediately. Any changes to these details will incur the charges stated above. Please ensure that the names given are the same as in the relevant passport. Save as expressly set out in these Booking Conditions, only the necessary booking information that you provide to Us will be passed on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements or other persons necessary for the provision of your travel arrangements. This includes Tauck Inc., who will be providing the tour element of your Tauck holiday. The information may also be provided to public authorities such as customs or immigration if required by them, or as required by law. This applies to any sensitive information that you give to Us such as details of any disabilities, or dietary and religious requirements and we will ensure this is drawn to your attention when you provide Us with this information. Certain information may also be passed on to security or credit checking companies. If you are travelling to the United States, the US Customs and Border Protection will receive this information for the purposes of preventing and combating terrorism and other transnational serious crimes. If you travel outside the European Economic Area, controls on data protection may not be as strong as the legal requirements in this country, although we will take all reasonable steps to make sure your data is kept secure. If we cannot pass this information to the relevant suppliers, whether in the EEA or not, we will be unable to provide your booking. Please see our Privacy Policy, which is available on our website, for full information about how personal data about you and those people in your group will be used by Us in connection with your booking.

#### 14. Insurance and Health Requirements

**14.1** We require you as a condition of your contract with Us for an air package holiday that we are supplying to you, for you to have in place relevant travel insurance protection. Travel insurance is your entire responsibility and an essential pre-requisite to booking a holiday with Us. You must ensure that you (and all members of your party) have sufficient travel insurance in place to cover you, together with your personal property, at all times and for all potential risks. You must ensure that your insurance covers you for the full duration of your holiday including, but not limited to, medical expenses, injury, death, repatriation, cancellation and curtailment, and in respect of any sports or activities that you may wish to do whilst on your holiday. You must also ensure that there are no exclusion clauses limiting protection for the type of activities included in your holiday. Evidence of sufficient cover will need to be provided at time of booking. If you do not have holiday insurance cover at the time of booking, you may personally be liable for



cancellation charges. For all clients arranging their own insurance, we must receive full details of the insurance company, policy number and 24-hour emergency contact number. It is imperative that you familiarise yourself with the details and conditions of your policy and that you notify your insurance company of any pre-existing medical condition. Failure to do so can invalidate the insurance cover.

**14.2 Health Requirements and Insurance:** You represent and warrant that you and everyone travelling with you are physically and otherwise fit to travel. The tour visits many destinations in a number of countries, often with difficult terrain, water crossings or in developing countries where facilities available to guests in those countries may not be sufficient if you (or anyone in your group) is not able to walk without assistance or accompaniment. There may also be restrictions (due to the types of tours that you may contemplate joining) on the equipment or additional aides that you (or a member of your group) may wish to bring with you for your comfort or ease if you are not able to walk or manoeuvre without assistance or accompaniment. You therefore need to check with Landtours at the time of booking to see whether the proposed tour that you and your group wish to join are appropriate for you and all members of your group. Landtours may ask you to go through various questions to check whether travelling on the proposed tour is possible for you and all members of your group, and may make suggestions for how the tour could be taken with certain adjustments (if required), or whether a different tour may need to be offered to you, in order to fit with any requirements that you or any member of your group may need to have in place in terms of assistance or accompaniment to be able to enjoy their holiday. Regrettably, we cannot provide individual assistance to a guest for walking, dining or other personal needs.

You are solely responsible for checking (on your own behalf and on behalf of all those in your group) with your (or the group member's) doctor as to which vaccination (including from any specific illness or exposure to animals) or medication are recommended or required for those countries for those travelling and for any assistance that may be required.

Landtours (or its suppliers, including the supplier of the Tauck holiday) cannot accept any responsibility for your failure to comply with the necessary medical, passport or visa requirements.

All passengers must have adequate insurance cover against cancellation, illness, repatriation, loss of luggage, etc. You should advise Landtours of the name of your own insurer for the insurance policy that you have taken out that will provide you with adequate insurance cover.

**14.3** Many principals/suppliers require you to take out travel insurance as a condition of your booking with them and details of this will be set out in your relevant Supplier Terms. In any event, we strongly advise that you take out a policy of insurance in order to cover you and your party against the cost of cancellation by you; the cost of assistance (including repatriation) in the event of accident or illness; loss of baggage and money; and other expenses. If we have issued your policy please check it carefully to ensure that all the details are correct and that all relevant information has been provided by you (e.g. pre-existing medical conditions). Failure to disclose relevant information will affect your insurance.

## 15. Documentation

All documents (e.g. invoices/tickets/Insurance policies) that require to be posted will be sent to you by First Class post. Once documents leave our offices we will not be responsible for their loss unless such loss is due to our negligence. If tickets or other documents need to be reissued all costs must be paid by you. You can ask for delivery by other means subject to the charges stated below.

Please ensure that all your travel, passport, visa and insurance documents are in order and that you arrive in plenty of time for checking in at the airport. It may be necessary to reconfirm your flight with the airline prior to departure. Please ask Us for details at least 72 hours before your outbound flight. You should take a note of any reference

number or contact name when reconfirming. If you fail to reconfirm you may be refused permission to board the aircraft and you are unlikely to receive any refund.

## 16. Reasonable Behaviour

When you book accommodation through Us, you accept responsibility for the proper conduct of all members of your party during your stay. We reserve the right at any time to terminate the stay of any party member(s) whose behaviour is such, in the reasonable opinion of the accommodation provider or Us, to cause or to be likely to cause danger, upset, harassment or distress to anyone else or damage to other persons or to property. No refund will be given in the event of you, or any member of your party, being requested to leave accommodation in such circumstances.

Furthermore, we shall be under no obligation whatsoever to pay compensation to you or any member of your party, or meet any costs or expenses (including but not limited to alternative accommodation) you, or any member of your party, may occur as a result of your stay being terminated due to reasons under this Clause 16.

If you, or any member of your party, cause damage to the accommodation in which you are staying or to any property of suppliers of tours, excursions or other elements of your holiday arrangements, you must fully reimburse the accommodation provider or relevant supplier concerned for the cost of the damage before the end of your holiday (if the cost has been established by then), or as soon as it has been established if later. You must also indemnify Us for the full amount of any claim (including all legal costs) made against Us by the accommodation provider or any relevant supplier or third party as a result of such damage caused.

We reserve the right to ask you to pay a breakages deposit in respect of any travel arrangements booked with Us where our suppliers request breakages deposits are payable and we will notify you of details of such breakages deposits at the time of your booking. If you do not pay any required breakages deposit, then we reserve the right to refuse to take your booking, although we will endeavour to agree to alternative arrangements with you, which will be confirmed at the time of booking and included in your contract for the booking made by you. If we have agreed with you that the breakages deposit will be made by taking details of your credit/debit card for the agreed sum and will only be payable if breakages are caused by you, or a member of your party, and we are required to make payment to the supplier for any such breakages, then you authorise Us to take such agreed payment sum. We will notify you in writing if we are required to take such payments.

## 17. Minors

If you are not 18 years old, you are considered at law to be a minor and we will therefore require your parent(s)/guardian to sign a Form of Consent relating to your booking at the time of booking and pay a breakages deposit (on the balance due date) as per the Form of Consent. A Form of Consent can be obtained from Us upon request.

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