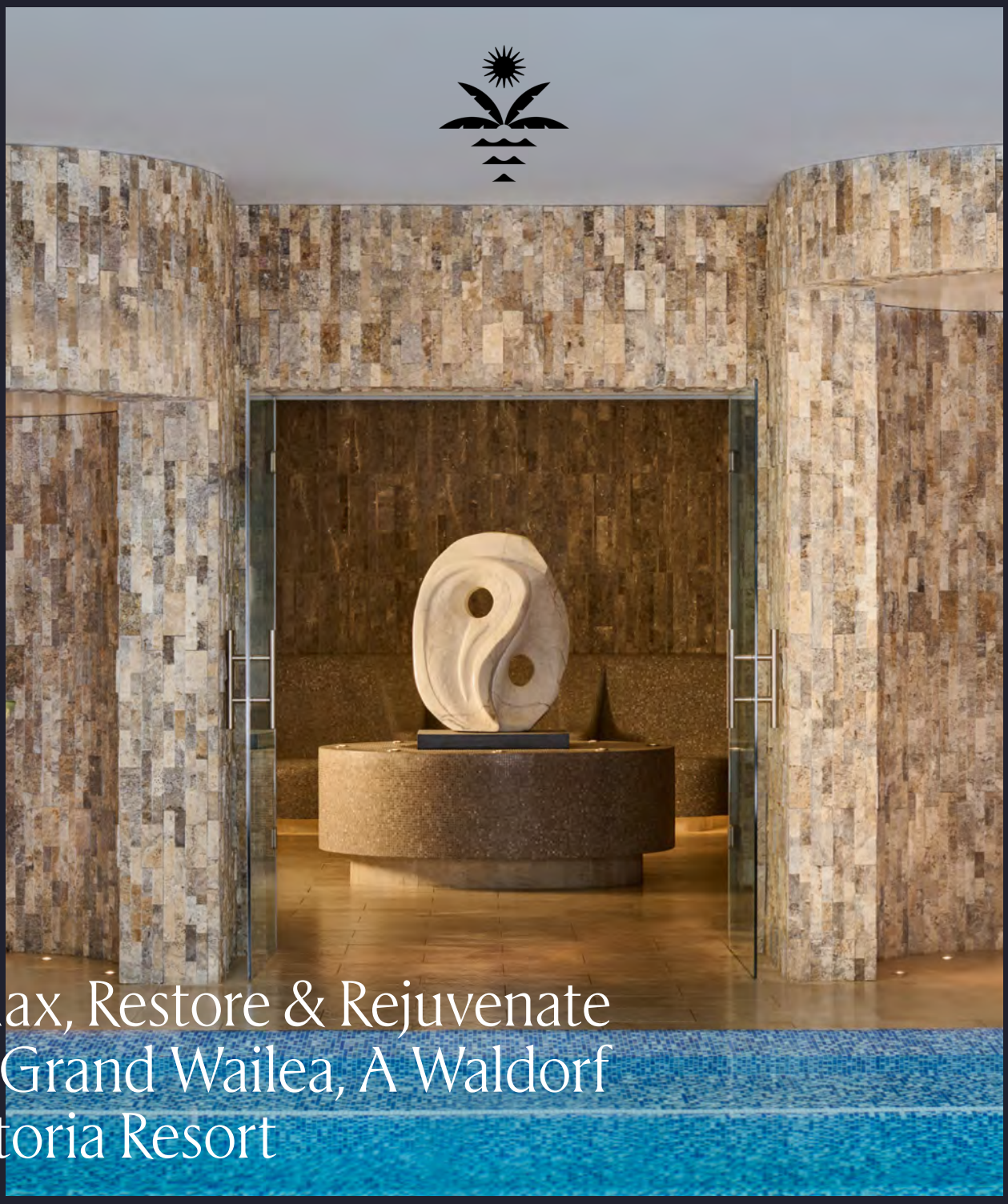

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WHERE TO GO IN 2025

The Collaborative *Effect*

At the start of each new year, many of us set new intentions. For the travel obsessed, this may include a running list of where to go next. The beauty of travel—in fact the very nature of the journey—is that it's forever shifting and evolving because no two experiences are the same. When you revisit a favorite destination or hotel, the landscape and the views may stay the same, but memories are defined by experiences.

We all dream of discovery: of places near and far, of self-discovery, and of new cultures and community. Working with a travel advisor means you are not only able to further discover, but you are leveraging a community of like-minded explorers. Within these pages you'll discover our ever-expanding connections, which invite you to travel with the best of the best. Additionally, you'll enjoy unique and exclusive privileges and amenities along the way. As you aim to manifest your travel dreams, let us do the work for you. Often, the most exciting experiences are ones crafted in collaboration. Here's to a 2025 full of joyful exploration!

Happy Travels!



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Charming CHARLESTON

Old World allure meets modern-day luxury in one of the South's most storied cities.

The pineapple is celebrated as an iconic symbol of hospitality, based on a legend that goes all the way back to the colonial days of Charleston, South Carolina. After a long trip at sea, local sailors would place the exotic fruit outside their home to signify a safe return—and an invitation for neighbors to visit. Today, the port city's reputation for hospitality is more vibrant than ever, with the Waterfront Park's grand Pineapple Fountain (pictured) welcoming travelers from near and far. While the city is a postcard-picture of Old World charm, it's also a trending destination for culture with world-class restaurants, designer boutiques, a dynamic art scene, and luxurious stays. With ultra-chic properties The Dewberry, Hotel Bennett, and Emeline nestled right in the heart of the city (and three more in nearby Isle of Palms, Kiawah Island, and Johns Island), Charleston is poised for a new era of exploration.



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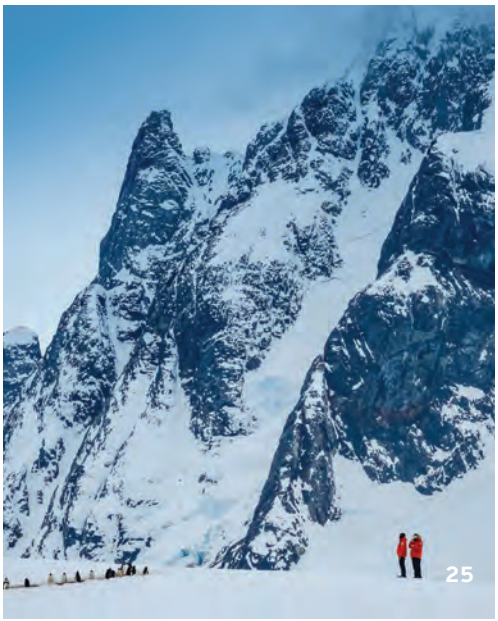
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Escape to The Branson Beach Estate on Moskito Island, British Virgin Islands.

Slowing Down to Catch Up

WITH each February edition of *Ultimate Experiences*, we celebrate Editor at Large Ignacio Maza's take on where to go next (page 56). Every year I look forward to his list, not only for the pure travel inspiration, but also because his been-there-done-that expertise breaks through the chatter with thoughtful, insider guidance for today's modern traveler. As we produced his piece this year, something struck me: This generation is fortunate to travel more than the ones before us. My grandmother passed down her wanderlust to me, and while she traveled often, it was, by nature, at a slower pace.

As I think about where I want to go next myself, and what we can report back to you, I'm most excited by an emerging "slow travel" trend. Similar to the slow food movement, leading travel brands are celebrating the notion of slowing down to catch up—to catch up on rest, on time with loved ones, and those moments in which we might not know what's next. This, too, is what we aim to do with each issue of this magazine. We are excited to bring firsthand, experiential knowledge of where to go, and when, in an effort to help you slow down to revel in your surroundings, whether near or far.

Happy Travels,



ERIN LENTZ, EDITOR IN CHIEF





From top: Attending the Travel Classics West conference in Scottsdale, Arizona; slowing down to appreciate the desert of Scottsdale.

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2025 TRAVEL GOALS: Returning to Sri Lanka, visiting new resorts in Dubai and the Maldives, and taking a Mediterranean cruise.

BEST WAY TO BEAT JET LAG: Drink lots of water and avoid alcohol in-flight. On arrival, get exercise and as much sunlight as possible. Resist the temptation to go to bed when you check into your hotel.

ULTIMATE HAPPY PLACE: A tranquil beach in the Caribbean—Anguilla, St. John (U.S. Virgin Islands), and Turks & Caicos.

FAVORITE FOOD CITY: Istanbul. This crossroads of the world serves authentic, delicious cuisine that reflects a rich history and the legacy of many cultures. Don't miss the city's Spice Bazaar!



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Avery Bredesen is a travel writer and copywriter based in Honolulu. On a continuous quest for the world's best reading spots, she never leaves home without a book. For this issue of *Ultimate Experiences*, she hopped between Oahu and The Island of Hawai'i to experience life on island time at two refreshed OUTRIGGER resorts (page 66), and also wrote about four favorite Journese® stays in Maui (page 10).

BEST TRIP EVER: Our honeymoon last fall, wandering through Tokyo, Kyoto, and Mt. Fuji, has us dreaming of an expat future in Japan.

MOST UNDERRATED THING IN HAWAII: Chinatown's burgeoning culture and food scene on O'ahu. This is the place to shop and eat local!

FAVORITE LOCAL MEAL: *Palatha*, loaded with chicken curry and steamy coconut rice at Rangoon Burmese Kitchen in O'ahu's Chinatown.

WHERE TO NEXT: A hop across the pond to visit my sister who just moved to London, and a trip to our ancestral home in the Netherlands is also on the list.

HONORING GUESTS SINCE 1913

Hotel Excelsior Dubrovnik

A Mediterranean gem steeped in glamour

For travelers who want to immerse themselves in a luxury setting just few steps from UNESCO's Old Town, look no further. At this five-star hotel you can indulge in a world of luxury as this is "the" place to hide away in style on the Croatian coast.

Aside from the stunning location, the hotel celebrates more than 100-years of outstanding quality of service, hosting many celebrities that visited Dubrovnik.

Open all year round, Hotel Excelsior features 158 lavish rooms and suites, three restaurants, a stone-paved beach and tranquil gardens, all enjoying dreamy views over the Adriatic and the medieval Old Town rising from the sea. For added luxury, enjoy the indoor swimming pool, a glamorous spa and fitness centre.

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WAILEA BEACH RESORT – MARRIOTT MAUI

With four distinct pools, expansive outdoor lounging spaces, and cuisine by famed Chef Roy Yamaguchi, this relaxed yet refined resort is a chic oceanfront stay that's primed for family friendly fun.

STAY: A Sundeck Collection suite provides the best of indoor-outdoor living with a supersized *lanai* balcony, while in the Garden Oasis guest room, a private outdoor tub and fire pit beckon you to settle in.
PLAY: Experience the private floating cabanas at the adults-only wellness pool and spa, as well as the longest hotel waterslide in Hawai‘i, a deluxe movie room, and enriching classes about local yore.
MUST-DO: Journey through Maui's upcountry to Haleakalā National Park to witness the sun rise over the volcano's summit—an experience well worth the early wakeup.

THE WESTIN MAUI RESORT & SPA, KA'ANAPALI

Discover an island wonderland on Ka'anapali Beach with calming interiors, locally sourced cuisine at five resort dining experiences, and the Kawaiola Aquatic Playground—an 87,000-square-foot pool paradise right on the beach.

STAY: The newly redesigned Hokupa'a tower rooms and suites elevate your visit with access to The Lanai, an exclusive space featuring a private bar, infinity pools, curated cultural experiences, and ocean views.
PLAY: Start your day with a guided outrigger canoe paddle or surf lesson. When you're ready to rejuvenate, head to the Heavenly Spa by Westin for a traditional Hawaiian *lomi lomi* massage.
MUST-DO: Plan an evening under the stars at the Wailele Luau, where you'll sample traditional cuisine like slow roasted kalua pork, take in a hula performance, and a heart-stopping fire knife dance.





THE RITZ-CARLTON MAUI, KAPALUA

This blissful property features farm-to-table fare, a wellness market, three-level pool, and an indulgent spa inspired by the *wahi pana* sacred site, located adjacent to the resort.

STAY: Rooms and suites are thoughtfully designed with local art and island-inspired furnishings. Luxury residential suites provide extra space and pampering with one or two bedrooms, a kitchen, and butler service.
PLAY: Tee off at the Kapalua golf resort on a pair of 18-hole championship courses: the Plantation Course, which is consistently named Best Course in Hawaii by *Golfweek*, and the Bay Course, a longtime favorite of travelers.
MUST-DO: Explore Maui's hidden waterfalls, dramatic coastline, and Haleakalā Crater by air, followed by a beachside picnic lunch with a Hana Sky Trek Helicopter Adventure.

SHERATON MAUI RESORT & SPA, MAUI

Voted the Best Hotel in Hawai‘i in the *USA Today* 2023 Readers' Choice Awards, the Sheraton Maui is perched on the renowned Ka‘anapali Beach, with world-class snorkeling and diving right outside your door.

STAY: From a spacious ocean-view room or suite in the exclusive Moana Oceanfront Wing, you'll sit front row at sunset and spot migrating humpback whales.
PLAY: After floating in the football field-length lagoon pool, enjoy a fresh poke bowl and shaved ice from your poolside cabana.
MUST-DO: Experience the nightly *lele kawa*, a torch-lighting and cliff diving ceremony that pays homage to the island's rich traditions – AVERY BREDESEN

A Grand Aloha. Create your ultimate Hawaiian journey by visiting the website found on the back cover and enter **OFFER M28055,** or call or email us for more luxurious stays.

Opposite: Views of the Wailea Beach Resort - Marriott Maui. From top: The lobby lanai *at The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua; sunset over Ka'anapali Beach at The Westin Maui Resort & Spa.*

a meaningful RETREAT

With a stay at **Miraval Berkshires Resort and Spa,** Editor-at-Large Ignacio Maza finds relaxation, connection, and new discovery.







AS you make plans for this new year, be sure to set aside some time for your own well-being. One of the best wellness retreats I have visited is Miraval Berkshires Resort and Spa, which recently opened in western Massachusetts. Here's why I loved it, and everything you need to know.

THE DESTINATION. The Berkshires has been a haven for the spirit and a home for artists, writers, and creatives for upwards of 200 years. Think quintessential New England landscapes, rolling hills, historic towns, and deep forests of maple and oak trees.

THE BRAND. Thirty years ago, Miraval began as a recovery retreat in the foothills of Arizona's Santa Catalina Mountains with an ethos to combine wellness, spirituality, and mindfulness. There are no prescriptions or formulas, and Miraval provides the tools, experiences, options, and experts. Every guest creates their own plan, with their personal intention and goals.

THE RESORT. Miraval Berkshires is set on the historic, 380-acre Wyndhurst Mansion estate, built in 1894. Most of the guest rooms and spaces are situated in the wings of connected, modern buildings completed in 2020. The resort features extensive facilities, including indoor and outdoor swimming pools, classrooms, a full-service spa, fitness center, two restaurants, lounges, and living areas.

THE VIBE. Relaxed, informal, warm, and inviting. You'll feel at home the moment you arrive.

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES. Miraval Berkshires offers more than 100 options daily, from sunrise to nighttime, plus private sessions on request. Programs range from beginner to advanced levels and fall into nine categories: fitness, outdoor adventures, creative expression, culinary, challenge course, farm & garden, spiritual, and spa treatments. My advice: Before you arrive, speak to a Guest Counselor and create a custom-tailored plan to make the most of your time on the property.

THE DINING. Enjoy all-day dining at Harvest Moon Restaurant, as well as beverages, snacks, and smoothies at the resort's popular Roost café. You can also experience fine dining at the 1894 Restaurant in the Mansion, as well as a "cook for you" option in which the chefs prepare a bespoke meal for a small group of guests.

MY FAVORITE MOMENTS. Finding bliss at the TRE (tension release class). Hiking up to Monument Mountain in the footsteps of writer Herman Melville. Kayaking across Goose Pond. And, above all, Miraval's signature Equine Experience that helps you build connection, trust, and communication with a horse. (Hint: It's not about the horse—it's about you).

THE ACCOMMODATIONS. Miraval provides 121 spacious guest rooms and suites. You can also stay in the historic Wyndhurst Mansion, which is right next to the main building. Guestrooms are bright, well-appointed, and wonderfully comfortable.

THE INCLUSIONS. Nightly accommodations, meals, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, plus a wide range of classes and activities, nightly resort credit, and more.

MOST MEANINGFUL. Long after you depart from the resort, it's the time spent with the Miraval team that you will long remember. For me, it was learning how to ride a bicycle with David, my patient guide. The Miraval lesson: Always be open to trying something new. – IGNACIO MAZA

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Opposite: A lakeside fire at Miraval Berkshires Resort and Spa. Above: The property evokes the easy elegance of a New England country home.



NATURE **UNFILTERED**

Experience the "living museum" of the Galápagos with **Celebrity Cruises**.

WHEN the young Charles Darwin's sloop first came within view of the rugged coast of the Galápagos Islands in the summer of 1835, he was wowed by a landscape like nothing he had seen. Gnarled black lava fields, ghostly Palo Santo trees, moss-coated Scalesia forests, and creatures so bizarre, they seemed plucked from a dream. Making landfall, the curious British naturalist quickly began noting all the oddities around him: magnificent, giant tortoises lumbering through the brush. Marine iguanas diving for algae. Countless new bird species, completely unphased by his presence.



Each little island felt like a distinct planet in another universe, all untouched by the world Darwin knew. Those journal entries were the start of a series of biological discoveries that would reshape science forever.

With Celebrity Cruises, travelers can seek out this same sense of transformative wonder in a place still virtually as wild as it was in Darwin's day. The all-inclusive expedition can be experienced aboard *Celebrity Flora*, the first ship of its kind custom-built for the Galápagos—and the first resort at sea in the region to receive a *Forbes Travel Guide* Four-Star Rating.

Some 600 miles from the coast of Ecuador, the Galápagos is a volcanic archipelago of 18 major islands and more than 100 small ones, each its own wild, scenic case study in ecological evolution. Birders from around the globe make the pilgrimage here to see iconic Blue-footed Boobies, red-throated Frigatebirds, and rare Waved albatross. Yet with Celebrity Cruises' offshore excursions, there's something to entice every kind of adventurer, from hikes through misty, primeval, highland forests to naturalist-guided wildlife expeditions; from coral-reef snorkeling to white-sand beaches.

And in the laid-back seaside city of Puerto Ayora on the island of Santa Cruz, the Charles Darwin Research Station keeps the legacy of ecological discovery alive, even offering the unique opportunity for a personal encounter with the enormous, gentle Galápagos tortoises that first captured Darwin's imagination. – ALEXANDRA MARVAR

Islands Untamed. Visit the website found on the back cover and enter OFFER M28029 to experience remote wonderlands, or call or email us for more.

From top: A Galápagos penguin with Celebrity Flora *in the distance; Galápagos sea lions.*

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Biking *& Bubbles*

A cycling trip with **Backroads** brings travelers into the heart of France's famed Champagne region.

CYCLISTS typically bemoan hearing a pop, followed by a soft hiss. But on a bike tour of France's Champagne and Alsace region with Backroads, that sound is likely a cork relinquishing its seal on a bottle of Champagne, signifying the end of a great ride.

Since 1979, Backroads has been perfecting the art of active travel, curating itineraries that strike just the right balance of effort and indulgence. One of Backroads' top 10 most luxurious trips, the Champagne & Alsace Bike Tour takes in the rolling vineyards of the mythic, 105-mile Routes des Vins and complements the pedaling with Michelin-star meals, tastings from legendary producers such as Dom Pérignon and Veuve Clicquot, and stays at luxurious hotels, where cyclists can revive sore muscles with a sauna session and massage.

Highlights of the five-night itinerary include an exclusive cellar tour and private dinner and Champagne pairing at the renowned Moët & Chandon's Maison de Champagne House, a visit to Abbaye d'Hautvillers (where monk Dom Pierre Pérignon is buried), and exploring wonderfully preserved Riquewihr and Ribeauvillé, both among the designated Most Beautiful Villages of France for their stunning Gothic churches and medieval fortifications.

A go-at-your-own pace philosophy ensures cyclists can savor the spectacular scenery, like the iconic half-timbered houses and vibrant gardens in the charming Alsatian town of Marlenheim, as well as the impressive peaks of the distant Vosges Mountains. Each day, riders can choose from a variety of distances, and the terrain ranges from level to rolling, with a few bigger climbs possible on the long-mileage options. Note: You can always cut a ride short and request a van transfer back to the hotel, and this itinerary is also offered as one of Backroads' popular Easygoing E-bike Tours.

And on the off chance that you do experience a flat tire along the way, the always-at-your-service Backroads guides are there to instantly assist. Whether you need a new tube, an extra snack, or even saddle bags to transport the wine you've purchased at the cellar door, they've got you covered. – JEN MURPHY

Oui, Oui! Visit the website found on the back cover and enter **OFFER M28052** for adventures through France's backcountry, or call or email us to co-create your next ultimate vacation.

From top: Biking through a quaint French village; navigating past pristine vineyards with Backroads; a tasty reward at day's end.

LANDSCAPES & *LUXURY*

Experience a high-altitude rail adventure with **Rocky Mountaineer.**

FOR travelers in pursuit of a mountain experience that's full of incredible scenery, ample time, and effortless luxury, a train journey with Rocky Mountaineer is a splendid idea.

Rocky Mountaineer's famed navy and gold trains travel through Western Canada and the American Southwest, with each rail coach thoughtfully designed with large panoramic windows to take in views that are often exclusive to rail travelers since many stretches of the journey are only accessible by train. Think: spiral tunnels, glacier-fed lakes, immense waterfalls, red-rock canyons, natural archways, lush forests, rushing rivers, and enchanting desert hoodoos.

Rocky Mountaineer features three distinct routes through the Canadian West that provide such jaw-dropping views: Rainforest to Gold Rush, Journey through the Clouds, and First Passage to the West. Various packages are available for each route, with overnight stays at esteemed hotels including The Rimrock Resort Hotel Banff and the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge.

While most journeys range from two to nine nights, travelers can also connect routes and spend up to two weeks traversing through the heart of Canada, with plenty of time to explore national parks, paddle a canoe in Lake Louise, marvel at the fjords of Howe Sound, and look for orcas off the coast of Vancouver.

It's tough to top the splendor of the Canadian Rockies, yet upgrading to GoldLeaf Service adds to the luxurious experience. Here, top-tier amenities include coaches with glass-dome ceilings that usher in 180-degree views, gourmet meals, and an exclusive outdoor viewing platform.

The US route, Rockies to the Red Rocks, is available in SilverLeaf Service, featuring custom-designed glass-dome coaches with gourmet meals served in the comfort of your seat. Enhance your journey with SilverLeaf Plus, which includes all the benefits of SilverLeaf Service plus exclusive access to a lounge car with a small outdoor viewing area, as well as an elevated dining experience. Pro tip: Be sure to pack a swimsuit for a soak in the natural healing hot springs during a stop in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. – AMY ROBERTS

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A Rocky Mountaineer train cuts through Canada's Banff National Park.



AUTHENTIC **ASIA**

Discover the extraordinary on a majestic journey with **Tauck.**

"WOW, I had no idea that was possible!" Indeed, it's a frequent declaration after traveling with Tauck. The luxury travel outfitter is recognized across the globe for creating authentic, enriching, and dream-worthy experiences, and its Vietnam, Cambodia & Thailand itinerary is topping the lists of many travelers for 2025.

Upon arrival at the Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi, Vietnam, you'll be greeted by a Tauck representative who will relieve you of your luggage and lead you to an awaiting private vehicle. Since you're already checked into your elegant hotel, there's plenty of time to relax before meeting up with fellow adventurers at dinner.



After a luxurious night of rest, a buggy ride through the Old Quarter is a memorable way to see the sights of Hanoi before a visit to the famous One Pillar Pagoda, the historic Buddhist temple built in 1049 AD and designed to resemble a lotus blossom. Sample Vietnamese specialties over lunch and take in an enchanting water puppet performance before jetting off to Hue, one of Vietnam's most beautiful cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, you'll visit the tomb of 19th-century emperor Tu Duc, cruise the Perfume River, and go for a stroll along the 18-mile-long China Beach. From there, it's off to Ho Chi Minh City, where you can travel underground into a network of tunnels and chambers used during the Vietnam war.

You'll then continue into Cambodia to visit the 12th-century Angkor Wat temple in Siem Reap, its floating villages, and the Ta Prohm Temple—a legacy of the Khmer civilization dating to 1186 AD. In Chiang Mai, spend time feeding a majestic Asian elephant (the national animal of Thailand) before visiting the renowned Hilltribes villages. Upon arrival in Bangkok, peruse the floating market featuring craftwork by local artisans, and wander through Wat Pho, the oldest and largest temple in the city and home of the famous Reclining Buddha. After more than two weeks exploring such legendary cities, you might want to consider indulging in a traditional Thai massage before heading home. – AMY ROBERTS

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From top: Strolling through the Ta Prohm Temple in Siem Reap, Cambodia; Tauck travelers explore the region's most talked about sites and locales.

Extraordinary EGYPT

Immerse yourself in the land of pharaohs, pyramids, temples, and tombs with **AmaWaterways.**



SAILING down Egypt's storied Nile River, it's hard to comprehend, let alone describe, the sheer magnitude and magic of the many ancient wonders that have thrived along these shores for thousands of years. With AmaWaterways' Secrets of Egypt and the Nile voyage, travelers are immersed in it all—the temples, tombs, culture and cuisine of this storied land.

The unparalleled itinerary begins and ends in the bustling metropolis of Cairo, a city that seemingly never sleeps. Visit world-famous pyramids, and discover the treasures of King Tut and other ancient kings and pharaohs at The Egyptian Museum. You'll experience a private visit to the 500-room Abdeen Palace that was the official residence of Egyptian royalty until the revolution of 1952, and come evening, wander the bustling street markets and watch the lively nighttime traffic on the Nile from one of the many riverside restaurants.

From Cairo, you'll fly to Luxor and embark on *AmaDahlia* or *AmaLilia*, setting off on one of the longest, and arguably the most beautiful, rivers in the world. With upscale, regionally inspired decor, expansive sun decks and pools, spas, and international and regional cuisine (think hummus, baba ganoush and *koshery*, Egypt's national rice and pasta dish), you're given a front-row seat to the history and modern-day life along the shores of this green oasis.

Your onboard Egyptologist will bring these empires and civilizations to life with exclusive access to the Great Hypostyle Hall of Karnak, King Tut's mummy in the Valley of the Kings, and Queen Nefertari's tomb in the Valley of the Queens.

AmaWaterways also provides entrée into less-visited sites, including Abu Simbel, a 3,000-year-old UNESCO World Heritage Site. One of the world's most magnificent archaeological treasures, these two temples were built by the Egyptian King Ramses II in the southern frontier of pharaonic Egypt, facing Nubia.



But in a grand engineering feat in the 1960s, they were relocated to Aswan to save them from rising waters caused by the construction of the Aswan High Dam. The site also includes a smaller temple dedicated to Queen Nefertari, the chief wife of King Ramses II.

In addition to the Secrets of Egypt and the Nile voyage, AmaWaterways provides curated itineraries on the Nile as part of its Soulful Experiences sailings that focus on African history and culture around the world. These excursions include an in-depth look at the culture, community, conservation, people, and cuisine of the ancient African Nubian civilization. You'll visit a Nubian village and the Nubian Museum and Culture Center, and learn firsthand from an onboard Nubian Egyptologist and Nubian chefs. – JERI CLAUSING

Ancient Wonders. For an unparalleled Egyptian adventure, visit the website found on the back cover and enter **OFFER M28028** or call or email us for more.

Opposite: Cruising the River Nile at sunset. Clockwise from top: exploring Egypt's iconic pyramids; the French Balcony suite aboard AmaLilia*; the sundeck of* AmaLilia.







global ADVENTURE

Travel by private jet to ancient kingdoms with **Abercrombie & Kent.**

THE day's last rays of sun fall across the blue and white *azulejo* tiles and statuary in the gardens of Lisbon's Fronteira Palace, as a couple dozen world travelers stroll through the gates. An exclusive, live performance of traditional *fado* music is about to begin. Candles glow. Wine glasses clink. Soulful chords sound from the strings of a Coimbra guitar.



This is the first evening of Abercrombie & Kent's ambitious 24-night, multi-continent expedition, Ancient Kingdoms & Dynasties: A Journey by Private Jet, taking flight October 4-28, 2025. But as futuristic as the luxe, airborne transport may feel, including a physician and photographer on board, dedicated Tour Director, white glove passport and visa handling service and more, Abercrombie & Kent is helping travelers leap back in time to centuries past.

The jet lifts off the next morning for Morocco, where adventurers will take it all in: from the Roman ruins of Volubilis, amidst the olive orchards of Morocco's green north, to 19th-century palaces filled with intricate terracotta *zellij* tilework and carved cedar wood panels, harkening to the grandeur of Morocco's imperial age. But first: the medieval heart of Fez. One of the oldest living cities in the world, Fez's medina is a labyrinth of over 9,000 alleyways, where metalsmiths hammer copper wares and tanneries soak leather in massive vats of ochre, red, and indigo—a process unchanged for hundreds of years.

Onward to Zanzibar, along the Tanzanian coast. In UNESCO-listed Stone Town, winding streets weave together Arabic, Persian, and Swahili influences. Then to the Omani port of Salalah, where visitors trace world-changing desert trade routes to haunting, aromatic frankincense groves, and local harvesters share knowledge that has been passed from generation to generation.

The world was shaped by these great kingdoms. And with this Abercrombie & Kent journey into nine unforgettable countries (Portugal, Morocco, Tanzania, Oman, India, Cambodia, Laos, Turkey, and Malta), travelers are given the unique opportunity to experience their impeccably preserved and evolving landscapes, cuisines, and cultures, and see how the stories of civilizations have unfolded.

– ALEXANDRA MARVAR

Ancient Splendors. Visit the website found on the back cover and enter OFFER M28049 to discover a world of history, or call or email us to learn more.

From top: The famous Angkor Wat in Siem Reap, Cambodia; navigating the globe via private jet with Abercrombie & Kent.

DREAMING OF AFRICA

Discover the ultimate sensory destination with **African Travel, Inc.**

FEW places captivate the imagination like Africa. Each visit unveils something new and extraordinary, leaving travelers eager to return. Many are first drawn to the continent for a Big Five safari, captivated by thrilling game drives in Tanzania's wildlife-rich Serengeti or South Africa's Kruger National Park, where lion prides, bellowing hippos, graceful impalas, and majestic elephants roam. Yet with African Travel, this is just the beginning, as its tailored safaris promise experiences beyond your wildest dreams.

As the longest-established luxury safari outfitter focused exclusively on Africa, African Travel is renowned for its bespoke itineraries and immersive adventures. Its safaris transcend traditional game drives, crafting sensory journeys like no other. Imagine savoring a gourmet dinner to the symphony of the African bush, spending a magical night in a treehouse beneath a starlit sky, enjoying sundowners with breathtaking views, or indulging in a soothing spa treatment in the serene luxury of your safari lodge.







For those seeking a deeper connection, African Travel curates itineraries with hands-on conservation experiences. Spend a day with an anti-poaching unit or delve into vulture conservation through VulPro at Shamwari Private Game Reserve in South Africa. For off-the-beaten-path adventures, consider gorilla trekking in Rwanda's misty Volcanoes National Park, where you can encounter endangered mountain gorillas up close. For a different perspective, African Travel can arrange experiences such as hot-air balloon rides over the Serengeti or Namib Desert and helicopter flights over iconic landmarks like Victoria Falls and the Okavango Delta.

Many travelers find that their most unforgettable moments come from connecting with locals and exploring their ancient traditions. In Namibia, spend time with the Himba people, one of Africa's last true nomadic tribes. In Botswana, walk alongside the San Bushmen as they share their ancient survival techniques. Africa's cultural richness also shines in its dynamic cities, where urban adventures rival those in the wild. Take in award-winning cuisine in Cape Town, explore the world-renowned wineries of the nearby Cape Winelands, or immerse yourself in the thriving art scene of Kigali, Rwanda's capital.

Whatever your passion, an African Travel safari delivers the ultimate experiential journey, uncovering the countless layers of this diverse and magical continent. – JEN MURPHY

Big Adventure. Call or email us for more, or visit the website found on the back cover and enter **OFFER M28050** to experience life-changing safaris.

From top: Soaring over the Serengeti at daybreak; an afternoon game drive with Royal Malewane; a treehouse stay at Lion Sands Game Reserve.





A Perfect PAIRING

Oceania Cruises and Giada De Laurentiis team up on a delightful culinary adventure.

DINING aboard an Oceania Cruises ship is a thoughtful, creative experience, with renowned chefs leading the way. At the helm is Giada De Laurentiis—the celebrated Italian-American chef, author, restaurateur, and Emmy Award-winning food personality—who was recently named the new Brand and Culinary Ambassador. "My relationship with Oceania is an exciting pairing because it's a brand that feels more like a family," says De Laurentiis. "It aligns with my passions: food, travel, family, making memories, and creating amazing experiences."

What are some of your favorite food memories while traveling the world?
"When I was a little girl in my grandfather's kitchen in Naples, helping him cook perfectly crispy and cheesy Neapolitan-style pizza. As an adult, Capri holds a special place in my heart—I love sipping a Limoncello from high atop Anacapri as the sun sets on the Amalfi Coast."

Tell us about your signature dishes at Toscana, Oceania Cruises' Italian restaurant.
"We feature two of my favorites: Capri-inspired lemon spaghetti with lemon cream, jumbo shrimp, mascarpone, parmesan, and fried capers. Of course I love seafood, so we have to have my Pomegranate Branzino. These dishes represent my love of seafood, cheese, lemon, and, of course, simplicity."

Chef Jacques Pépin has a long culinary history with Oceania Cruises. What have you learned from him?
"He and I share the same culinary philosophy that cooking doesn't need to be overly fussy. Sometimes fresh ingredients simply prepared can be the most delicious."





Do you have any insider tips for travelers?
"Eat a little of everything, but not a lot of anything. What I love about dining on Oceania ships is that the portions are right-sized, meaning you can enjoy a starter, then a soup or salad, your main course, and still have room for something sweet (chocolate for me!). Or, just order three starters and go straight to dessert. It's all about ordering what appeals to you and enjoying it in the moment."

Can you describe your ultimate day with Oceania Cruises?
"It starts with a cappuccino from Baristas, followed by breakfast out on deck at Terrace Café. Then we head ashore to explore and sample the local specialties. Back on board, I love to squeeze in a game of pickleball and enjoy the sunset as we sail. Later, it's time to shower and get ready for a terrific dinner. If I still have energy, I may catch the show that's on that night."

What are your favorite destinations for culinary adventures?
"I spent the first seven years of my life in Italy so many of my early culinary memories were there. France is so nostalgic for me because it's where I went to pastry school, and I'm actually going to Japan in a few weeks so stay tuned for some stories after that trip!"

Oceania Cruises' new ship, *Allura*, is launching in 2025. What can you tell us about it?
"*Allura* is basically a sister ship to 'my' ship *Vista*. It's tough to improve upon perfection, but you have to try! I have not been personally involved in the planning, but there will be a new Crêperie. From what I've been told by Oceania's Executive Culinary Directors Alex [Quaretti] and Eric [Barale], the menu will feature Bruxelles and bubble waffles, Italian gelato sundaes, and a variety of classic French crêpes, like crêpe Suzette. I can't wait to stop in!"

Making Waves. Discover more culinary travel by visiting the website found on the back cover and entering **OFFER M28035**, or call or email us for other custom-designed journeys.

Opposite: Giada De Laurentiis, the Brand and Culinary Ambassador of Oceania Cruises. From top: Tortelloni ricotta with spinach; the open-air Toscana restaurant.

HIGH SEAS

The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection
elevates oceanside discovery.

LESS than two years after debuting *Evrima*, its first luxury yacht, The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection has launched its second seafaring stunner, *Ilma*. Introducing two yachts in two years is an impressive feat, but for The Ritz-Carlton, impressive is standard. So it comes as no surprise that the Collection's third and largest superyacht—the 794-foot *Luminara*—is slated to set sail soon, in July 2025.

A TASTEFUL TRIO

Akin to its two sister ships, *Luminara* will give discerning travelers access to the world's most exquisite destinations in the comforts of renowned luxury and personalized service. Each of *Luminara*'s 226 suites feature spacious accommodations, private terraces, and lavish amenities. The Owner's Suite is top of the line, designed with more than 1,000 square feet of indoor living space, a whirlpool spa on the terrace, and marble bathroom with dual vanities. Regardless of suite choice, every guest can indulge in the yacht's five restaurants, six bars, wine vault, state-of-the-art humidor, multiple pools, fitness center, and renowned Ritz-Carlton Spa. After navigating the Mediterranean in the summer and fall, *Luminara* will explore 28 ports across 10 countries, including Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, and Thailand.

EXTRAORDINARY ITINERARIES

While *Luminara* sails to enticing Asia-Pacific destinations, both *Ilma* and *Evrima* visit favorite ports of call across the Caribbean. Explore the French-Creole cuisine of Martinique and colorful Dutch architecture in Willemstad, Curaçao's capital city. Learn to roll sushi while partaking in the Nobu Master Sushi Class in Barbuda, or opt for a sunset sail and dinner prepared by a private chef in Bonaire. Just off the coast of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the prestigious Canouan Estate Golf Course provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play a round on the Caribbean's most lauded course, while a chocolate-making class in St. Lucia will also create long-lasting memories. And with the choice of glamorous ports including Gustavia, St. Barts, Virgin Gorda, St. John, and St. Thomas, the finest at sea awaits.

– AMY ROBERTS

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From top: The Marina Terrrace aboard Ilma; Ilma's *pool view; the Owner's Suite aboard* Ilma.



WILD PASSAGE

Adventure across the historic Drake Passage with **National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions** for a firsthand encounter with the raw power of nature.



IN winter 1577, when Sir Francis Drake's five-ship fleet set sail from his native England, most of the crew assumed they were headed off on a routine trading expedition to Egypt. Only when they skipped past the Mediterranean did Drake reveal his intentions: They were bound for the Pacific via what seafarers knew then as one of the world's most dreaded stretches of ocean. This passage across the roiling waters off the tip of South America was a feat never before undertaken by an English vessel, and of Drake's five ships, just one successfully completed the journey, returning victoriously to England three years later. That harrowing, 500-mile-wide strait between Cape Horn, the Americas' southernmost point and Antarctica's South Shetland Islands was named for the commander upon his return: the Drake Passage.

Today, National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions crosses the passage with expertise and the utmost safety on the National Geographic fleet: state-of-the-art polar ships designed with advanced stabilization features, GPS, and the most luxurious amenities. These high-tech, wave-slicing vessels are purpose-built for navigating polar waters with exceptional ease and comfort. In the early days of polar exploration, crossing the Drake Passage took weeks. Departing from Ushuaia, Argentina on a ship like *National Geographic Endurance*, the passage takes just two scenic days. In the company of polar experts, specialized guides, and wildlife spotters, travelers take in electric blue icebergs, soaring albatross, leaping orcas, and breaching humpbacks while they peek over the whitecaps for a first look at the rugged, snowy peaks of Antarctica.

After this unforgettable sail, guests will have the opportunity to trek, kayak, cross-country ski, and snowshoe on the world's wildest continent. The Voyage to Antarctica is only one of several adventurer-fit itineraries that include the journey across the Drake Passage, which National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions' captains and crew say is never the same twice.

– ALEXANDRA MARVAR

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From top: The remote Cuverville Island in Antarctica; exploring ethereal landscapes.





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TRANSATLANTIC TRAVEL

Embark on a Transatlantic Crossing in style with **Cunard®**.

CROSSING the Atlantic Ocean with Cunard® aboard *Queen Mary 2*® is a luxuriously languid way to travel—a journey that recalls decades past, yet with today's most coveted modern comforts.

Nearly 200 years ago, Cunard completed its first Transatlantic Crossing as an official mail carrier for the British government. By the 1950s, it had evolved into a glamourous icon, luring such well-heeled travelers as Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra, and Elizabeth Taylor. Today, the prestige of the golden age of cruising lives on with Cunard, albeit in a more relaxed atmosphere. While guests are still invited to join the celebrated Gala Evenings, there is also ample opportunity for easy meals and casual attire.

Still, be sure to pack for many occasions, as a Transatlantic Crossing on *Queen Mary 2* is full of diverse experiences and destinations including daily Afternoon Tea, fascinating Cunard Insights®, trivia contests, theater shows, art classes, plus multiple restaurants, a library, spa, fitness center, and pools. Yet for many travelers, it's the simple pleasure of time that's most coveted—time spent reading, playing cards, relaxing on the promenade deck, and taking in the views.

Built with an elongated bow and deep hull to dissipate even the mightiest waves, *Queen Mary 2* is the last true ocean liner in service. The size of a 23-story building, the extraordinary vessel is designed for changing weather and conditions, as well as the utmost in luxurious comfort. And for those who'd like to share it all with their furry friend, *Queen Mary 2* is the only ship in the world that provides dedicated kennels at sea—both dogs and cats are welcome onboard.

While *Queen Mary 2* sails from New York City to Southampton, England year-round, Cunard offers a number of other fascinating itineraries. Experience the spellbinding beauty of Alaska, the laid-back warmth of the Caribbean, and the intriguing medieval roots of Northern Europe, among many more. – AMY ROBERTS

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A TIMELESS **VOYAGE**

Sojourn to a bygone era of seafaring adventure on the Aegean with **Star Clippers**.

ENVISION gliding through the sparkling cerulean waters of the Aegean, retracing the paths of ancient mariners on a ship powered by the wind. Star Clippers provides this unique chance to explore the Greek Islands in a way that's deeply connected to the region's rich history, where every isle echoes the stories of gods, heroes, and philosophers.

With Star Clippers' sleek, wind-powered *Star Flyer* and *Star Clipper* vessels—each designed for 166 guests and 74 crew members—these itineraries weave an exclusive route through Greece's most storied waters, bringing you to dozens of intimate ports and hidden coves of the Cyclades, Dodecanese, and Sporades archipelagos—places inaccessible to larger vessels.

Sail to Patmos, known as the "Jerusalem of the Aegean," one of the two places in the world where, according to Christian tradition, the voice of God was heard. Visit the 10th century cliff-clinging monastery of Hozoviotissa on the Cycladic island of Amorgós, where eight floors of narrow stairs are carved into the rock stretching nearly 1,000 feet above the sea.





Escape to Hydra, a serene, automobile-free island, where cobblestone streets, historic architecture, and donkey transport create a preserved glimpse into the past. Other iconic destinations include Rhodes, Santorini, Pilos, Mykonos, Corfu, and more.

Recognized by the World Cruise Awards as the World's Leading Boutique Cruise Line and World's Best Green Cruise Line, Star Clippers is a pioneer in creating specialized, authentic travel experiences. The ships themselves are all part of the unforgettable experience: Each vessel is equipped with authentic sails and traditional rigging, invoking the spirit of a classic maritime adventure, while the open-deck design invites guests to take in panoramic views of crystalline waters. Five-star luxuries of modern cruising create unrivaled pampering and plush accommodations.

With each Grecian destination, travelers are introduced to a new facet of the country's timeless charm, where every sail raised and every island visited feels like a tribute to the golden age of travel. – CRISSIBETH COOPER

Sail Away. For glorious ocean adventures, visit the website found on the back cover and enter **OFFER M28043**, or call or email us for more authentic travel.

From top: A picture-perfect view of Poros, Greece; Star Clipper *and* Star Flyer *set sail.*



A Taste of What's to *Come*

Franck Garanger, Head of Culinary at **Explora Journeys,** dishes on his favorite cuisine at sea.

WHEN travelers explore the world by sea with Explora Journeys, their culinary adventure begins onboard. With nine distinct dining experiences on its pair of ships (with a third setting sail in 2026), the choices are plentiful, with flavors culled from Italy, France, Asia, the Mediterranean, and more. Each dish is imagined by Head of Culinary Franck Garanger, who shares a few of his favorites with *Ultimate Experiences.*

SAKURA
"I love the miso-roasted black cod fillet with Hoba leaves and grilled lime. The sweetness of the white miso paste and marinated sake create a caramelization when roasted in the oven. Black cod is very moist, so using a high roasting temperature keeps the humidity inside the fish which contrasts with the caramelization. Don't forget to squeeze the lime juice before tasting."

MED YACHT CLUB
"The Cochinillo El Asador de Segovia is made with crispy roasted Spanish suckling pig and rosemary fingerling potatoes. For this wonderful dish, we source the meat from Segovia, Spain and roast it at a high temperature so the skin becomes very crispy and the meat very tender. This dish truly represents an authentic taste of Spain and is something to try once in your life."

EMPORIUM MARKETPLACE
"For me, the fresh pasta station and pizza is the real essence. Freshly cooked homemade pasta à la minute is what makes the difference, accompanied by our San Marzano tomato sauce. We spent months developing our unique pizza flour in Italy by experimenting with a mix of different flours to create our perfect methodology."

MARBLE & CO. GRILL
"My favorite dish is the crushed fingerling potatoes with Normandy butter, chives, Calvisius Oscietra caviar, and crème fraîche. The balance between the sweetness of the Normandy butter and the saltiness of the Oscietra caviar, together with the warm potato, make this flavor so unique."







FIL ROUGE
"Langouste Thermidor is rock lobster tail, mushrooms, parmesan, mustard cream, and pilaf rice—a traditional French dish inspired by Chef August Escoffier. The rock lobster tail is cooked and then the meat is diced and coated in creamy mustard sauce. It's then put back into the lobster shell and *gratinate* with cheese."

CREMA CAFÉ
"There's nothing better to accompany your espresso than a crispy cannelés or a freshly baked almond financier. Like the tradition in Bordeaux, the cannelés are baked at a high temperature in copper individual molds."

GELATERIA & CREPERIE AT THE CONSERVATORY
"Traditional vanilla crepes, made to order in front of you with a traditional crepe maker from Brittany. The crepes are very fine and perfect with your afternoon tea or as a dessert."

Ocean Views. Discover more journeys at sea by visiting the website found on the back cover and entering **OFFER M28032** or call or email us for customized travels.

Opposite: Decadent cuisine is all in a day's play with Explora Journeys. From top: Head of Culinary Franck Garanger; Fil Rouge fare; dining at Anthology Restaurant.


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European ESCAPES

This year, **Virgin Voyages** curates dream-worthy itineraries in the world's hottest—and coolest—destinations.



VIRGIN Voyages has built its brand around being fun and kid-free, and adventuring through Europe is a great way to maximize that ethos. How about partying the night away in Ibiza or island-hopping in Greece? Sipping Limoncello on the Amalfi Coast, exploring the coastline of Croatia, or taking in the dramatic landscapes of Iceland?

These are only a few of the European escapes that await in 2025 on Virgin Voyages' sailings from home ports in Barcelona, Athens, and Portsmouth. The journeys hit the hot spots as well as lesser-known, more immersive ports, with itineraries expertly curated to feature longer port stays and overnights.



GREECE AND BEYOND

Discover the Greek islands and Turkey on a classic seven-night sailing from Athens to medieval Rhodes, with visits to Bodrum—which locals call the Ibiza of Turkey—and Santorini, known for its beautiful, white-washed homes and boutique hotels that line the cliffside towns of Oia and Fira. The final stop allows travelers more than 24 hours in Mykonos—ample time to explore the windmills and shops in the renowned port town, and still take in its world-famous beach-club parties. If you prefer more days in Turkey, Virgin Voyages features an expanded sailing that also travels to Kuşadası, a resort town that's the perfect jumping-off point for visiting the ancient ruins at nearby Ephesus. And of course, no trip to Turkey is complete without exploring Istanbul. Experience an overnight in this diverse metropolis with a wonderful mix of cosmopolitan dining, shopping, and visits to historic sites like the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia.

THE BEST OF THE WEST

Travelers have a host of choice stops in Italy, Spain, and France on Virgin Voyages' western Mediterranean sailings from Barcelona. Spend a day in the upscale French Riviera town of Cannes and its famed Boulevard de la Croisette, which is lined with sandy beaches, designer boutiques, and palatial hotels. Check out Ibiza's famed nightlife on select sailings that overnight there.





Another swoon-worthy option: The seven-night Spanish & Italian Hot Spots, which leaves from Rome before hitting Naples, Sicily, and Marina di Carrara—idyllic Mediterranean stops for regional cuisine and ethereal views. Next, it's off to Ajaccio in Corsica, France, and then a day at sea before arriving in Barcelona.

COOL OFF UP NORTH

As summer months seem to get hotter every year, more travelers are exploring destinations beyond southern Europe and the Mediterranean. Virgin Voyages' sailings from Portsmouth in the United Kingdom include a journey to Norway and Iceland, two destinations at the top of savvy travelers' wish lists. After an overnight stay in the always delightful Amsterdam, head to Bergen, Norway. Surrounded by mountains and fjords, you'll take in the area's hiking trails and Sognefjord, which is the country's longest and deepest fjord. Be sure to wander the old wharf lined with colorful wooden houses, an area that was once the center of the Hanseatic League's trading empire, before heading to Scotland. End the trip in Reykjavík, Iceland, the world's northernmost capital that sits just on the edge of the Arctic Circle. Here, you'll explore the "smallest big city" and its surrounding landscape—and soak in the healing waters of the famed Blue Lagoon.

– JERI CLAUSING

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Clockwise from top: The Old Town of Dubrovnik, Croatia; discovering the Colosseum in Rome, Italy; the Acropolis in Athens, where Greek islands journeys begin.

GRAND POLAR *VOYAGE*

By the Numbers with **PONANT Explorations** and the extraordinary *Le Commandant Charcot*.

MORE than 35 years ago, a group of sailors founded PONANT with one goal: to share with other travelers their passion for the world's oceans, its faraway lands, and its Indigenous people. To this day, PONANT Explorations continues to innovate ship design with state-of-the-art vessels and technology that enables new sea routes to unexplored destinations.

The latest addition to the PONANT fleet, *Le Commandant Charcot* is the first hybrid electric polar exploration vessel of its kind, specifically built for expeditions in extreme environments. For 2025, PONANT has curated exceptional itineraries on the ship, bringing travelers on a full immersion exploration trip to Greenland's ice sheet with members of the Inuit community. The local villagers will accompany guests on dog-sled rides, traditional kayak outings, snowshoe hikes, and an overnight polar trek on the ice. – SARAH TAYLOR ASQUITH



Le Commandant Charcot *in the icy Arctic waters.*

2,002

Size in square feet of the private terrace in the Suite de l'Armateur aboard *Le Commandant Charcot*.

150+

Number of scientists the ship has hosted for research purposes since it launched in 2021.

2024

Year *Le Commandant Charcot* became the first ship to reach the legendary North Pole of Inaccessibility, defined as the point on the Arctic Ocean that is furthest from land.

123

Suites and staterooms aboard the ship, each one with a private balcony or terrace.

19-23

Polar region experts onboard, including biologists, naturalists, engineers, glaciologists, and geologists.

215/245

Ratio of crew members to guests on the ship.

3

Gourmet dining options, including Nuna ("Earth" in Inuit), the only restaurant at sea by Michelin-starred chef Alain Ducasse.

6

Years (2024-2029) of the partnership between PONANT and the European Union-funded POLARIN (Polar Research Infrastructure Network) project, in which *Le Commandant Charcot* is part of a global network dedicated to polar research.

Sea Sights. Adventure on the open waters by visiting the website found on the back cover and entering **OFFER M28037,** or call or email us for more.





TAHITIAN TREASURES

Discover the secrets of the South Pacific with **Paul Gauguin Cruises.**

THE water, the weather, the towering mountains-meet-sea landscapes and, of course, the people. Those are just a few of the reasons to fall in love with French Polynesia. But what makes the islands truly unique is the underlying culture that has been so well-preserved.

Indeed, when traveling to the islands today, it's still easy to see the magic that inspired Paul Gauguin himself. And there is no better way to explore the authentic treasures of this remote paradise than with French Polynesia's Destination Expert, Paul Gauguin Cruises.



Built specifically to navigate the shallow seas of the South Pacific islands, this stately vessel for 330 guests is so much more than a luxury small ship. Sailing the islands exclusively for more than 25 years, m/s *Paul Gauguin* embodies the culture of French Polynesia, delivering an all-inclusive experience that brings the islands and their many hidden secrets to life—both onboard and ashore.

These one- and-two week voyages bring you to intimate ports, private islands, and remote beaches inaccessible by larger ships, while also providing overnights in more popular ports such as Bora Bora, Mo'orea, Fakarava, and Papeete.

Be sure to spend a day on Huahine, one of the most authentic islands in French Polynesia, where the ancestral culture is still very much alive. Go snorkeling, paddleboarding, and kayaking, or simply lounge on the beach and enjoy a traditional feast on Motu Mahana, an uninhabited all-sand beach off the coast of Taha'a. Take a bike trip around Bora Bora, or sneak off to an exclusive private beach.

Still, the destination experience doesn't stop with ports of call. Polynesian culture, food, and its people are also key to the onboard experience—from the ship's easy Tahitian design to its collection of original Tahitian art and artifacts to its onboard troupe of Tahitian hosts and entertainers, known on the ship as Les Gauguins and Les Gauguines. These crew members also serve as ambassadors for the islands, teaching guests not only the art of Tahitian dance, but also the meaning of each move. They'll delve deep into island traditions and the meaning behind traditional wood carvings, tattoos, and leis, all while bringing to life the very special connection islanders have with the sea. – JERI CLAUSING

Isle Check. Enter **OFFER M28036** on the website found on the back cover, or call or email us to plan your next seafaring escape.

Clockwise from top left: The island of Moorea; local Les Gauguines greet travelers; exploring Motu Mahana via kayak.

PUTTING THE "U" IN *Unique*

Uniworld Boutique River Cruises raises the bar with new specialty sailings, including its first-ever journey just for women.



WHAT do burlesque, golfing, and yodeling have in common? They're just a few of the fun-filled activities that Uniworld Boutique River Cruises has in store on its newest theme cruises.

While the luxury, all-inclusive line stands out for its fleet of boutique ships designed for specific destinations, Uniworld is also a leader in curating experiences that give guests a true sense of local life in the regions they are visiting.

Building on the popularity of its theme sailings focused on multi-gen travel, the LGBTQ+ community, and Jewish heritage, Uniworld has added three new specialty cruises for 2025: its first-ever all women's sailing in the French wine country, a music voyage on the Danube, and an all-inclusive golf extension in France's Bordeaux region.

GIRLS' WEEK OUT

The Women-Only Cruise on the Rhône and Saône rivers uplevels your typical girl weekend, bringing together female travelers from around the world for a full week to connect, play, and wine and dine while sailing the opulent *S.S. Catherine* through southern France. Go truffle hunting, take a bike ride to the monastery where the famed Chartreuse liqueur is made, and sample the region's finest wine. Onboard, this journey celebrates women with a host of special activities, including lessons in burlesque dancing. And what women's cruise would be complete without shopping? Throughout the week, local artisans will visit the ship, selling their handmade wares and demonstrating how they're crafted.







TOP NOTES

Take a deep dive into the musical heritage and culture of Austria, Germany, and Hungary on an exclusive Music of the Danube sailing aboard the ultra-luxurious *S.S. Maria Theresa*. Special onshore and onboard experiences will showcase the region's distinctive classical, modern, and folk music with live concerts, workshops, and visits. In Salzburg, tour the sites made famous in the *Sound of Music*, and witness an organ concert at the historic abbey in Dürstein, one of the most beautiful small towns in Austria. Guests will also be treated to an exclusive concert in Vienna featuring the music of Mozart and Strauss, and enjoy plenty of laughs during an onboard yodeling workshop. While the music is plentiful, there's also other unique activities on tap, from hiking and biking to kayaking and paddleboarding on the Ilz River.

GRAPES & GREENS

Hit the links on two of southern France's premier golf courses with this all-inclusive extension of Uniworld's Brilliant Bordeaux itinerary. The premium getaway is featured across six summer sailings, with highlights including 18-hole rounds at Cabot Bordeaux and Grand Saint Emilionnais, a shared caddy service, gourmet dining, and surprise gifts. Cabot Bordeaux merges vineyard landscapes and countryside charm with two internationally acclaimed courses by Bill Coore and Rod Whitman. And in the famous wine producing town of St. Emilion, Grand Saint Emilionnais is a five-star golf course designed by the legendary Tom Doak, known for his adherence to the land's natural shape and topography. No earth was moved to create this remarkable course, designed with holes that follow the panoramic, oak tree- and vineyard-lined valley. – JERI CLAUSING

Brilliant Ideas. Visit the website found on the back cover and enter OFFER M28045 for more wonderful river adventures, or call or email us for more.

Opposite: S.S. Catherine *sails through France. From top: Learning about Jewish history in Vienna, Austria; European wine tasting; the Grand Saint-Emilion Golf Club in France.*



Fire and Ice

Quark Expeditions takes eclipse travel to the next level on the High Arctic seas.

A total solar eclipse is rare in its own right—and extraordinarily rare when it takes place in the polar regions. The path of totality often narrows or fades completely by the time it reaches the poles. The angle of the Earth's orbit must align perfectly with the moon's shadow. And the event must take place during daylight hours, in a region where, for months of the year, the sun never even crests the horizon.

Yet, for an afternoon on August 12, 2026, a total solar eclipse will occur directly above the iceberg-strewn channels of eastern Greenland's King Oscar Fjord. In a place like this, such a solar spectacle could be viewed with more calm, clarity, and absence of light pollution than virtually anywhere else on Earth.



If only a state-of-the-art polar seafaring vessel manned by a veritable taskforce of Arctic and astronomy experts were headed that way. Enter: Quark Expeditions' remarkable *Ultramarine* and the Iceland to Greenland: Total Solar Eclipse expedition, with room for fewer than 200 expeditioners to take in this one-of-a-kind experience in the High Arctic.

Watching the eclipse is the culmination of a 12-night journey through one of the planet's most pristine, remote regions, including Iceland's dramatic, unsung Westfjords and the massive Northeast Greenland National Park. Yet the experience isn't limited to exploration by boat. Rounding out the itinerary are Zodiac cruises, "flightseeing" tours on cutting-edge, dual-engine helicopters, and on-land excursions including Quark Expeditions' thoughtful Tundra to Table culinary program, featuring Inuit cuisine hosted by distinguished Greenlandic chefs.

Renowned eclipse experts will join expeditioners aboard, sharing an in-depth history, celestial mechanics, and other insights to set the stage for the scale and mystique of what's ahead. And on that August afternoon, *Ultramarine* will navigate into the fjord's breathtaking 68-mile-long channel. The expedition team will scout the perfect vantage point. Over the course of an hour, the moon will make its way to the center of the sun. And for two minutes and 17 seconds, the fjord channel's sheer cliffs and silent waters will be lit *only* by the faint rainbow of light of the sun's corona, glowing like a halo around the Arctic moon. – ALEXANDRA MARVAR

Once in a Lifetime. For more spectacular experiences, visit the website found on the back cover and enter **OFFER M28038.**

From top: Endless views abound during a Quark expedition; on August 12, 2026, Quark guests will have the rare opportunity to witness a full solar eclipse in eastern Greenland.

WILD **KINGDOMS**

Discover seven extraordinary experiences in Africa with **Micato Safaris.**

AN expert for 60 years in luxury African adventure travel, Micato Safaris designs custom experiences through the continent's most spectacular parks and reserves, curates stays in sumptuous camps and lodges, and provides unparalleled guidance from leading safari directors. While each adventure is beyond spectacular, we've chosen seven of our favorites.

1. ENCOUNTER ENDANGERED MOUNTAIN GORILLAS

Trek into the remote cloud forests of Rwanda's Parc National des Volcans to witness majestic gorillas. Only a dozen habituated family groups live here, where just eight people are allowed to visit their territory per day.

2. KAYAK AMONG AFRICAN PENGUINS

On this guided sea-kayak excursion to False Bay and Boulders Beach outside of Cape Town, South Africa, discover one of the planet's smallest penguin species as it glides through the sea.

3. SPEND TIME WITH ORPHANED ELEPHANTS

Visit the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Nairobi, Kenya, an elephant nursery that cares for, and eventually releases, hundreds of orphaned young ellies. For a more intimate experience, travel to a private reserve in Botswana, where a small herd of formerly orphaned elephants resides.

4. CANOE AMONG HIPPOS & KINGFISHERS

Discover Botswana's Okavango Delta via *mokoro*, a traditional dugout canoe. Pushed along by an expert poler, you'll quietly float as you take in pods of half-submerged hippos, crocodiles on the riverbanks, and diving malachite kingfishers.

5. MONITOR THREATENED BLACK RHINOS

Critically endangered, only about 1,400 eastern black rhinoceros remain in the wild. Travelers can actively support conservation efforts by taking part in hands-on rhino tracking and monitoring, facilitated by Micato Safaris at Ol Jogi Ranch on Kenya's Laikipia Plateau.

6. SEE (AND HEAR) AFRICAN WILD DOGS

Crossing paths with a pack of Africa's elusive, critically endangered wild canine is a spellbinding experience. Join Micato Safari Directors, who are experts at locating them amid the sweeping grasslands of South Africa's Kruger National Park and Botswana's Moremi Game Reserve.

7. REWILD RESCUED PANGOLINS

Strikingly covered in scales, pangolins are the world's most trafficked animal species. At the Phinda Private Game Reserve in the KwaZulu-Natal region of South Africa, guests help conservationists nurse them back to health, fit them with radio tags for monitoring, and release them back into the preserve. – CRISSIBETH COOPER

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From top: Mountain gorillas in Rwanda; a mokoro *traverses Botswana's Okavango Delta; spending time with a baby elephant in Kenya.*











Choice Chefs

Catching up with the culinary stars behind **Crystal's** new Osteria D'Ovidio restaurant.

WITH eight renowned onboard restaurants, Crystal's pair of ships, *Crystal Serenity* and *Crystal Symphony*, are a destination for food and wine aficionados. For its latest culinary adventure, Crystal has teamed up with renowned chefs Max and Raf Alajmo on the new Osteria D'Ovidio restaurant. The cuisine is inspired by the brothers' famed Le Calandre restaurant in Padua, Italy, where, in 2002, Max Alajmo became the youngest chef to receive three Michelin stars. We recently caught up with the duo to discuss inspiration, favorite dishes, and where they want to travel next.

WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO COLLABORATE WITH CRYSTAL?

Max: "The challenge of bringing our cuisine around the world, organizing everything meticulously—from the selection of the ingredients to the way the dishes will be presented and served—while respecting our ethical code to ensure its integrity."

Raf: "We were also attracted by the size of the ship, which is significantly smaller than large cruise ships. This allows Crystal to organize a unique gastronomic offering, which inspired us to be a part of it."

WHAT DO YOU ADMIRE ABOUT ITS APPROACH TO FOOD?

Raf: "We really appreciate the pursuit of quality and the desire to create the highest and most varied offering possible for guests. There's no chance to get bored, routine doesn't exist, and every day can be different. It's like walking through a small town with many restaurants."

WHAT IS YOUR CULINARY PHILOSOPHY, AND HOW ARE YOU PRESENTING IT TO CRYSTAL GUESTS?

Max: "Our cuisine is based on listening to, or understanding, the ingredients. Osteria d'Ovidio is an embassy of Italy in the middle of the sea, with a menu featuring Alajmo classics from Le Calandre restaurant and traditional Italian dishes—a solid Italian cuisine with deep traditional roots, without excess, but definitely concrete and easily understandable. The close collaboration with the food and beverage team and the management in sourcing the best ingredients will be the key to Osteria's success."







WHAT INSPIRATIONS ARE YOU DRAWING FROM TO CREATE THESE NEW DISHES?

Raf: "We select the most successful and appreciated dishes from Le Calandre and create an offering that meets the expectations of a guest on vacation in the middle of the sea who decides, 'Tonight, I'm going to Italy.' Our success will be in making them feel and experience Italy at the table."

HOW DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO FEEL WHEN DINING IN YOUR RESTAURANTS?

Max: "I want them to feel at home, relaxed, and ready to have fun while eating."

Raf: "Making *la scarpetta* (dipping bread in sauce) is not only welcomed but also encouraged. Let's leave formality aside and focus on having fun."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO COOK?

Max: "Bread, oil, and tomato because it embodies Italian spirit, gestures, and great knowledge in simplicity."

IF YOU COULD TAKE A CRUISE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD YOU GO?

Max: "Many places, from a cruise on the Nile to the fjords of the Baltic Sea."

Raf: "I agree with the northern seas, but I would also love to go to the Galápagos."

Culinary Adventure. Discover more food-focused travel by visiting the website found on the back cover and entering **OFFER M28030**, or call or email us for custom experiences.

Opposite: Crystal's Osteria D'Ovidio. From top: Tiramisu Espresso-flavored Lady Fingers; Chefs Raf and Max Alajmo; Insalata Caprese Burrata.



EXPLORE WITH EASE

Discover the world by customized aircraft with **National Geographic Expeditions.**

SINCE it published its first magazine in 1888, National Geographic has been synonymous with remote exploration and global conservation. Today, National Geographic Expeditions—the travel arm of the celebrated outfitter—is making remote exploration all the more convenient and comfortable with a collection of private jet expeditions.

These itineraries invite travelers to effortlessly circumnavigate the globe while enjoying exclusive access to fascinating destinations, where National Geographic Expeditions has established relationships with scientists, museums, and research sites. Expect top-notch amenities while in flight, including oversized, reclining leather seats, meals prepared by a private chef, and insightful conversations with legendary photographers, filmmakers, educators, and wildlife biologists—each one hand-selected to accompany the experience.

On the Across the Continents by Private Jet expedition, which spans five continents and eight countries, you'll learn all about Australia's notorious Tasmanian devil before you even arrive at the Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary. Once there, you'll interact with this endangered marsupial and other fascinating animals. Indeed, the adventures are plentiful: Explore ancient temples in Indonesia and India, swim with diverse marine life in Bora Bora, track wild herds across Kenya's savannah, and look for elusive wildlife in the Maasai Mara.

You'll also visit renowned sites in Brazil, walk through culturally significant neighborhoods in Bogotá, and take in a hummingbird observatory where more than a dozen species find refuge. (Amazingly, this is only a fraction of the 165 species of hummingbird that call Colombia home.)

For those with ample wanderlust, the 13-night South American Discovery by Private Jet expedition is just as mesmerizing. You'll immerse yourself in the ancient Mayan wonder of Tikal (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), trek through the sacred Inca ruins of Machu Picchu, feel the mist of Brazil's powerful Iguaçu Falls, search for the Andean Condor in Argentina's Nahuel Huapi National Park, kayak in Moreno Lake, and discover Bogotá through the eyes of local graffiti artists. All this, and it's just the beginning. – AMY ROBERTS

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From top: The city of Udaipur in Rajasthan, India, known as the "City of Lakes"; elephants in Kenya's savannah.



THE LUXURY IS IN *the details*

Sea Cloud Cruises redefines the sailing experience with epic, authentic journeys.

Lounging on the deck as we made our way along the Pacific coast of Costa Rica, I felt like we had stepped back in time—to a time when setting sail meant, quite literally, setting sail.

Just a few hours earlier, we'd officially kicked off our 10-night voyage while sipping champagne on the top deck of *Sea Cloud Spirit*, in awe as two dozen crew members climbed the ship's three towering masts to unfurl the 44,000 feet of canvas sails that would power much of our journey.

That act of hoisting the sails using nothing but old-fashioned muscle and know-how is a unique and major draw for Sea Cloud Cruises guests, myself included. But it's just one of the many things that sets the fleet of three luxuriously appointed yachts apart from more traditional small ship journeys.

When I first caught sight of *Sea Cloud Spirit* in Puntarenas, it was hard to imagine that the sleek, gorgeous yacht would soon be home to as many as 136 guests. But looks are deceiving: The onboard spaces are surprisingly capacious, including a large indoor lounge, restaurant (although most meals are served outdoors on the top deck), a cozy spa, modern fitness center, and a glass-walled library on the sundeck where you can choose to escape the elements without giving up the views.

The elegant guest cabins also feel spacious. My Junior Veranda Suite was just under 300 square feet, yet thoughtfully designed with an outdoor deck, seating area, and in the bathroom, an oversized soaking tub and double vanity.

While onboard, we spent most of our time on the top deck, simply enjoying the ocean breeze and being spoiled by the attentive crew. Lunches were grand buffets while dinners were gourmet, à la carte affairs. After dinner, we danced under the stars as the DJ played our requests.

With Sea Cloud, the priority is providing travelers with an intimate sailing experience that takes you to lesser visited ports. In our case, that was often remote beaches along the coast of Costa Rica and Panama's San Blas archipelago, where on some days, the only other life we saw was while snorkeling and paddleboarding along pristine sandy beaches.

Still, the ship and its wonderful crew is very much the destination, offering a truly authentic experience that harkens back to the day when heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post owned *Sea Cloud*, the original of the Sea Cloud fleet. – JERI CLAUSING

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Sea Cloud Spirit *and its three towering masts.*



A FRESH **PERSPECTIVE**

Explore the Mediterranean's local season with **Windstar Cruises.**

THOSE in the know understand the allure of off-peak travel. It's a unique time for slow moments, quiet discovery, and authentic charm—sans crowds. Windstar Cruises has taken note, reimagining its winter Mediterranean voyages to focus on local life with more time spent at renowned sites, more ports of call, and more interactions with residents. Celebrating Europe's most coveted destinations, these small-ship journeys offer a unique chance to experience a different side of a region when it's quieter and maybe even more beautiful.



A Mediterranean winter ushers in typically mild climates, and cities like Málaga, Rome, and Athens are especially pleasant and often sunny. Windstar Cruises uniquely showcases this time of year by immersing travelers in the regions' vibrant cultural traditions. Come early November, you'll wander legendary holiday markets for handcrafted goods, regional delicacies, and seasonal spirits. Cities are lined with twinkling lights, festive decorations, and local music, creating a storybook atmosphere throughout downtown streets.

After the holiday markets come lively and ongoing winter celebrations. In Greece, "blessing of the waters" ceremonies celebrate light and renewal—a magical experience unique to Greek culture. And in late February and early March in Venice, Carnevale features extravagant masked balls, with brilliant costumes and parades all around the city.

Windstar Cruises' winter itineraries also take guests to Naples, Catania, and Genoa—ports not typically featured on summer routes. Travelers can experience extended overnight stays in Venice and Livorno, which are both ideal settings for sunset dinners and vibrant nightlife.

Indeed, every port offers local culinary charm, from decadent seasonal dishes to cherished holiday traditions. Whether you're exploring city streets at a leisurely pace, sipping mulled wine in a cozy German market, or indulging in fresh Italian panettone, each stop is a window into the heart of European culture during the enchanting winter season. – CRISSIBETH COOPER

Winter Wonders. Create a magical off-peak journey by visiting the website found on the back cover and entering **OFFER M28048,** or call or email us for more.

From top: Soaking up the views in Nice, France; Rome's magnificent Trevi Fountain.

SIP & SAVOR

Five extraordinary wine and food experiences curated by **Alexander+Roberts.**

FOR 2025, Alexander+Roberts has created a collection of rich epicurious journeys, in which each taste tells the story of a region's culture and people. With no more than 16 guests, these intimate experiences bring together ancient traditions, local learnings, and distinctive terroirs.

SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA + VICTORIA FALLS
Travelers journey through the Cape Winelands, go on safari at Kruger, visit the majestic Victoria Falls, and experience a cooking class in the home of a local family. At the Hazendal Wine Estate, the gateway to the world-famous Stellenbosch Wine Route, you'll sip on a Pinotage, perfectly paired with slow-roasted Karoo lamb, lemon, and herbs.

CHILE + ARGENTINA IN-STYLE
Discover the charming port of Valparaiso on the Chilean coast, and spend time in the Andes at a wine lodge set on 35 acres of vineyards. You'll also sample some of Argentina's best varietals in the esteemed Mendoza region, and discover the natural beauty of Patagonia.

PORTO + LISBON WITH DOURO VALLEY
Join a local food expert in Porto for a special tour of the city's best locales, and in Lisbon, retire to an 18th-century manor house on the Quinta Nova de Sossa Senhora do Como winery. Terraçu, the restaurant led by Chef André Carvalho, entrances guests with a seven-course tasting menu in which each dish is paired with a prime vintage from the historic region.

ENCHANTING SICILY
Explore layers of history with your private guide at sites like Monreale Cathedral, with Arab and Byzantine influences. Visit a family owned vineyard in the Sicilian countryside to taste renowned Nero d'Avola and Marsala wines. Enjoy an al fresco lunch in Kolymbethra, a grove of centuries-old olive and citrus trees set in the remarkable Valley of the Temples.

ANCIENT CULTURES: ARMENIA + GEORGIA
You'll visit Vardzia, the ancient monastic cave city in the country of Georgia, where wine cellars were hand-hewn into solid rock 1,000 years ago. You'll also spend dine with a local family in the town of Caucasus, sharing their warm hospitality and culinary traditions.

– CRISSIBETH COOPER

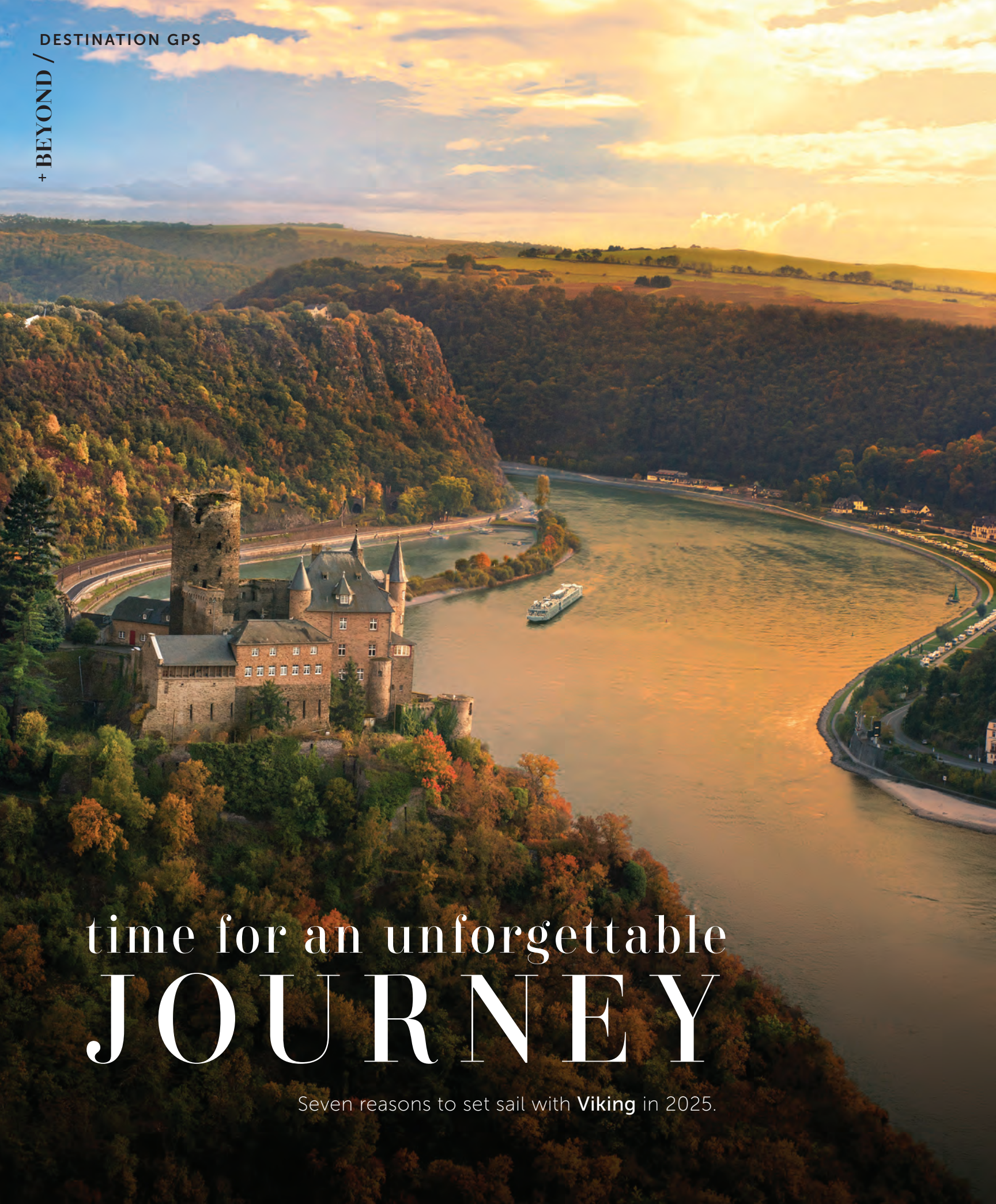
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From top: Victoria Falls, on the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe; Cape Winelands in South Africa; the painterly hues of Lisbon, Portugal.



time for an unforgettable JOURNEY

Seven reasons to set sail with **Viking** in 2025.



RENOWNED for curating journeys of a lifetime, every Viking voyage features a shore excursion in every port, with onboard and onshore enrichment that immerses travelers in the destination's culture, history, art, architecture, and cuisine. These seven hallmarks highlight the extraordinary experience of "The Viking Difference."

1. PURPOSE-BUILT SHIPS
The Viking Longship® has been custom-crafted to enhance every journey. The space-saving square bow and the patented asymmetrical corridor design are just two examples of how every inch of space is maximized for luxurious comfort and ease. The unique ship design also allows the vessels to dock in the heart of each destination, so guests can experience all the amenities of an elegant boutique hotel, just steps from the center of the action.

2. EXPERIENCES CURATED FOR THE CURIOUS
Prior to your departure, Viking shares a list of recommended reading and viewing material designed to inspire wanderlust and provide insight on the destinations you'll visit. Once onboard, you'll experience port-specific activities including art and history lectures, cooking demonstrations, and regional cuisine.

3. INCREDIBLE ONSHORE ACCESS
Viking travelers are given Privileged Access® to otherwise unattainable experiences. When visiting the Netherlands, you'll board a 125-year-old restored cargo vessel to travel to Kinderdijk's oldest working windmills to discover the marvel of modern water engineering. Or in Austria, go behind the scenes with the world-renowned Vienna Boys Choir or take in an exclusive performance featuring Alma Deutscher, a young musical prodigy.



4. ONBOARD ELEGANCE AT EVERY TURN
Suites on Viking Longships are designed with two full-size rooms and expansive windows for optimal views. Common spaces also impress with light-filled lounges, libraries, top-notch restaurants, plus the Aquavit Terrace, home of multiple al fresco dining spaces. The sundeck provides 360-degree views, a walking track, and an herb garden, which is harvested daily by the ship's chefs.

5. EXCEPTIONALLY ATTENTIVE STAFF
Every member of the Viking team has been hand-chosen and trained to ensure that each guest need is met. In fact, Viking is the only line that guarantees its award-winning service.

6. PLANET-FORWARD MISSION
All of Viking's Longships are designed to reduce impact on the environment. The vessels are powered by true diesel-electric hybrid engines, meeting stringent emission standards and reducing vibrations for a remarkably smooth ride. Solar panels, LED lighting, an advanced recycling and waste management system, and a zero discharge wastewater treatment system further Viking's sustainability mission.

7. NOT ALL THINGS TO ALL TRAVELERS
Sometimes, what a ship chooses *not* to offer is just as important as what it does offer. To make a Viking vacation a highly meaningful experience, the ships are not designed with casinos or inner-facing staterooms. You will never be charged for Wi-Fi or for beer and wine with meals, while the Viking experience is saved for guests aged 18 and older. – AMY ROBERTS

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Opposite: A Viking Longship approaches the Katz Castle on Germany's Rhine River. From top: A vintage cargo boat brings travelers to a working windmill in the Kinderdijk village of the Netherlands; taking in the views from a Viking Longship's Veranda Suite.

TRUE CULTURE







Regent Seven Seas Cruises® brings travelers into the heart of local life with Epicurean Explorer Tours and Immersive Overnights.

WITH a pair of expertly curated programs, Regent Seven Seas Cruises® is celebrating the heart and heritage of extraordinary destinations in profound, unique ways. Epicurean Explorer Tours, for one, are crafted for those with an adventurous palate and a taste for new experiences. In each port of call, guests delve into advanced techniques, sample new flavors, and discover local ingredients with expert chefs as guides. And with Immersive Overnights, time-rich travelers are given more time ashore to explore the regions, while staying at vetted properties that honor an authentic sense of place.

From left: The colorful town of Taormina, Italy; vistas from Seven Seas Grandeur *pool deck.*



EPICUREAN EXPLORER TOURS

Ready for an immersive culinary journey? For those onboard *Seven Seas Explorer*, *Seven Seas Splendor* or *Seven Seas Grandeur*, each ship's Chef Instructor takes a small group on an exclusive outings, guiding them through vibrant markets and lush vegetable and herb gardens, then stopping for lunch at a celebrated local restaurant, later returning to the ship for an immersive cooking class using their just-bought ingredients.

In Málaga, Spain, admiring the beautiful architecture of the Mercado de Atarazanas is just the beginning. Here, a chef will personally guide you through the grand market, where locals have shopped since the 14th century. After sampling and purchasing Spanish hams, cheeses, and produce, you'll return to the ship for a tapas class, creating decadent dishes with your ingredients. In Taormina, Italy, you'll meet a Sicilian pastry master who will divulge the secrets to expertly crafted cannoli. Or in Sanary-sur-Mer, France, experience a private Provençal cooking demonstration with Michelin-starred Master Chef René Bérard. Next up, an elegant lunch paired with locally sourced wines at Le Bistrot de Jeff.

IMMERSIVE OVERNIGHTS

Designed for travelers who desire more than sightseeing, Immersive Overnights are bespoke experiences guided by local experts who invite guests to discover a port of call after dark. Whether you're soaking in the vibrant nightlife of Rio de Janeiro, experiencing early morning serenity in the temples of Kyoto, or witnessing a picture-perfect sunset from the Cap Canaille sea cliffs in Toulon, France, Immersive Overnights are a way to truly connect with the most captivating destinations at a luxuriously unhurried pace.

In Dubrovnik, Croatia, visit the family-owned estate of Mlinica Šapro, where you'll indulge in homemade breads and local meats before taking in a traditional folk music performance. In Kuşadası, Turkey, you'll stay in five-star luxury and be delighted by a mesmerizing dance performance of Zeybek and authentic Turkish belly dancing. In Kobe, Japan, you'll witness the allure of famed premium Kobe as a master chef cooks on an open-flame teppanyaki grill at your table. Back on board, Regent Seven Seas Cruises extends the cultural immersion with dishes inspired by culinary traditions and enrichment programs designed to deepen a sense of place. – CRISSIBETH COOPER



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Clockwise, from top left: A master chef slices Kobe beef in Japan; a garden at the Tofukuji Temple in Kyoto, Japan; Sanary-sur-Mer, France; Kuşadası Bay, Turkey.



MAKING WAVES

Seabourn christened its newest ship with the guidance of Western Australia's Wunambal Gaambera people.

A time-honored maritime tradition, the role of a ship godparent symbolically bestows good fortune on the vessel and its travelers with a special blessing during the christening ceremony. For Seabourn's newest ship, *Seabourn Pursuit*, it has made a longstanding commitment by naming Western Australia's Wunambal Gaambera people as godparents. This serves as a gesture of stewardship and responsibility toward the environment and the communities that *Seabourn Pursuit* visits, as well as Seabourn's commitment to sustainable tourism.

The Wunambal Gaambera are Aboriginal Australian people who are the Traditional Owners of a region in Western Australia that includes the sea country of Ngula Jar Island (Vansittart Bay), Yirinni (Hunter River), and the freshwater country of Ngauwudu (Mitchell Plateau). As godparents, the Wunambal Gaambera are collaborating with Seabourn to guide its environmental policy and work toward sustainable tourism along Australia's Kimberley Coast. Given their cultural history, deep connection to the land and sea, and proven conservation initiatives, they are a remarkable choice to help protect the region's sacred spaces.

The ship's naming ceremony took place in summer 2024 on Ngula Jar Island. After a cleansing smoke ritual and traditional Junba dance on the beach, the Wunambal Gaambera christened the ship and blessed it for safe passage.

From there, *Seabourn Pursuit* took its inaugural journey through the Kimberley waters. During its maiden voyage, guests experienced incredible views of sandstone peaks, took in curious marine life, and participated in immersive cultural experiences.

As part of the appointment, Seabourn has made a donation to Wunambal Gaambera to assist them as they develop a self-sustaining industry by producing and selling local art and craftwork. Seabourn has also pledged to supply the Wunambal Gaambera Aboriginal Corporation with pearl shells and other art supplies and tools. – AMY ROBERTS

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Opposite: Western Australia's Hunter River. From top: The cleansing smoke ritual during the Seabourn Pursuit *christening on Ngula Jar Island; a waterfall in Mitchell River National Park, in Australia's Kimberley region.*





ALL ABOUT *Seabourn Pursuit*

The second purpose-built luxury expedition ship in the Seabourn fleet, *Seabourn Pursuit* is designed to access the most remote regions, including Papua New Guinea, Antarctica, and Patagonia.

Combining cutting-edge technology with luxurious comfort, each of the 132 ocean-front suites feature expansive picture windows, spacious walk-in closets for expedition gear, and large bathrooms with double vanities. The two Owner's Suites are designed with ample living spaces and private verandas to take in the open water. Luxurious onboard expanses include an infinity pool, a state-of-the-art spa, and eight dining experiences, while in the Discovery Center, regionally inspired seminars are led by Seabourn's expedition team of wilderness experts, scientists, historians, and naturalists. Meanwhile, 24 Zodiac boats, eight double sea kayaks, and two custom-built submarines are at the ready, inviting regional discovery and underwater exploration.

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The intricate architecture of a mosque in Casablanca, Morocco.



The Haw Phra Bang temple in Luang Prabang, Laos.
Opposite: A vibrant rice field in Vang Vieng, Laos.

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where to go NOW



Editor-at-Large and bonafide world traveler **Ignacio Maza** is always on the lookout for hidden gems, emerging destinations, and new ways to experience well-known hotspots. Here, he shares the places he's planning to visit (and revisit) next.



LAOS

Nicknamed the "land of a million elephants," Laos is a landlocked and unspoiled country that, to me, still feels undiscovered. It's an ideal destination for travelers seeking a slower pace and truly authentic experiences. Begin your itinerary in Vientiane, one of Asia's smallest capitals, and explore temples, markets, and flavorful Laotian dishes, like *khao niew* (sticky rice) and larb (spicy meat or fish with greens and herbs). Make time to sail the upper Mekong, where you'll visit sleepy villages and marvel at the endless rice fields and beautiful landscapes. Laos' star attraction is the town of Luang Prabang, the former home of Laotian Kings and a rich blend of cultural and religious heritage. This UNESCO World Heritage city offers remarkable and well-preserved temples, shrines, and French colonial architecture.

PERÚ

With thousands of archaeological sites, the intrigue of Perú goes well beyond Machu Picchu. Trek to the mysterious Inca citadel of Choquequirao, or take in the massive fortress of Kuélap, now accessible via cable car. And soon there will be a new way to explore the globe's largest rainforest—on the new *Pure Amazon* luxury riverboat, debuting this summer. For an unforgettable rail journey, board Belmond's Andean Explorer, South America's most stylish train that runs between Arequipa and Cusco. Among Perú's countless natural wonders, one of my favorites is the dramatic Colca Canyon, which is twice as deep as the Grand Canyon. I like to stay at the new Puqio, Perú's premier tented camp on the canyon's edge, where you'll also discover great hikes, views of soaring condors, and breathtaking vistas.



Above: Catamaran at Sandy Spit, British Virgin Islands. Opposite, from left: the Inca citadel of Choquequirao, in Perú; the streets of Old Montreal.



BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

This is my happy place. I've been here many times and can't wait to go back, so I'm excited that it's now closer than ever with nonstop air service from Miami to Tortola's Beef Island airport. The BVI's top-notch beaches are delightful. My favorites: Tortola's Cane Garden Bay, Jost Van Dyke, and the stunning granite boulders and sapphire waters of The Baths in Virgin Gorda's west end. I also love exploring the remote and unspoiled Anegada Island, with endless miles of white sand and casual beachside restaurants. For a window into the islands' past, visit the 1780 Lower Estate Sugar Works Museum in Tortola. And if you're looking for the ultimate BVI hideaway, you'll find it on Moskito Island, Sir Richard Branson's private resort—barefoot luxury at its finest.

MONTRÉAL, CANADA

The world's second-largest francophone city and the famed home of Cirque du Soleil, Montréal is a hub for creatives, tech startups, and fine dining. I enjoy wandering through Old Montreal, soaking up the rich past and marveling at how it merges with the present. One perfect example of this is the immersive AURA Experience at Notre-Dame Basilica—a spectacular laser show that beautifully illuminates the landmark 1683 church. Also not to miss: the Montreal International Jazz Festival, the world's largest jazz gathering held every June, featuring more than 400 concerts and events. The 2025 program will honor native son Oscar Peterson. Be sure to explore the charming Plateau and Westmount neighborhoods that are lined with quaint cafés and stylish shops, and take in the bold architecture of Expo 67 while you bike, jog, or kayak through the city's great parks and canals. Wintertime is just as magical, when the city transforms into a snowy wonderland with ice skating, maple sugar shacks, toboggan riding, and cozy pubs.











MARRAKECH, MOROCCO

Marrakech is very near and dear to my heart. Few places in the world have the allure and magic of this imperial city, and after a recent visit, I found it more stunning than ever. (It's now been fully restored and recovered after the 2023 earthquake in the Atlas Mountains.) I love to spend the day wandering through the Medina's alleys in search of spices, antiques, and handcrafts, followed by a rooftop riad meal with panoramic views of the Atlas Mountains. A relaxing *hammam* treatment is a must, as is a visit to a secret garden—my favorite is the Majorelle Gardens. If you'd like to discover the exquisite Islamic architecture of Marrakech's golden era, the Madrasa Ben Youssef and the Saadian Tombs are the best of the best. And if you're hoping to stay in splendor, the legendary La Mamounia is a favorite and just turned 100 years old in 2023. More good news? United Airlines has introduced new nonstop flights from Newark to Marrakech.

YOGYAKARTA, INDONESIA

The Kraton Palace and Ujung Water Palace have been the home of Yogyakarta's royal family since 1755. As the last sultanate within a republic, the city holds fast to its cultural tradition as a hub of art, dance, poetry, and Wayang puppetry. Yogyakarta is the perfect base camp to visit the spectacular Borobudur temple (the largest Buddhist structure in the world), as well as Prambanan, the impressive 10th century Hindu complex with more than 200 temples. If you're an adventurous traveler, you'll want to hike to the top of Indonesia's active volcano of Mount Merapi at sunrise for unforgettable views. Stay in style at the magnificent Amanjiwo, the ultimate luxury resort, overlooking Borobudur.

Opposite: The serene Menara Gardens in Marrakech, Morocco. Above: The sweeping views of Borobudur Temple, Java, Indonesia.

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

I lived in Buenos Aires as a child, so I have a real soft spot for this magical city that buzzes with irrepressible energy, day and night. Considered South America's capital of culture, there are so many amazing ways to take in the city. One of my favorite places is El Ateneo Grand Splendid. Housed in a former theater, it's the most beautiful bookstore—my nirvana! The renowned Teatro Colón opera house should also be on your list. Every time I visit, I'm in awe of its ornate interiors. From the opera house, I like to continue on to the Colón Fábrica museum, where Teatro Colón's sets and costumes are stored and displayed. For dining, Don Julio is the best steakhouse in Argentina. Be sure to order the delicious *empanadas* and *alfajores*. And Salón 1923, atop the stately Palacio Barolo, is the perfect spot to watch the sun set over the city. If you travel about 20 miles north, you'll discover El Tigre—a great area to unwind on a cruise through the Paraná Delta, or to spend a day at an estancia, Argentina's authentic country estates.

BERLIN, GERMANY

Berlin is a vibrant city that continually reinvents itself. On May 8, it will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II with a special public holiday. Germany's cultural powerhouse is home to more than 150 museums—from world-class art collections at Museum Island to the DDR Museum to the German Spy Museum. Berlin is also considered the operatic capital of the world, with more performances than anywhere else. One of my favorite places to spend time in the city is at the decommissioned Tempelhof Airport, where the Berlin Airlift took place in 1948. It's now a wonderful park called Tempelhofer Feld, where you can bike and roller skate on the old runways. I also enjoy the bohemian Neukölln neighborhood, hunting for bargains at the Mauerpark flea market, and escaping the city bustle at the expansive Tiergarten Park. Be sure to visit the grand palaces and monuments in nearby Potsdam, Germany's answer to Versailles.













VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA
Australia's second-smallest state packs a punch, with world-class culture, renowned sporting events, outstanding culinary options, and glorious nature reserves. This year, Melbourne welcomed the annual Australian Open, and will host the Australian Grand Prix and the Australian Football League. Food and wine enthusiasts are spoiled for choice with top-notch vineyards and superb dining venues in the Mornington and Bellarine Peninsulas. Victoria's best-known road trip is the Great Ocean Road and its offshore Twelve Apostles limestone stacks, while further beyond, the Grampians National Park beckons. This natural wonderland of waterfalls and impressive vistas is the place to go for fantastic hiking, canoeing, and marvelous examples of Aboriginal rock art.

BOTSWANA
The size of Texas, this unique and wild country is home to vast deserts and the largest population of wild elephants in Africa. In the North is the Okavango Delta, the biggest inland delta in the world, and home to a wildlife wonderland and some of Africa's finest adventure lodges. Only in Botswana can you experience safari by Land Rover, on horseback, on foot, or floating on a *mokoro*, a traditional canoe. For a stark contrast, visit the stunning Makgadikgadi Salt Pans. This otherworldly landscape of infinite white is home to desert-adapted wildlife and the San peoples, resourceful custodians of the region for more than 20,000 years.

Opposite, from left: Downtown Buenos Aires, Argentina; an African elephant in Botswana's Okavango Delta. Above, from left: Gendarmenmarkt square in Berlin, Germany; the Twelve Apostles limestone stacks in Victoria, Australia.





SWITZERLAND

There are so many hidden gems to experience in Switzerland that go well beyond Zurich and Lucerne. To step into the past, visit traditional, quintessentially Swiss villages like Lauterbrunnen and Grimentz. Meanwhile, Lausanne and its medieval old city and Olympic Museum should definitely be on your list, as should the nearby Lavaux region, where some of the finest vintages in Europe are grown. And don't miss the Vallée de Joux, the cradle of Swiss watchmaking for three centuries and home to luxury brands including Jaeger-LeCoultre. For rail travel, instead of the Glacier Express, I recommend the Gotthard Panorama Express, which crosses Switzerland through the Alps to the enchanting Italian-speaking canton of Ticino. It truly feels like another world!

FIJI

With Fiji Airways' new nonstop service from Dallas, this tropical paradise feels much closer. While it's celebrated for its splendid beaches and dreamy resorts, there's also so much adventure to be discovered throughout the hundreds of islands. The region is justly famous for superb diving and snorkeling—especially in the vibrant Astrolabe Reef—and for a shot of adrenalin, raft the Navua River Canyon, safari on the Sigatoka River, or hike up Mount Tomanivi for the best views in the island nation. Most of all, it's the warmth of the Fijian people that will touch your heart, especially during a festive *Meke*, a long tradition that combines dancing and storytelling.

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Above: A traditional Meke *celebration in Fiji. Opposite: The stunning village of Morcote on Lake Lugano, Switzerland.*









ISLAND TIME

Discover Hawai‘i through two impeccably reimagined **OUTRIGGER** resorts.

BY AVERY BREDESEN

EACH of Hawai‘i’s eight islands has a distinct personality, and to capture the full magic of this paradisiacal place, a visit to more than one is a wonderful way to experience the varied vibes and landscapes. I’ve lived on the most populous island of O‘ahu for several years, and island hopping has become one of my favorite things to do. The change of scenery reminds me to slow back down, and revives my appreciation for what brought me here in the first place. And with a pair of just-renovated properties from OUTRIGGER Resorts & Hotels on O‘ahu and the Island of Hawai‘i, I can jaunt between the buzzy Waikiki nightlife and Kona's quiet, star-studded evening skies in no time.

OUTRIGGER REEF WAIKIKI BEACH RESORT

Once the exclusive pastime of Hawaiian royalty, surfing found a global ambassador in local legend Duke Kahanamoku, cementing Waikiki as the sport’s birthplace. Today, this iconic two-mile stretch of sand beckons more than wave-walkers and sun-seekers with boutique hotels, designer shops, and culinary hotspots showcasing the flavors of Hawai‘i’s diverse heritage. At the heart of it all is OUTRIGGER Reef Waikiki Resort, a contemporary stay that grants easy access to the best of Waikiki—right within walking distance.

Previous page, from left: Snorkeling the waters of OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa; lei making at OUTRIGGER Reef Waikiki Beach Resort. Clockwise, from top left: scenes from OUTRIGGER Reef Waikiki Beach Resort, including ocean and Diamond Head views; the Coral Reef Penthouse; live music at Kani Ka Pila Grille; the exclusive V47 Club Lounge.











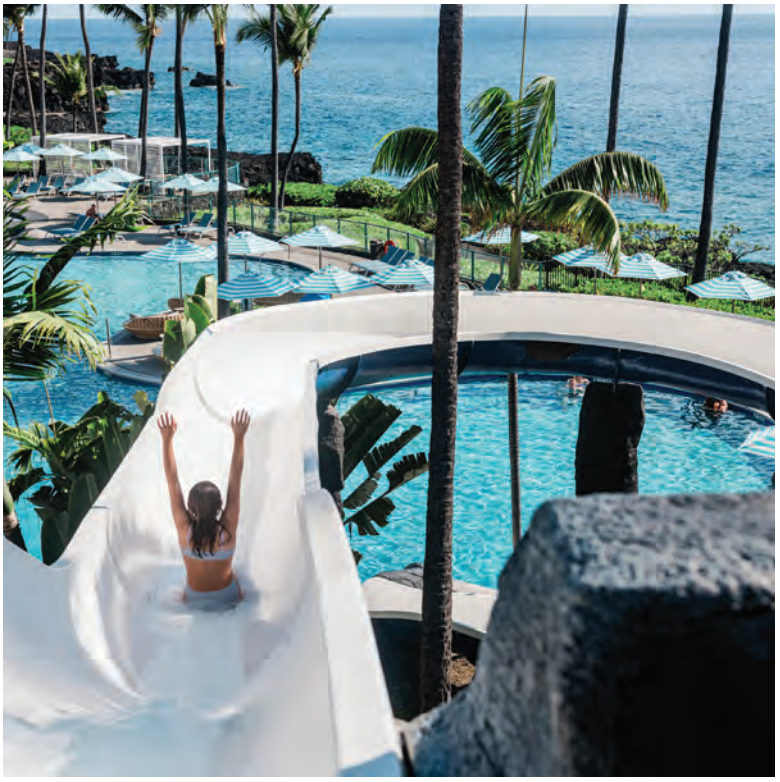
THE STAY
Newly renovated Hawai'i-chic rooms and suites feature seafaring-inspired art and a design that reflects the deep blues of the Pacific. Check the surf from an Ocean Tower guest room, which captures the best views up and down the palm-fringed coast. Level up your stay with a Voyager 47 Club room for complimentary breakfast and happy hour appetizers from the exclusive V47 Club Lounge, a gorgeous space with glass walls framing the Pacific.

The resort centers around an exquisite pool with Waikiki's waves just steps away. Other not-to-be-missed features include a state-of-the-art gym and the Coral Kids Club. I loved taking in the installations by prominent local artists, displayed throughout the property.

THE FOOD & DRINK
Monkeypod Kitchen serves up farm-fresh local cuisine and unbeatable sunset views. It's my favorite place to bring guests to dinner, and the live music and mai tais topped with delicately sweet and tart honey-lilikoi foam are always a hit. For more casual fare, the poolside Kani Ka Pila Grille is a fun spot to nibble on ahi poke and kalua pork sliders while listening to local musicians.

NOT TO MISS
Learn about the islands' rich culture at the resort's A'o Cultural Center with ukulele and hula lessons, lei making, *ohe kapala* (traditional bamboo printing), and storytelling.







OUTRIGGER KONA RESORT & SPA

Just as Waikiki brings the waves, Kona brings the calm. OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa is perched on 22 acres of lava-formed cliffs and gardens on the Island of Hawai'i's storied Keauhou Bay, once home to Hawaiian royalty and a hub for fishing, trade, and traditional ceremonies dating back to ancient times. "Keauhou" means "New Current" or "New Era", and the resort pays homage by ushering in a new kind of travel to these sacred lands, sharing culture and tradition with both guests and locals.

THE STAY

The resort's recent transformation is extensive and luxurious. Each of the newly renovated guest rooms opens onto a private lanai. My doors were flung wide open for my arrival, framing nothing but blue sky and blue sea with the soft sound of water on lava rocks below. Deluxe suites feature separate living and sleeping areas perfect for families, while the new Presidential Suite feels more like a chic beach loft, complete with a freestanding bathtub and private terrace basically made for sunset watching.

There's an amazing 200-foot water slide and shallow sandy beach area at the oceanfront lagoon-style pool, but I spent most of my time at the adults-only pool. Its waterfall and private cabanas create a zen setting for lounging and reading.

THE FOOD & DRINK

I fueled my morning with Kona coffee and fresh fruit at Piko, returning in the evening for live music and dishes crafted with island ingredients. Insider tip: Start with the charcuterie board featuring resort-made honey from its resident bees. Holua Poolside Bar & Lounge, meanwhile, is great for a casual lunch and tropical drinks. The Island of Hawai'i's first and much-anticipated Dukes Restaurant will make its debut here in the future, situated on a premium oceanfront space jutting over the bay.

NOT TO MISS

Take a short stroll from the property to join Sea Quest for a manta ray night snorkel. A rare phenomenon first discovered here in the 1970s, rays gather to dine on plankton attracted by lights behind the resort that once guided fishermen. Now a wish-list experience for many travelers, myself included, this is one of the only places in the world where you can witness these gentle giants up close after dark. I'll never forget floating calmly on the waters as a knowledgeable guide introduced me to the rays, each known by name, while they gracefully glided within inches of my snorkel.

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Opposite: OUTRIGGER Kona Resort & Spa overlooks lava cliffs and blue waters. From top: the family pool; a poi-pounding demonstration at the property's Feast & Fire Lū'au .



Norwegian Luna *will set sail in 2026.*



THE PINNACLE OF LUXURY

Perched atop distinguished **Norwegian Cruise Line** ships, The Haven is an experience to behold.

BY AMY ROBERTS

COME spring 2026, the newest Norwegian Cruise Line vessel, *Norwegian Luna,* will sail the Caribbean for its inaugural season. Ten percent larger than other ships in its distinguished Prima Class category, *Norwegian Luna* will offer even more space, along with luxuries you might only experience, as Norwegian Cruise Line likes to say, once in a blue moon.

The pinnacle of *Norwegian Luna* is The Haven, an exclusive retreat that crowns the ship. The luxurious enclave of suites and venues are imagined by Piero Lissoni, a preeminent Italian designer and architect. The Haven provides ample comforts and exceptional amenities, including a 24-hour butler service, a dedicated concierge, and priority on embarkation, debarkation, shore excursions, onboard dining, and entertainment. Akin to the VIP section of a prestigious club, The Haven guests are granted a metallic keycard for private access to the ship's most elite settings.

THE VIP SPACES & AMENITIES

The Haven aboard *Norwegian Luna* is being celebrated as Norwegian Cruise Line's most luxurious and exclusive suite complex yet, with stunning sea views from every angle. The VIP spaces include The Haven Lounge, The Haven Restaurant, and The Haven Sundeck. The latter is a sanctuary like no other with an expansive infinity pool that overlooks the stern, two hot tubs, a spacious outdoor sauna and glass-walled cold room, as well as special family areas and others reserved only for adults.

The amenities are equally exceptional. Prefer to have your luggage unpacked? Your 24-hour butlers are at your service. Interested in a premier spa service? Your dedicated concierge team will book priority appointments as you wish. Guests of The Haven will also be invited to exclusive meals and cocktail parties, as well as elegant gatherings with the officers of *Norwegian Luna.*

THE SUBLIME SUITES

The new ship is designed with 123 suites in The Haven, considered the most expansive ship accommodations ever—some are more than twice as large as Norwegian Cruise Line's existing fleet. With nine suite categories, each one is highly considered with chic decor, panoramic ocean views, spacious balconies, luxurious bathrooms, and special touches including cappuccino machines and the plushest linens. The Haven's new Duplex Suites span almost 1,000 square feet across two floors, with three bedrooms, three bathrooms, a large private balcony, and separate living and dining areas. The ultimate splurge? The Haven Premier Owner's Suite, with 2,100 square feet of sublime living space, featuring three bedrooms, 3.5 baths, and a grand aft-facing balcony with hot tub.

Can't wait until *Norwegian Luna* is ready to sail in 2026? Its twin sister ship —*Norwegian Aqua*—begins her inaugural season in March 2025, and is also designed with The Haven space.

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Clockwise from top left: The Haven sundeck aboard Norwegian Luna; *the luxurious living space in The Haven Premier Owner's Suite; The Haven Outdoor Lounge is chic and modern.*





BY THE NUMBERS: *NORWEGIAN LUNA*

• The ship is **lucky number 21** in Norwegian Cruise Line's cutting-edge fleet.

• The hull features a striking **1,056-foot-long piece of artwork**, designed by acclaimed street artist ELLE, and inspired by the reflection of moonlight on the sea.

• The ship is home to the Aqua Slidecoaster, a first-of-its-kind hybrid roller coaster and waterslide with dual slides and a magnetic lift to propel guests **three stories high** and across **two courses of twists and turns** around the ship's funnel.

• The Drop is an equally exhilarating, free-fall dry slide spanning the height of **10 ship decks.**

• For the calmer cruiser, The Ocean Boulevard is a **46,000-square-foot outdoor walkway** that wraps around the entire vessel.



Silver Muse *cruising in Akaroa, New Zealand.*



LAND & SEA

From nature to adventure and culture to cuisine, **Silversea** promises an unforgettable antipodal experience in Australia and New Zealand.

BY JEN MURPHY

Australia and New Zealand are a wondrous tapestry of contrasts. The ultimate land of extremes, this region is home to both ancient, indigenous lands and modern, dynamic cities. Nature feels amplified at every turn, from the stunning coastlines of Queensland, Australia to the dramatic snow-capped peaks and fjords of New Zealand's Milford Sound. And with Silversea, the refined *Silver Nova* and *Silver Moon* allow you to effortlessly experience it all in absolute comfort and all-inclusive luxury.

One of the world's first low-emission ships, the flagship *Silver Nova* brings travelers closer to every destination, from Hobart, Tasmania to Auckland, New Zealand with its innovative asymmetrical design that provides wide-open views. Suites boast 270-degree views and tuxedo-clad butler service, and guests can be pampered at Otium spa and experience nine dining venues.



Fleetmate *Silver Moon* is just as intimate with amenities including a fitness center, spa, and expansive pool deck. Both ships tap into the region's culinary heritage with Silversea's novel S.A.L.T. (Sea and Land Taste) program, which comprises a restaurant with an ever-changing menu reflecting each itinerary, shore excursions devoted to the gastronomy of the destination, and a hands-on culinary school that teaches local recipes.

The pair of ships sail to nearly 100 destinations, with itineraries that reveal unique places in fascinatingly unfamiliar ways. Observe kangaroos and wallabies one day and take in world-class art the next, as the ship berths next to the iconic Sydney Opera House, home to contemporary exhibits. Indeed, with Silversea's carefully curated itineraries, unforgettable experiences await for every taste, every pastime, and everyone.

AUSTRALIA

FOR THE ADVENTURER: CAIRNS

Immerse yourself in the natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef. A catamaran sailing combined with a helicopter flight provides two spectacular perspectives of roughly 3,000 individual reef systems and coral cays, as well as hundreds of idyllic tropical islands that comprise this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

FOR THE NATURE LOVER: KANGAROO ISLAND

Located less than 10 miles off the coast of South Australia, Kangaroo Island is one of the world's last bastions of unspoiled wilderness. About 30 percent of the island is designated as national parkland, such as Seal Bay Conservation Park, home to a colony of sea lions. And on a 4WD shore excursion, you might spot koalas and platypuses.

FOR THE CULTURE BUFF: HOBART

An art scene booms in Tasmania's capital. MONA (Museum of the Old and the New) is a radically innovative cultural haven on the banks of the River Derwent, showcasing the largest private collection of art in Australia, as well as smaller galleries including Wooby Lane and the Salamanca Arts Center.

FOR THE FOOD & WINE CONNOISSEUR: ADELAIDE

The capital of South Australia is the country's unsung gastronomic gem. Explore the foodscape of the 70-plus unique stalls of Central Market, award-winning restaurants like Botanic, and hip wine bars such as Good Gilbert. Adelaide is the gateway to the Barossa Valley wine region, including cellars at Yalumba and Torbreck vineyards.

NEW ZEALAND

FOR THE ADVENTURER: LYTTELTON

A full-day excursion in the high country of the Southern Alps promises thrills. Take in the region's jagged peaks on a 4x4 tour, followed by a lightning-fast jet boat ride on the Waimakariri River, famed for its steep-walled gorge.

FOR THE NATURE LOVER: WELLINGTON

New Zealand's third largest city is a jumping-off point for spectacular nature experiences, like Ōtari-Wilton's Bush, the country's only botanical garden dedicated to native plants. It occupies the same valley as the Zealandia Wildlife Sanctuary, so a visit is likely to reveal native birds such as the kākā and kārearea. Make time for a safari in Tongue Point, home to 600 native fur seals.

FOR THE CULTURE BUFF: TAURANGA

A new shore excursion immerses guests in the nation's rich Māori culture. During a visit to a traditional *marae*, a sacred outdoor space in the village, you'll be treated to a folkloric performance featuring *poi* dances, stick games, and the *haka* war dance.

FOR THE FOOD & WINE CONNOISSEUR: NAPIER

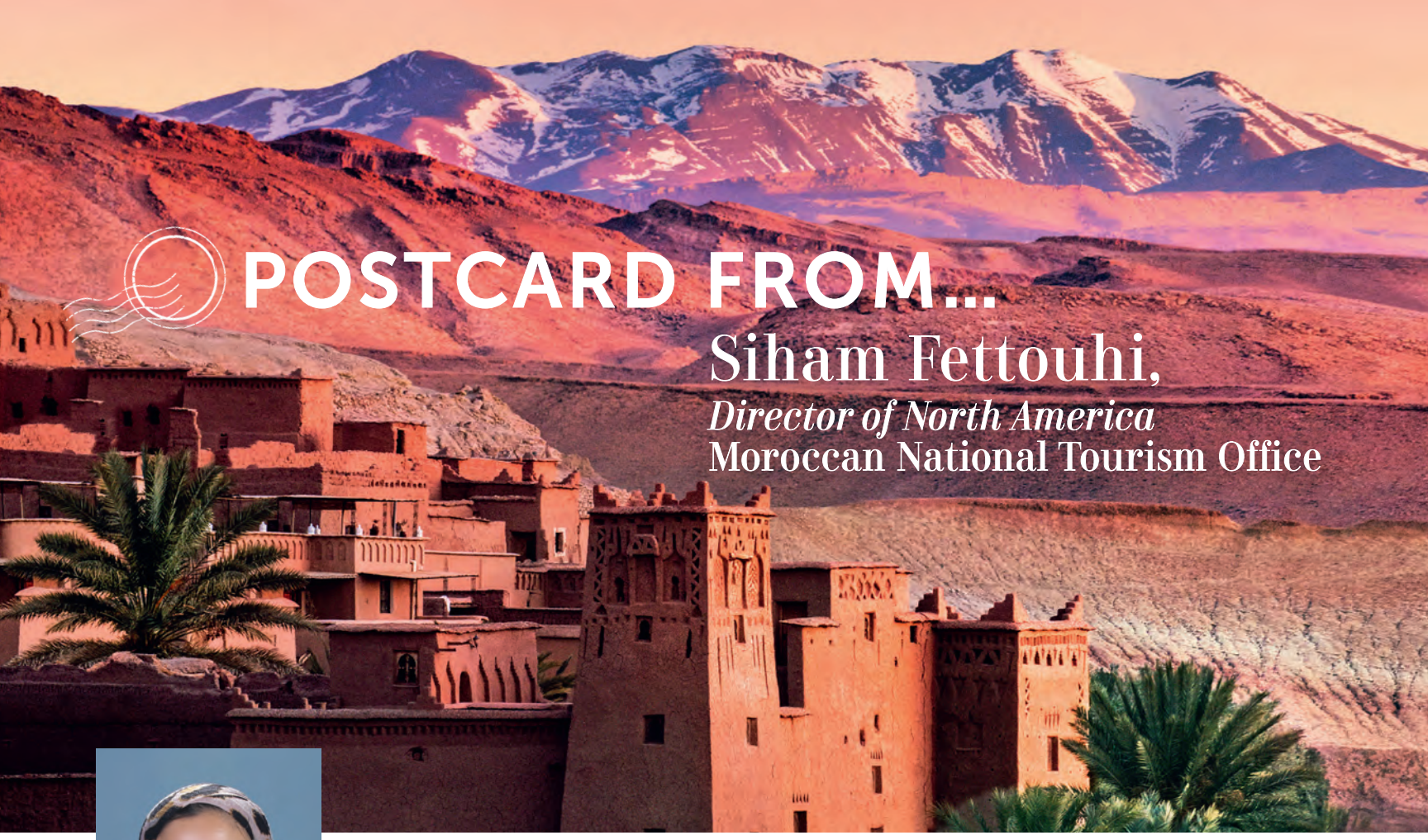
Grapes thrive in the warm, Mediterranean-like climate of Napier and Hawke's Bay, one of New Zealand's oldest wine regions. Join a S.A.L.T. excursion to family-owned Craggy Range winery and visit the estate and cellars, and taste the iconic Prestige Collection with a wine-paired lunch.

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Opposite: The luxurious pool deck aboard Silver Nova. *From top: Koala spotting on Kangaroo Island, South Australia; a sea lion relaxes in Dunedin, New Zealand.*







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WHY MOROCCO? It offers a diversity of landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and local festivals. Visit traditional *souks* (markets), attend cooking classes, or stay in a *riad* (a traditional Moroccan house or palace). If seeking adventure, hike the mountains, surf on the Atlantic coast, and sandboard in the Sahara dunes.

HOW HAS MOROCCO'S HISTORY IMPACTED MODERN LIFE? Various dynasties have left a lasting impact on the country's culture, architecture, and heritage. The Almoravids (11th-12th centuries) and Almohads (12th-13th centuries) established Morocco as a significant power in North Africa and Spain, while the Saadian Dynasty (16th-17th centuries) is famous for its architectural achievements, particularly the Saadian Tombs in Marrakech and the El Badi Palace, with its intricate tilework and gardens typical of Moroccan architecture.

The current ruling dynasty (Alaouite) has continued to influence Morocco's culture with significant contributions to arts, architecture, and the city of Meknes, known for its grand gates and impressive palaces.

WHAT PART OF THE COUNTRY WOULD YOU LIKE TO FURTHER DISCOVER? The Atlas Mountains, famous for dramatic peaks and traditional Amazigh villages. They offer excellent hiking, trekking, and skiing opportunities and are an integral part of any journey to Morocco.

YOUR FAVORITE LOCAL MEAL? A soup called *harira*. It reminds me of my childhood.

WHY IS MOROCCO CALLED THE "KINGDOM OF LIGHT"? Morocco's enchanting landscapes, beauty, and culture are all profoundly impacted by light. During a visit to Marrakech with a famous photographer, I stood in the Jardin Majorelle, a garden known for its vibrant colors and exotic plants. As the sun set, the light transformed everything around us. The cobalt blue of the walls, the lush greens of the foliage, and the colorful flowers all seemed to glow in a warm, golden hue. I captured a photograph of a single cactus silhouetted against the colorful sky and showed it to the photographer. The moment felt surreal, and he said "I understand now why Morocco is celebrated for its light—it has a magical quality that enhances the beauty of the surroundings and creates an unforgettable atmosphere."

UNEXPECTED LANDSCAPES TO EXPLORE? While the Sahara Desert is well-known, Morocco also features the Erg Chebbi and Erg Chigaga dunes. Expect spectacular views, camel trekking, and stunning desert sunsets. The coastline along the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea has beautiful beaches and vibrant seaside towns, including Essaouira and Agadir for surfing, windsurfing, and kitesurfing. The Draa Valley is known for date palms and traditional kasbahs.

YOUR TOP THREE MOROCCO MUSTS? Wander in the medina, enjoy Moroccan food, and spend time with the locals to experience the Moroccan *art de vivre*.

Above: A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Aït Ben Haddou sits at the foothills of the Atlas Mountains.









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