

ABERCROMBIE & KENT



# Expedition Cruises

IN THE WAKE OF THE GREAT EXPLORERS

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# Letter from Our Chairmen

In 2026, Abercrombie & Kent offers an irresistible blend of trusted favorites and thrilling new additions to its collection of Expedition Cruises. Introduced this year, Cruising French Polynesia: Tahiti and Beyond ventures into the far-flung South Pacific to the idyllic Tuamotu, Marquesas and Society Islands, with a chance to explore uninhabited atolls, black-sand beaches, blue lagoons, pearl farms and little-visited archaeological sites.

Also new for 2026, An Arctic Wildlife Expedition in Svalbard is a shorter version of our previous voyages to the remote islands. Sculpted by glaciers and cloaked in tundra, Svalbard is home to polar bears, reindeer and Arctic foxes while whales, seals and walruses can be spotted in its icy waters. No other Arctic voyage packs so much adventure into a week at sea.

Our popular cruise around the British Isles takes on a more expeditionary aspect this season, exploring the wild landscapes, geological landmarks and diverse cultures of England, the Channel Islands, Wales and Scotland. In the Galápagos Islands, meanwhile, our Ecoventura adventure yachts are elevating expedition cruising with their sleek interiors, Relais & Château dining and unrivaled service. You will also find a host of returning guest favorites, plying the waters of the Mediterranean, Northern Europe, the Seychelles and Japan.

Wherever you voyage, explore in comfort and style aboard an exclusively chartered small ship as you embark on expertly curated shore excursions that reveal the culture, history and wildlife of every destination with insider insights from your acclaimed Expedition Team. Read on for inspiration.

## **GEOFFREY KENT**

Founder & Chairman Emeritus, Abercrombie & Kent

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Executive Chairman, A&K Travel Group

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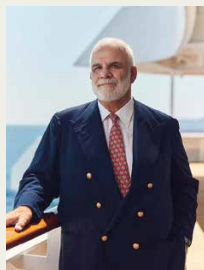
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# Our Story

Abercrombie & Kent's founder Geoffrey Kent was born on safari and grew up barefoot in the bush of Kenya, his beloved homeland. In the 1960s he and his parents launched our company and pioneered the first modern luxury safari, a bespoke mobile camp unprecedented in its sophistication. This inimitable combination of adventure and extravagance became the blueprint not just for Abercrombie & Kent, but for the entire concept of experiential travel.

Six decades on, now under the ownership of Geoffrey Kent's long-time friend and travel partner Manfredi Lefebvre d'Ovidio, Abercrombie & Kent is a global company, renowned for creating thrilling, innovative and ultra-luxurious travel experiences all over the world. From Small Group Journeys in Greece, India and Patagonia to Tailormade Journeys designed uniquely for each guest, everything we do exudes a spirit of adventure. Our river cruises ply intriguing waterways from the Yangtze to the Nile, while our Private Jet Journeys convey guests between continents on a customized, luxury Boeing 757 aircraft.

In 1991, A&K pioneered adventure cruising — initially in Antarctica. Today our Expedition Cruises venture into the world's most alluring waters, from the Southern Ocean and the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean and the Coral Sea. The onboard experience is matched by extraordinary adventures ashore, in ports of call ranging from Stanley in the Falkland Islands to Mahé in the Seychelles and Takamatsu in Japan.

Meanwhile, our acclaimed Expedition Team of experts — from polar explorers to well-connected local guides — reveals the best of these destinations as only A&K can.



Cover image: Santorini, Greece. Left: our Ecoventura adventure yacht Evolve navigates the Galápagos Islands. Right: the archipelago's distinctive Pinnacle Rock seen from the vessel

# Small is *Beautiful*



# From the wildlife-rich waters of the *Galápagos Islands* to the remote *Antarctic* and the storied, sundrenched islands of the *Mediterranean*, A&K offers adventure cruising for connoisseurs

There are cruises, and then there are Expedition Cruises with A&K. Setting us apart is the belief that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to cruising, especially when it comes to ships. What we do is scour the world's finest expedition fleets, then charter the vessel best suited to a destination — ensuring just the right blend of comfort and size.

In the Galápagos Islands, our new Ecoventura adventure yachts are just 142 feet long and accommodate 20 guests and 13 crew. Attentive service, sleek, modern interiors and five-star hotel facilities mean this is cruising for connoisseurs, in superyacht style. The small explorer ships we use ply tropical and European waters, while the larger expedition cruisers are ideal for polar voyages — though even these are far from huge.

Small is beautiful, but also useful. The most streamlined vessels we charter can access exotic ports and bijou harbors that the cruise-line leviathans cannot reach — and the polar ships, too, can venture between islands and into inlets, getting close to the crucial landfalls that make our voyages unique.

Small is also adventurous. Our expeditions in Antarctica and the Arctic follow the routes of the legendary explorers, with potential sightings of whales, polar bears, penguins and albatrosses. In French Polynesia and the Indian Ocean, our acclaimed Expedition Team will take you snorkeling. On our Galápagos voyages, kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding are among the options. If adventure, for you, means discovering new flavors and palate-pleasing combinations in a city's best restaurants, or finding an unexpected architectural gem in a backstreet, our cultural expeditions in Western Europe, the Mediterranean and the Baltic are for you.

And small is intimate. With fewer guests onboard, life at sea is convivial and you get to know other guests and our friendly Expedition Team. Adventures ashore are designed for smaller numbers still, allowing real connection with the people you meet. On our Adriatic Voyage: Croatia, Montenegro and Greece, you talk to local beekeepers in the Greek town of Itea, ride by mountain bike to a secluded village in Corfu, have lunch at a farm near Dubrovnik and tour Montenegro's Kotor Bay by speedboat with a small group.

Finally, small is responsible. Our operation sets the gold standard for sustainability and, wherever we travel, respect for the environment is key. This is the future of expedition cruising — and the best way to do it is with A&K.

To reserve your suite or stateroom, or to find out more, call **800 323 7308**, visit **abercrombiekent.com** or speak to your travel advisor.

Left: Split, in Croatia, is a port of call on our Adriatic Voyage.  
Right: explore Mykonos as you cruise the Greek Islands



## WHY TAKE AN EXPEDITION CRUISE WITH A&K?

The Expedition Cruises in this brochure represent experiential travel at its absolute best, whether on land or at sea. Even before you board our ships, every aspect of your voyage — from flights and hotel stays to the choice of shore excursions — has been orchestrated by our expedition cruising experts. Once on board, you will be looked after every step of the way by our legendary Expedition Team of real-life explorers and authorities on everything from ornithology and photography to great art and fine wines. Hand-picked for their experience, calmness and cordiality, they are regarded as the best in the business.

Since 1991, when our first expedition set sail for Antarctica, we have been perfecting everything we do to set the gold standard for adventure cruising. The vessels we charter from the world's best operators are reconfigured to accommodate fewer guests: just 148 (down from 184) on small explorer ships and 199 on expedition cruisers. Such numbers guarantee a crew-to-guest ratio of roughly 1:1. As a gauge of scale, our largest polar cruiser, *Le Lyrial*, is just 466 feet long compared to 1,200 feet for the world's most colossal megaship.

Our Expedition Cruises are all-inclusive, from start to finish. From onboard lectures and workshops to buffet and à la carte dining, unlimited house drinks (including Champagne) and 24-hour room service, everything is taken care of. Zodiac outings with naturalist driver-guides are included on many of our voyages, as are cultural excursions ashore led by knowledgeable local guides and accompanied by members of our Expedition Team. Guests who book a suite enjoy butler service throughout their cruise, while adventurers on our Arctic and Antarctic voyages receive complimentary polar gear including a parka and backpack to keep. On all ships, apart from our adventure yachts in the Galápagos, an onboard doctor and nurse are on hand 24/7.

Indeed, the safety and comfort of guests lies at the heart of what we do. The vessels we charter feature advanced stabilization systems designed to deliver a smooth ride, especially in vast stretches of open water such as the Drake Passage between Argentina and Antarctica. Every ship we operate is equipped with state-of-the-art navigation technology and a Global Maritime Distress and Safety System for use in emergencies.

However you travel with A&K, you are in the best possible hands. Behind every journey is a network of more than 2,500 staff, in 60 offices, in 35 countries — and we operate on all seven continents. Our family of experts bring together their spark, knowledge and care to make every A&K journey remarkable.



Above: relax in your cabin aboard the polar cruiser *Le Lyrial*. Right: Expedition Team member Russell Manning is an experienced guide in Antarctica

Step aboard these ships and you know life is about to change. Everything we do, from *gourmet meals* to lectures by *experts* and real-life *explorers*, makes conventional cruising look tame



**WHAT'S INCLUDED ON AN A&K EXPEDITION CRUISE?**

While our voyages are as varied as they are superlative, the following always come as standard:

Brilliantly engaging lectures and workshops on everything from the region you are passing through and the wildlife you will spot to art, archaeology, botany and geology.

Adventures ashore that are as illuminating as our programs at sea, from forest treks and volcano hikes to glimpses into the lives of artisans and private tours of cities and sights.

Thrilling excursions in Zodiacs — workhorse inflatable boats that can navigate with ease and are ideal for wildlife viewing on polar and tropical cruises — always in the company of a naturalist driver-guide.

Complimentary polar gear for Arctic and Antarctic voyages, including a polar-explorer parka and backpack that are yours to take home — unique to our Expedition Cruises.

Food and drink to rival many top restaurants, with à la carte menus and unlimited house drinks, including Champagne — available in spacious dining areas or via 24/7 room service with the option of breakfast in bed.

Airport meet-and-greet with transfers.

A private balcony with every stateroom and butler service with every suite (except in the Galápagos Islands).

A Traveller's Valet laundry service, available mid-voyage, to wash, dry and press up to 16 items of clothing so you can pack lighter and always look your best.

All gratuities, port charges and taxes.

Complimentary Wi-Fi on board and in hotels.

English-speaking staff, including a doctor (except in the Galápagos Islands).

24/7 A&K on-call support.

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE



An A&K Expedition Cruise is not just a once-in-a-lifetime experience at sea, but a series of once-in-a-lifetime experiences at every port of call. Working with our Expedition Team of onboard experts, along with a global network of well-connected local insiders, A&K's innovative travel designers have created a menu of extraordinary adventures wherever you go ashore — and the activities you select are entirely up to you.

Flexibility is what our Expedition Cruises are all about, allowing you to customize your day ashore with a choice of experiences. We don't do cookie-cutter excursions; we don't do predictable minibus tours of only the classic sights. From an organ recital at the Dome Cathedral in Riga, Latvia, to a masterclass in unearthing pungent truffles with a farmer near Syracuse, Sicily, what we offer goes the extra mile. On our Galápagos expedition, you can snorkel with penguins one day and watch hundreds of marine iguanas the next — making use of our Zodiacs, inflatable boats operated by your adventure yacht crew and carrying no more than 10 guests.

Our network of contacts worldwide gives us unrivaled access to people and communities, too. In French Polynesia, A&K guests can visit a small village on Fakarava and learn about island life while, in the Seychelles, they can meet growers at a vanilla plantation. From beekeepers and botanists to weavers of Scotland's distinctive Harris tweed, the locals we know can give you a fresh perspective on every destination. In Japan, learn about the ancient art of bonsai care or, in Estonia, let an expert introduce you to the glamorous pursuit of bog walking.



That is not to say we don't do classics too. From Frank Gehry's stunningly contemporary Guggenheim Museum Bilbao to the Uffizi in Florence and the Parthenon and Acropolis in Athens, the world's iconic galleries, museums and archaeological sites are ripe for exploration, with private visits and tours led by local experts turning the familiar into the unforgettable.

If you want to top or tail your voyage with a city break in Tokyo, say, or a safari in the Serengeti, that is an option too. The possibilities are endless. Experience a journey like no other with the pioneering company that wrote the rules for over-the-top adventure.

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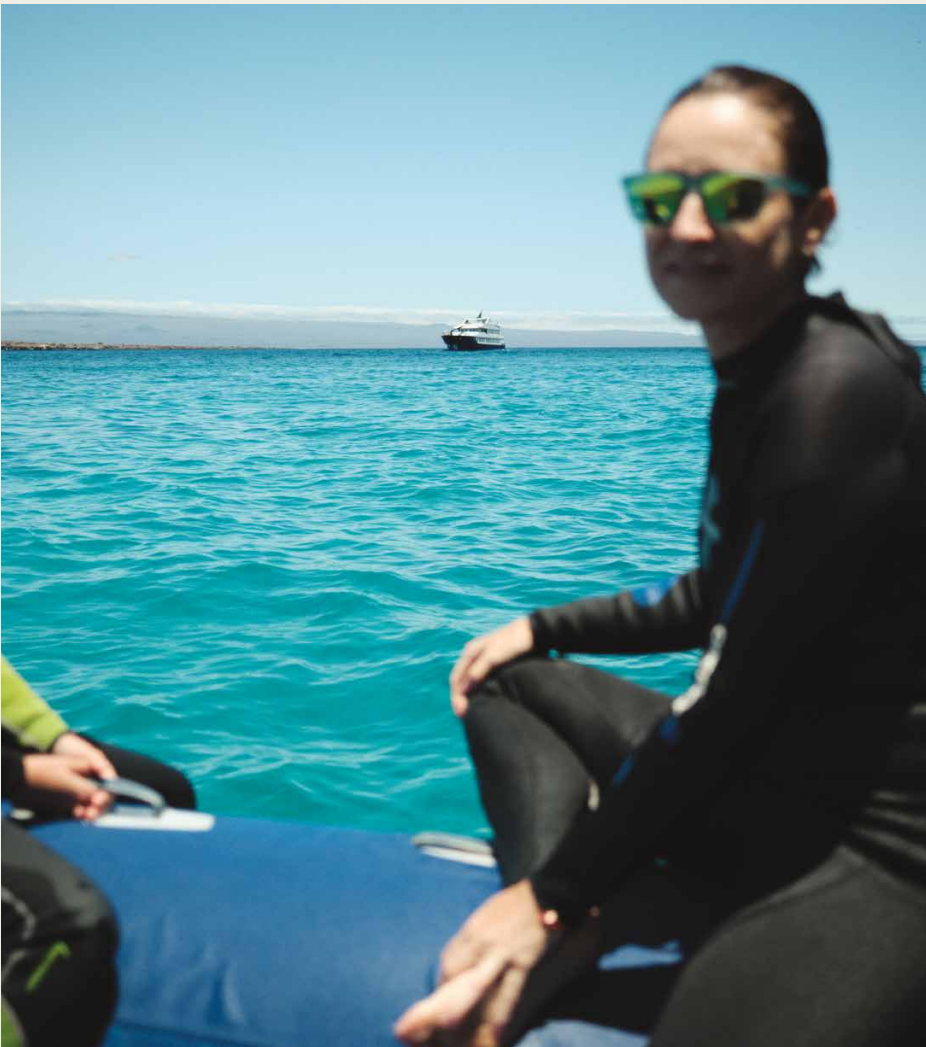
Top: meet the people of Quito, Ecuador, after exploring the Galápagos Islands, right. Above: visit the stunning Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, in Spain

On an A&K Expedition Cruise, you won't do cookie-cutter excursions. Our worldwide *network* of contacts gives us unrivaled *access* to people, communities and unique *adventures* at every port of call



**A&K EXPEDITION CRUISES ARE  
DESIGNED FOR A GREENER FUTURE**

As a result of *green initiatives* across the board, when you join an Expedition Cruise with A&K you can *explore* the world's seas and oceans with total *peace of mind*





From the beginning, when our founder Geoffrey Kent launched his first safari in Africa, A&K pioneered an approach to travel that helped preserve communities in the unspoiled places we visited. That remains our mission today, not least in our A&K Philanthropy projects which seek to improve education, the environment, health and enterprise in destinations ranging from Peru's Sacred Valley to Vietnam, Egypt, India and Myanmar.

In the same spirit, A&K Expedition Cruises are designed for a sustainable future. Each expedition cruiser and small explorer ship we charter features energy-efficient engines and reduced fuel consumption using only environmentally compliant fuel types.

All carbon emissions from cruises on these vessels are 100 percent offset, and an Environmental Officer oversees each voyage to make sure protocols are fully met.

On our voyages, we provide a complimentary reusable water bottle for every guest and significantly reduce other single-use plastics. More than half of all packaging is recycled on board while the rest is tracked, ensuring nothing ends up in the water or on land. Our Ecoventura adventure yachts in the Galápagos Islands are equipped with an advanced wastewater treatment system to minimize impact on the environment while, ashore, we have partnered with a regional airline to open a recycling facility on San Cristóbal, saving 10 tons of waste from going to landfill each year.

In Antarctica and the Arctic, too, the ships we charter exceed every environmental protocol specific to the polar regions, including those set by the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) and the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO). As a result of green initiatives across the board, the expedition cruisers and small explorer ships we use have been awarded the Cleanship or Cleanship Super label by Bureau Veritas — a French company that certifies businesses as ecologically responsible — while Ecoventura has long been a recipient of the SmartVoyager ecological certification. When you join an Expedition Cruise with A&K, you can explore the seas and oceans of the world with peace of mind.



Clockwise from far left: go snorkeling on a Zodiac excursion in the Galápagos; explore the cliff island of Gramvousa, Crete; encounter gentoo penguins in Andvord Bay, on the Antarctic Peninsula

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**MEET MEMBERS OF OUR EXPEDITION TEAM**

For all the world's infinite wonders, it is our people that guests remember most. Our family of experts, from ornithologists to Zodiac driver-guides, bring together their spark, knowledge and care to make every A&K journey remarkable



**SIMON RICKARD**  
Orchid expert

Preferring to describe himself simply as “a gardener”, Simon says his first botanical passion was orchids, which he began to grow in his native Australia when he was nine years old. At 12, he was a foundation member of the Orchid Society of Canberra, and by the time he was 16 had amassed a fine collection of 100 specimens. Simon's bohemian spirit is revealed on voyages to the Japanese archipelago, where he lectures on Japanese gardens and occasionally charms guests with his talent as a baroque bassoonist.



**FERNANDO SANCHEZ**  
Naturalist guide and photo coach

For almost 20 years, Fernando has been guiding guests to meet the curious creatures of the Galápagos Islands. A highly experienced, standout storyteller with a personality to match, he has now joined the ranks of talented onboard photo coaches, merging his two great passions. Fernando is living the dream in a photographer's paradise, home to a host of species all too willing to pose for the camera, set against a backdrop of turquoise waters, volcanic islands, and silky beaches. What more could he wish for?



### ARTHUR DIAZ Cruise Director

Something of a legend and an enduring favorite with A&K guests, Arthur has had a range of remarkable experiences which he shares with beguiling wit and warmth. Whether you are voyaging through the Seychelles or exploring the Antarctic peninsula, he will make you feel at home. Born in California, he is passionate about sailing the globe and exploring new cultures with a genuine sense of awe. As his passport stamps show, he has visited more than 90 countries and, as a result, has endless stories to tell.



### DR PATRICIA SILVA RODRIGUEZ Ornithologist

An award-winning authority on the subject, Patricia conveys her deep love of birdlife with a real sense of urgency. Originally from Uruguay, she has served as onboard ornithologist on expeditions to regions ranging from the Arctic to the South Pacific. A strong advocate for the conservation of seabirds, she is an articulate teacher with a clear philosophy: "You have to be able to deliver the message, to pass on the passion, because knowing the birds of this planet has a very profound effect".



### DR JASON HICKS Geologist

For three decades, Jason has been teaching A&K guests about everything from the impact of climate change to the glaciology of South America and Antarctica's origins as part of the ancient supercontinent of Gondwana. He has participated in geology expeditions across the globe, in destinations as disparate as Patagonia, Australia and the Russian Far East. A proud eclecticist, he also finds joy in adrenaline: taildragger pilot, technical scuba diver and competitive pistol shooter are among his many titles.



### HELEN AHERN Naturalist and Zodiac driver-guide

Born into a family of conservationists in New Zealand's Southern Alps, Helen has spent her life educating people about our most fragile ecosystems. An Assistant Expedition Leader and polar bear guard as well as a Zodiac driver-guide, she is a master at sparking conversation and her ability to connect with A&K guests makes her one of the world's very best guides. As she steers you towards South Georgia for an encounter with millions of Antarctic fur seals, bend her ear and benefit from her encyclopaedic knowledge.



### RENATO GRANIERI Photo coach

A regular contributor to the BBC and other media outlets, Renato has twice been a recipient of *National Geographic Traveller's* Grand Prize and was named a category winner in the Bird Photographer of the Year competition in 2021. Born and raised in Sardinia, he swapped corporate life for photography at the age of 40 and now leads specialist tours around the world. His irresistible grin draws people in. Let him sit alongside you on the Antarctic ice, helping you take that wall-worthy penguin pic.



### SUZANA MACHADO D'OLIVEIRA Expedition Leader

With more than 34 years of experience working for A&K, Brazilian-born Suzana has a penchant for keeping voyages creative, never predictable. She has visited Antarctica upwards of 300 times and describes its combination of pristine ice, wildlife, color and sound as "primeval", adding that "There, you have vanished and the passage of time in 'the real world' simply stops". In addition to her work on the White Continent, Suzana has led A&K expeditions to locations including Japan, Greece and the Arctic.

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# ICE PATROL



By  
Stanley Stewart

**Startlingly beautiful but alien, Antarctica is a world of skyscraper-high icebergs, biting polar winds and animals perfectly adapted to the harsh environment. On an A&K Expedition Cruise aboard Le Lyrial, Stanley Stewart finds that remote exploration doesn't have to mean roughing it**

They say Antarctica is the closest thing on Earth to the planet Mars. NASA uses it for training, bringing prospective astronauts here to experience the isolation, the extremes, the sense of displacement from the world we know. Startlingly beautiful and endlessly fascinating, the White Continent is an alien, so unique and unearthly that it can act as a preparation for outer space.

I sailed to Antarctica on Le Lyrial, owned and operated by the French cruise company Ponant and chartered by Abercrombie & Kent. She perfectly illustrates the irony of polar cruising. Outside on deck, you feel the thrilling bite of Antarctica, the polar winds, the landscapes, armored with ice, where you wouldn't survive half a day without a support system. Inside, though, is the cozy lounge bar where a chap in a dinner jacket is playing Chopin on the grand piano, the barman is mixing one of his killer margaritas, and the stewards are handing round canapés while a Champagne cork pops. I don't know how it is for the prospective astronauts — presumably confined spaces, pee bags and freeze-dried lasagne — but for the rest of us, travel to the world's most remote and hostile environment is as cushy as a week in any luxury hotel.



Le Lyrial's pedigree is French. She comes with elegant balconied cabins, two fine restaurants, a wine list that would shame many Parisian cellars, panoramic lounges, a spa, a hammam, a heated pool, a lecture theatre, Wi-Fi to keep you in touch with the world beyond and afternoon teas with delicate French madeleines. But wisely, while the French owners have overseen the design and the food, they have left the hospitality and the service to a thoughtful international team of stewards and waiters. It is the best of both worlds — Parisian dinners without the Parisian waiters.

But lovely as it is, no one books an Antarctic cruise for the silver service. Le Lyrial is billed as an expeditionary vessel. Expeditionary simply means relatively small size — on Le Lyrial a maximum of 199 passengers — and lots of shore excursions. These are undertaken in Zodiac boats operated by a naturalist guide — one of many experts making up Abercrombie & Kent's Expedition Team. Weather permitting, we were ashore twice a day. As the announcements were made, we kitted up in our cabins — thermals, gloves and snow boots, plus complimentary parkas to keep, supplied by A&K. From the boarding deck at the stern, we set off — eight to 10 people in a Zodiac, cameras and phones at the ready — with the excited anticipation of astronauts at launch.

The reception committee ashore often comprised gangs of playful juvenile fur seals, hopping about in the surf, and stray penguins, standing about like plump city gents, gazing out to sea as if working through the fish stock numbers. On Jenny Island, in northern Marguerite Bay on the west side of the Antarctic Peninsula, we met mammoth elephant seals. A cantankerous group flopped on the shoreline like lazy whales, farting prodigiously, scratching themselves with flippers which, remarkably, had fingernails exactly like ours. On the low shelf of an iceberg, we passed a leopard seal with its horrible reptilian head and menacing snake eyes, about to prey upon penguins.

On another iceberg, a pair of shearwaters were bothering a crab-eating seal. The size of gulls, white shearwaters like to save time and energy by eating food that has already passed through another animal. As we came abreast of them, the birds were pecking

Left: an iceberg spotted en route to Danco Island. Above: Expedition Team member and guide Morten Jorgensen



at the seal's rear, trying to hurry her with dinner. On yet another berg, some Weddell seals were stretched out in what passed for sun-lounging in the Antarctic — belly up, fins flopping, their eyelids dropping, perhaps with fat beach-holiday novels tucked under their thighs.

Antarctica is a gallery of icebergs that are as fascinating as the animals. Sculpted by wind and water, they fill the bays, they coast the shorelines, they drift in blue currents, tabular, domed, pinnacled. Their colors are intense — that glittering unearthly white, the strange blues of their hollows, and the greeny blues underwater like no color on earth.

Off the Debenham Islands, in lingering twilight, the icebergs were pale ghosts. On our way back to the ship, a gentoo penguin passed us, leapfrogging in and out of the water, sleek and quick as a torpedo. Then an eerie sound echoed across the bay, a kind of deep growl with a high-pitched whine. For a moment the sound seemed to hang in the air about us, without a particular source. And then across the bay we saw the landscape moving. A vast cliff of ice, possibly 100ft high, was beginning to fall away from the continental glacier, tipping downward into the water in slow motion. It was like watching a cathedral collapse.

Birds were a constant fascination. White petrels swooped low over the waves in an unforgettable image of avian elegance. One morning the ship was surrounded by albatrosses, sailing around us on wingspans of up to 11ft. Another day it was whales, the seas about us suddenly bannered with the pluming spray from their blowholes, their gunmetal backs sliding through the waves — minke and fin and southern right whales, orcas with the blade of their dorsal fins raised, humpbacks diving, their tails suspended aloft for that last lingering moment.

In front of Peter Island one afternoon, we came upon a large pod of humpback whales, snoozing near the surface. They close down half of their brain to sleep and our arrival seemed to wake them. They rolled and spouted, so close to us now that we could smell the foul fishy stink of their breathy exhalations. A couple of the whales started to breach. The size of London buses, they threw themselves upwards, water streaming from their enormous flanks, before falling back with a great belly flop into the bay. No one knows why they do this — signaling dominance, cleaning themselves of parasites, communicating in some way, or just for fun, just because they can?



And of course there were the penguins, rookeries of them — Adélies, gentoos, chinstraps. Their lives are riven by minor crimes and misdemeanors, by petty neighborhood squabbles. Surreptitious stone-stealing is a perennial problem. Penguins make basic nests with a low pile of stones, and usually it is easier to nick one from your neighbor while he is out fishing than to search the landscape for a fresh stone.

The other issue was the chicks. The fat young are hopelessly spoiled. They are constantly pestering their parents for more food, chasing after them, pecking at their feet, until finally father opens his gullet and vomits lunch into the chick's mouth.

On their own, penguins often seem lost, wide-eyed and anxious. They wander this way and that, stopping, starting, looking, frowning, stopping again, unable to decide where to go and what to do. Then they come upon a penguin highway, a track worn through the snow by the passage of hundreds of the birds. Relieved of the need to make decisions,

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For full details of our Antarctica, South Georgia and Falklands: Holiday Voyage, see page 26

they happily merge with the tailback of other penguins, trotting downhill towards the sea, or uphill towards the nests, waddling along as if on a holiday outing.

By this point, we had all become eager naturalists. A lecture series would not normally sound like holiday fun — but so extraordinary was this place, and so strange its inhabitants, that the whole ship hurried along every afternoon to the theater for lectures by A&K's naturalists, historians and marine biologists to understand what we were seeing. Antarctica was a treasure chest, and we had become excited innocents rooting through its wonders and marvels. There are the fur seals, now numbering in their millions, which had been reduced by hunting to only 20 to 30 individuals in the 19th century. There are the humpback whales, which migrate more than 1,100 miles to breed in the warm waters of the tropics and somehow manage to consume half a ton

of food a day just by eating krill — tiny crustaceans less than half an inch long. There is the wandering albatross, with a lifespan akin to ours of more than 60 years, which thinks nothing of flying 560 miles in the course of a single day for lunch; they say that an albatross only needs to beat its wings three times to fly around the world.

There are the orcas, the killer whales, whose hunting parties can take down other cetaceans twice their size; fussy diners, they eat only the tongues of their prey and the livers which they remove with surgical precision. There are the petrels that hunt fish beneath the water by scent alone, the elephant seals that dive nearly two miles into oceanic darkness, the sperm whales that stun their prey with waves of sound and the king penguins that live in rookeries numbering tens of thousands, organize creches for their young and struggle, like us, with rising divorce rates. There are the tales of the great Antarctic explorers, men with frozen beards and thousand-yard stares, who competed with one another in the early years of the 20th century to lose their toes to frostbite, their lives



to bad planning, and their minds to a quest to be the first to reach the South Pole.

And then there is us, the passengers. Nothing very marvelous about us. But on a boat this small, there is an interesting dynamic. Adrift in Antarctica, far from civilization, *Le Lyrial* became a cheerful community. We were bound together by the uniqueness and the excitement of our shared experiences. Friendships, bonds, connections developed. We dined at one another's tables, we oohed and aahed at whales together, we trekked to penguin rookeries. We shared Zodiacs and stories and cocktails. We did quizzes, attended lectures, took one another's photographs. In no time, we were all besties. Sailors say that all ships are their own countries, autonomous entities with their own laws and governance, their own habits and customs. Aboard *Le Lyrial*, we were all fellow citizens.

It probably helped that no one had to go shopping, prepare dinner, do the washing up, pick up the kids from school. We were living in the never-never land of an expedition cruise ship. And in the unearthly remoteness of Antarctica. None of us felt ready for our abrupt return to the real world. When we sailed into the Beagle Channel at journey's end, and saw roads and cars, streetlamps and houses for the first time in 12 days, we were overcome with nostalgia for the remarkable place that we had shared, the extraordinary continent at the end of the world. At journey's end, disembarkation felt like an unhappy exile.

Clockwise from far left: guests go ashore at Neko Harbour, an inlet on the Antarctic Peninsula; explore Danco Island on foot; spot several species of whale in these waters

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# EVOLUTION



By  
Sarah Marshall

**As visitors to the Galápagos Islands increasingly opt for land stays, Sarah Marshall sails against the tide of overtourism on an A&K Expedition Cruise. Her home is the sleek, state-of-the-art adventure yacht Evolve — offering a luxurious but responsible way to get up close to the wildlife**

A lava lizard races across the barren slopes of Bartolomé, one of the “youngest” islands in the Galápagos archipelago, scampering so fast that its feet barely touch the ground. By mid-morning the carpet of ash, heated by the sun, has already reached near-molten temperatures.

So small that clouds simply pass over it, this volcanic outcrop of craters and cones rising from the Pacific Ocean receives less than 0.25 inches of rainfall per year. “The only things living here are the rocks,” says nature guide Antonio Adrian, with a grin, as he leads us along a raised platform. “Stick around long enough and you will see them walk towards the ocean.”

On closer inspection, there are many signs of life: tiny insects seeking shade and safety beneath scalesia shrubs; clever cacti thriving on nutrients extracted from the volcanic dust. Finding ingenious ways to survive in difficult conditions is central to life

on the Galápagos Islands. Igniting Charles Darwin's interest when he first sailed here in 1835, this ever-evolving archipelago of wild wonders continues to amaze visitors today. In 2022, almost 268,000 tourists visited the archipelago, according to data released by the Galápagos National Park, rising from 204,295 in 2015. And the biggest leap — an estimated rise of 80 percent — has been the number of tourists staying on land, in accommodation available on just four inhabited islands.

Although measures have been put in place to curb overtourism, pressure on the Unesco World Heritage Site is undoubtedly increasing. So, with more and more travellers expected in the years to come, it is not just animals that have to find new ways of navigating the archipelago.

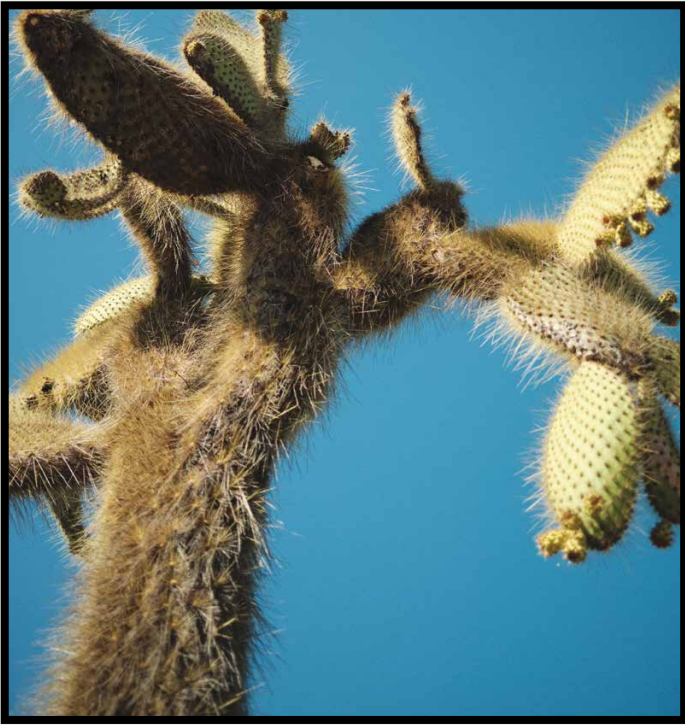
Bucking the trend for land stays, I chose to travel on the expedition yacht Evolve. One of 76 vessels permitted to operate multi-day trips in the Galápagos, it is the newest addition to the Ecoventura fleet acquired by Abercrombie & Kent in 2022. Also affiliated to the Relais & Châteaux portfolio, it is — along with sister ships Theory and Origin — one of the most sustainable luxury yachts in the region.

Onboard, ensuite bedrooms have floor-to-ceiling windows perfect for viewing sea lions frolicking in the water. On the top deck, a barman mixes sunset cocktails while, in the dining area below, gastronomic four-course meals are prepared with ecological goals in mind. At least 50 percent of the ingredients are sourced locally.

Beyond the swish interiors, however, what sets Evolve apart from other ships is privileged access. No more than 10 guests are ever assigned to one naturalist guide (a figure much lower than the national park's recommendation of 16:1) and



Left: Pinnacle Rock in Sullivan Bay, on Bartolomé Island, with Santiago in the background. Above: brightly colored Sally Lightfoot crabs are easy to spot



the itineraries feature some of the best landing spots in the Galápagos Islands. Operating since 1991, Ecoventura secured permits for top sites and timeslots years ago, long before many other vessels appeared.

My seven-night tour of the southern and central islands began in San Cristóbal, following a two-hour flight from Guayaquil on the Ecuadorian mainland. One of three inhabited islands in the archipelago, it has a busy harbor lined with restaurants where I first witnessed the extraordinary ease with which humans and animals have learned to live side-by-side. Marine iguanas clung to brick walls, sea lions lazed on park benches, and hopeful pelicans hovered above fishermen unloading their hauls.

Before setting sail, we had crossed the highlands to reach a breeding centre for giant tortoises. In low-lying clouds and thick mist, the landscape almost vanished — revealing why 16th-century sailors named these the Enchanted Islands. At that time, an estimated half a million tortoises roamed the volcanic outcrops, each population specially adapted to its surroundings. After years of hunting, however, only about 10,000 remained by the time a national park was created in 1959. Seventy years on, that number has risen by 50 percent due to conservation efforts.

“The project on San Cristóbal has been so successful they have decided to stop breeding tortoises in captivity on this particular island,” says nature guide Sophia Darquea, as we watch one of the final batches of thumb-sized babies cluster together in pens. Irrespective of human intervention, life in the Galápagos Islands is thriving. Walking through a forest of native scalesia trees, I tune in to a symphony of birdsong: yellow warblers practise pieces unique to the island, while small ground finches sing their hearts out to serenade their mate. Equally enthralled, a curious San Cristóbal mockingbird chick almost perches on my shoulder — a reminder of how intimate wildlife encounters can be in these islands.

In any month of the year, something will be happening in the archipelago. I had specifically timed my visit to coincide with one of the avian world's greatest spectacles. From mid-April onwards, waved albatrosses gather on Española — the southernmost island — to perform a repertoire of extraordinary courtship displays.

Sailing overnight, we arrived to find the black basalt cliffs of Suarez Point painted gold by the morning sun. All Ecoventura landings are timed to avoid crossing paths with other ships, meaning only 20 of us go ashore. With so few people, the sense of discovery is amplified: waves crash louder; the air tastes saltier; the scarlet shells of Sally Lightfoot crabs beam brighter on white-sand shores.

“Look at that swagger,” gasps Antonio, when we catch sight of our first albatross. Bowing his head from side to side, a male is searching for his mate, engaging in a series of balletic bill-clattering dances to see whether she is “the one”. Struck by Cupid's arrow, the lovers are oblivious to our presence — even though we are sitting only a few yards away. Above us, doves and mockingbirds mob a predatory Galápagos hawk. On the horizon, blue-footed boobies stomp proudly, like schoolchildren showing off their shiny new shoes. “I always thought birds were a bit boring,” admits one member of our group in a hushed whisper, “but I have never seen anything like this before.”

Both land and sky serve as an arena for impressive displays, but what lies below the ocean is equally entertaining. Almost every day of our journey there is an opportunity to go snorkeling. All different in terms of terrain and species, each location is a merry-

Above: one of six species of *Opuntia* (prickly pear) cactus endemic to the Galápagos Islands. Right: a party explores on foot, with the Ecoventura adventure yacht *Evolve* in the distance

**TAKE THIS TRIP**

For full details of our **Ultimate Galápagos: Northern and Western Route expedition**, see [page 72](#)

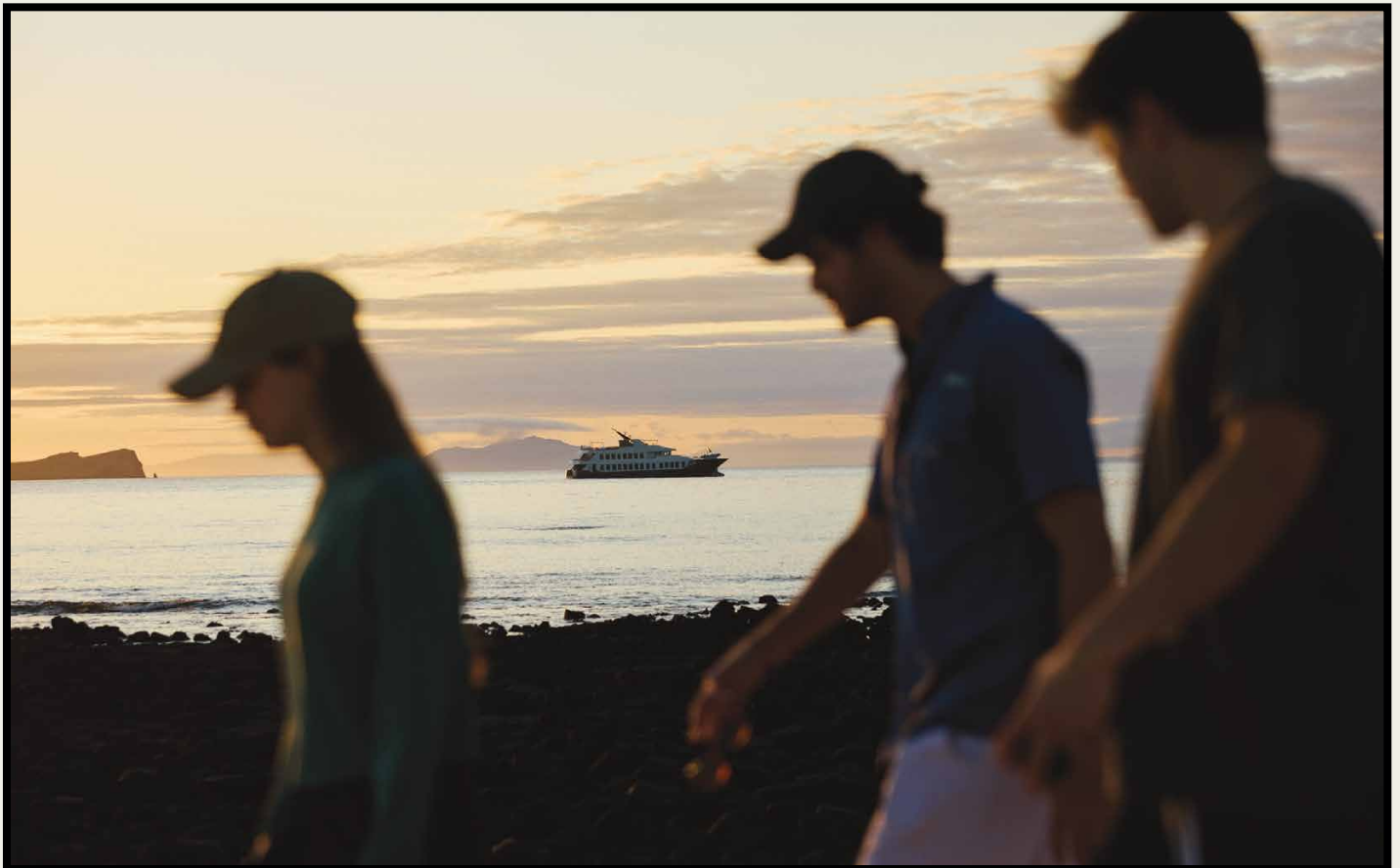
go-round of colorful activity: parrot fish dock at cleaning stations for spa treatments, puffer fish snack on sand dollars, and penguins fire past so fast, in a monochrome blur, that I almost miss them.

Taunting us with acrobatic displays, agile sea lions rouse whoops of applause from young children, and when a pod of 30 bottlenose dolphins approaches, even seasoned Galapagos-goer Sophia can't disguise her squeals. "Of course, our marine area is vulnerable and we have problems," she later tells me back on the ship, listing illegal fishing, pollution, invasive species and climate change as threats. "However, we are dealing with it." Millions of pounds have been spent removing goats and rats from the islands and, in January 2022, the marine protected area surrounding the islands was extended to the maritime border with Costa Rica.

On Santa Cruz, the most developed of the islands, I am reminded once again of how closely animals and humans have learned to depend on one another. In exchange for protecting the environment and building fences high enough to allow tortoises to pass underneath, several farmers have been given the right by the authorities to charge visitors for access to their land.

Walking through one of the farms, I find tortoises mud bathing, mating and feasting on fallen passion fruits. All around me, birds are singing from branches draped in healthy lichens.

In that moment, any problems and concerns dominating the headlines feel very distant. After all, as Charles Darwin wrote in his field notes: "The natural history of this archipelago is very remarkable: it seems to be a little world within itself."





Danco Island, off Antarctica

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# THE ARCTIC AND ANTARCTICA



Svalbard, Norway

Svalbard is a beautifully bleak Arctic archipelago where polar bears and walrus roam and the midnight sun bathes the landscape in perpetual golden light all summer. Near the opposite pole, Antarctica is a gallery of icebergs sculpted by wind and water, filling the bays and skirting the shorelines, drifting in deep blue currents. Though bewitching, this is alien terrain, where the bite of polar winds transforms everyday tales of wildlife — penguins, orcas, leopard seals — into epic sagas of survival. Our exclusively chartered expedition ships transport you to these remote habitats in the lap of luxury, while our Expedition Team gives enlightening lectures on board and leads thrilling excursions onshore.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

Cruise for 8 days aboard an exclusive charter of Le Lyrial

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All prices are per person, double occupancy, including internal air where applicable.



DAY 1

**ARRIVE OSLO, NORWAY**  
GATEWAY TO ADVENTURE

Set amid an island-strewn fjord, this art-forward Norwegian capital serves as your gateway to Arctic adventure. Meals: D

Radisson Blu Airport Hotel, Oslo Gardermoen

DAY 2

**LONGYEARBYEN, SVALBARD**  
SPITSBERGEN'S REMOTE CAPITAL

Catch your charter flight to Longyearbyen, capital of Svalbard. A sovereign archipelago of Norway, Svalbard spans nine main islands, all secluded well north of the Arctic Circle. Longyearbyen is located on Spitsbergen, the largest of these islands, and is home to some 2,000 year-round inhabitants. Meals: B L D

Le Lyrial (8 days)

DAYS 3-8

**SVALBARD ISLANDS**  
VAST ARCTIC WILDERNESS

Svalbard is one of the most remote groups of islands on the planet, with nearly two-thirds of its surface covered in luminous glaciers. The region's pristine marine and coastal habitats harbor an abundance of whales, seals, walrus, polar bears and seabird species. Over the next five days, your Expedition Team seeks out the best opportunities for landings, Zodiac excursions, wildlife sightings and hikes on the ice itself. Settle into the rhythm of

life amid sweeping fjords, towering coastal cliffs, breathtaking mountains and stunning glacier after stunning glacier. Birders are in for a special treat, with Brünnich's guillemots, auk diving birds and numerous species of kittiwakes among the frequent sightings along the route. After the day's excitement, sip cocktails in the lounge and recap your discoveries with the Expedition Team. Meals: B L D

DAY 9

**DEPART OSLO**  
THE VOYAGE ENDS

Disembark Le Lyrial in Longyearbyen and take a charter flight back to Oslo for your homebound departure. Meals: B

Note: The Svalbard Environmental Act requires all guests and crew to keep a minimum distance of 300 meters from polar bears once spotted. Itinerary is for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted at the sole discretion of the Captain due to unforeseen circumstances, including weather, wildlife, ice, medical emergencies and other conditions beyond A&K's control.

**DATES & PRICING**

Jul 3-11, 2026

9 Days | Limited to 199 Guests

From \$16,995 per person

\$3,995 single supplement

This journey contains active elements, including Zodiac boat excursions, walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes. Minimum age is 7 years.

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- 8 days on Le Lyrial, full board/ all-inclusive
- A stay at the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel, Oslo Gardermoen
- Complimentary use of waterproof boots and pants, as well as a parka and backpack to keep
- Zodiac excursions — all led by naturalist driver-guides

For a full list of inclusions provided as standard on all A&K Expedition Cruises, see page 7.

**GO FURTHER**

**OSLO PRE-TOUR EXTENSION**

Discover historic and vibrant Oslo with a visit to its world-class museums and the home of polar explorer Roald Amundsen. 4 days \$5,995 per person



# ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA AND FALKLANDS: HOLIDAY VOYAGE

Celebrate Christmas and usher in the New Year on this family-friendly cruise to the White Continent. From Buenos Aires, fly to Ushuaia and board our exclusively chartered expedition cruiser, Le Lyrial. Encounter the iconic wildlife of South Georgia, the Falkland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula on Zodiac excursions led by naturalists. Along the way, Young Explorers Guides add a dusting of family fun.



**19 DAYS | LIMITED TO 199 GUESTS**  
From \$23,995 per person  
\$5,755 single supplement



## HIGHLIGHTS

Begin your adventure with a stay at the Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires

Sail for 18 days aboard an expedition cruiser exclusively chartered by A&K

Encounter the stark beauty and incredible wildlife of the Falkland Islands

Meet the king penguin colonies of South Georgia, and pay homage at the grave of Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton

Celebrate Christmas and New Year's Eve with a program of onboard festivities while exploring the Southern Ocean

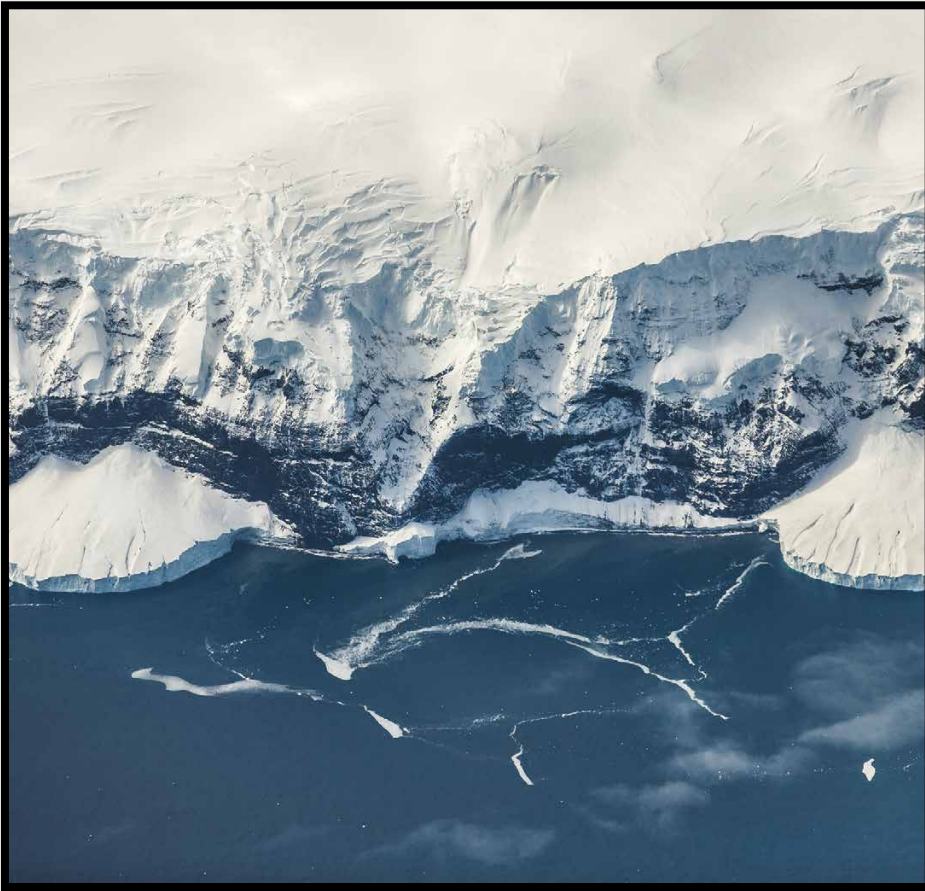
Junior guests can join in activities led by dedicated Young Explorers Guides

Set foot on the White Continent itself, with Zodiac landings on the Antarctic Peninsula or the South Shetland Islands

### Clockwise from left:

Capture your shot of the undeniably photogenic king penguin. Feel nature's awe-inspiring power amid this Antarctic realm of calving glaciers and soaring coastal cliffs. Keep watch for whales as you approach the Falkland Islands.





**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

**DAY 1** Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina and stay at the Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires

**DAY 2** Fly to Ushuaia and board Le Lyrial

**DAY 3** The South Atlantic

**DAYS 4-5** The Falkland Islands

**DAYS 6-7** The South Atlantic

**DAYS 8-10** South Georgia

**DAYS 11-12** The Scotia Sea

**DAYS 13-16** Antarctica

**DAYS 17-18** The Drake Passage

**DAY 19** Disembark Le Lyrial in Ushuaia and fly to Buenos Aires for your departure

**DAY 1**

**ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA  
EUROPEAN FLAIR ON THE  
PLAZA DE MAYO**

Few cities can match the unbridled energy of Buenos Aires, where you will spend one night at the Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires hotel. Sun-bleached boulevards, cutting-edge restaurants and sultry dance halls set the stage for a festive expression of Argentine identity. This is a city of neighborhoods, each with its own charm. La Boca, bright with kaleidoscopic houses and football culture; elegant Recoleta and buzzy Palermo, both packed with independent stores and bars; while the historic streets of San Telmo house antique shops, Parisian-style cafes and tango parlours. Relax with a welcome cocktail ahead of your flight to Ushuaia tomorrow.

Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires

**DAY 2**

**USHUAIA  
FRONTIER LIFE AT THE END  
OF THE WORLD**

Beyond Ushuaia’s neat streets and waterfront restaurants stretches the dramatic wilderness of Tierra del Fuego, at the very tip of the Americas, where serrated massifs tower

above native forests amid a maze of islands. After your flight from Buenos Aires, take an afternoon trek in the Cerro Alarkén Nature Reserve before boarding your floating home, Le Lyrial, and heading out into the South Atlantic. Meals: B L D

Le Lyrial (18 days)

**DAY 3**

**THE SOUTH ATLANTIC  
FOLLOWING IN THE WAKE OF  
GREAT EXPLORERS**

This vast, wild stretch of ocean south of the equator extends from the east coast of South America to the west coast of Africa and southward to Antarctica, encompassing the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, among other territories. Sailing from Ushuaia and skirting Tierra del Fuego — an archipelago of snowcapped mountains, glaciers, tundra and wind-sculpted trees — Le Lyrial heads east towards the Falkland Islands as a program of lectures and Young Explorer activities gets underway. Meals: B L D



DAYS 4-5

**THE FALKLAND ISLANDS**  
A HISTORIC OUTPOST TEEMING WITH WILDLIFE

Comprising East Falkland, West Falkland and 776 other islands, this British Overseas Territory 300 miles east of South America is as rich in history as it is in wildlife. Stanley, the tiny time-warp capital, is home to the Falkland Islands Museum, Government House, a cathedral, shops, restaurants and a golf course. Throughout this starkly beautiful sub-Antarctic enclave, look out for four species of penguin, lumbering elephant seals, fur seals, whales and some of the largest albatross colonies on the planet. Meals: B L D

DAYS 6-7

**THE SOUTH ATLANTIC**  
FASCINATING LECTURES, FAMILY FUN AND SEABIRD SIGHTINGS

Celebrate Christmas Day in style as Le Lyrial sails for South Georgia. After the party and a visit from Santa for the young ones, immerse yourself in the history, geography and wildlife of Antarctica with your expert Expedition Team. As you approach South Georgia, cruise past remote, wildlife-rich islets such as the Shag Rocks. Meals: B L D

DAYS 8-10

**SOUTH GEORGIA**  
ELEPHANT SEALS, KING PENGUINS AND TALES OF HUMAN BRAVERY

Mountainous, with a central ridge and a coastline pitted with fjords and bays, this island 870 miles east of the Falklands archipelago is a breeding ground for vast colonies of elephant seals, fur seals and king penguins, as well as endemic birds such as the South Georgia pipit. Explore South Georgia's glacier-carved coves and rugged shores in search of wildlife and, with an A&K historian, learn about the island's whaling history and the exploits of legendary explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. On all three days, have your camera at the ready to capture images of one of the most photogenic wildernesses on earth. Meals: B L D

DAYS 11-12

**THE SCOTIA SEA**  
RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT THE EDGE OF THE WHITE CONTINENT

Le Lyrial crosses the boundary from the South Atlantic through the Scotia Sea and into the Southern Ocean, a place where Antarctica feels almost close enough to touch. Cruise past an arc of islands rich in wildlife and partly

covered in ice and snow year-round. Celebrate New Year's Eve beside your shipmates with another lavish party on board. Meals: B L D

DAYS 13-16

**ANTARCTICA**  
FEEL THE WONDER OF THE LAST GREAT WILDERNESS ON EARTH

Finally, you have a chance to set foot on the White Continent, with landings — weather permitting — on the Antarctic Peninsula or the South Shetland Islands. Ride aboard a Zodiac as you head to shore against a backdrop of snowcapped mountains, shimmering glaciers and iceberg-strewn channels. Look out for chinstrap and gentoo penguins by day and photograph the world's last great wilderness at twilight. On your final day in Antarctica, keep watch for any species that have eluded you. Meals: B L D

DAYS 17-18

**THE DRAKE PASSAGE**  
REALM OF THE PETREL AND ALBATROSS

Bid farewell to Antarctica as the ship heads north to Ushuaia, through a stretch of water bridging the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and separating the White Continent from Cape Horn in South America. Sightings of giant petrels and the elusive albatross are possible, while indoor entertainment for Young Explorers is provided by their dedicated guide. Your Expedition Team keeps the onboard enrichment coming with classes, presentations and a recap of your voyage that includes a professionally produced photo retrospective — a perennial guest favorite. Relax, unwind and reflect on the highlights of your Antarctic voyage as Le Lyrial nears the Argentine coast. Meals: B L D

DAY 19

**DEPART BUENOS AIRES**  
THE VOYAGE ENDS

After your arrival in Ushuaia, disembark and transfer to your charter flight to Buenos Aires. Meals: B

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**DATES & PRICING**

Dec 20, 2026-Jan 7, 2027  
19 Days | Limited to 199 Guests  
From \$23,995 per person  
\$5,755 single supplement

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**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- 18 days on Le Lyrial, full board/ all-inclusive
- A stay at the Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires
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- Zodiac excursions — all led by naturalist driver-guides

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Clockwise from far left:  
Voyage to South Georgia, home to several king penguin colonies. Le Lyrial's fleet of Zodiacs whisks you ashore for explorations of the Antarctic continent itself. Crabeater seals are a common sight amid the pack ice. Awake to new Antarctic wonders each day of your voyage.

**GO FURTHER**

**IGUAZU FALLS PRE-TOUR EXTENSION**  
Discover Iguazu Falls, visiting the Argentine and Brazilian sides of one of South America's greatest natural wonders.  
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## HIGHLIGHTS

Begin your adventure with a stay in Argentina's vibrant capital, Buenos Aires

Cruise for 13 days aboard an exclusive charter of *Le Lyrial*

Voyage south of the Antarctic circle to venture farther afield than other expeditions

A&K's Expedition Team leads thrilling Zodiac and shore excursions to the White Continent itself

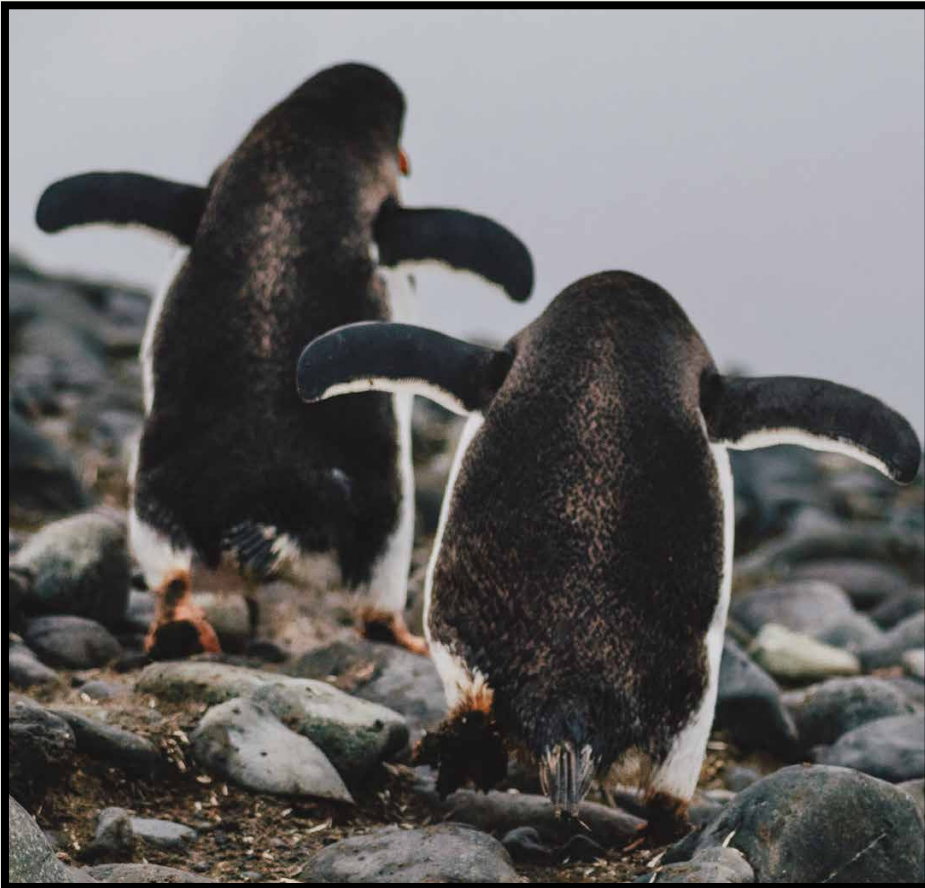
Sail amid the strikingly beautiful and remote volcanic islets of the South Shetland Islands

Photo coaching and lectures enrich your time on board

Clockwise from left:

Keep your camera poised for the shot of a lifetime as the stunning beauty of Antarctica unfolds before you. Explore the gentoo penguin rookeries of the South Shetlands. Spot Crabeater seals laying in the pack ice zones.





**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

**DAY 1** Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina and stay at the Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires

**DAY 2** Fly to Ushuaia and board Le Lyrial

**DAYS 3-4** The Drake Passage

**DAYS 5-10** Antarctica

**DAY 11** South Shetland Islands, Antarctica

**DAYS 12-13** The Drake Passage

**DAY 14** Disembark Le Lyrial in Ushuaia and fly to Buenos Aires for your departure

**DAY 1**

**ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA  
TOUCHING DOWN IN THE PARIS OF  
LATIN AMERICA**

Few cities can match the unbridled energy of Buenos Aires. Cutting-edge restaurants and sultry dancehalls set the stage for a festive expression of Argentine identity. Upon arrival, head to your hotel in the heart of this colorful capital. Relax with a welcome cocktail ahead of your flight to Ushuaia tomorrow.

Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires

**DAY 2**

**USHUAIA  
CASTING OFF FROM THE EDGE OF  
THE WORLD**

Fly to Ushuaia, your gateway to Antarctica and a true frontier in its own right. Beyond its neat streets and waterfront restaurants stretches the dramatic wilderness of Tierra del Fuego, at the very tip of the Americas, where serrated massifs tower above native forests and glaciers calve into fjords in a maze of islands. Here, you might opt for a trek in the Cerro Alarkén Nature Reserve before cruising out to sea. Meals: B L D

Le Lyrial (13 days)

**DAYS 3-4**

**THE DRAKE PASSAGE  
STORIED SEAS OF LEGEND  
AND LORE**

Your adventure at sea begins with a voyage across the storied Drake Passage. Spanning some 600 miles of open ocean, this passage marks the confluence of the humid subpolar conditions of Tierra del Fuego and the frigid polar reaches of Antarctica. Notorious for its squalls, the Drake Passage once made for an unpredictable voyage. Today, your stabilizer-equipped expedition cruiser commands these waters comfortably. Meals: B L D

**DAYS 5-10**

**ANTARCTICA  
VENTURING BEYOND THE  
ANTARCTIC CIRCLE**

Over the next six days, your Expedition Team seeks out the best opportunities for landings, Zodiac excursions, wildlife sightings and explorations of historic sites as you cruise ever closer to the most southerly of the five primary circles of latitude, the Antarctic Circle. Crossing this milestone at 66°34'S, Le Lyrial navigates the very southern reaches of polar exploration, revealing far-flung sights seldom seen on other expeditions. Settle



into the rhythm of life amid the world's last great frontier as snow-capped mountains, shimmering glaciers and iceberg-strewn channels compete for your attention while humpback whales and porpoising penguins and imperial shags call your camera to the ready. After the excitement of the day's excursions, sip cocktails in the Panoramic Lounge before dinner. Then, recap your discoveries with the Expedition Team and chat with fellow guests in one of Le Lyrial's lounges, ever on the lookout for wildlife appearances just off deck. Meals: B L D

DAY 11  
**SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS,  
 ANTARCTICA**  
**SHACKLETON'S ENDURING LEGACY**

Le Lyrial cruises the South Shetlands, a remote archipelago of 11 major islands secluded some 75 miles north of the Antarctic Peninsula amid the icy waters of the Drake Passage. It was here that the shipwrecked crew of the 1915 Shackleton expedition survived stranded for 137 days. Today, your Expedition Team looks for opportunities to visit the islands' volcanic islets and historic sites, as well as gentoo and chinstrap penguin rookeries. Meals: B L D

DAYS 12-13  
**THE DRAKE PASSAGE**  
**REFLECTING ON THE VOYAGE OF  
 A LIFETIME**

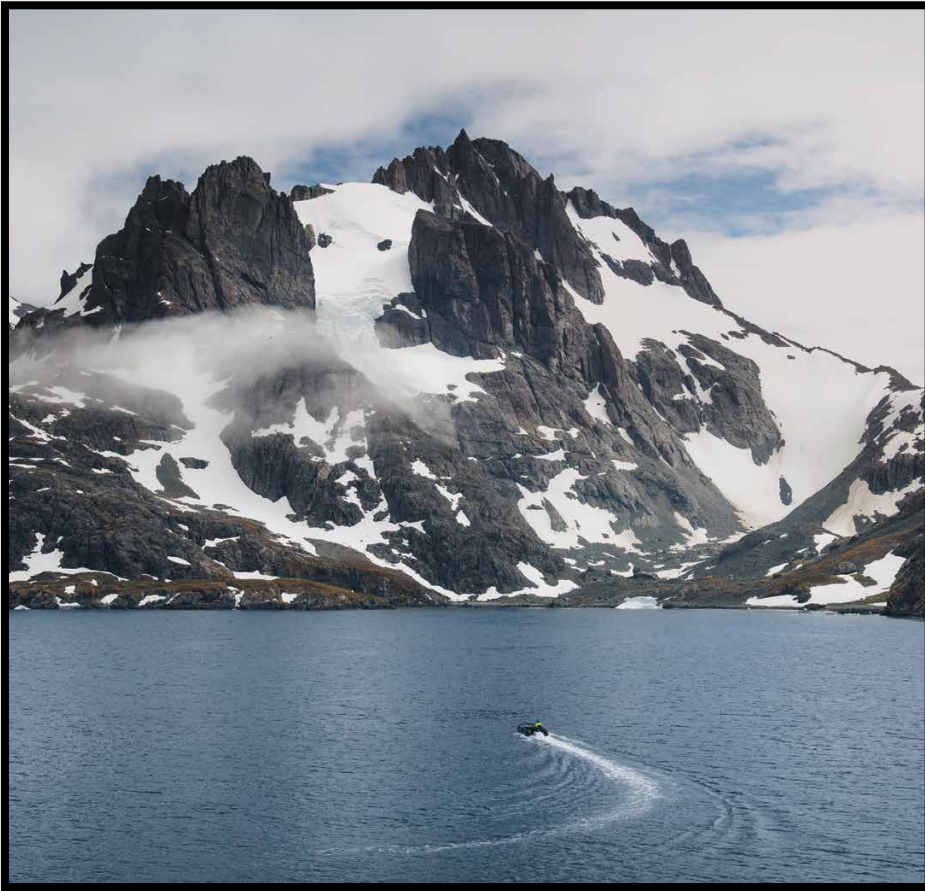
Bid farewell to Antarctica as your vessel transits north toward Ushuaia. While cruising back through the passage, our Expedition Team of ornithologists, marine biologists, naturalists and historians keeps things entertaining with discussions and presentations spanning a wide range of topics. As you reflect on your incredible adventure, don't forget to keep an eye out for the giant petrel and the elusive albatross. Meals: B L D

DAY 14  
**DEPART BUENOS AIRES**  
**THE VOYAGE ENDS**

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DATES & PRICING

Jan 6-19, 2027

14 Days | Limited to 199 Guests

From \$18,595 per person

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- 13 days on Le Lyrial, full board/ all-inclusive
- A stay at the Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires
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Clockwise from far left:

Gentoo penguins welcome guests ashore. Keep your eyes peeled for the elusive black-browed albatross. Le Lyrial's fleet of Zodiacs afford easy access to remote, rugged shores. Your Captain and crew alert you to wild encounters such as fluking whales. Train your lens as blue-eyed shags flaunt their breeding plumage.

GO FURTHER

IGUAZU FALLS PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

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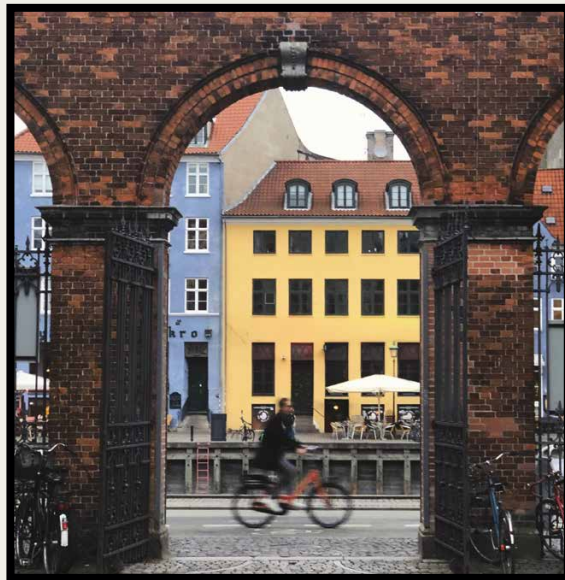
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# NORTHERN EUROPE



Copenhagen, Denmark

The Nordic countries are a fantasia of fjords, farmland, folklore and cool urban design in cities fringed by archipelagos and famed for cutting-edge cuisine. On the eastern edge of the Baltic Sea, Poland, Latvia and Estonia beckon with their beaches, bike rides, medieval Old Towns and haunting Soviet legacy. Add castles, caves and colonies of seabirds in the British Isles, brought to life by A&K's Expedition Team as you cruise from Portsmouth to Edinburgh via Guernsey, Skomer, the Hebrides and the Orkney Islands, and this far-flung corner of a small continent punches above its weight. In Western Europe, France, Spain and Portugal marry surf on their Atlantic fringes with fine living and a surfeit of culture.

# EUROPEAN COASTAL CRUISE: PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND FRANCE

This enriching voyage affords a whole new perspective on three of Europe's most celebrated destinations. Join A&K's acclaimed Expedition Team as you savor the wines of the Douro Valley and Bordeaux, go off the beaten path in Porto, browse the collections of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, visit Mont Saint-Michel and Santiago de Compostela, and reflect on Normandy's World War II legacy.

**10 DAYS | LIMITED TO 148 GUESTS**

From \$13,995 per person

\$7,005 single supplement



## HIGHLIGHTS

Cruise for 10 days on an exclusive charter of Le Champlain

Your small explorer ship affords access to Bordeaux, Brittany, Normandy and other places seldom visited by cruise ships

Choose from a menu of included shore excursions spanning interests such as art, architecture, wine, cuisine and nature

Private, curated tastings showcase the celebrated wines of Porto, Bordeaux and other renowned regions

Retrace a portion of Galicia's hallowed Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage route

Take in the best of Basque Country, including Bilbao's stunning Guggenheim Museum

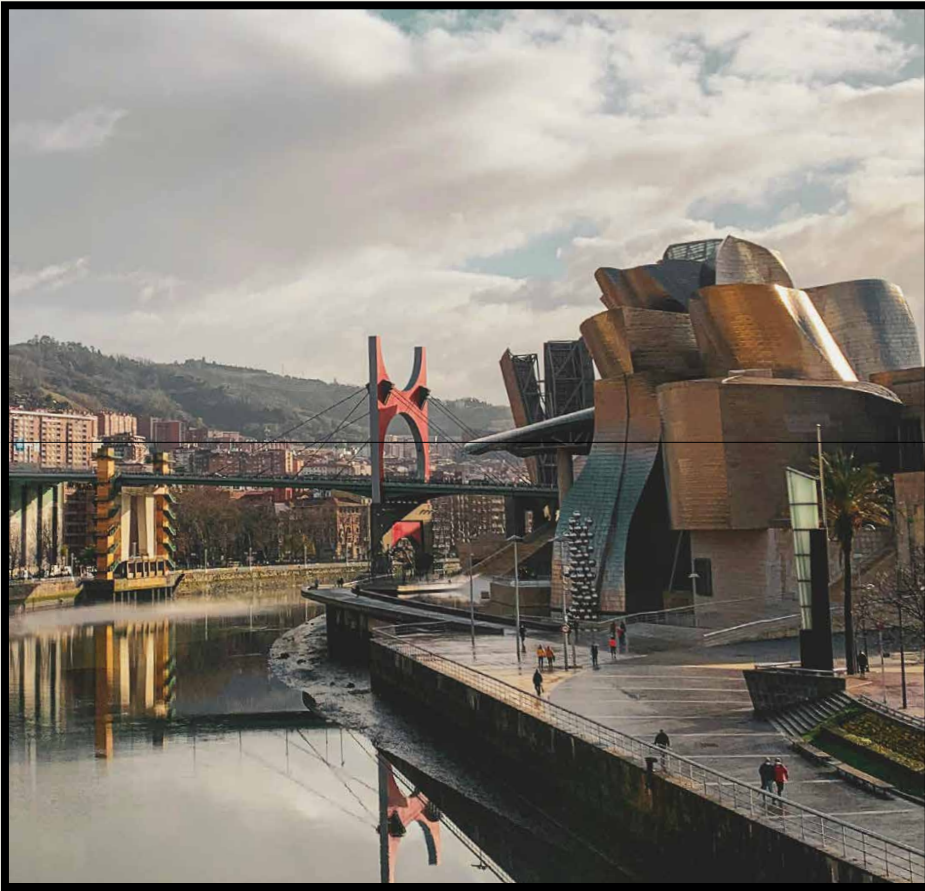
Step back in time in Mont Saint-Michel's iconic hilltop fortress



Clockwise from left:

Sample the flavors of Porto, a foodie favorite renowned the world over. Explore Frank Gehry's stunning Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. Visit the terminus of the hallowed Camino de Santiago, just as pilgrims have for centuries.





## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

**DAYS 1-2** Arrive in Porto, Portugal and board Le Champlain

**DAY 3** Santiago de Compostela, Spain

**DAY 4** At sea

**DAY 5** Bilbao

**DAY 6** Bordeaux, France

**DAY 7** At sea

**DAY 8** Saint-Malo

**DAY 9** Honfleur

**DAY 10** Disembark Le Champlain in Portsmouth, England and depart from London

### DAYS 1-2

#### ARRIVE PORTO, PORTUGAL TAPAS PAIRED WITH PORT

At once moody and magnificent, Porto is a city of brutish good looks, set on the steep terraced banks of the Douro River. There are soaring bell towers, tiled train stations and baroque churches with gleaming gilded interiors that sparkle like the surface of the Douro. Here, explore vibrant Cais da Ribeira, discovering its Stock Exchange Palace and St. Francis Church, followed by a port wine tasting at a famous riverside lodge. Or, see why this region is renowned among foodies the world over as you set out on a culinary tour of Porto's vibrant central market and beloved backstreet taverns. Meals: D (day 1); B L D (day 2)

Le Champlain (10 days)

### DAY 3

#### SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN HALLOWED PILGRIM'S TRAIL

Santiago de Compostela is one of Christendom's most important places of pilgrimage — the terminus of the hallowed Camino de Santiago, a network of pilgrimage routes dating to the ninth century. Marked by narrow streets, majestic stone architecture and grand plazas paved with

granite flagstones, Santiago de Compostela reflects a millennium's worth of journeys. Explore the city's cathedral and Old Town, followed by lunch with a Galician folklore dance performance. Alternatively, choose a hike to Cape Finisterre, the last stop on the Camino de Santiago. For another option, explore Santiago's bustling food market and restaurants, tasting local tapas, empanadas, cheeses and wines. Meals: B L D

### DAY 4

#### AT SEA RELAXING IN THE BAY OF BISCAY

Unwind as you cruise eastward through the Bay of Biscay, enjoying the ship's amenities along the way. En route, the Expedition Team prepares you for tomorrow's shore excursion to Bilbao with a series of enriching presentations. Meals: B L D

### DAY 5

#### BILBAO BASQUE COUNTRY RENAISSANCE

Arrive in Bilbao, a medieval city and proud Basque enclave that has transformed itself into a modern cultural crucible. Bilbao's skyscraper-filled downtown mixes in dashes of gothic, Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Neo-Gothic



and contemporary architecture. Most notable, though, is the curvaceous, titanium-clad Guggenheim Museum designed by Frank Gehry. Explore the museum's contemporary collections and outdoor installations to experience Bilbao's creative renaissance firsthand. Alternately, transfer to Guernica, a historic Basque city inextricably linked to the Spanish Civil War as immortalized in Picasso's namesake masterpiece, or take a drive through to the quaint fishing town of Bermeo. Meals: B L D

**DAY 6**  
**BORDEAUX, FRANCE**  
**INTOXICATING ART DE VIVRE**

Not all Bordeaux's pleasures come by the glass: a deal with a Chartrons antique dealer, the taste of a rum-sweet canelé, the 18th-century grandeur of the Place de la Bourse. But Bordeaux's rich, full-bodied heritage is hard to resist, be it on a bar's cobbled terrace or in any number of the region's world-beating vineyards. Explore Bordeaux's Old Town, the 13th-century Cathedral of Saint André and the immersive digital art exhibition of the Bassins de Lumières. Alternatively, delve into Bordeaux's rich wine heritage with a tour and tasting at a local estate. Or, visit the seaside resort town of Arcachon, where you

experience its golden beaches, soak in its romantic Belle Époque atmosphere and savor a sampling of fresh local oysters renowned as some of Europe's finest. Meals: B L D

**DAY 7**  
**AT SEA**  
**TIME TO UNWIND**

Relish a day of relaxation aboard, perhaps enjoying some time in the spa or conversing with newfound friends. Your Expedition Team shares insights into your next destinations, Saint-Malo and Mont Saint-Michel. Meals: B L D

**DAY 8**  
**SAINT-MALO**  
**GATEWAY TO MONT SAINT-MICHEL**

Arrive in Saint-Malo, a historic fortified port renowned for its walled battlements, idyllic beaches and regional gastronomy. Once ashore, explore the city's market, 15th-century buildings and Fort National. Alternatively, you might visit Mont Saint-Michel, a stunning village perched atop a tidal island. Here, wander its steep cobblestone streets and climb over 350 steps to reach its famed abbey. Or, visit Dinan, a walled Breton town renowned for its 14th-century castle. Meals: B L D

**DAY 9**  
**HONFLEUR**  
**NORMANDY REFLECTIONS**

The quaint Norman port town of Honfleur has a rich maritime heritage dating to the 16th century. Stroll the narrow streets, taking in St. Catherine's Church and the old port. Or, you might travel to the D-Day landing site of Omaha Beach, as well as the Normandy American Cemetery and Visitors Center at Colleville-sur-Mer. Alternatively, embark on a culinary adventure in the countryside, sampling local cheeses, hard cider and Calvados. Meals: B L D

**DAY 10**  
**DEPART LONDON, ENGLAND**  
**THE VOYAGE ENDS**

Disembark in Portsmouth and head to London for your return flight. Meals: B





## DATES AND PRICING

May 17-26, 2026

10 Days | Limited to 148 Guests

From \$13,995 per person

\$7,005 single supplement

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 10 days on Le Champlain, full board/all-inclusive
- Your choice of shore excursions

For a full list of inclusions provided as standard on all A&K Expedition Cruises, see page 7.

## SPECIAL OFFER

Save 5% when you combine this expedition with Exploring the Wild Coasts of the British Isles



Clockwise from far left:

Stroll the winding alleyways of Mont Saint-Michel. Bordeaux's Old Town serves up a feast for the senses. Stroll the seaside of Honfleur, a Norman port town dating to the 16th century. Sample fine regional wines at a local estate. Reflect on Normandy's World War II legacy.

## READY TO BOOK?

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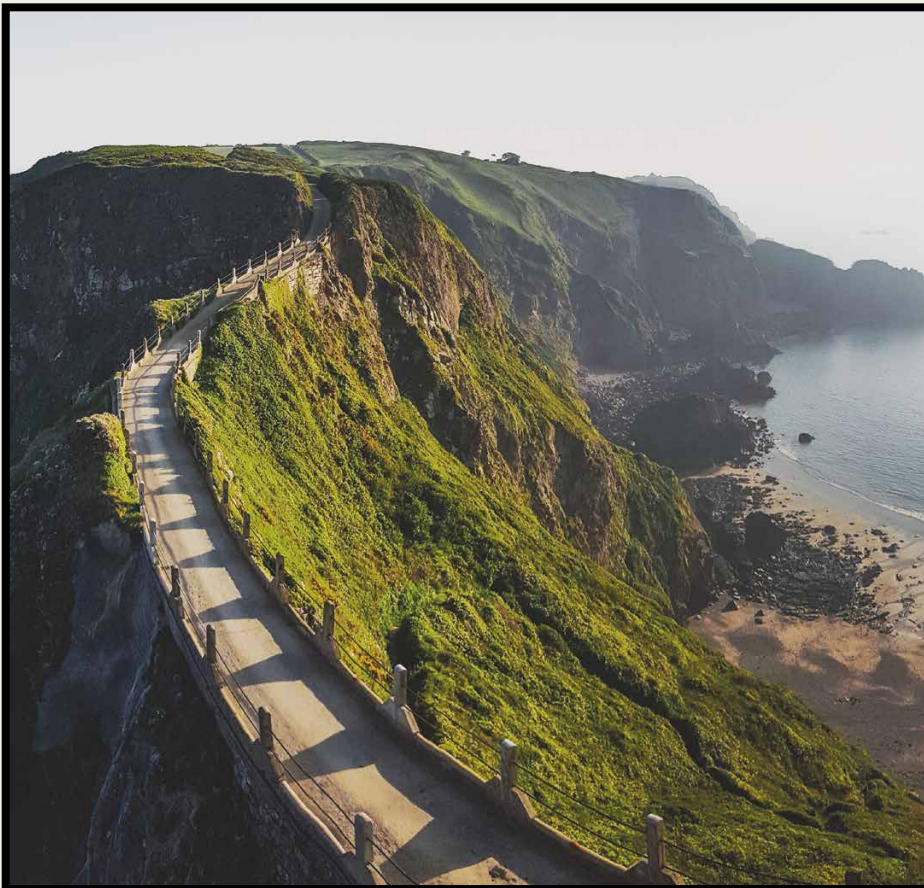
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**NEW**

# EXPLORING THE WILD COASTS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

While you may have visited the British Isles before, we doubt you've ever experienced them quite like this. Voyage beyond the familiar sights to explore the historic isles of Guernsey and Saint Mary's, birdwatch off the coast of Wales, hike the wild Scottish Hebrides and sample whisky in the Orkney archipelago.



**11 DAYS | LIMITED TO 148 GUESTS**

From \$20,495 per person  
\$10,245 single supplement



## HIGHLIGHTS

Cruise for 11 days aboard an exclusive charter of Le Champlain

Make your expedition your own with a host of included excursion options in every port of call

Turn back the clock at the mysterious Ring of Brodgar, the ancient seaside settlement of Hirta and the Isle of May, a former haunt of Vikings and smugglers

Explore Fingal's sea cave, hike the tranquil shores of Loch Trool and scope out the seabird habitats of coastal Wales

Taste the region's finest with a sampling of ciders and cheeses in Guernsey and a guided whisky tasting in the Orkney Islands

Clockwise from left:

Walk a clifftop path in the Channel Island of Guernsey. Explore Culzean Castle, the former home of the Marquess of Ailsa. Discover the ancient seaside settlement of Hirta in the St. Kilda Isles.





**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

**DAY 1** Arrive in London, England and board Le Champlain in Portsmouth

**DAY 2** Guernsey, Channel Islands

**DAY 3** Saint Mary's and Tresco, Isles of Scilly

**DAY 4** Skomer Island, Wales

**DAY 5** Girvan, Scotland

**DAY 6** Isle of Mull, Inner Hebrides

**DAY 7** Staffa and Iona, Inner Hebrides

**DAY 8** St. Kilda Isles, Outer Hebrides

**DAY 9** Orkney Islands

**DAY 10** Isle of May

**DAY 11** Disembark Le Champlain in Edinburgh

**DAY 1**

**ARRIVE LONDON, ENGLAND  
CASTING OFF FROM PORTSMOUTH**

Rendezvous with your fellow guests and Expedition Team at Heathrow and head to Portsmouth, where your small explorer ship awaits. Renowned for its longstanding maritime heritage and historic dockyard, Portsmouth makes a fitting jumping-off point for your British Isles expedition. Meals: D

Le Champlain (11 days)

**DAY 2**

**GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS  
FORMER GERMAN STRONGHOLD**

Set some 30 miles off the Normandy coast, Guernsey has been coveted for its prime location since neolithic times. Today, Guernsey's idyllic beach resorts and lively capital of St. Peter Port stand juxtaposed against former Victorian and German fortifications. Delve into the island's history as you browse the German Occupation Museum, explore a vast underground wartime hospital complex and pass by the former home of French writer Victor Hugo. Alternatively, walk a scenic clifftop path, sample the ciders and cheeses of a local farm, or visit St. Peter Port and Castle Cornet. Meals: B L D

**DAY 3**

**SAINT MARY'S AND TESCO,  
ISLES OF SCILLY  
ROYAL ISLAND HIDEAWAY**

With their peaceful beaches and timeless seaside ports, it's no wonder the Isles of Scilly have been a favorite staycation haunt of the British Royal Family for generations. Make landfall in Saint Mary's, the largest and most populated of the Scilly archipelago to tour a coastal path, explore the island's fort and lighthouse, or hike to uncover Iron and Bronze Age burial chambers. Then, make the short trip to the neighboring Isle of Tresco to stroll the exotic horticultural specimens of Tresco Abbey Gardens. Meals: B L D

**DAY 4**

**SKOMER ISLAND, WALES  
CRUISING A BIRDERS' PARADISE**

Your vessel sets a course along the Welsh coast, bringing the sandy shores of Skomer Island into view. Board a Zodiac for a closer look offshore as you keep your binoculars and telephoto lenses at the ready. This stunning National Nature Reserve harbors Atlantic puffins, guillemots and razorbills — a true birders' paradise. Meals: B L D



## DAY 5

**GIRVAN, SCOTLAND**  
THE HALLS OF CULZEAN CASTLE

The picture postcard fishing port of Girvan serves as your gateway to Ayr, a lively coastal town famous for its beautiful beaches and rich history. From here, explore Culzean Castle's towering cliff-top battlements, lavish 18th-century interiors, secret follies and landscaped gardens. Or, hike along the tranquil shores of Loch Trool in historic Galloway Forest Park. Meals: B L D

## DAY 6

**ISLE OF MULL, INNER HEBRIDES**  
DUART CASTLE AND A TASTE OF TOBERMORY

The Inner Hebrides lie just offshore from the Scottish Highlands, intersected by a myriad of scenic lochs and sounds. Your introduction to this achingly beautiful archipelago is Mull, an isle of grand mountains, seaside villages, sandy beaches and some of the wildest coastal scenery in Europe. Here, visit Duart Castle, tour the charming coastal burgh of Tobermory, sample fine whiskies at a local distillery or sample cheeses produced at a local farm. Meals: B L D

## DAY 7

**STAFFA AND IONA, INNER HEBRIDES**  
SEA CAVES AND LOST ABBEYS

The approach to Staffa by sea is breathtaking, with great basalt columns flanking the deep caves of the island. Head ashore to explore Fingal, a sea cave formed by hexagonally jointed basalt. Next, the tiny Isle of Iona welcomes you ashore to discover Iona Abbey, explore the isle's remote southern end or hike to a scenic lookout atop the peak of Dun í. Meals: B L D

## DAY 8

**ST. KILDA ISLES, OUTER HEBRIDES**  
SEASIDE SETTLEMENT OF HIRTA

Stretching out further into the sea, the Outer Hebrides amplify their sister islands' coastal beauty with shores that could easily be mistaken for those of the Caribbean. Here, set amid the Isles of St. Kilda, the seaside settlement of Hirta harbored an isolated, hardscrabble agricultural community for over 2,000 years. Pass the island's staggering sea stacks and come ashore to explore the deserted stonework settlement, the highest cliffs in all of Britain, and a vital seabird habitat. Meals: B L D

## DAY 9

**ORKNEY ISLANDS**  
KIRKWALL AND THE RING OF BRODGAR

Rich in Viking heritage, the landscapes of the Orkneys span rolling hills, dramatic cliffs and wave-swept sea caves. Here, explore historic Kirkwall or the spine-tingling Ring of Brodgar, a mysterious circle of standing stones dating to 2700 BC. Alternatively, hike the coastal trail from Rackwick to the Old Man of Hoy or head to a local distillery to taste a few drams of the Orkneys' finest. Meals: B L D

## DAY 10

**ISLE OF MAY**  
SMUGGLER'S HIDEAWAY

The Isle of May rises from the Firth of Forth five miles off the Scottish mainland, its remote shores guarded by a phalanx of 150-foot basalt cliffs. This windswept isle was once the domain of Vikings and smugglers. Today, the island's puffins rule the roost with prolific colonies rivaling any in Britain. Come ashore for a closer look at the seabirds and seals that call this island home as you walk the scenic cliff-top paths and uncover the island's iconic lighthouse sordid maritime history. Meals: B L D

## DAY 11

**DEPART EDINBURGH**  
THE JOURNEY ENDS

Disembark in Edinburgh and head to the airport for your flight home or continue on an extension touring this historic city. Meals: B





**DATES AND PRICING**

May 26-Jun 5, 2026  
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**SPECIAL OFFER**

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**GO FURTHER**

**ENGLAND'S COTSWOLDS**

**PRE-TOUR EXTENSION**

Explore the rolling landscapes of the Cotswolds, visiting Oxford, Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-upon-Avon and the picturesque Arlington Row.  
 4 days \$5,895 per person

**EDINBURGH POST-TOUR EXTENSION**

Discover Edinburgh, experiencing the city and castle grounds and historic Scottish Borders.  
 4 days \$5,195 per person



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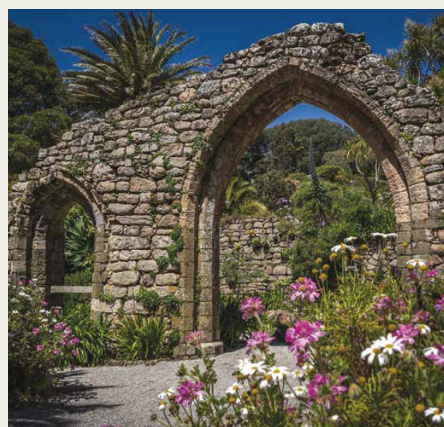
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# CRUISING SCANDINAVIA AND THE BALTIC SEA

Simply put, no other European voyage packs such a wealth of discovery into one 11-day journey. Cruising the coasts of Denmark, Poland, Sweden, Latvia, Estonia and Finland, your small explorer ship Le Champlain docks at exciting ports of call, including the islands of Bornholm, Gotland and Aland. Once ashore, our incomparable expert guides reveal the fabric of these vibrant cultures with immersive experiences you won't find anywhere else.



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## HIGHLIGHTS

Cruise for 11 days aboard an exclusive charter of Le Champlain

Your voyage spans six incredible countries and fascinating cities such as Copenhagen, Gdansk, Riga, Stockholm, Tallinn and Helsinki

Choose your own adventure with a host of included excursion options, such as a Nordic culinary experience in Stockholm, a bog walk in Estonia and moving visits to World War II remembrance sites

The region's finest local guides connect you with diverse cultures in authentic, meaningful ways

Clockwise from left:

Kick things off in the cosmopolitan foodie haven of Copenhagen. In Tallinn, follow a boardwalk through a vast, forested bog. Local expert guides open doors to reveal the true fabric of your destination.





ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

**DAY 1** Arrive in Copenhagen, Denmark and Board Le Champlain

**DAY 2** Bornholm Island

**DAY 3** Gdansk, Poland

**DAY 4** Gotland Island, Sweden

**DAY 5** Riga, Latvia

**DAYS 6-7** Stockholm, Sweden

**DAY 8** Aland Islands, Finland

**DAY 9** Tallinn, Estonia

**DAY 10** Helsinki, Finland

**DAY 11** Disembark Le Champlain in Helsinki

DAY 1

**ARRIVE COPENHAGEN, DENMARK**  
CONTEMPORARY CULINARY FLAIR

Sparked by René Redzepi’s Noma, Copenhagen’s restaurants are destinations in their own right, but this city has plenty to do between meals — from the fairy-lit grottoes of the Tivoli Gardens to the newly reborn, cocktail-juggling Carlsberg District. In the Nyhavn district, fishing-boat masts jut against picture-book gabled houses and solar-powered boats putter down canals. Meals: D

Le Champlain (11 days)

DAY 2

**BORNHOLM ISLAND**  
YESTERDAY’S STRONGHOLD,  
TODAY’S ISLAND PARADISE

Long coveted for its strategic location in the middle of the Baltic, today Bornholm beguiles visitors with white sand beaches, rugged cliffs and fairytale castles. Here, stroll the streets of medieval Gudhjem, enjoy local Danish delicacies, learn about island life and local craftsmanship amid picturesque farmlands and coastlines, or visit local villages and the medieval fortress of Hammershus. Meals: B L D

DAY 3

**GDANSK, POLAND**  
AN UNDAUNTED CITY REBORN

Gdansk’s diverse mix of architecture reflects its long tenure as a major maritime port. Yet, looking at the colorful facades of Long Market’s shops and restaurants, it’s hard to imagine the devastating destruction that ravaged this city in the opening chapter of World War II. Today, fully rebuilt, Gdansk stands taller than ever. Unravel this city’s fascinating history amid the Old Town’s Golden Gate, Artus Court, Gdansk Town Hall, St. Mary’s Church and Neptune’s Fountain before strolling along the Moltawa River. Alternately, visit the Museum of the Second World War, take a scenic countryside drive and pay an introspective visit to the Stutthof concentration camp. Or, traverse the Brick Gothic Srodmiescie district to the European Solidarity Center, where you learn about the Solidarity Movement and see where the August Agreements were signed. Meals: B L D

DAY 4

**GOTLAND ISLAND, SWEDEN**  
VIKING SHORES OF VISBY

Gazing out over the wild beaches and sea stacks of Gotland, it’s easy to envision the hordes of Viking warriors who sailed from



these shores ages ago. Today, stage your adventure from the island's Hanseatic walled city of Visby, where you delve into the city's rich Viking and medieval heritage, embark on a bike tour of local landmarks and a botanical garden, or journey through the charming countryside. Meals: B L D

**DAY 5**  
**RIGA, LATVIA**  
**ART NOUVEAU MASTERPIECE**

King of the Baltic capitals, Riga is a dreamy sonata of European architecture: from Albert Street's swirling art nouveau facades to the ornate medieval spires of the House of the Blackheads. Walk the Old Town, pausing to attend an organ concert in the Dome Cathedral or visit the Art Nouveau Museum. Foodies might opt for a visit to the bustling Central Market followed by a hands-on cooking class. For a more active experience, a bike ride takes you through Riga's Old Town and the park-like Great Cemetery. Meals: B L D

**DAYS 6-7**  
**STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN**  
**THE VENICE OF SCANDINAVIA**

Stockholm is gorgeous: all historic palaces, impressive castles, waterways and bridges,

with a soaring Abba soundtrack over the top. It's easy to explore on foot. Dive in with a walking tour of the Old Town's Storkyrkan (cathedral), Stortorget (town square) and Royal Palace. Alternately, explore Stockholm City Hall, with its iconic spire bearing the Swedish national coat of arms. Or, tour a 17th-century Swedish warship at the Vasa Museum, followed by a drive through the city center. Foodies might opt for a tasting of local Nordic specialties. Meals: B L D

**DAY 8**  
**ÅLAND ISLANDS, FINLAND**  
**INDEPENDENT BASTION OF A PROUD PEOPLE**

Although Finnish in name, the fiercely independent Åland Islands convene their own parliament, fly their own flag and speak their own dialect of Swedish. This scenic enclave of sandy beaches and winding paths draws holiday seekers from all over Europe and beyond. In the capital of Mariehamn, take in the picturesque bays and visit an open-air museum chronicling farm life in the 19th century. Or, opt for a hike along the island's panoramic coast. Meals: B L D

**DAY 9**  
**TALLINN, ESTONIA**  
**ONION DOMES ON THE BALTIC**

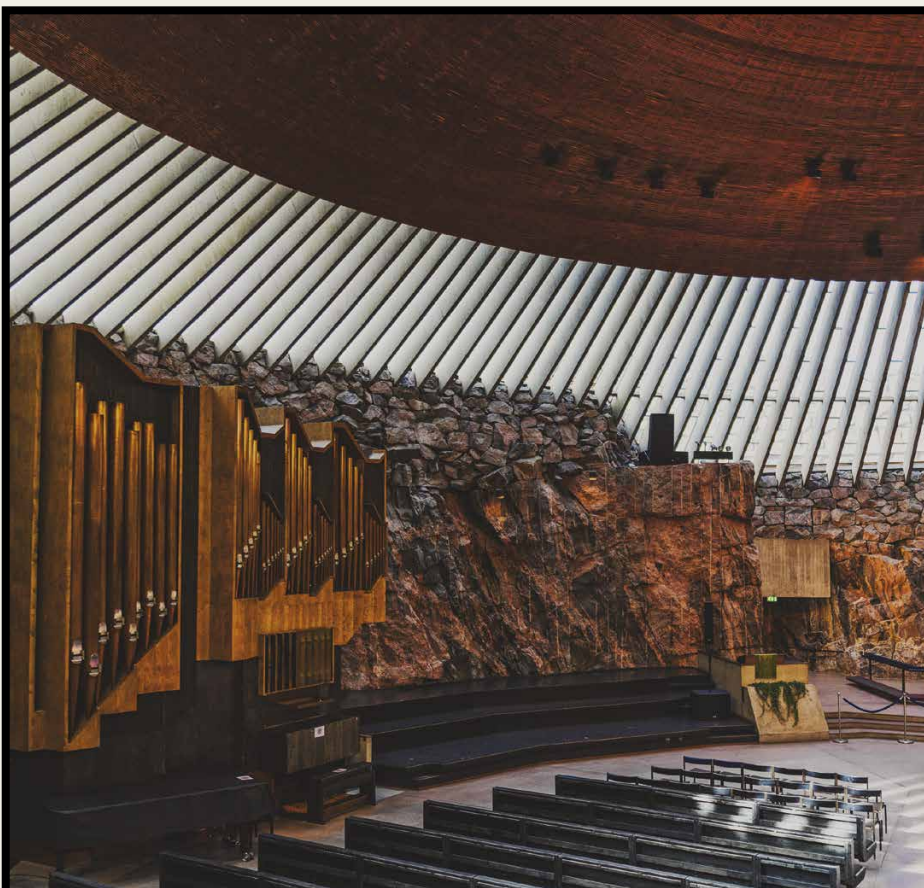
With every twisting turn of its medieval Old Town, time-warped Tallinn seduces with its skyline of romantic, onion-domed churches and candy-colored townhouses. For centuries, this prized port was scrapped over by Danes, Germans and Soviets, and stands as one of Europe's most captivating cities, stirring the past with the present. Take in the Old Town's Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Dome Hill, Town Hall and St. Mary's Cathedral, capping your excursion off with a sampling of medieval dishes. Alternatively, opt for a brisk bog walk through an enchanting forest or a tour of a historic manor house in Lahemaa National Park with a sampling of Estonian vodka. Meals: B L D

**DAY 10**  
**HELSINKI, FINLAND**  
**CREATIVE HOTBED OF THE NORTH**

Finland's political, intellectual and cultural center, Helsinki has accumulated a distinguished list of fiercely independent artists, artisans and architects over the centuries. Take to this proud city to explore Embassy Park, Helsinki Cathedral, the Parliament House, the National Museum of Finland, the new Opera House, historic Finlandia Hall, the unique underground Tempelisaari Church and the Sibelius Monument. Or, opt for a private boat tour through the islands outside the Finnish capital, pausing at Suomenlinna Island, home to an imposing 18th-century military fortification. Meals: B L D

**DAY 11**  
**DEPART HELSINKI**  
**THE JOURNEY ENDS**

Bid farewell to your ship and crew, and head to the airport for your flight home. Or, continue the adventure on the Lapland Post-Tour Extension. Meals: B





**DATES AND PRICING**

Jul 24-Aug 3, 2026  
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Visit Helsinki's Temppeliaukio Church, a subterranean sanctuary unlike any other. Explore Stockholm's cathedral, town square and Royal Palace. Take a private boat tour of the islands outside Helsinki. Hike the panoramic coast of the Aland Islands.

**GO FURTHER**

**LAPLAND POST-TOUR EXTENSION**

Explore the traditions of Finnish Lapland at a local reindeer farm, family home, log sauna and historic lodge.  
4 days \$6,395 per person



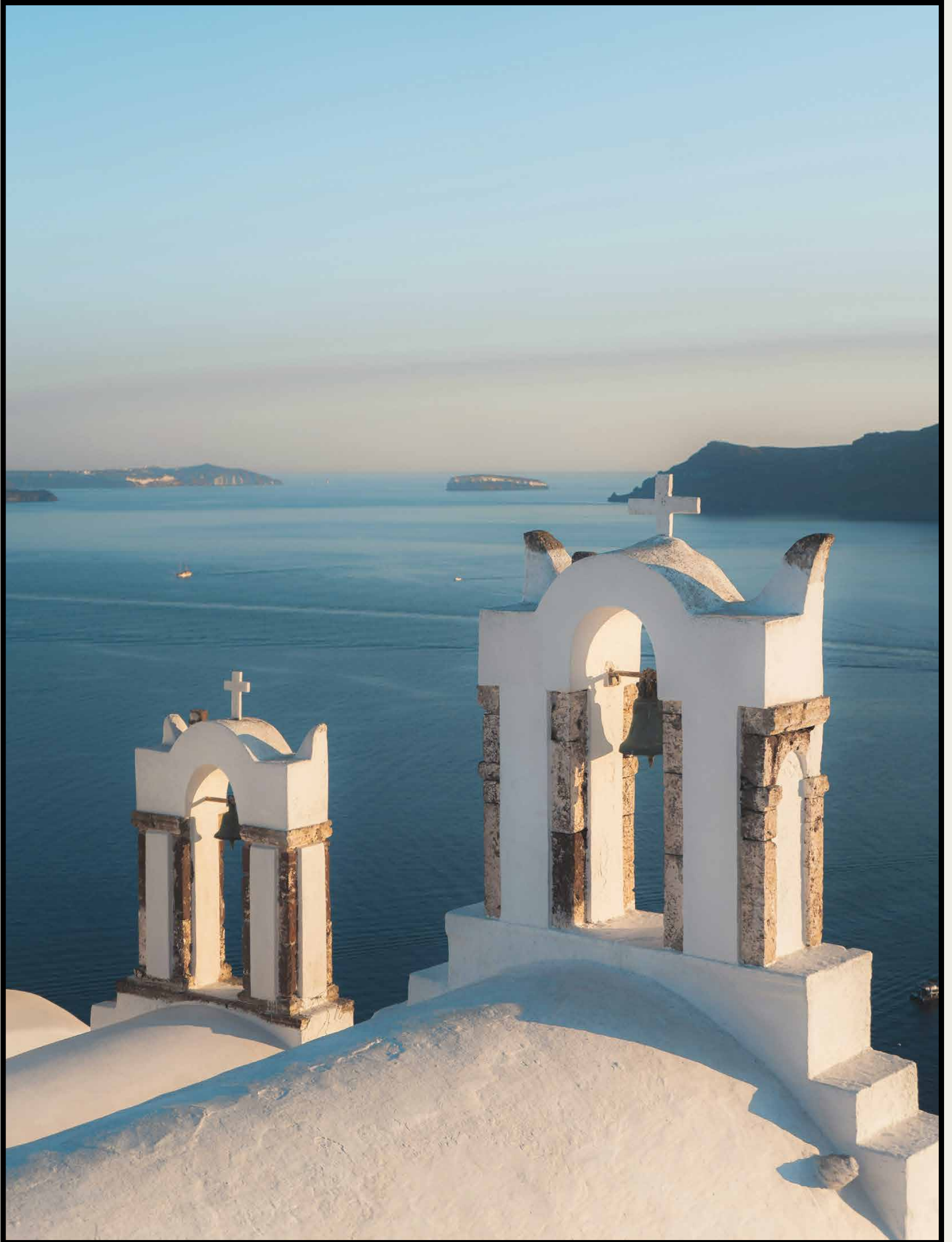
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Santorini, Greece

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# MEDITERRANEAN SEA

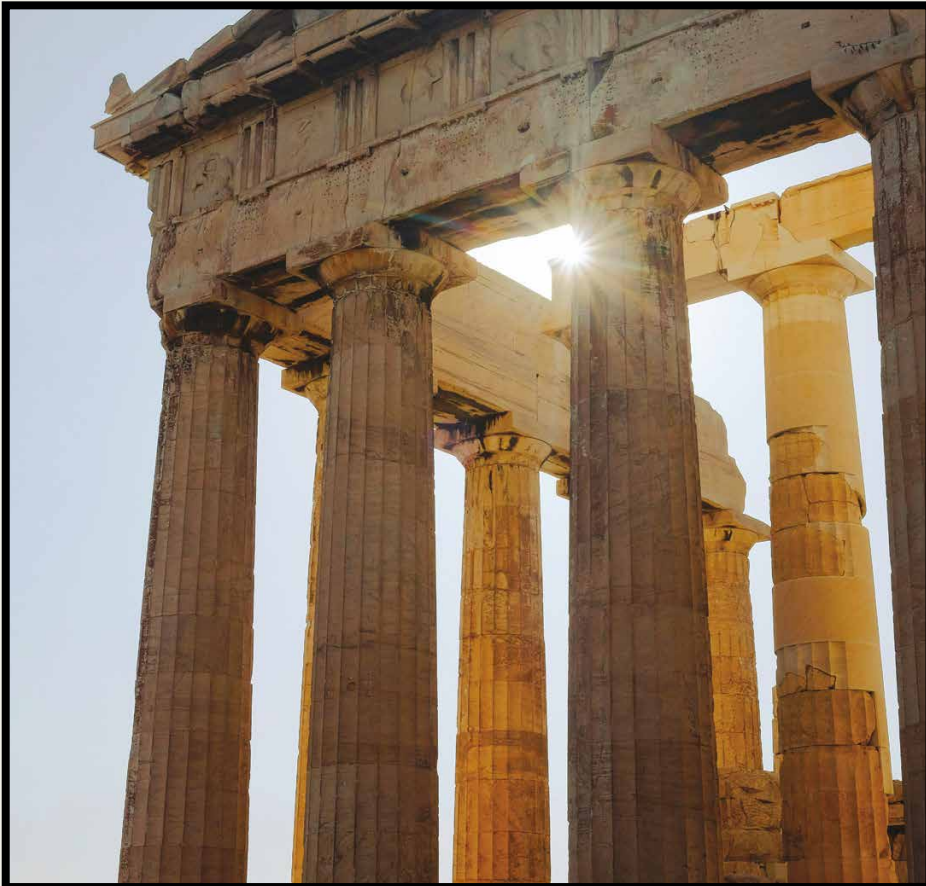


Dubrovnik, Croatia

From the Greek islands of Crete, Santorini and Mykonos to Italy, Croatia and Montenegro, this is a region rooted in maritime history — and best explored by boat. Our voyages hop between countries and islands, with A&K experts shedding light on the Mediterranean’s blended cultures. Pine-fringed beaches and cerulean bays are holiday playgrounds, while wine, gastronomy, museums and churches speak of a storied past embracing ancient civilizations. In timeless Venice and Florence, great art and classical architecture can be seen on every street, while Sicily is an island of lava, ancient ruins and baroque cities as enticing as Corsica and Sardinia, adrift in a sparkling sea.

# CRUISING THE GREEK ISLES

Bays of iridescent blue, charming whitewashed towns, epic history, superb food and wine — it's no wonder this island-hopping odyssey is one of our most popular cruises year after year. Experience ancient Athens, Crete and Rhodes, and explore the bougainvillea-garlanded fishing villages and sun-soaked beaches of Patmos, Mykonos and Santorini, along with other smaller ports of call the big ships often miss. Along the way, our Expedition Team lends a deeper appreciation of your destinations through exclusive tastings, culinary experiences and cultural exchanges.



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## HIGHLIGHTS

Uncover Athens' iconic treasures with a stay in the historic city center

Cruise for eight days aboard an exclusive charter of Le Dumont d'Urville or Le Bougainville

Choose your own adventure with a host of included excursion options in every port

Your small explorer ship affords access to Monemvasia, Crete, Patmos and other secluded ports of call

Go off the beaten path for a culinary adventure at a traditional farm in Crete

Sample the celebrated wines of Santorini with an expertly curated tasting at a local winery

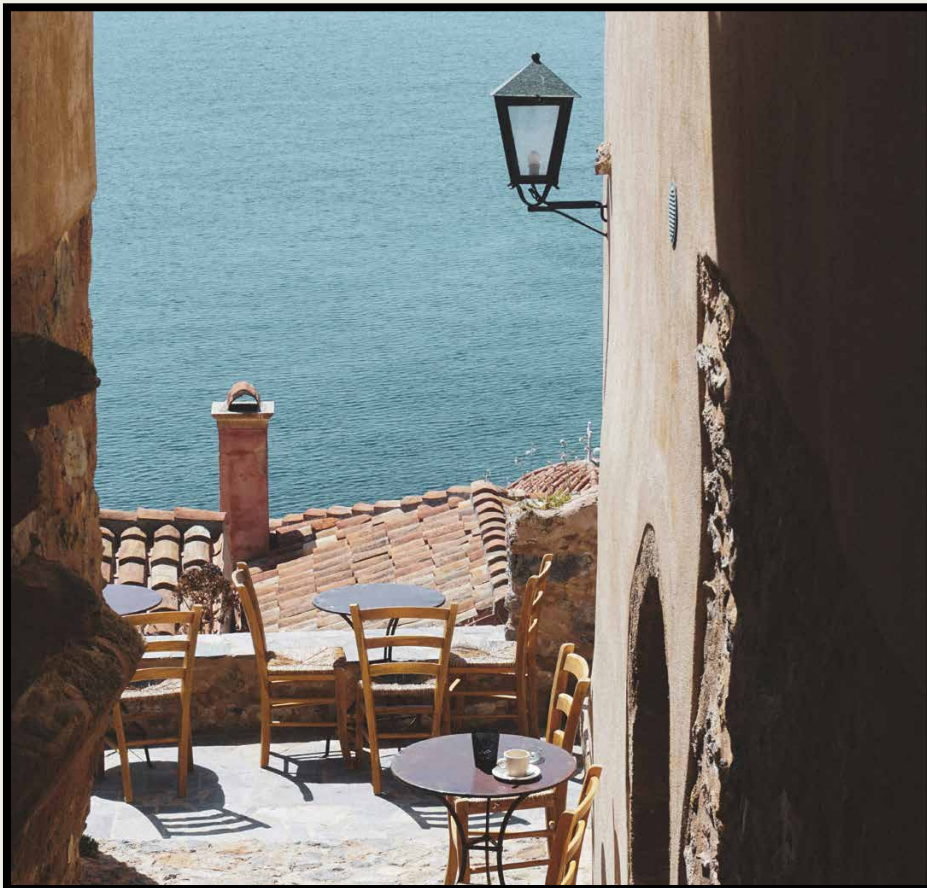
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Explore the Hellenistic ruins of the Acropolis.

Take time to slow down and enjoy life like a local.

Venture off the beaten path with expert guides.





**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

**DAYS 1-2** Arrive in Athens, Greece and stay at the Hotel Grande Bretagne

**DAY 3** Board your small explorer ship in Athens

**DAY 4** Monemvasia

**DAY 5** Crete

**DAY 6** Santorini

**DAY 7** Rhodes

**DAY 8** Mykonos

**DAY 9** Patmos

**DAY 10** Disembark your expedition vessel in Piraeus and depart from Athens

**DAYS 1-2**

**ARRIVE ATHENS, GREECE  
ANCIENT WONDERS AND  
CONTEMPORARY CULTURE**

The seed of Western civilization is a chaotic tangle of busy streets and bougainvillea-fringed squares, a romantic litany of ruins and relics. It is no stranger to reinvention: factories are now chic hotels, historic sites a showcase for high-end fashion. But Athens is always poised to offer an education in the classics: turn the corner and you might just stumble across a time-worn temple or amphitheater. Dive into Athens' ancient history at the Parthenon and other Hellenistic ruins of the Acropolis. Or, set out on a scenic drive through the Peloponnese to the Argolis region, pausing at the Corinth Canal, Cyclopean Walls, Lion's Gate, Royal Tombs, Treasury of Atreus and Epidaurus' ancient theater. Alternately, visit a gallery showcasing local contemporary artists and tour the Benaki Museum's Bronze Age exhibits. Meals: B L D (day 2)

Hotel Grande Bretagne (2 days)

**DAY 3**

**ATHENS  
FROM THE ACROPOLIS TO THE SEA**

Get a handle on ancient history with a tour of the Acropolis Museum, where an expert guide will interpret the spectacular, 2,500-year-old frieze created by the legendary sculptor Pheidias. Later, head to the port of Piraeus to board your expedition vessel. Meals: B L D

Le Bougainville or Le Dumont d'Urville (8 days)

**DAY 4**

**MONEMVASIA  
FORTIFIED HIDEAWAY IN THE  
UNSPOILED PELOPONNESE**

Your first port of call is Monemvasia, a walled medieval bastion perched on the cliffside of a small Peloponnese island. Come ashore for a closer look inside the fortified city, walking its narrow lanes to reveal the ruins of former Byzantine dwellings and churches, as well as the intact Church of Elkomenos Christos and its dazzling collection of iconography. Linger within the walled city or continue on to Liotrivi Mansion, a former family estate and olive oil mill that survives today as a cultural museum. Alternatively, take a day trip to the ruins of Mystras, a former Byzantine capital. After a short drive, enter Mystras through the



castle gate to discover the Cathedral of Aghios Dimitrios, the Palace of the Despots and the Monastery of Pantanassa. Meals: B L D

**DAY 5**  
**CRETE**  
**GREECE'S GREAT, STORIED ISLAND**

Greece's largest and most southerly island, where mountains and terraced fruit groves drop down to sapphire-blue seas, is the birthplace of Zeus and the seat of Minoan civilization. Explore the renowned Heraklion Archaeological Museum and the Minoan Palace of Knossos, get hands-on with a culinary experience at a local hilltop farm, or visit the Historical Museum of Crete and walk amid Heraklion's living history. Meals: B L D

**DAY 6**  
**SANTORINI**  
**CHARMING VILLAGES AND VOLCANIC SUNSETS**

The Greek flag might have drawn its colors from Santorini, so synonymous with the country are the island's whitewashed houses and deep blue seas. Indeed, this moon-shaped isle, the remains of a volcanic caldera, has become a poster child for Greek-island bliss, and its legendary sunsets the

backdrop to a million honeymoons. Visit the Bronze Age settlement of Akrotiri — its houses, streets, squares and workshops all preserved in volcanic pumice. Alternatively, hike up the crater of Nea Kameni, followed by a dip in the thermal springs of nearby Palea Kameni, or embark on a scenic drive through the hills, pausing for a tour and tasting at a local winery. Later, enjoy an afternoon on your own in the pretty villages of Oia or Fira. Meals: B L D

**DAY 7**  
**RHODES**  
**CIVILIZED PURSUITS: HISTORY, POTTERY AND COOKERY**

The largest of the Dodecanese islands, Rhodes enchants with stunning sandy beaches, forested hills, and ancient sites. Walk the cobblestoned Old Town's medieval fortifications, the Grand Master's Palace, the Avenue of the Knights and the Archaeological Museum. For a more active experience, head toward the ancient Doric town of Lindos for a hike to its acropolis, taking in the temple of Athena Lindia and the Byzantine church along the way. Or, watch the artists of a local ceramics workshop ply their skill before attempting your own piece. Alternately, visit the Grand Master's Palace, walk Rhodes' Old Town and learn to prepare

authentic dishes in a rustic local restaurant. Meals: B L D

**DAY 8**  
**MYKONOS**  
**THE MOST GLAMOROUS ISLAND IN THE CYCLADES**

A stone maze of boutiques and flower-filled alleys, of harbor towns and paradise beaches, the turning sails of old windmills – in many ways, Mykonos is the quintessence of the Greek Islands, the fair queen of the Cyclades. Linger here to walk its narrow streets, take in its sun-drenched beaches and explore the quaint village of Ano Mera's Monastery of Panagia Tourliani. Or, head to Delos, a small uninhabited island that legend holds as the birthplace of Artemis and Apollo. Discover the island's remarkably preserved ruins, including government buildings, homes, a cistern and an amphitheater. Meals: B L D

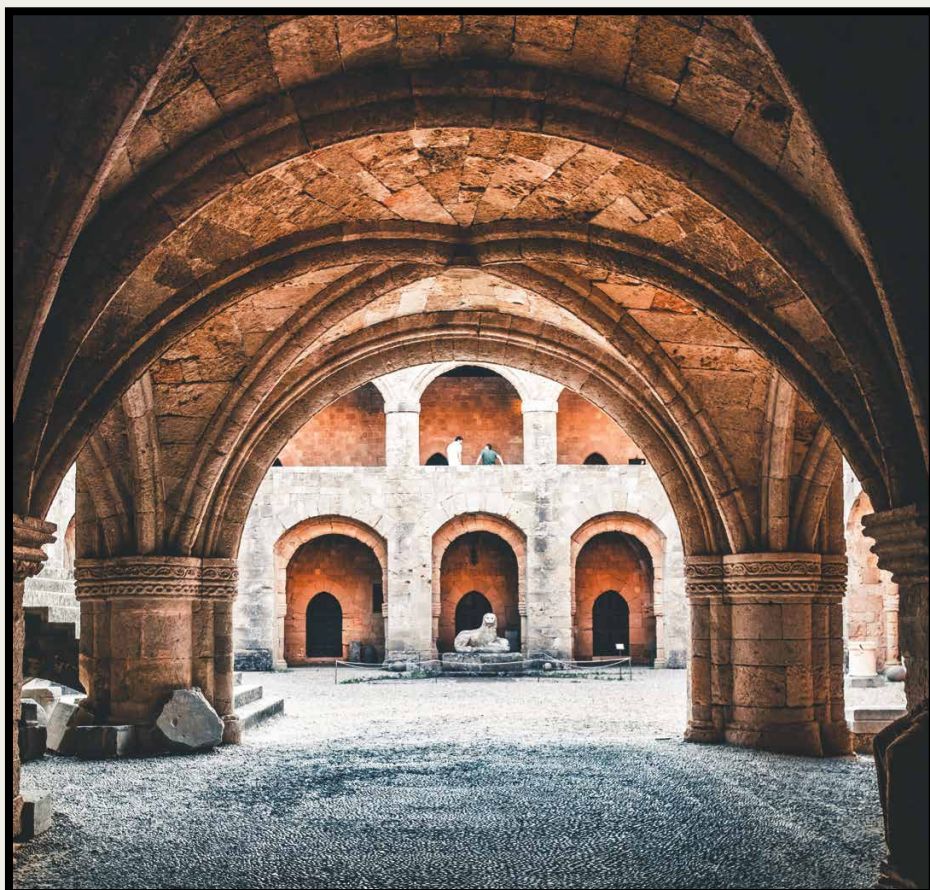
**DAY 9**  
**PATMOS**  
**A SPIRITUAL REFUGE WITH STAR QUALITY**

Crowned by a historic monastery, the tiny Dodecanese Island of Patmos has long inspired writers and artists, musicians and poets, and today its sleepy shores draw the kind of stars who prefer to travel on the down-low. Explore the hilltop village of Chora, visiting the House of Simandris, the historical Nikolaidis mansion or the Monastery of St. John. For a more active experience, opt for a hike to the hermitage of Zaroi and a secluded beach. Meals: B L D

**DAY 10**  
**DEPART ATHENS**  
**THE VOYAGE ENDS**

After disembarking in Piraeus, head to Athens airport and board your return flight home, or join our Northern Greece Post-Tour Extension. Meals: B





**DATES AND PRICING**

Jun 7-16 2026; Oct 1-10, 2026\*  
 10 Days | Limited to 148 Guests  
 From \$14,895 per person  
 \$7,455 single supplement

\*Oct 1-10 departure operates aboard Le Dumont d'Urville with a slightly revised routing. Both departures may alter routings to avoid cruise traffic.

This journey contains active elements, including walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes. Minimum age is 7 years.

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- 8 days on Le Bougainville or Le Dumont d'Urville, full board/all-inclusive
- A stay at the Hotel Grande Bretagne
- Your choice of shore excursions

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**SPECIAL OFFER**

Save 10% when you combine our Greek Isles (Oct 1 departure), Italy and Adriatic cruises, OR save 5% when you combine two voyages

**GO FURTHER**

**PELOPONNESE PRE-TOUR EXTENSION**

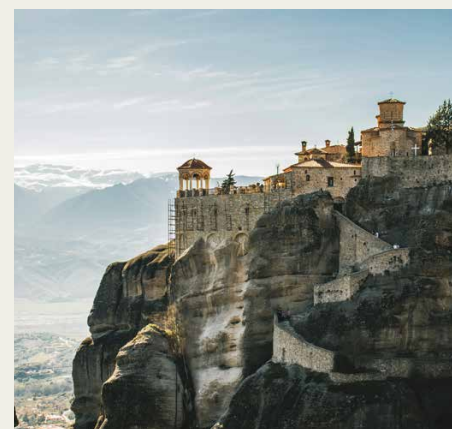
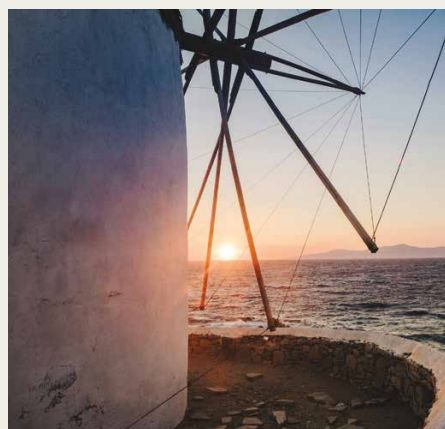
Discover the ancient and historic Peloponnese Peninsula including the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Olympia and Epidaurus. 4 days \$4,995 per person

**NORTHERN GREECE POST-TOUR EXTENSION**

Discover Thessaloniki, monasteries in Meteora and ancient Pella on this experience back in time. 4 days \$4,195 per person



Clockwise from far left:  
 Take in the timeless atmosphere of Santorini. Unlock a treasure chest of history in Rhodes. Go beyond the guidebook in Patmos. Get an authentic taste of the Greek isles with expertly curated culinary experiences around every corner.



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# ITALY CRUISE: HIDDEN TREASURES FROM FLORENCE TO VENICE

Experience Italy reframed on an all-encompassing voyage that sheds new light on some of Europe's most iconic destinations. Venture off the beaten path in Florence, then cruise south to Sicily and back north to Venice, going ashore with the region's foremost guides to unearth your own *Da Vinci Code* of discoveries. Along the way, your small explorer ship affords access to Matera, Urbino, Sardinia, the French isle of Corsica and other ports of call most cruises miss.



**12 DAYS | LIMITED TO 148 GUESTS**

From \$15,995 per person  
\$8,005 single supplement



## HIGHLIGHTS

Begin with a stay in one of central Florence's finest hotels

Cruise for 10 days on an exclusive charter of *Le Dumont d'Urville*

Choose from a list of curated shore excursions led by A&K's expert local guides

Go off the beaten path in Corsica and Sardinia

Explore the flavors of Sicily and Puglia with exclusive farmhouse visits and cooking lessons

Immerse yourself in the timeless romance of Venice

Discover Le Marche and Urbino, two fascinating destinations overlooked by many travellers

**Clockwise from left:**

Explore the Florentine treasures of the Duomo, the Galleria dell'Accademia and the Uffizi. In the Corsican port of Bonifacio, walk in Napoleon's footsteps amid a web of alleyways and medieval houses. Your expert guides share insider insights into Renaissance masterworks.





## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

**DAYS 1-2** Arrive Florence, Italy and stay at The Westin Excelsior

**DAY 3** Tuscany  
Board Le Dumont d'Urville in Livorno

**DAY 4** Bonifacio, Corsica; France

**DAY 5** Cagliari, Sardinia; Italy

**DAY 6** At sea

**DAY 7** Syracuse, Sicily

**DAY 8** At sea

**DAY 9** Bari

**DAY 10** Ancona

**DAYS 11-12** Disembark Le Dumont d'Urville in Venice

### DAYS 1-2

#### ARRIVE FLORENCE, ITALY BEATING HEART OF THE RENAISSANCE

You can barely move for masterpieces in the Tuscan capital: Michelangelo's *David*, centerpiece of the Galleria dell'Accademia; the Uffizi; the romantic Ponte Vecchio; and the Duomo, a holy canopy of terracotta high above the rooftops. Even the streets are an elegant, edifying showcase of Italian culture. Take in this living exhibition as you walk the historic city center and the Oltrarno District. Or, tour of the Galleria dell'Accademia and the Uffizi to see the works of the Renaissance masters in the flesh. Meals: B L (day 2)

The Westin Excelsior, Florence (2 days)

### DAY 3

#### TUSCANY CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE IN FLORENCE, PISA OR LUCCA

A cypress-dotted vision of Italian beauty, Tuscany charms like a Medici prince, capturing the very essence of the nation's heartland. Set out into this timeless realm of storybook hilltop towns and undulating green landscapes as you choose your own Tuscan adventure. Head to Lucca to stroll its picturesque town center,

Piazza dell'Anfiteatro, and its impressive 16th-century ramparts. Pisa's iconic Leaning Tower is also on the menu, along with the city's historic Baptistery, Campo Santo and Duomo. Or, linger in Florence to take in the timeless Palazzo Vecchio, the former residence of the powerful Medici clan. Alternatively, set out for a truffle hunt in the rolling hills of Tuscany. Later, head to the port of Livorno, where your expedition vessel awaits. Meals: B L D

Le Dumont d'Urville (10 days)

### DAY 4

#### BONIFACIO, CORSICA; FRANCE WALKING IN NAPOLEON'S FOOTSTEPS

The birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte, the mountainous island of Corsica juts imposingly from the Mediterranean, as bold and proud as the French emperor himself. Here, explore the fortress town of Bonifacio's medieval houses, chapels and web of alleyways. Afterward, stroll the cobble streets, historic buildings and quayside of Porto Vecchio's Old Town. Or, hike to Castellu d'Arghju for stunning views of the coast. Meals: B L D



DAY 5

**CAGLIARI, SARDINIA; ITALY**  
**BRONZE AGE MYSTERIES WRAPPED**  
**IN COASTAL BEAUTY**

Though Sardinia glints with some of the most breathtaking shores in the Mediterranean, its culture has been defined by its rustic interior more than its coast: a landscape of mysterious Bronze Age monuments and ancient shepherd tracks that wind through forests of oak and myrtle. Come ashore in Sardinia's historic port city and capital, Cagliari, where you stroll the Old Town and visit Saint Mary and Saint Cecilia Cathedrals. Alternatively, hike Sardinia's gentle hills to uncover timeworn ruins or sample the varietals of a local winery. Meals: B L D

DAY 6

**AT SEA**  
**UNWINDING ON THE MED**

Relax as you cruise southward through the Mediterranean, taking advantage of the ship's amenities along the way. En route, the Expedition Team sets the stage for tomorrow's shore excursion with a series of enriching presentations. Meals: B L D

DAY 7

**SYRACUSE, SICILY**  
**PLAYGROUND OF THE**  
**ANCIENT GREEKS**

Presided over by fiery Mount Etna, Sicily is a red-hot mix of sunbaked temples, sizzling sea views and sensational produce grown on its fertile volcanic slopes. Come ashore in the iconic port of Syracuse, a place Cicero described as "the greatest Greek city and most beautiful of them all." Explore Syracuse's Old Town of Ortigia, a tangle of cobbled streets wending this way and that, lined with fabulous boutiques, restaurants, and ancient buildings such as the Temple of Apollo. After a tasting of the distinctive local Moscato, Nero d'Avola and Syrah, hit the market to sample the region's freshest picks. Alternatively, head further inland for a truffle hunt at a local farm. Meals: B L D

DAY 8

**AT SEA**  
**CRUISING AROUND ITALY'S HEEL**

As you cruise onward around the heel of Italy's "boot," the Expedition Team prepares you for tomorrow's shore excursion to Bari. Meals: B L D

DAY 9

**BARI**  
**YOUTHFUL FACE OF THE**  
**PUGLIA REGION**

Bari serves as your seaside gateway to the time-warp villages and sweeping countryside of the Puglia region. This university town's youthful, urban vibe plays well with its grand boulevards lined with historic architecture. Once ashore, choose from a culinary experience at a local farmhouse, a visit to the intriguing Castel del Monte, a nature trek through the hills of Alta Murgia National Park, or a drive inland to explore Matera's cave dwellings. Meals: B L D

DAY 10

**ANCONA**  
**OFF THE BEATEN PATH IN LE MARCHE**

Le Marche's pebbled beaches, cliff-flanked bays and medieval hill towns often fly under the radar. But those who have experienced this region's enchanting landscapes, history and artistic heritage are happy to have it to themselves. Staging your day from the port of Ancona, set out to tour the Renaissance art and architecture of Urbino, privately visit the Villa Imperiale in Pesaro, or savor a wine experience in the breathtaking countryside. Meals: B L D

DAY 11

**VENICE**  
**ETHEREAL MAGIC OF THE CANALS**

A heady dream of Carnival, canals, basilicas and Byzantine relics, Venice bewitches from the very first breath. Nowhere else in the world can you turn from a grand marble palace floating amid the canals, and into a warren of stirring, salty-aired passageways, where life has ebbed and flowed with the rhythm of the water for centuries. Experience Venice's beguiling magic firsthand with a private water taxi tour, pausing at St. Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge. Alternatively, you might explore St. Mark's Square on foot and go off the beaten path to discover the Basilica di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, the city's largest church. Or, escape to the Orto di Venezia winery and the glassworks of the Murano islands. Meals: B L D

DAY 12

**DEPART VENICE**  
**THE JOURNEY ENDS**

Disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight or set sail on A&K's Adriatic Voyage: Croatia, Montenegro and Greece. Meals: B





**DATES AND PRICING**

Sep 12-23, 2026  
12 Days | Limited to 148 Guests  
From \$15,995 per person  
\$8,005 single supplement

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Clockwise from far left:  
Explore the Norman fortifications of Castel del Monte in Puglia. In Venice, a private water taxi tour highlights St. Mark’s Square and the Rialto Bridge. Savor curated tastings of Italy’s world-beating wines. Set out on a truffle hunt at a local Sicilian farm. Syracuse’s Old Town of Ortigia promises delightful surprises around every corner.

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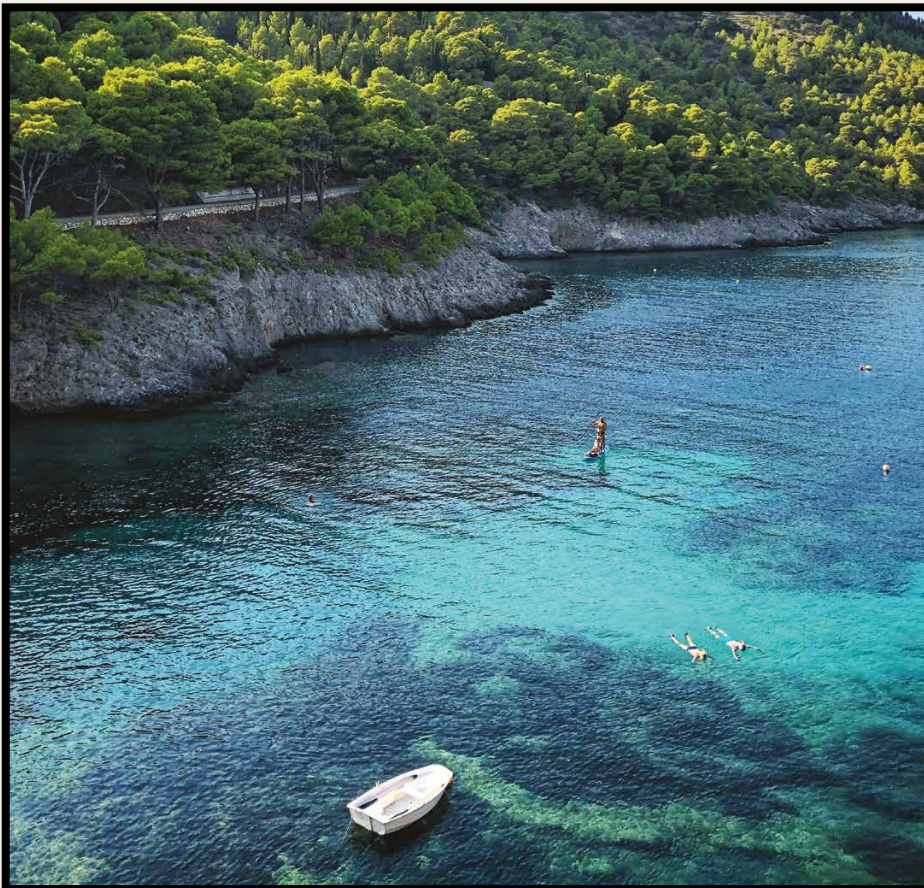
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# ADRIATIC VOYAGE: CROATIA, MONTENEGRO AND GREECE

The Adriatic enchants with its beguiling coastlines, fairytale citadels and stories as old as history itself. Our renowned team reveals it all on this voyage from Venice to Croatia's cultural crossroads of Split, Dubrovnik's romantic Riviera and Old Town, and Montenegro's medieval maritime enclave of Kotor. Continue in western Greece, where exclusive excursions uncover the insider's Corfu and Cephalonia before transiting the Corinth Canal to Athens.



**9 DAYS | LIMITED TO 148 GUESTS**

From \$12,495 per person  
\$6,255 single supplement



## HIGHLIGHTS

Cruise for nine days on an exclusive charter of Le Dumont d'Urville

Choose from a menu of shore excursions including nature hikes, cultural exchanges and culinary adventures

Discover Croatia's historic cities of Trogir and Split, tasting local specialties and walking the imposing halls of Diocletian's Palace

Cast off for a jet boat ride to the enchanting Blue Cave in Montenegro's Bay of Kotor

Cycle Dubrovnik's Konavle Valley, pausing for a private tasting at a local restaurant

Transit Greece's breathtaking Corinth Canal, a route unnavigable by larger vessels

Clockwise from left:

Kayak to Lokrum Island to swim and explore on shore. Unearth a layer-cake of history in the lanes of Dubrovnik. Venture off the beaten path with expert guides leading the way.





## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

**DAY 1** Arrive in Venice, Italy and board Le Dumont d'Urville

**DAY 2** Split, Croatia

**DAYS 3-4** Dubrovnik

**DAY 5** Kotor, Montenegro

**DAY 6** Corfu, Greece

**DAY 7** Cephalonia

**DAY 8** Itea

**DAY 9** Disembark Le Dumont d'Urville in Athens

### DAY 1

## ARRIVE VENICE, ITALY GATEWAY TO THE ADRIATIC

A heady dream of Carnival, canals, basilicas and Byzantine relics, Venice bewitches from the very first breath. Nowhere else in the world can you turn from a floating marble palace into a warren of stirring, salty-aired passageways, where life has ebbed and flowed with the rhythm of the water for centuries. Your expedition of discovery begins here, just as countless voyages have throughout the ages. Meals: D

Le Dumont d'Urville (9 days)

### DAY 2

## SPLIT, CROATIA WONDERS OF THE WALLED CITY

As church bells and traditional Klapa singers call out, Split's beaches, fresh seafood and Roman architecture beckon. Its maze of medieval alleys leads to the imperial Palace of Diocletian, the 3rd-century Roman fortress that forms the heart of the city, its ancient walls now bustling with cafes, shops and local life. After a tour of the Old Town's palace ruins, explore Trogir, a charming town with a majestic 15th-century castle. Or, visit a local market to sample freshly harvested favorites. Meals: B L D

### DAYS 3-4

## DUBROVNIK YOUR GAME OF THRONES COMEO

The sleeping beauty of the Mediterranean, Dubrovnik has been plundered so many times over its 700-year-history that its old town was once unrecognizable. Today, it has been restored to its red-roofed, ocean-lapped former glory and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, making its car-free streets an irresistible setting for the location scouts who worked on *Game of Thrones*. With so much to see and experience, there are a variety of options for spending your day here. Explore the Dominican Monastery and Cathedral, the Sponza Palace, the Rector's Palace and Onofriou's Fountain. Or, journey into the countryside for a winery visit and lunch at a local farm. Foodies might prefer an exploration of the region's mussels, oysters and olive oil on a culinary excursion to the village of Orasac and the city of Ston. Meanwhile, active enthusiasts might choose a kayaking tour of Dubrovnik's city walls, including a visit to Lokrum Island to swim and explore, or a bike excursion through the Konavle Valley with a stop at a local vineyard. Meals: B L D



## DAY 5

**KOTOR, MONTENEGRO**  
MEDIEVAL MARITIME BASTION

Flanked by fjords and mountainous ridges on a picturesque Dalmatian bay, Kotor enjoys a rich medieval maritime and trade legacy survived by its remarkably preserved houses, palaces and churches. Begin with an exploration of Kotor's historic Roman buildings and a local cathedral dating to 1166. Afterward, opt for a boat excursion to the Baroque jewel of Perast, a speedboat tour of Kotor Bay and the sapphire-like Blue Cave, or a cruise to Our Lady of the Rocks Church — home to Tripo Kokolja's 33-foot masterwork *Death of the Virgin*. Meals: B L D

## DAY 6

**CORFU, GREECE**  
GREECE'S EMERALD ISLE

Even among the beautiful and scenic Greek isles, Corfu stands out for its lush greenery as well as its charmingly winding streets and whitewashed houses. Head ashore to explore the Esplanade, the Town Hall and the Church of Saint Spyridon. Or, visit the Achilleion Palace, the former residence of Empress Sisi, wife of Kaiser Wilhelm II. Culinary excursions include a winery visit or a tour of the town's shops and restaurants. Alternatively, head

off-road on a mountain bike adventure to a secluded village, complete with a stop in a local taverna. Meals: B L D

## DAY 7

**CEPHALONIA**  
STUNNING SECOND ACT

While Corfu is a tough one to follow, serene Cephalonia plays a seductive second act to our Greek Isles drama with lush landscapes, scenic mountains and crystalline blue waters. Here, visit the monastery of St. Gerasimos to see the cave where the medieval monk lived. Then, explore the picturesque villages of Sami and Assos, or an underground lake at Melissani. Alternatively, paddle out for a kayak adventure along the rugged coastline, stopping for a swim at Emplisi Beach. Meals: B L D

## DAY 8

**ITEA**  
A FITTING FINALE

Set in the arms of the Corinthian Gulf, Itea lies surrounded by olive groves and the scenic mountains of Giona and Parnassus. It serves as a popular gateway to mystical Delphi, revered by ancient Greeks as the center of the world. Today, explore Delphi's Temple of Apollo and Treasury of Athens. Alternatively, take a scenic drive to the monastery at Ossiou Loukas, past

the scenic valleys of Delphi and on to the historic boatbuilding enclave of Galaxidi. Or, explore Itea's ancient beekeeping heritage at a local apiary. Back aboard your vessel, transit the Corinth Canal, a narrow waterway that has joined the Ionian and Aegean seas for over a century. Tonight, gather for a farewell gala dinner and cocktails under the stars. Meals: B L D

## DAY 9

**DEPART ATHENS**  
THE VOYAGE ENDS

Bid farewell to your Expedition Team and crew as you disembark in Athens this morning. Continue on your post-tour extension to Thessaloniki or transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Meals: B





## DATES AND PRICING

Sep 23-Oct 1, 2026  
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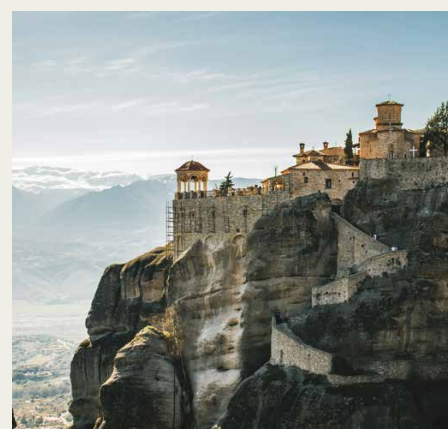
## GO FURTHER

**NORTHERN GREECE POST-TOUR EXTENSION**  
 Experience the remarkable cuisine, culture and history of Thessaloniki with visits to Meteora, Pella and Vergina.  
 4 days \$4,195 per person



### Clockwise from far left:

Explore Kotor's historic Roman architecture. Go ashore on the Greek Isles of Corfu, Cephalonia and Itea. Discover a masterwork secluded within the walls Our Lady of the Rocks Church. Visit Delphi's Temple of Apollo and Treasury of Athens. Navigate the Corinth Canal, a narrow waterway that's inaccessible to larger cruise vessels.



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La Digue Island, Seychelles

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# PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS



Kyoto, Japan

In the remote Galápagos, 600 miles off Ecuador, Darwin hatched his Theory of Evolution — and you can observe the species he knew, from albatrosses to marine iguanas, on a cruise around the Pacific archipelago on one of our exclusive Ecoventura adventure yachts. Elsewhere on this vast ocean, feel the magic of French Polynesia on a voyage from Tahiti throughout the Society, Tuamotu and Marquesas Islands — their names alone conjuring images of swaying palms and ivory-white sands — or hop between the islands of Japan from Osaka, with cultural insights from our Expedition Team. In the Indian Ocean, exotic Zanzibar, Aldabra, Praslin and La Digue beckon on an Expedition Cruise at Africa's eastern edge.

# CRUISING THE SEYCHELLES AND COASTAL TANZANIA

Voyage off the grid to Indian Ocean islands rich in natural beauty, culture and history glimpsed by few outsiders. Our acclaimed Expedition Team kicks things off in Zanzibar and Kilwa Kisiwani, a ninth-century port with a far-reaching legacy. Cruise on to the spellbinding Seychelles, where your snorkel guides reveal coral reefs and the Aldabra Atoll's wealth of diverse marine life.



**14 DAYS | LIMITED TO 148 GUESTS**  
 From \$16,995 per person  
 \$8,505 single supplement



## HIGHLIGHTS

Set the stage for your adventure with a day of discovery in Zanzibar and a stay at the Park Hyatt

Cruise for 13 days aboard an exclusive charter of Le Bougainville

Visit four UNESCO World Heritage sites throughout your voyage, including the storied ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani

Zodiac excursions reveal seldom-seen atolls, reefs and marine life

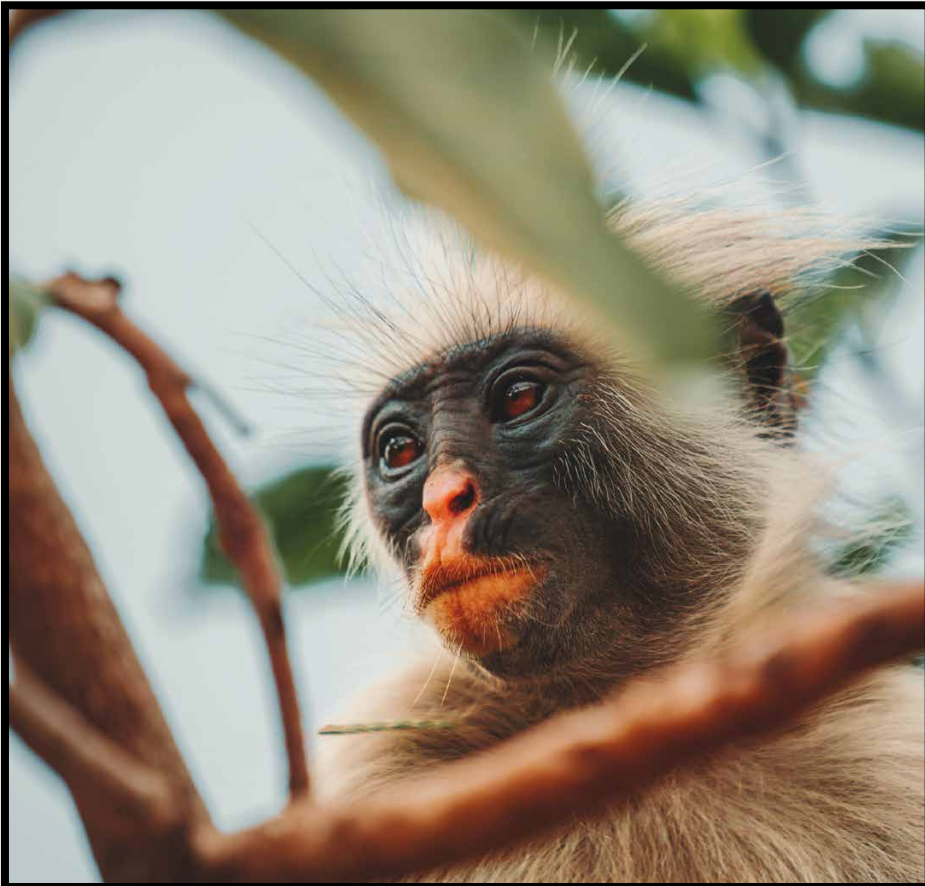
Spend two days at Aldabra Atoll, home to most of the world's giant tortoises

Snorkel the jaw-dropping coral reefs, sea cliffs, lagoons and marine parks of the Seychelles

### Clockwise from left:

Venture to the seldom-visited shores of the Seychelles, an island paradise unlike any other. Glimpse endemic species found nowhere else on Earth. Explore a mix of Moorish, Middle Eastern, Indian, African and colonial European influences in the streets of Stone Town.





**DAY 1**  
**ARRIVE ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA**  
 WHERE TRADEWINDS CONVERGE

Also known as the “Spice Island,” Zanzibar boasts a vibrant culture borne of deep-rooted trade traditions and an eclectic mix of Moorish, Middle Eastern, Indian, African and colonial European influences. This heritage is best reflected in the lanes and markets of Stone Town, Zanzibar’s UNESCO-listed Old Town. Meals: D

Park Hyatt Zanzibar

**DAY 2**  
**ZANZIBAR**  
 STONE TOWN’S HOTBEDS OF HISTORY

Stone Town is a maze of narrow alleys lined with houses, shops, bazaars and mosques constructed of the island’s ubiquitous reddish warm coral stone. Here, the lanes teem with locals on bicycles and motorbikes going about the day’s business in the faded shadows of merchants and traders from ancient civilizations. Dive into this hotbed of culture and history with visits to Christ Church Cathedral, built on the site of a former slave market; the Palace of the Sultans, adorned with treasures and rich carvings; the old Arabic Fort; and Forodhani Park, a shaded respite from

the energy of the city. Afterward, visit a rural spice farm or trek through the mangroves of Jozani Forest Nature Reserve, home to the red colobus monkey. Meals: B L D

Le Bougainville (13 days)

**DAY 3**  
**KILWA KISIWANI**  
 ANCIENT SWAHILI RUINS

Looking out to sea from the sleepy fishing village of Kilwa Kisiwani, the ocean breezes and relaxed vibe belay this site’s history as a former crossroads of sultans and royalty. Only ruins remain to tell the tale of a vast trade network that once linked the Shona kingdoms and Zimbabwe’s goldmines with the empires of Persia, India, China and beyond. Delve into this hidden history with visits to the Malindi Mosque and cemetery, the Gereza Fort and the Makutani Palace. Meals: B L D

**DAY 4**  
**AT SEA**  
 CRUISING TO THE SEYCHELLES

As your expedition vessel sails toward the Seychelles, relax in the spa and take in a series of enriching lectures. Meals: B L D



**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

- DAY 1** Arrive in Zanzibar, Tanzania and stay at the Park Hyatt
- DAY 2** Board Le Bougainville in Zanzibar
- DAY 3** Kilwa Kisiwani
- DAY 4** At sea
- DAY 5** Assumption Island, Seychelles
- DAYS 6-7** Aldabra Atoll
- DAY 8** Astove Island
- DAY 9** Cosmoledo Atoll
- DAY 10** Farquhar Atoll
- DAY 11** Rémire Island
- DAY 12** Aride and Curieuse Islands
- DAY 13** Praslin and La Digue Islands
- DAY 14** Disembark Le Bougainville in Mahé, Seychelles



DAY 5

**ASSUMPTION ISLAND, SEYCHELLES  
GATEWAY TO PARADISE**

Assumption Island marks your arrival in the Seychelles, a 115-island paradise of azure waters, white sands and verdant mountains, all harboring diverse wildlife. Your discovery begins at Assumption Island, part of the Aldabra group of islands situated in the southwest of the Seychelles. Meals: B L D

DAYS 6-7

**ALDABRA ATOLL  
HIDDEN LAGOONS AND REEFS**

Spend the next two days anchored off of Aldabra Atoll, the largest raised coral atoll in the world. Go ashore to explore local preservation efforts and look at daily life on the island. Or, snorkel the lagoons and stunning reefs offshore. Meals: B L D

DAY 8

**ASTOVE ISLAND  
IMMACULATE ECOSYSTEMS**

Cruise to the Outer Islands of the Seychelles, coming ashore to explore historic Astove, an island renowned for its large inner lagoon and

jaw-dropping underwater sea cliff. Dive in to explore these aquatic wonders, or stay on dry land to visit an abandoned coconut plantation, embark on a birding walk in search of the endemic souimanga sunbird or relax on the island's spectacular beaches. Meals: B L D

DAY 9

**COSMOLEDO ATOLL  
REALM OF THE GIANT TREVALLY**

Continue your Outer Seychelles adventure on the remote Aldabra Group's Cosmoledo Atoll, home to vast wadable sand flats and an incredible lagoon. Cosmoledo is also the realm of the giant trevally, a powerful predatory fish prized by anglers the world over. Aside from its explosive saltwater fly fishing, the atoll is also renowned as a seasonal sea turtle nesting site. Suit up to snorkel offshore and glimpse the marine life firsthand. Meals: B L D

DAY 10

**FARQUHAR ATOLL  
JEWEL OF THE ALPHONSE ISLANDS**

Explore Farquhar, the southernmost atoll in the Seychelles and another important nesting site for sea turtles. Embark on Zodiac excursions, snorkel the lagoon or relax on the beach. Meals: B L D

DAY 11

**RÉMIRE ISLAND  
GIANT TORTOISE HAVEN**

Today, explore Rémire Island, another remote enclave of the Outer Seychelles renowned for its marine biodiversity and lumbering giant tortoises. Here, wade in emerald waters teeming with luminous fish and relax on yet another gorgeous beach. Meals: B L D

DAY 12

**ARIDE AND CURIEUSE ISLANDS  
PROTECTED WONDERS**

Come ashore to visit Aride Island Nature Reserve's incredible granite cliffs and seabird colonies. Then, cruise by Curieuse Marine National Park, where you take in the views of its lush forest and undisturbed beaches. Conditions permitting, snorkel offshore. Meals: B L D

DAY 13

**PRASLIN AND LA DIGUE  
TREASURES OF THE INNER ISLANDS**

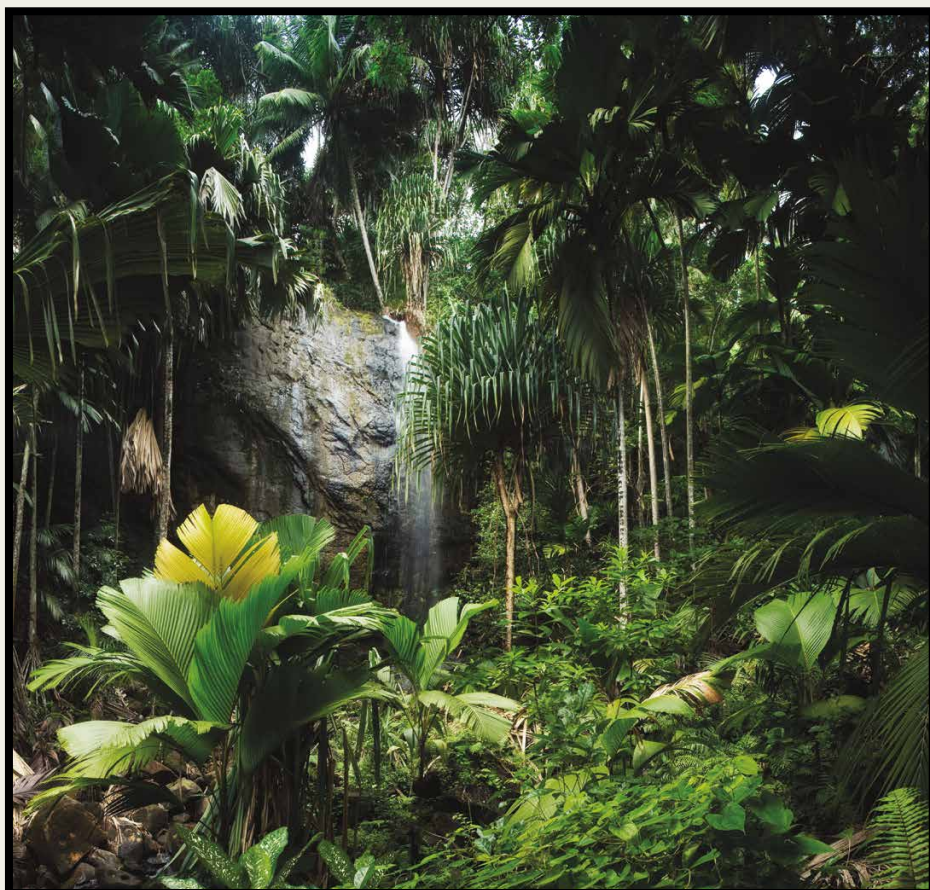
Cruise to Praslin Island, a palm-fringed paradise of tropical forests and exotic birdlife. Head ashore to trek through the giant palms of Vallée de Mai Nature Reserve. Then, sail onward to the port of La Digue, where you tour the island via rugged camionette (covered truck), visit a vanilla plantation or lounge on one of the island's beaches. Afterward, return to your ship for a farewell dinner. Meals: B L D

DAY 14

**DEPART MAHÉ, SEYCHELLES  
THE VOYAGE ENDS**

Disembark in the island of Mahé's port of Victoria, where you tour the town and its bustling local market. In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight. Meals: B





**DATES AND PRICING**

Feb 13-26, 2026  
 14 Days | Limited to 148 Guests  
 From \$16,995 per person  
 \$8,505 single supplement

This journey contains active elements, including Zodiac boat excursions, walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes. Minimum age is 7 years.

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- 13 days on Le Bougainville, full board/all-inclusive
- A stay at the Park Hyatt Zanzibar
- Zodiac, shore and snorkeling excursions

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Clockwise from far left:  
 See how the Seychelles' sea turtle populations are bouncing back. Walk under the giant palm canopy of Vallée de Mai Nature Reserve. Discover a birders' paradise at Aride Island Nature Reserve. Encounter the lumbering giant tortoises of Rémire Island.

**GO FURTHER**

**SERENGETI PRE-TOUR EXTENSION**  
 Experience Big Five wildlife and wildebeest calving season on an A&K safari across the sweeping Serengeti plains.  
 5 days \$11,495 per person

**READY TO BOOK?**

Contact A&K or your travel advisor for up-to-date information on pricing, dates, extensions and special offers.

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# WONDERS OF JAPAN CRUISE

Explore the rich cultural tapestry of Japan on this 14-day voyage visiting five islands, each gifted with its own distinct customs, creative arts and cuisines. In Osaka, board Le Jacques-Cartier, an elegant small explorer ship with high-tech comforts, then set sail to learn the art of bonsai in Takamatsu, explore the geisha houses of Kanazawa and attend a mesmerizing private performance of traditional Kodo taiko drumming in Sado-ga-Shima.



**14 DAYS | LIMITED TO 148 GUESTS**

From \$25,695 per person

\$12,855 single supplement



## HIGHLIGHTS

Kick things off with a stay in one of Osaka's most luxurious hotels

Cruise Japan's diverse islands and ports for 12 days aboard an exclusive charter of Le Jacques-Cartier

Choose from a menu of included shore excursions spanning interests such as art, architecture, horticulture and cuisine

Reflect on Hiroshima's World War II legacy at the city's Atomic Bomb Dome and Peace Park

Kodo taiko drummers and geishas bring culture alive with private performances

In South Korea, explore the ancient dynastic capital Gyeongju or Busan's bustling seaside

Encounter a unique fusion of horticulture and sculpture at the Adachi Museum of Art

Clockwise from left:

Photogenic Matsue Castle makes for a striking composition. Take in the tranquil beauty of Ritsurin Garden. Visit the historic geisha houses of Kanazawa's Higashi Chaya-gai district.





**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

**DAYS 1-2** Arrive in Osaka, Japan and stay at The Ritz Carlton, Osaka

**DAY 3** Board Le Jacques-Cartier in Osaka

**DAY 4** Takamatsu

**DAY 5** Miyajima and Hiroshima

**DAY 6** Kitakyushu

**DAY 7** Busan, South Korea

**DAY 8** Karatsu, Japan

**DAY 9** Matsue

**DAY 10** Kanazawa

**DAY 11** Sado-ga-Shima

**DAY 12** At sea

**DAY 13** Otaru

**DAY 14** Disembark Le Jacques-Cartier in Otaru and depart from Sapporo

**DAYS 1-2**

**ARRIVE OSAKA, JAPAN**  
**NEON LIGHTS AND DELICIOUS BITES**

Crowned by an awe-inspiring castle, Japan's third largest city is arguably its coolest. The food is sensational, whether you're grabbing a bite at a Michelin-starred kappo counter or exploring Dotombori, a neon-lit strip dominated by street-food hawkers. Meals: D (day 1); B L (day 2)

The Ritz-Carlton, Osaka (2 days)

**DAY 3**

**OSAKA**  
**WELCOME ABOARD**

After exploring more of Osaka or nearby Kobe, board your small explorer ship. Meals: B L D

Le Jacques-Cartier (12 days)

**DAY 4**

**TAKAMATSU**  
**BONSAIS AND SAKURA TREES**

Wake up in the port town of Takamatsu, the gateway to Shikoku island, where visitors can wander through Ritsurin Garden, an intricately landscaped park known for its meticulously designed ponds and springtime cherry

blossoms. Shodoshima, the heart of Japan's olive-growing industry, is a short boat ride away and has excellent walking trails among the groves. You can also visit Kinashi Bonsai Village, where you will talk to longstanding masters of the ancient art of bonsai care. Meals: B L D

**DAY 5**

**MIYAJIMA AND HIROSHIMA**  
**SHRINES AND SOLEMN MEMORIALS**

Miyajima is home to the iconic Itsukushima Shrine, with a pier-like structure that appears to float over Matsushima Bay. After visiting the shrine, linger in Miyajima to explore Mount Mizen or continue on to Hiroshima. Few people leave this intriguing city without a better understanding of the impact of the atomic bomb, dropped here in 1945 — be it through the moving Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum or during a moment's pause in the stirring Peace Memorial Garden. Meals: B L D

**DAY 6**

**KITAKYUSHU**  
**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAMURAI**

Today, explore the sights of Kitakyushu, a port city renowned for its samurai history and classic gardens. Experience a microcosm of Kitakyushu at Kokura Castle. In the shadow



of the castle's imposing white tower, a small, tranquil garden leads to a mansion where samurai once trained. Alternatively, venture into Japan's largest limestone caves at Akiyoshidai Quasi-National Park. Meals: B L D

DAY 7  
**BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA**  
 EXPLORING DISTANT SHORES

Disembark in South Korea's second city, Busan, home to seaside temples, jade-green mountains and color-splashed cafés. Delve deeper into Busan or continue on to Gyeongju, the former capital of the ancient Silla kingdom. Here, palaces stand over quiet lily ponds and royal tombs that harbor gilded treasures. Return to the ship for a rousing traditional musical performance at the pier. Meals: B L D

DAY 8  
**KARATSU, JAPAN**  
 STUNNING SEASIDE CASTLE

Karatsu Castle is a dazzling 17th-century keep rearing above Karatsu Bay in blinding white with elegant black trim. Explore the castle's manicured grounds or venture to nearby Imari. This is the birthplace of Imari ware, expertly handcrafted porcelain showcased in museums, galleries and pottery shops — the

perfect spot in which to pick up an ornately enameled tea set. Meals: B L D

DAY 9  
**MATSUE**  
 CITY OF WATER

Bucolic Matsue is a patchwork of gleaming waterways and emerald swatches of peaceful countryside. The Adachi Museum of Art is the big draw, comprising six sprawling gardens and around 1,500 exhibits of rare Japanese artworks. A visit to Yakuma-mura village is brilliant for learning about the noble art of Japanese papermaking from a veritable master. Meals: B L D

DAY 10  
**KANAZAWA**  
 TRADITION AND MODERNITY MEET

History comes alive among the twisted acer branches of Kanazawa, a glorious coastal city far from the bustling tourist trails. Here, explore Kenrokuen Garden, a 17th-century oasis with tranquil paths, graceful arched bridges and serene waterways. At Omicho Market, experience the city's bustling hub for local seafood and fresh produce. Then, visit the historic geisha houses of the Higashi Chaya-gai district. Alternatively, hike Kakusenkei Gorge

and soak in a soothing onsen (hot spring), cook with a local chef, or explore the Shogawa River valley. This evening, attend an exclusive geisha performance. Meals: B L D

DAY 11  
**SADO-GA-SHIMA**  
 RICH HISTORY AND SERENE NATURE

Today, Le Jacques-Cartier docks at Sado Island, framed by crystal-clear waters and pristine countryside. Take in an exclusive performance by Kodo taiko drummers, followed by a trip to the Hakusanmaru Exhibition Hall and the Ogi Folk Museum, home to a fascinating collection of more than 30,000 objects from the Showa period. Meals: B L D

DAY 12  
**AT SEA**  
 RELAX AND UNWIND ONBOARD

Cruise toward Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, making the most of Le Jacques-Cartier's onboard facilities and the Expedition Team's enriching lectures. Meals: B L D

DAY 13  
**OTARU**  
 TRADITIONAL TIPPLE WITH A VIEW

Otaru — known for its sinuous canals, old distilleries, historical architecture and views of Mount Tengu — has grown from a small but prosperous fishing village into the jewel of Hokkaido. It's a great spot for drink enthusiasts, with visits to sake distilleries on offer. Alternatively, explore nearby Sapporo's parks, landmarks and market. Meals: B L D

DAY 14  
**DEPART SAPPORO**  
 THE VOYAGE ENDS

Disembark Le Jacques-Cartier in Otaru and transfer to the airport in Sapporo for your homebound flight. Meals: B





**DATES AND PRICING**

Mar 17-30 2026; Mar 30-Apr 12, 2026\*  
 14 Days | Limited to 148 Guests  
 From \$25,695 per person  
 \$12,855 single supplement

\*Mar 30-Apr 12 routing runs in reverse

This journey contains active elements, including walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes. Minimum age is 7 years.

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- 12 days on Le Jacques-Cartier, full board/all-inclusive
- A stay at The Ritz-Carlton, Osaka
- Your choice of shore excursions

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Clockwise from far left:  
 On Sado Island, take in an exclusive Kodo taiko drummer performance. Visit Miyajima's iconic Itsukushima Shrine. Stroll the manicured gardens of The Adachi Museum of Art. Explore the tranquil Shogawa River valley.

**GO FURTHER**

**KYOTO EXTENSION**

Discover timeless Kyoto, visiting its temples and gardens, exploring its buzzy districts and witnessing its traditions.  
 4 days \$5,095 per person

**TOKYO EXTENSION**

Explore Tokyo's museums, experience hands-on artmaking and sample distinctive cuisines at local markets.  
 4 days \$6,895 per person

**READY TO BOOK?**

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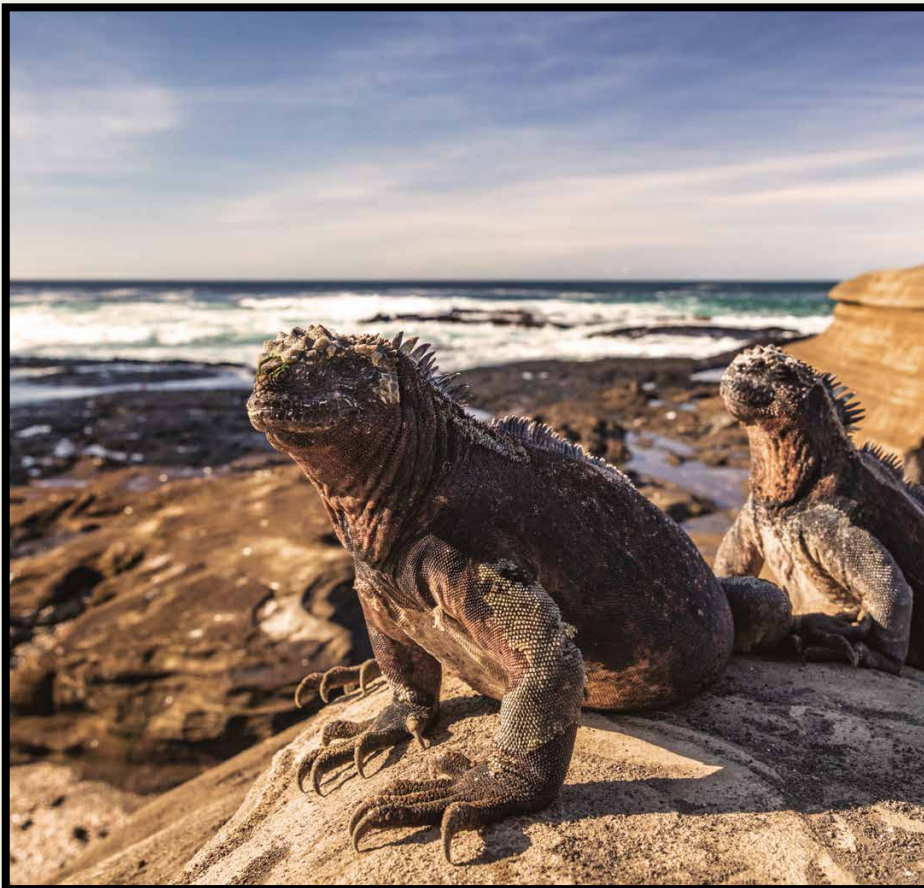
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# ULTIMATE GALAPAGOS: NORTHERN AND WESTERN ROUTE

Get ready for an adventure beyond Darwin's wildest dreams. Cruising the islands' northern and western routes, our exclusive Ecoventura adventure yachts offer attentive Relais & Châteaux hospitality and the most intimate guest-to-staff ratio in the region. Our acclaimed Expedition Team leads snorkeling, kayaking, Zodiac and shore excursions — revealing giant tortoises, marine iguanas, blue-footed boobies, penguins and more.



**9 DAYS | LIMITED TO 20 GUESTS**

From \$13,495 per person  
\$11,995 single supplement



## HIGHLIGHTS

Cruise the Galápagos Islands' northern and western route for eight days aboard one of our Ecoventura adventure yachts, the most exclusive charter vessels in the islands

The expert services of three A&K Expedition Team members and a ship's staff of 10 are shared by just 20 guests

Savor exceptional Relais & Châteaux dining and hospitality onboard, an A&K exclusive in the Galápagos Islands

Encounter the islands' incredible wildlife, keeping watch for giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, and marine iguanas, as well as sea lions, bottlenose dolphins, hammerhead sharks and more

Broaden your horizons with the Expedition Team's onboard enrichment program of nature lectures, stargazing sessions and more

Clockwise from left:  
Keep watch for marine iguanas on Isabela Island. Explore the lava cliffs of León Dormido. Sally Lightfoot crabs are a common sight across these incredible islands.





## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- DAY 1** Arrive Guayaquil, Ecuador
- DAY 2** Fly to San Cristóbal Island and board your Ecoventura adventure yacht
- DAY 3** Genovesa Island
- DAY 4** Santa Cruz Island
- DAY 5** Isabela Island
- DAY 6** Fernandina Island
- DAY 7** Santiago and Rábida Islands
- DAY 8** Santa Cruz Island
- DAY 9** Disembark your Ecoventura adventure yacht on San Cristóbal Island and fly to Guayaquil or Quito for your departure

### DAY 1 ARRIVE GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR COSMOPOLITAN PORT CITY

Youthful, vibrant Guayaquil is Ecuador's largest city, drunk on Pacific breezes and crouching on the west bank of the mighty Guayas River. The candy-colored houses bounding down its hills are filled with interesting galleries and community initiatives, but the beating heart of the city is the picturesque Malecón 2000, which essentially operates as a waterfront town square. This breezy boulevard is where you'll find sleek restaurants serving coconut-rich encocado (fish stew) and university students milling around on the water's edge.

Hotel del Parque

### DAY 2 SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF DARWIN

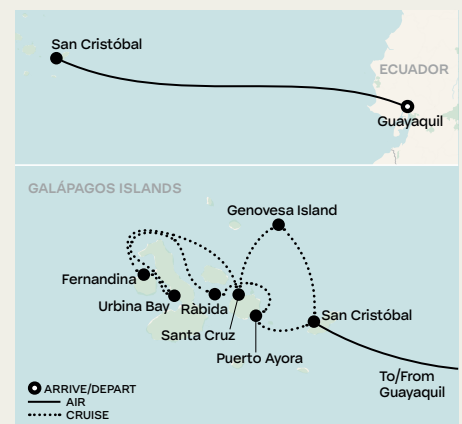
Catch your charter flight to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the capital of the Galápagos Islands and San Cristóbal's main port. Although merely a few hundreds of miles from the mainland, the Galápagos Islands may feel even further away in reality; modern life has largely skirted this group of volcanic, windswept pearls, still every bit as wild and wondrous as when Charles Darwin set foot here in the 1830s. The wildlife

he observed so carefully is still the main draw of any adventure here. Colorful Sally Lightfoot crabs and lumbering iguanas, curious boobies and a score of famous finches: many of them are found nowhere else, highly adapted to life on these lonely, elemental islands. Hop aboard a Zodiac for the brisk ride to your luxurious adventure yacht anchored in the bay. Then, sail to León Dormido (Kicker Rock), a remnant of a tuff cone formation rising some 500 feet from the ocean. Blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies and frigatebirds are a common sight along these cliffs. Meals: B L D

Ecoventura Origin, Theory or Evolve (8 days)

### DAY 3 GENOVESA ISLAND BIRDWATCHING PRINCE PHILIP'S STEPS

Arrive in Darwin Bay, a coral sand beach where lava gulls gather by tide pools. Wade out to swim or snorkel these warmer northern-route waters frequented by playful sea lions. Then, visit one of the islands' premier birdwatching destinations, Prince Philip's Steps. Explore the cliffs by kayak, stand-up paddleboard or on a deep-water snorkeling excursion from the Zodiac. Meals: B L D



DAY 4

**SANTA CRUZ ISLAND  
BLACK TURTLE COVE AND  
DRAGON HILL**

Embark on a Zodiac excursion into the mangroves of Black Turtle Cove to encounter sea turtles, spotted eagle rays and other incredible species. Step ashore at Cerro Dragón (Dragon Hill) and climb its slopes to take in magnificent views of the bay.  
Meals: B L D

DAY 5

**ISABELA ISLAND  
PUNTA ESPINOZA AND URBINA BAY**

Keep watch for sea lion colonies and other diverse species off Fernandina Island's Punta Espinoza. Here, the resident bulls carefully guard their harems and keep lookout for sharks that threaten the colony's pups. Glimpse some of the hundreds of marine iguanas that share this rocky domain, the largest colony in the Galápagos, as they warm themselves along the rugged shoreline. Then, sail through the Bolivar Channel to watch for whales and dolphins. Disembark at Isabela Island's Urbina Bay, home to four miles of dry seabed exposed by a volcanic eruption. After a wet landing on the beach, explore the remnants of coral skeletons, some of them waist-high. Keep

watch for the Galápagos land iguana, marine iguana, giant tortoise, and other distinctive species that call this island home.  
Meals: B L D

DAY 6

**FERNANDINA ISLAND  
ELIZABETH BAY AND TAGUS COVE**

Cruise the mangroves of Elizabeth Bay by Zodiac in search of penguins, spotted eagle rays, sea lions and sea turtles. Next, land at Isabela Island's Tagus Cove, a former anchorage of pirates and whalers. Explore by Zodiac or kayak in search of Galápagos penguins, boobies, pelicans and other seabirds. As night falls, go topside to take in the sparkling night sky as you cross the Equator for the final time on your Galápagos voyage. Meals: B L D

DAY 7

**SANTIAGO AND RABIDA ISLANDS  
RED SANDS AND SALTWATER  
LAGOONS**

Stroll the shoreline of Santiago Island's Puerto Egas to observe octopus, starfish and other inhabitants of the tide pools. Keep an eye out for herons, oystercatchers, and marine iguanas feeding on algae. Then, snorkel from the beach before returning to

the ship. Next, the dark red sands of Rábida Island welcome you ashore. Considered the geographic center of the Galápagos, Rábida's volcanic rocks are the most diverse in the archipelago. Hike a trail beside the shore, keeping watch for marine iguanas, mockingbirds, yellow warblers and several species of Darwin's finch. Continue to a saltwater lagoon where migrating greater flamingos tend to flock. Then, snorkel waters frequented by inquisitive sea lions. Meals: B L D

DAY 8

**SANTA CRUZ ISLAND  
INTO THE HIGHLANDS**

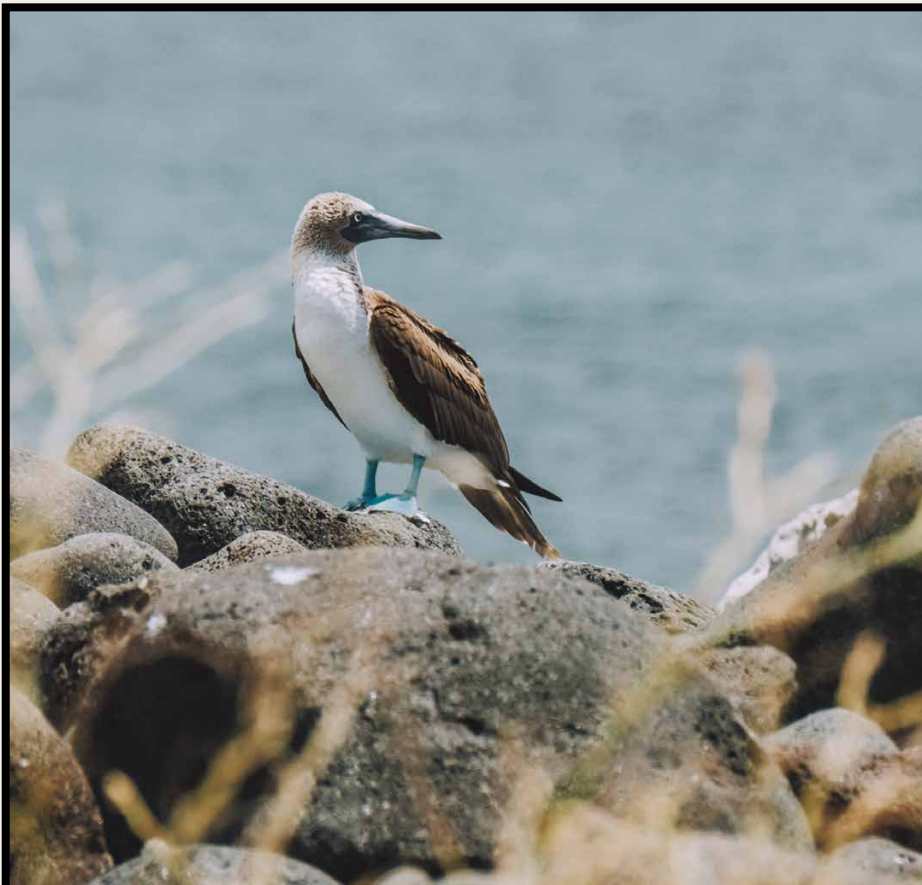
Awake in Santa Cruz's lively harbor of Academy Bay. Go ashore to encounter giant tortoises at a private farm in the highlands. Next, head to Ayora Point and ascend through the seven vegetation zones of the Galápagos to learn about ongoing conservation efforts at the Charles Darwin Research Station and visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center, a vital resource harboring various species of giant tortoise. Back on board, set out to see "the tunnels" — the largest lava tubes found in the Galápagos. Cap things off with a lavish farewell dinner. Meals: B L D

DAY 9

**DEPART GUAYAQUIL OR QUITO  
ONE LAST GLIMPSE**

Bid your Captain and crew farewell as you disembark your yacht for a final time on San Cristóbal. Visit the local Interpretation Center to learn more about the island's anthropology and natural history. Afterward, take some free time to walk a nearby trail or snap some last-minute photos. Later today, catch your charter flight to Guayaquil or Quito to connect with your homeward departure.  
Meals: B

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**DATES AND PRICING**

Jan 31-Feb 8; Feb 28-Mar 8;  
Apr 25-May 3; Jun 6-14; Jul 18-26  
Aug 29-Sep 6; Sep 12-20;  
Sep 26-Oct 4; Oct 3-11\*; Oct 10-18;  
Oct 24-Nov 1; Oct 31-Nov 8, 2026\*  
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**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- 8 days on Ecoventura Origin, Theory or Evolve, full board/all-inclusive
- A stay at the Hotel del Parque
- Zodiac and shore excursions

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Encounter endemic species such as blue-footed boobies. Swim or snorkel with playful sea lions. Cruise in style and comfort aboard one of our exclusive adventure yachts. Our acclaimed Expedition Team enlightens guests of all ages.

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# CRUISING FRENCH POLYNESIA: TAHITI AND BEYOND

The names Tahiti and Bora Bora conjure images of tropical beaches and endless coral reefs, yet there is so much more to French Polynesia than water sports and idyllic beachfront resorts. No other expedition takes you deeper into the diverse cultures of this intriguing island nation, cruising to the far-flung edges of the Tuamotu, Marquesas and Society Islands to reveal local traditions, artisanal villages, uninhabited atolls and archeological finds seldom experienced by outsiders.

**16 DAYS | LIMITED TO 148 GUESTS**

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

Voyage the remote reaches of the Tuamotus, Marquesas and Society Island groups aboard an exclusive charter of Le Jacques-Cartier, choosing from a host of excursion options along the way

Snorkel with blacktip reef sharks, stingrays and other marine life

Venture off the beaten path in the pearl farms, uninhabited atolls and remote island communities of the Tuamotus

In the Marquesas, uncover mysterious archeological relics and explore French modernist Paul Gauguin's ties with the islands

In the Society Islands of Bora Bora and Raiatea, choose your own adventure on land or sea

Feel the warmth of the islands' renowned hospitality with traditional Polynesian welcome ceremonies

Clockwise from left:

Swim amid an island paradise unlike any other. Take in soaring landscapes with excursions to seldom-visited shores. Explore Indigenous island cultures with the Expedition Team at your side.





**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

**DAY 1** Arrive in Tahiti, Society Islands, French Polynesia and stay at the InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa

**DAY 2** Board Le Jacques-Cartier in Tahiti, Society Islands

**DAYS 3-4** Tuamotu Islands of Fakarava and Tahanea

**DAY 5** At sea

**DAYS 6-9** Marquesas Islands of Fatu Hiva, Nuku Hiva, Hiva Oa and Ua Pou

**DAY 10** At sea

**DAYS 11-13** Tuamotu Islands of Manihi, Rangiroa and Mataiva

**DAYS 14-15** Society Islands of Bora Bora and Raiatea

**DAY 16** Disembark Le Jacques-Cartier in Tahiti, Society Islands

**DAY 1**  
**ARRIVE TAHITI, SOCIETY ISLANDS, FRENCH POLYNESIA**  
**CASTING OFF FOR ADVENTURE**

A bustling hub of French Polynesia’s Society Islands, Tahiti towers over the ocean, with waterfall-laden mountains, black sand beaches, blue lagoons and a distinctly modern buzz. The energetic capital of Pape’ete serves as your port of embarkation, as well as a melting pot for the diverse cultures of the surrounding archipelagos. Meals: D

InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa

**DAY 2**  
**TAHITI, SOCIETY ISLANDS**  
**CASTING OFF FOR ADVENTURE**

After a relaxing morning at your resort, board Le Jacques-Cartier and begin your exploration of French Polynesia. Meals: B L D

Le Jacques-Cartier (15 days)

**DAY 3**  
**FAKARAVA, TUAMOTU ISLANDS**  
**DIVING INTO ISLAND LIFE**

Located northeast of Tahiti, the 76 atolls of the extensive Tuamotuan chain span some

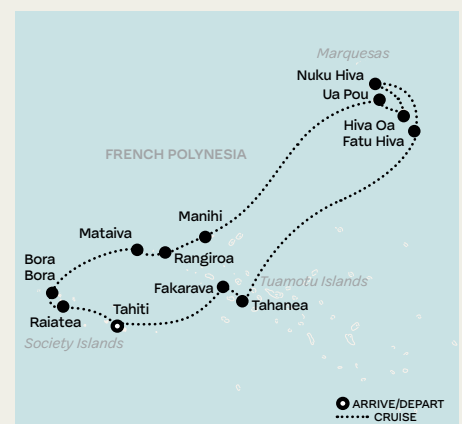
1.2 million square miles of the sparkling Pacific. Fakarava is the second largest of the Tuamotu Islands and home to the small village of Rotoava. Go ashore to meet the local craftspeople who keep Fakarava’s artisanal traditions alive. Alternatively, hop on an e-bike to explore the island’s lighthouse, a smaller oceanfront village and a historic church. Afterward, relax on a private beach of soft pink sand. Meals: B L D

**DAY 4**  
**TAHANEA, TUAMOTU ISLANDS**  
**UNINHABITED ATOLL**

Come ashore on Tahanea, an uninhabited atoll familiar only to a handful of local fishermen and the endemic sandpipers and warblers that call its lagoon their home. Explore, walk the beach or snorkel amid the stunning beauty of this true island paradise. Meals: B L D

**DAY 5**  
**AT SEA**  
**CRUISING TO THE MARQUESAS**

Cruise toward the Marquesan Island of Fatu Hiva, making the most of Le Jacques-Cartier’s onboard facilities while preparing for tomorrow’s excursion with presentations from the Expedition Team. Meals: B L D



## DAY 6

**FATU HIVA, MARQUESAS**  
NATURE'S SACRED BALANCE

Stretching further northeast from the Tuamotu Islands, the volcanic Marquesas are among the most remote islands in the world. Locals believe this island realm's mountains, waterfalls and mysterious archeological sites are all bound by mana, a sacred force that keeps nature in balance. Make landfall on Fatu Hiva, the most isolated of the inhabited Marquesas. Here, hike to the achingly beautiful Bay of the Virgins, trek to a secluded waterfall or take a scenic drive. Then, swim from one of the island's idyllic beaches. Meals: B L D

## DAY 7

**NUKU HIVA, MARQUESAS**  
MELVILLE'S MUSE

Come ashore on the largest of the Marquesas, Nuku Hiva. Though vast in size, the island remains largely untouched by tourism, making its rich local culture and mysterious archeological treasures all the more appealing. On a scenic drive, a guide reveals how Herman Melville's adventures on Nuku Hiva inspired his novel *Typee*. Alternatively, hike an island trail or set out in search of tiki, petroglyphs, paepae stone platforms and other archeological relics. Meals: B L D

## DAY 8

**HIVA OA, MARQUESAS**  
GAUGUIN'S LEGACY

Known as the garden of the Marquesas, Hiva Oa is marked by its emerald countryside, craggy mountains and deep valleys. Explore the island's enduring connection with Paul Gauguin at the artist's former home and final resting place. Alternatively, explore the tiki of the Upeke archeological site. Meals: B L D

## DAY 9

**UA POU, MARQUESAS**  
ANCIENT WARRIORS OF LEGEND

The tranquil island of Ua Pou stands guarded by Poutetaunui and Poumaka, two towering basalt pillars said to represent ancient warriors. Pass under their gaze and head ashore to hike a trail to the peak of Poumaka, or hunt for the island's distinctive flower stones. Meals: B L D

## DAY 10

**AT SEA**  
CRUISING BACK TO THE TUAMOTUS

Today, the Expedition Team continues its enriching lecture series as Le Jacques-Cartier begins the return leg back toward the Tuamotuan Islands. Meals: B L D

## DAY 11

**MANIHI, TUAMOTU ISLANDS**  
UNSPOILED MARINE PARADISE

The pristine beaches, ocean breezes, crystal clear lagoon and abundant marine life of Manihi soothe the soul like few places on Earth. Come ashore to swim, beachcomb or just soak it all in. Meals: B L D

## DAY 12

**RANGIROA, TUAMOTU ISLANDS**  
BOUNTY OF THE REEF

Translated roughly as "the big sky," Rangiroa spans more than 400 islets that encircle a massive lagoon teeming with marine life. Delve into Rangiroa's aquatic wonders with a visit to a black pearl farm or a glass-bottom boat ride amid the reef's Napoleon fish. Meals: B L D

## DAY 13

**MATAIVA, TUAMOTU ISLANDS**  
LEOPARD PRINT LAGOON

Mataiva is distinguished by its unique lagoon spotted with small, deep pools. Here, swim in the lagoon, snorkel the reefs or explore the rock formations and beaches. Meals: B L D

## DAY 14

**BORA BORA, SOCIETY ISLANDS**  
PEARL OF THE PACIFIC

The leading lady of the South Pacific, Bora Bora is synonymous with romance, tropical beaches and warm hospitality. Go beyond the tourist's Bora Bora with everything from 4x4 explorations of the mountains and World War II sites to snorkeling and glass-bottom boat excursions offshore. Meals: B L D

## DAY 15

**RAIATEA, SOCIETY ISLANDS**  
WAYFINDERS' HOMELAND

Known as Hawaiki, or "the homeland," Raiatea was once regarded as the cultural and religious center of the Society Islands. Legend holds that skilled wayfinders navigated double-hulled sailing canoes from these shores outward to the distant reaches of Hawaii, New Zealand and beyond. Retrace this legendary legacy as you kayak offshore, snorkel the reefs from a catamaran or explore an archeological site on land. Meals: B L D

## DAY 16

**DEPART TAHITI**  
THE VOYAGE ENDS

Disembark Le Jacques-Cartier and transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. Meals: B





## DATES AND PRICING

Sep 19-Oct 4, 2026  
16 Days | Limited to 148 Guests  
From \$21,995 per person  
\$10,995 single supplement

This journey contains active elements, including Zodiac boat excursions, walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes. Minimum age is 7 years.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 15 days on Le Jacques-Cartier, full board/all-inclusive
- A stay at the InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa
- Zodiac and shore excursions

For a full list of inclusions provided as standard on all A&K Expedition Cruises, see page 7.



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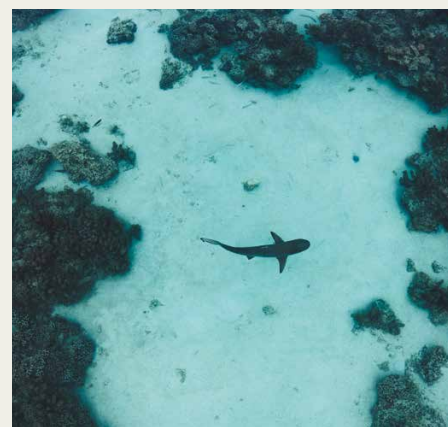
Encounter incredible marine life with snorkeling excursions and glass-bottom boat rides. Hike winding trails with spectacular vistas around every corner. Spot blacktip reef sharks from your Zodiac. Search for tiki and other archaeological relics. Choose your own adventure on the island paradise of Bora Bora.

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## AMENITIES

Darwin Deck: Lounge, Dining Room and Bar

Sun Deck: Bar and Jacuzzi

Beagle Deck: Library, Boutique and Marina

Lower Deck: Gym

Two Zodiac Expedition Tenders

One Glass-Bottom Zodiac

Snorkeling Equipment and Wetsuits

Five Tandem Kayaks

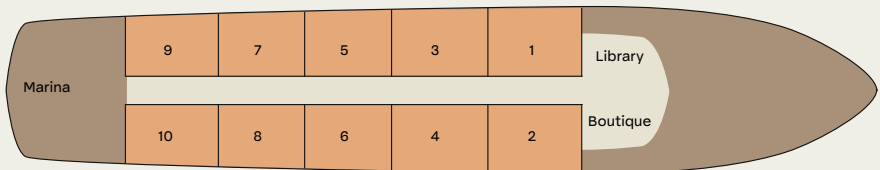
Two Stand-Up Paddleboards



SUN DECK



DARWIN DECK



BEAGLE DECK

Gym located on lower deck

■ Classic Stateroom

## SHIP DETAILS

Launched: 2016-2023

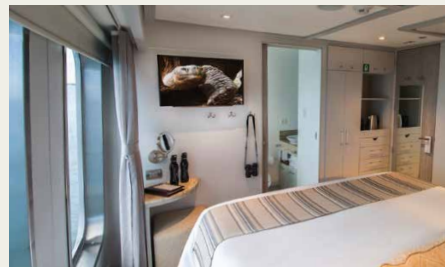
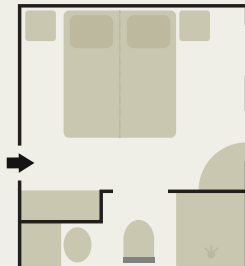
Overall length: 142 feet (43 meters)

Technology: Advanced navigation, balance control tanks and hull appendix fixed stabilizers

Flag: Ecuadorian



All staterooms feature chic interiors, TV, Nespresso machine, binoculars, plush robes and slippers, and luxury bath products.



Classic Stateroom  
Cabin: 145 sq. ft. (13 sq. m.)



# EXPEDITION CRUISER

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### AMENITIES

Restaurant and Grill Featuring Indoor/  
Outdoor Seating

Panoramic Terrace/Bar and Club Lounge/  
Bar with live music

Sun Deck, Open-Air Bar and Observation Areas

Heated Outdoor Pool

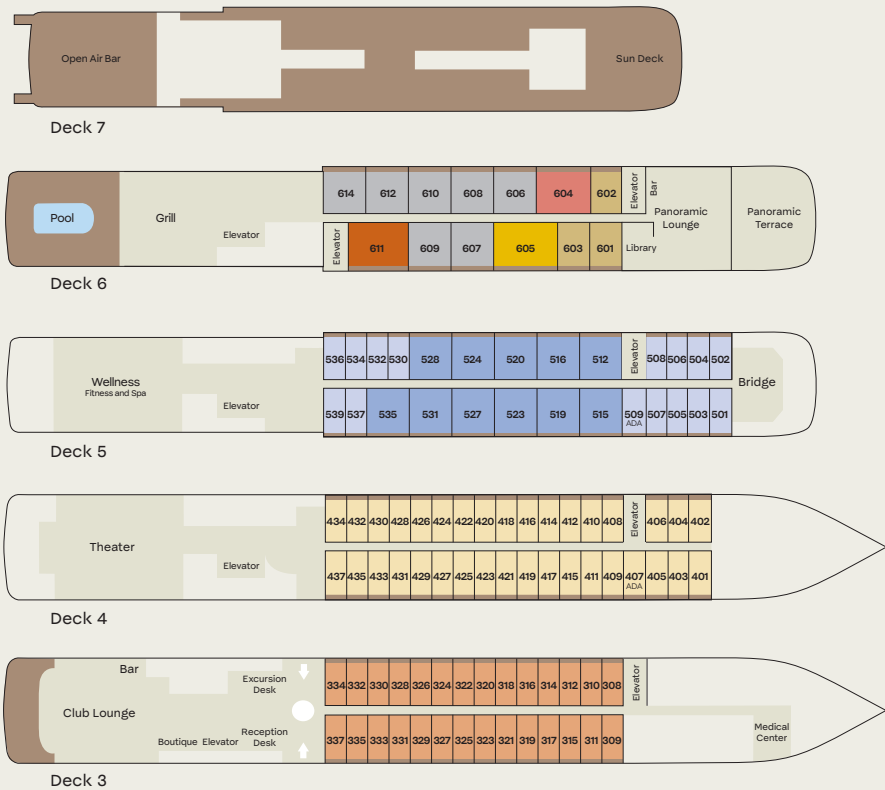
Full-Service Spa With Massage Rooms,  
Sauna and Steam Room

Panoramic Fitness Center With Kinesis® Wall

Theater, Library and Boutique

Three Elevators

24-Hour Medical Center With Certified  
Doctor and Nurse



Restaurant located on Deck 2

- Category 1** Classic Stateroom
- Category 2** Deluxe Stateroom
- Category 3** Premier Stateroom
- Category 4** Prestige Suite
- Category 5** Premier Two-Room Suite
- Category 6** Privilege Two-Room Suite
- Category 7** Grand Deluxe Two-Room Suite
- Category 8** Grand Privilege Three-Room Suite
- Category 9** Owner's Suite

### SHIP DETAILS

Launched: 2015  
Overall length: 466 feet (142 meters)  
Ice class: 1C  
Technology: Advanced navigation and stabilization  
Flag: French

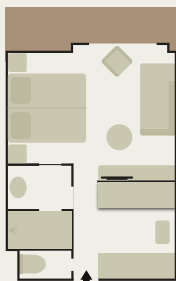


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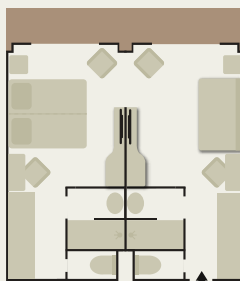


**Categories 1-3 | Staterooms**  
Cabin: 195 sq. ft. (18 sq. m.) | Balcony: 43 sq. ft. (4 sq. m.)

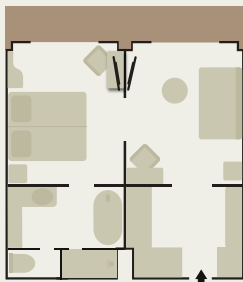
Every suite includes butler service, welcome Champagne, nightly canapés and packing/unpacking on request.



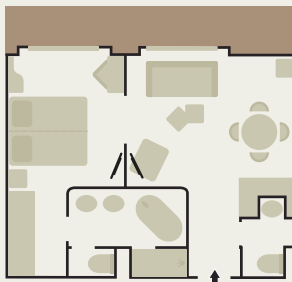
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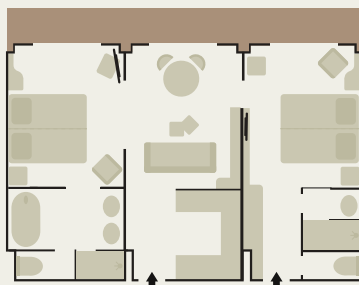
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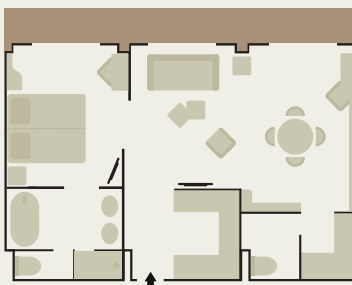
**Category 6 | Privilege Two-Room Suite**  
Cabin: 390 sq. ft. (36 sq. m.) | Balcony: 86 sq. ft. (8 sq. m.)



**Category 7 | Grand Deluxe Two-Room Suite**  
Cabin: 484 sq. ft. (45 sq. m.) | Balcony: 108 sq. ft. (10 sq. m.)



**Category 8 | Grand Privilege Three-Room Suite**  
Cabin: 581 sq. ft. (54 sq. m.) | Balcony: 129 sq. ft. (12 sq. m.)



**Category 9 | Owner's Suite**  
Cabin: 581 sq. ft. (54 sq. m.) | Balcony: 129 sq. ft. (12 sq. m.)

# SMALL EXPLORER SHIPS

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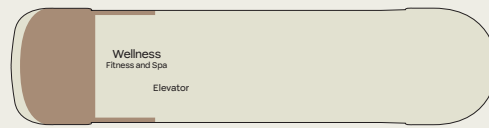
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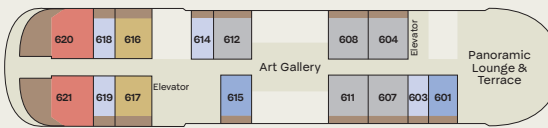
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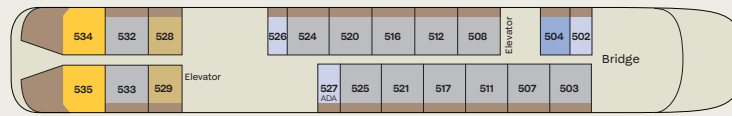
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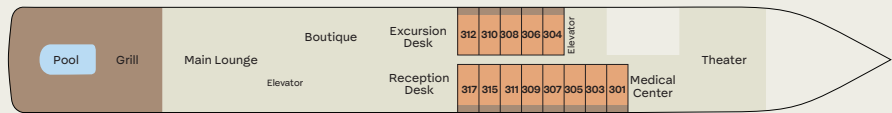
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Deck 4



Deck 3

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## SHIP DETAILS

Launched: 2018–2019  
Overall length: 430 feet (131 meters)  
Technology: Advanced navigation and  
stabilization  
Flag: French

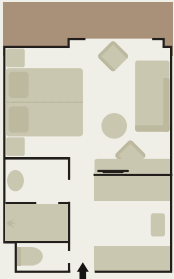


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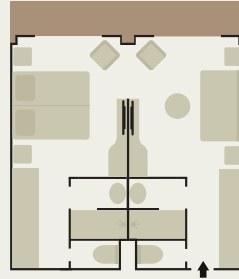


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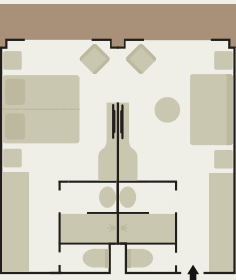
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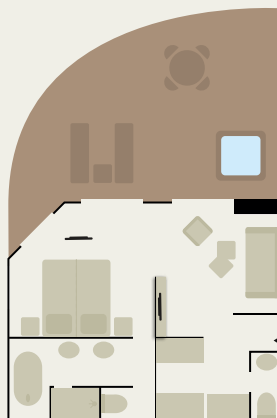
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**Category 6 | Prestige Two-Room Suite**  
Cabin: 409 sq. ft. (38 sq. m.) | Balcony: 86 sq. ft. (8 sq. m.)



**Category 7**  
**Grand Deluxe Suite**  
Cabin: 484 sq. ft. (45 sq. m.)  
Balcony: 322 sq. ft. (30 sq. m.)



**Category 8**  
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Cabin: 484 sq. ft. (45 sq. m.)  
Balcony: 430 sq. ft. (40 sq. m.)



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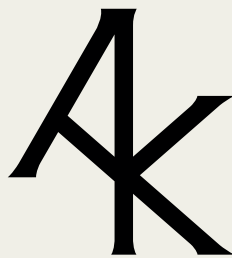
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