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Egypt & Jordan

Come for the ancient wonders. Stay for the culture. A cruising experience that truly feels like an adventure.

Inside APT's Mekong Serenity

APT Luxury Travel's most spacious five-star river ship sailing the waterways of Vietnam and Cambodia.





Welcome to cruising with PHT.

Dear Fellow Cruise Enthusiast,

A warm welcome to our Spring edition, with more wonderful news to share.

After being named as Australia's Most Outstanding Travel Agency in 2025 – our 13th win in the award's 20-plus-year history – Phil Hoffmann Travel has once again been selected as a finalist for 2026. This recognition is a tremendous honour and reflects our team's experience, dedication and genuine commitment to creating exceptional holidays and looking after every client, every step of the way.

Since our last edition, many of our consultants have been cruising some of the world's most captivating destinations, returning with fresh insights and inspiration to share. Their journeys have taken them to Japan, the waterways of Europe and the Mekong, the stunning waters of New Zealand and the pristine wilderness of Alaska.

On a personal note, I was fortunate to experience the inaugural cruise of Royal Caribbean's Legend of the Seas. As the largest cruise ship ever built, it is an extraordinary showcase of modern cruising, from the breathtaking AquaDome and world-class ice performances to the immersive Royal Railway dining experience. With innovative entertainment, exceptional dining and something for all ages, it is a destination in itself and an exciting option for multi-generational holidays or those seeking world-class entertainment and fun at sea. I also recently returned from one of my favourite destinations, Croatia, exploring its spectacular coastline aboard APT's intimate Lady Eleganza. Two very different styles of cruising, yet each memorable in its own way.

Looking ahead to 2027, we continue to see growing demand for cruising Europe during the shoulder seasons, when fewer crowds and a more relaxed pace can make exploring ashore even more rewarding. Canada and Alaska, Japan, Vietnam and the Mekong are also proving popular, while closer to home, the Kimberley, New Zealand and South Pacific remain firm favourites. We are also seeing continued interest in luxury, small-ship and expedition cruising, giving travellers even more unique ways to experience remarkable destinations.

Now is a wonderful time to start planning your 2027 holiday, either with our team in store or at one of our upcoming travel expos. You'll find specialist destination presentations, exclusive event-only offers, earlybird airfares to Europe, great prizes and the opportunity to speak directly with representatives from more than 50 touring companies, cruise lines and airlines.

I hope this edition inspires your next journey, whether you are drawn to life at sea or the relaxed discovery of the world's great rivers. Our experienced cruise specialists would be delighted to help you find the perfect voyage and bring every detail together.

Until next time, wishing you happy travels in the year ahead.

Pete Williams
Managing Director / CEO



Croatia's Adriatic, Privately Yours

By Peter Williams

I have recently returned from a very special adventure along Croatia's spectacular Adriatic coast, sharing the experience with family and friends aboard APT's Lady Eleganza.

Purpose-built in Croatia for the Adriatic, Lady Eleganza offers something quite different from traditional cruising. Her smaller size allowed us to slip into picturesque ports, linger in secluded bays and enjoy swim stops in beautifully clear water – all at a wonderfully relaxed pace.

Our adventure began with a pre-cruise stay in Zagreb, giving everyone time to arrive, settle in and enjoy Croatia's lively capital together. From here, we boarded the elegant Lady Eleganza and began our journey aboard.

From Rovinj to Dubrovnik, each day brought something new. We explored the Roman history of Pula, wandered the waterfront of Mali Lošinj and discovered Zadar's fascinating blend of ancient architecture and modern landmarks.

Cruising through the Kornati Islands was particularly memorable, with its limestone islands, hidden bays and intensely blue water. Further south came Šibenik and the waterfalls of Krka National Park, the dramatic landscapes of Omiš and the medieval streets of Korčula.

Food and wine were just as much a part of the journey. From tasting Dalmatian wines at Stina Winery to a private oyster experience near Mali Ston, there was a wonderful connection to the places we visited.

And then there was time simply to enjoy life aboard – breakfast on deck, afternoon swims, sunset drinks and relaxed evenings beneath the stars.

For me, that balance is what made this journey so special: authentic local experiences, beautiful destinations and the freedom of small-ship cruising.

I thoroughly recommend this Croatian Adriatic cruise with APT on Lady Eleganza and recommend you contact myself or one of our team to enquire how you may experience an extraordinary adventure such as this one.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO READ MY FULL JOURNEY THROUGH CROATIA.



INSIDE APT'S MEKONG SERENITY

Sailing through Vietnam and Cambodia

WORDS BY GRACE CULLINAN - PUBLICATIONS MANAGER – **THE APT TRAVEL GROUP**

Introducing the Mekong Serenity, APT Luxury Travel's most spacious five-star river ship sailing the waterways of Vietnam and Cambodia. The Mekong Delta's river landscapes are at the heart of daily life, offering a fascinating window into Southeast Asia's culture and traditions. Purpose-built for the region, the boutique Mekong Serenity combines contemporary design, spacious accommodation and exceptional dining with ever-changing views of this remarkable waterway.

ROOM TO INDULGE

With a maximum of just 88 guests, the Mekong Serenity offers an intimate cruising experience with plenty of room to relax. Thoughtfully designed public spaces include the Horizon Café & Poolside Bar, Serenity Spa & Wellness Centre, and the air-conditioned Harmony Lounge & Bar. Floor-to-ceiling windows flood the ship with natural light and frame panoramic river views, while the Sun Deck provides the perfect place to soak up the tropical climate and watch life unfold along the banks.

A SUITE VIEW

The ship's 44 suites deliver one of the most generous space-to-guest ratios on the Mekong. Entry-level suites begin at 28 square metres and combine contemporary style with comfort and practicality. Every suite features a private balcony, allowing you to enjoy the river scenery in complete privacy whenever you choose.

INSPIRED DINING

Dining is a highlight on board, with a menu celebrating Asian specialities, fusion cuisine and European favourites. Begin the day with a champagne breakfast before sampling the fresh flavours of the Mekong Delta, often referred to as Asia's "rice bowl". Head to the Lemongrass restaurant where, thanks to APT's expert chefs, dining plays a delicious part on board the Mekong Serenity. Flexible dining options ensure both early risers and night owls are well catered for.

ALL-INCLUSIVE LUXURY

APT's fully inclusive experience extends to a range of beverages, including international house wines, local beers, spirits and soft drinks. Enjoy a sunset drink, a carefully paired wine with dinner or a light snack by the pool, knowing it is all included.

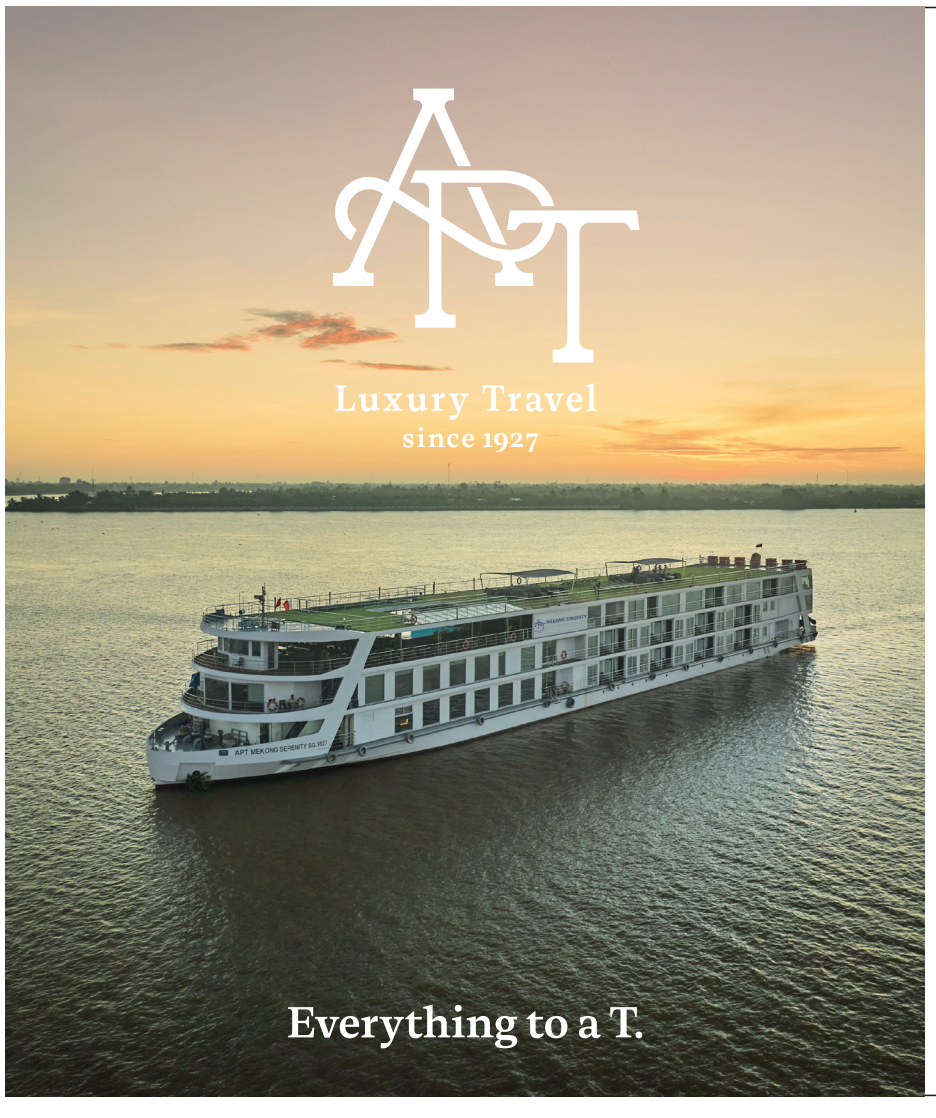
MEANINGFUL ENCOUNTERS

A Mekong cruise offers more than effortless relaxation. Discover local culture, cuisine and spirituality through market visits, cooking classes and traditional Buddhist blessings. APT's Signature Experiences and Freedom of Choice options provide the flexibility to explore each destination in a way that is both enriching and memorable.

PHIL HOFFMANN TRAVEL TIPS

Join APT's 13 Day *Vietnam and Cambodia Highlights*, with a seven-night cruise aboard the boutique luxury Mekong Serenity river ship. Glide through Vietnam and Cambodia and explore the Angkor Archaeological Park, as well as the vibrant cities of Ho Chi Minh and Phnom Penh.

Start planning your APT Vietnam & Cambodia River Cruise holiday with Phil Hoffmann Travel today!



VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA HIGHLIGHTS

HO CHI MINH CITY TO SIEM REAP

Spend seven nights aboard APT's luxury Mekong Serenity river ship as you explore the best of Vietnam and Cambodia. Discover Ho Chi Minh City's history and culture, then join your cruise, visiting charming riverside villages and Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh, on your way to Siem Reap and the majestic Angkor Wat.

DEPARTURES: JANUARY 2027 TO APRIL 2028

Incredible Experiences

- Witness the sun rising above Cambodia's Angkor Wat, and journey by speedboat to the Cu Chi tunnels in Vietnam.
- Enjoy VIP seats at Phare Circus in Siem Reap and take in an unforgettable performance that combines captivating acrobatics, theatre and storytelling.

Inclusions

- Seven-night cruise aboard APT's boutique Mekong Serenity river ship and five nights in luxury accommodation.
- Includes 32 meals, a wide range of beverages on board your Mekong River Cruise, transfers, porterage, port charges and gratuities.

13-DAY LAND TOUR AND RIVER CRUISE

From $7,695 pp,
twin share*

Save up to $3,000
per couple*



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Where the journey goes deeper

Some places are simply seen. Others stay with you long after you leave, and the most rewarding journeys are those that take you beyond the expected.

Adventure World brings together its destination expertise and carefully curated land journeys with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions' immersive small-ship exploration, creating journeys that go deeper both on land and at sea.

For nearly 50 years, Adventure World has crafted journeys for curious travellers seeking a deeper connection with the world. National Geographic and Lindblad Expeditions have partnered for more than two decades, combining National Geographic's passion for exploration and conservation with Lindblad Expeditions' more than 60 years of expedition expertise.

Travelling aboard purpose-built expedition ships, guests are accompanied by expert naturalists, historians, photographers, undersea specialists and expedition leaders who bring each destination to life through their knowledge and perspective. Small and agile, these vessels can navigate remote waterways and secluded coastlines that larger ships simply cannot reach.

The journey continues on land, where Adventure World's carefully curated itineraries create more time and space to understand the landscapes, cultures and stories that shape a destination. It is this combination of expert-led exploration at sea and meaningful discovery on land that allows travellers to experience each place more fully.

Kayak among icebergs, walk through ancient landscapes, spend time in culturally significant places and encounter wildlife in its natural environment. From the glaciers of Alaska and Canada to the wildlife-rich waters of Antarctica, the ancient wonders of Peru and the volcanic landscapes of the Galápagos, these journeys are designed to reveal more of the places you travel through and help you understand them in a deeper way.







Imagine sailing to the world's most extraordinary frontiers. From the wildlife-rich wilderness of Alaska and Canada to Norway's remote Arctic shores, every journey reveals something unforgettable. Discover hidden coves, wander through storied towns and step into landscapes shaped by nature and time. Together, *Adventure World* and *National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions* invite you to explore beyond the ordinary.

Expedition to Alaska & Bears of BC

Sitka, Alaska to Vancouver, Canada
14 days / 13 nights | **From $20,935pp***



Expedition to Svalbard

Oslo, Norway to Longyearbyen, Svalbard
13 days / 12 nights | **From $30,599pp***



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EXPEDITIONS

Four ways to go further

With Adventure World and National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions, the journey goes beyond simply seeing a destination. By combining expert-led exploration at sea with thoughtfully curated experiences on land, travellers gain a deeper understanding of the places they visit and the stories that shape them.

ALASKA & CANADA

From remote coastlines to vast mountain landscapes, Alaska and Canada reward travellers who take the time to explore both by sea and on land. Cruise through glacier-carved fjords in search of humpback whales, then explore secluded coastlines and salmon-rich waterways where bears may be encountered. Continue inland to experience national parks, Indigenous cultures and communities shaped by the surrounding wilderness.

IGUAZÚ & ANTARCTICA

Few journeys bring together such contrasting landscapes. Begin in the subtropical rainforest surrounding the immense Iguazú Falls before travelling south to Antarctica, where sculpted icebergs, vast glaciers and wildlife-rich waters create an entirely different sense of place. Explore by Zodiac, step ashore on remote landing sites and, where conditions allow, kayak among the ice for a closer perspective on this remarkable polar environment.

GALÁPAGOS & MACHU PICCHU

This journey brings together two destinations shaped by extraordinary natural and human histories. Explore the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu before travelling to the Galápagos Islands, where giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas and sea lions can be encountered in their natural habitats. Guided by expert naturalists, the experience adds greater context to the wildlife, geology and cultural stories that make both destinations so distinctive.

SVALBARD

At the edge of the Arctic, Svalbard offers a striking sense of scale and remoteness. Beneath the Midnight Sun, glaciers, fjords and tundra stretch across a landscape shaped by ice and weather. Search for polar bears, walruses and Arctic foxes, hike ashore and explore by Zodiac, with expert guidance adding depth to the wildlife, geology and history of the region.

Start your next adventure with the team at Phil Hoffmann Travel.







Expedition to Galápagos & Machu Picchu

Lima, Peru to Quito, Ecuador
18 days / 17 nights | **From $18,919pp***



Expedition to Antarctica & Iguazú

Buenos Aires to Buenos Aires, Argentina
17 days / 16 nights | **From $27,575pp***



Stunning colour, vibrant rhythms, and extraordinary natural beauty define South America, the Galápagos Islands, and Antarctica. Whether you're hiking through the heart of Iguazú National Park, kayaking among icebergs in the White Continent, or coming face to face with sea lions on the pristine white-sand of the Galápagos Islands, you'll fall under the spell of these unforgettable locations when you visit with *Adventure World* and *National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions.*

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A new way to experience the Kimberley

In 2028, Emerald Cruises will introduce Emerald Xara to the Kimberley: a new yacht cruise designed for travellers drawn to Australia's vast north-western coastline, its powerful sense of place and its enduring connection to land and sea. The Kimberley has a way of slowing the world down. Here, the horizon feels broader, the colours more vivid and the landscape shaped by time on a scale that invites you to pause, look closer and simply take it in. It is a region of striking contrasts, where immense natural forms meet quiet coves, where changing light transforms the coastline, and where every day brings a new perspective.

On board Emerald Xara, the experience will combine the freedom of yacht cruising with an unhurried connection to this remarkable part of Australia. The mood is contemporary and relaxed, allowing you to move easily between time spent taking in the views and the pleasures of life on board. Open-air spaces, inviting social areas and a calm, comfortable setting will create a natural rhythm for days shaped by discovery and evenings spent reflecting on all you have seen.

This is travel for the curious: for those who prefer meaningful moments to rushed checklists, and who value the privilege of reaching places where the scale of the environment changes how you see it. The Kimberley's stories are held in its coastlines, waterways and ancient landscapes, offering an experience that feels both deeply Australian and wonderfully removed from everyday life. Emerald Xara will bring guests closer to this sense of wilderness while retaining the considered touches that make a yacht cruise feel effortless. Time on board will be as much a part of the journey as time ashore: a chance to savour fresh flavours, enjoy the changing scenery from the deck and share the day's impressions with fellow travellers in an easy, welcoming atmosphere. Guided by Emerald's approach to relaxed luxury, this Kimberley yacht cruise will be about more than seeing a destination. It will be about feeling its presence: the stillness, the scale, the elemental beauty and the stories that continue to shape it.

For travellers considering a Kimberley journey in 2028, Emerald Xara will offer a fresh way to encounter one of Australia's most compelling regions. It is an invitation to step away from the familiar, embrace the unexpected and let the landscape set the pace.

Ask the Phil Hoffmann Travel team about Kimberley cruising.



The effortless style of Mediterranean living with Explora Journeys.

The timeless allure of the Mediterranean enchants all who explore it. Visitors are enveloped in the scent of sea air, aromatic herbs and citrus notes as they uncover a rich blend of cultural, historical and culinary treasures.

Wandering through lively cities and towns, discovering inspiring architecture set against a backdrop of azure waters, golden sands, rolling vineyards and verdant forests, guests are encouraged to simply unwind in the balmy breeze, savouring the warmth of a Mediterranean escape.

Aboard a curated collection of journeys across celebrated and lesser-travelled destinations, guests of Explora Journeys will discover its captivating coastlines like never before.

OUR MEDITERRANEAN

Our explorations of the Mediterranean, combine the beguiling glamour of the French Riviera and the Côte d'Azur with island hopping from Sardinia, Ibiza and Santorini to Captain Corelli's Kefalonia. Step in awe amidst their ancient ruins and savour the spell cast by Europe's wealth of great art and glorious architecture.

Visits ashore may range from a quiet caffè latte in a shaded piazza corner to a cocktail. Back on board, we channel the people of the Mediterranean, who have long mastered the art of living well.

The richness of Mediterranean culture is woven into every aspect of life, from the birthplace of ancient history to iconic architecture and legendary art. As our guests explore golden shores where effortless style meets a relaxed attitude, they fall in love with countries where family and food are equally cherished.

Mediterranean cuisine is more than just food – it is a way of life. Feast on plates brimming with local produce: succulent olives, creamy cheeses, flaky pastries and freshly caught seafood. Embrace bold, beautiful regional flavours, each country's unique twist seasoned with its own fragrant herbs. Healthy and wholesome, every bite embodies the Mediterranean spirit. And not just whilst ashore – a wealth of culinary riches awaits on board, with a choice of dining venues showcasing menus that reflect the regions we are visiting.

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Egypt and Jordan

A Journey Beyond the Ordinary

Some destinations are best experienced slowly. Others reveal themselves in layers, with every day offering a new story, a remarkable landscape or a glimpse into a civilisation that has shaped the world. Cruising through Egypt and Jordan offers exactly that: a journey where ancient wonders, extraordinary scenery and warm hospitality come together in one unforgettable adventure.

For travellers looking to go beyond the traditional Mediterranean itinerary, Egypt and Jordan provide a fascinating combination of history, culture and discovery. From the legendary Nile and the timeless pyramids to the rose-red city of Petra and the dramatic landscapes of Wadi Rum, this is a destination that feels wonderfully different.

FOLLOW THE NILE THROUGH HISTORY

Few rivers have captured the imagination quite like the Nile. For thousands of years, it has been the lifeblood of Egypt, creating a fertile ribbon of civilisation through an otherwise vast desert landscape.

A cruise along the Nile provides a unique way to experience the country. Rather than unpacking and repacking as you travel between ancient sites, your ship becomes your floating base, allowing the scenery to unfold around you. Watch rural villages, palm-fringed riverbanks and golden desert landscapes drift past as you sail between historic destinations.

Along the way, the treasures of ancient Egypt take centre stage. The temples of Luxor and Karnak offer an extraordinary insight into the power and beliefs of the pharaohs, while the Valley of the Kings reveals the elaborate burial traditions of Egypt's rulers.

Then there are the moments that are simply unforgettable: standing before monumental statues, walking through columns covered in hieroglyphics or watching the sun set over the Nile as the river reflects the changing colours of the sky.

THE ICONS OF CAIRO

No journey through Egypt would be complete without experiencing Cairo and its legendary pyramids.

The Great Pyramid of Giza is one of the world's most recognisable monuments, yet seeing it in person is something entirely different. Its immense scale and remarkable history are difficult to comprehend until you are standing beside it.

Beyond the pyramids, Cairo offers a fascinating contrast between ancient and modern Egypt. Bustling streets, markets and historic neighbourhoods sit alongside museums and monuments that tell stories spanning thousands of years.

It is this contrast that makes Egypt so compelling. One moment you are contemplating an ancient civilisation; the next, you are immersed in the energy and everyday life of a modern city.





ACROSS THE RED SEA TO JORDAN

From Egypt, the journey continues to another extraordinary destination: Jordan.

While Jordan may be compact in size, it is rich in experiences. Its landscapes shift dramatically from the shores of the Red Sea to rugged mountains, desert valleys and ancient cities.

For many travellers, the highlight is Petra. Often described as the "Lost City", this archaeological wonder was carved directly into the rose-coloured cliffs and once stood at the centre of important ancient trade routes.

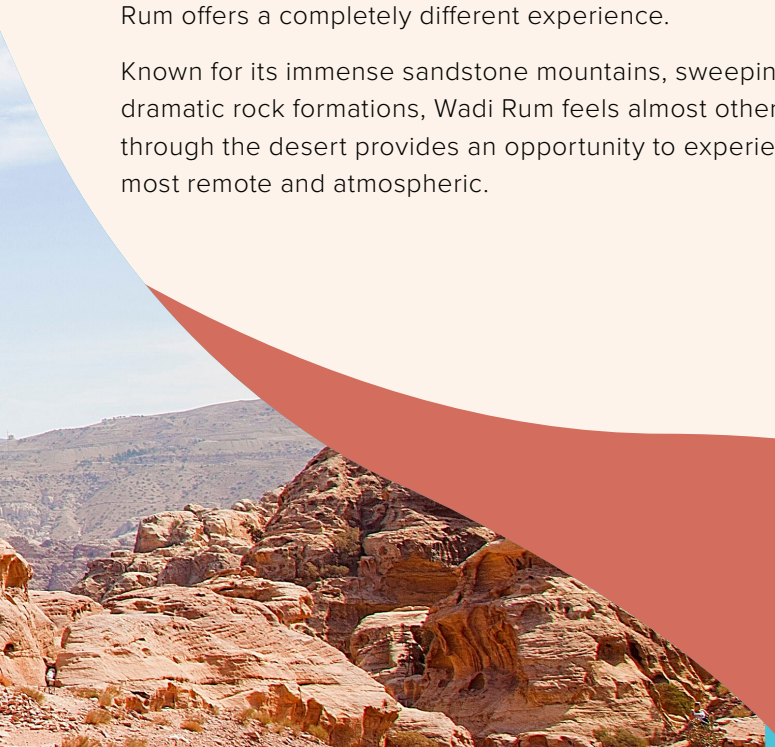
The approach to Petra is part of the experience. Walking through the narrow Siq, with towering rock walls rising on either side, builds a sense of anticipation before the Treasury suddenly comes into view. It is one of those travel moments that photographs can never quite capture.

But Petra is much more than the famous Treasury. Exploring further reveals tombs, temples, colonnaded streets and spectacular viewpoints, offering a deeper appreciation of the scale and sophistication of the ancient Nabataean city.

THE OTHERWORLDLY BEAUTY OF WADI RUM

Jordan's appeal extends well beyond its ancient cities. In the south, Wadi Rum offers a completely different experience.

Known for its immense sandstone mountains, sweeping desert plains and dramatic rock formations, Wadi Rum feels almost otherworldly. Travelling through the desert provides an opportunity to experience Jordan at its most remote and atmospheric.



As the sun begins to set, the landscape transforms into shades of gold, orange and red. Later, beneath a clear desert sky, the lack of city lights allows the stars to become part of the experience.

For cruise travellers, these are the moments that can become the most memorable: not simply ticking off famous sights, but experiencing landscapes and cultures that feel genuinely different from home.

WHY CHOOSE A JOURNEY LIKE THIS?

The real appeal of cruising through Egypt and Jordan is the variety.

Within a single journey, you can explore ancient temples, marvel at one of the world's great archaeological sites, sail along the Nile, discover vibrant cities and venture into vast desert landscapes. Each destination feels distinct, yet together they create a seamless story of civilisations, cultures and landscapes that have connected people for thousands of years.

There is also something wonderfully reassuring about experiencing such an ambitious itinerary by ship. After a day of exploring, you can return to the comfort of your vessel, enjoy a meal, watch the scenery pass by and look forward to the next chapter of the journey.

For travellers who have already explored Europe's familiar ports, Egypt and Jordan offer an opportunity to see a very different side of the world.

This is cruising with a sense of adventure. A journey where the destinations are not simply places to visit, but stories to discover.

From the timeless waters of the Nile to the magnificent pyramids of Giza, from Petra's rose-red cliffs to the vast silence of Wadi Rum, Egypt and Jordan deliver a cruising experience unlike any other.

Come for the ancient wonders. Stay for the landscapes, culture and unforgettable moments. Discover Egypt and Jordan – and experience a side of cruising that truly feels like an adventure.

Contact Phil Hoffmann Travel to find your next perfect cruise or visit pht.com.au







NORTHERN EUROPE

Effortlessly explore the best of Northern Europe with Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) on immersive 7 to 13-day voyages designed to showcase the region's most spectacular landscapes, vibrant cities and cultural treasures. With the convenience of unpacking once while discovering multiple countries and cultures, cruising offers one of the most rewarding ways to experience this remarkable region. Choose from timeless mid-sized ships that unlock access to more sought-after ports to the innovative Prima Class, and enjoy a seamless holiday where the journey is just as memorable as the destinations.

Sail into a world of rugged coastlines, storybook cities, and stunning landscapes. Discover Norway's breathtaking fjords, framed by towering mountains, cascading waterfalls and picturesque villages, or experience Iceland's remarkable natural wonders, from thundering waterfalls and volcanic landscapes to geothermal lagoons. Wander the charming cobblestone streets of medieval towns, explore world-class museums and immerse yourself in the rich history and culture that define Northern Europe.

From the colourful waterfronts of Copenhagen and the fairytale charm of Bruges to the vibrant cities of Germany and beyond, each destination offers its own unique character and memorable experiences. Stroll through bustling local markets, admire striking architecture, sample regional cuisine, and uncover centuries of fascinating heritage. Whether you're seeking iconic landmarks, hidden gems or awe-inspiring natural beauty, these thoughtfully crafted itineraries invite you to explore more deeply at every turn.

NCL offers a truly effortless way to experience the region, with the convenience of unpacking once while waking each day to a new destination. Sail past dramatic coastal scenery and into charming ports, enjoying ever-changing views along the way. From scenic days at sea to immersive discoveries ashore, every moment of the journey is designed to be as memorable as the destinations themselves.

Make the most of your time ashore with extended port calls, including late stays and overnights† in captivating destinations such as Copenhagen, allowing you to experience each city from a local's perspective. Spend your days exploring at your own pace before returning to the comfort of the ship.

Back on board, return to stylish accommodation, 24-hour complimentary dining, live entertainment & more included for a seamless and enriching journey. As spectacular scenery unfolds between ports, relax and enjoy every moment at sea knowing your next unforgettable destination awaits.

Whether you're chasing Icelandic waterfalls, wandering through medieval ports or soaking in the breathtaking fjords, you'll find an itinerary crafted to inspire and countless opportunities to discover Northern Europe in comfort, style and ease.

Contact Phil Hoffmann Travel to find your next European cruise or visit pht.com.au

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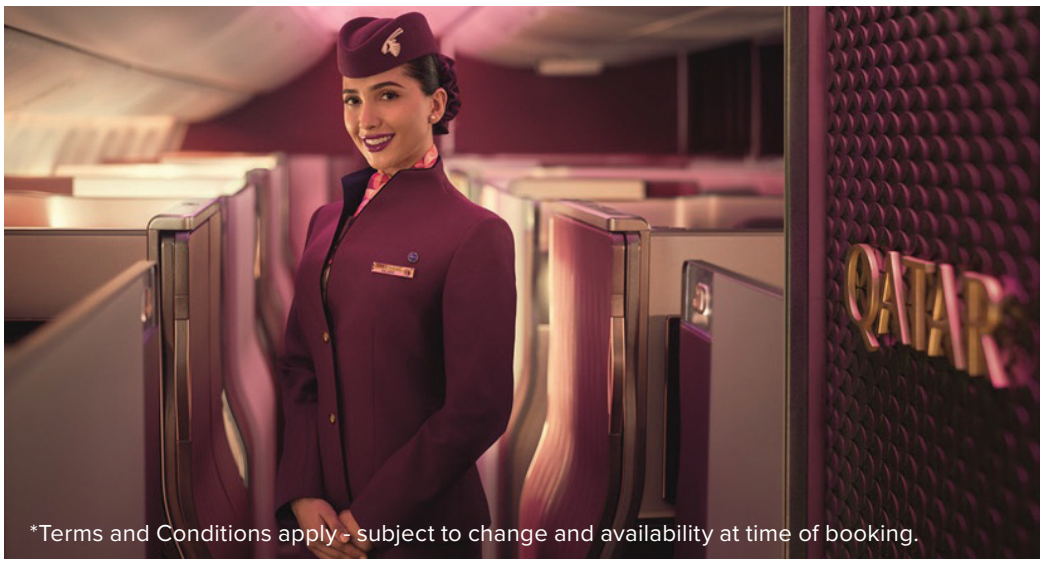
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ALEX PICKERING
EMERALD - EMERALD KAIA

Think river cruising, but on the ocean – that's the best way to describe Emerald Kaia. With just 128 guests onboard, this intimate yacht never feels crowded, even when everyone gathers poolside on a warm port day.

The generously sized rooms, light-filled design and luxe finishes create a relaxed sense of comfort, while complimentary access to the spa's infrared chair, ice plunge and sauna adds an extra touch of indulgence.

Dining is another highlight. La Cucina's fresh lunchtime buffet is perfect for relaxed days onboard, while the standout experience is Night Market, an eight-course specialty dinner where the chef shares the story behind each dish. With limited availability, booking early is essential.

Exploring the Dalmatian Coast is equally rewarding. Included walking tours in Piran, Mali Lošinj, Baška and Opatija provide the perfect balance of guided discovery and free time to explore independently. With long port days, sometimes stretching from 8am until 11pm, there's plenty of flexibility to dine ashore or return to the yacht.

For travellers who say they "don't cruise", or river cruisers unsure about ocean cruising, Emerald Kaia offers the perfect introduction – intimate, relaxed and effortlessly stylish.



EMMA BELLCHAMBERS
AVALON RIVER CRUISE - AVALON ENVISION

In March, I travelled along the Rhine River aboard Avalon Envision, and it was a lovely way to experience Europe.

One of my favourite moments was exploring the historic centre of Colmar, with its beautiful architecture and charming streets. I especially enjoyed a bakery handing out freshly made, warm coconut macaroons to people walking by.

In Cologne, we cycled by locals enjoying weekend activities in the local park before continuing on to the Cologne Cathedral. It was a great way to see a little more of the city.

Back on board Avalon Envision, I loved the relaxed, modern atmosphere. The cabins were comfortable, with great-sized bathrooms and beds positioned to face the water. On a cool day, it was lovely to snuggle up in bed and watch the scenery pass by as we cruised one of the most scenic sections of the Rhine.

The combination of exploring new places and having the comfort of the ship as our base made the trip very enjoyable. Avalon Waterways is a cruise company I would highly recommend for anyone considering a river cruise through Europe.



APRIL FISHLOCK
HX EXPEDITIONS - MS ROALD AMUNDSEN

I had the pleasure of travelling aboard the MS Roald Amundsen from Vancouver to Anchorage in May 2026, and it was an unforgettable experience. One of the biggest highlights was travelling on a small expedition ship, which allowed us to access narrow fjords and remote areas that larger cruise ships simply can't reach. This made the journey feel far more intimate and exclusive, with incredible scenery right outside the ship. A particularly memorable moment was waking up to the sound of cracking ice as we entered Icy Bay. Watching the ship carefully navigate through the icy waters surrounded by breathtaking glaciers was truly awe-inspiring. For those looking for a unique adventure, I highly recommend taking part in the Polar Plunge. It was exhilarating, refreshing, and one of those experiences that leaves you with a real sense of accomplishment. Onboard, I was also impressed by the quality and variety of the food. After a day of exploration, there was nothing better than relaxing in the ship's panoramic sauna, with its floor-to-ceiling windows offering spectacular views of the Alaskan wilderness. Overall, the MS Roald Amundsen provided the perfect combination of adventure, comfort, and unforgettable scenery. It was a truly remarkable voyage and one I would recommend to anyone looking to experience Alaska in a more immersive and authentic way.

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