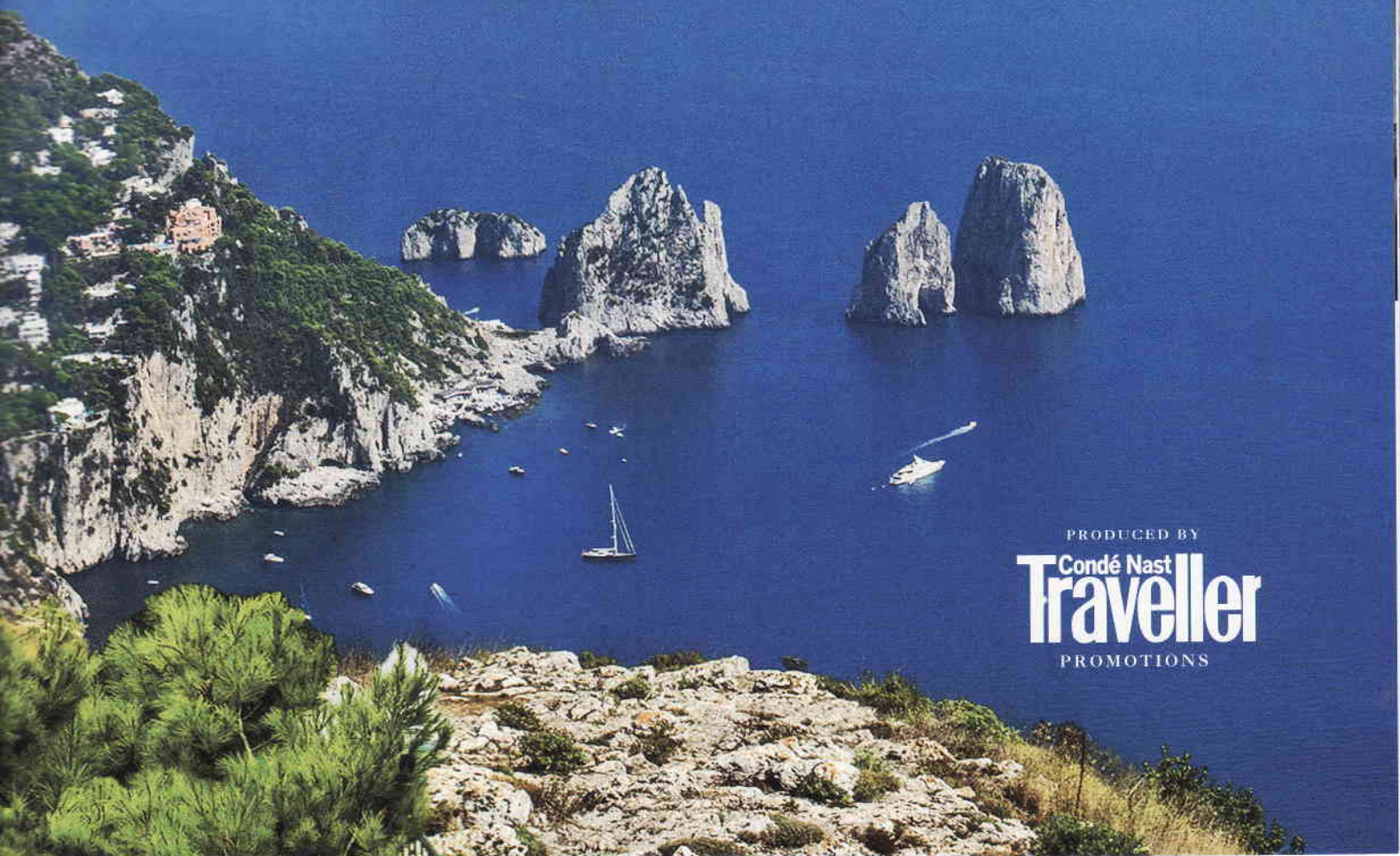


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## INTRODUCTION

WORDS: GARNIELLE BRETON

**W**e're willing to bet, no matter what you might think about cruising, that there is A Perfect Cruise out there for you. After all, the nearly 22 million people who took a cruise last year can't all be crazy, can they? And, with new ships popping up across the world's oceans and rivers like the daffodils in our hedgerows, travellers have a greater range of ships, destinations and options to choose from than ever before.

While exciting and liberating, this flourishing cruise world can also be bewildering, particularly to the uninitiated. Should you select a voyage based on the cruise line, the ship, the ports of call or what's included in your fare?

Do you appease your teenagers with a Mediterranean cruise aboard **Royal Caribbean's** all-singing, all-dancing Quantum class mega-ships or surprise your husband with a journey to the Antarctic aboard the plush **Regent Seven Seas Explorer**, due to launch next summer? You could treat yourself to a girly spa and shopping break in the United Arab Emirates aboard **Celebrity Cruises Constellation** or a

romantic river cruise along the Danube on **Uniworld's** brand new supership *SS Maria Theresa*. Engage your inner Française with a Mediterranean jaunt aboard **Ponant's** chic new ship *Le Lyrial* or fly the Union Jack with pride aboard **P&O's** new *Britannia*, a celebration of the best of British with chefs James Martin, Marco Pierre White and Atul Kochhar and wine buff Olly Smith all delivering a culinary punch.

Go on, admit that you're impressed. Next year will see even more new ships hitting the Seven Seas, from the launch of Royal Caribbean's third 5,400-passenger Oasis class ship to Uniworld's 56-passenger *Ganges Voyager II*. This wave of new ships is not only ushering in unprecedented levels of luxury and opening up niche destinations but is also making cruising ever easier and more appealing for families, active types, the culturally curious and solo travellers. Whether you're a veteran or virgin cruiser, you can't fail to find a voyage that will tempt you out onto the water over the coming months, particularly as we've done the hard work for you, picking out the very best cruises for each month of the year.

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## JANUARY

Why not start the year as you mean to go on: exploring some of the planet's most remote and dramatic shores. For just a few fleeting weeks each year, during the Austral summer, over 5,000 acres of sea ice melts in the Antarctic Circle, making it the only time the waters are navigable by ship. Sailing in January 2016, your 16-day adventure starts with a night in Buenos Aires before you fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost tip of Argentina, where the Andes meet the Southern Ocean, to board the expedition ship *MS Fram*. From here you'll navigate the notoriously treacherous Drake Passage (cross fingers for Drake Shake), learning about Antarctica's extraordinary wildlife and history from the expedition team as you sail. With a full week to discover this pristine Antarctic

environment there'll be kayak trips to bond with penguins and seals, snowshoeing expeditions across the great white desert and even the chance to sleep ashore in a tent. You'll fall under the spell of the South Shetland Islands, marvel at the icebergs that clog the narrow Errera Channel and spot Minke whales in Neko Harbour. [hurtigruten.co.uk](http://hurtigruten.co.uk); 0844 448 7601



## CRUISE CAPSULE



1. COACH NATURAL LEATHER DRIFTER BAG, £425, UK.COACH.COM
2. BALENCIAGA SUNGLASSES, £204, HARVEYNICHOLS.COM
3. MARY KATRANTZOU FENMORE PRINTED COTTON SHIRT AT HARVEY NICHOLS, £760, HARVEYNICHOLS.COM
4. STELLA MCCARTNEY CORNELIA MONOCHROME FLAT FORMS, £500, HARVEYNICHOLS.COM
5. THEORY TESTRA STRETCH-WOOL STRAIGHT-LEG PANTS, £235, NET-A-PORTER.COM

its old school glamour and beautiful cabins, the first ever Pinnacle class *MS Koningsdam* is poised to up the ante. There'll be 14 new Signature suites, each a whopping 400 square feet with a veranda, fresh flowers and personalised stationery, specially designed family staterooms, which sleep up to five guests with two bathrooms, plenty of single cabins and even spa bunny staterooms (complete with yoga mats) close to the Greenhouse Spa & Salon. To top it off, *MS Koningsdam* will make her week-



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT: SEE THE AURORA WITH THE HURTIGRUTEN; CHOCOLATE BREAD PUDDING ON HOLLAND AMERICA LINE; DUBROVNIK IN CROATIA; BULGARI CHINA ON BOARD HOLLAND AMERICA

## FEBRUARY

Joining a maiden voyage always makes for a thrilling ride, with bags of pomp and circumstance, but the launch of Holland America Line's 2,650-guest *MS Koningsdam* in February 2016 promises to be truly unforgettable. Recognised within the industry for

long inaugural voyage, and a series of 'Premiere' sailings afterwards, close to home in the Mediterranean, sailing amidst great fanfare from Civitavecchia to call at Dubrovnik, Kérkira (Corfu), Katakolon (Olympia) and Naples. [hollandamerica.co.uk](http://hollandamerica.co.uk); 0843 374 2300

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in-depth talks and Q&A sessions across a variety of subjects. But you won't find yourself all at sea: there will also be two full days to explore Bermuda, with the vibrant town of Hamilton as your base, and a day each on Madeira and Gibraltar. Expect to return home relaxed, bronzed and rejuvenated, as well as cleverer. [rssc.com](http://rssc.com); 02380 682140

## MARCH

Why not kick-start your spring with an indulgent, fortnight-long cruise from Miami to Barcelona? If you're feeling impulsive, leap aboard this March or, if you'd rather savour the anticipation (and create a killer cruise wardrobe), wait for March 2016. Sailing aboard the all-suite, all-veranda and all-inclusive Regent Seven Seas Navigator, you'll have nine blissful days at sea to luxuriate aboard as you cross the Atlantic and cruise the Med. With one crew member to pamper every two guests, each of the Navigator's 700 passengers is guaranteed to be spoiled rotten. If you can drag yourself away from the Canyon Ranch spa, tempting duty free boutiques or your sun-drenched balcony, you'll find Smithsonian-approved lecturers and speakers aboard, on-hand to provide

## APRIL

Grab spring 2016 by the collar and give it a good shake with a remarkable voyage from Crystal Cruises next April. Over the course of 23 days you'll sail from Tokyo along Japan's eastern coast to Russia, cross the International Date Line before reaching Alaska and then



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1. STOCKHOLM GRASS GREEN RAINCOAT, £200, [STUTTERHEIM.COM](http://STUTTERHEIM.COM)
2. INTERNATIONAL CARRY-ON BY TUMI, £1,895, [UK.TUMI.COM](http://UK.TUMI.COM)
3. LEATHER BRACELET, £90, [THINK-POSITIVE.COM.UK](http://THINK-POSITIVE.COM.UK)
4. KIRK ORIGINALS NOTORIOUS PACIFIC WITH CIRUS LENSES, £255, [KIRKORIGINALS.COM](http://KIRKORIGINALS.COM)
5. JAVIER WAXED SUEDE OLD DUST DRIVING SHOE, £350, [JIMMYCHOO.COM](http://JIMMYCHOO.COM)
6. BRISTON CLUBMASTER MATTE BLACK CHRONOGRAPH WATCH, £235, [HARVEYNICHOLS.COM](http://HARVEYNICHOLS.COM)



travel down America's west coast to San Francisco. It's set to be one of the most diverse itineraries of the year, taking in the cultural traditions of Japanese towns like Aomori and the prospector heritage of Juneau in Alaska as well as the natural spectacles of the Kamchatka Peninsula, surrounded by 68 active volcanoes, and Alaska's 'Emerald Isle', Kodiak Island. You'll find yourself at the feet of towering glaciers as you sail through Glacier Bay and past Hubbard Glacier and navigate the sheltered Inside Passage from Alaska to Canada. With only 10 days at sea, there'll barely be time to exhaust the facilities of the 1,080-passenger, virtually all-inclusive *Crystal Serenity*. In addition to a Creative Learning Institute®, she offers a vast spa, wine tastings and flamboyant evening shows, and a restaurant and sushi bar from the celebrated chef Nobu Matsuhisa. [crystalcruises.co.uk](http://crystalcruises.co.uk); 020 7399 7601




CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT: GRAND SUITE ON BOARD REGENT SEVEN SEAS; THE MENU AT CRYSTAL CRUISES' SILK ROAD RESTAURANT; NOBU SUSHI AT SILK ROAD; THE THEATRE ON BOARD REGENT SEVEN SEAS; THE NAVIGATOR AT SEA

### March

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## MAY

May 2015 will see cruisers quivering with excitement as river cruise specialist Viking Cruises launches its first ocean ship, *Viking Star*. So excited was the cruise world about this latest addition that *Viking Star's* inaugural voyage sold out before she was even built. So, as the saying goes, that ship has sailed. However, there's still availability on subsequent voyages as *Viking Star* retraces her inaugural voyage from Venice to Istanbul in November 2015. Alternatively, bag a cabin on a maiden voyage aboard Viking's second and third ocean vessels, *Viking Sea* and *Viking Sky*, due to launch next year following the exceptional demand for *Viking Star*. Like their big sister, they'll offer their 928 passengers bags of Scandi style, a restaurant lined with windows that open in balmy weather for al fresco dining, a tranquil Wintergarden, hip Aquavit bar and a Nordic spa complete with snow grotto. What we're most excited about, however,

is the glass-backed infinity pool that's cantilevered off the stern. Set against the backdrop of the Norwegian fjords or Stockholm archipelago and it's all rather scandalious. **vikingcruises.co.uk; 0800 298 9700**

## JUNE

The ship of choice of HRH the Queen, the 50-passenger *Hebridean Princess* is an unashamedly posh country house party on water. As she ushers her guests sedately around the ruggedly beautiful Scottish and Irish coast, onboard entertainment comes in the form of champagne by the inglenook fireplace, cocktail evenings hosted by lairds in castles and frog racing after black tie dinners. Days are spent going for windswept walks along the coast and around pristine lochs, visiting historic houses and lush gardens, and enjoying languorous afternoons fishing or cycling. June is the only month when conditions are right for the plucky *Princess* to sail to the remote island of

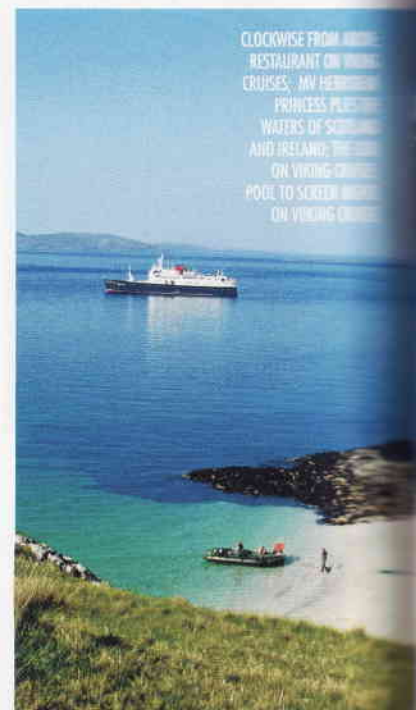
St Kilda, the westernmost outpost of Scotland's Outer Hebrides. The UK's only double UNESCO World Heritage Site, St Kilda was inhabited by seriously hardy islanders right up until 1930 – the eerie ruins of their village remain intact today. Making two voyages to St Kilda, the *Princess* will also call at ports such as the Isle of Skye, Lewis, Rum and the uninhabited Shiant Isles, delivering a blend of rugged natural beauty and pretty towns. **hebridean.co.uk; 01756 704 700**



## CRUISE CAPSULE



1. BERNADOTTE WATCH, £195, LARSSONANDJENNINGS.COM
2. MELISSA ODABASH FRULEY BLUE BRODERIE ANGLAISE COVER-UP, £165, ODABASH.COM
3. MISSONI MARE GRECA GRANDE REVERSIBLE BIKINI, £280, HARVEYNICHOLS.COM
4. PALE GREEN HAVAIANAS, £22, HAVAIANAS-STORE.COM
5. SARA BATTAGLIA TERESA FRINGE SHOPPER IN WHITE, £718, HARVEYNICHOLS.COM



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: RESTAURANT ON VIKING CRUISES; MY HEBRIDEAN PRINCESS PLACES THE WATERS OF SCOTLAND AND IRELAND; THE POOL ON VIKING CRUISES; POOL TO SCREEN MOVIES ON VIKING CRUISES



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## JULY

Bathed in midnight sun and shimmering beneath the swirling Northern Lights, July is the best time of year to appreciate the wonders of Scandinavia and Russia's White Sea. And there are few better ways to discover these far-flung corners of the world than from the comfort of Oceania Cruises' 684-passenger, country club casual ship *Nautica*. Sailing from the cosmopolitan city of Copenhagen, *Nautica* will call at Bergen, where you can take a scenic fjord cruise, before

visiting the charming Norwegian towns of Ålesund, Trondheim and Hammerfest. Your first taste of Russia will come at the historic port city of Murmansk from where *Nautica* will cruise the White Sea to spend two days exploring the Solovetsky Islands, just 100 miles below the Arctic Circle. Your last Russian stop will be Archangel, the chief seaport of medieval Russia, from where you cross the Barents Sea for Norway's dramatic North Cape and the stupendous fjords of Geiranger before continuing through pretty Aalborg and Lysekil (Sweden) before reaching Oslo.

**oceaniacruises.com; 0845 505 1920**

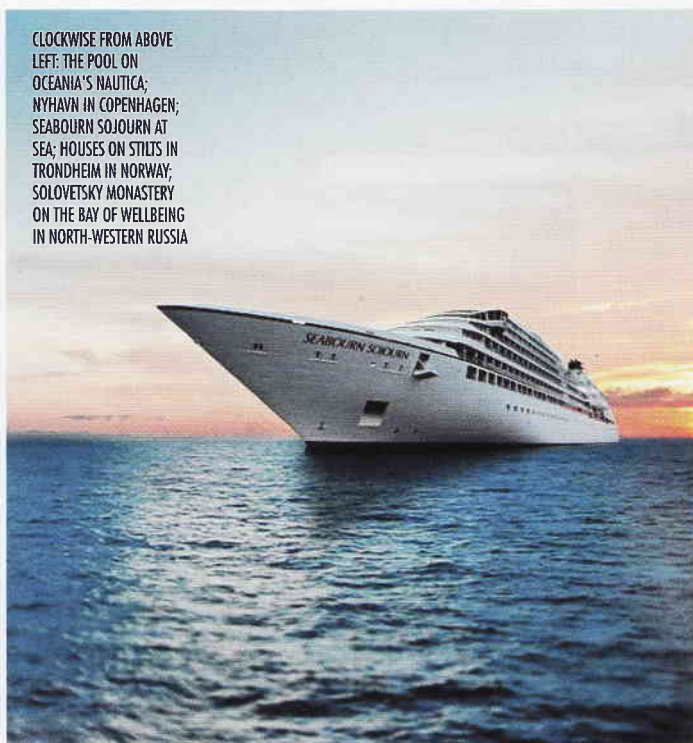
## AUGUST

As one of the very first companies to introduce the concept of ultra-luxury cruising, Seabourn knows a thing or two about making its guests comfortable. Its trio of 450-passenger, definitively six-star

ships – *Odyssey*, *Sojourn* and *Quest* – offer palatial cabins with private balconies, the largest spas of any ultra-luxury cruise line, and some of the finest cuisine at sea. It seems only appropriate that a ship like Seabourn *Sojourn*, with so many of the hallmarks of a private yacht, should offer a classic French Riviera summer itinerary: the week-long Yachtman's Mediterranean. Sailing from Monte Carlo, *Sojourn's* diminutive size enables her to access the Med's lesser-known gems: Bonifacio, Le Lavandou, Palamos, Sète, Antibes and Portovenere. Combine these idyllic ports with signature Seabourn experiences like foraging for delicacies in local markets with the ship's chef and Marina Days, when the sports deck is lowered for waterskiing, sailing and snorkelling in secluded bays, this is the Mediterranean at its very best. **seabourn.com; 0845 070 0500**



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE  
LEFT: THE POOL ON  
OCEANIA'S NAUTICA;  
NYHAVN IN COPENHAGEN;  
SEABOURN SOJOURN AT  
SEA; HOUSES ON STILTS IN  
TRONDHEIM IN NORWAY;  
SOLOVETSKY MONASTERY  
ON THE BAY OF WELLBEING  
IN NORTH-WESTERN RUSSIA



## CRUISE CAPSULE



1. ORANGE RUST VENTILE MAC, £575, AND 2. 16.5 OUNCE KULSAN JEAN, £190, BOTH HARRYSTEDMAN.COM 3. DEARHAM BELT, £15, AND 4. HAYTON OVERNIGHTER BAG, £100, BOTH HENRILLOYD.COM 5. SHORT SLEEVE VINTAGE STRIPE BUTTON-DOWN SHIRT, £145, HARRYSTEDMAN.COM

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: THE COLONIAL SUITE ON BOARD THE GANGES VOYAGER II; THE SILVER WHISPER AT SEA; THE HAWA MAHAL IN JAIPUR



artisanal workshops, centuries-old bazaars, and grand Victorian buildings and monuments from India's British and French colonial history.

[uniworldrivercruises.co.uk](http://uniworldrivercruises.co.uk)  
0845 6788 558

## SEPTEMBER

It's hard to beat Silversea for unadulterated, all-frills luxury. And it's impossible to question the benefits of sailing aboard the 382-passenger *Silver Whisper*, which offers all the facilities of a mid-sized ship – a spa, gym and beauty salon, theatre, boutiques and casino as well as multiple pools, dining venues and bars – with the sophistication and intimacy of a small ship. With some of the cruise world's best service and absolutely everything included, from champagne on tap and golf pro lessons to shore excursions and tips for your butler, Silversea prides itself on providing its mollycoddled guests with a seamless holiday. But why take our word for it? Try it yourself this September as you admire the spectacular autumn foliage of Canada and New England: embarking *Silver Whisper* in Montreal, she'll wend her way along the coast to New York City over 10 days. Calling first at Quebec, you'll sail along the scenic Saguenay River, exploring the



quintessentially Canadian coastal towns of Baie-Comeau and Gaspé before reaching Halifax in Nova Scotia. Pressing further south, you'll stop at Portland and Boston before passing through the Cape Cod Canal to Newport and eventually reaching the Big Apple. [silversea.com](http://silversea.com); 0844 770 9030

## OCTOBER

Get your credit card out: bookings

open this month for the hotly anticipated new ship from boutique cruise line Uniworld: *Ganges Voyager II*. When she launches on the Ganges in January 2016, *Ganges Voyager II* will deliver a whole new level of comfort to cruising along the beguiling and exotic waters of India. Sleeping just 56 passengers, each of her spacious suites will offer French balconies and all the comforts of a five-star hotel. The ship's décor is elegant and unashamedly colonial with ornately carved four poster beds, heavy silk throws and intricate Kashmiri carpets. Whether you go the full monty with the 400 sq ft Maharaja Suite or stick with a smaller suite, you're guaranteed a sumptuous journey through the heart of India. The 12-night adventure combines a week aboard *Ganges Voyager II* with a five-night land tour, starting in Delhi and ending in Kolkata. Along the way you'll visit the Taj Mahal, Rajasthan's regal Pink City of Jaipur, beautifully preserved temple complexes,

## CRUISE CAPSULE



1. CHRONOMETERWERKE IN STAINLESS STEEL / SILVER-PLATED DIAL WITH 3 ARABIC NUMERALS £3,915, [WEMPE.COM](http://WEMPE.COM) 2. LIMITED EDITION ROSE GOLD PLATED GLOBE CUFFLINKS £360, [TATEOSSIAN.COM](http://TATEOSSIAN.COM) 3. KIRK ORIGINALS NOTORIOUS £255, [KIRKORIGINALS.COM](http://KIRKORIGINALS.COM) 4. ORANGE MOCCASINS £165, [CARLOPAZOLINI.COM](http://CARLOPAZOLINI.COM) 5. CANDY STRIPE SCARF, £79, [JOHNSTONSCASHMERE.COM](http://JOHNSTONSCASHMERE.COM) 6. BUSINESS TOTE, £199, [CHAPMANBAGS.COM](http://CHAPMANBAGS.COM)

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## NOVEMBER

Banish the winter blues and follow one of Celebrity Cruises' most popular ships, *Constellation* (aka Connie to fans), to Abu Dhabi in November 2016. Based out of the vibrant UAE capital until January 2017, the 2,034-passenger *Constellation* will explore intriguing Arabian destinations such as the shopper's paradise of Dubai and the ancient Omani city of Muscat as well as Mangalore, Goa and Mumbai on India's western coast. Plump for one of Celebrity's nine-night 'Arabian Immersion' voyages and you'll get two days in Abu Dhabi and Muscat as well as three days in Dubai, enabling you to truly get under the skin of these fascinating cities. With a full day at sea, you can also get to know Connie, a ship that combines impressive service and a surprisingly intimate feel with mega-ship facilities: seven dining venues, including the

brand new exclusively Suite Class Luminae restaurant; 10 bars and lounges; a casino; Vegas-style evening entertainment; and a 25,000 square-foot Canyon Ranch Spa complete with a thalassotherapy pool, hot tubs, a spa café, thermal suite, hair and beauty salon and a gym. **celebritycruises.co.uk; 0845 456 0523**

## DECEMBER

This Christmas, you can combine traditional festivities with Caribbean sunshine on a 19-day Christmas & New Year voyage aboard Cunard's magnificent ocean liner, *Queen Mary 2*. Pack all the heels, sequins and Christmas gifts you desire as you sail from Southampton on December 15. With six days at sea crossing the Atlantic, there's time to switch off and enjoy QM2's spa, lectures, restaurants, afternoon teas and evening entertainment. Longer than three football fields with the industry's highest passenger to space ratio, you might share QM2 with 2,600 passengers but will find plenty of peaceful spots to read, chat and lose yourself to the endless sea vistas. Do any last minute Christmas shopping in New York before enjoying lavish Christmas Day festivities onboard and 'recuperating' on Boxing Day on the Caribbean island of St Thomas. The white sands of St Kitts, St Lucia, St Maarten and Tortola all beckon before seeing in the New Year aboard QM2 to incomparable razzmatazz. Returning to New York on January 3, there'll be time for some bonus sales shopping before flying back home. **cunard.co.uk; 0843 374 2224**



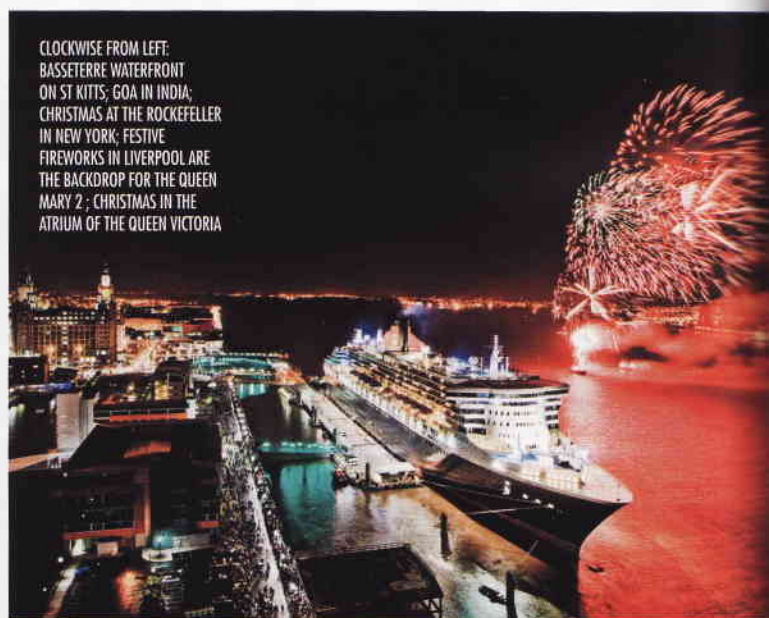
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1. CAIMAN HIGH WAISTED BIKINI £195, WEAREHANDSOME.COM
2. BLOCK CHECK YELLOW/RED/ORANGE SCARF, £59 JOHNSTONSCASHMERE.COM
3. PANDORA WEDGE, CORAL £45, HOLSTERAUSTRALIA.CO.UK
4. LILAC / LIME TOTE BAG £425, CARLOPAZOLINI.COM
5. MY HEARTS SPINS BRACELET ROSE GOLD, £104, OAKJEWELLERY.COM



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: BASSETTERE WATERFRONT ON ST KITT'S; GOA IN INDIA; CHRISTMAS AT THE ROCKEFELLER IN NEW YORK; FESTIVE FIREWORKS IN LIVERPOOL ARE THE BACKDROP FOR THE QUEEN MARY 2; CHRISTMAS IN THE ATRIUM OF THE QUEEN VICTORIA



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