



# Cruise control

*Encore, Silver Muse, Norwegian Joy and Majestic Princess* have all taken to the high seas in recent years – making the lapping luxury water a richer playground for all

For those who travel by cruise ship, there is a specific desire; to see new port cities; to relax; to indulge; to try something new. There are millions of customers with multiple criteria.

The following ships offer choice aplenty for the most discerning of travelers, both in the intimate, and larger-scale divisions.

## SILVER MUSE

The addition of *Silver Muse* expands Silversea's fleet to nine ships, and once again significantly raises the bar in the ultra-luxury cruise market, boasting a wealth of enriching touches in the onboard experience. With a capacity of 596, *Silver Muse* sails up to Quebec and down to Patagonia.

Eight dining venues, including an exclusive Relais & Chateaux®, offer the finest and widest cuisine experiences at sea, and a state-of-the-art theatre, exclusive spa area and the highest number of large suites in the Silversea fleet ensure comfort is high on the agenda.

The Balsorano Owner's Suite is a unique space which reflects the taste and Italian tradition of Silversea Chairman Manfredi Lefebvre d'Ovidio. At more than 1,000 sq.ft in size, the suite contains a specially curated selection of Mr. Lefebvre's personal items including books, sculptures, works of art and his hand-picked selection of vintage port.

The Balsorano Suite starts from US\$17,500pp. based on double occupancy; inclusive of butler service, multiple dining options, beverages in-suite and throughout the ship, onboard entertainment and enrichment lectures, complimentary transportation into town in most ports, WiFi and onboard gratuities.

A seven-day voyage departs Civitavecchia (Rome) for Venice on May 29, 2018. *Silver Muse* will call at Sorrento, Taormina, Katakolon, Sarande, Dubrovnik and Split before arriving to Venice. [silversea.com](http://silversea.com)

**Above: Silversea's *Silver Muse* offers an intimate experience for cruise-goers**

## ENCORE

For 30 years, Seabourn has delivered ultra-luxury, intimate cruises to hundreds of thousands of customers. *Encore* represents another stage in that evolution, crowning a fleet that is already the most acclaimed in its segment.

Master designer Adam D. Tihany specialises in developing elegantly individual spaces for the most highly rated restaurants, hotels, resorts and spas in the hospitality industry. "I realised how much of Seabourn's overall product is dedicated to satisfying their guests' appetites for surprise," he said.

With a Sun Terrace, Retreat, Casino, Sky Bar and Spa & Wellness with Dr. Andrew Weil, Tihany has catered for every eventuality and every personal need so that all can enjoy.

Seabourn pioneered small-ship cruising, and has held itself accountable to consistently expand and enrich that industry vertical. All thoughtfully designed and tastefully curated, suites ➤





come with a personal steward, but the Wintergarden Suite is the standout cabin.

Its 915 sq.ft deluxe suite is very much set up for entertaining. It features large windows with ocean views and dining for six – and a guest bath. There is a glass-enclosed solarium with tub and day bed, pantry with wet bar, and two flat-screen televisions. Offering a capacity of 600 people (dimensions 690 ft x 92 ft), *Encore* feels incredibly spacious.

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#### NORWEGIAN JOY

German engineered *Norwegian Joy* is the first-ever contemporary cruise ship custom-built for China, complete with a Mandarin-speaking crew, authentic Chinese cuisine and culturally-inspired onboard experiences offering cruise-goers a fully immersive Chinese cruise holiday.

Guests can expect all amenities synonymous with ultra-luxury Chinese culture; an upscale resort style holiday with world-class entertainment, fine international dining and unrivalled duty-free luxury shopping.

There is also a – first ever at sea – two-level racetrack onboard to keep adrenaline junkies entertained on this otherwise serene Cruise Liner. An all-new Galaxy Pavilion also

provides immersive virtual reality experiences, interactive video walls and simulator rides.

*Norwegian Joy* features The Haven by Norwegian®, the line's exclusive, ship-within-a-ship suite luxury complex. Accessible only by personalised key card, The Haven offers a private respite with a personal butler service and dedicated concierge, priority access to entertainment and specialty dining, a private restaurant, enclosed courtyard and spacious, meticulously decorated suites. The top suite in The Haven is the Deluxe Owner's Suite.

Capacity is 3,883 with an overall length of 1,094 ft and max beam of 136 ft.

Its host of suites and restaurants make *Norwegian Joy* a beautiful ship on which to take a four, five or six-day round trip across China and Japan.

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#### MAJESTIC PRINCESS

Boasting two onboard restaurants created in partnership with Michelin-star chefs, *Princess* is prime for the food-focused traveller. And with Gaming Lounge, fine art gallery and

**Above: *Majestic Princess* and *Muse* Right: *Norwegian Joy* (top) and *Encore* Wintergarden Suite**



a putting lawn, there is plenty to do between mealtimes. A dramatic over-the-ocean glass walkway, the SeaWalk®, is cantilevered 128 ft above the waves and extends 28 ft beyond the edge of the ship for those who want to walk off a meal. The SeaView Bar that features a glass-panelled floor is perfect for an aperitif or nightcap.

At 1,083 ft, *Princess* is one of the bigger ships in its division, sleeping 3,560 passengers across 19 decks. The open-air poolside amphitheater is the go-to destination for feature films, thrilling concerts and exciting sporting events such as live football games. You can cozy up under a fleece blanket in the comfortable lounge and feast on complimentary fresh popcorn in the evening and enjoy an exciting car chase or mystery thriller on the giant screen.

The Owners Suite Stateroom includes a 308 sq.ft balcony with a separate sitting area, walk-in wardrobe, sofa bed, separate shower and bespoke *Princess* Luxury beds. Suite guests can take full advantage of priority embarkation and disembarkation, complimentary access to the Lotus Spa Thermal Suite, priority reservations for shore excursions and exclusive Club Class dining for breakfast, dinner and lunch on sea days.

An 11-night cruise from Auckland to Sydney with stops at Tauranga, Wellington, Akaroa, Dunedin and Hobart with scenic cruising through Fiordland National Park Prices. Based on two adults sharing an Owners Suite stateroom, prices start from \$US7,450 including main meals, 24-hour room service and onboard entertainment.

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