



# Set sail in style

Discover six of the finest cruise ships for unforgettable global journeys

There's nothing quite like the excitement of a world-class cruise. Whether you're after opulent suites, cutting-edge entertainment, or breathtaking itineraries, the best cruise ships offer an experience that goes far beyond the ordinary. In this article, we take a closer look at six of the best cruise ships in the world, each offering something unique, allowing you to set sail in style.

## SILVER DAWN

*Silver Dawn*, launched by Silversea Cruises in 2022, is the third ship in the Muse-class series, offering an ultra-luxury cruising experience. Built by Italian shipyard Fincantieri, it accommodates up to 596 guests, with every suite featuring personalised butler service and world-class dining options.

While maintaining a similar design to its sister-ships and accommodating up to 596 guests, *Silver Dawn* introduces the exclusive Otium wellness program, enhancing spa and relaxation experiences. Dining aboard *Silver Dawn* is exceptional, with multiple specialty restaurants offering a variety of cuisines. The S.A.L.T. (Sea and Land Taste) programme brings regionally inspired

culinary experiences to the table, while the Otium Spa offers indulgent treatments based on Roman traditions.

For those seeking a grand adventure, *Silver Dawn's* 2026 World Cruise, *The Curious and the Sea*, is one of the most extensive in Silversea's history, spanning 140 nights and visiting 70 destinations across 37 countries.

## EXPLORA I

As the inaugural ship of Explora Journeys, *Explora I* set sail on its maiden voyage in August 2023. Designed by a team of renowned experts, including yacht designer Martin Francis and De Jorio Luxury and Yacht Projects, the

ship combines luxury yachting and high-end hospitality with an emphasis on sustainability.

*Explora I* accommodates up to 922 guests, offering 461 oceanfront suites designed to create a 'home at sea' atmosphere. From spacious Ocean Suites to the exclusive Owner's Residence, the accommodations are elegantly styled with premium linens and marble bathrooms.

Dining on board is a highlight, with venues such as the Marble & Co. Grill and Sakura, an Asian-fusion restaurant. Guests also have access to over 12 bars and lounges, including the Malt Whisky Bar and spaces with unlimited Champagne. The ship features five heated pools, a sports centre, wellness facilities, immersive art spaces, and curated shopping across 14 floors.

Spoil for choice with 141 itineraries across the Caribbean, Europe, and transatlantic routes, *Explora I* offers plenty of options for personalising your cruise.

## CELEBRITY EDGE

Launched in 2018, *Celebrity Edge* stands out as a revolutionary cruise ship with a design created by renowned designer Kelly Hoppen. The ship features a unique outward-facing concept

that brings guests closer to the sea with floor-to-ceiling windows and the Magic Carpet platform, which seamlessly moves between decks.

*Celebrity Edge* accommodates up to 2,918 guests, offering a variety of suites including luxurious villas with private terraces and infinity verandas.

The dining experience includes French-inspired Le Petit Chef and the contemporary Eden restaurant, both offering exceptional cuisine.

Left: *Oceania Riviera* in Genoa, Italy, and (below) its opulent interior hallway Above: *Silver Dawn* spa Right: *Explorer I* on the open seas

The ship also boasts a full-service spa, fitness centre, multiple pools, and immersive entertainment. *Celebrity Edge* is particularly popular for its Alaskan cruises, with stops in destinations like Ketchikan, Juneau, and Glacier Bay, where guests can enjoy stunning landscapes and wildlife. ➤



## OCEANIA RIVIERA

*Oceania Riviera*, launched in 2012 and refurbished in 2022, is known for its elegant style and cultural experiences. Part of Oceania Cruises' luxury fleet, *Riviera* offers an intimate cruising experience with just 1,250 guests. It is designed with sophisticated travellers in mind, featuring suites furnished by Ralph Lauren Home and a refined atmosphere throughout the ship.

Dining is a standout feature on *Riviera*, with venues such as *Toscana* for Italian cuisine, the *Polo Grill* steakhouse, and *Jacques*, a French bistro by celebrity chef Jacques Pépin. The ship also features an onboard Culinary Center, run by distinguished chef Stephanie Hersch, where guests can participate in hands-on cooking classes.

Onboard, there's a quite stunning spa, a state-of-the-art fitness centre, and musical performances. For those looking for something creative, *Riviera* also offers free art workshops with notable resident artists in their Artist Loft. The ship's round-the-world itineraries offer a truly upscale cruising experience, ideal for those seeking both adventure and relaxation.

## SEVEN SEAS GRANDEUR

*Seven Seas Grandeur*, launched in 2023 by Regent Seven Seas



Cruises, offers an intimate cruising experience with only 746 guests. Designed by Studio DADO, the ship features spacious all-suite accommodations, including the prestigious Regent Suite with its own private spa and stunning ocean views.

Culinary experiences aboard *Seven Seas Grandeur* are exceptional, with venues including *Chartreuse* offering French cuisine. The ship also boasts a serene spa, modern fitness centre, and stylish lounges with bespoke art. Guests can enjoy educational lectures, games, and outdoor activities such as paddle tennis and mini-golf on the deck.

*Seven Seas Grandeur* sails through stunning destinations in the Mediterranean, Northern Europe, the Caribbean, and on transatlantic routes.

Its combination of immersive travel experiences and exceptional service make it a top choice for discerning travellers.

## SEABOURN PURSUIT

Introduced in 2023, *Seabourn Pursuit* is an expedition vessel designed for exploration in some of the world's most remote destinations. With a guest capacity of 264, *Seabourn Pursuit* combines thrilling Zodiac excursions with luxury onboard amenities. All suites feature private verandas, offering guests an exclusive retreat.

**Top: *Celebrity Edge* in Sydney with a view of the Opera House**

**Below: *Seabourn Pursuit* with the penguins in Antarctica on its New Worlds itinerary**

Built to Polar Class 6 standards, the ship is equipped with advanced features for exploration, including two custom-built submarines, 24 Zodiacs, and kayaks. From May to August in 2025 and 2026, *Seabourn Pursuit* will explore untouched regions such as the widely untouched Australian Kimberley, before moving on to Antarctica.

Designed by Tihany Design, *Seabourn Pursuit* combines adventure with luxury. The ship's interiors incorporate natural textures, inviting colours, and expansive spaces to create an atmosphere of relaxation. Guests can enjoy refined dining, complimentary Champagne, a rejuvenating spa, and sophisticated public areas. *Seabourn Pursuit* promises an ideal balance of exploration and indulgence. ■

