

Some destinations are  
best explored by water

TAUCK 

# Travel Beyond Ordinary

We believe that how you see the world matters – and when you travel, you should go beyond the ordinary, the world over, for unique travel experiences you just can't get on your own. Every trip is unique, crafted with care – we've spent over two years planning each cruise to ensure the trip of a lifetime. Enjoy intimate, authentic travel experiences that uncover real life, truly connecting more deeply with the destinations you explore. Our exclusive access means cruises that are unforgettable, that astonish you with the unexpected. We handle every travel detail – so you can relax and enjoy each and every moment.





Rüdesheim, Germany

# Welcome to Tauck Destination Cruising



**104** AVERAGE ONBOARD GUESTS  
ON THE RIVERS OF EUROPE

Danube | Rhine | Seine | Rhône | Douro

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**160** AVERAGE ONBOARD GUESTS  
ON SMALL SHIPS AT SEA

The Americas | Europe | Asia-Pacific | Galápagos | Polar Regions



# 50+ SMALL SHIP & RIVER CRUISES

Fully guided by expert Tauck Directors

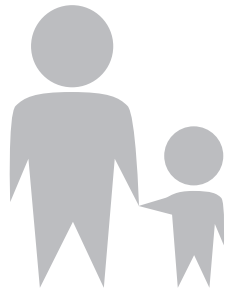
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# 60+ DESTINATIONS EXPLORED

A trip for everyone, from cultural journeys to nature-inspired expeditionary cruises

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# 7+ FAMILY JOURNEYS

Designed specifically for families

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# 100% ALL-INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

The choice is yours

# Small is Big

Smaller ships and riverboats mean bigger experiences. They are big on individualized service, special touches and comfort, making you feel like a welcomed guest the moment you come aboard. Intimate spaces invite conversation or quiet contemplation as you like. Onboard, the ambiance is relaxed and congenial... the staterooms and suites spacious... service is impeccable, with a smile... and many other refined touches add up to a cruising experience that goes beyond ordinary. And ashore, smaller groups provide access to exclusive travel experiences, private events, and meeting the locals. Small is big... and the best way to make your cruise so much more than you ever expected.



# All-Inclusive

Travel effortlessly, knowing that every aspect of your trip is already paid for, and included in, one upfront price.

- Fully guided by Tauck Directors and local guides
- Premier hotel stays, centrally located
- Choice of shore excursions
- All gratuities, aboard and ashore
- Private, exclusive experiences and events
- Special access – after hours, early openings, private residences
- Local dining experiences and choice of restaurant onboard
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure (as noted)
- Port charges, taxes, fuel surcharges
- No options sold, no hidden fees



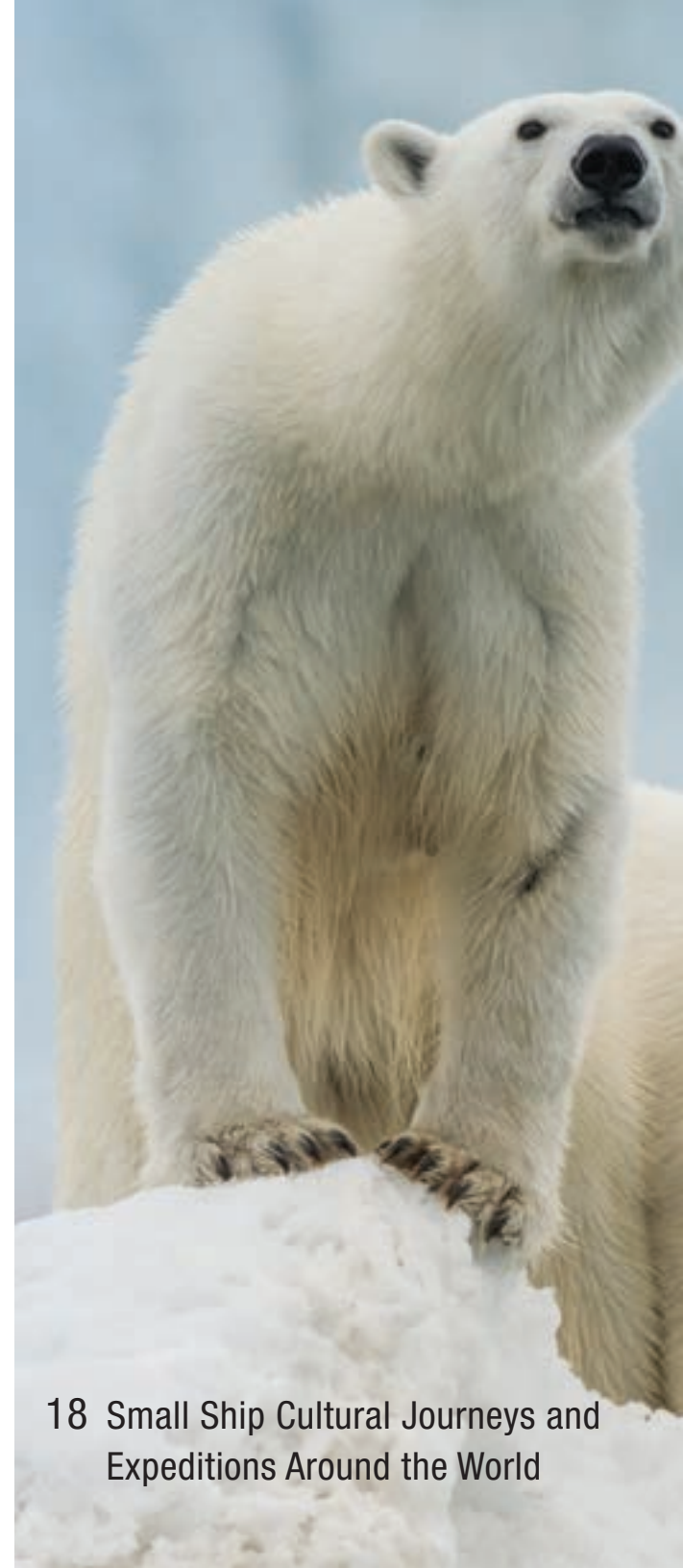
# By small ship and riverboat...

Turn the pages... and discover the joy of traveling with our collection of the most popular small ship and river cruises for travelers new to Tauck – we invite you to join us for cruising experiences unlike any other. For full details, or to see our complete portfolio of 50+ worldwide cruises, please visit [tauck.com](http://tauck.com) or call your travel advisor.



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# The Danube



The Danube flows through the history of Imperial Europe, immortalized in riverside castles and cathedrals you'll want to visit... drinks in the beauty and bounty of vineyards with wines at the ready for a taste or two... and delights with the gentle rhythm of daily life that's yours to enjoy onboard and ashore. Once they discovered it, the Romans set up camp along its banks. European kings proclaimed it a royal waterway. And Johann Strauss named a waltz after it. Imagine how it will inspire you when you dine in a private Viennese palace, sip wines where they're perfected and bicycle into a real-life postcard on a Tauck river cruise.





## THE BLUE DANUBE

12 DAYS | APRIL – OCTOBER

Budapest | Bratislava | Vienna | Dürnstein | Engelhartszell | Prague

Our #1 journey worldwide. Private palace dinners in Vienna and Prague where you feel like royalty... wine in an Austrian tavern, cake and coffee in a private home and bicycle rides where you feel like a local... visits to must-see places inviting with memorable discoveries uniquely your own.

- Waltz the night away in a private Viennese palace open just for Tauck
- Go where others can't on a private library tour in Strahov Monastery
- Have dinner at the club... in Budapest's Academy of Sciences



## BUDAPEST TO AMSTERDAM BY RIVERBOAT

15 DAYS | MAY – OCTOBER

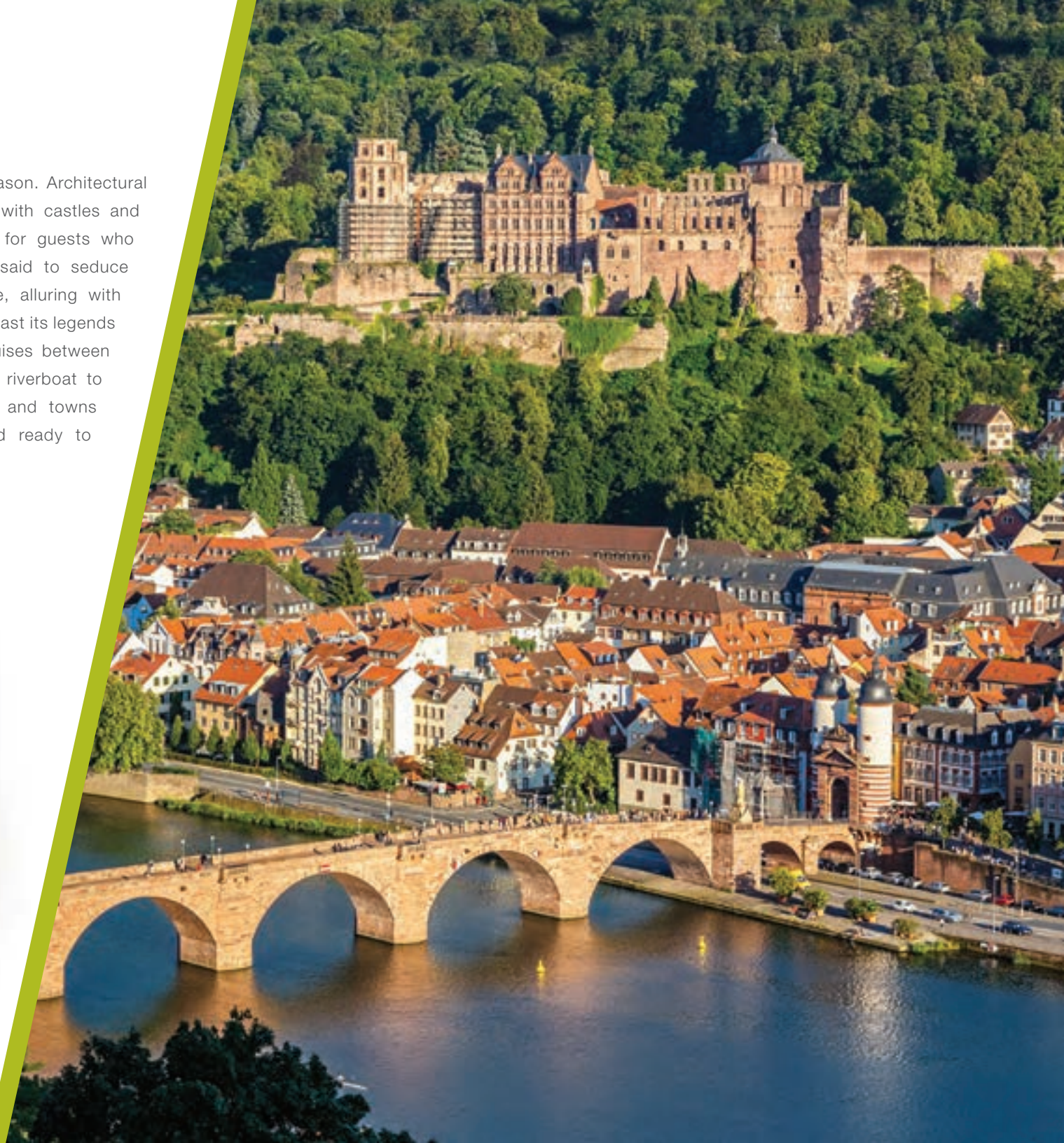
The Netherlands | Germany | Austria | Slovakia | Hungary

3 rivers, 5 countries and 1 riverboat hotel where you only have to unpack once. Explore storied cities, Budapest, Vienna, Cologne... & fairy-tale villages, Regensburg, Passau, Melk... on exclusive experiences, palace dinners... & a choice of adventures... guided walks, bicycle rides... unfolding at your feet.

- Experience an Imperial dinner in a Renaissance palace in Vienna
- See where Benedictine monks lived for 900+ years at Melk Abbey
- Taste wines bottled to perfection in a royal wine cellar in Würzburg

# The Rhine

It's called the Romantic Rhine for good reason. Architectural treasures welcome you to the lowlands, with castles and cathedrals dressed in their elegant best for guests who happen by. A maiden named Lorelei is said to seduce sailors passing through the Middle Rhine, alluring with storybook villages and scenery to match. Toast its legends and landscapes on a choice of Tauck cruises between Amsterdam and Basel, venturing off your riverboat to discover what the locals know in cities and towns culturally inviting, uniquely charming and ready to romance with food, wine, song and more.





## THE RHINE, SWISS ALPS & AMSTERDAM

10 DAYS | APRIL – OCTOBER

Bern | Rudesheim | Köln | Dordrecht | Amsterdam

The Rhine, from its source to the sea, pauses in places delightful to explore... artsy Amsterdam... Köln, home to a great cathedral and a castle estate that's yours for a night... Rudesheim, musically animating... Bern, where two nights in a grand hotel promise breathtaking Alpine pleasures.

- Ride aboard a cogwheel train to the “Top of the World” on Jungfrauoch
- Dine in a castle near Köln, moated, magnificent and exclusive to Tauck
- Drink in art during a private reception in the Unterlinden Museum in Colmar



## RHINE ENCHANTMENT, AMSTERDAM TO MILAN

11 DAYS | MAY – OCTOBER

Milan | Basel | Heidelberg | Wiesbaden | Düsseldorf | Amsterdam

How do you adequately describe a 5-country trip including 3 hotel nights in Milan; 7 nights cruising the Rhine; art, villas and Italian lakes; the high life in Switzerland; Alsatian Rieslings, Black Forest cake, Heidelberg haunts and a private dinner with entertainment at an elegant Rhineland castle? *Enchanting*.

- Reservations to see Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper* in Milan
- A private boat ride on Lake Como with lunch on Isola Comacina
- A gala evening at Biebrich Palace in Wiesbaden overlooking the Rhine

# Rivers of France



In France, they're called *rivières* – a word that uniquely evokes the elegance of the Riviera and the ethereal images of *un rêve* (a dream) on waterways distinctly French. The River Seine is a sensory feast that tempts with history, art and architecture in Paris, saintly sites in Rouen and Monet magic in Giverny. Flirting with the Saône in the north, the Rhône River ribbons south to Provence and the Riviera through painted landscapes rich with food, wine and *joie de vivre*. Experience local culture and cuisine on a Tauck river cruise and enjoy another wonderful French word, *camaraderie*.





## SAVORING FRANCE: PARIS, LYON & PROVENCE

10 DAYS | APRIL – OCTOBER

Paris | Lyon | Viviers | Arles | Avignon | Roussillon | Tain-l'Hermitage

Two hotel nights in Paris / 7-night Rhône cruise. If your appetite for travel includes exploring Parisian *pâtisseries* like a local, going gourmet in Lyon, truffle hunting, lunch at a Provençal ranch, dinner in a duke's palace, wine tastings, a cooking class and Valrhona chocolate... this cruise is for you!

- Learn the art of pastry making at Le Cordon Bleu Paris
- Toast local wines at private tastings in Beaujolais & Châteauneuf-du-Pape
- Dress up for dinner at a 12th-century Duke's castle, exclusive to Tauck



## RENDEZVOUS ON THE SEINE

10 DAYS | APRIL – OCTOBER

Paris | Versailles | Rouen | D-Day Beaches | Les Andelys | Vernon

A 9-night cruise along the Seine, where every moment counts and expert guides lead the way... with choices in Paris... at dazzling Versailles... in Joan of Arc's Rouen... on Normandy's D-Day Beaches... in picture-perfect Honfleur. And at Monet's Giverny & the Louvre, unique access rules the day.

- Visit Monet's house and painted gardens before the day's crowds arrive
- Dine like royalty at a red carpet dinner in a 16th-century country château
- Meet *Mona Lisa* without crowds on a private after-hours visit to the Louvre

# The Douro



Imagine a river that flows with liquid gold, where flat-bottomed *rabelo* boats in days past transported barrels of wine from Douro Valley vineyards to port cellars in Porto, where the Douro kisses the sea. Today picture Tauck's custom-crafted 42-cabin riverboat, named ms *Andorinha* for a swallow found here, gently navigating the Douro with no more than 84 guests onboard as it cruises to *quinta* estates for intimate tastings of wine at its vine-rich source. To cruise the Douro is to drink in the history and beauty of Portugal and return, like the swallow, for more.







## VILLAGES & VINTAGES: CRUISING THE DOURO RIVER VALLEY

8 DAYS | APRIL - OCTOBER

Porto | Peso da Régua | Pocinho | Pinhão | Guimarães

7 nights aboard ms *Andorinha* celebrate a 2,000-year-old legacy in one of the world's oldest wine-making regions. The Romans started it and the Portuguese perfected it, giving birth to prize-winning table wines and precious port made nowhere else. Enjoy them in *quintas*, palaces, caves and villages equally worthy.

- Learn how to pair the perfect wines with dinner at a Douro Valley estate
- Take a port-wine cocktail making class and debut your signature drink
- Pedal through Vinho Verde wine country on a guided bicycle tour



## EXPLORING THE DOURO, PLUS LISBON & MADRID

12 DAYS | APRIL - OCTOBER

Lisbon | Coimbra | Porto | Peso da Régua | Salamanca | Madrid

Two-night premier hotel stays in Lisbon and Madrid and a 7-night Douro cruise reveal a parade of Iberian pleasures. See monumental sites in Lisbon and dine in the national palace. Cruise past Douro vineyards and stop for private tastings in historic *quintas*, bicycle rides and sightseeing choices that suit your interests.

- Explore 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Spain and Portugal
- Enjoy a special culinary experience in Folgosa, dining with river views
- Discover a taste of royal life during dinner at Queluz National Palace

# Cultural Journeys

Sail away aboard our small ship cruises to discover secrets of the geisha / geiko culture in Kyoto, an Arab-influenced Moreska sword dance along the Dalmatian Coast, and time-honored traditions of flamenco dancing and prancing Andalusian horses in Málaga. Hear tales of Scottish castles and clans in the Highlands, and watch war dances by Maori villagers in New Zealand. Experience the unique folkways of islanders off the coasts of Belize, Croatia, France, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Norway and more...

*Dubrovnik*







# NORWEGIAN FJORDS & COASTAL TREASURES

10 DAYS, 7-NIGHT CRUISE | JULY - AUGUST

- Explore Oslo and Bergen with us during hotel stays before and after your cruise
- Choose coastal adventures by boat or troll car to see mountains & glaciers beautiful to behold
- Discover fjord folklore by gondola, boat or kayak, immersing in storied landscapes your way
- Experience special cultural treats like a private piano concert in Edvard Grieg's Troidhaugen



# VENICE & THE DALMATIAN COAST

10 DAYS, 7-NIGHT CRUISE | JUNE, SEPTEMBER

- Dreams of Venice come true at a grand city hotel and Venetian Islands artisan filled
- Cruise along the jeweled Adriatic Coast with a choice of guided excursions in every port
- See history come alive on visits to 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, honoring times past
- Cultural discoveries of daily life reward with wine and olive oil tastings and a private Moreska dance





# CRUISING DOWN UNDER

20 DAYS, 9-NIGHT CRUISE | JANUARY, MARCH

- Upend expectations as you discover the best of Australia and New Zealand by land and sea
- Cruise to wineries, fish-filled fjords, Maori villages, geothermal islands and Kiwi cities
- Find adventure at the Great Barrier Reef, on a rainforest gondola and a Sydney Harbour cruise
- Delight in welcoming Down Under hotels in Queenstown, Melbourne, Cairns and Sydney



# CRUISING THE GREAT LAKES: TORONTO TO CHICAGO

12 DAYS, 7-NIGHT CRUISE | SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

- See landscapes man-made in Chicago, duned at Lake Michigan, and car free on Mackinac Island
- Take a private boat ride near Niagara Falls and lunch at a winery scented with rose gardens
- Transit the Welland Canal, linking lakes and locks in a 27-mile voyage fascinating to experience
- Rediscover American ingenuity – and automotive history – as you choose in Detroit



# Expeditions

Once-in-a-lifetime destinations best explored from sea to shore await your arrival by expeditionary ship, leading to an island landing through Antarctic ice floes to stand on the seventh continent... hiking through Andean mists into the Incan citadel of Machu Picchu... taking in an Icelandic waterfall or an Alaskan meadow... meeting a member of Panama's Guna tribe as she sews a *mola* by hand... enjoying a photo op with a frigatebird in the Galápagos... stepping across the Arctic Circle on a Norwegian island where the polar bears outnumber the people... discovering the natural world as never before with BBC Earth Certified Tauck Directors and naturalists aboard our exclusive Earth Journeys expeditionary cruises, created by Tauck with BBC Earth.



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# EARTH JOURNEYS

CREATED BY TAUCK WITH BBC EARTH



*Godafoss, Iceland*





# THE PANAMA CANAL & COSTA RICA

12 DAYS / 7-NIGHT CRUISE | JANUARY - MARCH

- Imagine experiencing a full daytime transit of the Panama Canal with eye-opening expert insights
- Picture getting up close with the rich, diverse life of the rainforest – orchids, butterflies, toucans & more
- Visualize meeting Guna Indians living in a Panamanian village without modern-day influences
- Find history in Panama City and gold in San José, making a lifetime of memories during 2-night stays



# PERU & THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

15 DAYS / 6-NIGHT CRUISE | MARCH - NOVEMBER

- Ride the rails to a lost Incan city at Machu Picchu, historically rich and uniquely spiritual
- Go local in Lima, lunching inside a private home and having dinner at a gold museum
- Meet horsemen and *pasos*, farmers and llamas, and weavers with looms in Peruvian villages
- Cruise to Galápagos islands untouched by time for walks with wildlife found nowhere else



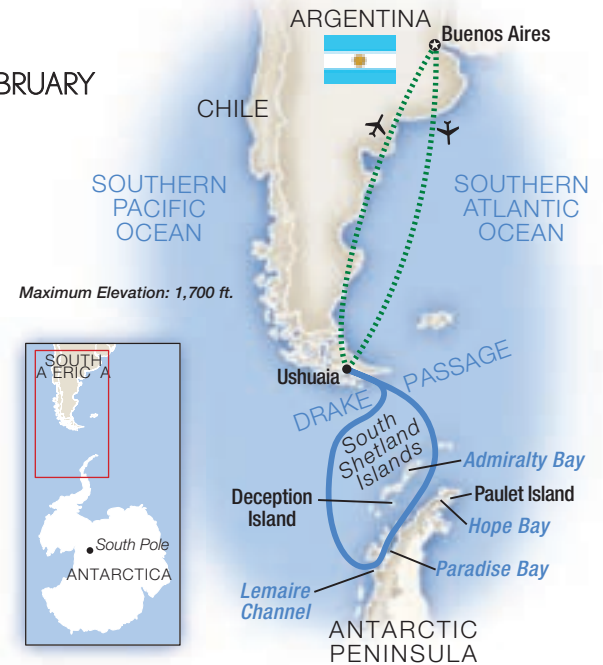




# ANTARCTICA

13 DAYS / 10-NIGHT CRUISE | DECEMBER - FEBRUARY

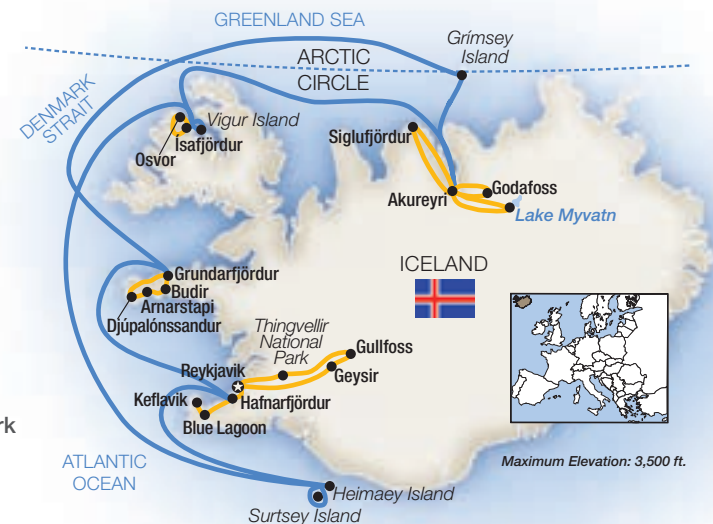
- Collect that 7th continent on a bucket list adventure to an archipelago frozen in time
- Cruise amidst sculpted kingdoms with castles of ice dressed in glacial blues and ethereal hues
- Zodiac to Antarctic shores populated by penguins and seals, through waters rich with whales
- Savor scenic bliss in Argentina's forested national parks located at the end of the world



# ICELAND: LAND OF FIRE & ICE

8 DAYS | JUNE - JULY

- Discover the natural charms of a Nordic Island Nation acclaimed as a "hot" travel destination
- Walk across the Arctic Circle, camera in hand, to document this once-in-a-lifetime experience
- Come ashore on islands where people are few and puffins, whimsically wild, are prevalent
- Soak in surreal scenery at the Blue Lagoon, at clockwork geysers, godlike falls and a Viking's park



# Our Fleet

## RIVERBOATS

The Rhine, Rhône, Danube, Douro, Seine. Each of Europe's rivers has its own treasures and its own personality. And our Destination Fleet features three sizes of riverboats – 263 ft. / 80 m. (maximum guests: 84), 361 ft. / 110 m. (maximum guests: 98), and 443 ft. / 135 m. (maximum guests: 130) – for the utmost in cruising flexibility with fewer passengers onboard. All of our riverboats feature spacious cabins and suites, equipped with pillow-top mattresses, 400-thread-count bed linens, luxury toiletries, in-room movies, stocked minibar and more... the most 300-sq.-ft. suites aboard any riverboats in Europe... a congenial onboard ambiance amidst intimate, shared spaces... two indoor dining venues, including our main dining room, The Compass Rose, and Arthur's, featuring casual fare... and impeccable service and amenities similar to a premier hotel... for an inclusive cruising experience inspired by each destination.



*ms Joy in Melk, Austria*



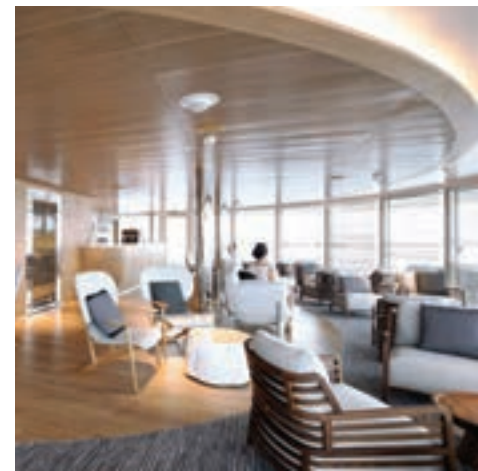
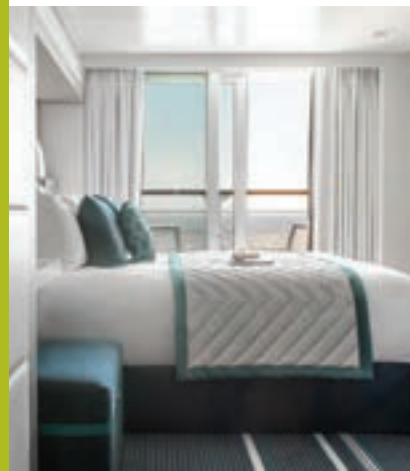
# SMALL SHIPS



From Antarctica to the Arctic Circle... the Panama Canal to the Rock of Gibraltar... seas from the East China to the Caribbean, the Aegean, the Irish, the Baltic and the Norwegian... islands from the Galápagos to Orkney. Across the waters of the world... to secluded coves, tropical hideaways, remote archipelagos, and some of the most exciting places on Earth... *this* is where our small ships sail, joined by no more than 40 to 300 guests. We have longstanding partnerships with award-winning cruise lines like Ponant, who has anchored our small ship cruises for a quarter-century now; like the hotels we use on our trips, their ships and crews embody the quality and service levels we demand for our guests. We handpick purpose-built expeditionary vessels to explore remote regions across the globe. And classic luxury sailing ships like those of Windstar, their sails proudly unfurled, evoke the romance of a bygone era with state-of-the-art comfort. They rank among the world's finest small ships, all perfectly matched to their destinations.



*Le Champlain in Norway*



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