

# A voyage into lands of enduring legacies

Europe and the Mediterranean  
2024



# See what others don't

Some people see things as they are, others look further. Let us take you on a journey, that will change the way you see the world. Sail to some of the most incredible, remote destinations on the planet. When you travel with us, the wonders of the world take on a richer hue.



Celsus Library in Ephesus, Turkey

### Over 70 years of cruise expertise

That's how long we've been navigating the world's waters. Swan Hellenic is built on a passion for exploration, a reputation for safety and professionalism of the highest standard.

### Boutique ships

Just you and nature, that's how you'll feel on our 5 star contemporary Scandinavian inspired ships. With open-plan design, panoramic views and a focus on wellness, they're the perfect place to relax, recharge and explore.

### Intuitive service

When it comes to anticipating your needs, no request is too big or too small. To us, personal and unobtrusive service means everything from making sure you're fully equipped for an Arctic excursion to remembering your favourite gin serve when it comes to pre-dinner drinks.

### Enriching cultural expeditions

Once, we travelled to educate – professors, scientists, researchers. Over the years, we've developed a deep knowledge of the world. Today, we use this knowledge to create immersive cultural experiences that take you to the heart of a place.

# A culture of care for people and planet

Swan Hellenic has always been passionate about our planet's rich environmental and cultural heritage. It's in our name and nature, and it's what inspires us to experience the world's wild unspoilt places and explore its rich and diverse cultures, ancient sites and civilisations.

Aerial top down view of a fish farm in the blue, mediterranean sea in Greece

## Proud member of



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## Our focus areas

Swan Hellenic's sustainability policies are fully compliant with and exceed the cruise industry global standards governing its safety, environmental and labour aspects. In line with the UN sustainable development goals, we are focusing on the following 6 key areas.

## Responsible Cruising

We are committed to preserving the beauty of the world we explore for future generations, taking urgent and innovative concrete action to reduce our environmental footprint.

## Climate Action

Exploring the globe, we constantly encounter dramatic evidence of global warming and climate change. This strengthens our resolve to take urgent action – within our organisation and in the destinations we travel to – to combat their causes and mitigate their effects.



## Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Dynamically inclusive companies and societies are key to sustainable development. As the pioneer of cultural expedition cruising, we welcome adventurers of every age, gender, orientation, nationality and interest to explore worldwide. We promote gender equity and women and girls' empowerment worldwide, and have strong internal policies that ensure our employees enjoy equal opportunities of employment and professional development, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, culture, religion, age, sexual orientation, functional ability and political view.

## Life in the Water

With our strong seafaring heritage, we are committed to the responsible use of marine resources for sustainable development. This is vital in promoting and conserving the health and biodiversity of the Earth's waters.

## Legacies of the Land

We strive to preserve the natural and cultural landmarks that our expedition cruises explore, promoting and advancing the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems and historic sites for future generations.

## Thriving Communities

We build strong connections with the communities that host our cultural expedition cruises, respecting their cultural and environmental integrity, while partnering with them to generate positive impacts.

## Quality Education

Education and research empower human potential. Proud of our roots in British academia, we work to support regional research initiatives, ensuring access to inclusive and equitable education and providing lifelong learning opportunities for all.

# Exploring with head and heart

Swan Hellenic pioneered cultural expedition cruising in 1954, when we accompanied members of the Hellenic Society around the famous sites of ancient Greece in the company of eminent classicists.



## Explore

Every Swan Hellenic cruise is the same today as it always was, combining geographical exploration with cultural and scientific discovery. We don't just take you to explore the most extraordinary places on earth. We bring you the company of like-minded people and renowned experts, who offer eye-opening lectures and are on hand for informal questions and discussion throughout your cruise.

## Experience

So when you choose Swan Hellenic to see what others don't – you can be sure you'll do so with a full perspective and real insight into the history, cultures, wildlife, flora, geology and geography of the place. Briefings before each disembarkation and recaps afterwards supplement our lectures and talks, stimulating a relaxed social environment that encourages the sharing of experiences.



## Enrich

At the same time, every Swan Hellenic cruise is also full of opportunities for you to develop your creative passions, with professionals on board to support you in photography and more. A library completes the picture, with a multitude of books on every subject, for you to take your interests to another level.

It's the depth of these other dimensions that's unique to Swan Hellenic, making us the first choice of adventurous minds worldwide.

# Learn from the best

Renowned in their respective fields, our onboard experts have an unparalleled understanding of the regions we visit.

From historians to naturalists, meteorologists to ornithologists, our friendly experts will offer you incredible insight into the wildlife, history and geology of the places we visit. Tap into their expertise via our extensive lecture programme, or feel free to interact with them throughout your trip. We're also fortunate to work with some of the best in-country guides in the industry. Born and raised in the regions we visit, nothing quite compares to the depths of their local knowledge.



### Botanists

Identify plant life at sea and on land with our expert botanists, and get insights into our ecosystems and climate.



### Geologists

Everyone loves a beautiful landscape. But understanding its geology and how it was formed will change your perspective forever.



### Photographers

Chat to our expert photographers and learn how to best capture movement and light in the extraordinary destinations we visit.



### Archaeologists

Join our archaeologists and discover what lies beneath our feet. Uncover lost cities and ancient civilisations that shaped our history.



### Historians

Our historians will enrich your expedition experience with incredible stories and unmatched knowledge of the places we visit.



### Ornithologists

Will you be lucky enough to spot a snow petrel? Learn from our ornithologists and be inspired to identify the incredible birds you'll see.



### Marine Biologists

As you encounter whales, dolphins and other marine species, you can consult our marine biologists for fascinating anecdotes.



# Endless ways to spend your day

There's no such thing as a typical day with Swan Hellenic. We bring you endless possibilities to tailor every moment to your interests and mood, so you'll always have your dream day on board.

Plan your perfect day

## 6am

Waking comfortably refreshed in your stateroom, early risers can join the team on deck for an early morning breakfast. Breathe in the Mediterranean sea air as you sip your fresh tea or coffee. What a wonderful way to prepare for the day's adventures exploring a treasure trove of history and ancient sites.



## 7am

Early risers have the time to take a fitness class or workout in our gym. Refuel with a light continental or substantial cooked breakfast – a perfect foundation for the action-packed day ahead.

## 8am

Prepare yourself for today's shore excursion as we disembark at one of our preferred, off-the-beaten track, Mediterranean ports, many of which are only accessible to smaller cruise ships. Our expert-led cultural tours will take you to long-forgotten settlements or wondrous archaeological sites where the ancient cultures of Mediterranean Europe come to life.



## 12pm

Back on board, you'll have the time to share experiences over lunch, whether snacking in the Club Lounge or savouring something a little more substantial in the Swan Restaurant or Pool Bar & Grill.



## 2pm

There may be time after lunch for another shore excursion at our current port of call. Delve into local culture or uncover more archaeological sites and immerse yourself in the long, complex history of the Mediterranean.

## 4pm

Indulge in our High Seas High Tea, or retreat to the comfort of your stateroom for a movie on your flatscreen TV. Sweat it out in our stunning panoramic sauna, take a dip in the pool, take a mindfulness class, or pop to the salon for a relaxing treatment.



## 6.30pm

Each evening a member of our expert team or a guest lecturer will talk you through the day's highlights. We will then discuss the shore excursion plans for the following day.

## 7pm

It's now time to enjoy the pleasures of elegant dining. Our chefs have prepared a selection of international culinary delights, expertly paired with wines selected by our sommelier.

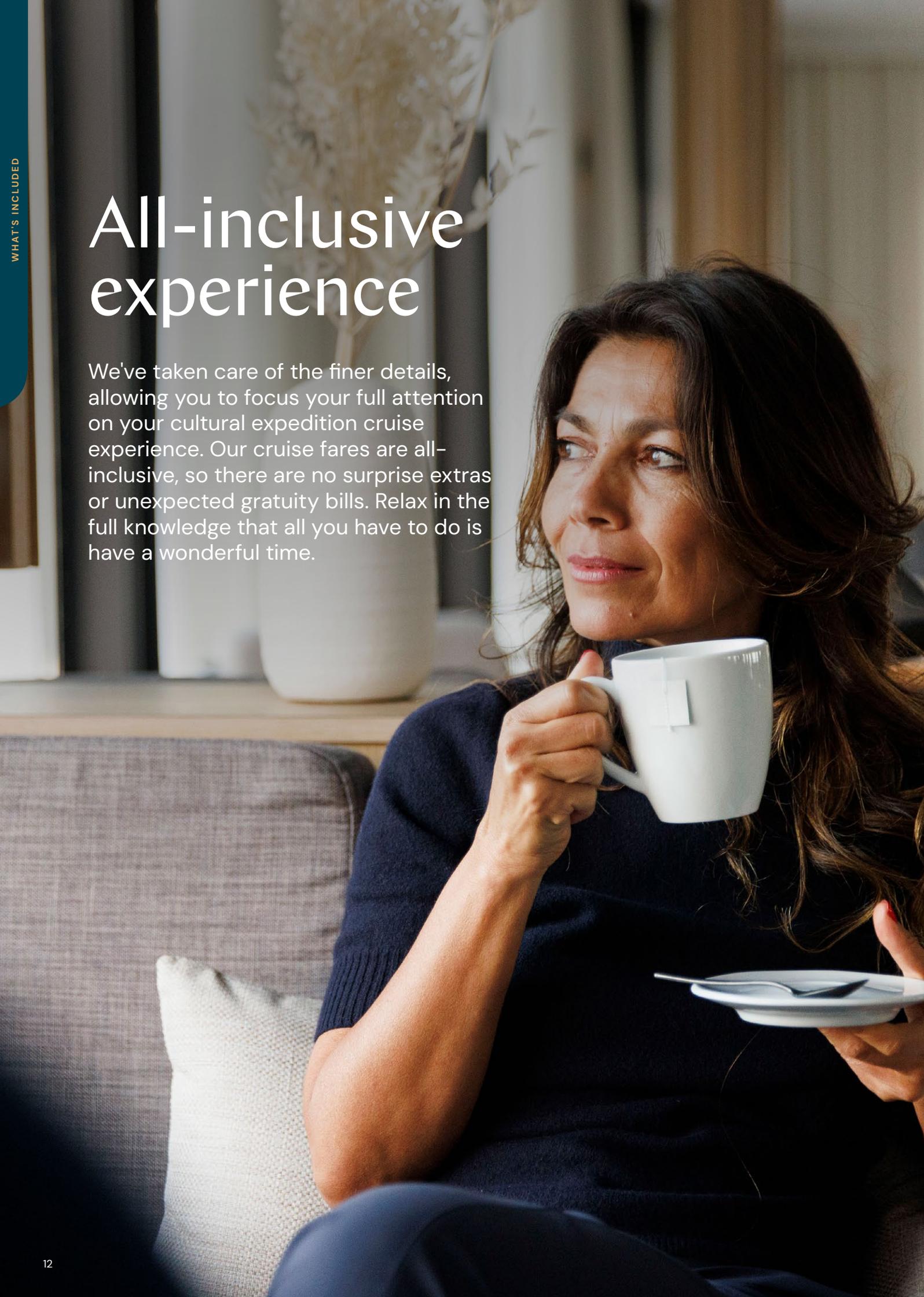


## 9.30pm

End a perfect day with your favourite drink and a wonderful piano performance. Or head out to the deck for some stargazing under the clear night sky.

# All-inclusive experience

We've taken care of the finer details, allowing you to focus your full attention on your cultural expedition cruise experience. Our cruise fares are all-inclusive, so there are no surprise extras or unexpected gratuity bills. Relax in the full knowledge that all you have to do is have a wonderful time.



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- Group transfer from the airport to the hotel the day before embarkation, from the hotel to the cruise port on embarkation day and from the cruise port to the airport on disembarkation day
  - One night pre-cruise accommodation with breakfast in a 4/5-star hotel or onboard
  - All meals onboard
  - Onboard accommodation in a stateroom selected category
  - 24-hour room service
  - Coffee, tea, soft drinks and selected alcoholic beverages available 24-hours per day
  - Lecture programmes by our experienced guest speakers
  - One selected shore excursion per port of call
  - Standard WiFi
  - Onboard gratuities & port taxes

## Enhance your experience

You also have the option of adding some extra special services to your cultural cruise experience (additional charges apply):

- Air fares (unless otherwise stated)
- Travel insurance
- Optional land programmes and hotel accommodation pre or post cruise
- Premium and private shore excursions
- Premium alcoholic beverages
- Spa & beauty treatments
- Laundry services
- Retail shop purchases



# Our Cultural Expedition Cruises

Western Europe and the Mediterranean hold tremendous historical and cultural significance, shaping civilization and the modern world through their interconnections, trade, conquests and cultural exchange. These regions have witnessed the rise and fall of empires, including the Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, and Byzantines, the birth of religions, the exploration of distant lands, and the flourishing of philosophy, arts and sciences. Exploring their sites and landmarks reveals a wealth of knowledge, enriching our understanding of human history.

Embark on a captivating journey through the historic ports of Western Europe, which served as gateways to voyages of discovery. Follow in the wake of the Vikings as you explore the myths and legends of Northern Europe. Discover local charm and compelling history in the coastal towns and cities of the Mediterranean. Immerse yourself in the vibrancy of Istanbul – where east meets west. From the ancient Greeks and Romans to intrepid European explorers who ventured far and wide, this region weaves together a captivating tapestry of languages and a historical odyssey that encompasses remarkable human achievements.



Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye

ITINERARY	FROM	TO	SHIP	DURATION	SAILING DATES
MOORISH SPLENDOURS & IBERIAN CHARMS	Casablanca	Lisbon	SH Vega	4 nights	10 May 2024
OLD WORLD GATEWAYS TO THE ATLANTIC	Lisbon	Portsmouth	SH Vega	10 nights	14 May 2024
SPIRIT OF THE CELTS	Portsmouth	Dublin	SH Vega	11 nights	24 May 2024
IN THE WAKE OF CELTS & VIKINGS	Dublin	Reykjavik	SH Vega	12 nights	4 Jun 2024
SAILING WITH THE VIKINGS	Tromso	Amsterdam	SH Diana	12 nights	20 Jul 2024
GEMS OF WESTERN EUROPE	Amsterdam	Lisbon	SH Diana	9 nights	1 Aug 2024
MYSTERIES OF CARTHAGE AND THE MOORS	Lisbon	Palermo	SH Diana	10 nights	10 Aug 2024
SECRETS OF SICILY	Palermo	Palermo	SH Diana	8 nights	20 Aug 2024
FROM MAGNA GRAECIA TO GREECE	Palermo	Piraeus	SH Diana	8 nights	28 Aug 2024
COLORS OF EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN	Piraeus	Istanbul	SH Diana	11 nights	5 Sep 2024
CULTURE OF EAST MEDITERRANEAN	Istanbul	Limassol	SH Diana	8 nights	16 Sep 2024

# Moorish Splendours & Iberian Charms

FROM CASABLANCA TO LISBON

🕒 10 – 14 May 2024 📍 Casablanca – Lisbon 🗓️ 4 nights 🌤️ SH Vega



Flamenco in Seville

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at Seville's Plaza de España, a grand semicircular building overlooking a canal in Parque de María Luisa.
- Discover the Algarve, famed for its whitewashed villages, dramatic cliffs and golden Atlantic beaches.

Day	Visiting
1	Casablanca
2	Seville
3	Seville
4	Lagos
5	Lisbon

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Discover the rich history and diverse landscapes of Morocco, Spain and Portugal on this short cruise. Traverse millennia from the soaring minarets of Casablanca to the Gothic grandeur of Seville's cathedral, etched with whispers of medieval Europe. In Portugal, Discover the coastal beauty of Lagos with its charming harbours and beaches, while Lisbon's vibrant streets brim with echoes of maritime explorers and timeless traditions.



### SEVILLE

Renowned for its Mudéjar architecture blending Islamic and Catholic styles, is also famed for flamenco dance.

ATLANTIC OCEAN



# Old World Gateways to the Atlantic

FROM LISBON TO PORTSMOUTH

🕒 14 – 24 May 2024    📍 Lisbon – Portsmouth    📅 10 nights    🚢 SH Vega



Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, Vigo

This maritime odyssey takes you from Lisbon, one of Europe’s oldest cities, to Portsmouth, one of the world’s best-known ports whose history can be traced to Roman times. Along the way, discover old towns and medieval walled cities with steep, narrow streets and ramparts, fisherman’s quarters, long stretches of sand, and exotic gardens. Journey with us on our boutique expedition ship and enjoy everything this little slice of Western Europe offers.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the old streets of Gijon’s fisherman’s quarter, Cimadevilla.
- Admire the ship-shaped Frank Gehry–designed Guggenheim Museum Bilbao.
- Wander the steep cobbled streets of the medieval hamlet and holy island of Mont St Michel.
- Explore one of Brittany’s most beautiful port cities: Concarneau.

Day	Visiting
1	Lisbon
2	Leixoes
3	Vigo
4	Ferrol
5	Gijon
6	Santander
7	At sea
8	Saint-Malo
9	Cherbourg
10	Honfleur
11	Portsmouth

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# Spirit of the Celts

FROM PORTSMOUTH TO DUBLIN

🕒 24 May-4 Jun 2024    📍 Portsmouth - Dublin    🗓 11 nights    🚢 SH Vega



Dunguaire castle, Galway, Ireland

Join us on a journey of discovery as we embark on a cultural exploration cruise through the heart of the British Isles. From Portsmouth's historic port to the Scottish Highlands' rugged beauty, you'll visit some of the most fascinating and enchanting destinations in the world. Along the way, immerse yourself in local cultures and traditions, and explore this remarkable region's rich history and heritage.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Tresco Abbey's legendary gardens, a tropical paradise and oasis of exotic blooms in the idyllic Isles of Scilly.
- Discover the awe-inspiring beauty of Ireland's Dingle Peninsula, often described as the most beautiful place on earth.
- Admire the otherworldly basalt columns of Northern Ireland's iconic Giant's Causeway World Heritage Site on a walk.

Day	Visiting
1	Portsmouth
2	Fowey
3	Tresco, Isles of Scilly
4	Bantry
5	Dingle
6	Galway
7	Killybegs
8	Iona Island
9	Stornoway
9	Loch Ewe
10	Oban
11	Portrush
11	Rathlin Island
12	Dublin

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### TRESCO ABBEY GARDEN

The warm air from the Gulf Stream allows rare and unusual species to thrive in this subtropical paradise.



### STONEHENGE

Visit the UK's oldest stone circle, the spellbinding Callanish Stones, built 500 years before Stonehenge



# In the wake of Celts and Vikings

FROM DUBLIN TO REYKJAVIK

🕒 4 – 16 June 2024    📍 Dublin – Reykjavik    📅 12 nights    🚢 SH Vega



Puffin Birds, Iceland

Discover the Viking and Celtic heritage of the North Atlantic on this voyage from Dublin to Reykjavik. Explore medieval sites like Orkney's mysterious Ring of Brodgar, hike the rugged landscapes of the Faroe Islands and Iceland, and watch seabird cliffs teeming with life at Latrabjarg and Rathlin Island. As you retrace the ocean pathways of Norse explorers and Celtic monks, encounter the rich cultures shaped by these dynamic historic forces.

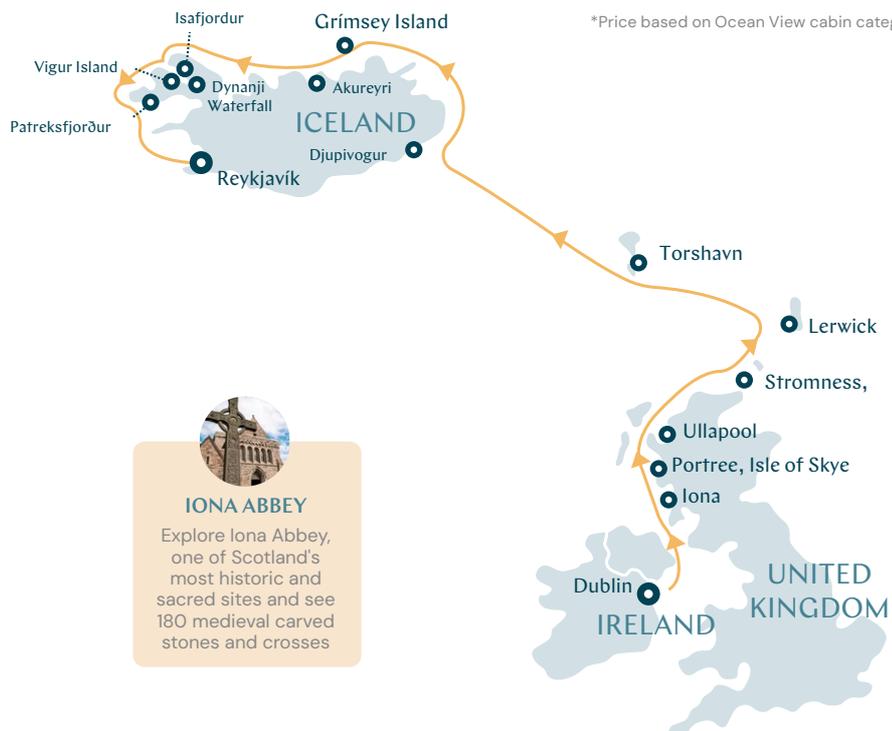
## HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a guided walk over the fascinating basalt columns that make up the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland
- Explore Skara Brae, northern Europe's best-preserved Neolithic village predating Stonehenge
- Visit the cosiest capital on Earth, the Faroe Islands' Tórshavn, with turf-covered churches and rainbow-coloured homes

Day	Visiting
1	Dublin
2	Iona Island
3	Portree, Sky Island
4	Ullapool
5	Stromness, Orkney Islands
6	Lerwick, Shetland Islands
7	Thorshavn
8	Djupivogur
9	Grimsey Island
10	Akureyri
11	Isafjordur, Vigur Island
12	Dynjandi Waterfall, Patreksfjörður
12	Cruising Latrabjarg Cliffs
13	Reykjavik

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### ELFISH AFFAIRS

Many Icelanders still believe in the existence of elves (known as Huldafólk, or 'hidden people')— and when construction takes place on certain areas of land, a spokesperson is allocated for the elves.



### IONA ABBEY

Explore Iona Abbey, one of Scotland's most historic and sacred sites and see 180 medieval carved stones and crosses



# Sailing with the Vikings

FROM TROMSØ TO AMSTERDAM

🕒 20 Jul – 1 Aug May 2024    📍 Tromsø – Amsterdam    📅 12 nights    🚢 SH Diana



Seven Sisters waterfalls, Geiranger, Norway

Leaving from the Arctic city of Tromsø, sail the mythical Trollfjorden and discover the charms of Leknes in the Lofoten Islands. Then take in the coastal beauty of Brønnøysund and Molde, and sail from Geiranger's majestic fjords to the United Kingdom. Explore Kirkwall's ancient heritage, immerse yourself in the culture of Aberdeen and Edinburgh in Scotland, and marvel at Newcastle upon Tyne's historic charm before your cruise ends in Amsterdam.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the preserved medieval stave churches that are still present in some of the coastal towns. Most of these wooden churches were built between 1150 and 1350.
- Cross into the Arctic Circle as you make your way to the Arctic town of Tromsø – a real bucket list achievement.
- Cruise through the famously narrow and steep Trollfjorden and look up in awe at the steep mountainsides – you can almost reach out and touch them from the ship.

Day	Visiting
1	Tromsø
2	Trollfjorden
2	Leknes, Lofoten
3	Bronnoysund
4	Molde
5	Geiranger
6-7	Shetland Islands
8-9	Leith (Edinburgh)
10	Aberdeen
11	Newcastle upon Tyne
12	The Hague-Scheveningen
13	Amsterdam

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### WARNING, TROLLS

Trolls are featured heavily in Norse mythology and are said to live in isolated rocks and caves of the fjords. You can even find some mountain pass signs warning visitors not to upset the trolls



### WARMER CLIMES

Thanks to the Gulf Stream, the Norwegian fjords are warmer than you might expect. The waters remain mostly ice-free



# Gems of Western Europe

FROM AMSTERDAM TO LISBON

🕒 1 Aug – 10 Aug 2024    📍 Amsterdam – Lisbon    🗓️ 9 nights    🏠 SH Diana



Brugge city centre, Belgium

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander the beautifully preserved medieval streets of Bruges, often referred to as the ‘Venice of the North’
- Follow in the footsteps of French artists Claude Monet and Paul Gauguin in Brittany and Normandy
- Marvel at the magnificent Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, believed to be the burial site of James the Great

Day	Visiting
1	Amsterdam
2	Bruges
3	HonFleur
4	Saint-Malo
5	Tresco, Scilly Islands
6	Concarneau
7	At sea
8	Vigo
9	Leixoes
10	Lisbon

Follow in the footsteps of sailors, royals and artists, as you cruise the English Channel from the Netherlands to Belgium before exploring the Atlantic coasts of France, Spain and Portugal. This exploration of Western Europe on board our boutique ship carries you between two European capitals, from the flat canal side streets of Amsterdam to the hilly alleyways of Lisbon. Along the way, discover Roman lighthouses, gaze upon sandy beaches and feast on seafood. Sit back and enjoy this leisurely voyage taking in the fishing villages, ancient ports, fortified medieval towns and picturesque harbours that attracted renowned artists including Monet and Boudin.

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# Mysteries of Carthage and the Moors

FROM LISBON TO PALERMO

🕒 10 – 20 Aug 2024    📍 Lisbon – Palermo    📅 10 nights    🚢 SH Diana



The Archaeological Site of Oran, Algeria

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Browse the bustling Arab-influenced street market stalls of Palermo
- Visit a colony of endangered barbary macaques in Bejaia's Gouraya National Park.
- Get lost in the whitewashed, steep, winding alleyways of the Kasbah medina in Algiers

Day	Visiting
1	Lisbon
2	Portimao
3-4	Seville
5	Tangier
6	Oran
7	Algiers
8	Bejaia
9	Annaba
10	La Goulette
11	Palermo

Departing Lisbon, settle in for a historical odyssey of Portuguese, Spanish, north African and Italian coastal gems on our journey along the North African Coasts aboard our boutique ship. On this specially curated voyage you have time to roam North Africa's most beguiling souks and medinas, from the French influences of Annaba to Oran's complex past. In Tunisia, explore the remains of the ancient city of Carthage. Conclude this intrepid journey in Sicily, a cultural melting pot offering up centuries of history of Middle Eastern, Northern African and European influences all melded together.

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# Secrets of Sicily

## SICILY ISLAND

🕒 20 Aug – 28 Aug 2024    📍 Palermo – Palermo    🗓 8 nights    🏠 SH Diana



Trapani, Italy

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the tomb of Archimedes in Siracusa’s necropolis
- Uncover the Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Explore one of the world’s most concentrated historic areas in Valletta, Malta’s capital city

Day	Visiting
1	Palermo
2	Trapani
3	Mazara del Vallo
4	Porto Empedocle
5	Valletta
6	Siracusa
7	Giardini Naxos
8	Lipari
9	Palermo

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Discover the heart of the Mediterranean on this fascinating Sicilian and Maltese cultural cruise. Sicily is a wonderful concoction of rich history, culinary delights, vibrant culture and striking natural landscapes. This alluring Italian gem has much to offer from bustling Palermo, glamorous Taormina and the intriguing Valley of the Temples to the Salt Pans of Trapani. The nearby islands of Lipari, the largest of the Aeolian Islands, and Malta, add more archaeological finds to help unearth the complex histories these lands have witnessed.



# From Magna Graecia to Greece

## FROM PALERMO TO PIRAEUS

🕒 28 Aug – 5 Sept 2024    📍 Palermo – Piraeus    🗓 8 nights    🚢 SH Diana



Remains of Ancient Greek temple of Athena in Delphi

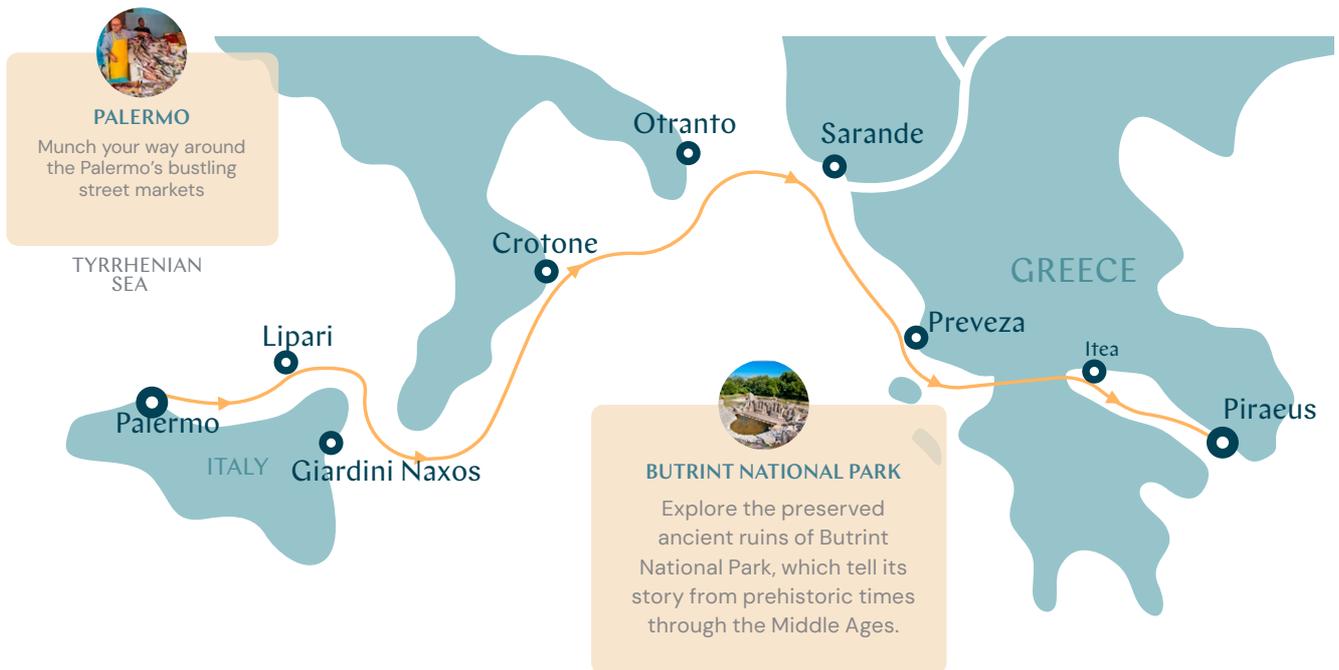
### HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into the rich history of Magna Graecia at southern Italy's Capo Colonna Archaeological Park.
- Explore the archaeological remains of Nikopolis, originally founded by Roman Emperor Octavian in commemoration of his victory in the Battles of Actium.
- Visit Delphi, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its rich archaeological treasures and deep historical significance.

Embark on a captivating journey through time on this inspirational voyage. Minoans, Ancient Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Venetians, and Turks have all laid claim to these lands leaving behind a rich legacy of history and architecture. Aboard our small 5-star cultural cruising ship, you'll begin your historical journey in the vibrant, multicultural city of Palermo in Sicily and discover some of the best preserved Ancient Greek ruins outside of Greece. Next, we'll explore Lipari's volcanic landscapes before visiting Stromboli's – one of the world's most active volcanoes. Continue through the historic coastal towns and paradisaical beaches before reaching Piraeus – your gateway to Athens' ancient wonders.

Day	Visiting
1	Palermo
2	Lipari
2	Cruising Stromboli
3	Giardini Naxos
4	Crotone
5	Otranto
6	Sarande
7	Preveza
8	Itea
8	Cruising Corinth Canal
9	Piraeus

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# Colors of Eastern Mediterranean

FROM PIRAEUS TO ISTANBUL

🕒 5 – 16 Set 2024    📍 Piraeus – Istanbul    🗓️ 11 nights    🏠 SH Diana



Monemvasia, Greece

Embark on a journey through the magic of the Aegean Sea. From the bustling port of Piraeus to the charming town of Monemvasia and the picturesque island of Milos, this cruise will take you on a journey through some of Greece’s most beautiful and historic destinations. As you sail through the Aegean Sea, you’ll have the opportunity to explore the ancient ruins of Rethymnon and Chíos, stroll through the picturesque streets of Symi and Rhodes, and soak up the sun on the beautiful beaches of Nisyros and Mytilene. And when you’re ready to relax and unwind, you can enjoy a leisurely day at sea as you take in the stunning views of the Mediterranean.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the panoramic drive through orange and olive groves with the mighty Taygetus Mountain in the background.
- Visit the Grand Master’s Palace, during the 14th century under the rule of Grand Master H de Villeneuve.
- Uncover Rethymno’s multicultural past and explore its picturesque lanes.

Day	Visiting
1	Piraeus
2	Monemvasia
3	Milos, Adamas
4	Rethymnon
5	Madraki Nisyros
5-6	Symi
6	Rhodes
7	Patmos
8	Kusadasi
9	Chios
10	Mytilene, Lesbos
11	Canakkale
11	Cruising Dardanelles
12	Istanbul

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# Cultures of East Mediterranean

FROM ISTANBUL TO LIMASSOL

🕒 16 – 24 Set 2024    📍 Istanbul – Limassol    🗓️ 8 nights    🌤️ SH Diana



## HIGHLIGHTS

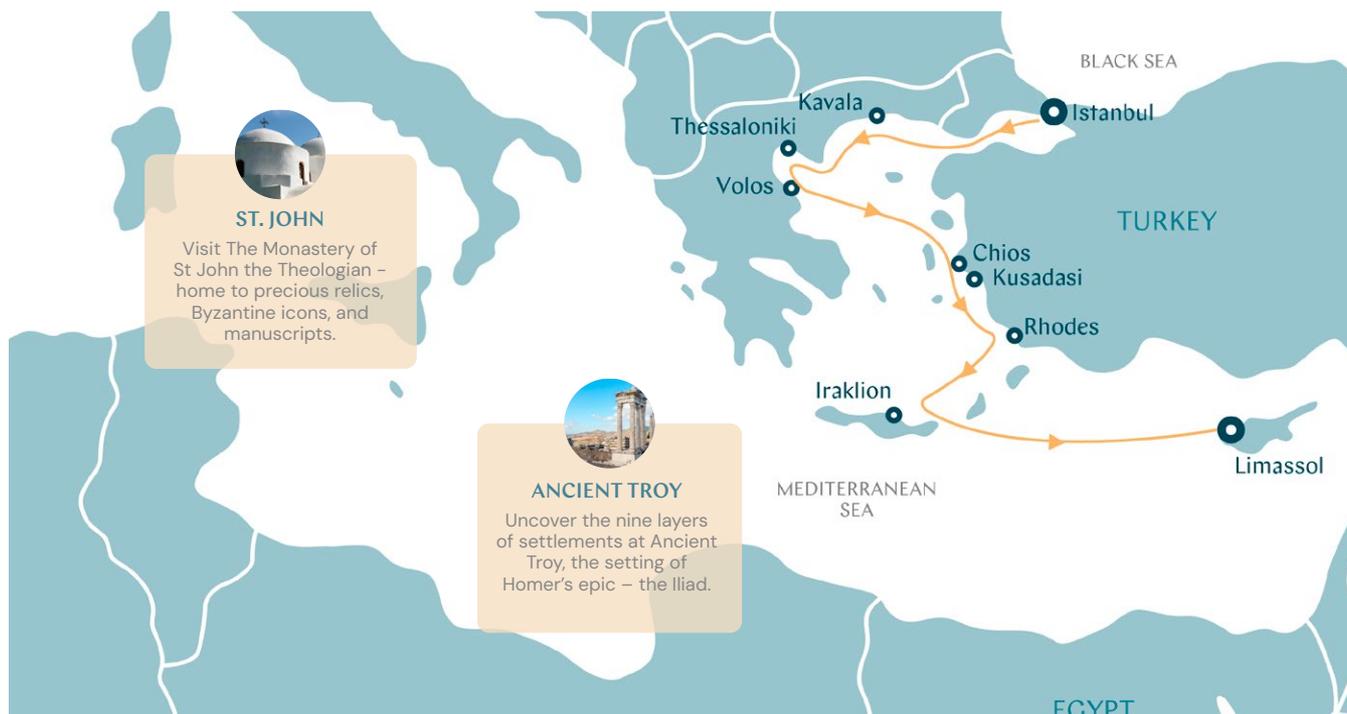
- Visit the Archaeological Museum of Vergina, renowned for its extensive collection of artefacts from the Kingdom of Macedon.
- Enjoy the incredible views while wending up the slopes of Mount Pelion.
- Discover the unique mastic plantations of Chios – a tradition that goes back to antiquity.

Day	Visiting
1	Istanbul
2	Kavala
3	Thessaloniki
4	Volos
5	Chios
6	Kusadasi
7	Iraklion, Crete
8	Rhodes
9	Limassol

Experience the magic of the Eastern Mediterranean on this unforgettable voyage. From the bustling streets of Istanbul to the charming port town of Kavala and the vibrant city of Thessaloniki, this cruise will take you on a journey through some of the world's most beautiful and historic destinations. As you sail through the Aegean Sea, you'll have the opportunity to stroll through the picturesque streets of Kusadasi and Rhodes and soak up the sun on the beautiful beaches of Heraklion. And when you're ready to relax and unwind, you can enjoy a leisurely day at sea as you take in the stunning views of the Mediterranean.

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# A new class of exploration

Immerse yourself in breathtaking panoramic views, elegant interiors, and sophisticated onboard facilities.

Our fleet of 5-star boutique ships — SH Minerva, SH Vega and SH Diana — have taken expedition cruising to new heights. Built in the Helsinki Shipyard in Finland, these ships combine the latest in expedition technology with stylish, sophisticated design. Featuring elegant interiors, wide unobstructed views throughout the ship and dedicated expedition facilities for a remarkable travel experience. Explore off-the-beaten-track destinations in style and comfort as you take in the scenery from a panoramic sauna, warm up in an outdoor hot tub, dine in a world-class restaurant, and unwind in an elegant stateroom. This is boutique cruising at its finest.



# Boutique cruising at its finest

SH Minerva, SH Vega, and SH Diana are sister ships designed to navigate the most inspiring, inaccessible places on earth. All the while offering guests an immersive, 5-star experience.

## SH Minerva & SH Vega

 117 crew

 152 guests

 9 decks

## SH Diana

 127 crew

 192 guests

 9 decks

Our heated outdoor pool



The interiors are spacious and tasteful, with plush furnishing and floor-to-ceiling windows that give you unobstructed views of some of the most incredible landscapes in the world. On board, savour international cuisine imagined by renowned chefs, unwind in a sophisticated stateroom and make full use of state-of-the-art spa, fitness and expedition facilities.



### The Swan Restaurant

As the main venue for breakfast, lunch and dinner, our 152-seat restaurant serves international and local cuisine focussed on quality regional ingredients from the unique destinations we visit.



### Club Lounge

Vibrant and welcoming, The Club Lounge acts as a hub, combining 24 hour tapas inspired dining with panoramic views of the ocean glittering below.



### Sauna with a View

Head to Deck 8 for the best views in the world. After a work out in our state-of-the-art gym, relax in our sauna or jacuzzi and take in those breathtaking vistas along the way.



### Observation Lounge

After a day of exploration, where better to relax than in the Observation Lounge? Sit back, savour your favourite tittle whilst getting to know your fellow guests.



### Alfresco Dining & Heated Outdoor Pool

On Deck 7, you'll find a heated outside pool along with pool side seating from where you can enjoy stunning scenery.

# SH Vega

Our elegant 5-star ships offer a boutique home-from-home. With a chic Scandinavian-inspired design and world-class technology, you'll experience an expedition cruise like no other.



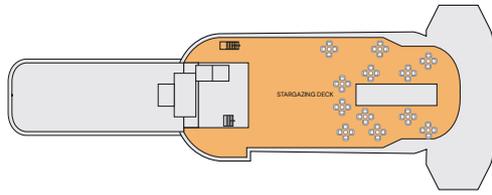
SH Vega aerial view

## Stateroom Category:

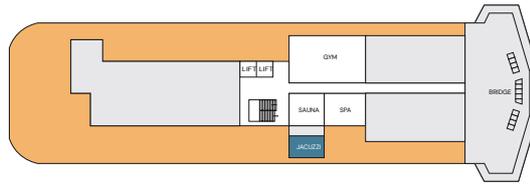
Oceanview D4:	4 (20m <sup>2</sup> ) ●
Oceanview M4:	12 (20m <sup>2</sup> ) ●
Balcony D5:	8 (25m <sup>2</sup> ) ●
Balcony M5:	22 (25m <sup>2</sup> ) ●
Balcony D6:	24 (25m <sup>2</sup> ) ●
Suite:	4 (40m <sup>2</sup> ) ●
Premium Suite:	2 (47m <sup>2</sup> ) ●

## Ship Specification:

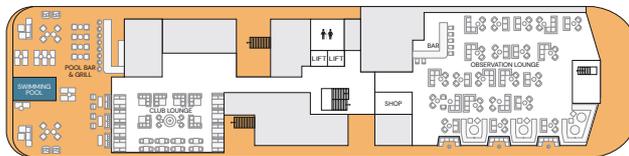
Guest Capacity	152
Staff	117
No. of Decks	9
Staterooms	76
Length	372ft (113.5m)
Breadth	79.7ft (24.3m)
Gross Tonnage	10.617
Service Speed	12 knots
3rd Guest Capacity	▲
4th Guest Capacity	■
Connecting Staterooms	↔
Wheelchair Accessible Staterooms	♿ 415
Propulsion	Hybrid Diesel Electric, Polar Class PC5
Registered	Panama
Lifeboats	2 (fully closed)
Zodiacs	10 MK5 2 MK6



Deck 9  
Stargazing Deck



Deck 8  
Gym  
Sauna  
Jacuzzi  
Spa  
Bridge



Deck 7  
Shop  
Swimming Pool  
Pool Bar & Grill  
Club Lounge  
Observation Lounge



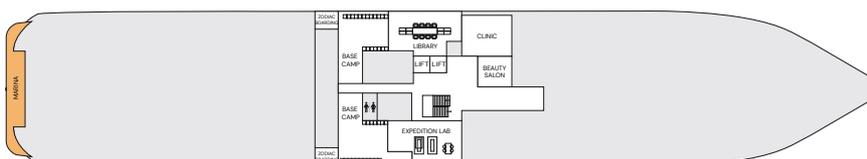
Deck 6  
Premium Suites  
Suites  
Balcony Staterooms D6  
Swan's Nest



Deck 5  
Balcony Staterooms D5, M5  
Suites



Deck 4  
Reception  
Laundrette  
Swan Restaurant  
Oceanview Staterooms D4, M4



Deck 3  
Clinic  
Library  
Basecamp  
Beauty Salon  
Expedition Lab

# SH Diana

The largest 5-star ship in our fleet, SH Diana (named after the Roman goddess of light, the moon, hunting and the wilderness) is elegant, spacious and built to explore the Mediterranean's famous sites of antiquity and beyond.

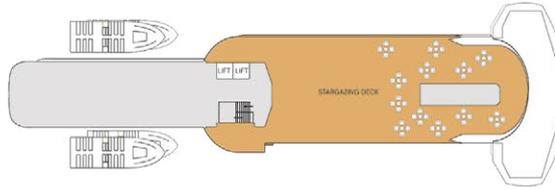
## Stateroom Category:

Oceanview D4:	6 (20m <sup>2</sup> ) ●
Oceanview M4:	14 (20m <sup>2</sup> ) ●
Balcony D5:	12 (25m <sup>2</sup> ) ●
Balcony M5:	25 (25m <sup>2</sup> ) ●
Balcony D6:	29 (25m <sup>2</sup> ) ●
Junior Suite:	4 (32-36m <sup>2</sup> ) ●
Suite:	4 (41m <sup>2</sup> ) ●
Premium Suite:	2 (41m <sup>2</sup> ) ●

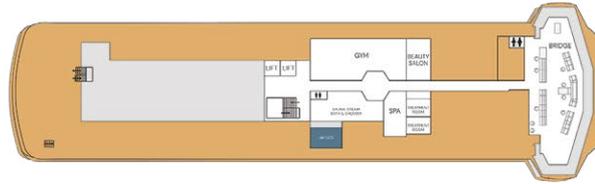
## Ship Specification:

Guest Capacity	192
Staff	127
No. of Decks	9
Staterooms	96
Length	409.7ft (124.9m)
Breadth	79.7ft (24.3m)
Gross Tonnage	12,255
Service Speed	12.5 knots
3rd Guest Capacity	▲
Connecting Staterooms	↔
Wheelchair Accessible Staterooms	♿ 419, 635
Propulsion	Hybrid Diesel Electric, Polar Class PC6
Registered	Liberia
Lifeboats	2 (fully closed)
Zodiacs	14 MK5
Tenders	2 ODC Marine

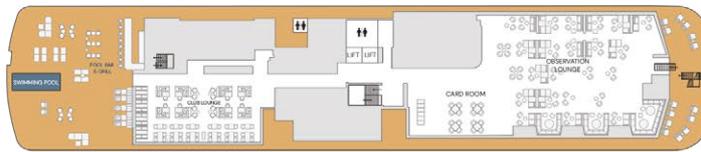
The Swan's Nest, on board SH Diana



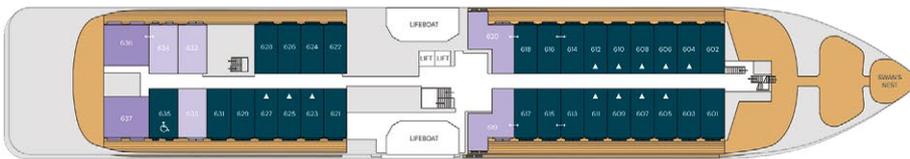
**Deck 9**  
Stargazing Deck



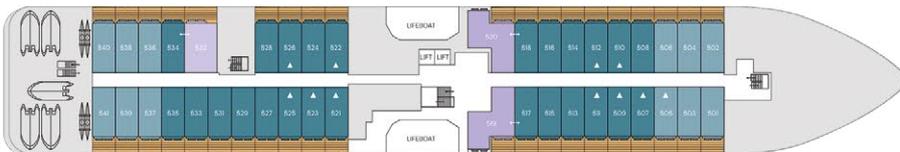
**Deck 8**  
Gym  
Sauna  
Jacuzzi  
Spa  
Beauty Salon  
Bridge



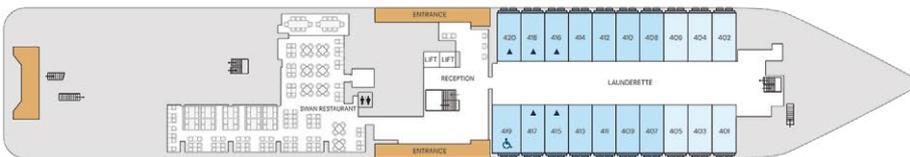
**Deck 7**  
Swimming Pool  
Pool Bar & Grill  
Club Lounge  
Card Room  
Observation Lounge



**Deck 6**  
Premium Suites  
Suites  
Junior Suites  
Balcony Staterooms  
Swan's Nest



**Deck 5**  
Balcony Staterooms  
Junior Suites  
Suites



**Deck 4**  
Swan Restaurant  
Reception  
Oceanview Staterooms  
Launderette



**Deck 3**  
Marina Deck  
Zodiac Boarding  
Basecamp  
Library  
Expedition Lab  
Clinic  
Laundry

# Your home away from home

Relax in the understated elegance of your stateroom or suite. A sophisticated blend of muted tones, natural textures and intuitive technology, the Scandi-inspired design seamlessly blends the natural world with exceptional comforts. The variety of lighting options and crackling holographic fire offer the perfect option for cozy evenings, and the floor to ceiling windows and balcony doors ensure that sunsets and surprise sightings won't be missed.

## Your perfect space

Each of our beautifully designed staterooms has everything you need for a pampered stay. Fluffy robes, spacious dressing and seating areas, and ample storage, as well as a well-stocked minibar and a personal safe.

The desk in your room is the perfect place to plan the next day's adventures, and you won't miss a wildlife sighting with your Nikon telescope. Glass-enclosed rain showers with luxury personal care products transform your ensuite into a personal spa.



Onboard stateroom suite.  
Suite sizes and categories vary by ship.

## Amenities in your cabin

- Welcome Champagne bottle
- Snacks
- Stocked minibar with soft drinks & beer
- Illy Espresso coffee machine with coffee pods
- Tea kettle and Kusmi tea bags
- Free Wi-fi connection, subject to satellite reception
- TV service
- Hair dryer
- Towels for cabin, swimming pool and gym
- Bathrobe
- Bedroom slippers
- High quality toiletries by Lajatica, custom made for our selection onboard. These include hand soap, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner and body lotion.



### Premium Suite

SH Diana → 41m<sup>2</sup> (441ft<sup>2</sup>) including balcony

SH Vega → 47m<sup>2</sup> (506ft<sup>2</sup>) including balcony

Sleeps 4

Premium Suites have a king size bed, separate living room, and flame-effect fireplace. There's also a luxurious ensuite bathroom – with separate bath tub and shower – walk-in wardrobe, and a 8-12m<sup>2</sup> (86-129ft<sup>2</sup>) private balcony.



### Suite

SH Diana → 41m<sup>2</sup> (441ft<sup>2</sup>) including balcony

SH Vega → 40m<sup>2</sup> (431ft<sup>2</sup>) including balcony

Sleeps 4

Suites feature a king size bed, and have a separate living room, with a flame-effect fireplace. There's also a luxurious ensuite bathroom – with separate bath tub and walk-in shower – and a 5-10m<sup>2</sup> (54-108ft<sup>2</sup>) private balcony.



### Junior Suite

SH Diana → 32–36m<sup>2</sup> (344–388ft<sup>2</sup>) including balcony

Sleeps 2/3

Junior Suites are only available on SH Diana, and feature a king size bed, separate living room area, luxurious en-suite bathroom, and a 6m<sup>2</sup> (65ft<sup>2</sup>) private balcony.



### Balcony

25m<sup>2</sup> (269ft<sup>2</sup>) including balcony

Sleeps 2/3

Balcony Staterooms feature two single beds or a double bed, bedroom with living room area, a luxurious bathroom, and a 5m<sup>2</sup> (54ft<sup>2</sup>) private balcony.



### Oceanview

20m<sup>2</sup> (215ft<sup>2</sup>)

Sleeps 2/3

Oceanview Staterooms feature two single beds or a double bed, a bedroom with living room area, and a luxurious bathroom.

# Book your cultural expedition cruise

The long and deep cultural history of the Mediterranean has been fascinating intrepid Swan Hellenic guests for over a century. Follow in the footsteps of the curious explorers that came before you on an extraordinary voyage back to where it all began.





Thanks for embracing  
our travel philosophy