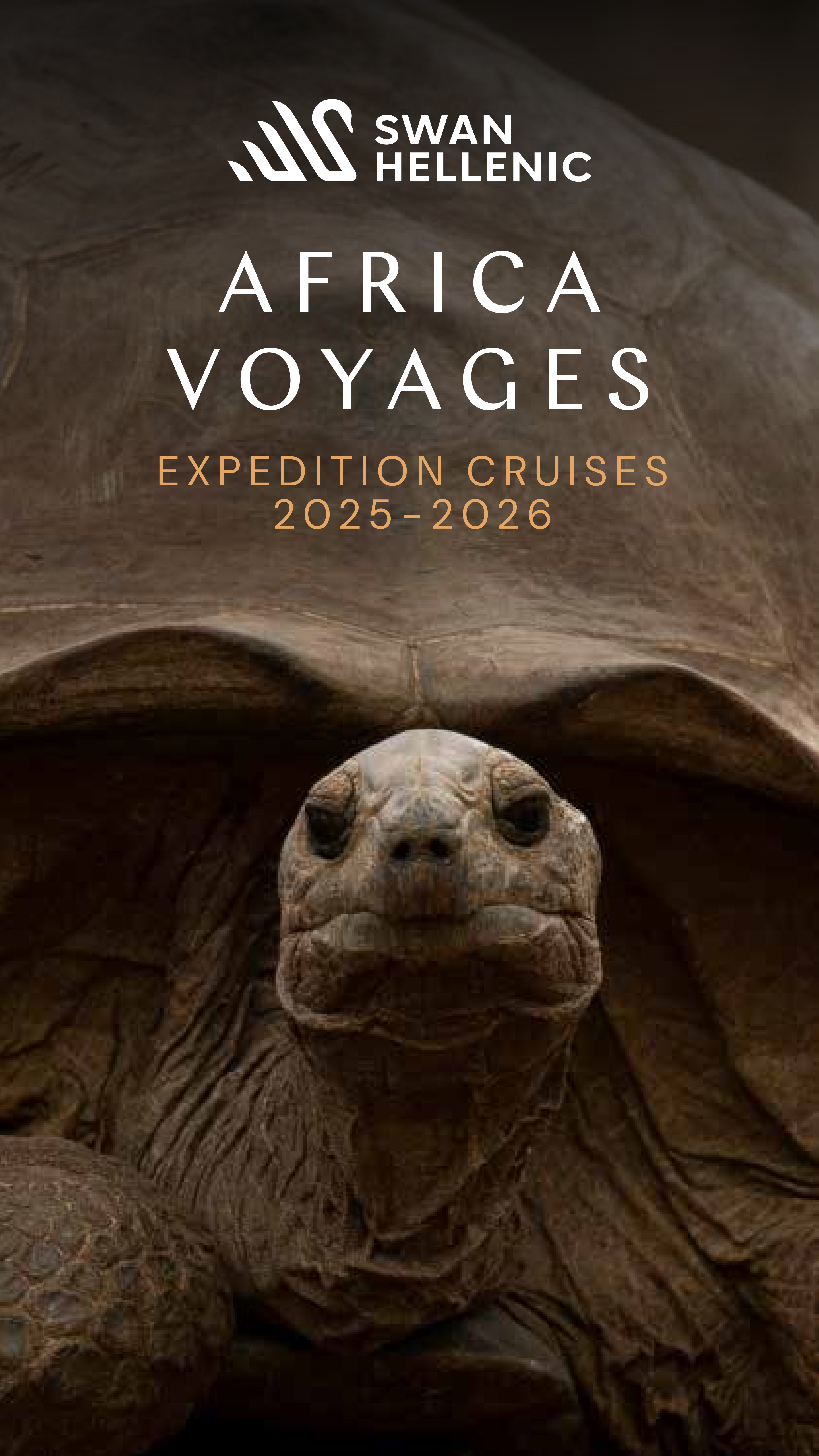




AFRICA VOYAGES

EXPEDITION CRUISES
2025-2026

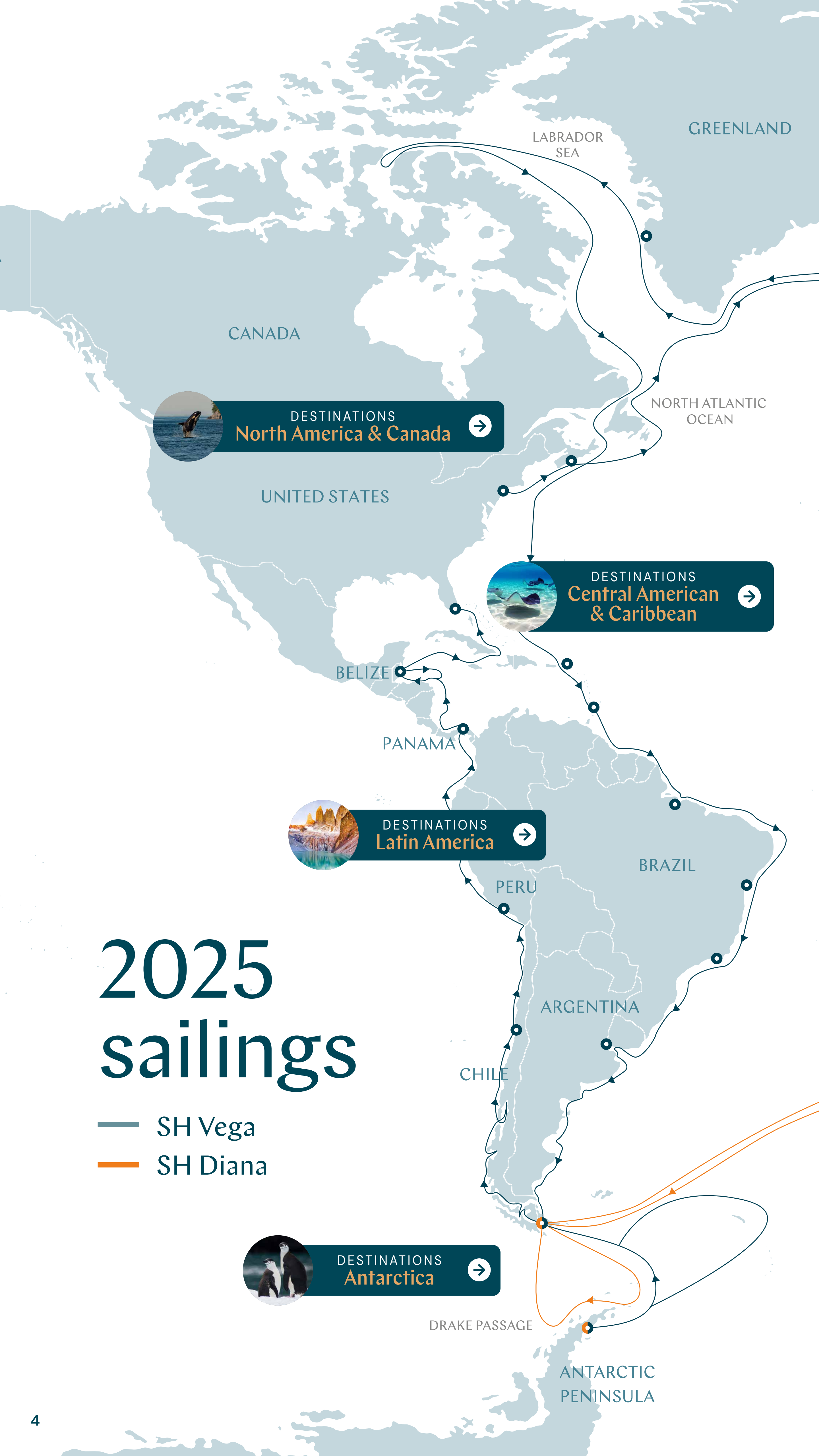


A legacy of discovery

A future of possibilities

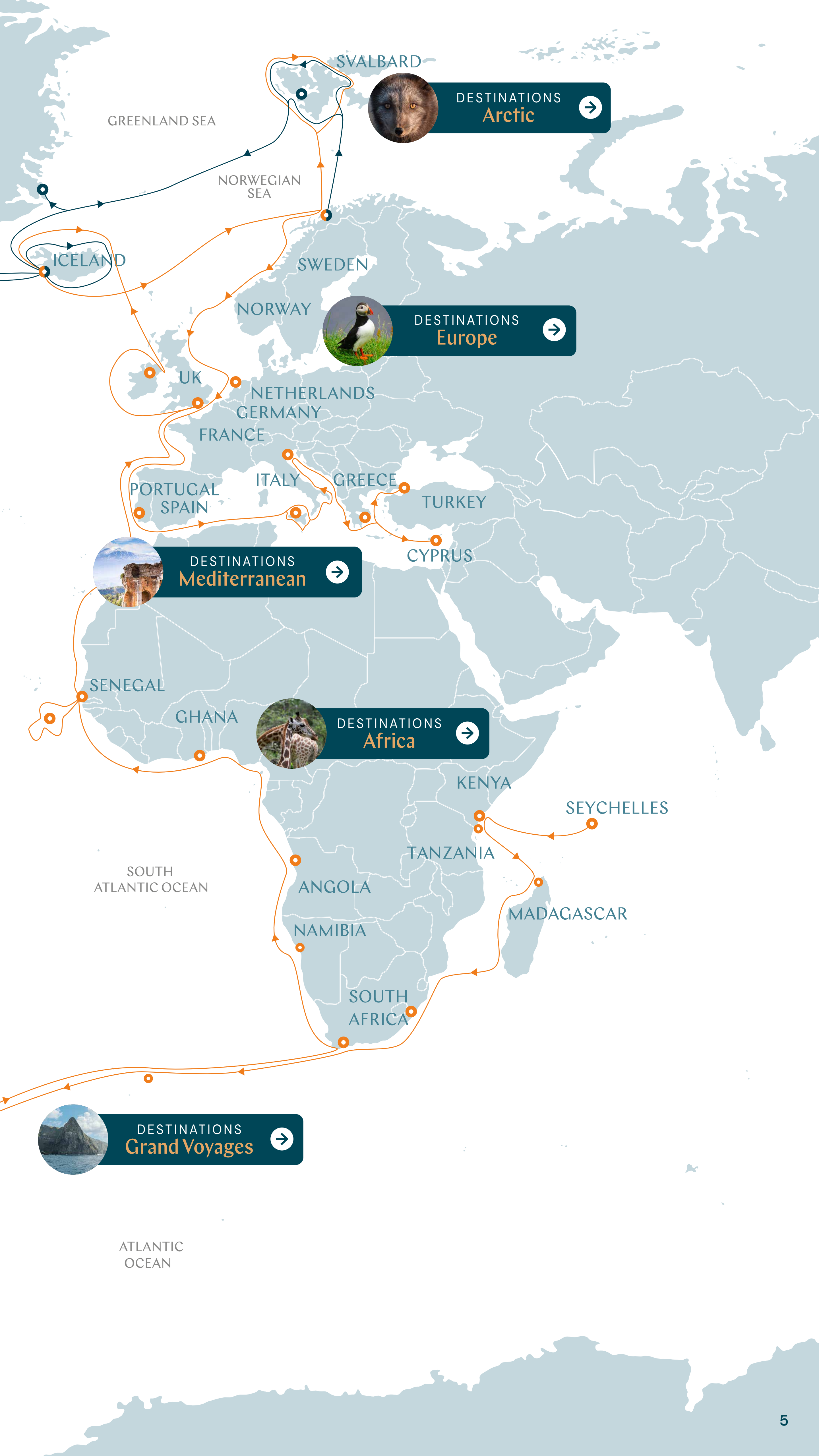
For over 70 years, Swan Hellenic has always been a pioneering company. Today we're more ambitious than ever – and our passion for adventure and cultural exploration has only grown stronger. We sail to places where the earth's mysteries still hold untold wonders, seek immersive experiences, and make life-changing discoveries with every journey. With us, you'll see what others don't. We look forward to welcoming you on board.





2025 sailings

- SH Vega
- SH Diana



SVALBARD

GREENLAND SEA

NORWEGIAN SEA



DESTINATIONS
Arctic



ICELAND

SWEDEN

NORWAY



DESTINATIONS
Europe



UK

NETHERLANDS

GERMANY

FRANCE

PORTUGAL
SPAIN

ITALY

GREECE

TURKEY

CYPRUS



DESTINATIONS
Mediterranean



SENEGAL

GHANA



DESTINATIONS
Africa



KENYA

SEYCHELLES

TANZANIA

SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

ANGOLA

MADAGASCAR

NAMIBIA

SOUTH AFRICA



DESTINATIONS
Grand Voyages



ATLANTIC OCEAN

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.



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 five-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 Antarctic excursion to remembering your favorite 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 civilizations.

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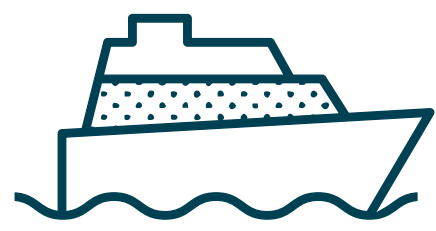
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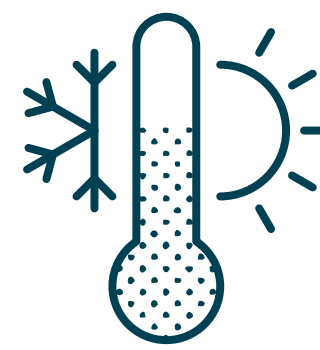
Lamu, Kenya

Our focus areas

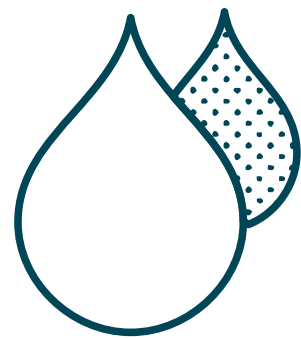
Swan Hellenic's sustainability policies are fully compliant with, and exceed, the cruise industry's global standards governing its safety, environmental and labor aspects. In line with the UN sustainable development goals, we are focusing on the following 6 key areas.



RESPONSIBLE
CRUISING



CLIMATE
ACTION



LIFE IN
THE WATER



LEGACIES
OF THE LAND



THRIVING
COMMUNITIES

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Exploring with head and heart

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 each destination. Briefings before each disembarkation and recaps afterwards supplement our lectures and talks, stimulating a relaxed social environment that encourages the sharing of experiences.



An enriched experience

As well as taking you to unusual, off-the-beaten-track destinations, Swan Hellenic offers the company of like-minded people, and acclaimed experts, who give eye-opening lectures, and are on hand to chat throughout your voyage.



Learn from the best

Renowned in their fields, our friendly experts will enrich your expedition experiences, offering insight into the wildlife, history and geology of the incredible places you visit. The fascinating stories and unmatched knowledge these specialists share will give you a deeper understanding of your discoveries, and make your adventures more meaningful.

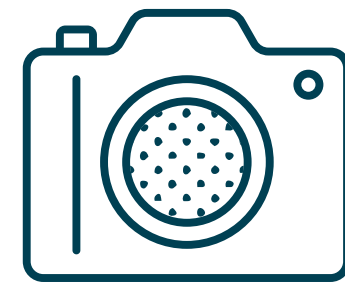
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Onboard Experts



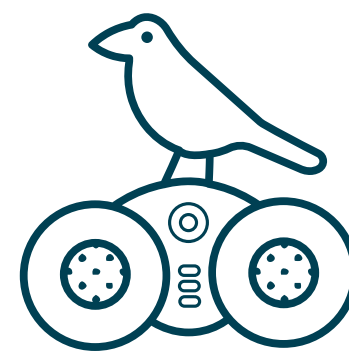
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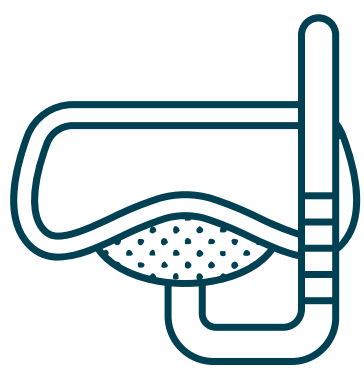
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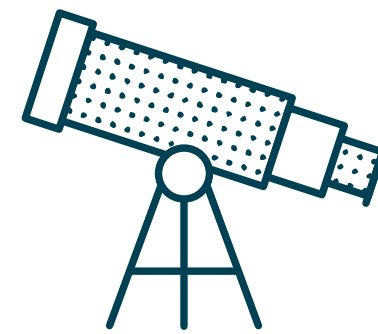
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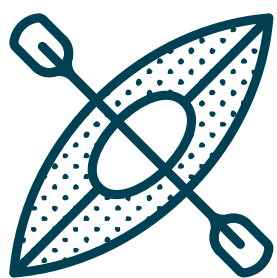
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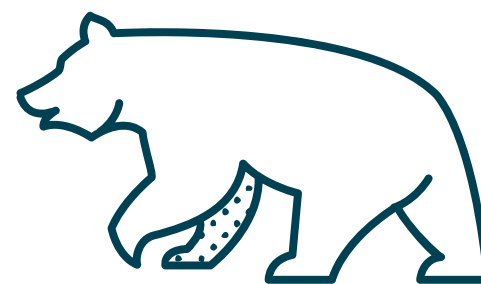
MARINE
BIOLOGISTS



ASTRONOMERS



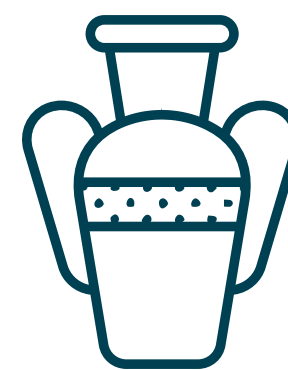
ACTIVITY LEADERS



NATURALISTS



BOTANISTS



ARCHAEOLOGISTS



Insights from the experts

Guest speakers on selected voyages will talk about their fascinating space and planetary science research.

Explore your passions

Swan Hellenic is delighted to partner with world-leading pioneers in their fields, to bring you the very best themed sailings, where you can explore your passions and deepen your knowledge of the world around you.





A new level of well-being voyages

Swan Hellenic partners with Chopra for Explore & Restore, a transformative well-being program. Inspired by Deepak Chopra's teachings, you'll cultivate a deeper connection with the world around you on awe-inspiring cultural expeditions and return with self-care practices you can integrate into your daily life.

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An odyssey of gastronomic exploration

MARIS sailings offer unique gastronomic experiences, featuring exclusive access to some of the world's top culinary creators. Guests will get to sample carefully curated menus that reflect the iconic, remote territories we explore. Each MARIS sailing welcomes a world-famous chef onboard, serving an astonishing signature dish each night, building to the extraordinary Gala Dinner.



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Explorations of Earth and beyond

Swan Hellenic proudly partners with the SETI Institute, supporting NASA, NSF, and academia in exploring profound questions. These sailings welcome SETI Institute scientists as guest speakers, providing guests with expert insights into astronomy, astrophysics, astrobiology, and planetary science discoveries. SETI, or 'search for extra-terrestrial intelligence,' focuses on finding life within and beyond our solar system.

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Extra peace of mind

Our cruise fares include all onboard meals, 24-hour room service, select drinks and more. One shore excursion per port of call is also included in your price, so you don't have to worry about escalating costs when exploring your incredible surroundings. With all this, all you have to do is relax and concentrate on having a wonderful time.



What's included

CRUISE PLUS

Group return transfers from airport to cruise port and to the hotel (if pre-night included)



One night pre-cruise accommodation with breakfast in a 4/5-star hotel (selected cruises)



Onboard accommodation in a stateroom selected category



All meals onboard



24-hour coffee, tea, soft drinks and selected alcoholic beverages



24-hour room service



Lecture programs by expedition team and guest speakers



One shore excursion/expedition activity per port of call



Basic WIFI (upgraded packages available for purchase)



Onboard gratuities & port taxes



Gym, Sauna & pool



24/7 self service laundry on Deck 4



Waterproof backpack and refillable water bottle (to keep)





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

Kayak and private Zodiac tours in the expedition areas

Premium alcoholic beverages

Spa & beauty treatments

Laundry services

Retail shop purchases

Experience the unforgettable African coast

Africa's astounding natural beauty is unparalleled – from lush rainforests, and sub-Saharan savannahs, to glorious tropical coastlines and endless rippling deserts. Whether you're snorkelling with magical sea creatures or watching wildlife roam around on safari, no matter where you are in Africa, unforgettable adventures await.

Go where others can't

We pride ourselves on sailing you to Earth's least explored corners. We were the first cruise ship to visit the historic coastal town of Elmina, in Ghana and we travel to many other remote and unusual destinations other cruise lines simply can't. If you'd like an off-the-beaten-track adventure, keep an eye out for our 'Rare destinations'.



Africa 2025-2026

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11-NIGHT Cruising in Namibia: The Skeleton Coast	SH Diana	Cape Town → Luanda	27 Mar 2025 25 Mar 2026
13-NIGHT Southwest Africa Cruise	SH Diana	Luanda → Tema (Accra)	07 Apr 2025 05 Apr 2026
13-NIGHT Cruise West Africa: The Slavery Coast	SH Diana	Tema (Accra) → Dakar	20 Apr 2025 18 Apr 2026
9-NIGHT Moroccan Coast & Atlantic Islands Cruise	SH Diana	Dakar → Lisbon	03 May 2025
10-NIGHT Seychelles Cruise	SH Diana	Port Victoria roundtrip	09 Oct 2025
10-NIGHT Cruise from Seychelles to Kenya	SH Diana	Port Victoria → Mombasa	19 Oct 2025
17-NIGHT Cruise from Kenya to South Africa	SH Diana	Mombasa → Cape Town	29 Oct 2025
13-NIGHT The Slavery Coast: cruise from Senegal to Ghana	SH Diana	Dakar → Tema (Accra)	16 Sep 2026
13-NIGHT West Africa cruise from Ghana to Angola	SH Diana	Tema (Accra) → Luanda	29 Sep 2026
11-NIGHT West Africa cruise from Angola to South Africa	SH Diana	Luanda → Cape Town	12 Oct 2026

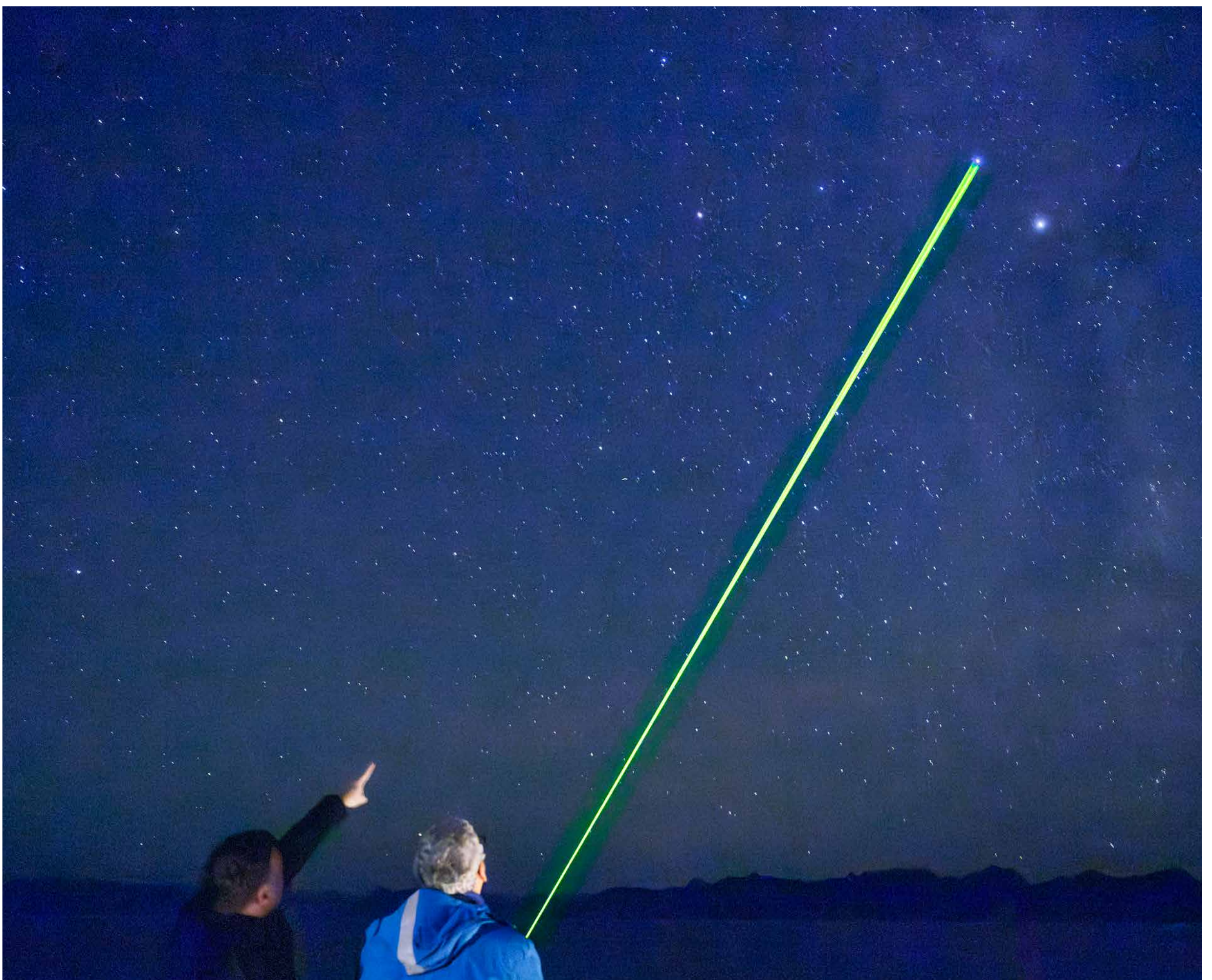


Bijagos Archipelago, local dancer

Time to share

Our guest lecturers have a wealth of specialist knowledge, which helps you fully embrace the amazing destinations you travel to with Swan Hellenic. Each lecture offers interesting insights into the destinations you're visiting – think history, culture, flora, wildlife – and this really helps you get the most from your time with us.

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Annemieke Stofberg

Born in South Africa, Annemieke's love of nature, travel and pristine wilderness has led her to a life at sea. Her other passion is making sure your expectations are always exceeded.

LEARN FROM ANNEMIEKE ON ALL OF OUR 2025 WEST AFRICA SAILINGS



Emily Clarke

Emily has over 15 years' experience working with wildlife, both in natural habitats and in rehabilitation. Her specialism is gorillas, having spent years working alongside these gentle giants.

LEARN FROM EMILY ON ALL OF OUR 2025 WEST AFRICA SAILINGS



Lindsey Nielsen

Passionate about conservation, Lindsey has studied whales and seabirds of the North Atlantic, Alaskan humpback whales, Namibian Heaviside's dolphins, Alaskan brown bears and Bigg's killer whales.

LEARN FROM LINDSEY ON ALL OF OUR 2025 WEST AFRICA SAILINGS

Cruising in Namibia: The Skeleton Coast

Witness one of the world's most spectacular coastlines on this unforgettable expedition. Enjoy endless natural encounters and fascinating landscapes in Namibia. Spend a night in cosmopolitan Cape Town and immerse yourself in the unsurpassed natural beauty of Langebaan. Spot pelicans and flamingos, and enjoy fresh seafood cooked in traditional Angolan spices. Your journey ends in Angola's colourful capital, Luanda, steeped in centuries-old history.





Cape Town to Luanda

SH Diana 11 nights

27 Mar – 07 Apr 2025

25 Mar – 05 Apr 2026

DAY	VISITING
1-2	Cape Town
3	Langebaan Rare Destination
4	At Sea
5	Luderitz
6-7	Walvis Bay
8	At Sea
9	Ilha Baia dos Tigres Rare Destination
10	Namibe
11	At Sea
12	Luanda

West Africa cruise from Angola to South Africa*

Luanda to Cape Town

SH Diana 11 nights

12 – 23 Oct 2026

* This cruise operates in reverse order

TRANSFER
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CRUISE PLUS

Unmissables

EXPEDITION ACTIVITIES



Photography



Hiking

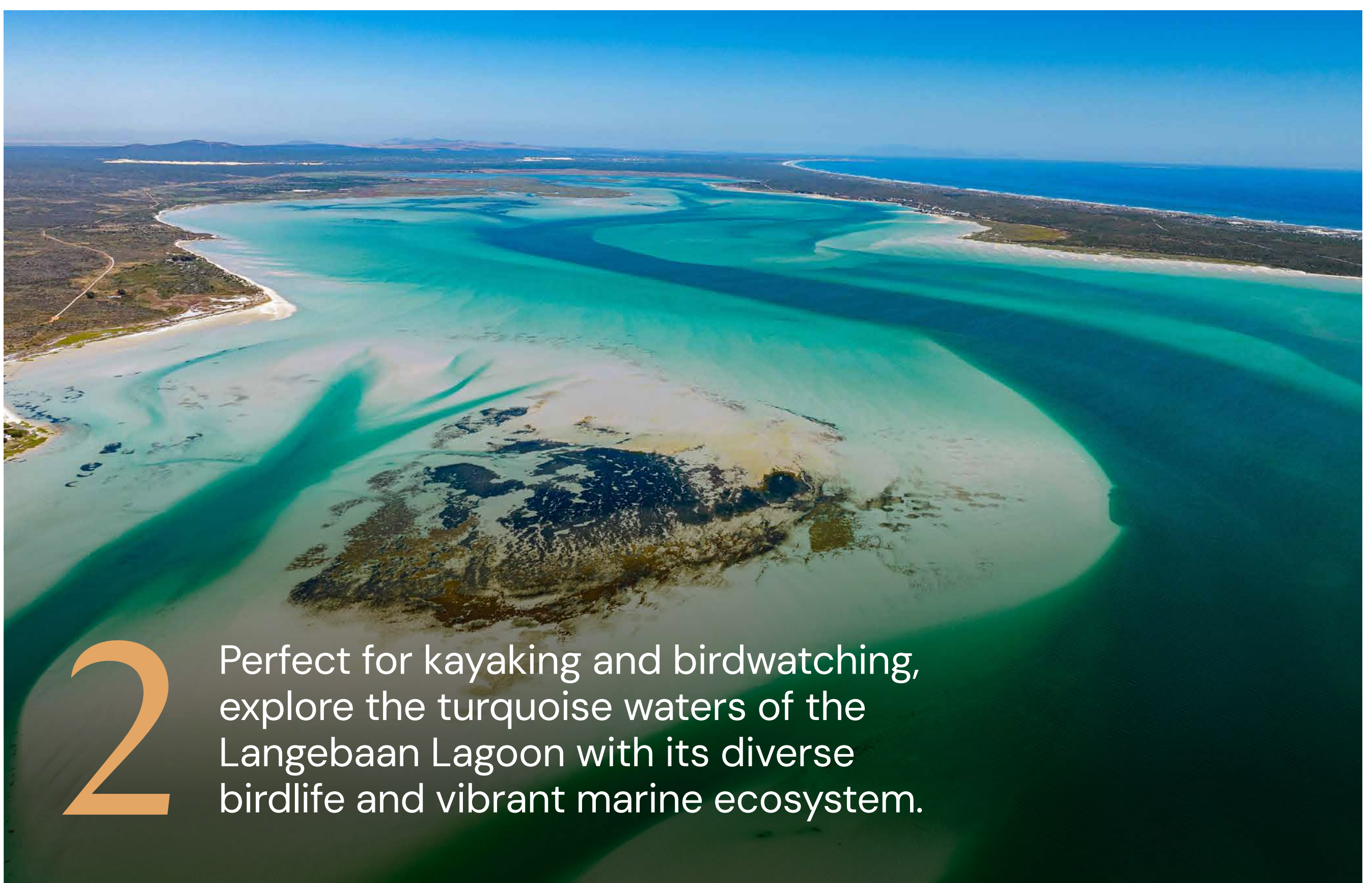


Walking Tour



1

No visit to South Africa would be complete without visiting Table Mountain, overlooking Cape Town.



2

Perfect for kayaking and birdwatching, explore the turquoise waters of the Langebaan Lagoon with its diverse birdlife and vibrant marine ecosystem.



3

Explore abandoned Kolmanskop, a former diamond mining town that now creates a spooky spectacle as its ruins are swallowed by the desert.



4

Marvel at the extreme ecosystems, sweeping dunes and stunning coastlines of the Namib Desert

A selection of curated

Onshore Experiences



Sunrise Ballooning Adventure over Namib Desert

OPTIONAL ●○○

📍 Walvis Bay 🕒 Half Day

Lift off on the flight of a lifetime at sunrise, in a hot air balloon over the world's oldest desert. Soar above the ancient Namib Desert for an hour in a hot air balloon with an expert guide, marveling at breath-taking views.

★ GUEST FAVORITE

ACTIVITY DIFFICULTY: ●○○ Easy

●●○ Moderate

●●● Challenging



INCLUDED ●●○

Kirstenbosch Gardens & Table Mountain

📍 Cape Town ⌚ Half Day

Learn the fascinating insights of Cape Town’s ecology, history and culture, and take in unforgettable 360-degree vistas from Table Mountain.



INCLUDED ●●○

Kolmanskop Ghost Town

📍 Luderitz ⌚ Half Day

Explore a former diamond mining town. Amongst its eerie ruins you’ll discover what life was once like for the fortune hunters who lived here.

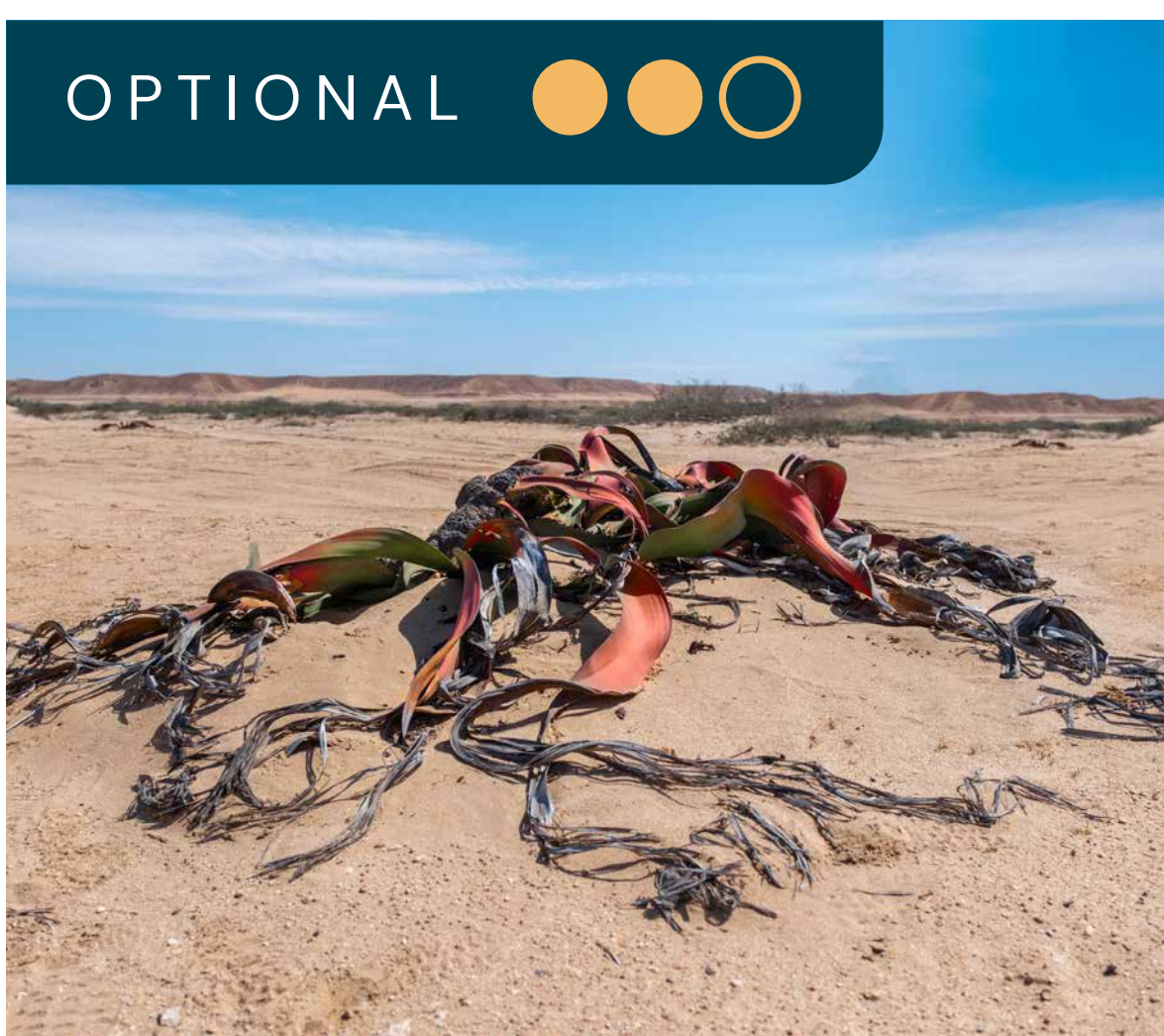


INCLUDED ●○○

Dinner under the stars in the Moon Landscape

📍 Walvis Bay ⌚ Half Day Evening

Experience the magic of the Namib Desert by dining under the stars, surrounded by rugged rock formations.



OPTIONAL ●●○

Namib Desert and Beach

📍 Namibe ⌚ Full Day

See untouched Welwitschia mirabilis, rock formations like works of art and take in the natural wonder of the Arch Lagoon.

BOOK NOW →

Southwest Africa Cruise

This incredible expedition cruise from Angola to Ghana will reveal the diversity of this vast continent. Explore pristine, biodiverse shorelines, harbouring volcanic islands, rainforests, mangrove forests, and dazzling lagoons and beaches. Encounter unique customs and landscapes, as you voyage through some of the least-visited parts of Africa.



Luanda to Tema (Accra)

SH Diana 13 nights

07 Apr – 20 Apr 2025

05 Apr – 18 Apr 2026

DAY	VISITING
1	Luanda
2	At Sea
3-5	Pointe-Noire
6-8	Expedition in Gabon Rare Destination
9	Sao Tome, Sao Tome Island
10	Santo Antonio, Principe Island & Macaco Beach Rare Destination
11	At Sea
12	Cotonou
13	Lome
14	Tema (Accra)

West Africa cruise from Ghana to Angola

Tema (Accra) to Luanda

SH Diana 13 nights

29 Sep – 12 Oct 2026

* This cruise operates in reverse order

TRANSFER AIRPORT/HOTEL

1-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE STAY

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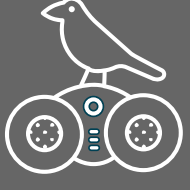
CRUISE

TRANSFER PORT/AIRPORT

CRUISE PLUS

Unmissables

EXPEDITION ACTIVITIES



Bird Watching



Nature



Wildlife



Walking Tour



1

Take a deep dive into local culture, at Ganvié, the largest floating village in Africa, and a model for socio-ecological urbanism.



2

Observe the vibrant West African Voodoo culture with a visit to Lomé's Akodessawa Fetish Market.



3

Explore the Republic of the Congo and learn about its incredible natural history and immense biodiversity.

Lesio-Louna Reserve with Emily Clarke

Set off on a three-day (two nights) adventure to Brazzaville and the Lesio-Louna Reserve, a Western Lowland gorilla sanctuary. The highlight is a magical gorilla encounter during their daily feeding. Spot hippos and wildlife too.

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- Encounter endangered Western Lowland gorillas during feeding time in the protected Lesio-Louna Reserve.
- Visit Brazzaville, the Capital of "Free France" in the 1940s, with Charles de Gaulles' historic home.
- Meet the "Sapeurs" of Bakongo, a society with a nearreligious dedication to style, embodying the elegance of colonial dandies.



Overland Tour to Lesio-Louna Reserve & Brazzaville

🗓️ 2 days/1 night



The Lesio-Louna Reserve, established in 1993 and later designated a natural reserve in 1999, spans 440 square kilometers of the central Batéké Plateau. It boasts diverse habitats, including grasslands, forests, and waterways, making it a sanctuary for both savannah and forest species. Managed by The Aspinall Foundation (TAF) in partnership with the Republic of Congo, it's renowned for reintroducing critically endangered western lowland gorillas and protecting other wildlife, such as hippos, forest buffalo, and rare birds like the black-headed bee-eater.

Your Host: Emily Clarke | Wildlife expert Emily Clarke, with over 15 years of conservation experience, will guide you on this journey. Having worked closely with gorillas during her time with TAF, Emily will share her invaluable insights into conservation efforts and the lives of these gentle giants.

Day 1: Arrival in Brazzaville

Upon arrival, meet your Swan Hellenic representative for a transfer to the hotel. After check-in, meet Emily, who will introduce The Aspinall Foundation's gorilla conservation work. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 2: Lesio-Louna Reserve

After an early morning departure, enjoy a jeep ride and a cruise

along the Louna River. Witness the incredible diversity of the reserve and the magical moment of feeding the western lowland gorillas. A light Congolese buffet lunch will be served before returning to Brazzaville.

Day 3: Pointe Noire

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Pointe Noire and embark on SH Diana.

PLEASE NOTE

This overland tour is not suitable for guests using wheelchairs. Guests should be able to climb in and out jeeps, walk and manage steps. Not recommended for guests with back or neck problems due to long bumpy 4x4 rides.

Although we do our utmost to provide the best transportation available, local conditions and vehicles may not meet the expected standards. Please bring suitable clothing, sunscreen, insect repellent and a hat. Wildlife spotting is probable but not guaranteed.

A selection of curated
**Onshore
Experiences**



**Ganvie floating village and
Egungun Masks Performance**

📍 Cotonou 🕒 Half Day

Travel to Ganvié, the largest floating village in Africa that's home to the Tofinu people. Encounter this exciting and mysterious performance, where brightly dressed villagers wear traditional masks to represent the spirits as they perform a fun procession.

★ GUEST FAVORITE

INCLUDED



ACTIVITY DIFFICULTY:



Easy



Moderate



Challenging

OPTIONAL



Diosso Gorges and Hike

📍 Pointe-Noire 🕒 Half Day

Discover the Diosso Gorges, the "Grand Canyon of the Congo," with its towering red cliffs. Enjoy stunning views before hiking into the lush rainforest, believed to be home to the spirit of Mboma.

INCLUDED



Expedition in Gabon

📍 Gabon 🕒 Full Day

Led by our Expedition team, discover 'the last Eden', full of thundering rivers, open savannah and dense tropical rainforest offering a spectacular array of wildlife.

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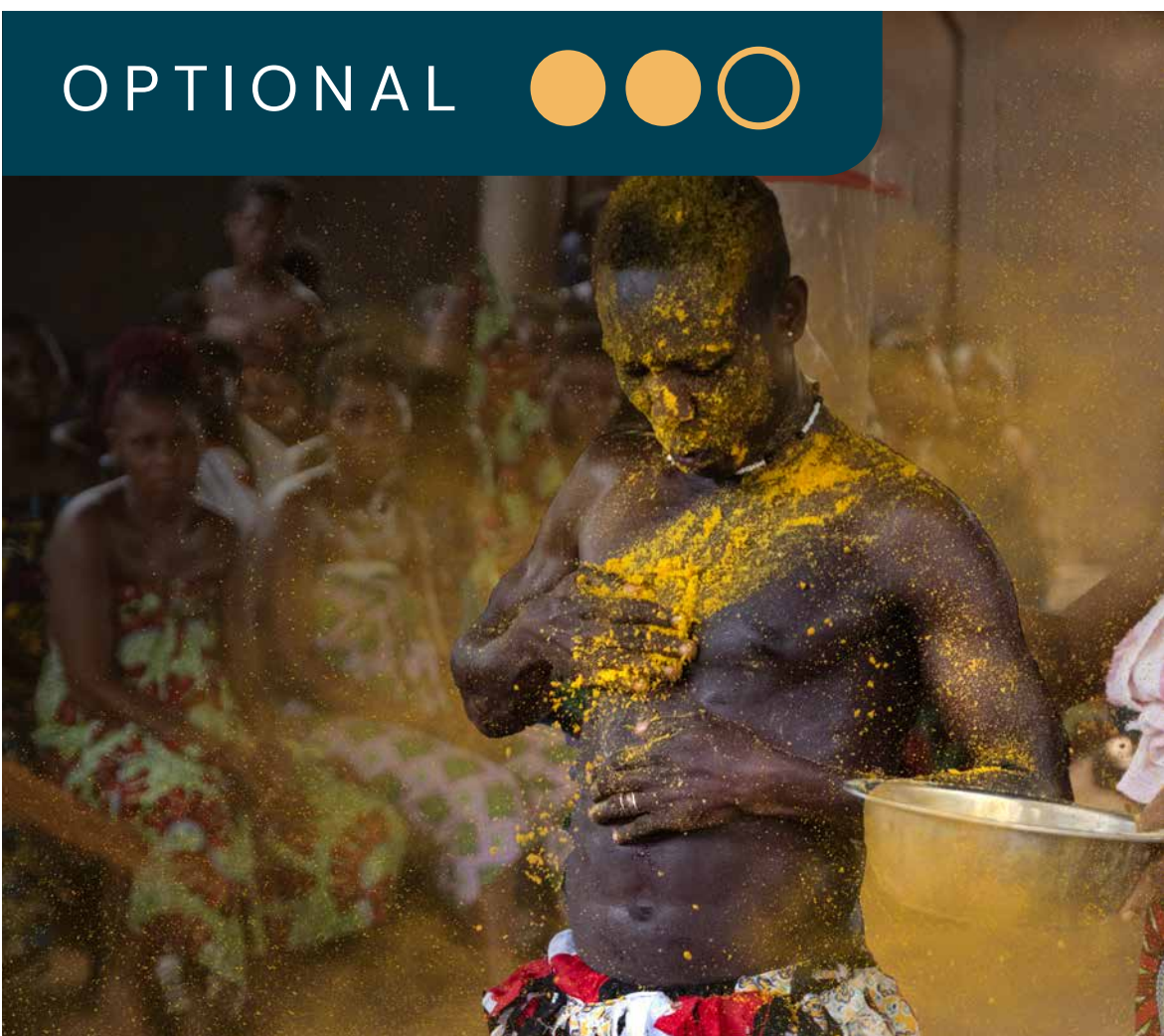


Natural wonders of Sao Tome

📍 Sao Tome 🕒 Full Day

Learn about plants used in traditional medicine and explore Bom Sucesso's Botanical Garden, home to hundreds of species of flora.

OPTIONAL



Togoville, the Voodoo world and Lome Highlights

📍 Lome 🕒 Full Day

Sail across beautiful Lake Togo and experience a thrilling Voodoo ceremony that gives insight into the community's spiritual beliefs.

BOOK NOW



Cruise West Africa: The Slavery Coast

Cruise from Ghana to Senegal and immerse yourself in a captivating blend of cultures, history, and extraordinary wildlife. Explore the vibrant cities of Sierra Leone, once settlements for freed enslaved people from America, before sailing to The Gambia via remote islands adorned with mangroves and home to unique salt water hippos. This remarkable journey unveils some of Africa's most secluded cultures, cities, and landscapes.



Tema (Accra) to Dakar

SH Diana 13 nights

20 Apr – 03 May 2025

18 Apr – 01 May 2026

DAY	VISITING
1	Tema (Accra)
2-3	Elmina Rare Destination
4	Abidjan
5	At Sea
6	Monrovia Rare Destination
7	At Sea
8	Freetown Rare Destination
9	At Sea
10-11	Expedition in the Bijagos Archipelago Rare Destination
12	Banjul
13-14	Dakar

The Slavery Coast: cruise from Senegal to Ghana

Dakar to Tema (Accra)

SH Diana 13 nights

16 – 29 Sep 2026

* This cruise operates in reverse order

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1-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE STAY

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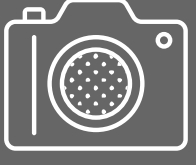
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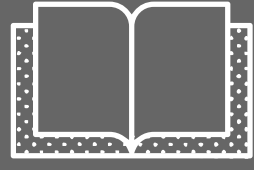
CRUISE PLUS

Unmissables

EXPEDITION ACTIVITIES



Photography



Knowledge



Hiking



Walking Tour



1

Travel inland to Kakum National Park and discover Africa's world-famous rainforest canopy walkway.

2

Uncover the dark history of UNESCO World Heritage Site Elmina Castle and its history in the slave trade.



3

The Bijagós offer a unique paradise with untouched beaches, tropical forests, saltwater hippos, pygmy cows, and unspoiled cultural traditions.



A selection of curated

Onshore Experiences



OPTIONAL ●○○

Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary

📍 Freetown ⌚ Half Day

Find out about the Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary's crucial work with primates. Witness over 100 rescued chimpanzees engaging in playful activities as you learn about their lives. The surrounding area is also home to over 100 different species of birds.

★ GUEST FAVORITE

ACTIVITY DIFFICULTY: ●○○ Easy

●●○ Moderate

●●● Challenging

OPTIONAL



Elmina Castle & City Walk

📍 Elmina Point 🕒 Half Day

Discover Elmina Castle, the oldest European building in Sub-Saharan Africa and experience the sights and sounds of the local fish market.

INCLUDED



Colonial Grand Bassam

📍 Abidjan 🕒 Half Day

The first capital of Côte d'Ivoire is a UNESCO World Heritage Site where history intertwines with culture.

INCLUDED



Expedition in Bijagós

📍 Bijagos Archipelago 🕒 Full Day

Our Expedition team will guide you around this archipelago that's a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve full of rare, endangered and sacred species.

OPTIONAL



Makasutu Cultural Forest Adventure

📍 Banjul 🕒 Half Day

Explore the forest's many ecosystems on foot and by canoe. Learn about the local flora and fauna on a guided bush walk.

INCLUDED



Goree Island

📍 Dakar 🕒 Half Day

Visit UNESCO-listed Gorée Island, where enslaved people were once shipped to the Americas, and explore the historic Fort of Estrees museum.

BOOK NOW



Moroccan Coast & Atlantic Islands Cruise

Sail from Dakar's vibrant markets to Lisbon, exploring the windswept coasts and islands of Northwest Africa and the Atlantic. This captivating journey includes the deserts of Dakhla, the volcanic landscapes of the Canary Islands, and the lush forests of Madeira, offering a rich tapestry of colonial European and traditional African influences.



Dakar to Lisbon

SH Diana 9 nights

03 – 12 May 2025

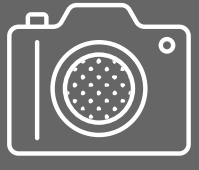
DAY	VISITING
1	Dakar
2	At Sea
3-4	Dakhla Rare Destination
5	Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Tenerife Island
6	Santa Cruz de la Palma, La Palma Island
7	Funchal, Madeira
8	Porto Santo Island, Madeira
9	At Sea
10	Lisbon

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CRUISE PLUS

Unmissables

EXPEDITION ACTIVITIES



Photography



Nature



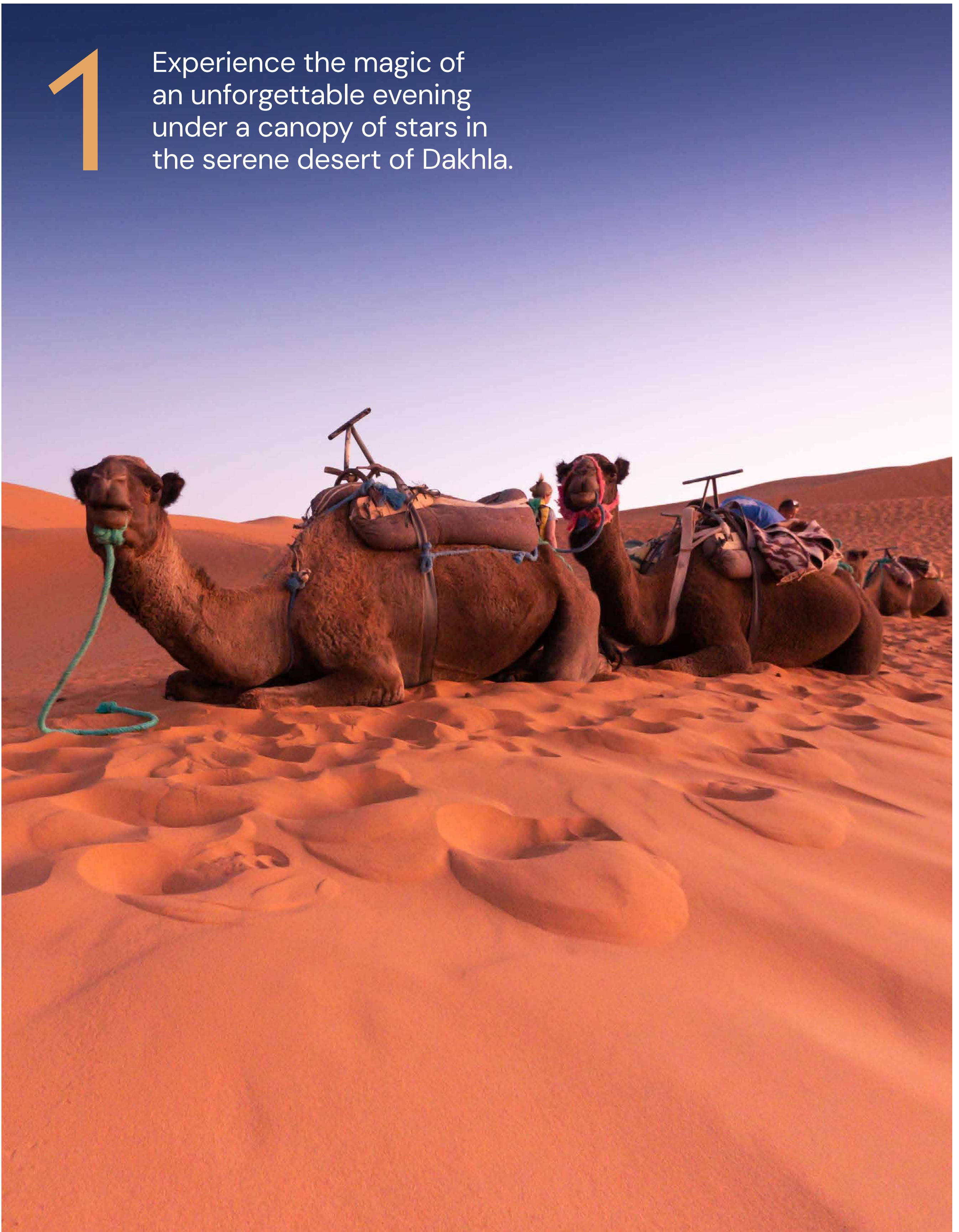
Hiking



Walking Tour

1

Experience the magic of an unforgettable evening under a canopy of stars in the serene desert of Dakhla.





2

Explore the epic landscapes of Tenerife, an island that is rich in culture and history.



3

Hop on the Cable Car which takes you to Pico dos Barçolos for the best views over Funchal city.

A selection of curated

Onshore Experiences

Sahraoui Village with Dinner

📍 Dakhla 🕒 Half Day

Step into a replica of a Sahraoui family encampment. As the sun dips below the horizon, savor a traditional Moroccan feast. The crackling firelight casts shadows on faces weathered by time, yet eternally connected to the land. Be forever changed by the magic of Sahraoui culture.

★ GUEST FAVORITE

INCLUDED



ACTIVITY DIFFICULTY:



Easy



Moderate



Challenging

OPTIONAL



Jeep Off Road Adventure

📍 Porto Santo Island 🕒 Half Day

This is an incredible opportunity to get up close to the island's natural wonders and extraordinary past.

INCLUDED



Caldera de Taburiente National Park'

📍 La Palma 🕒 Half Day

Discover Caldera de Taburiente's volcanic beauty, enjoy panoramic views from Cumbrecita Viewpoint, and take in Santa Cruz de La Palma from Concepción Viewpoint.

OPTIONAL

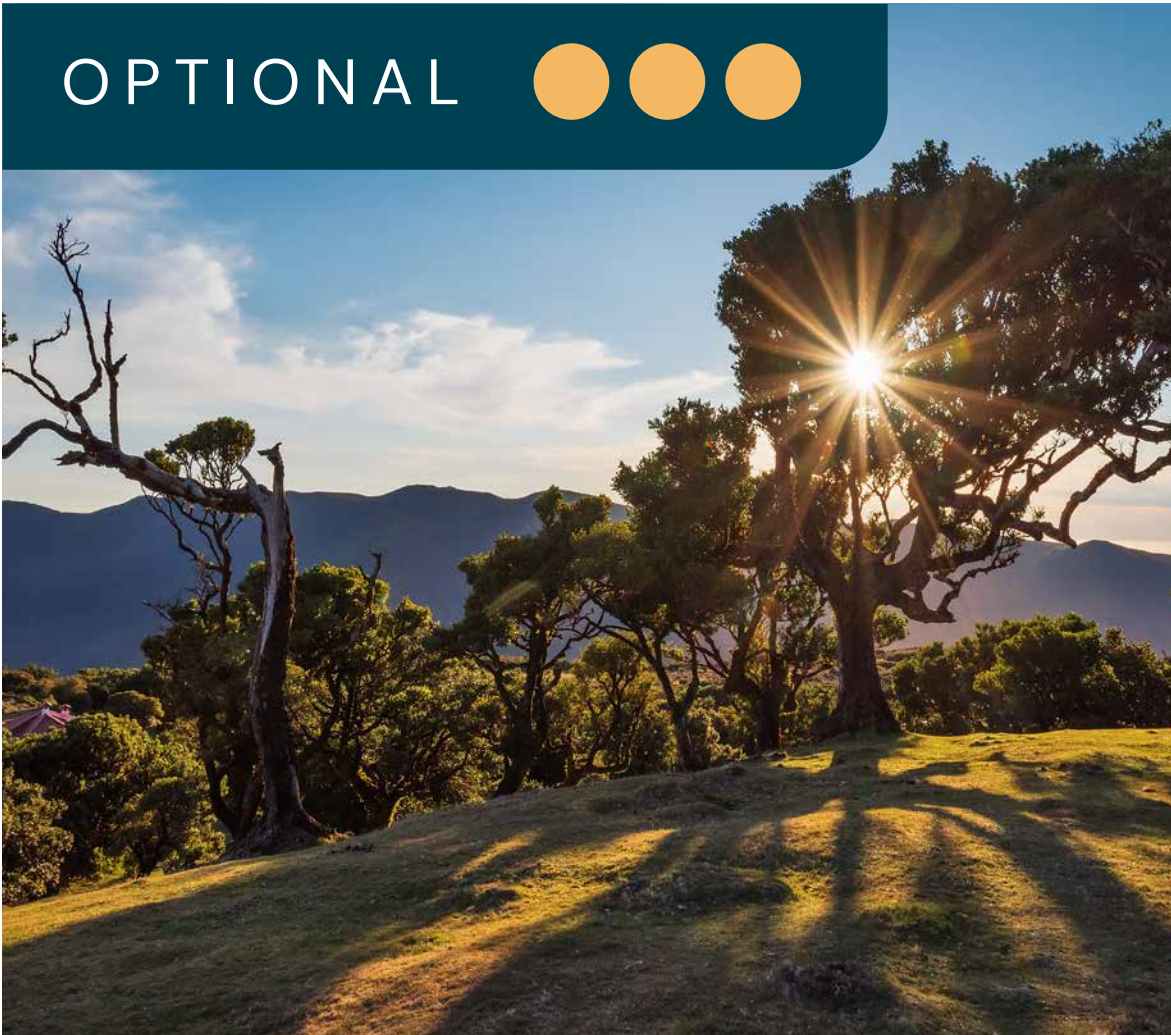


Hike Pico Do Castelo

📍 Porto Santo Island 🕒 Half Day

A must-do walk where you'll be rewarded with stunning views over the entire island. See the cannons used to defend the island from pirates.

OPTIONAL



Laurissilva by 4x4 - Unesco World Heritage

📍 Funchal 🕒 Half Day

Every moment is a photo opportunity as you travel deep into valleys and through UNESCO forests to the fabulous vineyards of Madeira.

BOOK NOW



Seychelles Cruise

Experience a true tropical paradise on this trip of a lifetime. Be blown away by natural wonders above and below the water. Think giant tortoises roaming free, uninhabited islands with rare birds and colourful fish in crystal-clear waters. Unwind in paradise on a secluded whitesand beach surrounded by granite boulders and swaying palm trees. Immerse yourself in bustling markets and age-old traditions within these jewels of the Indian Ocean.





Port Victoria Roundtrip

 SH Diana  10 nights

 09 – 19 Oct 2025

DAY	VISITING
1-2	Port Victoria, Mahe Island
3	Curieuse Island
4	Aride Island
5	Praslin Island, Côte d'Or Beach
6	Bird Island
7	Cousin Island
8	La Digue Island
9	Grande Soeur Island
10	Moyenne Island
11	Port Victoria, Mahe Island


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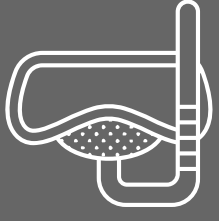

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CRUISE PLUS

Unmissables

EXPEDITION ACTIVITIES



Snorkeling



Nature



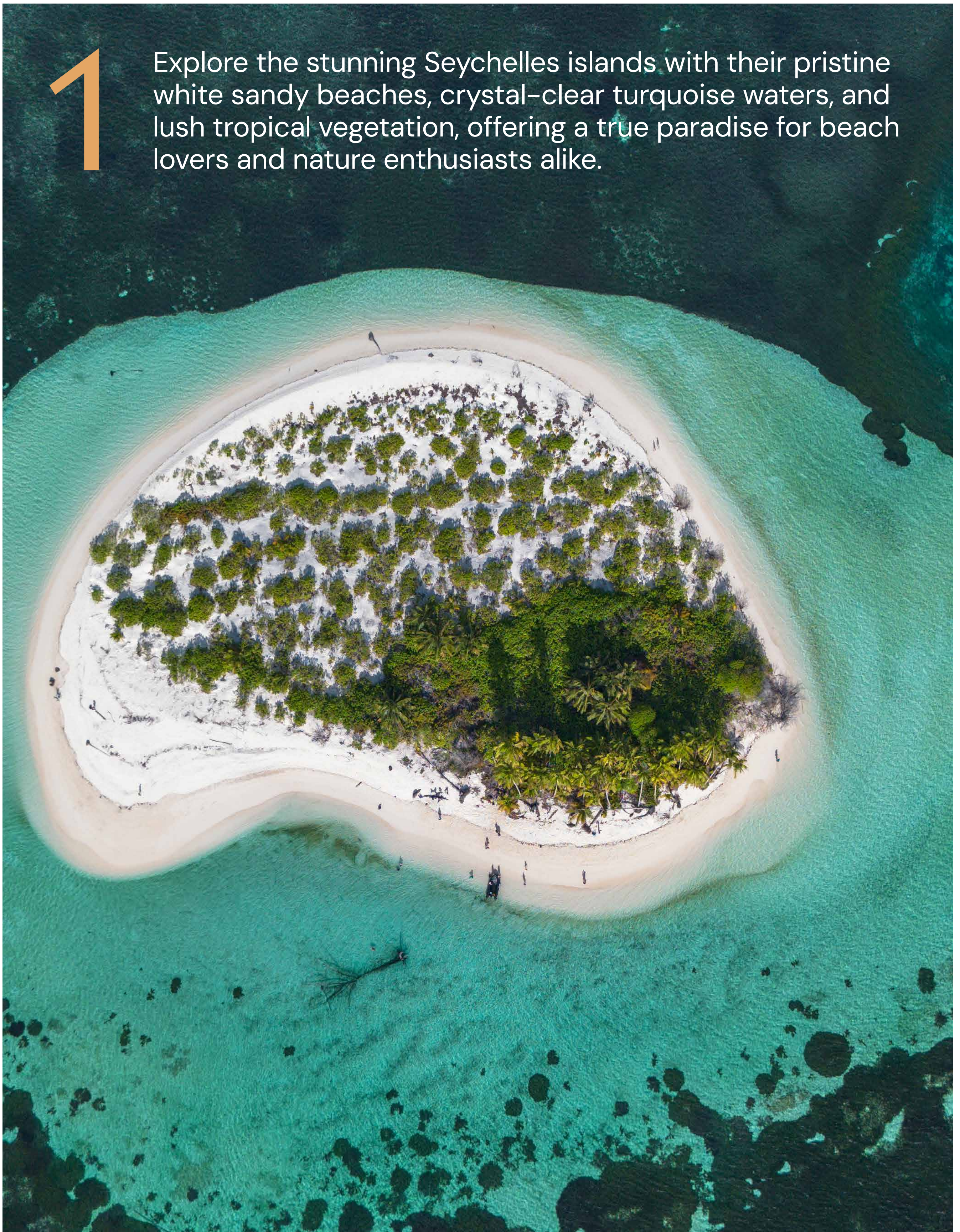
Wildlife



Cultural visit

1

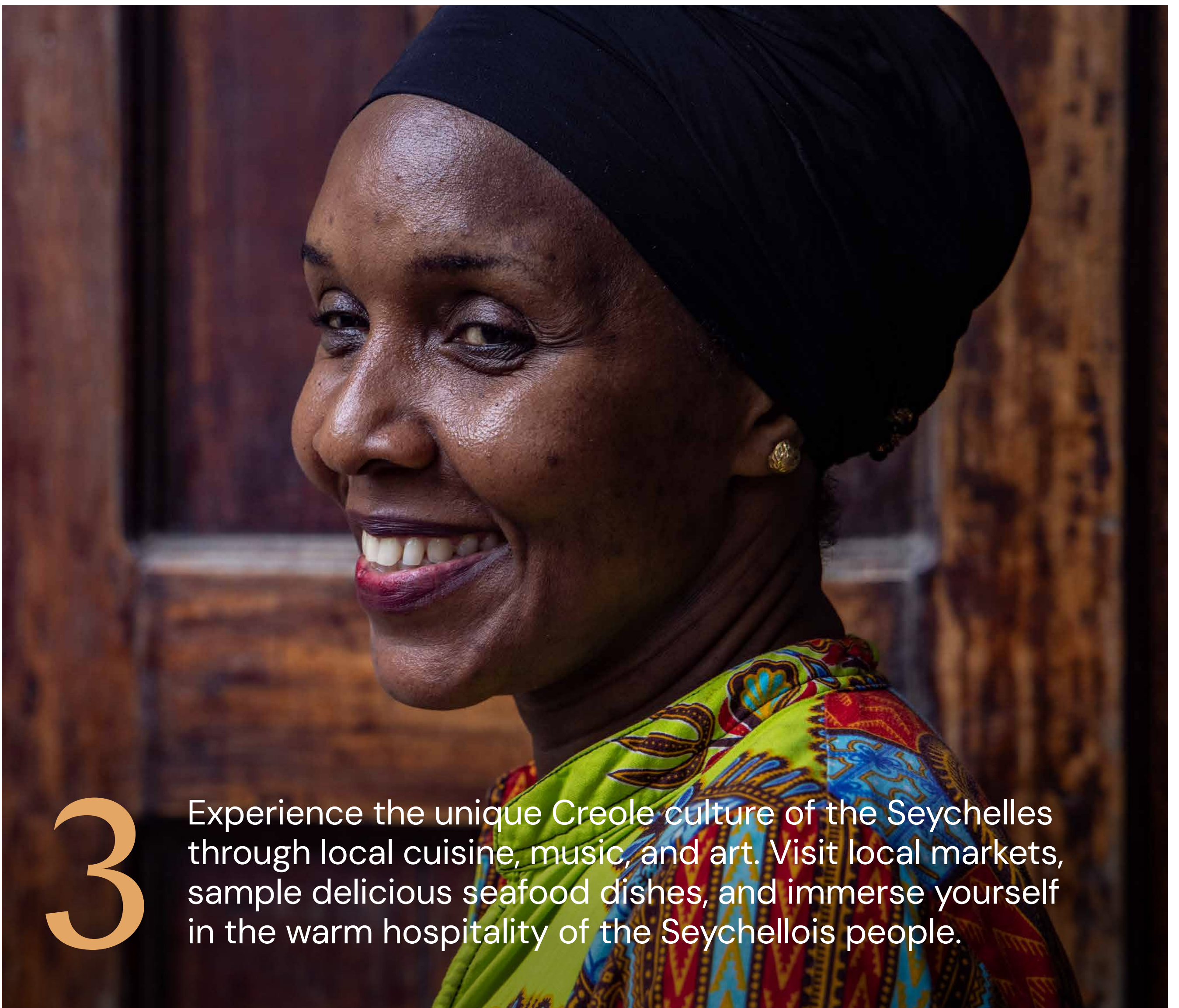
Explore the stunning Seychelles islands with their pristine white sandy beaches, crystal-clear turquoise waters, and lush tropical vegetation, offering a true paradise for beach lovers and nature enthusiasts alike.





2

Snorkel or dive in the vibrant coral reefs surrounding the Seychelles islands, teeming with colorful fish, turtles, and other marine creatures. Discover an underwater world of biodiversity and beauty.



3

Experience the unique Creole culture of the Seychelles through local cuisine, music, and art. Visit local markets, sample delicious seafood dishes, and immerse yourself in the warm hospitality of the Seychellois people.

A selection of curated

Onshore Experiences



Full Day Fishing Charter

OPTIONAL ●○○

📍 Praslin Island, Seychelles 🕒 Full Day

Set sail on an exhilarating full-day fishing charter off the stunning shores of Praslin Island, where adventure and sustainability combine for an unforgettable experience. With the guidance of our knowledgeable crew, enjoy a fully personalized fishing trip designed to suit both experienced anglers and beginners alike.

★ GUEST FAVORITE

INCLUDED



Out & About on Mahe

📍 Victoria 🕒 Half Day

We warmly invite you to embark on this exploration of Mahé, the largest and most captivating island in the Seychelles archipelago.

INCLUDED



Private Visit to Cousin Island

📍 Cousin Island 🕒 Half Day

Embark on a private visit to the pristine Cousin Island, offering a rare opportunity to experience this conservation haven in an intimate and personalized setting.

INCLUDED



Valle De Mai & Cote D'or Beach

📍 Praslin Island 🕒 Half Day

This special journey takes you to the enchanting and mystical home of the world's largest seed, the Coco de Mer nut.

INCLUDED



La Digue Island Tour

📍 La Digue 🕒 Half Day

As you travel, take in the charming harbour, admire the Creole architecture, and explore the restored mill at L'Union Estate.

OPTIONAL



La Digue Island by Bike

📍 La Digue 🕒 Half Day

Start your adventure from La Passe Jetty where you'll begin your scenic ride along the west coast.

BOOK NOW



Cruise from Seychelles to Kenya

Our unforgettable voyage sets sail from the Seychelles' largest city, Port Victoria. Explore Cosmoledo Atoll's pristine sand flats and discover Aldabra – the world's largest colonies of giant tortoises. Encounter rarely visited biodiversity hotspots and plunge into spectacular coral reefs. Lose yourself inside the Jozani forest surrounded by over 40 species of birds. As you uncover East Africa's rich history and culture, you'll gain a deep insight into its diverse traditions and influences.

Giant Tortoise, Aldabra Atoll



Port Victoria to Mombasa

SH Diana 10 nights

19 – 29 Oct 2025

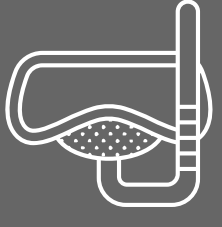
DAY	VISITING
1	Port Victoria, Mahe Island
2	At Sea
3	Farquhar Atoll
4	Cosmoledo Atoll
5-6	Aldabra Atoll and Assumption Island Rare Destination
7	At Sea
8	Zanzibar
9	Pemba Island
10	Lamu
11	Mombasa

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CRUISE PLUS

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EXPEDITION ACTIVITIES



Snorkeling



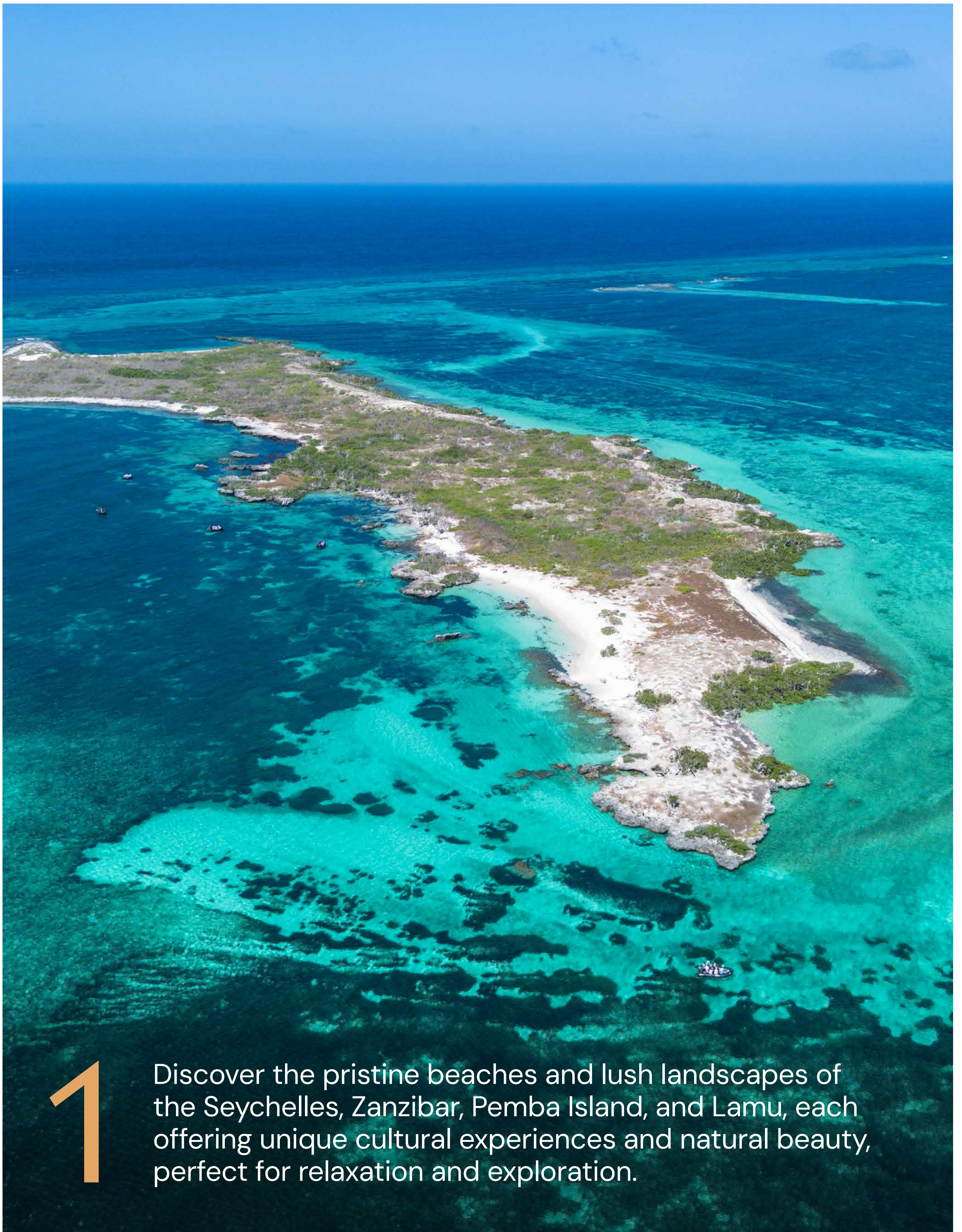
Nature



Wildlife



Cultural visit



1

Discover the pristine beaches and lush landscapes of the Seychelles, Zanzibar, Pemba Island, and Lamu, each offering unique cultural experiences and natural beauty, perfect for relaxation and exploration.



2

Explore the rich history and cultural heritage of Zanzibar and Lamu, known for their ancient stone towns, vibrant markets, and Swahili architecture, providing insights into East Africa's diverse traditions and influences.



3

Snorkel in vibrant coral reefs of the Seychelles and Zanzibar, swim off Pemba Island, and visit Lamu's pristine shores, offering unforgettable marine adventures amidst stunning island backdrops.

A selection of curated
**Onshore
Experiences**



Jozani Forest

📍 Zanzibar ⌚ Half Day

The reserve enjoys the largest portion of the Island's mature forest. With mangrove forests and saltmarshes to the north of the park, the area is an extremely rich mosaic of Zanzibar's diverse natural habitat, a haven for much wildlife including the rare, endemic and endangered species.

INCLUDED



GUEST FAVORITE

ACTIVITY DIFFICULTY:



Easy



Moderate



Challenging

OPTIONAL



Explore Prison Island

📍 Zanzibar ⌚ Half Day

Sail aboard a traditional dhow to historic Prison Island, home to giant tortoises and fascinating ruins. Snorkel vibrant reefs, relax on white sands, or hike lush trails before exploring Stone Town's charm.

OPTIONAL



Ruins & Spices of Zanzibar

📍 Zanzibar ⌚ Full Day

Visit the ruins of Maruhubi Palace then discover where the local spices grow and their many uses including medicines.

INCLUDED



Sights & Spices of Pemba

📍 Pemba Island ⌚ Full Day

Explore Pemba, Tanzania's spice island, where cloves and other spices flourish. Visit a plantation to see exotic trees, sample fresh fruits, and stroll through Chake Chake's vibrant market and historic landmarks.

INCLUDED



Exploring Lamu

📍 Lamu ⌚ Half Day

Embark on a captivating walking tour through the enchanting streets of Lamu, immersing yourself in the rich cultural tapestry and centuries-old history of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

BOOK NOW

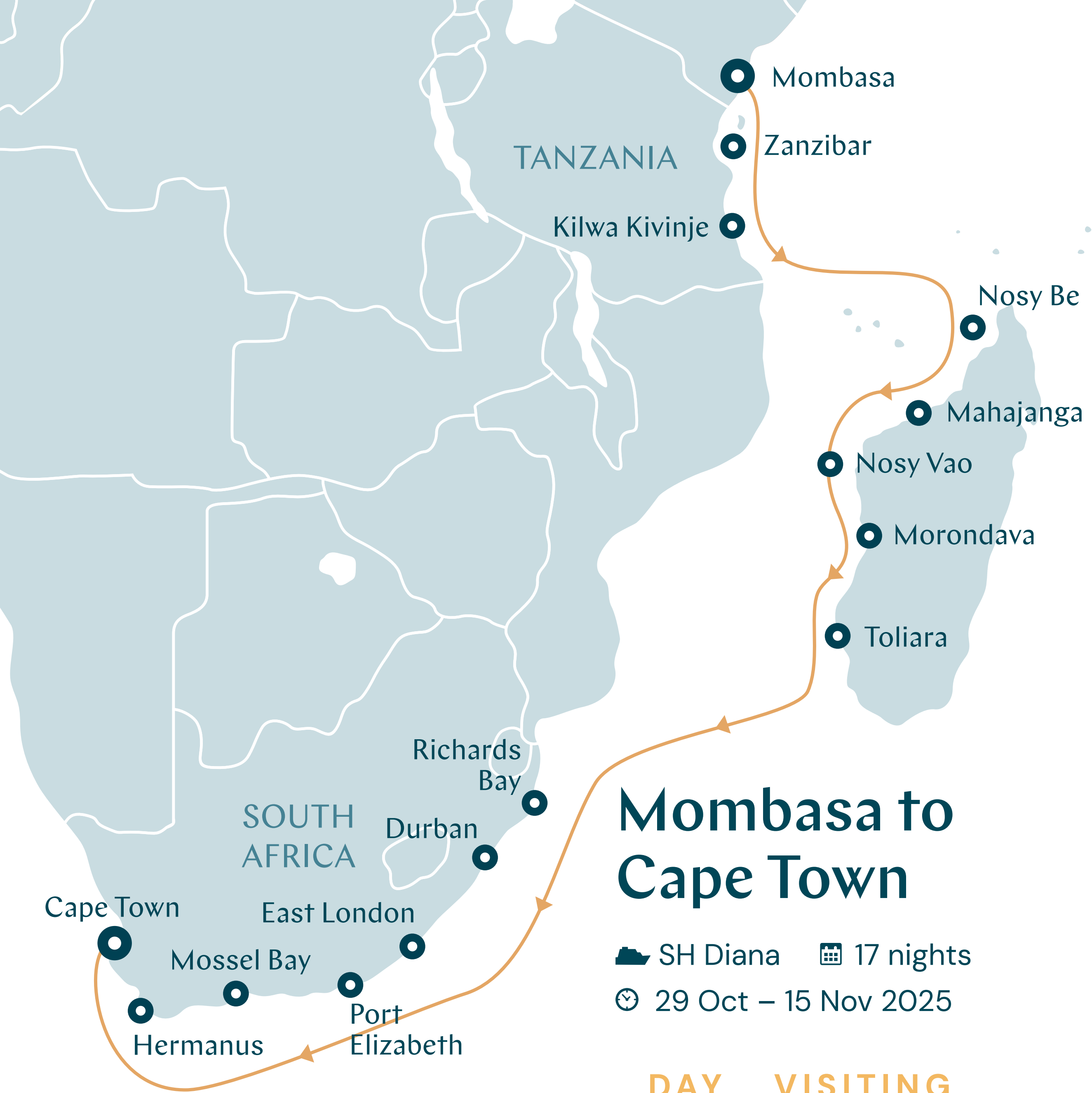


Cruise from Kenya to South Africa

Set sail from Mombasa on an extraordinary journey along the East African coast. Discover Zanzibar's charm, Madagascar's exotic beauty, and rare gems like Kilwa Kivinje and Nosy Vao. From Toliara's spiny forest to South Africa's vibrant shores, including Durban and Cape Town, this cruise blends natural wonders with cultural treasures.



Coquerel's sifaka on tree at Zazamalala forest



Mombasa to Cape Town

SH Diana 17 nights
29 Oct – 15 Nov 2025

DAY	VISITING
1	Mombasa
2	Zanzibar
3	Kilwa Kivinje Rare Destination
4	At Sea
5	Nosy Be
6	Mahajanga
7	Nosy Vao Rare Destination
8	Morondava
9	Toliara
10-11	At Sea
12	Richards Bay
13	Durban
14	East London
15	Port Elizabeth
16	Mossel Bay
17	Hermanus Rare Destination
18	Cape Town

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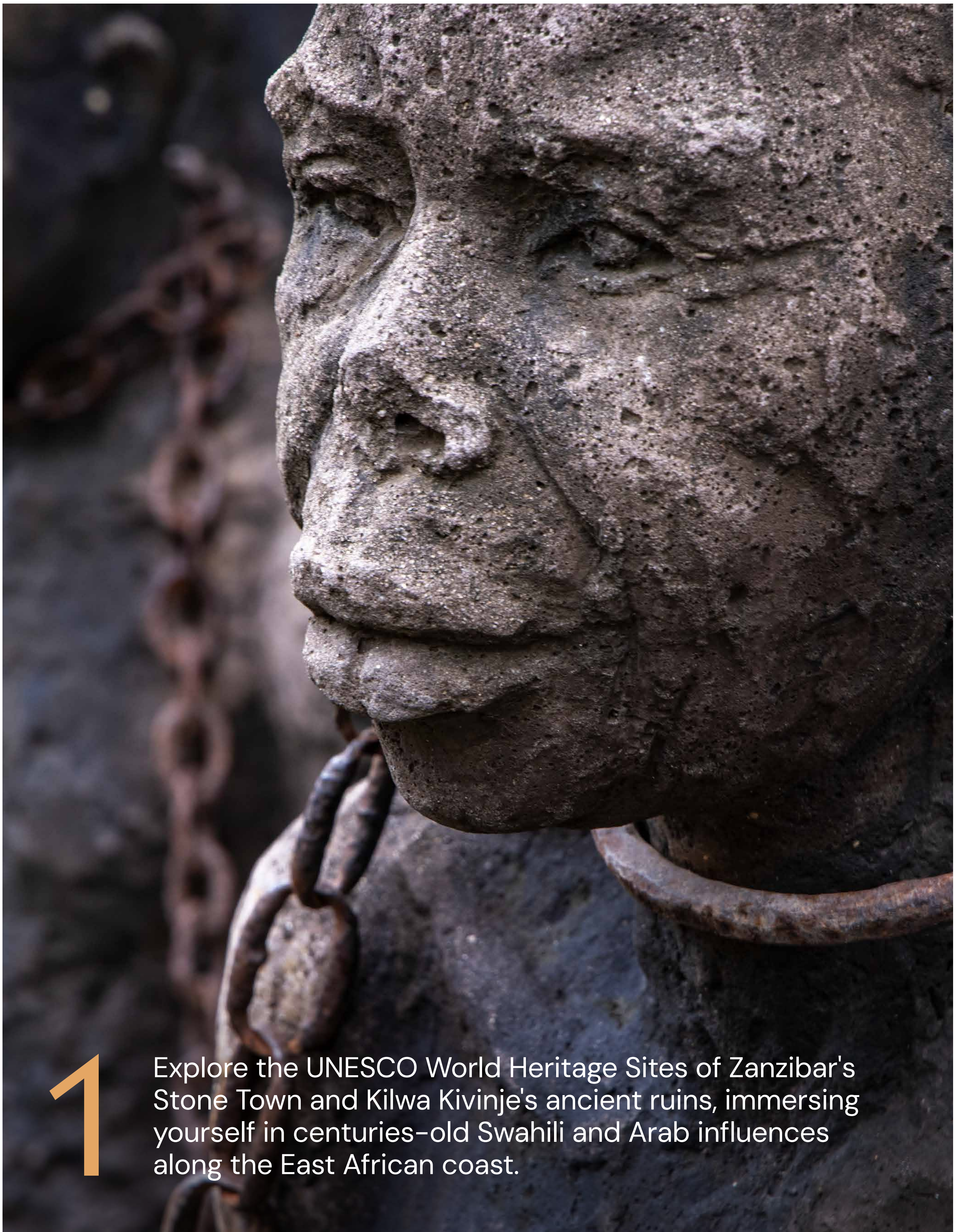
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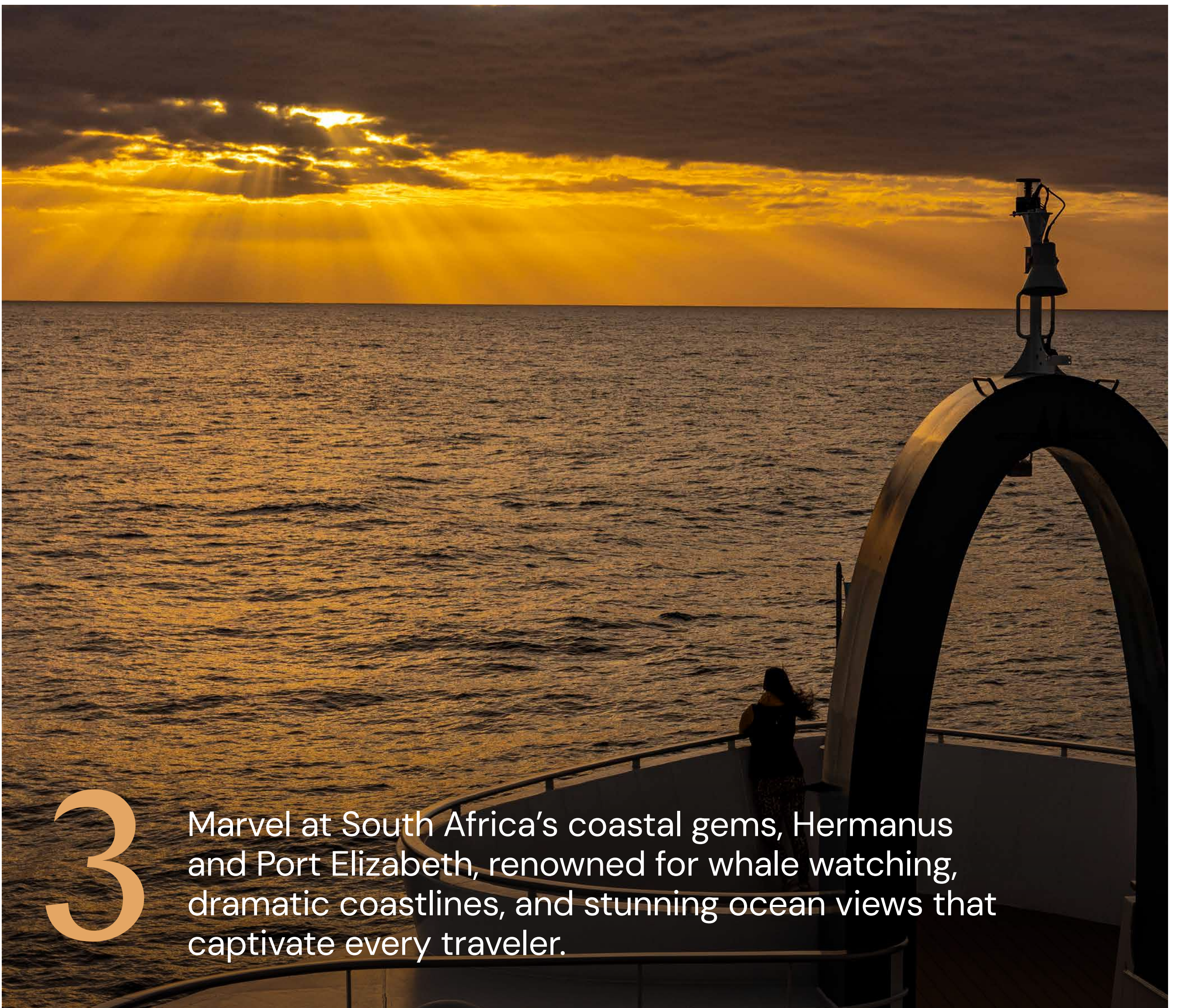
1

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Zanzibar's Stone Town and Kilwa Kivinje's ancient ruins, immersing yourself in centuries-old Swahili and Arab influences along the East African coast.



2

Experience the rugged beauty of Madagascar's Mahajanga and Morondava, famed for their baobab-lined avenues and diverse wildlife, offering a glimpse into the island's unique natural wonders.



3

Marvel at South Africa's coastal gems, Hermanus and Port Elizabeth, renowned for whale watching, dramatic coastlines, and stunning ocean views that captivate every traveler.

A selection of curated

Onshore Experiences

Botlierskop Game Reserve 4x4 Safari

INCLUDED ●●○

📍 Mossel Bay 🕒 Half Day

Experience Botlierskop's free roaming African wildlife in its natural habitat on an exhilarating safari through woodlands, coastal fynbos, mountain fynbos, renosterveld and along the Moordkuil River. Keep a lookout for white rhinos, Cape buffalo, wildebeest, giraffes, zebras and lions (in enclosures) thriving in their natural Western Cape habitats.

★ GUEST FAVORITE

ACTIVITY DIFFICULTY: ●○○ Easy

●●○ Moderate

●●● Challenging

OPTIONAL



Lokobe National Park

📍 Nosy Be 🕒 Half Day

The park is home to many varieties of endemic medicinal plants and ancient trees, lemurs, reptiles, chameleons and tropical birds.

INCLUDED



Morondava and the Baobab Avenue

📍 Morondava 🕒 Full Day

Explore Madagascar's iconic Baobab Avenue, plant a baby baobab, and experience the vibrant local market and rich landscapes.

INCLUDED



St Lucia Hippo and Croc Boat Cruise

📍 Richards Bay 🕒 Full Day

This adventure explores Lake St Lucia, home to South Africa's largest hippo concentration and 2000 Nile crocodiles in their natural habitat.

OPTIONAL



Walking with the Giants and Buffalo Encounter

📍 Port Elizabeth 🕒 Full Day

Set off on a mini safari in search of the majestic Tall Five. On another safari, track down Cape buffalo and witness their feeding routine up close.

INCLUDED



Whale Watching

📍 Hermanus 🕒 Half Day

With all eyes on watch, the excitement builds for who can see the first whale of the trip! Look out for Southern Right Whales, Humpback and Brydes whales.

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A new class of exploration

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

Our fleet of five-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.



Boutique cruising at its finest

Our sister ships are designed to navigate the most inspiring, inaccessible places on Earth. All the while offering guests an immersive, five-star experience.

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.

SH Vega



117 crew



152 guests



9 decks

SH Diana



127 crew



192 guests



9 decks



A chef in a white uniform is holding a wine glass filled with white wine. In the foreground, a white plate with a gold rim holds a beautifully plated dish consisting of a large, succulent lobster tail resting on a thick, round steak. The dish is garnished with fresh asparagus and a small portion of broccoli. The background is softly blurred, showing the chef's hands and the white fabric of the tablecloth.

Dining

A Taste of Adventure

No matter the time or day, our dining venues have exquisite cuisine waiting just for you. Your unique culinary experiences are skilfully designed and prepared by top chefs, and delivered with excellent personal service.



The Swan Restaurant

The main venue for breakfast, lunch and dinner, The Swan Restaurant serves international cuisine focused on quality regional ingredients from the unique destinations we visit.



Club Lounge

Vibrant and welcoming, The Club Lounge acts as a hub, serving Afternoon Tea or 24-hour tapas-inspired dining, paired with panoramic ocean views.



Pool Bar & Grill

An ideal place to explore dishes created from local, seasonal ingredients, and aromatic wines, as you enjoy the mesmerising views of the towns and countryside where they were sourced from.

Health & Wellness

Mind & Body

Our ships offer a range of indulgent facilities to provide you with the ultimate in relaxation and rejuvenation on your excursion cruise.





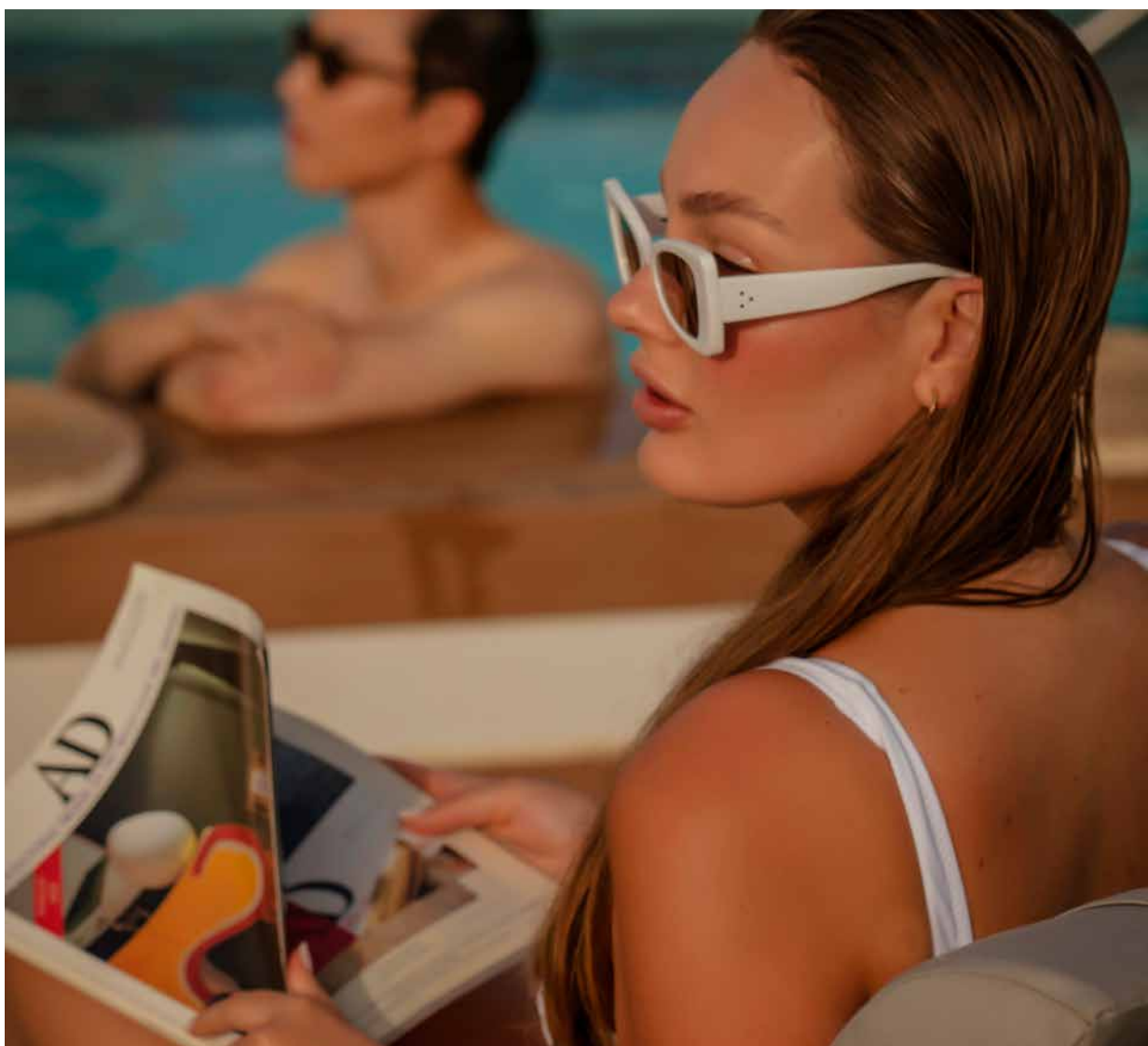
SPA & Beauty Salon

Relax with beauty and wellness treatments at our Balinese spa, or enjoy a meditative moment in our stunning sauna as the perfect end to an active day.



Gym

Our state-of-the-art gym has everything you need, plus instructor-led classes and personal trainers, offering resistance training, Pilates, yoga and meditation.



Heated Pool

Unwind in our heated infinity pool after a busy day, and truly immerse yourself in the inspiring scenery.



Open Deck Jacuzzi

Enjoy breathtaking vistas with a refreshing dip in our outdoor tub after a relaxing massage or sauna.

Discovery

A World of Discoveries

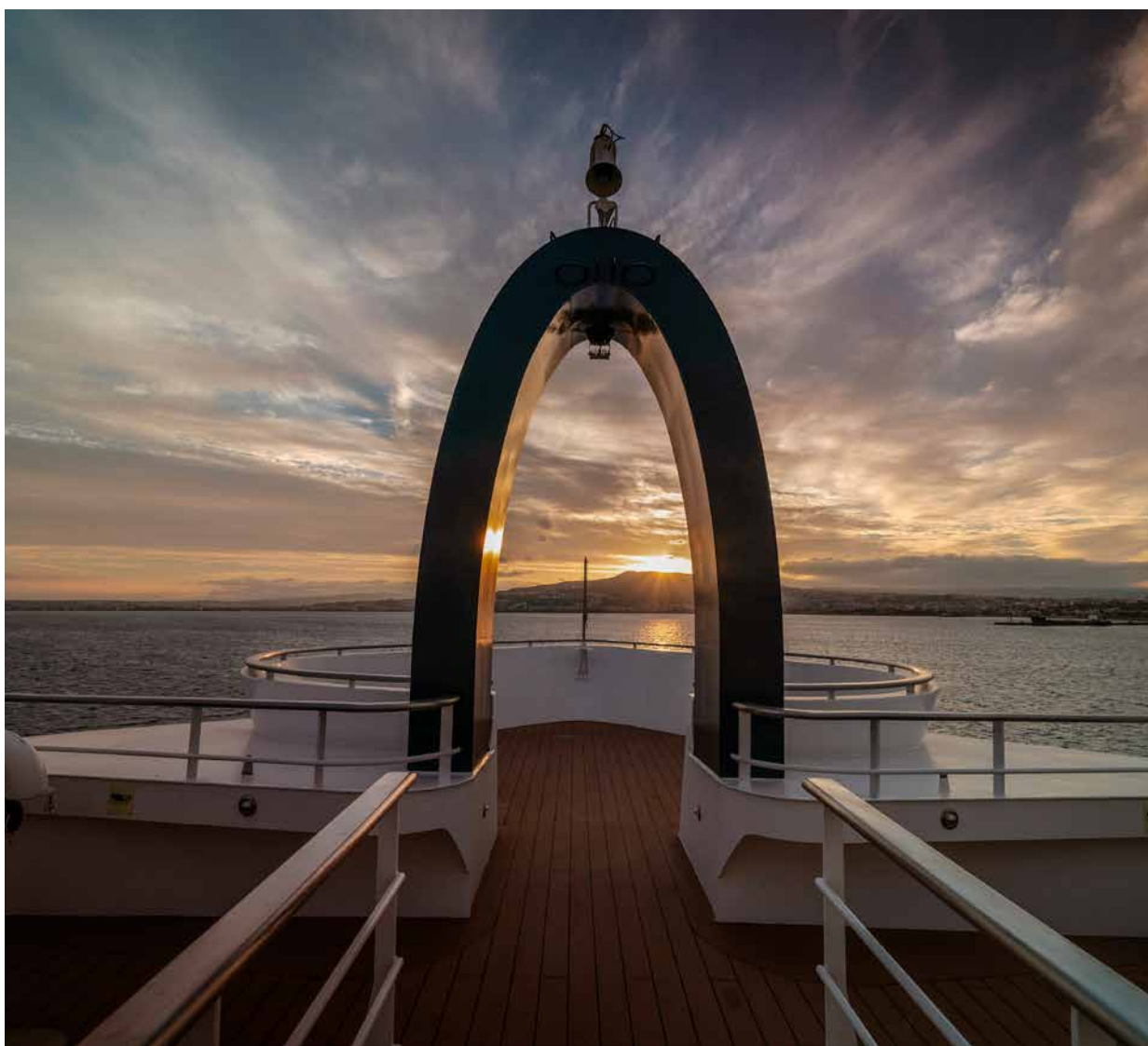
Our ships offer a variety of relaxing and rejuvenating spaces where you can engage with your environment.





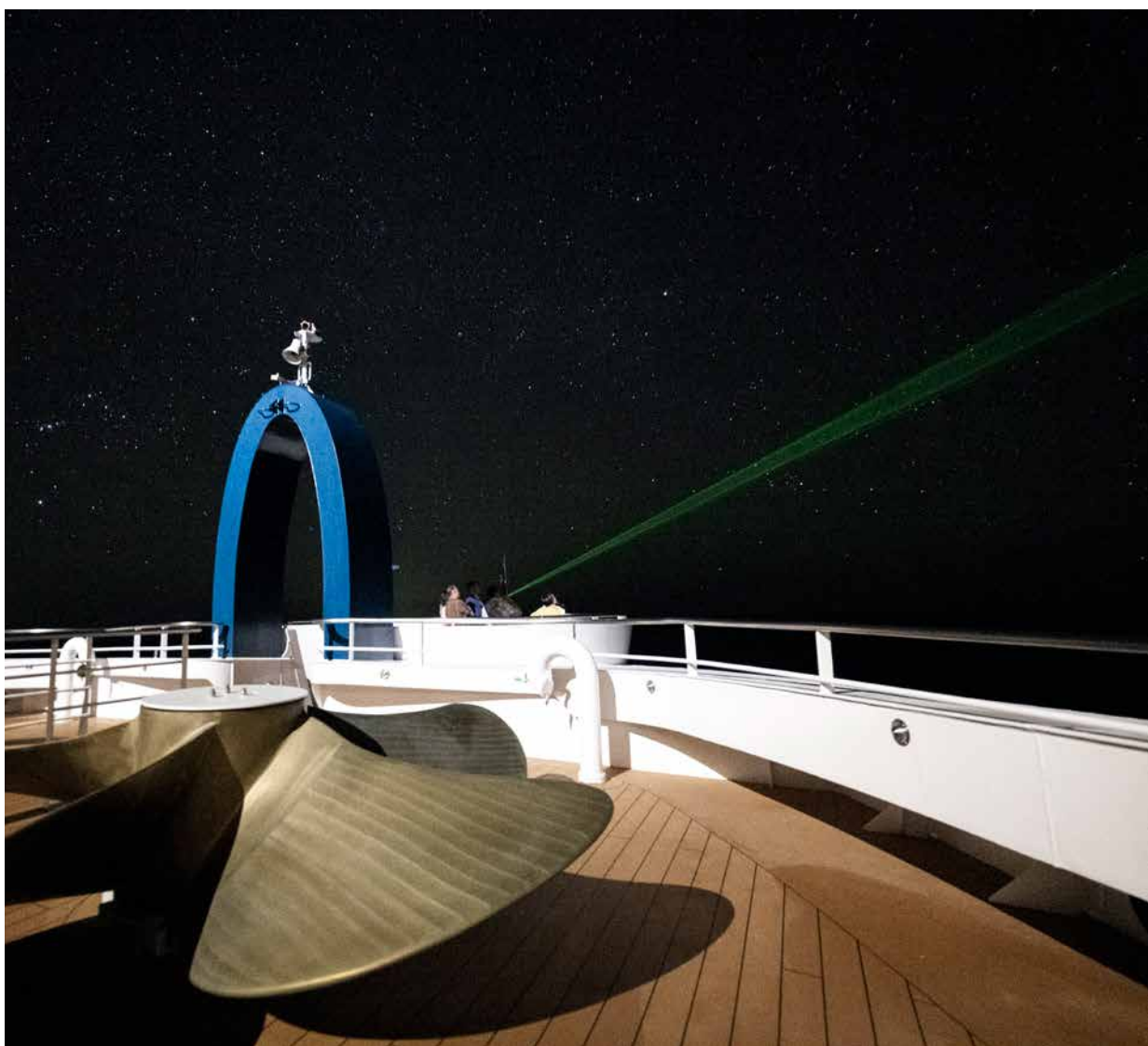
Basecamp

The perfect place to start and finish every excursion. Relax and share your impressions with fellow travellers over a warming cup of coffee.



Swan's Nest

Utterly unforgettable panoramic views. The perfect place to soak in the scenery and take inspiring shots of the everchanging landscapes on your voyage of discovery.



Stargazing Deck

Spend time on the open deck, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to observe your stunning surroundings up close.



Zodiac

Our fantastic expedition team lead you aboard our Zodiac boats on a variety of incredible shore excursions. Travel to remote landing sites or pass through narrow out of reach areas.

Enrichment

Engage, Learn, Discover

We offer plenty of opportunities to investigate the wonders of the natural world, in spaces which help make your voyage with us truly unforgettable.



Library

Explore our large section of literature on topics from history and geography to biology and astrophysics. You'll also find photo books and rare and valuable publications.



Laboratory

Join our team of students and researchers, continuing your expedition adventures on board, and contribute to the exploration of our oceans.



Lectures in the Observation Lounge

Immerse yourself in nature, history and culture with special briefings, lectures and presentations made by experienced expedition guides and expert academic lecturers.

Venues

Peaceful Retreats

Unwind at the end of a long day in inviting spaces. Our bespoke interiors are spacious and tasteful, with plush furnishings and floor-to-ceiling windows.





Observation Lounge

The perfect place to relax and watch the ever-changing scenery drift by. Enjoy a tipples with your fellow guests next to the panoramic windows.



Card Room (only on Diana)

Retreat with a book, play board games with friends, or watch movies and optional lectures on the large, flat screen TV.

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.



Amenities in your cabin

Smart HDTV

...

Minibar with soft drinks and beer

...

Illy Espresso Coffee machine with pods

...

Kettle and Kusmi tea bags

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Towels for cabin, pool and gym

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Individually-controlled airconditioning

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Bathrobes and bedroom slippers

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Toiletries

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Personal Safe

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Nikon Prostaff 3S 10x42 binoculars

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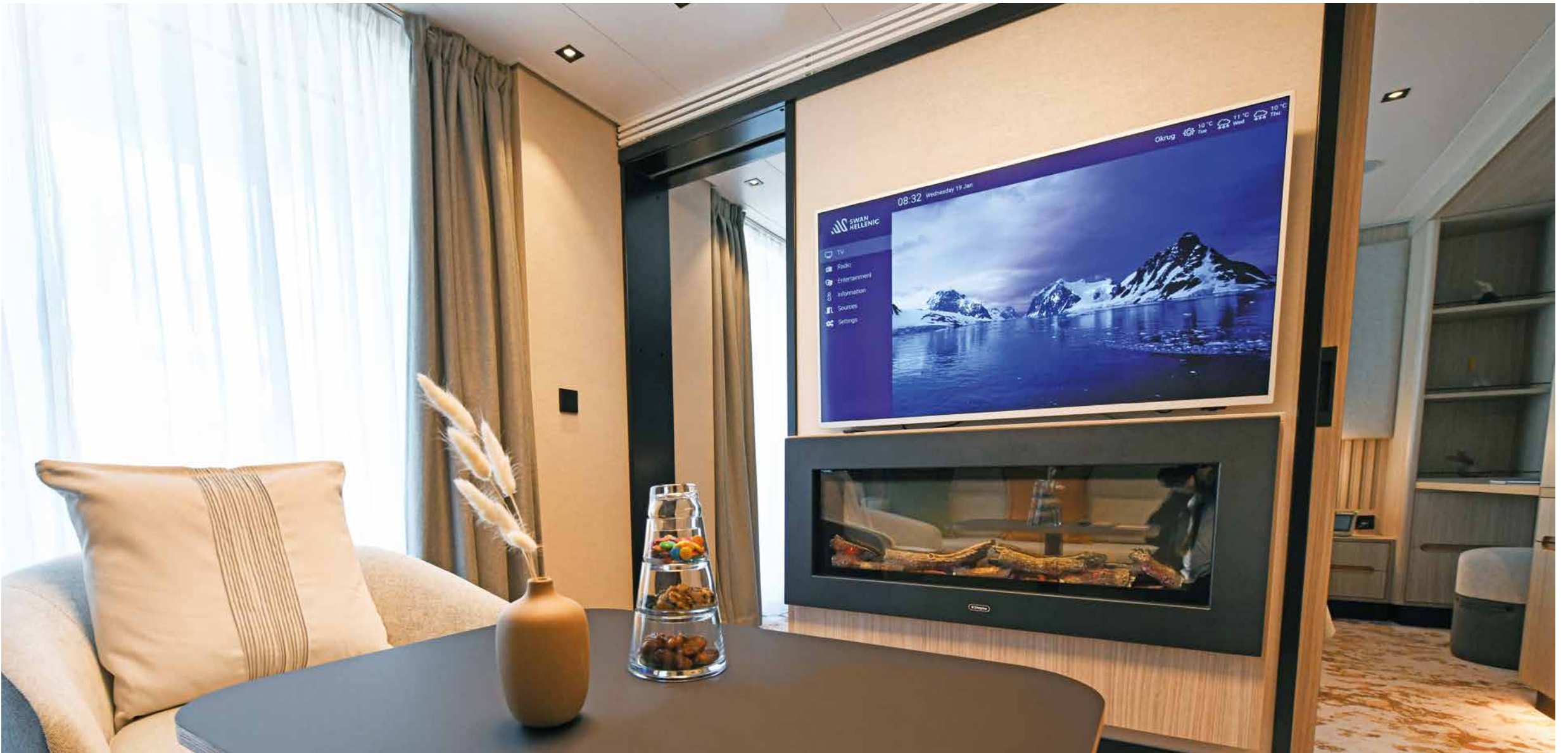
Free Wi-Fi



Premium Suite | Sleeps 2

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 8m² (86ft²) private balcony.

41m² (441ft²)
including balcony



Suite | Sleeps 2/3

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 5m² (54ft²) private balcony.

41m² (441ft²)
including balcony



Junior Suite | Sleeps 2

Junior Suites are only available on SH Diana, and feature a king size bed, separate living room area, luxurious en-suite bathroom, and a 6m² (65ft²) private balcony.

32–36m² (344–388ft²)
including balcony



Balcony | Sleeps 2/3

Balcony Staterooms feature two single beds or a double bed, a living room area with a flame-effect fireplace, a luxurious bathroom, and a 5m² (54 ft²) private balcony.

25m² (269ft²)
including balcony



Oceanview | Sleeps 2/3

Oceanview Staterooms feature two single beds or a double bed, a living room area with a flame-effect fireplace, and a luxurious bathroom.

20m² (215ft²)









SH Diana

The largest five-star ship in our fleet combines cutting-edge technology with sophisticated design. This new-generation polar class ship features elegant interiors and dedicated expedition facilities, so you can explore the world in style and comfort.




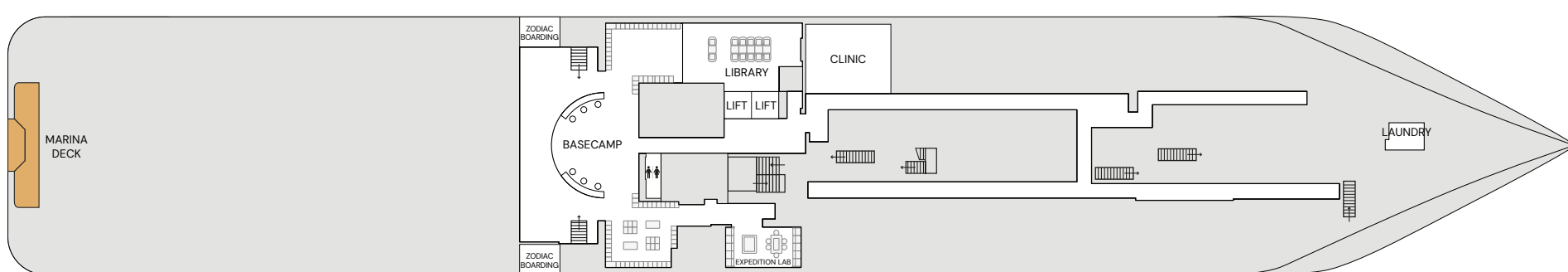
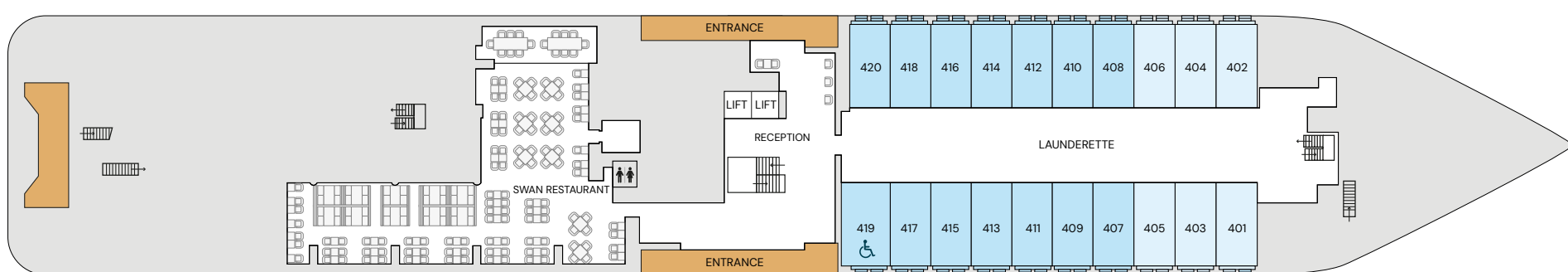
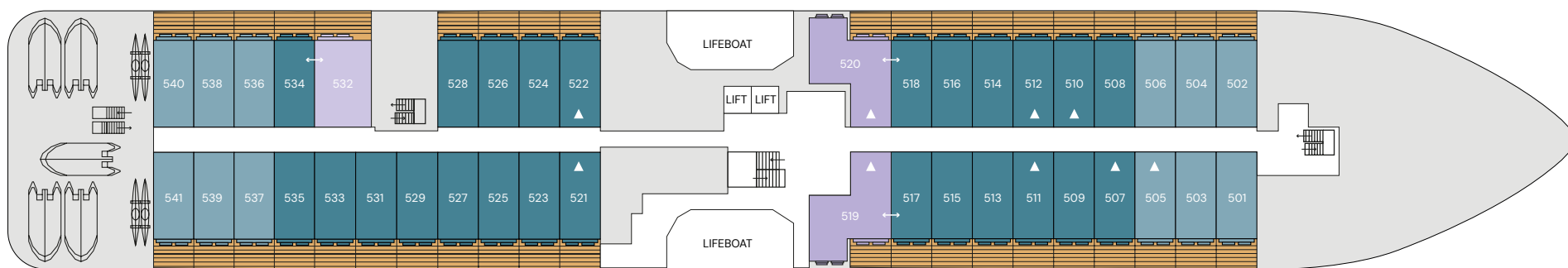
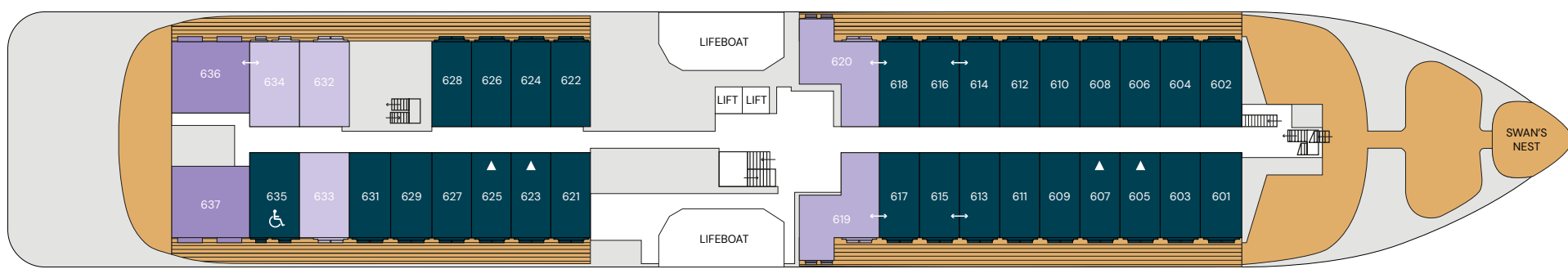
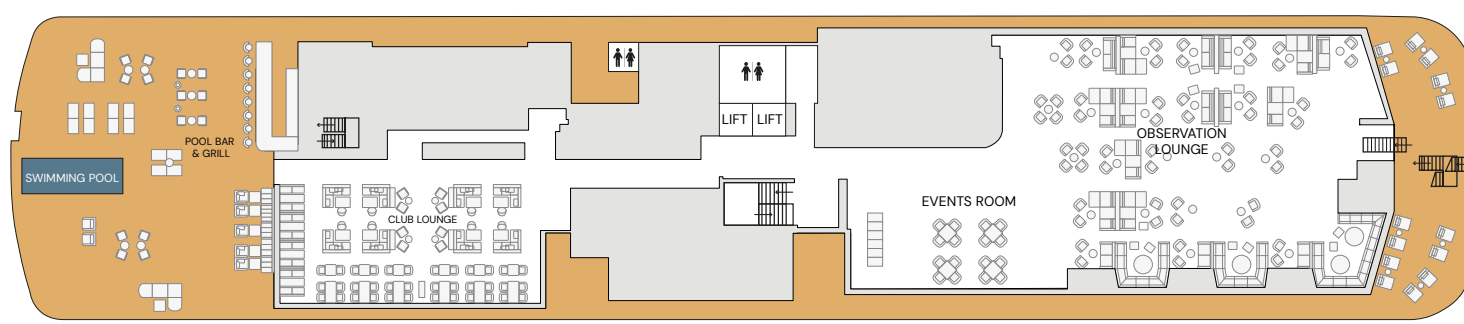
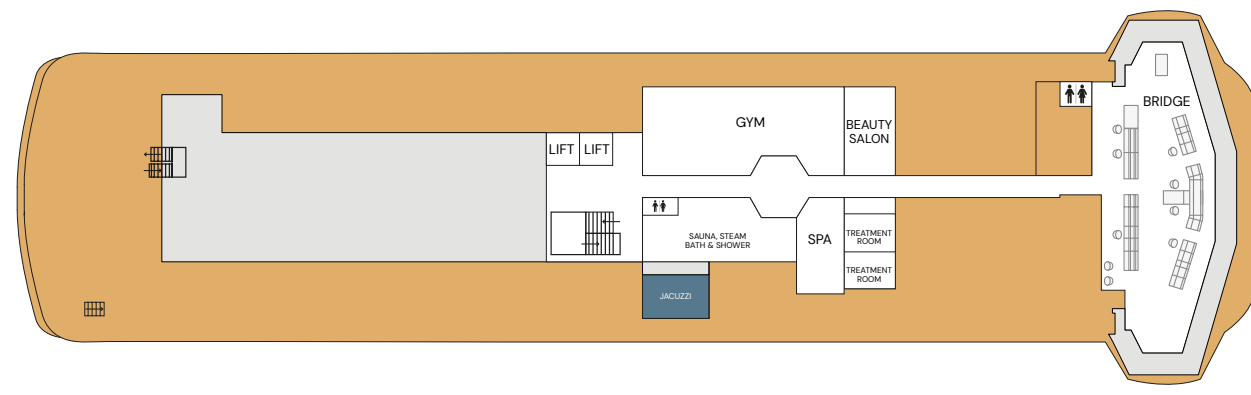
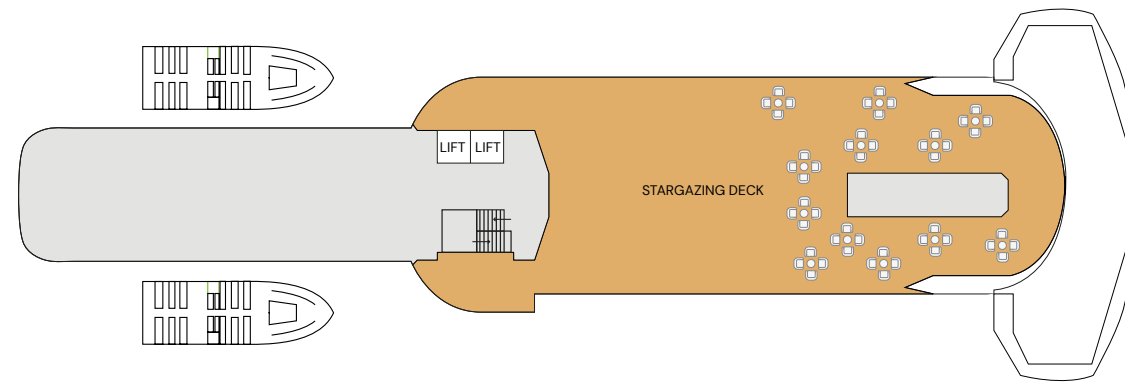
SH Diana, Seychelles

Stateroom Category:

Oceanview D4:	6 (20m ²)	
Oceanview M4:	14 (20m ²)	
Balcony D5:	12 (28m ²)	
Balcony M5:	25 (28m ²)	
Balcony D6:	29 (28m ²)	
Junior Suite:	4 (32–36m ²)	
Suite:	4 (41m ²)	
Premium Suite:	2 (41m ²)	

Ship Specification:

Guest Capacity	192
Staff	127
No. of Decks	9
Staterooms	96
Length	409.7ft (124.9m)
Breadth	79.7ft (24.3m)
Tonnage	12,255
Cruising 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



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Where to find us

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our travel philosophy



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