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Cover: APT Solara – The Daystar Deck (Artist's Impression).

The Daystar Deck is a vibrant rooftop retreat featuring an alfresco barbeque and bar, an alluring plunge pool and a lounge area for conversations with fellow travellers. It is the idyllic place to unwind beneath the European sky, where you can enjoy a cocktail while basking in the splendour of a breathtaking sunset.



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The Owner's Cellar offers exclusive wines and intimate dining aboard APT Solara and APT Ostara (Artist's Impression).

A NEW DAWN FOR LUXURY CRUISING

Australia's most prestigious global tour operator is poised to revolutionise luxury cruising in 2024 and 2025. With the launch of APT's brand-new, ultra-luxury fleet, new waves of opulence are set to stir in the grandest rivers of Central Europe, Portugal, Vietnam and Cambodia. Complemented by Seabourn's extravagant ocean cruises and the Murray River's brand-new PS Australian Star, embark on unrivalled journeys of splendour and adventure through the world's finest waterways.

WORDS Alexander Simpson



Journey through the heart of Portugal in unparalleled luxury, as the Douro River reveals its timeless allure and enchanting towns.



Innovation and excellence are the cornerstones of the APT story. Nowhere is this better illustrated than on the water.

Since its inception nearly a century ago, APT Luxury Travel has remained steadfast in its commitment to defining the pinnacle of luxury travel, offering sensational experiences to guests worldwide. This unwavering dedication has propelled APT to extraordinary heights, solidifying its position as a global leader in luxury travel.

Innovation and excellence are the cornerstones of the APT story. Nowhere is this better illustrated than on the water. APT has been a trailblazer in luxury river cruising since its European debut in 2005, earning accolades and recognition as the Best River Cruise Operator five times by the National Travel Industry Awards. At the dawn of APT's new era, as Rob McGeary and Lou Tandy succeed their father, Geoff, in leading Australia's largest family-owned tour and cruise company, the desire for innovation and excellence

continues unabated with a brand-new generation of luxury river ships set to join APT's award-winning fleet.

In Central Europe, the APT Solara and APT Ostara will redefine luxury river cruising when they launch in 2025. These revolutionary Australian-designed vessels offer more space, more choice, and more ways to experience Europe's grand waterways than ever before.

Conceived in Melbourne by the world-renowned, award-winning Hecker Guthrie design team, the ships blend European elegance with unpretentious Australian ease. The luxury of dining choice on board is unrivalled, with six distinct culinary venues. The vessels also set a new standard in sustainability, ensuring greater emphasis on saving fuel, energy optimisation, and waste reduction. ►



Be awestruck as you cruise past Budapest's magnificent Hungarian Parliament Building aboard APT Solara and APT Ostara (Artist's Impression).

In Portugal, the brand-new MS Estrela, a luxury boutique river ship custom-built for the Douro, will take to the majestic waters of the Iberian Peninsula this year. And in Vietnam and Cambodia, the Mekong Serenity, the newest and most luxurious ship on the Mekong River, took her maiden voyage in 2023. Like their new stablemates, both ships were crafted to meet the needs of the discerning traveller and feature designs which echo and pay tribute to the unique regions they traverse.

Building upon a proud tradition of delivering unforgettable journeys in dream destinations, APT is also thrilled to be partnering with the ultra-luxury ocean cruise line Seabourn and the Murray River's brand-new PS Australian Star, both ideal and esteemed allies to continue elevating luxury travel to unprecedented heights.



MS Estrela Owner's Suite (Artist's Impression).

LUXURY

New Fleet



APT Solara and APT Ostara

Capacity: 154 guests, 60 crew
 Length: 135 metres
 Dining options: Six
 Suites: 77
 Inaugural sailing: 2025



MS Estrela

Capacity: 114 guests, 42 crew
 Length: 80 metres
 Dining options: Three
 Staterooms and suites: 57
 Inaugural sailing: August 2024




Mekong Serenity

Capacity: 88 guests, 44 crew
 Length: 92 metres
 Dining options: Four
 Suites: 44
 Inaugural sailing: August 2023



Savour flavoursome local dishes, champagne breakfasts and delectable dinners at the Mekong Serenity's Lemongrass Restaurant (Artist's Impression).



A new way to
EXPERIENCE EUROPE
IN 2025

APT welcomes two luxury river ships set to sail the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers in 2025. Designed by the award-winning Hecker Guthrie team for the discerning Australian traveller, these river ships represent a new dawn for luxury cruising.

INTRODUCING

APT SOLARA AND APT OSTARA

Luxury beyond compare

Lavish amenities coupled with panoramic views create a five-star haven where opulence meets unparalleled sophistication.

Twin Window Suites are full of character and charm, with warm, rustic tones, wooden accents and plush furnishings (Artist's Impression).

Redefining European luxury river cruising

WORDS Alexander Simpson

Owner's Suites are drenched in sunlight with panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows and a large outdoor balcony (Artist's Impression).



Balcony Suites feature French balconies with electric floor-to-ceiling slide down windows (Artist's Impression).



Savour exclusive wines and gourmet dining amid the sophisticated ambiance of the Owner's Cellar (Artist's Impression).

“The ship design is a quiet luxury..
Wherever you look, you see evidence of consideration.”

In 2025, APT will make waves in luxury travel with the launch of its revolutionary river ships, the APT Solara and APT Ostara. Designed by the esteemed Hecker Guthrie team in Melbourne, these vessels embody timeless sophistication while conjuring the charm of Europe's waterways. Each space aboard the ships is meticulously curated to resonate with the essence of the destinations and seasons they traverse, seamlessly blending unpretentious Australian style with the allure of Europe. Beyond mere luxury, these flagship vessels prioritise sustainability, championing fuel efficiency, energy optimisation, and waste reduction.

Bringing aboard an innovative and acclaimed design team was imperative, as APT's co-owner, Lou Tandy (nee McGeary), explains, "Our intention was to set a new standard in river ship design. We couldn't do that by doing what had been done before... With our focus on the Australian traveller, it was critical to work with an industry leading Australian design firm." Following a meticulous tender process, Hecker Guthrie ultimately stood out for its exceptional expertise and profound grasp of the vision. ▶



"We want to remind our guests in beautiful and subtle ways of where they are."



Settle into the inviting Salon with a barista-made coffee and admire tranquil riverside scenery as it passes you by (Artist's Impression).



Harmony in quiet luxury

Paul Hecker and Hamish Guthrie, the lead designers at Hecker Guthrie, infused a sense of restrained elegance throughout the ships' design. "Like the APT customer, we are not interested in anything ostentatious and showy," they explained. "The ship design is a quiet luxury, the items are visibly high quality, considered and feel good to the touch. Wherever you look, you see evidence of consideration." As guests cruise through Central Europe, the spirit of the destinations they visit and the climates they experience are subtly woven into the design of the APT Solara and APT Ostara. "We have created a colour palette which is based on the seasons, but it will be very discreet... We want to remind our guests in beautiful and subtle ways of where they are." ►

"We have created a colour palette which is based on the seasons..."

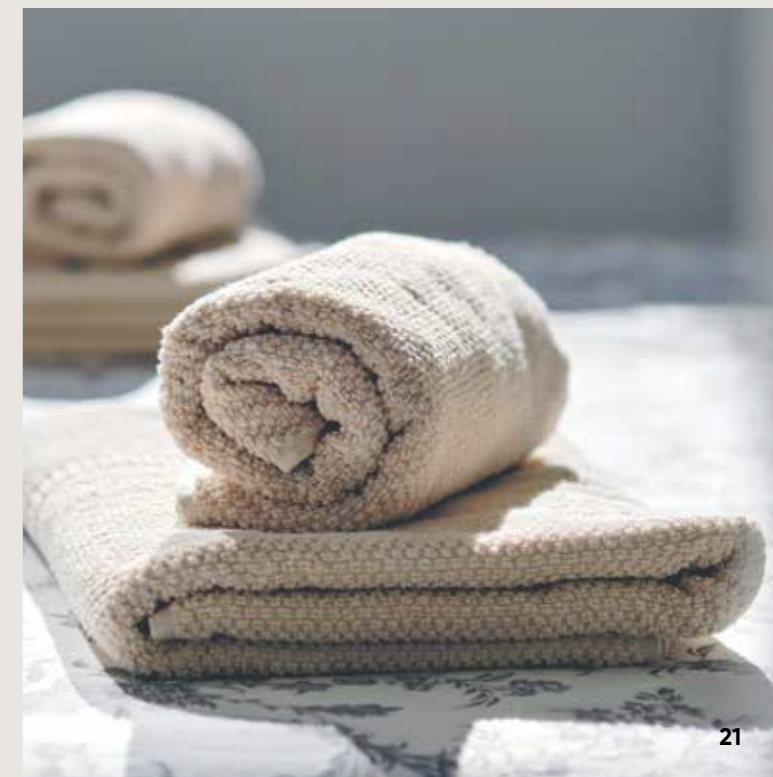
Unrivalled gourmet odysseys

Six distinct dining venues and complimentary in-suite dining, with menus and culinary experiences created by Fellow Hospitality, offer unparalleled gourmet options surpassing those found on other European river ships. Hecker and Guthrie emphasise the importance of variety, “There is a series of edited food experiences so that guests do not spend 14 nights in one restaurant. There really is a sense of choice and destination.” From epicurean perfection in The Owner’s Cellar through to a custom-designed bar and sophisticated dining in The Grüner Bar & Dining, guests will relish regionally inspired cuisine crafted from the finest local ingredients. Think Petite Crepes with crème fraîche and Osteria Caviar; zucchini flowers with local ricotta and wild garlic pesto; and crumbed veal schnitzel with red cabbage and apple slaw.

Seasoned suites

Hecker and Guthrie extend their subtle design ethos to the guest suites, creating spaces that exude an “elevated, luxurious, and calm” ambience. Each suite is imbued with a seasonal colour palette, which weaves into the furnishings, fabrics, textures, and interior design elements. Thoughtful touches reflect the seasons, “Each cabin has a beautiful light cotton throw for summer and a much more sumptuous throw for winter,” Hecker and Guthrie add. All suites boast complimentary in-suite dining, fully stocked minibars, tea & coffee making facilities, ample storage, Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and en suites with decadent toiletries. Owner’s suites feature spacious outdoor balconies and separate sitting areas, while Balcony Suites offer floor-to-ceiling windows opening to French balconies. ▶

Inspired by Europe’s classic neighbourhood bistros, Bistro Saison serves classic European fare with a modern twist (Artist’s Impression).



Harmonious social spaces

The public spaces aboard the APT Solara and APT Ostara are designed to be both communal and intimate, with panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows bathing the lounge in natural light. The Sun Deck offers modular social spaces and 360-degree panoramic views, complemented by outdoor lounge areas and an alfresco bar and barbecue. The rooftop swimming pool and circular seating area echo Hecker and Guthrie's curved design motif, "The presence of circular forms throughout the ship speaks to the conviviality that APT is all about." Below deck, the Wellness Centre features an onboard gym and an indulgent spa, where guests will be treated to a range of rejuvenating treatments.



DINING

Crafted with love, our dishes bloom with freshness, embracing the essence of locally sourced ingredients



The Daystar Deck is a heavenly place to relax and unwind beneath the European sky (Artist's Impression).

FIVE STARS, SIX SPACES

Having the privilege to design your own ships comes with many perks, and handcrafting the finest dining details from venue to menu is certainly among the best of them.

WORDS Conor Walsh

On board the brand-new APT Solara and APT Ostara, APT delivers five-star dining experiences in six stunning spaces, each unique and meticulously designed to reflect the delectable cuisines and diverse gastronomy of Europe.

Developed by the inimitable experts at Fellow Hospitality with the core values of regionality, curated quality, flexibility and seasonality front of mind, the venues set a new standard for culinary adventures on the iconic rivers of mainland Europe.

Experiences range from intimate and curated wine-focused set menus, to event style Mediterranean feasts in the sunshine – the diversity of offerings not only spans the venues themselves, but also the seasons during which guests travel.

The welcoming **Bistro Saison** provides a distinctly European neighbourhood atmosphere, offering classic fare from local regions with modern flair. Here you can expect hot and cold buffets serving a generous and stylish selection of locally sourced proteins, fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as freshly baked bread at breakfast and lunch, and an à la carte dinner menu prepared fresh to order with seasonal ingredients.

You'll be able to connect with newfound friends and the cultures of your riverside destinations at **The Salon**, a relaxed space designed with the ships' social aspects in mind. Offering fabulous flavours at breakfast and lunch, the flexible salon space can be whatever you want to make it, from a reading spot with a freshly prepared barista coffee in hand in the morning to an entertainment hub where live music will have you dancing into the evening.



Fellow Hospitality founder,
Monique Lane.

Meanwhile, contemporary dinners await at **Annie's Table**, centred around familiar favourites executed with precision and dished up in a shareable setting.

Inspired by Europe's traditional farmer's markets, **The Grüner Bar & Dining** showcases a signature seasonal cocktail list, local wines, a menu of drink-friendly European snacks, as well as a single ingredient from each specific region you're exploring, offering a deeper immersion into the local communities you visit.

One day may celebrate the irresistible white asparagus of Baden-Württemberg, while another could open your eyes to Saxony-Anhalt's whole-roasted sunflowers. This is where incredible local produce truly shines, and you'll learn all about the importance of each ingredient.

Fresh BBQ-style delights with a Mediterranean touch await atop **The Daystar Deck**, where flame-grilled meats, seafood and vegetables meet fresh seasonal salads and tantalising cocktails, all served in the fresh air as the serene landscapes of Europe float by. ►

“Savour life's
richness with good
food; each bite,
a symphony of
flavours, a journey
of delight.”



But the crème de la crème for many is **The Owner's Cellar** – an intimate wine cellar hosting just 16 guests. Its exclusive set menus feature courses perfectly matched with incredible wines only available in the private cellar. Think dry-aged rib eye with a pinot noir, and Bavarian chocolate mousse scooped to order.

A vast selection of included beverages also flows freely throughout your cruise, with seasonal signature cocktails, local beer and wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee on hand to match each meal and further elevate your holiday.

Fellow Hospitality founder Monique Lane says each setting has been purposefully designed with flexible menus which honour the seasons and regional specialties of Europe.

“My aim is to elevate river cruise dining to the level of standalone hospitality,” Lane said.

“Alongside the passionate APT team, I’ve developed venues that honour the values and integrity of the great restaurants of the world; sourcing quality local produce, working within seasons, and being inspired by our surrounds.”

“We are creating a new standard of curated, thoughtful drinking and dining aboard these ships and can’t wait for our guests to experience these venues.”

These venues and the cuisine within set a new bar for the industry and are sure to create many unforgettable moments. It’s onboard dining the APT way.

Blush Negroni

“A contemporary, refreshing take on a negroni.”



Signature Cocktail: Blush Negroni

By Monique Lane of Fellow Hospitality

Grüner Markt are ‘green markets’ in Germany, the inspiration for our Grüner Bar & Dining venue, where we serve seasonal, local, market-fresh ingredients in our food and beverage program. We also feature a local wine, Grüner Veltliner, in this contemporary, refreshing take on a negroni.

Serves: 1

Ingredients:

20ml Monkey 47 Schwarzwald forest gin (or use local sourced equivalent such as Hickson House Seven Spice)

5ml Cherry Kirsch

20ml Pampelle Grapefruit aperitif

5ml Suze Aperitivo

25ml Oscar 697 Bianco Vermouth

1 dash rhabarb bitters

10ml Grüner Veltliner

Garnish: Served over a block of ice in a double old fashioned with a rhabarb ribbon

Method:

1. Add all the ingredients accurately measured to a mixing glass with cubed ice. Stir through with a bar spoon for one minute until appropriately cold
2. Strain into a double old fashioned glass with a large block of ice
3. Cut the ends off a stalk of rhabarb at both sides. Use a peeler to take a lengthwise slice off the stalk and place it on top of the drink

THE GRÜNER BAR & DINING

RAISING THE BAR

Taking fine dining to epic new heights, The Grüner Bar & Dining offers a truly unrivalled and exclusive hyper-local culinary experience. A state-of-the-art hydraulics system innovatively raises the entire venue from its location on Deck 3 to the upper Sun Deck, affording the space breathtaking and unparalleled 360-degree vistas that surpass those of any other vessel on Europe's rivers. Exclusive to APT, the unique venue redefines river cruise dining with an extraordinary elevation of luxury beyond compare.



With a seating capacity of just 31 guests, The Grüner Bar & Dining offers a curated selection of small plates celebrating local ingredients unique to the regions you travel through (Artist's Impression).

THE DOURO'S FINEST OPULENCE AFLOAT

MS Estrela's indulgent rooftop pool is one of the largest on the Douro River (Artist's Impression).

Verdant hills dotted with vineyards. Quaint riverside villages bustling with local life. Charming family-run quintas, ripe with new drops. Portugal's Douro River captivates all who sail through it and promises enchantment at every turn.

WORDS Annie Gray

Setting sail in 2024

APT's brand-new MS Estrela is set to grace the dazzling Douro River on her maiden voyage in 2024. There is no better way to navigate idyllic locations, including Régua, Pinhão and Porto, than aboard this world-class vessel. Tailored to embody the essence of Southern Europe, every component of your cruise has been custom designed to ensure each moment is as unforgettable as the last.

Offering an intimate experience with a capacity of just 114 guests, expert Cruise Directors and local guides

are dedicated to delivering a personalised journey and are always available to provide information and suggestions. Chic contemporary spaces on board the ship offer elegant and modern settings, providing guests with stunning vantage points to admire the lush scenery of the surrounding landscape.

Serene onboard spaces

From spacious interior lounges, adorned with plush sofas and seating, to the sprawling outdoor decks bathed in sunlight, experience a relaxing and

incredibly tranquil way to travel. Savour warm European days with ample opportunity to embrace alfresco living. Experience the golden glow on the Sun Deck and cool off with a dip in the onboard pool, one of the largest on the Douro River. There is even a putting green to hone your golfing prowess. Opulent outdoor lounge beds are ideal places to recline as you enjoy a drink while taking in spectacular views of enchanting riverscapes dotted with family-owned vineyards.

Decadent culinary creations

Head inside for a delicious array of fresh meals in the main restaurant. The soothing coastal tones of the colour palette echoed in the soft furnishings amplify the feeling of calmness and serenity. Sumptuous buffet breakfasts and a seasonal menu for lunch and dinner reflect the rich tastes and traditions of the Iberian Peninsula.

Lavish suites

Suites styled with modern flair offer plenty of storage space, creating room to unpack fully and a haven of comfort. Indulge in your stateroom's entertainment amenities including flat-screen TVs and complimentary Wi-Fi. Pamper yourself with 'Pure Herbs' toiletries, offering a fresh scent and sustainable packaging. Savour panoramic views of captivating riverscapes that pass you by from your French Balcony suite, where slide down windows welcome fresh air and natural light into your private sanctuary. Your air-conditioned stateroom or suite is the perfect place for an afternoon siesta after a busy morning exploring the Douro's riverside delights.

In every aspect, the MS Estrela promises an unforgettable journey, where tranquillity, luxury, and breathtaking vistas converge to create an unparalleled river cruising experience.



A Day On Board

MS Estrela

Sarah Latimore, Head of Europe – Product & Operations, confirms that guests will enjoy unrivalled access to Portugal’s charming riverside communities, “We have secured fantastic docking locations along the Douro with the MS Estrela. The centralised dock in Porto, Vila Nova de Gaia, allows guests to stroll into town with ease and explore Porto independently while having close access to the ship.”

Early morning

Stunning river vistas

Awake to vistas of breathtaking riverscapes with rolling hills cascading down to the water. Head to the lounge for views of peaceful scenery as you enjoy fresh fragrant coffee in the welcoming space. Peruse the buffet and satiate your hunger with a flavoursome breakfast of all your favourites. Check the day itinerary displayed in the reception area to discover what lies ahead.

Morning

Immersive cultural experiences

Prepare to disembark in Porto. Choose to explore the 16th-century Old Town and embark on a cable car ride before a tasting of local port. Perhaps attend a cooking demonstration in a local restaurant or stroll through the medieval streets and the old harbour quarter of Ribeira, admiring the historic and colourful buildings on an active walking tour.

Afternoon

Mesmerising city explorations

Relax and enjoy the various onboard amenities or continue exploring the striking coastal city at leisure. Cross the iconic Dom Luís I Bridge and perhaps try Francesinha, a traditional sandwich that originated in Porto, which many of the restaurants serve.

Evening

Locally inspired culinary delights

After dinner on board the ship, embark on a guided tour of the impressive Palacio da Bolsa before delighting in a cocktail reception and traditional Fado performance in the fascinating Arabian Hall. Return to the ship and retreat to your luxurious suite, reminiscing on the day that was.

DOURO WINE EXPERIENCES

Discover the finest wines along the Douro

MS Estrela Wine List

Aboard the MS Estrela, indulge in an array of included fine wines local to the region. The onboard wine list offers red and white Spanish drops, Portuguese sparkling wine and exclusive wines from both the Douro and Alentejo regions. A range of hand selected, local Port wines are also available to tempt your tastebuds.

Quinta da Aveleda

Set in the heart of the Vinho Verde wine region, Quinta da Aveleda was established in the late 19th century by the Guedes family, who still occupy the vine covered estate to this day. The signature wine is the Aveleda Fonte White, typical of the Vinho Verde region with its fresh, fruity and crisp flavours.

Quinta da Pacheca

Situated in the village of Cambres in Lamego county, Quinta da Pacheca is renowned as one of the most prestigious properties in the Douro with its 75 hectares of vineyards dating back to the 16th century. Here, indulge in a traditional lunch and wine tasting with views over the Douro River and Régua.



Nine highlights of the MEKONG SERENITY

Embark on a voyage along Southeast Asia's grandest river aboard the Mekong Serenity, the epitome of five-star luxury. Immerse yourself in unparalleled service, relish intimate culinary delights, and indulge in opulent amenities. Explore the iconic sights and landmarks from Angkor Wat to Ho Chi Minh City with unmatched elegance and sophistication.

WORDS Taylor Donlon



The refreshing outdoor pool is the ideal place to cool off after a day of discovery (Artist's Impression).

01 / Luxury suites

Aboard the Mekong Serenity, you will be enveloped in spacious, exquisitely designed luxury. All suites feature deluxe queen-size beds, sitting areas, spacious en suites, floor-to-ceiling windows and private balconies.



Deluxe Twin Balcony Suites feature a spacious outdoor balcony, as well as a large floor-to-ceiling panoramic balcony (Artist's Impression).



Relish alfresco meals and magical riverside vistas by the pool (Artist's Impression).



02 / Swimming pool

Relax and unwind in the refreshing outdoor pool, ideal for cooling off and post-lunch leisure. Marvel at tranquil views of the Mekong River just steps away from the bar.

03 / Traditional Vietnamese coffee

On board the Mekong Serenity, sample a traditional Vietnamese coffee in the morning. Renowned for its robust and velvety flavour, Vietnamese coffee owes its distinctive taste to two key factors: the choice of coffee beans and the unique brewing process.

04 / Onboard entertainment

Immerse yourself in a rich tapestry of onboard experiences, from local guide presentations and cooking demonstrations to vegetable carvings and fruit tasting. Enjoy documentaries, talent shows, as well as traditional dance performances and folklore music, all enriching your journey along Vietnam and Cambodia's magical Mekong.



05 / Indochine Private Dining

For an extraordinary gourmet experience, relish a six-course Southeast Asian degustation experience at Indochine Private Dining.

06 / Butler service

Our butler service provides room service and the laundering of two garments daily for all guests. Silver Butler Service in Bayon Suites includes shoe shining, a spa treatment, and a daily fruit platter. Gold Butler Service in Angkor Suites features a packing and unpacking service, champagne, pre-dinner canapés, and tea and coffee service.

07 / Wellness Spa

After a day of exploration, surrender to tranquility at our onboard spa. Rejuvenate with massages, facials, or indulge in manicures and pedicures. With a dedicated hairdresser, emerge feeling refreshed, relaxed, and pampered – a quintessential part of the Mekong Serenity experience.



08 / Fitness Centre

Stay active on board in our Fitness Centre with cardio equipment, weights, and space for yoga. Floor-to-ceiling windows ensure you enjoy the passing scenery while exercising. Keep energised and immersed in the beauty of your journey.



Relax with a complimentary drink in air-conditioned bliss in the Harmony Lounge (Artist's Impression).

09 / Culinary delights

Savour a decadent champagne buffet breakfast and wake up to freshly baked pastries and juices. Enjoy a selection of international wines, local spirits, and specialty teas and coffees throughout the cruise. Indulge in light cuisine like fragrant pho or classic burgers and fries. Cap off your day with signature evening cocktails during your cruise briefings.



Explore UNEXPECTED LOCATIONS

REDEFINING LUXURY OCEAN CRUISING

APT is delighted to be teaming up with the renowned ultra-luxury ocean cruise line, Seabourn, in a partnership that is poised to revolutionise the cruising experience for discerning travellers.

WORDS Hayley Cairns

Seabourn's reputation for delivering extraordinary opulence at sea makes them a natural choice for APT small ship expedition cruising. From explorations of exotic destinations including Antarctica, Northern Europe and the Kimberley to indulging in top-tier amenities, the alliance between APT and Seabourn opens a world of possibilities for travellers seeking unparalleled luxury and adventure.

Bespoke voyages

APT's small ship expedition cruises redefine luxury with personalised service, access to secluded ports and exclusive experiences. With a specialised 24-person Expedition Team, expert guidance and insights into your destinations are at your service. Smaller vessel sizes allow for specially tailored itineraries and Seabourn's state-of-the-art custom-built submarines and Zodiacs afford unique access to wildlife encounters and stunning natural wonders. Enjoy a wide array of gourmet dining venues, the services of a Personal Suite Host and Suite Attendant, and all-veranda accommodation with some of the largest entry-level suites (33 sq. m), featuring separate sitting areas, walk-in robes, and en suites with separate bath and shower. Relish complimentary

caviar, as well as a bottle of champagne on ice in your suite. Seabourn's ocean cruises offer the perfect blend of luxury on board and adventure on shore.

Breathtaking remote destinations

Explore remote and truly captivating destinations on our carefully curated itineraries. Immerse yourself in the rugged beauty of the Faroe Islands and the geothermal wonders of Iceland. Experience Greenland's icy landscapes and fascinating Inuit culture. Discover the breathtaking gorges and wildlife of the Kimberley and journey to the pristine wilderness of Antarctica, home to penguin colonies and awe-inspiring polar scenery. Getting up close and personal with these spectacular sights will leave you spellbound.

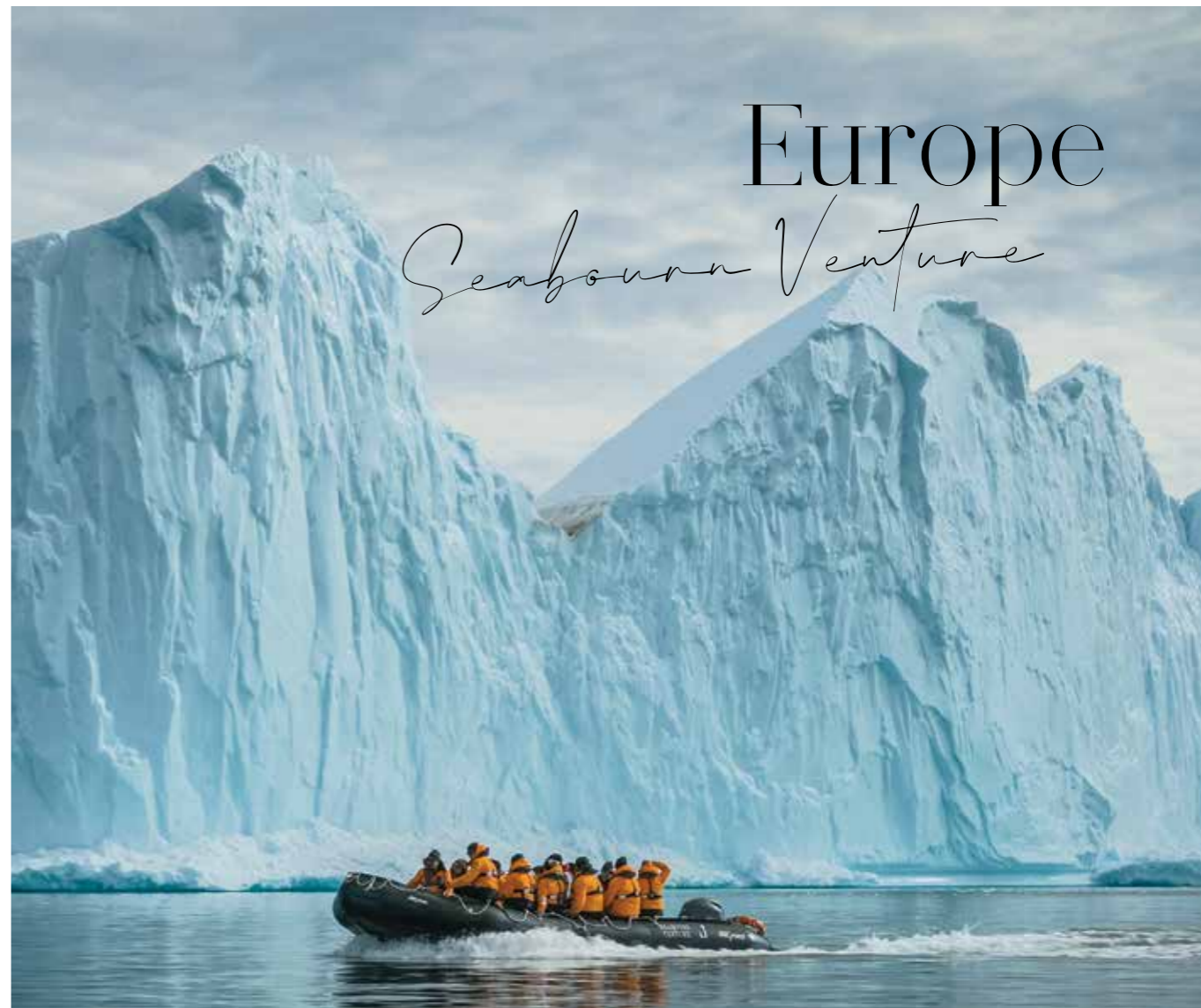
Award-winning cuisine

A generous selection of culinary venues on board are sure to delight. Enjoy world-class fine dining and dishes infused with authentic regional flavours prepared by skilled chefs. Indulge in fresh, casual fare indoors and alfresco, lavish buffets, as well as made-to-order sushi and 24-hour in-suite dining. With friendly and accommodating staff, enjoy a relaxed yet sophisticated atmosphere with dining options to suit everyone.

Discover
**THE WORLD
WITH APT
& SEABOURN**



Image courtesy of Seabourn.



Europe
Seabourn Venture

**Scotland, Faroe Islands
and Iceland**

Venture to rugged, remote islands across Northern Europe with APT on board the luxurious Seabourn Venture. Absorb phenomenal scenery and delve into ancient cultures. Witness the alluring landscapes of Scotland's Orkney and Shetland islands, explore the untamed Faroe Islands and be mesmerised by a host of majestic destinations in Iceland.



Antarctica

Seabourn Venture



Image courtesy of Seabourn.

Canada & Alaska

Embark on a luxury Seabourn cruise with APT through Alaska's majestic Inside Passage, exploring Alaskan wonders including Sitka, Hubbard Glacier, the Inian Islands, Haines and more. Before your cruise, discover the Canadian Rockies with mesmerising stays at Lake Louise, Banff and Jasper National Park. You will also enjoy a magnificent journey aboard the Rocky Mountaineer in GoldLeaf Service.

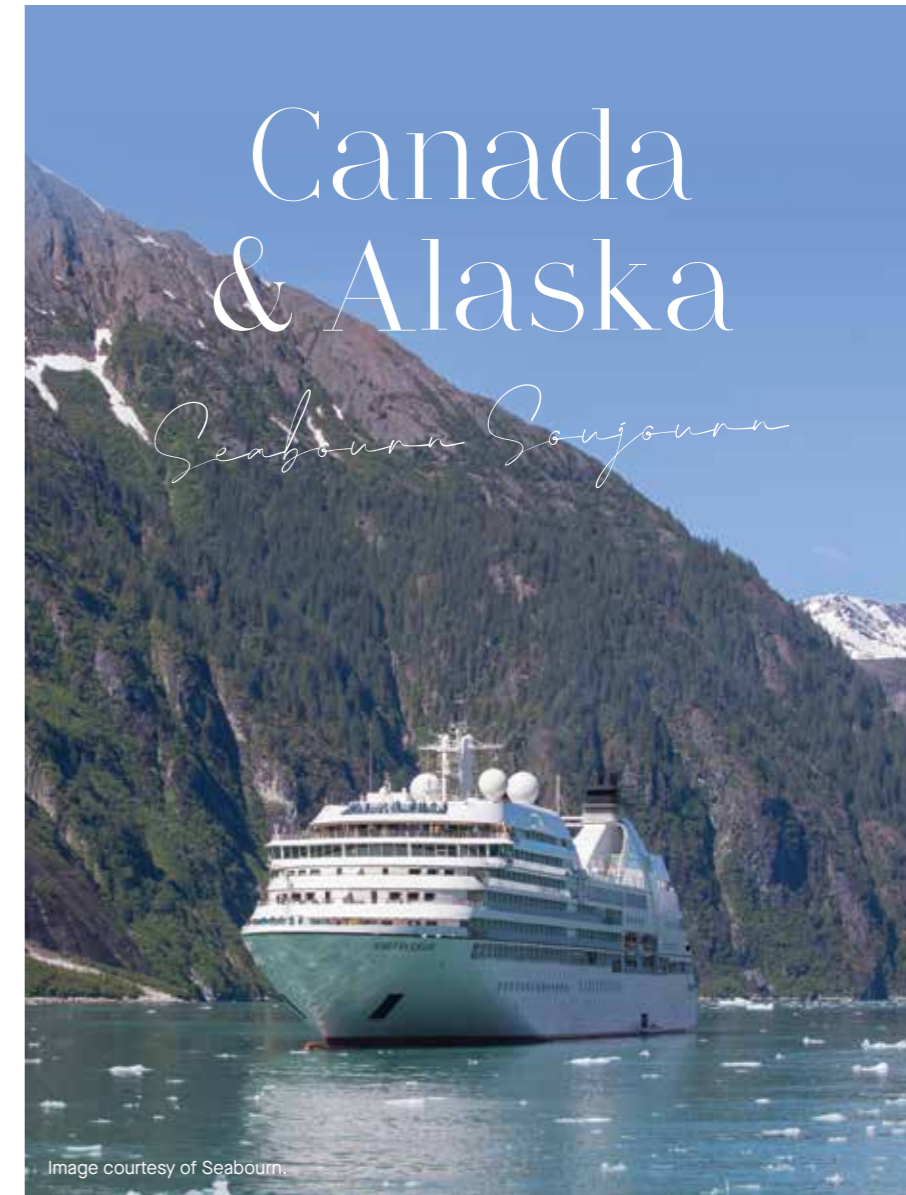
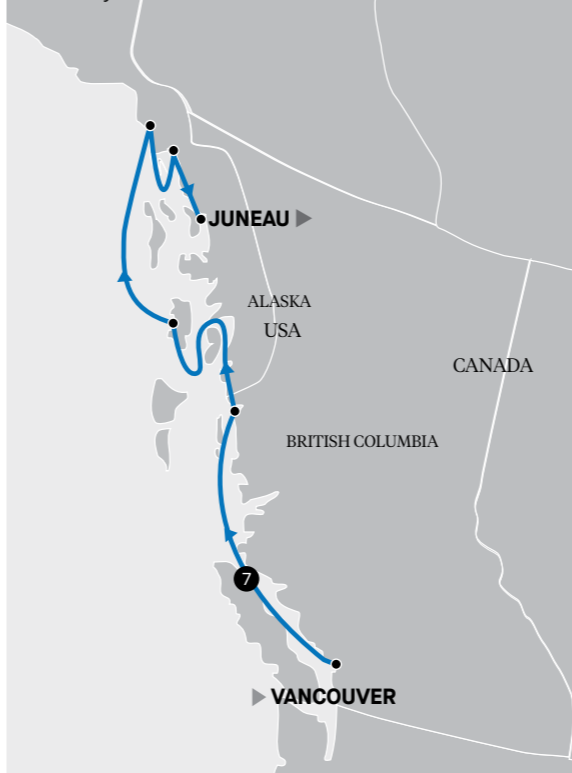


Image courtesy of Seabourn.

Antarctica

Polar adventure the APT way. Indulge in a luxurious stay in the Argentinian capital Buenos Aires before flying to the world's most southerly city, Ushuaia, where your luxury expedition ship, Seabourn Venture, and team of polar experts are waiting. Cross the Drake Passage and enter the world's most magical environment, where icebergs are signposts and whales lead the way. On arrival in Antarctica, your itinerary becomes flexible in order to maximise your discovery of this enchanting world of ice and water. Each day on your cruise you'll enjoy Zodiac rides. Visit penguin rookeries, seal colonies and keep an eye out for orca, humpback and minke whales that frequent these waters.

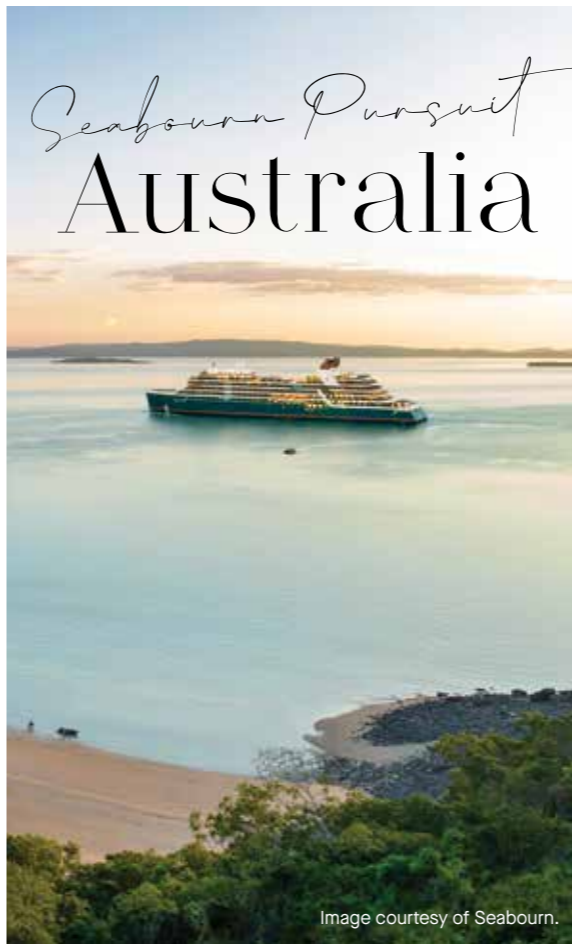
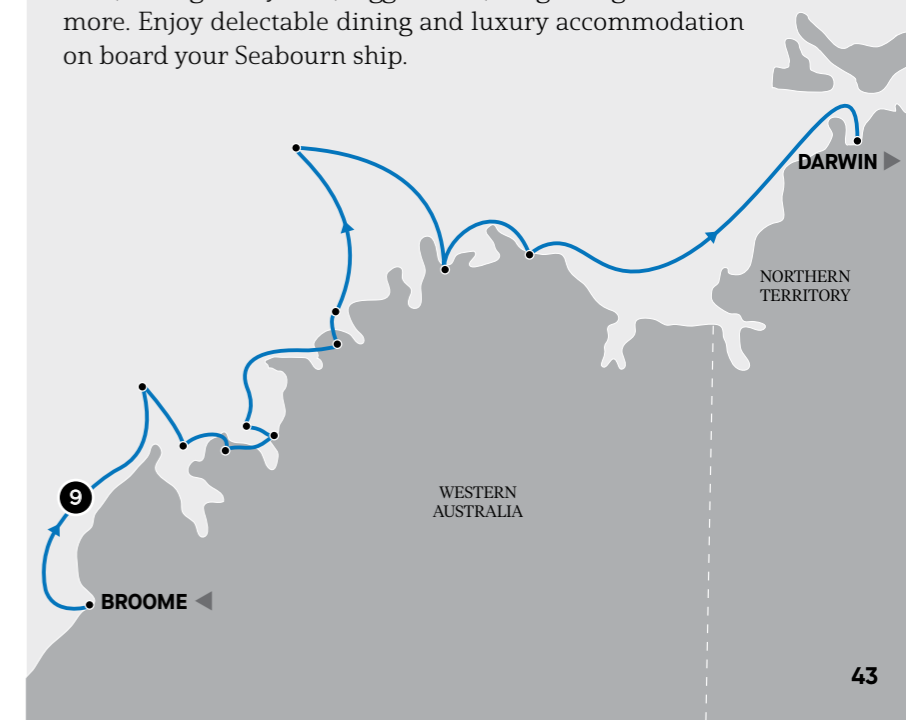


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Australia

Cruise along the stunning Kimberley coast aboard the luxurious Seabourn Pursuit with APT. Visit some of the Kimberley's majestic natural wonders, including Horizontal Falls, Montgomery Reef, Bigge Island, King George Falls and more. Enjoy delectable dining and luxury accommodation on board your Seabourn ship.





All the Rivers Run

on the Murray's PS Australian Star

Amid the Murray's tranquil riverbanks, an all-Australian chorus of sulphur-crested cockatoos, magpies, and kookaburras fills the air, along with the gentle rustle of Eucalyptus red gum leaves. Accompanying the rhythmic slap of paddle wheels against water, this is the meditative daily soundtrack of an APT Murray River cruise.

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Embarking on the brand-new PS Australian Star, guests step into a world of nostalgia and luxury. As the sole wood-fired, five-star paddle steamer in the world, it offers journeys steeped in history and natural beauty.

From Torrumbarry Weir to Echuca and beyond, passengers traverse the Murray on three to seven-night voyages, immersing themselves in serene natural scenery, cultural delights, and the region's finest wineries and cuisine. The impeccably crafted decks of the ship provide the perfect vantage point to soak in vistas of the flourishing riverbanks, while the alluring aroma of crackling firewood evokes tales of the river's storied paddle steamer past.

Craig Burgess, Director at Murray River Paddlesteamers, reports that for most guests, the greatest pleasure on a Murray cruise lies in unwinding amid nature and connecting with the river's rich history. "As soon as you get on board, you just drop your shoulders. There's no hum of the engine so you hear the soft splash of the paddle wheel, and the smell and the heat from the steam engine just makes you relax."

Mesmerising scenery unfolds each day as mist lifts off the water at sunrise to reveal venerable river red gums lining the banks. Wildlife abounds as well, with kangaroos bouncing through the bush on both sides of the ship and an impressive array of birdlife gliding nearby – oftentimes perched on the decks' balustrades.

The ship's amenities and size are unparalleled among Murray River vessels, but it maintains an intimate and personalised atmosphere by catering to no more than 38 guests. The main public spaces are the sleek Randell Dining Room and the stylish Hopwood Lounge, both of which open out into forward and aft outdoor seating areas. Two sets of staircases and a passenger lift offer convenient access to the ship's three decks and staterooms are located on the upper decks. All 19 feature river views, en suites and flat-screen

TVs. The two spacious owner's suites also include private decks.

Dining on board is gourmet and paddock-to-plate in style, with a new menu created daily. On the ship's APT cruises, complimentary beverages are available throughout the day, as well as the services of an APT Tour Director. All meals are locally inspired and freshly prepared by the onboard chef. Produce such as organic beef is often sourced from local farms and wineries and on select days, guests will also enjoy barbeques and campfires on the riverbank.

Signature Experiences exclusive to APT charters include a lunch and wine tasting at St Anne's Winery, an evening ghost tour of Echuca Wharf, and an onboard local wine-tasting experience. Guests will also have ample opportunity to connect with the Murray's rich heritage and learn about the unique quirks of Australian paddle steamers from the ship's dedicated "Riverlorian". The PS Australian Star's authentic wood-fired steam engine dates back to 1907 and the ship's engineers will demonstrate to guests how it operates. On longer cruises, there will also be evening viewings of *All the Rivers Run*, the celebrated Australian novel and mini-series set on the Murray River during its 19th century paddle steamer heyday.

The brand-new PS Australian Star is set to embark on its maiden voyage with APT in June 2025.



Exterior view of PS Australian Star (Artist's Impression).

A NEW GENERATION OF APT

Lauded as an award-winning leader in luxury cruising, APT's innovation and excellence will shine through the launch of its brand-new luxury fleet. The revolutionary APT Solara and APT Ostara, designed in Australia by the world-renowned Hecker Guthrie team, will take to Central Europe's grandest rivers in 2025. The opulent MS Estrela will set sail on Portugal's enchanting Douro River in 2024. And Vietnam and Cambodia's most luxurious ship, the Mekong Serenity, took her maiden voyage on the Mekong River in 2023. Complemented by Seabourn's extravagant ocean cruises and the Murray River's new PS Australian Star, embark on unrivalled journeys through the world's finest waterways with APT.



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