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NICE TO ROME: LA DOLCE VITA CRUISE

Welcome to Aurora Expeditions! La Dolce Vita Sail the legendary shores and secret hinterlands of the French and Italian rivieras, where sea meets story and hills cradle history. From waterfront villages to cliffside citadels, we hear tales of the wanderers and visionaries who shaped this stretch of Europe, tracing its transformation through ancient empires, ages of elegance, artistic awakenings, and cinematic flair. All wrapped in the enduring spirit of La Dolce Vita.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrive Nice, France

On arrival at Nice Cote d'Azur Airport and make your way to the arrival's hall to meet our Aurora Expeditions representative and be transferred to our group hotel. Please visit our hospitality desk in the hotel lobby to collect your luggage cabin tags and to speak with our ground operations team, who will share information regarding your itinerary in Nice and pre-embarkation procedures. After receiving your Aurora Expeditions cabin tags for your luggage, please clearly label the tags with your name and ship cabin number to assist our crew in delivering your luggage to your cabin.

Relax into the 'riviera vibe' today, with the reminder of your day leisure.

Accommodation: Nice Hotel (or similar)

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Day 2 Nice, France

As one of the Mediterranean's most iconic cities, Nice grants us a millionaire's access to the French Riviera today with our 'Your Choice' morning experiences offering a selection of excursions fit for a VIP. Indulge in a little boutique shopping, take a dip in 'the Med' or linger over a lunch of French treats this afternoon, before we gather for a welcome drink to celebrate the start of our journey.

To most travellers the name Promenade des Anglais is synonymous with the stretch of shoreline connecting Antibes to Nice. Named after the wealthy English upper class who placed Nice at the top of their Grand Tour bucket list, the Promenade des Anglais follows the Mediterranean coast past an array of Belle Epoque hotels, Art Deco apartments and umbrellaed beaches. At the limit of the ruling House of Savoy, the people of the riviera voted to join France in the 1860s rather than the new Kingdom of Italy, making this region a unique blend of both cultures. The unique light, relaxed lifestyle and extravagant parties attracted as many artists and literary elite of the 20th century as it had attracted aristocrats the century before. From Monet, Chaplin and Valentino in Antibes to Bonnard at Le Cannet, and Picasso - to just about everywhere - it became the place to be seen for the avant-garde. This pocket of sunshine and decadence still attracts artists, authors and actors, who paint its vistas, write its stories and come to Cannes to be idolised.

Personalise your exploration with our included 'Your Choice' experiences.

Option 1 - Morning experience: Walking Nice

Our guided walk through the Old Town leads us along cobblestone streets, where our host regales us with tales of French delights including the vibrant Cours Saleya, renowned for its bustling flower market since 1861. Here, a mix of locals and tourists converge to revel in a dazzling array of flowers from elaborate bouquets to single blooms, each infused with unforgettable scents and colours. Don't miss Queen Victoria's cherished chocolate shop, offering historical confections and aromatic delicacies. The Old Town buzzes with French flare, creating a vibrant Mediterranean atmosphere where every shop tells a story of tradition, flavour, and the warm hospitality of Nice.

Option 2 - Morning experience: The Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild

This experience showcases Nice's decadent past, with a focus on the region's most exclusive enclave. We follow the Basse Corniche along the coastline to the private knoll of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat. Synonymous with the word 'exclusive', Cap Ferrat is the home to generations of wealth. With a phone book full of famous names, a few stand out - Rothschild being one. The imitation Renaissance-style palazzo of Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild must be seen to be believed. Surrounded by exotic, Provençal, Japanese and Florentine gardens, it was built in 1905 by Baroness Beatrice Rothschild to showcase her passion for all things art. Without an heir, the Baroness bequeathed the seven hectares of land and some 5,000 works of art to the Academy of Fine Arts, giving 'commonfolk' the chance to immerse themselves in her lifestyle, if only for a morning.

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Option 3 - Morning experience: Picasso's Riviera Retreat

Pablo Picasso, as vibrant, colourful and surreal as his works, is one of the most captivating figures in art history. Spanish by birth, his heart found a home on the French Riviera and its enchanting hinterland. The two months Picasso spent at Antibes' Castle Grimaldi marks one of his most prolific periods, where painting and socialising became a daily rhythm. Amid the post-war exuberance, Picasso thrived in the Riviera's lively atmosphere, surrounded by friends, admirers, and a devoted 23-year-old girlfriend, all of whom adored him.

Explore Picasso's masterpieces at Castle Grimaldi, where his creativity flourished, before enjoying free time to wander the waterfront streets of Antibes. Browse its colourful shops, and admire the ancient city walls, or stroll the marina at Port Vauban, where luxury yachts gleam in true riviera style.

Accommodation: Nice Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Welcome Reception (drinks and canapes)

Day 3 Embark in Nice (Port: Nice)

We depart Nice mid-morning for a scenic drive to the medieval village of Saint-Paul de Vence. Our journey follows the Mediterranean coast, where we hear stories of the movies and moguls who've made this coastline famous, before heading inland to the magical hilltop enclave of Saint-Paul de Vence, where the vibrant colours and artistic heritage of Picasso, Modigliani, Dufy, and Matisse run rich as its history. Marc Chagall, who returned from exile during World War II and lived in

the village for 19 years, rests in the local cemetery, adding to the artistic prestige of the area. Here, our local guide will introduce you to tales of the renowned artists who were drawn to this quintessential Provençal village, before there's time for you to explore at your own pace.

Mid-afternoon we return to Nice and board Douglas Mawson, where we enjoy a welcome dinner as we sail the French coastline towards the Italian Riviera.

Day 4 Genoa & Italian Riviera (Port: Genoa)

We slip quietly into Italian waters with daybreak finding us at the ancient maritime master of Genoa. This naval powerhouse lies as a guardian of Italy's northern coastline. The old port leads visitors through steep and narrow streets past medieval houses and churches which stand witness to the city's maritime history. Above the port is Renaissance Genoa, where Genoese merchants built fine palaces which rivalled even Venice. Art lovers will delight in exploring one of Genoa's palatial galleries, maritime enthusiasts can pay homage at Christopher Columbus's birthplace and discover one of Europe's premier maritime museums, while literature fans can wander through the villas and towns that inspired iconic authors to put pen to paper.

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Option 1 - Morning experience: Genoa's Palatial Artworks

Genoa's old town gifts us streets of palaces, churches and fountains. Each telling a tale of the city's opulent past. We will tour one of the city's favourites, famed for its opulent decor and

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artworks. The 16th and 17th centuries saw a flurry of artistic activity in this wealthy shipping city. The impetus was provided by several Flemish artists including Rubens and Van Dyck, who were invited to Genoa by its merchant families, primarily painting portraits. Listed amongst the 42 Genoese palaces labelled UNESCO World Heritage sites, the stunning 16th-century residence Musei di Strada Nuova on Via Garibaldi offers a glimpse into Genoa's opulent past. Once home to the city's elite, Strada Nuova is a treasure trove of art, featuring works by Caravaggio, Paganini, Van Dyck, and more. With over 75 rooms to explore, your tour will include palatial apartments, stunning courtyarded gardens, and terraces that provide grand views of the city and its historic centre.

Option 2 - Morning experience: Genoa's maritime legacy

Whilst sponsorship for the cultural arts was popular, the dominant pastime of the wealthy Genoese was exploration. After all, Christopher Columbus was born here. Genoa was a maritime giant, with much of its wealth due to 'the new world' and its trade of exotic wares. We start our day with a brief visit to Christopher Columbus's House to learn more about the motivation behind the man, before we continue to the Galata Maritime Museum. Opened in 2004 "the Galata" is steeped in history. Three centuries earlier, the ground floor was the workshop where the galleys of the Republic of Genoa were built and the building was part of the Arsenal, the most important military and maritime complex of the city. We mingle amongst historical artifacts, works of art and life-size replicas of Genoese vessels as we discover the maritime trade which funded much of Genoa's wealth. At the end of your tour, choose to linger longer at the museum and make your way to our own maritime wonder,

Douglas Mawson, which is moored nearby, or return to the ship for lunch.

Option 3 - Full day experience: The Italian Riviera

A haven for artists, writers, actors, and the odd 'royal' for over 200 years, the shoreline of Liguria continues to attract Hollywood greats and 'modern day celebrities'. Grand mansions stand shoulder to shoulder with humble homes in the seaside towns made immortal by the presence of DH Lawrence, Aubrey Herbert and Elizabeth von Arnim. Rustic and elegant, provincial yet chic, the sun-drenched blend that is so signature of the Italian Riviera is defined by the striking array of yellow, red, pink, ochre and green terratettos and waterfront trattorias that cling to the vine covered cliffs, accompanied by the classic colours of pesto Genovese washed down with glass or two of Rose Rosa di Albenga. The Roman engineered Via Aurelia runs along the shoreline, passing through coastal towns and villages even today. Considered by many to be the pearl of the Italian Riviera, Portofino was originally a small fishing village enclosed by a bay. Beloved by British authors and socialites on the Grand Tour it grew into an exclusive resort, which retains its charm today due to strict zoning laws. We combine a ferry ride with a visit to Portofino for a day of enlightenment on the Italian Riviera.

Day 5 Cinque Terre, Italy (Port: La Spezia)

The port of La Spezia is our base to explore the series of towns collectively known as the Cinque Terre; considered as works of art in their own right.

Literally translated as 'the five lands', these villages span a series of coastal ravines and rugged ridges along a nine-mile

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stretch of the Ligurian coast. The steep coastal landscape of the Cinque Terre has afforded residents an idiosyncratic lifestyle for centuries, as they staved off pirates, fought off floods and resisted invasions. The UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore retain their authentic determination, preserving individual dialects, traditional trades and communal ties. Almost inaccessible until the 1870s, the Cinque Terre represent a microcosm of Italian coastal life: sun, sea, fine food and wine, and a relaxed charm -- guaranteed to put a smile on the face of any traveller.

We board our private ferry for a picturesque journey to these scenic coastal villages. As we glide along the shoreline, our local guide shares the rich history and character of each charming waterfront hamlet. Once ashore, there's time to explore and soak in the atmosphere at your own pace.

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From Michelangelo to Leonardo di Vinci and Bonanno Pisano to Amerigo Vespucci, your day will be filled with their designs, artworks and architectural icons.

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Option 1 - Morning experience: Pisa - more than a leaning tower

Renowned for its iconic Leaning Tower, Pisa offers far more than a quirky architectural icon. Once a powerful maritime republic, it

flourished on Mediterranean trade and naval strength. Pisa's golden age in the 11th and 12th centuries brought immense wealth, although that was not to last as the Arno River silted up, cutting the city off from the sea and dimming its influence. This prosperity funded the creation of the precinct known as Piazza dei Miracoli, home to the Romanesque Cathedral, baptistry, and the famous bell tower. Its early designers, the Pisano family, helped shape the precinct's artistic legacy, blending architectural styles that influenced generations of Tuscan artists, even though the Leaning Tower began tilting soon after construction started, its shallow foundation and soft subsoil unable to support the weight. Adding extra floors only worsened the lean, but the flaw became Pisa's most enduring symbol. We travel to Pisa by coach, then hop aboard a tourist train that takes us straight to the Piazza. You'll have time to explore at your leisure, soaking in the history and artistry of Pisa before returning to the ship for lunch.

Option 2 - Full-day experience: San Gimignano

When filmmakers look to Italy for locations, they often stop at the Tuscan gem of San Gimignano. Tea with Mussolini, A Portrait of a Woman, Gladiator, Life is Beautiful, The English Patient and Under the Tuscan Sun all feature scenes shot here. San Gimignano itself is a work of art. The town's medieval architecture serves as a backdrop for everything Tuscan, with artisan shopfronts displaying everything that is superb about Italian food, and cafes offering the best Italian cuisine. Even its streets and cobblestone alleys wind in a way that makes every corner worthy of exploration. And did we mention its towers? It is the town's 14 remaining medieval towers proudly rising above its skyline, which preserve the town's feudal appearance and

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confirm San Gimignano as the superlative of Tuscan towns. Our local guide offers us an introductory walk, before time to explore at our own pace allows us to browse the abundant 'foodie shopfronts', choose a tower to climb or simply sit in a cafe and watch the world go by - Tuscan style.

Option 3 - Full-day experience: The Rebirth of Florence

Accessible to all who visit, Florence's works of art are scattered throughout its streets as statues, fountains, chapels and bell towers -- all overlooked by Brunelleschi's magnificent domed cathedral. Even the gelato is sculpted in Florence!

Carved from a single slab of marble, Michelangelo's David is the ultimate Renaissance man, commissioned as the centrepiece for the city's main square. Today it sits in its own gallery, but a replica at its original location tells its story almost as well. Our locally guided tour walks us through a day in the life of Renaissance Florence as we tread the streets where the early artists plied their trade, sought wealthy patrons and huddled in backstreet studios to learn from the masters. This introductory tour is followed by free time for you to enjoy the city at your will. Visit the markets of San Lorenzo to purchase souvenirs, leather goods and Florentine fashion. Explore the interior of the second largest cathedral in Europe: Florence Duomo. Visit a gallery or linger over an authentic Florentine dish at your own pace.

Day 6 Tuscany (Port: Livorno)

When Italian women give birth they use the phrase, dare alla luce, which literally means to 'give to the light.' It is no coincidence that the Grand Duchy of Tuscany, widely acknowledged as having dragged Europe from the dark days of

the Middle Ages into the light, was closely associated with the Renaissance or 'The Rebirth'. Rising from the ruins of the Roman Empire, Tuscany flourished into a wealthy trading and banking centre becoming Europe's first capitalist state. The Duchy's ruling family, the Medicis, sponsored its artistic scene with fervour. Artists transitioned from tradespeople to celebrities overnight, with da Vinci playing lute at their private parties and Michelangelo befriended by men who would become popes. The ruling classes commissioned works of art such as Donatello's Penitent Magdalene, Cellini's Perseus with the Head of Medusa, Botticelli's Birth of Venus and Raphael's Madonna del Cardellino. Throughout the Duchy, art was showcased in piazzas, scattered throughout the streets and placed at the townhall steps. A form of propaganda and a sign of power for all to see.

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Day 7 Disembark Livorno, Transfer to Rome (Port: Livorno)

After breakfast onboard, we disembark and transfer to Rome for our two-night stay.

On arrival in Rome, our first stop is the charming Roman suburb of Trastevere. Known for its narrow-cobbled streets, vibrant

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piazzas, and authentic Roman character, Trastevere offers a glimpse into local life, with medieval churches, artisan shops, and lively cafes tucked around every corner. After an introduction to Trastevere by your local guide, there's free time to try a Roman treat at a local trattoria, discover a hidden treasure or simply soak up the atmosphere of the popular part of Rome.

In the early afternoon, we continue to the Vatican City for a guided visit to one of Christianity's most iconic landmarks: St. Peter's Basilica. Once the site of Emperor Nero's brutal spectacles, the Vatican Hill was transformed into sacred ground by Constantine, Rome's first Christian emperor, who declared it 'the hill of the martyrs.' Today, this sovereign city-state, which was granted independence from Italy in 1929, houses the heart of the Catholic Church.

Towering above it all is St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in Christendom and a breathtaking example of Renaissance architecture. Designed in part by Michelangelo, who at age 72 created the majestic dome, the basilica rises above what is believed to be the tomb of St. Peter, the first apostle and first Pope. Admire Michelangelo's moving Pieta, Bernini's grand baldachin, and the sheer scale and spiritual gravitas of this revered site.

After our visit we transfer to our hotel, with a night at leisure to enjoy Italy's capital.

Accommodation: Rome Hotel

Meals: Breakfast onboard

Day 8 Rome

An intriguing tale of historical drama and legendary myths make Rome a popular topic in a game of trivia. Scandalous and sanguine, Roman lifestyle swung from democratic to autocratic, slavery to liberation, paganism to Christianity. The Roman empire's public relations machine flaunted its sovereignty with triumphant arches and fluted columns, monolithic mausoleums, statue-filled stairways and masterfully engineered temples. Enhanced by the wealth of the Catholic Church, the city added to its opulence and grandeur with baroque fountains, obelisk-centred piazzas and Christendom's domed cathedrals. The story of ancient Rome's insurmountable empire, its dramatic demise and the rise of the powerful Catholic Church is one of Europe's most compelling stories.

A tour of Rome is a highlight of any visit to Italy, especially for those whose homeland isn't blessed with such a wealth of history. Imperial relics rekindle the era when Rome's population of one million surpassed any other city worldwide. Our local guides merge the city's past and present through their stories on every street corner, along every alley and in every piazza.

Choose a shorter, comprehensive tour to see a slice of Roman life, or lace up your walking shoes and experience Rome from street level on a locally guided walking tour. In the afternoon, enjoy some time for independent exploration before we gather this evening for a Farewell reception.

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Option 1 - Morning experience: Highlights of Rome

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Rome reveals its tale as we tour its major sights on this morning experience. We encounter the Colosseum and Roman Forum, viewing them from a nearby terrace at the Capitoline Museum, while our guide inspires us with stories of Rome's past. Gifted to the people of Rome as a museum to house the generous number of sculptures and statues left scattered throughout the city, the Capitoline Museum was the brainchild of Pope Sixtus IV. We have free time in the museum to browse its collection at our own pace while we piece together the city's past through its numerous artworks, before our journey continues with a drive towards the Trevi Fountain. Surrounded by a pedestrian zone, a visit to the world's most famous fountain offers not only a timeless photo opportunity but also the chance to ensure your return to Rome, just don't forget to toss in a coin! Afterwards, we return to our vehicle and head back to the hotel for a leisurely afternoon or continue exploring the wonders of the Eternal City at your own pace. (Note: some sights on this tour may be viewed only from the vehicle, depending on the local conditions on the day.)

Option 2 - Half day experience: Roaming Rome

Lace up your walking shoes, slip on a hat and splash on sunscreen to join this comprehensive locally guided tour. Established in an era when few Romans owned transportation, the centre of historical Rome is ideal for walking. With every square foot offering a fascinating fact, we are spoiled for choice by the wealth of sites we experience. Architectural highlights include ancient landmarks such as the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, and Trajan's Column, all viewed from the expansive

terrace of the Capitoline Museums, before we pause at Piazza Venezia to admire the grand Vittorio Emanuele II Monument, then continue to the artistic masterpiece of the Trevi Fountain. Our journey concludes at one of Rome's most enchanting gathering places: Piazza Navona. Each site tells its own story, as our expert guides bring the past to life with tales of emperors, gladiators, plebeians, Renaissance artists, popes, and legionaries who once called Rome home. (Note: some sights on this tour may be viewed only from the vehicle, depending on local conditions on the day.)

Accommodation: Rome Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Reception (drinks and canapes)

Day 9 Depart Rome

After breakfast, check-out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Meals: Breakfast

Please note:

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Douglas Mawson was launched in 2025. Named after the legendary Australian geologist and explorer, this new small ship embodies Mawson's pioneering spirit and is designed for global discovery. Featuring the revolutionary Ulstein X-BOW® and purpose-built with enhanced sustainability features, it takes a maximum 154 adventurers to the world's wildest places in smooth, quiet comfort. It boasts our most extensive range of cabins yet, including a range of single cabins. The Douglas Mawson features a host of amenities to help you connect with like-minded travellers and elevate your time onboard this floating base camp for adventure. After a long day of exploring, head to the back deck to swim in the heated outdoor swimming pool, find a sun bed to read on, or soak in one of two Jacuzzis. Work up a sweat in the gym before unwinding in the sauna, resolve to learn something new in the Citizen Science Centre, then enjoy a delicious meal with new and old friends in one of two restaurants. Or, with multiple observation areas throughout the ship, simply relax in comfort while you keep watch for wildlife or incredible landscapes unfold before you. While enjoying the luxurious amenities onboard, you can rest assured that the aim is to get you off the ship to explore the natural

environment as much as possible to enjoy some unique activities remains unchanged. Newest Ulstein X-BOW® The Douglas Mawson features the newest streamlined Ulstein X-BOW®, designed for global discovery. The revolutionary design cuts through the swell, offering unrivalled stability on ocean crossings and helping to reduce fuel consumption. It's just one of the many sustainability features that helps make travel more responsible. Heated Pool, Jacuzzis & Sauna In between landings, enjoy access to the onboard gym or unwind in the sauna. Or head to the back deck to swim in the heated outdoor pool, enjoy a drink at the pool bar, or soak in one of two Jacuzzis, watching the world go by. Leading Technology The Douglas Mawson is at the cutting edge of nautical technology, fitted with industry-leading technology including world-class return-to-port equipment. The ship also features a medical clinic designed for use in remote areas. Built for Adventure The Douglas Mawson features Zodiac access points and an activities platform, making boarding the Zodiacs as quick, efficient and safe as possible, minimising wait times and getting you closer to the action for longer. In our mudroom you will have access to lockers to store gear & boots and rapid drying areas for clothing. More Cabin Choices The Douglas Mawson features 11 different types of cabins, including a range of spacious single berth cabins - all adorned with elegant Nordic interior design features. Multiple Observation Areas As you explore the ship you will find indoor lounge areas with floor-to ceiling windows, and multiple open decks with expansive 270-360 degree views. The Glass Atrium Lounge inside the bow is a fantastic place to sit and watch for wildlife - with a drink in hand. There is no shortage of

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spaces to take in the majesty of the incredible world outside!

Lecture Theatre On all expeditions you will meet naturalists and local specialists, who offer presentations on their area of expertise to enhance your appreciation of the destination you are exploring. Join the team in the lecture theatre for presentations covering a broad range of topics to suit every interest, from history and culture to biology and climate change. Regardless of the topic, they all have one thing in common: they all aim to engage, educate, entertain and turn you into an ambassador for the planet.

Citizen Science Center & Lounge Learn more about the world and the unique destinations Aurora visits by visiting the onboard naturalist and Expedition Team in the world-class Citizen Science Center. You will be rewarded for your thirst for knowledge with one of the best views on the ship.

Library With floor-to-ceiling windows, the library is a peaceful sanctuary where you can find non-fiction books to read up on the day's destinations, use a public laptop to organise your photos or play board games with newfound friends. Choose from our range of informative non-fiction titles, wildlife guidebooks, travel journals, novels and a selection of children's books and board games. Wildlife guides, books and binoculars can also be found on the observation lounge on Deck 7.

Mudroom No need to take your wet expedition gear back to your cabin to dry. Keep your cabin warm and cosy by leaving your outer jackets and pants in the mudroom. The mudroom is your launchpad for all shore excursions and activities. Here, you will have access to a locker when you can hang your gear up to dry, and store your boots between excursions.

Swimming Pool & Jacuzzis There are two Jacuzzis on the top outside deck which offer amazing views of the world outside, a heated outdoor pool surrounded by sun beds you can relax on after a long day of exploring, and a pool bar.

Gym & Sauna During your voyage, enjoy complimentary

access to the gym or visit our sauna, which we highly recommend after the Polar Plunge! **Restaurants** One of the most important parts of any expedition is the food! Whatever adventures the day holds, you will be fuelled-up with hearty meals and delicious morning/afternoon teas cooked by our onboard chefs. Meals are a great time to soak up the expedition camaraderie in our open seating dining area. Share stories with your fellow travellers and ask our expedition team questions that may have come up during the day. Tea, coffee and snacks are available 24 hours a day, and our chefs offer different menu options and courses for each meal. Enjoy the range of house wine, beers and soft drinks included with dinner after a long day in the wild. We also invite you to join your captain and expedition team for informal Captain's Farewell drinks, with complimentary beverages and cocktail appetisers, followed by a 3 course meal. **Bars & Lounges** Communal meeting areas have always played a major role in fostering the warm camaraderie on board our ships. They are the heart of the expedition, where people meet to share tales from the day, swap photos, keep an eye out for wildlife and watch the sun go down. The bars and lounges on board are refined yet inviting places to gather, with floor-to-ceiling windows offering stunning views, and of course friendly bartenders to shoot the

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