

# ROUND THE WORLD CRUISE

EAST TO WEST DEPARTS 12 OCTOBER 2007 FROM £2799

## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Visiting the 'Pearls of the Orient', Penang and Phuket
- Exploring the Great Barrier Reef in Australia
- The great canals of Suez and Panama
- Cruising the Caribbean on Christmas Day



Thailand



Great Barrier Reef, Australia

*There are few experiences more aspirational than a world cruise, a sublime global voyage following in the footsteps of famous explorers and travellers throughout the ages. Join us on a wonderful journey to a world of shimmering seas, glorious sunshine and sensational sunsets, and admire some of the world's greatest treasures including the ancient Pyramids of Giza, Great Barrier Reef and Panama Canal. You'll also enjoy a Christmas to remember, cruising the sun-kissed Caribbean before spending New Year's Eve witnessing the spectacular fireworks display in Madeira.*

### GIBRALTAR

With the famous rock rising abruptly from the waters, commanding the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea, there's no cruise destination quite like Gibraltar, one of the fabled 'Pillars of Hercules'.

### VALLETTA, MALTA

Situated midway between Sicily and North Africa, the George Cross Island of Malta combines beautiful scenery and ancient sites. We will visit the island's historic capital, Valletta, with its steep narrow streets and countless churches.

### PORT SAID, for CAIRO, EGYPT\*

Port Said is our gateway to the treasures of Egypt. Here you will have the opportunity to join an optional shore excursion to Egypt's legendary capital city, Cairo. Visit the spectacular Pyramids of Giza, guarded by the awesome Great Sphinx, and head to the famous Egyptian Museum where you can admire the gold mask of Tutankhamen.

### SHARM EL-SHEIKH, EGYPT

After cruising the Suez Canal, we arrive at Sharm el-Sheikh, renowned as a heaven for diving and snorkelling, with warm azure waters lapping an

expansive beach. There are many dive shops in the resort, catering for all levels of experience, giving you the opportunity to discover a wonderland of offshore reefs teeming with colourful coral and a myriad of fishes.

### SALALAH, OMAN\*

Known as the perfume city of Arabia, Salalah is one of the few places on Earth where the trees that produce frankincense grow, available to buy in the traditional markets. The tomb of the prophet Job can be visited at nearby Mount Eiteen.

### COCHIN, KERALA, INDIA\*

The 'Queen of the Arabian Sea' has long been a centre for International trade, reflected by the fascinating blend of cultures in this vibrant city. The exotic Mattancherry Palace in particular reflects the city's close relationships with the Portuguese, Dutch and British. In contrast, the Jewish Quarter is home to one of the oldest synagogues in India.

### COLOMBO, SRI LANKA\*

Sri Lanka's largest city is full of contrasts, with many distinct areas for you to explore. In the central Fort district you can see sights such as the 150 year-old

Clock Tower and the Old Parliament House. To the east, the Pettah bazaar district is crammed with interesting shops and stalls. Away from the hustle and bustle is the city's beautiful seafront, Galle Face Green, and beyond lies the Cinnamon Gardens; home to the lovely 30-acre Vihara Maha Devi Park.

### PHUKET, THAILAND

Welcome to the 'Land of Smiles'. Blessed with palm-fringed white sands, magnificent bays and secluded coves, the friendly island of Phuket is renowned as one of Thailand's best beach resorts. Spend your afternoon relaxing on one of the idyllic, sun-kissed beaches and take a dip in the clear warm waters.

### PENANG, MALAYSIA

The island of Penang, 'Pearl of the Orient', is one of the oldest British settlements in Malaysia. Exotic sights include the legendary Snake Temple and beautiful Kek Lok Si Temple. In cosmopolitan Georgetown, Penang's compact capital city, you might like to visit the historic Fort Cornwallis; constructed by the British in the 18th century.

### SINGAPORE

It's hard to imagine that only 200 years ago, Singapore was just a tropical speck on the map. Nowadays it's a dynamic, modern city with one of the world's busiest ports. Travel back to the time of Sir Stamford Raffles, founder of Singapore, as you enjoy high tea, and maybe a Singapore Sling, in the colonial splendour of Raffles Hotel.

### PANDANG BAY, BALI

The paradise island of Bali is so beautiful, it could almost be a painted backdrop. Awesome volcanoes soar up through the clouds, lush tropical jungles blend gracefully into long sandy beaches and the warm blue waters are as clear as crystal.

### DARWIN, AUSTRALIA\*

Closer to Asia than Sydney, Darwin is situated on one of Australia's prettiest harbours, opening out onto the brilliant, jewel-like waters of the Arafura Sea. Much of the city's activity is based around the harbour with superb dining, friendly cafes and a selection of water sports available.

\* See page 48 for health and visa information.

### CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA\*

This beautiful city is located in Queensland's tropical north coast, framed by the Great Barrier Reef, and you will have the opportunity to visit this magnificent natural treasure, teeming with colourful coral reefs and tropical marine life. During your time in the city, be sure to stroll the Cairns Esplanade, landscaped parkland with a busy restaurant strip on one side and a natural harbour inlet on the other.

### NOUMÉA, NEW CALEDONIA

Capital of the French colony of New Caledonia, Nouméa is known as the 'St. Tropez of the Pacific'. Situated on the southeastern tip of the island of Grand Terre, it overlooks one of the world's largest sheltered natural harbours. Attractions include the Place des Cocotiers with its monumental fountain and the Botanical Gardens and Zoo.

### SUVA, FIJI

Sunny, unique and unspoiled, the Fiji Islands offer 1,000 miles of beautiful white sand beaches, coral gardens and turquoise lagoons. Fiji's capital city, Suva, is one of the South Pacific's largest and most sophisticated cities, with many post-colonial buildings and the Fiji Museum.

## YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

- 84 nights' accommodation on board MV Van Gogh
- En suite cabin with facilities including air conditioning and colour television
- Visits to 24 superb ports of call
- Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and late night snacks on board
- Live West End-style entertainment
- The services of the ship's friendly English speaking crew and team of Travelscope staff



Penang, Malaysia

## FROM FALMOUTH

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DEPARTURE DATE  
12 October 2007

PORT	DATE
1. Falmouth UK	12 October 2007
2. Gibraltar	15 October
3. Valletta, Malta	18 October
4. Port Said, for Cairo, Egypt*	21 October
5. Cruise through the Suez Canal	22 October
6. Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt	23 October
7. Salalah, Oman*	28 October
8. Cochin, Kerala, India*	1 November
9. Colombo, Sri Lanka*	2 November
10. Phuket, Thailand	6 November
11. Penang, Malaysia	7 November
12. Singapore	9 November
13. Pandang Bay, Bali	12 November
14. Darwin, Australia*	15 November
15. Cairns, Australia*	19, 20 November
16. Nouméa, New Caledonia	24 November
17. Suva, Fiji	26, 27 November

### Cross International Date Line

18. Alofi, Niue	28, 29 November
19. Rarotonga, Cook Islands	1 December
20. Papeete, Tahiti	3, 4 December
21. Nuku Hiva, Marquesas Islands	6 December
22. Guayaquil, Ecuador	16 December
23. Cruise Panama Canal	19 December
24. Oranjestad, Aruba	21 December
25. Castries, St. Lucia	23 December
26. Bridgetown, Barbados	Christmas Eve
27. Funchal, Madeira	New Year's Eve
28. Falmouth, UK	4 January 2008

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\* See page 48 for health and visa information.

## ALOFI, NIUE

Affectionately known as the 'Rock of Polynesia', Niue is reputedly the world's largest coral island, with dramatic coastal scenery, amazing cave formations and many exotic birds and butterflies.

## RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS

Capital of the Cook Islands, Rarotonga is dominated by high mountain peaks, from which lush rainforests cascade to inviting white sands and clear turquoise waters. Head to one of the picturesque lagoons for great swimming and snorkelling opportunities.

## PAPEETE, TAHITI

Imagine incredible tropical blooms, amazing sunsets and waters speckled with striking shades of blue and green. Then there's the compelling French influence, especially with regard to Papeete's fabulous cuisine and great shopping: good buys include black pearls and designer fragrances.

## NUKU HIVA, MARQUESAS ISLANDS

Largest of the hauntingly beautiful Marquesas Islands, Nuku Hiva is known for its towering peaks, secluded coves, lush valleys and fjord-like bays. We will call at its capital, Taiohae, where you might like to visit the Herman Melville memorial or climb Mt. Muake.

## GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Known as the 'Pearl of the Pacific', the cosmopolitan coastal city of Guayaquil offers many attractions. Head to the historic Las Peñas Neighbourhood and discover a number of art galleries, visit the intriguing artisan market in search of local crafts, jewellery and paintings, or stroll the city's main park where you can see live iguanas.

## CRUISE THE PANAMA CANAL

Linking the magnificent Pacific Ocean to the beauty of the Caribbean Sea, the Panama Canal is one of humanity's greatest engineering achievements. As we cruise through the narrow canal, you'll be treated to spectacular views of tropical rainforests, enlivened by colourful birds and gibbering monkeys.

## ORANJESTAD, ARUBA

Named after the Dutch Royal House of Oranje, you may think you are actually in Holland when you visit Aruba's charming capital city, Oranjestad. The Dutch influence can be clearly seen along the palm-fringed central thoroughfare, lined with pastel-painted buildings topped with traditional Dutch tiles.

## CASTRIES, ST. LUCIA

Few islands in the Caribbean are more beautiful than St. Lucia, the 'Jewel of the Windward Islands'. The range of scenery here is breathtaking, with the dramatic twin volcanic peaks, the Pitons, soaring 2,000 feet up from the sea, and magnificent rainforests boasting wild orchids, giant ferns and tropical wildlife.

## BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

You can be sure of a warm welcome in Barbados, the 'Little England' of the Caribbean. We will visit the island's laid-back capital, Bridgetown, lined with handsome colonial buildings. Enjoy an exotic rum cocktail in one of the many bars, try Bajan specialties or find your spot on one of the sandy beaches.

Christmas Day will be spent cruising the Caribbean Sea. We include a traditional Christmas Dinner on board to get you in the festive spirit.

## FUNCHAL, MADEIRA

Blessed by a climate that's almost perfect all year round, the sub-tropical paradise island of Madeira is a haven for those seeking peace, quiet and pure relaxation.

This evening, welcome in the New Year in style with a special dinner and party night on board. You will also be able to admire Madeira's famous firework display, set off from over 50 points across the island.

## EXCURSION IDEAS

A taste of things to come, our sample 'Going Ashore' excursions highlight the most popular things to do on this cruise. Final excursion and booking details will be posted to you approximately eight weeks prior to departure. The excursions shown below are for guidance only.

Cairo & the Pyramids, Port Said, Egypt  
 Cochin city highlights & harbour cruise, Kerala  
 Sri Lanka's moonlit shore, Colombo, Sri Lanka  
 Elephant riding, Phuket, Thailand  
 Jurong Bird Park, Singapore  
 Stunning Batur tour, Pandang Bay, Bali  
 Jumping crocodiles tour, Darwin, Australia  
 Great Barrier Reef, Cairns, Australia  
 Quito and the middle of the world, Guayaquil, Ecuador

## PRICES PER PERSON

CABIN GRADE (please see page 47 for full cabin descriptions)

SUITES	SUPERIOR/CLASSIC OUTSIDE					OUTSIDE TWIN	INSIDE TWIN		INSIDE THREE/FOUR BERTH		ADDITIONAL OCCUPANCY		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3RD	3RD & 4TH

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DEPOSIT: Per person, is the higher of £300 or 10% of the total basic price of your holiday (excluding insurance) INSURANCE: ADULT (up to 64yrs) £330 ADULT (65yrs & over) £495