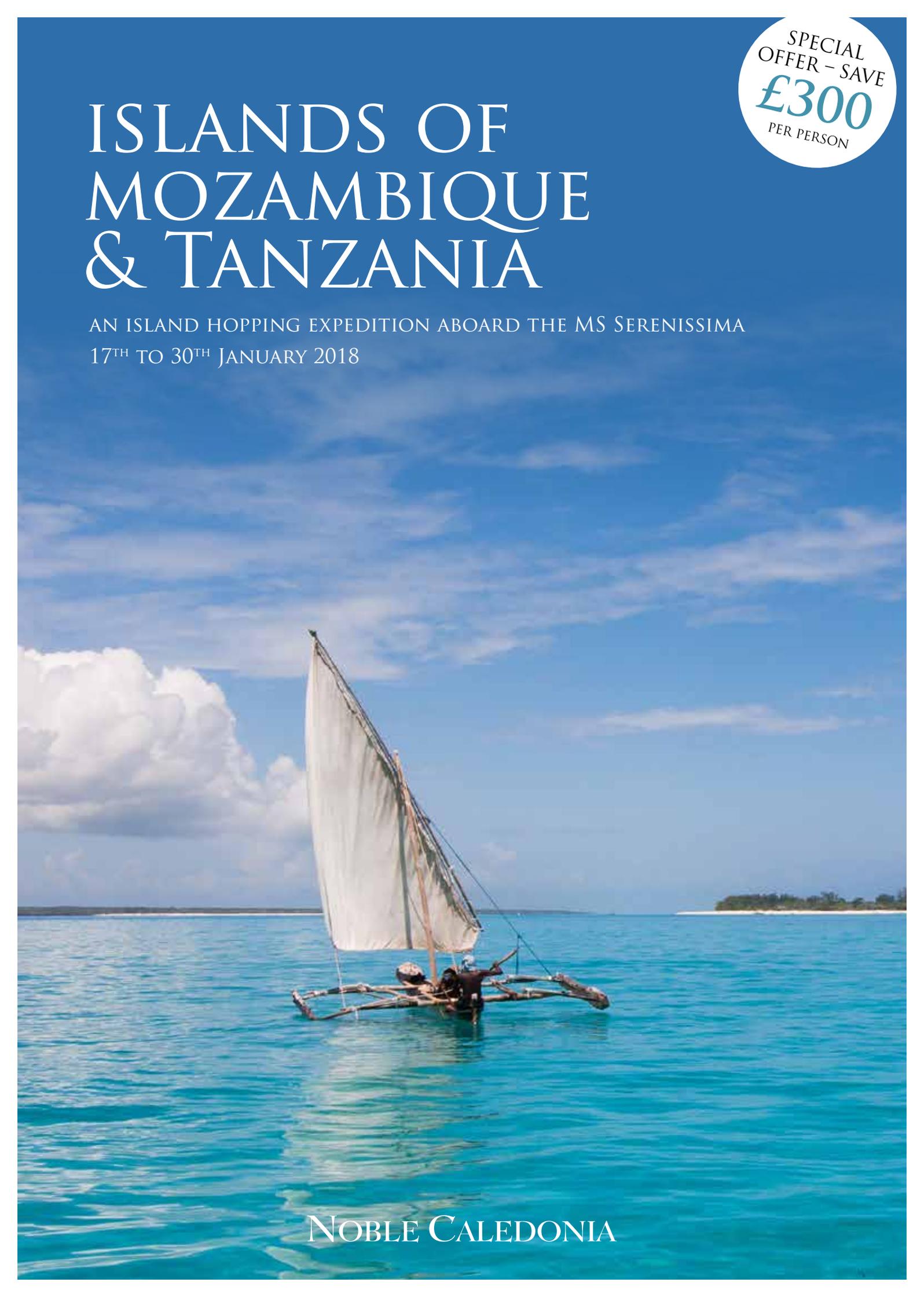


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# ISLANDS OF MOZAMBIQUE & TANZANIA

AN ISLAND HOPPING EXPEDITION ABOARD THE MS SERENISSIMA  
17<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Start the New Year with a voyage aboard the MS Serenissima, escaping the British winter and discovering some of the most beautiful tropical islands on earth. Our expedition begins in Mozambique, which, with its 1,500-mile coastline and idyllic, sparsely inhabited tropical islands, has emerged from Portuguese administration and civil war to become one of Africa's rising stars over the last two decades. Sailing north along the African coast, we reach Tanzania. Both countries are relatively new destinations for adventure travellers, offering exceptional national parks along their coastlines. During our voyage we will snorkel and swim amid waters filled with rich marine life, stroll through the narrow alleyways of Mozambique Island and discover the atmospheric ruins on Kilwa Kisiwani, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Our last island visit will be Zanzibar where we will explore its labyrinth of serpentine alleyways lined with charming Arabic dwellings and filled with the treasures of the East that established its fame; cloves, cinnamon and vanilla.



Bird feeding, Mozambique

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Maputo, Mozambique.** Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

**Day 2 Maputo.** Arrive today and transfer to the MS Serenissima. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner as we sail the short distance to our anchorage at Portuguese Island.

**Day 3 Portuguese Island.** Situated in Maputo Bay, we spend the morning at subtropical Portuguese Island. This uninhabited island is surrounded by hundreds of coral species which you can explore on a snorkelling excursion or join

our naturalists for a nature walk looking for some of the resident bird life. Alternatively, simply spend your time relaxing on the beautiful beach. Return to the ship for lunch and spend a relaxing afternoon at sea.

**Day 4 Barra Island.** Arrive this morning at our anchorage off Barra point. Barra is at the seaward entrance towards Inhambane town which was an important trading post for Arab merchants and sailors as early as the 11th century. Vasco de Gama called here in the late 15th century paving the way for the Portuguese traders and in the 18th century they were joined by Indian

traders. You can still see trading dhows sailing in and out today. The point is popular for holiday makers with long stretches of sandy beaches and a huge lagoon teeming with marine life and we have the day to explore on nature walks, swimming or snorkelling from the beach.

**Day 5 Bazaruto Archipelago.** Spend the morning exploring the spectacular Bazaruto Archipelago, a tropical paradise of five main islands that are protected as a national park under the auspices of the World Wildlife Fund. These pristine islands feature tranquil beaches, translucent turquoise



Castle ruin, Kilwa Kisiwani



Exploring by Zodiac



Zanzibar old town

waterways, a varied population of birds and a rich marine life. Dolphins and over 2,000 types of fish are found in the placid waters including parrot, angel and butterfly fish. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at sea.

**Day 6 At Sea.** Enjoy a relaxing day as we cruise the Mozambique Channel.

**Day 7 Mozambique Island.** After a morning at sea we arrive on Mozambique Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which was the Portuguese capital in east Africa from the 16th to the 19th century. The town's narrow alleyways are lined with evocative colonial buildings, some of which have survived from the earliest days of the Portuguese occupation. Spend the afternoon exploring this atmospheric island and visit several of its landmark buildings including the Fort of Sao Sebastiao.

**Days 8 & 9 Quirimbas Archipelago.** Travelling north along the coast we enjoy a day and a half in the Quirimbas National Park, a coastal park of 32 islands set aside recently with assistance from the World Wildlife Fund and one of Mozambique's most biologically diverse regions. Our itinerary will be flexible and our Captain and Expedition Leader will make their decisions based on local conditions. We hope to make an expedition stop to view extensive reef and islet complexes offering outstanding snorkelling amidst 400 species of fish. A coastline

of spectacular dunes provides nesting and feeding grounds for turtles and migratory birds. We may visit Ibo, a former Portuguese island of once-elegant palatial mansions. The colony owed its wealth to 18th century slave and ivory trading and the battlements of the pentagonal main fortress house renowned silversmiths today. Local guides will escort us around the fort and for the 'birders' a separate walk will be arranged. We may also visit Mogundula Island, a marvellous place for snorkelling, beachcombing and bird watching.

**Day 10 Kilwa Kisiwani, Tanzania.** Our first call in Tanzania will be at Kilwa Kisiwani, a site of exceptional historical interest, where the atmospheric ruins represent a wide sweep of East African coastal history, from the heights of the Swahili and Shirazi trading civilisation to the darker days of slavery and the uprisings against German rule. Once one of Africa's wealthiest towns, Kilwa Kisiwani is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and contains the world's most extensive and best preserved Swahili ruins. On a morning walking tour we will see the prominent fort and the Great Mosque which stood at the heart of the ancient city and was once the largest in East Africa. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at leisure.

**Day 11 Mafia Island.** Once a prominent stopover for ships on the trade routes from East Africa, Mafia Island has not seen the same development as nearby Zanzibar and remains relatively

unknown and off the major tourist trail but is a wonderful spot to spend the day. Between October and February the island is home to large numbers of whale sharks and we will embark local boats to search for these beautiful creatures with our knowledgeable guides. If conditions allow we may also be able to swim alongside them. We also hope to offer snorkelling on one of the reefs in the Marine Park, whilst nature lovers can enjoy walks looking for some of the 120 bird species found here, endemic butterflies and lizards.

**Day 12 Zanzibar.** Here the colourful harbour will be crowded with dhows, very much setting the scene for our visit to the Arab style city with its long narrow streets,

bazaars, houses with overhanging balconies and intricately carved doorways. On a morning tour, soak up the timeless atmosphere of Stone Town including Livingstone House, Sultan's Palace, the slave market and the old Fort. The afternoon is free to relax and explore independently or join a tour to a spice farm to experience the various fruits and spices cultivated on the island where you will find everything from jackfruit to coconuts, turmeric and vanilla to lipstick trees.

**Day 13 Dar es Salaam to London.** Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

**Day 14 London.** Arrive this morning.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
2	Standard Stateroom	£5795	£5495
3	Standard Stateroom Plus	£5895	£5595
4	Superior Stateroom	£5995	£5695
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£6295	£5995
6	Junior Suite	£6495	£6195
7	Executive Suite	£6795	£6495
8	Owner's Suite	£6795	£6495
9	Inside Single	£5595	£5295
10	Standard Single	£5895	£5595
2	Standard Stateroom for sole use	£6795	£6495
3	Standard Stateroom Plus for sole use	£6895	£6595

**Price Includes:** Economy class scheduled air travel, 11 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis, house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board, Noble Caledonia expedition team, shore excursions, gratuities, transfers, port taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, visas.

## Pre & Post Cruise Extensions



### Pre-cruise Kruger National Park Extension

14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018

We are offering the opportunity to spend some time in the magnificent Kruger National Park prior to embarking the MS Serenissima. Please note that places for the extension are limited to 20 guests so we recommend reserving your place as soon as possible.

#### Kruger National Park

The Kruger National Park is South Africa's largest game reserve at nearly two million hectares of land that stretch for 352 kilometres from north to south along the Mozambique border. This is the land of baobabs, fever trees, knob thorns, marula and mopane trees underneath which lurk the Big Five (buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion and rhino), the Little Five (buffalo weaver, elephant shrew, leopard tortoise, ant lion and rhino beetle), the birding Big Six (ground hornbill, kori bustard, lappet-faced vulture, martial eagle, pel's fishing owl and saddle-bill stork) and more species of mammals than in any other African Game Reserve. Bounded by the Crocodile River in the south and the Sabie River in the north, we will explore the southern region of the park which is also host to the jagged ridge of the Lebombo Mountains along the border to Mozambique, and the highest point in the park, Khandzalive, in the southwestern.

#### The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Johannesburg.** Fly by scheduled flight.

**Day 2 Johannesburg.** Arrive this morning and transfer to our hotel in the Rosebank suburbs of Johannesburg where the remainder of the day and evening are free to relax after our journey.

**Day 3 Johannesburg to Kruger National Park.** After breakfast in the hotel we return to the airport for our scheduled flight to Nelspruit's Kruger Airport. Transfer to the luxurious Jock Safari Lodge which incorporates the romance and elegance of the past colonial era, and reflects in its unique style the indigenous Zulu and Shangaan cultures. Individual thatched suites, screened by lush trees and reed walls, offer guests a unique experience of gracious old world elegance surrounded by unspoilt wilderness. Enjoy lunch before embarking on our first game drive this afternoon. This evening dinner will be traditional cuisine around a roaring boma fire under the stars of the African sky.

**Day 4 Kruger National Park.** Hot and cold beverages will be waiting for you after your early morning wake up call. Enjoy a morning game drive showcasing the wildlife and nature of the southern region of Kruger National Park, followed by breakfast at the lodge. After breakfast, embark on an optional morning bush walk, followed by free time. Enjoy a leisurely lunch followed by a late afternoon game drive. Dinner will be served on your return.

**Day 5 Kruger National Park to Maputo.** After another dawn game drive we will enjoy breakfast and check out of the lodge before driving to the border and crossing into Mozambique for embarkation of the MS Serenissima in Maputo.

#### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1795** Single: **£2195**

**Price Includes:** Flight from Johannesburg to Kruger, overnight accommodation in Johannesburg on a bed and breakfast basis, two nights accommodation at the Jock Safari Lodge on a full board basis, game drives, transfers, taxes, gratuities.

**Not included:** Travel insurance, visa.

### Post-cruise Selous Safari Extension

29<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

We are offering the opportunity to spend some time exploring the Selous Game Reserve after disembarking the MS Serenissima.

#### Selous Game Reserve

The Selous Game Reserve lies 200 kilometres west of Dar es Salaam and at 55,000 square kilometres is four times larger than the famous Serengeti in the north. The reserve is home to over 1,000,000 large animals and over half of Tanzania's elephant population. However, one of the major attractions has to be the mighty Rufiji river, home to one of the largest crocodile and hippo populations in Africa, swarming with fish which in turn bring about some of the world's best water birding. The river has also formed several large lakes on its northern bank, navigable by boat and Siwandu Camp is situated on one of these lakes.

#### Siwandu Camp

Siwandu Camp is situated on the banks of Lake Nzerakera and designed to blend in with the spectacular natural scenery in what is one of the most photogenic areas of the Selous Game Reserve. All safari tents are widely spaced along the lake shore ensuring maximum privacy and wonderful views. Each tent sits atop its own raised timber platform with two large verandas on either side. There are no fences and no artificial modifications to the natural fauna and so animals wander freely through the camp. The spacious tents are luxuriously appointed, with en-suite bathrooms and open air hot-water showers. The camp has its own swimming pool, enabling guests to cool off in the heat of the day. There is a well-stocked bar and dining area which is raised on viewing platforms, with large comfortable sofas and a wildlife reference library.

#### The Itinerary

**Day 1 Dar es Salaam to Selous.** After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our 45 minute scheduled flight to Mtemere Airstrip in the Selous Game Reserve. On arrival transfer to the Siwandu Camp and this afternoon enjoy your first game experience with a boat safari on the Rufiji River or on a nearby lake looking for hippos, crocodiles and birdlife. This evening enjoy dinner at the camp.

**Days 2 & 3 Siwandu Camp, Selous Game Reserve.** Enjoy two full days in the Reserve with included game drives each day. Maybe enjoy a full day game viewing in Selous Game Reserve with a picnic lunch or a half day walking safari through the bush with a ranger. Alternatively join a boat safari or simply relax in your tent. In the evening enjoy a delicious dinner at the camp.

**Day 4 Selous to London.** Enjoy breakfast in the hotel and a final safari option before transferring to the airstrip for your flight to Dar es Salaam where we connect with our onward flight to London.

**Day 5 London.** Arrive this morning.

#### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£3295** Single: **£3995**

**Price Includes:** Return internal flight between from Dar es Salaam and Selous, three nights accommodation at Siwandu Camp on a full board basis, all soft drinks, tea and coffee and non-premium alcoholic drinks, Selous National Park entry fees and permit fees, excursions at the camp, taxes, transfers.

**Not included:** Travel insurance, visas, gratuities.



# MS SERENISSIMA

The MS Serenissima began her career as the Harald Jarl, cruising the Norwegian coastline and fjords. Extensively renovated in 2003 she was rechristened MS Andrea and began her life as a classic cruise ship, and was chartered by Noble Caledonia for a number of years. In spring 2012 MS Andrea was purchased by our long-standing associates Volga Dream and renamed the MS Serenissima.

After a thorough renovation and upgrading, the charming MS Serenissima commenced cruise operations in April 2013 and we have chartered her for the majority of each year since knowing her to be perfect for small ship cruising. With her small size she can navigate into small, remote ports inaccessible to the big cruise ships and appears an impressive sight when moored. With her fleet of Zodiacs she is capable of both destination and expedition cruising. The vessel can accommodate 100 guests, however for our Indian Ocean season we will be limiting the numbers to just 90 allowing for small groups when exploring ashore.

## Your Space

The facilities on board include two lounges – the larger Andrea Lounge is comfortable and spacious and the smaller Harald Lounge is more intimate. There is also a small library with a computer for internet access. The outside areas are something special with a spacious observation deck allowing for 360 degree views of the passing scenery. From here, step down to the lido area with Jacuzzi and outside bar. The covered seating area at the back of deck 6 is ideal for relaxing with a drink in hand. Perhaps, one of the best known and loved features of this vessel is its unique style. During the major refit in Sweden the then owners commissioned Swedish interior designers to create a Gustavian style interior. This bright Swedish 18th century influenced, country house style works particularly well on a vessel of this vintage, providing intimacy and classic nautical sensibility often lacking in larger vessels.

## Cabins & Suites

Cabins are attractively designed for comfort and convenience. All cabins are fully air conditioned with an ensuite bathroom with shower, sink, toilet, a selection of toiletries including shower gel, soaps, shampoo and conditioner, hairdryer, robes and slippers. All cabins come equipped with telephone, flat screen television, safety deposit box and other thoughtful appointments. Bottles of still and

sparkling water are replenished daily. There are ten different grades of cabin arranged over five decks, and with the exception of the three inside cabins, all staterooms feature either windows or portholes. Because of the very nature of the ship, the cabins do vary in shape and size, adding to the vessel's overall charm. Choose from the cosy inside cabins of approx 10 square metres, to the sumptuous newly built executive suites of 25 square metres boasting private balconies and minibar. The ship can also accommodate passengers with mobility restrictions in cabin number 407 and there is an elevator that serves decks 3 to 6.

## Your Dining

The free seating Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting. Being on deck 5, it has great views from all tables. The picture windows mean the restaurant is light and airy. Breakfast is served buffet-style with cooked dishes available and eggs to order by the ship's accomplished chef. Lunch is also served buffet-style with hot and cold dishes available. Dinner is served a la carte and is four courses, except for at the Captain's Dinner, which is a six course affair. In addition, there are al fresco dining facilities available in good weather. Where possible, local produce is sourced for an authentic dining experience. A choice of red or white wine, beer, soft drinks, and water are included at lunch and dinner. Tea

and coffee are served around the clock in the Andrea Lounge. In keeping with the relaxed atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements at your leisure and dress is informal except for the Captain's Dinner for which you may wish to dress in smarter attire.

## Life On Board

The MS Serenissima is more akin to a country-hotel than one of the large ships trawling the seas today. The European Captain, Officers and crew offer a first class service and have been selected for their professionalism and caring attitudes. The atmosphere on board is warm and welcoming, and the emphasis is not on around the clock entertainment and dining, but instead on well-thought out itineraries, relaxation, time spent with like-minded passengers and discovery.

## For your Comfort, Safety and Security

There are so few ships of this generation still cruising and MS Serenissima is a great testament to her present and previous owners that they have seen fit to invest considerable sums over the years to keep her in top form and complying with the stringent health and safety requirements. There is a Doctor on board and during your voyage you will have the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the bridge.



Restaurant



Executive Suite



Deluxe Stateroom



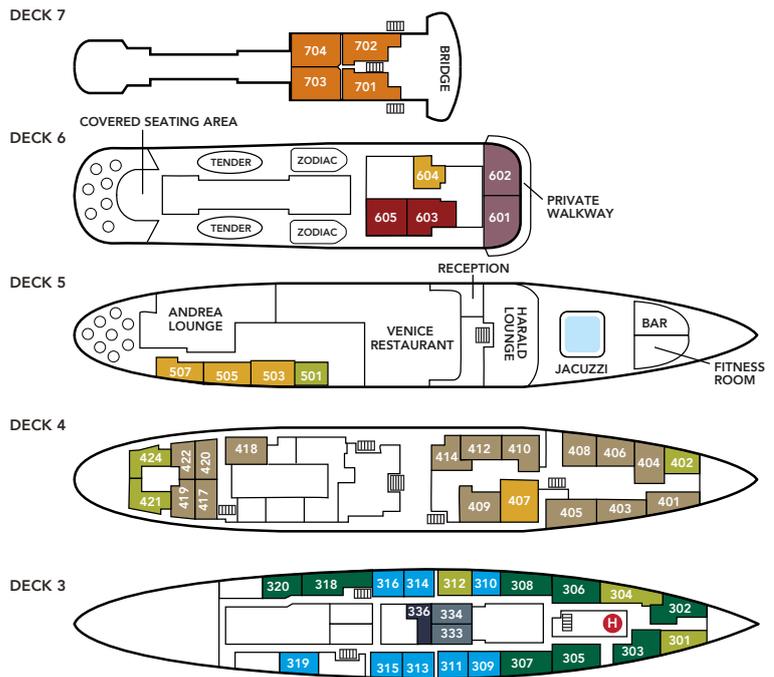
Harald Lounge



Owner's Suite



Andrea Lounge



- INSIDE TWIN/DOUBLE** (approx. 10 m<sup>2</sup>)
- STANDARD STATEROOM** (approx. 10 to 11.5 m<sup>2</sup>)
- STANDARD STATEROOM PLUS** (approx. 14 to 19 m<sup>2</sup>)
- SUPERIOR STATEROOM** (approx. 11.5 to 18 m<sup>2</sup>)
- DELUXE STATEROOM** (approx. 15 to 25 m<sup>2</sup>)
- JUNIOR SUITE** (approx. 21 m<sup>2</sup>)
- EXECUTIVE SUITE** (approx. 25 m<sup>2</sup>)
- OWNER'S SUITE** (approx. 22 m<sup>2</sup>)
- INSIDE SINGLE** (approx. 7 to 12.5 m<sup>2</sup>)
- STANDARD SINGLE** (approx. 7 to 12.5 m<sup>2</sup>)



This cruise visits out of the way destinations. You will be accompanied by an expedition team and many landings ashore will be made by Zodiac landing craft. Cruises such as these will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.

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