



# EASTERN SEABOARD EXPLORER: COLONIAL AMERICA AND CULTURAL CAPITALS

***Your 16-night journey includes: 12-night small ship cruise with Provincetown, Martha's Vineyard, Newport, New York City, Norfolk, Wilmington, Charleston, West Palm Beach; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Boston; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Nassau***

Come aboard Vantage Deluxe World Travel's 5-star Ocean Explorer for a multifaceted small ship cruise along the eastern coast of North America as you journey from Boston's Revolutionary-era sites to the crystalline waters of The Bahamas.

Enjoy 16 included features and Cultural Discoveries throughout this enchanting small ship cruise. Discover the quirky charm of Provincetown on Cape Cod, experience the coveted seaside resort of Martha's Vineyard, and see the opulent Gilded Age mansions of Newport. Plus, you'll visit charming Charleston, voted the "world's best city" by readers of Travel + Leisure for six years in a row.

All throughout your journey, you'll be pampered by the attentive onboard service and luxury amenities found aboard the Ocean Explorer. This elegant small ship seamlessly blends luxury cruising and meaningful cultural experiences. While certain ports may require tendering to and from the ship, the small size of our vessel allows our guests access to exclusive ports, less queuing, and more time to spend ashore in each destination. During your ocean journey, you may be required to have the physical agility to maneuver on and off of tenders.

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# JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

## OCEAN EXPLORER



Discover the eastern seaboard on the Ocean Explorer, an agile and state-of-the-art small ship that can navigate to places larger ships can't

## RESIDENT LECTURER



Gain deeper insights into your destinations with talks and discussions by an onboard Resident Lecturer

## BOSTON'S REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY



Walk in the footsteps of John Adams, Paul Revere, John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and other patriots as you explore important Revolutionary sites

## THE CHARMING MARTHA'S VINEYARD



Off of the coast of Cape Cod, this vacation spot both quaint and glamorous. See famous gingerbread houses in Oak Bluffs, the elegant enclave of Edgartown, and more

## HISTORICAL NEWPORT AND THE VANDERBILT'S SUMMER COTTAGES



Explore the most opulent of Newport's famous Gilded Age mansions, an Italianate-style residence set along famous Bellevue Avenue

## SOJOURN IN NEW YORK CITY



Drop anchor in New York Harbor and take in the city's iconic sights like the Empire State Building, the 9/11 Memorial, Wall Street, Central Park, and more

## HISTORIC DISTRICT OF WILMINGTON



Step aboard the World War II battleship USS North Carolina, which is

## CHARLESTON'S ANTEBELLUM HISTORY



Discover Charleston's stunning waterfront, exquisite architecture, and

## NASSAU'S CARIBBEAN CHARM



Get into the easygoing rhythm of Bahamian life during your two-night, beachfront stay in beautiful Nassau

# YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Accommodations:** 12 nights aboard the 5-star *Ocean Explorer*, plus 2 nights in Nassau at the *Warwick Paradise Island Bahamas* or *Margaritaville Beach Resort Nassau* (depending on departure date) and 2 nights in Boston at the *Westin Copley Place* (or similar)
- **42 meals:** 16 breakfasts, 12 lunches, and 14 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks during dinner on board
- **16 included features and Cultural Discoveries**
- **The services of a Vantage Cruise Director**, plus shipboard commentary, regional experts, and private motorcoach for excursions
- **Complimentary Destination Manager service on board** ship to assist with all your personal requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and other special requests in port
- **Complimentary Vantage Deluxe Concierge Service** prior to your journey, to plan celebrations, activities, or provide regional expertise. Log into My Portfolio and submit a request, or send an email any time up to two weeks prior to your departure at [Concierge@vantagetravel.com](mailto:Concierge@vantagetravel.com)
- **Complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi**
- **Gratuities for local guides and drivers**
- **All transfers and baggage handling overseas**
- **Vantage 5% Travel Reward**, received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage journey

# SPECIAL INTEREST



## SMALL SHIP CRUISING HIGHLIGHTS

Our 5-star fleet offers an authentic sailing experience to make your journey unforgettable. While onboard, indulge in a relaxing massage at the spa, or try hot-rock cooking at the onboard restaurant. Then, disembark for an eye-opening visit to a local winery or a walking tour of some of the world's most iconic cities and undiscovered gems. All the while, enjoy these world-class ship amenities:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins, most of which have full walk-out balconies, for the most flexible style of travel

— plus, suites designed for comfortable triple-occupancy as well as adjoining room options

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining incorporating regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Knowledgeable staff by region
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- Entertainment programming with 100 movie titles
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption
- Dynamic positioning technology
- State-of-the-art safety technology, Polar Code 6 compliant, and fully compliant with the latest SOLAS requirements in expedition cruising
- Rolls-Royce stabilizer system; "Safe Return to Port" technology

## NATURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Watch for whales as your ship approaches Provincetown, where humpbacks, minke, and other species can often be spotted off their feeding grounds at George's Bank



- Celebrate the biodiversity of Cape Cod
- Enjoy the windswept beauty of Martha's Vineyard during a tour that showcases some of the island's most scenic locations
- See monkeys, flamingoes, lorikeets, and other Bahamian wildlife during your visit to Aradastra Gardens



**UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS** Trace the timeline of American history from colonial to modern times as you make your way southwards along the Eastern Seaboard.

- Follow in the footsteps of Paul Revere, John Adams, Samuel Adams, and other revolutionary heroes as you walk sections of Boston's famous Freedom Trail
- Revisit the very beginning of the American Revolution in Lexington and Concord, featuring Minuteman National Park
- See the elegant mansions along Newport's Bellevue Avenue, built during the Gilded Age as summer "cottages" for the families and friends of robber barons like the Vanderbilts and Astors
- In Oak Bluffs, visit the Tabernacle and its surrounding cluster of candy-colored, gingerbread cottages. It began as a 19th-century Methodist summer retreat and is one of Martha's Vineyard's most iconic landmarks
- Pay your respects to the victims of the World Trade Center attack at the 9/11 Memorial in New York
- View some of Charleston's most historic attractions such as the Citadel, Rainbow Row, and more
- Enjoy expert guest lectures on the histories of your various destinations during your time on board the Ocean Explorer



**PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS** You'll want to have your camera ready to capture the broad spectrum of sights and scenes on this cruise tour — from the timeless monument to sweeping seascapes to intimate portraits of daily life. Here are a few tips:

- Make the most of the "golden hour," the time frame before dawn and dusk that offers warm, camera-friendly lighting that's flattering for everyone

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- Don't be afraid of the dark! Exploring cities and landmarks at night offers unique new perspectives — just make sure you have a tripod and that your camera comes equipped with a night feature!
- Change your perspective. Try shooting from a different angle. For example, climb a stairwell and shoot a landscape from up high; or get low and shoot from the ground. Wherever you are, embrace artistic challenges by getting out of your comfort zone!
- Take selfies! You'll want to have some mementoes of your milestone journey
- Look beyond landmarks. Sometimes everyday scenes are more revealing of the spirit of your destination. But in deference to cultural norms here, remember to ask your subjects if they mind being photographed before snapping their picture



#### ART & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the artists' colony in Provincetown, which has drawn famous writers and artists since the beginning of the 20th century and which still boasts an array of eclectic galleries, theaters, and more
  - Learn about the 19th-century religious campgrounds at Oak Bluffs, where worshippers built fanciful gingerbread cottages that are still enjoyed by their heirs today
  - Admire the Gilded Age architecture of Newport, Rhode Island
- Take advantage of your complimentary Concierge services to secure tickets for a Broadway play, concert, comedy show and more in New York City
  - Learn about Wilmington's architectural heritage during your visit to the Bellamy Mansion, a historic home and design museum



#### ACTIVE HIGHLIGHTS

This journey entails sightseeing in urban, coastal and subtropical locales, often on foot. But your deluxe ship and hotels all offer plenty of soothing amenities such as spa facilities and more, to help you feel refreshed. Here are some other activities you may participate in:

- Get a good workout at your ship's gym and the fitness centers of your hotels
  - Swim at the private beach at your Nassau, Bahamas hotel
  - Utilize your free time to explore destinations by foot
- Enjoy kayaking in Wilmington or Charleston



**CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS** During your onboard meals, shore excursions and independent exploration, you'll have plenty of opportunities to taste the regional cuisines of the East Coast.

- On your own and during included meals, savor the bounty of New England — creamy clam chowder, fresh sweet lobster, flaky cod, orchard-fresh apples, Rhode Island calamari, fall squashes and more
- Whatever your tastes are, they will be satisfied by New York's nonstop culinary variety. Choose from Michelin-starred temples of haute cuisine or grab a classic Nathan's frank from a street

vendor. Try a giant Reuben sandwich in one of the Jewish delis of the Lower East Side, or go for dim sum in Chinatown. There's classic Italian in Little Italy, soul food in Harlem, superb Indian in the East village, and so much more. Your Vantage Concierge can point you in the right direction

- Savor the best of southern cooking in Charleston, one of the planet's hottest culinary destinations. From traditional Low Country favorites (think she-crab soup and hoppin' john shrimp and grits), to the innovative, farm-to-table creations of New Southern cuisine, Charleston is a foodie's paradise!



### CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Prior to your expedition cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

- Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your suite, a

gathering in the lounge, and more

- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table
- Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!



- Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free, start-to-finish service by making your requests prior to your journey or during your journey. We are one of the only companies to offer this level of service! Call 1-888-982-6824 or email [Concierge@vantagetravel.com](mailto:Concierge@vantagetravel.com) to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.



**SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS** On this small ship ocean cruise, independent travelers will enjoy solo-friendly features, such as:

- Onboard Destination Manager to personalize your expedition
- Water-sport opportunities, depending on the location
- A lively social media night and musical performances most nights
- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
- Onboard entertainment, lectures, and cooking demonstrations
- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa, jacuzzis, and

a gym

# BOSTON TO NASSAU

DAY 1: Depart home and arrive in Boston, Massachusetts

*The Westin Copley Place Boston or similar*

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DAY 2: Enjoy Boston at your leisure

*The Westin Copley Place Boston or similar*

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DAY 3: Discover the best of Boston and embark the Ocean Explorer

*Ocean Explorer >*

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DAY 4: Explore Cape Cod and ride the trolley around Provincetown

*Ocean Explorer >*

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DAY 5: See the legendary summer resort of Martha's Vineyard

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DAY 6: Delve into history in Newport, Rhode Island

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DAY 15: Disembark the Ocean Explorer and get into island time in Nassau, the Bahamas

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DAY 16: Explore more of Nassau on your own

*Margaritaville Beach Resort Nassau or similar*

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DAY 17: Return home

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**DAY 1:** Depart home and arrive in Boston, Massachusetts

Welcome to Boston. If you purchased your airfare from Vantage, a representative will meet you and arrange transfer to your centrally located hotel. Settle in and relax, or perhaps do some exploring on your own. Maybe you'll venture across the river to Charlestown to see the historic Bunker Hill monument, or come aboard

the USS Constitution or "Old Ironsides," the world's oldest commissioned naval vessel still afloat. You might browse Faneuil Hall (aka Quincy Market), a bustling pedestrian marketplace with colonial roots and a tempting food hall. Just make sure you leave some room for our Welcome Dinner tonight back at the hotel.

Included meals: Dinner  
*The Westin Copley Place Boston or similar*

**DAY 2:** Enjoy Boston at your leisure

Following breakfast at your hotel, you'll have a full day at leisure to explore Boston at your own pace.

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Discover Lexington and Concord, the battleground where the "shot heard round the

world” officially triggered the American

Revolution. Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast

*The Westin Copley Place Boston or similar*

**DAY 3:** Discover the best of Boston and embark the Ocean Explorer

The heart of Boston is quite compact, but it packs a big wallop in terms of its cultural, historic, and touristic attractions, even compared to much larger cities. Boston has been called a “city of neighborhoods,” and on your city tour today you’ll see some of its most charming locales.

Riding across town, you’ll pass Copley Square, ringed by architectural jewels like Trinity Church, the Boston Public Library, and the Old South Church. Continue riding through the Back Bay and see trendy Newbury Street, the Public Gardens, Boston Common, and Beacon Hill, crowned by the gold-domed, Bulfinch-designed Massachusetts State House. From here you’ll head to the Old North Church, where Paul Revere hung two lanterns in the steeple to signal that the British were coming. It sits in the middle of the North End, Boston’s historic Italian neighborhood. Take a little time to walk around and enjoy its sights, sounds, smells, and (of course) tastes. From here you’ll cross the Charles River and head across Cambridge to Harvard Square, where you’ll have time to walk around and see the campus and surrounding commercial center of America’s oldest and most prestigious university.

Your tour will conclude at the pier, where you will embark the Ocean Explorer and settle into your sumptuous stateroom. This evening, you’ll sit in on an informative port talk and savor a delicious Welcome Dinner.

### **Included Feature:**

- **Boston city tour**  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer >*

**DAY 4:** Explore Cape Cod and ride the trolley around Provincetown

Provincetown (or “P-Town,” as locals call it) was the fertile fishing ground where the Pilgrims first dropped anchor before settling in Plymouth. Set at the curving tip of Cape Cod, it still is an important fishing community that over the years has been known for its spectacular beaches and tolerant, live-and-let-live vibe. For this reason, it has been a longtime resort, artists’ colony, and popular summer haven for the LGBTQ community. Famous residents have included Tennessee Williams, Norman Mailer, Eugene O’Neill, Kurt Vonnegut, Lee Krasner, Jackson Pollock, Robert Motherwell, Julie Harris, Anthony Bourdain, and many more. You’ll get acquainted during this morning’s tour.

A tender will transport you to shore for an old-fashioned trolley to ride around the town. You’ll see the impressive Town Library, which is housed in an old, Italianate-style church built in 1860 and which also includes the Heritage Museum. At the Pilgrim Monument, you can admire the country’s tallest granite building, a 252-foot-high tower that offers commanding sea views. The museum at its base commemorates the pilgrims’ five-week sojourn here, during which time they drew up the Mayflower Compact that codified the first laws of the new colony.

After lunch, you will have free time to explore on your own. Poke around the eclectic shops and art galleries, or perhaps enjoy the bustling harbor scene at MacMillan Pier.

## Included Feature:

- Trolley tour of Provincetown  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer* >

**DAY 5:** See the legendary summer resort of Martha's Vineyard

Beautiful Martha's Vineyard is famous as an affluent summer resort, and you can certainly do some celebrity-watching here. But your eyes will also be drawn to the sweeping natural beauty, historic towns and charming architecture. If some of it looks familiar, perhaps that's because the movie *Jaws* was filmed here.

You'll arrive ashore via tender for today's tour, which starts with historic Oak Bluffs, once a religious revival summer camp. Then, head along the coast to Edgartown, a quaint, white-clapboard village that was originally an important whaling center. Ride through the farmlands of West Tisbury, and the hills of Chilmark, where celebrities such as Ted Danson, Carly Simon, James Taylor, and Bill Murray have homes. Back in Oak Bluffs, you'll have lunch and enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure.

Please note: Transportation on the island is limited and today's tour will most likely operate using school buses. This is also a highly seasonal destination and some places may be closed during the time of our visit.

Perhaps you will explore Oak Bluffs on your own to get a feel for the laid-back charm that is synonymous with Martha's Vineyard. You can see the colorful Flying Horses, the country's oldest, continuously-operating platform carousel that was brought here from Coney Island in 1874. Nearby is Wesleyan Grove, better known

as the Campground. Back in the mid-1800s, Methodist families would set up tents in this 34-acre site to enjoy revival meetings and summer Bible study groups. The tents eventually gave way to cottages that are painted lovely pastel hues and adorned with elaborate millwork. Today, these lovely gingerbread cottages are part of the National Historic Register. You can also learn about Oak Bluff's history as one of the country's first resorts for affluent African Americans.

## Included Feature:

- Tour of Martha's Vineyard  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer* >

**DAY 6:** Delve into history in Newport, Rhode Island

Newport is famous as the summer "watering hole" for America's wealthiest families during the Gilded Age. It is also a yachting center that hosted the America's Cup races 1930-83, and the first U.S. Open sites for tennis and golf. Less well-known is the town's colonial heritage, when it was an important whaling and trading port, notably as a center of the slave trade. Your tour points out the historic wharves, Touro Synagogue (the country's oldest synagogue), the sweeping vistas of Ocean Drive, Hammersmith Farm (Jacqueline Bouvier's childhood home, where she later held the reception for her wedding to John F. Kennedy), and more.

After breakfast onboard, you'll be transferred to the port by tender for day of discovery. A highlight of the day will be your visit to the Breakers, the opulent Italian Renaissance-style mansion that was built as a summer residence by Cornelius Vanderbilt II. Set on elegant

Bellevue Avenue, it has a vast back lawn overlooking the Cliff Walk and the sea, and is filled with lavish period furnishings and art. Your tour provides a fascinating, intimate glimpse into the lives of America's wealthiest and most powerful families during the late 1800s through the turn of the century.

**Included Feature:**

- Newport city tour
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer >*

**DAY 7:** Discover the best of the Big Apple, New York City

Arrive in New York City today, then set out to explore. Your tour showcases some of the city's most famous attractions and landmarks. See where world economies rise and fall on Wall Street, including the New York Stock Exchange building in the heart of the financial district. Nearby, you'll pay your respects at the 9/11 Memorial, where the victims of the World Trade Center bombing are honored. Also nearby is St. Paul's Chapel, the oldest surviving church in New York City, built in 1766. At Battery Park, you'll catch glimpses of the Statue of Liberty.

Your tour continues as you make your way towards Midtown, passing through Chinatown, Greenwich Village, SoHo, and more. Ride past the elegant New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue, and then see Rockefeller Center, Times Square, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Central Park and Grand Central Station. You'll be back on board in time for lunch and a free afternoon, with a scintillating port talk and dinner back on board.

**Included Feature:**

- New York City tour
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

*Ocean Explorer >*

**DAY 8:** A leisurely morning in New York

Enjoy an early breakfast on board, followed by a morning at leisure to soak in more of the Big Apple's world-famous sites on your own. Back on board, savor a tasty lunch, then head up to the sundeck to take in the panoramic views as we depart New York City.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer >*

**DAY 9:** Enjoy the highlights of Norfolk

You'll learn about Norfolk's colorful, 300-year-old history as you ride through the city's lovely historic district and restored areas, with your tour guide pointing out areas of interest along the way. View the stately homes located along the Hague, old St. Paul's Church, the Moses Myers House, MacArthur Memorial, the historic Freemason District, Nauticus maritime center, the Battleship Wisconsin, and the restored waterfront area. Having undergone a complete transformation over the last decade, downtown Norfolk features the beautifully renovated Town Point Park, the Armed Forces memorial, and unique specialty shops and boutiques. You'll also have an opportunity to visit the Chrysler Museum, hailed by the Wall Street Journal as one of the country's top 20 art museums. Here, you'll browse a collection of paintings, photographs, glass, sculpture, and decorative arts spanning almost 5,000 years. Following your Chrysler Museum visit you'll enjoy a stop at Doumar's, home of the world's first ice cream cone machine, created by Abe Doumar for the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. Ice cream cones were such a hit that he later designed a four-iron waffle machine that he launched during the 1907 Jamestown Exposition. Today, this family-owned

business still bakes their cones using the original machinery. While at Doumar's, you'll learn the history of this iconic treat and enjoy a freshly baked waffle cone with the ice cream of your choice.

**Included Feature:**

- Norfolk highlights tour and Chrysler Museum visit  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
[Ocean Explorer >](#)

**DAY 10:** Cruise Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic coast

A full day to relax and enjoy the 5-star amenities of your Deluxe ship. Perhaps you'll take a soak in the hot tubs, join a yoga class, or enjoy a soothing massage. During an onboard lecture, you can learn about the rise and fall of plantation life — a wonderful preparation for your upcoming discoveries in Wilmington and Charleston.

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Learn more  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
[Ocean Explorer >](#)

**DAY 11:** Uncover antebellum life in Wilmington, North Carolina

If you're up on deck this morning, take in the beautiful coastal scenery as your ship makes its way up the wide Cape Fear River to Wilmington. This historic port city boasts a beautifully restored waterfront, and exquisite architecture which you'll see on today's tour.

This morning's tour spotlights Wilmington's

National Register Historic district, some 230 blocks worth of beautifully preserved architecture from many different eras. You'll also learn about the many movies and television shows filmed around here. In fact, Wilmington has the country's largest full-service filming studio outside of Hollywood. A highlight will be your visit to Historic homes in Wilmington. You'll visit either of these three: Bellamy Mansion, Burgwin-Wright House or the Latimer House. Afterwards, you'll revisit a different era when you step aboard the World War II battleship USS North Carolina, which is permanently docked in Wilmington.

If time allows following your tour, you may want to enjoy more of this lovely city on your own. Perhaps you can take a stroll along the Riverwalk, pop into one of the many well-regarded microbreweries, or visit the Railroad Museum.

PLEASE NOTE: Some of the houses in historic Wilmington may not be available to tour as they are frequently used for filming, and have closed sets.

**Included Features:**

- Guided tour of the Historic mansion houses of Wilmington
- Guided tour of the *USS North Carolina*

**Cultural Discoveries:**

- Historic mansion visit in Wilmington
- Meet U.S. naval officers aboard the *USS North Carolina*  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
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**DAY 12:** Soak up the color and culture in Charleston, South Carolina

Today you will enjoy a tour of Charleston, one of

the most beautiful and historic cities in the American south. Filled with stately homes, lovely gardens, magnificent public buildings, and majestic churches, you're sure to be enchanted by Charleston. On this guided tour you will see the College of Charleston, Harleston Village (one of the city's earliest suburbs), the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, and the famous Battery with its elegant townhomes built by 18th and 19th-century planters and merchants. Your knowledgeable guide will delight you with interesting historical facts and lively stories about some of the city's most prominent sites. A few of the landmarks you will see are the Old Exchange & Provost Dungeon, one of the nation's most important Revolutionary-era buildings; St. Michael's Episcopal Church, whose bells have crossed the Atlantic seven times; the Fireproof Building designed by Robert Mills, the same architect who designed the Washington Monument found in the nation's capital; and the Old City Market, a 200-year-old public market. The highlight of this tour will be a visit to the Joseph Manigault House. This early 19th-century home, designed by wealthy rice planter Gabriel Manigault for his brother Joseph, is considered one of the finest examples of Adam-style architecture in the country. The house also boasts a magnificent collection of period furniture and art, with quite a few Charleston pieces.

#### **Included Feature:**

- Historic Charleston tour  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
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**DAY 13:** Spend a day at leisure in West Palm Beach

Located along Florida's Atlantic coast, West

Palm Beach is a small city offering visitors year-round excitement. You'll find smooth-sand beaches and some of the nation's most enticing waterways within easy reach. The downtown area is home to countless retail and entertainment venues, and the perfect spot to find elegant boutiques, fine dining, and world-renowned art galleries.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
[Ocean Explorer >](#)

**DAY 14:** Enjoy the weather as you cruise to the Caribbean

**Relax with a day at sea: refresh, renew, and relish in your ship's deluxe amenities. Perhaps you'll join a morning workout class, or lounge on the sun deck. You could get a facial at the spa, meet friends in the lounge for a game of bridge, attend a lecture on the history of the Bahamas, or simply soak in the hot tub with the cocktail of the day — the choice is yours!**

#### **Scenic Sailing:**

- It should be a beautiful day at sea, so take the time to be outside and breathe in the fresh air and delightful breezes

Onboard Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional onboard experience. Enhance your time on board with one of our Vantage-exclusive activities, including wine and whiskey tastings, a multicourse Chef's Table Dinner, or an exclusive wine-pairing dinner.

Learn more  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
[Ocean Explorer >](#)

**DAY 15:** Disembark the Ocean Explorer and get into island time in Nassau, the Bahamas

You'll know you're in the Bahamas as the water



gets bluer and brighter. In fact, the Bahamas lays claim to the clearest water on Earth. Enjoy the views as you approach Nassau, the capital of this beautiful archipelago. After breakfast you'll disembark ship and then enjoy a sightseeing tour that acquaints you with the history and laid-back culture of the island, which is called New Providence.

In downtown Nassau, you'll see Rawson and then Parliament Square, with its pink stucco Georgian neo-classical buildings that house the Supreme Court, Senate Chambers, and House of Assembly. You'll also see the Government House and Graycliff, a stunning mansion built in 1740 that is now a famous hotel. You'll pass other landmarks such as the College of the Bahamas, Sir Harry Oakes Monument and Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre, and others. You'll also pass colorful Arawak Cay, a jumble of multicolored shacks and cafés that are collectively known as "Fish Fry." You'll have some time at your leisure before heading to your hotel, with lunch on your own — perhaps you'll come back to enjoy the famous conch fritters, fried chicken, and tropical conch salad, and to hear a local storyteller share some Bahamian lore.

During your tour you'll stop at the historic 1789 Buena Vista Estate, home of the John Watlings Distillery where you will enjoy a self-guided tour and rum tasting. Upon departing the distillery you'll visit Aradastra Gardens, a lush tropical setting where you'll be introduced to some local denizens such as monkeys, flamingos, snakes, lorikeets, flamingoes, and other native species. The rest of your day is free. Unwind and sample the little luxuries of your Deluxe hotel, the only

one in Nassau to boast its own private sandy beach.

**Included Feature:**

- Nassau city tour

**Cultural Discoveries:**

- Tour with rum tasting at John Watlings Distillery
  - Exotic animal encounters at Aradastra Gardens
- Included meals: Breakfast  
*Margaritaville Beach Resort Nassau or similar*

**DAY 16:** Explore more of Nassau on your own

A full day of leisure to explore and relax as you like. Your hotel is within walking distance of downtown Nassau, so everything is within easy reach. Perhaps you'll visit the National Art Gallery of the Bahamas, or shop for handicrafts at the Straw Market. If you're feeling adventurous, there are spectacular dive sites, and plenty of opportunities to swim with dolphins, feed sharks, or enjoy water sports, from kayaking to jet skiing and more. At the Pirates of Nassau museum, you can learn about infamous privateers like the notorious Blackbeard through fun, interactive exhibits and performances. Be back in time for this evening's Farewell Dinner at your hotel, where you will join your travel mates to toast your discoveries.

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner  
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**DAY 17:** Return home

After breakfast you'll transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Included meals: Breakfast

**Please Note:** Ocean cruising is not the same experience as river cruising; as such, you may experience fluctuating tides and weather patterns that

may involve some rocking of your vessel. Itineraries will include all activities as planned except in extreme cases that can't be controlled by your shipboard crew. Day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Cruise Director or regional expert.

# ACCOMMODATIONS



## Ocean Explorer

### Quick facts

**Launch:** 2021

**Length:** 104.4 Meters

**Max Capacity:** 162 guests — 134 for polar expeditions

**Cabins:** 77, including a landmark 15 solo cabins — 80% of all cabins feature a private veranda

The intimate *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey* are the cruise industry's newest and most premier small ships built for global expedition travel, and ready to go to some of the world's most far-reaching destinations. Accommodating just 134 guests, the ship is outfitted with the latest satellite, sustainability, and navigation capabilities, including SOLAS "Safe Return to Port" requirements and ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology, a significant enhancement for smooth sailing in polar seas.

On all Vantage expedition cruises, education is an essential component of the journey. Enjoy talks from notable scholars, onboard historians who travel alongside you, and handpicked regional experts. On polar expeditions with Vantage, you'll attend lectures, lessons, and activities offered by a 17-member Expedition Team of experts in fields ranging from biology to oceanography.

In your downtime, you'll find relaxation and luxury aboard the *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey*. Visit the gym or onboard spa for a facial, massage, even a haircut. Soak in the hot tub after a rewarding day of sightseeing. Enjoy gourmet fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus outstanding culinary experiences built into your journey. And because there's no more than 134 fellow travelers on expedition cruises, you'll enjoy small group outings by day and share meals, stories, and fun with new friends by night. These fabulous expedition vessels offer:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins
- 30 triple-ready cabins available
- Vantage offers FREE roommate-matching services if you'd like to be paired while you travel

- Spacious, all outside-facing cabins
- 134-guest capacity
- Zodiac trips to get as close as possible to nature
- The latest satellite and navigation capabilities, including ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology
- Intimate crew-to-passenger ration, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption

#### **Amenities:**

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining and regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Hot-rock cooking restaurant
- Multistory lounge and lobby
- Three bars and various lounges
- Top deck observation deck for gatherings, lectures, performances, and more
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager (not available on expeditions)
- On expeditions, enjoy the services and curated lectures of a 5- or 17-person Expedition Team, comprised of experts in their field
- Knowledgeable staff by region; expedition cruises will be led by an experienced Expedition Team
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- 20+ live TV channels featuring popular US news channels, the Food Network, the Travel Channel, and National Geographic
- Entertainment and video on demand for 250 classic movies

*Ocean Explorer Gallery*



## The Westin Copley Place Boston ★★★★★

A downtown location in the celebrated Back Bay neighborhood makes this upscale hotel the perfect base from which you can explore Boston. Back Bay Station and the Boston Public Library are a 4-minute walk away, while the boutiques and restaurants of Newbury Street are 0.5 miles from the hotel. Each spacious room features contemporary interiors with city or river views, flat-screen TVs, minibars, and coffee/tea service. Suites add living areas. Room service is available 24/7. Other amenities include an on-site fitness studio and spa, and four dining options including a bar and a Brazilian...



## Warwick Paradise Island Bahamas ★★★★★

The award-winning Warwick Paradise Island Bahamas is located on the south shore of Nassau's Paradise Island. This adults only, all-inclusive resort features a private harbor, private white sand beach, lagoon-style pool, five onsite dining venues, and lobby bar. In-room amenities include free Wi-Fi, flat screen television, coffeemaker, and hairdryer.



## Margaritaville Beach Resort Nassau ★★★★★

Set along a white-sand beach on the North Atlantic Ocean, this sleek resort is 2 km from Queen's Staircase and 15 km from Lynden Pindling International Airport. Chic rooms offer TVs and Wi-Fi, plus balconies, and tea and coffeemaking facilities. Dining options consist of 3 restaurants, 3 bars, 2 cafes and a bakery. Other amenities include a spa, a gym, a water park and a marina, plus a movie theater, a game room, and meeting and event space.