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With over 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry, I truly do understand the importance of exceptional service and high-quality products. I value my client's individual needs and desire to share unique travel experiences.

Whether you're seeking a vacation to relax and feel rejuvenated, or wanting an adventure that makes your heart race, I have plenty of travel inspiration and exciting ideas to motivate you to book that next trip.

My expertise lies in designing vacations where you will be treated like the VIP you are from beginning to end. I source vacations and experiences with the top river cruise lines, small ship brands, hotels, and adventure companies.

My clients will experience an elevated level of service and luxurious amenities in the world's most exclusive destinations.

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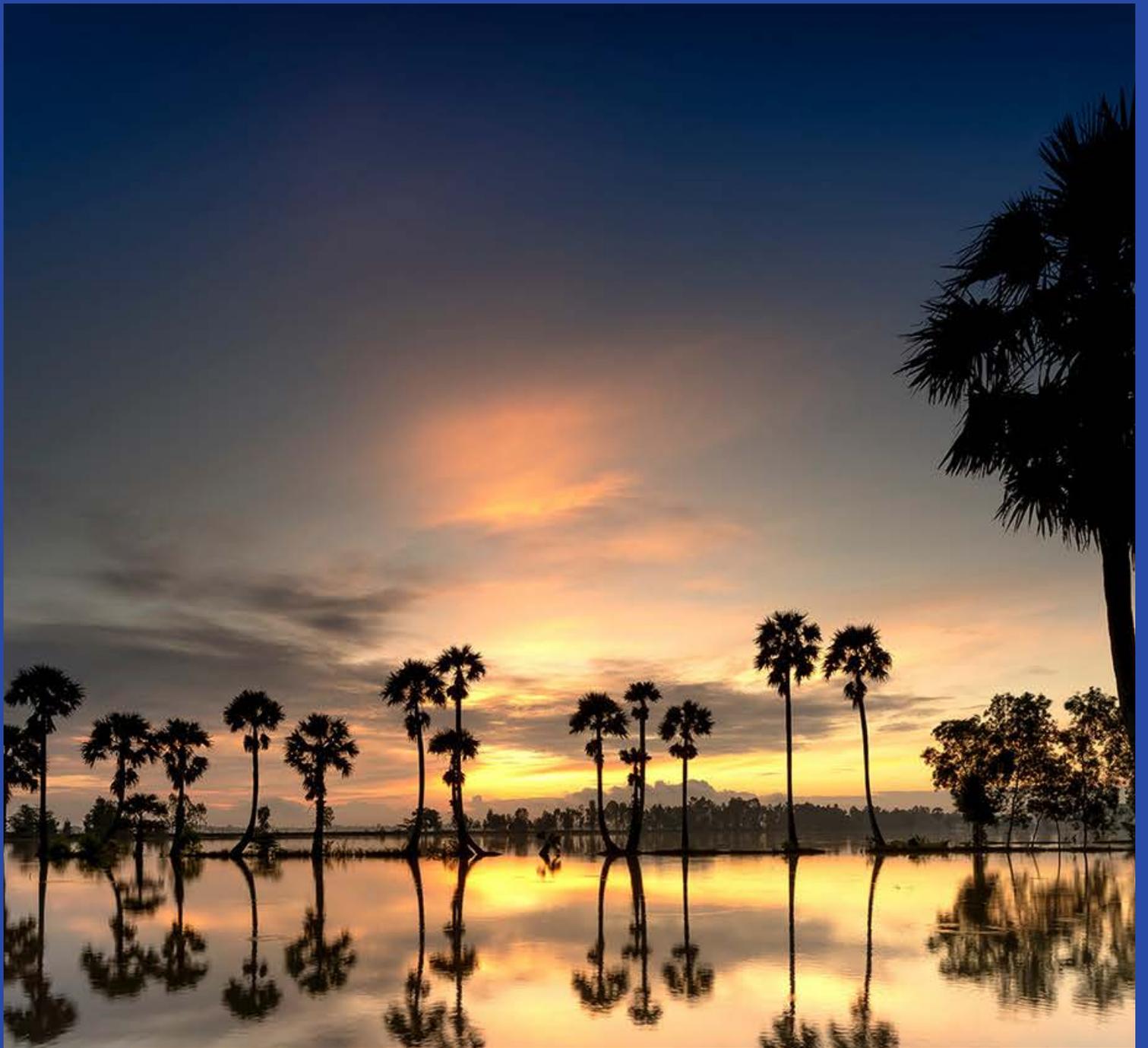
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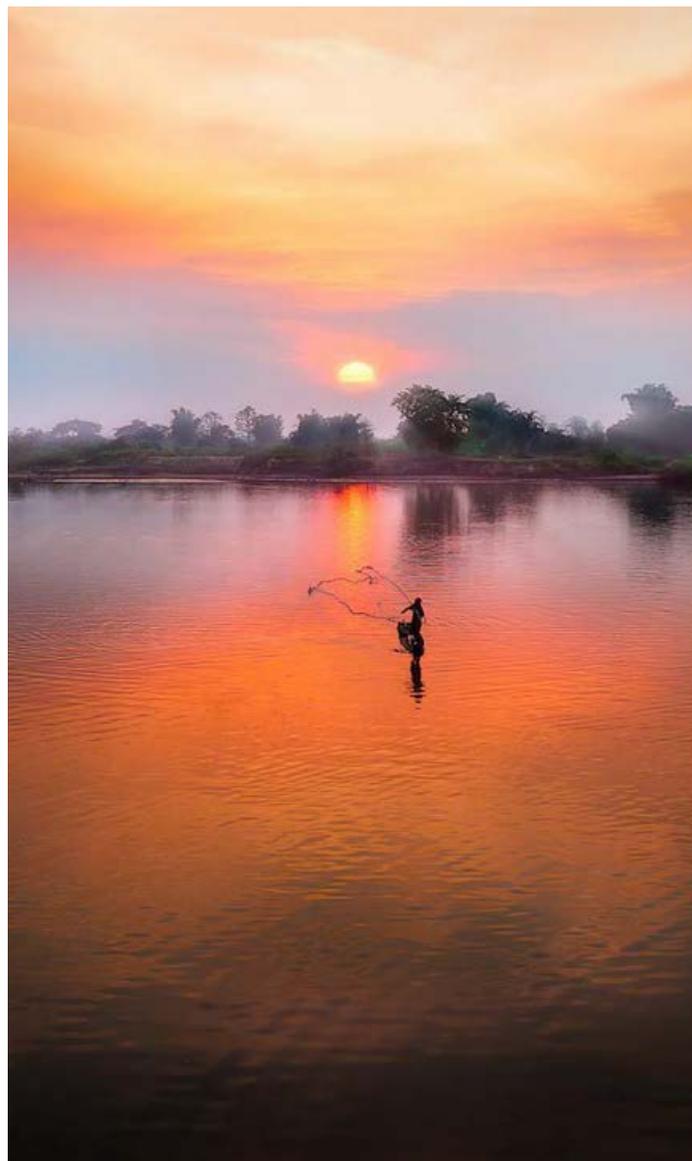
If you're big, you'll have to go home.

That's the message many ports of call around the world are sending out to large ocean cruise lines.

And while the race to see who can design the biggest and most impressive mega-ship is alive and well, hundreds of thousands of intrepid travelers are moving away from the big ship trips and opting for less crowded, more intimate, and authentic cruising experiences.

Wondering where you should take your first small ship cruise?

Here are 9 breathtaking destinations to convince you a small cruise needs to be your next vacation.



NORWAY

Spend a week or two above the Arctic Circle on a small ship cruise from the colorful city of Tromsø in northern Norway.

Before you climb aboard your small ship cruise, be sure to visit the emblematic Arctic Cathedral, explore the Polar Museum, and step into the Fjellheisen cable car where you'll be swept 1,525 feet above sea level, allowing you to take in awe-inspiring views of the Norwegian fjords.

Your cruise will take you through storybook landscapes, past gargantuan icebergs, and make stops at remote villages and research stations along the way.

EGYPT

Travel back to the time of Pharaohs, queens, lost treasures, and secret plots worthy of a salacious Hollywood script. Egypt is undoubtedly one of the most thrilling small ship and river cruise destinations in Northern Africa.

These itineraries combine thrilling city stays with a leisurely cruise down the longest river in the world. Every day brings new, exciting ports of call such as Luxor, Aswan, and Edfu. Wander through the Valley of the Kings, visit beautiful Nubian villages, learn the ancient art of papyrus making and explore the temples and tombs you've wondered about your whole life. Egypt brings your favourite documentary channel to life and defies the imagination in every way possible.



PORTUGAL

River and small ship cruises bring you to the heart of destinations in a way that no other mode of travel can. If Portugal is on your radar, we suggest stepping onboard a luxurious river cruise that will take you down the Douro, a UNESCO World Heritage designated river. Perched on the balcony of your beautifully appointed cabin, sweeping views of lush vineyards, fruit orchards, and carpeted mountainsides will float by.

Your days along the river will be spent strolling through Medieval towns like Castelo Rodrigo, exploring centuries-old monasteries, sampling fresh seafood, and divine baked goodies, and mingling with friendly locals going about their daily life. These Douro itineraries also invite you to visit Lisbon and Porto, two of the most vibrant and historically important cities in Europe.

ANTARCTICA

It's no secret that Antarctica is one of the world's best destinations for wildlife viewing, and there is no better way to experience an oceanic safari than on a small ship.

Because of heavy international regulations, large cruise lines are not permitted or able to transport travelers from the ship to shore, so if you want to get up close and personal with one of the seventeen penguin colonies that hatch their young here, or need to tick that glacier kayaking expedition off of your bucket list, skip the big ship experience, and go small instead.



LESSER ANTILLES ISLANDS

When you think of a cruise to the Caribbean, you're likely thinking of the usual suspects; Bahamas, Jamaica, Turks & Caicos, and the Cayman Islands, just to name a few.

Did you know you can experience the Caribbean without the crowds and overdevelopment? The Lesser Antilles Islands include St. Lucia, Grenada, St. Kitts, Curacao, and Antigua. These lesser-visited but absolutely pristine islands are a haven for snorkelers, diving enthusiasts, bird lovers, and beach worshippers.

Bursting with history, culinary and cultural diversity, and that quintessential Caribbean hospitality, you'll never want to cruise this region of the world any other way.

COLOMBIA

During the 16th Century, Colombia's most important river, the Magdalena, was a virtual highway for Spanish Conquistadors. Transporting goods and treasures back and forth to Europe. At 1527 kilometers, the towns and villages just up from the Magdalena river were central to the fight for Colombia's independence, so the history here is deep and rich in story and folklore.

Colombia is the birthplace of Cumbia, a sensual style of dance and music that you can't resist moving your body to. It's also the second most biodiverse nation on earth and the most biodiverse country for birdlife. If it's color, rhythm, natural beauty, and a storied past you seek, step aboard a Colombian river cruise and be prepared to be delighted at every port of call.



MEKONG

Spilling down from the Tibetan Mountain Plateau, the mighty Mekong River stretches an impressive 4,909 kilometers from China to Vietnam. Your itinerary will likely begin and end in two iconic cities; Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh.

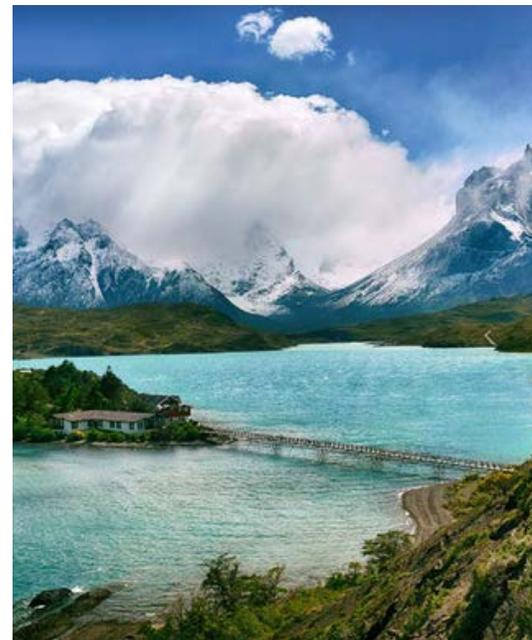
The cultures in this region of Southeast Asia have flourished for over 2,000 years, and with so many well-preserved pagodas, picturesque villages set against neon-green rice terraces, and unforgettable sites like the Angkor Archaeological Park, this trip will inspire you to become a photographer (if you weren't already!).

And then there's the food - An explosion of varieties of aromatic rice, curries, steamed dumplings, fresh seafood, and a thousand other dishes to try. The best street food in the world is in Southeast Asia, and you'll get to experience all of it on a luxurious river cruise of the Mekong.

CHILEAN FJORDS

South America is often overlooked when it comes to small ship cruising, but you would be remiss not to experience the staggering beauty of Torres Del Paine National Park in southern Chile from your private balcony. Escape the crowds, and explore mythical places like Chiloé Island, renown for its gnomes, fairies, and mythology.

The Andean mountains will leave you in awe and small ship cruising gives you a front-row seat to leaping Dolphins, boisterous Leopard Seals, and Humboldt Seals.



GREECE & ITALY

If there were ever the perfect pairing of destinations to see by way of a luxurious small ship voyage, Greece and Italy should be your first itinerary choice.

Start your journey on the Tiber River in Rome, and spend a few nights exploring the capital of one of the world's most influential empires in history. A pre-night stay here will give you time to see emblematic sights like the legendary Colosseum, the catacombs of the Capuchin Crypt, and the Roman Forum. Depart Rome for the likes of Positano, Capri, the Amalfi Coast, and Sicily.

Next, you might find yourself sailing across the Ionian Sea to the Greek Islands of Delphi and Mykonos. Each island, more unique than the next. End your journey in Athens, Europe's oldest city dating back 3,400 years and birthplace of the Olympic games.

Small ships promise a more personalized way to cruise, with a much higher crew to passenger ratio, highly curated menus, luxurious amenities, and a heavy focus on the true star of the cruise; the destination itself.

They provide creative itineraries with a more immersive on-shore experience, so if you've always wanted to explore a port of call in more depth, hopefully, you've been inspired by these incredible small ship destination ideas.



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