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FALKLANDS CORNER

Continuing with our mooch around the Falklands Portal www.falklandislands.com this month we are checking out their suggested Top 5 souvenir tips. So, if you have a trip to the Falklands planned and are wondering what you can take home as Christmas gifts here are some options:

Top 5 Souvenirs to Take Home

1. **A penguin:** not a real one of course but there is plenty of penguin paraphernalia and what better way to remember your visit? A cuddly toy is an obvious choice but you can take penguins home in many other guises too. Look out for tea towels, mugs, placemats, socks, jewellery, hot-water bottles, keyrings, button badges, fridge magnets.... the choice is huge!
2. **A Falklands' hand-crafted gift:** Many Islanders' enjoy crafting in their spare time and produce lots of different items. The luxuriously soft wool makes excellent scarfs, hats, gloves, socks, slippers, brooches and fancy goods, created by knitting, weaving and felting. Try a felted soap as a body-scrub. Wood from shipwrecks is made into pens, replica "scrimshaw" into animal models and even the local newspaper, the "Penguin News" into bags, pouches and purses. Pottery is decorated with Falklands' motifs and vintage fabrics recycled in ingenious ways.
3. **A jar of diddle-dee jam:** Bitter when picked, the local diddle-dee berry is beautifully sweet when mixed with sugar to make jam. Small jars are widely available and provide a real taste of the Falklands.
4. **A "collectible":** stamps and coins from the Falklands are very collectable. Stamps depict many aspects of Falklands' life past and present, special events, anniversaries and wildlife. Everyday coins are a simple reminder of your time here; take home the extinct warrah, a sealion, an albatross, upland goose or penguin in your purse or pocket. Enthusiasts can delve further into the realms of collectibles in the Philatelic Bureau and a specialist outlet close to the museum.
5. **Photographs of fond memories:** however long or short your visit, you will surely be able to gather plenty of images of the wonderful wildlife, charismatic scenes and friendly faces. Share as much as you can, with family, friends, online and spread the word about the great time you had in the Falklands.



NEW LOCAL EXCURSION VESSEL AT CARCASS ISLAND

ITT are delighted to be selling trips to West Point on the Carcass Island based mv Seaquest. Replacing the mv Condor, the Seaquest is a 14m Catamaran built by Blyth in 2007. She can carry a maximum of 12 passengers. Her 5 metre beam allows passengers plenty of room to walk around the main deck with ease, and gives a stable platform for photography. Inside is also spacious with ample seating for comfort and a 360° view. An added bonus is the upper deck which provides great viewing and can also seat up to 6 passengers. It takes approximately 30 minutes from Carcass Harbour to West Point Harbour.

"Seaquest gives us freedom, independence and an opportunity to view the seabirds in their own environment" said operators Mike McRae and Nikki Summers on behalf of Carcass Island.



For more information or to book your Falklands based holiday, contact Izzy at the Falklands Desk on falklandstravel.itt@horizon.co.fk

UK ACCOMMODATION

Serviced Apartments in Southampton & Portsmouth

A hotel stay can be novel but sometimes can be a disappointment; the room is too small, there is nowhere to cook, not to mention the time restrictions and parking. This is where serviced apartments in Southampton and Portsmouth can help you.

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- *Minimum stay from 3 nights or more in our 1-5 bedroom apartments
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- *Luxury Bed linen and Towel (plus toiletries) are provided.
- *Weekly Housekeeping Service which for a small fee can be more frequent
- *Welcome Food packs are available to order (English, Indian or continental)
- *Free WiFi
- *FREEVIEW TV/DVD with iPod and MP3 connectivity
- *24 hour call out service should you have any problems
- * Spacious living areas where you can do what you want to do when you want to do it

Sample Quote

20/27 December 2018 – 7 nt. stay in 2 bedroomed apartment in central Southampton from gbp1049.



NEW ACCESS AND SECURITY REGULATIONS FOR ALL PEOPLE VISITING OR TRANSITING THROUGH RAF BRIZE NORTON

Flight departure passengers will be required to report to the main gate three and a half hours before the flight departure.

Passengers will be issued with a temporary access pass, on production of their passport and asked to wait in the Visitor Reception facility. Three hours before the flight departure, passengers and their luggage will be transported by coach, up to the Air Terminal for check in and pass straight through security to the departure lounge.

Please note: passengers arriving after that time may not be allowed to travel.

The only exception to this arrangement is if are in possession of a ZUB pass. These are issued by the RAF Police at Mount Pleasant; Islanders, residents and frequent visitors to the Islands are urged to obtain a ZUB pass from MPA whilst in the Islands; the relevant forms can be obtained from the Police Station in Stanley and the ITT office. Passengers who are ZUB pass holders will be allowed to proceed straight to the Air Terminal, as long as, their driver is also in possession of a valid pass to enter the base. Drivers not in possession of a valid pass will be issued with a "Terminal Only" pass for the purpose of dropping off/picking up. Several taxi drivers already have clearance to enter the base and the names of those taxi companies can be provided on request.

There will no longer be facilities for passengers to leave their vehicles in the short stay car park on the base however, Charlie's Taxis in Carterton, offer a 'park and ride' service.

For those passengers arriving from the Falklands Islands, on exiting the baggage hall, RAF Police will direct passengers who are not in possession of a ZUB pass on to the coach waiting outside the terminal building. Once all passengers have embarked they will be driven to the main gate where they can be met for their onward journey. Passengers in possession of a ZUB pass will be able to be met at the Terminal, provided their driver has a pass for the Base.

THE FOOD CORNER

Traditionally cooked food, using fresh and often unusual ingredients, can be found on street stands and in the markets of cities, towns and villages all over the world. Mexico is no exception: you only have to stroll down the streets of Mexico City's historic centre and you'll see sharp-suited office workers alongside labourers and adventurous tourists, all devouring fresh tortillas by the stack. To compliment this month's "A Taste of Mexico" highlight we thought a look at the street food you might encounter too would complete the feast ...

1. Barboca de Borrego

This hearty snack, which translates as 'lamb barbeque', is a must when visiting Xochimilco, Mexico City. Here you punt along the city's "floating gardens" - all that remains of the lake that the city was originally built on in its Aztec heyday - in a colourful boat, being serenaded by mariachis and stopping the occasional vendor for a drink or a bite to eat. On a Sunday it's also the setting for a huge jumble of stalls selling lamb sliced straight of the spit. Seriously tasty.

2. Tortillas

For a quick and simple lunch, try blue corn tortillas filled with nopal, a type of cactus. Vendors use the leaves of the prickly pear cactus, de-spike and skin them then slice them up; they're delicious and taste a bit like avocados - but are more interesting to tell your friends about.

3. Crispy Oaxacan Tortillas

Cuisine from the southern state of Oaxaca is truly some of Mexico's finest, but a favourite has to be the tlayuda - a crispy, dinner-plate-sized tortilla coated with refried beans, cabbage, avocado, meat and Oaxacan cheese. The dinner-plate comparison is no coincidence - the tortilla basically forms the dish for all the delicious toppings that are piled on top. Look out for the tlayuda cecina, which includes chilli-crusted pork cooked directly over coals alongside the tortilla. This street snack is so delicious you may struggle to make it into Oaxaca's formal restaurants during your stay.

4. Tacos

Tacos are a staple of Mexican life. Why not try the classic taco al pastor, which offers a distinctively Latin variation on the traditional kebab, topped with coriander, lime juice and hot salsa. The showmanship of the vendors often comes out in the way many of them cut the pork from the spit and catch it from a great height in the tortilla!

If you're by the coast make sure you also try seafood or fish tacos, which are every bit as delicious as their meatier counterparts. Remember don't discount stalls based on an unglamorous location - the food can be amongst the best. If there are a lot of locals eating there, it's always a good sign.

5. Tortas

The Mexican equivalent of a sandwich, are available all across Mexico in pretty much any form that you can imagine - the sincronizada version comes recommended, layering up cheese, ham, salad and tortillas. For a bigger lunch, complement with a bag of fresh mango or watermelon from a fruit stall. Try it at least once with the chilli and lime accompaniments, which balance with the sweetness of the fruit surprisingly well.



NEW HOTELS IN SANTIAGO

Santiago by Mandarin Oriental

Category: 5

Location: Las Condes

WIFI / Mountain, city or garden view rooms / Clubs lounge access

<https://www.mandarinoriental.com/santiago/las-condes/luxury-hotel>

Ladera

Category: 4

Location: Providencia

WIFI / SPA / Swimming Pool / Roof Terrace

www.ladera.cl

Manquehue Aeropuerto Santiago

Category: 4

Location: Santiago Airport

WIFI / Complimentary Airport shuttle / Outdoor Pool / Fitness Center

This hotel offers a complimentary transfer from the airport to the hotel.

The return trip is at additional cost.

<http://www.manquehuehoteles.cl/default-es.html>

City Express Aeropuerto Santiago

Category: 3

Location: Santiago Airport

WIFI / Business and Meeting room / Gym / 5 minutes from the airport

This hotel offers a complimentary transfer from the airport to the hotel and vice versa.

<https://www.cityexpress.com/en/express/hotels-chile/santiago/aeropuerto>

For more information, availability or rates, please contact any of our agents.

SANTIAGO ACTIVITIES:

If you want to compliment your holiday in Santiago but you are not sure how to fill your days, we can offer a great range of tours, here are just some examples:

CITY TOUR OF SANTIAGO AND SANTA LUCIA HILLS *Set of in the morning first stop will be Piedras Astrales handcraft shop. Moving on to enjoy the beautiful pieces of Lapis Lazuli while enjoying a pisco sour drink. You will then travel downtown, where you can see modern and ancient buildings and see how they have transformed the city. On the trip, you will visit Santa Lucia Hill where Santiago was founded in 1541. Later, you will continue onto Plaza de Armas (more details on page 5), where you can see the Cathedral of Santiago, and National History Museum and much more. Lastly you will pass the government palace, where you can walk through some of the most traditional streets of Santiago. The tour will end with a transfer back to you Hotel.*

VALLE NEVADO MOUNTAIN RESORT TOUR *Depart from your hotel and head east climbing the Andes to arrive in Valle Nevado, located 46 kilometers away from Santiago and at 3,670 meters above sea level, making it the highest ski center in Santiago. On the journey, will be able to view the breathtaking views of Cordillera de Los Andes. Once you have arrived you have the option to have a chairlift ride. The tour will continue to Farellones, the oldest mountain village of Chile, located in Mapocho, where you have the opportunity for lunch and then head back to Santiago.*



HORSERIDING UP THE COLORADO RIVER Leave Santiago and head to Alfalfal arriving around 9:30. This is where you will start the horseback ride. After about a 2 hour ride you will reach Rio Colorado viewpoint where you can take in the wonderful views. After a little rest and snack you will head onto a picnic area where a tasty Asado (local style Barbecue) will be served. You will return to Santiago around 7pm.

CITY TOUR OF VINA DEL MAR AND VALPARAISO Depart from your hotel in Santiago up the Pacific coast, crossing the Coastal Mountain Range and the Casablanca and Curacavi Valleys. Your first stop will be Vina del Mar, the Garden City. You will admire all the parks and gardens. You will make stops at Quinta Vergara, Palacio Carrasco then continue along the bay, and get to visit the city's famous flower clock that has recently been re built. Next stop is Valparaiso, where you will see multi colored houses up on the hills and parks, monuments, traditional bars and restaurants. In the afternoon, you will then head back to Santiago.

RAFTING MAIPO RIVER Enjoy a full packed day rafting the Maipo river. This will include transfers and a guide, you can even book a BBQ lunch to be included as well. You will depart from your Hotel and head towards Maipo River, located 60kms from Santiago. You will have a mandatory security brief, then head on to face the rapids. This will get your adrenalin pumping and great excitement. You will arrive at Los Heroes Park approximately around 2pm and have a snack before returning to Santiago.

KIDZANIA PARK Great experience for children over 4 years. The park is based in the heart of Parque Arucano, in the middle of a big grass area with parks. Kidzania is where the kids get to role play in general jobs, like fireman, doctor, policeman, shopkeeper and so on. This is an indoor theme park of a built to scale city for children, complete with building, paved streets, and vehicles. After Kidzania you will return to your hotel.

CONCHA Y TORO WINERY TOUR Just located half an hour away from Santiago you can visit the most traditional vineyards. You will depart from your Hotel and south to a town called Pirque, where you can tour the country mansion with its beautiful park and lagoon. Have access to vineyard and learn about all the different types of vine stocks, following this you will then visit the famous wine cellar where the famous Casillero del Diablo is stored. At the end of the tour you will receive a gift wine glass and have the chance to buy more at the Wine shop. Ending the day with the drive back along the banks of Maipo River, across the residential area of Las Vertientes, looking at the countryside homes then heading back to your hotel in Santiago. (We have a wide range of Wine tours this is just one of them).



MUST SEE'S IN SANTIAGO

PLAZA DE ARMAS Considered the historical centre of Santiago, this is an important square to modern day Chile. Lined with palm trees, the square is surrounded by many historic buildings, such as the beautiful Metropolitan Cathedral, the Central Post Office and the Royal Court Palace. Within the square, locals gather to relax and painters sell their work, but in general it is a highly multicultural area. There are also many monuments, one of which is dedicated to Pedro de Valdivia, the founder of the city and conqueror of Chile. To get a taste of Santiago, the Plaza de Armas is a good place to start.

PARQUE FORESTAL With scenery as if out of a movie, this is arguably Santiago's most beautiful park, with its open greenery which stretches along the Mapocho River. It is an attractive, calm space, located in the historical downtown of the capital, where you can escape the hustle and bustle of the loud city. A few points of interest within the park are the Monument to Writers of Independence, the German Fountain and the National Museum of Fine Arts amongst many other landmarks.

LA MONEDA is the Presidential Palace of the country. With its white walls and European-style architecture, La Moneda stands proud in Santiago's centre. You can see the guard change-over, an impressive spectacle of military conduct, at 10am on alternate days. La Moneda has a gripping history: 1973 saw the bombing of the palace and the suicide of the country's Marxist leader, Salvador Allende. Visiting is free, but you run the risk of it being closed for government events. Taking a tour, although informative, can be expensive and requires pre-booking, but may be worth the effort for those particularly interested in the country's political history.

CERRO SAN CRISTÓBAL Officially called Parque Metroplitano, Cerro San Cristobal (San Cristobal Hill) sits in the middle of Santiago. You can hike (approximately 45 minutes up) or cycle to the 300-meter-high summit. Alternatively, take a funicular which stops at different levels of the hill. Amongst various other activities and attractions, you will find the National Zoo, a Japanese-style garden and two outdoor swimming pools open during the summer. At the summit is an impressive snow white 22-meter statue of the Virgin Mary looking out onto a spectacular panoramic view of the city; this view is a must see in Santiago.

MUSEO DE LA BELLAS ARTES Located in the Parque Forestal is the main art gallery in the country, the Museum of Fine Arts, also referred to as the Museum of Contemporary Art. Here you can view an extensive collection of Chilean art as well as a broader collection of South American pieces, covering the 19th century to present day. This is the oldest gallery in the continent, first established in 1880 and later moved to its current building, which has an impressive façade. Entry was made free in March 2015, opening its gates to allow everyone to enjoy its sample of Chilean culture.

TEATRO MUNICIPAL DE SANTIAGO Located in the heart of Santiago, the Municipal Theatre is another beautiful attraction, opened in 1857. As the first centre in the country for the performing arts, it has retained its prestige and is regarded as a highly important institution in Chile for the support and development of the performing arts within the country. The breathtaking architecture and enthralling atmosphere add to the whole experience of seeing a performance in the theatre, which will surely be deemed an unforgettable evening.



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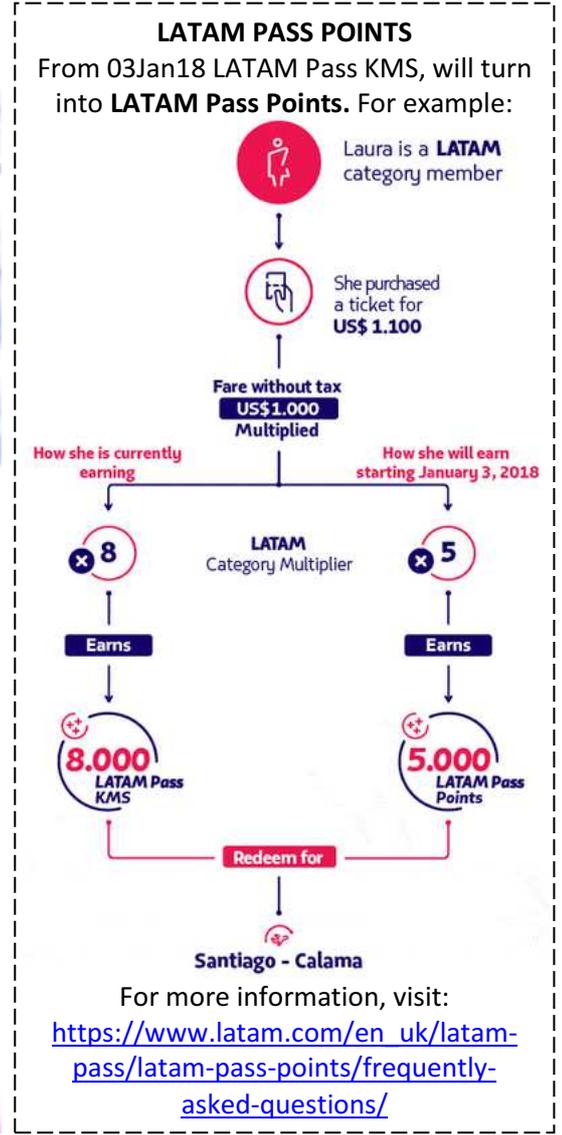
AIRFARE UPDATE!

Your update on airfares to some of your most requested destinations.

Falklands – Punta Arenas – Falklands	from £473
Falklands – Santiago – Falklands	from £661
Falklands – Auckland – Falklands	from £1623
Falklands – Sydney – Falklands	from £1781
Falklands – London – Falklands	from £1463
London – Falklands – London	from £940
Falklands – Buenos Aires – Falklands	from £749
Falklands – Miami – Falklands	from £1221
Falklands – Orlando- Falklands	from £1206
Falklands – Los Angeles – Falklands	from £1265
Falklands – Easter Island – Falklands	from £1050
Falklands – Cuzco – Falklands	from £811
Falklands – Rio de Janeiro – Falklands	from £684
Falklands – Sao Paulo – Falklands	from £642
London – Falklands – London (business)	from £3000
Falklands – London – Falklands (business)	from £3037



- Airfares are per person, from the Falkland Islands (unless stated) in gbp £ and **exclude** airport taxes.
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AIRFARES TO ST HELENA

We are very excited to announce that we are now able to offer flights to/from St Helena with South African Air Link.

You can travel to St Helena from either Cape Town or Johannesburg!

We can arrange your flights either via on the MoD flight or South America.

For more information on fares, schedules or to place a booking please contact any of our agents.



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UPCOMING CONCERTS & EVENTS

	Dropkick Murphys	02 Nov 2017	Santiago
	Green Day	12 Nov 2017	Santiago
	The Killers	27 & 28 Nov 2017	London
	Bruno Mars	28 Nov 2017	Santiago
	Arcade Fire	11 Dec 2017	Santiago
	Deep Purple	23 Dec 2017	Santiago
	Paramore	12 January 2018	London
	Lady Gaga	04 & 08 Feb 2018	London
	Rod Stewart	18 Feb 2018	Santiago
	Imagine Dragons	28 Feb & 01 Mar 2018	London
	Michael Bolton	03 Mar 2018	Santiago
	Paloma Faith	14 Mar 2018	London
	Lollapalooza	16 Mar 2018	Santiago
	30 Seconds to Mars	30 Mar 2018	London
	Harry Styles	11 & 12 Apr 2018	London
	Katy Perry	14 & 15 Jun 2018	London

Contact us for flights, accommodation & package details.

Concert tickets for Chile will have to be purchased through www.puntoticket.com.

For concerts in the UK, please check with our agents for special deals.

CHACHALACA: COLOMBIA'S COLONIAL & COFFEE CULTURE (14D from £2889pp)

On this new tour, Colombia offers you an experience of riches galore in a range of sumptuous landscapes and vibrant towns and cities. Having emerged from a period of social and political unrest, the country is resurging with a new optimism which permeates the very fibre of society both in rural villages and the vividly contrasting major cities. The welcome from its youthful, friendly people has always been warm, but now that is imbued with a tangible confidence in the future.

The dynamic capital Bogotá and romantic, Caribbean Cartagena have long been on the radar for visitors, and the gorgeous coffee region has been welcoming guests for some time to its historic fincas. Here we also take you to Villa de Leyva, a beautifully preserved Spanish colonial town; arty villages Salento, Filandia and Guatapé, and a wholly transformed Medellín, now one of the most exciting cities on the continent for the arts, entertainment and gastronomy

- Days 1-2** City tour, including a visit to the Gold Museum.
- Day 3** Drive to Villa de Leyva via Zipaquirá salt cathedral.
- Day 4** Guided visit to the varied highlights of the s area.
- Day 5** Fly to Armenia in the coffee region.
- Day 6** Guided visit to a coffee farm.
- Day 7** Guided day trip to Valle de Cocora, Salento and Filandia.
- Day 8** Travel from Armenia to Medellín by road.
- Day 9** Guided city tour of Medellín.
- Day 10** Guided visit to El Peñol and Guatapé.
- Day 11** Fly to Cartagena on the Caribbean coast.
- Day 12** Guided city tour of Cartagena.
- Day 13** Day at leisure in Cartagena.
- Day 14** Transfer to airport for international flight.

This exciting programme is based on double occupancy, the price is subject to availability at the time of booking and excludes flights. For the full itinerary, flights prices, availability, suggested additional activities or more information, please contact any of our agents.



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JEWELS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND CRUISE

Go on an exciting adventure of Australasia through Sydney, Auckland and the wonderful Fiordland National Park. Where you will visit the great Sydney with its stunning harbour views, before you embark on to the Diamond Princess for your trip, where you will get to explore the beautiful natural Fiorland National park, then go on to explore stylish Melbourne's, Gothic Dunedin, historic French seaside town Akaroa, sprawling harbour side Tauranga and lively Auckland with is vibrant downtown bars. The ship has a choice of 8 restaurants and 10 bars/cafes. You can go relax at one of the 4 swimming pools, 8 hot tubs, or the spar. Enjoy a work out in the gym beforehand. You can watch movies under the stars, enjoy the theatre, Casino and Skywalkers nightclub, there is a little something for everyone's interest.

Day 1 Arrive in Sydney and enjoy a 3-night stay in a 4* Hotel. Leisure time to explore the city and do a spot of shopping.

Day 2 Explore Sydney with the Darling Harbour experience pass. The pass include access to Wildlife world, where you can get up close with kangaroos, koalas and colourful butterflies, the Sydney Aquarium with over 11,500 species and Sydney tower where you can enjoy 360 degree views.

Day 3 You will enjoy the spectacular Blue Mountains and see native wildlife. Travel through Katoomba the heart of the Blue Mountains resort. you can enjoy an easy walk through the rainforest.

Day 4 Transfer from your Hotel to the cruise port in Sydney, to embark on to the Diamond princess for your 12-night cruise of Australia and New Zealand. Lunch and Dinner included.

Day 5-15 The cruise: Have a life time experience onboard the Diamond Princess traveling around Australia and New Zealand. Enjoy the stylish and arty city of Melbourne, the sporting capital before sailing on to Tasmania and soaking up the atmosphere of Hobart. Traveling on next to Fiordland National park to enjoy the beautiful scenery. next up on the trip is Dunedin where you can learn the Scottish and Maori heritage of the area before going wildlife spotting in Akaroa and then enjoying some water sports in Tauranga before ending your wonderful cruise experience in Auckland. Breakfast, Lunch and dinner are included.

Day 16 This is when you will disembark the ship in Auckland and spend a 3-night stay in a 4* hotel. evening at leisure. breakfast is included before departing.

Day 17-18 Enjoy a full 2 days in lovely Auckland, going on a city highlights tour to discover the city's history and stroll along some of the awe-inspiring beaches.

Day 19 Check out of Hotel and travel to Auckland Airport.

This cruise is available in Dec 17, Jan-Feb 18, Oct 18, Dec 18 and Jan-Feb 19. Prices from £2179.00 p/person. Contact any of our agents for a full quote or more details.

Please note:

- Prices are subject to change without notice.
- Subject to availability at the time of booking and actual travel dates.
- All information expressed in this newsletter is quoted at the current rate of exchange USD/GBP which is subject to change.

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