



Seabourn Ovation to Call on Exotic Destinations, Unesco Sites and More During First-Ever Asia Cruise Season

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SEATTLE, September 6, 2018 – [Seabourn](#), the world's finest ultra-luxury cruise line, will return to [Asia](#) in late 2018 and early 2019 with an exciting schedule of voyages aboard its newest ship, *Seabourn Ovation*. From the natural splendors of Vietnam and Thailand to the modern skylines and urban culture of Hong Kong and Singapore, the yacht-like ship will visit an array of exotic destinations and fascinating cities, as well as offer a variety of optional shore excursions and pre- and post-cruise Seabourn Journeys to UNESCO World Heritage Sites, in this inspiring part of the world.

"Asia has so many cities and towns on the must-see list of travelers and it's easy to see why with its diverse culture, rich history and beautiful landscapes and scenery," said Chris Austin, Seabourn's senior vice president of Global Marketing & Sales. "We designed the voyages for Seabourn Ovation's inaugural season in Asia to take travelers to many of the most intriguing cities, including a number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, while sailing on the world's finest resort at sea."

[Seabourn Ovation's](#) first season in Asia will begin in Singapore with a series of five [14-day Vietnam & Thailand voyages](#) between Singapore and Hong Kong (departing December 22, 2018, and January 5, January 19, February 16 and March 2, 2019). These itineraries will feature a coveted overnight stay at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's largest city, bustling with culture and French colonial architecture that is also a gateway to a visit on the Mekong Delta. The voyages will also feature the line's popular Caviar in the Surf beach parties at Ko Kood in Thailand, a quaint island with sweeping sand beaches, as well as an extended day at scenic Halong Bay in Vietnam, allowing for optional excursions to the capital city of Hanoi with its blend of Asian and French heritage.

The season will also include a [14-day Gems of the South China Sea voyage](#) from Hong Kong to Singapore (departing February 2, 2019), visiting destinations such as Xiamen, China and an overnight call in Manila, Philippines, providing options for appealing 28-day combo cruises with the Vietnam & Thailand voyages.

Seabourn Ovation is the second of two ships designed by hospitality design icon Adam D. Tihany. The ship features all oceanfront suites with private verandas, along with modern design elements and innovations in keeping with Seabourn's reputation for understated elegance, as well as one additional deck, expanded public areas and a brand-new, al fresco dining venue, "Earth & Ocean at The Patio™".

[Seabourn Sojourn](#) will also sail in Asia as part of its Extended Explorations voyages, which allow a more in-depth experience in a particular region. The season includes:

- ["Jewels of Southeast Asia"](#): Singapore to Shanghai (Departs April 10; 18 Days) – Sail to ports in Malaysia, Cambodia, Vietnam, and the People's Republic of China including Hong Kong, as well as Taiwan, and Ishigaki, Japan.

Seabourn will offer travelers many opportunities and unique experiences to discover the region, with special programming such as **Shopping with the Chef** excursions, which allow guests to learn about local food markets and see how the freshest ingredients are selected. The ships' talented culinary team will also whip

up regionally inspired cuisine using local seasonal produce and seafood. To further enhance the guest experience, the voyages will also feature a number of special guest speakers, including historian and destination experts as part of the line's Seabourn Conversations program, who will provide valuable insight and knowledge of this captivating region.

In addition, thanks to Seabourn's relationship as the official cruise partner of UNESCO World Heritage, the itineraries will offer optional shore excursions to a number of **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**, featuring enhanced content and providing more opportunities for guests to experience the local culture and history. Sample shore excursions to UNESCO World Heritage sites include [Ha Long Bay](#) in Vietnam's Gulf of Tonkin while sailing by some of an estimated 1,969 islands. Others may choose a three-day mid-cruise overland tour to [Angkor Wat](#) in Cambodia, one of the most important archaeological sites in Southeast Asia that was once the center of the Khmer Kingdom. A full list of excursions is available on the Seabourn website.

Seabourn will also offer a number of in-depth immersive pre and post-sailing experiences connected to these Asia itineraries. Seabourn Journeys will include: "[UNESCO Treasure of China: Beijing, Xi'an & Hong Kong](#)," and "[UNESCO Cambodia: Phnom Penh & the Temples Of Angkor](#)". These pre- and post-cruise land extensions allow guests additional opportunities to further explore and experience Asia and its diverse culture and sights beyond the ship.

Seabourn represents the pinnacle of ultra-luxury travel with intimate ships offering key elements that set the line apart: spacious, thoughtfully appointed all-suite accommodations, many with verandas and all 100% ocean front; superb dining in a choice of venues; complimentary premium spirits and fine wines available on board at all times; award-winning service and a relaxed, sociable atmosphere that makes guests feel right at home on board. The ships travel the globe to many of the world's most desirable destinations, including marquee cities, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and lesser-known ports and hideaways.

For reservations or more information, contact a travel professional; call Seabourn at 1-800-929-9391 or visit www.seabourn.com.

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