

## The Best New Cruise Ships & Itineraries: 2019 Hot List

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*The top ships and routes to launch last year included a designer vessel to give the leading hotels a run for their money, as well as the most intimate access into the Seychelles.*



We trust the cruise industry to be our tick-all-the-boxes partner to get us exactly where we want to be, in the most cutting-edge way possible. Truth is, few forms of travel can get us into those hard-to-explore nooks and crannies (not to mention seaside towns) quite like a ship. Throw in topline culinary and design partnerships as well as the most inventive on-the-ground excursions, and **cruising** may just be the most satisfying way to travel. Below, our 2019 **Hot List** picks of the best new ships and itineraries to launch this past year. *Click [here](#) to view the full lineup of the year's best new hotels.*



Courtesy Silversea

## **Silversea** *Silver Spirit*

Hats off to Silversea for dishing out more than \$70 million on the all-inclusive 608-passenger *Silver Spirit*, transforming the nearly decade-old vessel to equal—if not outshine—the luxury line’s flagship, *Silver Muse*. The big new midsection has a larger pool and more outdoor space, with chic seating on nine decks. Yet what really stands out is the major design overhaul, which includes Art Deco flourishes and elegant modern Italian furniture, mostly cream and beige with pops of warm reds and blues. Plus—and this is important—the food is the best Silversea has ever served. That staid main dining room is gone; with four new restaurants, there are now blistered Neapolitan pies topped with D.O.C. 26-month-aged Parmigiano-Reggiano at Spaccanapoli, insanely juicy Argentine steaks at the Restaurant, and big bowls of pho and fiery lamb curry at Indochine. With *Silver Spirit*, Silversea shows that it knows what cruisers want now. [silversea.com](http://silversea.com). From \$3,400 per person, based on double occupancy.