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I'm Jana Nishi Yuen and following are some of my long form design projects. Enjoy!

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CHALLENGE

Microsoft wanted to create branded messaging around it's reinforcement learning research group and get people inspired about it. Folks outside of the group weren't quite sure how it fit into the broader artificial intelligence landscape at Microsoft and it's identity, values and beliefs seemed a tad murky.

I share this project to demonstrate my conceptual thinking in communicating an idea that was, at the time, difficult to explain and show. This was done several years ago before chatgpt or generative ai were everyday words.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

How might we get people excited about reinforcement learning and it's role at Microsoft? What kind of images can represent reinforcement learning?

SOLUTION

Reinforcement learning is exactly what it says: learning through decisions guided by feedback from the environment, where outcomes reinforce good or bad choices, enabling systems to learn.

Inspired by the "yes, and" principle from improvisational comedy, the concept emphasizes continual building upon previous actions. Using an inspirational imagery overlaid with a matrix of dots, the design symbolizes the vast possibilities of reinforcement learning. The dots serve as a versatile graphical device, transforming into various illustrations to convey potential applications.

IMPACT

The client was very happy and used the deck extensively to spread the word of reinforcement learning.

For thousands of years, humans have learned via reinforcement learning, helping us distinguish a good choice from a bad one. Once we learn a lesson, we use what we've learned to move forward. But that simple principle hasn't been able to be applied to machine learning.

Until now...

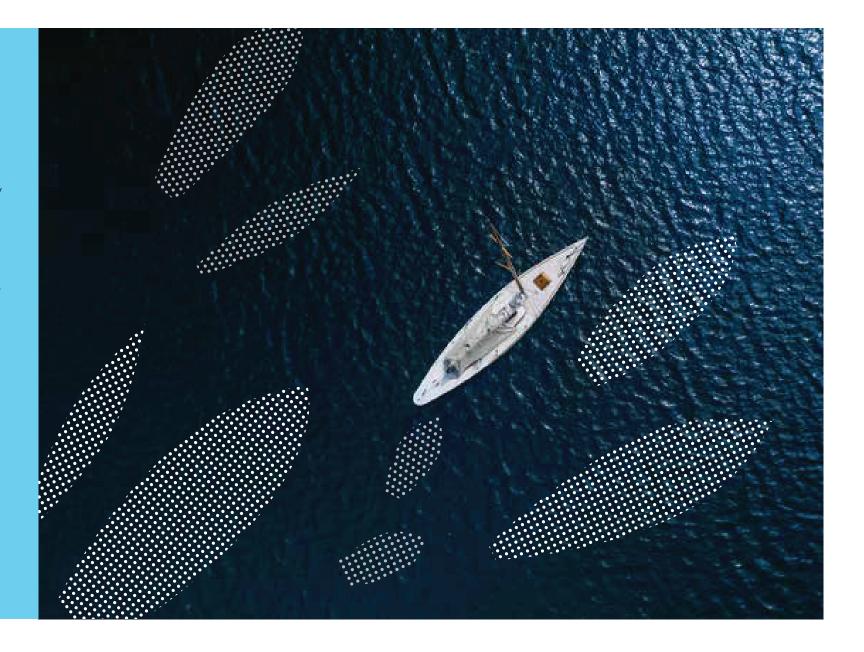


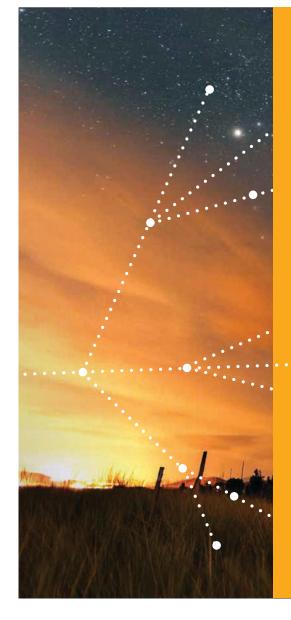
...asking "what if" thousands of times per second...

There are so many possibilities for the application of reinforcement learning that it's easy to overlook how it's already transforming the tools we use every day. Microsoft allows you to deploy, manage, and infuse intelligence into your systems from the cloud.

No matter where the future of reinforcement learning leads us, Microsoft will be leading the conversation because of our commitment to an ecosystem of solutions. We're part of an open partner ecosystem of industry leaders that will help ensure interoperability and scale into the future. Can we help chart that future safely and reliably?

Yes. And...





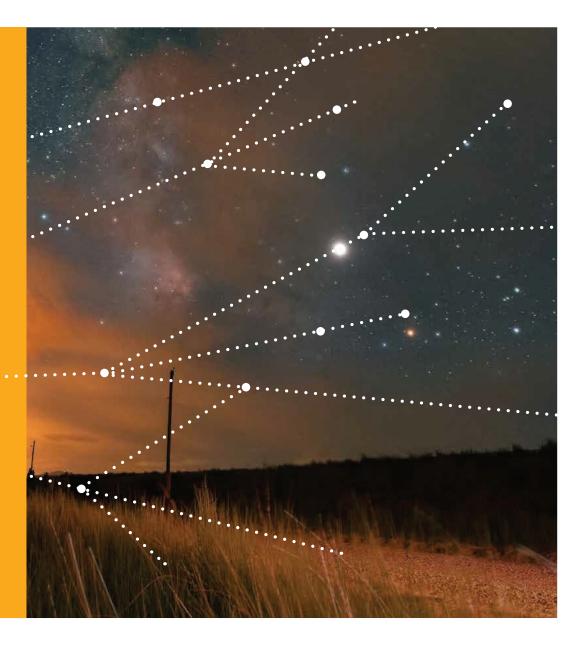
...designing algorithms to help choose the best algorithm...

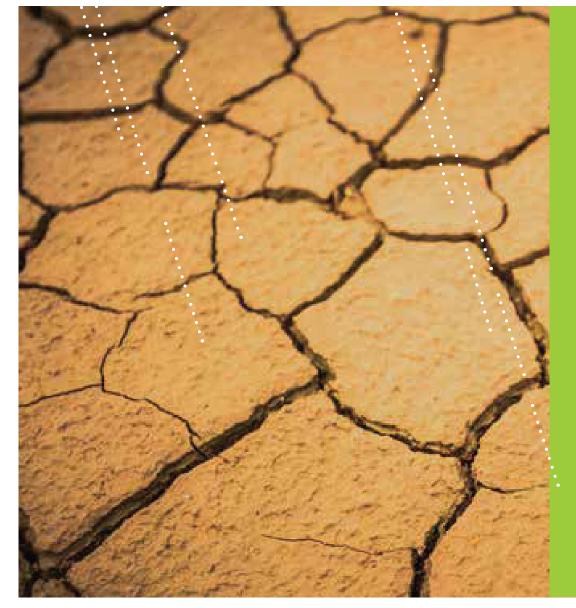
Deep reinforcement algorithms are impressive—especially when we put them to work for us. At Microsoft, we train several of them simultaneously and make them compete. After extensive testing, our system yields a better final performance than any single architecture on its own. Through research like this, we're learning how best to manage autonomous systems responsibly with explainable and auditable predictions and leverage built-in mechanisms that enable fail-safe modes.

Reinforcement learning products from Microsoft provide responsible use guidelines so you can be secure with the intelligence in your products or services. Can we consistently use those guidelines to get technology into the hands of those who can use it?

Yes.

And...

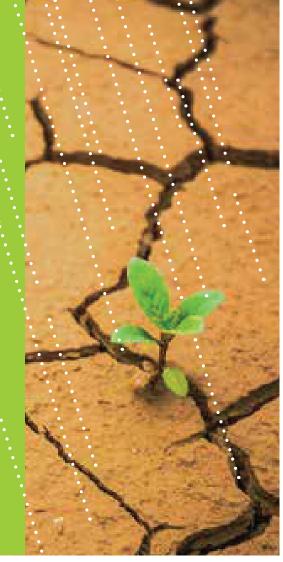




...creating technology designed to create tools of lasting value...

At Microsoft, we believe in making technology useful, accessible, and available to those who need it today. It's a fundamental difference in our operating philosophy, one that's deeply ingrained in how we work.

Do these high standards translate into practical application?



Yes. And...



...bringing reinforcement learning to life...

We give our researchers the freedom to explore possibilities, supporting them from promising ideas to powerful technology.

From transfer learning to contextual bandits, from agriculture to manufacturing, we are relentlessly focused on breaking ideas out of the lab and into the world. If you want to make a difference in the real world and create tools of lasting value for the next generation and beyond, welcome to Microsoft. Are we setting a higher standard for the industry every day?

Yes.

And...

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Serving the communities of Seattle, the Seattle Public Library (SPL) and it's branches originally adopted the logo system that all city departments had: a circular corporate mark, a globe for libraries, (in a book silhouette) with some type. SPL wanted a new identity that better reflected who they were and represent the vast network of neighborhood libraries. When they sent out their RFP (request for proposal) they asked for the organization to pitch some ideas as part of the overall proposal. As a manner of business decorum, designers follow AIGA guidelines to not engage in "spec" work.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

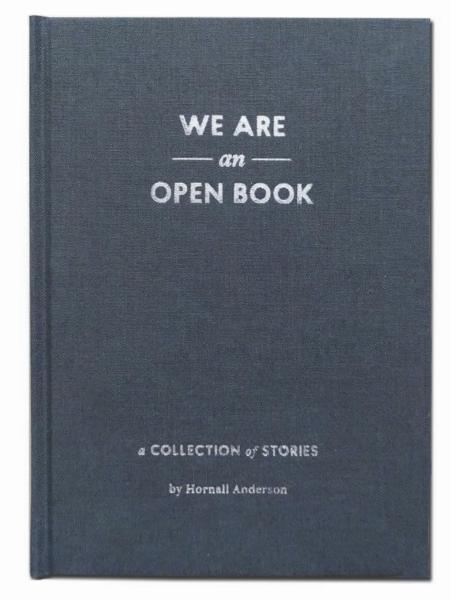
How might we win the work to redo the library identity without doing "spec" work?

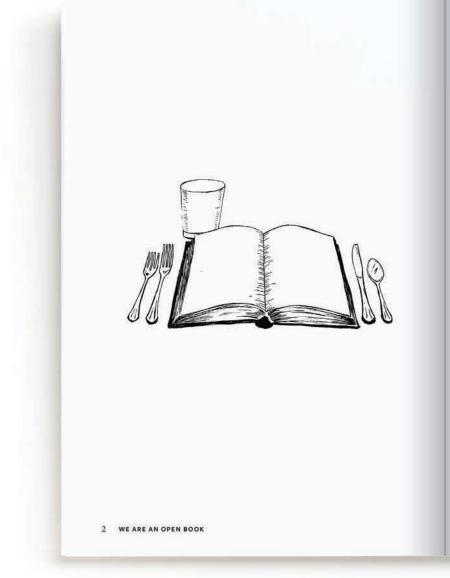
SOLUTION

We designed a book on why we love libraries, putting into words our stories and fond memories, demonstrating strong conceptual thinking and design prowess.

IMPACT

We won the work!





The Library is an access hub to the world and beyond, through imagination and story.

It's where we get books for our whole family—books that allow us to creatively explore together with our children, or to independently unwind and immerse ourselves.

The Seattle Central Library is my favorite lunchtime retreat.

Within a few blocks of work, I get to pick out new stories for my kids while visiting one of the most interesting buildings in the world.

Rob Zwiebel

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, FOR ME, MEANS

THE LIBRARY, FOR ME, MEANS ACCESS.

ACCESS TO BOOKS, TO MAGAZINES,

TO VIDEOS. IT MEANS DISCOVERY—A

NEW BOOK, A NEW E-BOOK, A GREAT

DOCUMENTARY, COUNTLESS MAGAZINES

AND NEWSPAPERS, ALL THERE FOR ME

TO EXPLORE. I USUALLY GO WITH NO

AGENDA IN MIND, WALKING THE AISLES

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT CATCHES

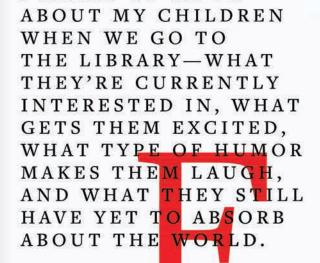
MY EYE. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO ESCAPE

THE CRAZY CITY LIFE FOR AN HOUR OR

TWO. AND... IT'S FREE.

LOVE, LOVE OUR LIBRARY.

Mandy Robertson



I LEARN SO MUCH

Angela Gamba

HORNALL ANDERSON 59

I AM AN IMPULSIVE PERSON.

THE LIBRARY'S APP AND WEBSITE
ALLOW ME TO QUEUE UP ANY BOOK OR
ALBUM I HAPPEN TO HEAR ABOUT. IT'S
WAITING FOR ME ON MY OWN DIGITAL
SHELF, WITH MY NAME ON IT, A FEW
DAYS LATER.

I LOVE THAT THE COLLECTION IS HUGE AND THAT I CAN FIND MOST ANYTHING, AND THAT I HAVE THE OPTION OF SUGGESTING ITEMS FOR PURCHASE IF I CAN'T.

TRUTHFULLY, IF I HAD TO GO
FIND THE MATERIALS IN PERSON, I
WOULD PROBABLY END UP GETTING
SIDETRACKED BY PIZZA, OR
SOMETHING.

I AM AN IMPULSIVE PERSON.

Pete Gibson



56 WE ARE AN OPEN BOOK



The library represents a commitment: to provide readily accessible information and resources for everyone, which is one of the best things we can do for this city. It's also the place that allowed my childhood imagination come to life. Whenever I visit the library, I still feel that same electric energy of a million books, just waiting to be devoured.

Katie Lee

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CHALLENGE

1001 Fourth Avenue (now the Safeco Building) is a classic post-modern skyscraper built in the late 1960's. It was slated to undergo a huge internal renovation in hopes of attracting a new major tenant. I was brought onboard to rebrand it as the class A-rated building that it continued to be and create a marketing package the sales team could use. The building needed to compete with the newer built skyscrapers changing the landscape with community roof tops, open office concepts and interesting materials.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

How might I rebrand the majestic 1001 Fourth Avenue building so that it could compete for tenants, while respecting and being proud of it's history and classic lines.

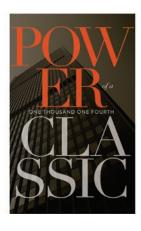
SOLUTION

I doubled down on the architecture's imposing strength and simplistic beauty. I demonstrated that legacy and tradition were meaningful, resilient and relevant. I developed the typical marketing materials of a folder, business cards and letterhead and surprised with a smaller, more intimate brochure. We also printed posters echoing the imagery and typography of the brochure to have on display for tours.

IMPACT

The management team went on to secure Safeco as it's major tenant which continues to occupy most of it. The building was renamed Safeco Building.

- Small 5"x8"
- Quick turning.
- One statement per page.
- Tell the story of the building and the values and beliefs it upholds: the mantra of the building.









Cover

Page type - full color/full bleed

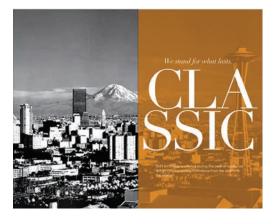
Copy – We are built to last. Like your Business. STRONG.1001 Fourth is a place that embodies enduring virtues: strength and stability, integrity and intensity. Like you, it's powerful, focused, and unmistakably clear.

Page type - B/W with color overlay

Copy – We mean BUSINESS. Located at Seattle's business, legal and financial core, 1001 Fourth is filled with forward-thinking businesses like yours. If you're serious about success, this is the place for you.

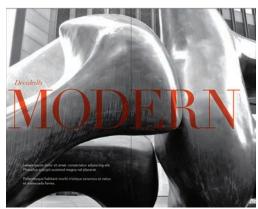
Page type - full color/full bleed

Copy – We embrace the UNFORGETTABLE. 1001 Fourth is more than a building: it's a community. One that never misses a chance for a Blue Angels rooftop party or a charity drive for a good cause.









Page type - Historical Imagery

Copy – We stand for what lasts. Bold architecture created during the peak of modernist design conveys lasting confidence from the skyline to the interior.

Page type - Stats Page

Copy – Mix of current, historical, business and/or little known facts about building.

- tons of granite in base
- floorplate square footage
- longest tenant occupancy
- # vaults

Page type - Full color with Overlay

Copy – We support your VISION Flexible floor plates and up-to-date systems enable you to achieve your vision of the ideal workspace—and we are here to help you make the most of this opportunity.

Page type - Close-up Details

Copy - Decidedly MODERN







Folder inside: Pocket with amenities fact sheet.

Look Book (cover) nested in frame



CHALLENGE

Holland America Line is a classic, beautiful, service-oriented cruise line that upholds the tradition and romance of sailing the seas of the world. Our challenge each and every year was to design with that tradition in mind, but with fresh imagery and dynamic layouts that both conveyed important cruise details but also made you want to be where ever the ship would take you.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

How might we develop a communication piece that is a workhorse, full of important cruise information and also differentiate the adventure and allure of cruising with Holland America Line?

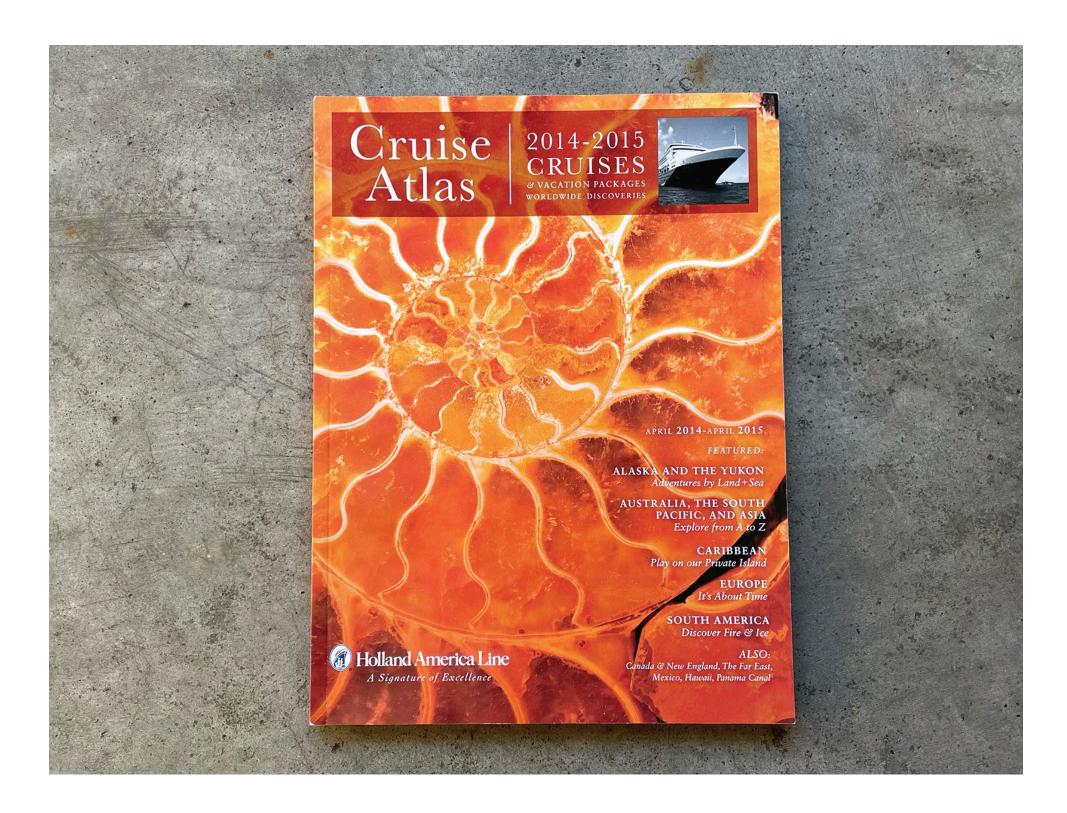
SOLUTION

The brochures featured more of a magazine, editorial style way of communicating the benefits and features of cruising with Holland America Line. The articles were written as first person engagements, infused with many moments of their traditionally famous intuitive and unobtrusive service.

Along with the traditional cruise brochures, we designed large 34"x22" posters that could serve both as inspiration on the walls and fold down to 8.5"x11" for easy handling.

IMPACT

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THE ULTIMATE ALASKA CRUISE

The best of Alaska's glaciers and coastal towns are yours, with perfectly sized



THE PREMIER DENALI EXPERIENCE

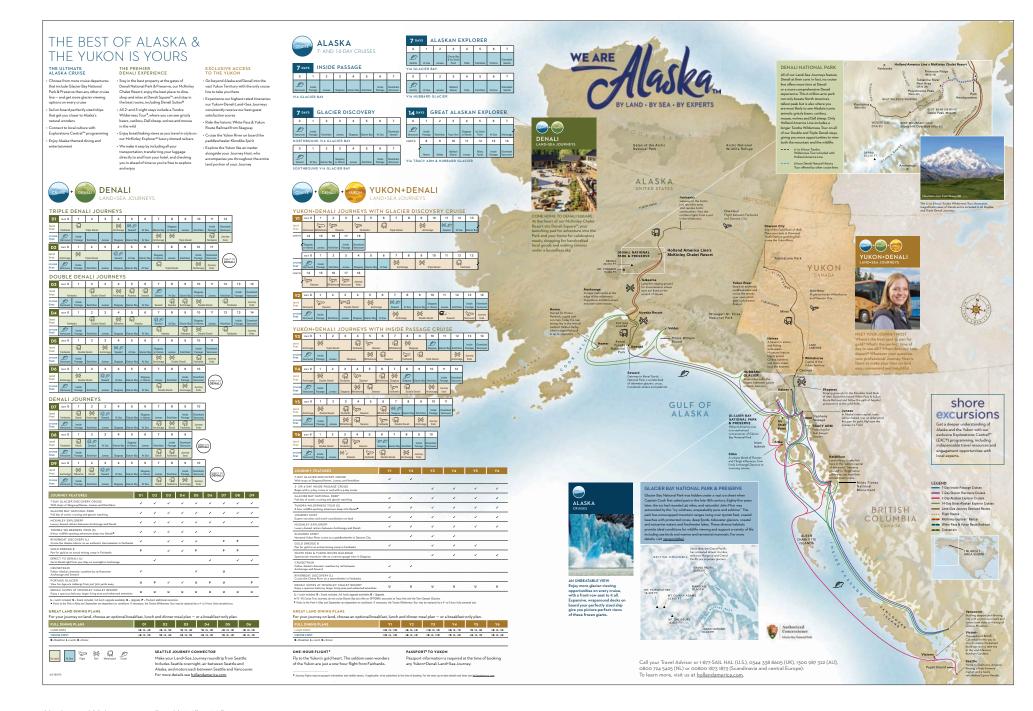
Our Denali Land+Sea Journeys combine the best of an Alaska cruise with the



EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO THE YUKON

Embark on a voyage where adventure waits at every turn with the only cruise







EUROPE

NORWEGIAN FJORDS

Blessed with otherworldly beauty, Norway's breathtaking fjords, plunging waterfalls and charming villages are proudly on display. Sall across the Arctic Circle and discover the stark, windswept brilliance of Honningswig and the North Cape. Hike to the top of Pulpit Rock in Stavanger for a stunning view. Spend a day in Álesund, dubbed Norway's lovellest city.

NORTHERN ISLES

Europe's northern islands are lush, lively and brimming with legends. Follow in the footsteps of the "Fab Four" in Liverpool, from Penny Lane to Strawberry Fields. Keep your eyes peeled for the elusive Nessie as you visit the fabled Loch Ness. Soak in the waters of the world's most famous geothermal spa—leeland's celebrated Blue Lagoor

BALTIC SEA

Grand palaces, medieval towns and fairly-tale charm fill your voyage with magical delight. In St. Petersburg see Russia at its most spectacular, from the gilded St. Catherine's Palace to the magnificent Hermitage. Contrast medieval frescoes with chic shops in Aarhus, one of Scandinavia's oldest cities. Walk Stockholm's Gamla Stan, awash in cobbled streets and colorful buildings.



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ENJOY OVERNIGHT STAYS IN POPULAR PORTS

Europe's landmark cities shine brightly at night, which is why we offer overnight stays in many of the most popular cities including Barcelona, Dublin, Venice and St. Petersburg. In 2020 we're adding overnights in

TRANSFORM YOUR TRAVEL WITH EXPLORATIONS CENTRAL™ Go beyond the usual tourist track and connect with Europe's cities and

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Deepen your understanding of Europe's cultures with special culinary programs like immersive shore excursions in partnership with FOOD & WINE® magazine and hands-on cooking demonstrations with local chefs as well as authentic recional dining on board.

EXPERIENCE THE PLEASURES OF YOUR PERFECTLY SIZED SHIP

Spacious surroundings, sophisticated staterooms and suites, unrivaled dining and the best live music at sea take your journey to new heights.

WESTERN EUROPE

Moorish marvels, sparkling rivieras and seaside villages dot your path along the Mediterranean as centuries of culture unfold before your eyes. Explore Monte Carlo, taking time to people-watch at an elegant cafe. Learn the secrets to authentic Neapolitan pizza in Naples. Take in a thrilling flamenco performance over tapas and

ADRIATIC & GREECE

Treasures from the distant past and marvels of the modern era rise to greet you. Wander Istanbul's Sultranhmet neighborhood, brimming with palaces, temples and mosques from the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman eras. Swim in Kotor's famous Blue Cave, whose indescent waters bathe the entire cavern in ever-shifting shades of blue. Find a quiet corner of Santorini to sake in the unforgetable views of its breathtaking caldera.

TRANSATLANTIC & COLLECTORS' VOYAGES

For those who seek to balance leisure with discovery, nothing tops a Transallantic cruise. Blissful days at sea pair perfectly with the anticipation of new ports on the horizon. Or for an extended exploration of Europe, a Collectors' Voyage beckons. Nearly every one of our Europe voyages can be combined, back-to-back, with another to form an in-depth saling offering special savings and few or no repeating ports.





NORWEGIAN FJORDS

SHIP	CRUISE	DAYS	CRUISE FROM	CRUISE TO	DEPARTURES
Nieuw Statendam	Viking Sagas	7	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	May 3, 31, Jun 28, Jul 26, Aug 23
Rotterdam	Viking Sagas	7	Rotterdam	Rotterdam	May 23; Jun 13; Jul 18; Aug 8
Rotterdam	Norse Legends	7	Rotterdam	Rotterdam	May 16; Jun 20; Jul 11; Aug 15
Nieuw Statendam	Norse Legends	7	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	May 24; Jun 21; Jul 19; Aug 16
Rotterdam	Majestic Fjords	10	Rotterdam	Rotterdam	Apr 22
Nieuw Statendam	Voyage of the Midnight Sun	14	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	Jun 7, Jul 5

BALTIC SEA

SHIP	CRUISE	DAYS	CRUISE FROM	CRUISE TO	DEPARTURES
Zuiderdam	Jewels of the Baltic	10	Copenhagen	Copenhagen	Jul 16; Aug 9
Rotterdam	Jewels of the Baltic	14	Rotterdam	Rotterdam	May 2; Sep 19
Nieuw Statendam	Jewels of the Baltic	14	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	May 10, Aug 30
Veserdom	Baltic Evolorer	14	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	May 23: Jul 25

FEATURED ITINERARY

14-DAY JEWELS OF THE BALTIC

Copenhagen offers ample opportunity to sample local fare su
the renowned red sausage. An overnight in St. Petersburg giv
more time to explore the city's acclaimed art scene, including



NORTHERN ISLES

SHIP	CRUISE	DAYS	CRUISE FROM	CRUISE TO	DEPARTURES
Veendam	British Isles Explorer	14	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	May 9, Jul 11
Rotterdam	North Cape	14	Rotterdam	Rotterdam	May 30; Jul 25
Veendam	North Cape & Gems of Norway Explorer	14	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	Jun 6; Aug 8
Rotterdam	Northern Isles	14	Rotterdam	Rotterdam	Jun 27, Aug 22
Zuiderdam	Northern Isles	14	Copenhagen	Copenhagen	Jul 2, 26
Nieuw Statendam	Northern Isles	14	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	Aug 2
Rotterdam	Irish & Scottish Adventure	14	Rotterdam	Rotterdam	Sep 5
Veendam	Spitsbergen & Icelandic Fjords Explorer	21	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	Jun 20



WESTERN EUROPE

SHIP	CRUISE	DAYS	CRUISE FROM	CRUISE TO	DEPARTURES
Nieuw Statendam	Mediterranean Dream	10	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Oct 5
Nieuw Amsterdam	Ancient Treasures	- 11	Barcelona	Barcelona	Apr 17
Nieuw Amsterdam	Mediterranean Tapestry	12	Barcelona	Venice	Apr 28; Aug 2
Zuiderdam	European Splendor	12	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Copenhagen	Jun 20
Nieuw Amsterdam	Mediterranean Romance	12	Venice	Barcelona	Jul 21, Oct 13
Nieuw Statendam	Iberian Adventure	12	Amsterdam	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Sep 13
Nieuw Amsterdam	Ancient Empires	12	Barcelona	Barcelona	Oct 25
Rotterdam	Iberian Adventure	14	Rotterdam	Barcelona	Oct 3
Veendam	European River Explorer	17	Amsterdam	Venice	Aug 22

ADRIATIC & GREECE

SHIP	CRUISE	DAYS	CRUISE FROM	CRUISE TO	DEPARTURES
Nieuw Statendam	Mediterranean Mosaic	10	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Sep 25
Nieuw Amsterdam	Greek Odyssey	12	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Venice	May 22; Jun 27; Aug 26; Oct 1
Zuiderdam	Greek Odyssey	12	Civitavecchia (Rome)		May 3
Nieuw Amsterdam	Adriatic Dream	12	Venice	Civitavecchia (Rome)	May 10, Jun 15, Aug 14, Sep 19
Zuiderdam	Adriatic Dream	12	Venice	Civitavecchia (Rome)	May 27
Nieuw Amsterdam	Mediterranean Empires	12	Venice	Venice	Jun 3; Jul 9; Sep 7
Zuiderdam	Mediterranean Empires	12	Venice	Venice	May 15
Zuiderdam	Turkey & Greece	12	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Jun 8
Nieuw Statendam	Mediterranean Mosaic	12	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Oct 15
Veendam	Turkey & Greek Isles Explorer	14	Venice	Venice	Sep 8
Veendam	Holy Land & Ancient Kingdoms Explorer	14	Venice	Venice	Sep 22
Veendom	Turkey & Greek Isles Explorer	14	Venice	Civitavecchia (Rome)	Oct 6

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