

Luxury 51-country, 8-month cruise sets sail

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Have you ever wanted to go on a luxury cruise? The cruise of a lifetime set sail from London on Sunday. It could set the Guinness World Record for the longest cruise ever. It is called the Ultimate World

Cruise. The 245-day voyage will visit 51 countries on six continents. The cruise ship Viking Sun will dock at 111 ports as it sails all the way around the world. The chairman of Viking said: "For more than 20 years we have been committed to connecting travelers to...experiences that allow them to explore the world in comfort. Our Ultimate World Cruise is the most extensive itinerary available in the industry....I am pleased to offer such a unique experience for our guests."

The luxury cruise isn't cheap. The 930 passengers have paid a minimum of \$81,000 each to sail around the world. Even at this price, all tickets have been sold. Guests will be able to live in luxury while on the high seas. The ship has eight restaurants that offer 245 different menus - a different menu for every day of the cruise. Guest chefs will create special menus to reflect the destination. A Viking spokesman said: "There is more food than you can ever imagine. But we also have a wellness theme throughout the cruise, so you can look after your nutrition." The ship also has two swimming pools, a Nordic spa, and a snow grotto where snowflakes fall from the ceiling.

Sources:

theguardian.com / dailymail.com / cruiseindustrynews.com

Writing

A cruise holiday is better than a railway holiday. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

luxury / cruise / lifetime / voyage / continents / connecting / travelers / comfort / cheap / passengers / minimum / seas / menu / destination / food / imagine / snow

True / False

- a) A luxury cruise will set sail from London next Sunday. T / F
- b) The cruise is set to be the longest cruise ever. T / F
- c) The cruise ship will stop at 111 ports on its 245-day voyage. T / F
- d) The cruise company has been helping travelers for over 20 years. T / F
- e) The most expensive ticket on the cruise is \$81,000. T / F
- f) Guests will enjoy a different menu every day for the whole voyage. T / F
- g) A spokesman said there might not be enough food at the end. T / F
- h) The cruise ship has eight swimming pools. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. set sail | a. health club |
| 2. ultimate | b. devoted |
| 3. voyage | c. journey's end |
| 4. committed | d. best |
| 5. itinerary | e. give |
| 6. minimum | f. travel plan |
| 7. offer | g. leave port |
| 8. destination | h. topic |
| 9. theme | i. journey |
| 10. spa | j. lower limit |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you think of the price of the cruise?
- c) What is luxury for you?
- d) What is the most luxurious experience you've had?
- e) Would you like a different menu every day for 245 days?
- f) What do you do to look after your nutrition?
- g) What three adjectives best describe this news story?
- h) What questions would you like to ask one of the passengers?

Phrase Match

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| 1. The cruise of a | a. minimum of \$81,000 |
| 2. The 245-day voyage will | b. experience |
| 3. connecting | c. can ever imagine |
| 4. allow them to explore | d. visit 51 countries |
| 5. I am pleased to offer such a unique | e. every day of the cruise |
| 6. The 930 passengers have paid a | f. lifetime |
| 7. Even at this price, all tickets | g. from the ceiling |
| 8. a different menu for | h. travelers |
| 9. There is more food than you | i. have been sold |
| 10. snowflakes fall | j. the world in comfort |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of cruises?
- What would you do on a luxury cruise?
- What do you think of the idea of 51-country cruise?
- What is your holiday of a lifetime?
- What would a 245-day holiday be like?
- What are the countries you most want to visit?
- What is the world's best continent?
- Which is better - traveling by ship or train?

Spelling

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- snowflakes fall from the ecnigli

Answers – Synonym Match

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6. j	7. e	8. c	9. h	10. a

Role Play

Role A – Cabins

You think cabins are the best things about cruises. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these reasons (and why): destinations, sea views or other passengers.

Role B – Destinations

You think the destinations are the best things about cruises. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these reasons (and why): cabins, sea views or other passengers.

Role C – Sea Views

You think sea views are the best things about cruises. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these reasons (and why): destinations, cabins or other passengers.

Role D – Other Passengers

You think other passengers are the best things about cruises. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these reasons (and why): destinations, sea views or cabins.

Speaking – Cruises

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about cruises at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • other passengers | • cabins |
| • entertainment | • destinations |
| • sea air | • food |
| • fishing | • sea views |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	T	d	T	e	F	f	T	g	F	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.