

# Wild Earth Travel

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## CRUISE WEST AFRICA: THE SLAVERY COAST

Embark on the remarkable journey of Cruise West Africa: The Slavery Coast, an incredible luxury cruise along the vibrant coastline of West Africa. Launching from Tema, near Accra in Ghana, the voyage meanders through culturally rich places like Freetown and Elmina, among others, before reaching its finale in the dynamic city of Dakar, Senegal. Throughout your expedition, you'll encounter an array of fascinating destinations. Discover Freetown, known for its Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary and rich heritage. Explore the enchanting Bijagos Archipelago with its lush biodiversity and cultural treasures. As you wander through Elmina, the historic castle stands testament to the area's poignant past, while Abidjan unveils its robust arts scene. Each stop delves deeper into West Africa's untold stories. The itinerary brims with engaging activities that promise both enlightenment and entertainment. Shore excursions invite you to traverse historical sites, observe incredible wildlife, and indulge in cultural narratives. Explore vibrant cityscapes, relish authentic local cuisines, and participate in hands-on workshops like batik making or traditional drumming. Each moment on this luxury cruise transforms the journey into an enriching tapestry of memories.



### ITINERARY

#### Days 0 - 1 - Pre Cruise & Tema (Accra)

Tema is a short drive from Ghana's fast-paced capital, Accra, a city that's culturally rich, modern and historic all at once. European-built forts and Black Star Independence Square's public monuments offer a glimpse at the past. The neighbourhood of Jamestown, a 17th-century fishing community with old colonial buildings, is its pulse with an art scene and local bites like waakye - rice and beans with sides - at a low-key 'chop bar'.

#### Days 2 - 3 - Elmina

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A solemn reminder of the past, 15th century Elmina Castle in Ghana was a key slave trade hub, originally protecting gold trade before Dutch and British slave trade involvement. This UNESCO site exemplified the era's contradictions, with Europeans in luxurious quarters above filthy, cramped slave dungeons. The infamous Door of No Return opened to ships on the gruelling Middle Passage.

#### Day 4 - Abidjan

A city pulsating with energy, Abidjan, the former capital of Cote D'Ivoire, stands as a hub of creativity and innovation. The thriving arts and music scene interweaves with the cultures, cuisines and traditions that define Abidjan. Serving as a window into West Africa, the infectious tropical mood permeates the city. Abidjan's unique atmosphere, galleries and markets, along with the fascinating National Museum, make it a captivating destination.

#### Day 5 - Day at sea

Sea days are rarely dull. Take the time to sit back and let the world go by. The ship's observation decks provide stunning views of the passing ocean. A day at sea gives you the opportunity to mingle with other passengers and share your experiences of this incredible trip or head to our library which is stocked full of reference books. Get an expert's view in one of our on-board lectures or perhaps perfect your photography skills with invaluable advice from our onboard professional photographers.

#### Day 6 - Monrovia

The bustling capital of Liberia, Monrovia, was founded in the 1800s as a settlement for formerly enslaved people from North America. The National Museum is custodian to the region's history and art. Today's city is a mix of architectural styles, lively beaches and street markets, such as the jumbled Waterside Market, filled with colourful fabric and crafts. Liberia's Creole cuisine fuses flavours brought from West Africa to America.

#### Day 7 - Day at sea

Days at sea are the perfect chance to relax, unwind and do whatever takes your fancy. So whether that is going to the gym, visiting the spa, trying to spot a whale from the deck, reading a chapter or two, or simply topping up your tan, these blue sea days are the perfect balance to the green days spent exploring on land.

#### Day 8 - Freetown

Sierra Leone's portside capital city occupies a major position in history as the home of formerly enslaved people from North America and Britain. Sites like Cotton Tree and the King's Yard Gate symbolise the town's sombre past. Freetown today is a diverse city with a rich heritage - colourful Krio architecture, hearty, rice-based cuisine and lively beaches. Nearby, the Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary rescues endangered primates in a rainforest.

#### Day 9 - Day at sea

Today as you sail, you'll bask in the endless comforts of your ship. From the deck, marvel at the dramatic sea views. Relax with a nurturing facial treatment or massage in the spa or delve into the ship's learning resources. Or, simply take refuge in your cabin and enjoy the opportunity to rest.

#### Days 10 & 11 - Bijagos Archipelago

The remote Bijagos Archipelago off Guinea-Bissau comprises 88 islands with mangroves, savannahs, and palm forests, protected as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Its ecosystems host endangered species like green sea turtles, saltwater hippos and African manatees, plus 800,000 migratory birds annually. Untouched by tourism, the Bijagos offers pristine beaches and a rich cultural heritage, with rare matrilineal customs and traditional ceremonies.

#### Day 12 - Banjul

At the meeting point of the Gambia River and the Atlantic, Gambia's relaxed capital city, Banjul, sits on a little island filled with colonial buildings and vibrant markets. The 19th-century Albert Market sells souvenirs and the vibrant





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traditional clothing of The Gambia's diverse ethnic groups. Locals invite visitors to their typical Gambian home or 'compound' and tell stories of their heritage while offering herbal tea and traditional snacks.

## Days 13 & 14 - Dakar

Fabulous museums, a thriving art scene and elegant seaside dining showcase Dakar's rich culture and forward outlook. The bustling traditional Medina quarter with its mosques, tea shops and street markets contrasts with the Senegalese capital's French-influenced architecture and cuisine. Mbalax music dominates the vibrant nightlife. Traditional crafts like woodcarvings and paintings sell at Soumbédioune market, making it the perfect souvenir stop.

### Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



## YOUR SHIP: DIANA

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Diana</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Expedition Ship</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>125 meters</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>

Arriving in early 2023, SH Diana will be the largest ship in our fleet, providing elegant and spacious 5-star accommodation for 192 guests in 96 spacious staterooms and suites, the vast majority with large balconies. Operated by an onboard team of 140 she will provide the highest levels of personal service and take Swan Hellenic back to its roots when she launches, exploring the Mediterranean and its famous sites of antiquity. Now sit back, relax and take a moment to get to know this amazing new ship, purpose-designed for our unique cultural expedition cruises.

Named after the Ancient Roman goddess of light, the moon, hunting and the wilderness, SH Diana been specially designed for worldwide cruising to explore the most inspiring and inaccessible places on earth. Building on the outstanding amenities of her sister ships, she adds a dedicated Multifunctional Room next to the Observation Lounge, a Private Dining Room for special occasions, and two tenders which bring guests a comfortable alternative to Zodiacs for expedition landings. A Polar Class 6 ice-strengthened hull combines with extra-large stabilisers to make your journey as comfortable as possible.

SH Diana has been designed for immersive experiences, with extensive outside deck areas, multiple observation points and bright, open and relaxing public spaces with unobstructed views. The pleasure and safety of our guests is paramount at all times, cared for by our attentive crew and seasoned expedition leaders. Cutting edge hygiene technology protects the health of all on board to the highest standards and includes air conditioning with UV sanitisation systems.

SH Diana's 96 staterooms , including 11 suites, are each a superbly comfortable home from home and all feature panoramic sea views, a flame-effect fireplace, original works of art, plush couches, premium pocket sprung mattresses, en-suite bathrooms with glass-enclosed rain showers, and Egyptian cotton towels, bathrobes and sheets. A pillow menu offers customised head and neck comfort during rest, while a large flat screen TV, espresso machine with Illy premium coffee, tea making facilities with the finest Kusmi teas, and a minibar with refreshments enhance relaxation at any time. In-room dining is of course available at all hours.



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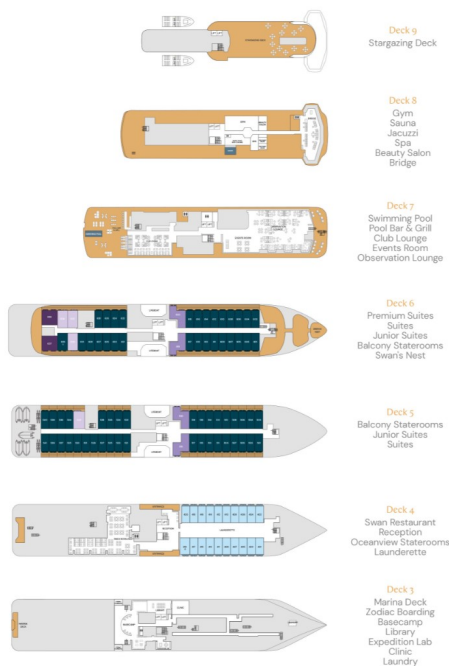


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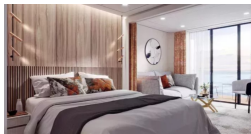
**INSIDE YOUR SHIP**



**Balcony D5**



**Balcony D6**



**Balcony M5**



**Junior Suite**



**Oceanview D4**



**Oceanview M4**



**Premium Suite**



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## PRICING

### 17-Apr-2026 to 01-May-2026

Oceanview D4	21580 AUD pp
Oceanview M4	22680 AUD pp
Balcony D5	25980 AUD pp
Balcony M5	26980 AUD pp
Balcony D6	28080 AUD pp
Junior Suite	32480 AUD pp
Suite	37880 AUD pp
Premium Suite	43280 AUD pp

### 15-Sep-2026 to 29-Sep-2026

Oceanview D4	19680 AUD pp
Oceanview M4	20680 AUD pp
Balcony D5	23580 AUD pp
Balcony M5	24580 AUD pp
Balcony D6	25580 AUD pp
Junior Suite	29480 AUD pp
Suite	34380 AUD pp
Premium Suite	39280 AUD pp