



SOUTHWEST AFRICA CRUISE FROM LUANDA

The Southwest Africa luxury cruise offers an unparalleled journey beginning in Angola, navigating the stunning Atlantic shoreline, and concluding in Ghana. This experience reveals a lesser-known Africa, spotlighting its biodiverse coastal landscapes and intriguing cultural depths. Along this cruise, travelers will discover Luanda, a city merging colonial charm with modern flair, and explore the captivating Diosso Gorge of Pointe-Noire. Principe whispers tales of serenity with its pastel hues, while Benin and Togo present vibrant markets and voodoo traditions. Accra, Ghana, wraps up the journey with its historic and cultural treasures. Activities planned on this journey are as enticing as the destinations themselves. Days at sea offer relaxation and onboard enrichment, such as photography workshops and expert lectures. Guests can embrace land excursions, like discovering Sao Tome's historic sites, or engaging in voodoo ceremonies in Togo. This luxury cruise embodies exploration and cultural immersion at its finest.



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Days 0 - 1 - Pre Cruise & Luanda

As Angola emerges from colonial rule and a long Civil War, its capital, Luanda, is evolving into a forward-looking city with a rich heritage. Landmarks include Gustave Eiffel's Iron Palace and the 16th-century Sao Miguel Fortress. Luanda's historic upper town, Cidade Alta, features pink colonial buildings, the Presidential Palace and ministerial houses. Ilha do Cabo shows Luanda's modern side with trendy seaside restaurants and bars.

Day 2 - 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.

Days 3-5 - Pointe-Noire

The Republic of Congo's second city, Pointe-Noire, unfolds as a piece of French Africa with distinct European and African quarters. Strolling through the lively La Cite reveals traditional Congolese cuisine and the vibrant Grand Marche, providing a glimpse into local life. Waterfront restaurants line Cote Sauvage, a laid-back city beach. Beyond the city limits is the stunning Diosso Gorge, a natural canyon in hues of pink, red and orange.

Days 6-8 - Expedition in Gabon

Gabon, on Central Africa's west coast, is rich in rainforests, wildlife and culture. Over 70 percent of the country is lush rainforest, which plays a vital role in the Congo Basin ecosystem. Its coastline features sandy beaches and tranquil lagoons, while the east transitions to savannas and plateaus. Gabon's rich cultural heritage includes the Fang people, the largest ethnic group, with music and dance deeply woven into traditions.

Day 9 - San Tome

Sao Tome, the Gulf of Guinea's largest volcanic isle, is a tropical idyll with rainforests, beaches and waterfalls. Sao Tome city features 15th-century Portuguese architecture and a slave trade history. Rainforests blanket two-thirds of the island, sheltering wildlife like monkeys, birds and reptiles and Sao Tome Peak, reaching 2,024 m, provides refuge for island bird species like the dwarf ibis and grosbeak.

Day 10 - Santo Antonio, Principe

This laid-back, compact capital has less than 3,000 inhabitants and is the

smallest city in the world (according to the Guinness Book of Records). Time seems to move more slowly in this dream-like place with its pastel-coloured buildings and salty sea air. The Nossa Senhora da Conceicao church contains a beautiful stone carving of St Anthony, the city's namesake saint.

Day 10 - Santo Antonio, Macaco Beach

Macaco Beach, nestled on Principe's northwestern shore, is a secluded paradise with pristine golden sands, lush greenery and clear turquoise waters perfect for swimming and snorkelling.

Day 11 - 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 12 - Cotonou

Benin's vibrant port city is defined by voodoo (the state religion) and its colonial legacy. As a former French colony, Cotonou retains a certain European flair in its cuisine and architecture. The sprawling Dantokpa market, with local crafts and an entire section of sacred voodoo items, offers insights into local culture. Ganvie, a lakeshore village, is the world's only town on stilts with bamboo houses, where residents get around in canoes.

Day 13 - Lome

Voodoo traditions, colonial history and beautiful beaches: Togo's capital city, Lome, is awash with history and culture. The National Museum's exhibits - pottery, masks and art - reflect Togo's rich heritage. Akodessewa Fetish Market is filled with voodoo talismans and animal skins, offering insights into traditional customs. Colonial relics include the German-built Sacred Heart Cathedral and the 1960 Independence Monument.



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Day 14 - 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'.

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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YOUR SHIP: DIANA

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VESSEL TYPE:	Expedition Ship
LENGTH:	125 meters
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	192
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2022-2023

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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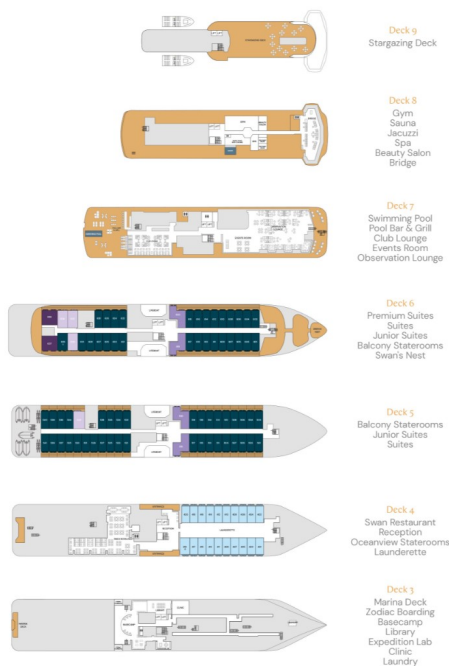


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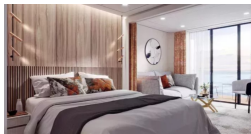
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