



ABOUT US.

Our travellers have inspired us to utilize more than 90 years of travel expertise to design the best river cruise experience possible. We've taken everything special about river cruising and made it even better – down to the last detail. Our views are panoramic and spaces large and inviting; comfort is king and dining personalized. And, thanks to our rich partnership with Globus®, our itineraries are legendary.

VIEWS.

Avalon Waterways invites travellers to experience the views they deserve when sailing the world's rivers. Because unlike other cruise ships, Avalon Waterways has designed a vast majority of its staterooms (81 percent) so beds face the windows and the incredible sights river cruising is famous for. In fact, on two full decks of every Suite Ship® in Europe and Southeast Asia, Avalon Waterways offers travellers a unique point-of-view: One where the view is the whole point.

Other cruise ships give their guests a never changing view of the wall. We took a different approach. We angled our beds to face out so our guests can enjoy the breathtaking views passing by. And in doing that, we opened our rooms up to give our travellers more stateroom and bathroom space. More space and a better view from the comfort of bed? That's what happens when you pay attention to the details.

And, while our competitors offer travellers small windows, our staterooms showcase wall-to-wall windows, giving guests panoramic, floor-to-ceiling views of Europe's awe inspiring landscapes. In fact, ours are the largest standard windows in river cruising – 30 percent larger than the others out there. Even better? Our wall-to-wall windows open 7 feet wide, inviting the outside to come in.

OPEN-AIR BALCONY®.

When it comes to balconies, other cruise companies have chosen to sacrifice room space in order to provide travellers a small – often very cramped – balcony. In contrast, we've come up with an alternative that invites our guests to enjoy 100 percent of their room, 100 percent of the time. Our Open-Air Balconies make full use of the intended balcony experience – in any weather condition, in any season – without compromising room space.

We created our innovative Open Air Balconies by pushing each room all the way out to the end of the ship. Then we made a whole wall of windows (with a giant, 7 foot opening). In front of the wall-to-wall windows, we provide travellers a love seat, chairs and table that raises up for cocktails and dinner or down when it's not in use (so it doesn't obstruct the view). The result is a space where travellers can slide the doors wide open and enjoy the feeling of sitting comfortably "outside" as the amazing views of castles and villages, rolling green hills and ancient cities pass by.

We're the only river cruise company that's figured out how to give our cruisers everything they want –more space, indoor/outdoor living and huge views for miles in the comfort and privacy of their rooms. Our Open-Air Balconies are a retreat, an escape... A place to enjoy a snack, a drink, a good book and a stunning view.

DESIGN: SPACE.

Avalon Waterways has taken a radically different approach to designing our staterooms and ships. Instead of listening to accountants who want more people and less space, inspired by our travellers, we did the opposite. We removed ourselves from what has been done in the past and let innovation, imagination and a relentless desire to create a smart use of space be our guide. The result? One-of-a-kind Panorama Suites on the industry's only Suite Ships: Unparalleled vessels that feature two full decks of 200 and 300 square foot suites.

When you compare Avalon's Suite Ships to the rest of the industry, you'll see there simply is no comparison. We understand that each stateroom should be an oasis for guests to escape to, not escape from. And while it's true our Panorama Suites offer our travellers more room, they're about more of everything. More storage, more closet space, ample under-bed storage, more luxury, more comfort and more views. And that means a more relaxing and more enjoyable vacation for our guests.

And while we provide "more" is one of Avalon's mantras, we also offer fewer staterooms on each ship. This means, there are fewer travellers enjoying more space on each and every Avalon Waterways ship.

DESIGN: COMFORT.

Comfort is a word we take seriously and so do our travellers. That's why our staterooms and suites offer guests deluxe Comfort Collection BedsSM with Egyptian superegyptian combed cotton linens, European style duvets and choice of pillows. Avalon rooms also come complete with sound dampening insulation in the walls so guests don't hear neighbours. And we give travellers the comforts of home like real wood finishes, recessed lighting, plush robes, slippers, stocked mini bars and complimentary bottled water as well as some added bonuses like nightly turn-down service and treats.

And we didn't stop with our rooms. Our bathrooms are atypical as well. We angled each bathroom wall to provide our guests a large, tile shower with glass doors. Our bathrooms also feature marble counter-tops, premium fixtures, L'Occitane amenities and shelves under the vanity to house our guests' toiletries.

No other rooms – or bathrooms, for that matter – in river cruising equal Avalon's Panorama Suites. And the best part is that there aren't just a couple of these "suite" rooms on our ships reserved for those who want to pay more. Instead, eighty percent (80%) of the rooms on our Suite Ships are Panorama Suites.

DINING.

From morning breakfast to late-night snacks, Avalon frees your taste buds from the ordinary. Using the freshest local ingredients, our talented chefs prepare mouth watering recipes from the region through which you're travelling and present them in a variety of inspiring settings. Whether you choose a breezy al fresco lunch at the Sky Bistro, an elegant four-course dinner in the glass-walled dining room, or a petite plate at the Panorama Bistro, you'll savour local flavours (and Western favourites should you crave them), as well as our Avalon Fresh menu offerings, throughout your vacation. On an Avalon cruise, every meal is part of the journey.

Our team views dinners as the perfect complement to a day of discovery. We craft our recipes using high quality, prime cut beef, fresh fish and an accompaniment of hand picked local fruits, vegetables, and garden greens. Every dinner features a specialty dish from your destination as well as a choice of wine, including special wines of the region, selected by a professional sommelier and always complimentary.

And on each Avalon cruise, we bring a local chef on board to interact and prepare a special dinner, offering a true taste of the culture of your destination. Our lunches are a reason to return to the ship. Our travellers enjoy hand carved meats and expansive buffets including fresh salads and amazing homemade soups. On sunny days our guests can enjoy lunch with a view, courtesy of our Sky Bistro, featuring grilled meats and local delicacies. Each morning, we invite our travellers to start the day with an extensive breakfast buffet where they can choose a made to order omelet, fresh fruit, or among an assortment of fresh baked breads.

CHOICE & PERSONALIZATION.

In 2013, Avalon Waterways introduced Avalon ChoiceSM – an entirely new concept in river cruising. Avalon ChoiceSM gives river cruisers the freedom to personalize their cruise, from beginning to end. From deciding what and where to eat, to selecting room configuration and cruising style; from choosing on land discoveries and on board enrichments to making online, pre-sail customizations via MyAvalon, with Avalon, every experience – and every nuance – is up to our cruisers.

A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES.

In 2018, our young, European fleet will include 12 new Suite Ships[®]:

Avalon PanoramaSM (2011)

Avalon VistaSM (2012)

Avalon Visionary[®] (2012)

Avalon Artistry II[®] (2013)

Avalon Expression[®] (2013)

Avalon ImpressionSM (2014)

Avalon Illumination[®] (2014)

Avalon Poetry II[®] (2014)

Avalon Tapestry II[®] (2015)

Avalon Tranquility II[®] (2015)

Avalon PassionSM (2016)

Avalon Imagery II[®] (2016)

In 2015, we also introduced our popular Suite Ships to the Irrawaddy and Mekong Rivers with two, 36 passenger, state-of-the-art vessels: *Avalon MyanmarSM* (2015) and *Avalon Siem ReapSM* (2015). By 2018, we will introduce another Suite Ship to the Mekong River, *Avalon SaigonSM* (2018).

We cruise internationally for different reasons. Some of us go to learn about new cultures, some for inspiration and enrichment and others for a stress-free getaway. From adding distinct destinations and abbreviated cruises to our vacation portfolio to creating themed travel and pre and post cruise combination opportunities, we've put together more than 50,000 berths, 340 guaranteed departures, 69 itineraries plus a dozen special interest cruises on six continents.

Sail the Rhine, Danube, Rhône, Seine, Saône, Main, Moselle, Meuse, Amazon, Irrawaddy, Mekong, Nile and Yangtze Rivers with Avalon Waterways and/or enjoy small ship cruising through the Galápagos Islands. Avalon has a ship and itinerary perfect for world travellers.