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DAY 56 A NIGHT IN HONG KONG

Sailing on a traditional junk boat across the harbour, we enjoyed stunning views of the neon-lit skyline



A majestic journey

On a world voyage, every day unfolds invitingly before you, bringing unforgettable new sights and experiences. And just like the great explorers, you'll want to keep a travel log detailing all those extraordinary moments...

Days 10, 11 and 12 are spent hopping between the islands. Then on day 14 we arrive at the entrance to one of the world's most spectacular man-made attractions – the Panama Canal. For the hours that follow I spend a great deal of time simply staring over the rails, beholding the rainforest landscapes, ever-changing alongside the ship.

On day 17 we awake in Acapulco, the vibrant heart of Mexico. From the dock we can see the sweeping curve of its golden bay stretched out magnificently before us, and behind, its modern high-rise cityscape silhouetted against the morning sun.

Day 21 is a remarkable entrance into San Francisco. And I have to admit, amidst its colourful Victorian houses, improbably steep streets, cable cars and laid-back charm, I did indeed lose my heart.

Day 1 and we've just set sail on a journey I have long dreamt about – a voyage around the world on board an elegant superliner. As we head off across the Atlantic Ocean, I gaze down from the ship's rails to the water breaking at the bow and already I can feel the thrills of adventure beckoning me on to exciting new shores.

After a call into Madeira, where houses rise in stepped terraces up to its mountain pinnacle, we turn our thoughts to the idyllic islands that lie in store just a few days away and watch in wonderment as the waters turn into the invitingly turquoise shades of the Caribbean Sea.

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Only a few days later and our ship has navigated its way west to Hawaii - an isle as heavenly and welcoming as it promotes itself. And a little further on we're greeted by Apia in Western Samoa, where we explore the main village, and get caught up in the bustle of its flea and fish markets.

We have been at sea for over a month and visited some fantastic destinations, and on day 37 we reach a significant milestone on our journey – arriving half-way across the world in Auckland, New Zealand where we are greeted by a cornucopia of boats bobbing in its pretty harbour.



Day 43 will stay with me for years to come – the day we arrived in Sydney, Australia. Just before dawn I stood on deck eagerly gazing out to the horizon. And then it appeared. First the Heads then the majestic white silhouette of the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge, set alongside the expansive cityscape. The prospect of spending two days here made our arrival all the more exciting.

For the days that follow we are witness to some more of Australia's highlights. On day 45 we find ourselves exploring the cultural attractions of downtown Brisbane. Day 47 is a taste of paradise as our ship glides us into the stunning Whitsunday Islands. Whitehaven Bay is simply



incredible; a splendid picture of turquoise seas, blue skies and white silica sands. Whilst on day 48 we are greeted by the magnificent natural wonder of the Great Barrier Reef.

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What a contrast of experiences a few days bring. In just under a week we have left the Pacific Ocean and sailed up the many seas along its western margins, which lap the exotic shores of the Far East. On the evening of day 51, after another carefree day on board lazing by the poolside, we book a table in Oriana Rhodes, and enjoy a mouthwatering fine dining menu, dreamt up by Michelin-starred chef, Gary Rhodes.

Day 56 and we arrive in Hong Kong – the ultra-modern heart of the Orient. Throughout the morning and afternoon we explore its teeming streets and shopping malls, whilst in the evening we stay in the city and take a ride on a traditional junk boat. The views across the harbour, lit up under the night sky, are quite spectacular.



After being fascinated and beguiled by the diverse and welcoming cultures of Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia, we're now heading into the final leg of our adventure, as we journey across the Indian Ocean to Mumbai and the Middle East.

On day 77 we approach Suez and when the ship docks, myself and a group of fellow travellers head off on a tour to Cairo and the Great Pyramids of Giza. The city is a maelstrom of swarming traffic, bustling markets, museums and mosques – a complete contrast from Giza, where the sight of the pyramids set amidst an expansive amber landscape is truly awe-inspiring.

Now, on day 83 – the afternoon before our arrival back in Southampton, the mood on ship is a far-cry from what it was those few months back. Where once there was anticipation, now is shared memories and an undeniable sense of renewed energy, as our majestic journey draws to a close.

This is a fictional account of Oriana's spectacular 2010 World Cruise. Why not choose to join her and experience the real thing? Please call 0800 111 4141 for your copy of the P&O Cruises 2010 /11 World Voyages brochure or visit www.pocruises.co.uk/2011world for more information.