

Honeymoon

CALL OF THE WILD

BRING THE BINOCOS: THESE EXOTIC CRUISES PROVE IT'S TRULY AN ANIMAL PLANET

Aqua Expeditions / Amazon River, Peru

The sleek M/V *Aqua* probes the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, the home of cool critters like three-toed sloths, howler monkeys, and pink Amazon dolphins. From \$4,800 for a 3-night sailing, including alcohol and excursions; aquaexpeditions.com.

Orion Expedition Cruises / Kuril Islands, Russia

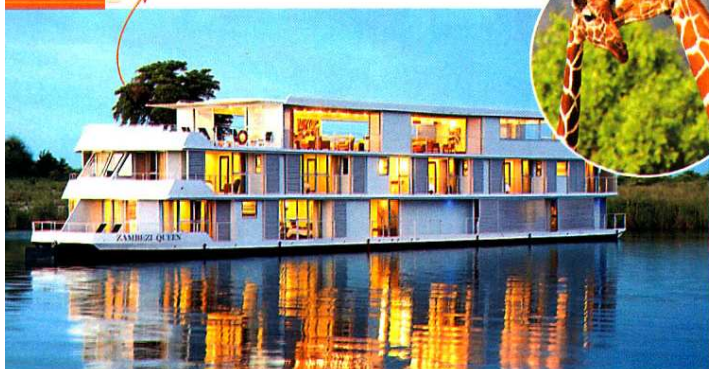
The *Orion II* gets you up close and personal with spectacular specimens (orcas, raptors, and Arctic foxes) in these pristine Pacific isles. From \$13,860 for a 10-night sailing, including excursions, gratuities, and taxes; orionexpeditions.com.

Lindblad Expeditions / The Arctic

On the state-of-the-art *National Geographic Explorer*, you'll journey way north to Svalbard, Norway, in search of reindeer, walrus, seals, and—wait for it—polar bears. From \$14,980 for a 9-night sailing, including excursions; expeditions.com.

Zambezi Queen / Chobe River, Botswana

Guests on this 14-suite beauty snap shots of zebras, elephants, giraffes, and lions as they stop to drink at the riverbank. From \$1,760 for a 2-night sailing, including excursions; zambeziqueen.com. —J.G.



Make friends with a host of colorful characters while scuba-diving off Grand Turk, a cool Caribbean port of call.

beyond the beach

SHOPS, SAILS, SNORKELS...WE'VE GOT THE SCOOP ON THREE UNIQUE, MUST-NOT-MISS CARIBBEAN PORTS

Hey, we can't resist parking it on the sand for the day, either. But the cruise experience in this part of the globe is also about getting up every so often and exploring each island's vibe and scene. During a recent Silversea getaway, we went gaga for **Gustavia**, the *très chic* capital of French-influenced **St. Barts**. Outposts of Cartier, Hermès, and Louis Vuitton line the harborfront, along with quaint cafés; sip a glass of rosé at sunset and St. Tropez won't seem so far away. In the **British Virgin Islands**, we got a tempting taste of the territory's laid-back-sailor lifestyle (millionaires and their megayachts are a dime a dozen here) on a half-day catamaran trip from **Tortola** to nearby islands. And on **Grand Turk** in the **Turks and Caicos**, we had to take the plunge; it's one of the world's best dive spots. Take your pick of snorkel or scuba, power out by boat to the reef (which drops an awe-inspiring 7,000 feet into the deep), and get ready to swim with the fishes. From \$8,076 for a 10-night Caribbean sailing, including alcohol and gratuities; silversea.com. —J.G.

WACKY ADVENTURES AT SEA

FROM BOTOX SALONS TO WATER PARKS, SHIPS ARE GOING OVERBOARD TO KEEP THEIR GUESTS BUSY. HERE, FOUR FAVORITE FINDS.

» Silversea has a rather pointed method for helping you maintain that honeymoon glow. The spa staff on its latest vessel, the *Silver Spirit*, provides "rejuvenation" in the form of **acupuncture sessions** and **Botox shots**.

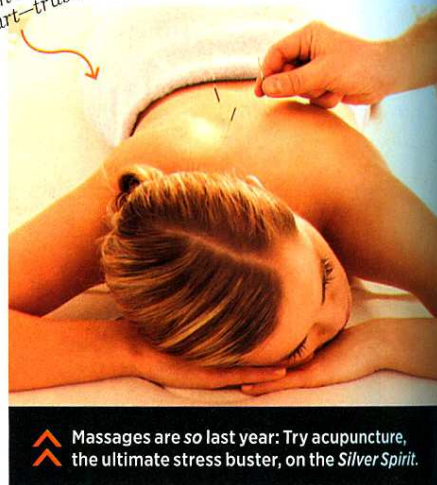
» There's nothing like stargazing with your sweetie. And Cunard's **QM2** lets you live the dream four times daily during shows in its **planetarium**—the only one afloat.

» The new Carnival **Dream** takes the concept of waterslides to new heights with its **four-story-high corkscrew version**, which is nearly outdone by the pool's **22-foot movie screen**.

» In Moscow, Crystal **Serenity** offers couples the ultimate *Top Gun* fantasy excursion for a whopping \$92,000: **flying a Russian MIG fighter jet**. Go ahead and call him Maverick—or Iceman. —Elizabeth Woodson

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Massages are so last year: Try acupuncture, the ultimate stress buster, on the *Silver Spirit*.