Dear Dames,

As I write this message, I eagerly anticipate traveling down under to Australia and New Zealand on the inaugural President’s Invitation Cruise along with many Dames, friends, and husbands. A number of other Dames will soon flee the chill and bleakness of winter escaping into the warm and balmy breezes of Barbados and the small hidden Caribbean islands that are intertwined with our Colonial History.

Part of the unique appeal of traveling with The Dames is the camaraderie easily facilitated aboard small luxurious ships and elegant hotels. Traveling in a sophisticated style, being amongst friends with a relaxed social atmosphere balanced with space for private contemplation.

I invite you to join an exclusive NSCDA Journey as we are pleased to announce our summer and fall offerings for 2019 and winter 2020. However, I urge you not to delay as every NSCDA journey is filled through May of 2019.

Traveling with fellow members is like traveling with family, no journey is complete without you!

Sincerely,
Anna Duff
We begin our exclusive journey with two nights at the exquisite Grand Hotel in Stockholm where we explore Drottningholm, Old Stockholm and dine at the Vasa Museum after it is closed to the public. We then embark on the ultra-luxurious Seabourn Ovation as we sail to the Baltic ports of Tallinn and Helsinki, with three full days exploring the imperial grandeur and glamour of St. Petersburg, ending with two nights in Copenhagen, where we immerse ourselves in Zealand’s rich Viking history.

VIKINGS, PALACES AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS: EXCLUSIVE STOCKHOLM, COPENHAGEN, AND ST. PETERSBURG

12-DAY ITINERARY: HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1: Arrive in Stockholm
Day 2: Old Town and Drottningholm, Stockholm
Day 3: Embark on the luxurious Seabourn Ovation
Day 4: Tallinn, Estonia
Day 5, 6, 7: Three full days of exclusive St. Petersburg, Russia
Day 8: Helsinki, Finland
Day 9: Aboard the luxurious Seabourn Ovation
Day 10: Copenhagen, Denmark
Day 11: Zealand, Denmark
Day 12: Return home or, extend your stay

Fares begin at $8,895.00 and include all sightseeing.
Reservations must be made prior to February 28, 2019 to secure this early booking fare.
JACKSON HOLE, THE GRAND TETONS, SNAKE RIVER, AND YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Adventure and luxury await you off the beaten path in the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park. From the comfort of your African safari-style vehicle that affords excellent viewing and photo ops, you’ll spy bears, wolves, elk, bison, coyote, and other amazing wildlife in habitats undiscovered by the crowds. We will be on the Trail of Ansel Adams and Georgia O’Keeffe and expert naturalists, biologists — all engaging and inspiring — will interpret the area’s rich geology, history, art, and wildlife. We also have a private visit at the Diamond Cross Ranch with Grant Golliher - well-known as the horse whisperer!

Whether it’s floating down the Snake River’s most scenic parts, visiting remote parts of the backcountry, or touring Yellowstone’s most impressive hot springs and geysers, this iconic American Journey offers abundant wildlife viewing off the beaten track, as well as amazing activities planned for all ability levels. Fantastic accommodations, delicious local food, unforgettable scenery under vast blue skies—in short, a singular experience awaits Dames and their guests!

6-DAY ITINERARY: HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1*: Jackson Hole, Wyoming
Day 2: Grand Teton National Park Safari
Day 3: Journey down the Snake River
Day 4: Majestic Yellowstone National Park
Day 5: Exclusive Diamond Cross Ranch Event
Day 6: Return home

*Pre-Night options are available for those who wish to arrive early.

Fares begin at $3,995.00 (June departure), all sightseeing included. Reservations must be made prior to February 28, 2019 to secure this early booking fare.
FROM THE COLORFUL AMALFI COAST TO GAUDÍ’S FANTASTIC EDIFICES: NAPLES TO BARCELONA ABOARD THE SEA CLOUD II

Part of the unique appeal of the Sea Cloud II is that feeling of being amongst friends in such an intimate setting. Sailing with a maximum of 94 guests, the Sea Cloud II is a baroque of classic, elegant style, with expansive space of four decks.

We will begin in splendid Rome and travel to Naples and the Amalfi Coast, where we will sail to Sorrento, and then to Livorno (Tuscany and Florence), continuing with sophisticated calls along the Cote d’Azur visiting Monaco and Monte Carlo, Antibes France (St Paul De Vence), to Sète (the “Venice of the Languedoc”) ending our perfect voyage in Barcelona.

10-DAY ITINERARY: HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1: Journey from Rome to Naples, Embark the Sea Cloud II
Day 2: Sorrento, Italy
Day 3: The Sea Cloud II from Amalfi to Livorno
Day 4: Livorno - Florence and the Tuscan Countryside
Day 5: Monte Carlo/Monaco
Day 6: Antibes, France
Day 7: France (St. Paul de Vence)
Day 8: Sete, France
Day 9: Barcelona, Spain
Day 10: Disembark in Barcelona

Additional Pre-Cruise nights in Rome and Post-Cruise nights in Barcelona can be arranged.

Limited to only 20 NSCDA members and guests.

Fares begin at $6,995.00 per person.

*Shore excursions are optional and at an additional cost.

Reservations must be made prior to February 28, 2019 to secure this early booking fare.
Sailing aboard the small and luxurious Silver Wind (296-passenger, all-suite ship), we will travel through British North America from Montreal to Quebec (where we delve into the French and Indian War). We will journey to Nova Scotia, with its rich Celtic and Gaelic heritage. We will explore Great American Treasures in Bar Harbor, Boston, New York (where we are overnight on the ship), and Norfolk (with an NSCDA private visit to the Jamestowne Rediscovery Project). We will end our journey in one of the most affluent and beautiful Colonial cities, Charleston, South Carolina.

En route, curators will invite us behind the scenes introducing exclusive collections of the Colonial Decorative Arts. From the modest early homes of Pilgrims and Puritans to the ornate English Georgian architecture of the more well-off colonists, experts along the way will decode this influential historical period.

On board, we are accompanied by two leading scholars: Dr. Jim Horn, Director of the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation and Dr. Michael Jarvis, University of Rochester professor of history.

Fares begin at $5,895.00 per person.
*Shore excursions are optional and at an additional cost.
Reservations must be made prior to February 28, 2019 to secure this early booking fare.
Cuba is perhaps the Caribbean’s most interesting island; an island wonderfully vibrant bursting with a rich tapestry of culture. In 2015 and 2016 Connoisseurs Tours designed and operated five sold-out journeys to Cuba (two for the NSCDA-GA). While travel to Cuba is enthralling and exhilarating the hotels were less than desirable. Therefore we made a decision to return to Cuba only by ship.

Thankfully Silversea has just announced their 2020 Cuba journeys.

Here are a few highlights and excursions that are available to NSCDA members on this journey!*

- The Silverwind stays overnight in Cuba so that you can embrace the musical traditions and sultry dances of Cuba during the evening.
- We can explore the Colonial Heritage of Santiago, a city founded in 1515, the location where Spanish troops faced their main defeat at San Juan Hill.
- Ascend into the Sierra Maestra mountain range which enjoys a refreshing micro-climate where birds of paradise, dahlias, and magnolias flourish in the botanical gardens.
- Cuban Art! Visit the studios and meet Cuban Artists such as Fuster and musician Polo Montañez.
- Dine in Paladars such as Finca Vista Hermosa.
- Transport back to the 1950s riding aboard a Pontiac, Chevy or Cadillac along Havana’s famed Malecon.
- And of Course, no visit is complete without a visit to Finca Vigia the home where Hemingway lived and worked for 20 years.

Fares begin at $3,780.00 per person.

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Exclusive First Look:
NSCDA President’s Invitation
February 6 through 26, 2020

LIMA TO BUENOS AIRES ABOARD THE SILVER SHADOW

You are invited to join Anna Duff to sail from Lima, Peru along the Peruvian and Chilean Coastlines aboard Silversea’s Silver Shadow, through the southern Fjords, Patagonia, the Falkland Islands and north to Buenos Aires. This journey is a treasure trove of the most awe-inspiring natural wonders.

We will set sail from Peru land of Incas, llamas and deep, dark jungles which instantly conjures up a magical picture. We venture along the coastline of Chile, the long narrow country threaded between the Andes Mountains and the Pacific Ocean known for its pristine landscapes, dotted with mountainside metropolises where slopes are covered by candy-colored houses.

Further south, we’ll experience wild Patagonia, largely unexplored until the beginning of the 20th century. We continue to the Falkland Islands although officially south-Atlantic, the Falkland Islands have a sub-Antarctic appeal. We will end in Buenos Aires: a city of European elegance and Latin energy.

The NSCDA has a limited number of staterooms and suites pre-reserved for members and their guests. Please join me and fellow Dames on this President’s Journey.

Pre and Post Cruise hotel stays are available.
Fares begin at $8,910.00 per person.
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PRIORITY ACCESS

Travel Dames Style

NSCDA private journeys fill before most Dames have a chance to receive information. You are invited to have priority access which enables you to have “the first right of refusal” for exclusive journeys. Request Priority Access through the “eDispatch,” through the NSCDA Private Tours page at www.ConnoisseursTours.com or by calling 1-800-856-1045.

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