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OUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO THE BEST IN TRAVEL, FASHION, FOOD, DESIGN, TECHNOLOGY AND MORE

TRAVEL

Staying at Sea

BY KARLA BRUNING

FORGET SAILING AROUND THE world in 80 days. Try 126. That's how long Silversea's first luxury circle-around-the-earth cruise takes. And it is not the only new marathon cruise out there; for 2007, luxury liners are offering up an assortment of lengthy new itineraries with shore excursions in plenty of remote as well as urbane locales. "There is a new market out there," says Joe Proto, Silversea

LUXURIOUS LINER:
Travelers aboard
Princess cruises can
see the world in style

ANDY NEWMAN—PRINCESS CRUISES



4 HOURS IN...



ROME

If you've got only a short time in the Italian capital, don't fight the tourists in the city center; instead spend it above town on the best of the seven hills: the Aventine.

PEER through the keyhole at the closed door of the priory of the Knights of Malta for a unique tree-lined view of St. Peter's Basilica, which looks as if it's floating above the city (Piazza dei Cavalieri di Malta, 3).

SMELL the orange blossoms, wisteria and jasmine in the walled Giardino degli Aranci while taking in an extraordinary panoramic view of the city from the terrace (Via di Santa Sabina).

STROLL among the tombstones of famous poets like John Keats and Percy Bysshe Shelley in the tranquil setting of the Protestant Cemetery under the shadow of the hard-to-miss Pyramid of Gaius Cestius (Via Caio Cestio, 6).

TASTE some of Italy's finest balsamic vinegars, olive oils and cheeses at the Volpetti gourmet food shop before buying some to take home (Via Marmorata, 47).



Cruises' director of world cruise and business development, citing a mix of empty nesters and entrepreneurs among those seeking an ultra-luxurious—and ultralong—holiday at sea.

Silversea's "World Cruise 2007" is the longest on the market. Travelers spend more than a third of the year aboard the all-suite vessel, docking at 61 ports on six continents. Among the 200 shore excursions and 22 overland treks: breakfast at the Royal Stables in Dubai, stays at exclusive spas in Asia and a "Lord of the Rings" tour in New Zealand. "The response has been phenomenal," says Proto

(\$52,794; silversea.com).

Crystal Cruises is offering the 109-day "Treasures of Sun & Sea" voyage, which visits 44 ports on five continents. Side trips include a wildlife expedition in Antarctica, a cruise down the Amazon River and a hike up the glaciers of Patagonia. Extended offerings in Africa promise maiden calls to Tunisia and Mozambique, along with a wide range of overland safaris (\$47,290; crystalcruises.com).

Cunard offers two world cruises in 2007: the Queen Elizabeth 2 will make a 108-day round-trip between New York and London in honor of

ROYAL TREATMENT: Relax between ports in the QE2's spa

the British monarch's Silver Jubilee, and the Queen Mary 2 will sail "Around the World in 80 Days" on her maiden world crossing (From \$19,682; cunard.com).

After a five-year hiatus, Princess Cruises will return to world circumnavigation in 2008. Covering 42 ports in 102 days, guests can explore some of the world's most iconic sites, including Machu Picchu, the pyramids of Giza, the Taj Mahal and the ancient temple of Angkor Wat (\$19,995; princess.com).

ACCESSORIES

Carrying Cases

Want your cards to show you really mean business? Try Smythson's Havana Pistachio business- and credit-card case, made from pale green alligator-print calfskin with silver riveted corners (£115; smythson.com). The Densworth leather case by Links of London snugly holds up to 35 cards, and comes in colors like pumpkin and cocoa (£45; linksoflondon.com). Tiffany's minimalist case is made from sleek, engine-turned sterling silver (£165; tiffany.com). And the C de Cartier chocolate calfskin case with ivory stitching is embossed with that all-important motif (£195; cartier.com).



Tiffany The elegant sterling-silver card case comes with matching pen and money clip



-A.M.

Smythson It's hard to miss the Havana Pistachio business- and credit-card case

HAMAS-FATAH: A BREWING CIVIL WAR

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CAN AMERICA COMPETE?

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**PLUS: HOW TO STAY ON TOP
15 BIG IDEAS**

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