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Since first christened in Monaco last summer, Regent Seven Seas Cruises has proclaimed its palatial **Seven Seas Explorer** as “the most luxurious ship ever built”—a flagship for the Regent brand that exemplifies exquisite cuisine and superb all-inclusivity. Tales of its impressive size and astonishing craftsmanship, together with rare amenities and personal attention, enticed Gentry’s Corrine E. Cook aboard to discover a whole new world of guilty pleasures at sea.

If you’re looking for astonishing accommodations at sea, cast a lustful eye at the *Seven Seas Explorer*. All cabins are suites, and if you adore balconies, this ship features some of the most impressive. Likewise, the public spaces are magnificent. Huge expanses of granite and marble (half from Carrara, Italy) adorn the interiors with more than 500 chandeliers made of Czech crystal and glass. Art lovers will enjoy the 2,500 works displayed throughout the vessel, including some specially commissioned paintings by Spanish artist Eduardo Arranz-Bravo and some pieces by masters like Picasso.

The glamour and sophistication of the **Regent Suite** cannot be overstated. Within minutes of walking into the most elite suite on board, it was perfectly clear I’d arrived in heaven. Located at the ship’s bow on Deck 14, “the most luxurious suite at sea” lives up to its hype, with more than 2,900 square feet of indoor living space, plus another 960 square feet as a wraparound balcony. The suite’s private lobby opens onto a lavishly decorated living room filled with plush couches and lounge chairs, a shiny marble bar with matching stools, and a one-of-a-kind custom Steinway grand piano.

Each of the bedrooms feels like coming home to your dream Park Avenue apartment—only the view is even more splendid and mirrors the same panorama as the Captain’s Bridge above you. The master bedroom’s centerpiece is a \$150,000 handmade Savoir king-sized bed. A separate sitting area in the master features a sumptuous sofa and large flat-screen, ultra high-definition television. Of course, the privileges of booking the Regent Suite extend beyond its doors; the suite also includes its own personal butler, and a private car and driver are provided at each port of call. At a mere \$10,000 per day, the Regent Suite is sold out well into 2017.

[GLUTTONY] For foodies, as well as those with particular tastes, culinary euphoria can be found on the *Seven Seas Explorer*. You can dine whenever, wherever, and with whomever you choose. The **Compass Rose** is a classically elegant dining room perfectly adorned with custom Versace place settings. Design a different ideal entrée at every sitting, but just make sure to sample what I consider the world’s greatest surf-and-turf—pure gluttony but well worth the indulgence. The completely customizable menu includes such elite offerings as sinfully decadent desserts made by a talented team of international bakers and pastry chefs.

One of the ship’s most spectacular pieces of art, a dramatic three-ton, \$500,000 bronze Tibetan Prayer Wheel, stands guard at the entrance to **Pacific Rim**. The culinary gods must appreciate the plea, as the dramatic new specialty restaurant delivers the perfect balance of delicious flavors and Zen-like ambiance. The interior glows with muted lighting that illuminates intricate architectural details. During dinner, guests are treated to incredible ocean views through windows designed in an abstract lotus shape, a universal Asian motif. To complement the stunning décor, Pacific Rim’s head chef creates a diverse menu of Pan-Asian specialties. I’m still dreaming of the incredible tempura battered Canadian lobster with shiso leaf, finished with an orange ponzu sauce and spicy mayo.

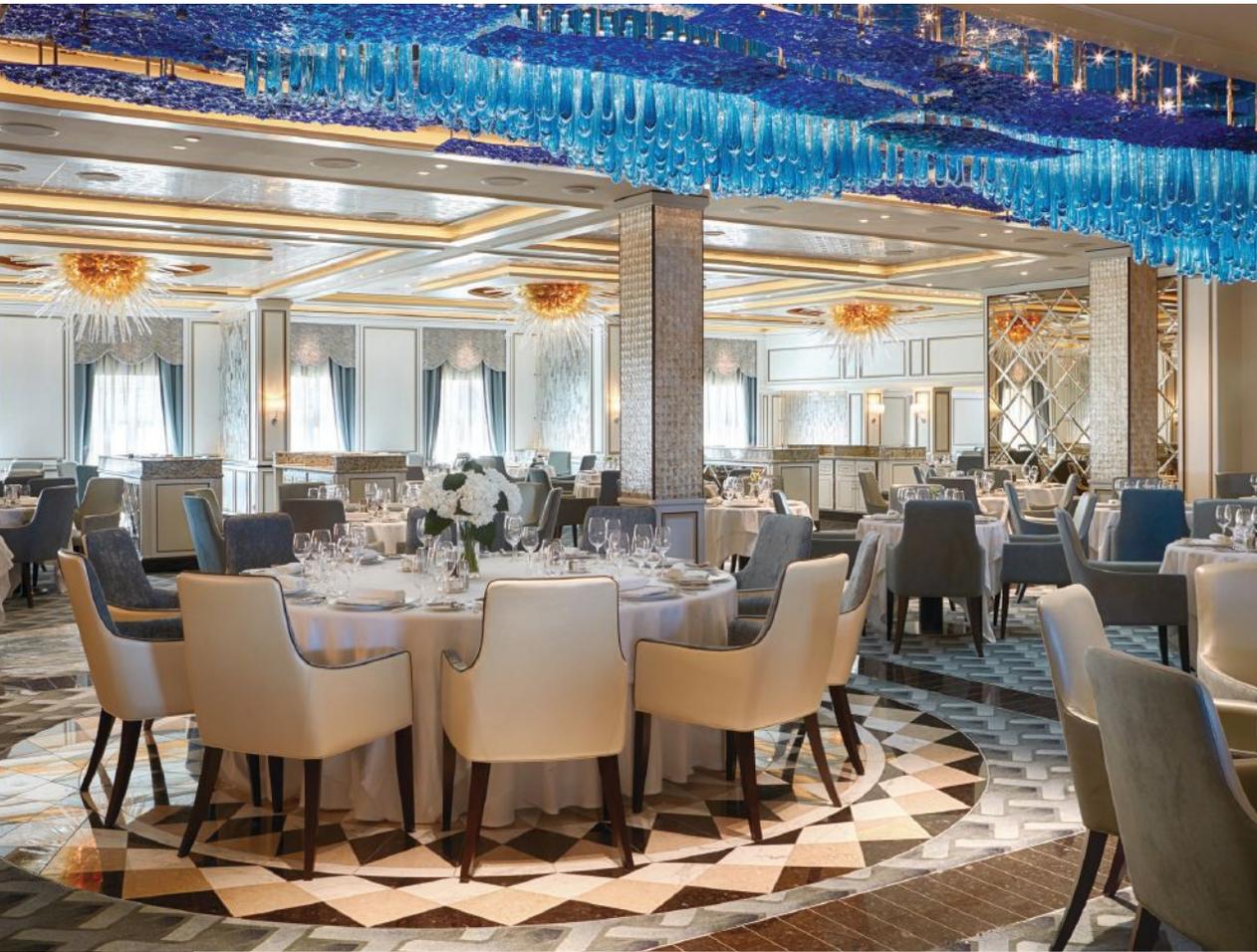
Of course, room service is available 24-7, including a course-by-course dinner served in the privacy of your Regent Suite. Should you wish to dabble in the kitchen yourself, the *Seven Seas Explorer* has



PRACTICALLY SINFUL PLEASURES

Passengers onboard Regent's new flagship vessel
indulge in luxurious opulence—*sans* guilt.





The Regent's Compass Rose Restaurant (above) offers European-inspired Continental dishes in an elegant setting dominated by light shades of blue, white, gold and silver. Celebrating the culinary traditions of Asia and their new Pan-Asian specialty restaurant, Pacific Rim (this page) delights guests with the perfect balance of delicious flavors and Zen-like ambiance. The ship boasts an expansive, teak-lined Pool Deck (opposite) that revolves around a single, rectangular pool filled with salt water.



introduced the Culinary Arts Kitchen, a hands-on cooking school where guests can expand their culinary skills. For those on a serious health kick, the chefs at Regent Seven Seas Cruises have worked with the Canyon Ranch culinary staff to bring the world-renowned spa's signature delicious, healthy cuisine to your Compass Rose restaurant experience. Choose the Canyon Ranch Balanced Selection at each meal and you'll eat well—without regret—even on the high seas.

[DESIRE] For thousands of years, people have found that moving water and temperature variations provides relief for muscle and joint issues, eliminates toxins from the body, and promotes deep relaxation. With that in mind, a soak in the refreshing infinity-edge plunge pool on Deck 5 is the perfect prelude to a massage, facial, body treatment, or other epic indulgence at the adjacent **Canyon Ranch SpaClub**. It may be hard to tear yourself away from the intimate outdoor deck with its dramatic views and plush lounge chairs surrounding a smaller, cozy pool where bathing suits are optional in a single-sex environment.

Discover everything your heart may desire inside the visually

stunning Canyon Ranch SpaClub, with its lavish spa, full-service beauty salon, and a wellness and fitness area. Thermal options include a Finnish sauna, aromatic steam room, and Thalassotherapy pool. Embodying the same philosophy and level of service that have earned Canyon Ranch a “best spa” nod from *Travel + Leisure*, *Condé Nast Traveler*, and *Departures* magazines, the state-of-the-art SpaClub offers an assortment of pampering treatments and services that cannot be missed.

Back at your Regent Suite, your epic master bathroom provides a spa retreat that delivers all the comforts of the Canyon Ranch SpaClub in treasured privacy. Your private spa retreat comes complete with a treatment area, full sauna, steam room, a pair of heated ceramic loungers, and an oversized hot tub that looks out over the ocean. Of course, I took advantage of the unlimited complimentary in-suite spa treatments, including the three treatments available exclusively to Regent Suite guests such as the 80-minute Revitalizing Ritual that includes an unforgettable six-part massage. Before each glorious experience, enjoy a bit of *al fresco* ambiance with caviar service while you relax in the suite's glass-encased hot tub.



An entire wing of the stunning Regent Suite is devoted to an enormous master bedroom complex decorated in glass, polished metal, exotic wood, and natural stone. Including designer pillows, duvet and sheets, plus installation, the bed alone cost \$150,000. The master bathroom (above) of the Regent Suite alone is bigger than most cruise ship cabins and doubles as an in-suite spa offering Canyon Ranch SpaClub services in ultimate privacy.





[LEISURE] Nothing beats lounging the day away basking under the sun on the Pool Deck. Every morning, as the sun peeks over the horizon, a team of attendants descends upon the ship's resort-style pool. While you enjoy your leisure time, they meticulously arrange your lounge chair as you like it and cater to your every whim, from refreshing your beverage to polishing your sunglasses.

Outfitted in teak accents, the **Pool Deck** is one of the most elegant at sea, featuring a lavish pool and two whirlpools. Drawing inspiration from high-end pool retreats at exclusive boutique hotels, the Deck 11 oasis on the *Seven Seas Explorer* provides an intimate setting for relaxing, swimming, and enjoying the ever-changing vistas. **The Pool Grill** offers both open-air and glass-

enclosed seating for comfortable dining with no shirts or shoes required. It offers a casual oasis with access to endless libations to pair with cooked-to-order burgers, grilled fresh seafood, sandwiches, and salads. A selection of milk shakes, malts, and hand-dipped ice cream with a variety of toppings fully satisfies anyone with a sweet tooth. I enjoyed discovering the refreshing taste of J&B whiskey poured over chocolate gelato—truly sublime.

[PASSION] Cruising in *Regent Seven Seas* style means never having to choose between indulgence and your health and well-being. Whether your exercise passion is an early morning run or a brisk walk in the evening, the Jogging Track on Deck 12 offers the best views. The path along Deck 12 leads to a dedicated sports area featuring shuffleboard, bocce ball, paddle tennis, and an 18-hole putting course plus hitting bay.

At the **Fitness Center** on Deck 6, Canyon Ranch fitness experts are on hand to demonstrate proper use of fitness equipment, including Lifecycles, free weights, striders, StairMasters, treadmills, weight benches, and a Nautilus machine. Lift weights, jump on a machine, or join in one of the wide selection of exercise classes like yoga, Pilates, and traditional aerobics (all irresistibly free from crowds). Another perk of being a guest in the Regent Suite is a complimentary 25-minute Personal Training Session.

[PRIDE] The crew takes pride in providing unparalleled service to its passengers, as well as in serving on such a luxurious ship. In traditional naval protocol, such pride flows from top to bottom as evident by Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings CEO Frank Del Rio, who bravely boasts that the *Seven Seas Explorer* is simply unsurpassed—the richest, most lavish, most glamorous ship at sea. So sure of his claim that the *Seven Seas Explorer* is “the most luxurious ship ever built,” as touted in its tagline, he actually trademarked the expression. And after my magnificent journey aboard the *Seven Seas Explorer*, I can wholeheartedly concur! ♦

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