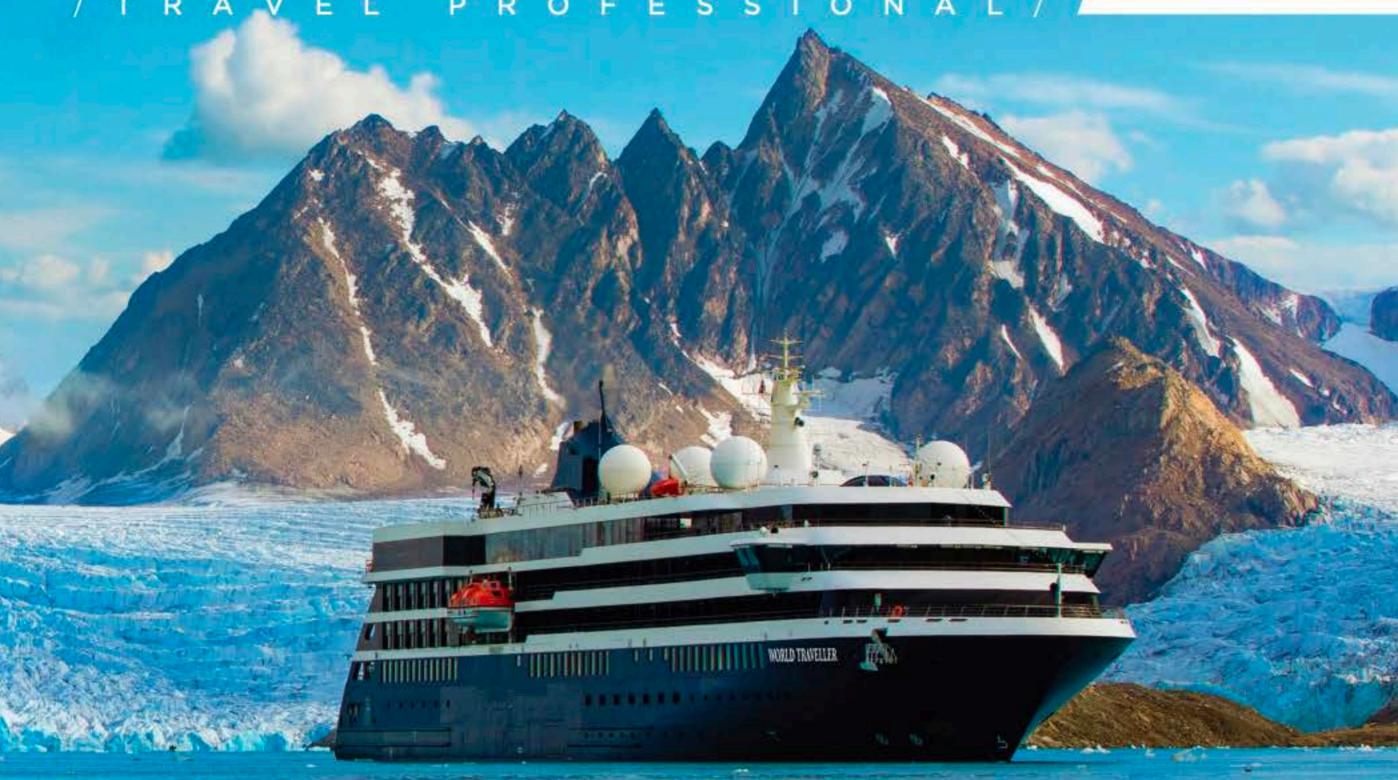


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Silver Nova, a remarkable new ship from Silversea, is dazzling

By Vanessa Lee

REPARE FOR A series of superlatives to describe a few days on board Silversea's newest ship, the ultra-glamorous and ultra-luxury Silver Nova. I joined the vessel in Venice a few days before its inaugural cruise on Aug. 14, and spent three nights sailing to Zadar and Trieste in the lap of luxury.

The *Nova* is like no Silversea ship before it. It's in a class all to itself until, that is, the arrival of sister ship Silver Ray in 2024. The verdict from all on board was unanimous: this beautiful, gorgeous, sophisticated and modern ship offers guests a superb and elevated experience at sea with ultra-luxurious style and panache.

Where to start? Well, the *Nova* has been built in an asymmetrical style, and unlike other Silversea ships where the suites and public rooms share decks, the *Nova* offers four decks of suites (Decks 6 through 9), while public spaces, restaurants, bars and lounges are scattered on Decks 3, 4, 5 and 10. The ship offers wide open spaces, and there is glass everywhere, allowing light to come in and for the 728 guests on board to see across from port to starboard on many decks. The two glass elevator banks are also on the side of the ship. Everything is wide and high, and the space is spectacular and impressive.





A magnet for diners at lunch and dinner, the stunning Marquee Grill on Deck 10 combines old favourites Spaccanapoli Pizza and Hot Rocks. A resort feel emanates across this deck (think Ritz Carlton or Four Seasons), with the breathtaking pool on one side, and ample chaises, couches, seating areas and a pool bar nearby. The beautiful S.A.L.T. Bar, a guest favourite and a petite gem on Silver Moon and Dawn, has been moved to this resort deck and now has 42 seats with great views, excellent mixologists and a fantastic vibe. The S.A.L.T. Lab, which is available for cooking lessons and turns into The Chef's Table at night, is adjacent. It's a must-do, reservations-only dinner venue offering an incredible menu of many courses created by three chefs in full view of fortunate diners (18 max). Add the new, delightful Dusk Bar at the ship's aft for spectacular sunsets, and this deck becomes the go-to spot on the Nova.

Decks 4 and 5 are at the ship's heart, where many of the most popular lounges and venues are located, including La Dolce Vita, La Terrazza for fine Italian cuisine, the Panorama Lounge and the intimate Silver Note supper club. Silversea has added an Atrium here, opening up the ever-popular Arts Café, essentially the new meeting point.

Also new to this vessel is a Champagne Bar on Deck 3 named The Shelter. The theatre, the Venetian Lounge, now has windows and two levels, making it an even more striking venue that's ideal for daytime lectures and presentations.

The *Nova* is a game changer in the luxury space, and with its all-inclusive onboard experience, nine fabulous dining choices (six included in the fare) and a remarkable array of itinerary choices, it will be very desirable to past and new-to-Silversea guests, not to mention a highly coveted younger demographic that will find it irresistible. I certainly did. ©





