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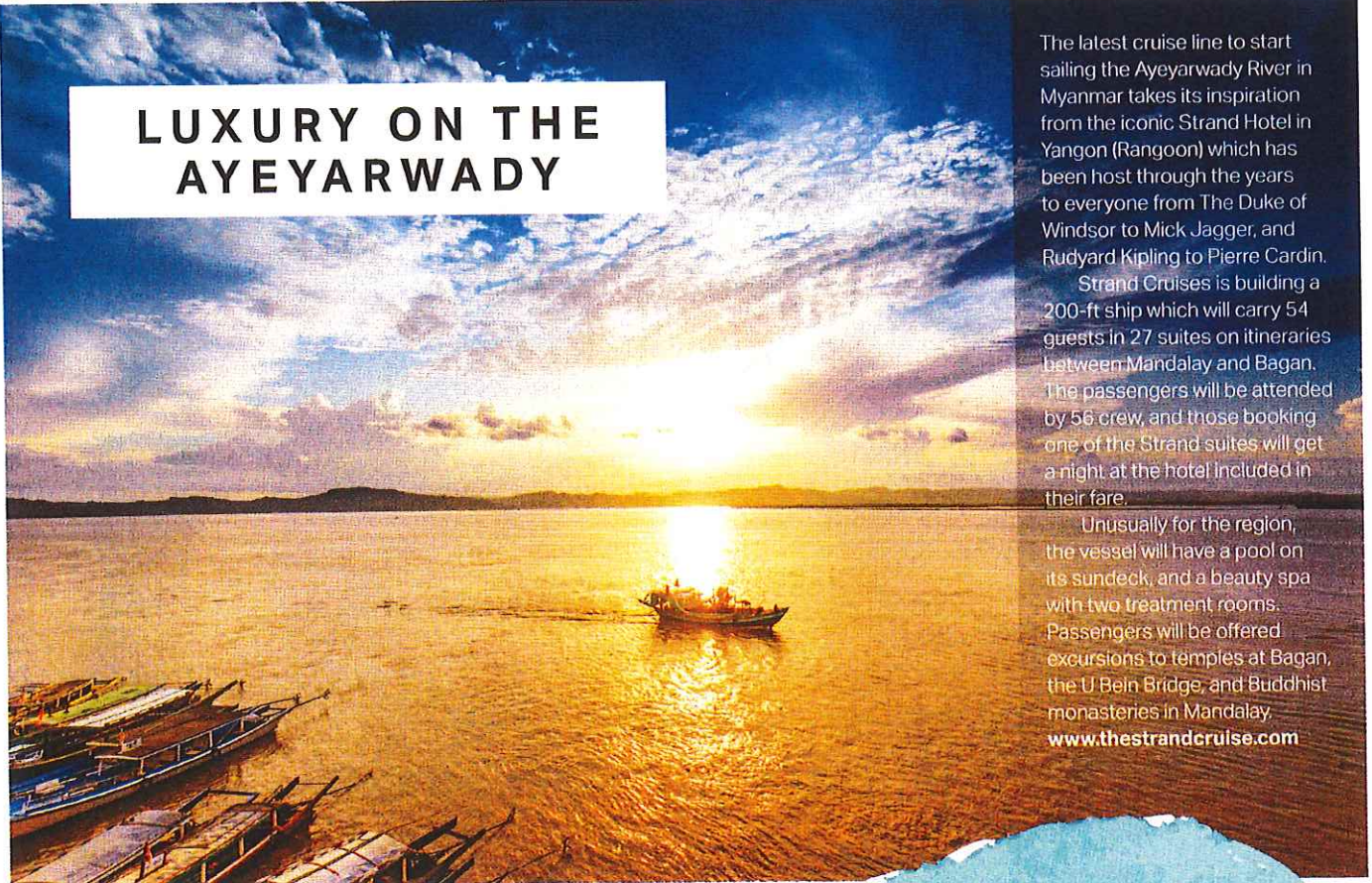
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## LUXURY ON THE AYEYARWADY

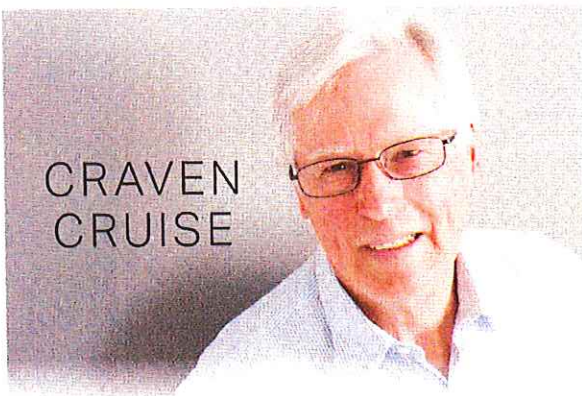


The latest cruise line to start sailing the Ayeyarwady River in Myanmar takes its inspiration from the iconic Strand Hotel in Yangon (Rangoon) which has been host through the years to everyone from The Duke of Windsor to Mick Jagger, and Rudyard Kipling to Pierre Cardin.

Strand Cruises is building a 200-ft ship which will carry 54 guests in 27 suites on itineraries between Mandalay and Bagan. The passengers will be attended by 56 crew, and those booking one of the Strand suites will get a night at the hotel included in their fare.

Unusually for the region, the vessel will have a pool on its sundeck, and a beauty spa with two treatment rooms. Passengers will be offered excursions to temples at Bagan, the U Bein Bridge, and Buddhist monasteries in Mandalay.  
[www.thestrandcruise.com](http://www.thestrandcruise.com)

## CRAVEN CRUISE



BBC Countryfile presenter John Craven will be on board a Christmas markets cruise with AmaWaterways later this year. The seven-night sailing from Amsterdam to Basel departs on 7 December and the fare, from £1,699 p person, includes flights, meals and complimentary drinks. Craven will be mingling with guests and giving presentations about his life and career, which began with Newsround.

[www.amawaterways.co.uk](http://www.amawaterways.co.uk)

## Shearings winner

Congratulations to Cliff Gould, of Brandon, Co Durham, who has won the Colours of Autumn river cruise on the Rhine with Shearings Holidays, featured in the last issue of World of Cruising

## In the shallows

Low water levels on the River Danube have been forcing cruise cancellations during the summer; itineraries have been subject to last-minute change and some passengers have been bussed between ports of call - and between different ships. Among the lines affected are Viking, Avalon, Scenic, Tauck and Uniworld. Viking cruises on the Elbe between Berlin and Prague have also been badly hit.

