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Cruising less-traveled waters used to mean "rustic" cabins and close quarters. Now several high-end cruise lines are sending some of their poshest boats to exotic destinations. This January, Aqua Expeditions will launch the 12-suite **M/V Aqua** (left), which will sail the Peruvian Amazon year-round and serve nouveau Andean dishes courtesy of the Lima chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino (www.aquaexpeditions.com; \$1,950 to \$4,550 per person). In Russia, the 58-cabin **Volga Dream** —

decked out in mahogany and etched glass — sets sail on the Volga from Moscow to St. Petersburg (May through September; 800-633-1008; www.exeterinternational.com; from \$6,700 per person). And come spring, Silversea, the company that stocks its ships with goods from Loro Piana and Acqua di Parma, will make stops in Iran; the **Silver Cloud** is set to dock in Bandar Abbas on its Dubai to Dubai cruise (800-722-9955; www.silversea.com; from \$2,937 per person). **JILL FERGUS**



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