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Aqua Expeditions: This cruise operator currently features two ships, the 24-passenger Aqua Amazon and 32-passenger Aria Amazon, both sailing on the Amazon. For 2014, however, the company is expanding into the Southeast Asia river cruise market with a new ship, the 40-passenger Aqua Mekong, set to debut in August 2014.

The new ship will offer a series of sailings on the Mekong through Vietnam and Cambodia, accommodating guests in 20 luxury Design Suites measuring 322 square feet each. Guests can book interconnecting suites, with one suite configured as a private living room and the other as a master bedroom with his-and-her baths.

The ship features indoor and outdoor bars, indoor dining room and outdoor private dining, screening room with theater-style seating, library/games room, outside shaded lounge with single and double daybeds, lobby lounge, observation deck with outdoor sun-beds, top-deck exercise room overlooking the river, outdoor plunge pool with private cabanas and two spa treatment rooms. For more information, call 866-603-3687 or visit www.aquaexpeditions.com.

A-ROSA Cruises: A-ROSA Flora, the company's second vessel dedicated to

the North American market, will undertake its maiden voyage in Europe on April 10, 2014. The 158-passenger ship will have a total of 83 staterooms and suites, and for the first time two family staterooms capable of accommodating families of four.

New for 2014 is the "Rhine North Tulips" aboard A-ROSA Flora, taking guest throughout the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. In addition celebrity guest chef Sara Moulton will be on board the May 24 "Taste of Burgundy & Provence" cruise with cooking demonstrations, tastings and seminars for guests to enjoy as part of their cruise experience. For more information call 855-55-AROSA or visit www.arosacruises.com.

Avalon Waterways: Avalon will introduce three new "Suite Ships" in 2014. The new Avalon Illumination and Impression will each accommodate 166 passengers on cruises on the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers. The Poetry II also will sail on those waterways but is slightly smaller, accommodating 128 passengers. The Suite Ships have two decks of 200-square-foot suites, each with a wall of windows that can be opened onto a balcony.

Avalon also is increasing the number of special-interest cruises by 30 percent in 2014, adding new sailings that focus on golf, wellness, World War I history and beer tasting. Call 877-797-8791 or visit www.avalonwaterways.com.

Blount Small Ship Adventures: This family-owned company operates two 88-passenger ships, the Grand Caribe

and Grande Mariner, everywhere from the U.S. East Coast and the Great Lakes to the Caribbean and Central America. A new river itinerary is the 15-night "Chicago to the Big Easy" cruise, departing May 15 and June 2. The cruise sails on the Mississippi, Ohio and Illinois rivers. Rates begin at \$4,999.

Blount's new "Signature Series" itineraries, which will begin in 2014, include routes on narrow waterways, such as sailing through the rainforest and gorges of the Rio Dulce in Guatemala. Other cruises sail on the Hudson River and Erie Canal. Call 800-556-7450 or visit www.blountsmallshipadventures.com.

Century Cruises: This Yangtze River specialist will market its two newest vessels — Century Paragon and Century Legend, both launched in 2013 — to North American travelers next year. The company also will feature three of its Crown-series vessels to Western travelers — Century Sky, Century Sun and Century Diamond.

The new ships offer extra amenities through its Executive Club accommodations. Starting next year, top accommodations on Century Sky and Century Sun will offer Shang Club amenities, which includes a fruit basket, bottle of wine, complimentary shoeshine service and access to a club with afternoon tea, 24-hour coffee and snacks, and a business center with complimentary Wi-Fi service. Call 888-565-7428 or visit www.centuryrivercruises.com.

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