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## 5 Dive with Japanese Ama Uminchu

Ready to dive to the bottom of the ocean? It sounds intimidating, but, in fact, Japanese female divers known as *ama uminchu* have been free diving for centuries to gather seafood from the depths of the Pacific Ocean just off the coast of Toba, in the Ise-Shima region of Japan's Mie prefecture. That long-held tradition is being revived for a lucky few with an adventurous spirit. Bespoke travel operator Remote Lands has curated an immersive five-day itinerary where visitors can learn to free dive following the traditions of the *ama uminchu*.

The adventure starts with a scenic helicopter ride from Nagoya to Amanemu, a luxurious resort nestled within Ise-Shima National Park where guests will stay in spacious *ryokan*-inspired suites with private *onsen* hot-spring baths. Skilled *ama* will train guests before embarking on an inaugural dive, and later host them in the women's hut (*amagoya*) for a fresh seafood lunch of fire-grilled abalone and Japanese spiny lobster. During the stay, guests will find out more about the *ama*'s history and traditional uniforms, why the majority are female, and how they came to be known as "pearl divers." Afterward, they can stop by the Osatsu Ama Museum and visit the Toba Sea-Folk Museum, where 10 percent of the trip's price will be donated to help preserve these women's history. The journey includes visits to Ise Jingu, one of the holiest Shinto shrines; a hike on the ancient camphor- and cherry-tree-lined Kumano Kodo trails; and relaxation time at Amanemu's spectacular spa. *Starting at \$26,000 per person. Remote Lands, info@remotelands.com*  
—Christina Liao



## 6 Private Antarctica Expedition

Ernest Shackleton himself couldn't have dreamed up a more thrilling adventurer's gift than this: For one *Robb Report* reader (and up to 199 friends), Silversea is offering the opportunity to charter its 200-passenger *Silver Cloud* on a private expedition to Antarctica. Like the British polar explorer's fabled missions, the ship will sail through the Drake Passage to explore present-day Paradise Bay and Deception Island, with sights of penguin colonies, crashing avalanches, and mammoth whales along the way. Unlike Shackleton's grueling journeys, however, this voyage will be done in top luxury: *Silver Cloud*, whose hull was strengthened for polar missions last year, has more crew than passengers and more comforts than any icebreaker on the Southern Ocean.

The 10-night adventure will sail round-trip from Ushuaia, Argentina, making landfall on the Antarctic mainland by Day Four. From there, *Silver Cloud*'s captain and expedition team—including geologists, marine biologists, and historians—will chart a course depending on ice conditions, weather, and wildlife. When you're not living the Shackleton fantasy, summiting snowy peaks, and kayaking through narrow iceberg alleys, you'll be living it up onboard with foie gras, caviar, and Cognac-splashed Maine lobster (quite the upgrade from the dried beef mixture that Shackleton's chef specialized in) and ending your long days at sea much like the great explorer himself: with a dram of Scotch whisky. \$3 million, *Silversea, Freddy I. Muller, freddym@silversea.com*  
—Jackie Caradonio